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CHAPTER 3

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### Generalized $\pi$ -compactness and generalized $\pi$ -connectedness

#### 3.1 Introduction

The notions of compactness and connectedness are useful and fundamental notions of not only general topology but also of other advanced branches of mathematics. Many researchers have investigated the basic properties of compactness and connectedness. The productivity and fruitfulness of these notions of compactness and connectedness motivated mathematicians to generalize these notions. In the course of these attempts many stronger and weaker forms of compactness and connectedness have been introduced and investigated. The notion homeomorphism plays a very important role in topology. By definition, a homeomorphism between two topological spaces  $X$  and  $Y$  is a bijective map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  where both  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are continuous. It is well known that as Janich (1980) says homeomorphisms play the same role in topology as linear isomorphisms play in linear algebra, or that biholomorphic maps play in function theory, or group isomorphisms in group theory, or isometries in Riemannian geometry. In the course of generalizations of the notion of homeomorphism, Maki et al. (1991) introduced  $g$ -homeomorphisms and  $gc$ -homeomorphisms in topological spaces. Devi et al. (1995) studied semi-generalized homeomorphisms and generalized semi homeomorphisms.

In this chapter, we have introduced the concepts of  $g\pi$ -closed map,  $g\pi$ -open map,  $g\pi^*$ -closed map,  $g\pi^*$ -open map,  $g\pi$ -homeomorphism,  $g\pi^*$ -homeomorphism,  $g\pi$ -compact spaces,  $g\pi$ -connected spaces,  $g\pi$ -US spaces, Sequentially  $g\pi$ -closed set, and Sequentially  $G\pi O$ -compact set and highlighted their properties.

### 3.2. Generalized $\pi$ -Closed Maps

**Definition 3.2.1.** A map  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called  $g\pi$ -closed if the image of every closed set in  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g\pi$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Example 3.2.2** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{X, \varphi, \{a\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{Y, \varphi, \{b\}\}$ . Define a map  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = a$ ,  $f(b) = b$  and  $f(c) = c$ . Then  $f$  is a  $g\pi$ -closed map.

**Theorem 3.2.3.** A map  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $g\pi$ -closed if and only if for each subset  $S$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$  and for each open set  $U$  containing  $f^{-1}(S)$  there exists a  $g\pi$ -open set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$  such that  $S \subset V$  and  $f^{-1}(V) \subset U$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that  $f$  is a  $g\pi$ -closed map. Let  $S \subset Y$  and  $U$  be an open subset of  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $f^{-1}(S) \subset U$ . Then  $V = (f(U^c))^c$  is a  $g\pi$ -open set containing  $S$  such that  $f^{-1}(V) \subset U$ .

Conversely, let  $S$  be a closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ . Then  $f^{-1}((f(S))^c) \subset S^c$  and  $S^c$  is open. By assumption, there exists a  $g\pi$ -open set  $V$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$  such that  $(f(S))^c \subset V$  and  $f^{-1}(V) \subset S^c$  and so  $S \subset (f^{-1}(V))^c$ . Hence  $V^c \subset f(S) \subset f((f^{-1}(V))^c) \subset V^c$  which implies  $f(S) = V^c$ . Since  $V^c$  is  $g\pi$ -closed,  $f(S)$  is  $g\pi$ -closed and therefore  $f$  is  $g\pi$ -closed.

The following example shows that the composition of two  $g\pi$ -closed maps need not be  $g\pi$ -closed.

**Example 3.2.4.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,

$\tau = \{X, \varphi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{X, \varphi, \{b\}\}$ , and  $\mu = \{X, \varphi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ . Define  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = a$ ,  $f(b) = b$ ,  $f(c) = c$ ,  $f(d) = d$  and  $g : (X, \sigma) \rightarrow (X, \mu)$  by  $g(a) = a$ ,  $g(b) = b$ ,  $g(c) = c$ ,  $g(d) = d$ . Then both  $f$  and  $g$  are  $g\pi$ -closed maps but their composition

$g \circ f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \mu)$  is not a  $g\pi$ -closed map. Since for the closed set  $\{c\}$  in  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(g \circ f)(\{c\}) = \{c\}$ , is not a  $g\pi$ -closed set in  $(X, \mu)$ .

**Theorem 3.2.5.** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a closed map and  $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  be a  $g\pi$ -closed map, then their composition  $g \circ f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is  $g\pi$ -closed.

**Proof:** Obvious.

**Remark 3.2.6** If  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $g\pi$ -closed and  $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is closed, then their composition need not be a  $g\pi$ -closed map as seen from the following example.

**Example 3.2.7** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,

$\tau = \{X, \varphi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{X, \varphi, \{b\}\}$ , and  $\mu = \{X, \varphi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ . Define  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = a$ ,  $f(b) = b$ ,  $f(c) = c$ ,  $f(d) = d$  and  $g: (X, \sigma) \rightarrow (X, \mu)$  by  $g(a) = a$ ,  $g(b) = b$ ,  $g(c) = c$ ,  $g(d) = d$ . Then  $f$  is a  $g\pi$ -closed map and  $g$  is a closed map but their composition  $g \circ f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \mu)$  is not a  $g\pi$ -closed map. Since for the closed set  $\{c\}$  in  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(g \circ f)(\{c\}) = \{c\}$ , is not a  $g\pi$ -closed set in  $(X, \mu)$ .

**Theorem 3.2.8** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  and  $g: (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  be two mappings such that their composition  $g \circ f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  be a  $g\pi$ -closed mapping. Then the following statements are true.

(i) If  $f$  is continuous and surjective, then  $g$  is  $g\pi$ -closed.

(ii) If  $g$  is  $g\pi$ -irresolute and injective, then  $f$  is  $g\pi$ -closed.

**Proof:** (i). Let  $A$  be a closed set of  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since  $f$  is continuous,  $f^{-1}(A)$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$  and since  $g \circ f$  is  $g\pi$ -closed,  $(g \circ f)(f^{-1}(A))$  is  $g\pi$ -closed in  $(Z, \eta)$ . i.e.,  $g(A)$  is  $g\pi$ -closed in  $(Z, \eta)$ , since  $f$  is surjective. Therefore,  $g$  is a  $g\pi$ -closed map.

(ii). Let  $B$  be a closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $g \circ f$  is  $g\pi$ -closed,  $(g \circ f)(B)$  is  $g\pi$ -closed in  $(Z, \eta)$ . Since  $g$  is  $g\pi$ -irresolute,  $g^{-1}((g \circ f)(B))$  is  $g\pi$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . i.e.,  $f(B)$  is  $g\pi$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$ , since  $g$  is injective. Thus,  $f$  is a  $g\pi$ -closed map.

**Theorem 3.2.9** If a map  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $g\pi$ -closed and  $A$  is a closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $f_A : (A, \tau_A) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $g\pi$ -closed, where  $f_A$  is restriction map of  $f$  on  $A$ .

**Proof:** Let  $B$  be a closed set of  $A$ . Then  $B = A \cap F$  for some closed set  $F$  of  $(X, \tau)$  and so  $B$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $f$  is  $g\pi$ -closed,  $f(B)$  is  $g\pi$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . But  $f(B) = f_A(B)$  and therefore  $f_A$  is a  $g\pi$ -closed map.

**Definition 3.2.10** A map  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to a  $g\pi$ -open map if the image  $f(A)$  is  $g\pi$ -open in  $(Y, \sigma)$  for each open set  $A$  in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Example 3.2.10 (a)** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,

$\tau = \{X, \varphi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{X, \varphi, \{b\}\}$ ,  
Define  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = a$ ,  $f(b) = b$ ,  $f(c) = c$ ,  $f(d) = d$ . Then  $f$  is a  $g\pi$ -open map.

**Theorem 3.2.11** For any bijection  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $f^{-1} : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (X, \tau)$  is  $g\pi$ -continuous,
- (ii)  $f$  is a  $g\pi$ -open map and
- (iii)  $f$  is a  $g\pi$ -closed map.

**Proof:** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Let  $U$  be an open set of  $(X, \tau)$ . By assumption  $(f^{-1})^{-1}(U) = f(U)$  is  $g\pi$ -open in  $(Y, \sigma)$  and so  $f$  is  $g\pi$ -open.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): Let  $F$  be a closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ . Then  $F^c$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$ . By assumption,  $f(F^c)$  is  $g\pi$ -open in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . i.e.,  $f(F^c) = (f(F))^c$  is  $g\pi$ -open in  $(Y, \sigma)$  and therefore  $f(F)$  is  $g\pi$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Hence  $f$  is  $g\pi$ -closed.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Let  $F$  be a closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ . By assumption  $f(F)$  is  $g\pi$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . But  $f(F) = (f^{-1})^{-1}(F)$  and therefore  $f^{-1}$  is  $g\pi$ -continuous on  $Y$ .

**Definition 3.2.12** Let  $x$  be a point of  $(X, \tau)$  and  $V$  be a subset of  $X$ . Then  $V$  is called a  $g\pi$ -neighbourhood of  $x$  in  $(X, \tau)$  if there exists a  $g\pi$ -open set  $U$  of  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $x \in U \subset V$ .

**Theorem 3.2.13** Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a mapping. Then the following statements are equivalent:

(i)  $f$  is a  $g\pi$ -open mapping.

(ii) For a subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $f(\text{int}(A)) \subset g\pi\text{-Int}(f(A))$ .

(iii) For each  $x \in X$  and for each neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  in  $(X, \tau)$ , there exists a  $g\pi$ -neighbourhood  $W$  of  $f(x)$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$  such that  $W \subset f(U)$ .

**Proof:** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Suppose  $f$  is  $g\pi$ -open. Let  $A \subset X$ . Since  $\text{int}(A)$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $f(\text{int}(A))$  is  $g\pi$ -open in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Hence  $f(\text{int}(A)) \subset f(A)$  and,  $f(\text{int}(A)) \subset g\pi\text{-Int}(f(A))$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): Suppose (ii) holds. Let  $x \in X$  and  $U$  be an arbitrary neighbourhood of  $x$  in  $(X, \tau)$ . Then there exists an open set  $G$  such that  $x \in G \subset U$ . By assumption,  $f(G) = f(\text{int}(G)) \subset g\pi\text{-Int}(f(G))$ . This implies  $f(G) = g\pi\text{-Int}(f(G))$ . Therefore,  $f(G)$  is  $g\pi$ -open in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Further,  $f(x) \in f(G) \subset f(U)$  and so (iii) holds, by taking  $W = f(G)$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Suppose (iii) holds. Let  $U$  be any open set in  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $x \in U$  and  $f(x) = y$ . Then for each  $x \in U$ ,  $y \in f(U)$ . By assumption there exists a  $g\pi$ -neighbourhood  $W_y$  of  $y$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$  such that  $W_y \subset f(U)$ . Since  $W_y$  is a  $g\pi$ -neighbourhood of  $y$ , there exists a  $g\pi$ -open set  $V_y$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$  such that

$y \in V_y \subset W_y$ . Therefore,  $f(U) = \{V_y : y \in f(U)\}$ . Since any union of  $g\pi$ -open sets is an  $g\pi$ -open set,  $f(U)$  is a  $g\pi$ -open set of  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Thus,  $f$  is a  $g\pi$ -open mapping.

**Theorem 3.2.14** A map  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $g\pi$ -open if and only if for any subset  $B$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$  and for any closed set  $S$  containing  $f^{-1}(B)$ , there exists a  $g\pi$ -closed set  $A$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$  containing  $B$  such that  $f^{-1}(A) \subset S$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $f$  is a  $g\pi$ -open map. Let  $B \subset Y$  and  $S$  be a closed set of  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $f^{-1}(B) \subset S$ . Now  $X - S$  is an open set in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $f$  is  $g\pi$ -open map,  $f(X - S)$  is  $g\pi$ -open set in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Then  $A = Y - f(X - S)$  is a  $g\pi$ -closed set in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .  $f^{-1}(B) \subset S$  implies  $B \subset A$  and  $f^{-1}(A) = X - f^{-1}(f(X - S)) \subset X - (X - S) = S$ , That is  $f^{-1}(A) \subset S$ .

Conversely, let  $U$  be an open set of  $(X, \tau)$ . Then  $f^{-1}((f(U))^c) \subset U^c$  and  $U^c$  is a closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ . By hypothesis, there exists a  $g\pi$ -closed set  $A$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$  such that  $(f(U))^c \subset A$  and  $f^{-1}(A) \subset U^c$  and so  $U \subset (f^{-1}(A))^c$ . Hence  $A^c \subset f(U) \subset f((f^{-1}(A))^c) \subset A^c$  which implies  $f(U) = A^c$ . Since  $A^c$  is a  $g\pi$ -open,  $f(U)$  is  $g\pi$ -open in  $(Y, \sigma)$  and therefore  $f$  is  $g\pi$ -open map.

**Theorem 3.2.15** A map  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $g\pi$ -open if and only if  $f^{-1}(g\pi Cl(B)) \subset Cl(f^{-1}(B))$  for every subset  $B$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a  $g\pi$ -open map and  $B$  be any subset of  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Then  $f^{-1}(B) \subset cl(f^{-1}(B))$  and  $cl(f^{-1}(B))$  is a closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ . By Theorem 3.2.14, there exists a  $g\pi$ -closed set  $A$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$  such that  $B \subset A$  and  $f^{-1}(A) \subset cl(f^{-1}(B))$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}(g\pi Cl(B)) \subset f^{-1}(A) \subset cl(f^{-1}(B))$ , since  $A$  is a  $g\pi$ -closed set in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

Conversely, let  $S$  be any subset of  $(Y, \sigma)$  and  $F$  be any closed set containing  $f^{-1}(S)$ . Put  $A = g\pi Cl(S)$ . Then  $A$  is a  $g\pi$ -closed set and  $S \subset A$ . By

assumption,  $f^{-1}(A) = f^{-1}(\text{g}\pi\text{Cl}(S)) \subset \text{cl}(f^{-1}(S)) \subset F$  and therefore by Theorem 3.2.14,  $f$  is  $\text{g}\pi$ -open.

**Definition 3.2.16** A map  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be a  $\text{g}\pi^*$ -closed map if the image  $f(A)$  is  $\text{g}\pi$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$  for every  $\text{g}\pi$ -closed set  $A$  in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Example 3.2.17** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,

$\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a, b, d\}\} = \sigma$ . Define  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = a$ ,  $f(b) = b$ ,  $f(c) = c$ ,  $f(d) = d$ . Then  $f$  is a  $\text{g}\pi^*$ -closed map.

**Theorem 3.2.18** If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  and  $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  are  $\text{g}\pi^*$ -closed maps, then their composition  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is also  $\text{g}\pi^*$ -closed.

**Proof:** Let  $F$  be a  $\text{g}\pi$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $f$  is a  $\text{g}\pi^*$ -closed map,  $f(F)$  is a  $\text{g}\pi$ -closed set in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since  $g$  is a  $\text{g}\pi^*$ -closed map,  $g(f(F))$  is a  $\text{g}\pi$ -closed set in  $(Z, \eta)$ . Therefore  $g \circ f$  is  $\text{g}\pi^*$ -closed map.

**Definition 3.2.19** A map  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be a  $\text{g}\pi^*$ -open map if the image  $f(A)$  is  $\text{g}\pi$ -open in  $(Y, \sigma)$  for every  $\text{g}\pi$ -open set  $A$  in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.2.20** If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  and  $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  are  $\text{g}\pi^*$ -open maps, then their composition  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is also  $\text{g}\pi^*$ -open

**Theorem 3.2.21** For any bijection  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $f^{-1} : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (X, \tau)$  is  $\text{g}\pi$ -irresolute
- (ii)  $f$  is a  $\text{g}\pi^*$ -open and
- (iii)  $f$  is a  $\text{g}\pi^*$ -closed map.

**Lemma 3.2.22** Let  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . Then  $p \in \text{g}\pi\text{Cl}(A)$  if and only if for any  $\text{g}\pi$ -neighborhood  $N$  of  $p$  in  $X$ ,  $A \cap N \neq \emptyset$

**Definition 3.2.23** Let  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . A mapping  $r : X \rightarrow A$  is called a  $g\pi$ -continuous retraction if  $r$  is  $g\pi$ -continuous and the restriction  $r_A$  is the identity mapping on  $A$ .

**Theorem 3.2.24** Let  $A$  be a subset of  $X$  and  $r : X \rightarrow A$  be a  $g\pi$ -continuous retraction. If  $X$  is  $g\pi$ -Hausdorff, then  $A$  is a  $g\pi$ -closed set of  $X$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that  $A$  is not  $g\pi$ -closed. Then there exists a point  $x$  in  $X$  such that  $x \in g\pi Cl(A)$  but  $x \notin A$ . Since  $r$  is a  $g\pi$ -continuous retraction  $r(x) \neq x$ . Since  $X$  is  $g\pi$ -Hausdorff, there exists disjoint  $g\pi$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  in  $X$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $r(x) \in V$ . Now let  $W$  be an arbitrary  $g\pi$ -neighborhood of  $x$ . Then  $W \cap U$  is a  $g\pi$ -neighbourhood of  $x$ . Since  $x \in g\pi Cl(A)$ , by Lemma 3.2.21,  $(W \cap U) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ . Therefore there exists a point  $y$  in  $W \cap U \cap A$ . Since  $y \in A$ ,  $r(y) = y \in U$  and hence  $r(y) \notin V$ . This implies that  $r(W) \not\subset V$  because  $y \in W$ . This is contrary to the  $g\pi$ -continuity of  $r$ . Consequently,  $A$  is a  $g\pi$ -closed set of  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.2.25.** Let  $\{X_i | i \in I\}$  be any family of topological spaces. If  $f : X \rightarrow \prod X_i$  is a  $g\pi$ -continuous mapping, then  $Pr_i \circ f : X \rightarrow X_i$  is  $g\pi$ -continuous for each  $i \in I$ , where  $Pr_i$  is the projection of  $\prod X_j$  on  $X_i$ .

**Proof:** We shall consider a fixed  $i \in I$ . Suppose  $U_i$  is an arbitrary open set in  $X_i$ . Then  $Pr_i^{-1}(U_i)$  is open in  $\prod X_i$ . Since  $f$  is  $g\pi$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(Pr_i^{-1}(U_i)) = (Pr_i \circ f)^{-1}(U_i)$   $g\pi$ -open in  $X$ . Therefore,  $Pr_i \circ f$  is  $g\pi$ -continuous.

### 3.3. Generalized $\pi$ -homeomorphisms

**Definition 3.3.1** A bijection  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called generalized  $\pi$ -homeomorphism ( $g\pi$ -homeomorphism) if  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are  $g\pi$ -continuous.

**Example 3.3.1 (a)** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,

$\tau = \{X, \varphi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{X, \varphi, \{b\}\}$ ,  
 Define  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = a, f(b) = b, f(c) = c, f(d) = d$ . Then  $f$  is a  $g\pi$ -homeomorphism.

**Theorem 3.3.2** A bijection  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $g\pi$ -homeomorphism then it is a  $g$ -homeomorphism

**Proof:** Since  $f$  is  $g\pi$ -homeomorphism, both  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are  $g\pi$ -continuous. As every  $g\pi$ -continuous function is  $g$ -continuous,  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are  $g$ -continuous and  $f$  is a  $g$ -homeomorphism.

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

**Example 3.3.3** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ , with

$\tau = \{X, \varphi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}\} = \sigma$  Define a map  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \sigma)$  be the identity map. Then  $f$  is  $g$ -homeomorphism but not a  $g\pi$ -homeomorphism, since the inverse image of the closed set  $\{c\}$  in  $X$  is  $\{c\}$  which is not  $g\pi$ -closed set in  $Y$ .

**Theorem 3.3.4** For any bijection  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $f$  is  $g\pi$ -open map,
- (ii)  $f$  is a  $g\pi$ -homeomorphism
- (iii)  $f$  is a  $g\pi$ -closed map

**Remark 3.3.5** The composition of two  $g\pi$ -homeomorphism maps need not be a  $g\pi$ -homeomorphism

As can be seen from the following example

**Example 3.3.6** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,

$\tau = \{X, \varphi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{X, \varphi, \{b\}\}$ ,  
 $\mu = \{X, \varphi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ . Define  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \sigma)$  by  $f(a) = a$ ,  $f(b) = b$ ,  
 $f(c) = c$ ,  $f(d) = d$  and  $g : (X, \sigma) \rightarrow (X, \mu)$  by  $g(a) = a$ ,  $g(b) = b$ ,  $g(c) = c$ ,  
 $g(d) = d$ . Then both  $f$  and  $g$  are  $g\pi$ -homeomorphism but their composition  
 $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \mu)$  is not a  $g\pi$ -homeomorphism, because for the closed  
set  $\{c\}$  in  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(g \circ f)(\{c\}) = \{c\}$ , which is not a  $g\pi$ -closed set in  $(X, \mu)$ .  
Therefore  $g \circ f$  is not a  $g\pi$ -closed map and so  $g \circ f$  is not a  
 $g\pi$ -homeomorphism.

**Definition 3.3.7** A bijection  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be  
 $g\pi^*$ -homeomorphism if both  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are  $g\pi$ -irresolute.

We denote the family of all  $g\pi^*$ -homeomorphism of a topological space  
 $(X, \tau)$  onto itself by  $g\pi^*h(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 3.3.8** If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  and  $g : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  are  
 $g\pi^*$ -homeomorphisms, then their composition  $g \circ f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Z, \eta)$  is also  
 $g\pi^*$ -homeomorphism.

**Proof:** Let  $U$  be a  $g\pi$ -open set in  $(Z, \eta)$ . Now,  
 $(g \circ f)^{-1}(U) = f^{-1}(g^{-1}(U)) = f^{-1}(V)$ , where  $V = g^{-1}(U)$ . By hypothesis,  $V$  is  
 $g\pi$ -open in  $(Y, \sigma)$  and  $f$  is a  $g\pi^*$ -homeomorphisms,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $g\pi$ -open in  
 $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore,  $g \circ f$  is  $g\pi$ -irresolute. For any  $g\pi$ -open set  $G$  in  $(X, \tau)$ ,  
 $(g \circ f)(G) = g(f(G)) = g(W)$ , where  $W = f(G)$ . Since  $f$  and  $g$  are  
 $g\pi^*$ -homeomorphisms  $f(G)$  is  $g\pi$ -open in  $(Y, \sigma)$  and  $g(f(G))$  is  $g\pi$ -open in  
 $(Z, \eta)$ . i.e.,  $(g \circ f)(G)$  is  $g\pi$ -open in  $(Z, \eta)$  and therefore  $(g \circ f)^{-1}$  is  
 $g\pi$ -irresolute. Hence  $g \circ f$  is a  $g\pi^*$ -homeomorphism.

**Theorem 3.3.9** The set  $g\pi^*h(X, \tau)$  is a group under the composition of  
maps.

**Proof:** Let  $f, g \in g\pi^*h(X, \tau)$ . Then  $g \circ f \in g\pi^*h(X, \tau)$  and so  $g\pi^*h(X, \tau)$  is closed under the composition of maps. Composition of maps is always associative. The identity map  $I : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \tau)$  is a  $g\pi^*$ -homeomorphism and so  $I \in g\pi^*h(X, \tau)$ . Also  $f \circ I = I \circ f = f$  for every  $f \in g\pi^*h(X, \tau)$ . If  $f \in g\pi^*h(X, \tau)$  then  $f^{-1} \in g\pi^*h(X, \tau)$  and  $f \circ f^{-1} = f^{-1} \circ f = I$ . Hence  $g\pi^*h(X, \tau)$  is a group under the composition of maps.

**Theorem 3.3.10** Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a  $g\pi^*$ -homeomorphism. Then  $f$  induces an isomorphism from the group  $g\pi^*h(X, \tau)$  onto the group  $g\pi^*h(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\theta_f : g\pi^*h(X, \tau) \rightarrow g\pi^*h(Y, \sigma)$  by defined as  $\theta_f(h) = f \circ h \circ f^{-1}$  for every  $h \in g\pi^*h(X, \tau)$ . Then  $\theta_f$  is a bijection. Further, for all  $h_1, h_2 \in g\pi^*h(X, \tau)$ ,  $\theta_f(h_1 \circ h_2) = f \circ (h_1 \circ h_2) \circ f^{-1} = (f \circ h_1 \circ f^{-1}) \circ (f \circ h_2 \circ f^{-1}) = \theta_f(h_1) \circ \theta_f(h_2)$ . Therefore,  $\theta_f$  is a homeomorphism and so it is an isomorphism induced by  $f$ .

**Theorem 3.3.11.**  $g\pi^*$ -homeomorphism is an equivalence relation in the collection of all topological spaces.

**Theorem 3.3.12.** If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is a  $g\pi^*$ -homeomorphism, then  $g\pi Cl(f^{-1}(B)) = f^{-1}(g\pi Cl(B))$  for all  $B \subset Y$ .

**Proof:** Since  $f$  is a  $g\pi^*$ -homeomorphism,  $f$  is  $g\pi$ -irresolute. Since  $g\pi Cl(f(B))$  is a  $g\pi$ -closed set in  $(Y, \sigma)$ ,  $f^{-1}(g\pi Cl(f(B)))$  is  $g\pi$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . As,  $f^{-1}(B) \subset f^{-1}(g\pi Cl(B))$ ,  $g\pi Cl(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(g\pi Cl(B))$ . Since  $f$  is a  $g\pi^*$ -homeomorphism,  $f^{-1}$  is a  $g\pi$ -irresolute. Since  $g\pi Cl(f^{-1}(B))$  is  $g\pi$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(f^{-1})^{-1}(g\pi Cl(f^{-1}(B))) = f(g\pi Cl(f^{-1}(B)))$  is  $g\pi$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . As,  $B \subset (f^{-1})^{-1}(f^{-1}(B)) \subset (f^{-1})^{-1}(g\pi Cl(f^{-1}(B))) = f(g\pi Cl(f^{-1}(B)))$  and so  $g\pi Cl(B) \subset f(g\pi Cl(f^{-1}(B)))$ . Therefore,

$f^{-1}(g\pi Cl(B)) \subset f^{-1}(f(g\pi Cl(f^{-1}(B)))) \subset g\pi Cl(f^{-1}(B))$  and hence the equality holds.

**Theorem 3.3.13.** If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is a  $g\pi^*$ -homeomorphism, then  $g\pi Cl(f(B)) = f(g\pi Cl(B))$  for all  $B \subset X$ .

**Proof:** Since  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is a  $g\pi^*$ -homeomorphism,  $f^{-1} : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (X, \tau)$  is also a  $g\pi^*$ -homeomorphism. Therefore, by Theorem 3.3.12,  $g\pi Cl((f^{-1})^{-1}(B)) = (f^{-1})^{-1}(g\pi Cl(B))$  for all  $B \subset X$ . i.e.,  $g\pi Cl(f(B)) = f(g\pi Cl(B))$ .

**Theorem 3.3.14.** If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is a  $g\pi^*$ -homeomorphism, then  $f(g\pi Int(B)) = g\pi Int(f(B))$  for all  $B \subset X$ .

**Proof:** For any set  $B \subset X$ ,  $g\pi Int(B) = (g\pi Cl(B^c))^c$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} f(g\pi Int(B)) &= f((g\pi Cl(B^c))^c) = (f(g\pi Cl(B^c)))^c = (g\pi Cl(f(B^c)))^c, \text{ by Theorem 3.3.13} \\ &= (g\pi Cl((f(B))^c))^c = g\pi Int(f(B)). \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.3.15.** If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is a  $g\pi^*$ -homeomorphism, then  $f^{-1}(g\pi Int(B)) = g\pi Int(f^{-1}(B))$  for all  $B \subset Y$ .

**Proof:** Since  $f^{-1} : (Y, \sigma) \rightarrow (X, \tau)$  is a  $g\pi^*$ -homeomorphism,  $f^{-1}(g\pi Int(B)) = g\pi Int(f^{-1}(B))$

### 3.4 Generalized $\pi$ -compactness

**Definition 3.4.1** A collection  $\{A_i : i \in \Lambda\}$  of  $g\pi$ -open sets in a topological space  $X$  is called a  $g\pi$ -open cover of a subset  $B$  of  $X$  if  $B \subset \cup\{A_i : i \in \Lambda\}$  holds.

**Definition 3.4.2** A topological space  $X$  is  $g\pi$ -compact if every  $g\pi$ -open cover of  $X$  has a finite sub-cover.

**Definition 3.4.3** A subset  $B$  of a topological space  $X$  is said to be  $g\pi$ -compact relative to  $X$  if, for every collection  $\{A_i : i \in \Lambda\}$  of  $g\pi$ -open subsets of  $X$  such that  $B \subset \cup\{A_i : i \in \Lambda\}$  there exists a finite subset  $\Lambda_0$  of  $\Lambda$  such that  $B \subseteq \cup\{A_i : i \in \Lambda_0\}$

**Definition 3.4.4** A subset  $B$  of a topological space  $X$  is said to be  $g\pi$ -compact if  $B$  is  $g\pi$ -compact as a subspace of  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.4.5** Every  $g\pi$ -closed subset of a  $g\pi$ -compact space is  $g\pi$ -compact relative to  $X$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be  $g\pi$ -closed subset of  $g\pi$ -compact space  $X$ . Then  $A^c$  is  $g\pi$ -open in  $X$ . Let  $M = \{G_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  be a cover of  $A$  by  $g\pi$ -open sets in  $X$ . Then  $M^* = M \cup A^c$  is a  $g\pi$ -open cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $g\pi$ -compact,  $M^*$  is reducible to a finite subcover of  $X$ , say  $X = G_{\alpha_1} \cup G_{\alpha_2} \cup \dots \cup G_{\alpha_m} \cup A^c$ ,  $G_{\alpha_k} \in M$ . But  $A$  and  $A^c$  are disjoint hence  $A \subset G_{\alpha_1} \cup \dots \cup G_{\alpha_m}$ ,  $G_{\alpha_k} \in M$ , which implies that any  $g\pi$ -open cover  $M$  of  $A$  contains a finite sub-cover. Therefore  $A$  is  $g\pi$ -compact relative to  $X$ . Thus every  $g\pi$ -closed subset of a  $g\pi$ -compact space  $X$  is  $g\pi$ -compact.

**Theorem 3.4.6** A  $g\pi$ -continuous image of a  $g\pi$ -compact space is compact.

**Proof:** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a  $g\pi$ -continuous map from a  $g\pi$ -compact space  $X$  onto a topological space  $Y$ . Let  $\{A_i : i \in \Lambda\}$  be an open cover of  $Y$ . Then  $\{f^{-1}(A_i) : i \in \Lambda\}$  is a  $g\pi$ -open cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $g\pi$ -compact it has a finite sub-cover say  $\{f^{-1}(A_1), f^{-1}(A_2), \dots, f^{-1}(A_n)\}$ . Since  $f$  is onto  $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$  is a cover of  $Y$ , which is finite. Therefore  $Y$  is compact.

**Theorem 3.4.7** If a map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $g\pi$ -irresolute and a subset  $B$  of  $X$  is  $g\pi$ -compact relative to  $X$ , then the image  $f(B)$  is  $g\pi$ -compact relative to  $Y$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  be any collection of  $g\pi$ -open subsets of  $Y$  such that  $f(B) \subset \cup \{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$ . Then  $B \subset \cup \{f^{-1}(A_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  holds. Since by hypothesis  $B$  is  $g\pi$ -compact relative to  $X$  there exists a finite subset  $\Lambda_0$  of  $\Lambda$  such that  $B \subset \cup \{f^{-1}(A_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Lambda_0\}$ . Therefore  $f(B) \subset \cup \{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda_0\}$ , which shows that  $f(B)$  is  $g\pi$ -compact relative to  $Y$ .

**Definition 3.4.8** A space  $X$  is said to be

(1) countably  $g\pi$ - compact if every countable cover of  $X$  by  $g\pi$ -open sets has a finite sub-cover;

(2)  $g\pi$ -Lindelof if every  $g\pi$ -open cover of  $X$  has a countable sub-cover.

**Theorem 3.4.9** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be an almost contra- $g\pi$ -continuous surjection. The following statements hold:

(1) if  $X$  is  $g\pi$ -compact, then  $Y$  is  $S$ -closed

(2) if  $X$  is  $g\pi$ -Lindelof, then  $Y$  is  $S$ -Lindelof

(3) if  $X$  is countably  $g\pi$ -compact, then  $Y$  is countably  $S$ -closed.

**Proof:** (1) Let  $\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$  be any regular closed cover of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is almost contra- $g\pi$ -continuous,  $\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in I\}$  is  $g\pi$ -open cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $g\pi$ -compact, there exists a finite subset  $I_0$  of  $I$  such that  $X \subseteq \cup\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in I_0\}$ . Since  $f$  is surjective,  $Y \subseteq \cup\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in I_0\}$  is finite sub-cover for  $Y$ . Therefore,  $Y$  is  $S$ -closed.

(2) Let  $\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$  be any regular closed cover of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is almost contra- $g\pi$ -continuous,  $\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in I\}$  is  $g\pi$ -open cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $g\pi$ -Lindelof, there exists a countable subset  $I_0$  of  $I$  such that  $X \subseteq \cup\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in I_0\}$ . Since  $f$  is surjective,  $Y \subseteq \cup\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in I_0\}$  is finite sub-cover for  $Y$ . Therefore,  $Y$  is  $S$ -Lindelof.

(3) Let  $\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$  be any countable regular closed cover of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is almost contra- $g\pi$ -continuous,  $\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in I\}$  is countable  $g\pi$ -open cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is countably  $g\pi$ -compact, there exists a finite subset  $I_0$  of  $I$  such that  $X \subseteq \cup\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in I_0\}$ . Since  $f$  is surjective,  $Y \subseteq \cup\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in I_0\}$  is finite sub-cover for  $Y$ . Therefore,  $Y$  is countably  $S$ -closed.

**Definition 3.4.10** A space  $X$  is said to be

(1)  $g\pi$ -closed compact if every  $g\pi$ -closed cover of  $X$  has a finite sub-cover.

(2) countably  $g\pi$ -closed compact if every countable cover of  $X$  by  $g\pi$ -closed sets has a finite sub-cover.

(3)  $g\pi$ -closed-Lindelof if every cover of  $X$  by  $g\pi$ -closed sets has a countable sub-cover.

**Theorem 3.4.11.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be an almost contra- $g\pi$ -continuous surjection. The following statements hold:

(1) if  $X$  is  $g\pi$ -closed compact, then  $Y$  is nearly compact;

(2) if  $X$  is  $g\pi$ -closed-Lindelof, then  $Y$  nearly Lindelof;

(3) if  $X$  is countably  $g\pi$ -closed compact, then  $Y$  is nearly countably compact.

**Proof:** (1). Let  $\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$  be any regular open cover of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is almost contra- $g\pi$ -continuous, then  $\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in I\}$  is an  $g\pi$ -closed cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $g\pi$ -closed compact, there exists a finite subset  $I_0$  of  $I$  such that  $X \subseteq \cup\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in I_0\}$ . Thus,  $Y \subseteq \cup\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in I_0\}$  and  $Y$  is nearly compact.

Similarly we can prove (2) and (3).

**Theorem 3.4.12.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is contra- $g\pi$ -continuous and  $A$  is  $g\pi$ -compact relative to  $X$ , then  $f(A)$  is strongly  $S$ -closed in  $Y$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\{V_i : i \in I\}$  be any cover of  $f(A)$ , by closed sets of the subspace  $f(A)$ . For  $i \in I$ , there exists a closed set  $A_i$  of  $Y$  such that  $V_i = A_i \cap f(A)$ . For each  $x \in A$ , there exists  $i(x) \in I$  such that  $f(x) \in A_{i(x)}$  and there exists  $U_x \in g\pi O(X, x)$  such that  $f(U_x) \subseteq A_{i(x)}$ . Since the family  $\{U_x : x \in A\}$  is a cover of  $A$  by  $g\pi$ -open sets of  $X$ . Since  $A$  is  $g\pi$ -compact, there exists a finite subset  $A_0$  of  $A$  such that  $A \subseteq \cup\{U_x : x \in A_0\}$ . Therefore,  $f(A) \subseteq \cup\{f(U_x) : x \in A_0\}$ , which is a subset of  $\cup\{A_{i(x)} : x \in A_0\}$ . Thus  $f(A) = \cup\{V_{i(x)} : x \in A_0\}$  and hence  $f(A)$  is strongly  $S$ -closed.

**Corollary 3.4.13** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is contra- $g\pi$ -continuous surjection and  $X$  is  $g\pi$ -compact, then  $Y$  is strongly  $S$ -closed.

### 3.5 Generalized $\pi$ -connectedness

**Definition 3.5.1** A topological space  $X$  is said to be  $g\pi$ -connected if  $X$  cannot be expressed as a disjoint union of two non-empty  $g\pi$ -open sets. A subset of  $X$  is  $g\pi$ -connected if it is  $g\pi$ -connected as a subspace.

**Example 3.5.2** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  and let  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}\}$ . Then it is  $g\pi$ -connected.

**Remark 3.5.3** Every  $g\pi$ -connected space is connected but the converse need not be true in general, which follows from the following example.

**Example 3.5.4** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  and let  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset\}$ . Clearly  $(X, \tau)$  is connected. The  $g\pi$ -open sets of  $X$  are  $\{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}\}$ . Therefore  $(X, \tau)$  is not a  $g\pi$ -connected space, because  $X = \{a\} \cup \{b\}$  where  $\{a\}$  and  $\{b\}$  are non-empty  $g\pi$ -open sets.

**Theorem 3.5.5** For a topological space  $X$  the following are equivalent.

- (i)  $X$  is  $g\pi$ -connected.
- (ii)  $X$  and  $\emptyset$  are the only subsets of  $X$  which are both  $g\pi$ -open and  $g\pi$ -closed.
- (iii) Each  $g\pi$ -continuous map of  $X$  into a discrete space  $Y$  with at least two points is a constant map.

**Proof:** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) : Let  $O$  be any  $g\pi$ -open and  $g\pi$ -closed subset of  $X$ . Then  $O^c$  is both  $g\pi$ -open and  $g\pi$ -closed. Since  $X$  is disjoint union of the  $g\pi$ -open sets  $O$  and  $O^c$ , from (i) either  $O = \emptyset$  or  $O = X$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) : Suppose that  $X = A \cup B$  where  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint non-empty  $g\pi$ -open subsets of  $X$ . Then  $A$  is both  $g\pi$ -open and  $g\pi$ -closed. By assumption  $A = \emptyset$  or  $X$ . Therefore  $X$  is  $g\pi$ -connected.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) : Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a  $g\pi$ -continuous map. Then  $X$  can be covered by  $g\pi$ -open and  $g\pi$ -closed covering  $\{f^{-1}(y) : y \in (Y)\}$ . By assumption  $f^{-1}(y) = \emptyset$  or  $X$  for each  $y \in Y$ . If  $f^{-1}(y) = \emptyset$  for all  $y \in Y$ , then  $f$  fails to be a map. Then

there exists only one point  $y \in Y$  such that  $f^{-1}(y) \neq \emptyset$  and hence  $f^{-1}(y) = X$ .  
 This shows that  $f$  is a constant map.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Let  $O$  be both  $g\pi$ -open and  $g\pi$ -closed in  $X$ . Suppose  $O \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a  $g\pi$ -continuous map defined by  $f(O) = y$  and  $f(O^c) = \{w\}$  for some distinct points  $y$  and  $w$  in  $Y$ . By assumption  $f$  is constant. Therefore  $O = X$ .

**Theorem 3.5.6** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a  $g\pi$ -continuous and  $X$  is  $g\pi$ -connected, then  $Y$  is connected.

**Proof:** Suppose that  $Y$  is not connected. Let  $Y = A \cup B$  where  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint non-empty open sets in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $g\pi$ -continuous and onto,  $X = f^{-1}(A) \cup f^{-1}(B)$  where  $f^{-1}(A)$  and  $f^{-1}(B)$  are disjoint non-empty  $g\pi$ -open sets in  $X$ . This contradicts the fact that  $X$  is  $g\pi$ -connected. Hence  $Y$  is connected.

**Theorem 3.5.7** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a  $g\pi$ -irresolute surjection and  $X$  is  $g\pi$ -connected, then  $Y$  is  $g\pi$ -connected.

**Proof:** Suppose that  $Y$  is not  $g\pi$ -connected. Let  $Y = A \cup B$  where  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint non-empty  $g\pi$ -open sets in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $g\pi$ -irresolute and onto,  $X = f^{-1}(A) \cup f^{-1}(B)$  where  $f^{-1}(A)$  and  $f^{-1}(B)$  are disjoint non-empty  $g\pi$ -open sets in  $X$ . This contradicts the fact that  $X$  is  $g\pi$ -connected. Hence  $Y$  is  $g\pi$ -connected.

**Theorem 3.5.8** If  $X$  is a  $T_{g\pi}$ -space then  $X$  is connected if and only if it is  $g\pi$ -connected.

**Proof:** Suppose that  $X$  is connected. Then  $X$  cannot be expressed as disjoint union of two non-empty proper subsets of  $X$ . Suppose  $X$  is not a  $g\pi$ -connected space. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be any two  $g\pi$ -open subsets of  $X$  such that  $X = A \cup B$ , where  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  and  $A \subset X$ ,  $B \subset X$ . Since  $X$  is  $T_{g\pi}$ -space and  $A, B$

are  $g\pi$ -open,  $A, B$  are open subsets of  $X$ , which contradicts that  $X$  is connected. Therefore  $X$  is  $g\pi$ -connected.

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Conversely, every open set is  $g\pi$ -open. Therefore every  $g\pi$ -connected space is connected.

**Theorem 3.5.9** If the  $g\pi$ -open sets  $C$  and  $D$  form a separation of  $X$  and if  $Y$  is  $g\pi$ -connected subspace of  $X$ , then  $Y$  lies entirely within  $C$  or  $D$ .

**Proof:** Since  $C$  and  $D$  are both  $g\pi$ -open in  $X$  the sets  $C \cap Y$  and  $D \cap Y$  are  $g\pi$ -open in  $Y$ . These two sets are disjoint and their union is  $Y$ . If they were both non-empty, they would constitute a separation of  $Y$ . Therefore, one of them is empty. Hence  $Y$  must lie entirely in  $C$  or in  $D$ .

**Theorem 3.5.10** Let  $A$  be a  $g\pi$ -connected subspace of  $X$ . If  $A \subset B \subset g\pi Cl(A)$  then  $B$  is also  $g\pi$ -connected.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be  $g\pi$ -connected and let  $A \subset B \subset g\pi Cl(A)$ . Let  $B = C \cup D$  is a separation of  $B$  by  $g\pi$ -open sets. By Theorem 3.5.9  $A$  must lie entirely in  $C$  or in  $D$ . Let  $A \subset C$ . Then  $g\pi Cl(A) \subseteq g\pi Cl(C)$ . Since  $g\pi Cl(C)$  and  $D$  are disjoint,  $B$  cannot intersect  $D$ . This contradicts the fact that  $D$  is a non-empty subset of  $B$ . So  $D = \emptyset$  which implies  $B$  is  $g\pi$ -connected.

**Theorem 3.5.11** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a contra  $g\pi$ -continuous function from an  $g\pi$ -connected space  $X$  onto any space  $Y$ , then  $Y$  is not a discrete space.

**Proof:** Let  $Y$  be a discrete space. Let  $A$  be a proper nonempty open and closed subset of  $Y$ . Then  $f^{-1}(A)$  is a proper nonempty  $g\pi$ -clopen subset of  $X$ , which is a contradiction to the fact that  $X$  is  $g\pi$ -connected.

**Theorem 3.5.12** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a contra- $g\pi$ -continuous surjection and  $X$  is  $g\pi$ -connected, then  $Y$  is connected.

**Proof:** Suppose that  $Y$  is not a connected space. Then there exist nonempty disjoint open sets  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  such that  $Y = V_1 \cup V_2$ . Therefore,  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are

clopen in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is contra- $g\pi$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(V_1)$  and  $f^{-1}(V_2)$  are  $g\pi$ -open in  $X$ . Moreover,  $f^{-1}(V_1)$  and  $f^{-1}(V_2)$  are nonempty disjoint and  $X = f^{-1}(V_1) \cup f^{-1}(V_2)$ . Hence  $X$  is not  $g\pi$ -connected. This is a contradiction. Therefore  $Y$  is connected.

**Theorem 3.5.13** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is almost contra- $g\pi$ -continuous surjection and  $X$  is  $g\pi$ -connected, then  $Y$  is connected.

**Proof:** Suppose that  $Y$  is not a connected space. Then there exist nonempty disjoint open sets  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  such that  $Y = V_1 \cup V_2$ . Therefore,  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are clopen sets. Thus they are regular open in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is almost contra  $g\pi$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(V_1)$  and  $f^{-1}(V_2)$  are  $g\pi$ -open in  $X$ . Moreover,  $f^{-1}(V_1)$  and  $f^{-1}(V_2)$  are nonempty disjoint and  $X = f^{-1}(V_1) \cup f^{-1}(V_2)$ . This shows that  $X$  is not  $g\pi$ -connected. This is a contradiction. Hence  $Y$  is connected.

### 3.6 Generalized $\pi$ - US spaces

**Definition 3.6.1** A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in a space  $X$ ,  $g\pi$ -converges to a point  $x \in X$  if  $\{x_n\}$  is eventually in every  $g\pi$ -open set containing  $x$ .

**Definition 3.6.2** A space  $X$  is said to be  $g\pi$ -US if every sequence in  $X$ ,  $g\pi$  - converges to a point of  $X$ .

**Theorem.3.6.3** Every  $g\pi$ -US space is  $g\pi$ - $T_1$  .

**Proof:** Let  $X$  be a  $g\pi$ -US space and  $x, y$  be two distinct points of  $X$ . Consider the sequence  $\{x_n\}$ , where  $x_n = x$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  . Clearly,  $\{x_n\}$   $g\pi$  converges to  $x$ . Since  $x \neq y$  and  $X$  is  $g\pi$ -US,  $\{x_n\}$  does not  $g\pi$ -converge to  $y$ , i.e., there exists a  $g\pi$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  but not  $y$ . Similarly, there exists a  $g\pi$ -open set  $V$  containing  $y$  but not  $x$ . Thus,  $X$  is  $g\pi$ - $T_1$ .

**Theorem 3.6.4** Every  $g\pi$ - $T_2$  space is  $g\pi$ -US.

**Proof:** Let  $X$  be a  $g\pi$ - $T_2$  space and  $\{x_n\}$  a sequence in  $X$ . Assume that  $\{x_n\}$   $g\pi$ -converges to two distinct points  $x$  and  $y$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  is eventually in every

$g\pi$ -open set containing  $x$  and also in every  $g\pi$ -open set containing  $y$ . Since  $X$  is  $g\pi$ - $T_2$ ,  $\{x_n\}$  is eventually in two disjoint  $g\pi$ -open sets. A contradiction. Therefore,  $X$  is  $g\pi$ -US.

**Definition 3.6.5** A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is said to be:

1. Sequentially  $g\pi$ -closed if every sequence in  $A$ ,  $g\pi$ -converges to a point in  $A$ ,
2. Sequentially  $G\pi O$ -compact if every sequence in  $A$  has a subsequence which  $g\pi$ -converges to a point in  $A$ .

**Theorem 3.6.6** A space is  $g\pi$ -US if and only if the diagonal set  $\Delta$  is a sequentially  $g\pi$ -closed subset of the product space  $X \times X$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that  $X$  is a  $g\pi$ -US space and  $\{(x_n, x_n)\}$  is a sequence in the diagonal  $\Delta$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $g\pi$ -US, the sequence  $\{x_n\}$   $g\pi$ -converges to a unique point,  $x \in X$ . This implies that the sequence  $\{(x_n, x_n)\}$   $g\pi$ -converges to  $(x, x)$  which clearly belongs to  $\Delta$ . Therefore,  $\Delta$  is a sequentially  $g\pi$ -closed subset of  $X \times X$ .

Conversely, suppose that the diagonal  $\Delta$  is a sequentially  $g\pi$ -closed subset of  $X \times X$ . Assume that a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is  $g\pi$ -converging to  $x$  and  $y$ . Then it follows that  $\{(x_n, x_n)\}$   $g\pi$ -converges to  $(x, y)$ . By hypothesis, since  $\Delta$  is sequentially  $g\pi$ -closed,  $(x, y) \in \Delta$ . Thus,  $x = y$ . Therefore,  $X$  is a  $g\pi$ -US space.

**Theorem 3.6.7** If a space  $X$  is  $g\pi$ -US and a subset  $M$  of  $X$  is sequentially  $G\pi O$  compact, then  $M$  is sequentially  $g\pi$ -closed.

**Proof:** Assume that  $\{x_n\}$  is any sequence in  $M$  which  $g\pi$ -converges to a point  $x \in X$ . Since  $M$  is sequentially  $G\pi O$ -compact, there exists a subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $\{x_{n_k}\}$   $g\pi$ -converges to  $m \in M$ . Since  $X$  is  $g\pi$ -US,  $x = m$ . This shows that  $M$  is sequentially  $g\pi$ -closed.

**Theorem 3.6.8** The product space of an arbitrary family of  $g\pi$ -US topological spaces is a  $g\pi$ -US topological space.

**Proof:** Let  $\{X_\lambda; \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be a family of  $g\pi$ -US topological spaces with the index set  $\Lambda$ . The product space of  $\{X_\lambda; \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be denoted by  $\prod X_\lambda$ . Let  $\{x_n(\lambda)\}$  be a sequence in  $\prod X_\lambda$ . Suppose that  $\{x_n(\lambda)\}$   $g\pi$ -converges to two distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $\prod X_\lambda$ . Then there exists a  $\lambda_0 \in \Lambda$  such that  $x(\lambda_0) \neq y(\lambda_0)$ . Then  $\{x_n(\lambda_0)\}$  is a sequence in  $X_{\lambda_0}$ . Let  $V_{\lambda_0}$  be any  $g\pi$ -open set in  $X_{\lambda_0}$  containing  $x(\lambda_0)$ . Then  $V = V_{\lambda_0} \times \prod_{\lambda \neq \lambda_0} X_\lambda$  is a  $g\pi$ -open set of  $\prod X_\lambda$  containing  $x$ . Therefore,  $\{x_n(\lambda)\}$  is eventually in  $V$ . Thus,  $\{x_n(\lambda_0)\}$  is eventually in  $V_{\lambda_0}$  and it  $g\pi$ -converges to  $x(\lambda_0)$ . Similarly, the sequence  $\{x_n(\lambda_0)\}$   $g\pi$ -converges to  $y(\lambda_0)$ . This is a contradiction as  $X_{\lambda_0}$  is a  $g\pi$ -US space. Therefore, the product space  $\prod X_\lambda$  is  $g\pi$ -US.

### 3.7 Sequentially $G\pi$ O-compact preserving functions

**Definition 3.7.1** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be:

(1) Sequentially  $g\pi$ -continuous at  $x \in X$  if the sequence  $\{f(x_n)\}$   $g\pi$ -converges to  $f(x)$  whenever a sequence  $\{x_n\}$   $g\pi$ -converges to  $x$ . If  $f$  is sequentially  $g\pi$ -continuous at each  $x \in X$ , then it is said to be sequentially  $g\pi$ -continuous.

(2) Sequentially nearly  $g\pi$ -continuous, if for each sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  that  $g\pi$ -converges to  $x \in X$ , there exists subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  such that the sequence  $\{f(x_{n_k})\}$   $g\pi$ -converges to  $\{f(x_n)\}$ .

(3) Sequentially sub  $g\pi$ -continuous if for each point  $x \in X$  and each sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$   $g\pi$ -converging to  $x$ , there exists a subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  and a point  $y \in Y$  such that the sequence  $\{f(x_{n_k})\}$   $g\pi$ -converges to  $y$ .

(4) Sequentially  $G\pi$ O-compact preserving if the image  $f(M)$  of every sequentially  $G\pi$ O-compact set  $M$  of  $X$  is a sequentially  $G\pi$ O-compact subset of  $Y$ .

**Theorem 3.7.2** Let  $f_1 : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $f_2 : X \rightarrow Y$  be two sequentially  $g\pi$ -continuous functions. If  $Y$  is  $g\pi$ -US, then the set  $E = \{x \in X: f_1(x) = f_2(x)\}$  is sequentially  $g\pi$ -closed.

**Proof:** Suppose that  $Y$  is  $g\pi$ -US and  $\{x_n\}$  is any sequence in  $E$  that  $f_1$   $g\pi$ -converges to  $x \in X$ . Since  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are sequentially  $g\pi$ -continuous functions, the sequence  $\{f_1(x_n)\}$   $g\pi$ -converges to  $f_1(x)$  (respectively,  $\{f_2(x_n)\}$   $g\pi$ -converges to  $f_2(x)$ ). Since  $x_n \in E$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $Y$  is  $g\pi$ -US,  $f_1(x) = f_2(x)$  and hence  $x \in E$ . This shows that  $E$  is sequentially  $g\pi$ -closed.

**Lemma 3.7.3** Every function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is sequentially sub- $g\pi$ -continuous if  $Y$  is sequentially  $G\pi O$ -compact.

**Proof:** Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $X$  that  $g\pi$  converges to  $x \in X$ . Therefore  $\{f(x_n)\}$  is a sequence in  $Y$ . Since  $Y$  is sequentially  $G\pi O$  compact, there exists a subsequence  $\{f(x_{n_k})\}$  of  $\{f(x_n)\}$  that  $g\pi$ -converges to a point  $y \in Y$ . Therefore,  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is sequentially sub- $g\pi$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.7.4** Every sequentially nearly  $g\pi$ -continuous function is sequentially  $G\pi O$ -compact preserving.

**Proof:** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a sequentially nearly  $g\pi$ -continuous function and  $M$  be any sequentially  $G\pi O$ -compact subset of  $X$ . We show that  $f(M)$  is a sequentially  $G\pi O$ -compact subset of  $Y$ . Let,  $\{y_n\}$  be any sequence in  $f(M)$ . Then for each positive integer  $n$ , there exists a point  $x_n$  in  $M$  such that  $f(x_n) = y_n$ . Since  $\{x_n\}$  is sequentially  $G\pi O$ -compact set  $M$ . There exists a subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$   $g\pi$ -converging to a point  $x$  in  $M$ . Since  $f$  is sequentially nearly  $g\pi$ -continuous, there exists a subsequence  $\{x_j\}$  of  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  such that  $\{f(x_j)\}$   $g\pi$ -converges to  $f(x)$ . Therefore, there exists a subsequence  $\{y_j\}$  of  $\{y_n\}$   $g\pi$ -converging to  $f(x)$  in  $f(M)$ . This implies that  $f(M)$  is a sequentially  $G\pi O$ -compact set of  $Y$ .

**Theorem 3.7.5** Every sequentially  $G\pi O$ -compact preserving function is sequentially sub- $g\pi$ -continuous.

**Proof:** Suppose that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a sequentially  $G\pi O$ -compact preserving function. Let  $x$  be any point of  $X$  and  $\{x_n\}$  a sequence that  $g\pi$  converges to  $x$ .

Let  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be in  $A$  and  $M = A \cup \{x\}$ . Since  $\{x_n\}$   $\text{g}\pi$ -converges to  $x$ ,  $M$  is sequentially  $\text{G}\pi\text{O}$ -compact. By hypothesis,  $f$  is sequentially  $\text{G}\pi\text{O}$ -compact preserving and hence  $f(M)$  is a sequentially  $\text{G}\pi\text{O}$ -compact subset of  $Y$ . Now in  $f(M)$  there exists a subsequence  $\{f(x_{n_k})\}$  of  $\{f(x_n)\}$  that  $\text{g}\pi$ -converges to a point  $y \in f(M)$ . This implies that  $f$  is sequentially sub- $\text{g}\pi$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.7.6** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is sequentially  $\text{G}\pi\text{O}$ -compact preserving if and only if  $f|_M : M \rightarrow f(M)$  is sequentially sub  $\text{g}\pi$ -continuous for each sequentially  $\text{G}\pi\text{O}$ -compact set  $M$  of  $X$ .

**Proof: Necessity:** suppose that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a sequentially  $\text{G}\pi\text{O}$ -compact preserving function. Then  $f(M)$  is sequentially  $\text{G}\pi\text{O}$ -compact in  $Y$  for each sequentially  $\text{G}\pi\text{O}$ -compact subset  $M$  of  $X$ . Therefore, by Theorem.3.7.5  $f|_M : M \rightarrow f(M)$  is sequentially sub- $\text{g}\pi$ -continuous.

**Sufficiency:** Let  $M$  be any sequentially  $\text{G}\pi\text{O}$ -compact set of  $X$ . We will show that  $f(M)$  is sequentially  $\text{G}\pi\text{O}$ -compact subset of  $Y$ . Let  $\{y_n\}$  be any sequence in  $f(M)$ . Then for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists a point  $x_n \in M$  such that  $f(x_n) = y_n$ . Since  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence in the sequentially  $\text{G}\pi\text{O}$ -compact set  $M$  there exists a subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  that  $\text{g}\pi$ -converges to a point in  $M$ . By hypothesis  $f|_M : M \rightarrow f(M)$  is sequentially sub- $\text{g}\pi$ -continuous hence there exists a subsequence  $\{y_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{y_n\}$  that  $\text{g}\pi$ -converges to  $y \in f(M)$ . This implies that  $f(M)$  is sequentially  $\text{G}\pi\text{O}$ -compact in  $Y$ .

**Corollary 3.7.7** If a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is sequentially sub- $\text{g}\pi$ -continuous and  $f(M)$  is sequentially  $\text{g}\pi$ -closed in  $Y$  for each sequentially  $\text{G}\pi\text{O}$ -compact set  $M$  of  $X$ , then  $f$  is sequentially  $\text{G}\pi\text{O}$ -compact preserving.

**Proof:** It will suffice to show that  $f|_M : M \rightarrow f(M)$  is sequentially sub  $\text{g}\pi$ -continuous for each sequentially  $\text{G}\pi\text{O}$ -compact set  $M$  of  $X$ , and by Lemma.3.7.3. So, let  $\{x_n\}$  be any sequence in  $M$  that  $\text{g}\pi$ -converges to a point  $x \in M$ . Then, since  $f$  is sequentially sub- $\text{g}\pi$ -continuous there exists a subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  and a point  $y \in Y$  such that  $\{f(x_{n_k})\}$   $\text{g}\pi$  converges to  $y$ . Since  $\{f(x_{n_k})\}$  is a sequence in the sequentially

$g\pi$ -closed set  $f(M)$  of  $Y$ , we obtain  $y \in f(M)$ . This implies that  $f|_M : M \rightarrow f(M)$  is sequentially sub- $g\pi$ -continuous. Hence  $f$  is sequentially  $G\pi O$ -compact preserving map.