

# $\ddot{g}$ -Closed Sets in Topology

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**Abstract --** In this paper, we offer a new class of sets called  $\ddot{g}$ -closed sets in topological spaces and we study some of its basic properties. It turns out that this class lies between the class of closed sets and the class of g-closed sets.

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$\ddot{g}$ -closed set,  $\ddot{g}$ -open set,  $\omega$ -closed set.

## 1. Introduction

In 1963 Levine [19] introduced the notion of semi-open sets. According to Cameron [8] this notion was Levine's most important contribution to the field of topology. The motivation behind the introduction of semi-open sets was a problem of Kelley which Levine has considered in [20], i.e., to show that  $\text{cl}(U) = \text{cl}(U \cap D)$  for all open sets  $U$  and dense sets  $D$ . He proved that  $U$  is semi-open if and only if  $\text{cl}(U) = \text{cl}(U \cap D)$  for all dense sets  $D$  and  $D$  is dense if and only if  $\text{cl}(U) = \text{cl}(U \cap D)$  for all semi-open sets  $U$ . Since the advent of the notion of semi-open sets, many mathematicians worked on such sets and also introduced some other notions, among others, preopen sets [22],  $\alpha$ -open sets [24] and  $\beta$ -open sets [1] (Andrijevic [3] called them semi-pre open sets). It has been shown [12] recently that the notion of preopen sets and semi-open sets are important with respect to the digital plane.

Levine [18] also introduced the notion of g-closed sets and investigated its fundamental properties. This notion was shown to be productive and very useful. For example it is shown that g-closed sets can be used to characterize the extremally disconnected spaces and the submaximal spaces (see [9] and [10]). Moreover the study of g-closed sets led to some separation axioms between  $T_0$  and  $T_1$  which proved to be useful in computer science and digital topology (see [17] and [14]).

Recently, Bhattacharya and Lahiri [5], Arya and Nour [4], Sheik John [29] and Rajamani and Viswanathan [26] introduced sg-closed sets, gs-

closed sets,  $\omega$ -closed sets and  $\alpha_{gs}$ -closed sets respectively.

In this paper, we introduce a new class of sets namely  $\ddot{g}$ -closed sets in topological spaces. This class lies between the class of closed sets and the class of g-closed sets. This class also lies between the class of closed sets and the class of  $\omega$ -closed sets.

## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  (or  $X$  and  $Y$ ) represent topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise mentioned. For a subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $\text{cl}(A)$ ,  $\text{int}(A)$  and  $A^c$  denote the closure of  $A$ , the interior of  $A$  and the complement of  $A$  respectively.

We recall the following definitions which are useful in the sequel.

### 2.1. Definition

A subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is called:

- (i) semi-open set [19] if  $A \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$ ;
- (ii) preopen set [22] if  $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$ ;
- (iii)  $\alpha$ -open set [24] if  $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(A)))$ ;
- (iv)  $\beta$ -open set [1] ( = semi-preopen [3] ) if  $A \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(A)))$ ;
- (v) Regular open set [30] if  $A = \text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$ .

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

The preclosure [25] (resp. semi-closure [11],  $\alpha$ -closure [24], semi-pre-closure [3]) of a subset  $A$  of  $X$ , denoted by  $\text{pcl}(A)$  (resp.  $\text{scl}(A)$ ,  $\alpha \text{cl}(A)$ ,  $\text{spcl}(A)$ ) is defined to be the intersection of all preclosed (resp. semi-closed,  $\alpha$ -closed, semi-preclosed) sets of  $(X, \tau)$  containing  $A$ . It is known that  $\text{pcl}(A)$  (resp.  $\text{scl}(A)$ ,  $\alpha \text{cl}(A)$ ,  $\text{spcl}(A)$ ) is a preclosed (resp. semi-closed,  $\alpha$ -closed, semi-preclosed) set. For any subset  $A$  of an arbitrarily chosen topological space, the semi-interior [11] (resp.

$\alpha$ -interior [24], preinterior [25]) of  $A$ , denoted by  $\text{sint}(A)$  (resp.  $\alpha \text{int}(A)$ ,  $\text{pint}(A)$ ), is defined to be the union of all semi-open (resp.  $\alpha$ -open, preopen) sets of  $(X, \tau)$  contained in  $A$ .

## 2.2. Definition

A subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is called:

- (i) a generalized closed (briefly  $g$ -closed) set [18] if  $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$ . The complement of  $g$ -closed set is called  $g$ -open set;
- (ii) a semi-generalized closed (briefly  $sg$ -closed) set [5] if  $\text{scl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is semi-open in  $(X, \tau)$ . The complement of  $sg$ -closed set is called  $sg$ -open set;
- (iii) a generalized semi-closed (briefly  $gs$ -closed) set [4] if  $\text{scl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$ . The complement of  $gs$ -closed set is called  $gs$ -open set;
- (iv) an  $\alpha$ -generalized closed (briefly  $\alpha g$ -closed) set [21] if  $\alpha \text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$ . The complement of  $\alpha g$ -closed set is called  $\alpha g$ -open set;
- (v) a generalized semi-preclosed (briefly  $gsp$ -closed) set [25] if  $\text{spcl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$ . The complement of  $gsp$ -closed set is called  $gsp$ -open set;
- (vi) a  $\hat{g}$ -closed set [31] ( $\omega$ -closed [29]) if  $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is semi-open in  $(X, \tau)$ . The complement of  $\hat{g}$ -closed set is called  $\hat{g}$ -open set;
- (vii) a  $\alpha g^s$ -closed set [26] if  $\alpha \text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is semi-open in  $(X, \tau)$ . The complement of  $\alpha g^s$ -closed set is called  $\alpha g^s$ -open set;
- (viii)  $\psi$ -closed set [23, 32] if  $\text{scl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $sg$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ . The complement of  $\psi$ -closed set is called  $\psi$ -open set;
- (ix) a  $\ddot{g}_\alpha$ -closed set [27] if  $\alpha \text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $sg$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ . The complement of  $\ddot{g}_\alpha$ -closed set is called  $\ddot{g}_\alpha$ -open set.

## 2.3. Remark

The collection of all  $\ddot{g}$ -closed (resp.  $\ddot{g}_\alpha$ -closed,  $\omega$ -closed,  $g$ -closed,  $gs$ -closed,  $gsp$ -closed,  $\alpha g$ -closed,  $\alpha g^s$ -closed,  $sg$ -closed,  $\psi$ -closed,  $\alpha$ -closed, semi-closed) sets is denoted by  $\ddot{G}_C(X)$

(resp.  $\ddot{G}_\alpha C(X)$ ,  $\omega C(X)$ ,  $G C(X)$ ,  $GS C(X)$ ,  $GSP C(X)$ ,  $\alpha g C(X)$ ,  $\alpha g^s C(X)$ ,  $SG C(X)$ ,  $\psi C(X)$ ,  $\alpha C(X)$ ,  $S C(X)$ ).

The collection of all  $\ddot{g}$ -open (resp.  $\ddot{g}_\alpha$ -open,  $\omega$ -open,  $g$ -open,  $gs$ -open,  $gsp$ -open,  $\alpha g$ -open,  $\alpha g^s$ -open,  $sg$ -open,  $\psi$ -open,  $\alpha$ -open, semi-open) sets is denoted by  $\ddot{G}_O(X)$  (resp.  $\ddot{G}_\alpha O(X)$ ,  $\omega O(X)$ ,  $G O(X)$ ,  $GS O(X)$ ,  $GSP O(X)$ ,  $\alpha g O(X)$ ,  $\alpha g^s O(X)$ ,  $SG O(X)$ ,  $\psi O(X)$ ,  $\alpha O(X)$ ,  $S O(X)$ ).

We denote the power set of  $X$  by  $P(X)$ .

## 2.4. Definition [17]

A subset  $S$  of  $X$  is said to be locally closed if  $S = U \cap F$ , where  $U$  is open and  $F$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

## 2.5. Result

- (i) Every open set is  $\psi$ -open [23].
- (ii) Every semi-open set is  $\psi$ -open [23].
- (iii) Every  $\psi$ -open set is  $sg$ -open [23].
- (iv) Every semi-closed set is  $g$ -closed [7].

## 3. $\ddot{g}$ -Closed Sets

We introduce the following definition.

### 3.1. Definition

A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is called a  $\ddot{g}$ -closed set if  $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $sg$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

### 3.2. Proposition

Every closed set is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed.

### Proof

If  $A$  is any closed set in  $(X, \tau)$  and  $G$  is any  $sg$ -open set containing  $A$ , then  $G \supseteq A = \text{cl}(A)$ . Hence  $A$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed.

The converse of Proposition 3.2 need not be true as seen from the following example.

### 3.3. Example

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . Then  $\ddot{G}C(X) = \{\emptyset, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . Here,  $A = \{a, c\}$  is  $\ddot{G}$ -closed set but not closed.

### 3.4. Proposition

Every  $\ddot{G}$ -closed set is  $\ddot{G}_\alpha$ -closed.

#### Proof

If  $A$  is a  $\ddot{G}$ -closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$  and  $G$  is any sg-open set containing  $A$ , then  $G \supseteq \text{cl}(A) \supseteq \alpha \text{cl}(A)$ . Hence  $A$  is  $\ddot{G}_\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

The converse of Proposition 3.4 need not be true as seen from the following example.

### 3.5. Example

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, X\}$ . Then  $\ddot{G}C(X) = \{\emptyset, \{a, c\}, X\}$  and  $\ddot{G}_\alpha C(X) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . Here,  $A = \{a\}$  is  $\ddot{G}_\alpha$ -closed but not  $\ddot{G}$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

### 3.6. Proposition

Every  $\ddot{G}$ -closed set is  $\Psi$ -closed.

#### Proof

If  $A$  is a  $\ddot{G}$ -closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$  and  $G$  is any sg-open set containing  $A$ , then  $G \supseteq \text{cl}(A) \supseteq \text{scl}(A)$ . Hence  $A$  is  $\Psi$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

The converse of Proposition 3.6 need not be true as seen from the following example.

### 3.7. Example

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$ . Then  $\ddot{G}C(X) = \{\emptyset, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\Psi C(X) = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . Here,  $A = \{b\}$  is  $\Psi$ -closed but not  $\ddot{G}$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

### 3.8. Proposition

Every  $\ddot{G}$ -closed set is  $\omega$ -closed.

#### Proof

Suppose that  $A \subseteq G$  and  $G$  is semi-open in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since every semi-open set is sg-open and  $A$  is

$\ddot{G}$ -closed, therefore  $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq G$ . Hence  $A$  is  $\omega$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

The converse of Proposition 3.8 need not be true as seen from the following example.

### 3.9. Example

Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  with  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, c, d\}, X\}$ . Then  $\ddot{G}C(X) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\omega C(X) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, X\}$ . Here,  $A = \{a, c, d\}$  is  $\omega$ -closed but not  $\ddot{G}$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

### 3.10. Proposition

Every  $\Psi$ -closed set is sg-closed.

#### Proof

Suppose that  $A \subseteq G$  and  $G$  is semi-open in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since every semi-open set is sg-open and  $A$  is  $\Psi$ -closed, therefore  $\text{scl}(A) \subseteq G$ . Hence  $A$  is sg-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

The converse of Proposition 3.10 need not be true as seen from the following example.

### 3.11. Example

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . Then  $\Psi C(X) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and  $SGC(X) = P(X)$ . Here,  $A = \{a, b\}$  is sg-closed but not  $\Psi$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

### 3.12. Proposition

Every  $\omega$ -closed set is  $\alpha g s$ -closed.

#### Proof

If  $A$  is a  $\omega$ -closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$  and  $G$  is any semi-open set containing  $A$ , then  $G \supseteq \text{cl}(A) \supseteq \alpha \text{cl}(A)$ . Hence  $A$  is  $\alpha g s$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

The converse of Proposition 3.12 need not be true as seen from the following example.

### 3.13. Example

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$ . Then  $\omega C(X) = \{\emptyset, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\alpha g s C(X) = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . Here,  $A = \{b\}$  is  $\alpha g s$ -closed but not  $\omega$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

### 3.14. Proposition

Every  $\ddot{G}$ -closed set is g-closed.

#### Proof

If  $A$  is a  $\ddot{g}$ -closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$  and  $G$  is any open set containing  $A$ , since every open set is sg-open, we have  $G \supseteq \text{cl}(A)$ . Hence  $A$  is g-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

The converse of Proposition 3.14 need not be true as seen from the following example.

### 3.15. Example

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . Then  $\ddot{G}C(X) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and  $GC(X) = P(X)$ . Here,  $A = \{a, b\}$  is g-closed but not  $\ddot{g}$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

### 3.16. Proposition

Every  $\ddot{g}$ -closed set is  $\alpha g^s$ -closed.

#### Proof

If  $A$  is a  $\ddot{g}$ -closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$  and  $G$  is any semi-open set containing  $A$ , since every semi-open set is sg-open, we have  $G \supseteq \text{cl}(A) \supseteq \alpha \text{cl}(A)$ . Hence  $A$  is  $\alpha g^s$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

The converse of Proposition 3.16 need not be true as seen from the following example.

### 3.17. Example

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . Then  $\ddot{G}C(X) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\alpha g^sC(X) = P(X)$ . Here,  $A = \{a, c\}$  is  $\alpha g^s$ -closed but not  $\ddot{g}$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

### 3.18. Proposition

Every  $\ddot{g}$ -closed set is  $\alpha$  g-closed.

#### Proof

If  $A$  is a  $\ddot{g}$ -closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$  and  $G$  is any open set containing  $A$ , since every open set is sg-open, we have  $G \supseteq \text{cl}(A) \supseteq \alpha \text{cl}(A)$ . Hence  $A$  is  $\alpha$  g-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

The converse of Proposition 3.18 need not be true as seen from the following example.

### 3.19. Example

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . Then  $\ddot{G}C(X) = \{\emptyset, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $\alpha gC(X) = P(X)$ . Here,  $A = \{a, c\}$  is  $\alpha$  g-closed but not  $\ddot{g}$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

### 3.20. Proposition

Every  $\ddot{g}$ -closed set is gs-closed.

#### Proof

If  $A$  is a  $\ddot{g}$ -closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$  and  $G$  is any open set containing  $A$ , since every open set is sg-open, we have  $G \supseteq \text{cl}(A) \supseteq \text{scl}(A)$ . Hence  $A$  is gs-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

The converse of Proposition 3.20 need not be true as seen from the following example.

### 3.21. Example

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$ . Then  $\ddot{G}C(X) = \{\emptyset, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and  $GS C(X) = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . Here,  $A = \{c\}$  is gs-closed but not  $\ddot{g}$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

### 3.22. Proposition

Every  $\ddot{g}$ -closed set is gsp-closed.

#### Proof

If  $A$  is a  $\ddot{g}$ -closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$  and  $G$  is any open set containing  $A$ , every open set is sg-open, we have  $G \supseteq \text{cl}(A) \supseteq \text{spcl}(A)$ . Hence  $A$  is gsp-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

The converse of Proposition 3.22 need not be true as seen from the following example.

### 3.23. Example

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, X\}$ . Then  $\ddot{G}C(X) = \{\emptyset, \{a, c\}, X\}$  and  $GSP C(X) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . Here,  $A = \{c\}$  is gsp-closed but not  $\ddot{g}$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

### 3.24. Remark

The following example shows that  $\ddot{g}$ -closed sets are independent of  $\alpha$ -closed sets and semi-closed sets.

### 3.25. Example

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . Then  $\ddot{G}C(X) = \{\emptyset, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\alpha C(X) = S C(X) = \{\emptyset, \{c\}, X\}$ . Here,  $A = \{a, c\}$  is

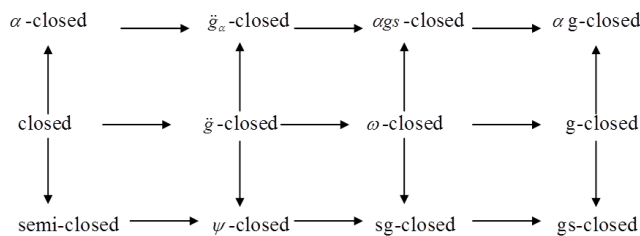
$\ddot{g}$ -closed but it is neither  $\alpha$ -closed nor semi-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

### 3.26. Example

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$ . Then  $\ddot{G}C(X) = \{\emptyset, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\alpha C(X) = SC(X) = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . Here,  $A = \{b\}$  is  $\alpha$ -closed as well as semi-closed in  $(X, \tau)$  but it is not  $\ddot{g}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

### 3.27. Remark

From the above discussions and known results in [7, 25, 26, 29, 31], we obtain the following diagram, where  $A \rightarrow B$  (resp.  $A \leftarrow B$ ) represents  $A$  implies  $B$  but not conversely (resp.  $A$  and  $B$  are independent of each other).



None of the above implications is reversible as shown in the remaining examples and in the related papers [7, 25, 26, 29, 31].

## 4. Properties of $\ddot{g}$ -Closed Sets

In this section, we have proved that an arbitrary intersection of  $\ddot{g}$ -closed sets is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed. Moreover, we discuss some basic properties of  $\ddot{g}$ -closed sets.

### 4.1. Definition

The intersection of all sg-open subsets of  $(X, \tau)$  containing  $A$  is called the sg-kernel of  $A$  and denoted by  $\text{sg-ker}(A)$ .

### 4.2. Lemma

A subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed if and only if  $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq \text{sg-ker}(A)$ .

#### Proof

Suppose that  $A$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed. Then  $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is sg-open. Let  $x \in \text{cl}(A)$ . If  $x \notin \text{sg-ker}(A)$ , then there is a sg-open set  $U$  containing  $A$  such that  $x \notin U$ . Since  $U$  is a sg-open

set containing  $A$ , we have  $x \notin \text{cl}(A)$  and this is a contradiction.

Conversely, let  $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq \text{sg-ker}(A)$ . If  $U$  is any sg-open set containing  $A$ , then  $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq \text{sg-ker}(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore,  $A$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed.

### 4.3. Proposition

For any subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $X_2 \cap \text{cl}(A) \subseteq \text{sg-ker}(A)$ , where  $X_2 = \{x \in X : \{x\} \text{ is preopen}\}$ .

#### Proof

Let  $x \in X_2 \cap \text{cl}(A)$  and suppose that  $x \notin \text{sg-ker}(A)$ . Then there is a sg-open set  $U$  containing  $A$  such that  $x \notin U$ . If  $F = X - U$ , then  $F$  is sg-closed. Since  $\text{cl}(\{x\}) \subseteq \text{cl}(A)$ , we have  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(\{x\})) \subseteq A \cup \text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$ . Again since  $x \in X_2$ , we have  $x \notin X_1$  and so  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(\{x\})) = \emptyset$ . Therefore, there has to be some  $y \in A \cap \text{int}(\text{cl}(\{x\}))$  and hence  $y \in F \cap A$ , a contradiction.

### 4.4. Theorem

A subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed if and only if  $X_1 \cap \text{cl}(A) \subseteq A$ , where  $X_1 = \{x \in X : \{x\} \text{ is nowhere dense}\}$ .

#### Proof

Suppose that  $A$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed. Let  $x \in X_1 \cap \text{cl}(A)$ . Then  $x \in X_1$  and  $x \in \text{cl}(A)$ . Since  $x \in X_1$ ,  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(\{x\})) = \emptyset$ . Therefore,  $\{x\}$  is semi-closed, since  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(\{x\})) \subseteq \{x\}$ . Since every semi-closed set is sg-closed [Result 2.5 (4)],  $\{x\}$  is sg-closed. If  $x \notin A$  and if  $U = X \setminus \{x\}$ , then  $U$  is a sg-open set containing  $A$  and so  $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$ , a contradiction.

Conversely, suppose that  $X_1 \cap \text{cl}(A) \subseteq A$ . Then  $X_1 \cap \text{cl}(A) \subseteq \text{sg-ker}(A)$ , since  $A \subseteq \text{sg-ker}(A)$ . Now  $\text{cl}(A) = X \cap \text{cl}(A) = (X_1 \cup X_2) \cap \text{cl}(A) = (X_1 \cap \text{cl}(A)) \cup (X_2 \cap \text{cl}(A)) \subseteq \text{sg-ker}(A)$ , since  $X_1 \cap \text{cl}(A) \subseteq \text{sg-ker}(A)$  and Proposition 4.3. Thus,  $A$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed by Lemma 4.2.

### 4.5. Theorem

An arbitrary intersection of  $\ddot{g}$ -closed sets is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed.

#### Proof

Let  $F = \{A_i : i \in \Lambda\}$  be a family of  $\ddot{g}$ -closed sets and let  $A = \bigcap_{i \in \Lambda} A_i$ . Since  $A \subseteq A_i$  for each  $i$ ,  $X1 \cap \text{cl}(A) \subseteq X1 \cap \text{cl}(A_i)$  for each  $i$ . Using Theorem 4.4 for each  $\ddot{g}$ -closed set  $A_i$ , we have  $X1 \cap \text{cl}(A_i) \subseteq A_i$ . Thus,  $X1 \cap \text{cl}(A) \subseteq X1 \cap \text{cl}(A_i) \subseteq A_i$  for each  $i \in \Lambda$ . That is,  $X1 \cap \text{cl}(A) \subseteq A$  and so  $A$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed by Theorem 4.4.

#### 4.6. Corollary

If  $A$  is a  $\ddot{g}$ -closed set and  $F$  is a closed set, then  $A \cap F$  is a  $\ddot{g}$ -closed set.

#### Proof

Since  $F$  is closed, it is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed. Therefore by Theorem 4.5,  $A \cap F$  is also a  $\ddot{g}$ -closed set.

#### 4.7. Proposition

If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\ddot{g}$ -closed sets in  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $A \cup B$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

#### Proof

If  $A \cup B \subseteq G$  and  $G$  is sg-open, then  $A \subseteq G$  and  $B \subseteq G$ . Since  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\ddot{g}$ -closed,  $G \supseteq \text{cl}(A)$  and  $G \supseteq \text{cl}(B)$  and hence  $G \supseteq \text{cl}(A) \cup \text{cl}(B) = \text{cl}(A \cup B)$ . Thus  $A \cup B$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

#### 4.8. Proposition

If a set  $A$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $\text{cl}(A) - A$  contains no nonempty closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

#### Proof

Suppose that  $A$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed. Let  $F$  be a closed subset of  $\text{cl}(A) - A$ . Then  $A \subseteq Fc$ . But  $A$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed, therefore  $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq Fc$ . Consequently,  $F \subseteq (\text{cl}(A))c$ . We already have  $F \subseteq \text{cl}(A)$ . Thus  $F \subseteq \text{cl}(A) \cap (\text{cl}(A))c$  and  $F$  is empty.

The converse of Proposition 4.8 need not be true as seen from the following example.

#### 4.9. Example

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$ . Then  $\ddot{G}_C(X) = \{\emptyset, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . If  $A = \{b\}$ , then  $\text{cl}(A) - A = \{c\}$  does not contain any nonempty closed set. But  $A$  is not  $\ddot{g}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

#### 4.10. Theorem

A set  $A$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed if and only if  $\text{cl}(A) - A$  contains no nonempty sg-closed set.

#### Proof

Necessity. Suppose that  $A$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed. Let  $S$  be a sg-closed subset of  $\text{cl}(A) - A$ . Then  $A \subseteq Sc$ . Since  $A$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed, we have  $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq Sc$ . Consequently,  $S \subseteq (\text{cl}(A))c$ . Hence,  $S \subseteq \text{cl}(A) \cap (\text{cl}(A))c = \emptyset$ . Therefore  $S$  is empty.

Sufficiency. Suppose that  $\text{cl}(A) - A$  contains no nonempty sg-closed set. Let  $A \subseteq G$  and  $G$  be sg-open. If  $\text{cl}(A) \not\subseteq G$ , then  $\text{cl}(A) \cap Gc \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $\text{cl}(A)$  is a closed set and  $Gc$  is a sg-closed set,  $\text{cl}(A) \cap Gc$  is a nonempty sg-closed subset of  $\text{cl}(A) - A$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore,  $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq G$  and hence  $A$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed.

#### 4.11. Proposition

If  $A$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  and  $A \subseteq B \subseteq \text{cl}(A)$ , then  $B$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

#### Proof

Since  $B \subseteq \text{cl}(A)$ , we have  $\text{cl}(B) \subseteq \text{cl}(A)$ . Then,  $\text{cl}(B) - B \subseteq \text{cl}(A) - A$ . Since  $\text{cl}(A) - A$  has no nonempty sg-closed subsets, neither does  $\text{cl}(B) - B$ . By Theorem 4.10,  $B$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed.

#### 4.12. Proposition

Let  $A \subseteq Y \subseteq X$  and suppose that  $A$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Then  $A$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed relative to  $Y$ .

#### Proof

Let  $A \subseteq Y \cap G$ , where  $G$  is sg-open in  $(X, \tau)$ . Then  $A \subseteq G$  and hence  $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq G$ . This implies

that  $Y \cap \text{cl}(A) \subseteq Y \cap G$ . Thus  $A$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed relative to  $Y$ .

#### 4.13. Proposition

If  $A$  is a sg-open and  $\ddot{g}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $A$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

#### Proof

Since  $A$  is sg-open and  $\ddot{g}$ -closed,  $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq A$  and hence  $A$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

Recall that a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called extremally disconnected if  $\text{cl}(U)$  is open for each  $U \in \tau$ .

#### 4.14. Theorem

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be extremally disconnected and  $A$  a semi-open subset of  $X$ . Then  $A$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed if and only if it is sg-closed.

#### Proof

It follows from the fact that if  $(X, \tau)$  is extremally disconnected and  $A$  is a semi-open subset of  $X$ , then  $\text{scl}(A) = \text{cl}(A)$  (Lemma 0.3 [15]).

#### 4.15. Theorem

Let  $A$  be a locally closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ . Then  $A$  is closed if and only if  $A$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed.

#### Proof

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). It is fact that every closed set is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i). By Proposition 5.1.3.3 of Bourbaki [6],  $A \cup (X - \text{cl}(A))$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$ , since  $A$  is locally closed. Now  $A \cup (X - \text{cl}(A))$  is sg-open set of  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $A \subseteq A \cup (X - \text{cl}(A))$ . Since  $A$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed, then  $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq A \cup (X - \text{cl}(A))$ . Thus, we have  $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq A$  and hence  $A$  is a closed.

#### 4.16. Proposition

For each  $x \in X$ , either  $\{x\}$  is sg-closed or  $\{x\}^c$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

#### Proof

Suppose that  $\{x\}$  is not sg-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Then  $\{x\}^c$  is not sg-open and the only sg-open set containing  $\{x\}^c$  is the space  $X$  itself. Therefore  $\text{cl}(\{x\}^c) \subseteq X$  and so  $\{x\}^c$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

#### 4.17. Theorem

Let  $A$  be a  $\ddot{g}$ -closed set of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . Then,

- (i)  $\text{sint}(A)$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed.
- (ii) If  $A$  is regular open, then  $\text{pint}(A)$  and  $\text{scl}(A)$  are also  $\ddot{g}$ -closed sets.
- (iii) If  $A$  is regular closed, then  $\text{pcl}(A)$  is also  $\ddot{g}$ -closed.

#### Proof

- (i) Since  $\text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$  is a closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ , by Corollary 4.6,  $\text{sint}(A) = A \cap \text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- (ii) Since  $A$  is regular open in  $X$ ,  $A = \text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$ . Then  $\text{scl}(A) = A \cup \text{int}(\text{cl}(A)) = A$ . Thus,  $\text{scl}(A)$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $\text{pint}(A) = A \cap \text{int}(\text{cl}(A)) = A$ ,  $\text{pint}(A)$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed.
- (iii) Since  $A$  is regular closed in  $X$ ,  $A = \text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$ . Then  $\text{pcl}(A) = A \cup \text{cl}(\text{int}(A)) = A$ . Thus,  $\text{pcl}(A)$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

The converses of the statements in the Theorem 4.17 are not true as we see in the following examples.

#### 4.18. Example

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . Then  $\ddot{G}C(X) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . Then the set  $A = \{b\}$  is not a  $\ddot{g}$ -closed set. However  $\text{sint}(A) = \emptyset$  is a  $\ddot{g}$ -closed.

#### 4.19. Example

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . Then  $\ddot{G}C(X) = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . Then the set  $A = \{c\}$  is not regular open.

However  $A$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed and  $\text{scl}(A) = \{c\}$  is a  $\ddot{g}$ -closed and  $\text{pint}(A) = \emptyset$  is also  $\ddot{g}$ -closed.

#### 4.20. Example

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . Then  $\ddot{G}C(X) = \{\emptyset, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . Then the set  $A = \{c\}$  is not regular closed. However  $A$  is a  $\ddot{g}$ -closed and  $\text{pcl}(A) = \{c\}$  is  $\ddot{g}$ -closed.

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