

# $\tilde{G}\alpha$ -CLOSED SETS IN TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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## Abstract

In this paper, we introduce the notion of  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed sets in topological spaces and investigate some of their basic properties.

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## 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Levine [6,7] introduced the concept of *generalized closed* sets and *semi-closed* sets in topological spaces. Maki et al. introduced *generalized  $\alpha$ -closed* sets (briefly  *$g\alpha$ -closed* sets) [9] and  *$\alpha$ -generalized closed* sets (briefly  *$\alpha g$ -closed* sets) [8]. The concept of  *$\hat{g}$ -closed* sets [16,17], *\* $g$ -closed* sets [14] and  *$\#gs$ -closed* sets [15] are introduced by M.K.R.S. Veera Kumar. In this paper, we introduce a new class of sets, namely,  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed sets and present some of its properties.

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

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

**Definition 1.1.** A subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is called

1. a *pre-open* set [10] if  $A \subseteq int(cl(A))$  and a *pre-closed* set if  $cl(int(A)) \subseteq A$ ,

2. a *semi-open* set [7] if  $A \subseteq cl(int(A))$  and a *semi-closed* set [7] if  $int(cl(A)) \subseteq A$ ,
3. an  $\alpha$ -*open* set [11] if  $A \subseteq int(cl(int(A)))$  and an  $\alpha$ -*closed* set [11] if  $cl(int(cl(A))) \subseteq A$ ,
4. a *semi-preopen* set [1] if  $A \subseteq cl(int(cl(A)))$  and a *semi-preclosed* set [1] if  $int(cl(int(A))) \subseteq A$  and
5. a *regular open* set if  $A = int(cl(A))$  and a *regular closed* set if  $cl(int(A)) = A$ .

The pre-closure (resp. semi-closure,  $\alpha$ -closure, semi-preclosure) of a subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is the intersection of all *pre-closed* (resp. *semi-closed*,  $\alpha$ -*closed*, *semi-preclosed*) sets that contain  $A$  and is denoted by  $pcl(A)$  (resp.  $scl(A)$ ,  $\alpha cl(A)$ ,  $spcl(A)$ ).

**Definition 1.2.** A subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a

1. a *generalized closed* (briefly *g-closed*) set [6] if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is *open* in  $(X, \tau)$ ; the complement of a *g-closed* set is called a *g-open* set,
2. a *semi-generalized closed* (briefly *sg-closed*) set [3] if  $scl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is *semi-open* in  $(X, \tau)$ ,
3. a *generalized semi-closed* (briefly *gs-closed*) set [2] if  $scl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is *open* in  $(X, \tau)$ ,
4. an  $\alpha$ -*generalized closed* (briefly  $\alpha$ *g-closed*) set [8] if  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is *open* in  $(X, \tau)$ ,
5. a *generalized  $\alpha$ -closed* (briefly  $\alpha$ *g-closed*) set [9] if  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $\alpha$ -*open* in  $(X, \tau)$ ,
6. a  $\alpha$ *g-closed* set [9] if  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq int(U)$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $\alpha$ -*open* in  $(X, \tau)$ ,
7. a *generalized semi-preclosed* (briefly *gsp-closed*) set [4] if  $spcl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is *open* in  $(X, \tau)$ ,
8. a *generalized preregular-closed* (briefly *gpr-closed*) set [5] if  $pcl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is *regular open* in  $(X, \tau)$ ,

9. a  $g^*$ -closed set [13] if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $g$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ ,
10. a  $\widehat{g}$ -closed set [16,17] if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $semi$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ ; the complement of a  $\widehat{g}$ -closed set is called a  $\widehat{g}$ -open set,
11. a  $^*g$ -closed set [14] if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $\widehat{g}$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ ; the complement of a  $^*g$ -closed set is called a  $^*g$ -open set,
12. a  $\sharp gs$ -closed set [15] if  $scl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $^*g$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ ; the complement of a  $\sharp gs$ -closed set is called a  $\sharp gs$ -open set and
13. a  $\widetilde{gs}$ -closed set [12] if  $scl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $\sharp gs$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Notation 1.3.** For a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $C(X, \tau)$  (resp.  $\alpha C(X, \tau)$ ,  $GC(X, \tau)$ ,  $SGC(X, \tau)$ ,  $GSC(X, \tau)$ ,  $\alpha GC(X, \tau)$ ,  $G\alpha C(X, \tau)$ ,  $G\alpha^*C(X, \tau)$ ,  $GSPC(X, \tau)$ ,  $GPRC(X, \tau)$ ,  $G^*C(X, \tau)$ ,  $^*GC(X, \tau)$ ,  $\sharp GSC(X, \tau)$ ,  $\widetilde{GSC}(X, \tau)$ ) denotes the class of all *closed* (resp.  $\alpha$ -closed,  $g$ -closed,  $sg$ -closed,  $gs$ -closed,  $\alpha g$ -closed,  $g\alpha$ -closed,  $g\alpha^*$ -closed,  $gsp$ -closed,  $gpr$ -closed,  $g^*$ -closed,  $^*g$ -closed,  $\sharp gs$ -closed,  $\widetilde{gs}$ -closed) subsets of  $(X, \tau)$ .

## 2. $\widetilde{g\alpha}$ -closed sets

We introduce the following definition.

**Definition 2.1.** A subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is called a  $\widetilde{g\alpha}$ -closed set if  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $\sharp gs$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** *Every  $\alpha$ -closed set is a  $\widetilde{g\alpha}$ -closed set and thus every closed set is  $\widetilde{g\alpha}$ -closed.*

**Proof.** Let  $A$  be an  $\alpha$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $A = \alpha cl(A)$ . Let  $A \subseteq U$  such that  $U$  is  $\sharp gs$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -closed,  $A = \alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ . This shows that  $A$  is  $\widetilde{g\alpha}$ -closed set. The second part of the theorem follows from the fact that every closed set is  $\alpha$ -closed.

The converse of Theorem 2.2 is not true as it can be seen by the following example.

**Example 2.3.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a, b\}\}$ . Here  $\alpha C(X, \tau) =$

$\{X, \phi, \{c\}\}$  and  $\tilde{G}\alpha C(X, \tau) = \{X, \phi, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}\}$  and let  $A = \{b, c\}$ . Then  $A$  is not an  $\alpha$ -closed and thus it is not closed. However  $A$  is a  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed set.

Thus the class of  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed sets properly contains the classes of  $\alpha$ -closed sets and closed sets.

**Theorem 2.4.**

- (a) Every  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed set is a  $gs$ -closed set and thus  $gsp$ -closed and  $gpr$ -closed.
- (b) Every  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed set is a  $g\alpha$ -closed set and thus  $\alpha g$ -closed.
- (c) Every  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed set is a  $sg$ -closed set and thus semi-preclosed.

**Proof.** It follows from the definitions.

The following examples show that these implications are not reversible.

**Example 2.5.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ . Here  $GSC(X, \tau) = P(X)$ ,  $GSPC(X, \tau) = P(X)$ ,  $GPRC(X, \tau) = P(X)$  and  $\tilde{G}\alpha C(X, \tau) = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$  and let  $A = \{b\}$ . Then  $A$  is  $gs$ -closed,  $gsp$ -closed and  $gpr$ -closed. However  $A$  is not a  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed set.

**Example 2.6.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{b, c\}\}$ . Here  $G\alpha C(X, \tau) = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ ,  $\alpha GC(X, \tau) = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$  and  $\tilde{G}\alpha C(X, \tau) = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}\}$  and let  $A = \{a, b\}$ . Then  $A$  is  $g\alpha$ -closed and  $\alpha g$ -closed. However  $A$  is not a  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed set.

**Example 2.7.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ . Here  $SGC(X, \tau) = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}\}$ ,  $SPC(X, \tau) = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}\}$  and  $\tilde{G}\alpha C(X, \tau) = \{X, \phi, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}\}$  and let  $A = \{a\}$ . Then  $A$  is  $sg$ -closed and semi-preclosed. However  $A$  is not a  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed set.

**Theorem 2.8.** Every  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed set is  $\tilde{g}s$ -closed set.

**Proof.** It follows from the definitions.

The converse of Theorem 2.8 need not be true by the following example.

**Example 2.9.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}\}$ . Here  $\tilde{G}SC(X, \tau) = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}\}$ ,  $\tilde{G}\alpha C(X, \tau) = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ . Let  $A = \{a\}$ . Then  $A$  is  $\tilde{g}s$ -closed but not a  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed set.

**Theorem 2.10.**

- (a)  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closedness is independent of  $g$ -closedness,  $g^*$ -closedness and  ${}^*g$ -closedness.
- (b)  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closedness is independent of  $\hat{g}$ -closedness.
- (c)  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closedness is independent of  $g\alpha^*$ -closedness.

**Proof.** It follows from the following examples.

**Example 2.11.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, c\}\}$ . Here  $GC(X, \tau) = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}\}$ ,  $G^*C(X, \tau) = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}\}$ ,  ${}^*GC(X, \tau) = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}\}$  and  $\tilde{G}\alpha C(X, \tau) = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ . Then  $\{a, b\}$  is  $g$ -closed,  $g^*$ -closed and  ${}^*g$ -closed, but not  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed set and also  $\{c\}$  is  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed, but not even a  $g$ -closed,  $g^*$ -closed and  ${}^*g$ -closed.

**Example 2.12.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, c\}\}$ . Here  $\hat{G}C(X, \tau) = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{b, c\}\}$  and  $\tilde{G}\alpha C(X, \tau) = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ . Then  $\{c\}$  is  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed, but not a  $\hat{g}$ -closed set.

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ . Here  $\hat{G}C(X, \tau) = P(X)$  and  $\tilde{G}\alpha C(X, \tau) = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ . Then  $\{b\}$  is  $\hat{g}$ -closed, but not a  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed set.

**Example 2.13.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ . Here  $G\alpha^*C(X, \tau) = P(X)$  and  $\tilde{G}\alpha C(X, \tau) = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ . Then  $\{b\}$  is  $g\alpha^*$ -closed, but not a  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed set.

Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}\}$ . Here  $G\alpha^*C(X, \tau) = \{X, \phi, \{b, c\}\}$  and  $\tilde{G}\alpha C(X, \tau) = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ . Then  $\{b\}$  is  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed, but not a  $g\alpha^*$ -closed set.

**Theorem 2.14.** Let  $A$  be a subset of  $(X, \tau)$ .

- (a) If  $A$  is  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed, then  $\alpha cl(A) - A$  does not contain any non-empty  $\sharp$ gs-closed set.
- (b) If  $A$  is  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed and  $A \subseteq B \subseteq \alpha cl(A)$ , then  $B$  is  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed.

**Proof.**

- (a) Suppose that  $A$  is  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed and let  $F$  be a non-empty  $\sharp$ gs-closed set with  $F \subseteq \alpha cl(A) - A$ . Then  $A \subseteq X - F$  and so  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq X - F$ . Hence  $F \subseteq X - \alpha cl(A)$ , a contradiction.

(b) Let  $U$  be a  $\#gs$ -open set of  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $B \subseteq U$ . Then  $A \subseteq U$ . Since  $A$  is  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed,  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Now  $\alpha cl(B) \subseteq \alpha cl(\alpha cl(A)) \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $B$  is also a  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 2.15.** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be subsets of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . Then the union of two  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed set is  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed sets. Let  $A \cup B \subseteq U$  such that  $U$  is  $\#gs$ -open. Since  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed sets,  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$  and  $\alpha cl(B) \subseteq U$ . This implies that  $\alpha cl(A \cup B) = \alpha cl(A) \cup \alpha cl(B) \subseteq U$ , (since  $\tau^\alpha = \alpha$ -open set forms a topology [9]) and so  $\alpha cl(A \cup B) \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $A \cup B$  is  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed.

We need the following notations:

For a subset  $E$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$ , we define the following subsets of  $E$ .

$$E_\tau = \{x \in E / \{x\} \in \tau\};$$

$$E_{\mathcal{F}} = \{x \in E / \{x\} \text{ is closed in } (X, \tau)\};$$

$$E_{\tilde{g}\alpha o} = \{x \in E / \{x\} \text{ is } \tilde{g}\alpha\text{-open in } (X, \tau)\};$$

$$E_{\#gsc} = \{x \in E / \{x\} \text{ is } \#gs\text{-closed in } (X, \tau)\}.$$

**Lemma 2.16.** *For any space  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $X = X_{\#gsc} \cup X_{\tilde{g}\alpha o}$  holds.*

**Proof.** Let  $x \in X$ . Suppose that  $\{x\}$  is not  $\#gs$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ . Then  $X$  is a unique  $\#gs$ -open set containing  $X - \{x\}$ . Thus  $X - \{x\}$  is  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  and so  $\{x\}$  is  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -open. Therefore  $x \in X_{\#gsc} \cup X_{\tilde{g}\alpha o}$  holds.

We need more notations:

For a subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $ker(A) = \cap \{U / U \in \tau \text{ and } A \subseteq U\}$ ;

$\#GSO\text{-ker}(A) = \cap \{U / U \in \#GSO(X, \tau) \text{ and } A \subseteq U\}$ .

**Theorem 2.17.** *For a subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$ , the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (1)  $A$  is  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- (2)  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq \#GSO\text{-ker}(A)$  holds.
- (3) (i)  $\alpha cl(A) \cap X_{\#gsc} \subseteq A$  and (ii)  $\alpha cl(A) \cap X_{\#gso} \subseteq \#GSO\text{-ker}(A)$  holds.

**Proof.**

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $x \notin \#GSO\text{-ker}(A)$ . Then there exists a set  $U \in \#GSO(X, \tau)$  such

that  $x \notin U$  and  $A \subseteq U$ . Since  $A$  is  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed,  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$  and so  $x \notin \alpha cl(A)$ . This shows that  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq \#GSO\text{-ker}(A)$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $U \in \#GSO(X, \tau)$  such that  $A \subseteq U$ . Then we have that  $\#GSO\text{-ker}(A) \subseteq U$  and so by (2)  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $A$  is  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) (i) First we claim that  $\#GSO\text{-ker}(A) \cap X_{\#gsc} \subseteq A$ . Indeed, let  $x \in \#GSO\text{-ker}(A) \cap X_{\#gsc}$  and assume that  $x \notin A$ . Since the set  $X - \{x\} \in \#GSO(X, \tau)$  and  $A \subseteq X - \{x\}$ ,  $\#GSO\text{-ker}(A) \subseteq X - \{x\}$ . Then we have that  $x \in X - \{x\}$  and so this is a contradiction. Thus we show that  $\#GSO\text{-ker}(A) \cap X_{\#gsc} \subseteq A$ . By using (2),  $\alpha cl(A) \cap X_{\#gsc} \subseteq \#GSO\text{-ker}(A) \cap X_{\#gsc} \subseteq A$ .

(ii) It is obtained by (2).

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) By lemma 2.16 and (3),

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha cl(A) &= \alpha cl(A) \cap X = \alpha cl(A) \cap (X_{\#gsc} \cup X_{\tilde{g}\alpha o}) \\ &= (\alpha cl(A) \cap X_{\#gsc}) \cup (\alpha cl(A) \cap X_{\tilde{g}\alpha o}) \\ &= A \cup \#GSO\text{-ker}(A) \\ &= \#GSO\text{-ker}(A) \text{ holds.} \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.18.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a space and  $A$  and  $B$  are subsets.

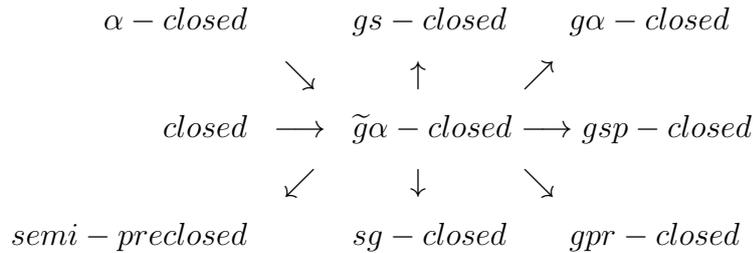
- (i) If  $A$  is  $\#gs$ -open and  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed, then  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- (ii) Suppose that  $(X, \tau)$  is an  $\alpha$ -space. A  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed set  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  if and only if  $\alpha cl(A) - A$  is  $\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- (iii) For each  $x \in X$ ,  $\{x\}$  is  $\#gs$ -closed or  $X - \{x\}$  is  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- (iv) Every subset is  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  if and only if  $\#gs$ -open set is  $\alpha$ -closed.

**Proof.**

- (ii) (Necessity) If  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -closed, then  $\alpha cl(A) - A = \phi$ .  
(Sufficiency) Suppose that  $A$  is  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed and  $\alpha cl(A) - A$  is  $\alpha$ -closed. It follows from assumptions that  $\tau = \tau^\alpha$ . Then,  $\alpha cl(A) - A$  is  $\#gs$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  and by Theorem 2.14.,  $\alpha cl(A) - A = \phi$ . Therefore  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- (iii) If  $\{x\}$  is not  $\#gs$ -closed, then  $X - \{x\}$  is not  $\#gs$ -open. Therefore  $X - \{x\}$  is  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- (iv) (Necessity) Let  $U$  be a  $\#gs$ -open set. Then we have that  $\alpha cl(U) \subseteq U$  and hence  $U$  is  $\alpha$ -closed.

(Sufficiency) Let  $A$  be a subset and  $U$  is a  $\#gs$ -open set such that  $A \subseteq U$ . Then  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq \alpha cl(U) = U$  and hence  $A$  is  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed.

**Remark 2.19.** The following diagram shows the relationships established between  $\tilde{g}\alpha$ -closed sets and some other sets.  $A \rightarrow B$  represents  $A$  implies  $B$  but not conversely.



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