

## SOME STRONGER FORMS OF $\psi$ -CLOSED SETS IN TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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### ABSTRACT :

In this paper we introduce a new class of sets namely  $\psi^*$ -closed sets which is the stronger form of  $\psi$ -closed sets. We study some relation between  $\psi^*$ -closed sets and  $g$ -closed set,  $g^*$ -closed set,  $\psi$ -closed set,  $sg$ -closed set,  $gs$ -closed set,  $\alpha$ -closed set,  $g\alpha$ -closed set,  $\alpha g$ -closed set and preclosed set.

### 1. Introduction

N Levine introduced semi open sets [5] and generalized closed (briefly  $g$ -closed) sets [6] in topological spaces. S.P. Arya and T. Nour [1] defined the notion of generalized semi closed sets. Bhattacharya and Lahiri [2] introduced and studied semi generalized closed sets. Veerakumar [12] introduced a new class of sets namely  $\psi$ -closed sets. In this paper we introduce a new class of sets called  $\psi^*$ -closed sets and study some of their properties.

As an application of  $\psi^*$ -closed sets we have introduced three new spaces namely  $T_\psi$ -space,  $T_{\psi^*}$ -space and  $T_{\psi^{**}}$ -space. Devi etal [4] and Levine[6] introduced  $T_b$ ,  $T_d$ -spaces and  $T_{1/2}$ , semi  $T_{1/2}$ -spaces respectively. Some relations between newly introduced spaces and the existing spaces like  $T_b$ , semi  $T_{1/2}$ ,  $T_{gs}^*$  and  $T_{sg}^*$ -spaces are investigated.

Throughout this paper  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  denote topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise explicitly stated.

## 2. Preliminaries

Here we recall the following known definitions.

### Definition 2.1

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

- a) Semi open [5] if  $A \subseteq \text{Cl}(\text{int}(A))$  and semi closed if  $\text{int}(\text{Cl}(A)) \subseteq A$ .
- b) Generalized closed (briefly g-closed) [6] if  $\text{Cl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$ .
- c) Semi generalised closed (briefly sg-closed) [2] if  $\text{scl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is semi open in  $X$ .
- d) Generalized semi closed (briefly gs-closed) [1] if  $\text{scl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$ .
- e)  $\alpha$ -Open [9] if  $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(A)))$  and  $\alpha$ -closed if  $\text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(A))) \subseteq A$ .
- f)  $\psi$ -Closed [11] if  $\text{scl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is sg-open in  $X$ .

### Definition 2.2 :

A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be

- (1) Semi continuous [5] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi-open in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
- (2) Sg-continuous [10] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is sg-closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
- (3) Irresolute [3] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi-open in  $(X, \tau)$  for every semi-open set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
- (4) Sg-irresolute [10] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is sg-closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every sg-closed set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

### Defination 2.3:

A Topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be

- (a) a  $T_{1/2}$  space [6] if every g closed set in it is closed.
- (b) a semi  $T_{1/2}$  space [2] if every sg-closed set in it is semi closed.
- (c) a  $T_b$  space [4] if every gs-closed set in it is closed.

- (d) a  $T_{\alpha}$ -space [4] if every gs-closed set in it is g-closed.
- (e) a  $T_{gs^*}$ -space [10] if every gs-closed set of  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\psi$ -closed.
- (f) a  $T_{sg^*}$ -space [10] if every sg-closed set of  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\psi$ -closed.

### 3. Basic properties of $\psi^*$ -closed sets

We introduce the following definitions.

#### Definition 3.01:

A subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is called a  $\psi^*$ -closed set if  $scl(A) \subseteq Int(U)$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is sg-open.

#### Definition 3.02:

A subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is called a  $\psi^{**}$ -closed set if  $scl(A) \subseteq Int(Cl(U))$ , whenever  $A \subseteq U$ ,  $U$  is sg-open.

#### Theorem 3.03

Every  $\psi^*$ -closed set is  $\psi$ -closed.

#### Proof :

Let  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is sg-open. Since  $A$  is  $\psi^*$ -closed,  $Scl(A) \subseteq Int(U)$ . This implies  $Scl(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore,  $A$  is  $\psi$ -closed.

#### Remarks : 3.04

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

#### Example : 3.05

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}\}$ . In this topological space the set  $\{b\}$  is  $\psi$ -closed but not  $\psi^*$ -closed.

#### Theorem : 3.06

Every  $\psi^*$ -closed set is  $\psi^{**}$ -closed.

#### Proof :

Let  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is sg open. Since  $A$  is  $\psi^*$ -closed,  $Scl(A) \subseteq Int(U)$ . This implies  $Scl(A) \subseteq Int(Cl(U))$ . Therefore  $A$  is  $\psi^{**}$ -closed.

#### Remark : 3.07

The converse of the above theorem need not be true. It is seen by the following example.

**Example : 3.08**

Let  $X = \{a, b, c, \}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{a, c, \}\}$ . Let  $A = \{a\}$ . Then  $A$  is  $\psi^{**}$ -closed but it is not  $\psi^*$ -closed.

**Theorem 3.09**

Every  $\psi^*$ -closed set is sg-closed and also gs-closed.

**Proof :**

Let  $A$  be any  $\psi^*$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ . By theorem 3.03,  $A$  is  $\psi$ -closed. By theorem 3.03 (ii) [12]  $A$  is sg-closed, and thus semi-preclosed and also gs-closed. Therefore, every  $\psi^*$ -closed set is sg-closed, semi-preclosed and gs-closed.

**Remarks : 3.10**

The converse of the above theorem need not be true. It is seen by the following example.

**Example : 3.11**

Let  $X = \{a, b, c, \}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{b, c, \}\}$ . In this topological space the set  $\{a\}$  is sg-closed but not  $\psi^*$ -closed.

**Result : 3.12**

$\psi^*$ -closedness and g-closedness are independent notions. It can be seen by the following example.

**Example : 3.13.**

In example 3.11 let  $A = \{a\}$  and  $B = \{c\}$ . Then  $A$  is g-closed however  $A$  is not  $\psi^*$ -closed and  $B$  is  $\psi^*$ -closed however  $B$  is not g-closed. Hence  $\psi^*$ -closedness and g-closedness are independent.

**Remark : 3.14**

The union of two  $\psi^*$ -closed sets need not be  $\psi^*$ -closed. It is seen by the following example.

**Example : 3.15**

Let  $X = \{a, b, c, \}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b, \}\}$ . Let  $A = \{a\}$  and  $B = \{b\}$ . Then  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\psi^*$ -closed sets but their union  $A \cup B = \{a, b\}$  is not  $\psi^*$ -closed.

**Theorem : 3:16**

If a subset  $A$  is  $\psi^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  then  $\text{scl}(A)/A$  does not contain a nonempty sg-closed set.

**Proof :**

Suppose that  $A$  is  $\psi^*$ -closed and let  $F$  be a non-empty sg-closed set such that  $F \subset \text{Scl}(A)/A$ . Then  $F \subseteq \text{scl}(A)$  and  $A \subset X/F$ . Since  $X/F$  is sg-open and  $A$  is  $\psi^*$ -closed,  $\text{Scl}(A) \subset \text{Int}(X/F) \subset X/F$ . Thus we have  $F \subset X/\text{scl}(A)$ . This is a contradiction. Hence  $F = \phi$ .

**Remark : 3.17**

The converse of the above theorem need not be true. It is seen by the following example.

**Example : 3.18**

Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, d\}\}$ . For a subset  $\{c\}$ ,  $\text{scl}(\{c\})/\{c\}$  does not contain non-empty sg-closed set. However  $\{c\}$  is not  $\psi^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Definition : 3.19 [11]**

A subsets  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is called  $g^*$ -closed if  $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$ , whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $g$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Remark : 3.20**

$g^*$ -closedness and  $\psi^*$ -closedness are independent notions. It can be seen by the following example.

**Example : 3.21**

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ . Let  $A = \{a\}$  and  $B = \{b\}$ . Then  $A$  is  $g^*$ -closed however  $A$  is not  $\psi^*$ -closed and  $B$  is  $\psi^*$ -closed however  $B$  is not  $g^*$ -closed.

**Remark : 3.22**

Every  $g$ s-closed set need not be  $\psi^*$ -closed. It is seen by the following example.

**Example : 3:23**

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ . In this topolgoical space the set  $\{a, c\}$  is  $g$ s-closed but not  $\psi^*$ -closed.

**Remark : 3.24**

$\psi^*$  - closedness and  $\alpha$ -closedness are independent notions. It can be seen by the following example.

**Example : 3.25**

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ . Let  $A = \{b\}$  and  $B = \{a, c\}$ . Then  $A$  is  $\psi^*$  - closed but not  $\alpha$  - closed and  $B$  is  $\alpha$  - closed but not  $\psi^*$  - closed.

**Remark : 3.26**

The following two examples show that  $\psi^*$  - closedness is independent from  $g\alpha$ -closedness,  $\alpha g$ -closedness and pre closedness.

**Example : 3.27**

In example 3.15 the set  $\{a\}$  is  $\psi^*$  - closed but it is neither a  $g\alpha$ -closed set nor an  $\alpha g$ -closed set. Also  $\{a\}$  is not a pre closed set.

**Example : 3.28**

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ . Let  $B = \{b\}$ . Then  $B$  is a  $g\alpha$ -closed set and hence it is an  $\alpha g$ -closed set. Moreover  $B$  is also a pre closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ . But  $B$  is not a  $\psi^*$  - closed set.

**Remarks : 3.29**

$\psi^*$  - closedness and semi-closedness are independent notions. It can be seen by the following two examples.

**Example : 3.30**

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, c\}\}$ . In this topological space the set  $\{b\}$  is semi-closed but not  $\psi^*$  - closed.

**Example : 3.31**

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a, b\}\}$ . In this topological space the set  $\{a, c\}$  is  $\psi^*$  - closed but not semi-closed.

**Remark 3.32**

Closedness and  $\psi^*$  - closedness are independent notions. It can be seen by the following example.

**Example : 3.33**

In example 3.30 let  $A = \{b\}$  and  $B = \{c\}$ . Then  $A$  is closed but not  $\psi^*$  - closed and  $B$  is  $\psi^*$  - closed but not closed.

**Remark : 3.34**

$\psi$  - Closedness and  $\psi^{**}$  - closedness are independent notions. It can be seen by the following example.

**Example 3.35**

In example 3.15 let  $A = \{c\}$  and  $B = \{a, b\}$ . Then  $A$  is  $\psi$  - closed but not  $\psi^{**}$  - closed and  $B$  is  $\psi^{**}$  - closed but not  $\psi$  - closed.

**Proposition : 3.36**

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an extremely disconnected topological space. Then the union of two  $\psi^*$  - Closed sets is  $\psi^*$  - closed.

**Proof :**

Let  $A \cup B \subset U$ , where  $U$  is sg-open. Then  $A \subset U$  and  $B \subset U$ . Then  $\text{scl}(A) \subset \text{Int}(U)$ ,  $\text{scl}(B) \subset \text{Int}(U)$ . Therefore,  $\text{scl}(A \cup B) = \text{scl}(A) \cup \text{scl}(B) \subseteq \text{Int}(U) \cup \text{Int}(U) \subseteq \text{Int}(U)$ . This implies  $\text{scl}(A \cup B) \subseteq \text{Int}(U)$ . Hence the union of two  $\psi^*$  - closed sets is  $\psi^*$  - closed.

**Proposition : 3.37**

If  $A$  is  $\psi^*$  - closed in  $(X, \tau)$  and  $A \subset B \subset \text{scl}(A)$ , then  $B$  is  $\psi^*$  - closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proof :**

Let  $B \subset U$  and suppose that  $U$  is sg-open. Then  $\text{scl}(A) \subset \text{Int}(U)$  and  $\text{scl}(B) \subset \text{scl}(A)$ . Therefore, we have  $\text{scl}(B) \subset \text{Int}(U)$ . Hence  $B$  is a  $\psi^*$  - closed set.

**Definition 3.38**

Let  $B \subset Y \subset X$ . A subset  $B$  of  $Y$  said to be  $\psi^*$  - closed relative to  $Y$  if  $B$  is  $\psi^*$  - Closed in the subspace  $(Y, \tau|_Y)$ .

**Theorem 3.39**

Let  $B \subset Y \subset X$ . (i) If  $B$  is  $\psi^*$  - closed relative to  $Y$  and  $Y$  is open and  $\psi^*$  - closed in  $(X, \tau)$  then  $B$  is  $\psi^*$  - closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

(ii) If  $B$  is  $\psi^*$  - closed in  $(X, \tau)$  and  $Y$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$  then  $B$  is  $\psi^*$  - closed relative to  $Y$ .

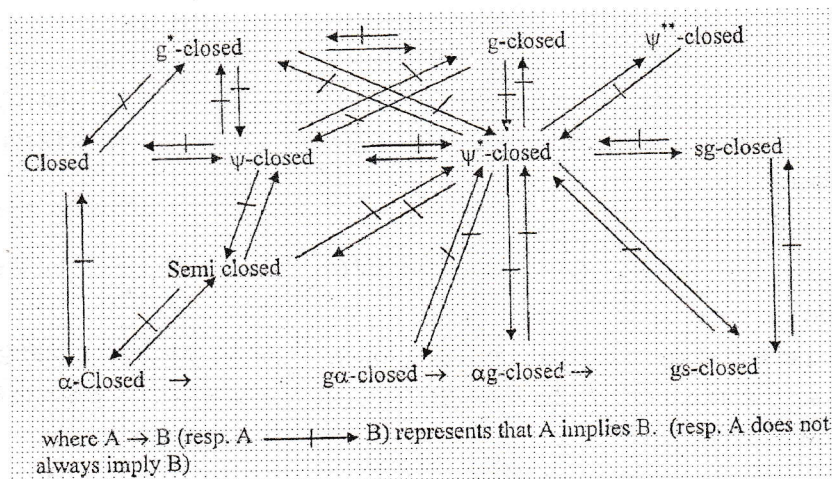
**Proof :**

(i) Let  $U$  be an sg-open set of  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $B \subset U$ . Since  $B$  is  $\psi^*$  - closed relative to  $Y$ ,  $(\tau|_Y)^s \text{cl}(B) \subseteq (\tau|_Y) \text{Int}(U \cap Y)$ . We know if  $Y$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$  then  $(\tau|_Y)^s = \tau^s|_Y$ . Therefore we have  $\tau^s \text{cl}(B) \cap Y = (\tau^s|_Y) \text{cl}(B) = (\tau|_Y)^s \text{cl}(B) \subset \text{Int}(U \cap Y) \cap Y$ . Then  $\text{Int}(U \cap Y) \cup \{X - (\tau^s \text{cl}(B))\}$  is sg-open in  $(X, \tau)$  and it contains  $Y$ . Since  $Y$  is  $\psi^*$  - closed in  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $\tau^s \text{cl}(B) \subset \tau^s \text{cl}(Y) \subset \text{Int}[\text{Int}(U \cap Y) \cup \{X - (\tau^s \text{cl}(B))\}] \subset \text{Int}(U) \cup \{X - (\tau^s \text{cl}(B))\}$ . Therefore,  $\text{scl}(B) \subset \text{Int}(U)$ . Hence  $B$  is  $\psi^*$  - closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

(ii) Let  $B \subset U$  and suppose that  $U \in (\tau/\mathcal{Y})^s$ . We know if  $Y$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$  then  $(\tau/\mathcal{Y})^s = (\tau^s/\mathcal{Y})$ . Therefore,  $U \in \tau^s/\mathcal{Y}$ . Hence there exist a sg-open set  $V$  of  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $U = V \cap Y$ . Then  $\tau^s\text{-cl}(B) \subset Y, B \subset V$  and  $\tau^s\text{-cl}(B) \subset \text{Int}(V)$ . Therefore, we have  $(\tau/\mathcal{Y})^s\text{-cl}(B) = \tau^s\text{-cl}(B) \cap Y \subset \text{Int}(V) \cap Y = (\tau/\mathcal{Y})\text{Int}(U)$ . Hence  $B$  is  $\Psi^*$ -closed relative to  $Y$ .

**Remark : 3.40**

From the above theorems and results we have the following diagram.



**4.  $\Psi^*$ -CONTINUOUS,  $\Psi^*$ -IRRESOLUTE FUNCTIONS AND GROUPS**

We introduce the following definitions.

**Definition 4.01 :**

- (i) A map  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be  $\Psi^*$ -continuous if for every closed set  $B$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is  $\Psi^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- (ii)  $\Psi^*$ -Open if the image  $f(U)$  is  $\Psi^*$ -open in  $(Y, \sigma)$  for every open set  $U$  of  $(X, \tau)$ .
- (iii)  $\Psi^*$ -Closed if the image  $f(F)$  is  $\Psi^*$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$  for every closed set  $F$  of  $(X, \tau)$ .
- (iv)  $\Psi^*$ -Irresolute if the inverse image  $f^{-1}(B)$  is  $\Psi^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every



$\Psi^*$ -closed set B of Y.

(v)  $\Psi^*$ -Homeomorphism if f is a bijective,  $\Psi^*$ -continuous function and  $f^{-1}$  is  $\Psi^*$ -continuous.

(vi)  $\Psi^*$ C-homeomorphism if f is a bijective  $\Psi^*$ -irresolute function and  $f^{-1}$  is  $\Psi^*$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 4.02:**

If f is  $\Psi^*$ -continuous, then f is  $\Psi$ -continuous

**Proof :**

Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a  $\Psi^*$ -continuous map. Let V be a closed set of  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since f is  $\Psi^*$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a  $\Psi^*$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ . But every  $\Psi^*$ -closed set is  $\Psi$ -closed (by theorem 3.03). So  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a  $\Psi$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence f is a  $\Psi$ -continuous map.

**Remark 4.03 :**

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

**Example 4.04:**

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{b\}, \{b, c\}\}$ ,  $Y = \{p, q, r\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{q, r\}\}$ . Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a map defined by  $f(a) = p, f(b) = q, f(c) = r$ . Then f is  $\Psi$ -continuous but not  $\Psi^*$  continuous.

**Remark 4.05 :**

Pasting Lemmas for some "generalized maps" were investigated in [7], [8]. Here we prove an analogous result in the case of  $\Psi^*$ -closed sets in extremely disconnected space  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Lemma 4.06 :**

Suppose that subsets A and B of  $(X, \tau)$  are both open and  $\Psi^*$ -closed in extremely disconnected space  $(X, \tau)$ . Let  $f: (A, \tau/A) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  and  $h: (B, \tau/B) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be compatible mappings. If f and g are  $\Psi^*$ -continuous then its combination  $f \nabla h: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is also  $\Psi^*$ -continuous.

**Proof :**

Let F be a closed subset of  $(Y, \sigma)$ . By definition  $(f \nabla h)^{-1}(F) = f^{-1}(F) \cup h^{-1}(F)$ . By assumptions  $f^{-1}(F)$  is  $\Psi^*$ -closed in  $(A, \tau/A)$  and  $h^{-1}(F)$  is  $\Psi^*$ -closed in  $(B, \tau/B)$ . By theorem 3.39 (i) and by assumption that  $f^{-1}(F)$  and  $h^{-1}(F)$  are  $\Psi^*$ -closed

in  $(X, \tau)$  and using proposition 3.36, we have that its union  $f^{-1}(F) \cup h^{-1}(F)$  is  $\Psi^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for extremely disconnected spaces. Hence  $f \nabla h$  is  $\Psi^*$ -continuous.

**Theorem 4.07 :**

Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a bijection. Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (a)  $f$  is  $\Psi^*$ -open and  $\Psi^*$ -continuous.
- (b)  $f$  is  $\Psi^*$ -homeomorphism.
- (c)  $f$  is  $\Psi^*$ -closed and  $\Psi^*$ -continuous.

Proof: (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b)

Given that  $f$  is a bijection. Let  $f$  be a  $\Psi^*$ -open and  $\Psi^*$ -continuous map and  $G$  an open set in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $f$  is  $\Psi^*$ -open  $f(G)$  is  $\Psi^*$ -open in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . That is  $(f^{-1})^{-1}(G) = f(G)$  is  $\Psi^*$ -open in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Thus  $f^{-1}$  is  $\Psi^*$ -continuous. Then by definition  $f$  is  $\Psi^*$ -homeomorphism.

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a)

Let  $f$  be a  $\Psi^*$ -homeomorphism and  $f^{-1} = g$  then  $g^{-1} = f$ . Since  $f$  is bijective,  $g$  is also objective. If  $G$  is an open set in  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $g^{-1}(G)$  is  $\Psi^*$ -open in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . (Since  $g$  is  $\Psi^*$ -continuous). That is  $f(G)$  is  $\Psi^*$ -open in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $\Psi^*$ -open and  $\Psi^*$ -continuous.

Therefore (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a)

Hence (a)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (b).

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c)

Assume that  $f$  is a  $\Psi^*$ -homeomorphism. Let  $B$  be a closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ . Then  $X-B$  is open. Since  $f^{-1} = g$  is  $\Psi^*$ -continuous,  $g^{-1}(X-B)$  is  $\Psi^*$ -open. That is  $g^{-1}(X-B) = Y - g^{-1}(B)$  is  $\Psi^*$ -open. Thus  $g^{-1}(B)$  is  $\Psi^*$ -closed. That is  $f(B)$  is  $\Psi^*$ -closed Hence  $f$  is a  $\Psi^*$ -closed map.

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (b)

If  $f$  is  $\Psi^*$ -closed and  $\Psi^*$ -continuous then we have to prove  $f^{-1}$  is also  $\Psi^*$ -continuous. Let  $G$  be an open set in  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $X-G$  is closed. Since  $f$  is  $\Psi^*$ -closed,  $f(X-G)$  is  $\Psi^*$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . That is  $g^{-1}(X-G) = Y - g^{-1}(G)$  is  $\Psi^*$ -closed. This implies that  $g^{-1}(G)$  is  $\Psi^*$ -open. Thus the inverse image under  $g$  of every open set is  $\Psi^*$ -open. That is  $g = f^{-1}$  is  $\Psi^*$ -continuous. Thus  $f$  is  $\Psi^*$ -homeomorphism.

Thus (c)  $\Rightarrow$  (b). Hence (b)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (c).

**Lemma 4.08 :**

Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a function.

- (i) If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is bijection, pre-semi-open and sg-continuous then  $f$  is sg-irresolute.
- (ii) If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is bijection and  $f$  is a homeomorphism then  $f^{-1}$  and  $f$  are  $\Psi^*$ -irresolute.

**Proof :**

(i) Let  $A$  be sg-closed set in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . To prove  $f^{-1}(A)$  is sg-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Let  $f^{-1}(A) \subset O$ ,  $O$  is semi-open in  $X$ . This implies  $A \subset f(O)$  .....(1). But  $f(O)$  is semi-open in  $Y$ . Therefore  $f(O)$  is semi-open and  $A$  is sg-closed.

(1) Implied by definition of sg-closed sets,  $\text{scl}(A) \subset f(O)$ .

This implies  $f^{-1}(\text{scl}(A)) \subset O$

Since  $f$  is sg-continuous,  $f^{-1}(\text{scl}(A))$  is sg-closed in  $X$ .

Therefore  $\text{scl}(f^{-1}(\text{scl}(A))) \subset O$  ..... (2).

But  $\text{scl}(f^{-1}(A)) \subset \text{scl}(f^{-1}(\text{scl}(A)))$  ..... (3)

(2) & (3)  $\Rightarrow \text{scl}(f^{-1}(A)) \subset O$ .

Therefore  $f^{-1}(A)$  is sg-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore  $f$  is sg-irresolute.

(ii) To prove  $f^{-1}$  is  $\Psi^*$  irresolute. Let  $A$  be a  $\Psi^*$  closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ . To show  $(f^{-1})^{-1}(A) = f(A)$  is  $\Psi^*$  closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Let  $U$  be a sg-open set such that  $f(A) \subset U$ . Then  $A = f^{-1}(f(A)) \subset f^{-1}(U)$  and by (i)  $f^{-1}(U)$  is sg-open. Since  $A$  is  $\Psi^*$  Closed,  $\text{scl}(A) \subset \text{Int}(f^{-1}(U))$ . Since  $f$  is homeomorphism and bijection,  $f(\text{scl}(A)) = \text{scl}(f(A))$  we have  $f(\text{scl}(A)) \subseteq \text{Int}(f^{-1}(U))$ . Therefore  $\text{Scl}(f(A)) \subseteq \text{Int}(U)$ . Therefore  $f(A)$  is  $\Psi^*$  closed. Thus we have showed that  $f^{-1}$  is  $\Psi^*$  irresolute. Since  $f^{-1}$  is also homomorphism, by the above proof  $(f^{-1})^{-1} = f$  is  $\Psi^*$  irresolute.

**Theorem 4.09 :**

(i) Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  and  $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  be two functions between topological spaces. If  $f$  and  $g$  are  $\Psi^*$  C-homeomorphism, then their composition  $g \circ f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is a  $\Psi^*$  C-homeomorphism.

(ii) If  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is a homeomorphism then  $f$  is a  $\Psi^*$  C-homeomorphism.

**Proof :**

(i) let  $V$  be a open set in  $(Z, \eta)$ . Then it is  $\Psi^*$ -open in  $(Z, \eta)$ .

Consider  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V)) = f^{-1}(U)$ , where  $U = g^{-1}(V)$ . As  $g$  is  $\Psi^*$

C-homeomorphism,  $g$  is  $\Psi^*$ -irresolute. Therefore  $g^{-1}(V)$  is  $\Psi^*$ -open in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Now  $f$  is  $\Psi^*$ C-homeomorphism,  $f$  is  $\Psi^*$ -irresolute, then  $f^{-1}(U)$  is  $\Psi^*$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ . That is  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(V)$  is  $\Psi^*$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is  $\Psi^*$  irresolute. Let  $A$  be an open set in  $(X, \tau)$  then it is also  $\Psi^*$  open in  $(X, \tau)$ . Consider  $(g \circ f)(A) = g(B)$  where  $B = f(A)$ . As  $f$  is  $\Psi^*$  C-homeomorphism,  $f^{-1}$  is  $\Psi^*$  irresolute. Therefore  $f(A)$  is  $\Psi^*$  open in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Now  $g$  is  $\Psi^*$  C-homeomorphism,  $g^{-1}$  is  $\Psi^*$ -irresolute, then we have  $g(B)$  is  $\Psi^*$  open. That is  $(g \circ f)(A)$  is  $\Psi^*$  open. Thus  $(g \circ f)^{-1}$  is  $\Psi^*$  irresolute. Hence  $g \circ f$  is  $\Psi^*$  C-homeomorphism.

(ii) By lemma 4.08 (ii), (ii) obtained.

**Definition 4.10 :**

For a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , we define the following functions.

(i)  $\Psi^* \text{Ch}(X, \tau) = \{f/f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \tau) \text{ is a } \Psi^* \text{ C-homeomorphism.}$

(ii)  $\Psi^* \text{h}(X, \tau) = \{f/f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \tau) \text{ is a } \Psi^* \text{ C-homeomorphism.}$

We recall  $\text{h}(X, \tau) = \{f/f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \tau) \text{ is a homeomorphism}\}$ .

**Theorem 4.11 :**

- (a) The set  $\Psi^* \text{Ch}(X, \tau)$  forms the group under composition of maps.  
 (b) The set  $\text{h}(X, \tau)$  is a subgroup of  $\Psi^* \text{Ch}(X, \tau)$ .

**Proof :**

- (a) (i) Operation is closed by the theorem 4.09 (i)  
 (ii) Since composition of mapping satisfies the associativity, associativity holds.  
 (iii) Since the identity is  $\Psi^*$  C-homeomorphism, it is an identity element of  $\Psi^* \text{Ch}(X, \tau)$ .  
 (iv) As the element in  $\Psi^* \text{Ch}(X, \tau)$  are bijection  $f^{-1}$  exists in  $\Psi^* \text{Ch}(X, \tau)$ .  
 Hence  $\Psi^* \text{Ch}(X, \tau)$  forms the group under the composition of mappings.  
 (b) It is obtained by using theorem 4.09 (ii).

**Theorem 4.12 :** If there exists a  $\Psi^*$  C-homeomorphism between  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  then there exists a group isomorphism :  $\Psi^* \text{Ch}(X, \tau) \cong \Psi^* \text{Ch}(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Proof :**

Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a  $\Psi^*$  C-homeomorphism. For an element  $a \in \Psi^* \text{Ch}(X, \tau)$ . Let  $f*(A) = f \circ a \circ f^{-1}$ . Then by theorem 4.09 (i),  $f*(a) \in \Psi^* \text{Ch}(Y, \sigma)$ . Thus  $f*$  is a required group isomorphism.

**Remarks 4.13 :**

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

**Example 4.14 :**

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space where  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ .  $\Psi^*$  closed set of  $(X, \tau) = \{X, \emptyset, \{b\}, \{b, c\}\}$ . Let  $h_a : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \tau)$  be a function such that  $h_a(a) = a$ ,  $h_a(b) = c$  and  $h_a(c) = b$ . Let  $(Y, \sigma)$  be a topological space where  $Y = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\sigma = \{Y, \emptyset, \{a, b\}\}$ .  $\Psi^*$  closed set of  $(Y, \sigma) = \{Y, \emptyset, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ . Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a bijection defined by  $f(a) = c$ ,  $f(b) = a$  and  $f(c) = b$ . Then  $f$  is not a  $\Psi^*$  C-homeomorphism. Indeed, for a  $\Psi^*$  closed set  $\{c\}$ ,  $f^{-1}(\{c\}) = \{a\}$  is not  $\Psi^*$ -closed. It is proved that  $\Psi^* \text{Ch}(X, \tau) = \{1, h_a\}$  and  $\Psi^* \text{Ch}(Y, \sigma) = \{1, h_c\}$  where  $h_c : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is bijection defined by  $h_c(a) = b$ ,  $h_c(b) = a$ ,  $h_c(c) = c$ . Since  $f \circ (1) = 1$  and  $f \circ (h_a) = f \circ h_a \circ f^{-1} = h_c$ . Therefore  $f^*$  is an isomorphism.

**5. Applications of  $\Psi^*$  closed sets**

As applications of  $\Psi^*$  closed sets three new spaces namely  $T_\Psi$  space  $T_\Psi^*$  space and  $T_\Psi^{**}$  space are introduced.

**Definition : 5.01**

A subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is called a  $\Psi^*$  closed set if  $\text{scl}(A) \subseteq \text{Int}(U)$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is sg-open.

**Definition : 5.02**

A space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a  $T_\Psi$  space if every  $\Psi$  closed set is  $\Psi^*$  closed.

**Definition : 5.03**

A space  $(X, \tau)$  is called  $T_\Psi^*$  space if every sg-closed set is  $\Psi^*$  closed.

**Definition : 5.04**

A space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a  $T_\Psi^{**}$  space every gs-closed set is  $\Psi^*$  closed.

**Definition : 5.05**

Every  $T_\Psi^*$  space is a  $T_{sg}^*$  space.

**Proof :**

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a  $T_\Psi^*$  space and  $A$  be a sg-closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $T_\Psi^*$  space,  $A$  is  $\Psi^*$  closed. But every  $\Psi^*$  closed set is  $\Psi$  closed. [By theorem 3.02] Therefore  $A$  is  $\Psi$  closed. Thus  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $T_{sg}^*$  space.

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