

# On $\beta g^*$ - closed sets in Topological Spaces

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## ABSTRACT

The aim of this paper is to define a new class of set namely  $\beta g^*$  - closed sets in topological spaces. Also we investigate about  $\beta g^*$  - continuous functions and  $\beta g^*$  - irresolute functions in topological spaces.

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## 1. Introduction

In 1970, Levine[3] introduced the concept of generalized closed sets in topological spaces. Many mathematicians started generalizing closed sets in recent years. M.K.R.S. Veerakumar[8] and S. P. Arya and T. Nour[2] introduced  $g^*$  - closed sets and  $gs$ -closed sets respectively in topological spaces. In this paper we introduce a new class of sets namely  $\beta g^*$  - closed sets in topological spaces and study some of its basic properties. This class was obtained by generalizing closed sets via  $g^*$  - closed sets which was introduced by M.K.R.S. Veerakumar[8].

## 2. Preliminaries

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

- (1) a pre - open set [5] if  $A \subseteq \text{int}(cl(A))$  and a pre-closed set if  $cl(\text{int}(A)) \subseteq A$ .
- (2) a semi - open set [4] if  $A \subseteq cl(\text{int}(A))$  and a semi - closed set if  $\text{int}(cl(A)) \subseteq A$ .
- (3) an  $\alpha$  - open set [6] if  $A \subseteq \text{int}(cl(\text{int}(A)))$  and an  $\alpha$  - closed set if  $cl(\text{int}(cl(A))) \subseteq A$ .
- (4) a semi - pre open set( =  $\beta$ -open) [1] if  $A \subseteq cl(\text{int}(cl(A)))$  and a semi-pre closed set( =  $\beta$  - closed) if  $\text{int}(cl(\text{int}(A))) \subseteq A$ .
- (5) a regular open set [7] if  $A = \text{int}(cl(A))$  and a regular closed set if  $A = cl(\text{int}(A))$ .
- (6)  $\pi$  - open [9] if  $A$  is the union of regular open sets.

The intersection of all semi - closed (resp.pre-closed, semi-preclosed, regular-closed and  $\alpha$  - closed) sets containing a subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is called the semi-closure (resp.pre-closure, semi-pre-closure, regular-closure and  $\alpha$ -closure) of  $A$  and is denoted by  $scl(A)$  (resp.  $pcl(A), spcl(A), rcl(A)$  and  $\alpha cl(A)$ ).

**Definition 2.2.** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called

- (1) a generalized closed set (briefly  $g$  - closed) [3] if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- (2) a strongly generalized closed set (briefly  $g^*$  - closed) [8] if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $g$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- (3) a generalized semi - closed set (briefly  $gs$  - closed) [2] if  $scl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Definition 2.3.** A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  from a topological spaces  $X$  into a topological space  $Y$  is called

- (1) continuous [3] if the inverse image of a closed set in  $Y$  is closed in  $X$ .
- (2) pre - continuous [5] if the inverse image of a closed set in  $Y$  is pre - closed set in  $X$ .
- (3) semi - continuous [3] if the inverse image of a closed set in  $Y$  is semi - closed set in  $X$ .
- (4)  $\alpha$  - continuous [6] if the inverse image of a closed set in  $Y$  is  $\alpha$  - closed set in  $X$ .
- (5)  $\beta$  - continuous [1] if the inverse image of a closed set in  $Y$  is  $\beta$  - closed set in  $X$ .
- (6)  $r$  - continuous [7] if the inverse image of a closed set in  $Y$  is  $r$  - closed set in  $X$ .
- (7)  $\pi$  - continuous [9] if the inverse image of a closed set in  $Y$  is  $\pi$  - closed set in  $X$ .
- (8)  $g$  - continuous [3] if the inverse image of a closed set in  $Y$  is  $g$  - closed set in  $X$ .
- (9)  $g^*$  - continuous [8] if the inverse image of a closed set in  $Y$  is  $g^*$  - closed set in  $X$ .
- (10)  $gs$  - continuous [2] if the inverse image of a closed set in  $Y$  is  $gs$  - closed set in  $X$ .

### 3. $\beta g^*$ - closed sets

**Definition 3.1.** A subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is called  $\beta g^*$ - closed set if  $\beta cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$ ,  $U$  is  $g^*$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** Every closed set is  $\beta g^*$  - closed.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be any closed set in  $X$ . Let  $U$  be a  $g^*$  - open set such that  $A \subseteq U$ . Since  $A$  is closed. We have  $cl(A) = A \subseteq U$ . But,  $\beta cl(A) \subseteq cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $\beta cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is a  $\beta g^*$  - closed set in  $X$ .

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

**Example 3.3.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $\tau^c = \{\phi, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ .  $\beta g^*$  - closed set =  $\{\phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . Let  $A = \{a, c\}$ . Then the subset  $A$  is  $\beta g^*$  - closed but not a closed set.

**Theorem 3.4.** *Every pre - closed set is  $\beta g^*$  - closed.*

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be any pre - closed set in  $X$ . Let  $U$  be a  $g^*$  - open set such that  $A \subseteq U$ . Since  $A$  is pre-closed. We have  $pcl(A) = A \subseteq U$ . But,  $\beta cl(A) \subseteq pcl(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $\beta cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is a  $\beta g^*$  - closed set in  $X$ .

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

**Example 3.5.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{b\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and pre - closed set =  $\{\phi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ .  $\beta g^*$  - closed set =  $\{\phi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . Let  $A = \{a, b\}$ . Then the subset  $A$  is  $\beta g^*$  - closed but not a pre - closed set.

**Theorem 3.6.** *Every semi - closed set is  $\beta g^*$  - closed.*

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be any semi - closed set in  $X$ . Let  $U$  be a  $g^*$  - open set such that  $A \subseteq U$ . Since  $A$  is semi - closed. We have  $scl(A) = A \subseteq U$ . But,  $\beta cl(A) \subseteq scl(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $\beta cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is a  $\beta g^*$  - closed set in  $X$ .

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

**Example 3.7.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$  and semi - closed set =  $\{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ .  $\beta g^*$  - closed set =  $\{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . Let  $A = \{b, c\}$ . Then the subset  $A$  is  $\beta g^*$  - closed but not a semi - closed set.

**Theorem 3.8.** *Every  $\alpha$  - closed set is  $\beta g^*$  - closed.*

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be any  $\alpha$  - closed set in  $X$ . Let  $U$  be a  $g^*$  - open set such that  $A \subseteq U$ . Since  $A$  is  $\alpha$  - closed. We have  $\alpha cl(A) = A \subseteq U$ . But,  $\beta cl(A) \subseteq \alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $\beta cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is a  $\beta g^*$  - closed set in  $X$ .

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

**Example 3.9.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$  and  $\alpha$  - closed set =  $\{\phi, \{b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ .  $\beta g^*$  - closed set =  $\{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . Let  $A = \{a, b\}$ . Then the subset  $A$  is  $\beta g^*$  - closed but not an  $\alpha$  - closed set.

**Theorem 3.10.** *Every  $\beta$  - closed set is a  $\beta g^*$  - closed.*

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be any  $\beta$  - closed set in  $X$ . Let  $U$  be a  $g^*$  - open set such that  $A \subseteq U$ . Since  $A$  is  $\beta$ -closed. We have  $\beta cl(A) = A \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $\beta cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is a  $\beta g^*$  - closed set in  $X$ .

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

**Example 3.11.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $\beta$  - closed set =  $\{\phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ .  $\beta g^*$  - closed set =  $\{\phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . Let  $A = \{a, c\}$ . Then the subset  $A$  is  $\beta g^*$  - closed but not a  $\beta$ -closed set.

**Theorem 3.12.** *Every  $r$  - closed set is  $\beta g^*$  - closed.*

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be  $r$  - closed set in  $X$ . Let  $U$  be a  $g^*$  - open set such that  $A \subseteq U$ . Since  $A$  is  $r$ -closed. We have  $rcl(A) = A \subseteq U$ . But,  $\beta cl(A) \subseteq rcl(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $\beta cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is a  $\beta g^*$  - closed set in  $X$ .

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

**Example 3.13.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$  and  $r$  - closed set  $= \{\phi, \{b, c\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ .  $\beta g^*$  - closed set  $= \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . Let  $A = \{b\}$ . Then the subset  $A$  is  $\beta g^*$  - closed but not a  $r$  - closed set.

**Theorem 3.14.** Every  $\pi$  - closed set is  $\beta g^*$  - closed.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be  $\pi$  - closed set in  $X$ . Let  $U$  be a  $g^*$  - open set such that  $A \subseteq U$ . Since  $A$  is  $\pi$  - closed. We have  $\pi cl(A) = A \subseteq U$ . But,  $\beta cl(A) \subseteq \pi cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $\beta cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is a  $\beta g^*$  - closed set in  $X$ .

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

**Example 3.15.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\pi$  - closed set  $= \{\phi, X\}$ .  $\beta g^*$  - closed set  $= \{\phi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . Let  $A = \{a\}$ . Then the subset  $A$  is  $\beta g^*$ -closed but not a  $\pi$  - closed set.

**Theorem 3.16.** Every  $g$  - closed set is  $\beta g^*$  - closed.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be  $g$  - closed set in  $X$ . Let  $U$  be a  $g^*$  - open set such that  $A \subseteq U$ . Since  $A$  is  $g$ -closed. We have  $cl(A) \subseteq U$ . But,  $\beta cl(A) \subseteq cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $\beta cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is a  $\beta g^*$  - closed set in  $X$ .

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

**Example 3.17.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $g$  - closed set  $= \{\phi, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ .  $\beta g^*$ -closed set  $= \{\phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . Let  $A = \{b\}$ . Then the subset  $A$  is  $\beta g^*$ -closed but not a  $g$ -closed set.

**Theorem 3.18.** Every  $g^*$  - closed set is  $\beta g^*$  - closed.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be  $g^*$ -closed set in  $X$ . Let  $U$  be a  $g^*$  - open set such that  $A \subseteq U$ . Since  $A$  is  $g^*$  - closed. We have  $cl(A) \subseteq U$ . But,  $\beta cl(A) \subseteq cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $\beta cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is a  $\beta g^*$  - closed set in  $X$ .

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

**Example 3.19.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $g^*$  - closed set  $= \{\phi, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ .  $\beta g^*$ -closed set  $= \{\phi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . Let  $A = \{a\}$ . Then the subset  $A$  is  $\beta g^*$ -closed but not a  $g^*$  - closed set.

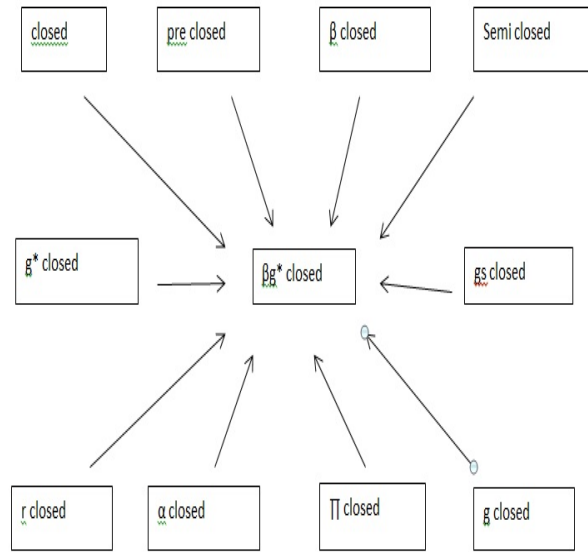
**Theorem 3.20.** Every  $gs$  - closed set is  $\beta g^*$  - closed.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be  $gs$ -closed set in  $X$ . Let  $U$  be a  $g^*$  - open set such that  $A \subseteq U$ . Since  $A$  is  $gs$  - closed. We have  $scl(A) \subseteq U$ . But,  $\beta cl(A) \subseteq scl(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $\beta cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is a  $\beta g^*$  - closed set in  $X$ .

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

**Example 3.21.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $gs$  - closed set  $= \{\phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ .  $\beta g^*$  - closed set  $= \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . Let  $A = \{b\}$ . Then the subset  $A$  is  $\beta g^*$ -closed but not a  $gs$  - closed set.

**Remark 3.22.** The following diagram shows that the relations ship between  $\beta g^*$  - closed sets and known existing sets. None of the implication is reversible.



**Theorem 3.23.** If  $A$  is an  $\beta g^*$  - closed subset of  $X$  such that  $A \subset B \subset \beta cl(A)$ , then  $B$  is also  $\beta g^*$  - closed set in  $X$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be an  $\beta g^*$ -closed set of  $X$  such that  $\beta cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $g^*$  - open in  $X$ . To prove :  $B$  is  $\beta g^*$  - closed. Let  $B \subseteq U$ . now  $\beta cl(B) \subseteq \beta cl(A) \subseteq U$  implise  $\beta cl(B) \subseteq U$  whenever  $B \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $g^*$  - open implise  $B$  is  $\beta g^*$  - closed

**Definition 3.24.** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called  $\beta g^*$  - open set if and only if  $A^c$  is  $\beta g^*$  - closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.25.** For a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , the following hold.

- (1) Every open set is  $\beta g^*$ -open.
- (2) Every pre - open set is  $\beta g^*$  - open.
- (3) Every semi - open set is  $\beta g^*$  - open.
- (4) Every  $g$  - open set is  $\beta g^*$  - open.
- (5) Every  $g^*$  - open set is  $\beta g^*$  - open.
- (6) Every  $g_s$  - open set is  $\beta g^*$  - open.

**Proof:** Obvious.

**Theorem 3.26.** If  $\beta int(A) \subseteq B \subseteq A$  and if  $A$  is  $\beta g^*$  - open in  $X$ , then  $B$  is  $\beta g^*$  - open in  $X$ .

**Proof:**  $B \subseteq A$  implies  $X - A \subseteq X - B$ ,  $\beta int(A) \subseteq B$  implies  $X - B \subseteq X - \beta int(A)$ . That is  $X - A \subseteq X - B \subseteq X - \beta int(A) = \beta cl(X - A)$ . Since  $X - A$  is  $\beta g^*$  - closed, by Theorem(3.23)  $X - B$  is  $\beta g^*$  - closed which implies  $B$  is  $\beta g^*$  - open.

#### 4. $\beta g^*$ - continuous functions

**Definition 4.1.** : A function  $f:(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be  $\beta g^*$ -continuous, if every  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\beta g^*$  - closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** A function  $f:(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following hold

- (1) Every continuous function is  $\beta g^*$  - continuous.
- (2) Every pre - continuous function is  $\beta g^*$  - continuous.
- (3) Every semi - continuous function is  $\beta g^*$  - continuous.
- (4) Every  $\alpha$  - continuous function is  $\beta g^*$  - continuous.
- (5) Every  $\beta$  - continuous function  $\beta g^*$  - continuous.
- (6) Every  $r$  - continuous function is  $\beta g^*$  - continuous.
- (7) Every  $\pi$  - continuous function is  $\beta g^*$  - continuous.
- (8) Every  $g$  - continuous function is  $\beta g^*$  - continuous.
- (9) Every  $g^*$  - continuous function is  $\beta g^*$  - continuous.
- (10) Every  $g_s$  - continuous function is  $\beta g^*$  - continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $V$  be a closed set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is continuous, then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is closed in  $X$ . Since every closed set is  $\beta g^*$  - closed, then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\beta g^*$  - closed in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is  $\beta g^*$  - continuous.

*Proof of (2) to (10) is obvious.*

**Example 4.3.** Let  $X=Y=\{a,b,c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ .  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, Y\}$ .  $\sigma^c = \{\phi, \{b, c\}, \{a\}, Y\}$  and closed set  $= \{\phi, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . Then  $\beta g^*$  - closed set  $= \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . Let  $f:(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  define a map  $f(a)=a$ ,  $f(b)=b$ ,  $f(c)=c$ , then  $f^{-1}(b,c)=\{b, c\}$ ,  $f^{-1}(a)=\{a\}$ , which is in  $\beta g^*$  - closed set in  $X$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $\beta g^*$  - continuous function.

**Example 4.4.** Let  $X=Y=\{a,b,c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ .  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{b\}, \{b, c\}, Y\}$ .  $\sigma^c = \{\phi, \{a, c\}, \{a\}, Y\}$  and pre-closed set  $= \{\phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . Then  $\beta g^*$  - closed set  $= \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . Let  $f:(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  define a map  $f(a)=c$ ,  $f(b)=b$ ,  $f(c)=a$ , then  $f^{-1}(a,c)=\{b, c\}$ ,  $f^{-1}(a)=\{c\}$ , which is in  $\beta g^*$  - closed set in  $X$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $\beta g^*$  - continuous function.

**Example 4.5.** Let  $X=Y=\{a,b,c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ .  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{b\}, Y\}$ .  $\sigma^c = \{\phi, \{a, c\}, Y\}$  and semi - closed and  $\beta$  - closed set  $= \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . Then  $\beta g^*$  - closed set  $= \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . Let  $f:(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  define a map  $f(a)=b$ ,  $f(b)=a$ ,  $f(c)=c$ , then  $f^{-1}(a,c)=\{b, c\}$ , which is in  $\beta g^*$  - closed set in  $X$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $\beta g^*$  - continuous function.

**Example 4.6.** Let  $X=Y=\{a,b,c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ .  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{a, c\}, Y\}$ .  $\sigma^c = \{\phi, \{b, c\}, \{b\}, Y\}$  and  $\alpha$  - closed set  $= \{\phi, \{b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . Then  $\beta g^*$  - closed set  $= \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . Let  $f:(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  define a map  $f(a)=a$ ,  $f(b)=c$ ,  $f(c)=b$ , then  $f^{-1}(b,c)=\{b, c\}$ ,  $f^{-1}(b)=\{c\}$ , which is in  $\beta g^*$  - closed set in  $X$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $\beta g^*$  - continuous function.

**Example 4.7.** Let  $X=Y=\{a,b,c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ .  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{a, c\}, Y\}$ .  $\sigma^c = \{\phi, \{b, c\}, \{b\}, Y\}$  and  $\pi$  - closed and  $r$  - closed set  $= \{\phi, X\}$ . Then  $\beta g^*$  - closed set  $= \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . Let  $f:(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  define

a map  $f(a)=a, f(b)=c, f(c)=b$ , then  $f^{-1}(b,c)=\{b,c\}, f^{-1}(b)=\{c\}$ , which is in  $\beta g^*$  - closed set in  $X$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $\beta g^*$  - continuous function.

**Example 4.8.** Let  $X=Y=\{a,b,c\}, \tau = \{\phi, \{b\}, \{b,c\}, X\}. \sigma = \{\phi, \{a,c\}, Y\}. \sigma^c = \{\phi, \{b\}, Y\}$  and  $g$  - closed and  $g^*$  - closed set =  $\{\phi, \{a\}, \{a,b\}, \{a,c\}, X\}$ . Then  $\beta g^*$  - closed set =  $\{\phi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a,b\}, \{a,c\}, X\}$ . Let  $f:(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  define a map  $f(a)=a, f(b)=c, f(c)=b$ , then  $f^{-1}(b)=\{c\}$ , which is in  $\beta g^*$  - closed set in  $X$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $\beta g^*$  - continuous function.

## 5. $\beta g^*$ - irresolute functions

**Definition 5.1.** : A function  $f:(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be  $\beta g^*$ -irresolute, if every  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\beta g^*$  - closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every  $V$  in  $\beta g^*$  - closed  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Theorem 5.2.** Every  $\beta g^*$  - irresolute function is  $\beta g^*$  - continuous.

**proof:** Let  $v$  be a  $\beta g^*$  - closed set in  $Y$ . Since every closed set is  $\beta g^*$  - closed, then

$f^{-1}(v)$  is  $\beta g^*$  - closed in  $X$ . Hence  $f$  is  $\beta g^*$ -irresolute.

**Example 5.3.** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{\phi, \{b\}, \{b, c\}, X\}, \beta g^*$  - closed set =  $\{\phi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}. \sigma = \{\phi, \{a, c\}, Y\}, \beta g^*$  - closed set =  $\{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f:(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  define a function  $f(a)=a, f(b)=c, f(c)=b$ , then  $f^{-1}(b, c) = \{b, c\}$ , which is in  $\beta g^*$  - closed set in  $X$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $\beta g^*$  - irresolute function.

**Remark 5.4.** The composition of two  $\beta g^*$  - continuous function need not be a  $\beta g^*$  - continuous function. It can be seen from the following example.

**Example 5.5.** Let  $X = Y = Z = \{a, b, c\}$  with

$\tau = \{\phi, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}, \beta g^*$  - closed set =  $\{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ .

$\sigma = \{\phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}, \beta g^*$  - closed set =  $\{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ .

$\eta = \{\phi, \{b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}, \beta g^*$  - closed set =  $\{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ .

Define  $f:(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a)=a, f(b)=c, f(c)=b$ .

Define  $g:(Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  by  $g(a)=a, g(b)=c, g(c)=b$ .

Here  $\{a, c\}$  is a closed set in  $(Z, \eta)$ . But  $(g \circ f)^{-1}\{a, c\} = \{a, c\}$  is not  $\beta g^*$  - closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore  $g \circ f$  is not  $\beta g^*$  - continuous function.

**Theorem 5.6.** If  $f:(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $\beta g^*$  - irresolute and  $g:(Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is  $\beta g^*$  - continuous then  $g \circ f$  is  $\beta g^*$  - continuous.

**proof:** Let  $V$  be closed set in  $Z$ . since  $g$  is  $\beta g^*$  - continuous then  $g^{-1}(V)$  is  $\beta g^*$  - closed in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $\beta g^*$  - irresolute then  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is  $\beta g^*$  - closed in  $X$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is  $\beta g^*$  - continuous.

**Theorem 5.7.** If  $f:(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $\beta g^*$  - irresolute and  $g:(Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is  $\beta g^*$  - irresolute then  $g \circ f$  is  $\beta g^*$  - irresolute.

**proof:** Let  $V$  be  $\beta g^*$  - closed set in  $Z$ . since  $g$  is  $\beta g^*$  - irresolute then  $g^{-1}(V)$  is  $\beta g^*$  - closed in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $\beta g^*$  - irresolute then  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(V))$  is  $\beta g^*$  - closed in  $X$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is  $\beta g^*$  - irresolute.

## 6. CONCLUSION

In this paper we have defined  $\beta g^*$  - closed sets in topological spaces and studied its properties by comparing it with some of the existing closed sets and also we investigated  $\beta g^*$  - continuous functions and  $\beta g^*$  - irresolute functions. From the comparison we see that  $\beta g^*$  - closed sets is weaker than the other existing sets.

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