

# $\beta^*$ - Closed And $\beta^*$ Open Maps In Topological Spaces

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## Abstract

The aim of this paper is to introduce the notions of  $\beta^*$ -closed maps,  $\beta^*$ -open maps and semi- $\beta^*$ -closed maps. Their relationships with other closed maps are investigated. It is found that the concept of  $\beta^*$ -closed maps are stronger than the concept of  $g\beta$ -closed maps. However it is weaker than closed maps. It is shown that the composition of  $\beta^*$ -closed maps need not be  $\beta^*$ -closed. The applications of these maps in some topological spaces are also studied. Also ultra  $\beta^*$ -regular space and ultra  $\beta^*$ -normal spaces are introduced.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

T.Noiri, H.Maki and J.Umehara [9] introduced the concept of  $g\beta$ -closed and pre  $g\beta$ -closed map using  $g\beta$ -closed sets. Lellis Thivagar [6] introduced the concept of quasi  $\alpha$ -open and strongly  $\alpha$ -open map mappings using  $\alpha$ -open sets. Here we have introduced the concept of  $\beta^*$ -closed maps and semi  $\beta^*$ -closed maps using  $\beta^*$ -closed sets. Their respective open maps are also introduced

## 2.PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper spaces  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  mean topological spaces and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  represents a single valued map. The following definitions and Theorems are useful in the sequel.

### Definitions 2.1

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

- (i) A semi-open set [7] if  $A \subset \text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$  and a semi-closed set if  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(A)) \subset A$ ,
- (ii) An  $\alpha$ -open set [6] if  $A \subset \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(A)))$  and an  $\alpha$ -closed set if  $\text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(A))) \subset A$ ,
- (iii) A semipre open set [2] (=  $\beta$ -open set [1]) if  $A \subset \text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(A)))$  and a semi-pre closed set (=  $\beta$  closed) if  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(A))) \subset A$  and

The intersection of all semi-closed subsets of  $(X, \tau)$  containing  $A$  is called the semi-closure of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\text{scl}(A)$ . Also the intersection of all  $\alpha$  closed (resp. semi-pre closed) subsets of  $(X, \tau)$  containing  $A$  is called the  $\alpha$  closure (resp. semi-pre closure) of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\alpha\text{cl}(A)$  (resp.  $\text{spcl}(A)$ ).

### Definition-2.2

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

- (i) A generalized closed set (briefly g-closed) [8] if  $\text{cl}(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- (ii) A generalized semi-pre closed set (briefly gsp-closed) [5] if  $\text{spcl}(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- (iii) An  $\omega$ -closed set [10] if  $\text{cl}(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is semi-open in  $(X, \tau)$
- (iv) An  $\hat{\eta}^*$  closed set [3] if  $\text{spcl}(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is  $\omega$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$

- (v) A  $\beta^*$ -closed set [4] if  $\text{spcl}(A) \subset \text{int}(U)$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is  $\omega$ -open

The complement of  $g$ -closed (resp.  $gsp$ -closed,  $\omega$ -closed,  $\hat{\eta}^*$ -closed,  $\beta^*$ -closed) set is said to be  $g$  open (resp.  $gsp$ -open,  $\omega$ -open,  $\hat{\eta}^*$ -open,  $\beta^*$ -open).

**Definition-1.1.4:** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is

- (i) A  $T_\omega$  – space [10] if every  $\omega$ -closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$  is closed  $(X, \tau)$

**Definition 2.3**

A map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be

- (i)  $g$  closed [8] (resp.  $g$ -open) if  $f(V)$  is  $g$ -closed (resp.  $g$ -open) in  $(Y, \sigma)$  for every closed (resp. open) set  $V$  of  $(X, \tau)$
- (ii)  $\omega$ -closed [10] (resp.  $\omega$ -open) if  $f(V)$  is  $\omega$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$  for every set  $V$  of  $(X, \tau)$
- (iii)  $gsp$ -closed (resp.  $gsp$ -open) [5] if  $f(V)$  is  $gsp$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $(X, \tau)$
- (iv)  $\hat{\eta}^*$ -closed (resp.  $\hat{\eta}^*$ -open) [3] if  $f(V)$  is  $\hat{\eta}^*$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$  for every closed set  $V$  of  $(X, \tau)$

**Theorem 2.4[4]:** (i) Every  $\beta^*$ -closed set is  $gsp$  closed (resp.  $\hat{\eta}^*$ -closed) set.

(ii)  $\beta^*$ -closed set is independent of  $g$  closed (resp.  $\omega$ -closed) set.

(iii) In a topological space  $X$  if the set of all  $\beta^*$ -open sets is closed under any union then  $\beta^*cl(A)$  is a  $\beta^*$ -closed set for every subset  $A$  of  $X$ .

### 3. $\beta^*$ -CLOSED MAPS:

**Definition -3.1.1:** A map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be  $\beta^*$ -closed, if the image of every closed set of  $X$  is  $\beta^*$ -closed in  $Y$ .

**Definition -3.1.2:** A map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be semi  $\beta^*$  closed if the image of every semi closed set of  $X$  is  $\beta^*$ -closed in  $Y$ .

**Remark – 3.1.3** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is closed ( semi  $\beta^*$ -closed), then  $f$  is  $\beta^*$ -closed since every closed (resp,semi closed) sets are  $\beta^*$ -closed .However the converses are not true. The following examples prove them.

**Example-3.1.4:** Let  $X=Y=\{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau=\{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma=\{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, Y\}$ . The identity map  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $\beta^*$ -closed but not closed. Since  $\{c\}$  is closed in  $X$  but  $f(\{c\}) = \{c\}$  is not closed in  $Y$ .

**Example – 3.1.5:** Let  $X=Y=\{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau=\{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma=\{\emptyset, \{a\}, Y\}$ . The identity map  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $\beta^*$ -closed but not semi  $\beta^*$ -closed. Since  $\{a\}$  is semi closed in  $X$  but  $f(\{a\}) = \{a\}$  is not  $\beta^*$  closed in  $Y$ .

**Proposition – 3.1.6:** Every  $\beta^*$ -closed map  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is a gsp closed (resp  $\hat{\eta}^*$  closed) map.

**Proof:** Since every  $\beta^*$ -closed set is a gsp closed set (resp.  $\hat{\eta}^*$  closed set) the proof follows by Theorem 2.4(i).

However the converses are not true. It can be seen through the following example.

**Example -3.1.7 :** Let  $X=\{a, b, c\} = Y$ ,  $\tau=\{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma=\{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be the identity map. Then  $f$  is a  $\hat{\eta}^*$  closed and a gsp closed map but  $f$  is not  $\beta^*$ -closed, since for the closed set  $\{c\}$ ,  $f(\{c\}) = \{c\}$  is not  $\beta^*$ -closed in  $Y$ .

**Proposition – 3.1.8:** The concept of  $g$  closed map (resp.  $\omega$ -closed map) and  $\beta^*$ -closed map are independent.

**Proof:** Follows from Theorem 2.4(ii) using the fact that  $\beta^*$ -closed sets are independent of  $g$  closed sets and  $\omega$ -closed set.

**Theorem – 3.1.9:** A surjective map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\beta^*$ -closed if and only if for each subset  $S$  of  $Y$  and each open set  $U$  containing  $f^{-1}(S)$ , there exists a  $\beta^*$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $S \subset V$  and  $f^{-1}(V) \subset U$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $f$  is  $\beta^*$ -closed. Let  $S$  be any subset of  $Y$  and  $U$  be an open set of  $X$  containing  $f^{-1}(S)$ . If we let  $V = (f(U^c))^c$  then  $V$  is  $\beta^*$ -open in  $Y$  containing  $S$  and  $f^{-1}(V) \subset U$ . Conversely let  $F$  be any closed set of  $X$ . Let  $B = (f(F))^c$ , then we have  $f^{-1}(B) \subset F^c$  and  $F^c$  is open in  $X$ . By hypothesis there exists a  $\beta^*$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $B \subset V$  and  $f^{-1}(V) \subset F^c$  and so  $F \subset (f^{-1}(V))^c = f^{-1}(V^c)$ . Therefore, we obtain  $f(F) \subset V^c$ . Since  $V^c$  is  $\beta^*$ -closed,  $f(F)$  is  $\beta^*$ -closed in  $Y$ . This gives  $f$  is  $\beta^*$ -closed.

**Remark -3.1.10:** The following example shows that composition of two  $\beta^*$ -closed maps is not  $\beta^*$ -closed.

**Example -3.1.11:** Let  $X=Y=Z = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, Y\}$  and  $\eta = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, Z\}$ . Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  and  $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  be identity maps. Then  $f$  and  $g$  are  $\beta^*$ -closed maps but  $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$  is not  $\beta^*$ -closed. Since  $\{a\}$  is closed in  $X$  but  $g \circ f(\{a\}) = g(f(\{a\})) = g(\{a\}) = \{a\}$  is not  $\beta^*$ -closed in  $Z$ .

**Proposition – 3.1.12:** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  are  $\beta^*$ -closed maps with  $Y$  as a  $T_{\beta^*}$  space then  $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$  is a  $\beta^*$ -closed map.

**Proof:** Obvious from the definitions.

### 3.2: $\beta^*$ - OPEN MAPS

Here  $\beta^*$ -open maps in topological spaces have been introduced and also obtained the characterizations of these maps.

**Definition –3.2.1:** A map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be  $\beta^*$ -open map if the image  $f(A)$  is  $\beta^*$  open in  $Y$  for every open set  $A$  in  $X$ .

**Theorem -3.2.2:** Every  $\beta^*$ -open map is a gsp open (resp.  $\hat{\eta}^*$ ) map but not conversely.

Proof: Since every  $\beta^*$ -open sets is a gsp open set (resp.  $\hat{\eta}^*$  open set) the proof follows.

**Example-3.2.3:** Let  $X=Y= \{a,b,c\}$ ,  $\tau=\{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a,b\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma=\{\emptyset, \{a,b\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f:X \rightarrow Y$  be the identity map. Then  $f$  is  $\beta^*$ -open.

**Theorem – 3.2.4:** For any bijection  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  the following statements are equivalent.

1.  $f^{-1}: Y \rightarrow X$  is  $\beta^*$ -continuous
2.  $f$  is a  $\beta^*$ -open map and
3.  $f$  is a  $\beta^*$ -closed map.

**Proof:**  $1 \Rightarrow 2$ : Let  $U$  be an open set of  $X$ . By assumption  $(f^{-1})^{-1}(U) = f(U)$  is  $\beta^*$ -open in  $Y$  and so  $f$  is a  $\beta^*$ -open map.

$2 \Rightarrow 3$ : Let  $V$  be a closed set of  $X$ . Then  $V^c$  is open in  $X$ . By assumption  $f(V^c) = (f(v))^c$  is  $\beta^*$ -open in  $Y$  and therefore  $f(V)$  is  $\beta^*$ -closed in  $Y$ . Hence  $f$  is a  $\beta^*$ -closed map.

$3 \Rightarrow 1$ : Let  $V$  be a closed set of  $X$ . By assumption  $f(V)$  is  $\beta^*$ -closed in  $Y$ . But  $f(V) = (f^{-1})^{-1}(V)$  and therefore  $f^{-1}$  is  $\beta^*$  continuous.

**Theorem – 3.2.5:** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping. If  $f$  is a  $\beta^*$ -open mapping, then for each  $x \in X$  and for each neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x$  in  $X$ , there exists a  $\beta^*$  neighbourhood  $W$  of  $f(x)$  in  $Y$  such that  $W \subset f(U)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x \in X$  and  $U$  be an arbitrary neighbourhood of  $x$ . Then there exists an open set  $V$  in  $X$  such that  $x \in V \subseteq U$ . By assumption  $f(V)$  is a  $\beta^*$ -open set in  $Y$ . Further  $f(x) \in f(V) \subseteq f(U)$ . Clearly  $f(U)$  is a  $\beta^*$ -neighbourhood of  $f(x)$  in  $Y$  and so the theorem follows if we take  $W = f(V)$ .

**Theorem 3.2.6:** A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\beta^*$ -open if and only if for any subset  $B$  of  $Y$  and for any closed set  $S$  containing  $f^{-1}(B)$ , there exists a  $\beta^*$ -closed set  $A$  of  $Y$  containing  $B$  such that  $f^{-1}(A) \subseteq S$ .

**Proof:** Similar to the proof of theorem-3.1.9

### 3.3. Ultra $\beta^*$ -regular and ultra $\beta^*$ -normal spaces.

**Definition – 3.3.1** A space  $X$  is said to be ultra  $\beta^*$ -regular if for each closed set,  $F$  of  $X$  and each point  $x \notin F$  there exist disjoint  $\beta^*$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $F \subset U$  and  $x \in V$ .

**Theorem – 3.3.2:** In a topological space  $X$ , assume that  $\beta^*o(\tau)$  is closed under any union. Then the following statements are equivalent.

- $X$  is ultra  $\beta^*$ -regular.
- For every point  $x$  of  $X$  and every open set  $V$  containing  $x$ , there exists a  $\beta^*$  - open set  $A$  such that  $x \in A \subset \beta^*cl(A) \subset V$ .

**Proof:**

$a \Rightarrow b$ . Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be an open set containing  $x$ . Then  $V^c$  is closed and  $x \notin V^c$ . By (a) there exist disjoint  $\beta^*$ -open sets  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $x \in A$  and  $V^c \subset B$ . that is  $B^c \subset V$ . Since every open set is  $\beta^*$ -open,  $V$  is  $\beta^*$ -open. Since  $B$  is  $\beta^*$ -open,  $B^c$  is  $\beta^*$ -closed. Therefore  $\beta^*cl(B^c) \subset V$ . Also since  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .  $A \subset B^c$ . Therefore  $x \in A \subset \beta^*cl(A) \subset \beta^*cl(B^c) \subset V$ . Hence,  $x \in A \subset \beta^*cl(A) \subset V$ .

$b \Rightarrow a$ : Let  $F$  be a closed set and  $x \notin F$ . This implies that  $F^c$  is an open set containing  $x$ . By (b) there exists a  $\beta^*$ -open set  $A$  such that  $x \in A \subset \beta^*cl(A) \subset F^c$ . That is  $F \subset (\beta^*cl(A))^c$ . By Theorem 2.4(iii)  $\beta^*cl(A)$  is  $\beta^*$ -closed. Hence  $(\beta^*cl(A))^c$  is  $\beta^*$ -open. Therefore,  $A$  and  $(\beta^*cl(A))^c$  are the required  $\beta^*$  - open sets.

**Theorem – 3.2.3:** Assume that  $\beta^*o(\tau)$  is closed under any union. If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a continuous open  $\beta^*$ -closed surjective map and  $X$  is a regular space, then  $Y$  is ultra  $\beta^*$ -regular.

Proof: Let  $y \in Y$  and  $V$  be an open set containing  $y$  of  $Y$ . Let  $x$  be a point of  $X$  such that  $y = f(x)$ . Since  $f$  is continuous,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is regular there exists an open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U \subset cl(U) \subset f^{-1}(V)$ . Hence  $y = f(x) \in f(U) \subset f(cl(U)) \subset V$ . Since  $f$  is a  $\beta^*$ -closed map  $f(cl(U))$  is a  $\beta^*$ -closed set contained in the open set  $V$ . Therefore  $\beta^*cl(f(cl(U))) = f(cl(U)) \subset V$ . This implies that  $y \in f(U) \subset \beta^*cl(f(U)) \subset \beta^*cl(f(cl(U))) \subset V$ . Since  $f$  is an open map and  $U$  is open in  $X$ ,  $f(U)$  is open in  $Y$ . Since every open set is  $\beta^*$ -open,  $f(U)$  is  $\beta^*$ -open in  $Y$ . Thus for every point  $y$  of  $Y$  and every open set  $V$  containing  $y$ , there exist a  $\beta^*$ -open set  $f(U)$  such that  $y \in f(U) \subset \beta^*cl(f(U)) \subset V$ . Hence by theorem – 5.2.16  $Y$  is ultra  $\beta^*$ -regular.

**Definition-3.2.4:** A space  $X$  is said to be ultra  $\beta^*$ -normal if for each pair of disjoint closed sets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$  there exist disjoint  $\beta^*$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $A \subset U$  and  $B \subset V$ .

**Theorem -3.2.5:** Assume that  $\beta^*o(\tau)$  is closed under any union. If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a continuous  $\beta^*$ -closed surjection and  $X$  is a normal space, then  $Y$  is ultra  $\beta^*$ -normal.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be disjoint closed sets of  $Y$ . Since  $X$  is normal there exist disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $X$  such that  $f^{-1}(A) \subset U$  and  $f^{-1}(B) \subset V$ . By theorem 3.1.10, there exist  $\beta^*$ -open sets  $G$  and  $H$  such that  $A \subset G$ ,  $B \subset H$  and  $f^{-1}(G) \subset U$  and  $f^{-1}(H) \subset V$ . Then we have  $f^{-1}(G) \cap f^{-1}(H) = \emptyset$  and hence  $G \cap H = \emptyset$ . Since  $G$  is  $\beta^*$ -open,  $A \subset G$  implies  $A \subset \beta^* \text{ int } (G)$  Similarly  $B \subset \beta^* \text{ int } (H)$ . Therefore  $\beta^* \text{ int } (G) \cap \beta^* \text{ int } (H) = \emptyset$ . Thus  $Y$  is ultra  $\beta^*$  normal.

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