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# New types of generalizations of $\theta$ -closed sets

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## Abstract

The aim of this paper is to introduce and study the class of T-closed sets as a generalization of  $\theta$ closed sets, which is properly placed between  $\theta$ -closed sets and closed sets. A generalization of Tclosed sets, namely, generalized T-closed sets is introduced and studied, which is properly placed between T-closed sets and g-closed sets.

**Keywords:** T-closed sets; generalized *T*-closed sets;  $\theta$ -closed sets.

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

In 1968, N. V. Veli<sup> $\sim$ </sup>cko [1] introduced the definition of  $\theta$ -closed sets via  $\theta$ -closure operator. In 1970, Norman Levine [3] introduced a generalization of closed sets and studied their basic properties. In 1982, W. Dunham [4] introduced a new closure operator based on g-closed sets. In 1999, J. Dontchev and H. Maki [2] introduced a generalization of  $\theta$ -closed sets, namely,  $\theta$ -generalized closed sets. In this paper, we introduce a generalization of  $\theta$ -closed sets via T-closure operator which is based on Dunham's closure operator, also we introduce a generalization of T-closed sets which is stronger than g-closed sets.

# **2. PRELIMINARIES**

Throughout this paper  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \sigma)$  and  $(Z, \eta)$  (briefly, X, Y and Z) represent topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise stated. For a subset A of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , cl(A) and int(A) denote the closure and the interior of A, respectively.

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

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

(1)  $\theta$ -closed [1] if  $A = cl_{\theta}(A)$ , Where  $cl_{\theta}(A) = \{x \in X: cl(U) \cap A \neq \varphi, \forall U \in \tau, x \in U\}$ .

- (2) generalized closed (briefly, g-closed) [3] if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is open.
- (3)  $\theta$ -generalized closed (briefly,  $\theta$ -g-closed) [2] if  $cl_{\theta}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is open.
- (4) semi-generalized closed (briefly, sg-closed) [7] if  $cl_{s}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is semi-open.

(5) generalized  $\alpha$ -closed (briefly,  $g\alpha$ -closed) [8] if  $cl_{\alpha}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is  $\alpha$ -open.

(6) generalized semi-closed (briefly, gs-closed) [9] if  $cl_s(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is open.

(7)  $\alpha$ -generalized closed (briefly,  $\alpha$ g-closed) [10] if  $cl_{\alpha}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is open.

(8) generalized semi-preclosed (briefly, gsp-closed) [11] if  $cl_{sp}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is open.

(9) regular generalized closed (rg-closed) [12] if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is regular-open.

(10)  $\alpha$ -closed [13] if cl (int (cl (A)))  $\subseteq$  A. The intersection of all  $\alpha$ -closed sets containing A is called  $\alpha$ -closure [16] and is denoted by  $cl_{\alpha}(A)$ .

(11) semi-closed [14] if int (cl (A))  $\subseteq$  A. The intersection of all semi-closed sets containing A is called semi-closure [17] and is denoted by  $cl_s(A)$ .

(12) semi-preclosed [15] if  $int(cl(int(A))) \subseteq A$ . The intersection of all semi-preclosed sets containing A is called semipre-closure [15] and is denoted by  $cl_{sp}(A)$ .

(13) regular open [23] if A = int(cl(A)).

**Definition 2.2** [4] For a subset A of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $cl^*(A) = \cap \{F: A \subseteq F, F \text{ is g-closed}\}$ .

**Lemma 2.1** [4] If  $A \subseteq X$ , then  $A \subseteq cl^*(A) \subseteq cl(A)$ .

**Definition 2.3** [6] In a space X, A is equivalent to B (written  $A \equiv B$ ) iff for each open set U,  $A \subseteq U$  iff  $B \subseteq U$ .

**Definition 2.4** [3] A topological space X is called  $T_{1/2}$ -space iff every g-closed set is closed.

**Theorem 2.1** [22] X is  $T_{1/2}$ -space iff for each  $x \in X$ , either  $\{x\}$  is open or  $\{x\}$  is closed.

#### **3. T-CLOSED SETS**

In this section, we introduce a new class of sets, namely, T-closed sets as a generalization of  $\theta$ -closed sets and study their fundamental properties.

**Definition 3.1** A subset A of a topological space X is called T-closed set if  $A = cl_T(A)$ , where  $cl_T(A) = \{x \in X: cl^*(U) \cap A \neq \varphi, \forall U \in \tau \text{ and } x \in U\}$ . The complement of a T-closed set is called T-open set. The family of all T-closed (resp. T-open) sets is denoted by TC(X) (resp. TO(X)).

**Proposition 3.1** For a subset  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $A \subseteq cl_{T}(A)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x \in A$ . Then for every open set U containing x, we have  $cl^*(U) \cap A \neq \phi$  which means that  $x \in cl_T(A)$ . Hence  $A \subseteq cl_T(A)$ .

**Definition 3.2** A subset A of a topological space X is called T-open set if  $A = int_T(A)$ , where  $int_T(A) = \{x \in X: cl^*(U) \subseteq A, U \in \tau \text{ and } x \in U\}$ .

**Proposition 3.2** For a subset  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $int_T(A) \subseteq A$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x \in int_T(A)$ , then there exists an open set U containing x such that  $cl^*(U) \subseteq A$  and since  $U \subseteq cl^*(U)$ , we have  $x \in A$ . Thus  $int_T(A) \subseteq A$ .

**Proposition 3.3**  $int_T(A) = \bigcup \{ U \in \tau : cl^*(U) \subseteq A \}.$ 

**Proof:** Let  $x \in int_T(A)$ , then there exists an open set U containing x such that  $cl^*(U) \subseteq A$  and then  $x \in \cup \{U \in \tau: cl^*(U) \subseteq A\}$ . Thus  $int_T(A) \subseteq \cup \{U \in \tau: cl^*(U) \subseteq A\}$ . Conversely, let  $x \in \cup \{U \in \tau: cl^*(U) \subseteq A\}$ , then there exists an open set U containing x such that  $cl^*(U) \subseteq A$  and then  $x \in int_T(A)$ . Therefore,  $\cup \{U \in \tau: cl^*(U) \subseteq A\} \subseteq int_T(A)$  and hence  $int_T(A) = \cup \{U \in \tau: cl^*(U) \subseteq A\}$ .

We give an example of T-closed sets.

**Example 3.1** X = {a, b, c},  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}\}$ .  $TC(X) = \{X, \phi, \{b, c\}\}$ .

**Proposition 3.4** For a subset A of a topological space X,  $cl_{\tau}(A) \subseteq cl_{\theta}(A)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x \in cl_T(A)$ , then for every open U containing  $x cl^*(U) \cap A \neq \varphi$ . But  $cl^*(U) \subseteq cl(U)$ . Therefore,  $cl(U) \cap A \neq \varphi$ . Thus  $x \in cl_{\beta}(A)$ .

**Proposition 3.5** For a subset A of a topological space X, cl (A)  $\subseteq cl_T(A)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x \in cl(A)$ , then for every open set U containing  $x \cup A \neq \phi$ . Then  $cl^*(U) \cap A \neq \phi$  and hence  $x \in cl_{\tau}(A)$ . Thus  $cl(A) \subseteq cl_{\tau}(A)$ .

**Proposition 3.6** Every  $\theta$ -closed set is T-closed.

**Proof:** Let A be  $\theta$ -closed set. Then A =  $cl_{\theta}(A)$ , and we have  $cl_{\theta}(A) = A \subseteq cl_{T}(A)$ . Thus A =  $cl_{T}(A)$  and hence A is T-closed set.

Proposition 3.7 Every T-closed set is closed.

**Proof:** Let A be *T*-closed set. Then  $A = cl_T(A)$ . We want to show that  $cl(A) = A = cl_T(A)$ . We know that  $cl(A) \subseteq cl_T(A) = A$ . Therefore A = cl(A) and hence A is closed.

We have the following implications.

 $\theta$ -closed  $\longrightarrow$  T-closed  $\longrightarrow$  closed

Implications in the previous Fig. can't be reversed as shown from the following examples.

**Example 3.2** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}\}, \{b, c\}$  is T-closed but not  $\theta$ -closed.

**Example 3.3** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{X, \phi, \{a, c\}\}, \{b\}$  is closed but not T-closed.

**Proposition 3.8** For two subsets A, B of a topological space X, if  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $cl_T(A) \subseteq cl_T(B)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x \in cl_T(A)$ , then for every U open containing x,  $cl^*(U) \cap A \neq \varphi$ . But,  $A \subseteq B$  then,  $cl^*(U) \cap B \neq \varphi$ . Thus  $x \in cl_T(B)$  and therefore,  $cl_T(A) \subseteq cl_T(B)$ .

**Proposition 3.9** For two subsets A, B of a topological space X,  $cl_T(A \cup B) = cl_T(A) \cup cl_T(B)$ .

**Proof:**  $A \subseteq A \cup B$  then,  $cl_T(A) \subseteq cl_T(A \cup B)$ . Similarly,  $cl_T(B) \subseteq cl_T(A \cup B)$  and then,  $cl_T(A) \cup cl_T(B) \subseteq cl_T(A \cup B)$ . Now, we want to show that  $cl_T(A \cup B) \subseteq cl_T(A) \cup cl_T(B)$ . Let  $x \notin cl_T(A) \cup cl_T(B)$  which leads to

 $cl^*(U) \cap A = \phi$ ,  $cl^*(U) \cap B = \phi$  for every open set U containing x and therefore,  $cl^*(U) \cap (A \cup B) = \phi$  for every open set U containing x. Thus,  $cl_T(A \cup B) \subseteq cl_T(A) \cup cl_T(B)$  and hence,  $cl_T(A \cup B) = cl_T(A) \cup cl_T(B)$ .

**Proposition 3.10** For two subsets A, B of a topological space X,  $cl_T(A \cap B) \subseteq cl_T(A) \cap cl_T(B)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x \in cl_T(A \cap B)$  then,  $cl^*(U) \cap (A \cap B) \neq \varphi$  for every open set U containing x. Therefore,  $cl^*(U) \cap A \neq \varphi$ ,  $cl^*(U) \cap B \neq \varphi$  for every open set U containing x. Thus,  $x \in cl_T(A) \cap cl_T(B)$  and therefore,  $cl_T(A \cap B) \subseteq cl_T(A) \cap cl_T(B)$ .

Inclusion can't be replaced by equality in the previous proposition as shown from the following example.

**Example 3.4** Let X = {a, b, c, d},  $\tau = \{X, \varphi, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{b\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ . Let A = {a, c}, B = {b, c} and we have,  $cl_{T}(A) = \{a, c, d\}, cl_{T}(B) = X$ . But,  $cl_{T}(A \cap B) = cl_{T}(\{c\}) = \{c, d\} \neq \{a, c, d\} = cl_{T}(A) \cap cl_{T}(B)$ .

Proposition 3.11 The union of two T-closed sets, is T-closed.

Proof: Let A, B be T-closed sets. We want to show that  $cl_T(A \cup B) = A \cup B$ .  $cl_T(A \cup B) = cl_T(A) \cup cl_T(B) = A \cup B$  and therefore,  $A \cup B$  is T-closed set.

Proposition 3.12 The intersection of two T-closed sets, is T-closed.

**Proof:** Let A, B be T-closed sets. We want to show that  $cl_T(A \cap B) = A \cap B$ . We have,  $A \cap B \subseteq cl_T(A \cap B)$  and  $cl_T(A \cap B) \subseteq cl_T(A) \cap cl_T(B) = A \cap B$ . Thus,  $cl_T(A \cap B) = A \cap B$ .

## 4. GENERALIZED T-CLOSED SETS

In this section, we introduce a generalization of sets which introduced in section 3 and study their basic properties.

**Definition 4.1** A subset A of a topological space X is called generalized T-closed set (briefly, gT-closed) if  $cl_T(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is open. The complement of gT-closed set is called gT-open.

The family of all gT-closed (resp. gT-open) sets is denoted by GTC(X) (resp. GTO(X)).

**Lemma 4.1** For a subset A of a topological space X,  $(cl_T(A))^c = int_T(A^c)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x \in (cl_T(A))^c$  which means that  $x \notin cl_T(A)$ . Then, there exists at least one open set U containing x such that  $cl^*(U) \cap A = \phi$  which implies  $cl^*(U) \subseteq A^c$ . Thus,  $x \in int_T(A^c)$  and therefore,  $(cl_T(A))^c \subseteq int_T(A^c)$ . Now, we want to show that  $int_T(A^c) \subseteq (cl_T(A))^c$ . Let  $x \notin (cl_T(A))^c$  which means that  $x \in cl_T(A)$ . Then, for every open set U containing x, we have  $cl^*(U) \cap A \neq \phi$ . Thus  $x \notin int_T(A^c)$  and therefore  $int_T(A^c) \subseteq (cl_T(A))^c$ . Hence  $(cl_T(A))^c = int_T(A^c)$ .

**Proposition 4.1** A subset A of a topological space X is generalized T-open (briefly, gT-open) iff  $F \subseteq int_T(A)$  whenever  $F \subseteq A$  and F is closed.

**Proof.** Let A be a gT-open set and  $F \subseteq A$  where F is closed. Then,  $A^c \subseteq F^c = U$ , and since U is open and  $A^c$  is gT-closed and from lemma 4.1 we have,  $cl_T(A^c) \subseteq U$  and  $F \subseteq (cl_T(A^c))^c = int_T(A)$ . Conversely, Let  $A^c \subseteq U$  where U is open, then  $F = U^c \subseteq A$  and from the assumption we have,  $F \subseteq int_T(A)$  and from lemma 4.1  $(int_T(A))^c = cl_T(A^c) \subseteq U$ . Thus  $A^c$  is gT-closed set and hence, A is gT-open.

**Proposition 4.2** Every T-closed set is g*T*-closed set.

**Proof:** Let A be a *T*-closed set and  $A \subseteq U$ , U open. Then,  $cl_T(A) = A \subseteq U$  and therefore A is gT-closed set.

The converse of the previous proposition is not true in general as shown from the following example.

**Example 4.1** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}\}$ . We can see that  $\{a, b\}$  is g*T*-closed set but not T-closed set.

Proposition 4.3 Every gT-closed set is g-closed set.

**Proof:** Let A be a gT-closed set and  $A \subseteq U$ , U is open. Then  $cl_T(A) \subseteq U$ , but cl  $(A) \subseteq cl_T(A)$  and then, cl  $(A) \subseteq U$ . Thus A is g-closed set.

The converse of the previous proposition is not true in general as shown from the following example.

**Example 4.2** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}\}$ . We have  $\{a, d\}$  is g-closed set but not g*T*-closed.

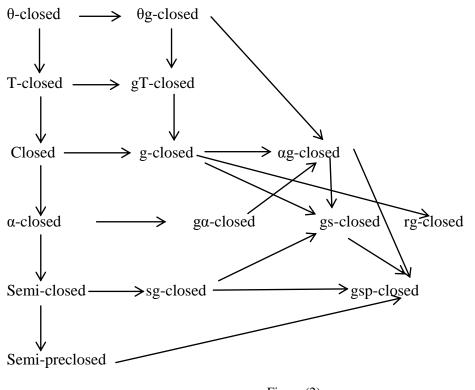
**Proposition 4.4** Every  $\theta$ -g-closed set is gT-closed.

**Proof:** Let A be a  $\theta$ -g-closed set where  $A \subseteq U$  and U is open. Then  $cl_{\theta}(A) \subseteq U$ . But  $cl_{\tau}(A) \subseteq cl_{\theta}(A)$ , hence  $cl_{\tau}(A) \subseteq U$ . Thus A is gT-closed.

The converse of the previous proposition is not true in general as shown from the following example.

**Example 4.3** Let X = {a, b, c, d, e},  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a, b, c\}, \{c, d, e\}, \{c\}\}$ . We have {a} is gT-closed but not  $\theta$ -g-closed.

From propositions 4.2, 4.3, and 4.4 the diagram in [2] can be extended to the following one.





**Proposition 4.4** If  $A \subseteq X$  is gT-closed, then  $cl_T(A) - A$  does not contain a non-empty closed set.

**Proof:** Let  $F \subseteq cl_{T}(A) - A$  be a closed set. Then,  $A \subseteq F^{c}$  and since A is gT-closed, we have  $cl_{T}(A) \subseteq F^{c}$ . Thus,  $F \subseteq cl_{T}(A) \cap (cl_{T}(A))^{c} = \varphi$  which means that F is empty.

**Proposition 4.5** A subset A of a topological space X is gT-closed iff  $A \equiv cl_{T}(A)$ .

**Proof.** Let A be a gT-closed set. Then,  $A \subseteq U$  iff  $cl_T(A) \subseteq U$  where U is open. Thus,  $A \equiv cl_T(A)$ . Conversely, Let  $A \equiv cl_T(A)$ . Then, if  $A \subseteq U$  and U is open implies  $cl_T(A) \subseteq U$  and then A is gT-closed.

Proposition 4.6 The union of two gT-closed sets is gT-closed.

**Proof:** Let A, B be g*T*-closed sets and suppose that  $A \cup B \subseteq U$  and U is open. Then  $A \subseteq U$  and hence  $cl_T(A) \subseteq U$  since A is gT-closed set. Similarly,  $cl_T(B) \subseteq U$  and therefore,  $cl_T(A \cup B) = cl_T(A) \cup cl_T(B) \subseteq U$ . Thus  $A \cup B$  is also gT-closed set.

The intersection of two gT-closed sets is not gT-closed in general as shown from the following example.

**Example 4.3** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}\}$ . The sets  $\{a, b\}$  and  $\{a, c\}$  are g*T*-closed sets but its intersection  $\{a\}$  is not g*T*-closed set.

Proposition 4.6 The intersection of a gT-closed and a T-closed is always a gT-closed.

**Proof:** Let A be a g*T*-closed and let F be a T-closed. Suppose that  $A \cap F \subseteq U$  where U is an open set. Putting  $G = \mathbf{F}^{c}$ , then  $A \subseteq U \cup G$ . But since G is T-open and U is open, then  $G \cup U$  is open set and hence  $cl_{T}(A) \subseteq G \cup U$ . Now, we can write  $cl_{T}(A \cap F) \subseteq cl_{T}(A) \cap cl_{T}(F) = cl_{T}(A) \cap F \subseteq (G \cup U) \cap F = (G \cap F) \cup (U \cap F) = \varphi \cup (U \cap F) \subseteq U$ . Thus  $A \cap F$  is a gT-closed set.

**Proposition 4.7** A topological space X is a  $T_{1/2}$ -space iff every gT-closed is closed.

**Proof:** Let X be a  $T_{1/2}$ -space, and suppose that  $A \subseteq X$  is a gT-closed set, then, A is g-closed and since X is  $T_{1/2}$ -space hence, A is closed. Conversely, Let  $x \in X$ . If  $\{x\}$  is not closed, then  $\{x\}^c$  is not open and hence the only superset of  $\{x\}^c$  is X. Thus,  $\{x\}^c$  is gT-closed and hence closed from the assumption which means that  $\{x\}$  is open. Thus, every singleton set is either open or closed and therefore, X is a  $T_{1/2}$ -space.

#### **5. APPLICATION OF T-CLOSED SETS.**

In this section, we introduce new separation axioms called  $T_c$ -space,  $T_{\theta}$ -space and we study its properties and its relation with  $T_{1/2}$ -space which is considered as a main tool in digital Topology.

**Definition 5.1** A topological space X is called  $T_{c}$ -space if every g-closed set is T-closed.

**Definition 5.2** A topological space X is called  $T_{\theta}$ -space if every T-closed set is  $\theta$ -closed.

**Proposition 5.1** Every  $T_c$ -space is  $T_{1/2}$ -space.

**Proof.** Let X be  $T_c$ -space. Suppose that A is g-closed set and since X is  $T_c$ -space then, A is T-closed and hence closed. Therefore X is  $T_{1/2}$ -space.

The converse of the previous proposition is not true in general as shown from the following example.

Example 5.1 Let X = {a, b, c, d} and  $\tau$  = {X,  $\phi$ , {a}, {b}, {a, b}, {a, b, c}, {a, b, d}}, then (X,  $\tau$ ) is a  $T_{1/2}$ -space. But (X,  $\tau$ ) is not  $T_c$ -space since {c} is g-closed set but not T-closed.

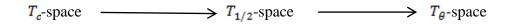
**Proposition 5.2** Every  $T_{1/2}$ -space is  $T_{\theta}$ -space.

**Proof.** Let X be  $T_{1/2}$ -space, then g-closed sets and closed sets coincide. Hence for any subset  $A \subseteq X$ , cl (A) =  $cl^*(A)$ . Therefore,  $\theta$ -closed sets and T-closed sets coincide which means that X is  $T_{\theta}$ -space.

The converse of the previous proposition is not true in general as shown from the following example.

**Example 5.2** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a, c\}\}$ .  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_{\theta}$ -space but not  $T_{1/2}$ -space, since  $\{b\}$  is g-closed but not closed.

From the above propositions, we have the following implications





These implications can't be reversed as we shown earlier.

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