

# $\tau^*$ -Generalized Closed Sets in Topological Spaces

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**Abstract-** In this paper, we introduce a new class of sets called  $\tau^*$ -generalized closed sets and  $\tau^*$ -generalized open sets in topological spaces and study some of their properties .

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## 1. Introduction

In 1970, Levine[6] introduced the concept of generalized closed sets as a generalization of closed sets in topological spaces. Using generalized closed sets, Dunham[5] introduced the concept of the closure operator  $cl^*$  and a new topology  $\tau^*$  and studied some of their properties. S.P.Arya[2], P.Bhattacharyya and B.K.Lahiri[3], J.Dontchev[4], H.Maki, R.Devi and K.Balachandran[9], [10], P.Sundaram and A.Pushpalatha[12], A .S.Mashhour, M.E.Abd El-Monsef and S.N.El-Deeb[11], D.Andrijevic[1] and S.N.Maheshwari and P.C.Jain[9] introduced and investigated generalized semi closed sets, semi generalized closed sets, generalized semi preclosed sets,  $\alpha$ - generalized closed sets, generalized- $\alpha$  closed sets, strongly generalized closed sets, preclosed sets, semi-preclosed sets and  $\alpha$ -closed sets respectively. In this paper, we obtain a new generalization of closed sets in the weaker topological space  $(X, \tau^*)$ .

Throughout this paper  $X$  and  $Y$  are topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise explicitly stated. For a subset  $A$  of a topological space  $X$ ,  $int(A)$ ,  $cl(A)$ ,  $cl^*(A)$ ,  $scl(A)$ ,  $spcl(A)$ ,  $cl_\alpha(A)$  and  $A^c$  denote the interior, closure, closure<sup>\*</sup>, semi-closure, semi-preclosure,  $\alpha$ -closure and complement of  $A$  respectively.

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## 2. Preliminaries

We recall the following definitions:

**Definition 2.1.** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called

- (i) Generalized closed (briefly g-closed)[6] if  $cl(A) \subseteq G$  whenever  $A \subseteq G$  and  $G$  is open in  $X$ .
- (ii) Semi-generalized closed (briefly sg-closed)[3] if  $scl(A) \subseteq G$  whenever  $A \subseteq G$  and  $G$  is semiopen in  $X$ .
- (iii) Generalized semiclosed (briefly gs-closed)[2] if  $scl(A) \subseteq G$  whenever  $A \subseteq G$  and  $G$  is open in  $X$ .
- (iv)  $\alpha$ -closed[8] if  $cl(int(cl(A))) \subseteq A$ .
- (v)  $\alpha$ -generalized closed (briefly  $\alpha$ g-closed)[9] if  $cl_\alpha(A) \subseteq G$  whenever  $A \subseteq G$  and  $G$  is open in  $X$ .
- (vi) Generalized  $\alpha$ -closed (briefly  $\alpha$ g-closed)[10] if  $spcl(A) \subseteq G$  whenever  $A \subseteq G$  and  $G$  is open in  $X$ .
- (vii) Generalized semi-preclosed (briefly gsp-closed)[2] if  $scl(A) \subseteq G$  whenever  $A \subseteq G$  and  $G$  is open in  $X$ .
- (viii) Strongly generalized closed (briefly strongly g-closed ) [12] if  $cl(A) \subseteq G$  whenever  $A \subseteq G$  and  $G$  is g-open in  $X$ .
- (ix) Preclosed[11] if  $cl(int(A)) \subseteq A$ .
- (x) Semi-closed[7] if  $int(cl(A)) \subseteq A$ .
- (xi) Semi-preclosed (briefly sp-closed)[1] if  $int(cl(int(A))) \subseteq A$ .

The complements of the above mentioned sets are called their respective open sets.

**Definition 2.2.** For the subset  $A$  of a topological  $X$ , the generalized closure operator  $cl^*$ [5] is defined by the intersection of all g-closed sets containing  $A$ .

**Definition 2.3.** For the subset  $A$  of a topological  $X$ , the topology  $\tau^*$  is defined by  $\tau^* = \{G : cl^*(G^c) = G^c\}$

**Definition 2.4.** For the subset  $A$  of a topological  $X$ ,

- (i) the semi-closure of  $A$  (briefly  $scl(A)$ )[7] is defined as the intersection of all semi-closed sets containing  $A$ .
- (ii) the semi-preclosure of  $A$  (briefly  $spcl(A)$ )[1] is defined as the intersection of all semi-preclosed sets containing  $A$ .
- (iii) the  $\alpha$ -closure of  $A$  (briefly  $cl_\alpha(A)$ )[8] is defined as the intersection of all  $\alpha$ -closed sets containing  $A$ .

### 3. $\tau^*$ -Generalized Closed Sets in Topological Spaces

In this section, we introduce the concept of  $\tau^*$ -generalized closed sets in topological spaces.

**Definition 3.1.** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $X$  is called  $\tau^*$ -generalized closed set (briefly  $\tau^*$ -g-closed) if  $cl^*(A) \subseteq G$  whenever  $A \subseteq G$  and  $G$  is  $\tau^*$ -open. The complement of  $\tau^*$ -generalized closed set is called the  $\tau^*$ -generalized open set (briefly  $\tau^*$ -g-open).

**Theorem 3.2.** Every closed set in  $X$  is  $\tau^*$ -g-closed.

**Proof.** Let  $A$  be a closed set. Let  $A \subseteq G$ . Since  $A$  is closed,  $cl(A) = A \subseteq G$ . But  $cl^*(A) \subseteq cl(A)$ . Thus, we have  $cl^*(A) \subseteq G$  whenever  $A \subseteq G$  and  $G$  is  $\tau^*$ -open. Therefore  $A$  is  $\tau^*$ -g-closed.

**Theorem 3.3.** Every  $\tau^*$ -closed set in  $X$  is  $\tau^*$ -g-closed.

**Proof.** Let  $A$  be a  $\tau^*$ -closed set. Let  $A \subseteq G$  where  $G$  is  $\tau^*$ -open. Since  $A$  is  $\tau^*$ -closed,  $cl^*(A) = A \subseteq G$ . Thus, we have  $cl^*(A) \subseteq G$  whenever  $A \subseteq G$  and  $G$  is  $\tau^*$ -open. Therefore  $A$  is  $\tau^*$ -g-closed.

**Theorem 3.4.** Every g-closed set in  $X$  is a  $\tau^*$ -g-closed set but not conversely.

**Proof :** Let  $A$  be a g-closed set. Assume that  $A \subseteq G$ ,  $G$  is  $\tau^*$ -open in  $X$ . Then  $cl(A) \subseteq G$ , since  $A$  is g-closed. But  $cl^*(A) \subseteq cl(A)$ . Therefore  $cl^*(A) \subseteq G$ . Hence  $A$  is  $\tau^*$ -g-closed.

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

**Example 3.5.** Consider the topological space  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}\}$ . Then the set  $\{a\}$  is  $\tau^*$ -g-closed but not g-closed.

**Remark 3.6.** The following example shows that  $\tau^*$ -g-closed sets are independent from sp-closed set, sg-closed set,  $\alpha$ -closed set, preclosed set, gs-closed set, gsp-closed set,  $\alpha$ g-closed set and  $g\alpha$ -closed set.

**Example 3.7.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be the topological spaces.

- (i) Consider the topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}\}$ . Then the sets  $\{a\}$ ,  $\{a, b\}$  and  $\{a, c\}$  are  $\tau^*$ -g-closed but not sp-closed.
- (ii) Consider the topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a, b\}\}$ . Then the sets  $\{a\}$  and  $\{b\}$  are sp-closed but not  $\tau^*$ -g-closed.
- (iii) Consider the topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi\}$ . Then the sets  $\{a\}$ ,  $\{b\}$ ,  $\{c\}$ ,  $\{a, b\}$ ,  $\{b, c\}$  and  $\{a, c\}$  are  $\tau^*$ -g-closed but not sg-closed.
- (iv) Consider the topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ . Then the sets  $\{a\}$  and  $\{b\}$  are sg-closed but not  $\tau^*$ -g-closed.

(v) Consider the topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}\}$ . Then the sets  $\{a\}$ ,  $\{b\}$ ,  $\{c\}$ ,  $\{a, b\}$  and  $\{a, c\}$  are  $\tau^*$ -g-closed but not  $\alpha$ -closed.

(vi) Consider the topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ . Then the set  $\{b\}$  is  $\alpha$ -closed but not  $\tau^*$ -g-closed set.

(vii) Consider the topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}\}$ . Then the sets  $\{a\}$ ,  $\{a, b\}$  and  $\{a, c\}$  are  $\tau^*$ -g-closed but not pre-closed.

(viii) Consider the topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ . Then the set  $\{a\}$  is pre-closed but not  $\tau^*$ -g-closed.

(xi) Consider the topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi\}$ . Then the sets  $\{a\}$ ,  $\{b\}$ ,  $\{c\}$ ,  $\{a, b\}$ ,  $\{b, c\}$  and  $\{a, c\}$  are  $\tau^*$ -g-closed but not gs-closed.

(x) Consider the topology  $\tau = \{Y, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}\}$ . Then the sets  $\{b\}$ ,  $\{b, c\}$  and  $\{b, d\}$  are gs-closed but not  $\tau^*$ -g-closed.

(xi) Consider the topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ , where  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ . Then the sets  $\{b\}$  and  $\{a, b\}$  are gsp-closed but not  $\tau^*$ -g-closed.

(xii) Consider the topology  $\tau = \{Y, \phi, \{a\}\}$ . Then the set  $\{a\}$  is  $\tau^*$ -g-closed but not gsp-closed.

(xiii) Consider the topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}\}$ . Then the set  $\{a\}$  is  $\tau^*$ -g-closed but not  $\alpha$ g-closed.

(xiv) Consider the topology  $\tau = \{Y, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}\}$ . Then the sets  $\{b\}$ ,  $\{b, c\}$  and  $\{b, d\}$  are  $\alpha$ g-closed but not  $\tau^*$ -g-closed.

(xv) Consider the topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ . Then the set  $\{b\}$  is  $\tau^*$ -g-closed but not  $g\alpha$ -closed.

(xvi) Consider the topology  $\tau = \{Y, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}\}$ . Then the sets  $\{b\}$ ,  $\{b, c\}$  and  $\{b, d\}$  are  $g\alpha$ -closed but not  $\tau^*$ -g-closed.

**Theorem 3.8.** For any two sets  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $cl^*(A \cup B) = cl^*(A) \cup cl^*(B)$

**Proof :** Since  $A \subseteq A \cup B$ , we have  $cl^*(A) \subseteq cl^*(A \cup B)$  and since  $B \subseteq A \cup B$ , we have  $cl^*(B) \subseteq cl^*(A \cup B)$ . Therefore  $cl^*(A) \cup cl^*(B) \subseteq cl^*(A \cup B)$ . Also,  $cl^*(A)$  and  $cl^*(B)$  are the closed sets. Therefore  $cl^*(A) \cup cl^*(B)$  is also a closed set. Again,  $A \subseteq cl^*(A)$  and  $B \subseteq cl^*(B)$  implies  $A \cup B \subseteq cl^*(A) \cup cl^*(B)$ . Thus,  $cl^*(A) \cup cl^*(B)$  is a closed set containing  $A \cup B$ . Since  $cl^*(A \cup B)$  is the smallest closed set containing  $A \cup B$  we have  $cl^*(A \cup B) \subseteq cl^*(A) \cup cl^*(B)$ . Thus,  $cl^*(A \cup B) = cl^*(A) \cup cl^*(B)$

**Theorem 3.9.** Union of two  $\tau^*$ -g-closed sets in  $X$  is a  $\tau^*$ -g-closed set in  $X$ .

**Proof :** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two  $\tau^*$ -g-closed sets. Let  $A \cup B \subseteq G$ , where  $G$  is  $\tau^*$ -open. Since  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\tau^*$ -g-closed sets,  $cl^*(A) \cup cl^*(B) \subseteq G$ . But by Theorem 3.8.,  $cl^*(A) \cup cl^*(B) = cl^*(A \cup B)$ . Therefore  $cl^*(A \cup B) \subseteq G$ . Hence  $A \cup B$  is a  $\tau^*$ -g-closed set.

**Theorem 3.10.** A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is  $\tau^*$ -g-closed if and only if  $cl^*(A) - A$  contains no non-empty  $\tau^*$ -closed set in  $X$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be a  $\tau^*$ -g-closed set. Suppose that  $F$  is a non-empty  $\tau^*$ -closed subset of  $cl^*(A) - A$ . Now  $F \subseteq cl^*(A) - A$ .

Then  $F \subseteq \text{cl}^*(A) \cap A^c$ , since  $\text{cl}^*(A) - A = \text{cl}^*(A) \cap A^c$ . Therefore  $F \subseteq \text{cl}^*(A)$  and  $F \subseteq A^c$ . Since  $F^c$  is a  $\tau^*$ -open set and  $A$  is a  $\tau^*$ -g-closed,  $\text{cl}^*(A) \subseteq F^c$ . That is  $F \subseteq [\text{cl}^*(A)]^c$ . Hence  $F \subseteq \text{cl}^*(A) \cap [\text{cl}^*(A)]^c = \phi$ . That is  $F = \phi$ , a contradiction. Thus  $\text{cl}^*(A) - A$  contain no non-empty  $\tau^*$ -closed set in  $X$ .

Conversely, assume that  $\text{cl}^*(A) - A$  contains no non-empty  $\tau^*$ -closed set. Let  $A \subseteq G$ ,  $G$  is  $\tau^*$ -open. Suppose that  $\text{cl}^*(A)$  is not contained in  $G$ , then  $\text{cl}^*(A) \cap G^c$  is a non-empty  $\tau^*$ -closed set of  $\text{cl}^*(A) - A$  which is a contradiction. Therefore  $\text{cl}^*(A) \subseteq G$  and hence  $A$  is  $\tau^*$ -g-closed.

**Corollary 3.11.** A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is  $\tau^*$ -g-closed if and only if  $\text{cl}^*(A) - A$  contain no non-empty closed set in  $X$ .

**Proof :** The proof follows from the Theorem 3.10. and the fact that every closed set is  $\tau^*$ -closed set in  $X$ .

**Corollary 3.12.** A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is  $\tau^*$ -g-closed if and only if  $\text{cl}^*(A) - A$  contain no non-empty open set in  $X$ .

**Proof:** The proof follows from the Theorem 3.10. and the fact that every open set is  $\tau^*$ -open set in  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.13.** If a subset  $A$  of  $X$  is  $\tau^*$ -g-closed and  $A \subseteq B \subseteq \text{cl}^*(A)$ , then  $B$  is  $\tau^*$ -g-closed set in  $X$ .

**Proof :** Let  $A$  be a  $\tau^*$ -g-closed set such that  $A \subseteq B \subseteq \text{cl}^*(A)$ . Let  $U$  be a  $\tau^*$ -open set of  $X$  such that  $B \subseteq U$ . Since  $A$  is  $\tau^*$ -g-closed, we have  $\text{cl}^*(A) \subseteq U$ . Now  $\text{cl}^*(A) \subseteq \text{cl}^*(B) \subseteq \text{cl}^*[\text{cl}^*(A)] = \text{cl}^*(A) \subseteq U$ . That is  $\text{cl}^*(B) \subseteq U$ ,  $U$  is  $\tau^*$ -open. Therefore  $B$  is  $\tau^*$ -g-closed set in  $X$ .

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

**Example 3.14.** Consider the topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , where  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and the topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$  Let  $A = \{c\}$  and  $B = \{a, c\}$ . Then  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\tau^*$ -g-closed sets in  $(X, \tau)$ . But  $A \subseteq B$  is not a subset of  $\text{cl}^*(A)$ .

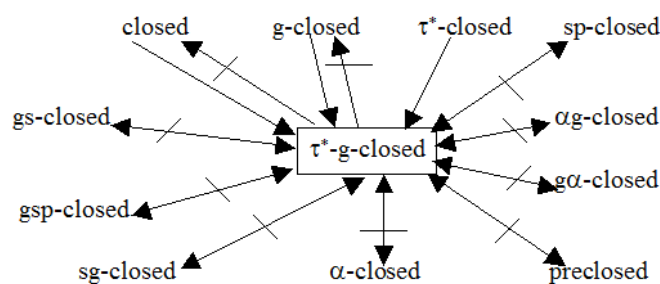
**Theorem 3.15.** Let  $A$  be a  $\tau^*$ -g-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Then  $A$  is g-closed if and only if  $\text{cl}^*(A) - A$  is  $\tau^*$ -open.

**Proof :** Suppose  $A$  is g-closed in  $X$ . Then  $\text{cl}^*(A) = A$  and so  $\text{cl}^*(A) - A = \phi$  which is  $\tau^*$ -open in  $X$ . Conversely, suppose  $\text{cl}^*(A) - A$  is  $\tau^*$ -open in  $X$ . Since  $A$  is  $\tau^*$ -g-closed, by the Theorem 3.10,  $\text{cl}^*(A) - A$  contains no non-empty  $\tau^*$ -closed set in  $X$ . Then  $\text{cl}^*(A) - A = \phi$  Hence  $A$  is g-closed.

**Theorem 3.16.** For  $x \in X$ , the set  $X - \{x\}$  is  $\tau^*$ -g-closed or  $\tau^*$ -open.

**Proof:** Suppose  $X - \{x\}$  is not  $\tau^*$ -open. Then  $X$  is the only  $\tau^*$ -open set containing  $X - \{x\}$ . This implies  $\text{cl}^*(X - \{x\}) \subseteq X$ . Hence  $X - \{x\}$  is a  $\tau^*$ -g-closed in  $X$ .

**Remark 3.17.** From the above discussion, we obtain the following implications.



$A \longrightarrow B$  means  $A$  implies  $B$ ,  $A \not\longrightarrow B$  means  $A$  does not imply  $B$  and  $A \longleftrightarrow B$  means  $A$  and  $B$  are independent.

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