

## CHAPTER 2

### $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -Closed Sets and $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -Open Sets in Topological Spaces

#### 2.1 Introduction

The notion of  $\alpha$ -sets in topological spaces was introduced by Njastad [1965] and he studied several fundamental properties. A generalization to the closed set in topological spaces was defined and studied by Levine [1970], which paved the good way to analyse and investigate many stronger and weaker forms of the generalized closed sets. Mashhour et al. [1983] defined the complement of  $\alpha$ -sets called  $\alpha$ -closed sets by continuing the work of Njastad [1965] and established various properties. Later,  $\Lambda$ -set was introduced by Maki [1986]. Using  $\Lambda$ -set and closed set, Francisco G Arenas et al. [1997] introduced and investigated the notion of  $\lambda$ -closed sets which involves the intersection of  $\Lambda$ -sets and closed sets. Subsequently, Caldas et al. [2007 b] introduced the notion of  $\lambda$ -closure of a set by utilizing the notion of  $\lambda$ -closed sets in topological spaces. Consecutively, generalizations to the  $\Lambda$ -sets such as  $\Lambda_g$ -closed sets and  $g\Lambda$ -closed sets were introduced by Caldas et al. [2008 a] and examined their corresponding properties.

This chapter deals with yet another new class of sets called  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed sets in topological spaces. At the outset, we have defined  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed sets which is obtained by generalizing  $\lambda$ -closed sets with the help of  $\alpha$ -open sets. We have presented the relationships between the newly defined sets and the previously existing sets with corresponding counter examples. From the interrelations we have observed that  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed sets lie exactly between  $\lambda$ -closed sets and  $g\Lambda$ -closed sets. Also, we have called the complement of  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed sets as  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -open sets in topological spaces. Further, we have examined the fundamental properties and characterizations of the newly defined sets.

Later the vital properties such as closure and interior of the defined  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed sets and  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -open sets specified by the notions  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closure of a subset and  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -interior of a subset are also developed. Various properties related to them are also derived.

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## 2.2 $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -Closed Sets

This section is devoted to define the  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed sets in topological spaces. Their dependencies and independencies are derived with counter examples subsequently.

**Definition 2.2.1** Let  $(M, \mu)$  be a topological space. A subset  $S$  of  $(M, \mu)$  is said to be a  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed set if  $cl_\lambda(S) \subseteq P$  whenever  $S \subseteq P$  and  $P$  is  $\alpha$ -open in  $(M, \mu)$ .

**Example 2.2.2** Let  $M = \{i, j, k, l\}$  and  $\mu = \{\phi, \{i\}, M\}$ . Then the subsets  $\phi, \{i\}, \{j, k, l\}, M$  are the  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed sets.

**Proposition 2.2.3** Every  $\lambda$ -closed set in  $(M, \mu)$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed but not conversely.

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be a  $\lambda$ -closed set. Let  $P$  be any  $\alpha$ -open set containing  $S$  in  $(M, \mu)$ . Since  $S$  is  $\lambda$ -closed,  $cl_\lambda(S) = S \subseteq P$ . Therefore  $S$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed.

**Example 2.2.4** Let  $M = \{i, j, k\}$  and  $\mu = \{\phi, \{i, j\}, M\}$ . Then the subset  $\{i\}$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed but not  $\lambda$ -closed.

**Proposition 2.2.5** Every closed set in  $(M, \mu)$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed but not conversely.

**Proof:** Obvious from Lemma 1.1.8 (ii) and from Proposition 2.2.3.

**Example 2.2.6** Let  $M = \{i, j, k\}$  and  $\mu = \{\phi, \{i\}, M\}$ . Then the subset  $\{i\}$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed but not closed.

**Proposition 2.2.7** Every open set in  $(M, \mu)$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed but not conversely.

**Proof:** Obvious from Lemma 1.1.8 (ii) and from Proposition 2.2.3.

**Example 2.2.8** Let  $M = \{i, j, k\}$  and  $\mu = \{\phi, \{i\}, M\}$ . Then the subset  $\{j, k\}$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed but not open.

**Proposition 2.2.9** Every  $\Lambda$ -set in  $(M, \mu)$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed but not conversely.

**Proof:** Obvious from Lemma 1.1.8 (i) and from Proposition 2.2.3.

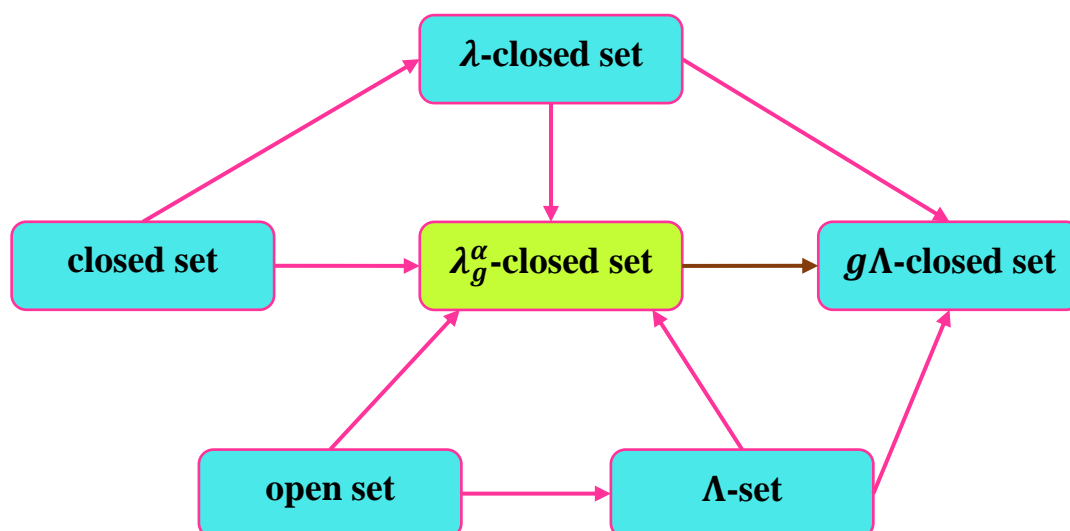
**Example 2.2.10** Let  $M = \{i, j, k\}$  and  $\mu = \{\phi, \{i\}, \{j\}, \{i, j\}, M\}$ . Then the subset  $\{k\}$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed but not a  $\Lambda$ -set.

**Proposition 2.2.11** Every  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed set in  $(M, \mu)$  is  $g\Lambda$ -closed but not conversely.

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be a  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed set and let  $P$  be any open set containing  $S$  in  $(M, \mu)$ . As every open set is  $\alpha$ -open and  $S$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed, we have  $cl_\lambda(S) \subseteq P$ . Hence  $S$  is  $g\Lambda$ -closed.

**Example 2.2.12** Let  $M = \{i, j, k, l\}$  and  $\mu = \{\phi, \{i\}, \{i, j\}, M\}$ . Then the subset  $\{k\}$  is  $g\Lambda$ -closed but not  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed.

**Remark 2.2.13** The above implications are depicted in the below diagram.



**Proposition 2.2.14** Let  $S$  be an  $\alpha$ -open subset of  $(M, \mu)$ . Then  $S$  is  $\lambda$ -closed if  $S$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed.

**Proof:** Suppose  $S$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed. Since  $S \subseteq S$  and  $S$  is  $\alpha$ -open we have  $cl_\lambda(S) \subseteq S$ . Hence from the fact that  $S \subseteq cl_\lambda(S) \subseteq cl(S)$ , we have  $S$  is  $\lambda$ -closed.

**Remark 2.2.15** The following example shows that  $\alpha$ -closed sets and  $\lambda$ -closed sets are independent in general.

**Example 2.2.16** Let  $M = \{i, j, k\}$  and  $\mu = \{\phi, \{i\}, M\}$ . Then the subset  $\{k\}$  is  $\alpha$ -closed but not  $\lambda$ -closed, also the subset  $\{i\}$  is  $\lambda$ -closed but not  $\alpha$ -closed.

**Remark 2.2.17**  $g$ -closed (resp.  $\alpha$ -closed,  $\alpha g$ -closed,  $g\alpha$ -closed,  $\Lambda_g$ -closed,  $\Lambda_{g\alpha}$ -closed) sets and  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed sets are independent of each other as observed from the following example.

**Example 2.2.18** Let  $M = \{i, j, k\}$  and  $\mu = \{\phi, \{i\}, M\}$ . Then the subset  $\{i\}$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed but not  $g$ -closed (resp.  $\alpha$ -closed,  $\alpha g$ -closed,  $g\alpha$ -closed,  $\Lambda_g$ -closed,  $\Lambda_{g\alpha}$ -closed) also the subset  $\{j\}$  is  $g$ -closed (resp.  $\alpha$ -closed,  $\alpha g$ -closed,  $g\alpha$ -closed,  $\Lambda_g$ -closed,  $\Lambda_{g\alpha}$ -closed) but not  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed.

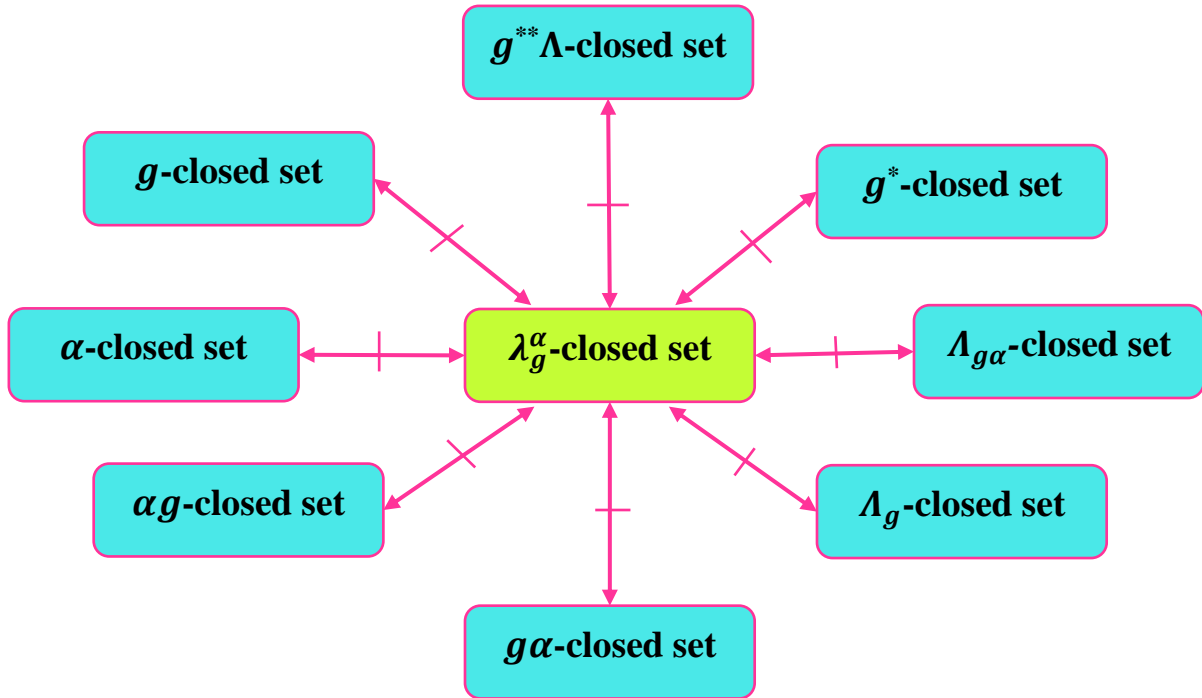
**Remark 2.2.19**  $g^*$ -closed sets and  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed sets are independent of each other as observed from the following example.

**Example 2.2.20** Let  $M = \{i, j, k\}$  and  $\mu = \{\phi, \{i\}, \{i, j\}, M\}$ . Then the subset  $\{i\}$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed but not  $g^*$ -closed also the subset  $\{i, k\}$  is  $g^*$ -closed but not  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed.

**Remark 2.2.21**  $g^{**}\Lambda$ -closed sets and  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed sets are independent of each other as observed from the following example.

**Example 2.2.22** Let  $M = \{i, j, k, l, m\}$  and  $\mu = \{\phi, \{i\}, \{j, k\}, \{i, j, k\}, \{j, k, l, m\}, M\}$ . Then the subset  $\{j\}$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed but not  $g^{**}\Lambda$ -closed also the subset  $\{j, l\}$  is  $g^{**}\Lambda$ -closed but not  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed.

**Remark 2.2.23** The above independencies are presented in the below diagram.



**Remark 2.2.24** The following example shows that the union of any two  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed sets need not be  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed.

**Example 2.2.25** Let  $M = \{i, j, k\}$  and  $\mu = \{\phi, \{i\}, \{i, j\}, M\}$ . Here the subsets  $\{i\}$  and  $\{k\}$  are  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed sets but their union  $\{i, k\}$  is not a  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed set.

**Remark 2.2.26**  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed sets will not form a topology, since it does not satisfy the condition that union of  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed sets is a  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed set.

**Remark 2.2.27** The following example shows that the difference of two  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed sets need not be  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed.

**Example 2.2.28** Let  $M = \{i, j, k, l, m\}$  and  $\mu = \{\phi, \{i\}, \{j, k\}, \{i, j, k\}, \{j, k, l, m\}, M\}$ . Here the subsets  $\{i, k, l\}$  and  $\{i, k, m\}$  are  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed sets but their difference  $\{l\}$  is not a  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed set.

**Proposition 2.2.29** If  $(M, \mu)$  is an  $\alpha$ -space, then every  $\alpha$ -closed set is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed.

**Proof:** Follows from Definition 1.2.1 (i) and Proposition 2.2.5.

**Proposition 2.2.30** If  $(M, \mu)$  is a  $T_{1/2}$ -space, then every  $g$ -closed set is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed.

**Proof:** Follows from Definition 1.2.2 (i) and Proposition 2.2.5.

**Proposition 2.2.31** If  $(M, \mu)$  is a  $T_{1/2}$ -space, then every subset is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed.

**Proof:** Follows from Definition 1.2.2 (iii) and Proposition 2.2.3.

**Proposition 2.2.32** If  $(M, \mu)$  is a  $T_1$ -space, then every  $\Lambda_g$ -closed set is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed.

**Proof:** Follows from Result 1.2.3 (ii) and Proposition 2.2.5.

**Proposition 2.2.33** If  $(M, \mu)$  is an  ${}_aT_b$ -space, then every  $\alpha g$ -closed set is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed.

**Proof:** Follows from Definition 1.2.1 (iii) and Proposition 2.2.5.

**Proposition 2.2.34** If  $(M, \mu)$  is a door space, then every subset is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed.

**Proof:** Follows from Definition 1.2.1 (v) and Proposition 2.2.5 and 2.2.7.

**Proposition 2.2.35** If  $(M, \mu)$  is a  $T_{1/2}^*$ -space, then every  $g^*$ -closed set is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed.

**Proof:** Follows from Definition 1.2.1 (iv) and Proposition 2.2.5.

**Definition 2.2.36** [Neiminen, 1977] A partition space is a space where every open set is closed.

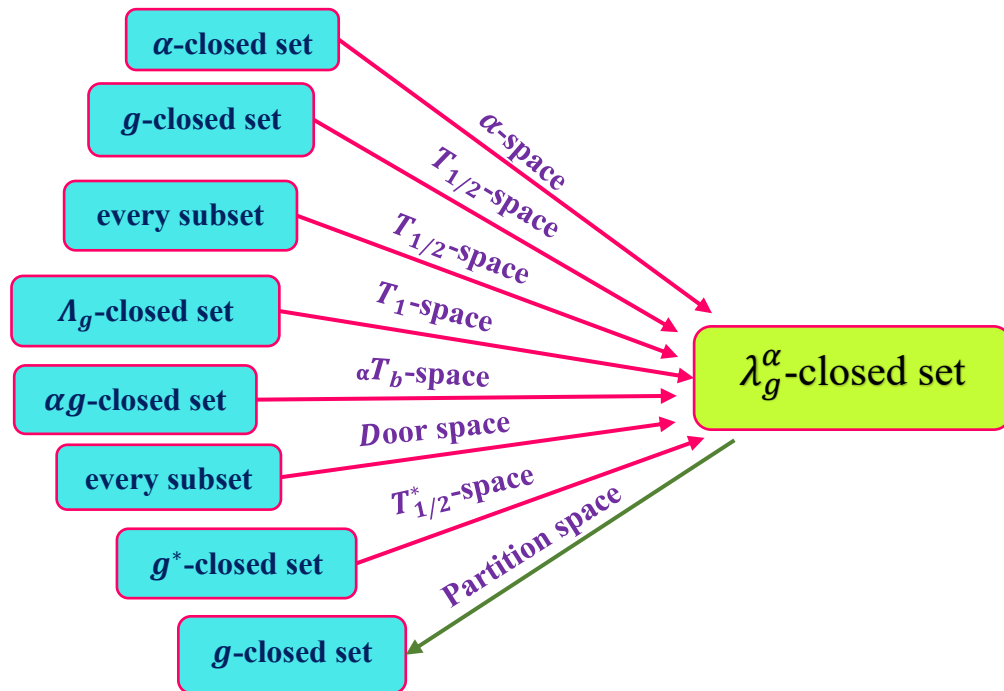
**Theorem 2.2.37** Let  $(M, \mu)$  be an  $\alpha$ -space. If  $(M, \mu)$  is a partition space, then every subset of  $(M, \mu)$  is a  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed set.

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be any subset of  $(M, \mu)$  such that  $S \subseteq P$  and  $P$  is  $\alpha$ -open. Since  $(M, \mu)$  is an  $\alpha$ -space,  $P$  is open. Since  $(M, \mu)$  is a partition space,  $P$  is closed. As every closed set is  $\lambda$ -closed,  $P$  is  $\lambda$ -closed. Hence  $cl_\lambda(S) \subseteq cl_\lambda(P) = P$ . Hence every subset of  $(M, \mu)$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed.

**Theorem 2.2.38** Let  $(M, \mu)$  be a partition space. Then every  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed set in  $(M, \mu)$  is  $g$ -closed.

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be a  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed set and  $S \subseteq P$  and  $P$  is open. Since every open set is  $\alpha$ -open and  $S$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed, we have  $cl_\lambda(S) \subseteq P$ . Since  $(M, \mu)$  is a partition space, the class of  $\lambda$ -closed sets coincide with the class of closed sets. Therefore, we have  $cl(S) = cl_\lambda(S) \subseteq P$ . Hence  $S$  is  $g$ -closed.

**Remark 2.2.39** The above results are exhibited in the below diagram.



### 2.3 Properties of $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -Closed Sets

Fundamental properties and standard note-worthy theorems are derived for  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed sets in this section.

**Theorem 2.3.1** If a subset  $S$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed, then  $cl_\lambda(S) \setminus S$  does not contain any non-empty closed set in  $(M, \mu)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be a  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed set in  $(M, \mu)$ . Suppose  $T$  is a non-empty closed set contained in  $cl_\lambda(S) \setminus S$ , which implies  $S \subseteq T^c$ , where  $T^c$  is open. Since  $S$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed and as every open set is  $\alpha$ -open, we have  $cl_\lambda(S) \subseteq T^c$ . Hence  $T \subseteq M \setminus cl_\lambda(S)$ . Also, we have  $T \subseteq cl_\lambda(S)$ . Therefore  $T \subseteq [M \setminus cl_\lambda(S)] \cap cl_\lambda(S) = \phi$ . Hence  $cl_\lambda(S) \setminus S$  does not contain any non-empty closed set.

**Remark 2.3.2** Converse part of Theorem 2.3.1 need not be true as seen from the following example.

**Example 2.3.3** Let  $M = \{i, j, k\}$  and  $\mu = \{\phi, \{i\}, M\}$ . If  $S = \{j\}$ , then  $cl_\lambda(S) = \{j, k\}$  and  $cl_\lambda(S) \setminus S = \{k\}$ , which does not contain any non-empty closed set, but  $S$  is not  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed.

**Theorem 2.3.4** If a subset  $S$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed, then  $cl_\lambda(S) \setminus S$  does not contain any non-empty  $\alpha$ -closed set in  $(M, \mu)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be a  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed set in  $(M, \mu)$ . Suppose  $T$  is an  $\alpha$ -closed set contained in  $cl_\lambda(S) \setminus S$ , which implies  $S \subseteq T^c$ , where  $T^c$  is  $\alpha$ -open. Since  $S$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed,  $cl_\lambda(S) \subseteq T^c$ . Hence  $T \subseteq M \setminus cl_\lambda(S)$ . Also, we have  $T \subseteq cl_\lambda(S)$ . Therefore  $T \subseteq [M \setminus cl_\lambda(S)] \cap cl_\lambda(S) = \phi$ . Hence  $cl_\lambda(S) \setminus S$  does not contain any non-empty  $\alpha$ -closed set.

**Remark 2.3.5** Converse part of the Theorem 2.3.4 need not be true as seen from the following example.

**Example 2.3.6** Let  $M = \{i, j, k, l, m\}$  and  $\mu = \{\phi, \{i\}, \{j, k\}, \{i, j, k\}, \{j, k, l, m\}, M\}$ . If  $S = \{m\}$ , then  $cl_\lambda(S) = \{l, m\}$  and  $cl_\lambda(S) \setminus S = \{l\}$ , which does not contain any non-empty  $\alpha$ -closed set, but  $S$  is not  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed.

**Theorem 2.3.7** In a topological space  $(M, \mu)$ , for each  $m \in M$ ,  $\{m\}$  is  $\alpha$ -closed or  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -open.

**Proof:** Suppose  $\{m\}$  is not  $\alpha$ -closed then  $M \setminus \{m\}$  is not  $\alpha$ -open, then the only  $\alpha$ -open set containing  $M \setminus \{m\}$  is  $M$  i.e.,  $[M \setminus \{m\}] \subseteq M$ . Obviously  $cl_\lambda(M \setminus \{m\}) \subseteq M$ . Hence  $M \setminus \{m\}$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed and  $\{m\}$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -open.

**Theorem 2.3.8** Let  $S$  be a  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed set in a topological space  $(M, \mu)$ . Then  $S$  is  $\lambda$ -closed if and only if  $cl_\lambda(S) \setminus S$  is closed.

**Proof: (Necessity)** Suppose  $S$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed and  $\lambda$ -closed in a topological space  $(M, \mu)$ .  $S$  is  $\lambda$ -closed implies  $cl_\lambda(S) = S$ . Hence  $cl_\lambda(S) \setminus S = \phi$ , which is a closed set.

**Sufficiency:** Suppose  $S$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed and  $cl_\lambda(S) \setminus S$  is closed. Then by Theorem 2.3.1,  $cl_\lambda(S) \setminus S$  contains no non-empty closed subset. Hence  $cl_\lambda(S) \setminus S = \phi$ , which implies  $cl_\lambda(S) = S$ . Therefore  $S$  is  $\lambda$ -closed.

**Theorem 2.3.9** If every  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed set is  $\lambda$ -closed then for each  $m \in (M, \mu)$  either  $\{m\}$  is  $\alpha$ -closed or  $\lambda$ -open.

**Proof:** Suppose  $\{m\}$  is not  $\alpha$ -closed, then  $M \setminus \{m\}$  is not  $\alpha$ -open. Hence, we have  $M$  is the only  $\alpha$ -open set containing  $M \setminus \{m\}$ . Obviously  $cl_\lambda(M \setminus \{m\}) \subseteq M$ . Therefore  $M \setminus \{m\}$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed. By hypothesis  $M \setminus \{m\}$  is  $\lambda$ -closed. Hence  $\{m\}$  is  $\lambda$ -open.

**Theorem 2.3.10** Let  $S$  be  $\alpha$ -open and  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed in a topological space  $(M, \mu)$ . If  $T$  is  $\lambda$ -closed then  $S \cap T$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed.

**Proof:** By Proposition 2.2.14, we have if a set  $S$  is both  $\alpha$ -open and  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed then  $S$  is  $\lambda$ -closed. Since  $T$  is  $\lambda$ -closed,  $S \cap T$  is  $\lambda$ -closed as the intersection of  $\lambda$ -closed sets is a  $\lambda$ -closed set. Hence by Proposition 2.2.3,  $S \cap T$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed.

**Theorem 2.3.11** If  $S$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed then  $cl_\alpha(\{m\}) \cap S \neq \phi$  for every  $m \in cl_\lambda(S)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be a  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed set. Suppose  $cl_\alpha(\{m\}) \cap S = \phi$  for some  $m \in cl_\lambda(S)$ . Then  $M \setminus cl_\alpha(\{m\})$  is an  $\alpha$ -open set containing  $S$ . Further  $m \in cl_\lambda(S)$  and  $m \notin cl_\alpha(\{m\})$  implies  $cl_\lambda(S) \not\subseteq M \setminus cl_\alpha(\{m\})$  is a contradiction to  $S$  is a  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed set. Therefore  $cl_\alpha(\{m\}) \cap S \neq \phi$  for every  $m \in cl_\lambda(S)$ .

**Theorem 2.3.12** In a topological space  $(M, \mu)$  the following are equivalent:

1. Every  $\alpha$ -open set is  $\lambda$ -closed.
2. Every subset is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed.

**Proof:**  $1 \Rightarrow 2$ : Let  $S$  be any subset of  $(M, \mu)$  such that  $S \subseteq T$ , where  $T$  is  $\alpha$ -open. Therefore, we have  $cl_\lambda(S) \subseteq cl_\lambda(T)$ . By hypothesis  $T$  is  $\lambda$ -closed, then  $cl_\lambda(T) = T \Rightarrow cl_\lambda(S) \subseteq T$ . Hence  $S$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed.

$2 \Rightarrow 1$ : Let  $S$  be an  $\alpha$ -open set. By hypothesis  $S$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed. Then we have  $cl_\lambda(S) \subseteq S$ . Therefore  $S$  is  $\lambda$ -closed. Hence every  $\alpha$ -open set is  $\lambda$ -closed.

**Proposition 2.3.13** In  $T_1$ -space, every  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed set is a  $\lambda$ -closed set.

**Proof:** Let  $T$  be a  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed set in  $T_1$ -space. Suppose  $T$  is not a  $\lambda$ -closed set, then there exists a  $m \in M$  such that  $\{m\} \in cl_\lambda(T) \setminus T$ . By Definition 1.2.2 (ii),  $\{m\}$  is closed in  $(M, \mu)$ . But by Theorem 2.3.1, we have  $cl_\lambda(T) \setminus T$  contains no non-empty closed subset, which is a contradiction. Hence  $T$  is a  $\lambda$ -closed set.

**Definition 2.3.14** Let  $S$  be a subset of a topological space  $(M, \mu)$ . Then the  $\alpha$ -kernel of the set  $S$  denoted by  $\alpha\text{-ker}(S)$  is the intersection of all  $\alpha$ -open supersets of  $S$ .

**Theorem 2.3.15** A subset  $S$  of a topological space  $(M, \mu)$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed if and only if  $cl_\lambda(S) \subseteq \alpha\text{-ker}(S)$ .

**Proof: (Necessity)** Suppose  $S$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed in  $(M, \mu)$ . Let  $m \in cl_\lambda(S)$  but  $m \notin \alpha\text{-ker}(S)$ . Then  $\exists$  an  $\alpha$ -open set  $Q \supseteq S$ , such that  $m \notin Q$ . Since  $S$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed,  $cl_\lambda(S) \subseteq Q$  and  $Q$  is an  $\alpha$ -open set containing  $S$ . So, we have  $m \in cl_\lambda(S)$  and  $m \notin Q$  which is a contradiction. Therefore  $cl_\lambda(S) \subseteq \alpha\text{-ker}(S)$ .

**Sufficiency:** Let  $cl_\lambda(S) \subseteq \alpha\text{-ker}(S)$  and let  $P$  be an  $\alpha$ -open set containing  $S$ . Then  $\alpha\text{-ker}(S) \subseteq P$ , implies  $cl_\lambda(S) \subseteq P$ . Thus  $S$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed.

**Theorem 2.3.16** Let  $S \subseteq T \subseteq cl_\lambda(S)$ . If  $S$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed in  $(M, \mu)$  then  $T$  is also  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed in  $(M, \mu)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be a  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed set in  $(M, \mu)$  and  $T \subseteq P$ , where  $P$  is  $\alpha$ -open in  $(M, \mu)$ . Then  $S \subseteq P$ , where  $P$  is  $\alpha$ -open in  $(M, \mu)$ . Since  $S$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed we have  $cl_\lambda(S) \subseteq P$ . By hypothesis  $T \subseteq cl_\lambda(S)$  implies  $cl_\lambda(T) \subseteq cl_\lambda(cl_\lambda(S)) = cl_\lambda(S)$ , that is  $cl_\lambda(T) \subseteq cl_\lambda(S) \subseteq P$ . Hence  $T$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed.

## 2.4 $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -Open Sets

The complement of  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed sets called  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -open sets are defined in this section. Interrelationships similar to  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed sets are derived and their prominent properties are established.

**Definition 2.4.1** Let  $(M, \mu)$  be a topological space. A subset  $S$  of  $(M, \mu)$  is said to be a  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -open set if  $int_\lambda(S) \supseteq P$  whenever  $S \supseteq P$ , where  $P$  is  $\alpha$ -closed in  $(M, \mu)$  and  $int_\lambda(S)$  is the union of all  $\lambda$ -open sets contained in  $S$ . Equivalently, a subset  $S$  of a topological space  $(M, \mu)$  is said to be  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -open if its complement  $S^c$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed.

**Theorem 2.4.2** A subset  $S$  of a topological space  $(M, \mu)$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -open if and only if  $Q \subseteq int_\lambda(S)$  whenever  $Q$  is  $\alpha$ -closed in  $(M, \mu)$  and  $Q \subseteq S$ .

**Proof: (Necessity)** Let  $Q$  be an  $\alpha$ -closed set contained in  $S$  and let  $S$  be  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -open. Then  $S^c$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed,  $S^c \subseteq Q^c$ , where  $Q^c$  is  $\alpha$ -open. Since  $S^c$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed,  $cl_\lambda(S^c) \subseteq Q^c$ , implies  $Q \subseteq (M \setminus cl_\lambda(S^c)) = int_\lambda(M \setminus S^c) = int_\lambda(S)$ .

**Sufficiency:** Let  $Q \subseteq int_\lambda(S)$ , where  $Q$  is an  $\alpha$ -closed set contained in  $S$ . We have  $S^c \subseteq Q^c$  and  $(M \setminus int_\lambda(S)) \subseteq (S \setminus Q)$  implies  $cl_\lambda(S^c) \subseteq Q^c$ . Thus, by definition  $S^c$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed and hence  $S$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -open.

### Proposition 2.4.3

- (i) Every  $\lambda$ -open (resp. closed, open,  $\Lambda$ -) set in  $(M, \mu)$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -open.
- (ii) Every  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -open set in  $(M, \mu)$  is  $g\Lambda$ -open.

**Theorem 2.4.4** Let  $S$  be an  $\alpha$ -closed subset of a topological space  $(M, \mu)$ . If  $S$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -open, then  $S$  is  $\lambda$ -open.

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -open and  $\alpha$ -closed. Since  $S \subseteq S$  and  $S$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -open we have  $S \subseteq int_\lambda(S)$ . Then we get  $M \setminus int_\lambda(S) \subseteq M \setminus S$ . By the fact that  $M \setminus int_\lambda(S) = cl_\lambda(M \setminus S)$ , we have  $cl_\lambda(M \setminus S) \subseteq M \setminus S$ . Therefore  $M \setminus S$  is  $\lambda$ -closed and hence  $S$  is  $\lambda$ -open.

**Theorem 2.4.5** If  $int_\lambda(S) \subseteq T \subseteq S$  and  $S$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -open, then  $T$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -open.

**Proof:**  $int_\lambda(S) \subseteq T \subseteq S$  implies  $S^c \subseteq T^c \subseteq cl_\lambda(S^c)$ . Since  $S$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -open,  $S^c$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed. By Theorem 2.3.16,  $T^c$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed. Therefore  $T$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -open.

**Theorem 2.4.6** If a subset  $S$  of a topological space  $(M, \mu)$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -open in  $(M, \mu)$  then  $Q = M$ , whenever  $Q$  is  $\alpha$ -open and  $int_\lambda(S) \cup S^c \subseteq Q$ .

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -open,  $Q$  be  $\alpha$ -open and  $int_\lambda(S) \cup S^c \subseteq Q$ . This gives  $Q^c \subseteq [M \setminus int_\lambda(S)] \cap S = cl_\lambda(S^c) \cap S = cl_\lambda(S^c) \setminus S^c$ . i.e.,  $Q^c \subseteq cl_\lambda(S^c) \setminus S^c$ . Since  $Q^c$  is  $\alpha$ -closed,  $S^c$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed and by Theorem 2.3.4, we have  $Q = \phi$ . Hence  $Q = M$ .

**Theorem 2.4.7** If a subset  $S$  of a topological space  $(M, \mu)$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed, then  $cl_\lambda(S) \setminus S$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -open.

**Proof:** Let  $S \subseteq M$  be  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed. Let  $Q$  be  $\alpha$ -closed such that  $Q \subseteq (cl_\lambda(S) \setminus S)$ . Then by Theorem 2.3.4,  $Q = \phi$ . So  $\phi = Q \subseteq int_\lambda(cl_\lambda(S) \setminus S)$ . This shows that  $cl_\lambda(S) \setminus S$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -open.

## 2.5 Properties of $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -Closure and $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -Interior Operators

The mandatory concepts to study are closure and interior of a subset with respect to the defined closed and open sets. Likewise,  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closure and  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -interior are defined in view of  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed and  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -open sets respectively and their most effective properties and theorems are derived in this section.

**Definition 2.5.1** For a subset  $S$  of a topological space  $(M, \mu)$ , the  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closure of  $S$  (briefly  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(S)$ ) is defined to be the intersection of all  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed sets containing  $S$ .

i.e.,  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(S) = \cap \{Q \subseteq M \mid S \subseteq Q \text{ and } Q \text{ is } \lambda_g^\alpha\text{-closed in } (M, \mu)\}$

**Proposition 2.5.2** Let  $S$  and  $T$  be any two subsets of a topological space  $(M, \mu)$ . Then the following properties hold:

- (i)  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(\phi) = \phi$  and  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(M) = M$
- (ii) If  $S \subseteq T$ , then  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(S) \subseteq \lambda_g^\alpha cl(T)$
- (iii)  $S \subseteq \lambda_g^\alpha cl(S)$
- (iv)  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(\lambda_g^\alpha cl(S)) = \lambda_g^\alpha cl(S)$
- (v) For  $S \subseteq M$ ,  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(S) \subseteq cl_\lambda(S)$

**Proof:** (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) follow from Definition 2.5.1 and (v) follows from Proposition 2.2.3.

**Remark 2.5.3** For a subset  $S \subseteq M$ ,  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(S)$  need not be the smallest  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed set containing  $S$  as observed from the following example.

**Example 2.5.4** Let  $M = \{i, j, k, l, m\}$  and  $\mu = \{\phi, \{i\}, \{j, k\}, \{i, j, k\}, \{j, k, l, m\}, M\}$ . Then  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed sets are  $\phi, \{i\}, \{j\}, \{k\}, \{i, j\}, \{i, k\}, \{i, l\}, \{i, m\}, \{j, k\}, \{l, m\}, \{i, j, k\}, \{i, j, l\}, \{i, j, m\}, \{i, k, l\}, \{i, k, m\}, \{i, l, m\}, \{j, l, m\}, \{k, l, m\}, \{i, j, k, l\}, \{i, j, l, m\}, \{i, j, k, m\}, \{i, k, l, m\}, \{j, k, l, m\}, M$ . Let  $S = \{l\}$ . Then  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(S) = \{i, l\} \cap \{l, m\} \cap \{i, j, l\} \cap \{i, k, l\} \cap \{i, l, m\} \cap \{j, l, m\} \cap \{k, l, m\} \cap \{i, j, k, l\} \cap \{i, j, l, m\} \cap \{i, k, l, m\} \cap \{j, k, l, m\} \cap M = \{l\}$  which is not the smallest  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed set containing  $S$ .

**Proposition 2.5.5** If a subset  $S$  of  $(M, \mu)$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed then  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(S) = S$ , but not conversely.

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed in  $(M, \mu)$ . By definition,  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(S) = \bigcap \{Q \subseteq M \mid S \subseteq Q \text{ and } Q \text{ is } \lambda_g^\alpha\text{-closed in } (M, \mu)\}$ . Since  $S$  is a  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed set,  $Q$  in the above intersection is  $S$  and hence  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(S) = S$ .

**Example 2.5.6** Consider  $(M, \mu)$  as in Example 2.5.4. Let  $S = \{m\}$  then  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(S) = S$  but  $S = \{m\}$  is not a  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed set.

**Remark 2.5.7**  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(S)$  need not be a  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed set as observed from the Examples 2.5.4 and 2.5.6.

**Proposition 2.5.8** For the subsets  $S$  and  $T$  of a topological space  $(M, \mu)$ ,  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(S \cap T) \subseteq \lambda_g^\alpha cl(S) \cap \lambda_g^\alpha cl(T)$ .

**Proof:** Since  $S \cap T \subseteq S$  and  $S \cap T \subseteq T$ , by Proposition 2.5.2 (ii) we have  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(S \cap T) \subseteq \lambda_g^\alpha cl(S)$  and  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(S \cap T) \subseteq \lambda_g^\alpha cl(T)$ . Hence  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(S \cap T) \subseteq \lambda_g^\alpha cl(S) \cap \lambda_g^\alpha cl(T)$ .

**Remark 2.5.9** The reverse inclusion of Proposition 2.5.8 may not be true as observed from the following example.

**Example 2.5.10** Let  $M = \{i, j, k, l, m\}$  and  $\mu = \{\phi, \{i\}, \{j\}, \{i, j\}, \{j, k\}, \{i, j, k\}, \{j, k, l\}, \{i, j, k, l\}, \{j, k, l, m\}, M\}$ . Then  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closed sets are  $\phi, \{i\}, \{j\}, \{k\}, \{l\}, \{m\}, \{i, j\}, \{i, k\}, \{i, l\}, \{i, m\}, \{j, k\}, \{k, l\}, \{l, m\}, \{i, j, k\}, \{i, k, l\}, \{i, l, m\}, \{j, k, l\}, \{k, l, m\}, \{i, j, k, l\}, \{i, j, k, l\}, \{j, k, l, m\}, M$ . Let  $S = \{j, l\}$  and  $T = \{j, m\}$ . Then  $S \cap T = \{j\}$ ,  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(S \cap T) = \{j\}$ ,  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(S) = \{j, k, l\}$  and  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(T) = \{j, k, l, m\}$ . Therefore  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(S) \cap \lambda_g^\alpha cl(T) = \{j, k, l\}$  but  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(S \cap T) = \{j\}$ . Hence  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(S) \cap \lambda_g^\alpha cl(T) \not\subseteq \lambda_g^\alpha cl(S \cap T)$ .

**Proposition 2.5.11** For the subsets  $S$  and  $T$  of a topological space  $(M, \mu)$ ,  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(S) \cup \lambda_g^\alpha cl(T) \subseteq \lambda_g^\alpha cl(S \cup T)$ .

**Proof:** Since  $S \subseteq S \cup T$  and  $T \subseteq S \cup T$ , by Proposition 2.5.2 (ii),  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(S) \subseteq \lambda_g^\alpha cl(S \cup T)$  and  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(T) \subseteq \lambda_g^\alpha cl(S \cup T)$ . Hence  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(S) \cup \lambda_g^\alpha cl(T) \subseteq \lambda_g^\alpha cl(S \cup T)$ .

**Remark 2.5.12** The reverse inclusion of Proposition 2.5.11 may not be true as observed from the following example.

**Example 2.5.13** Consider  $(M, \mu)$  as in Example 2.5.10. Let  $S = \{j\}$  and  $T = \{l\}$ . Then  $S \cup T = \{j, l\}$ ,  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(S) = \{j\}$ ,  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(T) = \{l\}$  and  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(S \cup T) = \{j, k, l\}$ . Therefore  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(S) \cup \lambda_g^\alpha cl(T) = \{j, l\}$  but  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(S \cup T) = \{j, k, l\}$ . Hence  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(S \cup T) \not\subseteq \lambda_g^\alpha cl(S) \cup \lambda_g^\alpha cl(T)$ .

**Remark 2.5.14**  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -closure operator is not a Kuratowski closure operator as it does not satisfy  $\lambda_g^\alpha cl(S \cup T) = \lambda_g^\alpha cl(S) \cup \lambda_g^\alpha cl(T)$ .

**Definition 2.5.15** For a subset  $S$  of a topological space  $(M, \mu)$ , the  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -interior of  $S$  (briefly  $\lambda_g^\alpha int(S)$ ) is defined to be the union of all  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -open sets contained in  $S$ .

i.e.  $\lambda_g^\alpha int(S) = \bigcup \{Q \subseteq M \mid Q \subseteq S \text{ and } Q \text{ is } \lambda_g^\alpha\text{-open in } (M, \mu)\}$

**Proposition 2.5.16** Let  $S$  and  $T$  be any two subsets of a topological space  $(M, \mu)$ . Then the following properties hold:

- (i)  $\lambda_g^\alpha int(\phi) = \phi$  and  $\lambda_g^\alpha int(M) = M$ .

- (ii) If  $S \subseteq T$ , then  $\lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(S) \subseteq \lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(T)$ .
- (iii)  $\lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(S) \subseteq S$ .
- (iv)  $\lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(\lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(S)) = \lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(S)$ .
- (v) For  $S \subseteq M$ ,  $\text{int}_\lambda(S) \subseteq \lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(S)$ .

**Proof:** Obvious.

**Remark 2.5.17** For a subset  $S \subseteq M$ ,  $\lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(S)$  need not be the largest  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -open set contained in  $S$  as observed from the following example.

**Example 2.5.18** Let  $M = \{i, j, k, l, m\}$  and  $\mu = \{\phi, \{i\}, \{j, k\}, \{i, j, k\}, \{j, k, l, m\}, M\}$ . Then  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -open sets are  $\phi, \{i\}, \{j\}, \{k\}, \{l\}, \{m\}, \{i, j\}, \{i, k\}, \{j, k\}, \{j, l\}, \{j, m\}, \{k, l\}, \{k, m\}, \{l, m\}, \{i, j, k\}, \{i, l, m\}, \{j, k, l\}, \{j, k, m\}, \{j, l, m\}, \{k, l, m\}, \{i, j, l, m\}, \{i, k, l, m\}, \{j, k, l, m\}, M$ . Let  $M = \{i, j, l\}$ . Then  $\lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(M) = \{i\} \cup \{j\} \cup \{l\} \cup \{i, j\} \cup \{j, l\} = \{i, j, l\}$ , which is not the largest  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -open set contained in  $S$ .

**Proposition 2.5.19** If a subset  $S$  of  $(M, \mu)$  is  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -open then  $\lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(S) = S$ , but not conversely.

**Proof:** Obvious.

**Example 2.5.20** Consider  $(M, \mu)$  as in Example 2.5.18. Let  $S = \{i, m\}$ . Then  $\lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(S) = S$  but  $S = \{i, m\}$  is not a  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -open set.

**Remark 2.5.21**  $\lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(S)$  need not be a  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -open set as observed from the Examples 2.5.18 and 2.5.20.

**Proposition 2.5.22** For the subsets  $S$  and  $T$  of a topological space  $(M, \mu)$ ,  $\lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(S \cup T) \supseteq \lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(S) \cup \lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(T)$ .

**Proof:** Obvious.

**Remark 2.5.23** The reverse inclusion of Proposition 2.5.22 may not be true as observed from the following example.

**Example 2.5.24** Consider  $(M, \mu)$  as in Example 2.5.10. Here  $\lambda_g^\alpha$ -open sets are  $\phi, \{i\}, \{j\}, \{m\}, \{i, j\}, \{i, m\}, \{j, k\}, \{j, m\}, \{l, m\}, \{i, j, k\}, \{i, j, m\}, \{i, l, m\}, \{j, k, l\}, \{j, k, m\}, \{j, l, m\}, \{k, l, m\}, \{i, j, k, l\}, \{i, j, k, m\}, \{i, j, l, m\}, \{i, k, l, m\}, \{j, k, l, m\}, M$ . Let  $S = \{k\}$  and  $T = \{l, m\}$ . Then  $S \cup T = \{k, l, m\}$ ,  $\lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(S \cup T) = \{k, l, m\}$ ,  $\lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(S) = \phi$  and  $\lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(T) = \{l, m\}$ . Therefore  $\lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(S) \cup \lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(T) = \{l, m\}$  but  $\lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(S \cup T) = \{k, l, m\}$ . Hence  $\lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(S \cup T) \not\subseteq \lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(S) \cup \lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(T)$ .

**Proposition 2.5.25** For the subsets  $S$  and  $T$  of a topological space  $(M, \mu)$ ,  $\lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(S \cap T) \subseteq \lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(S) \cap \lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(T)$ .

**Proof:** Obvious.

**Remark 2.5.26** The reverse inclusion of Proposition 2.5.25 may not be true as observed from the following example.

**Example 2.5.27** Consider  $(M, \mu)$  as in Example 2.5.24. Let  $S = \{j, k, l\}$  and  $T = \{k, l, m\}$ . Then  $S \cap T = \{k, l\}$ ,  $\lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(S \cap T) = \{\phi\}$ ,  $\lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(S) = \{j, k, l\}$  and  $\lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(T) = \{k, l, m\}$ . Therefore  $\lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(S) \cap \lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(T) = \{k, l\}$  but  $\lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(S \cap T) = \{\phi\}$ . Hence  $\lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(S) \cap \lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(T) \not\subseteq \lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(S \cap T)$ .

**Lemma 2.5.28** For a subset  $S$  of  $(M, \mu)$ , the following properties hold:

- (i)  $\lambda_g^\alpha \text{cl}(S^c) = (\lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(S))^c$ .
- (ii)  $(\lambda_g^\alpha \text{cl}(S^c))^c = \lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(S)$ .
- (iii)  $\lambda_g^\alpha \text{cl}(S) = (\lambda_g^\alpha \text{int}(S^c))^c$ .

**Proof:** Obvious.