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# $\psi^* \alpha$ -Closed Sets in Bitopological Spaces

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### 1. Introduction

Levine [10] introduced the concepts of generalized closed sets in topological spaces and studied their basic properties. Several authors have introduced and investigated various types generalized closed sets in topological spaces. Only a few class of generalized closed sets form a topology. The class of  $\psi^*\alpha$ -closed sets in topological spaces is one among them and it was introduced by Balamani and Parvathi [1]. The study of bitopological spaces was initiated by Kelly [7] and thereafter topological concepts have been generalized to bitopological setting. Fukutake [5] introduced g-closed sets in bitopological spaces. In this paper we introduce a new class of sets in bitopological spaces called  $(i, j)-\psi^*\alpha$ -closed sets and study their basic properties. Also we define  $(i, j)-\psi^*\alpha$ -closure of a set and prove that the closure operator  $(i, j)-\psi^*\alpha$ -closure is the Kuratowski closure operator on  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ .

### 2. Preliminaries

The interior, closure and complement of a subset A of a space  $(X, \tau)$  are denoted by int(A)cl(A) and  $A^c$  respectively. Throughout this paper  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  represents bitopological space on which no separation axioms are assumed, unless otherwise mentioned.

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

(1). g-closed set [10] if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

- (2). sg-closed [3] if  $scl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is semi-open in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- (3).  $\psi$ -closed set [13] if  $scl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is sg-open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Abstract:** In this paper we introduce  $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed sets in bitopological spaces and obtain the relationship between the other existing closed sets. Also we study the notion of (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -closure operator and some of its properties. As applications we introduce (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha T_c$ -space, (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha T_\alpha$ -space and study some of their properties.

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- (4).  $\psi$ g-closed set [11] if  $\psi$ cl(A)  $\subseteq U$  whenever A  $\subseteq U$  and U is open in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- (5).  $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed set [1] if  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is  $\psi g$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Definition 2.2.** For i, j = 1, 2 and  $i \neq j$ , a subset A of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is called

(1). (i, j)-g-closed [5] if  $\tau_j$ -cl(A)  $\subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is  $\tau_i$ -open in X.

- (2). (i, j)-gp-closed [4] if  $\tau_j$ -pcl(A)  $\subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is  $\tau_i$ -open in X.
- (3). (i, j)-gpr-closed [6] if  $\tau_j$ -pcl(A)  $\subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is  $\tau_i$ -regular open in X.
- (4). (i, j)- $\omega$ -closed [6] if  $\tau_j$ -cl(A)  $\subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is  $\tau_i$ -semi open in X.
- (5). (i, j)-g<sup>\*</sup>-closed [12] if  $\tau_j$ -cl(A)  $\subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is  $\tau_i$ -g-open in X.
- (6). (i, j)-g $\alpha$ -closed [8] if  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is  $\tau_i$ - $\alpha$ -open in X.
- (7). (i, j)- $\alpha g$ -closed [4] if  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is  $\tau_i$ -open in X.
- (8). (i, j)- $\widetilde{g}_a$ -closed [9] if  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is  $\tau_i$ -#gs-open in X.

(9). (i, j)- $\psi g$ -closed [11] if  $\tau_j$ - $\psi cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and U is  $\tau_i$ -open in X.

**Definition 2.3.** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be a

(1).  $_{\psi^*\alpha}T_c$ -space if every  $\psi^*\alpha$ -closed subset of  $(X,\tau)$  is closed in  $(X,\tau)$  [2].

(2).  $_{\psi^*\alpha}T_{\alpha}$ -space if every  $\psi^*\alpha$ -closed subset of  $(X,\tau)$  is  $\alpha$ -closed in  $(X,\tau)$  [2].

# 3. (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -Closed Sets

**Definition 3.1.** A subset A of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$  is called  $(i, j)-\psi^*\alpha$ -closed if  $\tau_j - \alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$ and U is  $\tau_i - \psi g$ -open in  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$ , where i, j = 1, 2 and  $i \neq j$ . The family of all  $(i, j)-\psi^*\alpha$ -closed sets in  $(X, \tau_i, \tau_j)$  is denoted by  $\psi^* \alpha C(i, j)$ .

**Remark 3.2.** By setting  $\tau_i = \tau_j$  in Definition 3.1, an (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed set reduces to a  $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed set.

**Example 3.3.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\phi, \{a\}, X\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . Then  $\phi$ ,  $\{c\}$ ,  $\{a, c\}$ ,  $\{b, c\}$ , X are  $(1, 2)-\psi^*\alpha$ -closed.

**Proposition 3.4.** Every  $\tau_j$ -closed (resp.  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha$ - closed) set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(i, j) - \psi^* \alpha$ -closed but not conversely.

*Proof.* Let A be  $\tau_j$ -closed (resp.  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha$ -closed) in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  such that  $A \subseteq U$ , where U is  $\tau_i$ - $\psi g$ -open. Since A is  $\tau_j$ -closed (resp.  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha$ -closed)  $\tau_j$ -cl(A) (resp.  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha cl(A)) = A \subseteq U$ . But  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq \tau_j - cl(A)$ . Therefore  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence A is an (i, j)- $\psi^*\alpha$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ .

**Example 3.5.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau_1 = \{\phi, \{a\}, X\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . The subset  $\{b\}$  is  $(1, 2)-\psi^*\alpha$ -closed but not  $\tau_2$ -closed.

**Example 3.6.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\phi, \{a\}, X\}$  and  $t_2 = \{\phi, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . The subset  $\{b, c\}$  is  $(1, 2)-\psi^*\alpha$ -closed but not  $\tau_2$ - $\alpha$ -closed.

**Proposition 3.7.** Every (i, j)- $\psi^*\alpha$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is (i, j)-gp-closed but not conversely.

*Proof.* Let  $A \subseteq U$  and U be  $\tau_i$ -open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Since every  $\tau_i$ -open set is  $\tau_i$ - $\psi g$ -open and A is (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2), \tau_j$ - $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ . We know that  $\tau_j$ - $pcl(A) \subseteq \tau_j$ - $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore A is (i, j)-gp -closed.

**Example 3.8.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\phi, \{a\}, X\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\phi, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ . The subset  $\{a, c, d\}$  is (1, 2)-gp-closed but not (1, 2)- $\psi^*\alpha$ -closed.

**Proposition 3.9.** Every (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is (i, j)-gpr -closed but not conversely.

*Proof.* Let  $A \subseteq U$  and U be  $\tau_i$ -regular open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Since every  $\tau_i$ -regular open set is  $\tau_i \cdot \psi g$ -open and A is (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2), \tau_j \cdot \alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ . We know that  $\tau_j \cdot pcl(A) \subseteq \tau_j \cdot \alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore A is (i, j)-gpr-closed.

**Example 3.10.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}, \tau_1 = \{\phi, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, X\}$ . The subset  $\{a, d\}$  is (1, 2)-gpr-closed but not (1, 2)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed.

**Proposition 3.11.** Every (i, j)- $\psi^*\alpha$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is (i, j)- $\tilde{g}_a$ -closed but not conversely.

*Proof.* Let  $A \subseteq U$  and U be  $\tau_i$ -#gs-open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Since every  $\tau_i$ -#gs-open set is  $\tau_i$ - $\psi$ g-open and A is (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2), \tau_j$ - $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore A is (i, j)- $\tilde{g}_a$ - closed.

**Example 3.12.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\phi, \{d\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, d\}, X\}$ . The subset  $\{b, c\}$  is (1, 2)- $\tilde{g}_a$ -closed but not (1, 2)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed.

**Proposition 3.13.** Every  $(i, j) \cdot \psi^* \alpha$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(i, j) \cdot g \alpha$ -closed but not conversely.

*Proof.* Let  $A \subseteq U$  and U be  $\tau_i - \alpha$ - open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Since every  $\tau_i - \alpha$ -open set is  $\tau_i - \psi g$ -open and A is  $(i, j) - \psi^* \alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2), \tau_j - \alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore A is  $(i, j) - g\alpha$ -closed.

**Example 3.14.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau_1 = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . The subsets  $\{a, b\}$  and  $\{a, c\}$  are (1, 2)- $g\alpha$ -closed but not (1, 2)- $\psi^*\alpha$ -closed.

**Proposition 3.15.** Every (i, j)- $\psi^*\alpha$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is (i, j)- $\alpha g$ -closed but not conversely.

*Proof.* Let  $A \subseteq U$  and U be  $\tau_i$ -open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Since every  $\tau_i$ -open set is  $\tau_i$ - $\psi g$ -open and A is (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2), \tau_j$ - $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore A is (i, j)- $\alpha g$ -closed.

**Example 3.16.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau_1 = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\phi, \{a\}, X\}$ . The subsets  $\{a, b\}$  and  $\{a, c\}$  are (1, 2)- $\alpha g$ -closed but not (1, 2)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed.

**Proposition 3.17.** Every (i, j)- $\psi^*\alpha$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is (i, j)- $\psi$ g-closed but not conversely.

*Proof.* Let  $A \subseteq U$  and U be  $\tau_i$ -open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Since every  $\tau_i$ -open set is  $\tau_i$ - $\psi g$ -open and A is (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2), \tau_j$ - $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ . We know that  $\tau_j$ - $\psi cl(A) \subseteq \tau_j$ - $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$  and so  $\tau_j$ - $\psi cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore A is (i, j)- $\psi g$ -closed.

**Example 3.18.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\phi, \{a\}, X\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\phi, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . The subsets  $\{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}$  and  $\{a, c\}$  are (1, 2)- $\psi g$ -closed but not (1, 2)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed.

**Remark 3.19.** The following example show that (i, j)- $\psi^*\alpha$ -closed set is independent of (i, j)-g-closed set, (i, j)-g<sup>\*</sup>-closed set and (i, j)- $\omega$ -closed set.

**Example 3.20.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\phi, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\phi, \{a\}, X\}$ . The subset  $\{a, c, d\}$  is (1, 2)-g-closed, (1, 2)-g<sup>\*</sup>-closed and (1, 2)- $\omega$ -closed but not (1, 2)- $\psi^*\alpha$ -closed. The subset  $\{b\}$  is (1, 2)- $\psi^*\alpha$ -closed but not (1, 2)-g-closed, not (1, 2)-g<sup>\*</sup>-closed and not (1, 2)- $\omega$ -closed.

**Theorem 3.21.** If A is  $\tau_i$ - $\psi g$ -open and (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  then A is  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha$ -closed.

*Proof.* Let A be  $\tau_i - \psi g$ -open and  $(i, j) - \psi^* \alpha$ -closed. Since  $A \subseteq A$ , then  $\tau_j - \alpha cl(A) \subseteq A$ . Therefore  $\tau_j - \alpha cl(A) = A$ . Consequently A is  $\tau_j - \alpha$ -closed.

**Theorem 3.22.** If A is (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed and  $\tau_i$ - $\psi g$ -open and F is  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  then  $A \cap F$  is  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha$ -closed.

*Proof.* Since A is  $(i, j) - \psi^* \alpha$ -closed and  $\tau_i - \psi g$ -open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , A is  $\tau_j - \alpha$ -closed (by Theorem 3.21). Since F is  $\tau_j - \alpha$ -closed,  $A \cap F$  is  $\tau_j - \alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ .

**Theorem 3.23.** Union of two (i, j)- $\psi^*\alpha$ -closed sets is (i, j)- $\psi^*\alpha$ -closed.

*Proof.* Let A and B are (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed sets and U be any  $\psi g$ -open set in  $(X, \tau_i)$  containing A and B. Then  $\tau_j - \alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ ,  $\tau_j - \alpha cl(B) \subseteq U$ ,  $\tau_j - \alpha cl(A \cup B) = \tau_j - \alpha cl(A) \cup \tau_j - \alpha cl(B) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $A \cup B$  is (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed.

**Remark 3.24.** The intersection of two (i, j)- $\psi^*\alpha$ -closed sets need not be (i, j)- $\psi^*\alpha$ -closed set as seen from the following example.

**Example 3.25.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau_1 = \{\phi, \{a\}, X\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\phi, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ . The subsets  $A = \{a, b, d\}$  and  $B = \{b, c, d\}$  are  $(1, 2) \cdot \psi^* \alpha$ -closed but their intersection  $A \cap B = \{b, d\}$  is not  $(1, 2) \cdot \psi^* \alpha$ -closed.

**Theorem 3.26.** If a subset A of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(i, j)-\psi^*\alpha$ -closed then  $\tau_j-\alpha cl(A)$ -A contains no nonempty  $\tau_j-\psi g$ -closed set.

Proof. Let A be an (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed set and F be a  $\tau_j$ - $\psi g$ -closed set such that  $F \subseteq \tau_j - \alpha cl(A) - A$ . Therefore  $A \subseteq F^c$ and  $F \subseteq \tau_j - \alpha cl(A)$ . Since  $F^c$  is  $\tau_i$ - $\psi g$ -open and A is (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed,  $\tau_j - \alpha cl(A) \subseteq F^c$ . Thus  $F \subseteq [\tau_j - \alpha cl(A)]^c$ . Hence  $F \subseteq [\tau_j - \alpha cl(A)] \cap [\tau_j - \alpha cl(A)]^c = \phi$ . Therefore  $F = \phi$ . Hence  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha cl(A)$ -A contains no nonempty  $\tau_i$ - $\psi g$ -closed set.  $\Box$ 

Remark 3.27. The converse of the above theorem is not true as seen from the following example.

**Example 3.28.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}, \tau_1 = \{\phi, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\phi, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}. \quad \psi g O(X, \tau_1) = \{\{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}, \psi^* \alpha(1, 2) = \{\phi, \{d\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, X\}.$  If  $A = \{a, b\}, \tau_j - \alpha c l(A) - A = \{a, b, d\} - \{a, b\} = \{d\}.$  But  $\{a, b\}$  is not (1, 2)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed.

**Theorem 3.29.** Let A be an (i, j)- $\psi^*\alpha$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Then A is  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha$ -closed if and only if  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha cl(A)$ -A is  $\tau_i$ - $\psi g$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that A is  $(i, j)-\psi^*\alpha$ -closed. Let A be  $\tau_j-\alpha$ -closed. Then  $\tau_j - \alpha cl(A) = A$ . Therefore  $\tau_j-\alpha cl(A) - A = \phi$  is  $\tau_i-\psi g$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ .

Conversely, suppose that A is  $(i, j)-\psi^*\alpha$ -closed and  $\tau_j-\alpha cl(A)$ -A is  $\tau_i-\psi g$ -closed. Since A is  $(i, j)-\psi^*\alpha$ -closed,  $\tau_j-\alpha cl(A)$ -A contains no nonempty  $\tau_i-\psi g$ -closed set (by Theorem 3.26). Since  $\tau_j-\alpha cl(A)$ -A is  $\tau_i-\psi g$ -closed,  $\tau_j-\alpha cl(A) - A = \phi$ . Then  $\tau_j - \alpha cl(A) = A$ . Hence A is  $\tau_j-\alpha$ -closed.

**Theorem 3.30.** Let A and B be subsets of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  such that  $A \subseteq B \subseteq \tau_j - \alpha cl(A)$ . If A is  $(i, j)-\psi^*\alpha$ -closed then B is  $(i, j)-\psi^*\alpha$ -closed.

*Proof.* Let A and B be subsets such that  $A \subseteq B \subseteq \tau_j - \alpha cl(A)$ . Suppose that A is  $(i, j)-\psi^*\alpha$ -closed. Let  $B \subseteq U$  and U be  $\tau_i$ - $\psi g$ -open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Then  $A \subseteq U$ . Since A is  $(i, j)-\psi^*\alpha$ -closed,  $\tau_j - \alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Since  $B \subseteq \tau_j - \alpha cl(A)$ ,  $\tau_j - \alpha cl(B) \subseteq \tau_j - \alpha cl(\tau_j - \alpha cl(A)) = \tau_j - \alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore B is  $(i, j)-\psi^*\alpha$ -closed.

**Theorem 3.31.** Let  $B \subseteq A \subseteq X$  and suppose that B is (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , then B is (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed relative to A. The converse is true if A is  $\tau_i$ -open and (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ .

Proof. Let B be (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Let  $B \subseteq U$  and U be  $\tau_i$ - $\psi g$ -open in A. Since U is  $\tau_i$ - $\psi g$ -open in A,  $U = V \cap A$ , where V is  $\tau_i$ - $\psi g$ -open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Hence  $B \subseteq U \subseteq V$ . Since B is (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2), \tau_j - \alpha cl(B) \subseteq V$ . Hence  $\tau_j - \alpha cl(B) \cap A \subseteq V \cap A$ , which in turn implies that  $\tau_j - \alpha cl_A(B) \subseteq V \cap A = U$ . Therefore B is (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed relative to A.

Now to prove the converse, assume the given condition. Let  $B \subseteq U$  and U be  $\tau_i \cdot \psi g$ -open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Then  $A \cap U$  is  $\tau_i \cdot \psi g$ -open in A. Since  $B \subseteq A$  and  $B \subseteq U$ ,  $B \subseteq A \cap U$ . Since B is  $(i, j) \cdot \psi^* \alpha$ -closed relative to A,  $\tau_j - \alpha cl_A(B) \subseteq A \cap U$ . Since A is  $\tau_i$ -open, it is  $\tau_i \cdot \psi g$ -open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Since  $A \subseteq A$  and A is  $(i, j) \cdot \psi^* \alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2), \tau_j - \alpha cl(A) \subseteq A$ . Since  $B \subseteq A$ ,  $\tau_j - \alpha cl(B) \subseteq \tau_j - \alpha cl(A)$ . Hence  $\tau_j - \alpha cl(B) \subseteq A$ . Therefore,  $\tau_j - \alpha cl(B) \cap A = \tau_j - \alpha cl(B) \Rightarrow \tau_j - \alpha cl_A(B) = \tau_j - \alpha cl(B)$ . Hence  $\tau_j - \alpha cl(B) \subseteq A \cap U \subseteq U$ . Thus B is  $(i, j) \cdot \psi^* \alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ .

**Remark 3.32.** In general  $\psi^* \alpha C(\tau_i, \tau_j) \neq \psi^* \alpha C(\tau_j, \tau_i)$  which can be seen from the following example.

**Example 3.33.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with the topologies  $\tau_1 = \{\phi, \{a\}, X\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . Then  $\psi^* \alpha C(\tau_i, \tau_j) = \{\phi, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$  and  $\psi^* \alpha C(\tau_j, \tau_i) = \{\phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . This shows that  $\psi^* \alpha C(\tau_i, \tau_j) \neq \psi^* \alpha C(\tau_j, \tau_i)$ .

**Theorem 3.34.** If  $\tau_1 \subseteq \tau_2$  in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  then  $\psi^* \alpha C(2, 1) \subseteq \psi^* \alpha C(1, 2)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A \in \psi^* \alpha C(2, 1)$ . Let  $U \in \psi gO(X, \tau_1)$  such that  $A \subseteq U$ . Since  $\psi gO(X, \tau_1) \subseteq \psi gO(X, \tau_2)$ ,  $U \in \psi gO(X, \tau_2)$ . Since A is (2, 1)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed,  $\tau_1 - \alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Since  $\tau_1 \subseteq \tau_2$ ,  $\tau_2 - \alpha cl(A) \subseteq \tau_1 - \alpha cl(A)$ . Thus  $\tau_2 - \alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Hence A is (1, 2)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed. That is,  $A \in \psi^* \alpha C(1, 2)$ .

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

**Example 3.35.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau_1 = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . Then  $\psi^* \alpha C(2, 1) \subseteq \psi^* \alpha C(1, 2)$  but  $\tau_1 \not\subseteq t_2$ .

**Definition 3.36.** A set A of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is called  $(i, j)-\psi$  star alpha open (briefly,  $(i, j)-\psi^*\alpha$ -open) if its complement is  $(i, j)-\psi^*\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . The set of all  $(i, j)-\psi^*\alpha$ -open sets in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is denoted by  $\psi^*\alpha O(i, j)$ .

**Example 3.37.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau_1 = \{\phi, \{a\}, X\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . Then  $\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}$  are (1, 2)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -open.

**Definition 3.38.** An (i, j)- $\psi$  star alpha interior of a subset A (briefly, (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha int(A)$ ) in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is defined as follows.

$$(i,j) - \psi^* \alpha int(A) = \bigcup \{F \subseteq X : F \subseteq A \text{ and } F \text{ is } (i,j) - \psi^* \alpha \text{ open in } (X,\tau_1,\tau_2) \}$$

#### Proposition 3.39.

- (1). Every  $\tau_j$ -open set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(i, j)-\psi^*\alpha$ -open.
- (2). Every  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha$ -open set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -open.
- (3). Every (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -open set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is (i, j)-gp-open.

- (4). Every (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -open set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is (i, j)-gpr-open.
- (5). Every (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -open set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is (i, j)- $\tilde{g}_a$ -open.
- (6). Every (i, j)- $\psi^*\alpha$ -open set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is (i, j)-g $\alpha$ -open.
- (7). Every (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -open set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is (i, j)- $\alpha g$ -open.
- (8). Every  $(i, j) \psi^* \alpha$ -open set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(i, j) \psi g$ -open.

The converses of the statements in the above proposition are not true in general as seen from the Examples 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, 3.10, 3.12, 3.14, 3.16 and 3.18.

**Theorem 3.40.** A subset A of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $(i, j)-\psi^*\alpha$ -open if and only if  $F \subseteq \tau_j - \alpha int(A)$  whenever  $F \subseteq A$  and F is  $\tau_i$ - $\psi g$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ .

Proof. Suppose that A is  $(i, j)-\psi^*\alpha$ -open. Let  $F \subseteq A$  and F be  $\tau_i - \psi g$ -closed. Then  $A^c \subseteq F^c$  and  $F^c$  is  $\tau_i - \psi g$ -open. Since  $A^c$  is  $(i, j)-\psi^*\alpha$ -closed,  $\tau_j - \alpha cl(A^c) \subseteq F^c$ . Since  $\tau_j - \alpha cl(A^c) = [\tau_j - \alpha int(A)]^c$ ,  $[\tau_j - \alpha int(A)]^c \subseteq F^c$ . Hence  $F \subseteq \tau_j - \alpha int(A)$ . Conversely, suppose that  $F \subseteq \tau_j - \alpha int(A)$  whenever  $F \subseteq A$  and F is  $\tau_i - \psi g$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Let U be  $\tau_i - \psi g$ -open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  and  $A^c \subseteq U$ . Then  $U^c$  is  $\tau_i - \psi g$ -closed and  $U^c \subseteq A$ . Hence by assumption  $U^c \subseteq \tau_j - \alpha int(A)$ . Therefore  $[\tau_j - \alpha int(A)]^c \subseteq U$ . That is  $\tau_j - \alpha cl(A^c) \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $A^c$  is  $(i, j)-\psi^*\alpha$ -closed. Hence A is  $(i, j)-\psi^*\alpha$ -open.

**Theorem 3.41.** If a subset A is (i, j)- $\psi^*\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  then  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha cl(A)$ -A is (i, j)- $\psi^*\alpha$ -open.

*Proof.* Suppose that A is  $(i, j)-\psi^*\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Let  $F \subseteq \tau_j - \alpha cl(A) - A$  and F be  $\tau_i - \psi g$ -closed. Since A is  $(i, j)-\psi^*\alpha$ -closed,  $\tau_j - \alpha cl(A)$ -A does not contain nonempty  $\tau_i - \psi g$ -closed sets (by Theorem 3.26). Hence  $F = \phi$ . Thus  $F \subseteq \tau_j - \alpha cl(A) - A$ ]. Hence  $\tau_j - \alpha cl(A)$ -A is  $(i, j)-\psi^*\alpha$ -open.

**Theorem 3.42.** If a set A is (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  then G = X whenever G is  $\tau_i$ - $\psi g$ -open and  $\tau_j - \alpha int(A) \cup A^c \subseteq G$ .

Proof. Suppose that A is (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , G is  $\tau_i$ - $\psi g$ -open and  $\tau_j - \alpha int(A) \cup A^c \subseteq G$ . Then  $G^c \subseteq \{\tau_j - \alpha int(A) \cup A^c\}^c = \tau_j - \alpha cl(A^c) - A^c$ . Since  $A^c$  is (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed,  $\tau_j - \alpha cl(A^c) - A^c$  contains no nonempty  $\tau_i$ - $\psi g$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  (by Theorem 3.26). Therefore  $G^c = \phi$ . Hence G = X.

**Remark 3.43.** The converse of the above theorem is not true in general as seen from the following example.

**Example 3.44.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau_1 = \{\phi, \{a\}, X\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\phi, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . Let  $A = \{c\}$  and G = X. Then G is  $\tau_1$ - $\psi g$ -open,  $\tau_2 - \alpha int(A) \cup A^c = \phi \cup \{a, b\} = \{a, b\} \subseteq G$ , but  $A = \{c\}$  is not (1, 2)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -open.

**Theorem 3.45.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space. If  $x \in X$ , then singleton  $\{x\}$  is either  $\tau_i$ - $\psi$ g-closed or (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -open.

*Proof.* Let  $x \in X$  and suppose that  $\{x\}$  is not  $\tau_i \cdot \psi g$ -closed. Then  $X - \{x\}$  is not  $\tau_i \cdot \psi g$ -open. Consequently, X is the only  $\tau_i \cdot \psi g$ -open set containing the set  $X - \{x\}$ . Therefore  $X - \{x\}$  is  $(i, j) \cdot \psi^* \alpha$ -closed. Hence  $\{x\}$  is  $(i, j) \cdot \psi^* \alpha$ -open.

# 4. (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -closure

**Definition 4.1.** An (i, j)- $\psi^*\alpha$ -closure of a subset A (briefly, (i, j)- $\psi^*\alpha cl(A)$ ) of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is defined as  $(i, j) - \psi^*\alpha cl(A) = \cap \{F \subseteq X : A \subseteq F \text{ and } F \text{ is } (i, j) - \psi^*\alpha \text{-closed in } (X, \tau_1, \tau_2)\}.$ 

**Proposition 4.2.** Let E and F be any two subsets of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Then the following results hold.

- (a).  $(i, j) \psi^* \alpha cl(\phi) = \phi \text{ and } (i, j) \psi^* \alpha cl(X) = X.$
- (b). If  $E \subseteq F$ , then  $(i, j) \psi^* \alpha cl(E) \subseteq (i, j) \psi^* \alpha cl(F)$ .
- (c).  $E \subseteq (i,j) \psi^* \alpha cl(E) \subseteq \tau_j cl(E)$ .
- (d). If A is  $(i, j)-\psi^*\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  then  $(i, j)-\psi^*\alpha cl(E)=E$ .
- (e).  $(i,j) \psi^* \alpha cl(E \cap F) \subseteq (i,j) \psi^* \alpha cl(E) \cap (i,j) \psi^* \alpha cl(F).$
- (f).  $(i,j) \psi^* \alpha cl(E \cup F) = (i,j) \psi^* \alpha cl(E) \cup (i,j) \psi^* \alpha cl(F).$
- (g).  $(i, j) \psi^* \alpha cl((i, j) \psi^* \alpha cl(E)) = (i, j) \psi^* \alpha cl(E).$

Proof.

- (a). Since  $\phi$  and X are (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , the results follows.
- (b). Let  $E \subseteq F$ . Then by the definition of  $(i, j) \psi^* \alpha$ -closure,  $(i, j) \psi^* \alpha cl(E) \subseteq (i, j) \psi^* \alpha cl(F)$ .
- (c). From the definition of  $(i, j) \psi^* \alpha$ -closure, it follows that  $E \subseteq (i, j) \psi^* \alpha cl(E)$ . By Proposition 3.4 every  $\tau_j$ -closed set is  $(i, j) \psi^* \alpha$ -closed. Therefore  $E \subseteq (i, j) \psi^* \alpha cl(E) \subseteq \tau_j cl(E)$ .
- (d). Follows from (c) and by the definition of  $(i, j)-\psi^*\alpha$ -closure.
- (e). Since  $E \cap F \subseteq E$  and  $E \cap F \subseteq F$ , by (b)  $(i, j) \psi^* \alpha cl(E \cap F) \subseteq (i, j) \psi^* \alpha cl(E)$ ,  $(i, j) \psi^* \alpha cl(E \cap F) \subseteq (i, j) \psi^* \alpha cl(F)$ . Hence  $(i, j) - \psi^* \alpha cl(E \cap F) \subseteq (i, j) - \psi^* \alpha cl(E) \cap (i, j) - \psi^* \alpha cl(F)$ .
- (f). Since  $E \subseteq E \cup F$  and  $F \subseteq E \cup F$ , by (b)  $(i, j) \psi^* \alpha cl(E) \subseteq (i, j) \psi^* \alpha cl(E \cup F)$  and  $(i, j) \psi^* \alpha cl(F) \subseteq (i, j) \psi^* \alpha cl(E \cup F)$ . F). To prove the reverse inclusion, let  $x \in (i, j) - \psi^* \alpha cl(E \cup F)$  and suppose that  $x \notin (i, j) - \psi^* \alpha cl(E) \cup (i, j) - \psi^* \alpha cl(F)$ . Then  $x \notin (i, j) - \psi^* \alpha cl(E)$  and  $x \notin (i, j) - \psi^* \alpha cl(F)$ . Therefore there exist  $(i, j) - \psi^* \alpha - \text{closed sets U}$  and V such that  $E \subseteq U, F \subseteq V, x \notin U$  and  $x \notin V$ . Hence we have  $E \cup F \subseteq U \cup V$  and  $x \notin U \cup V$ . By Theorem 3.23,  $U \cup V$  is a  $(i, j) - \psi^* \alpha - \text{closed set and hence } x \notin (i, j) - \psi^* \alpha cl(E \cup F)$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $(i, j) - \psi^* \alpha cl(E \cup F) \subseteq$  $(i, j) - \psi^* \alpha cl(E) \cup (i, j) - \psi^* \alpha cl(F)$ . Therefore  $(i, j) - \psi^* \alpha cl(E \cup F) = (i, j) - \psi^* \alpha cl(E) \cup (i, j) - \psi^* \alpha cl(F)$ .
- (g). Follows from the definition of  $(i, j)-\psi^*\alpha$ -closure.

**Theorem 4.3.** The closure operator  $(i, j) \cdot \psi^* \alpha$ -closure is a Kuratowski closure operator on  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ .

Proof. From  $(i, j) - \psi^* \alpha cl(\phi) = \phi$ ,  $A \subseteq (i, j) - \psi^* \alpha cl(A)$ ,  $(i, j) - \psi^* \alpha cl(E \cup F) = (i, j) - \psi^* \alpha cl(E) \cup (i, j) - \psi^* \alpha cl(F)$ and  $(i, j) - \psi^* \alpha cl((i, j) - \psi^* \alpha cl(E)) = (i, j) - \psi^* \alpha cl(E)$ , we can say that  $(i, j) - \psi^* \alpha - is$  a Kuratowski closure operator on  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ .

**Definition 4.4.** A bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is called an

- (1)  $(i, j) \psi^* \alpha T_c$ -space if every  $(i, j) \psi^* \alpha$ -closed subset of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $\tau_j$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ .
- (2)  $(i, j) \psi^* \alpha T_\alpha$ -space if every  $(i, j) \psi^* \alpha$ -closed subset of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $\tau_j \alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ .

**Proposition 4.5.** Every  $(i, j) - {}_{\psi^*\alpha}T_c$ -space is an  $(i, j) - {}_{\psi^*\alpha}T_\alpha$ -space but not conversely.

*Proof.* Assume that  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is an  $(i, j) - {}_{\psi^*\alpha}T_c$ -space. Let A be an  $(i, j) - {}_{\psi^*\alpha}$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Then A is  $\tau_j$ -closed. Since every  $\tau_j$ -closed set is  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha$ -closed, A is  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Thus  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is an  $(i, j) - {}_{\psi^*\alpha}T_{\alpha}$ -space.  $\Box$ 

**Example 4.6.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau_1 = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\tau_2 = \{\phi, \{a\}, X\}$ . Then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is an  $(i, j) - \psi^* \alpha T_\alpha$ -space but not an  $(i, j) - \psi^* \alpha T_c$ -space, since the subsets  $\{b\}$  and  $\{c\}$  are  $(1, 2) - \psi^* \alpha$ -closed but not  $\tau_2$ -closed in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ .

**Theorem 4.7.** For a space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  the following statements are equivalent.

(1)  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is an  $(i, j) - \psi^* \alpha T_\alpha$ -space.

(2) For each  $x \in X$ ,  $\{x\}$  is either  $\tau_i$ - $\psi g$ -closed or  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha$ -open.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $x \in X$  and  $\{x\}$  be not a  $\tau_i$ - $\psi g$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Then  $X - \{x\}$  is not  $\tau_i$ - $\psi g$ -open. Hence X is the only  $\tau_i$ - $\psi g$ -open set containing  $X - \{x\}$ . This implies that  $X - \{x\}$  is an (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ . Since X is an  $(i, j) - \psi^* \alpha T_\alpha$ -space,  $X - \{x\}$  is a  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  or equivalently  $\{x\}$  is  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha$ -open in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let A be an (i, j)- $\psi^* \alpha$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  and  $x \in \tau_j - \alpha cl(A)$ . We show that  $x \in A$ . By (2),  $\{x\}$  is either  $\tau_i$ - $\psi g$ -closed or  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha$ -open.

**Case 1:** Assume that  $\{x\}$  is  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha$ -open. Then  $X - \{x\}$  is  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha$ -closed. If  $x \notin A$ , then  $A \subseteq X - \{x\}$ . Since  $x \in \tau_j - \alpha cl(A)$ ,  $x \in [X - \{x\}]$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $x \in A$ .

**Case 2:** Assume that  $\{x\}$  is  $\tau_i$ - $\psi g$ -closed and  $x \notin A$ . Then  $\tau_j$ - $\alpha cl(A)$ -A contains a  $\tau_j$ - $\psi g$ -closed set  $\{x\}$ . This contradicts Theorem 3.26. Therefore  $x \in A$ .

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