

## Generalized Somewhat $\Lambda$ -Sets

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### Abstract

The notion of a generalized somewhat  $\Lambda$ -set is introduced. The basic properties of these sets are developed. It is shown that the class of generalized  $\Lambda$ -sets is properly contained in the class of generalized somewhat  $\Lambda$ -sets. Conditions sufficient for a function to preserve generalized somewhat  $\Lambda$ -sets are investigated.

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## 1 Introduction

In 1986 Maki [5] introduced the notions of a  $\Lambda$ -set and a generalized  $\Lambda$ -set. These concepts have been generalized and extended by a number of authors. For example, Ganster, Jafari, and Noiri [4] investigated pre- $\Lambda$ -sets and Caldas, Jafari and Noiri [3] studied  $\Lambda$ -generalized sets. In this note we continue this line of investigation by introducing the concepts of a somewhat  $\Lambda$ -set and a generalized somewhat  $\Lambda$ -set. The basic properties of these sets are developed. For example, it is shown that a set  $A$  is a generalized somewhat  $\Lambda$ -set if and only if  $\Lambda_{sw}(A) \subseteq \text{Cl}(A)$ , where  $\Lambda_{sw}(A)$  denotes the intersection of all somewhat open sets containing  $A$ . Also it is established that the class of generalized  $\Lambda$ -sets is properly contained in the class of generalized somewhat  $\Lambda$ -sets and that the generalized somewhat  $\Lambda$ -sets are closed under union but not under intersection. Conditions sufficient for a function to preserve generalized

somewhat  $\Lambda$ -sets are investigated. For example, it is shown that, if  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is contra somewhat  $\Lambda$ -continuous and open, then  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a generalized somewhat  $\Lambda$ -set whenever  $B$  is a generalized somewhat  $\Lambda$ -set.

## 2 Preliminaries

The symbols  $X$  and  $Y$  represent topological spaces with no separation properties assumed unless explicitly stated. All sets are considered to be subsets of topological spaces. The closure and interior of a set  $A$  are signified by  $\text{Cl}(A)$  and  $\text{Int}(A)$ , respectively.

**Definition 2.1** *A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is said to be somewhat open [2] if  $A = \emptyset$  or there exists  $x \in A$  and an open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U \subseteq A$ . A set is called somewhat closed if its complement is somewhat open.*

The collection of all somewhat open sets in a space  $X$  will be denoted by  $SW(X)$  and the intersection of all somewhat open sets in a space  $X$  containing a set  $A$  will be denoted by  $\Lambda_{sw}(A)$ . The collection of all open sets containing a set  $A$  will be denoted by  $\Lambda(A)$ . Maki [5] used the notation  $A^\Lambda$  and also the notation  $\ker(A)$  (the kernel of  $A$ ) is used.

**Definition 2.2** *A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is said to be a  $\Lambda$ -set [5] if  $A = \Lambda(A)$ .*

**Definition 2.3** *A set  $A$  is said to be a generalized  $\Lambda$ -set (briefly a  $g\Lambda$ -set) [5] if  $\Lambda(A) \subseteq F$  whenever  $A \subseteq F$  and  $F$  is closed.*

## 3 Somewhat $\Lambda$ -sets and the operator $\Lambda_{sw}$

**Definition 3.1** *A set  $A$  is said to be a somewhat  $\Lambda$ -set if  $A = \Lambda_{sw}(A)$ .*

The following lemma gives the basic properties of the operator  $\Lambda_{sw}$ .

**Lemma 3.2** *The following statements hold for subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of a space  $X$  and a collection  $\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \mathcal{A}\}$  of subsets of  $X$ :*

- (a)  $A \subseteq \Lambda_{sw}(A)$ .
- (b) If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $\Lambda_{sw}(A) \subseteq \Lambda_{sw}(B)$ .
- (c)  $\Lambda_{sw}(\Lambda_{sw}(A)) = \Lambda_{sw}(A)$ .
- (d) If  $A \in SW(X)$ , then  $A = \Lambda_{sw}(A)$ .

$$(e) \quad \Lambda_{sw}(\cup\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \mathcal{A}\}) = \cup\{\Lambda_{sw}(A_\alpha) : \alpha \in \mathcal{A}\}.$$

$$(f) \quad \Lambda_{sw}(\cap\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \mathcal{A}\}) \subseteq \cap\{\Lambda_{sw}(A_\alpha) : \alpha \in \mathcal{A}\}.$$

*Proof.* (a), (b), (d), and (f) are immediate consequences of the definition of  $\Lambda_{sw}$ .

(c). Since  $A \subseteq \Lambda_{sw}(A)$ , it follows from (b) that  $\Lambda_{sw}(A) \subseteq \Lambda_{sw}(\Lambda_{sw}(A))$ . For the reverse inclusion, assume that  $x \notin \Lambda_{sw}(A)$ . Then there exists  $U \in SW(X)$  such that  $A \subseteq U$  and  $x \notin U$ . Then  $\Lambda_{sw}(A) \subseteq U$  and hence  $\Lambda_{sw}(\Lambda_{sw}(A)) \subseteq U$ . Thus  $x \notin \Lambda_{sw}(\Lambda_{sw}(A))$ , which proves that  $\Lambda_{sw}(\Lambda_{sw}(A)) \subseteq \Lambda_{sw}(A)$ .

(e) Let  $\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \mathcal{A}\}$  be a family of subsets of  $X$ . Since for every  $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\Lambda_{sw}(A_\alpha) \subseteq \Lambda_{sw}(\cup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} A_\alpha)$ ,  $\cup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} \Lambda_{sw}(A_\alpha) \subseteq \Lambda_{sw}(\cup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} A_\alpha)$ . For the reverse inclusion, assume that  $x \notin \cup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} \Lambda_{sw}(A_\alpha)$ . Then for every  $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $x \notin \Lambda_{sw}(A_\alpha)$ . Thus for every  $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$  there exists  $U_\alpha \in SW(X)$  for which  $A_\alpha \subseteq U_\alpha$  and  $x \notin U_\alpha$ . Then  $\cup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} U_\alpha \in SW(X)$ ,  $\cup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} A_\alpha \subseteq \cup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} U_\alpha$  and  $x \notin \cup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} U_\alpha$ . Therefore  $x \notin \Lambda_{sw}(\cup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} A_\alpha)$ , which proves that  $\Lambda_{sw}(\cup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} A_\alpha) \subseteq \cup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} \Lambda_{sw}(A_\alpha)$ .

## 4 Generalized somewhat $\Lambda$ -sets

**Definition 4.1** A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is said to be a generalized somewhat  $\Lambda$ -set (briefly a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set) if  $\Lambda_{sw}(A) \subseteq F$  whenever  $A \subseteq F$  and  $F$  is a closed subset of  $X$ .

Since for every set  $A$ ,  $\Lambda_{sw}(A) \subseteq \Lambda(A)$ , every  ${}_g\Lambda$ -set is a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set. Also every  $\Lambda$ -set is a  $\Lambda_{sw}$ -set. The following example shows that a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set is not necessarily a  ${}_g\Lambda$ -set and that a  $\Lambda_{sw}$ -set is not necessarily a  $\Lambda$ -set.

**Example 4.2** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  have the topology  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ . Since  $\Lambda_{sw}(\{c\}) = \{c\}$ , but  $\Lambda(\{c\}) = X$ ,  $\{c\}$  is a  $\Lambda_{sw}$ -set but not a  $\Lambda$ -set. Also  $\{c\}$  is a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$  set but not a  ${}_g\Lambda$ -set.

**Theorem 4.3** A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set if and only if  $\Lambda_{sw}(A) \subseteq Cl(A)$ .

*Proof.* Assume  $A$  is a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set. Since  $A \subseteq Cl(A)$ ,  $\Lambda_{sw}(A) \subseteq Cl(A)$ . Assume  $\Lambda_{sw}(A) \subseteq Cl(A)$ . If  $A \subseteq F$ , where  $F$  is closed, then  $\Lambda_{sw}(A) \subseteq Cl(A) \subseteq F$  and hence  $A$  is a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set.

**Theorem 4.4** If  $A$  is a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set, then  $\Lambda_{sw}(A) - A$  does not contain a nonempty somewhat open set (or equivalently does not contain a nonempty open set).

*Proof.* Assume  $A$  is a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set and  $U$  is a nonempty somewhat open set such that  $U \subseteq \Lambda_{sw}(A) - A$ . Then there exists a nonempty open set  $V$  such that  $V \subseteq U$ . Thus  $V \subseteq X - A$  and  $V \subseteq \Lambda_{sw}(A)$ . Also, since  $A \subseteq X - V$ , which is closed,  $\Lambda_{sw}(A) \subseteq X - V$  and hence  $V \subseteq (X - \Lambda_{sw}(A)) \cap \Lambda_{sw}(A)$  and thus  $V = \emptyset$ . This contradiction implies that  $\Lambda_{sw}(A) - A$  does not contain a nonempty somewhat open set.

**Theorem 4.5** *Assume  $\Lambda_{sw}(A)$  is open. If  $\Lambda_{sw}(A) - A$  does not contain a nonempty somewhat open set, then  $A$  is a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $A$  is not a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set. Then for some closed set  $F$ ,  $A \subseteq F$ , but  $\Lambda_{sw}(A) \cap (X - F)$  is a nonempty open (and hence somewhat open) subset of  $\Lambda_{sw}(A) - A$ .

**Corollary 4.6** *If  $\Lambda_{sw}(A)$  is open, then  $A$  is a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set if and only if  $\Lambda_{sw}(A) - A$  does not contain a nonempty somewhat open set (or equivalently does not contain a nonempty open set).*

The  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -sets are obviously closed under union. However, as the next example shows, they are not closed under intersection.

**Example 4.7** *Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  have the topology  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a, b\}\}$ . Let  $A = \{a, c\}$  and  $B = \{b, c\}$ . Since the only closed set containing either  $A$  or  $B$  is  $X$ , both  $A$  and  $B$  are  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -sets. However,  $A \cap B = \{c\}$  is not a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set.*

## 5 Preserving ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -sets

**Theorem 5.1** *If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous and has the property that  $\Lambda_{sw}(f(A)) \subseteq f(\Lambda_{sw}(A))$  for every  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set  $A \subseteq X$ , then  $f(A)$  is a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set whenever  $A$  is a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set.*

*Proof.* Let  $A \subseteq X$  be a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set and assume that  $f(A) \subseteq F$ , where  $F$  is closed. Then  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(F)$  and, since  $f^{-1}(F)$  is closed,  $\Lambda_{sw}(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(F)$  and hence  $f(\Lambda_{sw}(A)) \subseteq F$ . Since  $\Lambda_{sw}(f(A)) \subseteq f(\Lambda_{sw}(A))$  by assumption,  $\Lambda_{sw}(f(A)) \subseteq F$ , which proves that  $f(A)$  is a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set.

**Example 5.2** *Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  have the topologies  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$  and  $\sigma = \{X, \emptyset, \{a, b\}\}$ . The identity mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \sigma)$  is continuous but does not have the property that  $\Lambda_{sw}(f(A)) \subseteq f(\Lambda_{sw}(A))$  for every  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set  $A \subseteq X$ .*

**Definition 5.3** *A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be contra-1-somewhat continuous [2] provided that for every closed set  $F \subseteq Y$  such that  $f^{-1}(F) \neq \emptyset$ , there exists a nonempty open set  $U \subseteq X$  such that  $U \subseteq f^{-1}(F)$ .*

**Theorem 5.4** [2] *A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is contra-1-somewhat continuous if and only if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is somewhat closed for every open set  $V \subseteq Y$ .*

The proof of the following result is analogous to that of Theorem 5.1.

**Theorem 5.5** *If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is contra-1-somewhat continuous and has the property that  $\Lambda_{sw}(f(A)) \subseteq f(\Lambda_{sw}(A))$  for every  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set  $A \subseteq X$ , then  $f(A)$  is a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set whenever  $A$  is a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set.*

**Corollary 5.6** *If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is either contra-1-continuous or continuous and has the property that  $\Lambda_{sw}(f(A)) \subseteq f(\Lambda_{sw}(A))$  for every  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set  $A \subseteq X$ , then  $f(A)$  is a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set whenever  $A$  is a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set.*

**Corollary 5.7** *If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is either contra-1-continuous or continuous and  $f(\Lambda_{sw}(A))$  is a  $\Lambda_{sw}$ -set for every  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set  $A \subseteq X$ , then  $f(A)$  is a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set whenever  $A$  is a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set.*

**Corollary 5.8** *If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is contra-continuous and has the property that  $\Lambda_{sw}(f(A)) \subseteq f(\Lambda_{sw}(A))$  for every  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set  $A \subseteq X$ , then  $f(A)$  is a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set whenever  $A$  is a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set.*

**Definition 5.9** *A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be somewhat open (respectively,  $m$ -somewhat open) if  $f(A)$  is somewhat open for every open (respectively, somewhat open) set  $A$ .*

**Lemma 5.10** *If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is injective and  $m$ -somewhat open, then  $\Lambda_{sw}(f(A)) \subseteq f(\Lambda_{sw}(A))$  for every  $A \subseteq X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A \subseteq X$ . Then  $\Lambda_{sw}(f(A)) = \cap\{W \subseteq Y : f(A) \subseteq W, W \in SW(Y)\} \subseteq \cap\{f(U) : A \subseteq U, U \in SW(X)\} = f(\cap\{U \subseteq X : A \subseteq U, U \in SW(X)\}) = f(\Lambda_{sw}(A))$ .

**Theorem 5.11** *If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is contra-1-continuous, injective and  $m$ -somewhat open, then  $f(A)$  is a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set whenever  $A$  is a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set.*

**Lemma 5.12** *If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is open, then  $f^{-1}(Cl(B)) \subseteq Cl(f^{-1}(B))$  for every  $B \subseteq Y$ .*

**Definition 5.13** *A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be contra somewhat  $\Lambda$ -continuous if  $f^{-1}(F)$  is a  $\Lambda_{sw}$ -set for every closed set  $F \subseteq Y$ .*

**Theorem 5.14** *If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is contra somewhat  $\Lambda$ -continuous and open, then  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set whenever  $B$  is a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set.*

*Proof.* Assume  $B$  is a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set in  $Y$ . Using Theorem 4.3 and Lemma 5.12 we obtain  $\Lambda_{sw}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq \Lambda_{sw}(f^{-1}(\text{Cl}(B))) = f^{-1}(\text{Cl}(B)) \subseteq \text{Cl}(f^{-1}(B))$ . Then by Theorem 4.3  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set.

**Theorem 5.15** *If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is somewhat open and has the property that  $\Lambda_{sw}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\Lambda_{sw}(B))$  for every  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set  $B \subseteq Y$  and  $\Lambda_{sw}(f^{-1}(B))$  is open for every  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set  $B \subseteq Y$ , then  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set whenever  $B$  is a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set.*

*Proof* Let  $B$  be a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set in  $Y$ . Assume  $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq F$ , where  $F$  is closed in  $X$ . Since  $B$  is a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set, it follows from Theorem 4.4 that  $\Lambda_{sw}(B) - B$  does not contain a nonempty somewhat open set. Suppose  $\Lambda_{sw}(f^{-1}(B)) \not\subseteq F$ . Then  $f(\Lambda_{sw}(f^{-1}(B)) \cap (X - F)) \subseteq f(\Lambda_{sw}(f^{-1}(B)) \cap (X - f^{-1}(B))) = f(\Lambda_{sw}(f^{-1}(B)) - f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f(f^{-1}(\Lambda_{sw}(B)) - f^{-1}(B)) = f(f^{-1}(\Lambda_{sw}(B) - B)) \subseteq \Lambda_{sw}(B) - B$ . Therefore  $f(\Lambda_{sw}(f^{-1}(B)) \cap (X - F))$  is a nonempty somewhat open subset of  $\Lambda_{sw}(B) - B$ , which is a contradiction. Thus  $\Lambda_{sw}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq F$  which proves that  $f^{-1}(B)$  is a  ${}_g\Lambda_{sw}$ -set.

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