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## ON SEPARATION AXIOMS IN TOPOLOGICAL SPACES



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### ABSTRACT

*The purpose of this paper is to introduce weak separation axioms via sgp-closed sets in topological spaces and study some of their properties.*

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*sgp-closed set, sgp-open set, sgp-T0, sgp-T1, sgp-T2.*

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

General Topology plays very important role in all branches of Mathematics. An important concept in General Topology and Real Analysis concerns the variously modified forms of continuity and separation axioms etc. by utilizing the generalized closed sets.

In 1970, Levine [4] initiated the study of generalized closed (g-closed) sets, that is, a subset  $A$  of a topological space  $X$  is g-closed if the closure of  $A$  included in every open superset of  $A$  and defined a  $T_{1/2}$  space to be one in which the closed sets and g-closed sets coincide. The notion has been studied extensively in recent years by many topologists. The study of g-closed sets has produced some new separation axioms. Some of these have been found useful in computer science and digital topology.

Recently Navalagi and Mahesh Bhat [7] introduced the notion of sgp-closed set utilizing pre closure operator. The notions of sgp-open sets, sgp-continuity are introduced in [7]. In this paper we continue the study of sgp-closed sets, with introducing and characterizing weak forms of separation axioms.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  (or simply  $X$  and  $Y$ ) denote topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless explicitly stated. If  $A$  is any subset of space  $X$ , then  $\text{Cl}(A)$  and  $\text{Int}(A)$  denote the closure of  $A$  and the interior of  $A$  in  $X$  respectively.

The following definitions are useful in the sequel:

**Definition 2.1:** A subset  $A$  of space  $X$  is called (i) a semi-open set [3] if  $A \subseteq \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(A))$  (ii) a semi-closed set [2] if  $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A)) \subseteq A$  (iii) pre-open [5], if  $A \subseteq \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A))$ . The complements of these sets are their respective closed sets in the space  $X$ .

**Definition 2.3 [5]:** The pre closure of a subset  $A$  of  $X$  is the intersection of all pre-closed sets containing  $A$  in  $X$  and is denoted by  $\text{pcl}(A)$ .

**Definition 2.2:** A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is called

- i. generalized-closed (in brief,  $g$ -closed) set [4] if  $\text{Cl}(A) \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$ . The complement of  $g$ -closed set is  $g$ -open set.
- ii. semi generalized pre closed (briefly,  $sgp$ -closed) set [7] if  $\text{pcl}(A) \subseteq U$ , whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is semi-open in  $X$ .

The complement of  $sgp$ -closed set is  $sgp$ -open set and the family of all  $sgp$ -open sets of  $X$  is denoted by  $\text{SGPO}(X)$ .

**Definition 2.3[7]:** A space  $X$  is said to be  $_{sgp}T_c$ -space if every  $sgp$ -closed set is closed set in it.

**Definition 2.3[1]:** A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is

- i.  $sgp$ -irresolute if inverse image of  $sgp$ -closed set in  $Y$  is  $sgp$ -closed set in  $X$ .
- ii.  $sgp$ -open if  $f(V)$  is  $sgp$ -open in  $Y$  for every open set  $V$  in  $X$ .

## 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

We define and study the concept of  $sgp-T_0$ -space.

**Definition 3.1:** A topological space  $X$  is called  $sgp-T_0$ -space if for any pair of distinct points  $x, y$  of  $X$ , there exists  $sgp$ -open set  $G$  such that  $x \in G, y \notin G$  or  $x \notin G, y \in G$ .

**Example 3.2:** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{b\}\}$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is  $sgp-T_0$ -space, for distinct points  $a, b$  in  $X$  and  $\{b\}$  is the  $sgp$ -open set such that  $a \notin \{b\}, b \in \{b\}$ .

**Theorem 3.3:** Every subspace of a  $sgp-T_0$ -space is  $sgp-T_0$ -space.

**Proof:** Let  $X$  be a  $sgp-T_0$ -space and  $Y$  be a subspace of  $X$ . Let  $x$  and  $y$  be two distinct points of  $Y$ . As  $Y$  is a subspace of  $X$ ,  $x, y$  are also distinct points of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $sgp-T_0$ -space, there exists a  $sgp$ -open set  $G$  such that  $x \in G, x \notin G$ . Then  $Y \cap G$  is  $sgp$ -open in  $Y$  containing  $x$  but not  $y$ . Hence  $Y$  is  $sgp-T_0$ -space.

**Theorem 3.4:** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is injection  $sgp$ -irresolute function and  $Y$  is  $sgp-T_0$ -space, then  $X$  is  $sgp-T_0$ -space.

**Proof:** Suppose  $Y$  is  $\text{sgp-T}_0$ -space. Let  $a$  and  $b$  be two distinct points in  $X$ . Since  $f$  is an injection,  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$  are distinct points in  $Y$ . Since  $Y$  is  $\text{sgp-T}_0$ -space, there exists  $\text{sgp}$ -open set  $G$  in  $Y$  such that  $f(a) \in G$  and  $f(b) \notin G$ . Again since  $f$  is  $\text{sgp}$ -irresolute,  $f^{-1}(G)$  is  $\text{sgp}$ -open set in  $X$  such that  $a \in f^{-1}(G)$  and  $b \notin f^{-1}(G)$ . Hence  $X$  is  $\text{sgp-T}_0$ -space.

**Theorem 3.5:** If  $X$  is  $\text{sgp-T}_0$ -space,  $\text{sgpT}_c$ -space and  $Y$  is  $\text{sgp}$ -closed subspace of  $X$ , then  $Y$  is  $\text{sgp-T}_0$ -space.

**Proof:** Let  $X$  be  $\text{sgp-T}_0$ -space,  $\text{sgpT}_c$ -space and  $Y$  is  $\text{sgp}$ -closed subspace of  $X$ . Let  $a$  and  $b$  be two distinct points of  $Y$ . As  $Y$  is subspace of  $X$ ,  $a$  and  $b$  are two distinct points of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $\text{sgp-T}_0$ -space, there exists  $\text{sgp}$ -open set  $G$  such that  $a \in G$  and  $b \notin G$ . Again since  $X$  is  $\text{sgpT}_c$ -space,  $G$  is open in  $X$ . Then  $Y \cap G$  is open in  $Y$ . So  $a \in Y \cap G$  and  $b \notin Y \cap G$ . Hence  $Y$  is  $\text{sgp-T}_0$ -space. Now, we introduce and study  $\text{sgp-T}_1$ -space

**Definition 3.6:** A topological space  $X$  is said to be  $\text{sgp-T}_1$ -space if for any pair of distinct points  $a$  and  $b$  there exist  $\text{sgp}$ -open sets  $G$  and  $H$  such that  $a \in G$ ,  $b \notin G$  and  $a \notin H$ ,  $b \in H$ .

**Example 3.7:** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}\}$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is a topological space.  $\text{sgp}$ -open sets are  $X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}$ . Here  $a$  and  $b$  are two distinct points of  $X$ , then there exist  $\text{sgp}$ -open sets  $\{a\}, \{b\}$  of  $X$  such that  $a \in \{a\}$ ,  $a \notin \{b\}$  and  $a \notin \{b\}$ ,  $b \in \{b\}$ . Therefore  $X$  is  $\text{sgp-T}_1$ -space

**Theorem 3.8:** Every  $\text{sgp-T}_1$ -space is  $\text{sgp-T}_0$ -space but not conversely.

**Proof:** Let  $c$  and  $d$  be two distinct points of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is a  $\text{sgp-T}_1$ -space, there exist  $\text{sgp}$ -open sets  $G$  and  $H$  such that  $c \in G$ ,  $d \notin G$  and  $c \notin H$ ,  $d \in H$ . We have  $c \in G$  and  $d \notin G$ . Therefore  $X$  is  $\text{sgp-T}_0$ -space

**Example 3.9:** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{b\}\}$ . Then  $X$  is a  $\text{sgp-T}_0$ -space but not a  $\text{sgp-T}_1$ -space. For any two distinct points  $a$  and  $b$  of  $X$  and  $\{b\}$  is  $\text{sgp}$ -open set such that  $a \in \{b\}$ ,  $b \in \{b\}$ , but there is no  $\text{sgp}$ -open set  $G$  with  $a \in G$ ,  $b \notin G$  for  $a \neq b$ .

**Theorem 3.10:** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a bijective  $\text{sgp}$ -open function. If  $X$  is a  $\text{sgp-T}_1$ -space and  $\text{sgpT}_c$ -space, then  $Y$  is a  $\text{sgp-T}_1$ -space.

**Proof:** Let  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  be two distinct points of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is bijective, there exist distinct points  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  of  $X$  such that  $f(x_1) = y_1$  and  $f(x_2) = y_2$ . Since  $X$  is a  $\text{sgp-T}_1$ -space, there exist  $\text{sgp}$ -open sets  $G$  and  $H$  such that  $x_1 \in G$  and  $x_2 \notin G$  and  $x_1 \notin H$  and  $x_2 \in H$ . Again since  $X$  is  $\text{sgpT}_c$ -space,  $G$  and  $H$  are open sets in  $X$ . As  $f$  is  $\text{sgp}$ -open function,  $f(G)$  and  $f(H)$  are  $\text{sgp}$ -open sets such that  $y_1 = f(x_1) \in f(G)$ ,  $y_2 = f(x_2) \notin f(G)$  and  $y_1 = f(x_1) \notin f(H)$ ,  $y_2 = f(x_2) \in f(H)$ . Hence  $Y$  is  $\text{sgp-T}_1$ -space.

**Theorem 3.11:** If  $X$  is  $\text{sgp-T}_1$ -space and  $\text{sgpT}_c$ -space and  $Y$  is subspace of  $X$ , then  $Y$  is  $\text{sgp-T}_1$ -space.

**Proof:** Let  $X$  be a  $\text{sgp-T}_1$ -space and  $Y$  be a subspace of  $X$ . Let  $a$  and  $b$  be two distinct points of  $Y$ . Since  $X$  is a  $\text{sgp-T}_1$ -space, there exist  $\text{sgp}$ -open sets  $G$  and  $H$  such that  $a \in G$ ,  $b \notin G$  and  $a \notin H$ ,  $b \in H$ . Again since  $X$  is a  $\text{sgpT}_c$ -space,  $G$  and  $H$  are open sets in  $X$ . Then  $Y \cap G$  and  $Y \cap H$  are open sets so  $\text{sgp}$ -open sets of  $Y$  such that  $a \in Y \cap G$ ,  $b \notin Y \cap G$  and  $a \notin Y \cap H$ ,  $b \in Y \cap H$ . Hence  $Y$  is  $\text{sgp-T}_1$ -space.

**Theorem 3.12:** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is injective sgp-irresolute function from a topological space  $X$  into sgp- $T_1$ -space  $Y$ , then  $X$  is sgp- $T_1$ -space.

**Proof:** Let  $a$  and  $b$  be two distinct points of  $X$ . Since  $f$  is injective,  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$  are distinct points of  $Y$ . Since  $Y$  is sgp- $T_1$ -space, there exist sgp-open sets  $G$  and  $H$  such that  $f(a) \in G$ ,  $f(b) \notin G$  and  $f(a) \notin H$ ,  $f(b) \in H$ . Again since  $f$  is sgp-irresolute,  $f^{-1}(G)$  and  $f^{-1}(H)$  are sgp-open sets in  $X$  such that  $a \in f^{-1}(G)$ ,  $b \notin f^{-1}(G)$  and  $a \notin f^{-1}(H)$ ,  $b \in f^{-1}(H)$ . Hence  $X$  is sgp- $T_1$ -space.

Now, we define sgp- $T_2$ -space.

**Definition 3.13:** A topological space  $X$  is said to be sgp- $T_2$ -space if for any pair of distinct points  $a$  and  $b$  of  $X$ , there exist sgp-open sets  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $a \in x$ ,  $b \in y$  and  $x \cap y = \phi$ .

**Example 3.14:** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  and  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, X\}$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is a topological space. sgp-open sets are  $X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}$ . Here  $a$  and  $b$  are two distinct points of  $X$ , then their exist sgp-open sets  $\{a\}, \{b\}$  of  $X$  such that  $a \in \{a\}$ ,  $b \in \{b\}$  and  $\{a\} \cap \{b\} = \phi$ . Therefore  $X$  is sgp- $T_2$ -space.

**Theorem 3.15:** Every sgp- $T_2$ -space is sgp- $T_1$ -space.

**Proof:** Let  $X$  be a sgp- $T_2$ -space. Let  $x$  and  $y$  be two distinct points of  $X$ . As  $X$  is sgp- $T_2$ -space, there exist sgp-open sets  $G$  and  $H$  such that  $x \in G$  and  $y \in H$ . This implies,  $x \in G$ ,  $y \notin G$  and  $x \notin H$ ,  $y \in H$ . Hence  $X$  is sgp- $T_1$ -space.

**Theorem 3.16:** If  $X$  is sgp- $T_2$ -space, sgp- $T_c$ -space and  $Y$  is a subspace of  $X$ , and then  $Y$  is also sgp- $T_2$ -space.

**Proof:** Let  $X$  be a sgp- $T_2$ -space and let  $Y$  be a subspace of  $X$ . Let  $x, y$  be two distinct points of  $Y$ . Since  $Y \subseteq X$ ,  $x, y$  are distinct points of  $X$ . Again since  $X$  is sgp- $T_2$ -space, there exist disjoint sgp-open sets  $G$  and  $H$  of  $x$  and  $y$  respectively. As  $X$  is sgp- $T_c$ -space, there exist disjoint sgp-open sets  $G$  and  $H$  are open sets. So  $G \cap Y$  and  $H \cap Y$  are open set and so sgp-open set in  $Y$ . And also  $x \in G$ ,  $x \in Y$  implies  $x \in G \cap Y$  and  $y \in H$  and  $y \in Y$  which implies  $y \in Y \cap H$ . Since  $G \cap H = \phi$  we have  $(Y \cap G) \cap (Y \cap H) = \phi$ . Thus  $G \cap Y$  and  $H \cap Y$  are disjoint sgp-open sets of  $x$  and  $y$  respectively. Hence  $Y$  is sgp- $T_2$ -space.

**Theorem 3.17:** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a bijective sgp-open function. If  $X$  is sgp- $T_2$ -space and sgp- $T_c$ -space, then  $Y$  is also sgp- $T_2$ -space.

**Proof:** The proof follows from the Theorem 3.16.

**Theorem 3.18:** Let  $X$  be a topological space. Then  $X$  is sgp- $T_2$ -space if and only if the intersection of all sgp-closed neighborhood of each point of  $X$  is singleton.

**Proof:** Suppose  $X$  is sgp- $T_2$ -space. Let  $x$  and  $y$  be any two distinct points of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is sgp- $T_2$ -space, there exist open sets  $G$  and  $H$  such that  $x \in G$ ,  $y \in H$  and  $G \cap H = \phi$ . Since  $G \cap H = \phi$  implies  $x \in G \subseteq X - H$ . So  $X - H$  is sgp-closed neighbourhood of  $x$ , which does not contain  $y$ . Thus  $y$  does not belong to the intersection of all sgp-closed neighbourhood of  $x$ . Since  $y$  is arbitrary, the intersection of all sgp-closed neighbourhoods of  $x$  is the singleton  $\{x\}$ .

Conversely, let  $\{x\}$  be the intersection of all sgp-closed neighbourhoods of an arbitrary point  $x \in X$ . Let  $y$  be any point of  $X$  different from  $x$ . Since  $y$  does not belong to the intersection, there

exists a sgp-closed neighbourhood  $N$  of  $x$  such that  $y \notin N$ . Since  $N$  is sgp-neighbourhood of  $x$ , there exists a sgp-open set  $G$  such  $x \in G \subseteq X$ . Thus  $G$  and  $X - N$  are sgp-open sets such that  $x \in G$ ,  $y \in X - N$  and  $G \cap (X - N) = \phi$ . Hence  $(X, \tau)$  is sgp- $T_2$ -space.

**Theorem 3.19:** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and let  $(Y, \sigma)$  be a sgp- $T_2$ -space. Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be an injective sgp-irresolute map. Then  $(X, \tau)$  is sgp- $T_2$ -space.

**Proof:** Let  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  be any two distinct points of  $X$ . Since  $f$  is injective,  $x_1 \neq x_2$  implies  $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$ . Let  $y_1 = f(x_1)$ ,  $y_2 = f(x_2)$  so that  $x_1 = f^{-1}(y_1)$ ,  $x_2 = f^{-1}(y_2)$ . Then  $y_1, y_2 \in Y$  such that  $y_1 \neq y_2$ . Since  $(Y, \mu)$  is sgp- $T_2$ -space, there exist sgp-open sets  $G$  and  $H$  such that  $y_1 \in G$ ,  $y_2 \in H$  and  $G \cap H = \phi$ . As  $f$  is sgp-irresolute  $f^{-1}(G)$  and  $f^{-1}(H)$  are sgp-open sets of  $(X, \tau)$ . Now  $f^{-1}(G) \cap f^{-1}(H) = f^{-1}(G \cap H) = f^{-1}(\phi) = \phi$  and  $y_1 \in G$  implies  $f^{-1}(y_1) \in f^{-1}(G)$  implies  $x_1 \in f^{-1}(G)$ ,  $y_2 \in H$  implies  $f^{-1}(y_2) \in f^{-1}(H)$  implies  $x_2 \in f^{-1}(H)$ . Thus for every pair of distinct points  $x_1, x_2$  of  $X$  there exist disjoint sgp-open sets  $f^{-1}(G)$  and  $f^{-1}(H)$  such that  $x_1 \in f^{-1}(G)$ ,  $x_2 \in f^{-1}(H)$ . Hence  $(X, \tau)$  is sgp- $T_2$ -space.

#### 4. NEW SEPARATION AXIOMS VIA sgp-OPEN SETS

**Definition 4.1:** Let  $X$  be a space. A subset  $A \subset X$  is called a sgp-Difference set (in short sgp-D-set) if there are two sgp-open sets  $U, V$  in  $X$  such that  $U \neq X$  and  $A = U \setminus V$ .

It is true that every sgp-open set  $U \neq X$  is a sgp-D-set since  $U = U \setminus \phi$ .

**Definition 4.2:** A space  $X$  is said to be

- i. sgp- $D_0$  if for  $x, y \in X$  containing  $x$  but not  $y$  or sgp-D-set containing  $y$  but not  $x$ .
- ii. sgp- $D_1$  if for  $x, y \in X$  such that  $x \neq y$  there exists a sgp-D-set of  $X$  containing  $x$  but not  $y$  and a sgp-D-set containing  $y$  but not  $x$ .
- iii. sgp- $D_2$  if for  $x, y \in X$  such that  $x \neq y$  there exists a disjoint sgp-D-sets  $G$  and  $E$  such that  $x \in G$  and  $y \in E$ .

**Theorem 4.3:** For a space  $X$ , the following properties hold:

- i. If  $X$  is sgp- $T_i$ , then it is sgp- $T_{i-1}$  for  $i=1,2$
- ii. If  $X$  is sgp- $T_i$ , then it is sgp- $D_i$  for  $i=0,1,2$
- iii. If  $X$  is sgp- $D_i$ , then it is sgp- $D_{i-1}$  for  $i=1,2$

**Proof:** This is obvious from Definition 6.2

**Theorem 4.4:** For a space  $X$ , the following statements are true:

- i.  $X$  is sgp- $D_0$  if and only if  $X$  is sgp- $T_0$ .
- ii. sgp- $D_1$  if and only if  $X$  is sgp- $D_2$ .

**Proof:** The sufficiency for (i) and (ii) follows from Theorem 4.3.

**Necessity for (i).** Let  $X$  be sgp- $D_0$  so that for any pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  of  $X$  at least one belongs to a sgp-D-set  $O$ . Therefore, we choose  $y \in O$  and  $x \notin O$ . Suppose  $O = U \setminus V$  for  $U \neq X$  and sgp-open sets  $U$  and  $V$ . This implies that  $x \in U$ . For the case that  $y \notin O$  we have (i)  $y \notin U$ , (ii)  $y \in U$  and  $y \in V$ . For (i) the space  $X$  is sgp- $T_0$  since  $x \in U$  and  $y \notin U$ .

For (ii), the space  $X$  is also sgp- $T_0$  since  $y \in V$  but  $x \notin V$ .

**Necessity for (ii):** Suppose  $X$  is  $\text{sgp-D}_1$ . It follows from the definition that for any distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$  there exists  $\text{sgp-D}$ -sets  $G$  and  $E$  such that  $G$  containing  $x$  but not  $y$  and  $E$  containing  $y$  but not  $x$ . Let  $G = U \setminus V$  and  $E = W \setminus D$ , where  $U, V, W$  and  $D$  are  $\text{sgp}$ -open. By the fact that  $x \notin E$ , we have two cases, i.e. either  $x \notin W$  or both  $W$  and  $D$  contain  $x$ . If  $x \notin W$ , then from  $y \notin G$  either (i)  $y \notin U$  or (ii)  $y \in U$  and  $y \in V$ .

If (i) is the case, then it follows from  $x \in U \setminus V$  that  $x \in U \setminus (V \cup W)$  and also it follows from  $y \in W \setminus D$  that  $y \in W \setminus (U \cup D)$ . Thus we have  $U \setminus (V \cup W)$  and  $W \setminus (U \cup D)$  which are disjoint.

If (ii) is the case, it follows from that  $x \in U \setminus V$  and  $y \in V$  since  $y \in U$  and  $y \in V$ . Therefore  $(U \setminus V) \cap V = \phi$ . If  $x \in W$  and  $x \in D$ , we have  $y \in W \setminus D$  and  $x \in D$ . Hence  $(W \setminus D) \cap D = \phi$ . This shows that  $X$  is  $\text{sgp-D}_2$ .

**Corollary 4.5:** If  $X$  is  $\text{sgp-D}_1$ , then it is  $\text{sgp-T}_0$ .

**Theorem 4.6:** If  $f \rightarrow Y$  is a  $\text{sgp}$ -irresolute surjective function and  $S$  is a  $\text{sgp-D}$ -set in  $Y$ , then  $f^{-1}(S)$  is a  $\text{sgp-D}$ -set in  $X$ .

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be a  $\text{sgp-D}$ -set in  $Y$ . Then there are  $\text{sgp}$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  in  $Y$  such that  $S = U \setminus V$  and  $U \neq Y$ . By the  $\text{sgp}$ -irresolute of  $f$ ,  $f^{-1}(U)$  and  $f^{-1}(V)$  are  $\text{sgp}$ -open sets in  $X$ . Since  $U \neq Y$ , we have  $f^{-1}(U) \neq X$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(S) = f^{-1}(U) \setminus f^{-1}(V)$  is a  $\text{sgp-D}$ -set in  $X$ .

**Theorem 4.7:** If  $Y$  is  $\text{sgp-D}_1$  and  $f \rightarrow Y$  is a  $\text{sgp}$ -irresolute and bijective function, then  $X$  is  $\text{sgp-D}_1$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that  $Y$  is  $\text{sgp-D}_1$  space. Let  $x$  and  $y$  be any pair of distinct points in  $X$ . Since  $f$  is injective and  $Y$  is  $\text{sgp-D}_1$ , there exist  $\text{sgp-D}$ -sets  $S_x$  and  $S_y$  of  $S$  containing  $f(x)$  and  $f(y)$  respectively, such that  $f(y) \notin S_x$ . By the Theorem 4.6,  $f^{-1}(S_x)$  and  $f^{-1}(S_y)$  are  $\text{sgp-D}$ -sets in  $X$  containing  $x$  and  $y$  respectively. This implies that  $X$  is a  $\text{sgp-D}_1$  space.

**Theorem 4.8:** A space  $X$  is  $\text{sgp-D}_1$  if and only if for each pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ , there exists a  $\text{sgp}$ -irresolute surjective function  $f$  from  $X$  onto  $\text{sgp-D}_1$  space  $Y$  such that  $f(x) \neq f(y)$ .

**Proof:** Necessity: For every pair of distinct points of  $X$  it suffices to take the identity mapping on  $X$ .

Sufficiency: Let  $x$  and  $y$  be any pair of distinct points in  $X$ . By hypothesis, there exists a  $\text{sgp}$ -irresolute, surjective function  $f$  of a space  $X$  onto a  $\text{sgp-D}_1$  space  $Y$  such that  $f(x) \neq f(y)$ . Therefore, there exist disjoint  $\text{sgp-D}$ -sets  $S_x$  and  $S_y$  in  $Y$  such that  $f(x) \in S_x$  and  $f(y) \in S_y$ . Since  $f$  is  $\text{sgp}$ -irresolute and surjective, by Theorem 4.6,  $f^{-1}(S_x)$  and  $f^{-1}(S_y)$  are disjoint  $\text{sgp-D}$ -sets in  $X$  containing  $x$  and  $y$  respectively. Hence by Theorem 6.4 (ii),  $X$  is a  $\text{sgp-D}_1$  space.

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