# A Study On $**g\alpha$ -compactness and $**g\alpha$ -connectedness in Topological Spaces

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**Abstract** In this paper we introduce new concept of  $**g\alpha$  -compactness and  $**g\alpha$  -connectedness in Topological space using  $**g\alpha$ -open sets and study some of their properties of  $**g\alpha$  -compactness and  $**g\alpha$  -connectedness.

## **1** Introduction

In 1991, Balachandran, Sundharam and Maki[1] introduced a class of compact space called GOcompact space and GO-connected space using g-open cover. In 2006, A.M. Shibani[12], introduce and studied about the rg-compact spaces and rg-connected spaces. In 2011, S.S. Benchalli and Priyanka M. Bansali[2] introduced the concept of gb-compactness and gb-connectedness Topological spaces and studied their basic properties. In 2016, S. Pious Missier and M. Anto[10] introduced the concept of generalize compactness and connectedness using  $g^*s$ - closed sets to obtained a weaker form of compactness and connectedness and studied the basic properties. In this paper, we introduce the \*\* $g\alpha$  -compactness, \*\* $g\alpha$  -connectedness in topological spaces and obtain some of its basic properties.

# **2 PRELIMINARIES**

Let us recall the following definitions, which are useful in the sequel.

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

(1) a generalized closed set (briefly g-closed) [9] if  $cl \subseteq (A)$  U whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

(2) a generalized  $\alpha$ -closed set (briefly  $g\alpha$ -closed) [6] if  $\alpha$ cl(A)  $\subseteq$  U whenever A  $\subseteq$  U and U is  $\alpha$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

(3) a gpr-closed[7] set if  $pcl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

(4) a \*g $\alpha$ -closed set [14] if cl(A)  $\subseteq$  U whenever A  $\subseteq$  U and U is  $g\alpha$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

(5) a \*\* $g\alpha$ -closed set [15] if cl(A)  $\subseteq$  U whenever A  $\subseteq$  U and U is \* $g\alpha$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Definition 2.2.** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called

(1) a g-continuous[1] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an g-closed set of  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set V of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

(2) a gpr-continuous [8] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a gpr-closed set of  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set V of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

(3) a \* $g\alpha$ -continuous [14] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a \* $g\alpha$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set V of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

(4) a \*\*  $g\alpha$ -continuous [13] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a \*\*  $g\alpha$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$  for every closed set V of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

(5) a \*\*  $g\alpha$ -irresolute [13] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a \*\*  $g\alpha$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$  for every \*\*  $g\alpha$ -closed set V of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

# 3 \*\* $g\alpha$ -COMPACTNESS

\*\* $g\alpha$ - compactness is defined in this section and some of its characterizations are proved.

**Definition 3.1.** A collection  $\{A_i : i \in \Delta\}$  of  $**g\alpha$ -open sets in a topological space X is called a  $**g\alpha$ -open cover of a subset S of X if  $S \subset \bigcup \{A_i : i \in \Delta\}$  holds.

**Definition 3.2.** A topological space X is  $**g\alpha$  -compact, if every  $**g\alpha$ -open cover of X has a finite sub cover.

**Definition 3.3.** A subset S of a topological space X is said to be  $**g\alpha$ -compact relative to X, if for every collection  $\{A_i : i \in \Delta\}$  of  $**g\alpha$  -open subsets of X such that  $S \subset \bigcup \{A_i : i \in \Delta\}$  there exists a finite subset  $\Delta_o$  of  $\Delta$  such that  $S \subset \bigcup \{A_i : i \in \Delta_o\}$ .

**Definition 3.4.** A subset S of a topological space X is said to be  $**g\alpha$  -compact, if S is  $**g\alpha$ -compact as a subspace of X.

**Theorem 3.5.** Every \*\*  $g\alpha$  -closed subset of a \*\*  $g\alpha$  -compact space is \*\*  $g\alpha$  -compact relative to *X*.

**Proof.** Let A be a \*\*  $g\alpha$ -closed subset of a \*\*  $g\alpha$  -compact space X. Then X - A is a \*\*  $g\alpha$  -open in X. Let  $M = \{G_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  be a cover of A by \*\*  $g\alpha$  -open sets in X. Then  $M^* = M \cup A^c$  is a \*\*  $g\alpha$  -open cover of X, i.e.,  $X = (\bigcup \{G_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \Delta\}) \cup A^c$ . By hypothesis, X is \*\*  $g\alpha$  -compact, hence  $M^*$  is reducible to a finite cover of X, say  $X = G\alpha_1 \cup G\alpha_2 \cup G\alpha_3 \cup ... \cup G_m \cup A^c$ ,  $G\alpha_k \in$ M. But A and  $A^c$  are disjoint, Hence  $A \subset G\alpha_1 \cup G\alpha_2 \cup G\alpha_3 \cup ... \cup G_m \cup A^c$ ,  $G\alpha_k \in$  M. But we have shown that any \*\*  $g\alpha$  -open cover M of A contains a finite sub cover, i.e., A is \*\*  $g\alpha$ -compact relative to X.

**Theorem 3.6.**  $A^{**}g\alpha$  -continuous image of  $a^{**}g\alpha$  -compact space is compact.

**Proof.** Let  $f : X \longrightarrow Y$  be a \*\* $g\alpha$  -continuous map from a \*\* $g\alpha$  -compact space X on a topological space Y. Let  $\{A_i : i \in \Delta\}$  be an open cover of Y. Then  $\{f^{-1}(A_i) : i \in \Delta\}$  is a \*\* $g\alpha$  -open cover of X. Since X is \*\* $g\alpha$  -compact, it has a finite sub cover, say  $\{f^{-1}(A_1), \ldots, f^{-1}(A_n)\}$ . Since f is onto  $\{A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_n\}$  is a cover of Y which is finite. Therefore Y is compact.

**Theorem 3.7.** If a map  $f : X \longrightarrow Y$  is  $**g\alpha$  -irresolute and a subset B of X is  $**g\alpha$  -compact relative to X, then the image f(B) is  $**g\alpha$  -compact relative to Y.

**Proof.** Let  $\{A_i : i \in \Delta_0\}$  be any collection of  $**g\alpha$  -open subsets of Y such that  $f(B) \subset \bigcup \{A_i : i \in \Delta\}$ . Then  $B \subset \bigcup \{f^{-1}(A_i) : i \in \Delta\}$  holds. By hypothesis there exists a finite subset  $\Delta_o$  such that  $B \subset \bigcup \{f^{-1}(A_i) : i \in \Delta_o\}$ . Therefore we have  $f(B) \subset \bigcup \{(A_i : i \in \Delta_o)\}$ , which shows that f(B) is a  $**g\alpha$  -compact relative to Y.

**Theorem 3.8.** The product space of two non empty spaces is  $**g\alpha$  -compact, then each factor space is  $**g\alpha$  -compact.

**Proof.** Let  $X \times Y$  be the product space of the non empty spaces X and Y and suppose  $X \times Y$  is a  $**g\alpha$  -compact. Then the projection  $\prod : X \times Y \longrightarrow X$  is a  $**g\alpha$  -irresolute map. Hence  $\prod(X \times Y) = X$  is  $**g\alpha$  -compact. Similarly we prove for the space Y.

**Theorem 3.9.** Every  $**g\alpha$  -compact space is compact.

**Proof.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a \*\* $g\alpha$  -compact space. Let  $\{B_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  be an open cover of X. Then  $X = \{B_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \Delta\}$ . Since every open set is \*\* $g\alpha$  -open, so  $\{B_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  is a \*\* $g\alpha$ -open cover of X. Since X is \*\* $g\alpha$ -compact, it has a finite subcover, say  $\{B_1, B_2, B_3, ..., B_n\}$ . Hence, X is compact.

**Theorem 3.10.** A space X is  $**g\alpha$  -compact if and only if each family of  $**g\alpha$ -closed subsets of X with the finite intersection property has a non-empty intersection.

**Proof.** Given collection A of subsets of X, let  $S = \{X - A : A \in \Delta\}$  be the collection of their complements. Then the following statements hold.

(i) A is a collection of  $**g\alpha$ -open sets if and only if S is a collection of  $**g\alpha$ -closed sets. (ii) The collection A covers X if and only if the intersection  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \alpha} g S$  of all the elements of

(ii) The collection A covers X if and only if the intersection  $\bigcap_{c \in S} S$  of all the elements of S is empty.

(iii) The finite sub collection  $\{A_1, A_2, ..., A_n\}$  of A covers X if and only if the intersection of the corresponding elements  $S_i = X - A_i$  of S is empty. the statement (i) is trivial, while the (ii) and (iii) follow from De Morgans law. X -  $(\bigcup_{\alpha \in J}) = \bigcap_{\alpha \in J} (X - A_{\alpha})$ . The proof of the theorem now proceeds in two steps, taking contra positive of the theorem and then the complement. the statement X is \*\* $g\alpha$ -compact is equivalent to: Given any collection A of \*\* $g\alpha$ -open subsets of X, if A covers X, then some finite sub collection of A covers X. This statement is equivalent to its contra positive, which is the following.

Given any collection S of  $**g\alpha$ -closed sets, if every finite intersection of elements of S is notempty, then the intersection of all the elements of S is non-empty. This is the just condition of our theorem.

# 4 \*\* $g\alpha$ -CONNECTEDNESS

**Definition 4.1.** A topological space X is said to be  $**g\alpha$  -connected, if X canot be written as a disjoint union of two non empty  $**g\alpha$ -open sets. A subset of X is  $**g\alpha$  -connected if it is  $**g\alpha$  -connected as a subspace.

**Theorem 4.2.** For a topological space X the following are equivalent: (i) X is  $**g\alpha$  -connected.

(ii) X and  $\phi$  are the only subsets of X which are both  $**g\alpha$  -open and  $**g\alpha$  -closed. (iii) Each  $**g\alpha$  -continuous map of X into a discrete space Y with at least two points is a constant

Proof.

map.

 $(i) \rightarrow (ii)$ : Let A be a \*\* $g\alpha$  -open and \*\* $g\alpha$  -closed subset of X. Then  $A^c$  is both \*\* $g\alpha$  -closed and \*\* $g\alpha$  -open. Since X is the disjoint union of the \*\* $g\alpha$  -open sets A and  $A^c$ , one of these must be empty. That is  $A = \phi$  or A = X.

 $(ii) \rightarrow (i)$ : Suppose that  $X = A \cup B$ , where A and B are disjoint non-empty \*\* $g\alpha$  -open subsets of X. Then A is both \*\* $g\alpha$  -open and \*\* $g\alpha$  -closed. By assumption,  $A = \phi$  or A = X. Therefore X is \*\* $g\alpha$  -connected.

 $(ii) \rightarrow (iii)$ : Let  $f : X \longrightarrow Y$  is a \*\* $g\alpha$  -continuous map then X is covered by \*\* $g\alpha$  -open and \*\* $g\alpha$  -closed covering  $\{f^{-1}(y) : y \in Y\}$ . By assumption  $f^{-1}(y) = \phi$  or X for each. If  $f^{-1}(y) = \phi$  for all  $y \in Y$ , then f fails to be map. Then, there exists only one point  $y \in Y$  such that  $f^{-1}(y) \neq \phi$  and hence  $f^{-1}(y) = X$ . This show that f is a constant map.

 $(iii) \rightarrow (ii)$ : Let A by both  $**g\alpha$  -open and  $**g\alpha$  -closed set in X. Suppose  $A \neq \phi$ . Let  $f: X \longrightarrow Y$  is a  $**g\alpha$  -continuous map defined by f(A) = y and  $f(A^c) = w$  for some distinct points y and w in Y. By assumption f is constant. Therefore we have A = X.

**Theorem 4.3.** Every  $**g\alpha$  -connected space is connected but the converse need not be true.

**Proof.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a \*\* $g\alpha$ - connected space. Suppose that  $(X, \tau)$  is not connected. Then  $X = A \cup B$ , where A and B are disjoint nonempty open sets in  $(X, \tau)$ . We know that arbitrary union of \*\* $g\alpha$  -open sets is \*\* $g\alpha$  -open, A and B are \*\* $g\alpha$  -open and  $X = A \cup B$ , where A and B are disjoint nonempty and \*\* $g\alpha$  -open sets in  $(X, \tau)$ . This contradicts the fact that  $(X, \tau)$  is \*\* $g\alpha$  -connected and so  $(X, \tau)$  is connected.

**Example 4.4.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{\phi, X, \{a, b\}, \{a\}\}$ , then  $(X, \tau)$  is not  $**g\alpha$  -connected, because every subsets of X is  $**g\alpha$  -open. The only clopen sets of X are  $\phi$  and X. Therefore X is connected.

**Theorem 4.5.** (i) If  $f: X \longrightarrow Y$  is a  $**g\alpha$  -continuous surjection and X is  $**g\alpha$  -connected, then Y is connected. (ii) If  $f: X \longrightarrow Y$  is a  $**g\alpha$  -irresolute surjection and X is  $**g\alpha$  -connected, then Y is  $**g\alpha$  -connected.

**Proof.** (i): Suppose that Y is not connected. Let  $Y = A \cup B$ , where A and B are disjoint non-empty open sets in Y. Since f is  $**g\alpha$  -continuous and onto,  $X = f^{-1}(A) \cup f^{-1}(B)$ , where  $f^{-1}(A)$  and  $f^{-1}(B)$  are disjoint non-empty and  $**g\alpha$  -open sets in X. This contradicts the fact that X is  $**g\alpha$  connected. Hence Y is connected.

(ii): Suppose that Y is not \*\* $g\alpha$  -connected. Let Y = A  $\cup$  B, where A and B are disjoint non empty and \*\* $g\alpha$  -open sets in Y. Since f is \*\* $g\alpha$  -irresolute and onto,  $X = f^{-1}(A) \cup f^{-1}(B)$ , where  $f^{-1}(A)$  and  $f^{-1}(B)$  are disjoint non-empty and \*\* $g\alpha$  -open sets in X. This is a contradiction to the fact that X is \*\* $g\alpha$  -connected. Hence Y is \*\* $g\alpha$  -connected.

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