

Some Generalizations Of g^{**} -Open Sets in Topological Spaces

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Abstract—In this paper, we generated a new type of open sets, namely g^{**} -open sets in topological spaces, used to constructed new types of separation axioms g^{**} - T_i spaces ($i = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, 2$) and characterized g^{**} - T_i spaces using g^{**} -open and g^{**} -closed sets. Further we defined new generalized closed sets, namely g^{**} - g -closed and gg^{**} -closed sets and investigated some of their basic properties.

Keywords- g^{**} -open (closed), g^{**} - g -open (closed), gg^{**} -open (closed), g^{**} - T_i spaces ($i = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, 2$.)

I. INTRODUCTION

The concept of generalized closed (g -closed) sets in a topological space was introduced by Levine [17] and concept of $T_{1/2}$ spaces and defined a new closure operator cl^* by using generalized closed sets. Levine [18] introduced the concept of semi open sets and semi continuity in a topological space. Bhattacharya et.al [6] introduced a new class of semi generalized open sets by means of semi open sets introduced by Levine [17]. Balachandran, et.al [5], introduced the concept of generalized continuous maps and generalized homeomorphism in a topological space. Sundaram et.al [24] defined the concept of semi generalized continuous maps and semi $T_{1/2}$ spaces. Pushpalatha et.al [21] introduced the concept of g^* -closed sets and g^* -continuous maps in a topological space. Sai Sundara Krishnnan et.al [22] introduced the concept of g^{**} -closed sets and defined the new class of homeomorphism in a topological space. Saravanakumar et.al [23] defined the concept of ag^{**} -closed sets, ag^{**} -continuous and ag^{**} -irresolute mappings and studied some their important properties. We begin with some basic concepts. A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is called α -open [12] (resp. semi open [18]) if $A \subseteq \text{int}(cl(\text{int}(A)))$ (resp. $A \subseteq cl(\text{int}(A))$). Also A is said to be α -closed (resp. semi-closed) if $X - A$ is α -open (resp. semi-open). A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is said to be g -closed [17] if $cl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is a open set in X . Its complement is called g -open. The collection of all α -open [12] (resp. semi-open [18], g -open [17]) subsets in (X, τ) is denoted by τ^α (resp. $SO(X)$, $GO(X)$). The α -closure (resp. semi-closure, g -closure) of a subset A is smallest α -closed (resp. semi-closed, g -closed) set containing A and this is denoted by $\alpha cl(A)$ (resp. $scl(A)$, $gcl(A)$). A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is called g^{**} -open [22] if there exists an open set U such that $U \subseteq A \subseteq gcl(U)$. Its complement is called g^{**} -closed. The collection of all g^{**} -open sets is denoted by $G^{**}O(X)$. The $g^{**}cl(A)$ [22] is defined as the smallest g^{**} -closed set containing A . A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is called sg^{**} -closed [7] (resp ag^{**} -closed [23]) if $scl(A) \subseteq U$ (resp. $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$) whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is a g^{**} -open set in (X, τ) .

In this paper we introduce the concept of new types of separation axioms g^{**} - T_i spaces ($i = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, 2$) and characterized g^{**} - T_i spaces using through the operator $g^{**}cl$. and analysed g^{**} - T_i spaces using g^{**} -open and g^{**} -closed sets. Further we obtained the relationships between g^{**} - T_i spaces and studied some their basic properties. In addition, we generated g^{**} -closed sets and obtained new generalized closed set, namely generalized- g^{**} -closed (briefly gg^{**} -closed) sets and their important properties. Moreover, we obtained the relationships

between generalized closed sets such as closed, g^{**} -closed, g^{**} - g -closed, gg^{**} -closed sets. Throughout this paper, we denoted cl^{**} (or cl^*) by $g-cl$ and we represented the topological space (X, τ) as X . Unless otherwise no separation axiom mentioned.

II. G^{**} -SEPARATION AXIOMS

Definition 2.1. A topological space X is called a g^{**} - T_0 space if for each pair of distinct points $x, y \in X$, there exists a g^{**} -open set U such that either $x \in U$ and $y \notin U$ or $y \in U$ and $x \notin U$.

Definition 2.2. A topological space X is called a g^{**} - T_1 space if for each pair of distinct points $x, y \in X$, there exists a g^{**} -open sets U and V contain x and y respectively such that $y \notin U$ and $x \notin V$.

Definition 2.3. A topological space X is called a g^{**} - T_2 space if for each pair of distinct points $x, y \in X$, there exists g^{**} -open sets U and V such that $x \in U$ and $y \in V$ and $U \cap V = \emptyset$.

Definition 2.4. Let X be a topological space and A be a subset of X . Then A is called a g^{**} -generalized closed (briefly $g^{**}g$ -closed) set if $g^{**}cl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is a g^{**} -open set in X .

Example 2.1. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$. Then the collection of $g^{**}g$ -closed sets is $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$.

Remark 2.1. Union of two $g^{**}g$ -closed sets need not be $g^{**}g$ -closed.

From Example 2.1, Take $A = \{a\}$ and $B = \{b\}$. Then A and B are $g^{**}g$ -closed sets but $A \cup B = \{a, b\}$ is not $g^{**}g$ -closed.

Remark 2.2. Intersection of two $g^{**}g$ -closed sets need not be $g^{**}g$ -closed.

If $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$, then the collection of $g^{**}g$ -closed sets is $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$. Take $A = \{b, c\}$ and $B = \{b, d\}$, but $A \cap B = \{b\}$ is not $g^{**}g$ -closed.

Theorem 2.1. Let X be a topological space. If A is a g^{**} -closed set in X , then A is $g^{**}g$ -closed.

Proof. Let A be a g^{**} -closed set in X and let U be a g^{**} -open set in X such that $A \subseteq U$. Then by Remark 3.18[22], we have that $A = g^{**}cl(A)$. This implies that $g^{**}cl(A) \subseteq U$ and by Definition 2.4, A is g^{**} - g -closed.

Remark 2.3. Any g^{**} - g -closed set need not be g^{**} -closed.

From Remark 2.2, $\{c\}$, $\{d\}$, $\{a, c\}$, $\{a, d\}$, $\{b, c\}$, $\{b, d\}$, $\{a, b, d\}$, $\{a, c, d\}$ are all g^{**} - g -closed sets but not g^{**} -closed.

Definition 2.5. A topological space X is called a g^{**} - $T_{1/2}$ space if each g^{**} - g -closed set of X is g^{**} -closed.

Theorem 2.2. Let X be a topological space. Then for a point $x \in X$, $x \in g^{**}cl(A)$ if and only if $V \cap A \neq \emptyset$ for any $V \in G^{**}O(X)$ such that $x \in V$.

Proof. Let F_0 be the set of all $y \in X$ such that $V \cap A \neq \emptyset$ for any $V \in G^{**}O(X)$ and $y \in V$. Now, we prove that $g^{**}cl(A) = F_0$. Let us assume $x \in g^{**}cl(A)$ and $x \notin F_0$. Then there exists a g^{**} -open set U of x such that $U \cap A = \emptyset$. This implies that $A \subseteq X - U$. Therefore $g^{**}cl(A) \subseteq X - U$. Hence $x \notin g^{**}cl(A)$. This is a contradiction. Hence $g^{**}cl(A) \subseteq F_0$. Conversely, let F be a set such that $A \subseteq F$ and $X - F \in G^{**}O(X)$. Let $x \notin F$. Then we have that $x \in X - F$ and $(X - F) \cap A = \emptyset$. This implies that $x \notin F_0$. Therefore $F_0 \subseteq F$. Hence $F_0 \subseteq g^{**}cl(A)$.

Theorem 2.3. Let X be a topological space and A be a subset of X . Then A is g^{**} - g -closed if and only if $g^{**}cl(\{x\}) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ holds for every $x \in g^{**}cl(A)$.

Proof. Let U be any g^{**} -open set in X such that $A \subseteq U$. Let $x \in g^{**}cl(A)$. By assumption there exists a point $z \in g^{**}cl(\{x\})$ and $z \in A \subseteq U$. Therefore from Theorem 5.1, we have that $U \cap \{x\} \neq \emptyset$. This implies that $x \in U$. Hence A is a g^{**} - g -closed set in X . Conversely, suppose there exists a point $x \in g^{**}cl(A)$ such that $g^{**}cl(\{x\}) \cap A = \emptyset$. Since $g^{**}cl(\{x\})$ is a g^{**} -closed set implies that $X - g^{**}cl(\{x\})$ is a g^{**} -open set. Since $A \subseteq X - g^{**}cl(\{x\})$ and A is g^{**} - g -closed set, implies that $g^{**}cl(A) \subseteq X - g^{**}cl(\{x\})$. Hence $x \notin g^{**}cl(A)$. This is a contradiction.

Theorem 2.4. Let X be a topological space and A be the g^{**} - g -closed set in X . Then $g^{**}cl(A) - A$ does not contain a non empty g^{**} -closed set.

Proof. Suppose there exists a non empty g^{**} -closed set F such that $F \subseteq g^{**}cl(A) - A$. Let $x \in F$. Then $x \in g^{**}cl(A)$, implies that $F \cap A = g^{**}cl(A) \cap A \supseteq g^{**}cl(\{x\}) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ and hence $F \cap A \neq \emptyset$. This is a contradiction.

Theorem 2.5. Let X be a topological space. Then for each $x \in X$, $\{x\}$ is g^{**} -closed or $X - \{x\}$ is g^{**} - g -closed.

Proof. Suppose that $\{x\}$ is not g^{**} -closed. Then $X - \{x\}$ is not g^{**} -open. This implies that X is the only g^{**} -open set containing $X - \{x\}$ and hence $X - \{x\}$ is g^{**} - g -closed.

Theorem 2.6. A topological space X is a g^{**} - $T_{1/2}$ space if and only if for each $x \in X$, $\{x\}$ is g^{**} -open or g^{**} -closed.

Proof. Suppose that $\{x\}$ is not g^{**} -closed. Then it follows from the assumption and Theorem 2.5, $\{x\}$ is g^{**} -open. Conversely,

let F be a g^{**} - g -closed set in X . Let $x \in g^{**}cl(F)$. Then by the assumption $\{x\}$ is either g^{**} -open or g^{**} -closed.

Case (i): Suppose that $\{x\}$ is g^{**} -open. Then by Theorem 2.2, $\{x\} \cap F \neq \emptyset$. This implies that $g^{**}cl(F) = F$. Therefore X is a g^{**} - $T_{1/2}$ space.

Case (ii): Suppose that $\{x\}$ is g^{**} -closed. Let us assume $x \notin F$. Then $x \in g^{**}cl(F) - F$. This is a contradiction. Hence $x \in F$. Therefore X is a g^{**} - $T_{1/2}$ space.

Theorem 2.7. A space X is g^{**} - T_1 if and only if for any $x \in X$, $\{x\}$ is g^{**} -closed.

Proof. Follows from Definitions 3.16[22] and 2.2.

Remark 2.4. (i) Every g^{**} - $T_{1/2}$ space is g^{**} - T_0 , but converse need not be true.

Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, d\}\}$. Then X is a g^{**} - T_0 space. Also $\{a, c, d\}$ is a g^{**} - g -closed set but not g^{**} -closed. Hence X is not g^{**} - $T_{1/2}$.

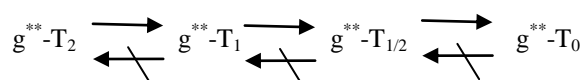
(ii) Every g^{**} - T_1 space is g^{**} - $T_{1/2}$, but converse need not be true.

Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}\}$. Then X is a g^{**} - $T_{1/2}$ space but not g^{**} - T_1 .

(iii) Every g^{**} - T_2 space is g^{**} - T_1 , but converse need not be true.

Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$. Then X is a g^{**} - T_1 space but not g^{**} - T_2 .

Remark 2.5. From Definitions 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, Theorems 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, Remark 3.4[22], 2.4, we have the following relationship diagram



where $A \rightarrow B$ represent A implies B , $A \nrightarrow B$ represent A does not imply B .

Definition 2.6. Let A be subset of a topological space X . Then g^{**} -interior of A is defined as union of all g^{**} -open sets contained in A .

Thus $g^{**}\text{-int}(A) = \cup \{U : U \in G^{**}O(X) \text{ and } U \subseteq A\}$.

Theorem 2.8. Let $\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in J\}$ be the collection of g^{**} -open sets in a topological space X . Then $\cup_{\alpha \in J} A_\alpha$ is also a g^{**} -open set in X .

Proof. Since A_α is g^{**} -open, then by Theorem 3.3[22], we have that $A_\alpha \subseteq g\text{-cl}(\text{int}(A_\alpha))$. This implies that $\cup_{\alpha \in J} A_\alpha \subseteq \cup_{\alpha \in J} (g\text{-cl}(\text{int}(A_\alpha))) \subseteq g\text{-cl}(\text{int}(\cup_{\alpha \in J} A_\alpha))$. Hence $\cup_{\alpha \in J} A_\alpha$ is a g^{**} -open set in X .

Theorem 2.9. Let X be a topological space. A subset A of X is g^{**} -closed in X if and only if $g\text{-int}(cl(A)) \subseteq A$.

Proof. If A is a g^{**} -closed in X , then $X - A$ is g^{**} -open. By Theorem 3.3[22], we have that $X - A \subseteq g\text{-cl}(\text{int}(X - A))$. This implies that $X - A \subseteq g\text{-cl}(\text{int}(X - A)) = g\text{-cl}(X - cl(A)) =$

$X - g\text{-int}(\text{cl}(A))$ and hence $g\text{-int}(\text{cl}(A)) \subseteq A$. Conversely, let $g\text{-int}(\text{cl}(A)) \subseteq A$. Then $X - A \subseteq X - g\text{-int}(\text{cl}(A)) = g\text{-cl}(X - \text{cl}(A)) = g\text{-cl}(\text{int}(X - A))$ and hence $X - A \subseteq g\text{-cl}(\text{int}(X - A))$. Then by Theorem 3.3[22], we have that $X - A$ is g^{**} -open. Therefore A is g^{**} -closed.

Theorem 2.10. Let $\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in J\}$ be the collection of g^{**} -closed sets in a topological space X . Then $\bigcap_{\alpha \in J} A_\alpha$ is also a g^{**} -closed set in X .

Proof. Follows from Theorem 2.8 and 2.9.

Theorem 2.11. Let A be a subset of a topological space X . Then

- (i) $g^{**}\text{-int}(A)$ is a g^{**} -open set contained in A ;
- (ii) $g^{**}\text{-cl}(A)$ is a g^{**} -closed set containing A ;
- (iii) A is g^{**} -closed if and only if $g^{**}\text{-cl}(A) = A$;
- (iv) A is g^{**} -open if and only if $g^{**}\text{-int}(A) = A$;
- (v) $g^{**}\text{-int}(A) = X - g^{**}\text{-cl}(X - A)$;
- (vi) $g^{**}\text{-cl}(A) = X - g^{**}\text{-int}(X - A)$.

Proof. Follows from Definitions 3.17[22], 2.6, Theorem 2, 8, 2.9 and 2.10.

Theorem 2.12. Let X be a topological space. If A and B are two subsets of X , then the following are hold:

- (i) If $A \subseteq B$, then $g^{**}\text{-int}(A) \subseteq g^{**}\text{-int}(B)$;
- (ii) $g^{**}\text{-int}(A \cup B) = g^{**}\text{-int}(A) \cup g^{**}\text{-int}(B)$;
- (iii) $g^{**}\text{-int}(A \cap B) \subseteq g^{**}\text{-int}(A) \cap g^{**}\text{-int}(B)$.

Proof. Follows from Definition 2.6, Theorem 2.8 and Remark 3.16[22].

Definition 2.7. A subset A of a topological space X is said to be a g^{**} -generalized open (briefly g^{**} -open) set if $X - A$ is a g^{**} -closed set in X .

Example 2.2. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$. Then the collection of g^{**} -open sets is $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$.

Theorem 2.13. A subset A of a topological space X is g^{**} -open if and only if $V \subseteq g^{**}\text{-int}(A)$ whenever $V \subseteq A$ and V is g^{**} -closed in X .

Proof. Let A be a g^{**} -open set in X and let V be a g^{**} -closed in X such that $V \subseteq A$. Then $X - A \subseteq X - V$ and $X - V$ is g^{**} -open. Since A is g^{**} -open, $X - A$ is g^{**} -closed. This implies that $g^{**}\text{-cl}(X - A) \subseteq X - V$. Also by Theorem 2.11(vi), we have that $X - g^{**}\text{-int}(A) = g^{**}\text{-cl}(X - A) \subseteq X - V$. Therefore $V \subseteq g^{**}\text{-int}(A)$. Conversely, let $A = X - B$ and let U be g^{**} -open such that $B \subseteq U$. This implies that $X - U \subseteq X - B$ and $X - U$ is g^{**} -closed. Then by hypothesis, $X - U \subseteq g^{**}\text{-int}(X - B)$. Also by Theorem 2.11(v), $X - U \subseteq X - g^{**}\text{-cl}(B)$. Therefore $g^{**}\text{-cl}(B) \subseteq U$. Thus B is g^{**} -closed and hence $X - B = A$ is g^{**} -open.

Definition 2.8. Let X be a topological space. Then a subset A of X is said to be generalized- g^{**} -open (briefly gg^{**} -open) if $F \subseteq g^{**}\text{-int}(A)$ whenever $F \subseteq A$ and if F is closed in X . A subset A of X is said to be generalized- g^{**} -closed (briefly gg^{**} -closed) if $X - A$ is gg^{**} -open.

Example 2.3. Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$. Then (i) the collection of gg^{**} -open sets is $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$.

(ii) Also the collection of gg^{**} -closed sets is $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$.

Theorem 2.14. A subset A of a topological space X is gg^{**} -closed if and only if $g^{**}\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open in X .

Proof. Let A be a gg^{**} -closed set in X and let U be open in X such that $A \subseteq U$. Then $X - U \subseteq X - A$ and $X - U$ is closed. Since A is gg^{**} -closed, $X - A$ is gg^{**} -open. This implies that $X - U \subseteq g^{**}\text{-int}(X - A)$. Also by Theorem 2.11(v), we have that $X - U \subseteq X - g^{**}\text{-cl}(A)$. Therefore $g^{**}\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq U$. Conversely, let $A = X - B$ and let F be closed such that $F \subseteq B$. This implies that $X - B \subseteq X - F$ and $X - F$ is open. Then by hypothesis, $g^{**}\text{-cl}(X - B) \subseteq X - F$. Also by Theorem 2.11(vi), $X - g^{**}\text{-int}(B) = g^{**}\text{-cl}(X - B) \subseteq X - F$. Therefore $F \subseteq g^{**}\text{-int}(B)$. Thus B is gg^{**} -open and hence $X - B = A$ is gg^{**} -closed.

Remark 2.6. Union of two gg^{**} -closed sets need not be gg^{**} -closed.

From Example 2.1, Take $A = \{a\}$ and $B = \{b\}$. Then A and B are gg^{**} -closed sets but $A \cup B = \{a, b\}$ is not gg^{**} -closed.

Remark 2.7. Intersection of two gg^{**} -closed sets need not be gg^{**} -closed.

If $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$, then the collection of gg^{**} -closed sets is $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$. Take $A = \{b, c\}$ and $B = \{b, d\}$, but $A \cap B = \{b\}$ is not gg^{**} -closed.

Theorem 2.15. Let A be a subset of a topological space X .

- (i) If A is a closed set of X , then A is g^{**} -closed in X ;
- (ii) If A is a g^{**} -closed set of X , then A is g^{**} -closed in X ;
- (iii) If A is a g^{**} -closed set of X , then A is gg^{**} -closed in X .

Proof. (i) Let A be a closed set in X . Then $\text{cl}(A) = A$. Since $g\text{-int}(\text{cl}(A)) \subseteq \text{cl}(A)$, implies that $g\text{-int}(\text{cl}(A)) \subseteq \text{cl}(A) = A$ and hence $g\text{-int}(\text{cl}(A)) \subseteq A$. Then by Theorem 2.9, we have that A is g^{**} -closed.

(ii) Let A be a g^{**} -closed set in X and U be a g^{**} -open set in X such that $A \subseteq U$. Since A is g^{**} -closed and by Theorem 2.11(iii), $g^{**}\text{-cl}(A) = A \subseteq U$. Therefore $g^{**}\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq U$ and hence A is gg^{**} -closed.

(iii) Let A be a g^{**} -closed set in X and U be a open set in X such that $A \subseteq U$. Then by Remark 3.4[22], we have that U is g^{**} -open. Since A is g^{**} -closed and by Definition 2.4, $g^{**}\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq U$ and hence A is gg^{**} -closed.

Remark 2.8. Every g^{**} -closed set of X is gg^{**} -closed, but converse need not be true.

From Theorem 2.15, we have that every g^{**} -closed set of X is gg^{**} -closed.

Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$. Then (i) the collection of g^{**} -closed sets is $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$.

(ii) Also the collection of gg^{**} -closed sets is $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$.

Thus $\{a, b, d\}$ is a gg^{**} -closed set but not g^{**} -closed.

Theorem 2.16. If A is both open and gg^{**} -closed set in X , then A is g^{**} -closed.

Proof. Since A is open and gg^{**} -closed, $g^{**}cl(A) \subseteq A$ and hence $g^{**}cl(A) = A$. This implies that A is g^{**} -closed.

Theorem 2.17. If A is a gg^{**} -closed subset of X , then $g^{**}cl(A) - A$ does not contain any nonempty closed set.

Proof. Let F be a closed subset of $g^{**}cl(A) - A$. Then $A \subseteq X - F$. Since A is gg^{**} -closed and $X - F$ is open, implies that $g^{**}cl(A) \subseteq X - F$. Therefore $F \subseteq (X - g^{**}cl(A)) \cap g^{**}cl(A) = \emptyset$.

Theorem 2.18. Let $x \in X$. Then $\{x\}$ is closed or $X - \{x\}$ is g^{**} -closed in X .

Proof. Suppose $\{x\}$ is closed nothing to prove. Suppose $\{x\}$ is not closed. Then $X - \{x\}$ is not a open set. Therefore X is the only open set containing $X - \{x\}$. Hence $g^{**}cl(X - \{x\}) \subseteq X$. This implies that $X - \{x\}$ is g^{**} -closed.

Theorem 2.19. Let X be a topological space. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) every gg^{**} -closed set of X is g^{**} -closed;
- (ii) for each $x \in X$, singleton $\{x\}$ is closed or g^{**} -open in X ;
- (iii) for each $x \in X$, singleton $\{x\}$ is closed or open in X ;
- (iv) X is a $T_{1/2}$ space.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii). Let $x \in X$. Suppose $\{x\}$ is closed nothing to prove. Suppose $\{x\}$ is not closed. By Theorem 2.18, $X - \{x\}$ is a gg^{**} -closed set. Therefore by assumption $X - \{x\}$ is g^{**} -closed. Hence $\{x\}$ is g^{**} -open.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii) Suppose $\{x\}$ is closed nothing to prove. Suppose $\{x\}$ is not closed. Then $\{x\}$ is g^{**} -open, implies that $\{x\} \subseteq g^{**}cl(int\{x\})$. Obvious $int\{x\} = \{x\}$ otherwise $\{x\}$ is not g^{**} -open and hence $\{x\}$ is open.

(iii) \Rightarrow (iv). Obviously.

(iv) \Rightarrow (i). Let A be a gg^{**} -closed set. Now to prove that A is a g^{**} -closed set in X , that is to prove that $g^{**}cl(A) \subseteq A$. Let $x \in g^{**}cl(A)$. By assumption $\{x\}$ is open or closed.

Case (i): Suppose that $\{x\}$ is open. Then $\{x\}$ is g^{**} -open. By using Theorem 2.2, $\{x\} \cap A \neq \emptyset$, this implies that $x \in A$.

Case (ii): Suppose that $\{x\}$ is closed. It follows from Theorem 2.17 that $g^{**}cl(A) - A$ does not contain $\{x\}$. This implies that $x \in A$.

Hence $g^{**}cl(A) \subseteq A$. Therefore A is g^{**} -closed in X .

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