

## A new form of weaker separation axioms via $pgr\alpha$ -closed sets

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**Abstract:** The aim of this paper is to introduce and characterize  $pgr\alpha$ - regular spaces and  $pgr\alpha$ - normal spaces via the concept of  $pgr\alpha$ - closed sets. It also focuses on some of its basic properties and discusses on separation axioms between  $pgr\alpha$ - $T_0$  and  $pgr\alpha$ - $T_1$ . An attempt has been made to make a comparative study with other usual separation axioms.  
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### I. Introduction

Separation axioms in topological spaces play a dominant role in analysis and are usually denoted with the letter “T” after the German “Training” which mean separation. The separation axioms that were studied together in this way were the axioms for Hausdorff spaces, regular spaces and normal spaces. Separation Axioms and closed sets in topological spaces have been very useful in the study of certain objects in digital topology [3,5]. Khalimsky, Kopperman and Meyer [4] proved that the digital line is a typical example of  $T_{1/2}$  spaces. The first step of generalized closed set was done by Levine [6] in general topology which was properly placed between  $T_0$ - space and  $T_1$ -space. After the works of Levine on semi open sets, several mathematicians turned their attention to the generalization of various concepts of topology. Consequently, many separation axioms has been defined and studied. We introduce a weaker form of separation axioms called  $pgr\alpha$ - separation axioms using the concept of  $pgr\alpha$ - open sets introduced in [1]. In this paper the concepts of  $pgr\alpha$ - $T_0$ ,  $pgr\alpha$ - $T_1$ ,  $pgr\alpha$ - regular and  $pgr\alpha$ -normal are introduced and basic properties are discussed.

### II. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper  $(X, \tau)$  represents nonempty topological spaces on which no separation axioms is assumed unless otherwise mentioned. For a subset  $A$  of a topological space  $X$ ,  $cl(A)$  and  $int(A)$  denote the closure of  $A$  and the interior of  $A$  respectively. In this section, some definitions and theorems are further investigated which are used in this work.

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

- (i) a pre open set [7] if  $A \subset int(cl(A))$  and a pre closed set if  $cl(int(A)) \subset A$ .
- (ii) a  $\alpha$ -open set [8] if  $A \subset int(cl(int(A)))$  and  $\alpha$ -closed set if  $cl(int(cl(A))) \subset A$ .
- (iii) a regular open set if  $A = int(cl(A))$  and a regular closed set if  $A = cl(int(A))$ .
- (iv) a regular  $\alpha$ - open set (briefly  $\alpha$ - open ) [10] if there is a regular open set  $U$  such that  $U \subset A \subset \alpha cl(U)$ .

The union of all pre open sets of  $X$  contained in  $A$  is called pre- interior of  $A$  and is denoted  $pint(A)$ . Also the intersection of all pre- closed subsets of  $X$  containing  $A$  is called pre- closure of  $A$  and is denoted by  $pcl(A)$ . Note that  $pcl(A) = A \cup cl(int(A))$  and  $pint(A) = A \cap int(cl(A))$ .

Definition 2.2 A subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is called

- (i) a generalized closed set (briefly  $g$ -closed) [6] if  $cl(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is open.
- (ii) 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  $X$ .
- (iii) a generalized pre regular closed set (briefly  $gpr$ - closed) [2] if  $pcl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is regular open in  $X$
- (iv) a  $pgr\alpha$ - closed set [1] if  $pcl(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is regular  $\alpha$ -open.

The complement of the above mentioned closed sets are their respective open sets.

Definition 2.3 A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called

- (i)  $pgr\alpha$ - continuous [1] if for every closed set  $V$  of  $Y$  then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $pgr\alpha$ - closed set in  $X$ .
- (ii) pre- continuous [7] if for every closed set  $V$  of  $Y$  then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is pre-closed set in  $X$ .
- (iii) regular- continuous [9] if for every closed set  $V$  of  $Y$  then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is regular closed set in  $X$ .
- (iv)  $gpr$ -continuous [2] if for every closed set  $V$  of  $Y$  then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $gpr$ -closed set in  $X$ .
- (v)  $g\alpha$ - continuous [6] if for every closed set  $V$  of  $Y$  then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $g\alpha$ - closed set in  $X$ .

Definition 2.4 [1] A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is  $pgr\alpha$ - irresolute if for every  $pgr\alpha$ - open set  $V$  of  $Y$  then  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $pgr\alpha$ -open set in  $X$ .

Definition 2.5 A space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a  $T_{1/2}$  space [6] ( $pgr\alpha$ -  $T_{1/2}$  space [1]) if every  $g$ -closed (resp.  $pgr\alpha$ - closed ) is closed (resp. pre closed).

Theorem 2.6 [1] A space  $X$  is  $pgr\alpha$ -  $T_{1/2}$  if and only if every singleton set is regular closed or pre open.

### III. On $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_k$ Spaces ( $K=0, 1, 2, B, 1/2, 1/3, 3/4$ )

Definition 3.1 A topological space  $X$  is called

- (i) a  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_0$  if for each pair of distinct points  $x, y$  of  $X$ , there exists a  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - open sets  $G$  in  $X$  containing one of them and not the other.
- (ii) a  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -  $T_1$  if for each pair of distinct points  $x, y$  of  $X$  there exists two  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - open sets  $G_1, G_2$  in  $X$  such that  $x \in G_1, y \notin G_1$ , and  $y \in G_2, x \notin G_2$ .
- (iii) a  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -  $T_2$  ( $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - Hausdorff) if for each pair of distinct points  $x, y$  of  $X$  there exists distinct  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - open sets  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  such that  $H_1$  containing  $x$  but not  $y$  and  $H_2$  containing  $y$  but not  $x$ .

Theorem 3.2

- (i) Every  $T_0$ -space is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -  $T_0$  space.
- (ii) Every  $T_1$ - space is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -  $T_0$  space.
- (iii) Every  $T_1$  space is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -  $T_1$  space.
- (iv) Every  $T_2$  space is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_2$  space.
- (v) Every  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -  $T_1$  space is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -  $T_0$  space.
- (vi) Every  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_2$  space is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_1$  space.

Proof: Straight forward.

The converse of the theorem need not be true as in the examples.

Example 3.3 Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ .

Then  $\text{PGR}\alpha C(X) = \{\phi, X, \{a, b\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ .

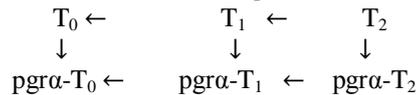
Here  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_0$  space but not  $T_0$  space and  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_1$  space.

Example 3.4 Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a, b\}\}$ .

Then  $\text{PGR}\alpha C(X) = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}\}$ . Here  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_1$  space but not  $T_1$  space and  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_2$  space.

Example 3.5 Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau$  is indiscrete topology on  $X$ , then  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_2$  but not  $T_2$  space.

The following diagram shows the relation between usual separation axiom and  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - separation axiom.



Theorem 3.6 Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $Y$  is an  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -  $T_2$  space. If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is injective and  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - irresolute then  $X$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -  $T_2$  space.

Proof: Suppose  $x, y \in X$  such that  $x \neq y$ . Since  $f$  is injective then  $f(x) \neq f(y)$ .

Since  $Y$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_2$  space then there are two  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - open sets  $U$  and  $V$  in  $Y$  such that  $f(x) \in U, f(y) \in V$  and  $U \cap V = \phi$ .

Since  $f$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - irresolute then  $f^{-1}(U), f^{-1}(V)$  are two  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - open sets in  $X, x \in f^{-1}(U), y \in f^{-1}(V), f^{-1}(U) \cap f^{-1}(V) = \phi$ . Hence  $X$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -  $T_2$  space.

Theorem 3.7 Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $Y$  is an  $T_2$  space .If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is injective and  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - continuous then  $X$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -  $T_2$  space.

Proof: Suppose  $x, y \in X$  such that  $x \neq y$ . Since  $f$  is injective, then  $f(x) \neq f(y)$ .

Since  $Y$  is an  $T_2$  space, then there are two open sets  $U$  and  $V$  in  $Y$  such that  $f(x) \in U, f(y) \in V$  and  $U \cap V = \phi$ . Since  $f$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - continuous then  $f^{-1}(U), f^{-1}(V)$  are two  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - open sets in  $X$ . Then  $x \in f^{-1}(u), y \in f^{-1}(V), f^{-1}(U) \cap f^{-1}(V) = \phi$ . Hence  $X$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_2$  space.

Definition 3.8 The intersection (resp. union) of all  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - closed (resp.  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -open) sets each containing in (resp. contained) a set  $A$  in a space  $X$  is called  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - closure (resp.  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -interior) of  $A$  and it is denoted by  $\text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(A)$  (resp.  $\text{pgr}\alpha\text{-int}(A)$ ).

Remark 3.9 Let  $X$  be a topological space such that  $A \subset X$  then  $\text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(A)$  is contained in every  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -closed set containing  $A$ .

Theorem 3.10 Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $A \subset B \subset X$  then

- (i)  $\text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(A)$  is the smallest  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -closed set which contains  $A$ .
- (ii)  $\text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(A) \subset \text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(B)$ .
- (iii)  $A$  is an  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - closed set if and only if  $\text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(A) = A$ .
- (iv)  $\text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(\text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(A)) = \text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(A)$

Theorem 3.11  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -  $T_0$  space if and only if for each pair of distinct  $x, y$  of  $X, \text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(\{x\}) \neq \text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(\{y\})$ .

Proof: Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_0$  space. Let  $x, y \in X$  such that  $x \neq y$ , then there exists a  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - open set  $V$  containing one of the points but not the other, say  $x \in V$  and  $y \notin V$ . Then  $V^c$  is a  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - closed containing  $y$  but not  $x$ . But  $\text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(\{y\})$  is the smallest  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - closed set containing  $y$ .

Therefore  $\text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(\{y\}) \subset V^c$  and hence  $x \notin \text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(\{y\})$ .

Thus  $\text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(\{x\}) \neq \text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(\{y\})$ .

Conversely, suppose  $x, y \in X, x \neq y$  and  $\text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(\{x\}) \neq \text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(\{y\})$ . Let  $z \in X$  such that  $z \in \text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(\{x\})$  but  $z \notin \text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(\{y\})$ . If  $x \in \text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(\{y\})$  then  $\text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(\{x\}) \subset \text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(\{y\})$  and hence  $z \in \text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(\{y\})$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore  $x \notin \text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(\{y\})$ . That is  $x \in (\text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(y))^c$ .

Therefore  $(\text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(\{y\}))^c$  is a  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - open set containing  $x$  but not  $y$ . Hence  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_0$  space.

Theorem 3.12 A topological space  $X$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -  $T_1$  space if and only if for every  $x \in X$  singleton  $\{x\}$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - closed set in  $X$ .

Proof: Let  $X$  be  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_1$  space and let  $x \in X$ , to prove that  $\{x\}$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -closed set. We will prove  $X - \{x\}$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -open set in  $X$ . Let  $y \in X - \{x\}$ , implies  $x \neq y \in X$  and since  $X$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_1$  space then there exist two  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -open sets  $G_1, G_2$  such that  $x \notin G_1, y \in G_2 \subseteq X - \{x\}$ .

Since  $y \in G_2 \subseteq X - \{x\}$  then  $X - \{x\}$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -open set. Hence  $\{x\}$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -closed set.

Conversely, Let  $x \neq y \in X$  then  $\{x\}, \{y\}$  are  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -closed sets. That is  $X - \{x\}$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -open set.

Clearly,  $x \notin X - \{x\}$  and  $y \in X - \{x\}$ . Similarly  $X - \{y\}$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -open set,  $y \notin X - \{y\}$  and  $x \in X - \{y\}$ . Hence  $X$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_1$  space.

Theorem 3.13 For a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , the following are equivalent

- (i)  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_2$  space.
- (ii) If  $x \in X$ , then for each  $y \neq x$ , there is a  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $y \notin \text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(U)$

Proof: (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Let  $x \in X$ . If  $y \in X$  is such that  $y \neq x$  there exists disjoint  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \in V$ . Then  $x \in U \subseteq X - V$  which implies  $X - V$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -open and  $y \notin X - V$ . Therefore  $y \notin \text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(U)$ .

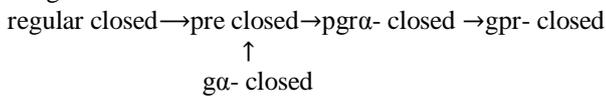
(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Let  $x, y \in X$  and  $x \neq y$ . By (ii), there exists a  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -open  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $y \notin \text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(U)$ .

Therefore  $y \in X - (\text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(U))$ .  $X - (\text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(U))$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -open and  $x \in X - (\text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(U))$ . Also  $U \cap X - (\text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(U)) = \emptyset$ .

Hence  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_2$  space.

As application of  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -closed sets, four spaces namely,  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_{1/2}$  spaces,  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_{1/3}$  spaces,  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_b$  spaces,  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_{3/4}$  spaces are introduced. The following implication diagram will be useful in this paper.

Diagram 3.14



Examples can be constructed to show that the reverse implications are not true. This motivates us to introduce the following spaces.

Definition 3.15 A space  $(X, \tau)$  is called  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_{1/3}$  if every gpr-closed set is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -closed.

Definition 3.16 A space  $(X, \tau)$  is called  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_b$  if every  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -closed set is regular closed.

Definition 3.17 A space  $(X, \tau)$  is called  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_{3/4}$  if every  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -closed set is  $\text{g}\alpha$ -closed.

Theorem 3.18

- (i) Every  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_b$  space is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_{1/2}$  space.
- (ii) Every  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_b$  space is pre regular  $T_{1/2}$  space.
- (iii) Every pre regular  $T_{1/2}$  space is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_{1/3}$  space.
- (iv) Every  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_{3/4}$  space is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_{1/2}$  space.

Proof: Straight forward.

The converse of the theorem need not be true as in the examples

Example 3.19 Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{a, b\}\}$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_{1/2}$  and pre regular- $T_{1/2}$  but not  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_b$  space.

Example 3.20 Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a, b\}\}$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_{1/3}$  but not pre-regular  $T_{1/2}$  space.

Example 3.21 Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_{1/2}$  but not  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_{3/4}$  space.

Theorem 3.22 Let  $X$  be a  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_{1/3}$  space. Then  $X$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_{1/2}$  if and only if it is pre regular  $T_{1/2}$  space.

Proof: Suppose  $X$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_{1/2}$  and  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_{1/3}$  space. Let  $A$  be gpr-closed set in  $X$ . then  $A$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -closed set.

Since  $X$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_{1/2}$  space, then  $A$  is pre closed. Therefore  $X$  is pre regular  $T_{1/2}$  space.

Conversely, we assume that  $X$  is pre regular  $T_{1/2}$  space.

Suppose  $A$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -closed set. Since every  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -closed set is gpr-closed set, and then  $A$  is gpr-closed set.

Since  $X$  is pre regular  $T_{1/2}$  space then  $A$  is pre closed. This proves that  $X$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_{1/2}$  space.

Theorem 3.23

- (i) If  $(X, \tau)$  is an  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_{1/3}$  space then for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\{x\}$  is either regular closed or  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -open.
- (ii) If  $(X, \tau)$  is an  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_b$  space then for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\{x\}$  is either regular closed or regular open.
- (iii) If  $(X, \tau)$  is an  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_{3/4}$  space then for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\{x\}$  is either regular closed or  $\text{g}\alpha$ -open.

Proof: Straight forward.

Theorem 3.24

- (i) If  $X$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_{1/2}$  then every  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -continuous functions is pre continuous.
- (ii) If  $X$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_{1/3}$  then every gpr-continuous function is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -continuous.
- (iii) If  $X$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_b$  then every  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -continuous function is regular-continuous.
- (iv) If  $X$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_{3/4}$  then every  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -continuous function is  $\text{g}\alpha$ -continuous.

Proof: Straight forward.

Theorem 3.25 If  $X$  is pre-regular  $T_{1/2}$  and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  then the following are equivalent

- (i)  $f$  is gpr-continuous.
- (ii)  $f$  is pre-continuous.
- (iii)  $f$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -continuous.

Proof: Suppose  $f$  is  $\text{pgr}$ -continuous. Let  $A \subseteq Y$  be closed. Since  $f$  is  $\text{pgr}$ -continuous then  $f^{-1}(A)$  is  $\text{pgr}$ -closed in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is pre regular  $T_{1/2}$  space then  $f^{-1}(A)$  is pre-closed.

Therefore  $f$  is pre-continuous. This proves (i) implies (ii).

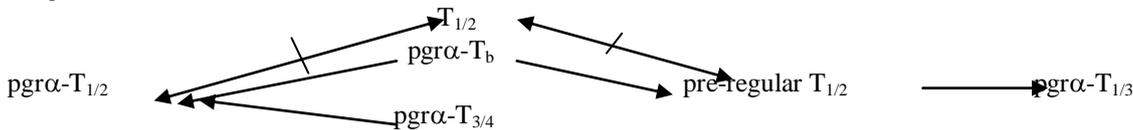
Suppose  $f$  is pre-continuous. Let  $A \subseteq Y$  be closed. Since  $f$  is pre-continuous then

$f^{-1}(A)$  is pre-closed in  $X$ . We have  $f^{-1}(A)$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -closed. Therefore  $f$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -continuous. This proves (ii) implies (iii).

Suppose  $f$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -continuous. Let  $A \subseteq Y$  be closed. Since  $f$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -continuous then  $f^{-1}(A)$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -closed. Since every  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -closed set is  $\text{pgr}$ -closed then  $f^{-1}(A)$  is  $\text{pgr}$ -closed. Therefore  $f$  is  $\text{pgr}$ -continuous. This proves (iii) implies (i).

$A \rightarrow B$  we mean  $A$  implies  $B$  but not conversely and  $A \leftrightarrow B$  means  $A$  and  $B$  are independent of each other.

Diagram 3.26



#### IV. $\text{pgr}$ $\square$ -regular spaces and $\text{pgr}$ $\square$ -normal spaces

Definition 4.1 A topological space  $X$  is said to be an  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -regular space if for every  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -closed set  $F$  and each point  $x$  of  $X$  which is not in  $F$ , there exists disjoint pre-open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$ ,  $F \subseteq V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .

Definition 4.2 A topological space  $X$  is said to be an  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -normal space if for every pair of disjoint  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -closed sets  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  in  $X$ , there exist disjoint pre-open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $F_1 \subseteq U$ ,  $F_2 \subseteq V$ ,  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .

Theorem 4.3 Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. Then the following statements are equivalent

- (i)  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -regular space.
- (ii) For each point  $x \in X$  and for each  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -open neighborhood  $W$  of  $x$ , there exists a pre-open set of  $x$  such that  $\text{pcl}(V) \subseteq W$ .
- (iii) For each point  $x \in X$  and for each  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -closed set not containing  $x$ , there exists a pre-open set  $V$  of  $x$  such that  $\text{pcl}(V) \cap F = \emptyset$ .

Proof: Let  $W$  be a  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -open neighborhood of  $x$ . Then there exists a  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -open set  $G$  such that  $x \in G \subseteq W$ . Since  $G^c$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -closed set and  $x \notin G^c$ , by hypothesis there exists pre-open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $G^c \subseteq U$ ,  $x \in V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$  and so  $V \subseteq U^c$ . Now  $\text{pcl}(V) \subseteq \text{pcl}(U^c) = U^c$  and  $G^c \subseteq U$  implies  $U^c \subseteq G \subseteq W$ . Therefore  $\text{pcl}(V) \subseteq W$ . Hence (i) implies (ii).

Let  $F$  be any  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -closed set and  $x \notin F$ . Then  $x \in F^c$  and  $F^c$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -open and so  $F^c$  is an  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -open neighborhood of  $x$ . By hypothesis, there exists a pre-open set  $V$  of  $x$  such that  $x \in V$  and  $\text{pcl}(V) \subseteq F^c$ , which implies  $F \subseteq (\text{pcl}(V))^c$ . Then  $(\text{pcl}(V))^c$  is a pre-open set containing  $F$  and  $V \cap (\text{pcl}(V))^c = \emptyset$ . Therefore  $X$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -regular space. Hence (ii) implies (i).

Let  $x \in X$  and  $F$  be an  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -closed set such that  $x \notin F$ . Then  $F^c$  is an  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -open neighborhood of  $x$  and by hypothesis there exists a pre-open set  $V$  of  $x$  such that  $\text{pcl}(V) \subseteq F^c$  and therefore  $\text{pcl}(V) \cap F = \emptyset$ . Hence (ii) implies (iii).

Let  $x \in X$  and  $W$  be an  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -open neighborhood of  $x$ . Then there exists an  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -open set  $G$  such that  $x \in G \subseteq W$ . Since  $G^c$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -closed and  $x \notin G^c$ , by hypothesis there exists a pre-open set  $V$  of  $x$  such that  $\text{pcl}(V) \cap G^c = \emptyset$ . Therefore  $\text{pcl}(V) \subseteq G \subseteq W$ . Hence (iii) implies (ii).

Theorem 4.4 A topological space  $X$  is an  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -regular space if and only if given any  $x \in X$  and any open set  $U$  of  $X$  there is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -open set  $V$  such that  $x \in V \subseteq \text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(V) \subseteq U$ .

Proof: Let  $U$  be an open set,  $x \in U$ .

So  $U^c$  is closed set such that  $x \notin U^c$ . Since  $X$  is a  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -regular space then there exist  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -open sets  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  such that  $V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$ ,  $U^c \subseteq V_2$ ,  $x \in V_1$ . Since  $V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$ , we have  $\text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(V_1) \subseteq \text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(V_2^c) = V_2^c$ .

Since  $U^c \subseteq V_2$ , we have  $V_2^c \subseteq U$ . Hence we have  $x \in V_1 \subseteq \text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(V_1) \subseteq V_2^c \subseteq U$ .

Conversely, let  $F$  be a closed set in  $X$  and  $x \in X - F$ . So  $F^c$  is an open set such that  $x \in F^c$ .

Hence there exist a  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U \subseteq \text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(U) \subseteq F^c$ . Let  $V = X - \text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(U)$ . So  $V$  is a  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -open set which contains  $F$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . Hence  $X$  is an  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -regular space.

Theorem 4.5 Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces and  $Y$  is a regular space. If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is closed,  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -irresolute and one to one then  $X$  is an  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -regular space.

Proof: Let  $F$  be closed set in  $X$ ,  $x \notin F$ . Since  $f$  is closed mapping, then  $f(F)$  is closed set in  $Y$ ,  $f(x) = y \notin f(F)$ . But  $Y$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -regular space then there are two  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  in  $Y$  such that  $f(F) \subseteq V$ ,  $y \in U$ ,  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . Since  $f$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -irresolute mapping and one to one so  $f^{-1}(U)$ ,  $f^{-1}(V)$  are two  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -open sets in  $X$  and  $x \in f^{-1}(U)$ ,  $F \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ ,  $f^{-1}(U) \cap f^{-1}(V) = \emptyset$ . Hence  $X$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -regular space.

Theorem 4.6 A topological space  $X$  is said to be an  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -normal space if and only if for every closed set  $F$  and for every open set  $G$  contain  $F$  there exists  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -open set  $U$  such that  $F \subseteq U \subseteq \text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(U) \subseteq G$ .

Proof: Let  $F$  be a closed set in  $X$  and  $G$  be an open set in  $X$  such that  $F \subseteq G$ ,  $G^c$  is a closed set and  $G^c \cap F = \emptyset$ . Since  $X$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -normal space then there exist  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $X$  such that  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ ,  $G^c \subseteq V$  and  $F \subseteq U$ ,  $U \subseteq V^c$ .

We have  $\text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(U) \subseteq \text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(V^c) = V^c$ . Hence  $F \subseteq U \subseteq \text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(U) \subseteq V^c \subseteq G$ .

Theorem 4.7 Let  $f$  be a closed and  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -irresolute mapping from a topological space  $X$  into a topological space  $Y$ . If  $Y$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -normal, so is  $X$ .

Proof: Let  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  be closed sets in  $X$  such that  $F_1 \cap F_2 = \phi$ .

Since  $f$  is a closed map, we have  $f(F_1)$ ,  $f(F_2)$  are two closed sets in  $Y$  and  $f(F_1) \cap f(F_2) = \phi$ .

Since  $Y$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - normal and  $f$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - irresolute then there exists two  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - open sets  $U, V$  in  $Y$  such that  $f(F_1) \subset U$ ,  $f(F_2) \subset V$ ,  $U \cap V = \phi$ , also  $f^{-1}(U)$ ,  $f^{-1}(V)$  are  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - open sets in  $X$  and  $F_1 \subset f^{-1}(U)$ ,  $F_2 \subset f^{-1}(V)$ ,  $f^{-1}(U) \cap f^{-1}(V) = \phi$ . Hence  $X$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - normal.

Theorem 4.8 Let  $X$  be a topological space. If  $X$  is a  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - regular and a  $T_1$  space then  $X$  is an  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_2$  space.

Proof: Suppose  $x, y \in X$  such that  $x \neq y$ . Since  $X$  is  $T_1$ - space then there is an open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U$ ,  $y \notin U$ .

Since  $X$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - regular space and  $U$  is an open set which contains  $x$ , then there is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - open set  $V$  such that  $x \in V \subset \text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(V) \subseteq U$ . Since  $y \notin U$ , hence  $y \notin \text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(V)$ . Therefore  $y \in X - (\text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(V))$ . Hence there are  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ -open sets  $V$  and  $X - (\text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(V))$  such that  $(X - (\text{pgr}\alpha\text{-cl}(V))) \cap V = \phi$ . Hence  $X$  is  $\text{pgr}\alpha$ - $T_2$  space.

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