

## A $\alpha$ - CLOSED SETS IN TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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#### Abstract:

In this paper, we introduce  $\alpha$ -closed sets in topological spaces. Properties of these sets are investigated and we introduce six new topological spaces namely,  $(i,j)$ - $T^{\sim}$ ,  $(i,j)$ - $T^{\sim s}$ ,  $(i,j)$ - $\tilde{T}$ ,  $(i,j)$ - $\tilde{sT}$ ,  $(i,j)$ - $T^{\alpha}$ ,  $(i,j)$ - $T^{\alpha\sim}$  spaces as applications. Further, we introduce and study  $(i,j)$ - $\alpha$ -continuous and  $(i,j)$ - $\alpha$ -irresolute maps.

**Key Words:**  $(i,j)$ - $\alpha$ -closed sets,  $(i,j)$ - $T^{\sim}$ ,  $(i,j)$ - $T^{\sim s}$ ,  $(i,j)$ - $\tilde{T}$ ,  $(i,j)$ - $\tilde{sT}$ ,  $(i,j)$ - $T^{\alpha}$ ,  $(i,j)$ - $T^{\alpha\sim}$  spaces,  $(i,j)$ - $\alpha$ -continuous and  $(i,j)$ - $\alpha$ -irresolute maps.

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#### Introduction:

A triple  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  where  $X$  is a nonempty set and  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  are topologies on  $X$  is called a topological space and Kelly initiated the study of such spaces. Levine introduced and studied semi-open sets and generalized closed sets in 1963 and 1970 respectively. S.P. Arya and T. Nourdefined generalized semi-closed sets (briefly gs-closed sets) in 1990 for obtaining some characterizations of s-normal spaces. Njåstad and Abd El-Monsef et. al introduced  $\alpha$ -sets (called as  $\alpha$ -closed sets) and semi-preopen sets respectively. Semi-preopen sets are also known as  $\beta$ -sets. Maki et.al. introduced generalized  $\alpha$ -closed sets (briefly  $g\alpha$ -closed sets) and  $\alpha$ -generalized closed sets (briefly  $\alpha g$ -closed sets) in 1993 and 1994 respectively.

#### 2. PREREQUISITES

Throughout this paper  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ ,  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  and  $(Z, \eta_1, \eta_2)$  represent non-empty topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise mentioned. If  $A$  is a subset of  $X$  with topology  $\tau$  then  $cl(A)$ ,  $int(A)$  and  $C(A)$  denote the closure of  $A$ , the interior of  $A$  and the complement of  $A$  in  $X$  respectively. We recall the following definitions, which will be used often throughout this paper.

#### DEFINITION 2.1:

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

- (1) a preopen set if  $A \subseteq int(cl(A))$  and a preclosed set if  $cl(int(A)) \subseteq A$ .
- (2) a semi-open set if  $A \subseteq cl(int(A))$  and a semi-closed set if  $int(cl(A)) \subseteq A$ .
- (3) an  $\alpha$ -open set if  $A \subseteq int(cl(int(A)))$  and a  $\alpha$ -closed set if  $cl(int(cl(A))) \subseteq A$ .
- (4) a semi-preopen set ( $=\beta$ -open) if  $A \subseteq cl(int(cl(A)))$  and a semi-preclosed set ( $=\beta$ -closed) if  $int(cl(int(A))) \subseteq A$ .

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

#### DEFINITION 2.2 :



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

- (1) a generalized closed (briefly g-closed) set<sup>2</sup>[10] if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- (2) a generalized semi-closed (briefly gs-closed) set<sup>3</sup>[3] if  $scl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- (3) a generalized semi-preclosed (briefly gsp-closed) set<sup>12</sup>[9] if  $spcl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- (4) an  $\alpha$ -generalized closed (briefly  $\alpha$ g-closed) set<sup>8</sup>[12] if  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- (5) a generalized  $\alpha$ -closed (briefly  $g\alpha$ -closed) set<sup>7</sup>[13] if  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $\alpha$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**DEFINITION 2.3:** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called

- (1) *semi-continuous*<sup>1</sup>[11] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi-open in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
- (2) *pre-continuous*<sup>11</sup>[14] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is pre-closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
- (3)  *$\alpha$ -continuous*<sup>12</sup>[15] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
- (4)  *$\beta$ -continuous*<sup>5</sup>[1] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi-preopen in  $(X, \tau)$  for every open set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
- (5) *g-continuous*<sup>13</sup>[4] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is g-closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**DEFINITION 2.4:**

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

1. a  $T_{1/2}$  space if every g-closed set in it is closed.
2. a  $T_b$  space if every gs-closed set in it is closed.
3. an  $\alpha T_b$  space if every  $\alpha$ g-closed set in it is closed.

**DEFINITION 2.5:** A subset A of a topological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is called:

1. (i,j)-g-closed if  $\tau_j-cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $\tau_i$
  2. (i,j)-g\*-closed if  $\tau_j-cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is g-open in  $\tau_i$
  3. (i,j)-rg-closed if  $\tau_j-cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is regular open in  $\tau_i$
  4. (i,j)-gpr-closed if  $\tau_j-pcl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is regular open in  $\tau_i$
- The family of all (i,j)-g-closed sets (resp. (i,j)-g\*-closed, (i,j)-rg-closed, (i,j)-gpr-closed) subsets of a topological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is denoted by  $D(i, j)$  (resp.  $D^*(i, j), D_r(i, j), \xi(i, j)$ ).

**DEFINITION 2.6:**

A subset A of a topological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is called:

1. (i,j)- $T_{1/2}$  space if every (i,j)-g-closed sets is  $\tau_j$ -closed.
2. (i,j)- $T_b$  space if every (i,j)-gs-closed set is  $\tau_j$ -closed.
3. (i,j)- $\alpha T_b$  space if every (i,j)- $\alpha$ g-closed set is  $\tau_j$ -closed.

**DEFINITION 2.7:**

A function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is called

- (1)  $\tau_j$ -*semi-continuous*<sup>1</sup>[11] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi-open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  for every open set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ .
- (2)  $\tau_j$ - *$\alpha$ -continuous*<sup>12</sup>[15] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ .
- (3)  $\tau_j$ - $\sigma_k$ -continuous if  $f^{-1}(V) \in \tau_j$ , for every  $V \in \sigma_k$ .
- (4) (i,j)-*gs-continuous*<sup>14</sup>[7] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is gs-closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ .
- (5) (i,j)-*gsp-continuous*<sup>14</sup>[7] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is gsp-closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ .

### 3. $sa$ -closed sets in topological spaces



In this section we introduce the concept of  $s\alpha$ -closed sets in topological spaces and discuss the related properties.

**Definition 3.1:** A Subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$  is called a  $(i,j)$ - $s\alpha$ -closed set if  $\tau_j\text{-scl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $\alpha$ -open in  $\tau_i$

**Remark 3.2:** By setting  $\tau_i = \tau_j$  in Definition 3.1, a  $(i,j)$ - $s\alpha$ -closed set is a  $s\alpha$ -closed set.

**Theorem 3.3:**

1. If  $A$  is  $\tau_j$ -closed subset of  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$  then  $A$  is  $(i,j)$ - $s\alpha$ -closed.
2. If  $A$  is  $\tau_j$ -semi closed subset of  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$  then  $A$  is  $(i,j)$ - $s\alpha$ -closed.
3. If  $A$  is  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha$  closed subset of  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$  then  $A$  is  $(i,j)$ - $s\alpha$ -closed.
4. Every  $(i,j)$ - $g\alpha$ -closed set is  $(i,j)$ - $s\alpha$ -closed.
5. Every  $(i,j)$ - $w$ -closed set is  $(i,j)$ - $s\alpha$ -closed.

**Proof:** Straight forward. Converse of the above need not be true as in the following

examples. **Example 3.4:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}\}$  then  $\{b\}$  is  $(1,2)$ - $s\alpha$ -closed but not  $\tau_2$ -closed.

**Example 3.5:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}\}$  then  $\{a, c\}$  is  $(1,2)$ - $s\alpha$ -closed but not  $\tau_2$ -semi closed.

**Example 3.6:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{a, c\}\}$  then  $\{a, b\}$  is  $(1,2)$ - $s\alpha$ -closed but not  $\tau_2$ - $\alpha$ -closed

**Example 3.7:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$  then  $\{a\}$  is  $(1,2)$ - $s\alpha$ -closed but not  $(1,2)$ - $g\alpha$ -closed.

**Example 3.8:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}\}$  then  $\{b\}$  is  $(1,2)$ - $s\alpha$ -closed but not  $(1,2)$ - $w$ -closed.

Thus the class of  $(i,j)$ - $s\alpha$ -closed sets properly contains the classes of  $\tau_j$ -closed sets,  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha$ -closed sets,  $\tau_j$ -semi-closed sets,  $(i,j)$ - $g\alpha$ -closed sets,  $(i,j)$ - $w$ -closed sets.

- (6) *gs-continuous*<sup>14</sup>[7] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $gs$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
- (7) *og-continuous*<sup>2</sup>[10] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\alpha g$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
- (8) *g $\alpha$ -continuous*<sup>7</sup>[13] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $g\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
- (9) *gsp-continuous*<sup>16</sup>[9] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $gsp$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
- (10) *og-irresolute*<sup>10</sup>[6] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\alpha g$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for every  $\alpha g$ -closed set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
- (11) *pre-semi-open*<sup>15</sup>[5] if  $f(U)$  is semi-open in  $(Y, \sigma)$  for every semi-open set  $U$  in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.9:** In a topological space  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$ , every  $(i,j)$ - $s\alpha$ -closed set is :

1.  $(i,j)$ - $gs$ -closed and
2.  $(i,j)$ - $gsp$ -closed.

**Proof:** follows from the definitions.

The following examples show that the reverse implications of above proposition are not true.

**Example 3.10:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{a, c\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$  then  $\{b\}$  is  $(1,2)$ - $gs$ -closed but not  $(1,2)$ - $s\alpha$ -closed.

**Example 3.11:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$  then  $\{b\}$  is  $(1,2)$ - $gsp$ -closed but not  $(1,2)$ - $s\alpha$ -closed.

**So the class of  $(i,j)$ - $s\alpha$ -closed sets is properly contained in the classes of  $(i,j)$ - $gs$ -closed and  $(i,j)$ - $gsp$ -closed sets .**

The following examples shows that  $(i,j)$ - $s\alpha$ -closedness is independent from  $(i,j)$ - $\alpha g$ -closedness,  $(i,j)$ - $rg$ -closedness,  $(i,j)$ - $gp$ -closedness,  $(i,j)$ - $gpr$ -closedness.



**Example 3.12:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}$ ,  $\tau_1=\{\phi,X,\{a\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2=\{\phi,X,\{a\},\{b\},\{a,b\}\}$  then the set  $\{a,b\}$  is (1,2)- $\alpha$ -closed set, (1,2)-rg-closed set, (1,2)-gp-closed set, (1,2)-gpr-closed set but not (1,2)- $\alpha$ -closed.

**Proposition 3.13:** If A is (i,j)- $\alpha$ -closed set such that  $A\subseteq B\subseteq\tau_j\text{-Scl}(A)$  then B is also (i,j)- $\alpha$ -closed.

Proof: Follows

**Proposition 3.14:** If A is (i,j)- $\alpha$ -closed then  $\tau_j\text{-Scl}(A) - A$  contains no non-empty  $\tau_i$ - $\alpha$ -closed set.

Proof: Let A be an (i,j)- $\alpha$ -closed set and F be a non-empty  $\tau_i$ - $\alpha$ -closed subset such that  $F\subseteq\tau_j\text{-Scl}(A) - A = \tau_j\text{-Scl}(A)\cap A^c$ .  $\therefore F\subseteq\tau_j\text{-Scl}(A)$  and  $F\subseteq A^c$ . Since  $F^c$  is  $\tau_i$ - $\alpha$ -open and A is (i,j)- $\alpha$ -closed we have,  $\tau_j\text{-Scl}(A) \subseteq F^c$  i.e.  $F \subseteq (\tau_j\text{-Scl}(A))^c$ . Hence  $F\subseteq\tau_j\text{-Scl}(A) \cap (\tau_j\text{-Scl}(A))^c = \phi$

$\therefore \tau_j\text{-Scl}(A) - A$  contains no non-empty  $\tau_i$ - $\alpha$ -closed set

**Corollary 3.15:** If A is (i,j)- $\alpha$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$ , then A is  $\tau_j$ -semi-closed iff  $\tau_j\text{-Scl}(A) - A$  is  $\tau_i$ - $\alpha$ -closed.

Proof:

**Necessity:** If A is  $\tau_j$ -semi-closed then  $\tau_j\text{-Scl}(A)=A$  i.e.  $\tau_j\text{-Scl}(A) - A = \phi$  and hence  $\tau_j\text{-Scl}(A) - A$  is  $\tau_i$ - $\alpha$ -closed. [by prop.3.14]

**Sufficiency:** If  $\tau_j\text{-Scl}(A)-A$  is  $\tau_i$ - $\alpha$ -closed then by proposition 3.14 we have,  $\tau_j\text{-Scl}(A) - A = \phi$  [since A is (i,j)- $\alpha$ -closed]  $\therefore \tau_j\text{-Scl}(A) = A$ . Hence A is  $\tau_j$ -semi-closed.

**Proposition 3.16:** For each element x of  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$ ,  $\{x\}$  is  $\tau_i$ - $\alpha$ -closed (or)  $\{x\}^c$  is (i,j)- $\alpha$ -closed.

Proof: If  $\{x\}$  is not  $\tau_i$ - $\alpha$ -closed then the only  $\tau_i$ - $\alpha$ -open set containing  $X-\{x\}$  is X. Thus  $X-\{x\}$  is (i,j)- $\alpha$ -closed. i.e.  $\{x\}^c$  is (i,j)- $\alpha$ -closed. Hence Proved.

**Proposition 3.17:** If A is an  $\tau_i$ - $\alpha$ -open and (i,j)- $\alpha$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$  then A is  $\tau_j$ -semi-closed. Proof: Let A be  $\tau_i$ - $\alpha$ -open and (i,j)- $\alpha$ -closed. Since A is (i,j)- $\alpha$ -closed, we have  $\tau_j\text{-scl}(A)\subseteq U$  whenever  $A\subseteq U$  and U is  $\tau_i$ - $\alpha$ -open  $\Rightarrow \tau_j\text{-scl}(A) = A \Rightarrow A$  is  $\tau_j$ -semi-closed.

**Remark 3.18:** An (i,j)- $\alpha$ -closed set need not be (j,i)- $\alpha$ -closed. Proof: Consider the Example Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\phi,X,\{c\},\{a,b\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\phi,X,\{a\}\}$  then  $\{a,c\}$  is (1,2)- $\alpha$ -closed but not (2,1)- $\alpha$ -closed

#### 4. Applications of (i,j)- $\alpha$ -closed Set

In this chapter we introduce six new spaces namely (i,j)- $T^\sim$  space, (i,j)- $T^{\sim s}$  space, (i,j)- $\tilde{T}$  space, (i,j)- $\sim^s T$  space, (i,j)- $T^\alpha$  space, (i,j)- $T^{\alpha\sim}$  space.

We now introduce a new space (i,j)- $T^\sim$  space.

**Definition 4.1:** A space  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$  is called an (i,j)- $T^\sim$  space if every (i,j)- $\alpha$ -closed set is  $\tau_j$ -closed.

**Proposition 4.2:** Every (i,j)- $T_b$  space is an (i,j)- $T^\sim$  space but not conversely.

Proof: follows

The converse of above proposition need not be true which is shown by the following example.

**Example 4.3:** Consider the example  $X=\{a,b,c\}$ ,  $\tau_1=\{\phi,X,\{a\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2=\{\phi,X,\{a\},\{b,c\}\}$  then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is (1,2)- $T^\sim$  space but not (1,2)- $T_b$ -space.

### Characterization of (i,j)- $T^{\sim}$ space

**Theorem 4.4:** If  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$  is an (i,j)- $T^{\sim}$  space, then every singleton of  $X$  is either  $\tau_i$ - $\alpha$ -closed or  $\tau_j$ -open

Proof: Let  $x \in X$  and suppose that  $\{x\}$  is not  $\tau_i$ - $\alpha$ -closed. Then  $X - \{x\}$  is (i,j)- $\alpha$ -closed set since  $X$  is the only  $\tau_i$ - $\alpha$ -open set containing  $X - \{x\}$ . So  $X - \{x\}$  is  $\tau_j$ -closed. (i.e)  $\{x\}$  is  $\tau_j$ -open

**Remark 4.5:**  $(X, \tau_1)$  space is not generally  $T^{\sim}$  space even if  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is (1,2)- $T^{\sim}$  space shown in the following example.

**Example 4.6:** Consider the example  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\phi, X, \{a\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$  then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is (1,2)- $T^{\sim}$  space but  $(X, \tau_1)$  is not  $T^{\sim}$ -space.

**We now introduce a new space (i,j)- $T^{\sim s}$**

**Definition 4.7:** A space  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$  is called (i,j)- $T^{\sim s}$  space if every (i,j)- $\alpha$ -closed set is  $\tau_j$ -semi closed.

**Proposition 4.8:** Every (i,j)- $T_b$  space is an (i,j)- $T^{\sim s}$  space but not conversely.

Proof: follows.

**Example 4.9:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\phi, X, \{a\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$  then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is (1,2)- $T^{\sim s}$  space but not (1,2)- $T_b$  space.

**Proposition 4.10:** Every (i,j)- $T_{1/2}$  space is an (i,j)- $T^{\sim s}$  space but not conversely.

Proof: follows.

**Example 4.11:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\phi, X, \{a\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$  then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is (1,2)- $T^{\sim s}$  space but not (1,2)- $T_{1/2}$  space.

**Proposition 4.12:** Every (i,j)- $T^{\sim}$  space is (i,j)- $T^{\sim s}$  space but not conversely.

Proof: Follows

**Example 4.13:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\phi, X, \{a\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ . Then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is (1,2)- $T^{\sim s}$  space but not (1,2)- $T^{\sim}$  space

### Characterization of (i,j)- $T^{\sim s}$ space

**Theorem 4.14:** For a space  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$  the following are equivalent.

1.  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$  is a (i,j)- $T^{\sim s}$  space
2. Every singleton of  $X$  is either  $\tau_i$ - $\alpha$ -closed or  $\tau_j$ -semi open.

Proof : **To Prove (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2)** Let  $x \in X$  and suppose that  $\{x\}$  is not  $\tau_i$ - $\alpha$ -closed. Then  $X - \{x\}$  is (i,j)- $\alpha$ -closed set since  $X$  is the only  $\tau_i$ - $\alpha$ -open set containing  $X - \{x\}$ . Therefore  $X - \{x\}$  is  $\tau_j$ -semi-closed. (i.e)  $\{x\}$  is  $\tau_j$ -semi-open

**To Prove (2) $\Rightarrow$ (1)** Let  $A$  be a (i,j)- $\alpha$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$ . Clearly  $A \subseteq \tau_j - scl(A)$ . Let  $x \in X$ . by (2)  $\{x\}$  is either  $\tau_i$ - $\alpha$ -closed or  $\tau_j$ -semi-open

**Case (i)** Suppose  $\{x\}$  is  $\tau_i$ - $\alpha$ -closed. If  $x \notin A$ , then  $\tau_j - scl(A) - A$  contains the  $\tau_i$ - $\alpha$ -closed set  $\{x\}$  and  $A$  is (i,j)- $\alpha$ -closed set. Hence we arrive at a contradiction. Thus  $x \in A$ .

**Case (ii)** Suppose that  $\{x\}$  is  $\tau_j$ -semi-open. Since  $x \in \tau_j - scl(A)$ , then  $\{x\} \cap A \neq \phi$ . So  $x \in A$ . Thus in any case  $x \in A$ . So  $\tau_j - scl(A) \subseteq A \therefore A = \tau_j - scl(A)$  (or) equivalently  $A$  is  $\tau_j$ -semi-closed. Thus  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$  is an (i,j)- $T^{\sim s}$  space.

**Definition 4.15:** A space  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$  is called strongly pairwise  $T^{\sim s}$  space if it is both (1,2)- $T^{\sim s}$  and (2,1)- $T^{\sim s}$

**Proposition 4.16:** If  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is strongly pairwise  $T_b$  space then it is strongly pairwise  $T^{\sim s}$  space but not conversely.

Proof: follows



**Example 4.17:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}$ ,  $\tau_1=\{\phi,X,\{a\},\{a,b\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2=\{\phi,X,\{a\}\}$  then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is strongly pairwise  $T^s$  space but not strongly pairwise  $T_b$  space.

**We introduce another new space (i,j)-~T space**

**Definition 4.18:** A space  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$  is called  $(i,j)$ -~T space if every  $(i,j)$ - $\alpha$ -closed set is  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha$ -closed

**Proposition 4.19:** Every  $(i,j)$ - $T_b$  space is  $(i,j)$ -~T space but not conversely.

Proof: Let  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$  be a  $(i,j)$ - $T_b$  space and  $A$  be a  $(i,j)$ - $\alpha$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$ . Since  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$  is a  $(i,j)$ - $T_b$  space,  $A$  is  $\tau_j$ -closed. Since every  $\tau_j$ -closed set is  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha$ -closed set. Implies  $A$  is  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha$ -closed.  $\therefore (X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$  is a  $(i,j)$ -~T space.

**Example 4.20:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}$ ,  $\tau_1=\{\phi,X,\{a\},\{b\},\{a,b\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2=\{\phi,X\}$  then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(1,2)$ -~T space but not  $(1,2)$ - $T_b$  space.

**Proposition 4.21:** Every  $(i,j)$ -~T space is  $(i,j)$ - $T^s$  space but not conversely.

Proof: follows

**Example 4.22:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}$ ,  $\tau_1=\{\phi,X,\{a\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2=\{\phi,X,\{a\},\{b\},\{a,b\}\}$  then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(1,2)$ - $T^s$  space but not  $(1,2)$ -~Tspace.

**Proposition 4.23:** Every  $(i,j)$ - $T$  space is  $(i,j)$ -~T space but not conversely.

Proof: follows.

**Example 4.24:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}$ ,  $\tau_1=\{\phi,X,\{a\},\{b\},\{a,b\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2=\{\phi,X\}$  then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(1,2)$ -~T space but not  $(1,2)$ - $T$  space.

**Theorem 4.25:** If  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$  is a  $(i,j)$ -~Tspace, then every singleton of  $X$  is either  $\tau_i$ - $\alpha$ -closed or  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha$ -open. Proof: Suppose that  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$  is a  $(i,j)$ -~Tspace. Suppose that  $\{x\}$  is not  $\tau_i$ - $\alpha$ -closed for some  $x \in X$ . Then  $X-\{x\}$  is not  $\tau_i$ - $\alpha$ -open. Then  $X$  is the only  $\tau_i$ - $\alpha$ -open set containing  $X-\{x\}$ .

So  $X-\{x\}$  is a  $(i,j)$ - $\alpha$ -closed. Since  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$  is a  $(i,j)$ -~Tspace,  $X-\{x\}$  is  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha$ -closed or equivalently  $\{x\}$  is  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha$ -open.

**We now introduce a new space (i,j)-~sT space**

**Definition 4.26:** A space  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$  is called a  $(i,j)$ -~sT space if every  $(i,j)$ -gs-closed set is  $(i,j)$ - $\alpha$ -closed.

**Proposition 4.27:** Every  $(i,j)$ - $T_{1/2}$  space is a  $(i,j)$ -~sTspace but not conversely. Proof: Let  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$  be a  $(i,j)$ - $T_{1/2}$  space. Let  $A$  be a  $(i,j)$ -gs-closed set. Since  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$  is  $(i,j)$ - $T_{1/2}$  space,  $A$  is  $\tau_j$ -semi-closed. Therefore  $A$  is  $(i,j)$ - $\alpha$ -closed. Hence  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$  is a  $(i,j)$ -~sT space. Hence proved.

**Example 4.28:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}$ ,  $\tau_1=\{\phi,X,\{a,c\},\{c\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2=\{\phi,X,\{a\}\}$  then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(1,2)$ -~sTspace but not  $(1,2)$ - $T_{1/2}$  space.

**Proposition 4.29:** Every  $(i,j)$ - $T_b$  space is  $(i,j)$ -~sT space but not conversely.

Proof: follows

**Example 4.30:** Let  $X=\{a,b,c\}$ ,  $\tau_1=\{\phi,X,\{c\},\{a,b\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2=\{\phi,X,\{a\}\}$  then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(1,2)$ -~sT space but not  $(1,2)$ - $T_b$  space.

**Theorem 4.31:** A space  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$  is a  $(i,j)$ - $T_{1/2}$ -space if and only if  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$  is  $(i,j)$ -~sT and  $(i,j)$ - $T^s$  space. Proof: follows.

**Theorem 4.32:** A space  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$  is a  $(i,j)$ - $T_b$ -space if and only if  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$  is  $(i,j)$ - $\tilde{T}$  and  $(i,j)$ - $T^\sim$  space. Proof: follows.

**We now introduce a new space  $(i,j)$ - $T^\alpha$  space**

**Definition 4.33:** A space  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$  is called  $(i,j)$ - $T^\alpha$  space if every  $(i,j)$ - $\alpha$ -closed set is  $(i,j)$ - $g\alpha$ -closed.

**Proposition 4.34:** Every  $(i,j)$ - $T^\sim$  space is  $(i,j)$ - $T^\alpha$  space but not conversely.

Proof: follows

**Example 4.35:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\phi, X, \{a\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\phi, X, \{c\}, \{a, b\}\}$  then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(1,2)$ - $T^\alpha$  space but not  $(1,2)$ - $T^\sim$  space.

**Proposition 4.36:** Every  $(i,j)$ - $\tilde{T}$  space is  $(i,j)$ - $T^\alpha$  space but not conversely.

Proof: follows

**Example 4.37:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\phi, X, \{a, b\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\phi, X, \{c\}, \{a, b\}\}$  then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(1,2)$ - $T^\alpha$  space but not  $(1,2)$ - $\tilde{T}$  space.

**We now introduce a new space  $(i,j)$ - $T^{\alpha\sim}$  space**

**Definition 4.38:** A space  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$  is called  $(i,j)$ - $T^{\alpha\sim}$  space if every  $(i,j)$ - $\alpha$ -closed set is  $(i,j)$ - $w$ -closed.

**Proposition 4.39:** Every  $(i,j)$ - $T_b$  space is  $(i,j)$ - $T^{\alpha\sim}$  space but not conversely.

Proof: follows

**Example 4.40:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\phi, X, \{a, b\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$  then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(1,2)$ - $T^{\alpha\sim}$  space but not  $(1,2)$ - $T_b$  space.

**Proposition 4.41:** Every  $(i,j)$ - $T^{\alpha\sim}$  space is  $(i,j)$ - $T^\alpha$  space but not conversely.

Proof: follows

## 5. $\alpha$ -continuous maps in topological spaces.

We introduce the following definition.

**Definition 5.1 :** A function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is called  $(i, j)$ - $\alpha$ -continuous if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $(i, j)$ - $\alpha$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ .

**Proposition 5.2:** If  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $\tau_j$ - $\sigma_k$ -continuous then it is  $(i, j)$ - $\alpha$ -continuous but not conversely.

Proof : follows from the definitions.

**Example 5.3:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\phi, X, \{a, b\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\phi, X, \{a\}\}$  and  $Y = \{p, q\}$ ,  $\sigma_1 = \{\phi, Y, \{p\}\}$ ,  $\sigma_2 = \{\phi, Y, \{q\}\}$ . Define a map  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  by  $f(a) = q$ ,  $f(b) = f(c) = p$ . then  $f$  is  $(1, 2)$ - $\alpha$ -continuous but not  $\tau_1$ - $\sigma_2$ -continuous.

**Proposition 5.4:** If  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is  $(i, j)$ - $\alpha$ -continuous, then it is

$(i, j)$ - $gs$ -continuous and  $(i, j)$ - $gsp$ -continuous but not conversely.

Proof : follows from the definitions.

The converses are not true which is shown by the following examples.

**Example 5.5:** Let  $X = \{a,b,c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\phi, X, \{a\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b,c\}\}$  and  $Y = \{p, q\}$ ,  $\sigma_1 = \{\phi, Y, \{p\}\}$ ,  $\sigma_2 = \{\phi, Y, \{q\}\}$ . Define a map  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  by  $f(a) = f(c) = q$ ,  $f(b) = p$ . then  $f$  is (1,2)-gs-continuous but not (1,2)- $\alpha$ -continuous.

**Example 5.6:** Let  $X = \{a,b,c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\phi, X, \{a\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b,c\}\}$  and  $Y = \{p, q\}$ ,  $\sigma_1 = \{\phi, Y, \{p\}\}$ ,  $\sigma_2 = \{\phi, Y, \{q\}\}$ . Define a map  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  by  $f(a) = f(c) = q$ ,  $f(b) = p$ . then  $f$  is (1,2)-gsp-continuous but not (1,2)- $\alpha$ -continuous.

**Remark 5.7:** (i, j)-g-continuous and (i, j)- $\alpha$ -continuous are independent which are shown by the following example. Let  $X = \{a,b,c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\phi, X, \{a\}\}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b,c\}\}$  and  $Y = \{p, q\}$ ,

$\sigma_1 = \{\phi, Y, \{p\}\}$ ,  $\sigma_2 = \{\phi, Y, \{q\}\}$ . Define a map  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  by  $f(a) = f(c) = q$ ,  $f(b) = p$ . then  $f$  is (1,2)-g-continuous but not (1,2)- $\alpha$ -continuous.

### Conclusions:

In this paper we introduced the concepts of  $\alpha$ -closed sets,  $T^{\sim}$  space,  $T^{\sim s}$  space,  $\tilde{T}$  space,  $\tilde{sT}$  space,  $T^{\alpha}$  space,  $T^{\alpha\sim}$  space,  $\alpha$ -continuous and  $\alpha$ -irresolute maps for topological spaces and investigate some of their properties.

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