



On Strongly Generalized b-Closed Sets

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we study a new class of generalized sets called strongly generalized b-closed sets, briefly g^*b -closed sets. We study some of their properties. These sets are placed between the class of g -closed sets and gp -closed sets.

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1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES:

Generalized closed sets form a strong tool in the characterization of topological spaces satisfying weak separation axioms. The concept of generalization was first initiated by Levine [4] in 1963. Since then this method of generalizing sets was adopted by many topologists. Andrijevic [1] introduced a new class of generalized open sets in a topological space, the so-called b -open sets. The class of b -open sets is contained in the class of semi-preopen sets and contains all semi-open sets and preopen sets. The class of b -open sets generates the same topology as the class of preopen sets. Extensive research on generalizing closedness was done in recent years as the notions of a generalized closed, generalized semi-closed, α -generalized closed, generalized semi-preopen closed sets were investigated in [2,3,5].

The aim of this paper is to continue the study of generalized closed sets. In particular, the notion of strongly generalized b -closed sets and its various characterizations are given in this paper. All through this paper, all spaces X and Y (or (X, τ) and (Y, σ)) stand for topological spaces with no separation axioms assumed, unless otherwise stated. Let $A \subseteq X$, the closure of A and the interior of A will be denoted by $Cl(A)$ and $Int(A)$, respectively.

Definition: 1.1 [7] A subset A of a space X is said to be:

- (1) α -open if $A \subseteq Int(Cl(Int(A)))$;
- (2) Semi-open if $A \subseteq Cl(Int(A))$;
- (3) Preopen or nearly open if $A \subseteq Int(Cl(A))$;
- (4) β -open or semi-preopen if $A \subseteq Cl(Int(Cl(A)))$;
- (5) b -open or sp -open -open if $A \subseteq Cl(Int(A)) \cup Int(Cl(A))$.

The complement of a b -open set is said to be b -closed [2]. The intersection of all b -closed sets of X containing A is called the b -closure of A and is denoted by $bCl(A)$. The union of all b -open sets of X contained in A is called b -interior of A and is denoted by $bInt(A)$. The family of all b -open (resp. α -open, semi-open, preopen, β -open, b -closed, preclosed) subsets of a space X is denoted by $bO(X)$ (resp. $\alpha O(X)$, $SO(X)$, $PO(X)$, $\beta O(X)$, $bC(X)$, $PC(X)$) and the collection of all b -open subsets of X containing a fixed point x is denoted by $bO(X, x)$. The sets $SO(X, x)$, $\alpha O(X, x)$, $PO(X, x)$, $\beta O(X, x)$ are defined analogously.

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Definition: 1.2[6] A subset A of a space (X, τ) is called

- (1) a generalized closed set (briefly g-closed) if $\text{Cl}(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open;
- (2) a generalized preclosed set (briefly gp-closed) if $\text{pCl}(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open;
- (3) a generalized semi-preclosed set (briefly gsp-closed) if $\text{spCl}(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open;
- (5) a generalized b- closed set (briefly g^*b -closed) [15] if $\text{bCl}(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open.

Complements of g-closed (resp.gp-closed, etc.) sets are called g-open (resp. gp-open, etc.)

2. STRONGLY GENERALIZED b-CLOSED SETS:

Definition: 2.1 A subset of a topological space (X, τ) is said to be g^*b -closed set in (X, τ) if $\text{bcl}(A) \subseteq G$ whenever $A \subseteq G$ where G is g-open. The collection of all g^*b -closed sets of (X, τ) is denoted by $G^*bC(X, \tau)$.

Theorem 2.2: If a subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is closed, then it is g^*b -closed.

Proof: Let G be a g-open set containing A. Then $G \supseteq A = \text{cl}(A)$ as A is closed. Also $\text{cl}(A) \supseteq \text{bcl}(A)$. Thus $G \supseteq \text{bcl}(A)$. Hence A is a g^*b -closed set in (X, τ) .

The converse of the above theorem need not be true as seen from the following example.

Example: 2.3 Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}\}$, then the subset $\{c\}$ is g^*b -closed but not closed in (X, τ) .

Corollary: 2.4 If a subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is regular closed, then it is g^*b -closed but not conversely.

Proof: Since every regular closed set is closed but not conversely. By theorem 2.2 every closed set is g^*b -closed but not conversely. Hence every regular closed set is g^*b -closed but not conversely.

Theorem: 2.5 If a subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is g^*b -closed, then it is gb-closed.

Proof: Let G be an open set containing A. Then $G \supseteq A$ and $G \supseteq \text{bcl}(A)$ as A is g^*b -closed set. Hence A is gb-closed set in (X, τ) .

The converse of theorem 2.5 need not be true as seen from the following example.

Example: 2.6 Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$, then the subset $\{b, c\}$ is gb-closed but not g^*b -closed set in (X, τ) .

Theorem: 2.7 If a subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is b-closed, then it is g^*b -closed.

Proof: Let G be an open set containing A. Then $G \supseteq A = \text{bcl}(A)$, as A is b-closed. Thus $G \supseteq \text{bcl}(A)$. Hence A is g^*b -closed in (X, τ) .

The converse of the above theorem need not be true and it can be seen from the following example.

Example: 2.8 Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$, then the subset $\{b\}$ is g^*b -closed but not b-closed in (X, τ) .

Theorem: 2.9 If a subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is g^*b -closed, then it is bg-closed.

Proof: Let G be an open set containing A. Then G is b-open set containing A, as every open set is b-open. Thus $G \supseteq \text{bcl}(A)$, as A is g^*b -closed set. Hence A is bg-closed in (X, τ) .

The converse of the above theorem is not true and can be seen from the following example.

Example 2.10: Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$, then the subset $\{a, c\}$ is bg-closed but not g^*b -closed.

Theorem: 2.11 Let A be a subset of a topological space (X, τ) . If A is g^*b -closed, then it is gs-closed.

Proof: Let G be an open set containing A. Then $G \supseteq \text{bcl}(A)$, as A is g^*b -closed. Thus $G \supseteq \text{bcl}(A) \supseteq \text{Scl}(A)$.

Therefore A is gs-closed in (X, τ) .

The following example shows that the converse of the above theorem need not be true.

Example: 2.12 Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$, then the subset $\{a\}$ is gs-closed but is not g^*b -closed in (X, τ) .

Remark: 2.13 The following example shows that every g-closed set is g^*b -closed but not conversely.

Example: 2.14 Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$, then the subset $\{a\}$ is g^*b closed but not g-closed.

Remark: 2.15 The following examples shows that the concept of semi-closed and g^*b -closed sets are independent.

Example: 2.16 (a) Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$, then the subset $\{a, c\}$ is g^*b -closed but not semi-closed.

Example: 2.16 (b) Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}\{b\}, \{a, b\}\{a, b, c\}\}$, then the subset $\{b\}$ is semi closed but not g^*b -closed.

Remark: 2.17 The following examples shows that the concept of pre-closed and g^*b -closed sets are independent.

Example: 2.18 Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}\{b\}, \{a, b\}\{a, b, c\}\}$, then the subset $\{a, c, d\}$ is g^*b closed but not pre-closed.

Remark: 2.20 The following examples shows that the concept of g-closed and g^*b -closed sets are independent.

Example: 2.21 Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}\}$, then the subset $\{a, b\}$ is g-closed but not g^*b -closed.

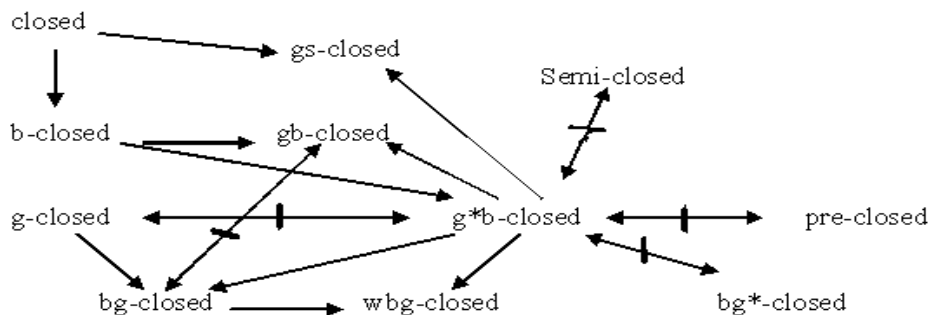
Example: 2.22 Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$, then the subset $\{b\}$ is g^*b -closed but not g-closed.

Remark: 2.23 The following examples shows that the concept of bg^* -closed and g^*b -closed sets are independent.

Example: 2.24 Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$, then the subset $\{a, c\}$ is g^*b -closed but not bg^* -closed in (X, τ) .

Example: 2.25 Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$, then the subset $\{a, b\}$ is bg^* -closed but not g^*b -closed in (X, τ) .

Remark: 2.26 The following diagram shows the relationship between g^*b -closed sets with various sets.



where $A \rightarrow B$ (resp. $A \nrightarrow B$) represents A implies B and B need not implies A (resp. A & B are independent of each other).

3. PROPERTIES OF g^*b -CLOSED SETS IN TOPOLOGICAL SPACES:

Theorem: 3.1 (i) Let $A \subset (X, \tau)$ be g^*b -closed. Then $Cl(A) \setminus A$ contains no non empty bg -closed set.
(ii) If A is g^*b -closed $A \subset B \subset cl(A)$, then $cl(B) \setminus B$ contains no non empty b closed sets.

Proof: (i) Let us suppose that A is g^*b closed and F is any b closed subset of $Cl(A) \setminus A$. Then $F \subset X \setminus A \Rightarrow A \subset X \setminus F$ is b open. Since A is g^*b closed, $bcl(A) \subset X \setminus F$. That is $F \subset X \setminus bcl(A)$.

We already have $F \subset bCl(A)$. So $F \subset bcl(A) \cap X \setminus bcl(A) = \emptyset$. Thus $F = \emptyset$. Hence $cl(A) \setminus A$ contains no non empty bg -closed set.

(ii) Let A be g^*b -closed and $A \subset B \subset cl(A)$, then we have $cl(B) \cap X \setminus B \subset cl(A) \cap X \setminus A$. That is $cl(B) \setminus B \subset cl(A) \setminus A$. By (i) $cl(A) \setminus A$ has no nonempty b -closed set. Hence $cl(B) \setminus B$ contains no nonempty b -closed set.

Theorem: 3.2 A g^*b -closed set A is b -closed if and only if $bcl(A) - A$ is bg -closed.

Proof: Necessity: Since A is b -closed, we have $bcl(A) = A$. Then $bcl(A) - A = \emptyset$ is b -closed and hence bg -closed.

Sufficiency: By theorem 3.1, $bcl(A) - A$ contains no non empty bg -closed set. That is $bcl(A) - A = \emptyset$.

Therefore $bcl(A) = A$. Hence A is b -closed.

Theorem: 3.3 If A is a g^*b -closed set and B is any set such that $A \subseteq B \subseteq bcl(A)$, then B is a g^*b -closed set.

Proof: Let $B \subseteq U$ where U is g -open set. Since A is g^*b -closed set and $A \subseteq U$, then $bcl(A) \subseteq U$ and also $bcl(A) = bcl(B)$. Therefore $bcl(B) \subseteq U$ and hence B is a g^*b -closed set.

Theorem: 3.4 (i) The intersection of a g^*b -closed set and a b closed sets is always a g^*b -closed set.

(ii) If A is a g^*b -closed set and $A \subset B \subset cl(A)$, then B is g^*b -closed set.

Proof: (i) Let A be g^*b -closed set and let F be a b -closed set. Suppose G is a g -open set with $A \cap F \subset G$, then $A \subset G \cup F$ where $G \cup F$ is b -open.

Therefore $bcl(A) \subset G \cup F$. Now $bcl(A \cap F) \subset bcl(A) \cap bcl(F) = bcl(A) \cap F \subset G$.

Hence $A \cap F$ is a g^*b -closed set.

(iii) Let A be g^*b -closed and $B \subset G$ where G is a g -open set. Then $A \subset G$. Since A is g^*b -closed, $bcl(A) \subset G$.

Hence by assumption $bcl(B) \subset bcl(A) \subset G$. Thus $bcl(B) \subset G$ implies that B is g^*b -closed.

Theorem: 3.5 Let $\{A_i : i \in I\}$ be a locally finite family of g^*b -closed sets. Then $A = \bigcup A_i$ is g^*b -closed for every $i \in I$.

Proof: Since $\{A_i : i \in I\}$ is locally finite, $cl(\bigcup A_i) = \bigcup cl(A_i)$. Assume that for some b -open set we have $A = \bigcup A_i \subset U$. Then $cl(\bigcup A_i) = \bigcup cl(A_i) \subset U$, since each A_i is g^*b -closed. Thus A is g^*b -closed.

Remark: 3.6 The spaces g^*bTg^* and space g^*bTb are independent as seen from the following examples:

Example: 3.7 Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ with topology $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a, b\}\}$. Then (X, τ) is a g^*bTg^* -space but not a g^*bTb -space, since $\{a, c\}$ is g^* -closed but not b -closed in (X, τ) .

Example: 3.8 Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ with topology $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$. Then (X, τ) is a g^*bTb -space but not a g^*bTg^* -space, since $\{b\}$ is g^*b -closed but not g^* -closed in (X, τ) .

Theorem: 3.9 If (X, τ) is both b -space and g^*bTb -space, then it is a g^*bTg^* -space.

Proof: Let A be a g^*b -closed set in (X, τ) . Since (X, τ) is a g^*bTb -space, A is b -closed in (X, τ) . Since (X, τ) is a b -space, every b -closed set is closed and hence A is closed in (X, τ) . We know that every closed set is g^* -closed in

(X, τ) , A is g^* -closed. Hence (X, τ) is a g^*bTg^* -space.

Theorem 3.10: If (X, τ) is both $T^*_{1/2}$ -space and g^*bTg^* -space, then it is a g^*bTb -space.

Proof: Let A be a g^*b -closed set in (X, τ) . Since (X, τ) is a g^*bTg^* -space, A is g^* -closed. Since (X, τ) is a $T^*_{1/2}$ -space, A is closed in (X, τ) . Since every closed set is b -closed, A is b -closed in (X, τ) . Hence it is a g^*bTb -space.

Remark: 3.11 In a semiregular space $T_{1/2}$ -space, the concepts of g^*b -closed, g -closed and closed sets coincide.

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