

## $\alpha g^*s$ -Compactness and $\alpha g^*s$ - Connectedness in Topological Spaces

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### Abstract

In this paper, we introduce the new concepts  $\alpha g^*s$ -compactness and  $\alpha g^*s$ -connectedness in topological spaces and obtained some of their properties using  $\alpha g^*s$ -closed sets.

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### 1. Introduction

Compactness is the generalization to topological spaces of the property of closed and bounded subsets of the real line. 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 [1- 6] 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.

P. G Patil and T. D. Rayanagoudar [7] introduced and studied the properties of  $\alpha g^*s$ -closed sets in topological spaces. The aim of this paper is to introduce the

concept of  $\alpha g^*s$ -compactness and  $\alpha g^*s$ -connectedness in topological spaces and is to give some characterizations of  $\alpha g^*s$ -compactness and  $\alpha g^*s$ -connectedness. Further it is proved that  $\alpha g^*s$ -connectedness is under  $\alpha g^*s$ -irresolute surjections.

## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \sigma)$  and  $(Z, \eta)$  (or simply  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$ ) represent topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise mentioned. For a subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $cl(A)$ ,  $Int(A)$ ,  $\alpha cl(A)$  and  $A^c$  denote the closure of  $A$ , interior of  $A$ ,  $\alpha$ -closure of  $A$  and the compliment of  $A$  in  $X$  respectively.

The following definitions are useful in the sequel.

**Definition 2.1:** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. Then,

1. A subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is called  $\alpha g^*s$ -closed set [7] if  $\alpha cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $g$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .
2. A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $GO$ -compact [1] (resp.  $\alpha GO$ -compact [2]) if every  $g$ -open (resp.  $\alpha g$ -open) cover of  $(X, \tau)$  has a finite subcover.
3. A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $GPR$ -compact [4] (resp.  $\omega$ -compact [6]) if every  $GPR$ -open (resp.  $\omega$ -open) cover of  $(X, \tau)$  has a finite subcover.

**Definition 2.2:** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called

1.  $\alpha g^*s$ -continuous [7] (resp.  $\alpha g^*s$ -irresolute [7]) if the inverse image of every closed (resp.  $\alpha g^*s$ -closed) set in  $(Y, \sigma)$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .
2. strongly  $\alpha g^*s$ -continuous [8] (resp. perfectly  $\alpha g^*s$ -continuous [8]) if the inverse image of every  $\alpha g^*s$ -closed (resp.  $\alpha g^*s$ -closed) set in  $(Y, \sigma)$  is closed (resp. clopen) in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Definition 2.3:** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $\alpha_{gs}T^*_{1/2}$ -space [7] if every  $\alpha g^*a$ -closed set is closed.

### 3. $\alpha g^*s$ -Compactness in Topological Spaces

In this section, we introduce the concept of  $\alpha g^*s$ -compactness and obtained some of their properties.

**Definition 3.1:** A collection  $\{A_i: i \in I\}$  of  $\alpha g^*s$ -open sets in a topological space  $X$  is called  $\alpha g^*s$ -open cover of a subset  $A$  in  $X$  if  $A \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$ .

**Definition 3.2:** A topological space  $X$  is called  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact if every  $\alpha g^*s$ -open cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover.

**Definition 3.3:** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $X$  is called  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact relative to  $X$  if for every collection  $\{A_i: i \in I\}$  of  $\alpha g^*s$ -open subsets of  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$  there exists a finite subset  $I_0$  of  $I$  such that  $A \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I_0} A_i$ .

**Definition 3.4:** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $X$  is called  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact if  $A$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact of the subspace of  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.5:** A  $\alpha g^*s$ -closed subset of  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact space is  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact relative to  $X$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be a  $\alpha g^*s$ -closed subset of a topological space  $X$ . Then  $A^c$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -open in  $X$ . Let  $S = \{A_i: i \in I\}$  be a  $\alpha g^*s$ -open cover of  $A$  by  $\alpha g^*s$ -open subsets in  $X$ . Then  $S^* = S \cup A^c$  is a  $\alpha g^*s$ -open cover of  $X$ . That is  $X = [\bigcup \{A_i: i \in I\}] \cup A^c$ . By hypothesis  $X$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact and hence  $S^*$  is reducible to a finite subcover of  $X$  say  $X = A_{i_1} \cup A_{i_2} \cup \dots \cup A_{i_n} \cup A^c$ ,  $A_{i_k} \in S^*$ . But  $A$  and  $A^c$  are disjoint. Hence  $A \subseteq A_{i_1} \cup A_{i_2} \cup \dots \cup A_{i_n} \in S$ . Thus a  $\alpha g^*s$ -open cover  $S$  of  $A$  contains a finite subcover. Hence  $A$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact relative to  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.6:** Every  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact space is compact.

**Proof:** Let  $X$  be a  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact space. Let  $\{A_i: i \in I\}$  be an open cover of  $X$ . Then  $\{A_i: i \in I\}$  is a  $\alpha g^*s$ -open cover of  $X$  as every open set is  $\alpha g^*s$ -open set. Since  $X$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact, the  $\alpha g^*s$ -open cover  $\{A_i: i \in I\}$  of  $X$  has a finite subcover say  $\{A_i: i=1 \dots n\}$  for  $X$ . Hence  $X$  is compact.

**Theorem 3.7:** If  $X$  is compact and  $\alpha_{gs}T^*_{1/2}$ -space, then  $X$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact.

**Theorem 3.8:** Every  $\alpha$ GO-compact space is  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact.

**Proof:** Let  $X$  be a  $\alpha$ GO-compact space. Let  $\{A_i: i \in I\}$  be a  $\alpha g^*s$ -open cover of  $X$  by  $\alpha g^*s$ -open set in  $X$ . Since every  $\alpha g^*s$ -open set is  $\alpha g$ -open, so that  $\{A_i: i \in I\}$  is  $\alpha g$ -open cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $\alpha$ GO-compact, the  $\alpha g$ -open cover  $\{A_i: i \in I\}$  of  $X$  has a finite subcover say  $\{A_i: i=1 \dots n\}$  of  $X$ . Hence  $X$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact.

**Theorem 3.9:** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be surjective,  $\alpha g^*s$ -continuous function. If  $X$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact, then  $Y$  is compact.

**Proof:** Let  $\{A_i: i \in I\}$  be an open cover of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -continuous function, then  $\{f^{-1}(A_i): i \in I\}$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -open cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover say  $\{f^{-1}(A_i): i=1 \dots n\}$ .

Therefore  $X = \bigcup_{i=1}^n f^{-1}(A_i)$  which implies  $f(X) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$ . Since  $f$  is surjective, that is  $Y = \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$ . Thus  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$  is a finite subcover of  $\{A_i: i \in I\}$  for  $Y$ . Hence  $Y$  is compact.

**Theorem 3.10:** If a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -irresolute and a subset  $B$  of  $X$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact relative to  $X$ , then the image  $f(B)$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact relative to  $Y$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\{A_i: i \in I\}$  be any collection of  $\alpha g^*s$ -open sets in  $Y$  such that  $f(B) = \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$ .

Then  $B \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} f^{-1}(A_i)$ , where  $\{f^{-1}(A_i): i \in I\}$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -open set in  $X$ . Since  $B$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact relative to  $X$ , there exists finite subcollection  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$  such that  $B \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I_0} f^{-1}(A_i)$ . Therefore  $f(B) \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I_0} A_i$ . Hence  $f(B)$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact relative to  $Y$ .

**Theorem 3.11:** If a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is strongly  $\alpha g^*s$ -continuous from a compact space  $X$  onto a topological space  $Y$ , then  $Y$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact.

**Proof:** Let  $\{A_i: i \in I\}$  be a  $\alpha g^*s$ -open cover of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is strongly  $\alpha g^*s$ -continuous,  $\{f^{-1}(A_i): i \in I\}$  is an open cover of  $X$ . Again since  $X$  is compact space, the open cover  $\{f^{-1}(A_i): i \in I\}$  of  $X$  has a finite subcover say  $\{f^{-1}(A_i): i = 1 \dots n\}$ . Therefore  $X = \bigcup_{i=1}^n f^{-1}(A_i)$  which implies  $f(X) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$  so that  $Y = \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$ . That is  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$  is a finite subcover of  $\{A_i: i \in I\}$  for  $Y$ . Hence  $Y$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact.

**Theorem 3.12:** A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is perfectly  $\alpha g^*s$ -continuous from a compact space  $X$  onto a topological space  $Y$ , then  $Y$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact.

**Proof:** Since every perfectly  $\alpha g^*s$ -continuous function is a strongly  $\alpha g^*s$ -continuous and by Theorem 3.11,  $Y$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact.

**Theorem 3.13:** A topological space  $X$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact if and only if every family of  $\alpha g^*s$ -closed sets of  $X$  having finite intersection property has a non-empty intersection.

**Proof:** Suppose  $X$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact. Let  $\{A_i; i \in I\}$  be a family of  $\alpha g^*s$ -closed sets with finite intersection property. To prove that  $\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i \neq \phi$ .

Suppose  $\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i = \phi$ . Then  $X - \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i = X$ . Which implies  $\bigcup_{i \in I} (X - A_i) = X$ .

Thus the cover  $\{X - A_i; i \in I\}$  is a  $\alpha g^*s$ -open cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact, the  $\alpha g^*s$ -open cover  $\{X - A_i; i \in I\}$  has a finite subcover say  $\{X - A_i; i=1, \dots, n\}$ . This

implies  $X = \bigcup_{i=1}^n (X - A_i)$  which implies that  $X = X - \bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i$  which implies  $X - X = X -$

$\left[ X - \bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i \right]$  implies that  $\phi = \bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i$ . This contradicts the assumption. Hence  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i \neq \phi$ .

Conversely, suppose every family of  $\alpha g^*s$ -closed sets of  $X$  with finite intersection property has a non-empty intersection. To prove that  $X$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact. Suppose  $X$  is not a  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact. Then there exists a  $\alpha g^*s$ -open cover of  $X$  say  $\{G_i; i \in I\}$  having no finite sub-cover. This implies for any finite sub family  $\{G_i; i = 1, \dots, n\}$  of  $\{G_i; i \in I\}$

we have  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n G_i \neq X$  which implies that  $X - \bigcup_{i=1}^n G_i \neq X - X$ , which implies

$\bigcap_{i=1}^n (X - G_i) \neq \phi$ . Then the family  $\{X - G_i; i \in I\}$  of  $\alpha g^*s$ -closed sets has a finite

intersection property. Also by assumption  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n (X - G_i) \neq \phi$  which implies  $X -$

$\bigcup_{i=1}^n G_i \neq \phi$ . So that  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n G_i \neq X$ . This implies  $\{G_i; i \in I\}$  is not a cover of  $X$ . This

contradicts the fact that  $\{G_i; i \in I\}$  is a cover for  $X$ . Thus a  $\alpha g^*s$ -open cover  $\{G_i; i \in I\}$  has a finite subcover  $\{G_i; i = 1, \dots, n\}$ . Hence  $X$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact.

**Theorem 3.14:** The image of a  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact space under a strongly  $\alpha g^*s$ -continuous function is  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact.

**Theorem 3.15:** The image of a  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact space under a  $\alpha g^*s$ -irresolute function is  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact.

#### 4. Countably $\alpha g^*s$ -Compactness in Topological Spaces

In this section, we study the concept of countably  $\alpha g^*s$ -compactness in topological spaces and investigated some of their properties.

**Definition 4.1:** A topological space  $X$  is said to be countably  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact if every countable  $\alpha g^*s$ -open cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover.

**Theorem 4.2:** If  $X$  is a countably  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact space, then  $f$  is countably compact.

**Theorem 4.3:** If  $X$  is countably compact and  $\alpha_{gs}T^*_{1/2}$ -space, then  $X$  is countably  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact.

**Theorem 4.4:** Every  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact space is countably  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact.

**Proof:** Let  $X$  be a  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact space. Let  $\{A_i : i \in I\}$  be a countable  $\alpha g^*s$ -open cover of  $X$  containing  $\alpha g^*s$ -open sets. Then  $\{A_i : i \in I\}$  is a  $\alpha g^*s$ -open cover  $\{A_i : i \in I\}$  of  $X$  which has a finite subcover say  $\{A_i : i=1 \dots n\}$ . Hence  $X$  is countably  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact.

**Theorem 4.5:** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -continuous function from a countably  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact space  $X$  onto a topological space  $Y$ , then  $Y$  is countably compact.

**Proof:** Let  $\{A_i : i \in I\}$  be a countable open cover of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -continuous, then  $\{f^{-1}(A_i) : i \in I\}$  is countable  $\alpha g^*s$ -open cover of  $X$ . Again since  $X$  is countably  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact, the countable  $\alpha g^*s$ -open cover  $\{f^{-1}(A_i) : i \in I\}$  of  $X$  has a finite subcover say  $\{f^{-1}(A_i) : i=1 \dots n\}$ . Therefore  $X = \bigcup_{i=1}^n f^{-1}(A_i)$  implies  $f(X) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$ . Thus  $Y = \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$ .

Therefore  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$  is a finite subcover of  $\{A_i : i \in I\}$  for  $Y$ . Hence  $Y$  is countably compact.

**Theorem 4.6:** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be  $\alpha g^*s$ -continuous function from a countably  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact space  $X$  onto a topological space  $Y$ . If  $Y$  is  $\alpha_{gs}T^*_{1/2}$ -space, then  $Y$  is

countably  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact.

**Proof:** Let  $\{A_i: i \in I\}$  be a countable  $\alpha g^*s$ -open cover of  $Y$  by  $\alpha g^*s$ -open sets in  $Y$ . Since  $Y$  is  $\alpha_{gs}T^*_{1/2}$ -space,  $\{A_i: i \in I\}$  is a countable open cover of  $Y$ . Then  $\{f^{-1}(A_i): i \in I\}$  is a countable  $\alpha g^*s$ -open cover of  $X$  as  $f$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -continuous. Again since  $X$  is countably  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact, the countable  $\alpha g^*s$ -open cover  $\{f^{-1}(A_i): i \in I\}$  of  $X$  has a finite subcover say  $\{f^{-1}(A_i): i=1, \dots, n\}$ . Therefore  $X = \bigcup_{i=1}^n f^{-1}(A_i)$  which implies that

$f(X) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$ . That is  $Y = \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$ . Thus  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$  is a finite subcover of a

countable  $\alpha g^*s$ -open cover  $\{A_i: i \in I\}$  for  $Y$ . Hence  $Y$  is countably  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact.

**Theorem 4.7:** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be strongly  $\alpha g^*s$ -continuous function from a countably compact space  $X$  onto a topological space  $Y$ , then  $Y$  is countably  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact.

**Proof:** Let  $\{A_i: i \in I\}$  be a countable  $\alpha g^*s$ -open cover of  $Y$  by  $\alpha g^*s$ -open sets in  $Y$ . Then  $\{f^{-1}(A_i): i \in I\}$  is a countable open cover of  $X$  as  $f$  is strongly  $\alpha g^*s$ -continuous function. Since  $X$  is countably compact, the countable open cover  $\{f^{-1}(A_i): i \in I\}$  of  $X$  has a finite subcover say  $\{f^{-1}(A_i): i=1, \dots, n\}$ . Therefore  $X = \bigcup_{i=1}^n f^{-1}(A_i)$  which

implies that  $f(X) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$ . Then  $Y = \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$ . Thus  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$  is a finite subcover of  $\{A_i: i \in I\}$  for  $Y$ . Hence  $Y$  is countably  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact.

**Theorem 4.8:** If a function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is perfectly  $\alpha g^*s$ -continuous from a countably compact space  $X$  onto a topological space  $Y$ , then  $Y$  is countably  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact.

**Theorem 4.9:** The image of a countably  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact space under  $\alpha g^*s$ -irresolute function is countably  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact.

**Theorem 4.10:** A space  $X$  is countably  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact if and only if every countable family of  $\alpha g^*s$ -closed sets of  $X$  having finite intersection property (f. i. p.) has a non empty intersection.

**Definition 4.11:** A topological space  $X$  is said to be  $\alpha g^*s$ -Lindelöf if every  $\alpha g^*s$ -open cover of  $X$  has a countable subcover.

**Theorem 4.12:** Every  $\alpha g^*s$ -Lindelöf space is Lindelöf.

**Theorem 4.13:** If  $X$  is Lindelöf and  $\alpha_{gs}T^*_{1/2}$ -space, then  $X$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -Lindelöf space.

**Theorem 4.14:** Every  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact space is  $\alpha g^*s$ -Lindelöf space.

**Proof:** Let  $X$  be a  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact space. Let  $\{A_i: i \in I\}$  be  $\alpha g^*s$ -open cover of  $X$ . Then  $\{A_i: i \in I\}$  has a finite subcover say  $\{A_i: i=1\dots n\}$  as  $X$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact. Since every finite subcover is always a countable subcover. And therefore  $\{A_i: i=1\dots n\}$  is a countable subcover of  $\{A_i: i \in I\}$  for  $X$ . Hence  $X$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -Lindelöf space.

**Theorem 4.15:** If a function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -continuous from a  $\alpha g^*s$ -Lindelöf space  $X$  onto a topological space, then  $Y$  is Lindelöf space.

**Theorem 4.16:** The image of  $\alpha g^*s$ -Lindelöf space under  $\alpha g^*s$ -irresolute function is  $\alpha g^*s$ -Lindelöf.

**Proof:** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a  $\alpha g^*s$ -irresolute function from a  $\alpha g^*s$ -Lindelöf space  $X$  onto a topological space  $Y$ . Let  $\{A_i: i \in I\}$  be a  $\alpha g^*s$ -open cover of  $Y$ . Then  $\{f^{-1}(A_i): i \in I\}$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -open cover of  $X$  as  $f$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -irresolute. Since  $X$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -Lindelöf, the  $\alpha g^*s$ -open cover  $\{f^{-1}(A_i): i \in I\}$  of  $X$  has a countable subcover say  $\{f^{-1}(A_{i_n}): n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Therefore  $X = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f^{-1}(A_{i_n})$  which implies  $f(X) = Y = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_{i_n}$ , that is  $\{A_{i_n}: n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a countable subfamily of  $\{A_i: i \in I\}$  for  $Y$ . Hence  $Y$  is Lindelöf space.

**Theorem 4.17:** If a function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is strongly  $\alpha g^*s$ -continuous function from a Lindelöf space  $X$  onto a topological space  $Y$ , then  $Y$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -Lindelöf.

**Proof:** Let  $\{A_i: i \in I\}$  be an  $\alpha g^*s$ -open cover of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is strongly  $\alpha g^*s$ -continuous,  $\{f^{-1}(A_i): i \in I\}$  is open cover of  $X$ . Again since  $X$  is Lindelöf, the open cover  $\{f^{-1}(A_i): i \in I\}$  of  $X$  has a countable subcover say  $\{f^{-1}(A_{i_n}): n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Therefore  $X = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f^{-1}(A_{i_n})$  which implies  $f(X) = Y = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_{i_n}$ . So  $\{A_{i_n}: n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a countable subcover of  $\{A_i: i \in I\}$  for  $Y$ . Hence  $Y$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -Lindelöf.

**Theorem 4.18:** If  $X$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -Lindelöf and countably  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact space, then  $X$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact.

**Proof:** Suppose  $X$  is countably  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact and  $\alpha g^*s$ -Lindelöf space. Let  $\{A_i: i \in I\}$  be an  $\alpha g^*s$ -open cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -Lindelöf,  $\{A_i: i \in I\}$  has a countable subcover say  $\{A_{i_n}: n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Therefore  $\{A_{i_n}: n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a countable subcover of  $X$  and



$\{A_{i_n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a subfamily of  $\{A_i : i \in I\}$  and so  $\{A_{i_n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a countably  $\alpha g^*s$ -open cover of  $X$ . Again since  $X$  is countably  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact,  $\{A_{i_n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  has a finite subcover say  $\{A_{i_n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq \{A_i : i \in I\}$ . Therefore  $\{A_{i_n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a finite subcover of  $\{A_i : i \in I\}$  for  $X$ . Hence  $X$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -compact space.

**Theorem 4.19:** The image of a  $\alpha g^*s$ -Lindelöf space under a strongly  $\alpha g^*s$ -continuous function is  $\alpha g^*s$ -Lindelöf.

## 5. $\alpha g^*s$ -Connectedness in Topological Spaces

**Definition 5.1:** A topological space  $X$  is said to be  $\alpha g^*s$  -connected if  $X$  can not be expressed as a disjoint union of two non-empty  $\alpha g^*s$ -open sets.

A subset of  $X$  is  $\alpha g^*s$  -connected if it is  $\alpha g^*s$ -connected as a subspace.

**Remark 5.2** Every  $\alpha g^*s$ -connected space is connected but the converse need not be true in general, which follows from the following example.

**Example 5.3** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and let  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset\}$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is connected but not an  $\alpha g^*s$ -connected space because  $X = \{a\} \cup \{b, c\}$ , where  $\{a\}$  and  $\{b, c\}$  are  $\alpha g^*s$ -open sets in  $X$ .

**Theorem 5.4:** For a topological space  $X$  the following are equivalent.

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

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

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

Therefore  $X$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -connected.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) : Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a  $\alpha g^*s$ -continuous map. Then  $X$  is covered by  $\alpha g^*s$  - open and  $\alpha g^*s$ -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  $f^{-1}(y) = \emptyset$  and hence  $f^{-1}(y) = X$ . This shows that  $f$  is a constant map.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Let  $G$  be both  $\alpha g^*s$ -open and  $\alpha g^*s$ -closed in  $X$ . Suppose  $G = \emptyset$ . Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a  $\alpha g^*s$ -continuous map defined by  $f(G) = y$  and  $f(G^c) = \{w\}$  for some distinct points  $y$  and  $w$  in  $Y$ .

By assumption,  $f$  is constant. Therefore we have  $G = X$

**Theorem 5.5:** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a  $\alpha g^*s$  -continuous, onto and  $X$  is  $\alpha g^*s$  -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 set in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -continuous and onto,  $X = f^{-1}(A) \cup f^{-1}(B)$  where  $f^{-1}(A)$  and  $f^{-1}(B)$  are disjoint non-empty  $\alpha g^*s$ -open sets in  $X$ . This contradicts the fact that  $X$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -connected. Hence  $Y$  is connected.

**Theorem 5.6:** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a  $\alpha g^*s$ -irresolute surjection and  $X$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -connected, then  $Y$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -connected.

**Theorem 5.7:** Suppose that  $X$  is a  $\alpha_{gs}T^*_{1/2}$ -space, then  $X$  is connected if and only if it is  $\alpha g^*s$  -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  $\alpha g^*s$ -connected space. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be any two  $\alpha g^*s$ -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  $\alpha_{gs}T^*_{1/2}$ -space and  $A, B$  are  $\alpha g^*s$ -open sets,  $A, B$  are open subsets of  $X$ , which contradicts that  $X$  is connected. Therefore  $X$  is  $\alpha g^*s$ -connected.

Conversely, every open set is  $\alpha g^*s$  -open. Therefore every  $\alpha g^*s$ -connected space is connected.

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