

## **$(Sp)^*$ Closed Sets in Topological Spaces**

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### **Abstract:**

In this paper we introduce a new class of sets namely,  $(sp)^*$ -closed sets and properties of this set are investigated. We introduce  $(sp)^*$ -continuous maps and  $(sp)^*$ -irresolute maps.

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### **1. INTRODUCTION:**

Levine [10], Mashhour et. al. [14], Njastad [16] and Abd El-Monsef et. al. [1] introduced semi-open sets, preopen sets,  $\alpha$ -sets and semi-pre-open sets respectively. Levine [9] introduced generalized closed (briefly g-closed) sets in 1970. Maki et. al.[12] and Bhattacharya and Lahiri [5] introduced and studied  $g\alpha$ -closed sets and sg-closed sets respectively. Maki et. al. [11] introduced  $\alpha g$ -closed sets. S.P.Arya and T.Nour [3] defined gs-closed sets in 1994. Dontchev [7] introduced gsp-closed sets by generalizing semi-pre-open sets. In this paper we introduce a new class of sets namely  $(sp)^*$ -closed sets. Further we introduce  $(sp)^*$ -continuous maps and  $(sp)^*$ -irresolute maps.

### **2. PRELIMINARIES:**

Throughout this paper  $(X, \tau)$  represents a non-empty topological space on which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise mentioned. For a subset A of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $cl(A)$  and  $int(A)$  and  $\alpha Cl(A)$  denote the closure, interior and  $\alpha$  closure of the subset A.

**Definition:2.1**

A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be a

1. pre-closed[14] if  $\text{cl}(\text{int}(A)) \subseteq A$ .
2. semi-closed[10] if  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(A)) \subseteq A$ .
3. semi-pre-closed[1] if  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{Int}(A))) \subseteq A$ .
4.  $\alpha$ -closed[16] if  $\text{cl}(\text{Int}(\text{cl}(A))) \subseteq A$ .
5.  $g$ -closed[9] if  $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$ .
6.  $gsp$ -closed[7] if  $\text{spcl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open.
7.  $\alpha g$ -closed[11] if  $\alpha \text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$ .
8.  $g\alpha$ -closed[12] if  $\alpha \text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $\alpha$ -open in  $X$ .
9.  $sg$ -closed[5] if  $\text{scl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is semi-open in  $X$ .
10.  $gp$ -closed[13] if  $\text{pcl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$ .
11.  $\alpha^*$ -closed[18] if  $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $\alpha$ -open in  $X$ .
12.  $gs$ -closed[3] if  $\text{scl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$ .
13.  $\omega g$ -closed[15] if  $\text{cl}(\text{int}(A)) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$ .
14.  $\overset{\wedge}{g}$ -closed[17] if  $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is semi-open in  $X$ .

**Definition:2.2**

A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called a

1.  $\alpha$ -continuous[16] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
2.  $g$ -continuous[4] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $g$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
3.  $sg$ -continuous[5] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $sg$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

4. gs-continuous[6] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is gs-closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
5.  $\alpha g$ -continuous[8] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\alpha g$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
6.  $g\alpha$ -continuous[12] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $g\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
7. gsp-continuous[7] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is gsp-closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
8. gp-continuous[2] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is gp-closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
9.  $\omega g$ -continuous[15] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\omega g$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
10.  $\alpha^*$ -continuous[18] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\alpha^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
11.  $\hat{g}$ -continuous[17] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\hat{g}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

### **3. Basic Properties of $(sp)^*$ -Closed Sets:**

We introduce the following definition.

**Definition 3.01:** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $(sp)^*$ -closed if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is semi-pre-open in  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.02:** Every closed set is  $(sp)^*$ -closed.

Proof follows from the definition.

**Theorem 3.03:** Every  $(sp)^*$ -closed set is gsp-closed.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be  $(sp)^*$ -closed. Let  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  be open. Then  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is semi-pre-open and  $cl(A) \subseteq U$ , since  $A$  is  $(sp)^*$ -closed. Then  $spl(A) \subseteq cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $A$  is gsp-closed.

The converse of the above theorem is not true as seen in the following example.

**Example 3.04:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$   $A = \{a, b\}$  is gsp-closed but not  $(sp)^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$

**Theorem 3.05:** Every  $(sp)^*$ -closed set is g-closed.

Proof follows from the definition.

The converse of the above theorem is not true as seen in the following example.

**Example 3.06:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ .  $A=\{a,c\}$  is g-closed but not  $(sp)^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$

**Theorem 3.07:** Every  $(sp)^*$ -closed set is gs-closed.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be  $(sp)^*$ -closed. Let  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  be open. Then  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is semi-pre-open and  $cl(A) \subseteq U$ , since  $A$  is  $(sp)^*$ -closed. Then  $scl(A) \subseteq cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is  $(sp)^*$ -closed.

The converse of the above theorem is not true in general as it can be seen from the following example.

**Example 3.08:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ .  $A=\{c\}$  is gs-closed but not a  $(sp)^*$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$

**Theorem 3.09:** Every  $(sp)^*$ -closed set is gp-closed.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be  $(sp)^*$ -closed. Let  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  be open. Then  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is semi-pre-open and  $cl(A) \subseteq U$ , since  $A$  is  $(sp)^*$ -closed. Then  $pcl(A) \subseteq cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is gp-closed.

The converse of the above Theorem is not true always as seen in the following example.

**Example 3.10:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ .  $A=\{a,c\}$  is gp-closed but not  $(sp)^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  .

**Theorem 3.11:** Every  $(sp)^*$ -closed set is sg-closed.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be  $(sp)^*$ -closed. Let  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  be semi-pre-open. Then  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is semi-pre-open and  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  since  $A$  is  $(sp)^*$ -closed. Then  $scl(A) \subseteq cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is sg-closed.

The converse of the above theorem is not true in general as it can be seen from the following example.

**Example 3.12:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, X\}$ ,  $A=\{c\}$  is sg-closed but not  $(sp)^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$

**Theorem 3.13:** Every  $(sp)^*$ -closed set is  $\hat{g}$ -closed.

Proof follows from the definition.

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

**Example 3.14:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}$   $\tau = \{\phi, \{b, c\}, X\}$ .  $A=\{a,c\}$  is  $\hat{g}$ -closed but not  $(sp)^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$

**Theorem 3.15:** Every  $(sp)^*$ -closed set is  $\alpha g$ -closed.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be  $(sp)^*$ -closed. Let  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  be open. Then  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is semi-pre-open and  $cl(A) \subseteq U$ , since  $A$  is  $(sp)^*$ -closed. Then  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is  $\alpha g$ -closed.

The following example supports that the converse of the above theorem is not true.

**Example 3.16:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ .  $A=\{b\}$  is  $\alpha g$ -closed but not  $(sp)^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.17:** Every  $(sp)^*$ -closed set is  $g\alpha$ -closed.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be  $(sp)^*$ -closed. Let  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  be  $\alpha$ -open. Then  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is semi-pre-open and  $cl(A) \subseteq U$ , since  $A$  is  $(sp)^*$ -closed. Then  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is  $g\alpha$ -closed.

The converse of the above theorem is not true always as seen in the following example.

**Example 3.18:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ .  $A=\{c\}$  is  $g\alpha$ -closed but not  $(sp)^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$

**Theorem 3.19:** Every  $(sp)^*$ -closed set is  $\omega g$ -closed.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be  $(sp)^*$ -closed. Let  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  be open. Then  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is semi-pre-open and  $cl(A) \subseteq U$ , since  $A$  is  $(sp)^*$ -closed. Then  $cl(int(A)) \subseteq cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is  $\omega g$ -closed.

The converse of the above theorem is not true always as seen in the following example.

**Example 3.20:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ .  $A=\{b\}$  is  $\omega g$ -closed but not  $(sp)^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.21:** Every  $(sp)^*$ -closed set is  $\alpha^*$ -closed.

Proof follows from the definition.

The converse of the above theorem is not true as seen in the following example.

**Example 3.22:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ .  $A=\{c\}$  is  $\alpha^*$ -closed but not  $(sp)^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.23:** If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $(sp)^*$ -closed, then  $A \cup B$  is also  $(sp)^*$ -closed.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  and  $B$  are  $(sp)^*$ -closed sets. Let  $A \cup B$  where  $U$  is semi-pre-open.  
 $cl(A \cup B) = cl(A) \cup cl(B) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A \cup B$  is  $(sp)^*$ -closed.

**Theorem 3.24:** If  $A$  is  $(sp)^*$ -closed set  $\exists A \subseteq B \subseteq cl(A)$  then,  $B$  is also a  $(sp)^*$ -closed set.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be  $(sp)^*$ -closed set and  $A \subseteq B \subseteq cl(A)$ . Let  $B \subseteq U$  where  $U$  is semi-pre-open.

$B \subseteq cl(A)$ ,  $cl(B) \subseteq cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $B$  is  $(sp)^*$ -closed.

**Theorem 3.25:**  $A$  is a  $(sp)^*$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$  if and only if  $cl(A) \setminus A$  does not contain any non-empty semi-pre-closed set.

**Proof: Necessity:** Let  $F$  be a semi-pre-closed set of  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $F \subseteq cl(A) \setminus A$ . Then  $A \subseteq X \setminus F$ .  
 $A$  is  $(sp)$ -closed and  $X \setminus F$  is semi-pre-open,  $cl(A) \subseteq X \setminus F$ . Since  $F \subseteq X \setminus cl(A)$ .

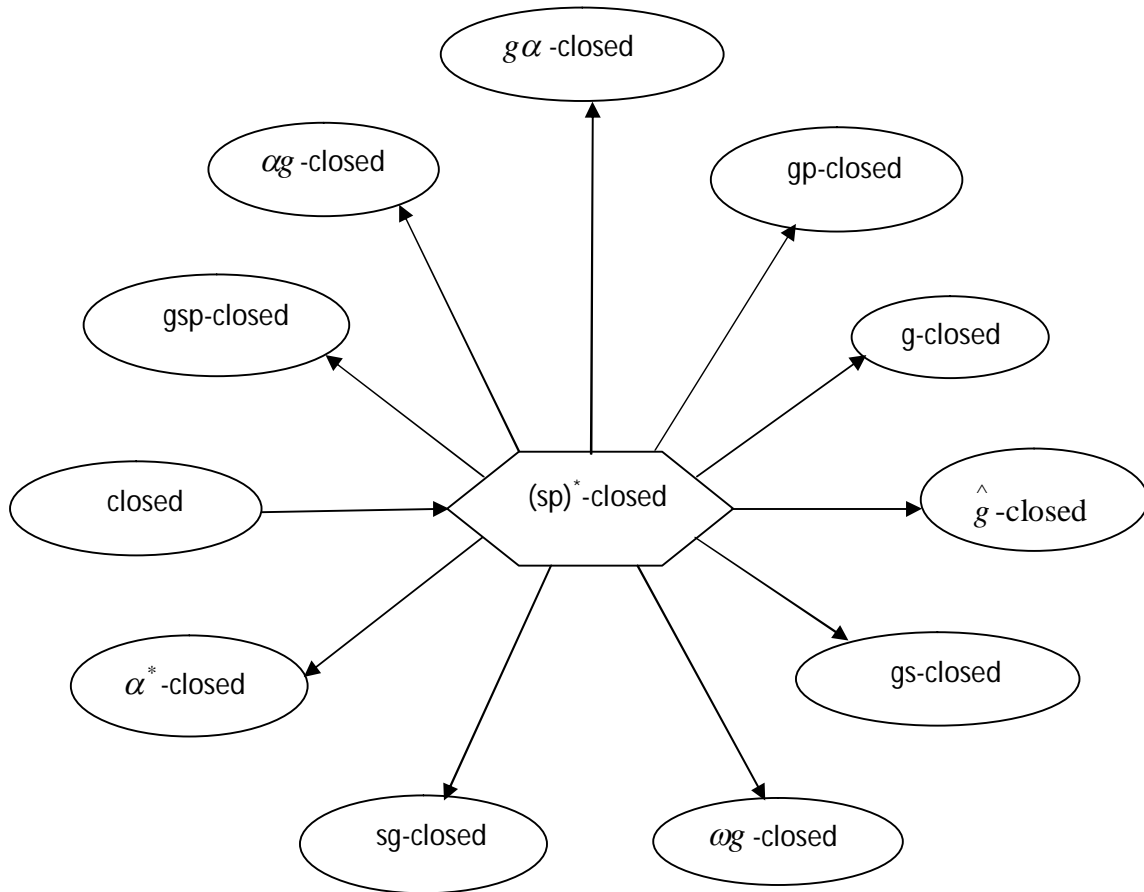
So,  $F \subseteq ((X \setminus cl(A)) \cap ((cl(A) \setminus A)) = \phi$ , Therefore  $F = \phi$ .

**Sufficiency:** Let  $A$  be a subset of  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $cl(A) \setminus A$  does not contain any non-empty semi-pre-closed set. Let  $U$  be a semi-pre-open set of  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $A \subseteq U$ . If  $cl(A) \not\subseteq U$ , then  $cl(A) \cap U^c \neq \phi$  and  $cl(A) \cap U^c$  is semi-pre-closed. Therefore  $\phi \neq cl(A) \cap U^c \subseteq cl(A) \setminus A$ . Therefore  $cl(A) \setminus A$  contains a non-empty semi-pre-closed set, which is a contradiction. Therefore  $cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $A$  is a  $(sp)^*$ -closed set.

**Theorem 3.26:** If  $A$  is both semi-pre-open and  $(sp)^*$ -closed, then  $A$  is closed.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be both semi-pre-open and  $(sp)^*$ -closed. Let  $A \subseteq A$ , where  $A$  is semi-pre-open. Then  $cl(A) \subseteq A$ , since  $A$  is  $(sp)^*$ -closed. Therefore  $A$  is closed.

The above results can be represented as the following diagram.



where  $A \rightarrow B$  represents  $A$  implies  $B$ , but not  $B$  implies  $A$ .

#### 4.(sp)\*-continuous And (sp)\*-irresolute Maps

We introduce the following definition.

**Definition 4.01:** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called  $(sp)^*$ -continuous if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a  $(sp)^*$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Theorem 4.02:** Every continuous map is  $(sp)^*$ -continuous.

**Theorem 4.03:** Every  $(sp)^*$ -continuous map is gsp-continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be  $(sp)^*$ -continuous. Let  $V$  be closed set of  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a  $(sp)^*$ -closed, since  $f$  is  $(sp)^*$ -continuous and hence by theorem 3.03, it is gsp-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore  $f$  is gsp-continuous.

The converse of the above theorem is not true as seen in the following example.

**Example 4.04:** Let  $X=Y=\{a,b,c\}$   $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b,c\}\}$   $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{b\}\}$ . Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be defined by an identity mapping.  $f^{-1}\{a,c\}=\{a,c\}$  is gsp-closed but not  $(sp)^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 4.05:** Every  $(sp)^*$ -continuous map is g-continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be  $(sp)^*$ -continuous. Let  $V$  be closed set of  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a  $(sp)^*$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ , since  $f$  is  $(sp)^*$ -continuous and hence by theorem-3.5,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is g-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore  $f$  is g-continuous.

The converse of the above theorem is not true as seen in the following example.

**Example 4.06:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}=Y$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b,c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{c\}, Y\}$ .

Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be defined by an identity mapping.  $f^{-1}\{a,c\}=\{a,c\}$  is g-closed but not  $(sp)^*$ -closed.

**Theorem 4.07:** Every  $(sp)^*$ -continuous map is gs-continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be  $(sp)^*$ -continuous. Let  $V$  be closed set of  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a  $(sp)^*$ -closed set of  $X$ , since  $f$  is  $(sp)^*$ -continuous and hence by theorem-3.7,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is gs-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore  $f$  is gs-continuous.

The converse of the above theorem is not true in general as it can be seen in the following example.

**Example 4.08:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}=Y$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b,c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{b\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f:$

$(X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be defined by an identity mapping.  $f^{-1}\{a,c\}=\{a,c\}$  is gs-closed but not  $(sp)^*$ -closed.



**Theorem 4.09:** Every  $(sp)^*$ -continuous map is gp-continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be  $(sp)^*$ -continuous. Let  $V$  be closed set of  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a  $(sp)^*$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ , since  $f$  is  $(sp)^*$ -continuous and hence by theorem-3.9,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is gp-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore  $f$  is gp-continuous.

The following example supports that the converse of the above theorem is not true.

**Example 4.10:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}=Y$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{c\}, Y\}$ .

Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be defined by an identity mapping.  $f^{-1}\{a,b\}=\{a,b\}$  is gp-closed but not  $(sp)^*$ -closed.

**Theorem 4.11:** Every  $(sp)^*$ -continuous map is sg-continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be  $(sp)^*$ -continuous. Let  $V$  be closed set of  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a  $(sp)^*$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ , since  $f$  is  $(sp)^*$ -continuous, and hence by theorem-3.11,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is sg-closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore  $f$  is sg-continuous.

The converse of the above theorem is not true always as seen in the following example.

**Example 4.12:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}=Y$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a, c\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be defined by an identity mapping.  $f^{-1}\{b\}=\{b\}$  is sg-closed but not  $(sp)^*$ -closed.

**Theorem 4.13:** Every  $(sp)^*$ -continuous map is  $\hat{g}$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be  $(sp)^*$ -continuous. Let  $V$  be closed set of  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a  $(sp)^*$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ , since  $f$  is  $(sp)^*$ -continuous and hence by theorem-3.13,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\hat{g}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $\hat{g}$ -continuous.

The following example supports that the converse of the above theorem is not true.

**Example 4.14:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}=Y$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$

be defined by an identity mapping.  $f^{-1}\{b,c\}=\{b,c\}$  is  $\hat{g}$ -closed but not  $(sp)^*$ -closed.

**Theorem 4.15:** Every  $(sp)^*$ -continuous map is  $\alpha g$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be  $(sp)^*$ -continuous. Let  $V$  be closed set of  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a  $(sp)^*$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ , since  $f$  is  $(sp)^*$ -continuous and hence by theorem-3.15,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\alpha g$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $\alpha g$ -continuous.

The converse of the above theorem is not true as seen in the following example.

**Example 4.16:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}=Y$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{c\}, Y\}$ .

Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be defined by an identity mapping.  $f^{-1}\{a,b\}=\{a,b\}$  is  $\alpha g$ -closed but not  $(sp)^*$ -closed.

**Theorem 4.17:** Every  $(sp)^*$ -continuous map is  $g\alpha$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be  $(sp)^*$ -continuous. Let  $V$  be closed set of  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a  $(sp)^*$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ , since  $f$  is  $(sp)^*$ -continuous and hence by theorem-3.17,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $g\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $g\alpha$ -continuous.

The converse of the above theorem is not true in general it can be seen from the following example.

**Example 4.18:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}=Y$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{c\}, Y\}$ .

Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be defined by an identity mapping.  $f^{-1}\{a,b\}=\{a,b\}$  is  $g\alpha$ -closed but not  $(sp)^*$ -closed.

**Theorem 4.19:** Every  $(sp)^*$ -continuous map is  $\omega g$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be  $(sp)^*$ -continuous. Let  $V$  be closed set of  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a  $(sp)^*$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ , since  $f$  is  $(sp)^*$ -continuous and hence by theorem-3.19,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\omega g$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $\omega g$ -continuous.

The converse of the above theorem is not true always as seen in the following example.

**Example 4.20:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}=Y$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{c\}, Y\}$ .

Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be defined by an identity mapping.  $f^{-1}\{a,b\}=\{a,b\}$  is  $\omega g$ -closed but not  $(sp)^*$ -closed.

**Theorem 4.21:** Every  $(sp)^*$ -continuous map is  $\alpha^*$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be  $(sp)^*$ -continuous. Let  $V$  be closed set of  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a  $(sp)^*$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ , since  $f$  is  $(sp)^*$ -continuous and hence by theorem-3.21,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\alpha^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $\alpha^*$ -continuous.

The converse of the above theorem is not true in general it can be seen from the following example.

**Example 4.22:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}=Y$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{c\}, Y\}$ .

Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be defined by an identity mapping.  $f^{-1}\{a,b\}=\{a,b\}$  is  $\alpha^*$ -closed but not  $(sp)^*$ -closed.

**Definition 4.23:** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called  $(sp)^*$ -irresolute if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a  $(sp)^*$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$  for every  $(sp)^*$ -closed set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Theorem 4.24:** Every  $(sp)^*$ -irresolute function is  $(sp)^*$ -continuous.

The converse of the above theorem is not true as seen in the following example.

**Example 4.25:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}=Y$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a, c\}, Y\}$ .

Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a)=c$ ,  $f(b)=a$  and  $f(c)=b$ .  $f^{-1}\{b\}=\{a\}$  is  $(sp)$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

Therefore  $f$  is  $(sp)^*$ -continuous.  $\{b,c\}$  is  $(sp)^*$ -closed in  $Y$ .  $f^{-1}\{b,c\}=\{a,b\}$  is not  $(sp)^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore  $f$  is not  $(sp)^*$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 4.26:** Every  $(sp)^*$ -irresolute function is  $gsp$ -continuous.

The converse of the above Theorem is not true as seen in the following example.

**Example 4.27:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}=Y$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, Y\}$ .

Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a)=c$ ,  $f(b)=b$  and  $f(c)=a$ .  $f^{-1}\{b,c\}=\{b,a\}=\{a,b\}$  is  $gsp$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $gsp$ -continuous.  $\{b,c\}$  is  $(sp)^*$ -closed in  $Y$ .  $f^{-1}\{b,c\}=\{a,b\}$  is not  $(sp)^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence  $f$  is not  $(sp)^*$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 4.28:** Every  $(sp)^*$ -irresolute function is  $g$ -continuous.

The converse of the above theorem is not true as seen in the following example.

**Example 4.29:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}=Y$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$   $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, Y\}$ .

Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a)=c$ ,  $f(b)=b$  and  $f(c)=a$ .  $f^1\{b,c\}=\{c,a\}=\{a,c\}$  is  $g$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $g$ -continuous.  $\{b,c\}$  is  $(sp)^*$ -closed set in  $Y$ .  $f^1\{b,c\}=\{a,b\}$  is not  $(sp)^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence  $f$  is not  $(sp)^*$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 4.30:** Every  $(sp)^*$ -irresolute function is  $gs$ -continuous.

The following example supports that the converse of the above theorem is not true always.

**Example 4.31:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}=Y$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$   $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, Y\}$ .

Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a)=c$ ,  $f(b)=a$  and  $f(c)=b$ .  $f^1\{b,c\}=\{a,b\}$  is  $gs$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

Therefore  $f$  is  $gs$ -continuous.  $\{b,c\}$  is  $(sp)^*$ -closed set in  $Y$ .  $f^1\{b,c\}=\{a,b\}$  is not  $(sp)^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence  $f$  is not  $(sp)^*$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 4.32:** Every  $(sp)^*$ -irresolute function is  $gp$ -continuous.

The converse of the above Theorem is not true always as seen in the following example.

**Example 4.33:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}=Y$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$   $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, Y\}$ .

Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a)=b$ ,  $f(b)=a$  and  $f(c)=c$ .  $f^1\{b,c\}=\{a,c\}$  is  $gp$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

Therefore  $f$  is  $gp$ -continuous.  $\{b,c\}$  is  $(sp)^*$ -closed set in  $Y$ .  $f^1\{b,c\}=\{a,c\}$  is not  $(sp)^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence  $f$  is not  $(sp)^*$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 4.34:** Every  $(sp)^*$ -irresolute function is  $sg$ -continuous.

The converse of the above theorem is not true as seen in the following example.

**Example 4.35:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}=Y$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, X\}$   $\sigma = \{\phi, \{b, c\}, Y\}$ .

Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a)=b$ ,  $f(b)=c$  and  $f(c)=a$ .  $f^1\{a\}=\{b\}$  is  $sg$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

Therefore  $f$  is  $sg$ -continuous.  $\{a\}$  is  $(sp)^*$ -closed set in  $Y$ .  $f^1\{a\}=\{b\}$  is not  $(sp)^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence  $f$  is not  $(sp)^*$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 4.36:** Every  $(sp)^*$ -irresolute function is  $\hat{g}$ -continuous.

The converse of the above theorem is not true as seen in the following example.

**Example 4.37:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}=Y$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{b, c\}, X\}$   $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, Y\}$ .

Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a)=a$ ,  $f(b)=c$  and  $f(c)=b$ .  $f^{-1}\{a\}=\{a\}$  is  $\hat{g}$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

Therefore  $f$  is  $g$ -continuous.  $\{b,c\}$  is  $(sp)^*$ -closed sets in  $Y$ .  $f^{-1}\{b,c\}=\{c,b\}=\{b,c\}$  is not  $(sp)^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence  $f$  is not  $(sp)^*$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 4.38:** Every  $(sp)^*$ -irresolute function is  $\alpha g$ -continuous.

The converse of the above theorem is not true as seen in the following example.

**Example 4.39:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}=Y$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$   $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, Y\}$ .

Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a)=c$ ,  $f(b)=a$  and  $f(c)=b$ .  $f^{-1}\{b,c\}=\{a,b\}$  is  $\alpha g$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

Therefore  $f$  is  $\alpha g$ -continuous.  $\{b,c\}$  is  $(sp)^*$ -closed sets in  $Y$ .  $f^{-1}\{b,c\}=\{a,b\}$  is not  $(sp)^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence  $f$  is not  $(sp)^*$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 4.40:** Every  $(sp)^*$ -irresolute function is  $g\alpha$ -continuous.

The converse of the above theorem is not true as seen in the following example.

**Example 4.41:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}=Y$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$   $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, Y\}$ .

Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a)=c$ ,  $f(b)=b$  and  $f(c)=a$ .  $f^{-1}\{b,c\}=\{c,a\}=\{a,c\}$  is  $g\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore  $f$  is  $g\alpha$ -continuous.  $\{b,c\}$  is  $(sp)^*$ -closed set in  $Y$ .  $f^{-1}\{b,c\}=\{a,b\}$  is not  $(sp)^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence  $f$  is not  $(sp)^*$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 4.42:** Every  $(sp)^*$ -irresolute function is  $\omega g$ -continuous.

The converse of the above theorem is not true as seen in the following example.

**Example 4.43:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}=Y$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$   $\sigma = \{\phi, \{b, c\}, Y\}$ .

Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a)=b$ ,  $f(b)=b$  and  $f(c)=a$ .  $f^{-1}\{a\}=\{b\}$  is  $\omega g$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

Therefore  $f$  is  $\omega g$ -continuous.  $\{a\}$  is  $(sp)^*$ -closed sets in  $Y$ .  $f^{-1}\{a\}=\{b\}$  is not  $(sp)^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence  $f$  is not  $(sp)^*$ -irresolute.

**Theorem 4.44:** Every  $(sp)^*$ -irresolute function is  $\alpha^*$ -continuous.

The following example supports that the converse of the above theorem is not true.

**Example 4.45:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}=Y$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$   $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, Y\}$ .

Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a)=b$ ,  $f(b)=a$  and  $f(c)=c$ .  $f^{-1}\{b,c\}=\{a,c\}$  is  $g$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

Therefore  $f$  is  $\alpha^*$ -continuous.  $\{b,c\}$  is  $(sp)^*$ -closed sets in  $Y$ .  $f^{-1}\{b,c\}=\{a,c\}$  is not  $(sp)^*$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence  $f$  is not  $(sp)^*$ -irresolute.

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