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# A Note on $\alpha grw$ -Closed Sets

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**Abstract.** In this paper, some properties of  $\alpha grw$ -closed sets are discussed and also some characterizations of  $\alpha grw$ -closed sets are studied in topological spaces.

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#### 1. Introduction

In 2013,  $\alpha grw$ -closed sets are introduced and studied by Selvanayaki and Gnanambal Ilango [14] and some basic properties of  $\alpha grw$ -closed sets are investigated. The class of  $\alpha grw$ -closed sets properly lies between the class of rw-closed sets and the class of grw-closed sets. In 2007, Benchalli and Wali [1] have introduced a new type of Kernel known as regular semi kernel. The aim of this paper is to study some properties of  $\alpha grw$ -closed sets and some characterizations of it.

Throughout this paper, space  $(X, \tau)$  (or simply X) always means a topological space on which no separation axioms are assumed unless explicitly stated. For a subset A of a space X, cl(A), int(A) and X - A (or  $A^c$ ) denote the closure of A, the interior of A and the complement of A in X, respectively.

## 2. Preliminaries

**Definition 1.** A subset A of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called

(i) regular open [15] if A = int(cl(A)) and regular closed if A = cl(int(A)).

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- (ii) semi-open [7] if  $A \subseteq cl(int(A))$  and semi-closed if  $int(cl(A)) \subseteq A$ .
- (iii)  $\alpha$ -open [13] if  $A \subseteq int(cl(int(A)))$  and  $\alpha$ -closed [12] if  $cl(int(cl(A))) \subseteq A$ .

**Definition 2** ([2]). A subset A of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is called regular semi-open if there is a regular open set U such that  $U \subseteq A \subseteq cl(U)$ . The family of all regular semi-open sets of X is denoted by RSO(X).

**Definition 3** (Noiri [10]). A subset A of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be semi-regular open if it is both semi-open and semi-closed.

The family of all semi-regular open sets of X is denoted by SR(X). On other hand, Maio and Noiri defined a subset A of X to be semi-regular open if A = sint(scl(A)). However, these three notions are equivalent, which is given in the following theorem.

**Theorem 1** ([10]). For a subset A of a space X, the followings are equivalent:

- (i)  $A \in SR(X) (=RSO(X))$ ,
- (ii) A = sint(scl(A)),
- (iii) there exists a regular open set U of X such that  $U \subseteq A \subseteq cl(U)$ .

**Definition 4.** A subset A of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called

- (i) generalized closed (briefly g-closed) [8] if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is open in X.
- (ii)  $\alpha$ -generalized closed (briefly  $\alpha g$ -closed)[11] if  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is open in X.
- (iii)  $\alpha$ -generalized regular weakly closed (briefly  $\alpha grw$ -closed)[14] if  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is regular semi-open in X.

The set of all  $\alpha grw$ -closed sets in  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $\alpha grwC(X)$ .

**Definition 5** ([9]). A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be s-normal if for each pair of disjoint closed sets A and B, there exists disjoint semi-open sets U, V such that  $A \subseteq U$  and  $B \subseteq V$ .

**Definition 6** ([1]). The intersection of all regular semi-open subsets of  $(X, \tau)$  containing A is called the regular semi-kernel of A and is denoted by rsker(A).

**Theorem 2** ([3]). If A is open and S is semi-open in a topological space X, then  $A \cap S$  is semi-open in X.

**Lemma 1** ([1]). Let  $A \subseteq Y \subseteq X$ , where X is a topological space and Y is an open subspace of X. If  $A \in RSO(X)$ , then  $A \in RSO(Y)$ .

**Lemma 2** ([1]). Let Y be regular open in X and U be a subset of Y. Then U is regular semi-open in X if and only if U is regular semi-open in the subspace Y.

**Lemma 3** ([6]). Let x be a point of  $(X, \tau)$ . Then  $\{x\}$  is either nowhere dense or pre-open.

**Lemma 4** ([5]). If A is regular semi-open in  $(X, \tau)$ , then X - A is also regular semi-open.

**Lemma 5** ([1]). For any subset A of  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $A \subseteq rsker(A)$ .

## 3. agrw-Closed Sets

**Proposition 1.** In a space  $(X, \tau)$ , if  $RSO(X) = \{\emptyset, X\}$ , then every subset of X is an  $\alpha grw$ -closed set.

*Proof.* Let  $RSO(X) = \{\emptyset, X\}$  and A be any subset of X. Suppose  $A = \emptyset$ , then A is an  $\alpha grw$ -closed set in X. Suppose  $A \neq \emptyset$ , then X is the only regular semi-open set containing A and so  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq X$ . Hence A is  $\alpha grw$ -closed.

**Remark 1.** The converse of the above proposition need not be true as seen from the following example.

**Example 1.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with topology  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . Then every subset of X is agrw-closed in X but  $RSO(X) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ .

**Proposition 2.** Every subset of  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\alpha grw$ -closed if and only if

$$RSO(X, \tau) \subseteq \{F \subseteq X : F^c \in \tau_\alpha\},\$$

where  $\tau_{\alpha}$  is the topology generated by the  $\alpha$ -open sets in  $(X, \tau)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that every subset of  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\alpha grw$ -closed. Let  $U \in RSO(X, \tau)$ . Since  $U \subseteq U$  and U is  $\alpha grw$ -closed, we have  $\alpha cl(U) \subseteq U$ . Thus  $U \in \{F \subseteq X : F^c \in \tau_\alpha\}$  and hence  $RSO(X, \tau) \subseteq \{F \subseteq X : F^c \in \tau_\alpha\}$ .

Conversely, assume that  $RSO(X, \tau) \subseteq \{F \subseteq X : F^c \in \tau_\alpha\}$ . Let A be any subset of  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $A \subseteq U$ , where U is regular semi-open. Thus U is  $\alpha$ -closed and so  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence A is  $\alpha grw$ -closed in X.

**Proposition 3.** If A is both open and g-closed in X, then it is  $\alpha grw$ -closed in X.

*Proof.* Let *A* be open and *g*-closed in X. Let  $A \subseteq U$  and *U* be regular semi-open in X. Now  $A \subseteq A$ , we have  $cl(A) \subseteq A$ . This implies  $acl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence *A* is agrw-closed in *X*.

**Remark 2.** If A is both open and  $\alpha grw$ -closed in X, then A need not be g-closed in X.

**Example 2.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with topology  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . Then  $A = \{a, b\}$  is both open and  $\alpha grw$ -closed but not g-closed.

**Proposition 4.** If A is regular semi-open and  $\alpha grw$ -closed, then A is  $\alpha$ -closed.

*Proof.* Suppose *A* is regular semi-open and  $\alpha grw$ -closed. We have  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq A$ . Since  $A \subseteq \alpha cl(A)$  always,  $\alpha cl(A) = A$ . Hence *A* is  $\alpha$ -closed.

**Example 3.** In Example 2, the set  $\{b,c\}$  is  $\alpha$ -closed and  $\alpha g r w$ -closed but is not regular semi-open.

**Corollary 1.** Let A be regular semi-open and  $\alpha grw$ -closed in X. Then  $A \cap F$  is  $\alpha grw$ -closed in X, where F is  $\alpha$ -closed.

*Proof.* Since *A* is regular semi-open and  $\alpha grw$ -closed then by Proposition 4, we have *A* is  $\alpha$ -closed. Therefore  $A \cap F$  is  $\alpha$ -closed, since *F* is  $\alpha$ -closed. Hence  $A \cap F$  is  $\alpha grw$ -closed.

**Proposition 5.** *If A is both open and \alpha g-closed, then A is \alpha g r w-closed.* 

*Proof.* Let *A* be an open and  $\alpha g$ -closed. Let  $A \subseteq U$  and *U* be regular semi-open. Now  $A \subseteq A$  and by hypothesis  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq A$ . Therefore  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence *A* is  $\alpha grw$ -closed.

**Remark 3.** If A is both open and  $\alpha grw$ -closed, then A need not be  $\alpha g$ -closed.

**Example 4.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  with topology  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ . Then the subsets  $\{a, b\}$  and  $\{a, b, c\}$  are  $\alpha g r w$ -closed and open but not  $\alpha g$ -closed.

**Remark 4.** Difference of two  $\alpha grw$ -closed sets is not generally  $\alpha grw$ -closed.

**Example 5.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  with topology  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ . Then the sets  $A = \{a, c, d\}$  and  $B = \{c, d\}$  are  $\alpha g r w$ -closed but  $A - B = \{a\}$  is not  $\alpha g r w$ -closed.

**Proposition 6.** Let  $B \subseteq A \subseteq X$ . If A is open in X, then  $A \in \alpha grwC(X)$  implies  $A \in \alpha grwC(Y)$ .

*Proof.* Let A be  $\alpha grw$ -closed in X and let  $A \subseteq G$  where G is regular semi-open in Y. Then  $G = U \cap Y$ , where U is regular semi-open in X by Lemma 1. This implies  $A \subseteq U$ . Since A is  $\alpha grw$ -closed in X,  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$  and so  $\alpha cl(A) \cap Y \subseteq U \cap Y$ . Therefore  $\alpha cl_Y(A) \subseteq G$ . Hence  $A \in \alpha grwC(Y)$ .

**Proposition 7.** Suppose  $B \subseteq A \subseteq X$ , B is  $\alpha grw$ -closed relative to A and A is both regular open and  $\alpha grw$ -closed subset of X. Then B is  $\alpha grw$ -closed in X.

*Proof.* Let  $B \subseteq U$  and U be regular semi-open in X. Then we have  $B \subseteq A \cap U$ . Since A is open and U is semi-open in X by Theorem 2,  $A \cap U$  is semi-open in X. Since every regular-open set is regular semi-open and every regular semi-open set is semi-closed, A and U are semi-closed. Therefore  $A \cap U$  is semi-closed in X. Thus  $A \cap U$  is regular semi-open in X. Also  $A \cap U \subseteq A \subseteq X$  and A is open subspace of X by Lemma 1,  $A \cap U$  is regular semi-open in A. Since B is  $\alpha grw$ -closed relative to A,  $\alpha cl_A(B) \subseteq A \cap U$ . But  $\alpha cl_A(B) = A \cap \alpha cl(B)$ . This implies  $A \cap \alpha cl(B) \subseteq A \cap U$  and we have  $A \cap \alpha cl(B) \subseteq U$ . Since A is regular open and  $\alpha grw$ -closed by Proposition 4,  $\alpha cl(A) = A$  and so  $\alpha cl(B) \subseteq A$ . Thus  $\alpha cl(B) \subseteq U$  and hence B is  $\alpha grw$ -closed in X.

**Proposition 8.** If a subset A of  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\alpha grw$ -closed, then  $\alpha cl(A) - A$  contains no non-empty regular closed set.

*Proof.* Suppose that A is  $\alpha grw$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  and F be a regular closed subset of  $\alpha cl(A) - A$ . Then  $A \subseteq F^c$ . Since every regular open set is regular semi-open and A is  $\alpha grw$ -closed,  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq F^c$ . Consequently  $F \subseteq [\alpha cl(A)]^c$ . Thus  $F \subseteq \alpha cl(A) \cap [\alpha cl(A)]^c = \emptyset$ . Hence  $\alpha cl(A) - A$  contains no non-empty regular closed set.

**Remark 5.** The converse of the above proposition need not be true. In Example 2, let  $A = \{a\}$ . Then  $\alpha cl(A) - A = \{c\}$  does not contain non-empty regular closed set, but A is not an  $\alpha grw$ -closed set.

**Proposition 9.** Let  $A \subseteq Y \subseteq X$  and Y is regular open in X then A is  $\alpha grw$ -closed in Y whenever A is  $\alpha grw$ -closed in X.

*Proof.* Let A be  $\alpha grw$ -closed in X and Y be regular open subset of X. Let U be any regular semi-open set in Y such that  $A \subseteq U$ . By Lemma 2, U is regular semi-open in X. Then we have  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ . That is  $Y \cap \alpha cl(A) \subseteq Y \cap U = U$ . Thus  $\alpha cl_Y(A) \subseteq U$  and hence A is  $\alpha grw$ -closed in Y.

**Proposition 10.** A subset A of  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\alpha grw$ -closed if and only if  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq rsker(A)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that A is  $\alpha grw$ -closed. Let  $x \in \alpha cl(A)$ . Suppose  $x \notin rsker(A)$ , then there is a regular semi-open set U containing A such that  $x \notin U$ . Since U is regular semi-open containing A, we have  $x \notin \alpha cl(A)$ , which is a contradiction. Thus  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq rsker(A)$ .

Conversely, let  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq rsker(A)$ . If U is any regular semi-open set containing A, then  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq rsker(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore A is  $\alpha grw$ -closed.

**Remark 6** ([4]). In the notion of Lemma 3, we may consider the following decomposition of a given topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , namely  $X = X_1 \cup X_2$ , where  $X_1 = \{x \in X : \{x\} \text{ is nowhere dense}\}$  and  $X_2 = \{x \in X : \{x\} \text{ is preopen}\}.$ 

**Proposition 11.** For any subset A of  $(X, \tau), X_2 \cap \alpha cl(A) \subseteq rsker(A)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x \in X_2 \cap \alpha cl(A)$  and suppose that  $x \notin rsker(A)$ . Then there is a regular semi-open set U containing A such that  $x \notin U$ . If F = X - U, then F is regular semi-closed and so F is semi-closed. We have  $scl(\{x\}) = \{x\} \cup int(cl(\{x\})) \subseteq F$ . Since  $\alpha cl(\{x\}) \subseteq \alpha cl(A)$ , we have  $int(cl(\{x\})) \subseteq A \cup int(cl(A))$ . Again since  $x \in X_2$ , we have  $x \notin X_1$  and so  $int(cl(\{x\})) \neq \emptyset$ . Therefore there has to be some point  $y \in A \cap int(cl(\{x\}))$  and hence  $y \in F \cap A$ , a contradiction. Thus  $x \in rsker(A)$ . Hence  $X_2 \cap \alpha cl(A) \subseteq rsker(A)$ . □

**Proposition 12.** For any subset A of  $(X, \tau)$ , if  $X_1 \cap \alpha cl(A) \subseteq A$ , then A is  $\alpha grw$ -closed in X.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $X_1 \cap \alpha cl(A) \subseteq A$ . Then  $X_1 \cap \alpha cl(A) \subseteq rsker(A)$ , since  $A \subseteq rsker(A)$ . Now  $\alpha cl(A) = X \cap \alpha cl(A) = (X_1 \cup X_2) \cap \alpha cl(A) = (X_1 \cap \alpha cl(A)) \cup (X_2 \cap \alpha cl(A)) \subseteq rsker(A)$ , since  $X_1 \cap \alpha cl(A) \subseteq rsker(A)$  and by Proposition 11. Thus A is  $\alpha grw$ -closed by Proposition 10.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 13.** Let X be a regular space in which every regular semi-open subset is open. If A is compact subset of X, then A is  $\alpha g r w$ -closed.

*Proof.* Let  $A \subseteq U$  and U be regular semi-open. By assumption U is open in X. Since A is a compact subset of a regular space X, then there exists a closed set V such that  $A \subseteq V = cl(V) \subseteq U$ . Thus  $cl(V) \subseteq U$  and so  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence A is  $\alpha grw$ -closed.

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**Proposition 14.** If  $(X, \tau)$  is s-normal and  $F \cap A = \emptyset$ , where F is regular semi-open and A is  $\alpha g r w$ -closed, then there exist disjoint semi-open sets  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  such that  $A \subseteq S_1$  and  $F \subseteq S_2$ .

*Proof.* Since F is regular semi-open and  $F \cap A = \emptyset$ . Then  $A \subseteq F^c$  and so  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq F^c$ . Thus  $\alpha cl(A) \cap F = \emptyset$ . Since  $\alpha cl(A)$  and F are semi-closed and X is s-normal, there exist semi-open sets  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  such that  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq S_1$  and  $F \subseteq S_2$ . This implies  $A \subseteq S_1$  and  $F \subseteq S_2$ .

**Remark 7.** Disjoint  $\alpha grw$ -closed sets in a semi-normal space cannot be separated by semi-open sets. In Example 1, the space  $(X, \tau)$  is s-normal, but  $\{a, b\}$  and  $\{c\}$  are disjoint  $\alpha grw$ -closed sets which cannot be separated by disjoint semi-open sets.

**Proposition 15.** If  $(X, \tau)$  is normal in which every  $\alpha$ -closed set is closed and  $F \cap A = \emptyset$ , where F is regular closed and A is  $\alpha g r w$ -closed then there exist disjoint open sets  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  such that  $A \subseteq O_1$  and  $F \subseteq O_2$ .

*Proof.* Similar to Proposition 14.

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