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### **Generalized Separation Axioms in Topology**

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#### **ABSTRACT**

In this paper, we introduce and study a new class of separation axioms called generalized separation axioms using generalized open sets due to Levine. Introducing the definition of  $\xi$ - open sets in a topological space we define a new separation axioms. The connections between these separation axioms and other existing well-known related separation axioms are also investigated.

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## INTRODUCTION

In 1970, Levine generalized the concept of closed sets to generalized closed sets. The complement of a open (resp.  $g$ -closed<sup>1</sup>) set is called a closed (resp.  $g$ -open<sup>1</sup>) set. Recently, there is a vast progression in the field of generalized closed sets. After then, there are many works on separation axioms has been done.. In this paper, we introduce the generalized forms of separation axioms using the concepts of generalized open sets called generalized -  $T_i$  (briefly denoted by  $g$ - $T_i$ ) spaces. Also, we define the concepts of  $\xi$ -open sets in topology to define the another class of separation axioms called  $\xi$ -separation axioms and also a few properties of these separation axioms are investigated.

## PRELIMINARIES

Through out in this paper, we denote  $X$  as a topological space.

**Definition 2.1:** The closure (resp. preclosure ) of a subset  $A$  of  $X$  is the intersection of all closed (resp. preclosed) sets that contains  $A$  and is denoted by  $clA$  (resp.  $pclA$ ). The union of all open subsets of  $A$  is called the interior of  $A$  and is denoted by  $int A$ .

**Definition 2.2:** Generalized closure of a subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is the intersection of all  $g$ closed sets containing  $A$  and is denoted by  $gcl(A)$  .

**Definition 2.3:**A point  $x$  of a space  $X$  is called a generalized limit point(  $g$ -limit point) of a subset  $A$  of  $X$ , if for each  $g$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$ ,  $A \cap (U - \{x\}) \neq \Phi$  and the set of all  $g$ -limit points of  $A$ , denoted by  $gd(A)$ , is called generalized derived set of  $A$  .

**Definition 2.4:** Let  $A$  be a subset of a space  $X$  then  $A$  is said to be a generalized closed (*i.e.*  $g$ -closed) set if  $clA \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is open set.

**Definition 2.5:** A space  $X$  is called a  $T_{1/2}$  space if every  $g$ -closed set is closed.

**Definition 2.6:** A space  $X$  is called  $T_1$  iff to each pair of distinct points  $x, y$  of  $X$ , there exists a pair of open sets, one containing  $x$  but not  $y$ , and the other containing  $y$  but not  $x$ .

**Definition 2.7:** A space  $X$  is called  $R_o$  iff for each open set  $G$  and  $x \in G$  implies  $gcl\{x\} \subset G$ .

**Definition 2.8:** A space  $X$  is called  $R_1$  space iff for  $x, y \in X$  with  $gcl\{x\} \neq gcl\{y\}$ , there exist disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $gcl\{x\} \subset U$  and  $gcl\{y\} \subset V$ .

**Definition 2.9:** A space  $X$  is called  $T_2$  space iff to each pair of distinct points  $x, y$  of  $X$  there exists a pair of disjoint open sets, one containing  $x$  and the other containing  $y$ .

## SEMI-GENERALIZED SEPARATION AXIOMS

In this section, we define and study some new separation axioms using  $g$ -open sets .

**Definition 3.1:** A space  $X$  is called generalized  $-T_0$  (briefly  $g-T_0$ ) iff to each pair of distinct points  $x, y$  of  $X$ , there exists a  $g$ -open set containing one but not the other.

Clearly, every  $T_0$  space is  $g-T_0$  space since every open set is  $g$ -open set but converse is not true.

**Theorem 3.1:** If in any topological space  $X$ , generalized closures of distinct points are distinct, then  $X$  is  $g-T_0$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x, y \in X, x \neq y$  imply  $gcl\{x\} \neq gcl\{y\}$ . Then there exists a point  $z \in X$  such that  $z$  belongs one of two sets, say,  $gcl\{y\}$  but not to  $gcl\{x\}$ . If we suppose that  $z \in gcl\{x\}$ , then  $z \in gcl\{y\} \subset gcl\{x\}$ , which is contradiction. So,  $y \in X-gcl\{x\}$ , where  $X-gcl\{x\}$  is  $g$ -open set which does not contain  $x$ . This shows that  $X$  is  $g-T_0$ .

**Theorem 3.2:** In any topological space  $X$ , generalized closures (gclosures) of distinct points are distinct.

Proof is simple.

**Definition 3.2:** A space  $X$  is called generalized  $-T_1$  (briefly  $g-T_1$ ) iff to each pair of distinct points  $x, y$  of  $X$ , there exists a pair of  $g$ -open sets, one containing  $x$  but not  $y$ , and the other containing  $y$  but not  $x$ .

Clearly, every  $T_1$  space is  $g-T_1$  space since every open set is  $g$ -open set.

**Definition 3.3:** A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is called a generalized neighbourhood (i.e.  $gnbd.$ ) of a point  $x$  of  $X$  if there exists  $g$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \subset \Phi A$ .

**Definition 3.4:** The union of all  $g$ -open sets which are contained in  $A$  is called the generalized interior of  $A$  and is denoted by  $gint A$ .

Since the union of  $g$ -open sets is  $g$ -open and hence  $gint A$  is  $g$ -open.

**Lemma 3.1:** A subset of a space  $X$  is  $g$ -open iff it is a  $g$  nbd. of each of its points.

Proof is omitted.

**Definition 3.5:** A point  $x$  of  $X$  is called a generalized interior point (i.e.  $g$ -interior point) if there is a  $g$  open set  $A$  such that  $x \in A$ .

**Lemma 3.2:** Let  $X$  be a space and  $A \subset X, x \in X$ . Then  $x$  is a  $g$ -interior point of  $A$  iff  $A$  is a  $gnbd.$  of  $x$ .

**Theorem 3.3:** For a topological space  $X$ , each of the following statement is equivalent:

(a)  $X$  is  $g-T_1$

(b) Each one point set is  $g$ -closed set in  $X$

Proof is simple.

**Lemma 3.3:** A point  $x \in gcl(A)$  iff every  $g$ -open set containing  $x$  contains a point of  $A$ .

**Theorem 3.4:** If  $X$  is  $g-T_1$  and  $p \in gd(A)$  for some subset  $A$  of  $X$ , then every  $gnbd.$  of  $p$  contains infinitely many points of  $A$ .

Proof is simple.

**Theorem 3.5:** In a  $g-T_1$  space  $X$ ,  $gd(A)$  is  $g$ -closed for any subset  $A$  of  $X$ .

**Definition 3.6:** A space  $X$  is called generalized  $-T_2$  space (briefly written as  $g-T_2$  space) iff to each pair of distinct points  $x, y$  of  $X$  there exists a pair of disjoint  $g$ -open sets, one containing  $x$  and the other containing  $y$ .

Clearly, every  $T_2$  space is  $g-T_2$  space since every open set is  $g$ -open set.

**Definition 3.7:** A space  $X$  is called generalized  $-R_o$  (i.e. written as  $g-R_o$ ) iff for each  $g$ -open set  $G$  and  $x \in G$  implies  $gcl\{x\} \subset G$ .

Clearly, every  $R_o$  space is  $g-R_o$ .

**Definition 3.8:** A space  $X$  is called generalized  $-R_1$  (i.e. written as  $g-R_1$ ) space iff for  $x, y \in X$  with  $gcl\{x\} \neq gcl\{y\}$ , there exist disjoint  $g$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $gcl\{x\} \subset U$  and  $gcl\{y\} \subset V$ .

Clearly, every  $R_1$  space is  $g-R_1$ .

**Theorem 3.4:** The following are equivalent.

- (a)  $X$  is  $g-T_2$  space
- (b)  $X$  is  $g-R_1$  and  $g-T_1$  space
- (c)  $X$  is  $g-R_1$  and  $g-T_o$ .

Proof is easy and hence omitted.

## $\xi$ -SEPARATION AXIOMS

In this section, we define and study some new separation axioms by defining  $\xi$ -open sets which are stronger than generalized separation axioms.

**Definition 4.1:** A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is called  $\xi$ -open set of  $X$  if  $F \subset \text{int } A$  whenever  $F$  is  $g$ -closed and  $F \subset A$ .

Clearly, every open set is  $\xi$ -open and every  $\xi$ -open set is  $g$ -open set.

**Definition 4.2:** A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is called a  $\xi$ -neighbourhood of a point  $x$  of  $X$  if there exists  $\xi$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \subset A$ .

**Definition 4.3:** The union of all  $\xi$ -open sets which are contained in  $A$  is called the  $\xi$ -interior of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\xi$ -int $A$ .

Since the union of  $\xi$ -open sets is  $\xi$ -open and hence  $\xi$ -int $A$  is  $\xi$ -open.

**Lemma 4.1:** A subset of a space  $X$  is  $\xi$ -open iff it is a  $\xi$ -nbd. of each of its points.

Proof is omitted.

**Definition 4.4:** A point  $x$  of  $X$  is called a  $\xi$ -interior point of  $A \subset X$  if there is  $\xi$ -open set containing  $x \in A$ .

**Lemma 4.2:** Let  $X$  be a space and  $A \subset X, x \in X$ . Then  $x$  is a  $\xi$ -interior point of  $A$  iff  $A$  is a  $\xi$ -nbd. of  $x$ .

**Definition 4.5:** The  $\xi$ -closure of a subset  $A$  of  $X$  is the intersection of all  $\xi$ -closed sets that contains  $A$  and is denoted by  $\xi$ -cl $A$ .

**Definition 4.6:** A point  $x$  of a space  $X$  is called a  $\xi$ -limit point of a subset  $A$  of  $X$ , if for each  $\xi$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x, A \cap (U - \{x\}) \neq \Phi$

**Definition 4.7:** The set of all  $\xi$ -limit points of  $A$ , denoted by  $\xi$ - $d(A)$ , is called  $\xi$ -derived set of  $A$

**Definition 4.8:** A space  $X$  is called  $\xi$ - $T_0$  iff to each pair of distinct points  $x, y$  of  $X$ , there exists a  $\xi$ -open set containing one but not the other.

Clearly, every  $T_0$  space is  $\xi$ - $T_0$  space and every  $\xi$ - $T_0$  is  $g$ - $T_0$  since every open set is  $\xi$ -open and every  $\xi$ -open set is  $g$ -open set.

**Theorem 4.1:** If in any topological space  $X$ ,  $\xi$ -closures of distinct points are distinct, then  $X$  is  $\xi$ - $T_0$ :

**Definition 4.9:** A space  $X$  is called  $\xi$ - $T_1$  iff to each pair of distinct points  $x, y$  of  $X$ , there exists a pair of  $\xi$ -open sets, one containing  $x$  but not  $y$ , and the other containing  $y$  but not  $x$ .

Clearly, every  $T_1$  space is  $\xi$ - $T_1$  space and  $\xi$ - $T_1$  space is  $g$ - $T_1$  space, since every open set is  $\xi$ -open and every  $\xi$ -open set is  $g$ -open set.

**Theorem 4.2:** For a topological space  $X$ , each of the following statement are equivalent:

(a)  $X$  is  $\xi$ - $T_1$

(b) Each one point set is  $\xi$ -closed set in  $X$

Proof is simple.

From the definition of  $\xi$ -limit point and  $\xi$ - $d(A)$ , the following can be easily proved.

**Lemma 4.2:** A point  $x \in \xi$ -cl $(A)$  iff every  $\xi$ -open set containing  $x$  contains the point of  $A$ .

**Theorem 4.3:** If  $X$  is  $\xi$ - $T_1$  and  $p \in \xi$ - $d(A)$  for some subset  $A$  of  $X$ , then every  $\xi$ -nbd. of  $p$  contains infinitely many points of  $A$ .

**Theorem 4.4:** In a  $\xi$ - $T_1$  space  $X$ ,  $\xi$ - $d(A)$  is  $\xi$ -closed for any subset  $A$  of  $X$ .

**Definition 4.10:** A space  $X$  is called  $\xi$ - $T_2$  space iff to each pair of distinct points  $x, y$  of  $X$  there exists a pair of disjoint  $\xi$ -open sets, one containing  $x$  and the other containing  $y$ .

Clearly, every  $T_2$  space is  $\xi$ - $T_2$  and  $\xi$ - $T_2$  space is  $g$ - $T_2$  space since every open set is  $\xi$ -open and every  $\xi$ -open set is  $g$ -open set.

**Definition 4.11:** A space  $X$  is called  $\xi$ - $R_0$  iff for each  $\xi$ -open set  $G$  and  $x \in G$  implies  $\xi$ - $cl\{x\} \subset G$ .

Clearly, every  $R_0$  space is  $\xi$ - $R_0$  and every  $\xi$ - $R_0$  space is  $g$ - $R_0$ .

**Definition 4.12:** A space  $X$  is called  $\xi$ - $R_1$  space iff for  $x, y \in X$  with  $\xi$ - $cl\{x\} \neq \xi$ - $cl\{y\}$ , there exist disjoint  $\xi$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $\xi$ - $cl\{x\} \subset U$  and  $\xi$ - $cl\{y\} \subset V$ .

Clearly, every  $R_1$  space is  $\xi$ - $R_1$  and every  $\xi$ - $R_1$  space is  $g$ - $R_1$ . Clearly, every  $\xi$ - $R_1$  space is  $\xi$ - $R_0$  space.

**Theorem 4.4:** The following are equivalent.

- (a)  $X$  is  $\xi$ - $T_2$  space
- (b)  $X$  is  $\xi$ - $R_1$  and  $\xi$ - $T_1$  space
- (c)  $X$  is  $\xi$ - $R_1$  and  $\xi$ - $T_0$ .

Proof is easy and hence omitted.

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