

# ON SG- $\alpha$ -LOCALLY CLOSED SETS IN TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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**Abstract:** The aim of this paper is to introduce and study the classes of sg- $\alpha$ -locally closed sets, sg- $\alpha$ -lc\* sets and sg- $\alpha$ -lc\*\* sets which are weaker forms of the class of locally closed sets. Furthermore the relations with other notions connected with the forms of locally closed sets are investigated.  
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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The first step of locally closedness done by Bourbaki [1]. He defined a set  $A$  to be locally closed if it is the intersection of an open set and a closed set. In literature many general topologists introduced the studies of locally closed sets. Stone [9] used the term FG for a locally closed set. Ganster and Reilly used locally closed sets in [2] to define LC-continuity and LC-irresoluteness. The aim of this paper is to introduce three forms of locally closed sets called sg- $\alpha$ -locally closed sets, sg- $\alpha$ -lc\* sets and sg- $\alpha$ -lc\*\* sets. Properties of these new concepts are also studied.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  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. If  $A \subseteq B \subseteq X$ , then  $\text{cl}_B(A)$  and  $\text{int}_B(A)$  denote the closure of  $A$  relative to  $B$  and an interior of  $A$  relative to  $B$ .

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

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

- (i). a semi-open set [3] if  $A \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$  and
- (ii). an  $\alpha$ -open set [5] if  $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(A)))$ .

The complement of  $\alpha$ -closed set is called  $\alpha$ -open. The  $\alpha$ -closure [4] of a subset  $A$  of  $X$ , denoted by  $\alpha\text{cl}_X(A)$  (briefly  $\alpha\text{cl}(A)$ ) is defined to be the intersection of all  $\alpha$ -closed sets containing  $A$ .

**Definition 2.2:** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a semi-generalized  $\alpha$ -closed (briefly sg- $\alpha$ -closed) set [7] if  $\alpha\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is semi-open in  $(X, \tau)$ . The complement of sg- $\alpha$ -closed sets is called sg- $\alpha$ -open.

**Definition 2.3:** [7] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $E \subseteq X$ . We define the semi generalized- $\alpha$ -closure of  $E$  (briefly  $\alpha^*\text{-cl}(E)$ ) to be the intersection of all sg- $\alpha$ -closed sets containing  $E$ .

**Definition 2.4:** [2] A subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is called locally closed (briefly lc-set) set [14] if  $A = C \cap D$ , where  $C$  is open and  $D$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 2.5:** [7] An arbitrary intersection of sg- $\alpha$ -closed sets is sg- $\alpha$ -closed.

**Lemma 2.6:** [6] If  $A \in \text{SO}(X_0)$ , then  $A = B \cap X_0$  for some  $B \in \text{SO}(X)$ , where  $X$  is a topological space and  $X_0$  is a subspace of  $X$ .

### 3. SG- $\alpha$ -LOCALLY CLOSED SETS

We introduce the following definition

**Definition 3.1:** A subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is called sg- $\alpha$ -locally closed (briefly sg- $\alpha$ -lc) if  $A = C \cap D$ , where  $C$  is sg- $\alpha$ -open and  $D$  is sg- $\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . The class of all sg- $\alpha$ -locally closed sets is denoted by  $\text{SG-}\alpha\text{-LC}(X, \tau)$ .

**Proposition 3.2:** Every sg- $\alpha$ -closed (resp. sg- $\alpha$ -open) set is sg- $\alpha$ -locally closed.

**Proof:** The proof follows from the definitions.

**Remark 3.3:** The converse of this Proposition need not be true in general as seen from the following example.

**Example 3.4:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$ . Then the set  $\{a\}$  is sg- $\alpha$ -lc but not sg- $\alpha$ -closed and the set  $\{b, c\}$  is sg- $\alpha$ -lc but not sg- $\alpha$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proposition 3.5:** Every locally closed set is sg- $\alpha$ -locally closed set.

**Proof:** The proof follows from the definitions.

**Remark 3.6:** The converse of the above Proposition 3.5 need not be true as seen from the following example.

**Example 3.7:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . Then the set  $\{a\}$  is sg- $\alpha$ -lc but not lc set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Definition 3.8:** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called

- (1) sg- $\alpha$ -lc\* if  $A = U \cap F$ , where  $U$  is sg- $\alpha$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$  and  $F$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$ ,
- (2) sg- $\alpha$ -lc\*\* if  $A = U \cap F$ , where  $U$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$  and  $F$  is sg- $\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

The class of all  $sg-\alpha-lc^*$  (resp.  $sg-\alpha-lc^{**}$ ) sets in a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $SG-\alpha-LC^*(X, \tau)$  (resp.  $SG-\alpha-LC^{**}(X, \tau)$ ).

**Theorem 3.9:** For a subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , the following statements are equivalent.

- (i).  $A \in SG-\alpha-LC(X, \tau)$ ,
- (ii).  $A = U \cap \alpha^*-\text{cl}(A)$  for some  $sg-\alpha$ -open set  $U$ ,
- (iii).  $\alpha^*-\text{cl}(A) \setminus A$  is  $\tilde{g}$ -closed,
- (iv).  $A \cup (\alpha^*-\text{cl}(A))^c$  is  $sg-\alpha$ -open,
- (v).  $A \subseteq \alpha^*-\text{int}(A \cup (\alpha^*-\text{cl}(A))^c)$ .

**Proof:** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Let  $A \in SG-\alpha-LC(X, \tau)$ . Then  $A = U \cap F$  where  $U$  is  $sg-\alpha$ -open and  $F$  is  $sg-\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $A \subseteq F$ ,  $\alpha^*-\text{cl}(A) \subseteq F$  and so  $U \cap \alpha^*-\text{cl}(A) \subseteq A$ . Also  $A \subseteq U$  and  $A \subseteq \alpha^*-\text{cl}(A)$  implies  $A \subseteq U \cap \alpha^*-\text{cl}(A)$  and therefore  $A = U \cap \alpha^*-\text{cl}(A)$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii):  $A = U \cap \alpha^*-\text{cl}(A)$  implies  $\alpha^*-\text{cl}(A) \setminus A = \alpha^*-\text{cl}(A) \cap U^c$  which is  $sg-\alpha$ -closed since  $U^c$  is  $sg-\alpha$ -closed.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv):  $A \cup (\alpha^*-\text{cl}(A))^c = (\alpha^*-\text{cl}(A) \setminus A)^c$  and by assumption,  $(\alpha^*-\text{cl}(A) \setminus A)^c$  is  $sg-\alpha$ -open and so is  $A \cup (\alpha^*-\text{cl}(A))^c$ .

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (v): By assumption,  $A \cup (\alpha^*-\text{cl}(A))^c = \alpha^*-\text{int}(A \cup (\alpha^*-\text{cl}(A))^c)$  and hence  $A \subseteq \alpha^*-\text{int}(A \cup (\alpha^*-\text{cl}(A))^c)$ .

(v)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): By assumption and since  $A \subseteq \alpha^*-\text{cl}(A)$ ,  $A = \alpha^*-\text{int}(A \cup (\alpha^*-\text{cl}(A))^c) \cap \alpha^*-\text{cl}(A)$ . Therefore,  $A \in SG-\alpha-LC(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.10:** For a subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$ , the following are equivalent.

- (i).  $A \in SG-\alpha-LC^*(X, \tau)$ ,
- (ii).  $A = U \cap \text{cl}(A)$  for some  $sg-\alpha$ -open set  $U$ ,
- (iii).  $\text{cl}(A) \setminus A$  is  $sg-\alpha$ -closed and
- (iv).  $A \cup (\text{cl}(A))^c$  is  $sg-\alpha$ -open.

**Proof:** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Let  $A \in SG-\alpha-LC^*(X, \tau)$ . There exist a,  $sg-\alpha$ -open set  $U$  and a closed set  $F$  such that  $A = U \cap F$ . Since  $A \subseteq U$  and  $A \subseteq \text{cl}(A)$ ,  $A \subseteq U \cap \text{cl}(A)$ . Also since  $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq F$ ,  $U \cap \text{cl}(A) \subseteq U \cap F = A$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Since  $U$  is  $sg-\alpha$ -open and  $\text{cl}(A)$  is a closed set,  $A = U \cap \text{cl}(A) \in SG-\alpha-LC^*(X, \tau)$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): Since  $\text{cl}(A) \setminus A = \text{cl}(A) \cap U^c$ ,  $\text{cl}(A) \setminus A$  is  $sg-\alpha$ -closed by Corollary 3.22 [7].

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Let  $U = (\text{cl}(A) \setminus A)^c$ . Then by assumption  $U$  is  $sg-\alpha$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$  and  $A = U \cap \text{cl}(A)$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv): Let  $F = \text{cl}(A) \setminus A$ . Then  $F^c = A \cup (\text{cl}(A))^c$  and  $A \cup (\text{cl}(A))^c$  is  $\text{sg-}\alpha$ -open.

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): Let  $U = A \cup (\text{cl}(A))^c$ . Then  $U^c$  is  $\text{sg-}\alpha$ -closed and  $U^c = \text{cl}(A) \setminus A$  and so  $\text{cl}(A) \setminus A$  is  $\text{sg-}\alpha$ -closed.

**Theorem 3.11:** Let  $A$  be a subset of  $(X, \tau)$ . Then  $A \in \text{SG-}\alpha\text{-LC}^{**}(X, \tau)$  if and only if  $A = U \cap \alpha^*\text{-cl}(A)$  for some open set  $U$ .

**Proof: Necessity.** Let  $A \in \text{SG-}\alpha\text{-LC}^{**}(X, \tau)$ . Then  $A = U \cap F$  where  $U$  is open and  $F$  is  $\text{sg-}\alpha$ -closed. Since  $A \subseteq F$ , it follows  $\alpha^*\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq F$ . We obtain  $A = A \cap \alpha^*\text{-cl}(A) = U \cap F \cap \alpha^*\text{-cl}(A) = U \cap \alpha^*\text{-cl}(A)$ .

**Sufficiency:** Obvious.

**Corollary 3.12:** Let  $A$  be a subset of  $(X, \tau)$ . If  $A \in \text{SG-}\alpha\text{-LC}^{**}(X, \tau)$ , then  $\alpha^*\text{-cl}(A) \setminus A$  is  $\text{sg-}\alpha$ -closed and  $A \cup (\alpha^*\text{-cl}(A))^c$  is  $\text{sg-}\alpha$ -open.

**Proof:** Let  $A \in \text{SG-}\alpha\text{-LC}^{**}(X, \tau)$ . Then by Theorem 3.11,  $A = U \cap \alpha^*\text{-cl}(A)$  for some open set  $U$  and  $\alpha^*\text{-cl}(A) \setminus A = \alpha^*\text{-cl}(A) \cap U^c$  is  $\text{sg-}\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . If  $F = \alpha^*\text{-cl}(A) \setminus A$ , then  $F^c = A \cup (\alpha^*\text{-cl}(A))^c$  and  $F$  is  $\text{sg-}\alpha$ -open and so is  $A \cup (\alpha^*\text{-cl}(A))^c$ .

Now we define  $\text{sg-}\alpha\text{-LC}$ -continuous,  $\text{sg-}\alpha\text{-LC}^*$ -continuous and  $\text{sg-}\alpha\text{-LC}^{**}$ -continuous functions which are weaker than  $\text{LC}$ -continuous functions. We also define and study the respective irresolute functions.

**Definition 3.13:** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called  $\text{sg-}\alpha\text{-LC}$ -continuous (resp.  $\text{sg-}\alpha\text{-LC}^*$ -continuous,  $\text{sg-}\alpha\text{-LC}^{**}$ -continuous) if  $f^{-1}(V) \in \text{SG-}\alpha\text{-LC}(X, \tau)$  (resp.  $f^{-1}(V) \in \text{SG-}\alpha\text{-LC}^*(X, \tau)$ ,  $f^{-1}(V) \in \text{SG-}\alpha\text{-LC}^{**}(X, \tau)$ ) for every closed set  $V$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Definition 3.14:** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called  $\text{sg-}\alpha\text{-LC}$ -irresolute (resp.  $\text{sg-}\alpha\text{-LC}^*$ -irresolute,  $\text{sg-}\alpha\text{-LC}^{**}$ -irresolute) if  $f^{-1}(V) \in \text{SG-}\alpha\text{-LC}(X, \tau)$  (resp.  $f^{-1}(V) \in \text{SG-}\alpha\text{-LC}^*(X, \tau)$ ,  $f^{-1}(V) \in \text{SG-}\alpha\text{-LC}^{**}(X, \tau)$ ) for every  $V \in \text{SG-}\alpha\text{-LC}(Y, \sigma)$  (resp.  $V \in \text{SG-}\alpha\text{-LC}^*(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $V \in \text{SG-}\alpha\text{-LC}^{**}(Y, \sigma)$ ).

**Proposition 3.15:** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a function. Then we have the following:

- (i). If  $f$  is  $\text{sg-}\alpha$ -irresolute, then it is  $\text{sg-}\alpha\text{-LC}$ -irresolute.
- (ii). If  $f$  is  $\text{LC}$ -continuous, then it is  $\text{sg-}\alpha\text{-LC}$ -continuous,  $\text{sg-}\alpha\text{-LC}^*$ -continuous and  $\text{sg-}\alpha\text{-LC}^{**}$ -continuous.
- (iii). If  $f$  is  $\text{sg-}\alpha\text{-LC}^*$ -continuous or  $\text{sg-}\alpha\text{-LC}^{**}$ -continuous, then it is  $\text{sg-}\alpha\text{-LC}$ -continuous.

**Proof:** (i). Let  $V \in \text{SG-}\alpha\text{-LC}(Y, \sigma)$ . Then  $V = U \cap F$  for some  $\text{sg-}\alpha$ -open set  $U$  and for some  $\text{sg-}\alpha$ -closed set  $F$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . We have  $f^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(U) \cap f^{-1}(F) \in \text{SG-}\alpha\text{-LC}(X, \tau)$ , since  $f$  is  $\text{sg-}\alpha$ -irresolute.

(ii). Follows from the fact that every locally closed set is  $sg-\alpha$ -locally closed set,  $sg-\alpha-lc^*$  set and  $sg-\alpha-lc^{**}$  set.

(iii). Since every  $sg-\alpha-lc^*$  set is  $sg-\alpha$ -locally closed and every  $sg-\alpha-lc^{**}$  set is  $sg-\alpha$ -locally closed, the proof follows.

(iv). Follows from the fact that every open set is  $sg-\alpha$ -locally closed set,  $sg-\alpha-lc^*$  set and  $sg-\alpha-lc^{**}$  set.

**Remark 3.16:** The converses of Proposition 3.15 need not be true in general as seen from the following examples.

**Example 3.17:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, Y\}$ . Define a map  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = b$ ,  $f(b) = c$  and  $f(c) = a$ . Then  $f$  is  $sg-\alpha$ -LC-irresolute. However,  $f$  is not  $sg-\alpha$ -irresolute, since for the  $sg-\alpha$ -closed set  $U = \{b, c\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}(U) = \{a, b\}$  which is not  $sg-\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Also the map  $f$  is  $sg-\alpha$ -LC-continuous. However,  $f$  is not  $sg-\alpha$ -irresolute, since for the  $sg-\alpha$ -closed set  $U = \{b, c\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}(U) = \{a, b\}$  which is not  $sg-\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Example 3.18:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a, c\}, Y\}$ . Then the identity map  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $sg-\alpha$ -LC-continuous. However,  $f$  is not  $sg-\alpha$ -LC $^*$ -continuous, since for the open set  $U = \{a, c\}$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}(U) = \{a, c\}$ , which is not  $sg-\alpha-lc^*$ -set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proposition 3.19:** Any map defined on a door space is  $sg-\alpha$ -LC-continuous (resp.  $sg-\alpha$ -LC-irresolute).

**Proof:** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a function, where  $(X, \tau)$  be a door space and  $(Y, \sigma)$  be any space. Let  $A \in \sigma$  (resp.  $A \in SG-\alpha-LC(Y, \sigma)$ ). Then by the assumption on  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $f^{-1}(A)$  is either open or closed. In both cases,  $f^{-1}(A) \in SG-\alpha-LC(X, \tau)$  and therefore  $f$  is  $sg-\alpha$ -LC-continuous (resp.  $sg-\alpha$ -LC-irresolute).

**Proposition 3.20:** If  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a  $sg-\alpha-LC^{**}$ -continuous (resp.  $sg-\alpha-LC^{**}$ -irresolute) and a subset  $B$  is  $sg-\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ , then the restriction,  $f_B: (B, \tau_B) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $sg-\alpha-LC^{**}$ -continuous (resp.  $sg-\alpha-LC^{**}$ -irresolute).

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be an open (resp.  $sg-\alpha-lc^{**}$ ) set of  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Then  $f^{-1}(G) = U \cap F$  for some open set  $U$  and  $sg-\alpha$ -closed set  $F$  of  $(X, \tau)$ . Then  $f_B^{-1}(G) = (U \cap B) \cap (F \cap B) \in sg-\alpha-LC^{**}(B, \tau_B)$ , by Theorem 2.5 and Lemma 2.6. Hence  $f_B$  is  $sg-\alpha-LC^{**}$ -continuous (resp.  $sg-\alpha-LC^{**}$ -irresolute).

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