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## $g^*b$ -Separation Axioms

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### Abstract

*In this paper, we define some new types of separation axioms in topological spaces by using  $g^*b$ -open set also the concept of  $g^*b-R_0$  and  $g^*b-R_1$  are introduced. Several properties of these spaces are investigated.*

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## 1 Introduction

Mashhour et al [12] introduced and investigated the notion of preopen sets and precontinuity in topological spaces. Since then many separation axioms and mappings have been studied using preopen sets. In [[1], [9]], weak pre-separation axioms, namely, pre- $T_0$ , pre- $T_1$  and pre- $T_2$  are introduced and studied. Further, the notion of preopen sets are used to introduce some more pre-separation axioms called pre- $R_0$ , pre- $R_1$  spaces. Caldas and Jafari [3], introduced and studied  $b-T_0$ ,  $b-T_1$ ,  $b-T_2$ ,  $b-D_0$ ,  $b-D_1$  and  $b-D_2$  via  $b$ -open sets after that Keskin and Noiri [10], introduced the notion of  $b-T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ . The aim of this paper is to introduce new types of separation axiom via  $g^*b$ -open sets, and investigate the relations among these concepts.

Throughout this paper,  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  (or simply  $X$  and  $Y$ ) represents the non-empty topological spaces on which no separation axiom are assumed, unless otherwise mentioned. For a subset  $A$  of  $X$ ,  $Cl(A)$  and  $Int(A)$  represents the closure of  $A$  and Interior of  $A$  respectively. A subset  $A$  is said

to be preopen set [12] if  $A \subseteq \text{IntCl}(A)$ ,  $b$ -open [2] or ( $\gamma$ -open) [6] if  $A \subseteq \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(A)) \cup \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A))$ . The family of all  $b$ -open sets in  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $bO(X, \tau)$ .

## 2 Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called:

1. *generalized closed set (briefly  $g$ -closed) [11], if  $\text{Cl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$ .*
2.  *$g^*b$ -closed [?], if  $b\text{Cl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $g$ -open in  $X$ .*

**Definition 2.2** [3] A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $X$  is called a *b*difference set (briefly, *bD*-set) if there are  $U, V \in bO(X, \tau)$  such that  $U \neq X$  and  $A = U \setminus V$ .

**Definition 2.3** [3] A space  $X$  is said to be:

1.  *$b - T_0$  if for each pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ , there exists a  $b$ -open set  $A$  containing  $x$  but not  $y$  or a  $b$ -open set  $B$  containing  $y$  but not  $x$ .*
2.  *$b - T_1$  if for each pair  $x; y$  in  $X$ ,  $x \neq y$ , there exists a  $b$ -open set  $G$  containing  $x$  but not  $y$  and a  $b$ -open set  $B$  containing  $y$  but not  $x$ .*
3.  *$b - D_0$  (resp.,  $b - D_1$ ) if for any pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  of  $X$  there exists a *bD*-set of  $X$  containing  $x$  but not  $y$  or (resp., and) a *bD*-set of  $X$  containing  $y$  but not  $x$ .*
4.  *$b - D_2$  if for any pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  of  $X$ , there exist disjoint *bD*-sets  $G$  and  $H$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively.*

**Definition 2.4** [13] A space  $X$  is said to be  $b - T_2$  if for any pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ , there exist  $U \in bO(X, x)$  and  $V \in bO(X, y)$  such that  $U \cap V = \phi$ .

**Definition 2.5** [10] A topological space  $X$  is called  $b - T_{\frac{1}{2}}$  if every  $gb$ -closed set is  $b$ -closed.

**Definition 2.6** [8] Let  $X$  be a topological space. A subset  $S \subseteq X$  is called a *pre-difference set (briefly  $pD$ -set)*, if there are two preopen sets  $A_1, A_2$  in  $X$  such that  $A_1 \neq X$  and  $S = A_1 \setminus A_2$ .

**Definition 2.7** ([1], [9]) A space  $X$  is said to be:

1.  $pre-T_0$  if for each pair of distinct points  $x, y$  of  $X$ , there exists a preopen set containing one but not the other.
2.  $pre-T_1$  if for each pair of distinct points  $x, y$  of  $X$ , there exist a pair of preopen sets, one containing  $x$  but not  $y$ , and the other containing  $y$  but not  $x$ .
3.  $pre-T_2$  if for each pair of distinct points  $x, y$  of  $X$ , there exist a pair of disjoint preopen sets, one containing  $x$  and the other containing  $y$ .

**Definition 2.8** [8] A topological space  $X$  is said to be  $pre-D_0$  (resp.,  $pre-D_1$ ) if for  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \neq y$ , there exists an  $pD$ -set of  $X$  containing  $x$  but not  $y$  or (resp., and) an  $pD$ -set containing  $y$  but not  $x$ .

**Definition 2.9** [8] A topological space  $X$  is said to be  $pre-D_2$  if for each  $x, y \in X$  and  $x \neq y$ , there exist disjoint  $pD$ -sets  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  such that  $x \in S_1$  and  $y \in S_2$ .

**Definition 2.10** [7] A space  $X$  is said to be:

1.  $pre-R_0$  if for each preopen set  $G$  and  $x \in G$  implies  $Clx \subseteq G$ .
2.  $pre-R_1$  if for  $x, y \in X$  with  $Clx \neq Cly$ , there exist disjoint preopen sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $Clx \subseteq U$  and  $Cly \subseteq V$ .

**Definition 2.11** ([4], [5]) 1. A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called  $b-R_0$  ( or  $\gamma - R_0$ ) if every  $b$ -open set contains the  $b$ -closure of each of its singletons.

2. A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called  $b-R_1$  ( or  $\gamma - R_1$ ) if for every  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$  with  $bCl(\{x\}) \neq bCl(\{y\})$ , there exist disjoint  $b$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $bCl(\{x\}) \subseteq U$  and  $bCl(\{y\}) \subseteq V$ .

### 3 $g^*b-T_k$ Space ( $k = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, 2$ )

In this section, some new types of separation axioms are defined and studied in topological spaces called  $g^*b-T_k$  for  $k = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, 2$  and  $g^*b-D_k$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2$ , and also some properties of these spaces are explained.

The following definitions are introduced via  $g^*b$ -open sets.

**Definition 3.1** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be:

1.  $g^*b-T_0$  if for each pair of distinct points  $x, y$  in  $X$ , there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set  $U$  such that either  $x \in U$  and  $y \notin U$  or  $x \notin U$  and  $y \in U$ .
2.  $g^*b-T_1$  if for each pair of distinct points  $x, y$  in  $X$ , there exist two  $g^*b$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  but  $y \notin U$  and  $y \in V$  but  $x \notin V$ .

3.  $g^*b-T_2$  if for each distinct points  $x, y$  in  $X$ , there exist two disjoint  $g^*b$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  containing  $x$  and  $y$  respectively.
4.  $g^*b-T_{\frac{1}{2}}$  if every  $g^*b$ -closed set is  $g$ -closed.
5.  $g^*b$ -space if every  $g^*b$ -open set of  $X$  is open in  $X$ .

The following result can be simply obtained from the definitions.

**Proposition 3.2** For a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , the following properties hold:

1. If  $(X, \tau)$  is  $b-T_k$ , then it is  $g^*b-T_k$ , for  $k = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, 2$ .
2. If  $(X, \tau)$  is  $Pre-T_k$ , then it is  $g^*b-T_k$ , for  $k = 0, 1, 2$ .

The converse of Proposition 3.2 is not true in general as it is shown in the following examples.

**Example 3.3** Consider  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, X\}$ . Then the space  $X$  is  $g^*b-T_k$  but it is not  $pre-T_k$  for  $k = 1, 2$ .

**Example 3.4** Consider  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . Then the space  $X$  is  $g^*b-T_k$  but it is not  $b-T_k$  for  $k = 1, 2$ .

**Proposition 3.5** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b-T_0$  if and only if for each pair of distinct points  $x, y$  of  $X$ ,  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \neq g^*bCl(\{y\})$ .

**Proof. Necessity.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a  $g^*b-T_0$  space and  $x, y$  be any two distinct points of  $X$ . There exists a  $g^*b$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  or  $y$ , say  $x$  but not  $y$ . Then  $X \setminus U$  is a  $g^*b$ -closed set which does not contain  $x$  but contains  $y$ . Since  $g^*bCl(\{y\})$  is the smallest  $g^*b$ -closed set containing  $y$ ,  $g^*bCl(\{y\}) \subseteq X \setminus U$  and therefore  $x \notin g^*bCl(\{y\})$ . Consequently  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \neq g^*bCl(\{y\})$ .

**Sufficiency.** Suppose that  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x \neq y$  and  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \neq g^*bCl(\{y\})$ . Let  $z$  be a point of  $X$  such that  $z \in g^*bCl(\{x\})$  but  $z \notin g^*bCl(\{y\})$ . We claim that  $x \notin g^*bCl(\{y\})$ . For, if  $x \in g^*bCl(\{y\})$  then  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \subseteq g^*bCl(\{y\})$ . This contradicts the fact that  $z \notin g^*bCl(\{y\})$ . Consequently  $x$  belongs to the  $g^*b$ -open set  $X \setminus g^*bCl(\{y\})$  to which  $y$  does not belong.

**Proposition 3.6** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b-T_1$  if and only if the singletons are  $g^*b$ -closed sets.

**Proof.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be  $g^*b-T_1$  and  $x$  any point of  $X$ . Suppose  $y \in X \setminus \{x\}$ , then  $x \neq y$  and so there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set  $U$  such that  $y \in U$  but  $x \notin U$ . Consequently  $y \in U \subseteq X \setminus \{x\}$ , that is  $X \setminus \{x\} = \cup\{U : y \in X \setminus \{x\}\}$  which is  $g^*b$ -open.

**Conversely,** suppose  $\{p\}$  is  $g^*b$ -closed for every  $p \in X$ . Let  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \neq y$ . Now  $x \neq y$  implies  $y \in X \setminus \{x\}$ . Hence  $X \setminus \{x\}$  is a  $g^*b$ -open set contains  $y$  but not  $x$ . Similarly  $X \setminus \{y\}$  is a  $g^*b$ -open set contains  $x$  but not  $y$ . Accordingly  $X$  is a  $g^*b-T_1$  space.

**Proposition 3.7** *A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b-T_{\frac{1}{2}}$  if each singleton  $\{x\}$  of  $X$  is either  $g$ -open or  $g$ -closed.*

Proof. Suppose  $\{x\}$  is not  $g$ -closed, then it is obvious that  $(X \setminus \{x\})$  is  $g^*b$ -closed. Since  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b-T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ , so  $(X \setminus \{x\})$  is  $g$ -closed, that is  $\{x\}$  is  $g$ -open.

**Proposition 3.8** *The following statements are equivalent for a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ :*

1.  $X$  is  $g^*b-T_2$ .
2. Let  $x \in X$ . For each  $y \neq x$ , there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $y \notin g^*bCl(U)$ .
3. For each  $x \in X$ ,  $\bigcap \{g^*bCl(U) : U \in g^*bO(X) \text{ and } x \in U\} = \{x\}$ .

Proof. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Since  $X$  is  $g^*b-T_2$ , there exist disjoint  $g^*b$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  containing  $x$  and  $y$  respectively. So,  $U \subseteq X \setminus V$ . Therefore,  $g^*bCl(U) \subseteq X \setminus V$ . So  $y \notin g^*bCl(U)$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). If possible for some  $y \neq x$ , we have  $y \in g^*bCl(U)$  for every  $g^*b$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$ , which contradicts (2).

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $x, y \in X$  and  $x \neq y$ . Then there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $y \notin g^*bCl(U)$ . Let  $V = X \setminus g^*bCl(U)$ , then  $y \in V$  and  $x \in U$  and also  $U \cap V = \phi$ .

**Proposition 3.9** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space, then the following statements are true:*

1. Every  $g^*b-T_2$  space is  $g^*b-T_1$ .
2. Every  $g^*b$ -space is  $g^*b-T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ .
3. Every  $g^*b-T_1$  space is  $g^*b-T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

Proof. The proof is straightforward from the definitions and proposition 3.6.

**Definition 3.10** *A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $X$  is called a  $g^*b$  difference set (briefly,  $g^*bD$ -set) if there are  $U, V \in g^*bO(X, \tau)$  such that  $U \neq X$  and  $A = U \setminus V$ .*

It is true that every  $g^*b$ -open set  $U$  different from  $X$  is a  $g^*bD$ -set if  $A = U$  and  $V = \phi$ . So, we can observe the following.

**Remark 3.11** *Every proper  $g^*b$ -open set is a  $g^*bD$ -set. But, the converse is not true in general as the next example shows.*

**Example 3.12** Consider  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{\phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ . So,  $g^*bO(X, \tau) = \{\phi, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{b, d\}, \{a, d\}, \{d\}, X\}$ , then  $U = \{a, b, d\} \neq X$  and  $V = \{a, c, d\}$  are  $g^*b$ -open sets in  $X$  and  $A = U \setminus V = \{a, b, d\} \setminus \{a, c, d\} = \{b\}$ , then we have  $A = \{b\}$  is a  $g^*bD$ -set but it is not  $g^*b$ -open.

Now we define another set of separation axioms called  $g^*bD_k$ , for  $k = 0, 1, 2$ , by using the  $g^*bD$ -sets.

**Definition 3.13** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be:

1.  $g^*bD_0$  if for any pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  of  $X$  there exists a  $g^*bD$ -set of  $X$  containing  $x$  but not  $y$  or a  $g^*bD$ -set of  $X$  containing  $y$  but not  $x$ .
2.  $g^*bD_1$  if for any pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  of  $X$  there exists a  $g^*bD$ -set of  $X$  containing  $x$  but not  $y$  and a  $g^*bD$ -set of  $X$  containing  $y$  but not  $x$ .
3.  $g^*bD_2$  if for any pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  of  $X$  there exist disjoint  $g^*bD$ -set  $G$  and  $E$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively.

**Remark 3.14** For a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , the following properties hold:

1. If  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*bT_k$ , then it is  $g^*bD_k$ , for  $k = 0, 1, 2$ .
2. If  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*bD_k$ , then it is  $g^*bD_{k-1}$ , for  $k = 1, 2$ .
3. If  $(X, \tau)$  is  $Pre-D_k$ , then it is  $g^*bD_k$ , for  $k = 0, 1, 2$ .

Proof. Obvious.

**Proposition 3.15** A space  $X$  is  $g^*bD_0$  if and only if it is  $g^*bT_0$ .

Proof. Suppose that  $X$  is  $g^*bD_0$ . Then for each distinct pair  $x, y \in X$ , at least one of  $x, y$ , say  $x$ , belongs to a  $g^*bD$ -set  $G$  but  $y \notin G$ . Let  $G = U_1 \setminus U_2$  where  $U_1 \neq X$  and  $U_1, U_2 \in g^*bO(X, \tau)$ . Then  $x \in U_1$ , and for  $y \notin G$  we have two cases: (a)  $y \notin U_1$ , (b)  $y \in U_1$  and  $y \in U_2$ .

In case (a),  $x \in U_1$  but  $y \notin U_1$ .

In case (b),  $y \in U_2$  but  $x \notin U_2$ .

Thus in both the cases, we obtain that  $X$  is  $g^*bT_0$ .

Conversely, if  $X$  is  $g^*bT_0$ , by Remark 3.14 (1),  $X$  is  $g^*bD_0$ .

**Proposition 3.16** A space  $X$  is  $g^*bD_1$  if and only if it is  $g^*bD_2$ .

Proof. **Necessity.** Let  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x \neq y$ . Then there exist  $g^*bD$ -sets  $G_1, G_2$  in  $X$  such that  $x \in G_1$ ,  $y \notin G_1$  and  $y \in G_2$ ,  $x \notin G_2$ . Let  $G_1 = U_1 \setminus U_2$  and  $G_2 = U_3 \setminus U_4$ , where  $U_1, U_2, U_3$  and  $U_4$  are  $g^*b$ -open sets in  $X$ . From  $x \notin G_2$ , it follows that either  $x \notin U_3$  or  $x \in U_3$  and  $x \in U_4$ . We discuss the two cases separately.

(i)  $x \notin U_3$ . By  $y \notin G_1$  we have two sub-cases:

(a)  $y \notin U_1$ . Since  $x \in U_1 \setminus U_2$ , it follows that  $x \in U_1 \setminus (U_2 \cup U_3)$ , and since  $y \in U_3 \setminus U_4$  we have  $y \in U_3 \setminus (U_1 \cup U_4)$ . Therefore  $(U_1 \setminus (U_2 \cup U_3)) \cap (U_3 \setminus (U_1 \cup U_4)) = \phi$ .

(b)  $y \in U_1$  and  $y \in U_2$ . We have  $x \in U_1 \setminus U_2$ , and  $y \in U_2$ . Therefore  $(U_1 \setminus U_2) \cap U_2 = \phi$ .

(ii)  $x \in U_3$  and  $x \in U_4$ . We have  $y \in U_3 \setminus U_4$  and  $x \in U_4$ . Hence  $(U_3 \setminus U_4) \cap U_4 = \phi$ . Therefore  $X$  is  $g^*b-D_2$ .

**sufficiency.** Follows from Remark 3.14 (2).

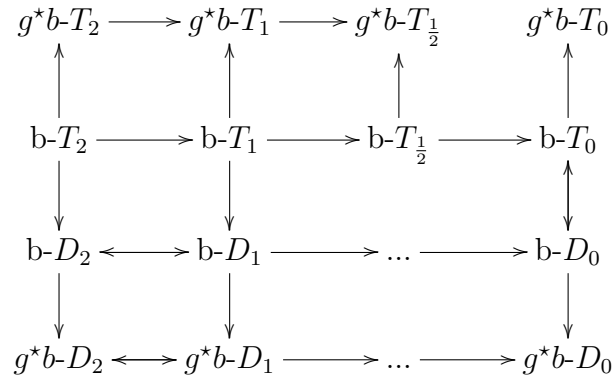
**Corollary 3.17** *If  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b-D_1$ , then it is  $g^*b-T_0$ .*

Proof. Follows from Remark 3.14 (2) and Proposition 3.15.

Here is an example which shows that the converse of Corollary 3.17 is not true in general.

**Example 3.18** *Consider  $X = \{a, b\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, X\}$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b-T_0$ , but not  $g^*b-D_1$ , since there is no  $g^*bD$ -set containing  $b$  but not  $a$ .*

From Proposition 3.9, Remark 3.14, and Proposition 3.2 we obtain the following diagram of implications:



**Diagram 3**

The following examples show that implications in Diagram 3, are not reversible.

**Example 3.19** Consider  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{\phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b-T_0$  but not  $g^*b-T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

**Example 3.20** Consider  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{\phi, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b-T_{\frac{1}{2}}$  but not  $g^*b-T_1$ .

**Remark 3.21** From Example 3.18, it is clear that  $X$  is  $g^*b-D_0$  but not  $g^*b-D_1$ . And from Example 3.4, the space  $X$  is  $g^*b-D_k$  but it is not  $b-D_k$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2$ . In Example 3.3, the space  $X$  is  $g^*b-D_k$  but it is not  $pre-D_k$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2$ .

**Definition 3.22** A point  $x \in X$  which has only  $X$  as the  $g^*b$ -neighbourhood is called a  $g^*b$ -neat point.

**Proposition 3.23** For a  $g^*b-T_0$  topological space  $(X, \tau)$  the following are equivalent:

1.  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b-D_1$ .
2.  $(X, \tau)$  has no  $g^*b$ -neat point.

Proof. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Since  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b-D_1$ , then each point  $x$  of  $X$  is contained in a  $g^*bD$ -set  $A = U \setminus V$  and thus in  $U$ . By definition  $U \neq X$ . This implies that  $x$  is not a  $g^*b$ -neat point.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). If  $X$  is  $g^*b-T_0$ , then for each distinct pair of points  $x, y \in X$ , at least one of them,  $x$  (say) has a  $g^*b$ -neighbourhood  $U$  containing  $x$  and not  $y$ . Thus  $U$  which is different from  $X$  is a  $g^*bD$ -set. If  $X$  has no  $g^*b$ -neat point, then  $y$  is not a  $g^*b$ -neat point. This means that there exists a  $g^*b$ -neighbourhood  $V$  of  $y$  such that  $V \neq X$ . Thus  $y \in V \setminus U$  but not  $x$  and  $V \setminus U$  is a  $g^*bD$ -set. Hence  $X$  is  $g^*b-D_1$ .

**Corollary 3.24** A  $g^*b-T_0$  space  $X$  is not  $g^*b-D_1$  if and only if there is a unique  $g^*b$ -neat point in  $X$ .

Proof. We only prove the uniqueness of the  $g^*b$ -neat point. If  $x$  and  $y$  are two  $g^*b$ -neat points in  $X$ , then since  $X$  is  $g^*b-T_0$ , at least one of  $x$  and  $y$ , say  $x$ , has a  $g^*b$ -neighbourhood  $U$  containing  $x$  but not  $y$ . Hence  $U \neq X$ . Therefore  $x$  is not a  $g^*b$ -neat point which is a contradiction.

**Definition 3.25** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $g^*b$ -symmetric if for  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ ,  $x \in g^*bCl(\{y\})$  implies  $y \in g^*bCl(\{x\})$ .

**Proposition 3.26** If  $(X, \tau)$  is a topological space, then the following are equivalent:



1.  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $g^*b$ -symmetric space.
2.  $\{x\}$  is  $g^*b$ -closed, for each  $x \in X$ .

Proof. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Assume that  $\{x\} \subseteq U \in g^*bO(X)$ , but  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \not\subseteq U$ . Then  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \cap X \setminus U \neq \emptyset$ . Now, we take  $y \in g^*bCl(\{x\}) \cap X \setminus U$ , then by hypothesis  $x \in g^*bCl(\{y\}) \subseteq X \setminus U$  and  $x \notin U$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $\{x\}$  is  $g^*b$ -closed, for each  $x \in X$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Assume that  $x \in g^*bCl(\{y\})$ , but  $y \notin g^*bCl(\{x\})$ . Then  $\{y\} \subseteq X \setminus g^*bCl(\{x\})$  and hence  $g^*bCl(\{y\}) \subseteq X \setminus g^*bCl(\{x\})$ . Therefore  $x \in X \setminus g^*bCl(\{x\})$ , which is a contradiction and hence  $y \in g^*bCl(\{x\})$ .

**Corollary 3.27** *If a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $g^*b$ - $T_1$  space, then it is  $g^*b$ -symmetric.*

Proof. In a  $g^*b$ - $T_1$  space, every singleton is  $g^*b$ -closed (Proposition 3.6) and therefore is by Proposition 3.26,  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b$ -symmetric.

**Corollary 3.28** *If a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b$ -symmetric and  $g^*b$ - $T_0$ , then  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b$ - $T_1$ .*

Proof. Let  $x \neq y$  and as  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b$ - $T_0$ , we may assume that  $x \in U \subseteq X \setminus \{y\}$  for some  $U \in g^*bO(X)$ . Then  $x \notin g^*bCl(\{y\})$  and hence  $y \notin g^*bCl(\{x\})$ . There exists a  $g^*b$ -open set  $V$  such that  $y \in V \subseteq X \setminus \{x\}$  and thus  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $g^*b$ - $T_1$  space.

**Corollary 3.29** *If a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b$ - $T_1$ , then  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b$ -symmetric and  $g^*b$ - $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ .*

Proof. By Corollary 3.27 and Proposition 3.9, it is true.

**Corollary 3.30** *For a  $g^*b$ -symmetric space  $(X, \tau)$ , the following are equivalent:*

1.  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b$ - $T_0$ .
2.  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b$ - $D_1$ .
3.  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b$ - $T_1$ .

Proof. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Follows from Corollary 3.28.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Follows from Remark 3.14 and Corollary 3.17.

**Definition 3.31** *Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . The  $g^*b$ -kernel of  $A$ , denoted by  $g^*bker(A)$  is defined to be the set*

$$g^*bker(A) = \cap\{U \in g^*bO(X): A \subseteq U\}.$$

**Proposition 3.32** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $x \in X$ . Then  $y \in g^*bker(\{x\})$  if and only if  $x \in g^*bCl(\{y\})$ .*

Proof. Suppose that  $y \notin g^*bker(\{x\})$ . Then there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set  $V$  containing  $x$  such that  $y \notin V$ . Therefore, we have  $x \notin g^*bCl(\{y\})$ . The proof of the converse case can be done similarly.

**Proposition 3.33** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . Then,  $g^*bker(A) = \{x \in X: g^*bCl(\{x\}) \cap A \neq \phi\}$ .*

Proof. Let  $x \in g^*bker(A)$  and suppose  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \cap A = \phi$ . Hence  $x \notin X \setminus g^*bCl(\{x\})$  which is a  $g^*b$ -open set containing  $A$ . This is impossible, since  $x \in g^*bker(A)$ . Consequently,  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \cap A \neq \phi$ . Next, let  $x \in X$  such that  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \cap A \neq \phi$  and suppose that  $x \notin g^*bker(A)$ . Then, there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set  $V$  containing  $A$  and  $x \notin V$ . Let  $y \in g^*bCl(\{x\}) \cap A$ . Hence,  $V$  is a  $g^*b$ -neighbourhood of  $y$  which does not contain  $x$ . By this contradiction  $x \in g^*bker(A)$  and the claim.

**Proposition 3.34** *The following properties hold for the subsets  $A, B$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ :*

1.  $A \subseteq g^*bker(A)$ .
2.  $A \subseteq B$  implies that  $g^*bker(A) \subseteq g^*bker(B)$ .
3. If  $A$  is  $g^*b$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $A = g^*bker(A)$ .
4.  $g^*bker(g^*bker(A)) = g^*bker(A)$ .

Proof. (1), (2) and (3) are immediate consequences of Definition 3.31. To prove (4), first observe that by (1) and (2), we have  $g^*bker(A) \subseteq g^*bker(g^*bker(A))$ . If  $x \notin g^*bker(A)$ , then there exists  $U \in g^*bO(X, \tau)$  such that  $A \subseteq U$  and  $x \notin U$ . Hence  $g^*bker(A) \subseteq U$ , and so we have  $x \notin g^*bker(g^*bker(A))$ . Thus  $g^*bker(g^*bker(A)) = g^*bker(A)$ .

**Proposition 3.35** *If a singleton  $\{x\}$  is a  $g^*bD$ -set of  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $g^*bker(\{x\}) \neq X$ .*

Proof. Since  $\{x\}$  is a  $g^*bD$ -set of  $(X, \tau)$ , then there exist two subsets  $U_1, U_2 \in g^*bO(X, \tau)$  such that  $\{x\} = U_1 \setminus U_2$ ,  $\{x\} \subseteq U_1$  and  $U_1 \neq X$ . Thus, we have that  $g^*bker(\{x\}) \subseteq U_1 \neq X$  and so  $g^*bker(\{x\}) \neq X$ .

## 4 $g^*b$ - $R_k$ Space ( $k = 0, 1$ )

In this section, new classes of topological spaces called  $g^*b$ - $R_0$  and  $g^*b$ - $R_1$  spaces are introduced.

**Definition 4.1** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $g^*b$ - $R_0$  if  $U$  is a  $g^*b$ -open set and  $x \in U$  then  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \subseteq U$ .

**Proposition 4.2** For a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  the following properties are equivalent:

1.  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b$ - $R_0$ .
2. For any  $F \in g^*bC(X)$ ,  $x \notin F$  implies  $F \subseteq U$  and  $x \notin U$  for some  $U \in g^*bO(X)$ .
3. For any  $F \in g^*bC(X)$ ,  $x \notin F$  implies  $F \cap g^*bCl(\{x\}) = \phi$ .
4. For any distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  of  $X$ , either  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) = g^*bCl(\{y\})$  or  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \cap g^*bCl(\{y\}) = \phi$ .

Proof. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $F \in g^*bC(X)$  and  $x \notin F$ . Then by (1),  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \subseteq X \setminus F$ . Set  $U = X \setminus g^*bCl(\{x\})$ , then  $U$  is a  $g^*b$ -open set such that  $F \subseteq U$  and  $x \notin U$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Let  $F \in g^*bC(X)$  and  $x \notin F$ . There exists  $U \in g^*bO(X)$  such that  $F \subseteq U$  and  $x \notin U$ . Since  $U \in g^*bO(X)$ ,  $U \cap g^*bCl(\{x\}) = \phi$  and  $F \cap g^*bCl(\{x\}) = \phi$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). Suppose that  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \neq g^*bCl(\{y\})$  for distinct points  $x, y \in X$ . There exists  $z \in g^*bCl(\{x\})$  such that  $z \notin g^*bCl(\{y\})$  (or  $z \in g^*bCl(\{y\})$  such that  $z \notin g^*bCl(\{x\})$ ). There exists  $V \in g^*bO(X)$  such that  $y \notin V$  and  $z \in V$ ; hence  $x \in V$ . Therefore, we have  $x \notin g^*bCl(\{y\})$ . By (3), we obtain  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \cap g^*bCl(\{y\}) = \phi$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). let  $V \in g^*bO(X)$  and  $x \in V$ . For each  $y \notin V$ ,  $x \neq y$  and  $x \notin g^*bCl(\{y\})$ . This shows that  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \neq g^*bCl(\{y\})$ . By (4),  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \cap g^*bCl(\{y\}) = \phi$  for each  $y \in X \setminus V$  and hence  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \cap (\bigcup_{y \in X \setminus V} g^*bCl(\{y\})) = \phi$ . On other hand, since  $V \in g^*bO(X)$  and  $y \in X \setminus V$ , we have  $g^*bCl(\{y\}) \subseteq X \setminus V$  and hence  $X \setminus V = \bigcup_{y \in X \setminus V} g^*bCl(\{y\})$ . Therefore, we obtain  $(X \setminus V) \cap g^*bCl(\{x\}) = \phi$  and  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \subseteq V$ . This shows that  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $g^*b$ - $R_0$  space.

**Remark 4.3** Every pre- $R_0$  and  $b$ - $R_0$  spaces is  $g^*b$ - $R_0$  space but converse is not true in general.

**Example 4.4**  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, X\}$ , is  $g^*b$ - $R_0$  but not pre- $R_0$  and  $b$ - $R_0$ , since for preopen ( $b$ -open) set  $\{a\}$ ,  $a \in \{a\}$ , then  $Cl\{a\}(bCl\{a\}) = X \not\subseteq \{a\}$

**Proposition 4.5** *If a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b$ - $T_0$  and a  $g^*b$ - $R_0$  space then it is  $g^*b$ - $T_1$ .*

Proof. Let  $x$  and  $y$  be any distinct points of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $g^*b$ - $T_0$ , there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \notin U$ . As  $x \in U$  implies that  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \subseteq U$ . Since  $y \notin U$ , so  $y \notin g^*bCl(\{x\})$ . Hence  $y \in V = X \setminus g^*bCl(\{x\})$  and it is clear that  $x \notin V$ . Hence it follows that there exist  $g^*b$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  containing  $x$  and  $y$  respectively, such that  $y \notin U$  and  $x \notin V$ . This implies that  $X$  is  $g^*b$ - $T_1$ .

**Proposition 4.6** *For a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  the following properties are equivalent:*

1.  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b$ - $R_0$ .
2.  $x \in g^*bCl(\{y\})$  if and only if  $y \in g^*bCl(\{x\})$ , for any points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ .

Proof. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Assume that  $X$  is  $g^*b$ - $R_0$ . Let  $x \in g^*bCl(\{y\})$  and  $V$  be any  $g^*b$ -open set such that  $y \in V$ . Now by hypothesis,  $x \in V$ . Therefore, every  $g^*b$ -open set which contain  $y$  contains  $x$ . Hence  $y \in g^*bCl(\{x\})$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $U$  be a  $g^*b$ -open set and  $x \in U$ . If  $y \notin U$ , then  $x \notin g^*bCl(\{y\})$  and hence  $y \notin g^*bCl(\{x\})$ . This implies that  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b$ - $R_0$ .

From Definition 3.25 and Proposition 4.6, the notions of  $g^*b$ -symmetric and  $g^*b$ - $R_0$  are equivalent.

**Proposition 4.7** *The following statements are equivalent for any points  $x$  and  $y$  in a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ :*

1.  $g^*bker(\{x\}) \neq g^*bker(\{y\})$ .
2.  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \neq g^*bCl(\{y\})$ .

Proof. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Suppose that  $g^*bker(\{x\}) \neq g^*bker(\{y\})$ , then there exists a point  $z$  in  $X$  such that  $z \in g^*bker(\{x\})$  and  $z \notin g^*bker(\{y\})$ . From  $z \in g^*bker(\{x\})$  it follows that  $\{x\} \cap g^*bCl(\{z\}) \neq \phi$  which implies  $x \in g^*bCl(\{z\})$ . By  $z \notin g^*bker(\{y\})$ , we have  $\{y\} \cap g^*bCl(\{z\}) = \phi$ . Since  $x \in g^*bCl(\{z\})$ ,  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \subseteq g^*bCl(\{z\})$  and  $\{y\} \cap g^*bCl(\{x\}) = \phi$ . Therefore, it follows that  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \neq g^*bCl(\{y\})$ . Now  $g^*bker(\{x\}) \neq g^*bker(\{y\})$  implies that  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \neq g^*bCl(\{y\})$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Suppose that  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \neq g^*bCl(\{y\})$ . Then there exists a point  $z$  in  $X$  such that  $z \in g^*bCl(\{x\})$  and  $z \notin g^*bCl(\{y\})$ . Then, there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set containing  $z$  and therefore  $x$  but not  $y$ , namely,  $y \notin g^*bker(\{x\})$  and thus  $g^*bker(\{x\}) \neq g^*bker(\{y\})$ .

**Proposition 4.8** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. Then  $\cap\{g^*bCl(\{x\}) : x \in X\} = \phi$  if and only if  $g^*bker(\{x\}) \neq X$  for every  $x \in X$ .*

**Proof. Necessity.** Suppose that  $\cap\{g^*bCl(\{x\}) : x \in X\} = \phi$ . Assume that there is a point  $y$  in  $X$  such that  $g^*bker(\{y\}) = X$ . Let  $x$  be any point of  $X$ . Then  $x \in V$  for every  $g^*b$ -open set  $V$  containing  $y$  and hence  $y \in g^*bCl(\{x\})$  for any  $x \in X$ . This implies that  $y \in \cap\{g^*bCl(\{x\}) : x \in X\}$ . But this is a contradiction.

**Sufficiency.** Assume that  $g^*bker(\{x\}) \neq X$  for every  $x \in X$ . If there exists a point  $y$  in  $X$  such that  $y \in \cap\{g^*bCl(\{x\}) : x \in X\}$ , then every  $g^*b$ -open set containing  $y$  must contain every point of  $X$ . This implies that the space  $X$  is the unique  $g^*b$ -open set containing  $y$ . Hence  $g^*bker(\{y\}) = X$  which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $\cap\{g^*bCl(\{x\}) : x \in X\} = \phi$ .

**Proposition 4.9** *A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b-R_0$  if and only if for every  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ ,  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \neq g^*bCl(\{y\})$  implies  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \cap g^*bCl(\{y\}) = \phi$ .*

**Proof. Necessity.** Suppose that  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b-R_0$  and  $x, y \in X$  such that  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \neq g^*bCl(\{y\})$ . Then, there exists  $z \in g^*bCl(\{x\})$  such that  $z \notin g^*bCl(\{y\})$  (or  $z \in g^*bCl(\{y\})$  such that  $z \notin g^*bCl(\{x\})$ ). There exists  $V \in g^*bO(X)$  such that  $y \notin V$  and  $z \in V$ , hence  $x \in V$ . Therefore, we have  $x \notin g^*bCl(\{y\})$ . Thus  $x \in [X \setminus g^*bCl(\{y\})] \in g^*bO(X)$ , which implies  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \subseteq [X \setminus g^*bCl(\{y\})]$  and  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \cap g^*bCl(\{y\}) = \phi$ .

**Sufficiency.** Let  $V \in g^*bO(X)$  and let  $x \in V$ . We still show that  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \subseteq V$ . Let  $y \notin V$ , that is  $y \in X \setminus V$ . Then  $x \neq y$  and  $x \notin g^*bCl(\{y\})$ . This shows that  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \neq g^*bCl(\{y\})$ . By assumption,  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \cap g^*bCl(\{y\}) = \phi$ . Hence  $y \notin g^*bCl(\{x\})$  and therefore  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \subseteq V$ .

**Proposition 4.10** *A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b-R_0$  if and only if for any points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ ,  $g^*bker(\{x\}) \neq g^*bker(\{y\})$  implies  $g^*bker(\{x\}) \cap g^*bker(\{y\}) = \phi$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $g^*b-R_0$  space. Thus by Proposition 4.7, for any points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$  if  $g^*bker(\{x\}) \neq g^*bker(\{y\})$  then  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \neq g^*bCl(\{y\})$ . Now we prove that  $g^*bker(\{x\}) \cap g^*bker(\{y\}) = \phi$ . Assume that  $z \in g^*bker(\{x\}) \cap g^*bker(\{y\})$ . By  $z \in g^*bker(\{x\})$  and Proposition 3.32, it follows that  $x \in g^*bCl(\{z\})$ . Since  $x \in g^*bCl(\{x\})$ , by Proposition 4.2,  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) = g^*bCl(\{z\})$ . Similarly, we have  $g^*bCl(\{y\}) = g^*bCl(\{z\}) = g^*bCl(\{x\})$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore, we have  $g^*bker(\{x\}) \cap g^*bker(\{y\}) = \phi$ .

**Conversely,** let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space such that for any points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ ,  $g^*bker(\{x\}) \neq g^*bker(\{y\})$  implies  $g^*bker(\{x\}) \cap g^*bker(\{y\}) = \phi$ . If  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \neq g^*bCl(\{y\})$ , then by Proposition 4.7,  $g^*bker(\{x\}) \neq$

$g^*bker(\{y\})$ . Hence,  $g^*bker(\{x\}) \cap g^*bker(\{y\}) = \phi$  which implies  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \cap g^*bCl(\{y\}) = \phi$ . Because  $z \in g^*bCl(\{x\})$  implies that  $x \in g^*bker(\{z\})$  and therefore  $g^*bker(\{x\}) \cap g^*bker(\{z\}) \neq \phi$ . By hypothesis, we have  $g^*bker(\{x\}) = g^*bker(\{z\})$ . Then  $z \in g^*bCl(\{x\}) \cap g^*bCl(\{y\})$  implies that  $g^*bker(\{x\}) = g^*bker(\{z\}) = g^*bker(\{y\})$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore,  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \cap g^*bCl(\{y\}) = \phi$  and by Proposition 4.2,  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $g^*b-R_0$  space.

**Proposition 4.11** *For a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  the following properties are equivalent:*

1.  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $g^*b-R_0$  space.
2. For any non-empty set  $A$  and  $G \in g^*bO(X)$  such that  $A \cap G \neq \phi$ , there exists  $F \in g^*bC(X)$  such that  $A \cap F \neq \phi$  and  $F \subseteq G$ .
3. For any  $G \in g^*bO(X)$ , we have  $G = \cup\{F \in g^*bC(X): F \subseteq G\}$ .
4. For any  $F \in g^*bC(X)$ , we have  $F = \cap\{G \in g^*bO(X): F \subseteq G\}$ .
5. For every  $x \in X$ ,  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \subseteq g^*bker(\{x\})$ .

Proof. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $A$  be a non-empty subset of  $X$  and  $G \in g^*bO(X)$  such that  $A \cap G \neq \phi$ . There exists  $x \in A \cap G$ . Since  $x \in G \in g^*bO(X)$ ,  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \subseteq G$ . Set  $F = g^*bCl(\{x\})$ , then  $F \in g^*bC(X)$ ,  $F \subseteq G$  and  $A \cap F \neq \phi$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Let  $G \in g^*bO(X)$ , then  $G \supseteq \cup\{F \in g^*bC(X): F \subseteq G\}$ . Let  $x$  be any point of  $G$ . There exists  $F \in g^*bC(X)$  such that  $x \in F$  and  $F \subseteq G$ . Therefore, we have  $x \in F \subseteq \cup\{F \in g^*bC(X): F \subseteq G\}$  and hence  $G = \cup\{F \in g^*bC(X): F \subseteq G\}$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). Obvious.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5). Let  $x$  be any point of  $X$  and  $y \notin g^*bker(\{x\})$ . There exists  $V \in g^*bO(X)$  such that  $x \in V$  and  $y \notin V$ , hence  $g^*bCl(\{y\}) \cap V = \phi$ . By (4),  $(\cap\{G \in g^*bO(X): g^*bCl(\{y\}) \subseteq G\}) \cap V = \phi$  and there exists  $G \in g^*bO(X)$  such that  $x \notin G$  and  $g^*bCl(\{y\}) \subseteq G$ . Therefore  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \cap G = \phi$  and  $y \notin g^*bCl(\{x\})$ . Consequently, we obtain  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \subseteq g^*bker(\{x\})$ .

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $G \in g^*bO(X)$  and  $x \in G$ . Let  $y \in g^*bker(\{x\})$ , then  $x \in g^*bCl(\{y\})$  and  $y \in G$ . This implies that  $g^*bker(\{x\}) \subseteq G$ . Therefore, we obtain  $x \in g^*bCl(\{x\}) \subseteq g^*bker(\{x\}) \subseteq G$ . This shows that  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $g^*b-R_0$  space.

**Corollary 4.12** *For a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  the following properties are equivalent:*

1.  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $g^*b-R_0$  space.

2.  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) = g^*bker(\{x\})$  for all  $x \in X$ .

Proof. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Suppose that  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $g^*b-R_0$  space. By Proposition 4.11,  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \subseteq g^*bker(\{x\})$  for each  $x \in X$ . Let  $y \in g^*bker(\{x\})$ , then  $x \in g^*bCl(\{y\})$  and by Proposition 4.2,  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) = g^*bCl(\{y\})$ . Therefore,  $y \in g^*bCl(\{x\})$  and hence  $g^*bker(\{x\}) \subseteq g^*bCl(\{x\})$ . This shows that  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) = g^*bker(\{x\})$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Follows from Proposition 4.11.

**Proposition 4.13** *For a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  the following properties are equivalent:*

1.  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $g^*b-R_0$  space.
2. If  $F$  is  $g^*b$ -closed, then  $F = g^*bker(F)$ .
3. If  $F$  is  $g^*b$ -closed and  $x \in F$ , then  $g^*bker(\{x\}) \subseteq F$ .
4. If  $x \in X$ , then  $g^*bker(\{x\}) \subseteq g^*bCl(\{x\})$ .

Proof. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $F$  be a  $g^*b$ -closed and  $x \notin F$ . Thus  $(X \setminus F)$  is a  $g^*b$ -open set containing  $x$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b-R_0$ ,  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \subseteq (X \setminus F)$ . Thus  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \cap F = \emptyset$  and by Proposition 3.33,  $x \notin g^*bker(F)$ . Therefore  $g^*bker(F) = F$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). In general,  $A \subseteq B$  implies  $g^*bker(A) \subseteq g^*bker(B)$ . Therefore, it follows from (2), that  $g^*bker(\{x\}) \subseteq g^*bker(F) = F$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). Since  $x \in g^*bCl(\{x\})$  and  $g^*bCl(\{x\})$  is  $g^*b$ -closed, by (3),  $g^*bker(\{x\}) \subseteq g^*bCl(\{x\})$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). We show the implication by using Proposition 4.6. Let  $x \in g^*bCl(\{y\})$ . Then by Proposition 3.32,  $y \in g^*bker(\{x\})$ . Since  $x \in g^*bCl(\{x\})$  and  $g^*bCl(\{x\})$  is  $g^*b$ -closed, by (4), we obtain  $y \in g^*bker(\{x\}) \subseteq g^*bCl(\{x\})$ . Therefore  $x \in g^*bCl(\{y\})$  implies  $y \in g^*bCl(\{x\})$ . The converse is obvious and  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b-R_0$ .

**Definition 4.14** *A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $g^*b-R_1$  if for  $x, y$  in  $X$  with  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \neq g^*bCl(\{y\})$ , there exist disjoint  $g^*b$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \subseteq U$  and  $g^*bCl(\{y\}) \subseteq V$ .*

**Remark 4.15** *Every pre- $R_1$  and  $b-R_1$  space is  $g^*b-R_1$  space but converse is not true in general.*

**Example 4.16**  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$ , is  $g^*b-R_1$  but not pre- $R_1$  and  $b-R_1$ , since for  $b, c \in X$ ,  $pCl\{b\} = bCl\{b\} = \{b\} \neq \{c\} = pCl\{c\} = bCl\{c\}$ , there do not exist disjoint preopen (resp.  $b$ -open) sets containing  $pCl\{b\}, bCl\{b\}$  and  $pCl\{c\}, bCl\{c\}$  resp.

**Proposition 4.17** *A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b$ - $R_1$  if it is  $g^*b$ - $T_2$ .*

Proof. Let  $x$  and  $y$  be any points of  $X$  such that  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \neq g^*bCl(\{y\})$ . By Proposition 3.9 (1), every  $g^*b$ - $T_2$  space is  $g^*b$ - $T_1$ . Therefore, by Proposition 3.6,  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) = \{x\}$ ,  $g^*bCl(\{y\}) = \{y\}$  and hence  $\{x\} \neq \{y\}$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b$ - $T_2$ , there exist disjoint  $g^*b$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) = \{x\} \subseteq U$  and  $g^*bCl(\{y\}) = \{y\} \subseteq V$ . This shows that  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b$ - $R_1$ .

**Proposition 4.18** *If a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b$ -symmetric, then the following are equivalent:*

1.  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b$ - $T_2$ .
2.  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b$ - $R_1$  and  $g^*b$ - $T_1$ .
3.  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b$ - $R_1$  and  $g^*b$ - $T_0$ .

Proof. Straightforward.

**Proposition 4.19** *For a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  the following statements are equivalent:*

1.  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b$ - $R_1$ .
2. If  $x, y \in X$  such that  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \neq g^*bCl(\{y\})$ , then there exist  $g^*b$ -closed sets  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  such that  $x \in F_1$ ,  $y \notin F_1$ ,  $y \in F_2$ ,  $x \notin F_2$  and  $X = F_1 \cup F_2$ .

Proof. Obvious.

**Proposition 4.20** *If  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b$ - $R_1$ , then  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b$ - $R_0$ .*

Proof. Let  $U$  be  $g^*b$ -open such that  $x \in U$ . If  $y \notin U$ , since  $x \notin g^*bCl(\{y\})$ , we have  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \neq g^*bCl(\{y\})$ . So, there exists a  $g^*b$ -open set  $V$  such that  $g^*bCl(\{y\}) \subseteq V$  and  $x \notin V$ , which implies  $y \notin g^*bCl(\{x\})$ . Hence  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \subseteq U$ . Therefore,  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b$ - $R_0$ .

**Corollary 4.21** *A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b$ - $R_1$  if and only if for  $x, y \in X$ ,  $g^*bker(\{x\}) \neq g^*bker(\{y\})$ , there exist disjoint  $g^*b$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \subseteq U$  and  $g^*bCl(\{y\}) \subseteq V$ .*

Proof. Follows from Proposition 4.7.

**Proposition 4.22** *A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b$ - $R_1$  if and only if  $x \in X \setminus g^*bCl(\{y\})$  implies that  $x$  and  $y$  have disjoint  $g^*b$ -open neighbourhoods.*



Proof. **Necessity.** Let  $x \in X \setminus g^*bCl(\{y\})$ . Then  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \neq g^*bCl(\{y\})$ , so,  $x$  and  $y$  have disjoint  $g^*b$ -open neighbourhoods.

**Sufficiency.** First, we show that  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b-R_0$ . Let  $U$  be a  $g^*b$ -open set and  $x \in U$ . Suppose that  $y \notin U$ . Then,  $g^*bCl(\{y\}) \cap U = \phi$  and  $x \notin g^*bCl(\{y\})$ . There exist  $g^*b$ -open sets  $U_x$  and  $U_y$  such that  $x \in U_x$ ,  $y \in U_y$  and  $U_x \cap U_y = \phi$ . Hence,  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \subseteq g^*bCl(U_x)$  and  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \cap U_y \subseteq g^*bCl(U_x) \cap U_y = \phi$ . Therefore,  $y \notin g^*bCl(\{x\})$ . Consequently,  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \subseteq U$  and  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b-R_0$ . Next, we show that  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b-R_1$ . Suppose that  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \neq g^*bCl(\{y\})$ . Then, we can assume that there exists  $z \in g^*bCl(\{x\})$  such that  $z \notin g^*bCl(\{y\})$ . There exist  $g^*b$ -open sets  $V_z$  and  $V_y$  such that  $z \in V_z$ ,  $y \in V_y$  and  $V_z \cap V_y = \phi$ . Since  $z \in g^*bCl(\{x\})$ ,  $x \in V_z$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b-R_0$ , we obtain  $g^*bCl(\{x\}) \subseteq V_z$ ,  $g^*bCl(\{y\}) \subseteq V_y$  and  $V_z \cap V_y = \phi$ . This shows that  $(X, \tau)$  is  $g^*b-R_1$ .

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