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### *$\gamma$ gb-Closed Sets in Topological Spaces*

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In this paper, we introduce a new class of sets called  $\gamma$ -generalized b-closed sets in topological spaces (briefly  $\gamma$ gb-closed set). Also we study some of its basic properties and investigate the relations between the associated topology.

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#### 1. Introduction

Vidhya and Parimelazhagan [1] introduced a new class of generalized closed sets in a topological space its called  $g^*$ b-closed sets. Levine [2] introduced the notion of generalized closed (briefly g-closed) sets in topological spaces and showed that compactness, countably compactness, para compactness and normality etc are all g-closed hereditary. Dontchev [3], Maki, Devi and Balachandran [4], Mashhour, Abd-El-Monsef and El-Deeb [5], Andrijevic [6] and Nagaveni [7] introduced and investigated the concept of generalized semi-preclosed sets, generalized  $\alpha$ -closed sets, preclosed sets, semi-preclosed sets and weakly generalized closed sets respectively. Andrijevic [8], introduced a class of generalized open sets in a topological space called b-open sets. Omari and Noorani [9] introduced and studied the concept of generalized b-closed sets (briefly gb-closed) in topological spaces.

In this paper, we introduce a new class of sets called  $\gamma$ gb-closed set and study some of its basic properties and investigate the relations between the associated topology.

#### 2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper,  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  stand for topological spaces with no separation axioms assumed unless otherwise stated. For a subset  $A$  of  $X$ , the closure of  $A$  and the interior of  $A$  will be denoted by  $cl(A)$  and  $int(A)$ , respectively.

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $A$  a subset of  $X$ . An operation  $\gamma$  [10] on a topology  $\tau$  is a mapping from  $\tau$  in to power set  $P(X)$  of  $X$  such that  $V \subset \gamma(V)$  for each  $V \in \tau$ , where  $\gamma(V)$  denotes the value of  $\gamma$  at  $V$ . A subset  $A$  of  $X$  with an operation  $\gamma$  on  $\tau$  is called  $\gamma$ -open [10] if for each  $x \in A$ , there exists an open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $\gamma(U) \subset A$ . Then,  $\tau_\gamma$  denotes the set of all  $\gamma$ -open set in  $X$ . Clearly  $\tau_\gamma \subset \tau$ . Complements of  $\gamma$ -open sets are called  $\gamma$ -closed. The  $\gamma$ -closure [10] of a subset  $A$  of  $X$  with an operation  $\gamma$  on  $\tau$  is denoted by  $\tau_\gamma-cl(A)$  and is defined to be the intersection of all  $\gamma$ -closed sets containing  $A$ . A topological  $X$  with an operation  $\gamma$  on  $\tau$  is said to be  $\gamma$ -regular [10] if for

each  $x \in X$  and for each open neighborhood  $V$  of  $x$ , there exists an open neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  such that  $\gamma(U)$  contained in  $V$ . It is also to be noted that  $\tau = \tau_\gamma$  if and only if  $X$  is a  $\gamma$ -regular space [10].

**Definition 2.1** [5] A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a pre-open set if  $A \subseteq \text{int}(cl(A))$  and preclosed set if  $cl(\text{int}(A)) \subseteq A$ .

**Definition 2.2** [11] A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a semi-open set if  $A \subseteq cl(\text{int}(A))$  and semi-closed set if  $\text{int}(cl(A)) \subseteq A$ .

**Definition 2.3** [12] A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called an  $\alpha$ -open set if  $A \subseteq \text{int}(cl(\text{int}(A)))$  and an  $\alpha$ -closed set if  $cl(\text{int}(cl(A))) \subseteq A$ .

**Definition 2.4** [6] A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a semi-preopen set ( $\beta$ -open set) if  $A \subseteq cl(\text{int}(cl(A)))$  and semi-preclosed set if  $\text{int}(cl(\text{int}(A))) \subseteq A$ .

**Definition 2.5** [8] A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a b-open set if  $A \subseteq cl(\text{int}(A)) \cup \text{int}(cl(A))$  and b-closed set if  $cl(\text{int}(A)) \cup \text{int}(cl(A)) \subseteq A$ .

**Definition 2.6** [2] A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a generalized closed set (briefly g-closed) if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$ , whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.7** [4] A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a generalized  $\alpha$ -closed (briefly  $\alpha$ -g-closed) if  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $\alpha$ -open in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.8** [13] A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called an  $\alpha$ -generalized closed (briefly  $\alpha$ -g-closed) if  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.9** [14] A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a generalized preclosed (briefly gp-closed) if  $pcl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.10** [15] A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a generalized semiclosed (briefly gs-closed) if  $scl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.11** [16] A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a generalized semiclosed (briefly sg-closed) if  $scl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is semi-open in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.12** [9] A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a generalized b-closed set (briefly gb-closed) if  $bcl(A) \subseteq U$ , whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.13** [7] A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a weakly generalized closed set (briefly wg-closed) if  $cl(\text{int}(A)) \subseteq U$ , whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.14** [3] A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a generalized semi-preclosed set (briefly gsp-closed) if  $spcl(A) \subseteq U$ , whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.15** [17] A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a generalized \*closed set (briefly  $g^*$ -closed) if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$ , whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is g-open in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.16** [1] A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a  $g^*$ b-closed set if  $bcl(A) \subseteq U$ , whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is g-open in  $X$ .

### 3. $\gamma$ gb-Closed Sets

In this section we introduce the concept of  $\gamma$ gb-closed sets in topological space and we investigate the group of structure of the set of all  $\gamma$ gb-closed sets.

**Definition 3.1** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a  $\gamma$ gb-closed set if  $bcl(A) \subseteq U$ , whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $\gamma$ -open in  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.2** Every  $\gamma$ -closed set is  $\gamma$ gb-closed set.

*Proof* Let  $A$  be a  $\gamma$ -closed set in  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq U$ , where  $U$  is  $\gamma$ -open. Since  $A$  is  $\gamma$ -closed,  $\tau_\gamma\text{-cl}(A) = A$ . Since  $bcl(A) \subseteq cl(A) \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-cl}(A) = A$ . Therefore  $bcl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is a  $\gamma$ gb-closed set in  $X$ . ■

The converse of the above theorem need not be true as seen from the following example.

**Example 3.3** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ . Define an operation  $\gamma$  on  $\tau$  by

$$\gamma(A) = \begin{cases} A & \text{if } A = \{b\} \text{ or } \{a, c\}, \\ X & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let  $A = \{a\}$ , since the only  $\gamma$ -open supersets of  $A$  are  $\{a, c\}$  and  $X$ , then  $A$  is a  $\gamma$ gb-closed set but not a  $\gamma$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.4** Every closed set is  $\gamma$ gb-closed set.

*Proof* Let  $A$  be a closed set in  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq U$ , where  $U$  is  $\gamma$ -open. Since  $A$  is closed,  $cl(A) = A$ . Since  $bcl(A) \subseteq cl(A) = A$ . Therefore  $bcl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is a  $\gamma$ gb-closed set in  $X$ . ■

The converse of the above theorem need not be true as seen from the following example.

**Example 3.5** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{b, c\}\}$  and  $\gamma(A) = A$  for all  $A \in \tau$ . Let  $A = \{a, b\}$ . Here  $A$  is a  $\gamma$ gb-closed set but not a closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.6** Every b-closed set is  $\gamma$ gb-closed set.

*Proof* Let  $A$  be a b-closed set in  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq U$ , where  $U$  is  $\gamma$ -open. Since  $A$  is b-closed,  $bcl(A) = A$ . Therefore  $bcl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is a  $\gamma$ gb-closed set in  $X$ . ■

The converse of the above theorem need not be true as seen from the following example.

**Example 3.7** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $\gamma(A) = A$  for all  $A \in \tau$ . Let  $A = \{b, c\}$ . Here  $A$  is a  $\gamma$ gb-closed set but not a b-closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.8** Every gb-closed set is  $\gamma$ gb-closed set.

*Proof* Let  $A$  be a gb-closed set in  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq U$ , where  $U$  is  $\gamma$ -open. Since every  $\gamma$ -open set is open and  $A$  is gb-closed,  $bcl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is  $\gamma$ gb-closed. ■

The converse of the above theorem need not be true as seen from the following example.

**Example 3.9** From Example 3.3, let  $A = \{a\}$ . Here  $A$  is a  $\gamma$ gb-closed set but not a gb-closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.10** Every  $\alpha$ -closed set is  $\gamma$ gb-closed set.

*Proof* Let  $A$  be a  $\alpha$ -closed set in  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq U$ , where  $U$  is  $\gamma$ -open. Since  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -closed,  $bcl(A) \subseteq \alpha cl(A) = A \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $bcl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is  $\gamma$ gb-closed. ■

The converse of the above theorem need not be true as seen from the following example.

**Example 3.11** From Example 3.7, let  $A = \{b, c\}$ . Here  $A$  is a  $\gamma$ gb-closed set but not an  $\alpha$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.12** Every semi-closed set is  $\gamma$ gb-closed set.

*Proof* Let  $A$  be a semi-closed set in  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq U$ , where  $U$  is  $\gamma$ -open. Since  $A$  is semi-closed,  $bcl(A) \subseteq scl(A) = A \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $bcl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is a  $\gamma$ gb-closed set in  $X$ . ■

The converse of the above theorem need not be true as seen from the following example.

**Example 3.13** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{b, c\}\}$  and  $\gamma(A) = A$  for all  $A \in \tau$ . Let  $A = \{b\}$ . Here  $A$  is a  $\gamma$ gb-closed set but not a semi-closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ .

Theorem 3.14 Every preclosed set is  $\gamma$ gb-closed set.

*Proof* Let  $A$  be a preclosed set in  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq U$ , where  $U$  is  $\gamma$ -open. Since  $A$  is preclosed,  $bcl(A) \subseteq pcl(A) = A \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $bcl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is  $\gamma$ gb-closed set in  $X$ . ■

The converse of the above theorem need not be true as seen from the following example.

Example 3.15 From Example 3.5, let  $A = \{a, b\}$ . Here  $A$  is a  $\gamma$ gb-closed set but not a pre-closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ .

Theorem 3.16 Every  $g^*$ -closed set is  $\gamma$ gb-closed set.

*Proof* Let  $A$  be a  $g^*$ -closed set in  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq U$ , where  $U$  is  $\gamma$ -open. Since every open set is  $g$ -open and  $A$  is  $g^*$ -closed,  $bcl(A) \subseteq cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $bcl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is a  $\gamma$ gb-closed set in  $X$ . ■

The converse of the above theorem need not be true as seen from the following example.

Example 3.17 Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{b\}\}$  and  $\gamma(A) = A$  for all  $A \in \tau$ . Let  $A = \{a\}$ . Here  $A$  is a  $\gamma$ gb-closed set but not a  $g^*$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ .

Theorem 3.18 Every  $g\alpha$ -closed set is  $\gamma$ gb-closed set.

*Proof* Let  $A$  be a  $g\alpha$ -closed set in  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq U$ , where  $U$  is  $\gamma$ -open. Since every open set is  $\alpha$ -open and  $A$  is  $g\alpha$ -closed,  $bcl(A) \subseteq \alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $bcl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is a  $\gamma$ gb-closed set in  $X$ . ■

The converse of the above theorem need not be true as seen from the following example.

Example 3.19 From Example 3.5, let  $A = \{a, b\}$ . Here  $A$  is a  $\gamma$ gb-closed set but not a  $g\alpha$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ .

Theorem 3.20 Every  $g$ -closed set is  $\gamma$ gb-closed set.

*Proof* Let  $A$  be a  $g$ -closed set in  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq U$ , where  $U$  is  $\gamma$ -open. Since  $A$  is  $g$ -closed,  $bcl(A) \subseteq cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is  $\gamma$ gb-closed. ■

The converse of the above theorem need not be true as seen from the following example.

Example 3.21 From Example 3.5, let  $A = \{c\}$ . Here  $A$  is a  $\gamma$ gb-closed set but not a  $g$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ .

Theorem 3.22 Every  $g^*b$ -closed set is  $\gamma$ gb-closed set.

*Proof* Let  $A$  be a  $g^*b$ -closed set in  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq U$ , where  $U$  is  $\gamma$ -open. Since every open set is  $g$ -open and  $A$  is  $g^*b$ -closed,  $bcl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is  $\gamma$ gb-closed. ■

The converse of the above theorem need not be true as seen from the following example.

Example 3.23 Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}\}$  and  $\gamma(A) = X$  for all  $A \in \tau$ . Let  $A = \{a, b\}$ . Here  $A$  is a  $\gamma$ gb-closed set but not a  $g^*b$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ .

Theorem 3.24 Every  $\alpha g$ -closed set is  $\gamma$ gb-closed set.

*Proof* Let  $A$  be an  $\alpha g$ -closed set in  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq U$ , where  $U$  is  $\gamma$ -open. Since every  $\gamma$ -open set is open and  $A$  is  $\alpha g$ -closed,  $bcl(A) \subseteq \alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is  $\gamma$ gb-closed. ■

The converse of the above theorem need not be true as seen from the following example.

Example 3.25 Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{c\}\}$  and  $\gamma(A) = X$  for all  $A \in \tau$ . Let  $A = \{c\}$ . Here  $A$  is a  $\gamma$ gb-closed set but not an  $\alpha g$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ .

Theorem 3.26 Every  $gp$ -closed set is  $\gamma$ gb-closed set.

*Proof* Let  $A$  be a  $gp$ -closed set in  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq U$ , where  $U$  is  $\gamma$ -open. Since every  $\gamma$ -open set is open and  $A$  is  $gp$ -closed,  $bcl(A) \subseteq pcl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is  $\gamma$ gb-closed. ■

The converse of the above theorem need not be true as seen from the following example.

**Example 3.27** From Example 3.25, let  $A = \{c\}$ . Here  $A$  is a  $\gamma$ gb-closed set but not a gp-closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.28** Every gs-closed set is  $\gamma$ gb-closed set.

*Proof* Let  $A$  be a gs-closed set in  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq U$ , where  $U$  is  $\gamma$ -open. Since every  $\gamma$ -open set is open and  $A$  is gs-closed,  $bcl(A) \subseteq scl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is  $\gamma$ gb-closed. ■

The converse of the above theorem need not be true as seen from the following example.

**Example 3.29** From Example 3.25, let  $A = \{c\}$ . Here  $A$  is a  $\gamma$ gb-closed set but not a gs-closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ .

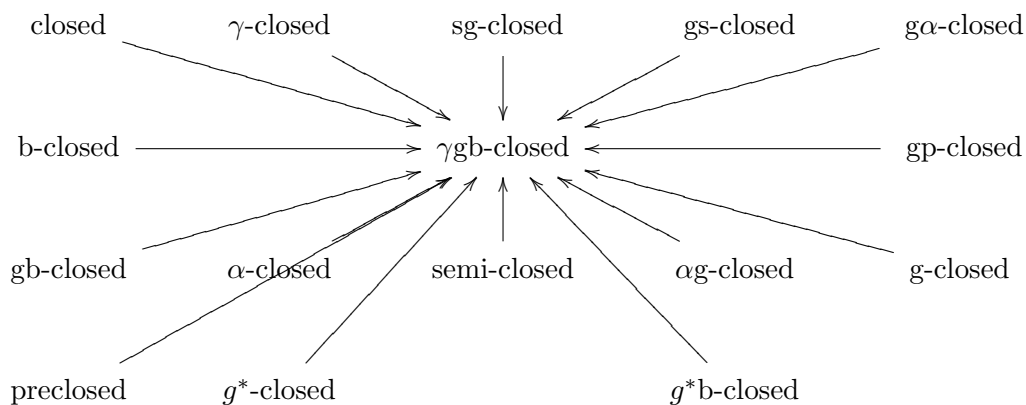
**Theorem 3.30** Every sg-closed set is  $\gamma$ gb-closed set.

*Proof* Let  $A$  be a sg-closed set in  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq U$ , where  $U$  is  $\gamma$ -open. Since every open set is semi-open and  $A$  is sg-closed,  $bcl(A) \subseteq scl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is  $\gamma$ gb-closed. ■

The converse of the above theorem need not be true as seen from the following example.

**Example 3.31** From Example 3.25, let  $A = \{c\}$ . Here  $A$  is a  $\gamma$ gb-closed set but not a sg-closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Remark 3.32** We have the following implications but none of this implications are reversible.



**Theorem 3.33** If  $X$  is a  $\gamma$ -regular space then every  $\gamma$ gb-closed is gsp-closed.

*Proof* Let  $A$  be a  $\gamma$ gb-closed set in  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq U$ , where  $U$  is open. Since every open set is  $\gamma$ -open and  $A$  is  $\gamma$ gb-closed,  $spcl(A) \subseteq bcl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is gsp-closed. ■

**Theorem 3.34** If  $A$  is open and wg-closed then  $A$  is a  $\gamma$ gb-closed.

*Proof* Let  $A$  be an open set and a wg-closed set in  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq U$ , where  $U$  is  $\gamma$ -open. Since every  $\gamma$ -open set is open and  $A$  is wg-closed,  $bcl(A) \subseteq cl(A) = cl(int(A)) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A$  is  $\gamma$ gb-closed. ■

**Theorem 3.35** If  $A$  is  $\gamma$ -open and  $\gamma$ gb-closed then  $A$  is b-closed.

*Proof* Let  $A$  be  $\gamma$ -open and  $\gamma$ gb-closed. As  $A \subseteq A$ , we have  $bcl(A) \subseteq A$ , also  $A \subseteq bcl(A)$ , therefore  $bcl(A) = A$ . Hence  $A$  is b-closed. ■

**Theorem 3.36** The intersection of a  $\gamma$ gb-closed set and a  $\gamma$ -closed set is always  $\gamma$ gb-closed.

*Proof* Let  $A$  be  $\gamma$ gb-closed and  $F$  be  $\gamma$ -closed. Assume that  $U$  is  $\gamma$ -open set such that  $A \cap F \subseteq U$ , set  $G = X \setminus F$ . Then  $A \subseteq U \cup G$ , since  $G$  is  $\gamma$ -open, then  $U \cup G$  is  $\gamma$ -open and since  $A$  is  $\gamma$ gb-closed, then

$bcl(A) \subseteq U \cup G$ . Now,  $bcl(A \cap F) \subseteq bcl(A) \cap bcl(F) = bcl(A) \cap F \subseteq (U \cup G) \cap F = (U \cap F) \cup (G \cap F) = (U \cap F) \cup \phi \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A \cap F$  is  $\gamma$ gb-closed. ■

The union of two  $\gamma$ gb-closed sets need not be  $\gamma$ gb-closed in general. It is shown by the following example.

**Example 3.37** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $\gamma(A) = A$  for all  $A \in \tau$ . Let  $A = \{a\}$  and  $B = \{b\}$ . Here  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\gamma$ gb-closed but  $A \cup B = \{a, b\}$  is not  $\gamma$ gb-closed, since  $\{a, b\}$  is  $\gamma$ -open and  $bcl(\{a, b\}) = X$ .

**Definition 3.38** [9] Let  $A$  be a subset of a space  $X$ . A point  $x \in X$  is said to be a b-limit point of  $A$  if for each b-open set  $U$  containing  $x$ , we have  $U \cap (A \setminus \{x\}) \neq \phi$ . The set of all b-limit points of  $A$  is called the b-derived set of  $A$  and is denoted by  $D_b(A)$ .

**Corollary 3.1** [9] If  $D(A) \subseteq D_b(A)$  for every subset  $A$  of  $X$ . Then for any subsets  $F$  and  $B$  of  $X$ , we have  $bCl(F \cup B) = bCl(F) \cup bCl(B)$ .

**Theorem 3.39** If  $D(A) \subseteq D_b(A)$  for every subset  $A$  of  $X$ . Then the finite union of  $\gamma$ gb-closed sets is always a  $\gamma$ gb-closed set.

*Proof* Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two  $\gamma$ gb-closed sets, and let  $A \cup B \subseteq U$ , where  $U$  is  $\gamma$ -open. Since  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\gamma$ gb-closed sets, therefore  $bcl(A) \subseteq U$  and  $bcl(B) \subseteq U$  implies  $bcl(A) \cup bcl(B) \subseteq U$ . So, by Corollary 3.1 we have  $bcl(A) \cup bcl(B) = bcl(A \cup B)$ . Therefore  $bcl(A \cup B) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A \cup B$  is a  $\gamma$ gb-closed set. ■

The intersection of two  $\gamma$ gb-closed sets need not be  $\gamma$ gb-closed in general. It is shown by the following example.

**Example 3.40** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{c\}\}$  and  $\gamma(A) = A$  for all  $A \in \tau$ . Let  $A = \{a, c\}$  and  $B = \{b, c\}$ . Clearly,  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\gamma$ gb-closed sets, since  $X$  is their only  $\gamma$ -open superset. But  $C = \{c\} = A \cap B$  is not  $\gamma$ gb-closed, since  $C \subseteq \{c\} \in \tau_\gamma$  and  $bcl(C) = X \not\subseteq \{c\}$ .

**Theorem 3.41** If a subset  $A$  of  $X$  is  $\gamma$ gb-closed and  $A \subseteq B \subseteq bcl(A)$ , then  $B$  is a  $\gamma$ gb-closed set in  $X$ .

*Proof* Let  $A$  be a  $\gamma$ gb-closed set such that  $A \subseteq B \subseteq bcl(A)$ . Let  $U$  be a  $\gamma$ -open set of  $X$  such that  $B \subseteq U$ . Since  $A$  is  $\gamma$ gb-closed, we have  $bcl(A) \subseteq U$ . Now  $bcl(A) \subseteq bcl(B) \subseteq bcl[bcl(A)] = bcl(A) \subseteq U$ . That is  $bcl(B) \subseteq U$ , where  $U$  is  $\gamma$ -open. Therefore  $B$  is a  $\gamma$ gb-closed set in  $X$ . ■

The converse of the above theorem need not be true in general as seen from the following example.

**Example 3.42** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$  and  $\gamma(A) = A$  for all  $A \in \tau$ . Let  $A = \{b\}$  and  $B = \{b, c\}$ . Then  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\gamma$ gb-closed sets in  $(X, \tau)$ . But  $A \subseteq B \not\subseteq bcl(A)$ .

**Theorem 3.43** For each  $x \in X$ ,  $\{x\}$  is  $\gamma$ -closed or  $X \setminus \{x\}$  is  $\gamma$ gb-closed in  $X$ .

*Proof* Suppose that  $\{x\}$  is not  $\gamma$ -closed, then  $X \setminus \{x\}$  is not  $\gamma$ -open. Let  $U$  be any  $\gamma$ -open set such that  $X \setminus \{x\} \subseteq U$ , implies  $U = X$ . Therefore  $bcl(X \setminus \{x\}) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $X \setminus \{x\}$  is  $\gamma$ gb-closed. ■

**Theorem 3.44** A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is  $\gamma$ gb-closed if  $bcl(\{x\}) \cap A \neq \phi$ , holds for every  $x \in bcl(A)$ .

*Proof* Let  $U$  be a  $\gamma$ -open set such that  $A \subseteq U$  and let  $x \in bcl(A)$ . By assumption, there exists a point  $z \in bcl(\{x\})$  and  $z \in A \subseteq U$ . It follows that  $U \cap \{x\} \neq \phi$ , hence  $x \in U$ , this implies  $bcl(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $A$  is  $\gamma$ gb-closed. ■

**Theorem 3.45** If a subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is  $\gamma$ gb-closed then  $bcl(A) \setminus A$  does not contain any non-empty  $\gamma$ -closed set.

*Proof* Suppose that  $A$  is a  $\gamma$ gb-closed set in  $X$ . We prove the result by contradiction. Let  $F$  be a  $\gamma$ -closed set such that  $F \subseteq bcl(A) \setminus A$  and  $F \neq \phi$ . Then  $F \subseteq X \setminus A$  which implies  $A \subseteq X \setminus F$ . Since  $A$  is  $\gamma$ gb-closed and  $X \setminus F$  is  $\gamma$ -open, therefore  $bcl(A) \subseteq X \setminus F$ , that is  $F \subseteq X \setminus bcl(A)$ . Hence

$F \subseteq bcl(A) \cap (X \setminus bcl(A)) = \phi$ . This shows that,  $F = \phi$  which is a contradiction. Hence  $bcl(A) \setminus A$  does not contain any non-empty  $\gamma$ -closed set in  $X$ . ■

**Theorem 3.46** A  $\gamma$ gb-closed set  $A$  is b-closed if  $bcl(A) \setminus A$  is  $\gamma$ -closed.

*Proof* Let  $bcl(A) \setminus A$  be a  $\gamma$ -closed set and  $A$  be  $\gamma$ gb-closed. Then by Theorem 3.45,  $bcl(A) \setminus A$  does not contain any non-empty  $\gamma$ -closed subset. Since  $bcl(A) \setminus A$  is  $\gamma$ -closed and  $bcl(A) \setminus A = \phi$ , this shows that  $A$  is b-closed. ■

**Theorem 3.47** If  $A$  is  $\gamma$ gb-closed and  $\gamma$ -closed then  $bcl(A) \setminus A$  is  $\gamma$ -closed.

*Proof* If  $A$  is a  $\gamma$ gb-closed set which is also  $\gamma$ -closed, then by Theorem 3.45,  $bcl(A) \setminus A = \phi$ , which is  $\gamma$ -closed. ■

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