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# **Generalized Maximal Closed Sets in Topological Space**

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Abstract. In this paper, we introduce and study generalized maximal closed sets in topological space and obtain some of their properties. A subset A of X is said to be generalized maximal closed (briefly g-m<sub>a</sub> closed) set in a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , if cl  $(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is maximal open set in X.

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### 1. Introduction and preliminaries

The notion of closed set is fundamental in the study of topological spaces. In 1970,

Levine [1] introduced the concept of generalized closed sets in topological spaces by comparing the closure of a subset with its open supersets. Further the study of g-closed sets was continued by Dunham and Levine [1]. Maximal open sets and Minimal open sets were studied and introduced by Nakaoka and Oda [3,4,5]. Benchalli, Banasode and Siddapur introduced and studied generalized minimal closed sets in topological spaces [2]. Further Banasode and Desurkar introduced and studied generalized minimal closed sets in bitopological spaces [7].

Throughout this paper (X,  $\tau$ ) represents a nonempty topological space on which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise explicitly stated.

For a subset A of a topological space  $(X,\tau)$  cl (A), int (A) and A<sup>c</sup> denote the closure of A, the interior of A and the complement of A in  $(X,\tau)$  respectively. Let us recall the following definitions, which are useful in the sequel.

Here  $int^*(A)$  denotes the interior of generalized open set A and  $cl^*(A)$  denotes the closure of generalized closed set A.

**Definition 1.1.** [4] A proper nonempty subset A of a topological space  $(X,\tau)$  is called (i) a minimal open (resp. minimal closed) set if any open (resp. closed) subset of X which is contained in A, is either A or  $\phi$ 

(ii) a maximal open (resp. maximal closed) set if any open (resp. closed) set which contains A, is either A or X.

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**Definition 1.2.** [1] A subset A of a topological space  $(X,\tau)$  is called (i) a generalized closed (briefly g-closed) set if cl (A)  $\subseteq$  U whenever A  $\subseteq$  U and U is an open set in X.

(ii) a generalized open (briefly g-open ) set iff A<sup>c</sup> is a g-closed set.

(iii) a  $\omega$ -closed set if cl (A)  $\subseteq$  U whenever A  $\subseteq$  U and U is a semi open set in (X, $\tau$ ).

(iv) an  $\omega$ -open set iff  $A^c$  is a  $\omega$ -closed set.

(iii) [2] a generalized minimal closed (briefly g-mi closed) set if cl (A)  $\subseteq$  U whenever A  $\subseteq$  U and U is a minimal open set in X.

## 2. Generalized maximal closed sets

**Definition 2.1.** A subset A of a topological space  $(X,\tau)$  is said to be generalized maximal closed (briefly g-m<sub>a</sub> closed) set if cl (A)  $\subseteq$  U whenever A  $\subseteq$  U and U is a maximal open set in X.

**Theorem 2.2.** Every  $g-m_a$  closed sets are  $\omega$ -closed set.

**Proof:** Let V be a g-m<sub>a</sub> closed set. By definition 2.1  $cl(V) \subseteq U$  whenever  $V \subseteq U$  and U is maximal open set. We know that every maximal open set is open and also every open sets are semi-open sets. This implies U is a semi-open set. Therefore  $cl(V) \subseteq U$ , whenever  $V \subseteq U$  and U is semi-open set. Hence V is  $\omega$ - closed set.

Remark 2.3. The converse of the above theorem is not true.

**Example 2.4.** Let X={a b c} with  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a c\}, \{a b\}\}$   $m_a$  - open sets = { a c}, {a b} open sets = X,  $\phi$ , {a}, {c}, {a c}, {a b} closed sets = X,  $\phi$ , {b}, {c}, {a b}, {b c} g-m<sub>a</sub> closed sets =  $\phi$ , {b}, {c}, {a b}  $\omega$ - closed sets =  $\phi$ , {b}, {c}, {a b}, {b c}, X {b c} is  $\omega$ - closed set but not g-m<sub>a</sub> closed set.

**Theorem 2.5.** Every g-m<sub>a</sub> closed set is g-closed set.

**Proof:** Let V be g-ma closed set. By Definition 2.1  $cl(V) \subseteq U$ . Whenever  $V \subseteq U \& U$  is maximal open set. We know that every maximal open set is open. This implies U is an open set. Therefore  $cl(V) \subseteq U$ , whenever  $V \subseteq U \& U$  is an open set. Therefore V is g-closed set.

Remark 2.6. The converse of the above theorem is not true.

**Example 2.7.** Let X = {a b c} with  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}\}$ Closed set = X,  $\phi, \{b c\}$ ; Maximal open = {a} g-m<sub>a</sub> closed set =  $\phi$ g-closed set =  $\phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a b\}, \{b c\}, \{a c\}, X$ . Therefore {b} is a g-closed set but not g-m<sub>a</sub> closed set. Generalized Maximal Closed Sets in Topological Space

**Theorem 2.7.** Every g-m<sub>i</sub> closed set is g-m<sub>a</sub> closed set.

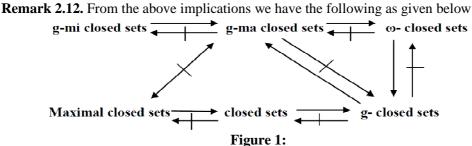
**Proof:** Let V be a g-m<sub>i</sub> closed set. By definition [2]  $cl(V) \subseteq U$ . Whenever  $V \subseteq U$  and U is minimal open set. Let A be a maximal open set then by [6] either  $U \subseteq A$  or it is disconnected. Therefore  $U \subseteq A$ . Thus  $cl(A) \subseteq U \subseteq A$  where A is a maximal open set. Thus A is g-m<sub>a</sub> closed set.

Remark 2.8. The converse of the above theorem is not true.

**Example 2.9.** Let  $X=\{a,b,c,d\}$  and  $\tau=\{X,\phi,\{a\},\{a,b\},\{c,d\}\{a,c,d\}\}$ g-m<sub>i</sub> closed sets :  $\phi,\{c\},\{d\},\{c,d\}$ g-m<sub>a</sub> closed sets:  $\phi,\{b\},\{c\},\{d\},\{a,b\},\{c,d\}$ Here  $\{b\}$  and  $\{a,b\}$  are g-m<sub>a</sub> closed sets but not g-m<sub>i</sub> closed sets.

**Remark 2.10.** g-m<sub>a</sub> closed, closed sets  $m_a$ -closed sets and  $\alpha$ -closed sets are independent.

**Example 2.11.** Let  $X = \{a \ b \ c \ d\}$  with  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{a,b\}, \{c,d\}, \{a,c,d\}\}$ Open sets = X,  $\phi$ ,  $\{a\}, \{a,b\}, \{c,d\}, \{a,c,d\}$ Closed sets = X,  $\phi$ ,  $\{b\}, \{a,b\}, \{c,d\}, \{b,c,d\}$  $m_a - closed = \{a,b\}, \{b,c,d\}$  $g-m_a \ closed = \phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{a,b\}, \{c,d\}$  $g-m_i - open= X, \{a,b\}, \{c,d\}, \{a,b,c\}, \{a,b,d\}, \{a,c,d\}.$  $\alpha$ -closed sets =  $\phi, \{b\}, \{c,d\}, \{c,d\}, \{b,c,d\}$ 



**Theorem 2.13.** Intersection of any two g-m<sub>a</sub> closed is g-m<sub>a</sub> closed **Proof:** Let A & B be any two non-empty g-m<sub>a</sub> closed set. Then by definition 2.1  $cl(A) \subseteq U$ , whenever  $A \subseteq U$  where U is m<sub>a</sub>-open, also  $cl(B) \subseteq U$ , whenever  $B \subseteq U$  where U is m<sub>a</sub>-open. We know that  $cl(A \cap B) \subseteq cl(A) \cap cl(B)$  also, since  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$ , U is m<sub>a</sub>-open&  $cl(B) \subseteq U$ , whenever  $B \subseteq U$ , U is m<sub>a</sub>-open. Thus  $cl(A \cap B) \subseteq U$ whenever  $A \subseteq U$  &  $B \subseteq U$ , U is m<sub>a</sub>-open. Therefore  $cl(A \cap B) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \cap B \subseteq U$ &U is m<sub>a</sub>-open. Therefore  $A \cap B$  is g-m<sub>a</sub> closed sets.

**Remark 2.14.** Union of any two g-m<sub>a</sub> closed sets may not be g-m<sub>a</sub> closed sets.

**Example 2.15.** From Example 2.4, clearly {b} & {c} are  $g-m_a$  closed sets but {b c} is not  $g-m_a$  closed sets.

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**Theorem 2.16.** If A and B are any two g-m<sub>a</sub> closed then  $cl(A \cup B) = cl(A) \cup cl(B)$  **Proof:** Since,  $A \subseteq A \cup B$  we have  $cl(A) \subseteq cl(A \cup B)$  and since  $B \subseteq A \cup B$  we have  $cl(B) \subseteq cl(A \cup B)$ . Therefore  $cl(A) \cup cl(B) \subseteq cl(A \cup B)$  since cl(A) and cl(B) are g-m<sub>a</sub> closed sets. Therefore  $A \subseteq cl(A)$  and  $B \subseteq cl(B)$  this implies  $A \cup B \subseteq cl(A) \cup cl(B)$ . Thus  $cl(A) \cup cl(B)$  is the closed containing  $A \cup B$ . Since  $cl(A \cup B)$  is the smallest closed set containing  $A \cup B$ . Therefore  $cl(A \cup B) \subseteq cl(A) \cup cl(B)$  Hence  $cl(A \cup B) = cl(A) \cup cl(B)$ 

**Theorem 2.17.** If A is  $g-m_a$  closed in a top space  $(X,\tau)$  then cl(A)- A contains no non empty minimal closed set.

**Proof:** Let F be any minimal closed subset of cl(A)-A. Then F<sup>c</sup> is a maximal open subset. Therefore  $F \subseteq cl(A)$ -A= $cl(A) \cap A^{c}$ 

This implies  $F \subseteq cl(A)$  and  $F \subseteq A^c$ , since  $cl(A) \cap A^c \subseteq cl(A)$  and

 $cl(A) \cap A^{c} \subseteq A^{c}$ . Therefore  $F \subseteq A^{c}$  this implies  $A \subseteq F^{c}$ , where  $F^{c}$  is maximal open set. Since A is g-m<sub>a</sub> closed set, we have by the definition  $cl(A) \subseteq F^{c}$  whenever  $A \subset F^{c} \& F^{c}$  is maximal open. Since  $cl(A) \subseteq F^{c}$  this implies  $F \subseteq [cl(A)]^{c}$ . Therefore  $F = \phi$ 

**Theorem 2.18.** If A is a g-m<sub>a</sub> closed &  $A \subseteq B \subseteq cl(A)$  then B is a g-m<sub>a</sub> closed set in a topological space in  $(X,\tau)$ .

**Proof:** Let B be any set such that  $B \subseteq U \& U$  is maximal open set. From the hypothesis  $A \subseteq B \subseteq cl(A)$ . Since A is  $g \cdot m_a$  closed, then by the definition 2.1we have  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U \& U$  is maximal open set. Since  $A \subseteq B \subseteq cl(A) \& cl(A) \subseteq U$  this implies  $B \subseteq cl(A) \ cl(B) \subseteq cl(cl(A)) = cl(A)$  this implies  $cl(B) \subseteq cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $cl(B) \subseteq U$ , whenever  $B \subset U \& U$  is maximal open set. Therefore is  $g \cdot m_a$  closed set.

**Theorem 2.19.** If A is a g-m<sub>a</sub> closed set in a topological space  $(X,\tau)$  then cl(A)-A has no non empty minimal closed set.

**Proof :** Let U be minimal closed subset of cl(A)-A, then  $U^c$  is maximal open set.  $U \subseteq cl(A)$ -A this implies  $U \subseteq cl(A) \cap A^c$ . Thus  $U \subseteq cl(A)$  and  $U \subseteq A^c$  this implies  $A \subseteq U^c$  where  $U^c$  is maximal open set. Since A is g-m<sub>a</sub> closed set then by definition 2.1  $cl(A) \subseteq U^c$  which implies  $U \subseteq [cl(A)]^c$  also  $U \subseteq cl(A)$ . Therefore  $U \subseteq [cl(A)]^c \cap cl(A) = \phi$ . Therefore  $U = \phi$ .

**Theorem 2.20.** If A is a g-m<sub>a</sub> closed set in a topological space  $(X,\tau)$  then cl(A)-A has no non emptyclosed subset.

**Proof:** The proof is omitted has it is obvious from the above Theorem 2.19.

**Remark 2.21.** If A is the only maximal open set in a topological space then  $g-m_a$  closed set is a null set.

**Example 2.22.** Let  $X=\{a,bc,d\}$  and  $\tau=\{\phi,\{a\},\{b\},\{a,b\},\{a,b,c\}\}$ . Maximal open set= $\{a,b,c\}$  therefore g-m<sub>a</sub> closed set= $\{\phi\}$ .

**Remark 2.23.** If A is maximal open set and g-m<sub>a</sub> closed set then A is a closed set.

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**Example 2.24.** From example 2.11  $\{a,b\}$  is both g-ma closed set and maximal open set. Thus  $\{a,b\}$  is a closed set in X.

### 3. Generalized minimal open sets

**Definition 3.1.** A subset U of X is said to be generalized minimal open sets iff its complement is generalized maximal closed set.

**Remark 3.2.** For any subset A of X,int<sup>\*</sup>( $cl^*(A)$ -A) =  $\phi$ 

**Remark 3.3.** For any subset A of X ,  $cl^*(X-A) = X-int^*(A)$ 

**Theorem 3.4**. Every g-m<sub>i</sub>open set is g-open set. **Proof:** This follows from the definition 3.1 and theorem 2.5.

Remark 3.5. The converse of the above theorem is not true.

**Example 3.6.** Let  $X = \{a,b,c\}$  and  $\tau = \{X,\phi,\{a\},\{b,c\}\}$ . Then the set  $A = \{b\}$  is g-open set but not g-m<sub>i</sub> open set.

**Theorem 3.7.** Every g-m<sub>i</sub> open set is  $\omega$ - open set. **Proof:** This follows from the definition 3.1 and Theorem 2.2.

Remark 3.8. The converse of the above Theorem is not true.

**Example 3.9.** From Example 3.6 A={b} is  $\omega$ - open set but not g-m<sub>i</sub> open set.

Remark 3.10. From the above implications we have the following as given below

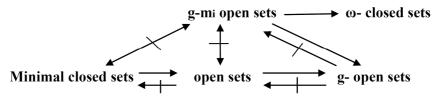


Figure 2:

**Theorem 3.11.** If B is  $g-m_i$  open iff  $F \subseteq int(B)$  whenever  $F \subseteq B$  and F is minimal closed set.

**Proof:** Let B be a g-m<sub>i</sub> open set and F be a minimal closed set such that  $F \subseteq B$  which implies X- B  $\subseteq$  X- F, where X- F is maximal open set. Let X- B  $\subseteq$  cl<sup>\*</sup>(X-B) $\subseteq$ X- F this implies X-int<sup>\*</sup>(B) $\subseteq$ X- F. Thus F  $\subseteq$  int<sup>\*</sup>(B) $\subseteq$  int(B). Therefore F  $\subseteq$  int (A).

Suppose F is minimal closed and  $F \subseteq int B$  whenever  $F \subseteq B$ . Let  $X - B \subseteq U$  where U is maximal open sets. Then  $X - U \subseteq B$  where X-U is minimal closed set. Therefore by the hypothesis X-  $U \subseteq int(B)$  which implies X-  $int(B) \subseteq U$  which implies  $cl(X - B) \subseteq U$  Therefore X-B is generalized maximal closed set. Hence B is generalized minimal open set. Suwarnlatha N. Banasode and Mandakini A.Desurkar

**Theorem 3.12.** If int  $A \subseteq B \subseteq A$  and A is g-m<sub>i</sub> open then B is g-m<sub>i</sub> open. **Proof:** Let int  $A \subseteq B \subseteq A$  and A is g-m<sub>i</sub> open set. Then  $A^c \subseteq B^c \subseteq (int(A))^c$  this implies  $A^c \subseteq B^c \subseteq cl(A)^c$ . Since  $A^c$  is g-m<sub>a</sub> closed then by Theorem2.18,  $B^c$  isg-m<sub>a</sub> closed. Thus B is g-m<sub>i</sub> open set.

**Theorem 3.13.** If A isg-m<sub>i</sub> open set in X then U=X whenever U is an open set and int(A)  $\bigcup A^{c} \subset U$ .

**Proof:** Let A be g-m<sub>i</sub> open set in X. Let U be an open set and  $int(A) \bigcup A^{c} \subseteq U$  which implies  $U^{c} \subseteq (int A)^{c} \cap A$ . Since  $A^{c}$  is g-m<sub>a</sub> closed set and  $U^{c}$  is closed set ,it follows from Theorem 2.20 that  $U^{c} = \phi$ . Therefore U = X.

**Remark 3.14.** If A is  $g-m_a$  closed set then  $cl^*(A) - A$  is  $g-m_i$  open set.

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