

On Z- generalized closed sets in topology

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Abstract. In this paper, we introduce and study the notion of generalized Z-closed sets. Also, the notion of generalized Z-open sets and some of its basic properties are introduced discussed. Further, we introduce the notion of generalized Z-closed functions. Moreover, some characterizations and properties of it are investigated.

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1. Introduction and Preliminaers.

In 2011, EL-Magharabi and Mubarki [12] introduced and studied the notion of Z-open sets. The class of g-closed sets was investigated by Aull [5]. Maki et.al [14] (resp. Fukutake et.al [17], Dontchev [7]) introduced the concept of gp-closed (resp. γ g-closed, gsp-closed) sets. In this paper, we define and study the notion gZ-closed sets and gZ-open sets which is stronger than the concept of γ g-closed and weaker than the concepts of gp-closed and Z-closed sets. Also, some characterizations of these concepts are discussed. Further, we introduce and study new forms of generalized Z-closed functions. Moreover, some properties of these new forms of generalized Z-closed functions and preservation theorems are discussed.

Throughout this paper (X, τ) and (Y, σ) (Simply, X and Y) represent non-empty topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise mentioned. For a subset A of a space (X, τ) , $\text{cl}(A)$, $\text{int}(A)$ and $X \setminus A$ denote the closure of A, the interior of A and the complement of A respectively. A point $x \in X$ is called a δ -adherent point of A [18] if

$A \cap \text{int}(\text{cl}(V)) \neq \emptyset$, for every open set V containing x. The set of all δ -adherent points of A is called the δ -closure of A and is denoted by $\text{cl}_\delta(A)$. A subset A of X is called δ -closed if $A = \text{cl}_\delta(A)$. The complement of δ -closed set is called δ -open. The δ -interior of set consists of those points x of A such that for some open set U containing x, $U \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(U)) \subseteq A$ and will be denoted by $\text{int}_\delta(A)$.

Definition 1.1. A subset A of a space (X, τ) is called:

- (1) α -open [16] if $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(A)))$,
- (2) preopen [15] if $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$,
- (3) Z-open [12] if $A \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}_\delta(A)) \cup \text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$,
- (4) b-open [3] or γ -open [10] or sp-open [8] if $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(A)) \cup \text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$,
- (5) β -open [1] (= semi-preopen [2]), if $A \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(A)))$.

The complement of α -open (resp. preopen, Z-open, γ -open, β -open or semi-preopen) sets is called α -closed [16] (resp. pre-closed, Z-closed, γ -closed, β -closed). The intersection of all α -closed (resp. pre-closed, Z-closed, γ -closed, β -closed or semi-preclosed) sets containing A is called the α -closure (resp. pre-closure, Z-closure, γ -closure, β -closure or semi-preclosure) of A and denoted by $\alpha\text{-cl}(A)$ (resp. $\text{pcl}(A)$, $\text{Z-cl}(A)$, $\gamma\text{-cl}(A)$, $\beta\text{-cl}(A)$ or $\text{sp-cl}(A)$). The union of all α -open (resp. preopen, Z-open, γ -open, β -open or semi-preopen) sets contained in A is called the α -interior (resp. pre-interior, Z-interior, γ -interior, β -interior or semi-pre-interior) of A and denoted by $\alpha\text{-int}(A)$ (resp. $\text{pint}(A)$, $\text{Z-int}(A)$, $\gamma\text{-int}(A)$, $\beta\text{-int}(A)$ or $\text{sp-int}(A)$). The family of all Z-open (resp. Z-closed) sets in a space (X, τ) is denoted by $\text{ZO}(X, \tau)$ (resp. $\text{ZC}(X, \tau)$).

Definition 1.2. A subset A of a space (X, τ) is called:

- (1) generalized closed (= g-closed) set [5] if $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open,
- (2) α -generalized closed (= α g-closed) set [6] if $\alpha\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open,
- (3) generalized pre-closed (= gp-closed) set [14] if $\text{pcl}(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open,

- (4) γ -generalized closed (= γg -closed [17] or $g\gamma$ -closed [9]) set if $\gamma\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open,
 (5) generalized semi-pre-closed (=gsp-closed) set [7] if $\text{sp-cl}(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is open.

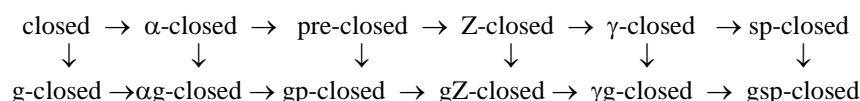
The complement of γ -generalized closed (= γg -closed) set is called γ -generalized open (= γg -open).

2. Generalized Z-closed sets.

Definition 2.1. A subset B of a topological space (X, τ) is called a generalized Z-closed (= gZ -closed) set if $Z\text{-cl}(B) \subseteq U$ whenever $B \subseteq U$ and U is open in (X, τ) .

The family of all generalized Z-closed sets of a space X is denoted by $GZC(X)$.

Remark 2.2. The following diagram holds for any a subset A of X .



None of these implications are reversible as is shown by [5, 6, 7, 9, 14, 17] and by the following examples.

Example 2.3. Let $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ with topology $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, \{a, b, c, d\}, X\}$. Then:

- (1) the subset $A = \{c, d\}$ of X is a gZ -closed set but not gp -closed,
- (2) the subset $B = \{a, c, d\}$ of X is a γg -closed set but not gZ -closed.

Example 2.4. If $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ and $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$, then a subset $A = \{a, c\}$ of X is gZ -closed but it is not Z -closed.

Theorem 2.5. The arbitrary intersection of any gZ -closed subsets of X is gZ -closed of X .

Proof. Let $\{A_i : i \in I\}$ be any collection of gZ -closed subsets of X such that $\bigcap_{i=1} A_i \subseteq H$ and H be Z -open in X . Since, A_i is a gZ -closed subset of X , for each $i \in I$, then $Z\text{-cl}(A_i) \subseteq H$, for each $i \in I$ this implies that $\bigcap_{i=1} Z\text{-cl}(A_i) \subseteq H$, for each $i \in I$, hence, $Z\text{-cl}(\bigcap_{i=1} A_i) \subseteq H$. Therefore, $\bigcap_{i=1} A_i$ is gZ -closed of X .

Remark 2.6. The union of two gZ -closed subsets of X need not be gZ -closed of X . Let

$X = \{a, b, c\}$ with topology $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{b, c\}, X\}$. Then two subsets $\{b\}, \{c\}$ of X are gZ -closed subsets, but their union $\{b, c\}$ is not gZ -closed of X .

The following theorem is given the another definition of the concept gZ -closed.

Theorem 2.7. A subset A of a space (X, τ) is gZ -closed if and only if, for each $A \subseteq H$ and H is

Z -open (resp. γ -open), there exists a Z -closed (resp. γ -closed) set F of X such that $A \subseteq F \subseteq H$.

Proof. We prove that this theorem for the case of Z -open. Suppose that A is a gZ -closed subset of X , $A \subseteq H$ and H is a Z -open set. Then $Z\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq H$. If we put $F = Z\text{-cl}(A)$, hence $A \subseteq F \subseteq H$.

Conversely. Assume that $A \subseteq H$ and H is a Z -open set. Then by hypothesis, there exists a Z -closed set F of X such that $A \subseteq F \subseteq H$. So, $A \subseteq Z\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq F$ and hence $Z\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq H$. Therefore A is gZ -closed.

Lemma 2.8. Let A be a δ -closed (resp. closed) and B be a Z -closed set of X , then $A \cup B$ is

Z -closed (resp. γ -closed).

Remark 2.9. The following example is shown that the union of a closed and a Z -closed set of X is γ -closed but it is not Z -closed.

Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ with topology $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, c, d\}, X\}$.

If $A = \{c\}$ is Z -closed and $B = \{b\}$ is closed, then $A \cup B = \{b, c\}$ is γ -closed and it is not Z -closed.

Theorem 2.10. If A is a δ -closed (resp. closed) and B is a gZ -closed subset of a space X , then $A \cup B$ is also gZ -closed (resp. γ -closed).

Proof. Suppose that $A \cup B \subseteq H$ and H is a Z -open set. Then $A \subseteq H$ and $B \subseteq H$. But, B is gZ -closed, then $Z\text{-cl}(B) \subseteq H$ and hence $A \cup B \subseteq A \cup Z\text{-cl}(B) \subseteq H$. But, $A \cup Z\text{-cl}(B)$ a Z -closed (resp. γ -closed) set. Hence, there exists a Z -closed set $A \cup Z\text{-cl}(B)$ of X such that

$A \cup B \subseteq A \cup Z\text{-cl}(B) \subseteq H$. Therefore by Theorem 2.7, $A \cup B$ is gZ -closed.

Theorem 2.11. For any element $p \in X$ of a space X , the set $X \setminus \{p\}$ is gZ -closed or Z -open.

Proof. Suppose that $X \setminus \{p\}$ is not a Z -open set. Then, X is the only Z -open set containing $X \setminus \{p\}$. This implies that $Z\text{-cl}(X \setminus \{p\}) \subseteq X$. Hence, $X \setminus \{p\}$ is gZ -closed in X .

Proposition 2.12. If A is a gZ -closed set of X such that $A \subseteq B \subseteq Z\text{-cl}(A)$, then B is gZ -closed in X .

Proof. Let H be an open set of X such that $B \subseteq H$. Then $A \subseteq H$. But, A is a gZ -closed set of X , then $Z\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq H$. Now, $Z\text{-cl}(B) \subseteq Z\text{-cl}(Z\text{-cl}(A)) = Z\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq H$. Therefore B is gZ -closed in X .

Theorem 2.13. Let A be a gZ -closed subset of (X, τ) . Then $Z\text{-cl}(A) \setminus A$ does not contain no non-empty closed set of X .

Proof. Let F be a closed subset of $Z\text{-cl}(A) \setminus A$. Since, $X \setminus F$ is open, $A \subseteq X \setminus F$ and A is gZ -closed, it follows that $Z\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq X \setminus F$ and thus $F \subseteq X \setminus Z\text{-cl}(A)$. This implies that $F \subseteq (X \setminus Z\text{-cl}(A)) \cap (Z\text{-cl}(A) \setminus A) = \emptyset$ and hence $F = \emptyset$.

Corollary 2.14. A gZ -closed subset A of a topological space X is Z -closed if and only if $Z\text{-cl}(A) \setminus A$ is closed.

Proof. Let A be a gZ -closed set of X . If A is Z -closed, then, by Theorem 2.13, we have $Z\text{-cl}(A) \setminus A = \emptyset$ which is closed.

Conversely. Let $Z\text{-cl}(A) \setminus A$ be a closed set of X . Then, by Theorem 2.13, $Z\text{-cl}(A) \setminus A$ does not contain any non-empty closed subset set of X . Since $Z\text{-cl}(A) \setminus A$ is closed, then $Z\text{-cl}(A) \setminus A = \emptyset$. This implies that $A = Z\text{-cl}(A)$ and so, A is Z -closed.

Corollary 2.15. If A is an open and a gZ -closed sets of X , then A is gZ -closed in X .

Proof. Let H be any open set of X such that $A \subseteq H$. Since, A is an open and a gZ -closed sets of

X , then $Z\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq A$. Then, $Z\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq A \subseteq H$. Hence, A is gZ -closed in X .

Proposition 2.16. If A is both an open and a gZ -closed subsets of a topological space (X, τ) , then A is Z -closed.

Proof. Assume that A is both an open and a gZ -closed subsets of a topological space (X, τ) . Then $Z\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq A$. Hence, A is Z -closed.

Theorem 2.17. If A is both an open and a gZ -closed subsets of X and F is a δ -closed (resp. closed) set of X , then $A \cap F$ is gZ -closed (resp. γ -closed) in X .

Proof. Let A be an open and a gZ -closed subsets of X and F be a δ -closed (closed) set in X . Then by Proposition 2.16, A is Z -closed. So, $A \cap F$ is Z -closed (resp. γ -closed). Therefore, $A \cap F$ is a gZ -closed (resp. γ -closed) set of X .

Proposition 2.18. If A is a δ -open (resp. an open) set and H is a Z -open set of a topological space (X, τ) , then $A \cap H$ is Z -open (resp. γ -open) in X .

Proof. Obvious from Theorem 2.17.

Proposition 2.19. If A is both an open and a g -closed subsets of A , then A is gZ -closed in X .

Proof. Let A be an open and a g -closed subsets of X and $A \subseteq H$, where H is an open set of X .

Then by hypothesis, $Z\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq \text{cl}(A) \subseteq A$, that is, $Z\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq H$. Thus A is gZ -closed in X .

Theorem 2.20. For a topological space (X, τ) , then $ZO(X, \tau) \subseteq \{F \subseteq X: F \text{ is closed}\}$ if and only if every subset of X is gZ -closed of X .

Proof. Suppose that $ZO(X, \tau) \subseteq \{F \subseteq X: F \text{ is closed}\}$. Let A be any subset of X such that $A \subseteq H$, where H is a Z -open set of X . Then $H \in ZO(X, \tau) \subseteq \{F \subseteq X: F \text{ is closed}\}$, that is, $H \in \{F \subseteq X: F \text{ is closed}\}$. Thus H is Z -closed. Then, $Z\text{-cl}(H) = H$. Also, $Z\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq Z\text{-cl}(H) \subseteq H$. Hence, A is a gZ -closed of X .

Conversely. Suppose that every subset of X is gZ -closed in X . Let $H \in ZO(X, \tau)$. Since, $H \subseteq H$ and H is gZ -closed, then $Z\text{-cl}(H) \subseteq H$. Thus, $Z\text{-cl}(H) = H$ and hence, $H \in \{F \subseteq X: F \text{ is closed}\}$. Therefore, $ZO(X, \tau) \subseteq \{F \subseteq X: F \text{ is closed}\}$.

Definition 2.21. The intersection of all Z -open subsets of (X, τ) containing A is called the Z -kernel of A and is denoted by $Z\text{-ker}(A)$.

Lemma 2.22. For any subset A of a topological space (X, τ) , then $A \subseteq Z\text{-ker}(A)$.

Proof. Follows directly from Definition 2.21.

Lemma 2.23. Let (X, τ) be a topological space and A be a subset of X . If A is a Z -open set of X , then, $Z\text{-ker}(A) = A$.

Theorem 2.24. A subset A of a topological space X is gZ -closed if and only if $Z\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq Z\text{-ker}(A)$.

Proof. Since, A is a gZ -closed set of X , $Z\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq G$, for any open set G with $A \subseteq G$. Hence $Z\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq Z\text{-ker}(A)$.

Conversely. Let G be any open set such that $A \subseteq G$. Then by hypothesis, $Z\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq Z\text{-ker}(A) \subseteq G$. So, A is gZ -closed.

3. Some properties of generalized Z -open sets.

Definiton 3.1. A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is called a generalized Z -open (briefly, gZ -open) set of X if $X \setminus A$ is gZ -closed in X . We denote the family of all gZ -open sets of X by $GZO(X)$.

Theorem 3.2. Let (X, τ) be a topological space and $A \subseteq X$. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) A is a gZ -open set,
- (2) for each closed set F contained in A , $F \subseteq Z\text{-int}(A)$,
- (3) for each closed set F contained in A , there exists a Z -open set H such that $F \subseteq H \subseteq A$.

Proof. (1) \rightarrow (2). Let $F \subseteq A$ and F be a Z -closed set. Then $X \setminus A \subseteq X \setminus F$ which is Z -open of X , hence, $Z\text{-cl}(X \setminus A) \subseteq X \setminus F$. So, $F \subseteq Z\text{-int}(A)$.

(2) \rightarrow (3). Suppose that $F \subseteq A$ and F be a Z -closed set. Then by hypothesis, $F \subseteq Z\text{-int}(A)$. But, $H = Z\text{-int}(A)$, hence there exists a Z -open set H such that $F \subseteq H \subseteq A$.

(3) \rightarrow (1). Assume that $X \setminus A \subseteq V$ and V is a Z -open set of X . Then by hypothesis, there exists a Z -open set H such that $X \setminus V \subseteq H \subseteq A$, that is, $X \setminus A \subseteq X \setminus H \subseteq V$. Therefore, by Theorem 2.7, $X \setminus A$ is gZ -closed in X . Then, A is gZ -open in X .

Theorem 3.3. If A is an δ -open (resp. open) and B is a gZ -open (resp. γg -open) subset of a space X , then $A \cap B$ is gZ -open (resp. γg -open).

Proof. Follows from Theorem 2.10.

Proposition 3.4. If $Z\text{-int}(A) \subseteq B \subseteq A$ and A is a gZ -open set of X , then B is gZ -open.

Proposition 3.5. Let A be a Z -closed and a gZ -open sets of X . Then A is Z -open.

Proof. Let A be a Z -closed and a gZ -open sets of X . Then $A \subseteq Z\text{-int}(A)$ and hence A is Z -open.

Theorem 3.6. For a space (X, τ) , if A is a gZ -closed set of X , then $Z\text{-cl}(A) \setminus A$ is gZ -open.

Proof. Suppose that A is a gZ -closed set of X and F is a Z -closed set contained in $Z\text{-cl}(A) \setminus A$.

Then by Theorem 2.7, $F = \emptyset$ and hence $F \subseteq Z\text{-int}(Z\text{-cl}(A) \setminus A)$. Therefore, $Z\text{-cl}(A) \setminus A$ is gZ -open.

Theorem 3.7. If A is a gZ -open subset of a space (X, τ) , then $G = X$, whenever G is open and $Z\text{-int}(A) \cup (X \setminus A) \subseteq G$.

Proof. Let G be an open set of X and $Z\text{-int}(A) \cup (X \setminus A) \subseteq G$. Then $X \setminus G \subseteq (X \setminus Z\text{-int}(A)) \cap A = Z\text{-cl}(X \setminus A) \setminus (X \setminus A)$. Since, $X \setminus G$ is closed and $X \setminus A$ is gZ -closed, by Theorem 2.13, $X \setminus G = \emptyset$ and hence $G = X$.

Theorem 3.8. For a topological space (X, τ) , then every singleton of X is either gZ -open or Z -open.

Proof. Let (X, τ) be a topological space and $p \in X$. To prove that $\{p\}$ is either gZ -open or Z -open,

that is, to prove $X \setminus \{p\}$ is either gZ -closed or Z -open which follows directly from Theorem 2.13.

4. $Z\text{-}T_{1/2}$ spaces and generalized Z -continuous functions.

Definition 4.1. A space (X, τ) is called a $Z\text{-}T_{1/2}$ -space if every gZ -closed set is Z -closed.

Theorem 4.2. For a topological space (X, τ) , the following conditions are equivalent:

- (1) X is $Z\text{-}T_{1/2}$.
- (2) Every singleton of X is either closed or Z -open.

Proof. (1) \rightarrow (2). Let $p \in X$ and $\{p\}$ be not closed. Then $X \setminus \{p\}$ is not open and hence $X \setminus \{p\}$ is gZ -closed. Hence, by hypothesis, $X \setminus \{p\}$ is Z -closed and thus $\{p\}$ is Z -open.

(2) \rightarrow (1). Let $A \subseteq X$ be a gZ -closed set of X and $p \in Z\text{-cl}(A)$. We will show that $p \in A$. For consider the following two cases:

Case (1). The singleton set $\{p\}$ is closed. Then, if $p \notin A$, then there exists a closed set of

$Z\text{-cl}(A) \setminus A$. Hence, by Corollary 2.14, $p \in A$.

Case (2). The singleton set $\{p\}$ is Z -open. Since $p \in Z\text{-cl}(A)$, then $\{p\} \cap Z\text{-cl}(A) \neq \emptyset$. Thus $p \in A$. So, in both cases, $p \in A$. This shows that $Z\text{-cl}(A) \subseteq A$ or equivalently, A is Z -closed.

Theorem 4.3. For a topological space (X, τ) , the following statements are hold:

- (1) $ZO(X, \tau) \subseteq GZO(X, \tau)$,
- (2) a space X is $Z\text{-}T_{1/2}$ if and only if $ZO(X, \tau) = GZO(X, \tau)$.

Proof. (1) Let A be a Z -open set. Then $X \setminus A$ is Z -closed and so gZ -closed. This implies that A is gZ -open. Hence $ZO(X, \tau) \subseteq GZO(X, \tau)$.

(2) The necessity. Let (X, τ) be a $Z\text{-}T_{1/2}$ space and let $A \in GZO(X, \tau)$. Then $X \setminus A$ is gZ -closed. Hence by hypothesis, $X \setminus A$ is Z -closed and thus A is Z -open this implies that $A \in ZO(X, \tau)$. Hence, $ZO(X, \tau) = GZO(X, \tau)$.

The sufficiency. Let $ZO(X, \tau) = GZO(X, \tau)$ and let A be a gZ -closed set. Then $X \setminus A$ is gZ -open. Hence, $X \setminus A \in ZO(X, \tau)$. Thus A is Z -closed. Therefore (X, τ) is $Z-T_{1/2}$.

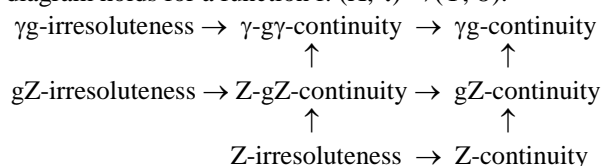
Definition 4.4. A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is called:

- (1) gZ -continuous if, $f^{-1}(F)$ is gZ -closed in X , for every closed set F of Y ,
- (2) Z - gZ -continuous if, $f^{-1}(F)$ is gZ -closed in X , for every Z -closed set F of Y ,
- (3) gZ -irresolute if, $f^{-1}(F)$ is gZ -closed in X , for every gZ -closed set F of Y .

Definition 4.5. A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is called:

- (1) γg -continuous [17] if, $f^{-1}(F)$ is γg -closed in X , for every closed set F of Y ,
- (2) γ - $g\gamma$ -continuous [9] if, $f^{-1}(F)$ is $g\gamma$ -closed in X , for every γ -closed set F of Y ,
- (3) γg -irresolute [17] if, $f^{-1}(F)$ is $g\gamma$ -closed in X , for every $g\gamma$ -closed set F of Y ,
- (4) Z -continuous [12] if, $f^{-1}(F)$ is Z -closed in X , for every closed set F of Y ,
- (5) Z -irresolute [13] if, $f^{-1}(F)$ is Z -closed in X , for every Z -closed set F of Y .

Remark 4.6. The following diagram holds for a function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$:



The converses of the above implications are not true in general as is shown by [9] and the following example.

Example 4.7. In Example 2.3, Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \tau)$ be a function defined by $f(a) = a$, $f(b) = b$, $f(c) = c$, $f(d) = e$ and $f(e) = d$. Then f is $\gamma g\gamma$ -continuous (resp. γg -continuous) but it is not ZgZ -continuous (resp. gZ -continuous).

Example 4.8. Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $\tau = \sigma = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{d\}, \{b, d\}, \{a, b\}\}$. Let $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a function defined by $f(a) = a$, $f(b) = c$, $f(c) = b$ and $f(d) = d$. Then f is gZ -continuous but it is neither Z - gZ -continuous nor Z -continuous.

If we define the function $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ as follows: $f(a) = a$, $f(b) = b$, $f(c) = d$ and $f(d) = b$, then f is Z - gZ -continuous but it is neither gZ -irresolute nor Z -irresolute.

Example 4.9. Let $X = Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ with $\tau = \sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, c, d\}, X\}$ and $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \tau)$ be defined by $f(a) = b$, $f(b) = d$, $f(c) = a$ and $f(d) = d$ is Z -continuous but it is not Z -irresolute.

Theorem 4.10. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $h: Y \rightarrow Z$ be functions.

- (1) If, f is gZ -irresolute and h is gZ -continuous, then the composition $h \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is gZ -continuous.
- (2) If, f is gZ -continuous and h is continuous, then the composition $h \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is gZ -continuous.
- (3) If, f and h are gZ -irresolute, then the composition $h \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is gZ -irresolute.
- (4) If, f is gZ -irresolute and h is Z - gZ -continuous, then the composition $h \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is Z - gZ -continuous.
- (5) If, f and h are Z - gZ -continuous and Y is $Z-T_{1/2}$, then the composition $h \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ is Z - gZ -continuous.

Theorem 4.11. If a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is Z - gZ -continuous and Y is a $Z-T_{1/2}$ space, then f is gZ -irresolute.

Proof. Let F be any gZ -closed subset of Y . Since, Y is a $Z-T_{1/2}$ space, then F is Z -closed in Y . Hence, $f^{-1}(F)$ is Z -closed in X . This show that f is gZ -irresolute.

Theorem 4.12. If a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is gZ -continuous and X is a $Z-T_{1/2}$ space, then, f is Z -continuous.

Proof. Let F be any closed set of Y and f be gZ -continuous. Then, $f^{-1}(F)$ is gZ -closed in X and hence, $f^{-1}(F)$ is Z -closed in X . Therefore, f is Z -continuous.

Theorem 4.13. If a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is Z - gZ -continuous and X a $Z-T_{1/2}$ space, then, f is Z -irresolute.

Proof. Let F be any Z -closed set of Y and f be Z - gZ -continuous. Then, $f^{-1}(F)$ is gZ -closed in X and hence, $f^{-1}(F)$ is Z -closed in X . Hence, f is Z -irresolute.

Definition 4.14. A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be:

- (1) gZ -closed if, $f(A)$ is gZ -closed in Y , for each closed set A of X .
- (2) Z - gZ -closed if, $f(A)$ is gZ -closed in Y , for each Z -closed set A of X .

Theorem 4.15. If, $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a closed and a Z - gZ -continuous functions, then $f^{-1}(K)$ is gZ -closed in X , for each gZ -closed set K of Y .

Proof. Let K be a gZ -closed set of Y and U be an open set of X containing $f^{-1}(K)$. Put,

$V = Y \setminus f(X \setminus U)$, then V is open in Y , $K \subseteq V$ and $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq U$. Therefore, we have $Z\text{-cl}(K) \subseteq V$ and hence $f^{-1}(K) \subseteq f^{-1}(Z\text{-cl}(K)) \subseteq f^{-1}(V) \subseteq U$. Since, f is Z - gZ -continuous, then $f^{-1}(Z\text{-cl}(K))$ is gZ -closed in X and hence $Z\text{-cl}(f^{-1}(K)) \subseteq Z\text{-cl}(f^{-1}(Z\text{-cl}(K))) \subseteq U$. This shows that $f^{-1}(K)$ is gZ -closed in X .

Corollary 4.16. If, $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a closed and a Z -irresolute functions, then $f^{-1}(K)$ is gZ -closed in X , for each gZ -closed set K of Y .

Theorem 4.17. If, $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a bijective open and a Z - gZ -continuous functions, then $f^{-1}(K)$ is gZ -closed in X , for every gZ -closed set K of Y .

Proof. Let K be a gZ -closed set of Y and U be an open set of X containing $f^{-1}(K)$. Since, f is a surjective open function, then $K = f(f^{-1}(K)) \subseteq f(U)$ and $f(U)$ is open. Therefore, $Z\text{-cl}(K) \subseteq f(U)$. But, f is an injective, hence $f^{-1}(K) \subseteq f^{-1}(Z\text{-cl}(K)) \subseteq f^{-1}(f(U)) = U$. Since, f is Z - gZ -continuous, then $f^{-1}(Z\text{-cl}(K))$ is gZ -closed in X and hence $Z\text{-cl}(f^{-1}(K)) \subseteq Z\text{-cl}(f^{-1}(Z\text{-cl}(K))) \subseteq U$. Therefore $f^{-1}(K)$ is gZ -closed in X .

Definition 4.18. A space X is said to be Z -normal if, for any pair of disjoint closed sets A, B , there exist two disjoint Z -open sets U, V such that $A \subseteq U$ and $B \subseteq V$.

Theorem 4.19. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be an injection closed and a Z - gZ -continuous functions. If Y is a Z -normal space, then X is Z -normal.

Proof. Let N_1, N_2 be disjoint closed sets of X and f be an injection closed function, then $f(N_1), f(N_2)$ are disjoint closed sets of Y . Hence by the Z -normality of Y , there exist disjoint

$V_1, V_2 \in ZO(Y)$ such that $f(N_i) \subseteq V_i$, for $i = 1, 2$. Since, f is Z - gZ -continuous, hence, $f^{-1}(V_1), f^{-1}(V_2)$ are disjoint gZ -open sets of X and $N_i \subseteq f^{-1}(V_i)$, for $i = 1, 2$. Now, put $U_i = Z\text{-int}(f^{-1}(V_i))$, for $i = 1, 2$.

Then, $U_i \in ZO(X, \tau)$, $N_i \subseteq U_i$ and $U_1 \cap U_2 = \emptyset$. Therefore, X is Z -normal.

Corollary 4.20. If, $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is an injection closed and a Z -irresolute functions and Y is a Z -normal space, then X is Z -normal.

Proof. This is an immediate consequence since every Z -irresolute function is Z - gZ -continuous.

Lemma 4.21. A surjection function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is Z - gZ -closed if and only if, for each subset B of Y and each Z -open set U of X containing $f^{-1}(B)$, there exists a gZ -open set V of Y such that $B \subseteq V$ and $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq U$.

Theorem 4.22. If, $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a surjection continuous and a Z - gZ -closed functions and X is a Z -normal space, then Y is Z -normal.

Proof. Let A, B be any disjoint closed sets of Y . Then $f^{-1}(A), f^{-1}(B)$ are disjoint closed sets of X . Since, X is a Z -normal space, hence there exist two disjoint Z -open sets U, V such that $f^{-1}(A) \subseteq U$ and $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq V$. Hence by Lemma 4.21, there exist two gZ -open sets G, H of Y such that $A \subseteq G, B \subseteq H, f^{-1}(G) \subseteq U$ and $f^{-1}(H) \subseteq V$. Since, U, V are disjoint, then G, H are also disjoint. Hence by Theorem 3.2, we have $A \subseteq Z\text{-int}(G), B \subseteq Z\text{-int}(H)$ and $Z\text{-int}(G) \cap Z\text{-int}(H) = \emptyset$. Therefore, Y is Z -normal.

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