

ON α - Δ -OPEN SETS AND GENERALIZED Δ -CLOSED SETS IN TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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ABSTRACT. The aim of this paper, we introduced and studied α - Δ -open sets in topological spaces. We offer a new class of sets called $g\Delta$ -closed sets in topological spaces and we study some of its basic properties. we introduce $g\Delta$ -interior and $g\Delta$ -closure and study some of its basic properties. We introduce $g\Delta$ -continuous maps and $g\Delta$ -irresolute maps. we introduce the classes of Δ -lc-set, $g\Delta$ -lc-set, $g\Delta$ -lc*-sets, $g\Delta$ -lc** -sets and study some of its basic properties. Finally we introduced and studied Δ LC-continuous, $G\Delta$ LC-continuous map and $G\Delta$ LC-irresolute map.

1. Introduction and Preliminaries

M. Veera Kumar [18] introduced and studied Δ -open set in topology. T. M. Nour and Ahmad Mustafa Jaber [16] introduced and studied semi- Δ -open sets. S. Ganesan [10] introduced and studied pre- Δ -open sets, b- Δ -open sets and β - Δ -open sets in topological spaces. N. Levine [13] introduced generalised closed sets in topological sapces. S. Ganesan [7] introduced and studied the new operator of open sets and generalized closed sets in topological spaces. In this way, we introduced and studied α - Δ -open sets in topological spaces. We offer a new class of sets called $g\Delta$ -closed sets in topological spaces and we study some of its basic properties. we introduce $g\Delta$ -interior and $g\Delta$ -closure and study some of its basic properties. We introduce $g\Delta$ -continuous maps and $g\Delta$ -irresolute maps.

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Definition 1.1. A subset A of a space (X, τ) is called:

- (1) α -open set [15] if $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(A)))$.
- (2) semi-open set [12] if $A \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$.
- (3) preopen set [14] if $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$.
- (4) b -open set [3] if $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(A)) \cup \text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$.
- (5) β -open set [1] (= semi-preopen set [2]) if $A \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(A)))$.

The complements of the above mentioned open sets are called their respective closed sets.

Definition 1.2. A subset A of a space (X, τ) is called

- (1) Δ -open [16, 18] if $A = (B - C) \cup (C - B)$, where B and C are open subsets of X .
- (2) semi- Δ -open [16] if $A = (B - C) \cup (C - B)$, where B and C are semi-open subsets of X .
- (3) pre- Δ -open [10] if $A = (B - C) \cup (C - B)$, where B and C are pre-open subsets of X .
- (4) b - Δ -open [10] if $A = (B - C) \cup (C - B)$, where B and C are b -open subsets of X .
- (5) β - Δ -open [10] if $A = (B - C) \cup (C - B)$, where B and C are β -open subsets of X .

The complements of the above mentioned open sets are called their respective closed sets.

Definition 1.3. [18] Let A be a subset of a space (X, τ) , then the Δ -closure of A , denoted by $\Delta\text{cl}(A)$ is defined as the intersection of all Δ -closed subsets of X containing A .

Remark 1.1. Every α -closed sets is semi-closed sets but not conversely.[See Remark 3.24 [17]]

2. α - Δ -open sets

Definition 2.1. A subset S of a space (X, τ) said to be α - Δ -open set if $S = (A - B) \cup (B - A)$, where A and B are α -open subsets in X .

The complement of α - Δ -open sets is called α - Δ -closed sets.

We denote the power set of X by $P(X)$.

It is evident that every Δ -open set as also every α -open set is α - Δ -open. But the converse implications are not true in general. Following is an example.

Example 2.1. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, X\}$. Then α -open sets are $\phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X$; Δ -open sets are $\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X$ and α - Δ -open sets are power set of X . It is clear that $\{a, b\}$ is α - Δ -open set but it is not Δ -open set. (ii) It is clear that $\{b, c\}$ is α - Δ -open set but it is not α -open set.

Definition 2.2. Every α - Δ -open set is semi- Δ -open set but not conversely.

Proof. Let S be α - Δ -open set. Since every α -open set set is semi-open set. We have $S = (A - B) \cup (B - A)$, where A and B are semi-open subsets of X . Hence, S is semi- Δ -open set. \square

Example 2.2. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$. Then α - Δ -open sets are $\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X$; semi- Δ -open sets are power set of X . Here $\{b, c\}$ is semi- Δ -open set but it is not α - Δ -open set.

Remark 2.1. (1) The union of any two α - Δ -open sets is not a α - Δ -open set.

(2) The intersection of any two α - Δ -closed sets is not a α - Δ -closed set.

Example 2.3. Let X and τ as in the Example 2.2. (i) Here $M = \{a\}$ and $N = \{c\}$ are α - Δ -open sets, but $M \cup N = \{a, c\}$ is not a α - Δ -open set. (ii) Here $O = \{a, b\}$ and $P = \{b, c\}$ are α - Δ -closed sets, but $O \cap P = \{b\}$ is not a α - Δ -closed set.

Definition 2.3. Let (X, τ) be a topological space and let $A \subseteq X$. Then the union of all α - Δ -open sets contained in A , denoted by α - Δ -int(A), is called the α - Δ -interior of A .

Theorem 2.1. Let (X, τ) be a topological space and $A \subset X$. Then, A is α - Δ -open if and only if $A = \alpha$ - Δ -int(A).

Proof. Let A be a α - Δ -open set. Then, $A \subseteq A$ and this implies that $A \in \{U \mid U \text{ is } \alpha$ - Δ -open and $U \subset A\}$. Since union of this collection is in A . Therefore, $A = \alpha$ - Δ -int(A).

Conversely, suppose that $A = \alpha$ - Δ -int(A). Hence, A is α - Δ -open. \square

Definition 2.4. Let A be a subset of a space (X, τ) then the α - Δ -closure of A , denoted by α - Δ cl(A) is defined as the intersection of all α - Δ -closed subsets of X containing A .

Theorem 2.2. Let (X, τ) be a topological space and $A, B \subseteq X$. Then, the following statements hold:

- (1) $A \subseteq \alpha$ - Δ cl(A).
- (2) α - Δ cl(A) is the smallest α - Δ -closed set containing A , that is α - Δ cl(A) = $\bigcap \{ W \mid W \text{ is } \alpha$ - Δ -closed and $A \subseteq W \}$.
- (3) A is α - Δ -closed if and only if $A = \alpha$ - Δ cl(A).
- (4) If $A \subseteq B$, then α - Δ cl(A) \subseteq α - Δ cl(B).
- (5) α - Δ cl(A) \cup α - Δ cl(B) \subseteq α - Δ cl($A \cup B$).
- (6) α - Δ cl($A \cap B$) \subseteq α - Δ cl(A) \cap α - Δ cl(B).

Proof. (1) Let $x \in A$ and suppose that $x \notin \alpha$ - Δ cl(A). Then, there exists α - Δ -open set V containing x such that $V \cap A = \emptyset$ and this is a contradiction. Therefore, $x \in \alpha$ - Δ cl(A).

(2) Let $x \in \alpha$ - Δ cl(A). Then, $V \cap A \neq \emptyset$ for every α - Δ -open set V containing x . Now, suppose the contrary, that $x \notin \bigcap \{ W \mid W \text{ is } \alpha$ - Δ -closed and $A \subseteq W \}$. Then, $x \notin W$ for some α - Δ -closed set W , so $x \in X - W$ for some α - Δ -open set $X - W$. So, $(X - W) \cap A = \emptyset$ for some α - Δ -open set $X - W$ containing x and this is a contradiction. Therefore, $x \in \bigcap \{ W \mid W \text{ is } \alpha$ - Δ -closed and $A \subseteq W \}$. Conversely, let $y \in x \notin \bigcap \{ W \mid W \text{ is } \alpha$ - Δ -closed and $A \subseteq W \}$. Then, $y \in W$ for all α - Δ -closed set W containing A . Now, suppose that $y \notin \alpha$ - Δ cl(A). Then, there exists α - Δ -open set V containing y such that $V \cap A = \emptyset$. Therefore, $X - V$ is α - Δ -closed set containing A and $y \notin X - V$ and this is a contradiction. Therefore, $y \in \alpha$ - Δ cl(A).

The proof of (3) and (4) are followed directly from the Definition 2.4. (5) and (6) are followed by applying part (4) of this Theorem. \square

Theorem 2.3. Let (X, τ) be a topological space and $A, B \subseteq X$. Then, the following statements hold:

- (1) If $A \subseteq B$, then α - Δ -int(A) \subseteq α - Δ -int(B).

- (2) $\alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{-int}(A) \cup \alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{-int}(B) \subseteq \alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{-int}(A \cup B)$.
 (3) $\alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{-int}(A \cap B) \subseteq \alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{-int}(A) \cap \alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{-int}(B)$.

Proof. The proof of (1) is followed directly from the Definition 2.3. (2) and (3) are followed by applying part (1) of this Theorem. \square

Theorem 2.4. *Let (X, τ) be a topological space and $A \subseteq X$. Then, the following statements hold:*

- (1) $\alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{-int}(X \setminus A) = X \setminus \alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{cl}(A)$.
 (2) $\alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{cl}(X \setminus A) = X \setminus \alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{-int}(A)$.
 (3) $X \setminus \alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{cl}(X \setminus A) = \alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{-int}(A)$.
 (4) $X \setminus \alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{-int}(X \setminus A) = \alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{cl}(A)$.
 (5) $x \in \alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{-int}(A)$ if and only if there exists a $\alpha\text{-}\Delta$ -open set M such that $x \in M \subseteq A$.

Proof. Omitted. \square

Theorem 2.5. *Let A be a subset of a topological space (X, τ) . Then, $x \in \alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{cl}(A)$ if and only if for every $\alpha\text{-}\Delta$ -open subset M of X containing x , $A \cap M \neq \emptyset$.*

Proof. Let $x \in \alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{cl}(A)$ and suppose that $M \cap A = \emptyset$ for some $\alpha\text{-}\Delta$ -open set M which contains x . Then, $(X \setminus M)$ is $\alpha\text{-}\Delta$ -closed and $A \subset (X \setminus M)$, thus $\alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{cl}(A) \subset (X \setminus M)$. But this implies that $x \in (X \setminus M)$, a contradiction. Thus, $A \cap M \neq \emptyset$.

Conversely, let $A \subseteq X$ and $x \in X$ such that for each $\alpha\text{-}\Delta$ -open set M_1 which contains x , $M_1 \cap A \neq \emptyset$. If $x \notin \alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{cl}(A)$, there is a $\alpha\text{-}\Delta$ -closed set F such that $A \subseteq F$ and $x \notin F$. Then, $(X \setminus F)$ is a $\alpha\text{-}\Delta$ -open set with $x \in (X \setminus F)$, and thus $(X \setminus F) \cap A \neq \emptyset$, which is a contradiction. \square

Theorem 2.6. *Let (X, τ) be a topological space $A \subseteq X$. Then A is $\alpha\text{-}\Delta$ -open if and only if for each $s \in A$, there exists a $\alpha\text{-}\Delta$ -open set D such that $s \in D \subseteq A$.*

Proof. It is obvious. \square

Definition 2.5. A map $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be α - Δ -continuous if $f^{-1}(A)$ is α - Δ -open set in (X, τ) for every Δ -open set A of (Y, σ) .

Theorem 2.7. A map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is α - Δ -continuous if and only if the inverse image of every Δ -open set in Y is α - Δ -open in X .

Proof. Let f be α - Δ -continuous and K be any Δ -open set in Y . If $f^{-1}(K) = \emptyset$, then $f^{-1}(K)$ is a α - Δ -open set in X but if $f^{-1}(K) \neq \emptyset$, then there exists $x \in f^{-1}(K)$ which implies $f(x) \in K$. Since f is α - Δ -continuous, then there exists a α - Δ -open set L in X containing x such that $f(L) \subseteq K$. This implies that $x \in L \subseteq f^{-1}(K)$ and hence $f^{-1}(K)$ is α - Δ -open.

Conversely, let K be any Δ -open set in Y containing $f(x)$, then $x \in f^{-1}(K)$ and by hypothesis $f^{-1}(K)$ is a α - Δ -open set in X containing x , so $f(f^{-1}(K)) \subseteq K$. Thus, f is α - Δ -continuous.

□

Theorem 2.8. For a map $f : X \rightarrow Y$, the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) f is α - Δ -continuous.
- (2) $f^{-1}(K)$ is a α - Δ -open set in X , for each Δ -open subset K of Y .
- (3) $f^{-1}(F)$ is a α - Δ -closed set in X , for each Δ -closed subset F of Y .
- (4) $f(\alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{cl}(A)) \subseteq \Delta\text{cl}(f(A))$, for each subset A of X .
- (5) $\alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\Delta\text{cl}(B))$, for each subset B of Y .
- (6) $f^{-1}(\Delta\text{int}(B)) \subseteq \alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{int}(f^{-1}(B))$, for each subset B of Y .

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2): Directly from Theorem 2.7.

(2) \Rightarrow (3): Let F be any Δ -closed subset of Y . Then, $Y \setminus F$ is a Δ -open subset of Y . By (2), $f^{-1}(Y \setminus F) = X \setminus f^{-1}(F)$ is a α - Δ -open set in X and hence $f^{-1}(F)$ is a α - Δ -closed set in X .

(3) \Rightarrow (4): Let A be any subset of X . Then, $f(A) \subseteq \Delta\text{cl}(f(A))$ and $\Delta\text{cl}(f(A))$ is a Δ -closed set in Y . Hence, $A \subseteq f^{-1}(\Delta\text{cl}(f(A)))$. By (3), we have $f^{-1}(\Delta\text{cl}(f(A)))$ is a α - Δ -closed set in X . Therefore, $\alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{cl}(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(\Delta\text{cl}(f(A)))$. Hence, $f(\alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{cl}(A)) \subseteq \Delta\text{cl}(f(A))$.

(4) \Rightarrow (5): Let B be any subset of Y . Then, $f^{-1}(B)$ is a subset of X . By (4), we have $f(\alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{cl}(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq \Delta\text{cl}(f(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq \Delta\text{cl}(B)$. Hence, $\alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\Delta\text{cl}(B))$.

(5) \Leftrightarrow (6): Let B be any subset of Y . Then, apply (5) to $Y \setminus B$ we obtain $\alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{cl}(f^{-1}(Y \setminus B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\Delta\text{cl}(Y \setminus B)) \Leftrightarrow \alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{cl}(X \setminus f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(Y \setminus \Delta\text{int}(B)) \Leftrightarrow X \setminus \alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{int}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq X \setminus f^{-1}(\Delta\text{int}(B)) \Leftrightarrow f^{-1}(\Delta\text{int}(B)) \subseteq \alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{int}(f^{-1}(B))$. Thus, $f^{-1}(\Delta\text{int}(B)) \subseteq \alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{int}(f^{-1}(B))$.

(6) \Rightarrow (1): Let $x \in X$ and K be any Δ -open subset of Y containing $f(x)$. By (6), we have $f^{-1}(\Delta\text{int}(K)) \subseteq \alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{int}(f^{-1}(K))$ implies that $f^{-1}(K) \subseteq \alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{int}(f^{-1}(K))$. Hence, $f^{-1}(K)$ is a $\alpha\text{-}\Delta$ -open set in X which contains x and clearly $f(f^{-1}(K)) \subseteq K$. Thus, f is $\alpha\text{-}\Delta$ -continuous.

□

Definition 2.6. A map $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be $\alpha\text{-}\Delta$ -irresolute if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $\alpha\text{-}\Delta$ -open set in (X, τ) for every $\alpha\text{-}\Delta$ -open set V of (Y, σ) .

Theorem 2.9. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map, then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) f is $\alpha\text{-}\Delta$ -irresolute.
- (2) $f(\alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{cl}(A)) \subseteq \alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{cl}(f(A))$ holds for every subset A of X .
- (3) $f^{-1}(B)$ is $\alpha\text{-}\Delta$ -closed set in X , for every $\alpha\text{-}\Delta$ -closed subset B of Y .

Proof. (2) \Rightarrow (3): Let B be a $\alpha\text{-}\Delta$ -closed set in Y , then $\alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{cl}(B) = B$. By using (2), we have $f(\alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{cl}f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq \alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{cl}(B) = B$. Thus, $(\alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{cl}f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(B)$ and hence $f^{-1}(B)$ is $\alpha\text{-}\Delta$ -closed in X .

(3) \Rightarrow (2): If $A \subseteq X$, then $\alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{cl}(f(A))$ is $\alpha\text{-}\Delta$ -closed in Y and by (3) $f^{-1}(\alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{cl}(f(A)))$ is $\alpha\text{-}\Delta$ -closed in X . Furthermore, $A \subseteq f^{-1}(f(A)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{cl}(f(A)))$. Thus, $\alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{cl}(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(\alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{cl}(f(A)))$, consequently, $f(\alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{cl}(A)) \subseteq f(f^{-1}(\alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{cl}(f(A)))) \subseteq \alpha\text{-}\Delta\text{cl}(f(A))$.

(3) \Leftrightarrow (1): Obvious. □

3. $g\Delta$ -closed and $g\Delta$ -open sets

Definition 3.1. A subset A of a space (X, τ) is called a generalized Δ -closed (briefly, $g\Delta$ -closed) set if $\Delta\text{cl}(A) \subseteq T$ whenever $A \subseteq T$ and T is Δ -open in (X, τ) .

The complement of $g\Delta$ -closed set is called $g\Delta$ -open set.

Proposition 3.1. *Every Δ -closed set is $g\Delta$ -closed.*

Proof. Let A be a Δ -closed set and T be any Δ -open set containing A . Since A is Δ -closed, we have $\Delta\text{cl}(A) = A \subseteq T$. Hence A is $g\Delta$ -closed. \square

The converse of Proposition 3.1 need not be true as seen from the following example.

Example 3.1. *Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $\tau = \{\phi, \{a, b\}, X\}$. Then Δ -closed sets are $\phi, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, X$ and $g\Delta$ -closed sets are $\phi, \{d\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, X$. Here, $H = \{a, b, c\}$ is $g\Delta$ -closed set but it is not Δ -closed.*

Proposition 3.2. *If P and Q are $g\Delta$ -closed sets, then $P \cup Q$ is also a $g\Delta$ -closed set.*

Proof. Let P and Q are $g\Delta$ -closed sets. Then $\Delta\text{cl}(P) \subseteq T$ where $P \subseteq T$ and T is Δ -open and $\Delta\text{cl}(Q) \subseteq T$ where $Q \subseteq T$ and T is Δ -open. Since P and Q are subsets of T , $(P \cup Q)$ is a subset of T and T is Δ -open. Then $\Delta\text{cl}(P \cup Q) = \Delta\text{cl}(P) \cup \Delta\text{cl}(Q)$ which implies that $(P \cup Q)$ is $g\Delta$ -closed. \square

Remark 3.1. *If K and L are $g\Delta$ -closed sets, then $K \cap L$ is a not $g\Delta$ -closed set.*

Example 3.2. *Let X and τ as in the Example 3.1. Here, $k = \{a, c\}$ and $L = \{b, c\}$ are $g\Delta$ -closed sets but $K \cap L = \{c\}$ is a not $g\Delta$ -closed set.*

Proposition 3.3. *If a subset A of (X, τ) is a $g\Delta$ -closed if and only if $\Delta\text{cl}(A) - A$ does not contain any nonempty Δ -closed set.*

Proof. Necessity. Suppose that A is $g\Delta$ -closed. Let S be a Δ -closed subset of $\Delta\text{cl}(A) - A$. Then $A \subseteq S^c$. Since A is $g\Delta$ -closed, we have $\Delta\text{cl}(A) \subseteq S^c$. Consequently, $S \subseteq (\Delta\text{cl}(A))^c$. Hence, $S \subseteq \Delta\text{cl}(A) \cap (\Delta\text{cl}(A))^c = \phi$. Therefore S is empty.

Sufficiency. Suppose that $\Delta\text{cl}(A) - A$ contains no nonempty Δ -closed set. Let $A \subseteq G$ and G be Δ -closed. If $\Delta\text{cl}(A) \neq G$, then $\Delta\text{cl}(A) \subseteq G^c \neq \phi$. Since $\Delta\text{cl}(A)$ is a Δ -closed set and G^c is a Δ -closed set, $\Delta\text{cl}(A) \cap G^c$ is a nonempty Δ -closed subset of $\Delta\text{cl}(A) - A$. This is a contradiction. Therefore, $\Delta\text{cl}(A) \subseteq G$ and hence A is $g\Delta$ -closed. \square

Proposition 3.4. *If A is $g\Delta$ -closed in (X, τ) such that $A \subseteq B \subseteq \Delta cl(A)$, then B is also a $g\Delta$ -closed set of (X, τ) .*

Proof. Let W be a Δ -open set of (X, τ) such that $B \subseteq W$. Then $A \subseteq W$. Since A is $g\Delta$ -closed, we get, $\Delta cl(A) \subseteq W$. Now $\Delta cl(B) \subseteq \Delta cl(\Delta cl(A)) = \Delta cl(A) \subseteq W$. Therefore, B is also a $g\Delta$ -closed set of (X, τ) . \square

Definition 3.2. *The intersection of all Δ -open subsets of (X, τ) containing A is called the Δ -kernel of A and denoted by $\Delta\text{-ker}(A)$.*

Lemma 3.1. *A subset A of (X, τ) is $g\Delta$ -closed if and only if $\Delta cl(A) \subseteq \Delta\text{-ker}(A)$.*

Proof. Suppose that A is $g\Delta$ -closed. Then $\Delta cl(A) \subseteq T$ whenever $A \subseteq T$ and T is Δ -open. Let $x \in \Delta cl(A)$. If $x \notin \Delta\text{-ker}(A)$, then there is a Δ -open set T containing A such that $x \notin T$. Since T is a Δ -open set containing A , we have $x \notin \Delta cl(A)$ and this is a contradiction. Conversely, let $\Delta cl(A) \subseteq \Delta\text{-ker}(A)$. If T is any Δ -open set containing A , then $\Delta cl(A) \subseteq \Delta\text{-ker}(A) \subseteq T$. Therefore, A is $g\Delta$ -closed. \square

Definition 3.3. *A subset A of a space X is said to be $g\Delta$ -open if A^c is $g\Delta$ -closed.*

The class of all $g\Delta$ -open subsets of X is denoted by $g\Delta o(\tau)$.

Proposition 3.5. *Every Δ -open set is $g\Delta$ -open set but not conversely.*

Proof. Omitted. \square

Proposition 3.6. *A subset A of a topological space X is said to be $g\Delta$ -open if and only if $P \subseteq \Delta int(A)$ whenever $A \supseteq P$ and P is Δ -closed in X .*

Proof. Suppose that A is $g\Delta$ -open in X and $A \supseteq P$, where P is Δ -closed in X . Then $A^c \subseteq P^c$, where P^c is Δ -open in X . Hence we get $\Delta cl(A^c) \subseteq P^c$ implies $(\Delta int(A))^c \subseteq P^c$. Thus, we have $\Delta int(A) \supseteq P$.

conversely, suppose that $A^c \subseteq T$ and T is Δ -open in X then $A \supseteq T^c$ and T^c is Δ -closed then by hypothesis $\Delta int(A) \supseteq T^c$ implies $(\Delta int(A))^c \subseteq T$. Hence $\Delta cl(A^c) \subseteq T$ gives A^c is $g\Delta$ -closed. \square

Proposition 3.7. *In a topological space X , for each $x \in X$, either $\{x\}$ is Δ -closed or $g\Delta$ -open in X .*

Proof. Suppose that $\{x\}$ is not Δ -closed in X . Then $\{x\}^c$ is not Δ -open and the only Δ -open set containing $\{x\}^c$ is the space X itself. Therefore, $\Delta\text{cl}(\{x\}^c) \subseteq X$ and so $\{x\}^c$ is $g\Delta$ -closed gives $\{x\}$ is $g\Delta$ -open. \square

We introduce the following definition.

Definition 3.4. *A space (X, τ) is called a $T\Delta 1/2$ -space if every $g\Delta$ -closed set is Δ -closed.*

Example 3.3. *Let X and τ as in the Example 2.2. Then $g\Delta$ -closed sets are ϕ , $\{a\}$, $\{c\}$, $\{a, b\}$, $\{a, c\}$, $\{b, c\}$, X and Δ -closed sets are ϕ , $\{a\}$, $\{c\}$, $\{a, b\}$, $\{a, c\}$, $\{b, c\}$, X . Thus (X, τ) is a $T\Delta 1/2$ -space.*

Example 3.4. *Let X and τ as in the Example 2.1. Then Δ -closed sets are ϕ , $\{a\}$, $\{b, c\}$, X and $g\Delta$ -closed sets are power set of X . Thus (X, τ) is not a $T\Delta 1/2$ -space.*

Theorem 3.1. *For a space (X, τ) the following properties are equivalent:*

- (i) (X, τ) is a $T\Delta 1/2$ -space.
- (ii) Every singleton subset of (X, τ) is either Δ -closed or Δ -open.

Proof. (i) \rightarrow (ii). Assume that for some $x \in X$, the set $\{x\}$ is not a Δ -closed in (X, τ) . Then the only Δ -open set containing $\{x\}^c$ is X and so $\{x\}^c$ is $g\Delta$ -closed in (X, τ) . By assumption $\{x\}^c$ is Δ -closed in (X, τ) or equivalently $\{x\}$ is Δ -open.

(ii) \rightarrow (i). Let A be a $g\Delta$ -closed subset of (X, τ) and let $x \in \Delta\text{cl}(A)$. By assumption $\{x\}$ is either Δ -closed or Δ -open. \square

Case (a) Suppose that $\{x\}$ is Δ -closed. If $x \notin A$, then $\Delta\text{cl}(A) - A$ contains a nonempty Δ -closed set $\{x\}$, which is a contradiction to Proposition 3.3. Therefore $x \in A$.

Case (b) Suppose that $\{x\}$ is Δ -open. Since $x \in \Delta\text{cl}(A)$, $\{x\} \cap A \neq \phi$ and so $x \in A$. Thus in both case, $x \in A$ and therefore $\Delta\text{cl}(A) \subseteq A$ or equivalently A is a Δ -closed set of (X, τ) .

\square

4. $g\Delta$ -interior and $g\Delta$ -closure

Definition 4.1. For any $A \subseteq X$, $g\Delta$ -int(A) is defined as the union of all $g\Delta$ -open sets contained in A . i.e., $g\Delta$ -int(A) = $\cup \{G : G \subseteq A \text{ and } G \text{ is } g\Delta\text{-open}\}$.

Lemma 4.1. For any $A \subseteq X$, $int(A) \subseteq g\Delta$ -int(A) $\subseteq A$.

Proof. The proof follows from Proposition 3.5. \square

Proposition 4.1. For any $A \subseteq X$, the following holds.

- (1) $g\Delta$ -int(A) is the largest $g\Delta$ -open set contained in A .
- (2) A is $g\Delta$ -open if and only if $g\Delta$ -int(A) = A .

Proposition 4.2. For any subsets A and B of (X, τ) , the following holds.

- (1) $g\Delta$ -int($A \cap B$) = $g\Delta$ -int(A) \cap $g\Delta$ -int(B).
- (2) $g\Delta$ -int($A \cup B$) \supseteq $g\Delta$ -int(A) \cup $g\Delta$ -int(B).
- (3) If $A \subseteq B$, then $g\Delta$ -int(A) \subseteq $g\Delta$ -int(B).
- (4) $g\Delta$ -int(X) = X and $g\Delta$ -int(ϕ) = ϕ .

Definition 4.2. For every set $A \subseteq X$, we define the $g\Delta$ -closure of A to be the intersection of all $g\Delta$ -closed sets containing A . i.e., $g\Delta$ -cl(A) = $\cap \{F : A \subseteq F \in g\Delta\text{-closed}\}$.

Lemma 4.2. For any $A \subseteq X$, $A \subseteq g\Delta$ -cl(A) $\subseteq \Delta$ cl(A).

Proof. The proof follows from Proposition 3.1. \square

Remark 4.1. Both containment relations in Lemma 4.2 may be proper as seen from the following example.

Example 4.1. Let X and τ as in the Example 3.4. Let $A = \{a, b\}$. Here $g\Delta$ -cl($\{a, b\}$) = $\{a, b\}$ and so $A \subseteq g\Delta$ -cl(A) $\subseteq \Delta$ cl(A).

Proposition 4.3. For any $A \subseteq X$, the following holds.

- (1) $g\Delta\text{-clo}(A)$ is the smallest $g\Delta$ -closed set containing A .
- (2) A is $g\Delta$ -closed if and only if $g\Delta\text{-cl}(A) = A$.

Proposition 4.4. For any two subsets A and B of (X, τ) , the following holds.

- (1) If $A \subseteq B$, then $g\Delta\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq g\Delta\text{-cl}(B)$.
- (2) $g\Delta\text{-cl}(A \cap B) \subseteq g\Delta\text{-cl}(A) \cap g\Delta\text{-cl}(B)$.

Proposition 4.5. Let A be a subset of a space X , then the following are true.

- (1) $(g\Delta\text{-int}(A))^c = g\Delta\text{-cl}(A^c)$.
- (2) $g\Delta\text{-int}(A) = (g\Delta\text{-cl}(A^c))^c$.
- (3) $g\Delta\text{-cl}(A) = (g\Delta\text{-int}(A^c))^c$.

Proof. (1) Clearly follows from definitions.

(2) Follows by taking complements in (1).

(3) Follows by replacing A by A^c in (1). \square

5. $g\Delta$ -Continuous maps and Irresolute maps

We introduce the following definition.

Definition 5.1. A map $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called Δ -continuous (resp. $g\Delta$ -continuous) if $f^{-1}(W)$ is a Δ -closed (resp. $g\Delta$ -closed) set of (X, τ) for every Δ -closed set W of (Y, σ) .

Proposition 5.1. Every Δ -continuous is $g\Delta$ -continuous but not conversely.

Proof. The proof follows from Proposition 3.1. \square

Theorem 5.1. If $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is $g\Delta$ -continuous and $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \gamma)$ is Δ -continuous then $g \circ f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \gamma)$ is $g\Delta$ -continuous.

Proof. Let G be Δ -closed set in Z . Since g is Δ -continuous, $g^{-1}(G)$ is Δ -closed in Y . Since f is $g\Delta$ -continuous, $(g \circ f)^{-1}(G) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(G))$ is $g\Delta$ -closed in X . Therefore $g \circ f$ is $g\Delta$ -continuous. \square

Proposition 5.2. *A map $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is $g\Delta$ -continuous if and only if $f^{-1}(W)$ is $g\Delta$ -open in (X, τ) for every Δ -open set W in (Y, σ) .*

Proof. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be $g\Delta$ -continuous and W be an Δ -open set in (Y, σ) . Then W^c is Δ -closed in (Y, σ) and since f is $g\Delta$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(W^c)$ is $g\Delta$ -closed in (X, τ) . But $f^{-1}(W^c) = f^{-1}((W))^c$ and so $f^{-1}(W)$ is $g\Delta$ -open in (X, τ) .

Conversely, assume that $f^{-1}(W)$ is $g\Delta$ -open in (X, τ) for each Δ -open set W in (Y, σ) . Let F be a Δ -closed set in (Y, σ) . Then F^c is Δ -open in (Y, σ) and by assumption, $f^{-1}(F^c)$ is $g\Delta$ -open in (X, τ) . Since $f^{-1}(F^c) = f^{-1}((F))^c$, we have $f^{-1}(F)$ is Δ -closed in (X, τ) and so f is $g\Delta$ -continuous.

Theorem 5.2. *Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be an $g\Delta$ -continuous map. If (X, τ) , the domain of f is an $T\Delta 1/2$ -space, then f is Δ -continuous.*

Proof. Let W be a Δ -closed set of (Y, σ) . Then $f^{-1}(W)$ is a $g\Delta$ -closed set of (X, τ) , since f is $g\Delta$ -continuous. Since (X, τ) is an $T\Delta 1/2$ -space, then $f^{-1}(W)$ is a Δ -closed set of (X, τ) . Therefore f is Δ -continuous. \square

Definition 5.2. *Let (X, τ) be a topological space. Let x be a point of X and G be a subset of X . Then G is called an $g\Delta$ -neighbourhood of x (briefly, $g\Delta$ -nbhd of x) in X if there exists an $g\Delta$ -open set S of x such that $x \in S \subseteq G$.*

Proposition 5.3. *Let A be a subset of (X, τ) . Then $x \in g\Delta\text{-cl}(A)$ if and only if for any $g\Delta$ -nbhd G_x of x in (X, τ) , $A \cap G_x \neq \phi$.*

Proof. Necessity. Assume $x \in g\Delta\text{-cl}(A)$. Suppose that there is an $g\Delta$ -nbhd G of the point x in (X, τ) such that $G \cap A = \phi$. Since G is $g\Delta$ -nbhd of x in (X, τ) , by Definition 5.2, there exists an $g\Delta$ -open set S_x such that $x \in S_x \subseteq G$. Therefore, we have $S_x \cap A = \phi$ and so $A \subseteq (S_x)^c$. Since $(S_x)^c$ is an $g\Delta$ -closed set containing A , we have by Definition 4.2, $g\Delta\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq (S_x)^c$ and therefore $x \notin g\Delta\text{-cl}(A)$, which is a contradiction.

Sufficiency. Assume for each $g\Delta$ -nbhd G_x of x in (X, τ) , $A \cap G_x \neq \phi$. Suppose that $x \notin g\Delta\text{-cl}(A)$. Then by Definition 4.2, there exists an $g\Delta$ -closed set F of (X, τ) such that $A \subseteq$

F and $x \notin F$. Thus $x \in F^c$ and F^c is $g\Delta$ -open in (X, τ) and hence F^c is a $g\Delta$ -nbhd of x in (X, τ) . But $A \cap F^c = \emptyset$, which is a contradiction. \square

In the next theorem we explore certain characterizations of $g\Delta$ -continuous maps.

Theorem 5.3. *Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map from a topological space (X, τ) into a topological space (Y, σ) . Then the following statements are equivalent.*

- (1) *The map f is $g\Delta$ -continuous.*
- (2) *The inverse of each Δ -open set is $g\Delta$ -open.*
- (3) *For each point x in (X, τ) and each Δ -open set C in (Y, σ) with $f(x) \in C$, there is an $g\Delta$ -open set B in (X, τ) such that $x \in B$, $f(B) \subseteq C$.*
- (4) *The inverse of each Δ -closed set is $g\Delta$ -closed.*
- (5) *For each x in (X, τ) , the inverse of every neighbourhood of $f(x)$ is an $g\Delta$ -nbhd of x .*
- (6) *For each x in (X, τ) and each neighbourhood N of $f(x)$, there is an $g\Delta$ -nbhd G of x such that $f(G) \subseteq N$.*
- (7) *For each subset A of (X, τ) , $f(g\Delta-cl(A)) \subseteq \Delta cl(f(A))$.*
- (8) *For each subset B of (Y, σ) , $g\Delta-cl(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\Delta cl(B))$.*

Proof. (1) \Leftrightarrow (2). This follows from Proposition 5.2.

(1) \Leftrightarrow (3). Suppose that (3) holds and let C be an Δ -open set in (Y, σ) and let $x \in f^{-1}(C)$. Then $f(x) \in C$ and thus there exists an $g\Delta$ -open set B_x such that $x \in B_x$ and $f(B_x) \subseteq C$. Now, $x \in B_x \subseteq f^{-1}(C)$ and $f^{-1}(C) = \cup_{x \in f^{-1}(C)} B_x$. Then arbitrary union of $g\Delta$ -open set is $g\Delta$ -open, $f^{-1}(C)$ is $g\Delta$ -open in (X, τ) and therefore f is $g\Delta$ -continuous.

Conversely, Suppose that (1) holds and let $f(x) \in C$. Then $x \in f^{-1}(C) \in g\Delta o(\tau)$, since f is $g\Delta$ -continuous. Let $B = f^{-1}(C)$. Then $x \in B$ and $f(B) \subseteq C$.

(2) \Leftrightarrow (4). This result follows from the fact if A is a subset of (Y, σ) , then $f^{-1}(A^c) = (f^{-1}(A))^c$.

(2) \Leftrightarrow (5). For x in (X, τ) , let N be a neighbourhood of $f(x)$. Then there exists an Δ -open set C in (Y, σ) such that $f(x) \in C \subseteq N$. Consequently, $f^{-1}(C)$ is an $g\Delta$ -open set in (X, τ) and $x \in f^{-1}(C) \subseteq f^{-1}(N)$. Thus $f^{-1}(N)$ is an $g\Delta$ -nbhd of x .

(5) \Leftrightarrow (6). Let $x \in X$ and let N be a neighbourhood of $f(x)$. Then by assumption, $G = f^{-1}(N)$ is an $g\Delta$ -nbhd of x and $f(G) = f(f^{-1}(N)) \subseteq N$.

(6) \Leftrightarrow (3). For x in (X, τ) , let C be an Δ -open set containing $f(x)$. Then C is a neighborhood of $f(x)$. So by assumption, there exists an $g\Delta$ -nbhd G of x such that $f(G) \subseteq C$. Hence there exists an $g\Delta$ -open set B in (X, τ) such that $x \in B \subseteq G$ and so $f(B) \subseteq f(G) \subseteq C$.

(7) \Leftrightarrow (4). Suppose that (4) holds and let A be a subset of (X, τ) . Since $A \subseteq f^{-1}(A)$, we have $A \subseteq f^{-1}(\Delta\text{cl}(f(A)))$. Since $\Delta\text{cl}(f(A))$ is a Δ -closed set in (Y, σ) , by assumption $f^{-1}(\Delta\text{cl}(f(A)))$ is an $g\Delta$ -closed set containing A . Consequently, $g\Delta\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(\Delta\text{cl}(f(A)))$. Thus $f(g\Delta\text{-cl}(A)) \subseteq f(f^{-1}(\Delta\text{cl}(f(A)))) \subseteq \Delta\text{cl}(f(A))$.

Conversely, suppose that (7) holds for any subset A of (X, τ) . Let F be a Δ -closed subset of (Y, σ) . Then by assumption, $f(g\Delta\text{-cl}(f^{-1}(F))) \subseteq \Delta\text{cl}(f(f^{-1}(F))) \subseteq \Delta\text{cl}(F) = F$. i.e., $g\Delta\text{-cl}(f^{-1}(F)) \subseteq f^{-1}(F)$ and so $f^{-1}(F)$ is $g\Delta$ -closed.

(7) \Leftrightarrow (8). Suppose that (7) holds and B be any subset of (Y, σ) . Then replacing A by $f^{-1}(B)$ in (7), we obtain $f(g\Delta\text{-cl}(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq \Delta\text{cl}(f(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq \Delta\text{cl}(B)$. i.e., $g\Delta\text{-cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1} \Delta\text{cl}(B)$.

Conversely, suppose that (8) holds. Let $B = f(A)$ where A is a subset of (X, τ) . Then we have, $g\Delta\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq g\Delta\text{-cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\Delta\text{cl}(f(A)))$ and so $f(g\Delta\text{-cl}(A)) \subseteq \Delta\text{cl}(f(A))$. \square

Definition 5.3. A map $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called $g\Delta$ -irresolute if $f^{-1}(W)$ is a $g\Delta$ -closed set of (X, τ) for every $g\Delta$ -closed set W of (Y, σ) .

Theorem 5.4. Every $g\Delta$ -irresolute map is $g\Delta$ -continuous but not conversely.

Proof. Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a $g\Delta$ -irresolute map. Let W be a Δ -closed set of (Y, σ) . Then by the Proposition 3.1, W is $g\Delta$ -closed. Since f is $g\Delta$ -irresolute, then $f^{-1}(W)$ is a $g\Delta$ -closed set of (X, τ) . Therefore f is $g\Delta$ -continuous. \square

Theorem 5.5. Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ and $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \gamma)$ be any two maps. Then

- (1) $g \circ f$ is $g\Delta$ -continuous if g is Δ -continuous and f is $g\Delta$ -continuous.
- (2) $g \circ f$ is $g\Delta$ -irresolute if both f and g are $g\Delta$ -irresolute.
- (3) $g \circ f$ is $g\Delta$ -continuous if g is $g\Delta$ -continuous and f is $g\Delta$ -irresolute.

Proof. Omitted. \square

Definition 5.4. A map $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is called

- (1) *contra Δ -continuous* if $f^{-1}(W)$ is a Δ -closed set of (X, τ) for every Δ -open set W of (Y, σ) .
- (2) *contra $g\Delta$ -continuous* if $f^{-1}(W)$ is a $g\Delta$ -closed set of (X, τ) for every Δ -open set W of (Y, σ) .

Proposition 5.4. Every contra Δ -continuous is contra $g\Delta$ -continuous but not conversely.

Proof. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a contra Δ -continuous map and let G be any Δ -open set in (Y, σ) . Then, $f^{-1}(G)$ is Δ -closed in X . Since every Δ -closed set is $g\Delta$ -closed, $f^{-1}(G)$ is $g\Delta$ -closed in X . Therefore f is contra $g\Delta$ -continuous. \square

Example 5.1. Let X and τ as in the Example 3.4. Let $Y = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, Y\}$. Then Δ -open sets are $\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, Y$. Define $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be the identity map. Then f is contra $g\Delta$ -continuous but not contra Δ -continuous, since $f^{-1}(\{a, b\}) = \{a, b\}$ is not Δ -closed in (X, τ) .

Remark 5.1. The composition of two contra $g\Delta$ -continuous maps need not be contra $g\Delta$ -continuous.

Example 5.2. Let X and τ as in the Example 3.3. Let $Y = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\sigma = \{\phi, \{a\}, Y\}$. Then Δ -open sets are $\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, Y$; $g\Delta$ -closed sets are power set of Y . Let $Z = \{a, b, c\}$ with $\gamma = \{\phi, \{a, c\}, Z\}$. Then Δ -open sets are $\phi, \{b\}, \{a, c\}, Z$. Define $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ and $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \gamma)$ be the identity maps. Clearly f and g are contra $g\Delta$ -continuous but their $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \gamma)$ is not contra $g\Delta$ -continuous, because $V = \{b\}$ is Δ -open in (Z, γ) but $(g \circ f)^{-1}(\{b\}) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(\{b\})) = f^{-1}(\{b\}) = \{b\}$, which is not $g\Delta$ -closed in (X, τ) .

Theorem 5.6. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map. Then the following conditions are equivalent

- (1) f is contra $g\Delta$ -continuous.
- (2) The inverse image of each Δ -open set in P is $g\Delta$ -closed in X .
- (3) The inverse image of each Δ -closed set in P is $g\Delta$ -open in X .
- (4) For each point x in X and each Δ -closed set G in P with $f(x) \in G$, there is an $g\Delta$ -open set U in X containing x such that $f(U) \subset G$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2). Let G be Δ -open in Y . Then $Y - G$ is Δ -closed in Y . By definition of contra $g\Delta$ -continuous, $f^{-1}(Y - G)$ is $g\Delta$ -open in X . But $f^{-1}(Y - G) = X - f^{-1}(G)$. This implies $f^{-1}(G)$ is $g\Delta$ -closed in X .

(2) \Rightarrow (3) Let G be any Δ -closed set in Y . Then $Y - G$ is Δ -open set in Y . By the assumption of (2), $f^{-1}(Y - G)$ is $g\Delta$ -closed in X . But $f^{-1}(Y - G) = X - f^{-1}(G)$. This implies $f^{-1}(G)$ is $g\Delta$ -open in X .

(3) \Rightarrow (4). Let $x \in X$ and G be any Δ -closed set in Y with $f(x) \in G$. By (3), $f^{-1}(G)$ is $g\Delta$ -open in X . Set $U = f^{-1}(G)$. Then there is an $g\Delta$ -open set U in X containing x such that $f(U) \subset G$.

(4) \Rightarrow (1). Let $x \in X$ and G be any Δ -closed set in Y with $f(x) \in G$. Then $Y - G$ is Δ -open in Y with $f(x) \in G$. By (4), there is an $g\Delta$ -open set U in X containing x such that $f(U) \subset G$. This implies $U = f^{-1}(G)$. Therefore, $X - U = X - f^{-1}(G) = f^{-1}(Y - G)$ which is $g\Delta$ -closed in X . \square

Theorem 5.7. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ and $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \gamma)$. Then the following properties hold:

- (1) If f is contra $g\Delta$ -continuous and g is Δ -continuous then $g \circ f$ is contra $g\Delta$ -continuous.
- (2) If f is contra $g\Delta$ -continuous and g is contra Δ -continuous then $g \circ f$ is $g\Delta$ -continuous.
- (3) If f is $g\Delta$ -continuous and g is contra Δ -continuous then $g \circ f$ is contra $g\Delta$ -continuous.

Proof. (1) Let G be Δ -closed set in Z . Since g is Δ -continuous, $g^{-1}(G)$ is Δ -closed in Y . Since f is contra $g\Delta$ -continuous, $(g \circ f)^{-1}(G) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(G))$ is $g\Delta$ -open in X . Therefore $g \circ f$ is contra $g\Delta$ -continuous.

(2) Let G be any Δ -closed set in Z . Since g is contra Δ -continuous, $g^{-1}(G)$ is Δ -open in Y . Since f is contra $g\Delta$ -continuous, $(g \circ f)^{-1}(G) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(G))$ is $g\Delta$ -closed in X . Therefore $g \circ f$ is $g\Delta$ -continuous.

(3) Let G be any Δ -closed set in Z . Since g is contra Δ -continuous, $g^{-1}(G)$ is Δ -open in Y . Since f is $g\Delta$ -continuous, $(g \circ f)^{-1}(G) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(G))$ is $g\Delta$ -open in X . Therefore $g \circ f$ is contra $g\Delta$ -continuous. \square

Theorem 5.8. *Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is $g\Delta$ -irresolute map and $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \gamma)$ is contra Δ -continuous map, then $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \gamma)$ is contra $g\Delta$ -continuous map.*

Proof. Since g is contra Δ -continuous from $(Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \gamma)$, for any Δ -open set in z as a subset of Z , we get, $g^{-1}(z) = G$ is a Δ -closed set in (Y, σ) . By Proposition 3.1, it implies that $g^{-1}(z) = G$ is $g\Delta$ -closed in (Y, σ) . As f is $g\Delta$ -irresolute map. We get $(g \circ f)^{-1}(z) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(z)) = f^{-1}(G) = S$ and S is a $g\Delta$ -closed in (X, τ) . Hence $g \circ f$ is a contra $g\Delta$ -continuous map. \square

Theorem 5.9. *Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is $g\Delta$ -irresolute map and $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \gamma)$ is contra $g\Delta$ -continuous map, then $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \gamma)$ is contra $g\Delta$ -continuous map.*

Proof. Since g is contra $g\Delta$ -continuous from $(Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \gamma)$, for any Δ -open set in z as a subset of Z , we get, $g^{-1}(z) = G$ is a $g\Delta$ -closed set in (Y, σ) . As f is $g\Delta$ -irresolute map. We get $(g \circ f)^{-1}(z) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(z)) = f^{-1}(G) = S$ and S is a $g\Delta$ -closed in (X, τ) . Hence $g \circ f$ is a contra $g\Delta$ -continuous map. \square

Theorem 5.10. *Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map and $g : (X, \tau) \rightarrow ((X, \tau) \times (Y, \sigma))$ the graph map of f , defined by $g(x) = (x, f(x))$ for every $x \in X$. If g is contra $g\Delta$ -continuous, then f is contra $g\Delta$ -continuous.*

Proof. Let G be an Δ -open set in (Y, σ) . Then $((X, \tau) \times G)$ is an Δ -open set in $((X, \tau) \times (Y, \sigma))$. It follows from Theorem 5.6, that $f^{-1}(G) = g^{-1}((X, \tau) \times G)$ is $g\Delta$ -closed in (X, τ) . Thus, f is contra $g\Delta$ -continuous. \square

6. Generalized Δ -locally closed sets

We introduce the following definitions.

Definition 6.1. A subset A of an topological space (X, τ) is called an Δ -locally closed (briefly, Δ -lc) sets if $A = S \cap G$ where S is Δ -open and G is Δ -closed.

The class of all Δ -locally closed sets in a topological space (X, τ) is denoted by $\Delta LC(X)$.

Definition 6.2. A subset A of an topological space (X, τ) is called an generalized Δ -locally closed (briefly, $g\Delta$ -lc) sets if $A = E \cap F$ where E is $g\Delta$ -open and F is $g\Delta$ -closed.

The class of all $g\Delta$ -locally closed sets in topological spaces (X, τ) is denoted by $G\Delta LC(X)$.

Proposition 6.1. Every Δ -closed (resp. Δ -open) set is Δ -lc-set but not conversely.

Proof. It follows from Definition 6.1. \square

Example 6.1. Let X and τ as in the Example 3.1. Then Δ -open sets are ϕ , $\{c\}$, $\{a, b\}$, X ; Δ lc-sets are ϕ , $\{c\}$, $\{a, b\}$, $\{c, d\}$, $\{a, b, d\}$, X . Here, the set $\{a, b\}$ is Δ -lc set but it is not Δ -closed and the set $\{a, b, d\}$ is Δ -lc set but it is not Δ -open in (X, τ) .

Proposition 6.2. Every $g\Delta$ -closed (resp. $g\Delta$ -open) set is $g\Delta$ -lc-set but not conversely.

Proof. It follows from Definition 6.2. \square

Example 6.2. Let X and τ as int the Example 3.3. Then $g\Delta$ -open sets are ϕ , $\{a\}$, $\{b\}$, $\{c\}$, $\{a, b\}$, $\{b, c\}$, X ; $g\Delta$ -lc-sets are power set of X . Here, the set $\{b\}$ is $g\Delta$ -lc set but it is not $g\Delta$ -closed and the set $\{a, c\}$ is $g\Delta$ -lc set but it is not $g\Delta$ -open in (X, τ) .

Proposition 6.3. Every Δ -lc-set is $g\Delta$ -lc-set but not conversely.

Proof. It follows from Proposition 3.1 and 3.5. \square

Example 6.3. Let X, τ as in the Example 3.4. Then Δ -lc-sets are ϕ , $\{a\}$, $\{b, c\}$, X ; $g\Delta$ -lc-sets are power set of X . Here, the set $\{a, b\}$ is $g\Delta$ -lc set but it is not Δ -lc set in (X, τ) .

Theorem 6.1. *Let (X, τ) be a $T\Delta 1/2$ -space. Then $G\Delta LC(X) = \Delta LC(X)$.*

Proof. Since every $g\Delta$ -open set is Δ -open and every $g\Delta$ -closed set is Δ -closed in (X, τ) , $G\Delta LC(X) \subseteq \Delta LC(X)$ and hence $G\Delta LC(X) = \Delta LC(X)$. \square

Definition 6.3. *A subset A of a space (X, τ) is called*

- (1) $g\Delta$ - lc^* -set if $A = O \cap P$, where O is $g\Delta$ -open in (X, τ) and P is Δ -closed in (X, τ) .
- (2) $g\Delta$ - lc^{**} -set if $A = R \cap S$, where R is Δ -open in (X, τ) and S is $g\Delta$ -closed in (X, τ) .

The class of all $g\Delta$ - lc^ (resp. $g\Delta$ - lc^{**}) sets in a topological space (X, τ) is denoted by $G\Delta LC^*(X)$ (resp. $G\Delta LC^{**}(X)$).*

Proposition 6.4. *Every Δ - lc -set is $g\Delta$ - lc^* -set but not conversely.*

Proof. It follows from Definitions 6.1 and 6.3 (1). \square

Example 6.4. *Let X and τ as in the Example 6.1. Then $g\Delta$ - lc^* -sets are ϕ , $\{a\}$, $\{b\}$, $\{c\}$, $\{d\}$, $\{a, b\}$, $\{a, c\}$, $\{a, d\}$, $\{b, c\}$, $\{b, d\}$, $\{c, d\}$, $\{a, b, c\}$, $\{a, b, d\}$, X . Here, the set $\{a, b, c\}$ is $g\Delta$ - lc^* -set but it is not Δ - lc -set in (X, τ) .*

Proposition 6.5. *Every Δ - lc -set is $g\Delta$ - lc^{**} -set but not conversely.*

Proof. It follows from Definitions 6.1 and 6.3(2). \square

Example 6.5. *Let X and τ as in the Example 6.1. Then $g\Delta$ - lc^{**} -sets are power set of x . Here, the set $\{b, c, d\}$ is $g\Delta$ - lc^{**} -set but it is not Δ - lc -set in (X, τ) .*

Proposition 6.6. *Every $g\Delta$ - lc^* -set is $g\Delta$ - lc -set but not conversely.*

Proof. It follows from Definitions 6.2 and 6.3(1). \square

Example 6.6. *Let X and τ as in the Example 6.4. Then $g\Delta$ - lc -sets are power sets of X . Here, the set $\{a, c, d\}$ is $g\Delta$ - lc -set but it is not $g\Delta$ - lc^* -set in (X, τ) .*

Proposition 6.7. *Every $g\Delta$ - lc^{**} -set is $g\Delta$ - lc -set but not conversely.*

Proof. It follows from Definitions 6.2 and 6.3 (2). \square

Question 1. Give an example for a set which is $g\Delta$ -lc-set but not $g\Delta$ -lc**⁻-set.

The following results are characterizations of $g\Delta$ -lc-sets, $g\Delta$ -lc*-sets and $g\Delta$ -lc**⁻-sets.

Theorem 6.2. For a subset A of (X, τ) the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) $A \in G\Delta LC(X)$,
- (2) $A = S \cap g\Delta\text{-cl}(A)$ for some $g\Delta$ -open set S ,
- (3) $g\Delta\text{-cl}(A) - A$ is $g\Delta$ -closed,
- (4) $A \cup (g\Delta\text{-cl}(A))^c$ is $g\Delta$ -open,
- (5) $A \subseteq g\Delta\text{-int}(A \cup (g\Delta\text{-cl}(A))^c)$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2). Let $A \in G\Delta LC(X)$. Then $A = S \cap G$ where S is $g\Delta$ -open and G is $g\Delta$ -closed. Since $A \subseteq G$, $g\Delta\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq G$ and so $S \cap g\Delta\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq A$. Also $A \subseteq S$ and $A \subseteq g\Delta\text{-cl}(A)$ implies $A \subseteq S \cap g\Delta\text{-cl}(A)$ and therefore $A = S \cap g\Delta\text{-cl}(A)$.

(2) \Rightarrow (3). $A = S \cap g\Delta\text{-cl}(A)$ implies $g\Delta\text{-cl}(A) - A = g\Delta\text{-cl}(A) \cap S^c$ which is $g\Delta$ -closed since S^c is $g\Delta$ -closed and $g\Delta\text{-cl}(A)$ is $g\Delta$ -closed.

(3) \Rightarrow (4). $A \cup (g\Delta\text{-cl}(A))^c = (g\Delta\text{-cl}(A) - A)^c$ and by assumption, $(g\Delta\text{-cl}(A) - A)^c$ is $g\Delta$ -open and so is $A \cup (g\Delta\text{-cl}(A))^c$.

(4) \Rightarrow (5). By assumption, $A \cup (g\Delta\text{-cl}(A))^c = g\Delta\text{-int}(A \cup (g\Delta\text{-cl}(A))^c)$ and hence $A \subseteq g\Delta\text{-int}(A \cup (g\Delta\text{-cl}(A))^c)$.

(5) \Rightarrow (1). By assumption and since $A \subseteq g\Delta\text{-cl}(A)$, $A = g\Delta\text{-int}(A \cup (g\Delta\text{-cl}(A))^c) \cap g\Delta\text{-cl}(A)$. Therefore, $A \in G\Delta LC(X)$. \square

Theorem 6.3. For a subset A of (X, τ) , the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) $A \in G\Delta LC^*(U)$,
- (2) $A = S \cap \Delta cl(A)$ for some $g\Delta$ -open set S ,
- (3) $\Delta cl(A) - A$ is $g\Delta$ -closed,
- (4) $A \cup (\Delta cl(A))^c$ is $g\Delta$ -open.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2). Let $A \in G\Delta LC^*(U)$. There exist an $g\Delta$ -open set S and a Δ -closed set G such that $A = S \cap G$. Since $A \subseteq S$ and $A \subseteq \Delta cl(A)$, $A \subseteq S \cap \Delta cl(A)$. Also since $\Delta cl(A) \subseteq G$, $S \cap \Delta cl(A) \subseteq S \cap G = A$. Therefore $A = S \cap \Delta cl(A)$.

(2) \Rightarrow (1). Since S is $g\Delta$ -open and $\Delta cl(A)$ is a Δ -closed set, $A = S \cap \Delta cl(A) \in G\Delta LC^*(U)$.

(2) \Rightarrow (3). Since $\Delta cl(A) - A = \Delta cl(A) \cap S^c$, $\Delta cl(A) - A$ is $g\Delta$ -closed since S^c is $g\Delta$ -closed.

(3) \Rightarrow (2). Let $S = (\Delta cl(A) - A)^c$. Then by assumption S is $g\Delta$ -open in (X, τ) and $A = S \cap \Delta cl(A)$.

(3) \Rightarrow (4). Let $G = \Delta cl(A) - A$. Then $G^c = A \cup (\Delta cl(A))^c$ and $A \cup (\Delta cl(A))^c$ is $g\Delta$ -open.

(4) \Rightarrow (3). Let $S = A \cup (\Delta cl(A))^c$. Then S^c is $g\Delta$ -closed and $S^c = \Delta cl(A) - A$ and so $\Delta cl(A) - A$ is $g\Delta$ -closed. \square

Theorem 6.4. *Let A be a subset of (X, τ) . Then $A \in G\Delta LC^{**}(X)$ if and only if $A = S \cap g\Delta-cl(A)$ for some Δ -open set S .*

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2). Let $A \in G\Delta LC^{**}(X)$. Then $A = S \cap G$ where S is Δ -open and G is $g\Delta$ -closed. Since $A \subseteq G$, $g\Delta-cl(A) \subseteq G$. We obtain $A = A \cap g\Delta-cl(A) = S \cap G \cap g\Delta-cl(A) = S \cap g\Delta-cl(A)$.

(2) \Rightarrow (1). Since S is Δ -open and $g\Delta-cl(A)$ is a $g\Delta$ -closed set, $A = S \cap g\Delta-cl(A) \in G\Delta LC^{**}(X)$. \square

Corollary 6.1. *Let A be a subset of (X, τ) . If $A \in G\Delta LC^{**}(X)$, then $g\Delta-cl(A) - A$ is $g\Delta$ -closed and $A \cup (g\Delta-cl(A))^c$ is $g\Delta$ -open.*

Proof. Let $A \in G\Delta LC^{**}(X)$. Then by Theorem 6.4, $A = S \cap g\Delta-cl(A)$ for some Δ -open set S and $g\Delta-cl(A) - A = g\Delta-cl(A) \cap S^c$ is $g\Delta$ -closed in (X, τ) . If $G = g\Delta-cl(A) - A$, then $G^c = A \cup (g\Delta-cl(A))^c$ and G^c is $g\Delta$ -open and so is $A \cup (g\Delta-cl(A))^c$. \square

7. $G\Delta LC$ -Continuous and $G\Delta LC$ -Irresolute maps

We introduce the following definitions.

Definition 7.1. A map $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be Δ locally closed-continuous (briefly, ΔLC -continuous) if $f^{-1}(V)$ is ΔLC -set in (X, τ) for every Δ -open set V of (Y, σ) .

Definition 7.2. A map $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be $G\Delta LC$ -continuous (resp. $G\Delta LC^*$ -continuous, $G\Delta LC^{**}$ -continuous) if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $G\Delta LC$ -set (resp. $G\Delta LC^*$ -set, $G\Delta LC^{**}$ -set) in (X, τ) for every Δ -open set V of (Y, σ) .

Theorem 7.1. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map. Then

- (1) If f is Δ -continuous, then it is ΔLC -continuous.
- (2) If f is Δ -continuous, then it is $G\Delta LC$ -continuous.
- (3) If f is $g\Delta$ -continuous, then it is $G\Delta LC$ -continuous.

Proof. (1) It is an immediate consequence of Proposition 6.1.

(2) It is an immediate consequence of Proposition 6.1 and 6.3.

(3) It is an immediate consequence of Propositions 6.2. \square

Theorem 7.2. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map. Then

- (1) If f is ΔLC -continuous, then it is $G\Delta LC$ -continuous.
- (2) If f is ΔLC -continuous, then it is $G\Delta LC^*$ -continuous.
- (3) If f is ΔLC -continuous, then it is $G\Delta LC^{**}$ -continuous.
- (4) If f is $G\Delta LC^*$ -continuous, then it is $G\Delta LC$ -continuous.
- (5) If f is $G\Delta LC^{**}$ -continuous, then it is $G\Delta LC$ -continuous.

Proof. (1) It is an immediate consequence of Proposition 6.3.

(2) It is an immediate consequence of Proposition 6.4.

(3) It is an immediate consequence of Propositions 6.5.

(4) It is an immediate consequence of Propositions 6.6.

(5) It is an immediate consequence of Propositions 6.7. \square

Definition 7.3. A map $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be $G\Delta LC$ -irresolute (resp. $G\Delta LC^*$ -irresolute, $G\Delta LC^{**}$ -irresolute) if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $G\Delta LC$ -set (resp. $G\Delta LC^*$ -set, $G\Delta LC^{**}$ -set) in (X, τ) for every $G\Delta LC$ -set (resp. $G\Delta LC^*$ -set, $G\Delta LC^{**}$ -set) V of (Y, σ) .

Theorem 7.3. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a map. Then

- (1) If f is $G\Delta LC$ -irresolute then it is $G\Delta LC$ -continuous.
- (2) If f is $G\Delta LC^*$ -irresolute then it is $G\Delta LC^*$ -continuous.
- (3) If f is $G\Delta LC^{**}$ -irresolute then it is $G\Delta LC^{**}$ -continuous.

Proof. (1) Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a $G\Delta LC$ -irresolute map. Let V be a Δ -open set of (Y, σ) . Since every Δ -open set is $g\Delta$ -open and $g\Delta$ -open set is $g\Delta$ -lc-set [by the Proposition 3.5 and Theorem 6.2], V is $G\Delta LC$ -set of (Y, σ) . Since f is $G\Delta LC$ -irresolute, then $f^{-1}(V)$ is a $G\Delta LC$ -set of (X, τ) . Therefore f is $G\Delta LC$ -continuous.

(2) Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a $G\Delta LC^*$ -irresolute map. Let V be a Δ -open set of (Y, σ) . Since every Δ -open set is Δ -lc set and Δ -lc-set is $g\Delta$ -lc*-set [by Proposition 6.1 and Proposition 6.4], V is $G\Delta LC^*$ -set of (Y, σ) . Since f is $G\Delta LC^*$ -irresolute, then $f^{-1}(V)$ is a $G\Delta LC^*$ -set of (X, τ) . Therefore f is $G\Delta LC^*$ -continuous.

(3) Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a $G\Delta LC^{**}$ -irresolute map. Let V be a Δ -open set of (Y, σ) . Since every Δ -open set is Δ -lc-set and Δ -lc-set is $g\Delta$ -lc**-set [by Proposition 6.1 and Proposition 6.5], V is $G\Delta LC^{**}$ -set of (Y, σ) . Since f is $G\Delta LC^{**}$ -irresolute, then $f^{-1}(V)$ is a $G\Delta LC^{**}$ -set of (X, τ) . Therefore f is $G\Delta LC^{**}$ -continuous. \square

Theorem 7.4. Let $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ and $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \gamma)$ be any two maps. Then

- (1) $g \circ f$ is $G\Delta LC$ -continuous if g is Δ -continuous and f is $G\Delta LC$ -continuous.
- (2) $g \circ f$ is $G\Delta LC$ -irresolute if both f and g are $G\Delta LC$ -irresolute.
- (3) $g \circ f$ is $G\Delta LC$ -continuous if g is $G\Delta LC$ -continuous and f is $G\Delta LC$ -irresolute.

Proof. (1) Since g is a Δ -continuous from $(Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \gamma)$, for any Δ -open set z as a subset of Z , we get $g^{-1}(z) = G$ is a Δ -open set in (Y, σ) . As f is a $G\Delta LC$ -continuous map. We get $(g \circ f)^{-1}(z) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(z)) = f^{-1}(G) = S$ and S is a $G\Delta LC$ -set in (X, τ) , since every Δ -open

set is $g\Delta$ -open set and $g\Delta$ -open set is $g\Delta$ -lc-set [by the Proposition 3.5 and Proposition 6.2]. Hence $(g \circ f)$ is a $G\Delta LC$ -continuous map.

(2) Consider two $G\Delta LC$ -irresolute maps, $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ and $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \gamma)$ is a $G\Delta LC$ -irresolute maps. As g is consider to be a $G\Delta LC$ -irresolute map, by Definition 7.3, for every $g\Delta$ -lc-set $z \subseteq (Z, \gamma)$, $g^{-1}(z) = G$ is a $g\Delta$ -lc-set in (Y, σ) . Again since f is $G\Delta LC$ -irresolute, $(g \circ f)^{-1}(z) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(z)) = f^{-1}(G) = S$ and S is a $g\Delta$ -lc-set in (X, τ) . Hence $(g \circ f)$ is a $G\Delta LC$ -irresolute map.

(3) Let g be a $G\Delta LC$ -continuous map from $(Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \gamma)$ and z subset of Z be a Δ -open set. Therefore $g^{-1}(z) = G$ is a $g\Delta$ -lc-set in (Y, σ) , since every Δ -open set is $g\Delta$ -open set and $g\Delta$ -open set is $g\Delta$ -lc-set [by the Proposition 3.5 and Proposition 6.2]. Also since f is $G\Delta LC$ -irresolute, we get $(g \circ f)^{-1}(z) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(z)) = f^{-1}(G) = S$ and S is a $g\Delta$ -lc-set in (X, τ) . Hence $(g \circ f)$ is a $G\Delta LC$ -continuous map. \square

Conclusion

Every year different type of topological spaces are introduced by many topologist. Now a days available topologies are ideal topology, nano topology, nano ideal topology, micro topology, micro ideal topology, micro grill topology and so on. In this paper, we introduced and studied α - Δ -open sets in topological spaces. We offer a new class of sets called $g\Delta$ -closed sets in topological spaces and we study some of its basic properties. we introduce $g\Delta$ -interior and $g\Delta$ -closure and study some of its basic properties. We introduce $g\Delta$ -continuous maps and $g\Delta$ -irresolute maps. we introduce the classes of Δ -lc-set, $g\Delta$ -lc-set, $g\Delta$ -lc*-sets, $g\Delta$ -lc**-sets and study some of its basic properties. Finally we introduced and studied ΔLC -continuous, $G\Delta LC$ -continuous map and $G\Delta LC$ -irresolute map. In future, we have extended this work in various topological fields with some applications.

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