



## ON GENERALIZED $w$ -CLOSED SETS IN ASSOCIATED WEAK SPACES

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### Abstract

The purpose of this note is to introduce the notion of generalized  $w_\tau$ -closed ( $w_\tau$ -open) sets in an associated  $w_\tau$ -space and to study its properties. In particular, we find the conditions of continuous functions to preserve generalized  $w_\tau$ -closed sets or generalized  $w_\tau$ -open sets.

### 1. Introduction

Siwiec [13] introduced the notions of weak neighborhoods and weak base in a topological space. We introduced the weak neighborhood systems defined by using the notion of weak neighborhoods in [8]. The weak

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neighborhood system induces a weak neighborhood space which is independent of neighborhood spaces [2] and general topological spaces [1]. The notions of weak structure,  $w$ -space,  $W$ -continuity and  $W^*$ -continuity were investigated in [9]. In fact, the set of all  $g$ -closed subsets [3] in a topological space is a kind of weak structure. Moreover, in [10], we introduced the notion of an associated weak space (simply, associated  $w_\tau$ -space) containing a given topology  $\tau$ . The one purpose of our research is to generalize  $w_\tau$ -open sets in an associated weak space  $w_\tau$  in the similar way introduced by Levine [3] in topological spaces. So we introduce the notion of generalize  $w_\tau$ -open sets (generalize  $w_\tau$ -closed sets) in an associated weak space  $w_\tau$  and study its properties. In particular, we have the following theorems: (A) *If  $f$  is continuous and  $W^*$ -closed, then for every  $gw_\tau$ -open subset  $B$  in  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is  $gw_\tau$ -open.* (B) *If  $f$  is  $W^*$ -continuous and closed, for every  $gw_\tau$ -closed set  $A$  in  $X$ ,  $f(A)$  is  $gw_\tau$ -closed.*

## 2. Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1** [9]. Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. A subfamily  $w_X$  of the power set  $P(X)$  is called a *weak structure* on  $X$  if it satisfies the following:

- (1)  $\emptyset \in w_X$  and  $X \in w_X$ .
- (2) For  $U_1, U_2 \in w_X$ ,  $U_1 \cap U_2 \in w_X$ .

Then the pair  $(X, w_X)$  is called a *w-space* on  $X$ . Then  $V \in w_X$  is called a *w-open set* and the complement of a *w-open set* is a *w-closed set*.

The collection of all *w-open sets* (resp., *w-closed sets*) in a *w-space*  $X$  will be denoted by  $WO(X)$  (resp.,  $WC(X)$ ). We set  $W(x) = \{U \in WO(X) : x \in U\}$ .

Let  $S$  be a subset of a topological space  $X$ . The closure (resp., interior) of  $S$  will be denoted by  $clS$  (resp.,  $intS$ ). A subset  $S$  of  $X$  is called a *preopen set* [6] (resp.,  $\alpha$ -open set [12], *semi-open* [4]) if  $S \subset \text{int}(cl(S))$  (resp.,  $S \subset$

$\text{int}(cl(\text{int}(S)))$ ,  $S \subset cl(\text{int}(S))$ ). The complement of a preopen set (resp.,  $\alpha$ -open set, *semi-open*) is called a *preclosed set* (resp.,  $\alpha$ -closed set, *semi-closed*). The family of all preopen sets (resp.,  $\alpha$ -open sets, semi-open sets) in  $X$  will be denoted by  $PO(X)$  (resp.,  $\alpha(X)$ ,  $SO(X)$ ). We know the family  $\alpha(X)$  is a topology finer than the given topology on  $X$ .

Moreover, a subset  $S$  of  $X$  is said to be  *$g$ -closed* [3] if  $cl(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$ .

Then the family  $GO(X) = \{U \subseteq X : U \text{ is } g\text{-open}\}$ ,  $O(X) = \{U \subseteq X : U \text{ is open}\}$  and  $CL(X) = \{F \subseteq X : F \text{ is closed}\}$  are all weak structures on  $X$ . But  $PO(X)$ ,  $GPO(X)$  and  $SO(X)$  are not weak structures on  $X$ . A subfamily  $m_X$  of the power set  $P(X)$  of a nonempty set  $X$  is called a *minimal structure* on  $X$  [5] if  $\emptyset \in w_X$  and  $X \in w_X$ . Thus clearly every weak structure is a minimal structure.

Let  $(X, w_X)$  be a  $w$ -space. For a subset  $A$  of  $X$ , the  *$w$ -closure* of  $A$  and the  *$w$ -interior* of  $A$  are defined as follows:

$$(1) \quad wC(A) = \bigcap \{F : A \subseteq F, X - F \in w_X\}.$$

$$(2) \quad wI(A) = \bigcup \{U : U \subseteq A, U \in w_X\}.$$

**Theorem 2.2** [9]. *Let  $(X, w_X)$  be a  $w$ -space and  $A \subseteq X$ . Then the following things hold:*

$$(1) \text{ If } A \subset B, \text{ then } wI(A) \subset wI(B); wC(A) \subset wC(B).$$

$$(2) \quad wI(wI(A)) = wI(A); wC(wC(A)) = wC(A).$$

$$(3) \quad wC(X - A) = X - wI(A); wI(X - A) = X - wC(A).$$

$$(4) \text{ If } A \text{ is } w\text{-closed (resp., } w\text{-open), then } wC(A) = A \text{ (resp., } wI(A) = A).$$

### 3. Main Results

First, we recall the notion of an associated  $w$ -space with  $\tau$  introduced in

[10]. Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. A subfamily  $w$  of the power set  $P(X)$  is called an *associated weak structure* (simply,  $w_\tau$ ) on  $X$  if  $\tau \subseteq w$  and  $w$  is a weak structure. Then the pair  $(X, w_\tau)$  is called an *associated  $w$ -space* with  $\tau$ .

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $(X, w_\tau)$  be an associated  $w$ -space with a topology  $\tau$  and  $A \subseteq X$ . Then  $A$  is called a *generalized  $w_\tau$ -closed set* (simply,  *$gw_\tau$ -closed set*) if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$ , whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $w$ -open.

**Remark 3.2.** (1) If  $w_\tau = \tau$ , then the generalized  $w_\tau$ -closed set is exactly a generalized closed set in sense of Levine in [3].

(2) If  $w_\tau$  is the family of all  $g$ -open sets in sense of Levine, then the generalized  $w_\tau$ -closed set is exactly a  $g^*$ -closed set [14].

(3) Obviously, every  $w$ -closed set is generalized  $w_\tau$ -closed, but in general, the converse is not true as the next example.

**Example 3.3.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ , a topology  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, X\}$  and a  $w$ -structure  $w_X = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, d\}, X\}$  in  $X$ . For  $A = \{a, c\}$ , obviously  $A$  is  $gw_\tau$ -closed but not  $w$ -closed.

We recall that:  $A$  is called a *generalized  $w$ -closed set* (simply,  *$gw$ -closed set*) [11] if  $wC(A) \subseteq U$ , whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $w$ -open.

**Remark 3.4.** Let  $(X, w_\tau)$  be an associated  $w$ -space with a topology  $\tau$  and  $A \subseteq X$ . Since  $wC(A) \subseteq cl(A)$ , every  $gw_\tau$ -closed set is  $gw$ -closed. But, the converse may not be true as the next example.

**Example 3.5.** In Example 3.3, let  $A = \{d\}$ . Then  $wC(A) = A$ , so  $A$  is  $gw$ -closed. Consider a  $w$ -open set  $U = \{a, d\}$  such that  $A \subseteq U$ . Since  $cl(A) = \{a, c, d\}$ ,  $A$  is not  $gw_\tau$ -closed.

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $(X, w_\tau)$  be an associated  $w$ -space with a topology  $\tau$ . Then the union of two  $gw_\tau$ -closed sets is a  $gw_\tau$ -closed set.

**Proof.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be any two  $gw_\tau$ -closed sets. Let  $G$  be any  $w$ -open set such that  $A \cup B \subseteq G$ . Then  $A \subseteq G$  and  $B \subseteq G$ . Since  $A$  and  $B$  are  $gw_\tau$ -closed sets,  $cl(A) \subseteq G$  and  $cl(B) \subseteq G$ . So,  $cl(A \cup B) = cl(A) \cup cl(B) \subseteq G$ . Hence  $A \cup B$  is  $gw_\tau$ -closed.  $\square$

In general, the intersection of two  $gw_\tau$ -closed sets is not  $gw_\tau$ -closed:

**Example 3.7.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ , a topology  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, X\}$  and a  $w$ -structure  $w_X = \{\emptyset, \{a, c\}, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, d\}, X\}$  in  $X$ . Now, consider  $A = \{a, b, c\}$ , and  $B = \{a, c, d\}$ . Then  $A$  and  $B$  are  $gw_\tau$ -closed. But  $A \cap B = \{a, c\}$  is not  $gw_\tau$ -closed because  $\{a, c\}$  is  $w$ -open and  $cl(\{a, c\}) = \{a, c, d\}$ .

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $(X, w_\tau)$  be an associated  $w$ -space with a topology  $\tau$ . Then if  $A$  is a  $gw_\tau$ -closed set, then  $cl(A) - A$  contains no non-empty  $w$ -closed set.

**Proof.** Suppose that there is a  $w$ -closed set  $F$  such that  $F \subseteq cl(A) - A$ . Then  $A \subseteq X - F$ , and since  $X - F$  is  $w$ -open and  $A$  is  $gw_\tau$ -closed,  $cl(A) \subseteq X - F$  and  $F \subseteq X - cl(A)$ . It implies that  $F \subseteq cl(A) \cap (X - cl(A)) = \emptyset$ . Hence,  $F = \emptyset$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.9.** Let  $(X, w_\tau)$  be an associated  $w$ -space with a topology  $\tau$ . Then if  $A$  is a  $gw_\tau$ -closed set, then  $cl(A) - A$  contains no non-empty closed set.

**Proof.** Since  $X$  is an associated  $w$ -space, every closed set is  $w$ -closed. The corollary is obtained by the above theorem.  $\square$

In Theorem 3.8, the converse is not true as shown in the next example.

**Example 3.10.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ , a topology  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and a  $w$ -structure  $w_X = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, d\}, X\}$  in  $X$ . Consider  $A = \{a\}$ . Note  $cl(A) = \{a, d\}$  and  $cl(A) - A = \{a, d\} - \{a\} = \{d\}$ . Since  $\{d\}$  is not  $w$ -closed,  $cl(A) - A$  contains no non-empty  $w$ -closed set, but  $A$  is not  $w$ -closed.

**Theorem 3.11.** *Let  $(X, w_\tau)$  be an associated  $w$ -space with a topology  $\tau$ . Then if  $A$  is a  $gw_\tau$ -closed set and  $A \subseteq B \subseteq cl(A)$ , then  $B$  is  $gw_\tau$ -closed.*

**Proof.** Let  $U$  be any  $w$ -open set such that  $B \subseteq U$ . Then  $A \subseteq U$  and  $cl(B) \subseteq cl(A)$ . Since  $A$  is a  $gw_\tau$ -closed set,  $cl(B) \subseteq cl(A) \subseteq U$ . It implies that  $B$  is  $gw_\tau$ -closed set.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.12.** *Let  $(X, w_\tau)$  be an associated  $w$ -space with a topology  $\tau$ . Then if  $A$  is a  $gw_\tau$ -closed set and  $A \subseteq B \subseteq wC(A)$ , then  $B$  is  $gw_\tau$ -closed.*

**Proof.** From  $wC(A) \subseteq cl(A)$  and Theorem 3.11,  $B$  is  $gw_\tau$ -closed set.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.13.** *Let  $(X, w_\tau)$  be an associated  $w$ -space with a topology  $\tau$ . Then if  $A$  is a  $gw_\tau$ -closed set and  $A \subseteq B \subseteq wC(A)$ , then  $B$  is  $gw$ -closed.*

**Proof.** It follows from the fact that every  $gw_\tau$ -closed set is  $gw$ -closed.  $\square$

**Definition 3.14.** Let  $(X, w_\tau)$  be an associated  $w$ -space with a topology  $\tau$  and  $A \subseteq X$ . Then  $A$  is called a *generalized  $w_\tau$ -open set* (simply,  *$gw_\tau$ -open set*) if  $X - A$  is  $gw_\tau$ -closed.

**Theorem 3.15.** *Let  $(X, w_\tau)$  be an associated  $w$ -space with a topology  $\tau$  and  $A \subseteq X$ . Then  $A$  is  $gw_\tau$ -open if and only if  $F \subseteq \text{int}(A)$  whenever  $F \subseteq A$  and  $F$  is  $w$ -closed.*

**Proof.** It follows from Definition 3.1.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.16.** *Let  $(X, w_\tau)$  be an associated  $w$ -space with a topology  $\tau$ . Then the intersection of two  $gw_\tau$ -open sets is a  $gw_\tau$ -open set.*

**Proof.** It is obvious from Theorem 3.6.  $\square$

In general, the union of two  $gw_\tau$ -open sets is not  $gw_\tau$ -open (see Example 3.7).

**Theorem 3.17.** *Let  $(X, w_\tau)$  be an associated  $w$ -space with a topology  $\tau$*

and  $A \subseteq X$ . Then if  $A$  is  $gw_\tau$ -open, then  $U = X$ , whenever  $\text{int}(A) \cup (X - A) \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $w$ -open.

**Proof.** Let  $U$  be any  $w$ -open set and  $\text{int}(A) \cup (X - A) \subseteq U$ . Then  $X - U \subseteq (X - \text{int}(A)) \cap A = cl(X - A) \cap A = cl(X - A) - (X - A)$ . Since  $X - A$  is  $gw_\tau$ -closed, by Theorem 3.8, the  $w$ -closed set  $X - U$  must be empty. Hence,  $U = X$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.18.** Let  $(X, w_\tau)$  be an associated  $w$ -space with a topology  $\tau$  and  $A \subseteq X$ . Then if  $A$  is  $gw_\tau$ -open, then  $U = X$ , whenever  $\text{int}(A) \cup (X - A) \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open.

**Proof.** Since every open set is  $w$ -open, it follows from the above theorem.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.19.** Let  $(X, w_\tau)$  be an associated  $w$ -space with a topology  $\tau$ . Then if  $A$  is a  $gw_\tau$ -open set and  $wI(A) \subseteq B \subseteq A$ , then  $B$  is  $gw_\tau$ -open.

**Proof.** It is similar to the proof of Theorem 3.11.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.20.** Let  $(X, w_\tau)$  be an associated  $w$ -space with a topology  $\tau$ . Then if  $A$  is a  $gw_\tau$ -open set and  $\text{int}(A) \subseteq B \subseteq A$ , then  $B$  is  $gw_\tau$ -open.

**Proof.** Since  $\text{int}(A) \subseteq wI(A)$ , it is obtained from Theorem 3.19.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.21.** Let  $(X, w_\tau)$  be an associated  $w$ -space with a topology  $\tau$ . Then if  $A$  is a  $gw_\tau$ -closed set, then  $cl(A) - A$  is  $gw_\tau$ -open.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $A$  is a  $gw_\tau$ -closed set. Then by Theorem 3.8, the empty set is the only one  $w$ -closed subset of  $cl(A) - A$ . So, for the only  $w$ -closed subset  $\emptyset$  of  $cl(A) - A$ ,  $\emptyset \subseteq cl(A) - A$  and  $\emptyset \subseteq \text{int}(cl(A) - A)$ . From Theorem 3.15,  $cl(A) - A$  is  $gw_\tau$ -open.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.22.** Let  $(X, w_\tau)$  be an associated  $w$ -space with a topology  $\tau$ . Then if  $A$  is a  $gw_\tau$ -open set, then  $\text{int}(A) \cup (X - A)$  is  $gw_\tau$ -closed.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $A$  is a  $gw_\tau$ -open set. Then by Theorem 3.17, the whole set  $X$  is the only one  $w$ -open set containing  $\text{int}(A) \cup (X - A)$ . So,  $\text{int}(A) \cup (X - A) \subseteq X$  and  $cl(\text{int}(A) \cup (X - A)) \subseteq X$ . Hence, by definition of  $gw_\tau$ -closedness,  $\text{int}(A) \cup (X - A)$  is  $gw_\tau$ -closed.  $\square$

Let  $(X, w_\tau)$  be an associated  $w$ -space with a topology  $\tau$ . For a subset  $A$  of  $X$ ,  $gw_\tau$ -closure of  $A$  and  $gw_\tau$ -interior of  $A$  are defined as the following:

$$(1) \quad gw_\tau C(A) = \bigcap \{F : A \subseteq F, F \text{ is } gw_\tau\text{-closed}\}.$$

$$(2) \quad gw_\tau I(A) = \bigcup \{U : U \subseteq A, U \text{ is } gw_\tau\text{-open}\}.$$

**Theorem 3.23.** *Let  $(X, w_\tau)$  be an associated  $w$ -space with a topology  $\tau$  and  $A \subseteq X$ .*

$$(1) \text{ If } A \text{ is } gw_\tau\text{-open, then } gw_\tau I(A) = A.$$

$$(2) \text{ If } A \text{ is } gw_\tau\text{-closed, then } gw_\tau C(A) = A.$$

**Proof.** Obvious.  $\square$

But the converses in the above theorem are not always true as shown in the next example.

**Example 3.24.** In Example 3.7, let  $F = \{a, c\}$ . Since  $\{a, b, c\}$  and  $\{a, c, d\}$  are  $gw_\tau$ -closed sets,  $gw_\tau C(F) = \{a, c\}$ . But from the fact that  $\{a, c\}$  is  $w$ -open and  $wC(\{a, c\}) = \{a, c, d\}$ ,  $F$  is not  $gw_\tau$ -closed. Similarly, we can show that the converse of (2) in Theorem 3.23 is not true, in general.

**Theorem 3.25.** *Let  $(X, w_\tau)$  be an associated  $w$ -space with a topology  $\tau$  and  $A, B \subseteq X$ .*

$$(1) \text{ If } A \subseteq B, \text{ then } gw_\tau I(A) \subseteq gw_\tau I(B) \text{ and } gw_\tau C(A) \subseteq gw_\tau C(B).$$

$$(2) \quad gw_\tau C(X - A) = X - gw_\tau I(A); \quad gw_\tau I(X - A) = X - gw_\tau C(A).$$

(3)  $x \in gw_\tau I(A)$  if and only if there exists a  $gw_\tau$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \subseteq A$ .



(4)  $x \in gw_\tau C(A)$  if and only if  $A \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for all  $gw_\tau$ -open set  $V$  containing  $x$ .

**Proof.** Obvious.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.26.** Let  $(X, w_\tau)$  be an associated  $w$ -space with a topology  $\tau$  and  $A, B \subset X$ .

- (1)  $\emptyset = gw_\tau C(\emptyset)$ .
- (2)  $A \subseteq gw_\tau C(A)$ .
- (3)  $gw_\tau C(A \cup B) = gw_\tau C(A) \cup gw_\tau C(B)$ .
- (4)  $gw_\tau C(gw_\tau C(A)) = gw_\tau C(A)$ .

**Proof.** (1) and (2) are obvious.

(3) It is obvious that  $gw_\tau C(A \cup B) \supseteq gw_\tau C(A) \cup gw_\tau C(B)$ . We only show that  $gw_\tau C(A \cup B) \subseteq gw_\tau C(A) \cup gw_\tau C(B)$ . Suppose that  $x \notin gw_\tau C(A) \cup gw_\tau C(B)$ . Then there exist  $gw_\tau$ -closed sets  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  such that  $x \notin F_1$  and  $A \subseteq F_1$ ;  $x \notin F_2$  and  $B \subseteq F_2$ . So  $x \notin F_1 \cup F_2$  and  $A \cup B \subseteq F_1 \cup F_2$ . From Theorem 3.6,  $F_1 \cup F_2$  is  $gw_\tau$ -closed, and  $x \notin gw_\tau C(A \cup B)$ . So  $gw_\tau C(A \cup B) \subseteq gw_\tau C(A) \cup gw_\tau C(B)$ .

(4) It is sufficient to show that  $gw_\tau C(gw_\tau C(A)) \subseteq gw_\tau C(A)$ . For any  $gw_\tau$ -closed set  $F$  satisfying  $A \subseteq F$ , since  $gw_\tau C(A) \subseteq gw_\tau C(F) = F$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} gw_\tau C(gw_\tau C(A)) &= \bigcap \{K : gw_\tau C(A) \subseteq K, K \text{ is } gw_\tau\text{-closed}\} \\ &\subseteq \bigcap \{F : A \subseteq F, F \text{ is } gw_\tau\text{-closed}\} = gw_\tau C(A). \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

**Theorem 3.27.** Let  $(X, w_\tau)$  be an associated  $w$ -space with a topology  $\tau$  and  $A, B \subset X$ .

- (1)  $X = gw_\tau I(X)$ .
- (2)  $gw_\tau I(A) \subseteq A$ .

$$(3) \quad gw_{\tau}I(A \cap B) = gw_{\tau}I(A) \cap gw_{\tau}I(B).$$

$$(4) \quad gw_{\tau}I(gw_{\tau}I(A)) = gw_{\tau}I(A).$$

**Proof.** These are easily obtained by Theorem 3.25 and Theorem 3.26.  $\square$

Finally, we have a topology induced by  $gw_{\tau}$ -open sets as the following:

**Theorem 3.28.** *Let  $(X, w_{\tau})$  be an associated  $w$ -space with a topology  $\tau$ . Then the family  $w_{\tau}^* = \{U \subseteq X : U = gw_{\tau}I(U)\}$  is a topology containing the weak structure  $w$ , that is,  $\tau \subseteq w \subseteq w_{\tau}^*$ .*

**Proof.** It is easily obtained by Theorem 3.27.  $\square$

We recall that: Let  $(X, w_X)$  be a  $w$ -space and  $A \subseteq X$ . Then  $A$  is called a *generalized  $w$ -open set* (simply, *gw-open set*) [11] if  $X - A$  is gw-closed.

Then  $A$  is generalized  $w$ -open if and only if  $F \subseteq wI(A)$  whenever  $F \subseteq A$  and  $F$  is  $w$ -closed.

Let  $f : (X, w_{\tau}) \rightarrow (Y, \mu)$  be a function on an associated  $w$ -space with  $\tau$  and a topological space  $(Y, \mu)$ . Then  $f$  is said to be

(1) *WO-continuous* [10] if for  $x \in X$  and  $V \in O(f(x))$ , there is  $U \in W(x)$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ ;

(2)  *$W^*$ -continuous* [9] if for every  $A \in W(f(x))$ ,  $f^{-1}(A)$  is in  $W(x)$ .

**Theorem 3.29** [10]. *Let  $f : (X, w_{\tau}) \rightarrow (Y, \mu)$  be a function on an associated  $w$ -space with  $\tau$  and a topological space  $(Y, \mu)$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

(1)  *$f$  is WO-continuous.*

(2)  *$f(wC(A)) \subseteq cl(f(A))$  for  $A \subseteq X$ .*

(3)  *$wC(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(cl(V))$  for  $V \subseteq Y$ .*

(4)  *$f^{-1}(int(V)) \subseteq wI(f^{-1}(V))$  for  $V \subseteq Y$ .*

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be  $w$ -spaces. A function  $f : (X, w_X) \rightarrow (Y, w_Y)$  is said to be

(1)  $W^*$ -closed [11] if for every  $w$ -closed set  $F$  in  $X$ ,  $f(F)$  is a  $w$ -closed set in  $Y$ .

(2) quasi- $W^*$ -closed [11] if for  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $wC(f(A)) \subseteq f(wC(A))$ .

In fact, there is no any relation between the notions of  $W^*$ -closed function is quasi- $W^*$ -closed function.

**Theorem 3.30.** *Let  $f : (X, w_X) \rightarrow (Y, w_Y)$  be a function on  $w$ -spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ . Then the following statements hold:*

(1) *If  $f$  is  $WO$ -continuous and  $W^*$ -closed, then for every  $gw$ -open subset  $B$  in  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is  $gw$ -open.*

(2) *If  $f$  is continuous and  $W^*$ -closed, then for every  $gw_\tau$ -open subset  $B$  in  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is  $gw_\tau$ -open.*

**Proof.** (1) Let  $B$  be any  $gw_\tau$ -open subset  $B$  in  $Y$  and  $F$  be a  $w$ -closed set in  $X$  such that  $F \subseteq f^{-1}(B)$ . Now, we show that  $F \subseteq wI(f^{-1}(B))$ . Since  $f$  is  $W^*$ -closed,  $f(F)$  is  $w$ -closed. Moreover, since  $B$  is  $gw_\tau$ -open,  $f(F) \subseteq \text{int}(B)$ . From Theorem 3.29, it follows that  $F \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{int}(B)) \subseteq wI(f^{-1}(B))$ . Hence,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is  $gw$ -open.

(2) It is similar to the proof of (1). □

**Corollary 3.31.** *Let  $f : (X, w_X) \rightarrow (Y, w_Y)$  be a function on  $w$ -spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ . Then the following statements hold:*

(1) *If  $f$  is  $WO$ -continuous and  $W^*$ -closed, then for every open subset  $B$  in  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is  $gw$ -open.*

(2) *If  $f$  is continuous and  $W^*$ -closed, then for every open subset  $B$  in  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is  $gw_\tau$ -open.*

**Proof.** From the fact that every open set is  $gw_\tau$ -open set and the above theorem, the things are obtained.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.32.** *Let  $f : (X, w_X) \rightarrow (Y, w_Y)$  be a function on  $w$ -spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ . Then the following statements hold:*

(1) *If  $f$  is  $W^*$ -continuous and closed, for every  $gw_\tau$ -closed set  $A$  in  $X$ ,  $f(A)$  is  $gw_\tau$ -closed.*

(2) *If  $f$  is  $W^*$ -continuous and quasi- $W^*$ -closed, for every  $gw_\tau$ -closed set  $A$  in  $X$ ,  $f(A)$  is  $gw$ -closed.*

**Proof.** (1) Let  $A$  be any  $gw_\tau$ -closed subset  $A$  in  $X$ , and  $U$  be a  $w$ -open set in  $Y$  such that  $f(A) \subseteq U$ . Now, we show that  $cl(f(A)) \subseteq U$ . Since  $f$  is  $W^*$ -continuous and  $A$  is  $gw$ -closed,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is  $w$ -open and  $cl(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(U)$ . Since  $f$  is closed,  $cl(f(A)) \subseteq f(cl(A)) \subseteq ff^{-1}(U) \subseteq U$ , and hence,  $f(A)$  is  $gw_\tau$ -closed.

(2) Let  $A$  be any  $gw_\tau$ -closed subset  $A$  in  $X$ , and  $U$  be a  $w$ -open set in  $Y$  such that  $f(A) \subseteq U$ . Now, we show that  $cl(f(A)) \subseteq U$ . Since  $f$  is  $W^*$ -continuous and  $A$  is  $gw$ -closed,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is  $w$ -open and  $cl(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(U)$ . Since  $f$  is quasi- $W^*$ -closed,  $wC(f(A)) \subseteq f(cl(A)) \subseteq ff^{-1}(U) \subseteq U$ , and hence,  $f(A)$  is  $gw$ -closed.  $\square$

We get directly the following corollary:

**Corollary 3.33.** *Let  $f : (X, w_X) \rightarrow (Y, w_Y)$  be a function on  $w$ -spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ . Then the following statements hold:*

(1) *If  $f$  is  $W^*$ -continuous and closed, for every closed set  $A$  in  $X$ ,  $f(A)$  is  $gw_\tau$ -closed.*

(2) *If  $f$  is  $W^*$ -continuous and quasi- $W^*$ -closed, for every closed set  $A$  in  $X$ ,  $f(A)$  is  $gw$ -closed.*

#### 4. Conclusion

In this paper, we introduced the notion of generalized  $w$ -closed ( $w$ -open) sets in an associated weak space and studied some basic properties. In Theorem 3.30, particularly, we established that if  $f$  is continuous and  $W^*$ -closed (resp.,  $WO$ -continuous and  $W^*$ -closed), then for every  $gw_\tau$ -open subset  $B$  in  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is  $gw_\tau$ -open (resp.,  $gw$ -open). In the next research, we will intensively investigate the notions of functions from an associated weak space to an associated weak space satisfying for every  $gw_\tau$ -open subset (or open set) in the codomain, its preimage is  $gw_\tau$ -open.

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