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# ON SEMI PRECLOSED WEAKLY GENERALIZED STAR SEMI CLOSED ( $\beta wg^*s$ ) SET IN TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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# ABSTRACT

In this paper we introduce the concept of  $\beta w g^*s$  closed sets and investigate some of its properties in topological spaces. We also define  $\beta w g^*s$  continuity and some of its fundamental properties are given.

Key words:  $\beta w g^* s$  closed set,  $\beta w g^* s$  continuous map.

# **1. INTRODUCTION**

In 1970, Levine [12] introduced the concept of generalized closed set in topological spaces. Biswas [6] defined semi closed sets. Crossley and Hildebrand [7] defined semi closure of a set. Abd El-Monsef, El-Deeb and Mahmoud [2] introduced the concept of  $\beta$  open sets and  $\beta$  continuous mappings. Sundaram and Sheik John [22] introduced the concept of weakly closed set. Veerakumar [23] introduced  $g^*$ closed sets. Dhanapakyam, Subashini and Indirani [9] introduced the concept of  $\beta wg^*$  closed set in topological spaces. In this paper we define a  $\beta wg^*s$  closed set and  $\beta wg^*s$  continuity. We also study their fundamental properties.

# 2. PRELIMINARIES

**Definition: 2.1** A subset A of X is called generalized closed (briefly g-closed) [12] set if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is open.

**Definition: 2.2** A subset A of X is called regular open (briefly r-open) [21] set if A = int(cl(A)) and regular closed (briefly r-closed) [21] set if A = cl(int(A)).

**Definition: 2.3** A subset A of X is called semi open [13] set if  $A \subseteq cl(int(A))$  and semi closed [6] set if  $int(cl(A)) \subseteq A$ .

**Definition: 2.4** A subset A of X is called  $\alpha$ -open [19] set if  $A \subseteq int(cl(int(A)))$  and  $\alpha$ -closed [15] set if  $cl(int(cl(A))) \subseteq A$ .

**Definition:** 2.5 A subset A of X is called  $\beta$ -open [2] set if  $A \subseteq cl(int(cl(A)))$  and  $\beta$ -closed [11] set if  $int(cl(int(A))) \subseteq A$ .

**Definition: 2.6** A subset *A* of *X* is called  $\theta$ -closed [24] set if  $A = cl_{\theta}(A)$ where  $cl_{\theta}(A) = \{x \in X | cl(U) \cap A \neq \emptyset, U \in \tau, x \in U\}.$ 

**Definition: 2.7** A subset *A* of *X* is called  $\delta$ -closed [24] set if  $A = cl_{\delta}(A)$ where  $cl_{\delta}(A) = \{x \in X | int(cl(U)) \cap A \neq \emptyset, U \in \tau, x \in U\}.$ 

**Definition: 2.8** A subset A of X is called Generalized  $\alpha$ - closed (briefly  $g\alpha$ -closed) [15] if  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is  $\alpha$ -open in X.

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**Definition: 2.9** A subset *A* of *X* is called  $\alpha$ -generalized closed (briefly  $\alpha g$ -closed) [16] if  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and *U* is open in *X*.

**Definition: 2.10** A subset A of X is called strongly generalized closed (briefly  $g^*$ -closed) [18] if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is g-open in X.

**Definition: 2.11** A subset A of X is called weakly closed (briefly w-closed) [22] if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is semi open in X.

**Definition: 2.12** A subset A of X is called weakly generalized closed (briefly wg-closed) [18] if  $cl(int(A)) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is open in X.

**Definition: 2.13** A subset A of X is called Generalized regular closed (briefly *gr*-closed) [20] if  $rcl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is open in X.

**Definition: 2.14** A subset A of X is called Regular generalized closed (briefly rg-closed) [20] if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is regular open in X.

**Definition: 2.15** A subset *A* of *X* is called Regular weakly closed (briefly *rw*-closed) [4] if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and *U* is regular semi open in *X*.

**Definition: 2.16** A subset A of X is called  $\beta w g^*$  closed set [9] if  $gcl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is  $\beta$ -open in X.

**Definition: 2.17** A subset A of X is called Generalized pre regular closed (briefly*gpr*-closed) [11] if  $pcl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is regular open in X.

**Definition: 2.18** A subset A of X is called Generalized semi pre closed (briefly *gsp*-closed) [10] if  $spcl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is open in X.

**Definition: 2.19** A subset A of X is called  $w\alpha$  closed [5] if  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is w open in X.

## 3. ON $(\beta w g^* s)$ CLOSED SET

**Definition: 3.1** A subset A of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called Semi pre closed weakly generalized star semi closed (briefly  $\beta w g^*s$ -closed) if  $scl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is  $\beta w g^*$  open in X.

**Theorem: 3.2** Every closed set is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed set.

**Proof:** Let A be a closed set in X such that  $A \subseteq U$  where U is  $\beta w g^*$  open. Since  $scl(A) \subseteq cl(A) = A$ . Therefore  $scl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence A is a  $\beta w g^* s$  closed set.

The converse of above theorem need not be true.

**Example: 3.3** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ;  $\tau = \{\{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X, \emptyset\}$ . Here  $A = \{a, b\}$  is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed but not closed.

**Remark:** 3.4 Every  $\theta$ -closed,  $\pi$ -closed,  $\delta$ -closed set is closed. Therefore every  $\theta$ -closed,  $\pi$ -closed,  $\delta$ -closed set is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed.

**Theorem: 3.5** Every regular closed set is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed.

**Proof:** Let A be a regular closed set such that  $A \subseteq U$  where U is  $\beta w g^*$  open. Every regular closed set is closed. By theorem 3.2, every regular closed set is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed.

The converse of above theorem need not be true.

**Example: 3.6** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ;  $\tau = \{\{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X, \emptyset\}$ . Here  $A = \{b, c\}$  is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed set but not regular closed.

**Theorem: 3.7** Every semi closed set is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed.

**Proof:** Let A be a semi closed set such that  $A \subseteq U$  where U is  $\beta wg^*$  open. Since A is semi closed. scl(A) = A. Therefore  $scl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence A is  $\beta wg^*s$  closed.

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**Example: 3.8** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ;  $\tau = \{\{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X, \emptyset\}$ . Here  $A = \{a, c, d\}$  is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed set but not semi closed.

**Theorem: 3.9** Every  $\alpha$  closed set is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed.

**Proof:** Let A be a  $\alpha$  closed set such that  $A \subseteq U$  where U is  $\beta w g^*$  open. Since A is  $\alpha$  closed.  $scl(A) \subseteq \alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $scl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence A is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed.

The converse of above theorem need not be true.

**Example: 3.10** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ;  $\tau = \{\{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X, \emptyset\}$ . Here  $A = \{a\}$  is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed but not  $\alpha$  closed.

**Theorem: 3.11** Every *g*-closed set is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed.

**Proof:** Let A be a g closed set such that  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is open. Then  $scl(A) \subseteq cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $scl(A) \subseteq U$  and U is open. Since every open set is  $\beta wg^*$  open. Hence A is  $\beta wg^*s$  closed.

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**Example:** 3.12 Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ;  $\tau = \{\{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X, \emptyset\}$ . Here  $A = \{c\}$  is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed but not g closed.

**Theorem: 3.13** Every  $g^*$  closed set is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed.

**Proof:** Let A be a  $g^*$  closed set such that  $A \subseteq U$  and U is  $\beta w g^*$  open. Since every  $g^*$  closed set is g closed. By theorem 3.11, every  $g^*$  closed set is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed.

The converse of above theorem need not be true.

**Example: 3.14** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ;  $\tau = \{\{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X, \emptyset\}$ . Here  $A = \{a, b\}$  is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed but not  $g^*$  closed.

**Theorem: 3.15** Every  $\alpha g$  closed set is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed.

**Proof:** Let A be a  $\alpha g$  closed set such that  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is open. Then  $scl(A) \subseteq \alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $scl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is open. Since every open set is  $\beta wg^*$  open. Hence A is  $\beta wg^*s$  closed set.

The converse of above theorem need not be true.

**Example:** 3.16 Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ;  $\tau = \{\{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X, \emptyset\}$ . Here  $A = \{a\}$  is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed but not  $\alpha g$  closed.

**Theorem: 3.17** Every gr closed set is  $\beta wg^*s$  closed set.

**Proof:** Let A be a gr closed set such that  $rcl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is open. Then  $scl(A) \subseteq rcl(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $scl(A) \subseteq U$  and U is open. Since every open set is  $\beta wg^*$  open. Hence A is  $\beta wg^*s$  closed.

The converse of above theorem need not be true.

**Example: 3.18** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ;  $\tau = \{\{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X, \emptyset\}$ . Here  $A = \{b, c\}$  is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed but not gr closed.

**Theorem: 3.19** Every  $w\alpha$  closed set is  $\beta wg^*s$  closed set.

**Proof:** Let *A* be a  $w\alpha$  closed set such that  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and *U* is *w* open. Then  $scl(A) \subseteq \alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $scl(A) \subseteq U$  and *U* is *w* open. Since every *w* open set is  $\beta wg^*$  open. Hence *A* is  $\beta wg^*s$  closed set.

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**Example: 3.20** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ;  $\tau = \{\{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X, \emptyset\}$ . Here  $A = \{c\}$  is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed but not  $w\alpha$  closed.

**Remark: 3.21**  $\beta wg^*s$  closed set and *gpr* closed set are independent to each other as seen from the following example.

**Example:** 3.22 Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ;  $\tau = \{\{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X, \emptyset\}$ . Here  $A = \{a\}$  is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed but not *gpr* closed. Also  $A = \{a, b, c\}$  is *gpr* closed but not  $\beta w g^* s$  closed.

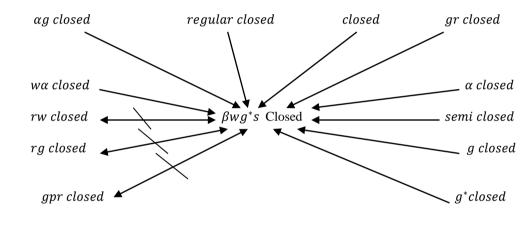
**Remark:** 3.23  $\beta wg^*s$  closed set and rw closed set are independent to each other as seen from the following example.

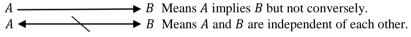
**Example: 3.24** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ;  $\tau = \{\{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X, \emptyset\}$ . Here  $A = \{c\}$  is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed but not rw closed. Also  $A = \{a, c\}$  is rw closed but not  $\beta w g^* s$  closed.

**Remark: 3.25**  $\beta wg^*s$  closed set and rg closed set are independent to each other as seen from the following example.

**Example:** 3.26 Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ;  $\tau = \{\{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X, \emptyset\}$ . Here  $A = \{c\}$  is  $\beta wg^*s$  closed but not rg closed. Also  $A = \{a, c\}$  is rg closed but not  $\beta wg^*s$  closed.

Remark: 3.27 The above discussions are summarized in the following diagram.





# 4. CHARACTERISTICS OF $\beta wg^*s$ CLOSED SET

**Theorem: 4.1** If *A* and *B* are  $\beta w g^* s$  closed sets, then  $A \cap B$  is also  $\beta w g^* s$  closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proof:** Let A and B be any two  $\beta wg^*s$  closed sets in X such that  $A \subseteq U$  and  $B \subseteq U$ , where U is  $\beta wg^*$  is open in X and so  $A \cap B \subseteq U$ . Since A and B are  $\beta wg^*s$  closed,  $Scl(A) \subseteq U$  and  $Scl(A) \subseteq U$  and hence  $Scl(A \cap B) \subseteq Scl(A) \cap Scl(B) \subseteq U$ . Thus  $A \cap B$  is  $\beta wg^*s$  closed in $(X, \tau)$ .

**Remark: 4.2** The union of two  $\beta w g^* s$  closed sets in X is generally not an  $\beta w g^* s$  closed set in X.

**Example:** 4.3 Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ;  $\tau = \{\{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X, \emptyset\}$ . Here  $A = \{a\}$  and  $B = \{c\}$  be two  $\beta w g^* s$  closed subsets of X. But  $A \cup B = \{a, c\}$  is not a  $\beta w g^* s$  closed.

**Theorem: 4.4** If A is a  $\beta wg^*s$  closed set in X if and only if scl(A) - A does not contain any non-empty  $\beta wg^*$  closed set.

**Proof:** Let *F* be a  $\beta w g^*$  closed set such that  $F \subset scl(A) - A$ . Then  $F \subset X - A$  implies  $A \subset X - F$ . *A* is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed set and X - F is  $\beta w g^*$  open. Therefore  $scl(A) \subset X - F$  that is  $F \subset X - scl(A)$ . Hence  $F \subset scl(A) \cap (X - scl(A)) = \emptyset$ . Hence  $F = \emptyset$ .

Conversely let us assume that scl(A) - A contains no non-empty  $\beta wg^*$  closed set. Let  $A \subseteq U$  and U is  $\beta wg^*$  open. Suppose that scl(A) - A is not contained in U. Then  $scl(A) \cap U^c$  is a non-empty  $\beta wg^*$  closed set of scl(A) - A. which is a contradiction. Hence A is  $\beta wg^*s$  closed.

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**Theorem: 4.5** If A is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed and  $A \subseteq B \subseteq scl(A)$ , then B is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed.

**Proof:** Since  $B \subseteq scl(A)$ , we have  $scl(B) \subseteq scl(A)$  and  $scl(B) - B \subseteq scl(A) - A$ . But A is  $\beta wg^*s$  closed. Hence scl(A) - A has no non-empty  $\beta wg^*$  closed, neither does scl(B) - B. By theorem 4.4, B is  $\beta wg^*s$  closed.

**Theorem: 4.6** The union of semi closed set and gr closed set is a  $\beta wg^*s$  closed.

**Proof:** Let A be a semi closed set and B be a gr closed set. Let  $A \cup B \subseteq U$  and U be  $\beta w g^*$  open. Since A be semi closed, we have  $scl(A) = A \subseteq U$ . Since B is gr closed, we have  $rcl(B) \subseteq U$ , U is open. But  $scl(B) \subseteq rcl(B) \subseteq U$  and also we know that every open set is  $\beta w g^*$  open. Therefore  $A \cup B$  is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed set.

**Theorem: 4.7** If A is  $\beta w g^*$  open and  $\beta w g^* s$  closed in X then A is semiclosed set in X.

**Proof:** Let A be  $\beta w g^*$  open and  $\beta w g^* s$  closed in X. Then  $scl(A) \subseteq A$ . But  $A \subseteq scl(A)$ . Therefore A = scl(A). Hence A is semi closed in X.

## 5. On $\beta wg^*s$ Continuity Set

**Definition: 5.1** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is called,

- 1. Continuous [13] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is closed set in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set V of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
- 2. Regular continuous [1] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is regular closed set in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set V of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
- 3.  $\alpha$  continuous [17] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\alpha$  closed set in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set V of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
- 4. Semi continuous [13] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is Semi closed set in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set V of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
- 5. *g* continuous [3] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is *g* closed set in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set *V* of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
- 6.  $g^*$  continuous [23] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $g^*$  closed set in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set V of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
- 7. gr continuous [14] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is gr closed set in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set V of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .
- 8.  $\alpha g$  continuous [8] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\alpha g$  closed set in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set V of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Definition:** 5.2 A function  $f : (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  is called  $\beta w g^* s$  continuous if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed set in  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set V of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Theorem: 5.3** Every continuous map is  $\beta w g^* s$  continuous, but not conversely.

**Proof:** The proof follows from the fact that every closed set is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed set.

**Example: 5.4** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ;  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{X, \emptyset, \{b\}, \{b, d\}\}$ . Define a map  $f : X \to Y$  by f(a) = a, f(b) = c, f(c) = d, f(d) = d. This map is  $\beta wg^*s$  continuous, but not continuous. Since for the closed set  $\{a, b, d\}$  in Y.  $f^{-1}\{a, b, d\} = \{a, c, d\}$  is not closed set in X.

**Theorem: 5.5** Every regular continuous map is  $\beta w g^* s$  continuous, but not conversely.

**Proof:** The proof follows from the fact that every regular closed set is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed set.

**Example: 5.6** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ;  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{X, \emptyset, \{b\}, \{b, d\}\}$ . Define a map  $f : X \to Y$  by f(a) = a, f(b) = c, f(c) = d, f(d) = d. This map is  $\beta w g^* s$  continuous, but not regular continuous. Since for the closed set  $\{d\}$  in Y.  $f^{-1}\{d\} = \{c, d\}$  is not regular closed set in X.

**Theorem: 5.7** Every semi continuous map is  $\beta wg^*s$  continuous, but not conversely.

**Proof:** The proof follows from the fact that every semi closed set is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed set.

**Example: 5.8** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ;  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{X, \emptyset, \{b\}, \{b, d\}\}$ . Define a map  $f : X \to Y$  by f(a) = a, f(b) = c, f(c) = d, f(d) = d This map is  $\beta w g^* s$  continuous, but not semi continuous. Since for the closed set  $\{a, b, d\}$  in Y.  $f^{-1}\{a, b, d\} = \{a, c, d\}$  is not semi closed set in X.

**Theorem: 5.9** Every *gr* continuous map is  $\beta w g^* s$  continuous, but not conversely.

**Proof:** The proof follows from the fact that every gr closed set is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed set.

**Example: 5.10** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}; \tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{X, \emptyset, \{b\}, \{b, d\}\}$ . Define a map  $f : X \to Y$  by f(a) = a, f(b) = d, f(c) = c, f(d) = b. This map is  $\beta wg^*s$  continuous, but not gr continuous. Since for the closed set  $\{d\}$  in Y.  $f^{-1}\{d\} = \{b\}$  is not gr closed set in X. © 2015, IJMA. All Rights Reserved 57

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## Remark: 5.11

- 1. Every g closed set is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed. Therefore every g continuous map is  $\beta w g^* s$  continuous.
- 2. Every  $g^*$  closed set is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed. Therefore every  $g^*$  continuous map is  $\beta w g^* s$  continuous.
- 3 Every  $\alpha g$  closed set is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed. Therefore every  $\alpha g$  continuous map is  $\beta w g^* s$  continuous.
- 4 Every  $\alpha$  closed set is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed. Therefore every  $\alpha$  continuous map is  $\beta w g^* s$  continuous.
- 5 Every wa closed set is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed. Therefore every wa continuous map is  $\beta w g^* s$  continuous.

**Theorem: 5.12** If  $f : X \to Y$  is  $\beta w g^* s$  continuous and  $g : Y \to Z$  is continuous then their composition  $f \circ g : X \to Z$  is  $\beta w g^* s$  continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $f : X \to Y$  is  $\beta w g^* s$  continuous and  $g : Y \to Z$  is continuous. Let U be a closed set in Z. Therefore  $g^{-1}(U)$  is closed in Y and  $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U))$  is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed in X. Therefore  $f \circ g$  is  $\beta w g^* s$  continuous.

**Theorem: 5.13** Let  $X = A \cup B$ , where A and B are closed in X. Let  $f : A \to Y$  and  $g : B \to Y$  be continuous. If f(x) = g(x) for every  $x \in A \cap B$  then f and g are combine to give  $\beta w g^* s$  continuous function  $h : X \to Y$  defined by h(x) = f(x) if  $x \in A$ , and h(x) = g(x) if  $x \in B$ .

**Proof:** Let *C* be a closed subset of *Y*. Now  $h^{-1}(C) = f^{-1}(C) \cup g^{-1}(C)$ . Since *f* is continuous,  $f^{-1}(C)$  is closed in *A* and therefore closed in *X*. Similarly  $g^{-1}(C)$  is closed in *B* and therefore closed in *X*. Their union  $h^{-1}(C)$  is also closed in *X*. Therefore *h* is continuous. By theorem (5.3) *h* is  $\beta w g^* s$  continuous.

**Theorem: 5.14** Let  $f : (X, \tau) \to (Y, \sigma)$  be a function where X and Y be topological spaces. Then the following are equivalent.

- a. f is  $\beta w g^* s$  continuous.
- b. The inverse of each open set in *Y* is  $\beta w g^* s$  open in *X*.
- c. For each subset A of X,  $f(\beta w g^* s cl(A)) \subseteq cl(f(A))$ .

### **Proof:**

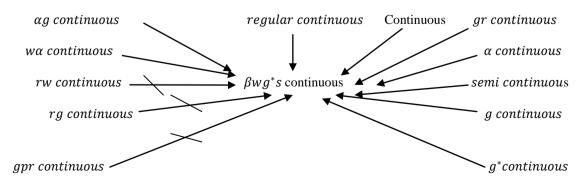
 $(i) \Rightarrow (ii)$ : Let *B* be an open subset of *Y*. Then *Y* - *B* is closed in *Y*. Since *f* is  $\beta w g^* s$  continuous,  $f^{-1}(Y - B)$  is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed in *X*. That is,  $X - f^{-1}(B)$  is  $\beta w g^* s$  closed in *X*. Hence  $f^{-1}(B)$  is  $\beta w g^* s$  open in *X*.

 $(ii) \Rightarrow (i)$ : Let G be a closed subset of Y. Then Y - G is open in Y. Then  $f^{-1}(Y - G)$  is  $\beta wg^*s$  open in X. That is  $X - f^{-1}(G)$  is  $\beta wg^*s$  open in X. Hence  $f^{-1}(G)$  is  $\beta wg^*s$  closed in X, which implies that f is  $\beta wg^*s$  continuous.

 $(ii) \Rightarrow (iii)$ : Let *A* be a subset of *X*. Since  $A \subset f^{-1}(f(A))$ ,  $A \subset f^{-1}(cl(f(A)))$ . Now cl(f(A)) is a closed set in *Y*. Then by (ii),  $f^{-1}(cl(f(A)))$  is  $\beta wg^*s$  closed in *X* containing *A*. But  $\beta wg^*s$  cl(A) is the smallest  $\beta wg^*s$  closed set in *X* containing *A*. Therefore  $\beta wg^*s$   $cl(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(cl(f(A)))$ . Hence  $f(\beta wg^*s cl(A)) \subseteq cl(f(A))$ .

 $(iii) \Rightarrow (ii):$  Let *B* be a closed subset of *Y*. Then  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a subset of *X*. By  $(iii) f\left(\beta wg^* s cl\left(f^{-1}(B)\right)\right) \subseteq cl\left(f\left(f^{-1}(B)\right)\right) \subseteq cl(B) = B$ . This implies  $\beta wg^* s cl\left(f^{-1}(B)\right) \subseteq f^{-1}(B)$ . But  $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq \beta wg^* s cl\left(f^{-1}(B)\right)$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(B) = \beta wg^* s cl\left(f^{-1}(B)\right)$  and  $f^{-1}(B)$  is  $\beta wg^* s$  closed in *X*. This implies that *f* is  $\beta wg^* s$  continuous.

Remark: 5.15 The above discussions are summarized in the following diagram.



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