

## ON $ir$ -CLOSED SETS IN TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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ABSTRACT. The aim of this paper is to introduce the concept of  $ir$ -closed sets in topological spaces. A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $X$  is called an  $ir$ -closed set if  $rcl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $i$ -open in  $X$ . Also we investigate their properties and study the relationship with other existing generalized closed sets.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

In 1970, Levine [3] introduced the concept of generalized closed sets as a weaker form of closed sets in topological spaces. Mohammed and Askander in 2012 [1] introduced the concept of  $i$ -open sets. Regular open sets have been introduced and investigated by Stone [4].

In this paper, we introduce  $ir$ -closed set in topological space and investigate the relationship with other known classes of closed sets. Also we discuss their properties and characterize the  $ir$ -closed set.

### 2. PRELIMINARIES

In this section, we recollect some basic preliminaries for some of the relevant open and closed sets in topological spaces.

**Definition 2.1.** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $X$  is called a

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- (i) *regular closed (briefly  $r$ - closed) if  $A = cl(int(A))$*
- (ii) *pre-closed if  $cl(int(A)) \subseteq A$*
- (iii) *semi-open if  $A \subseteq cl(int(A))$*
- (iv)  *$\alpha$ - open if  $A \subseteq int(cl(int(A)))$*
- (v) *semi-preclosed if  $int(cl(int(A))) \subseteq A$ .*

**Proposition 2.1.** *Every regular open set is open in  $X$ .*

**Definition 2.2.** *A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $X$  is called an  $i$ - open set if there exists an open set  $G \in \tau(X)$  such that  $G \neq \emptyset, X$  and  $A \subseteq cl(A \cap G)$ . The complement of an  $i$ - open set is an  $i$ - closed set.*

**Proposition 2.2.** *Every open set in a topological space is  $i$ - open, but the converse is not true [1].*

**Proposition 2.3.** *Every semi-open set is  $i$ - open [1].*

*We now recall the definitions of some of the generalized closed sets in a topological space.*

**Definition 2.3.** *A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $X$  is called a*

- (1) *Regular generalised closed set (briefly  $rg$ - closed) if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is regular open in  $(X, \tau)$ .*
- (2) *Generalised preregular closed set (briefly  $gpr$ - closed) if  $pcl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is regular open in  $(X, \tau)$ .*
- (3) *Regular weakly generalised closed set (briefly  $rwg$ - closed) if  $cl(int(A)) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is regular open in  $(X, \tau)$ .*
- (4) *Weakly generalised closed set (briefly  $wg$ - closed) if  $cl(int(A)) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$ .*
- (5) *Generalised pre closed set (briefly  $gp$ - closed) if  $pcl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$ .*
- (6) *Generalised closed set (briefly  $g$ - closed set) if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$ . The complement of a  $g$ - closed set is  $g$ - open set.*
- (7) *Semi-generalised closed set (briefly  $sg$ - closed set) if  $scl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is semi-open in  $X$ .*
- (8) *Generalised semi-closed set (briefly  $gs$ - closed set) if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$ .*
- (9) *Generalised semi-preclosed set (briefly  $gsp$ - closed set) if  $spcl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$ .*

- (10)  $\hat{g}$ - closed set if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is semi-open in  $X$ .  
 (11)  $\alpha$ - generalised closed set (briefly  $\alpha g$ - closed set) if  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$ .  
 (12) Generalised  $\alpha$ - closed set (briefly  $g\alpha$ - closed set) if  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $\alpha$ - open in  $X$ .  
 (13)  $sb\hat{g}$ - closed set [2] if  $scl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $b\hat{g}$ - open in  $X$ .  
 (14)  $g^*$ - closed set if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $g$ - open in  $X$ .  
 (15)  $b^*$ - closed set if  $int(cl(A)) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $b$ - open in  $X$ .  
 (16)  $r\hat{g}$ - closed set if  $rcl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $\hat{g}$ - open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

### 3. $ir$ - CLOSED SETS IN TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

We introduce and study the notion of  $ir$ - closed sets and obtain some of its basic properties.

**Definition 3.1.** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $X$  is called an  $ir$ - closed set if  $rcl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $i$ - open in  $X$ . The complement of an  $ir$ - closed set is  $ir$ - open set.

**Example 1.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}\}$ .

Then  $r$ - closed =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}, \{c\}\}$ ;  $ir$ - closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ .

Here  $A = \{a, c\}$  is  $ir$ - closed set but not  $r$ - closed.

**Proposition 3.1.** Every regular open is  $i$ - open.

*Proof.* Since every regular open is open and every open is  $i$ - open implies every regular open is  $i$ - open.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.1.** Every  $ir$ - closed set is  $rg$ - closed set.

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be an  $ir$ - closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ . Let  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is regular open. Since every regular open is  $i$ - open,  $U$  is  $i$ - open. Since every regular closed set is closed,  $cl(A) \subseteq rcl(A) \subseteq U$  where  $U$  is regular open.

Therefore  $A$  is  $rg$ - closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

The converse need not be true.  $\square$

**Example 2.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}\}$ .

Then  $rg$ - closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ .

*ir*- closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ .

Here the sets  $\{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}$  are *rg*- closed set but not *ir*- closed set.

**Theorem 3.2.** Every *ir*- closed set is *gpr*- closed set.

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be an *ir*- closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ . Let  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is regular open. Since every regular open is *i*- open,  $U$  is *i*- open. Since every preclosed set is closed and regular closed set is closed,  $pcl(A) \subseteq cl(A) \subseteq rcl(A) \subseteq U$  where  $U$  is regular open.

Therefore  $A$  is *gpr*- closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

The converse need not be true. □

**Example 3.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}\}$ .

Then *gpr*- closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ .

*ir*- closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ .

Here the sets  $\{a\}, \{b\}, \{b, c\}$  are *gpr*- closed set but not *ir*- closed set.

**Theorem 3.3.** Every *ir*- closed set is *rwg*- closed set.

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be an *ir*- closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ . Let  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is regular open. Since every regular open is *i*- open,  $U$  is *i*- open,  $cl(int(A)) \subseteq cl(A) \subseteq rcl(A) \subseteq U$  where  $U$  is regular open. Therefore  $A$  is *rwg*- closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

The converse need not be true. □

**Example 4.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ .

Then *rwg*- closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ .

*ir*- closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ .

Here the sets  $\{c\}, \{a, b\}$  are *rwg*- closed set but not *ir*- closed set.

**Theorem 3.4.** Every *ir*- closed set is *wg*- closed set.

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be an *ir*- closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ . Let  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open.

Since every open is *i*- open,  $U$  is *i*- open,  $cl(int(A)) \subseteq cl(A) \subseteq rcl(A) \subseteq U$  where  $U$  is open. Therefore  $A$  is *wg*- closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

The converse need not be true. □

**Example 5.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ .

Then *wg*- closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ ;

*ir*- closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}\}$ .

Here the sets  $\{a\}, \{b\}$  are *wg*- closed set but not *ir*- closed set.

**Theorem 3.5.** *Every  $ir$ -closed set is  $g$ -closed set.*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be an  $ir$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ . Let  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open.

Since every open is  $i$ -open,  $U$  is  $i$ -open,  $cl(A) \subseteq rcl(A) \subseteq U$  where  $U$  is open.

Therefore  $A$  is  $g$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

The converse need not be true. □

**Example 6.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ .

Then  $g$ -closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ ;

$ir$ -closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ .

Here the set  $\{c\}$  is  $g$ -closed set but not  $ir$ -closed set.

**Theorem 3.6.** *Every  $ir$ -closed set is  $gs$ -closed set.*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be an  $ir$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ . Let  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open.

Since every open is  $i$ -open,  $U$  is  $i$ -open,  $scl(A) \subseteq cl(A) \subseteq rcl(A) \subseteq U$  where  $U$  is regular open. Therefore  $A$  is  $gs$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

The converse need not be true. □

**Example 7.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{c\}\}$ .

Then  $gs$ -closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ ;

$ir$ -closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}\}$ .

Here the sets  $\{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}$  are  $gs$ -closed set but not  $ir$ -closed set.

**Theorem 3.7.** *Every  $ir$ -closed set is  $\alpha g$ -closed set.*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be an  $ir$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ . Let  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open.

Since every open is  $i$ -open,  $U$  is  $i$ -open. Since every closed is  $\alpha$ -closed and every regular closed is closed,  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq cl(A) \subseteq rcl(A) \subseteq U$  where  $U$  is open.

Therefore  $A$  is  $\alpha g$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

The converse need not be true. □

**Example 8.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ .

Then  $\alpha g$ -closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ ;

$ir$ -closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X\}$ .

Here the sets  $\{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}$  are  $\alpha g$ -closed set but not  $ir$ -closed set.

**Theorem 3.8.** *Every  $ir$ -closed set is  $gp$ -closed set.*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be an  $ir$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ . Let  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open.

Since every open is  $i$ -open,  $U$  is  $i$ -open,  $pcl(A) \subseteq cl(A) \subseteq rcl(A) \subseteq U$  where  $U$  is open. Therefore  $A$  is  $gp$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

The converse need not be true.  $\square$

**Example 9.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}\}$ .

Then  $gp$ -closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ ;

$ir$ -closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ .

Here the sets  $\{a\}, \{b\}$  are  $gp$ -closed set but not  $ir$ -closed set.

**Theorem 3.9.** Every  $ir$ -closed set is  $sg$ -closed set.

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be an  $ir$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ . Let  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is semi-open.

Since every semi-open is  $i$ -open,  $U$  is  $i$ -open. Since every closed is semi-closed and every regular closed is closed,  $scl(A) \subseteq cl(A) \subseteq rcl(A) \subseteq U$  where  $U$  is semi-open. Therefore  $A$  is  $sg$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

The converse need not be true.  $\square$

**Example 10.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ .

Then  $sg$ -closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ ;

$ir$ -closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ .

Here the sets  $\{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}$  are  $sg$ -closed set but not  $ir$ -closed set.

**Theorem 3.10.** Every  $ir$ -closed set is  $\hat{g}$ -closed set.

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be an  $ir$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ . Let  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is semi-open.

Since every semi-open is  $i$ -open,  $U$  is  $i$ -open,  $cl(A) \subseteq rcl(A) \subseteq U$  where  $U$  is semi-open. Therefore  $A$  is  $\hat{g}$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

The converse need not be true.  $\square$

**Example 11.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ .

Then  $\hat{g}$ -closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ ;

$ir$ -closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ .

Here the set  $\{c\}$  is  $\hat{g}$ -closed set but not  $ir$ -closed set.

**Theorem 3.11.** Every  $ir$ -closed set is  $gsp$ -closed set.

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be an  $ir$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ . Let  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open.

Since every open is  $i$ -open,  $U$  is  $i$ -open. Since every closed is semi pre-closed and every regular closed is closed,  $spcl(A) \subseteq cl(A) \subseteq rcl(A) \subseteq U$  where  $U$  is open. Therefore  $A$  is  $gsp$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

The converse need not be true.  $\square$

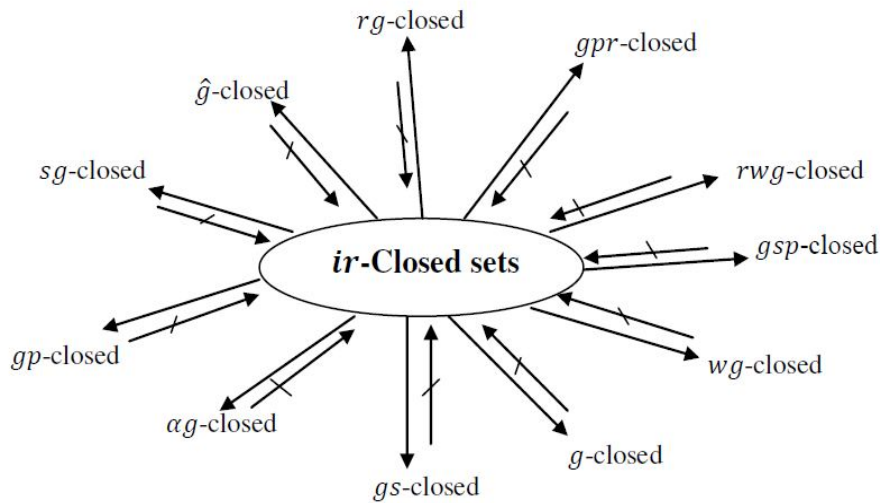
**Example 12.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{c\}\}$ .

Then *gsp*- closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ ;

*ir*- closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}\}$ .

Here the sets  $\{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}$  are *gsp*- closed set but not *ir*- closed set.

**Remark 3.1.** The following diagram shows the relationship of *ir*- closed sets with other known existing sets.



**Theorem 3.12.** Union of two *ir*- closed set is *ir*- closed set.

*Proof.* Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two *ir*- closed sets.

Let  $G$  be any *i*- open set in  $(X, \tau)$ , such that  $A \cup B \subseteq G$ .

Then  $A \subseteq G$  and  $B \subseteq G$ . Since  $A$  and  $B$  are *ir*- closed set,  $rcl(A) \subseteq G$  and  $rcl(B) \subseteq G$ .

Therefore  $rcl(A) \cup rcl(B) = rcl(A \cup B) \subseteq G$ .

Hence  $A \cup B$  is *ir*- closed set. □

**Result 1.** The intersection of *ir*- closed sets need not be *ir*- closed set.

**Example 13.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{a, b\}\}$ .

Then *ir*- closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ .

Let  $A = \{a, b\}$  and  $B = \{a, c\}$  where  $A \cap B = \{a\}$  which is not an *ir*- closed set.

**Remark 3.2.**  $g^*$ - closed set and *ir*- closed sets are independent of each other.

**Example 14.**

- (i) Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{a, b\}\}$ .  
 Then  $g^*$ - closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{a, b\}\}$ .  
 $ir$ - closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ .  
 The sets  $\{a, c\}, \{b, c\}$  are  $ir$ - closed set but not  $g^*$ - closed set.
- (ii) Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ .  
 Then  $g^*$ - closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ .  
 $ir$ - closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X\}$ . The sets  $\{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}$  are  $g^*$ - closed set but not  $ir$ - closed set.

**Remark 3.3.**  $g\alpha$ - closed set and  $ir$ - closed sets are independent of each other.

**Example 15.**

- (i) Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{c\}\}$ .  
 Then  $g\alpha$ - closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ .  
 $ir$ - closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}\}$ .  
 The sets  $\{a\}, \{b\}$  are  $g\alpha$ - closed set but not  $ir$ - closed.
- (ii) Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}\}$ .  
 Then  $g\alpha$ - closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{c\}\}$ .  
 $ir$ - closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ .  
 The sets  $\{a, c\}, \{b, c\}$  are  $ir$ - closed set but not  $g\alpha$ - closed set.

**Remark 3.4.**  $\alpha$ - closed set and  $ir$ - closed sets are independent of each other.

**Example 16.**

- (i) Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{c\}\}$ .  
 Then  $\alpha$ - closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ .  
 $ir$ - closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}\}$ .  
 The sets  $\{a\}, \{b\}$  are  $\alpha$ - closed set but not  $ir$ - closed.
- (ii) Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}\}$ .  
 Then  $\alpha$ - closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{c\}\}$ .  
 $ir$ - closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ .  
 The sets  $\{a, c\}, \{b, c\}$  are  $ir$ - closed set but not  $\alpha$ - closed set.

**Remark 3.5.**  $b^*$ - closed set and  $ir$ - closed sets are independent of each other.

**Example 17.**



- (i) Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{c\}\}$ .  
 Then  $b^*$ - closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ .  
 $ir$ - closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}\}$ .  
 The sets  $\{a\}, \{b\}$  are  $b^*$ - closed set but not  $ir$ - closed set.
- (ii) Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}\}$ .  
 Then  $b^*$ - closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{c\}\}$ .  
 $ir$ - closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ .  
 The sets  $\{a, c\}, \{b, c\}$  are  $ir$ - closed set but not  $b^*$ - closed set.

**Remark 3.6.**  $r\hat{g}$ - closed set and  $ir$ - closed sets are independent of each other.

**Example 18.**

- (i) Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ .  
 Then  $r\hat{g}$ - closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ ;  
 $ir$ - closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X\}$ .  
 The sets  $\{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}$  are  $r\hat{g}$ - closed set but not  $ir$ - closed set.
- (ii) Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{a, b\}\}$ .  
 Then  $r\&g$ - closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{a, b\}\}$ .  
 $ir$ - closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ .  
 The sets  $\{a, c\}, \{b, c\}$  are  $ir$ - closed set but not  $r\hat{g}$ - closed set.

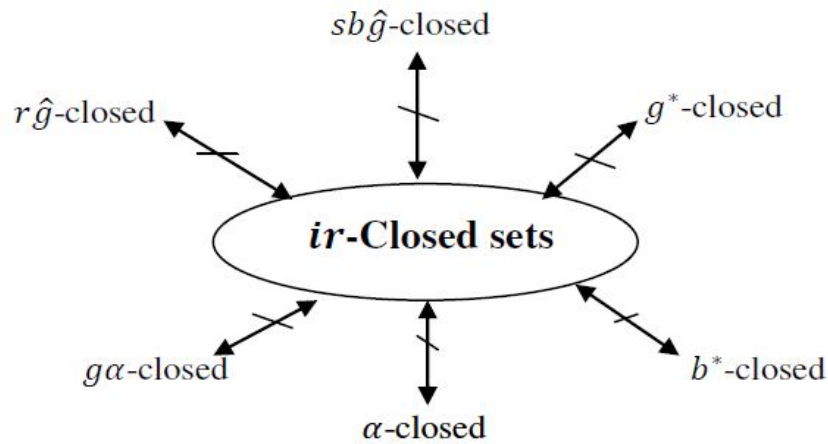
**Remark 3.7.**  $sb\hat{g}$ - closed set and  $ir$ - closed sets are independent of each other.

**Example 19.**

- (i) Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{c\}\}$ .  
 Then  $sb\hat{g}$ - closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ ;  
 $ir$ - closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}\}$ .  
 The sets  $\{a\}, \{b\}$  are  $sb\hat{g}$ - closed set but not  $ir$ - closed
- (ii) Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}\}$ .  
 Then  $sb\hat{g}$ - closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{c\}\}$ .  
 $ir$ - closed set =  $\{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ .  
 The sets  $\{a, c\}, \{b, c\}$  are  $ir$ - closed set but not  $sb\hat{g}$ - closed set.

**Remark 3.8.** The following diagram shows the independence of  $ir$ - closed sets with other known existing sets.

**Theorem 3.13.** If  $A$  is  $i$ - open and  $ir$ - closed set in  $(X, \tau)$  then  $A$  is semi-closed.



*Proof.* Since  $A$  is  $i$ -open and  $ir$ -closed we have  $\text{int}(cl(A)) \subseteq rcl(A) \subseteq A$ . Therefore  $A$  is semi-closed.  $\square$

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