

ON SOME CLASSES OF SETS VIA  $\theta$ -GENERALIZED OPEN SETS

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we introduce and study the notions of  $\theta$ - $g$ -derived,  $\theta$ - $g$ -border,  $\theta$ - $g$ -frontier and  $\theta$ - $g$ -exterior of a set via the notion of  $\theta$ - $g$ -open sets. Nakaoka and Oda ([9] and [10]) introduced the notion of maximal open sets and minimal closed sets. By the same token, we introduce new classes of sets called maximal  $\theta$ - $g$ -open sets, minimal  $\theta$ - $g$ -closed sets,  $\theta$ - $g$ -semi maximal open sets and  $\theta$ - $g$ -semi minimal closed sets and investigate some of their fundamental properties.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Generalized open sets play a very important role in General Topology and they are now the research topics of many topologists worldwide. Indeed a significant theme in General Topology and Real Analysis concerns the variously modified forms of continuity, separation axioms etc by utilizing generalized open sets. One of the most well-known notions and also an inspiration source is the notion of  $\theta$ -open sets introduced by N. V. Veličko [12] in 1968. In 1943, Fomin [6] (see, also [7]) introduced the notion of  $\theta$ -continuity. The notions of  $\theta$ -closed subsets and the  $\theta$ -closure were also introduced by Veličko [12] for the purpose of studying the important class of  $H$ -closed spaces in terms of arbitrary filterbases. Dickman and Porter [3], [4] and Joseph [8] continued the work of Veličko. Recently Noiri and Jafari [11] have also obtained several new and interesting results related to these sets. Quite recently, Caldas et al. [[1], [2]] introduced and studied the notions of  $\Lambda_\theta$ -sets,  $(\Lambda, \theta)$ -closed sets and  $(\Lambda, \theta)$ -open sets by utilizing  $\theta$ -open sets and  $\theta$ -closed sets.

In what follows  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  (or  $X$  and  $Y$ ) denote topological spaces. Let  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . We denote the interior and the closure of a set  $A$  by  $Int(A)$  and  $Cl(A)$ , respectively. A point  $x \in X$  is called a  $\theta$ -cluster point of  $A$  if  $A \cap Cl(U) \neq \emptyset$  for every open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$ . The set of all  $\theta$ -cluster points of  $A$  is called the  $\theta$ -closure of  $A$  and is denoted by  $Cl_\theta(A)$ . A subset  $A$  is called  $\theta$ -closed if  $A = Cl_\theta(A)$ . The complement of a  $\theta$ -closed set is called  $\theta$ -open. We denote the collection of all  $\theta$ -open (respectively,  $\theta$ -closed) sets by  $\theta(X, \tau)$  (respectively,  $cl\theta(X, \tau)$ ). A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called  $\theta$ -generalized closed (=  $\theta$ - $g$ -closed) [5] if  $Cl_\theta(A) \subseteq U$ , whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$ . Hence the union of two  $\theta$ - $g$ -closed sets is a  $\theta$ - $g$ -closed

set and the intersection of two  $\theta$ - $g$ -closed sets is generally not a  $\theta$ - $g$ -closed set. By ([5], Theorem 3.12(iii)), the finite intersection of  $\theta$ - $g$ -closed sets is not always  $\theta$ - $g$ -closed. In a  $T_1$ -space  $\theta$ - $g$ -closed are  $\theta$ -closed and in a  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -space any  $\theta$ - $g$ -closed set is a closed set. The complement of a  $\theta$ - $g$ -closed set is called  $\theta$ - $g$ -open equivalently  $A$  is  $\theta$ - $g$ -open if  $F \subset Int_{\theta}(A)$  whenever  $F$  is closed and  $F \subset A$ . If  $A$  is  $\theta$ - $g$ -open in  $X$  and  $B$  is  $\theta$ - $g$ -open in  $Y$ , then  $A \times B$  is  $\theta$ - $g$ -open in  $X \times Y$  [5]. The union of any  $\theta$ - $g$ -open sets is not always  $\theta$ - $g$ -open.

A proper nonempty open set (resp. closed set)  $U$  of  $X$  (resp.  $V$  of  $X$ ) is said to be a maximal open set [9] (resp. minimal closed set [10]) if any open (resp. closed) set which contains  $U$  is either  $X$  or  $U$  (resp. contained in  $V$  is either  $\emptyset$  or  $V$ ). The purpose of the present paper is to offer and study some new notions such as  $\theta$ - $g$ -derived,  $\theta$ - $g$ -border,  $\theta$ - $g$ -frontier and  $\theta$ - $g$ -exterior of a set via the notion of  $\theta$ - $g$ -open sets. We also introduce and investigate new classes of sets called maximal  $\theta$ - $g$ -open sets, minimal  $\theta$ - $g$ -closed sets,  $\theta$ - $g$ -semi maximal open sets and  $\theta$ - $g$ -semi minimal closed sets vis  $\theta$ - $g$ -open sets and  $\theta$ - $g$ -closed sets.

## 2. PROPERTIES OF $\theta$ - $G$ -OPEN SETS

DEFINITION 1. The intersection of all  $\theta$ - $g$ -closed sets containing a set  $A$  is called the  $\theta$ - $g$ -closure of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\theta Cl_g(A)$ . This is, for any  $A \subset X$ ,  $\theta Cl_g(A) = \bigcap \{F \in \Gamma : A \subset F\}$  where  $\Gamma = \{F : F \subset X \text{ and } F \text{ is } \theta\text{-}g\text{-closed}\}$ .

The collection of all  $\theta$ - $g$ -closed (resp.  $\theta$ - $g$ -open) subsets of  $X$  will be denoted by  $\theta GC(X)$  (resp.  $\theta GO(X)$ ). We set  $\theta GC(X, x) = \{V \in \theta GC(X) : x \in V\}$  for  $x \in X$ . We define similarly  $\theta GO(X, x)$ .

THEOREM 2.1. For any subset  $A$  of a space  $X$ , the following statements hold:

- (1)  $A \subset \theta Cl_g(A) \subset Cl_{\theta}(A)$ .
- (2)  $\theta Cl_g(A)$  is not always  $\theta$ - $g$ -closed.
- (3)  $x \in \theta Cl_g(A)$  if and only if for any  $\theta$ - $g$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$ ,  $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* (1) It suffices to observe that every  $\theta$ -closed is  $\theta$ - $g$ -closed.

(3) Necessity. Suppose that  $x \in \theta Cl_g(A)$ . Let  $U$  be a  $\theta$ - $g$ -open set containing  $x$  such that  $A \cap U = \emptyset$ . And so,  $A \subset X \setminus U$ . But  $X \setminus U$  is  $\theta$ - $g$ -closed and hence  $\theta Cl_g(A) \subset X \setminus U$ . Since  $x \notin X \setminus U$ , we obtain  $x \notin \theta Cl_g(A)$  which is contrary to the hypothesis.

Sufficiency. Suppose that every  $\theta$ - $g$ -open set of  $X$  containing  $x$  meets  $A$ . If  $x \notin \theta Cl_g(A)$ , then there exists a  $\theta$ - $g$ -closed set  $F$  of  $X$  such that  $A \subset F$  and  $x \notin F$ . Therefore  $x \in X \setminus F \in \theta GO(X)$ . Hence  $X \setminus F$  is a  $\theta$ - $g$ -open set of  $X$  containing  $x$ , but  $(X \setminus F) \cap A = \emptyset$ . This is contrary to the hypothesis.  $\square$

In general the converse of Theorem 2.1(1) may not be true.

EXAMPLE 2.2. Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  with the topology

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

Then  $\{\emptyset, X\}$  is the set of all  $\theta$ -closed sets in  $(X, \tau)$  and

$\theta GC(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ . Hence:

- (i)  $Cl_\theta(\{b\}) = X$ ,  $\theta Cl_g(\{b\}) = \{a, c\}$  and  $Cl_\theta(\{b\}) \not\subseteq \theta Cl_g(\{b\})$ .
- (ii)  $\theta Cl_g(\{c, d\}) = \{b, c, d\}$ ,  $Cl(\{c, d\}) = \{c, d\}$  and  $\theta Cl_g(\{c, d\}) \not\subseteq Cl(\{c, d\})$ .  
 $\theta Cl_g(\{b, d\}) = \{b, d\}$ ,  $Cl(\{b, d\}) = \{b, c, d\}$  and  $Cl(\{b, d\}) \not\subseteq \theta Cl_g(\{b, d\})$ .

EXAMPLE 2.3. Let  $(X, \tau)$  be the space in the example above. Then the set  $\theta Cl_g(\{b\}) = \{b\}$  is not  $\theta$ - $g$ -closed.

DEFINITION 2. Let  $A$  be a subset of a space  $X$ . A point  $x \in A$  is said to be a  $\theta$ - $g$ -limit point of  $A$  if for each  $\theta$ - $g$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$ ,  $U \cap (A \setminus \{x\}) \neq \emptyset$ . The set of all  $\theta$ - $g$ -limit points of  $A$  is called the  $\theta$ - $g$ -derived set of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\theta D_g(A)$ .

THEOREM 2.4. For subsets  $A, B$  of a space  $X$ , the following statements hold:

- (1)  $\theta D_g(A) \subset D_\theta(A)$ , where  $D_\theta(A)$  is the  $\theta$ -derived set of  $A$ .
- (2) If  $A \subset B$ , then  $\theta D_g(A) \subset \theta D_g(B)$ .
- (3)  $\theta D_g(A) \cup \theta D_g(B) \subset \theta D_g(A \cup B)$  and  $\theta D_g(A \cap B) \subset \theta D_g(A) \cap \theta D_g(B)$ .
- (4)  $\theta D_g(\theta D_g(A)) \setminus A \subset \theta D_g(A)$ .
- (5)  $\theta D_g(A \cup \theta D_g(A)) \subset A \cup \theta D_g(A)$ .

*Proof.* (1) It suffices to observe that every  $\theta$ -open set is  $\theta$ - $g$ -open.

(3) Follows by (2).

(4) If  $x \in \theta D_g(\theta D_g(A)) \setminus A$  and  $U$  is an  $\theta$ - $g$ -open set containing  $x$ , then  $U \cap (\theta D_g(A) \setminus \{x\}) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $y \in U \cap (\theta D_g(A) \setminus \{x\})$ . Then since  $y \in \theta D_g(A)$  and  $y \in U$ ,  $U \cap (A \setminus \{y\}) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $z \in U \cap (A \setminus \{y\})$ . Then  $z \neq x$  for  $z \in A$  and  $x \notin A$ . Hence  $U \cap (A \setminus \{x\}) \neq \emptyset$ . Therefore  $x \in \theta D_g(A)$ .

(5) Let  $x \in \theta D_g(A \cup \theta D_g(A))$ . If  $x \in A$ , the result is obvious. So let  $x \in \theta D_g(A \cup \theta D_g(A)) \setminus A$ , then for any  $\theta$ - $g$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$ ,  $U \cap (A \cup \theta D_g(A) \setminus \{x\}) \neq \emptyset$ . Thus  $U \cap (A \setminus \{x\}) \neq \emptyset$  or  $U \cap (\theta D_g(A) \setminus \{x\}) \neq \emptyset$ . Now it follows similarly from (4) that  $U \cap (A \setminus \{x\}) \neq \emptyset$ . Hence  $x \in \theta D_g(A)$ . Therefore, in any case  $\theta D_g(A \cup \theta D_g(A)) \subset A \cup \theta D_g(A)$ .  $\square$

In general the converse of Theorem 2.4(1) may not be true and the equality does not hold in (3) of Theorem 2.4.

EXAMPLE 2.5. A counterexample illustrating that  $\theta D_g(A \cap B) \neq \theta D_g(A) \cap \theta D_g(B)$  in general can be easily found in regular  $T_1$ -spaces (e.g. in  $\mathbf{R}$ ), for which open,  $\theta$ -open and  $\theta$ - $g$ -open sets (and hence  $D$ ,  $D_\theta$  and  $\theta D_g$ ) coincide.

THEOREM 2.6. For any subset  $A$  of a space  $X$ ,  $\theta Cl_g(A) = A \cup \theta D_g(A)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\theta D_g(A) \subset \theta Cl_g(A)$ ,  $A \cup \theta D_g(A) \subset \theta Cl_g(A)$ . On the other hand, let  $x \in \theta Cl_g(A)$ . If  $x \in A$ , then the proof is complete. If  $x \notin A$ , each  $\theta$ - $g$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  intersects  $A$  at a point distinct from  $x$ , so  $x \in \theta D_g(A)$ . Thus  $\theta Cl_g(A) \subset A \cup \theta D_g(A)$ , which completes the proof.  $\square$

DEFINITION 3. An point  $x \in X$  is said to be a  $\theta$ - $g$ -interior point of  $A$  if there exists an  $\theta$ - $g$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \subset A$ . The set of all  $\theta$ - $g$ -interior points of  $A$  is called the  $\theta$ - $g$ -interior of  $A$  and denoted by  $\theta Int_g(A)$ .

THEOREM 2.7. For subsets  $A, B$  of a space  $X$ , the following statements are true:

- (1)  $\theta Int_g(A) = \bigcup \{U \mid U \subset A, U \in \theta GO(X)\}$ .
- (2) If  $A$  is  $\theta$ - $g$ -open then  $A = \theta Int_g(A)$ .
- (3) If  $A$  is  $\theta$ - $g$ -open then  $\theta Int_g(\theta Int_g(A)) = \theta Int_g(A)$ .
- (4)  $A \setminus \theta D_g(X \setminus A) \subset \theta Int_g(A)$ .
- (5)  $X \setminus \theta Int_g(A) = \theta Cl_g(X \setminus A)$ .
- (6)  $X \setminus \theta Cl_g(A) = \theta Int_g(X \setminus A)$ .
- (7)  $A \subset B$ , then  $\theta Int_g(A) \subset \theta Int_g(B)$ .
- (8)  $\theta Int_g(A) \cup \theta Int_g(B) \subset \theta Int_g(A \cup B)$ .
- (9)  $\theta Int_g(A) \cap \theta Int_g(B) \supset \theta Int_g(A \cap B)$ .

*Proof.* (4) If  $x \in A \setminus \theta D_g(X \setminus A)$ , then  $x \notin \theta D_g(X \setminus A)$  and so there exists a  $\theta$ - $g$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \cap (X \setminus A) = \emptyset$ . Then  $x \in U \subset A$  and hence  $x \in \theta Int_g(A)$ , i.e.,  $A \setminus \theta D_g(X \setminus A) \subset \theta Int_g(A)$ .

(5)  $X \setminus \theta Int_g(A) = \bigcap \{F \in X \mid A \subset F, (F = \theta\text{-}g\text{-closed})\} = \theta Cl_g(X \setminus A)$ .  $\square$

DEFINITION 4.  $\theta b_g(A) = A \setminus \theta Int_g(A)$  is called the  $\theta$ - $g$ -border of  $A$ .

THEOREM 2.8. For a subset  $A$  of a space  $X$ , the following statements hold:

- (1)  $\theta b_g(A) \subset b_\theta(A)$ , where  $b_\theta(A)$  denotes the  $\theta$ -border of  $A$ .
- (2)  $A = \theta Int_g(A) \cup \theta b_g(A)$ .
- (3)  $\theta Int_g(A) \cap \theta b_g(A) = \emptyset$ .
- (4) If  $A$  is  $\theta$ - $g$ -open, then  $\theta b_g(\theta Int_g(A)) = \emptyset$ .
- (5)  $\theta Int_g(\theta b_g(A)) = \emptyset$ .
- (6)  $\theta b_g(\theta b_g(A)) = \theta b_g(A)$ .
- (7)  $\theta b_g(A) = A \cap \theta Cl_g(X \setminus A)$ .

*Proof.* (5) If  $x \in \theta Int_g(\theta b_g(A))$ , then  $x \in \theta b_g(A)$ . On the other hand, since  $\theta b_g(A) \subset A$ ,  $x \in \theta Int_g(\theta b_g(A)) \subset \theta Int_g(A)$ . Hence  $x \in \theta Int_g(A) \cap \theta b_g(A)$  which contradicts (3). Thus  $\theta Int_g(\theta b_g(A)) = \emptyset$ .

(7)  $\theta b_g(A) = A \setminus \theta Int_g(A) = A \setminus (X \setminus \theta Cl_g(X \setminus A)) = A \cap \theta Cl_g(X \setminus A)$ .  $\square$

EXAMPLE 2.9. Consider the topological space  $(X, \tau)$  given in Example 2.2, where  $\theta GC(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ . If  $A = \{b, c\}$ . Then  $\theta b_g(A) = \{b\}$  and  $b_\theta(A) = \{b, c\}$ . Hence  $b_\theta(A) \not\subset \theta b_g(A)$ , i.e., in general the opposite implication of Theorem 2.8 (1) may not be true.

DEFINITION 5.  $\theta Fr_g(A) = \theta Cl_g(A) \setminus \theta Int_g(A)$  is called the  $\theta$ - $g$ -frontier of  $A$ .

THEOREM 2.10. For a subset  $A$  of a space  $X$ , the following statements hold:

- (1)  $\theta Fr_g(A) \subset Fr_\theta(A)$ , where  $Fr_\theta(A)$  denotes the  $\theta$ -frontier of  $A$ .
- (2)  $\theta Cl_g(A) = \theta Int_g(A) \cup \theta Fr_g(A)$ .

- (3)  $\theta Int_g(A) \cap \theta Fr_g(A) = \emptyset$ .  
 (4)  $\theta b_g(A) \subset \theta Fr_g(A)$ .  
 (5) If  $A$  is a  $\theta$ - $g$ -open set, then  $\theta Fr_g(A) = \theta D_g(A)$ .  
 (6)  $\theta Fr_g(A) = \theta Cl_g(A) \cap \theta Cl_g(X \setminus A)$ .  
 (7)  $\theta Fr_g(A) = \theta Fr_g(X \setminus A)$ .  
 (8)  $\theta Fr_g(\theta Int_g(A)) \subset \theta Fr_g(A)$ .  
 (9)  $\theta Fr_g(\theta Cl_g(A)) \subset \theta Fr_g(A)$ .  
 (10)  $\theta Int_g(A) = A \setminus \theta Fr_g(A)$ .

*Proof.* (2)  $\theta Int_g(A) \cup \theta Fr_g(A) = \theta Int_g(A) \cup (\theta Cl_g(A) \setminus \theta Int_g(A)) = \theta Cl_g(A)$ .

(3)  $\theta Int_g(A) \cap \theta Fr_g(A) = \theta Int_g(A) \cap (\theta Cl_g(A) \setminus \theta Int_g(A)) = \emptyset$ .

(6)  $\theta Fr_g(A) = \theta Cl_g(A) \setminus \theta Int_g(A) = \theta Cl_g(A) \cap \theta Cl_g(X \setminus A)$ .

(9) We have that

$$\begin{aligned} \theta Fr_g(\theta Cl_g(A)) &= \theta Cl_g(\theta Cl_g(A)) \setminus \theta Int_g(\theta Cl_g(A)) \\ &= \theta Cl_g((A)) \setminus \theta Int_g(\theta Cl_g(A)) \subset \theta Cl_g(A) \setminus \theta Int_g(A) = \theta Fr_g(A). \end{aligned}$$

(10)  $A \setminus \theta Fr_g(A) = A \setminus (\theta Cl_g(A) \setminus \theta Int_g(A)) = \theta Int_g(A)$ . □

The converses of (1) and (4) of Theorem 2.10 are not true in general, as shown by Example 2.11.

EXAMPLE 2.11. Consider the topological space  $(X, \tau)$  given in Example 2.2. If  $A = \{d\}$ , then  $Fr_\theta(A) = X$ ,  $\theta Fr_g(A) = \{b\}$ ,  $\theta b_g(A) = \emptyset$ . Therefore  $Fr_\theta(A) \not\subseteq \theta Fr_g(A)$  and  $\theta Fr_g(A) \not\subseteq \theta b_g(A)$ .

Recall, that a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  from a topological space  $X$  into a topological space  $Y$  is called  $\theta$ - $g$ -continuous, [5] if the inverse image of every closed set in  $Y$  is  $\theta$ - $g$ -closed in  $X$ .

THEOREM 2.12. Assume that  $\theta GO(X)$  is closed by unions. Then the following are equivalent for a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ :

- (1)  $f$  is  $\theta$ - $g$ -continuous;  
 (2) for every open subset  $V$  of  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(V) \in \theta GO(X)$ ;  
 (3) for each  $x \in X$  and each  $V \in O(Y, f(x))$ , there exists  $U \in \theta GO(X, x)$  such that  $f(U) \subset V$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\leftrightarrow$  (2) : This follows for  $f^{-1}(Y \setminus V) = X \setminus f^{-1}(V)$ .

(2)  $\rightarrow$  (3) : Let  $V \in O(Y)$  and  $f(x) \in V$ . Since  $f$  is  $\theta$ - $g$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(V) \in \theta GO(X)$  and  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$ . Put  $U = f^{-1}(V)$ . Then  $x \in U$  and  $f(U) \subset V$ .

(3)  $\rightarrow$  (2) : Let  $V$  be an open set of  $Y$  and  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$ . Then  $f(x) \in V$ . Therefore by (3) there exists a  $U_x \in \theta GO(X)$  such that  $x \in U_x$  and  $f(U_x) \subset V$ . Therefore  $x \in U_x \subset f^{-1}(V)$ . This implies that  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a union of  $\theta$ - $g$ -open sets of  $X$ . Consequently  $f^{-1}(V) \in \theta GO(X)$ . Hence  $f$  is  $\theta$ - $g$ -continuous. □

In the following theorem  $N_{\theta$ - $g$ .c. denotes the set of points  $x$  of  $X$  for which a function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is not  $\theta$ - $g$ -continuous.

**THEOREM 2.13.** *Assume that  $\theta GO(X)$  is closed by unions. Then  $N_\theta$ -g.c. is identical with the union of the  $\theta$ -g-frontiers of the inverse images of  $\theta$ -g-open sets containing  $f(x)$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $f$  is not  $\theta$ -g-continuous at a point  $x$  of  $X$ . Then there exists an open set  $V \subset Y$  containing  $f(x)$  such that  $f(U)$  is not a subset of  $V$  for every  $U \in \theta GO(X, x)$ . Hence we have  $U \cap (X \setminus f^{-1}(V)) \neq \emptyset$  for every  $U \in \theta GO(X)$  containing  $x$ . It follows that  $x \in \theta Cl_g(X \setminus f^{-1}(V))$ . We also have  $x \in f^{-1}(V) \subset \theta Cl_g(f^{-1}(V))$ . This means that  $x \in \theta Fr_g(f^{-1}(V))$ .

Now, let  $f$  be  $\theta$ -g-continuous at  $x \in X$  and  $V \subset Y$  be any open set containing  $f(x)$ . Then  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$  is a  $\theta$ -g-open set of  $X$ . Thus  $x \in \theta Int_g(f^{-1}(V))$  and therefore  $x \notin \theta Fr_g(f^{-1}(V))$  for every open set  $V$  containing  $f(x)$ .  $\square$

**DEFINITION 6.**  $\theta Ext_g(A) = \theta Int_g(X \setminus A)$  is called the  $\theta$ -g-exterior of  $A$ .

**THEOREM 2.14.** *For a subset  $A$  of a space  $X$ , the following statements hold:*

- (1)  $\theta Ext(A) \subset \theta Ext_g(A)$ , where  $\theta Ext(A)$  denotes the  $\theta$ -exterior of  $A$ .
- (2)  $\theta Ext_g(A) = \theta Int_g(X \setminus A) = X \setminus \theta Cl_g(A)$ .
- (3)  $\theta Ext_g(\theta Ext_g(A)) = \theta Int_g(\theta Cl_g(A))$ .
- (4) If  $A \subset B$ , then  $\theta Ext_g(A) \supset \theta Ext_g(B)$ .
- (5)  $\theta Ext_g(A \cup B) \subset \theta Ext_g(A) \cup \theta Ext_g(B)$ .
- (6)  $\theta Ext_g(A \cap B) \supset \theta Ext_g(A) \cap \theta Ext_g(B)$ .
- (7)  $\theta Ext_g(X) = \emptyset$ .
- (8)  $\theta Ext_g(\emptyset) = X$ .
- (9)  $\theta Int_g(A) \subset \theta Ext_g(\theta Ext_g(A))$ .
- (10)  $X = \theta Int_g(A) \cup \theta Ext_g(A) \cup \theta Fr_g(A)$ .

*Proof.* (3) Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \theta Ext_g(\theta Ext_g(A)) &= \theta Ext_g(X \setminus \theta Cl_g(A)) = \theta Int_g(X \setminus (X \setminus \theta Cl_g(A))) \\ &= \theta Int_g(\theta Cl_g(A)) \end{aligned}$$

(9) The following relations hold

$$\begin{aligned} \theta Int_g(A) \subset \theta Int_g(\theta Cl_g(A)) &= \theta Int_g(X \setminus \theta Int_g(X \setminus A)) \\ &= \theta Int_g(X \setminus \theta Ext_g(A)) = \theta Ext_g(\theta Ext_g(A)). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

### 3. NEW CLASSES OF SETS VIA $\theta$ -G-CLOSED AND $\theta$ -G-OPEN SETS

**DEFINITION 7.** A proper nonempty  $\theta$ -g-open set  $A$  of  $X$  is said to be a maximal  $\theta$ -g-open set if any  $\theta$ -g-open set which contains  $A$  is either  $X$  or  $A$ .

**DEFINITION 8.** A proper nonempty  $\theta$ -g-closed set  $B$  of  $X$  is said to be a minimal  $\theta$ -g-closed set if any  $\theta$ -g-closed set which is contained in  $B$  is either  $\emptyset$  or  $B$ .

**THEOREM 3.1.** *A proper nonempty subset  $A$  of  $X$  is maximal  $\theta$ -g-open if and only if  $X \setminus A$  is a minimal  $\theta$ -g-closed set.*

*Proof.* Necessity. Let  $A$  be a maximal  $\theta$ - $g$ -open set. Suppose that  $B$  is a  $\theta$ - $g$ -closed set such that  $B \subset X \setminus A$ . Then  $A \subset X \setminus B$  and  $X \setminus B$  is  $\theta$ - $g$ -open. Since  $A$  is maximal  $\theta$ - $g$ -open, we have  $A = X \setminus B$  or  $X = X \setminus B$  and hence  $B = X \setminus A$  or  $B = \emptyset$ . This shows that  $X \setminus A$  is minimal  $\theta$ - $g$ -closed.

Sufficiency. The proof is similar to that of Necessity.

DEFINITION 9. A set  $A$  in a topological space  $X$  is said to be a  $\theta$ - $g$ -semi-maximal open if there exists a maximal  $\theta$ - $g$ -open set  $U$  such that  $U \subset A \subset Cl(U)$ . The complement of a  $\theta$ - $g$ -semi-maximal open set is called a  $\theta$ - $g$ -semi-minimal closed set.

REMARK 3.2. Every maximal  $\theta$ - $g$ -open (resp. minimal  $\theta$ - $g$ -closed) set is  $\theta$ - $g$ -semi-maximal open (resp.  $\theta$ - $g$ -semi-minimal closed).

THEOREM 3.3. *If  $A$  is a  $\theta$ - $g$ -semi-maximal open set of  $X$  and  $A \subset B \subset Cl(A)$ . Then  $B$  is a  $\theta$ - $g$ -semi-maximal open set of  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $A$  is  $\theta$ - $g$ -semi-maximal open, there exists a maximal  $\theta$ - $g$ -open set  $U$  such that  $U \subset A \subset Cl(U)$ . Then  $U \subset A \subset B \subset Cl(A) \subset Cl(U)$ . Hence  $U \subset B \subset Cl(U)$ . Thus  $B$  is  $\theta$ - $g$ -semi-maximal open.  $\square$

THEOREM 3.4. *A subset  $F$  of  $X$  is  $\theta$ - $g$ -semi-minimal closed if and only if there exists a minimal  $\theta$ - $g$ -closed set  $G$  in  $X$  such that  $Int(G) \subset F \subset G$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $F$  is  $\theta$ - $g$ -semi-minimal closed in  $X$ . By Definition 9,  $X \setminus F$  is  $\theta$ - $g$ -semi-maximal open in  $X$ . Therefore, there exists a maximal  $\theta$ - $g$ -open set  $U$  such that  $U \subset X \setminus F \subset Cl(U)$ , which implies  $Int(X \setminus U) = X \setminus Cl(U) \subset F \subset X \setminus U$ . Take  $G = X \setminus U$ , so that  $G$  is a minimal  $\theta$ - $g$ -closed set, such that  $Int(G) \subset F \subset G$ .

Conversely, Suppose that there exists a minimal  $\theta$ - $g$ -closed set  $G$  in  $X$ , such that  $Int(G) \subset F \subset G$ . Hence  $X \setminus G \subset X \setminus F \subset X \setminus Int(G) = Cl(X \setminus G)$ . Therefore there exists a maximal  $\theta$ - $g$ -open set  $U = X \setminus G$  such that  $U \subset X \setminus F \subset Cl(U)$ , i.e.,  $X \setminus F$  is  $\theta$ - $g$ -semi-maximal open in  $X$ . It follows that  $F$  is  $\theta$ - $g$ -semi-minimal closed.  $\square$

THEOREM 3.5. *If  $G$  is  $\theta$ - $g$ -semi-minimal closed in  $X$  and if  $Int(G) \subset F \subset G$ , then  $F$  is also  $\theta$ - $g$ -semi-minimal closed in  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $G$  be a  $\theta$ - $g$ -semi-minimal closed set of  $X$ . Then there exists a minimal  $\theta$ - $g$ -closed set  $H$  in  $X$ , such that  $Int(H) \subset G \subset H$ . Hence  $Int(H) \subset Int(G) \subset F \subset G \subset H$ . It follows  $Int(H) \subset F \subset H$ . Therefore  $F$  is a  $\theta$ - $g$ -semi-minimal closed set of  $X$ .  $\square$

We close with the following questions:

QUESTION 3.6. Is it true that  $\theta Fr_g(A) = \theta b_g(A) \cup \theta D_g(A)$ ?

QUESTION 3.7. Let  $Y$  be an open subspace of  $X$  and  $A \subset Y$ . Is it true that if  $A$  is a  $\theta$ - $g$ -semi-maximal open set of  $Y$ , then  $A$  is a  $\theta$ - $g$ -semi-maximal open set of  $X$ ?

QUESTION 3.8. Is it true that if  $A_i$  is a  $\theta$ - $g$ -semi-maximal open set of  $X_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ), then  $A_1 \times A_2$  is a  $\theta$ - $g$ -semi-maximal open set of  $X_1 \times X_2$  ?

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