

## M-CONTINUITY AND ITS DECOMPOSITIONS

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### ABSTRACT

The aim of this paper is to introduce the notions of  $R$ -locally  $m$ -closed sets and  $\pi$ -locally  $m$ -closed sets and some new subsets of minimal spaces and to obtain decompositions of  $M$ -continuity.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

In [4] Maki introduced the notions of minimal structures and minimal spaces. Popa and Noiri [6] introduced a new notion of  $M$ -continuous functions as a function defined between sets satisfying some minimal conditions. In 1970, the notion of generalized closed (briefly,  $g$ -closed) sets were introduced and investigated by Levine [3]. Recently, many modifications of  $g$ -closed sets have defined and investigated. One among them is  $mg$ -closed sets which were introduced by Noiri and studied in [5]. In [5], he also introduced locally  $m$ -closed sets in minimal spaces.

In this paper, we introduce the notions of  $R$ -locally  $m$ -closed sets and  $\pi$ -locally  $m$ -closed sets, some new subsets of minimal spaces and obtain decompositions of  $M$ -continuity. Also we investigate some properties and characterizations of these sets with some theorems, examples and counter examples.

### 2. PRELIMINARIES

**Definition 2.1[4]:** A subfamily  $m_x \subset P(X)$  is said to be a minimal structure on  $X$  if  $\phi, X \in m_x$ . The pair  $(X, m_x)$  is called a minimal space (or an  $m$ -space). A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is said to be  $m$ -open if  $A \in m_x$ . The complement of an  $m$ -open set is called  $m$ -closed set. We set  $m\text{-Int}(A) = \bigcup \{U : U \subset A, U \in m_x\}$  and  $m\text{-Cl}(A) = \bigcap \{F : A \subset F, X - F \in m_x\}$ .

**Lemma 2.2 [6]:** Let  $(X, m_x)$  be an  $m$ -space and  $A \subset X$ . Then  $x \in m\text{-Cl}(A)$  if and only if  $U \cap A \neq \phi$  for every  $U \in m_x$  containing  $x$ .

A minimal space  $(X, m_x)$  has the property [B] if the union of any family of subsets belonging to  $m_x$  belongs to  $m_x$ .

**Proposition 2.3 [6]:** Let  $(X, m_x)$  be a minimal space.

- (i) For any two subsets  $A, B$  of  $X$ , the following properties hold:  
(a)  $A \subset m\text{-Cl}(A)$  and  $A = m\text{-Cl}(A)$  if  $A$  is a  $m$ -closed set.

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- (b)  $m\text{-Int}(A) \subset A$  and  $A = m\text{-Int}(A)$  if  $A$  is an  $m$ -open set.
- (c)  $A \subset B \Rightarrow m\text{-Cl}(A) \subset m\text{-Cl}(B)$  and  $A \subset B \Rightarrow m\text{-Int}(A) \subset m\text{-Int}(B)$ .
- (d)  $m\text{-Cl}(m\text{-Cl}(A)) = m\text{-Cl}(A)$ .
- (e)  $(m\text{-Cl}(A))^c = m\text{-Int}(A^c)$  and  $(m\text{-Int}(A))^c = m\text{-Cl}(A^c)$ .
- (f)  $m\text{-Cl}(\phi) = \phi$ ;  $m\text{-Cl}(X) = X$ ;  $m\text{-Int}(\phi) = \phi$ ;  $m\text{-Int}(X) = X$ .

(ii) The following are equivalent.

- (a)  $m_x$  has the property [B].
- (b) If  $m\text{-Int}(A) = A$ , then  $A \in m_x$ .
- (c) If  $m\text{-Cl}(B) = B$ , then  $X - B \in m_x$ .

**Definition 2.4 [8]:** A subset  $A$  of a minimal space  $(X, m_x)$  is said to be

- (a) regular  $m$ -open if  $A = m\text{-Int}(m\text{-Cl}(A))$ ,
- (b)  $m$ -semi open if  $A \subset m\text{-Cl}(m\text{-Int}(A))$ ,
- (c)  $m\text{-}\pi$ -open if it is the finite union of regular  $m$ -open sets of  $A$ .

**Definition 2.5 [5]:** A subset  $A$  of a minimal space  $(X, m_x)$  is said to be  $m$ g-closed if  $m\text{-Cl}(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is  $m$ -open in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.6[5]:** A subset  $A$  of an  $m$ -space  $(X, m_x)$  is said to be locally  $m$ -closed if  $A = U \cap V$  where  $U$  is  $m$ -open and  $V$  is  $m$ -closed.

**Lemma 2.7 [8]:** For the subsets of a minimal space  $(X, m_x)$  satisfying property [B], every  $m\text{-}\pi$ -open set is an  $m$ -open set but not conversely.

**Example 2.8:** Let  $(X, m_x)$  be a minimal space satisfying property [B], such that  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $m_x = \{\phi, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . Then  $A = \{a, c\}$  is an  $m$ -open set but not an  $m\text{-}\pi$ -open set.

**Remark 2.9 [8]:** The implication in Lemma 2.7 will not hold if  $m_x$  does not have property [B] as shown in the following Example 2.10.

**Example 2.10:** Let  $(X, m_x)$  be a minimal space such that  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $m_x = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b\}\}$ . Then  $A = \{a, b\}$  is an  $m\text{-}\pi$ -open set but not an  $m$ -open set.

**Lemma 2.11 [8]:** For the subsets of a minimal space  $(X, m_x)$ , every regular  $m$ -open set is an  $m\text{-}\pi$ -open set but not conversely.

**Example 2.12:** Let  $(X, m_x)$  be a minimal space such that  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $m_x = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, X\}$ . Then  $A = \{a, b\}$  is an  $m\text{-}\pi$ -open set but not a regular  $m$ -open set.

**Remark 2.13 [1]:** For the subsets of a minimal space  $(X, m_x)$ , every  $m$ -open set is  $m$ -semi open set but not conversely.

**Definition 2.14 [6]:** A function  $f: (X, m_x) \rightarrow (Y, m_y)$  is said to be  $M$ -continuous if for each  $x \in X$  and each  $V \in m_y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists  $U \in m_x$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset V$ .

**Lemma 2.15 [6]:** For a function  $f: (X, m_x) \rightarrow (Y, m_y)$  where  $m_x$  satisfies property [B], the following are equivalent.

1.  $f$  is  $M$ -continuous;
2.  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $m_x$ -open for every  $m_y$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$ ;
3.  $f^{-1}(K)$  is  $m_x$ -closed for every  $m_y$ -closed set  $K$  of  $Y$ .

### 3. STRONGER FORMS OF LOCALLY $m$ -CLOSED SETS

**Definition 3.1:** A subset  $A$  of an  $m$ -space  $(X, m_x)$  is said to be

- (a)  $R$ -locally  $m$ -closed if  $A = U \cap V$  where  $U$  is regular  $m$ -open and  $V$  is  $m$ -closed,
- (b)  $\pi$ -locally  $m$ -closed if  $A = U \cap V$  where  $U$  is  $m\text{-}\pi$ -open and  $V$  is  $m$ -closed.

**Definition 3.2:** A subset  $A$  of an  $m$ -space  $(X, m_x)$  is said to be

- (a)  $m$ -rg-closed if  $m\text{-Cl}(A) \subset U$  whenever  $U$  is regular  $m$ -open in  $X$  and  $A \subset U$ ,
- (b)  $m\text{-}\pi$ g-closed if  $m\text{-Cl}(A) \subset U$  whenever  $U$  is  $m\text{-}\pi$ -open in  $X$  and  $A \subset U$ ,
- (c)  $m\omega$ -closed if  $m\text{-Cl}(A) \subset U$  whenever  $U$  is  $m$ -semi open in  $X$  and  $A \subset U$ .

**Lemma 3.3 [9]:** For the subsets of an  $m$ -space  $(X, m_x)$ , the following implications hold.  
 $m$ -closed  $\Rightarrow$   $m\omega$ -closed  $\Rightarrow$   $mg$ -closed.

**Lemma 3.4:** For the subsets of an  $m$ -space  $(X, m_x)$  satisfying property [B], we have the following implications.  
 $mg$ -closed  $\Rightarrow$   $m$ - $\pi g$ -closed  $\Rightarrow$   $m$ - $rg$ -closed.

**Lemma 3.5:** Let  $(X, m_x)$  be an  $m$ -space and  $A \subset X$ . If  $A$  is  $m$ -closed, then

- (i)  $A$  is locally  $m$ -closed set but not conversely.
- (ii)  $A$  is  $R$ -locally  $m$ -closed set but not conversely.
- (iii)  $A$  is  $\pi$ -locally  $m$ -closed set but not conversely.

**Remark 3.6:** None of the implications in Lemmas 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5 is reversible as seen in the following Examples.

**Example 3.7:** Let  $(X, m_x)$  be an  $m$ -space such that  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $m_x = \{\phi, X, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ . Then  $A = \{b, c\}$  is an  $m\omega$ -closed set but not an  $m$ -closed.

**Example 3.8:** Let  $(X, m_x)$  be an  $m$ -space such that  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $m_x = \{\phi, X, \{c\}\}$ . Then  $A = \{a\}$  is an  $mg$ -closed set but not an  $m\omega$ -closed.

**Example 3.9:** Let  $(X, m_x)$  be an  $m$ -space satisfying property [B] such that  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $m_x = \{\phi, X, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ . Then  $A = \{a\}$  is an  $m$ - $\pi g$ -closed set but not an  $mg$ -closed.

**Example 3.10:** Let  $(X, m_x)$  be an  $m$ -space satisfying property [B] such that  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $m_x = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ . Then  $A = \{a, b\}$  is an  $m$ - $rg$ -closed set but not an  $m$ - $\pi g$ -closed.

**Example 3.11:** Let  $(X, m_x)$  be an  $m$ -space such that  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $m_x = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b\}\}$ . Then

- (i)  $A = \{b\}$  is locally  $m$ -closed set but not a  $m$ -closed set.
- (ii)  $A = \{a\}$  is both  $R$ -locally  $m$ -closed set and  $\pi$ -locally  $m$ -closed set but not a  $m$ -closed.

**Proposition 3.12:** Let  $(X, m_x)$  be an  $m$ -space and  $A$  a subset of  $X$ .

1. If  $A$  is  $m$ - $\pi$ -open, then  $A$  is  $\pi$ -locally  $m$ -closed set.
2. If  $A$  is  $R$ -locally  $m$ -closed set, then  $A$  is  $\pi$ -locally  $m$ -closed set.

**Proposition 3.13:** Let  $(X, m_x)$  be an  $m$ -space satisfying property [B] and  $A$  a subset of  $X$ . Then the following holds.

If  $A$  is  $\pi$ -locally  $m$ -closed set, then  $A$  is locally  $m$ -closed set.

**Remark 3.14:** The converses of the above Propositions 3.12 and 3.13 need not be true as shown in the following examples.

**Example 3.15:** Let  $(X, m_x)$  be an  $m$ -space such that  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $m_x = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, X\}$ . Then  $A = \{a, c\}$  is  $\pi$ -locally  $m$ -closed set but not  $m$ - $\pi$ -open.

**Example 3.16:** Let  $(X, m_x)$  be an  $m$ -space such that  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $m_x = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ . Then  $A = \{a, b, c\}$  is  $\pi$ -locally  $m$ -closed set but it is not  $R$ -locally  $m$ -closed set.

**Example 3.17:** Let  $(X, m_x)$  be an  $m$ -space satisfying property [B] such that  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $m_x = \{\phi, X, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ . Then  $A = \{a\}$  is locally  $m$ -closed set but not  $\pi$ -locally  $m$ -closed set.

**Remark 3.18:** For the subsets of an  $m$ -space  $(X, m_x)$  satisfying property [B], by Propositions 3.12 and 3.13, we have the following implications.

$R$ -locally  $m$ -closed set  $\Rightarrow$   $\pi$ -locally  $m$ -closed set  $\Rightarrow$  locally  $m$ -closed set.

**Theorem 3.19:** A subset  $A$  of an  $m$ -space  $(X, m_x)$  satisfying property [B] is  $m$ -closed if and only if it is

- (i) locally  $m$ -closed and  $mg$ -closed. [4]
- (ii)  $R$ -locally  $m$ -closed and  $m$ - $rg$ -closed.
- (iii)  $\pi$ -locally  $m$ -closed and  $m$ - $\pi g$ -closed.

**Proof:** (i) Necessity is trivial. We prove only sufficiency. Let  $A$  be locally  $m$ -closed set and  $mg$ -closed set. Since  $A$  is locally  $m$ -closed,  $A = U \cap V$ , where  $U$  is  $m$ -open and  $V$  is  $m$ -closed. So, we have  $A = U \cap V \subset U$ . Since  $A$  is  $mg$ -closed,  $m\text{-Cl}(A) \subset U$ . Also  $A = U \cap V \subset V$  and  $V$  is  $m$ -closed, then  $m\text{-Cl}(A) \subset V$ . Consequently, we have  $m\text{-Cl}(A) \subset U \cap V = A$  and hence  $A$  is  $m$ -closed.

(ii) and (iii) It is similar to that of (i).

**Theorem 3.20:** For a subset  $A$  of an  $m$ -space  $(X, m_x)$  satisfying property  $[B]$ , the following are equivalent.

- (i)  $A$  is  $m$ -closed.
- (ii)  $A$  is  $R$ -locally  $m$ -closed and  $mg$ -closed.
- (iii)  $A$  is  $R$ -locally  $m$ -closed and  $m\text{-rg}$ -closed.

**Theorem 3.21:** For a subset  $A$  of an  $m$ -space  $(X, m_x)$  satisfying property  $[B]$ , the following are equivalent.

- (i)  $A$  is  $m$ -closed.
- (ii)  $A$  is  $\pi$ -locally  $m$ -closed and  $m\omega$ -closed.
- (iii)  $A$  is locally  $m$ -closed and  $mg$ -closed.

**Theorem 3.22:** For a subset  $A$  of an  $m$ -space  $(X, m_x)$  satisfying property  $[B]$ , the following are equivalent.

- (i)  $A$  is  $m$ -closed.
- (ii)  $A$  is locally  $m$ -closed and  $m\omega$ -closed.
- (iii)  $A$  is locally  $m$ -closed and  $mg$ -closed.

**Theorem 3.23:** For a subset  $A$  of an  $m$ -space  $(X, m_x)$  satisfying property  $[B]$ , the following are equivalent.

- (i)  $A$  is  $m$ -closed.
- (ii)  $A$  is  $R$ -locally  $m$ -closed and  $m\omega$ -closed.
- (iii)  $A$  is  $\pi$ -locally  $m$ -closed and  $mg$ -closed.
- (iv)  $A$  is  $\pi$ -locally  $m$ -closed and  $m\text{-}\pi g$ -closed.

#### Theorem 3.24

For a subset  $A$  of an  $m$ -space  $(X, m_x)$  satisfying property  $[B]$ , the following are equivalent.

- (i)  $A$  is  $m$ -closed.
- (ii)  $A$  is  $R$ -locally  $m$ -closed and  $mg$ -closed.
- (iii)  $A$  is  $R$ -locally  $m$ -closed and  $m\text{-}\pi g$ -closed.
- (iv)  $A$  is  $R$ -locally  $m$ -closed and  $m\text{-rg}$ -closed.

#### Remark 3.25

1. The notions of locally  $m$ -closed sets and  $mg$ -closed sets (resp.  $m\omega$ -closed sets) are independent.
2. The notions of  $\pi$ -locally  $m$ -closed sets and  $mg$ -closed sets (resp.  $m\omega$ -closed sets,  $m\text{-}\pi g$ -closed sets) are independent.
3. The notions of  $R$ -locally  $m$ -closed sets and  $mg$ -closed sets (resp.  $m\omega$ -closed sets,  $m\text{-rg}$ -closed sets,  $m\text{-}\pi g$ -closed sets) are independent.

#### Example 3.26

(i) Let  $(X, m_x)$  be an  $m$ -space such that  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $m_x = \{\emptyset, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . Then  $A = \{b, c\}$  is both  $mg$ -closed set and  $m\omega$ -closed set but it is not locally  $m$ -closed set.

(ii) Let  $(X, m_x)$  be an  $m$ -space such that  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $m_x = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, X\}$ . Then  $A = \{c\}$  is locally  $m$ -closed set but it is not  $mg$ -closed set.

(iii) Let  $(X, m_x)$  be an  $m$ -space such that  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $m_x = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, X\}$ . Then  $A = \{a\}$  is locally  $m$ -closed set but it is not  $m\omega$ -closed.

#### Example 3.27

(i) Let  $(X, m_x)$  be an  $m$ -space satisfying property  $[B]$  such that  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $m_x = \{\emptyset, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . Then  $A = \{b, c\}$  is both  $mg$ -closed set and  $m\omega$ -closed set but it is neither  $R$ -locally  $m$ -closed set nor  $\pi$ -locally  $m$ -closed set. Moreover it is both  $m\text{-rg}$ -closed set and  $m\text{-}\pi g$ -closed set.

(ii) Let  $(X, m_x)$  be an  $m$ -space satisfying property [B] such that  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $m_x = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ . Then  $A = \{a\}$  is both  $R$ -locally  $m$ -closed set and  $\pi$ -locally  $m$ -closed set but it is neither  $mg$ -closed set nor  $m\omega$ -closed set. Moreover it is neither  $m$ - $rg$ -closed set nor  $m$ - $\pi g$ -closed set.

#### 4. ON NEW SUBSETS OF MINIMAL SPACES

**Definition 4.1 [2]:** Let  $A$  be a subset of a minimal space  $(X, m_x)$ . Then the  $m$ -kernel of the set  $A$ , is denoted by  $\Lambda_m(A)$ , is the intersection of all  $m$ -open supersets of  $A$ .

**Definition 4.2[2]:** A subset  $A$  of a minimal space  $(X, m_x)$  is called  $\Lambda_m$ -set if  $A = \Lambda_m(A)$ .

**Definition 4.3 [2]:** A subset  $A$  of an  $m$ -space  $(X, m_x)$  is called  $(\Lambda, m)$ -closed if  $A = U \cap V$  where  $U$  is  $\Lambda_m$ -set and  $V$  is  $m$ -closed.

**Lemma 4.4:**

- (i) Every locally  $m$ -closed set is  $(\Lambda, m)$ -closed.
- (ii) Every  $m$ -closed set is  $(\Lambda, m)$ -closed but not conversely.[2]

**Example 4.5:** Let  $(X, m_x)$  be an  $m$ -space such that  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $m_x = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, X\}$ . Then  $A = \{a\}$  is  $(\Lambda, m)$ -closed set but not  $m$ -closed.

**Lemma 4.6 [2]:** For a subset  $A$  of an  $m$ -space  $(X, m_x)$  satisfying property [B], the following conditions are equivalent.

- (i)  $A$  is  $(\Lambda, m)$ -closed.
- (ii)  $A = L \cap m\text{-Cl}(A)$  where  $L$  is  $\Lambda_m$ -set.
- (iii)  $A = \Lambda_m(A) \cap m\text{-Cl}(A)$ .

**Lemma 4.7:** A subset  $A \subset (X, m_x)$  is  $mg$ -closed if and only if  $m\text{-Cl}(A) \subset \Lambda_m(A)$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that  $A \subset X$  is  $mg$ -closed set. Let  $x \in m\text{-Cl}(A)$ . Suppose  $x \notin \Lambda_m(A)$ . Then there exists an  $m$ -open set  $U$  containing  $A$  such that  $x \notin U$ . Since  $A$  is  $mg$ -closed set,  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is  $m$ -open implies that  $m\text{-Cl}(A) \subset U$  and so  $x \notin m\text{-Cl}(A)$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $m\text{-Cl}(A) \subset \Lambda_m(A)$ . Conversely, suppose  $m\text{-Cl}(A) \subset \Lambda_m(A) \subset U$ . Therefore  $A$  is  $mg$ -closed.

**Theorem 4.8:** For a subset  $A$  of an  $m$ -space  $(X, m_x)$  satisfying property [B], the following conditions are equivalent.

- (i)  $A$  is  $m$ -closed.
- (ii)  $A$  is  $mg$ -closed and locally  $m$ -closed.
- (iii)  $A$  is  $mg$ -closed and  $(\Lambda, m)$ -closed.

**Proof:** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Obvious.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Since  $A$  is  $mg$ -closed, so by Lemma 4.7,  $m\text{-Cl}(A) \subset \Lambda_m(A)$ . Since  $A$  is  $(\Lambda, m)$ -closed, so by Lemma 4.6,

$$A = \Lambda_m(A) \cap m\text{-Cl}(A) = m\text{-Cl}(A). \text{ Hence } A \text{ is } m\text{-closed.}$$

The following two examples show that the concepts of  $mg$ -closed sets and  $(\Lambda, m)$ -closed sets are independent.

**Example 4.9:** Let  $(X, m_x)$  be an  $m$ -space such that  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $m_x = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ . Then  $A = \{a, c\}$  is  $(\Lambda, m)$ -closed set but not  $mg$ -closed.

**Example 4.10:** Let  $(X, m_x)$  be an  $m$ -space such that  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $m_x = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . Then  $A = \{b, c\}$  is  $mg$ -closed set but not  $(\Lambda, m)$ -closed.

**Definition 4.11:** Let  $A$  be a subset of a minimal space  $(X, m_x)$ . Then

- (i) The  $m$ - $r$ -kernel of the set  $A$ , denoted by  $m\text{-r-ker}(A)$ , is the intersection of all regular  $m$ -open supersets of  $A$ .
- (ii) The  $m$ - $\pi$ -kernel of the set  $A$ , denoted by  $m\text{-}\pi\text{-ker}(A)$ , is the intersection of all  $m$ - $\pi$ -open supersets of  $A$ .

**Definition 4.12:** A subset  $A$  of a minimal space  $(X, m_x)$  is called

- (i)  $\Lambda_{mr}$ -set if  $A = m\text{-r-ker}(A)$ .
- (ii)  $\Lambda_{m\pi}$ -set if  $A = m\text{-}\pi\text{-ker}(A)$ .

**Definition 4.13:** A subset  $A$  of an  $m$ -space  $(X, m_x)$  is called

- (i)  $(\Lambda, mr)$ -closed if  $A = L \cap F$  where  $L$  is  $\Lambda_{mr}$ -set and  $F$  is  $m$ -closed.
- (ii)  $(\Lambda, m\pi)$ -closed if  $A = L \cap F$  where  $L$  is  $\Lambda_{m\pi}$ -set and  $F$  is  $m$ -closed.

**Lemma 4.14:** Every m-closed set is  $(\Lambda, m\pi)$ -closed but not conversely.

- (i) Every  $\pi$ -locally m-closed set is  $(\Lambda, m\pi)$ -closed.
- (ii) Every m-closed set is  $(\Lambda, m\pi)$ -closed but not conversely.
- (iii) Every R-locally m-closed set is  $(\Lambda, m\pi)$ -closed.

**Example 4.15:** Let  $(X, m_x)$  be an m-space such that  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $m_x = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, X\}$ . Then

- 1.  $A = \{a\}$  is  $(\Lambda, m\pi)$ -closed set but not m-closed.
- 2.  $A = \{a\}$  is  $(\Lambda, m\pi)$ -closed set but not m-closed.

**Lemma 4.16:** For a subset A of an m-space  $(X, m_x)$  satisfying property [B], the following are equivalent.

- (a) 1. A is  $(\Lambda, m\pi)$ -closed .
- 2.  $A = L \cap m\text{-Cl}(A)$  where L is  $\Lambda_{m\pi}$ -set.
- 3.  $A = m\text{-r-ker}(A) \cap m\text{-Cl}(A)$ .
- (b) 1. A is  $(\Lambda, m\pi)$ -closed.
- 2.  $A = L \cap m\text{-Cl}(A)$  where L is  $\Lambda_{m\pi}$ -set.
- 3.  $A = m\text{-}\pi\text{-ker}(A) \cap m\text{-Cl}(A)$ .

**Lemma 4.17**

- (i) A subset  $A \subset (X, m_x)$  is m- $\pi$ g-closed if and only if  $m\text{-Cl}(A) \subset m\text{-}\pi\text{-ker}(A)$ .
- (ii) A subset  $A \subset (X, m_x)$  is m-rg-closed if and only if  $m\text{-Cl}(A) \subset m\text{-r-ker}(A)$ .

**Theorem 4.18:** For a subset A of an m-space  $(X, m_x)$  satisfying property [B], the following are equivalent.

- (a) 1. A is m-closed.
- 2. A is m- $\pi$ -closed and  $\pi$ -locally m-closed.
- 3. A is m- $\pi$ g-closed and  $(\Lambda, m\pi)$ -closed.
- (b) 1. A is m-closed.
- 2. A is m-rg-closed and R-locally m-closed.
- 3. A is m-rg-closed and  $(\Lambda, m\pi)$ -closed.

**Remark 4.19:** By Examples 4.20 and 4.21, we realize that the following concepts are independent.

- 1.  $(\Lambda, m\pi)$ -closed sets and m- $\pi$ g-closed sets.
- 2.  $(\Lambda, m\pi)$ -closed sets and m-rg-closed sets.

**Example 4.20:** Let  $(X, m_x)$  be an m-space satisfying property [B], such that  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $m_x = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, X\}$ . Then

- (i)  $A = \{a\}$  is  $(\Lambda, m\pi)$ -closed but not m- $\pi$ g-closed.
- (ii)  $A = \{c\}$  is m- $\pi$ g-closed but not  $(\Lambda, m\pi)$ -closed.

**Example 4.21**

- (i) Let  $(X, m_x)$  be an m-space satisfying property [B], such that  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $m_x = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . Then  $A = \{b, c\}$  is m-rg-closed but not  $(\Lambda, m\pi)$ -closed.
- (ii) Let  $(X, m_x)$  be an m-space satisfying property [B], such that  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $m_x = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, X\}$ . Then  $A = \{a\}$  is  $(\Lambda, m\pi)$ -closed but not m-rg-closed.

## 5. DECOMPOSITIONS OF M-CONTINUITY

**Definition 5.1:** A function  $f : (X, m_x) \rightarrow (Y, m_y)$  where  $m_x$  satisfies property [B] is said to be M-g-continuous (resp. M-rg-continuous, M- $\omega$ -continuous, M- $\pi$ g-continuous) if  $f^{-1}(A)$  is mg-closed (resp. m-rg-closed, m $\omega$ -closed, m- $\pi$ g-closed) in  $(X, m_x)$  for every m-closed set A of  $(Y, m_y)$ .

**Definition 5.2:** A function  $f : (X, m_x) \rightarrow (Y, m_y)$  where  $m_x$  satisfies property [B] is called

- (i) locally M-continuous if  $f^{-1}(A)$  is locally m-closed in  $(X, m_x)$  for every m-closed set A of  $(Y, m_y)$ .
- (ii) R-locally M-continuous if  $f^{-1}(A)$  is R-locally m-closed in  $(X, m_x)$  for every m-closed set A of  $(Y, m_y)$ .
- (iii)  $\pi$ -locally M-continuous if  $f^{-1}(A)$  is  $\pi$ -locally m-closed in  $(X, m_x)$  for every m-closed set A of  $(Y, m_y)$ .

**Theorem 5.3:** A function  $f : (X, m_x) \rightarrow (Y, m_y)$  where  $m_x$  satisfies property [B] is M-continuous if and only if it is

- (i) locally M-continuous and M-g-continuous.
- (ii) R-locally M-continuous and M-rg-continuous
- (iii)  $\pi$ -locally M-continuous and M- $\pi$ g-continuous.

**Proof:** It is an immediate consequence of Theorem 3.19.

**Theorem 5.4:** Let  $(X, m_x)$  be an  $m$ -space satisfying property [B]. For a function  $f: (X, m_x) \rightarrow (Y, m_y)$ , the following are equivalent.

- (1)  $f$  is  $M$ -continuous.
- (2)  $f$  is  $R$ -locally  $M$ -continuous and  $M$ - $g$ -continuous.
- (3)  $f$  is  $R$ -locally  $M$ -continuous and  $M$ - $rg$ -continuous.

**Proof:** It is an immediate consequence of Theorem 3.20.

**Theorem 5.5:** Let  $(X, m_x)$  be an  $m$ -space satisfying property [B]. For a function  $f: (X, m_x) \rightarrow (Y, m_y)$ , the following are equivalent.

- (1)  $f$  is  $M$ -continuous.
- (2)  $f$  is  $\pi$ -locally  $M$ -continuous and  $M$ - $\omega$ -continuous.
- (3)  $f$  is locally  $M$ -continuous and  $M$ - $g$ -continuous.

**Proof:** It is an immediate consequence of Theorem 3.21.

**Theorem 5.6:** For a function  $f: (X, m_x) \rightarrow (Y, m_y)$  where  $m_x$  satisfies property [B], the following are equivalent.

- (1)  $f$  is  $M$ -continuous.
- (2)  $f$  is locally  $M$ -continuous and  $M$ - $\omega$ -continuous.
- (3)  $f$  is locally  $M$ -continuous and  $M$ - $g$ -continuous.

**Proof:** It is an immediate consequence of Theorem 3.22.

### Theorem 5.7

Let  $(X, m_x)$  be an  $m$ -space satisfying property [B]. For a function  $f: (X, m_x) \rightarrow (Y, m_y)$ , the following are equivalent.

- (1)  $f$  is  $M$ -continuous.
- (2)  $f$  is  $R$ -locally  $M$ -continuous and  $M$ - $\omega$ -continuous.
- (3)  $f$  is  $\pi$ -locally  $M$ -continuous and  $M$ - $g$ -continuous.
- (4)  $f$  is  $\pi$ -locally  $M$ -continuous and  $M$ - $\pi g$ -continuous.

**Proof:** It is an immediate consequence of Theorem 3.23.

**Theorem 5.8:** Let  $(X, m_x)$  be an  $m$ -space satisfying property [B]. For a function  $f: (X, m_x) \rightarrow (Y, m_y)$ , the following are equivalent.

- (1)  $f$  is  $M$ -continuous.
- (2)  $f$  is  $R$ -locally  $M$ -continuous and  $M$ - $g$ -continuous.
- (3)  $f$  is  $R$ -locally  $M$ -continuous and  $M$ - $\pi g$ -continuous.
- (4)  $f$  is  $R$ -locally  $M$ -continuous and  $M$ - $rg$ -continuous.

**Proof:** It is an immediate consequence of Theorem 3.24.

**Definition 5.9:** A function  $f: (X, m_x) \rightarrow (Y, m_y)$  where  $m_x$  satisfies property [B] is said to be  $(\Lambda, M)$ -continuous (resp.  $(\Lambda, M\pi)$ -continuous,  $(\Lambda, Mr)$ -continuous) if  $f^{-1}(A)$  is  $(\Lambda, m)$ -closed (resp.  $(\Lambda, m\pi)$ -closed,  $(\Lambda, mr)$ -closed) in  $(X, m_x)$  for every  $m$ -closed set  $A$  of  $(Y, m_y)$

**Theorem 5.10:** For a function  $f: (X, m_x) \rightarrow (Y, m_y)$ , satisfying property [B], the following are equivalent.

- (1)  $f$  is  $M$ -continuous.
- (2)  $f$  is  $M$ - $g$ -continuous and locally  $M$ -continuous.
- (3)  $f$  is  $M$ - $g$ -continuous and  $(\Lambda, M)$ -continuous.

**Proof:** It is an immediate consequence of Theorem 4.8.

**Theorem 5.11:** For a function  $f: (X, m_x) \rightarrow (Y, m_y)$  satisfying property [B], the following are equivalent.

- (a)
  1.  $f$  is  $M$ -continuous.
  2.  $f$  is  $M$ - $\pi g$ -continuous and  $\pi$ -locally  $M$ -continuous.
  3.  $f$  is  $M$ - $\pi g$ -continuous and  $(\Lambda, M\pi)$ -continuous.
- (b)
  1.  $f$  is  $M$ -continuous.
  2.  $f$  is  $M$ - $rg$ -continuous and  $R$ -locally  $M$ -continuous.
  3.  $f$  is  $M$ - $rg$ -continuous and  $(\Lambda, Mr)$ -continuous.

**Proof:** It is an immediate consequence of Theorem 4.18.

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