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# Regular Generalized $\omega$ -Closed Sets

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In 1982 and 1970, Hdeib and Levine introduced the notions of  $\omega$ -closed set and generalized closed set, respectively. The aim of this paper is to provide a relatively new notion of generalized closed set, namely, regular generalized  $\omega$ -closed, regular generalized  $\omega$ -continuous,  $a$ - $\omega$ -continuous, and regular generalized  $\omega$ -irresolute maps and to study its fundamental properties.

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## 1. Introduction

All through this paper  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  stand for topological spaces with no separation axioms assumed, unless otherwise stated. Let  $A \subseteq X$ , the closure of  $A$  and the interior of  $A$  will be denoted by  $\text{Cl}(A)$  and  $\text{Int}(A)$ , respectively.  $A$  is regular open if  $A = \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A))$  and  $A$  is regular closed if its complement is regular open; equivalently  $A$  is regular closed if  $A = \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(A))$ , see [1]. Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a space and let  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . A point  $x \in X$  is called a condensation point of  $A$  if for each  $U \in \tau$  with  $x \in U$ , the set  $U \cap A$  is uncountable.  $A$  is called  $\omega$ -closed [2] if it contains all its condensation points. The complement of an  $\omega$ -closed set is called  $\omega$ -open. It is well known that a subset  $W$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\omega$ -open if and only if for each  $x \in W$ , there exists  $U \in \tau$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $U - W$  is countable. The family of all  $\omega$ -open subsets of a space  $(X, \tau)$ , denoted by  $\tau_\omega$  or  $\omega O(X)$ , forms a topology on  $X$  finer than  $\tau$ . The  $\omega$ -closure and  $\omega$ -interior, that can be defined in a manner similar to  $\text{Cl}(A)$  and  $\text{Int}(A)$ , respectively, will be denoted by  $\text{Cl}_\omega(A)$  and  $\text{Int}_\omega(A)$ , respectively. Several characterizations of  $\omega$ -closed subsets were provided in [3, 2, 4]. Levine [5] introduced the notion of generalized closed sets and a class of topological spaces called  $T_{1/2}$ -spaces. He defined a subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  to be generalized closed

set (briefly  $g$ -closed) if  $Cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $U \in \tau$  and  $A \subseteq U$ . Generalized semiclosed [6] (resp.,  $\alpha$ -generalized closed [7],  $\theta$ -generalized closed [8], generalized semi-preclosed [9],  $\delta$ -generalized closed [10],  $\omega$ -generalized closed [3, 11]) sets are defined by replacing the closure operator in Levine's original definition by the semiclosure (resp.,  $\alpha$ -closure,  $\theta$ -closure, semi-preclosure,  $\delta$ -closure,  $\omega$ -closure) operator.

**2. Regular generalized  $\omega$ -closed sets**

A subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is called regular generalized closed (simply,  $rg$ -closed) (see [12]) if  $Cl(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is regular open. Analogously, we begin this section by introducing the class of regular generalized  $\omega$ -closed sets.

*Definition 2.1.* A subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is called regular generalized  $\omega$ -closed (simply,  $rg\omega$ -closed) if  $Cl_\omega(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is regular open. A subset  $B$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is called regular generalized  $\omega$ -open (simply,  $rg\omega$ -open) if the complement of  $B$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed sets.

We have the following relation for  $rg\omega$ -closed with the other known sets:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & \omega\text{-}c\text{-closed} & & & \\
 & \updownarrow & & & \\
 \text{closed} & \Longrightarrow & g\text{-closed} & \Longrightarrow & rg\text{-closed} \\
 & \downarrow & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \omega\text{-closed} & \Longrightarrow & g\omega\text{-closed} & \Longrightarrow & rg\omega\text{-closed}
 \end{array} \tag{2.1}$$

*Example 2.2.* Let  $\mathbb{R}$  be the set of all real numbers, let  $\mathbb{Q}$  be the set of all rational numbers, with the topology  $\tau = \{\mathbb{R}, \emptyset, \mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q}\}$ . Then  $A = \mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q}$  is not  $g\omega$ -closed, since  $A$  is open, thus  $\omega$ -open and  $A \subseteq A$ ,  $Cl_\omega(A) \not\subseteq A$  (because  $A$  is not  $\omega$ -closed). Also the only regular open set containing  $A$  is  $X$ . Thus  $A$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed.

*Example 2.3.* Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ , with the topology  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ . Then the set  $\{a\}$  is not  $rg$ -closed, see [13]. But  $\{a\}$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed set, since  $X$  is finite and  $\tau_\omega$  is discrete topology.

It is clear that if  $(X, \tau)$  is a countable space, then  $rg\omega(X, \tau) = \mathcal{P}(X)$ , where  $rg\omega(X, \tau)$  is the set of all  $rg\omega$ -closed subsets of  $X$  and  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  is the power set of  $X$ .

Since every closed set is  $\omega$ -closed we have the following.

LEMMA 2.4. For every subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $Cl_\omega(A) \subset Cl(A)$ .

The proof of the following result follows from the fact that every regular open set is an open set together with Lemma 2.4.

THEOREM 2.5. Every  $g\omega$ -closed set and  $rg$ -closed set are  $rg\omega$ -closed.

**THEOREM 2.6.** *Let  $A$  be an  $rg\omega$ -closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$ . Then  $Cl_\omega(A) - A$  does not contain any nonempty regular closed set.*

*Proof.* Let  $F$  be a regular closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $F \subseteq Cl_\omega(A) - A$ . Then  $F \subseteq X - A$  and hence  $A \subseteq X - F$ . Since  $A$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed set and  $X - F$  is a regular open subset of  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $Cl_\omega(A) \subseteq X - F$  and so  $F \subseteq X - Cl_\omega(A)$ . Therefore  $F \subseteq Cl_\omega(A) \cap (X - Cl_\omega(A)) = \phi$ . □

**THEOREM 2.7.** *A subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is  $rg\omega$ -open if and only if  $F \subseteq Int_\omega(A)$  whenever  $F$  is a regular closed subset such that  $F \subseteq A$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be an  $rg\omega$ -open subset of  $X$  and let  $F$  be a regular closed subset of  $X$  such that  $F \subseteq A$ . Then  $X - A$  is an  $rg\omega$ -closed set and  $X - A \subseteq X - F$ . Since  $X - A$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed,  $X - Int_\omega(A) = Cl_\omega(X - A) \subseteq X - F$ . Thus  $F \subseteq Int_\omega(A)$ . Conversely, if  $F \subseteq Int_\omega(A)$  where  $F$  is a regular closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $F \subseteq A$ , then for any regular open subset  $U$  such that  $X - A \subseteq U$ , we have  $X - U \subseteq A$  and thus  $X - U \subseteq Int_\omega(A)$ . That is,  $X - Int_\omega(A) = Cl_\omega(X - A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $X - A$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed. □

**LEMMA 2.8 [14].** *For every open  $U$  in a topological space  $X$  and every  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $Cl(U \cap A) = Cl(U \cap Cl(A))$ .*

Recall that two nonempty sets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$  are said to be separated if  $Cl(A) \cap B = \phi = A \cap Cl(B)$ .

**THEOREM 2.9.** *If  $A$  and  $B$  are open,  $rg\omega$ -open, and separated sets, then  $A \cup B$  is  $rg\omega$ -open.*

*Proof.* Let  $F$  be a regular closed subset of  $A \cup B$ . Then  $F \cap Cl(A) \subseteq A$ , since  $A$  is open and by Lemma 2.8 we have  $F \cap Cl(A)$  is regular closed hence by Theorem 2.7  $F \cap Cl(A) \subseteq Int_\omega(A)$ . Similarly,  $F \cap Cl(B) \subseteq Int_\omega(B)$ . Then we have  $F \subseteq Int_\omega(A \cup B)$  and hence  $A \cup B$  is  $rg\omega$ -open. □

The following example shows that the union of  $rg\omega$ -open sets need not be  $rg\omega$ -open.

**Example 2.10.** Let  $X$  be an uncountable set and let  $A, B, C, D$  be subsets of  $X$ , such that each of them is uncountable set and the family  $\{A, B, C, D\}$  is a partition of  $X$ . We defined the topology  $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{A\}, \{B\}, \{A, B\}, \{A, B, C\}\}$ . Choose  $x, y \notin A$  and  $x \neq y$ . Then  $H = A \cup \{x\}$  and  $G = A \cup \{y\}$  are  $rg\omega$ -closed, since only regular open set containing  $H, G$  is  $X$ . But  $H \cap G = \{A\}$  and  $\{A\}$  is regular open in  $X$  and  $Cl_\omega(A) \not\subseteq A$ , since  $\{A\}$  is not  $\omega$ -closed. Thus  $H \cap G$  is not  $rg\omega$ -closed. Therefore the union of  $rg\omega$ -open sets need not be  $rg\omega$ -open.

The proof of the following result is straightforward since  $\tau_\omega$  is a topology on  $X$  and thus omitted.

**THEOREM 2.11.** *If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $rg\omega$ -closed sets, then  $A \cup B$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed.*

**THEOREM 2.12.** *Let  $A$  be a  $rg\omega$ -closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$ . If  $B \subseteq X$  such that  $A \subseteq B \subseteq Cl_\omega(A)$ , then  $B$  is also  $rg\omega$ -closed. Let  $B$  be a subset of  $(X, \tau)$  and let  $A$  be an  $rg\omega$ -open subset such that  $Int_\omega(A) \subseteq B \subseteq A$ . Then  $B$  is also  $rg\omega$ -open.*

The proof is obvious.

**THEOREM 2.13.** *If  $A$  be an  $rg\omega$ -closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $Cl_\omega(A) - A$  is  $rg\omega$ -open set.*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be an  $rg\omega$ -closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$  and let  $F$  be a regular closed subset such that  $F \subseteq Cl_\omega(A) - A$ . By Theorem 2.6,  $F = \phi$  and thus  $F \subseteq Int_\omega(Cl_\omega(A) - A)$ . By Theorem 2.7,  $Cl_\omega(A) - A$  is  $rg\omega$ -open set.  $\square$

We first recall the following lemmas to obtain further results for  $rg\omega$ -closed sets.

**LEMMA 2.14** [3]. *If  $Y$  is an open subspace of a space  $X$  and  $A$  is a subset of  $Y$ , then  $Cl_{\omega|Y}(A) = Cl_\omega(A) \cap (Y)$ .*

**LEMMA 2.15.** *If  $A$  is a regular open and  $rg\omega$ -closed subset of a space  $X$ , then  $A$  is  $\omega$ -closed in  $X$ .*

The proof is obvious.

**THEOREM 2.16.** *Let  $Y$  be an open subspace of a space  $X$  and  $A \subseteq Y$ . If  $A$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed in  $X$ , then  $A$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed in  $Y$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $U$  be a regular open set of  $Y$  such that  $A \subseteq U$ . Then  $U = V \cap Y$  for some regular open set  $V$  of  $X$ . Since  $A$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed in  $X$ , we have  $Cl_\omega(A) \subseteq U$  and by Lemma 2.14,  $Cl_{\omega|Y}(A) = Cl_\omega(A) \cap (Y) \subseteq V \cap Y = U$ . Hence  $A$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed in  $X$ .  $\square$

**COROLLARY 2.17.** *If  $A$  is an  $rg\omega$ -closed regular open set and  $B$  is an  $\omega$ -closed set of a space  $X$ , then  $A \cap B$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed.*

**THEOREM 2.18.** *Let  $A$  be an  $rg\omega$ -closed set. Then  $A = Cl_\omega(Int_\omega(A))$  if and only if  $Cl_\omega(Int_\omega(A)) - A$  is regular closed.*

*Proof.* If  $A = Cl_\omega(Int_\omega(A))$ , then  $Cl_\omega(Int_\omega(A)) - A = \phi$  and hence  $Cl_\omega(Int_\omega(A)) - A$  is regular closed. Conversely, let  $Cl_\omega(Int_\omega(A)) - A$  be regular closed, since  $Cl_\omega(A) - A$  contains the regular closed set  $Cl_\omega(Int_\omega(A)) - A$ . By Theorem 2.6  $Cl_\omega(Int_\omega(A)) - A = \phi$  and hence  $A = Cl_\omega(Int_\omega(A))$ .  $\square$

**LEMMA 2.19** [3]. *Let  $(A, \tau_A)$  be an antilocally countable subspace of a space  $(X, \tau)$ . Then  $Cl(A) = Cl_\omega(A)$ .*

We call  $(X, \tau)$  an antilocally countable space if each nonempty open set is an uncountable set.

**COROLLARY 2.20.** *In an antilocally countable subspace of a space  $(X, \tau)$ , the concepts of  $rg\omega$ -closed set and  $rg$ -closed set coincide.*

**LEMMA 2.21** [3]. *Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  be two topological spaces. Then  $(\tau \times \sigma)_\omega \subseteq \tau_\omega \times \sigma_\omega$ .*

**THEOREM 2.22.** *If  $A \times B$  is  $rg\omega$ -open subset of  $(X \times Y, \tau \times \sigma)$ , then  $A$  is  $rg\omega$ -open subset in  $(X, \tau)$  and  $B$  is  $rg\omega$ -open subset in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $F_A$  be a regular closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$  and let  $F_B$  be a regular closed subset of  $(Y, \sigma)$  such that  $F_A \subseteq A$  and  $F_B \subseteq B$ . Then  $F_A \times F_B$  is regular closed in  $(X \times Y, \tau \times \sigma)$  such that  $F_A \times F_B \subseteq A \times B$ . By assumption  $A \times B$  is  $rg\omega$ -open in  $(X \times Y, \tau \times \sigma)$  and so

$F_A \times F_B \subseteq \text{Int}_\omega(A \times B) \subseteq \text{Int}_\omega(A) \times \text{Int}_\omega(B)$  by Lemma 2.21. Therefore  $F_A \subseteq \text{Int}_\omega$ ,  $F_B \subseteq \text{Int}_\omega(B)$ . Hence  $A, B$  are  $rg\omega$ -open.  $\square$

The converse of the above need not be true in general.

*Example 2.23.* Let  $X = Y = \mathbb{R}$  with the usual topology  $\tau$ . Let  $A = \{\{\mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q}\} \cup [\sqrt{2}, 5]\}$  and  $B = (1, 7)$ . Then  $A$  and  $B$  are  $rg\omega$ -open ( $\omega$ -open) subsets of  $(\mathbb{R}, \tau)$ , while  $A \times B$  is not  $rg\omega$ -open in  $(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}, \tau \times \tau)$ , since the set  $F = [\sqrt{2}, 3] \times [3, 5]$  is regular closed set contained in  $A \times B$  and  $F \not\subseteq \text{Int}_\omega(A \times B)$ . The point  $(\sqrt{2}, 4) \in F$  and  $(\sqrt{2}, 4) \notin \text{Int}_\omega(A \times B)$ , because if  $(\sqrt{2}, 4) \in \text{Int}_\omega(A \times B)$ , then there exist open set  $U$  containing  $\sqrt{2}$  and open set  $V$  containing 4 such that  $(U \times V) - (A \times B)$  is countable but  $(U \times V) - (A \times B)$  is uncountable for any open set  $U$  containing  $\sqrt{2}$  and open set  $V$  containing 4.

### 3. Regular generalized $\omega$ - $T_{1/2}$ space

Recall that a space  $(X, \tau)$  is called  $T_{1/2}$  [5] if every  $g$ -closed set is closed or equivalently if every singleton is open or closed, Dunham [15]. We introduce the following relatively new definition.

*Definition 3.1.* A space  $(X, \tau)$  is a regular generalized  $\omega$ - $T_{1/2}$  (simply,  $rg\omega$ - $T_{1/2}$ ) if every  $rg\omega$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\omega$ -closed.

**THEOREM 3.2.** For a space  $(X, \tau)$ , the following are equivalent.

- (1)  $X$  is a  $rg\omega$ - $T_{1/2}$ .
- (2) Every singleton is either regular closed or  $\omega$ -open.

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) Suppose  $\{x\}$  is not a regular closed subset for some  $x \in X$ . Then  $X - \{x\}$  is not regular open and hence  $X$  is the only regular open set containing  $X - \{x\}$ . Therefore  $X - \{x\}$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed. Since  $(X, \tau)$  is  $rg\omega$ - $T_{1/2}$  space,  $X - \{x\}$  is  $\omega$ -closed and thus  $\{x\}$  is  $\omega$ -open.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Let  $A$  be an  $rg\omega$ -closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$  and  $x \in \text{Cl}_\omega(A)$ . We show that  $x \in A$ . If  $\{x\}$  is regular closed and  $x \notin A$ , then  $x \in (\text{Cl}_\omega(A) - A)$ . Thus  $\text{Cl}_\omega(A) - A$  contains a nonempty regular closed set  $\{x\}$ , a contradiction to Theorem 2.6. So  $x \in A$ . If  $\{x\}$  is  $\omega$ -open, since  $x \in \text{Cl}_\omega(A)$ , then for every  $\omega$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$ , we have  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$ . But  $\{x\}$  is  $\omega$ -open then  $\{x\} \cap A \neq \emptyset$ . Hence  $x \in A$ . So in both cases we have  $x \in A$ . Therefore  $A$  is  $\omega$ -closed.  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.3.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an antilocally countable space. Then  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $T_1$ -space if every  $rg\omega$ -closed set is  $\omega$ -closed.

*Proof.* Let  $x \in X$ , and suppose that  $\{x\}$  is not closed. Then  $A = X - \{x\}$  is not open, and thus  $A$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed (the only regular open set containing  $A$  is  $X$ ). Therefore, by assumption,  $A$  is  $\omega$ -closed, and thus  $\{x\}$  is  $\omega$ -open. So there exists  $U \in \tau$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $U - \{x\}$  is countable. It follows that  $U$  is a nonempty countable open subset of  $x \in X$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

*Definition 3.4.* A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be

- (i) approximately closed [16] ( $a$ -closed) provided that  $f(F) \subseteq \text{Int}(A)$  whenever  $F$  is a closed subset of  $X$ ,  $A$  is a  $g$ -open subset of  $Y$ , and  $f(F) \subseteq A$ ;

- (ii) approximately continuous [16] ( $a$ -continuous) provided that  $\text{Cl}(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$  whenever  $V$  is an open subset of  $Y$ ,  $A$  is a  $g$ -closed subset of  $X$ , and  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ .

*Definition 3.5.* A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be approximately  $\omega$ -closed (simply,  $a$ - $\omega$ -closed) provided that  $f(F) \subseteq \text{Int}_\omega(A)$  whenever  $F$  is a regular closed subset of  $X$ ,  $A$  is an  $rg\omega$ -open of  $Y$ , and  $f(F) \subseteq A$ .

*Definition 3.6.* A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be approximately  $\omega$ -continuous (simply,  $a$ - $\omega$ -continuous) provided that  $\text{Cl}_\omega(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$  whenever  $V$  is a regular open subset of  $Y$ ,  $A$  is an  $rg\omega$ -closed subset of  $X$ , and  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ .

The notions of  $a$ -closed (resp.;  $a$ -continuous) and  $a$ - $\omega$ -closed (resp.;  $a$ - $\omega$ -continuous) are independent.

*Example 3.7.* Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ . Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \tau)$  be a function defined by  $f(a) = a, f(b) = d, f(c) = b, f(d) = c$ . Then  $f$  is  $a$ - $\omega$ -closed, since  $X$  is finite and thus  $\tau_\omega$  is a discrete topology, and  $f$  is not  $a$ -closed function. Because the set  $A = \{b, c\}$  is  $g$ -open and  $F = \{c, d\}$  is closed,  $f(F) \subseteq A$ , but  $f(F) \not\subseteq \text{Int}(A)$ .

*Example 3.8.* Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{\phi, X, \mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q}\}$ . Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \tau)$  be a function defined by  $f(x) = 0$ , for all  $x \in X$ . Then  $f$  is  $a$ -closed, since for any closed set  $F$  of  $X$ , the only  $g$ -open set containing  $f(F)$  is  $X$ . And  $f$  is not  $a$ - $\omega$ -closed function. Because the set  $A = \mathbb{Q}$  is  $rg\omega$ -open and  $F = \mathbb{R}$  is regular closed,  $f(F) \subseteq A$ , but  $f(F) \not\subseteq \text{Int}_\omega(A) = \phi$ .

**THEOREM 3.9.** A space  $X$  is  $rg\omega$ - $T_{1/2}$ -space if and only if every space  $Y$  and every function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  are  $a$ - $\omega$ -continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $V$  be a regular open subset of  $Y$  and  $A$  is an  $rg\omega$ -closed subset of  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ , since  $X$  is  $rg\omega$ - $T_{1/2}$ -space then  $A$  is  $\omega$ -closed thus  $A = \text{Cl}_\omega(A)$ , hence  $\text{Cl}_\omega(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$  and  $f$  is  $a$ - $\omega$ -continuous. Let  $A$  be a nonempty  $rg\omega$ -closed subset of  $X$  and let  $Y$  be the set  $X$  with the topology  $\{Y, A, \phi\}$ . Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be the identity mapping. By assumption  $f$  is  $a$ - $\omega$ -continuous. Since  $A$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed subset in  $X$  and open in  $Y$  such that  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(A)$ , it follows that  $\text{Cl}_\omega(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(A) = A$ . Hence  $A$  is  $\omega$ -closed in  $X$  and therefore  $X$  is  $rg\omega$ - $T_{1/2}$ -space. □

**LEMMA 3.10.** If the regular open and regular closed sets of  $X$  coincide, then all subsets of  $X$  are  $rg\omega$ -closed (and hence all are  $rg\omega$ -open).

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be any subset of  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is regular open, then  $\text{Cl}_\omega(A) \subseteq \text{Cl}_\omega(U) \subseteq \text{Cl}(U) = U$ . Therefore  $A$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed. □

**THEOREM 3.11.** If the regular open and regular closed sets of  $Y$  coincide, then a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $a$ - $\omega$ -closed if and only if  $f(F)$  is  $\omega$ -open for every regular closed subset  $F$  of  $X$ .

*Proof.* Assume  $f$  is  $a$ - $\omega$ -closed by Lemma 3.10 all subsets of  $Y$  are  $rg\omega$ -closed. So for any regular closed subset  $F$  of  $X$ ,  $f(F)$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $a$ - $\omega$ -closed,  $f(F) \subseteq \text{Int}_\omega(f(F))$ , therefore  $f(F) = \text{Int}_\omega(f(F))$  thus  $f(F)$  is  $\omega$ -open. Conversely if  $f(F) \subseteq A$  where  $F$  is regular closed and  $A$  is  $rg\omega$ -open, then  $f(F) = \text{Int}_\omega(f(F)) \subseteq \text{Int}_\omega(A)$  hence  $f$  is  $a$ - $\omega$ -closed. □

The proof of the following result for  $a$ - $\omega$ -continuous function is analogous and is omitted.

**THEOREM 3.12.** *If the regular open and regular closed sets of  $X$  coincide, then a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $a$ - $\omega$ -continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\omega$ -closed for every regular open subset  $V$  of  $Y$ .*

**4.  $rg\omega$ -continuity**

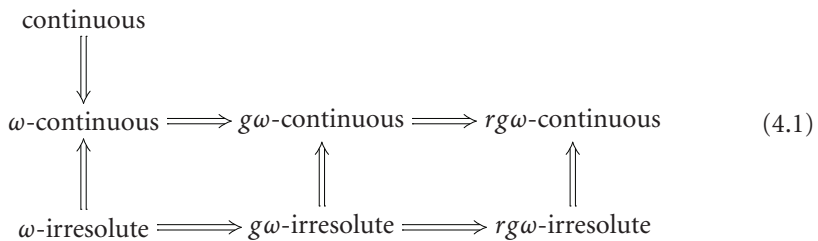
In this section, we will introduce some new classes of maps and study some of their characterizations. In [11, 3] a map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called  $\omega$ -irresolute (resp.,  $R$ -map [17]) if the inverse image of every  $\omega$ -closed (resp., regular closed) subset of  $Y$  is  $\omega$ -closed (resp., regular closed) in  $X$ . In [3], a map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called  $g\omega$ -closed if the image of every closed subset of  $X$  is  $g\omega$ -closed in  $Y$ . Relatively new definitions are given next.

*Definition 4.1.* A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called  $rg\omega$ -closed (resp., ro-preserving, pre- $\omega$ -closed) if  $f(V)$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed (resp., regular open,  $\omega$ -closed) in  $Y$  for every closed (resp., regular open,  $\omega$ -closed) subset  $V$  of  $X$ .

*Example 4.2.* Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ . Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \tau)$  be a function defined by  $f(a) = a, f(b) = b, f(c) = d, f(d) = c$ . Then  $f$  is ro-preserving, since the family of all regular open sets of  $X$  is  $\{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b\}\}$ . But if we defined  $g : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \tau)$  as  $g(a) = c, g(b) = d, g(c) = a, g(d) = b$ , then  $g$  is not ro-preserving function.

*Definition 4.3.* A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called  $rg\omega$ -continuous (resp.,  $rg\omega$ -irresolute) if the inverse image of every  $\omega$ -closed (resp.,  $rg\omega$ -closed) subset  $V$  of  $Y$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed subset of  $X$ .

From the definition stated above we obtain the following diagram of implications:



**THEOREM 4.4.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a surjective,  $rg\omega$ -irresolute, and pre- $\omega$ -closed map if  $X$  is  $rg\omega$ - $T_{1/2}$ -space, then  $Y$  is also an  $rg\omega$ - $T_{1/2}$ -space.*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be  $rg\omega$ -closed subset of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is an  $rg\omega$ -irresolute map, then  $f^{-1}(A)$  is an  $rg\omega$ -closed subset of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $rg\omega$ - $T_{1/2}$ -space, then  $f^{-1}(A)$  is an  $\omega$ -closed subset of  $X$ . Since  $f$  is a pre- $\omega$ -closed map, then  $f(f^{-1}(A)) = A$  is an  $\omega$ -closed subset of  $Y$ . Therefore  $Y$  is also  $rg\omega$ - $T_{1/2}$ -space.  $\square$

Since every  $g\omega$ -closed set is  $rg\omega$ -closed, every  $g\omega$ -closed map is  $rg\omega$ -closed. Next we give new characterization of  $g\omega$ -closed maps.

**THEOREM 4.5.** *A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $g\omega$ -closed if and only if for each  $A \subseteq Y$  and each open set  $U$  containing  $f^{-1}(A)$ , there exists a  $g\omega$ -open subset  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $A \subseteq V$  and  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq U$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $F$  be a  $g\omega$ -closed map,  $A \subseteq Y$ , and let  $U$  be an open set containing  $f^{-1}(A)$ . Then  $V = Y - f(X - U)$  is  $g\omega$ -open subset of  $Y$  containing  $A$  and  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq U$ . Conversely let  $F$  be closed subset of  $X$  and let  $H$  be an open subset of  $Y$  such that  $f(F) \subseteq H$ . Then  $f^{-1}(Y - f(F)) \subseteq X - F$  and  $X - F$  is open by hypothesis, there exists a  $g\omega$ -open subset  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $Y - f(F) \subseteq V$  and  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq X - F$ . Therefore,  $F \subseteq X - f^{-1}(V)$  and hence  $f(F) \subseteq Y - V$ . Since  $Y - H \subseteq Y - f(F)$ ,  $f^{-1}(Y - H) \subseteq f^{-1}(Y - f(F)) \subseteq f^{-1}(V) \subseteq X - F$ , by taking complement, we get  $F \subseteq X - f^{-1}(V) \subseteq X - f^{-1}(Y - f(F)) \subseteq X - f^{-1}(Y - H)$ . Therefore  $f(F) \subseteq Y - V \subseteq H$ . Since  $Y - V$  is  $g\omega$ -closed set and  $\text{Cl}_\omega(f(F)) \subseteq \text{Cl}_\omega(Y - V) \subseteq H$ , hence  $f(F)$  is  $g\omega$ -closed. Thus  $f$  is a  $g\omega$ -closed map.  $\square$

Since every  $\omega$ -closed set is  $rg\omega$ -closed, we have the following.

**THEOREM 4.6.** *Every  $rg\omega$ -irresolute map is  $rg\omega$ -continuous map.*

**Definition 4.7.** A subset  $A \subseteq X$  is said to be  $\omega$ - $c$ -closed provided that there is a proper subset  $B$  for which  $A = \text{Cl}_\omega(B)$ . A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be  $g\omega$ - $c$ -closed if  $f(A)$  is  $g\omega$ -closed in  $Y$  for every  $\omega$ - $c$ -closed subset  $A \subseteq X$ .

Since closed sets are obviously  $\omega$ - $c$ -closed,  $g\omega$ -closed maps are  $g\omega$ - $c$ -closed. In a similar manner, we say a map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $rg\omega$ - $c$ -closed if  $f(A)$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed in  $Y$  for every  $\omega$ - $c$ -closed subset  $A \subseteq X$ .

**THEOREM 4.8.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be an  $R$ -map and  $rg\omega$ - $c$ -closed. Then  $f(A)$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed in  $Y$  for every  $rg\omega$ -closed subset  $A$  of  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be an  $rg\omega$ -closed subset of  $X$  and let  $U$  be a regular open subset of  $Y$  such that  $f(A) \subseteq U$ . Since  $f$  is an  $R$ -map,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is a regular open subset of  $X$  and  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(U)$ . As  $A$  is an  $rg\omega$ -closed subset,  $\text{Cl}_\omega(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(U)$ . Hence  $f(\text{Cl}_\omega(A)) \subseteq (U)$ . Because  $\text{Cl}_\omega(A)$  is  $\omega$ - $c$ -closed and  $F$  is  $rg\omega$ - $c$ -closed map,  $f(\text{Cl}_\omega(A))$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed. Therefore,  $\text{Cl}_\omega(f(A)) \subseteq \text{Cl}_\omega(f(\text{Cl}_\omega(A))) \subseteq f(\text{Cl}_\omega(A)) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $f(A)$  is an  $rg\omega$ -closed subset of  $Y$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 4.9.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be  $ro$ -preserving and  $\omega$ -irresolute function, if  $B$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed in  $Y$ , then  $f^{-1}(B)$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed in  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $G$  be a regular open subset of  $X$  such that  $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq G$ . Then  $B \subseteq f(G)$  and  $f(G)$  is regular open. Since  $B$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed, then  $\text{Cl}_\omega(B) \subseteq f(G)$  and  $f^{-1}(\text{Cl}_\omega(B)) \subseteq G$ . Since  $f$  is  $\omega$ -irresolute then  $f^{-1}(\text{Cl}_\omega(B))$  is  $\omega$ -closed and  $\text{Cl}_\omega(f^{-1}(\text{Cl}_\omega(B))) = f^{-1}(\text{Cl}_\omega(B))$ , therefore  $\text{Cl}_\omega(f^{-1}(\text{Cl}_\omega(B))) \subseteq \text{Cl}_\omega(f^{-1}(\text{Cl}_\omega(B))) \subseteq G$  thus  $f^{-1}(B)$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed in  $X$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 4.10.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be  $a$ - $\omega$ -closed maps and  $\omega$ -irresolute maps, if  $A$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed in  $Y$ , then  $f^{-1}(A)$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed in  $X$ .*



*Proof.* Assume that  $A$  is an  $rg\omega$ -closed in  $Y$  and  $f^{-1}(A) \subseteq U$ , where  $U$  is a regular open subset of  $X$ . Taking complements we obtain  $X - U \subseteq X - f^{-1}(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(Y - A)$  and  $f(X - U) \subseteq Y - A$ . Since  $f$  is  $a$ - $\omega$ -closed,  $f(X - U) \subseteq \text{Int}_\omega(Y - A) = Y - \text{Cl}_\omega(A)$ . It follows that  $X - U \subseteq X - f^{-1}(\text{Cl}_\omega(A))$  and  $f^{-1}(\text{Cl}_\omega(A)) \subseteq U$ , since  $f$  is  $\omega$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(\text{Cl}_\omega(A))$  is  $\omega$ -closed thus we have  $f^{-1}(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{Cl}_\omega(A)) \subseteq U$  and  $\text{Cl}_\omega(f^{-1}(A)) \subseteq \text{Cl}_\omega(f^{-1}(\text{Cl}_\omega(A))) = f^{-1}(\text{Cl}_\omega(A)) \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $\text{Cl}_\omega(f^{-1}(A)) \subseteq U$  and  $f^{-1}(A)$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed in  $X$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 4.11.** *If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $R$ -map and  $rg\omega$ -closed and  $A$  is  $g$ -closed subset of  $X$ , then  $f(A)$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed.*

*Proof.* Let  $f(A) \subseteq U$ , where  $U$  is regular open subset of  $X$  then  $f^{-1}(U)$  is regular open set containing  $A$ . Since  $A$  is  $g$ -closed, we have then  $\text{Cl}(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(U)$  and  $f(\text{Cl}(A)) \subseteq U$ . Since  $f$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed,  $f(\text{Cl}(A))$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed. Therefore  $\text{Cl}_\omega(f(\text{Cl}(A))) \subseteq U$  which implies that  $\text{Cl}_\omega(f(A)) \subseteq U$ , hence  $f(A)$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed.  $\square$

The proof of Theorem 4.8 can be easily modified to obtain the following result.

**THEOREM 4.12.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be  $a$ - $\omega$ -map and  $rg\omega$ - $c$ -closed. Then  $f(A)$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed subset of  $Y$  for every  $rg\omega$ -closed subset  $A$  of  $X$ .*

**THEOREM 4.13.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be  $R$ -map and pre- $\omega$ -closed. Then  $f(A)$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed in  $Y$  for every  $rg\omega$ -closed subset  $A$  of  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be any  $rg\omega$ -closed subset of  $X$  and let  $U$  be any regular open subset of  $Y$  such that  $f(A) \subseteq U$ . Since  $f$  is  $R$ -map,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is regular open and  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(U)$ . As  $A$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed,  $\text{Cl}_\omega(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(U)$ . Hence  $f(\text{Cl}_\omega(A)) \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $\text{Cl}_\omega(f(A)) \subseteq \text{Cl}_\omega(f(\text{Cl}_\omega(A))) = f(\text{Cl}_\omega(A)) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $f(A)$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed in  $Y$ .  $\square$

**Definition 4.14.** A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be  $\omega$ -contra- $R$ -map if for every regular open subset  $V$  of  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\omega$ -closed.

**Example 4.15.** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$  with the usual topology  $\tau$  and let  $Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ , with the topology  $\sigma = \{\phi, Y, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ . Then the function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} a, & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q}, \\ c, & \text{if } x \notin \mathbb{Q}, \end{cases} \tag{4.2}$$

is  $\omega$ -contra- $R$ -map, since  $\mathbb{Q}$  is  $\omega$ -closed. But the function  $f(x)$  defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} a, & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q}, \\ b, & \text{if } x \notin \mathbb{Q}, \end{cases} \tag{4.3}$$

is not  $\omega$ -contra- $R$ -map, since the family of all regular open set in  $(Y, \sigma)$  is  $\{\phi, Y, \{a\}, \{b\}\}$  and  $f^{-1}(\{b\})$  is not  $\omega$ -closed.

**THEOREM 4.16.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be  $\omega$ -contra- $R$ -map and  $rg\omega$ - $c$ -closed. Then  $f(A)$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed in  $Y$  for every subset  $A$  of  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be any subset of  $X$  and let  $U$  be any regular open subset of  $Y$  such that  $f(A) \subseteq U$ . Then  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(U)$ . Since  $f$  is  $\omega$ -contra- $R$ -map,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is  $\omega$ -closed and so  $\text{Cl}_\omega(A) \subseteq \text{Cl}_\omega(f^{-1}(U)) = f^{-1}(U)$ . Hence  $f(\text{Cl}_\omega(A)) \subseteq U$ . As  $\text{Cl}_\omega(A)$  is  $\omega$ - $c$ -closed subset of  $X$  and  $f$  is  $rg\omega$ - $c$ -closed map,  $f(\text{Cl}_\omega(A))$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed. Therefore  $\text{Cl}_\omega(f(A)) \subseteq \text{Cl}_\omega(f(\text{Cl}_\omega(A))) \subseteq f(\text{Cl}_\omega(A)) \subseteq U$ . Thus  $f(A)$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed in  $Y$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 4.17.** *If map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $rg\omega$ -continuous (resp.,  $rg\omega$ -irresolute) and  $X$  is  $rg\omega$ - $T_{1/2}$ , then  $f$  is  $\omega$ -continuous (resp.,  $rg\omega$ -irresolute).*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be any closed (resp.,  $\omega$ -closed) subset of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is an  $rg\omega$ -continuous (resp.,  $rg\omega$ -irresolute) map,  $f^{-1}(A)$  is an  $rg\omega$ -closed subset of  $X$ . As  $(X, \tau)$  is  $rg\omega$ - $T_{1/2}$  space,  $f^{-1}(A)$  is an  $\omega$ -closed subset of  $X$ . Therefore,  $f$  is an  $\omega$ -continuous (resp.,  $rg\omega$ -irresolute).  $\square$

**THEOREM 4.18.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a bijective, ro-preserving, and  $rg\omega$ -continuous map. Then  $f$  is  $rg\omega$ -irresolute map.*

*Proof.* Let  $V$  be any  $rg\omega$ -closed subset of  $X$  and let  $U$  be any regular open subset of  $Y$  such that  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq U$ . Clearly  $V \subseteq f(U)$ . Since  $f$  is a ro-preserving map,  $f(U)$  is regular open and, by assumption,  $V$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed set. Hence  $\text{Cl}_\omega(V) \subseteq f(U)$  and  $f^{-1}(\text{Cl}_\omega(V)) \subseteq U$ . Since  $f$  is  $rg\omega$ -continuous and  $\text{Cl}_\omega(V)$  is  $\omega$ -closed in  $Y$ , then  $f^{-1}(\text{Cl}_\omega(V))$  is a  $rg\omega$ -closed subset of  $U$  and so  $\text{Cl}_\omega(f^{-1}(\text{Cl}_\omega(V))) \subseteq U$ . Since  $\text{Cl}_\omega(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq \text{Cl}_\omega(f^{-1}(\text{Cl}_\omega(V))) \subseteq U$ ,  $\text{Cl}_\omega(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an  $rg\omega$ -closed subset. Hence  $f$  is  $rg\omega$ -irresolute map.  $\square$

**THEOREM 4.19.** *A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $f$   $rg\omega$ -closed if and only if for each subset  $B$  of  $Y$  and for each open set  $U$  containing  $f^{-1}(B)$ , there is an  $rg\omega$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $B \subseteq V$  and  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq U$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $f$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed, let  $B$  be a subset of  $Y$ , and  $U$  is an open set of  $X$  such that  $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq U$ . Then  $f(X - U)$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed in  $Y$ . Let  $V = Y - f(X - U)$ , then  $V$  is  $rg\omega$ -open set and  $f^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(Y - f(X - U)) = X - (X - U) \subseteq U$  therefore  $V$  is an  $rg\omega$ -open set containing  $B$  such that  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq U$ . Conversely suppose that  $F$  is a closed set of  $X$  then  $f^{-1}(Y - f(F)) \subseteq X - F$ , and  $X - F$  is open. By hypothesis, there is an  $rg\omega$ -open set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $Y - f(F) \subseteq V$  and  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq X - F$  therefore  $F \subseteq X - f^{-1}(V)$ . Hence  $Y - V \subseteq f(F) \subseteq f(X - f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq Y - V$  implies that  $f(F) = Y - V$ , thus  $f$  is  $rg\omega$ -closed.  $\square$

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