

# REMARKS ON A NEW FORM OF NANOCLOSED SETS

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**Abstract:** In this paper, the notions of  $N\Lambda_a$ -sets and  $N\Lambda_a$ -closed sets are introduced via nano  $a$ -open sets and nano  $a$ -closed sets. The notions of  $N\Lambda_a$ -continuity,  $N\Lambda_a$ -compact space and  $N\Lambda_a$ -connected spaces are also introduced and several characterizations of them are obtained.

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**Introduction:** The concept of generalized closed sets plays a significant role in General Topology and they are the research topics of many Topologists worldwide. In 1970, Levine [8] introduced the concept of generalized closed sets as a generalization of closed sets in topological spaces. In 1986, Maki continued the work of Levine and Dunham on generalized closed sets by introducing the notion of a generalized  $\Lambda$  set in a topological space. Erdal Ekici introduced  $a$ -open sets. Lellis Thivagar introduced a new research area in topology namely Nano Topology[4], which was introduced in terms of approximations and boundary region of a subset of an universe using an equivalence relation. He also introduced the weak form of nano open sets namely nano  $\alpha$ -open sets, nano semi-open sets, nano pre-open sets and nano generalized-closed sets. In this paper, we develop  $N\Lambda_a$  sets and  $N\Lambda_a$ -closed sets in nano topology and its properties are studied. Based on these sets, we introduce a new class of continuous function called nano  $N\Lambda_a$ -continuous function. As an application of  $N\Lambda_a$ -closed sets,  $N\Lambda_a$ -connected spaces are studied.

**Preliminaries:** In this section, we discuss some basic definitions which will be useful for this paper.

**Definition 2.1** [2] Let  $\mathbf{U}$  be a non-empty finite set of objects called the universe and  $R$  be an equivalence relation on  $\mathbf{U}$  named as the indiscernibility relation. Elements belonging to the same equivalence class are said to be indiscernible with one another. The pair  $(\mathbf{U}, R)$  is said to be the approximation space and let  $X \subseteq \mathbf{U}$ .

1. The lower approximation of  $X$  with respect to  $R$  is the set of all objects, which can be for certainly classified as  $X$  with respect to  $R$  and it is denoted by  $L_R(X)$ . That is,  $L_R(X) = \cup_{x \in \mathbf{U}} \{R(x) : R(x) \subseteq X\}$ , where  $R(x)$  denotes the equivalence class determined by  $x$ .
2. The upper approximation of  $X$  with respect to  $R$  is the set of all objects, which can be possibly classified as  $X$  with respect to  $R$  and it is denoted by  $U_R(X)$ . That is,  $U_R(X) = \cup_{x \in \mathbf{U}} \{R(x) : R(x) \cap X \neq \emptyset\}$ , where  $R(x)$  denotes the equivalence class determined by  $x$ .
3. The boundary region of  $X$  with respect to  $R$  is the set of all objects, which can be classified neither as  $X$  nor as not- $X$  with respect to  $R$  and is denoted by  $B_R(X)$ . That is,  $B_R(X) = U_R(X) - L_R(X)$ .

**Definition 2.2** [3] Let  $\mathbf{U}$  be an universe,  $R$  be an equivalence relation on  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\tau_R(X) = \{\mathbf{U}, \phi, L_R(X), U_R(X), B_R(X)\}$  where  $X \subseteq \mathbf{U}$ . Then,  $\tau_R(X)$  satisfies the following axioms :

1.  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\phi \in \tau_R(X)$ .
2. The union of the elements of any subcollection of  $\tau_R(X)$  is in  $\tau_R(X)$ .
3. The intersection of the elements of any finite subcollection of  $\tau_R(X)$  is in  $\tau_R(X)$ .

That is,  $\tau_R(X)$  forms a topology on  $\mathbf{U}$  called the nano topology on  $\mathbf{U}$  with respect to  $X$ . We call  $(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$  as the nano topological space. The elements of  $\tau_R(X)$  are called nano-open sets and its complements are called nano closed sets.

**Definition 2.3** [3] If  $(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$  is a nano topological space with respect to  $X$  where  $X \subseteq \mathbf{U}$  and if  $A \subseteq \mathbf{U}$ , then the nano interior of  $A$  is defined as the union of all nano-open subsets of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\mathbf{Nint}(A)$ . That is,  $\mathbf{Nint}(A)$  is the largest nano-open subset of  $A$ .

The nano closure of  $A$  is defined as the intersection of all nano closed sets containing  $A$  and is denoted by  $\mathbf{Ncl}(A)$ . That is,  $\mathbf{Ncl}(A)$  is the smallest nano closed set containing  $A$ .

**Definition 3.1** [3] A subset  $A$  of a nano topological space  $(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$  is called nano  $\delta$ -closed if  $A = \mathbf{Ncl}_\delta(A)$  where  $\mathbf{Ncl}_\delta(A) = \{x \in \mathbf{U} : \mathbf{Nint}(\mathbf{Ncl}(U)) \cap A \neq \emptyset, U \in \tau_R(X), x \in \mathbf{U}\}$  and  $x \in U$ . The complement of nano  $\delta$ -closed set is called nano  $\delta$ -open set.

**$\mathbf{NL}_a$ -Sets and  $\mathbf{NV}_a$ -Sets:** This section introduces some new types of sets in nano topology such as  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -sets and  $\mathbf{NV}_a$ -closed sets and several properties of such notions are derived.

**Definition 3.1** A subset  $A$  of a nano topological space  $(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$  is called a nano  $a$ -open set if  $A \subseteq \mathbf{Nint}(\mathbf{Ncl}(\mathbf{Nint}_\delta(A)))$ . The set of all nano  $a$ -open and nano  $a$ -closed sets are denoted as  $\mathbf{NaO}(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$  and  $\mathbf{NaC}(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$  respectively.

**Definition 3.2** Let  $A$  be a subset of a nano topological space  $(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$ . We define the following subsets  $\mathbf{NL}_a(A)$  and  $\mathbf{NV}_a(A)$  as follows:

$$\mathbf{NL}_a(A) = \bigcap \{G : A \subseteq G, G \in \mathbf{NaO}(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))\} \quad \mathbf{NV}_a(A) = \bigcup \{H : H \subseteq A, H \in \mathbf{NaC}(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))\}$$

**Lemma 3.3** Let  $A, B$  and  $\{B_i : i \in I\}$  be subsets of a nano topological space  $(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$ . Then the following properties hold:

1.  $A \subseteq \mathbf{NL}_a(A)$ .
2. If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $\mathbf{NL}_a(A) \subseteq \mathbf{NL}_a(B)$ .
3.  $\mathbf{NL}_a(\mathbf{NL}_a(A)) = \mathbf{NL}_a(A)$ .
4. If  $A \in \mathbf{NaO}(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$ , then  $A = \mathbf{NL}_a(A)$  5.  $\mathbf{NL}_a(\bigcup_{i \in I} B_i) = \bigcup_{i \in I} \mathbf{NL}_a(B_i)$ .
6.  $\mathbf{NL}_a(\bigcap_{i \in I} B_i) \subseteq \bigcap_{i \in I} \mathbf{NL}_a(B_i)$ .
7.  $\mathbf{NL}_a(A^c) = (\mathbf{NV}_a(A))^c$  and  $\mathbf{NV}_a(A^c) = (\mathbf{NL}_a(A))^c$ .

**Proof :**

1. Let  $x \notin \mathbf{NL}_a(A)$ . Then there exists a  $G \in \mathbf{NaO}(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$  such that  $A \subseteq G$  and  $x \notin G$ . Hence,  $x \notin A$  and so  $A \subseteq \mathbf{NL}_a(A)$ .
2. Let  $x \notin \mathbf{NL}_a(B)$ . Then there exists a  $G \in (\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$  such that  $B \subseteq G$  and  $x \notin G$ . Since  $A \subseteq B$ , we have  $A \subseteq G$  and  $x \notin G$  and hence  $x \notin \mathbf{NL}_a(A)$ .
3. From (i),  $\mathbf{NL}_a(A) \subseteq \mathbf{NL}_a(\mathbf{NL}_a(A))$ . On the other hand, if  $x \in \mathbf{NL}_a(\mathbf{NL}_a(A))$ , then for every nano  $a$ -open set  $G$  we have  $\mathbf{NL}_a(A) \subseteq G$  and  $x \in G$ . By (i),  $A \subseteq \mathbf{NL}_a(A) \subseteq G$ ,  $x \in \mathbf{NL}_a(A)$  and so  $\mathbf{NL}_a(\mathbf{NL}_a(A)) \subseteq \mathbf{NL}_a(A)$ .
4. It is obvious from the definition of  $\mathbf{NL}_a(A)$
5. Let  $B = \cup_{i \in I} \{B_i\}$ , then,  $\mathbf{NL}_a(B_i) \subseteq \mathbf{NL}_a(B)$ , for each  $i \in I$  and hence  $(\cup \{\mathbf{NL}_a(B_i) : i \in I\}) \subseteq \mathbf{NL}_a(B) = \mathbf{NL}_a(\cup \{B_i : i \in I\})$ . On the other hand, suppose  $x \notin \cup \{\mathbf{NL}_a(B_i) : i \in I\}$ , then,  $x \notin \mathbf{NL}_a(B_i)$ , for each  $i \in I$  and there exists a nano  $a$ -open set  $G_i$  such that  $B_i \subseteq G_i$  and  $x \notin G_i$ , for each  $i \in I$ . We have  $\cup_{i \in I} B_i \subseteq \cup_{i \in I} G_i$  and  $\cup_{i \in I} G_i$  is a nano  $a$ -open set such that  $x \notin \cup_{i \in I} G_i$ . Thus,  $x \notin \mathbf{NL}_a(\cup \{B_i : i \in I\})$  and so (v).
6. Assume that  $B = \cap B_i$  and  $B \subseteq B_i$ , then  $\mathbf{NL}_a(B) \subseteq \mathbf{NL}_a(B_i)$ , for all  $i \in I$  and hence  $\mathbf{NL}_a(\cap_{i \in I} B_i) \subseteq \cap_{i \in I} \mathbf{NL}_a(B_i)$ .
7.  $(\mathbf{NL}_a(A))^c = X - \cup \{G \in \mathbf{NaO}(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X)) : A \subseteq G\}$   
 $= \cap \{G^c \in \mathbf{NaC}(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X)) : G^c \subseteq A^c\} = (\mathbf{NV}(A^c))$ . Similarly we can prove,  $\mathbf{NL}_a(A^c) = (\mathbf{NV}_a(A))^c$   
 The following example shows that the equality need not be true in (vi) of lemma 3.2. That is,  $\mathbf{NL}_a(A \cap B) \neq \mathbf{NL}_a(A) \cap \mathbf{NL}_a(B)$ . **Example 3.4** Let  $\mathbf{U} = \{a, b, c, d\}$  with  $\mathbf{U}/R = \{\{a, c\}, \{b\}, \{d\}\}$  and  $X = \{a, b\}$ . Then  $\tau_R(X) = \{\emptyset, \mathbf{U}, \{b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ . If  $A = \{a, b\}$  and  $B = \{b, c\}$ . Then  $\mathbf{NL}_a(A \cap B) \neq \{a, b, c\} = \mathbf{NL}_a(A) \cap \mathbf{NL}_a(B)$ .

**Lemma 3.5** Let  $A, B$  and  $\{B_i : i \in I\}$  be subsets of a nano topological space  $(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$ . Then the following properties hold:

1.  $\mathbf{NV}_a(A) \subseteq A$ .
2. If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $\mathbf{NV}_a(A) \subseteq \mathbf{NV}_a(B)$ .
3.  $\mathbf{NV}_a(\mathbf{NV}_a(A)) = \mathbf{NV}_a(A)$ .
4. If  $A \in \mathbf{NaC}(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$ , then  $A = \mathbf{NV}_a(A)$ . 5.  $\mathbf{NV}_a(\cap \{B_i : i \in I\}) = \cap \{\mathbf{NV}_a(B_i) : i \in I\}$
6.  $\mathbf{NV}_a(\cup \{B_i : i \in I\}) \supseteq (\cup \{\mathbf{NV}_a(B_i) : i \in I\})$

**Proof** The proof follows trivially from the lemma 3.3.

**Definition 3.6** A subset  $A$  of a nano topological space is said to be a  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -set (resp.  $\mathbf{NV}_a$ -set) if  $A = \mathbf{NL}_a(A)$  (resp.  $A = \mathbf{NV}_a(A)$ ).

**Lemma 3.7** Let  $A$  and  $\{A_i : i \in I\}$  be subsets of a nano topological space  $(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$ . Then the following properties hold:

1.  $\emptyset$  and  $\mathbf{U}$  are  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -sets and  $\mathbf{NV}_a$ -sets.
2. If  $A \in \mathbf{NaO}(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$ , then  $A$  is a  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -set.

3. If  $A_i$  is a  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -set for each  $i \in I$ , then  $\cup_{i \in I} A_i$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -set.
4. If  $A_i$  is a  $\Lambda_a$ -set for each  $i \in I$ , then  $\cap_{i \in I} A_i$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -set.
5. If  $A \in \mathbf{NaC}(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$ , then  $A$  is  $\mathbf{NV}_a$ -set.
6. If  $A_i$  is a  $\mathbf{NV}_a$ -set for each  $i \in I$ , then  $\cup_{i \in I} A_i$  is  $\mathbf{NV}_a$ -set.
7. If  $A_i$  is a  $\mathbf{NV}_a$ -set for each  $i \in I$ , then  $\cap_{i \in I} A_i$  is  $\mathbf{NV}_a$ -set.
8.  $A$  is a  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -set if and only if  $A^c$  is a  $\mathbf{NV}_a$ -set'

**Proof** Proof follows from lemma(3.3) and lemma(3.5)

**Remark 3.8** From the above lemma, we can observe that the collection of all  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -sets is a topology.

**Definition 3.9** A subset  $A$  of a nano topological space  $(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$  is said to be  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -closed if  $A = T \cap C$ , where  $T$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -set and  $C$  is nano  $a$ -closed set. family of all  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -closed sets of a nano topological space  $(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$  is denoted by  $\mathbf{NL}_a\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$ .

**Proposition 3.10** In a nano topological space  $(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$ , every  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -set is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -closed.

**Remark 3.11** The converse of the above proposition need not be true as shown in the following example.

**Example 3.12** Let  $\mathbf{U} = \{a, b, c, d\}$  with  $\mathbf{U}/R = \{\{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{d\}\}$  and  $X = \{a, c\}$ . Then  $\tau_R(X) = \{\emptyset, \mathbf{U}, \{b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ . Then  $\{b, c\}$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -closed but not nano  $a$ -closed. Here the set  $\{a, d\}$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -closed but not  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -set.

**Theorem 0.13** The following statements are equivalent for a subset  $A$  of a nano topological space  $(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$ :

1.  $A$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -closed.
2.  $A = T \cap \mathbf{Nacl}(A)$ , where  $T$  is a  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -set.
3.  $A = \mathbf{NL}_a(A) \cap \mathbf{Nacl}(A)$ .

**Proof** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Suppose  $A$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -closed. Then,  $A = T \cap C$ , where  $T$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -set and  $C$  is nano  $a$ -closed. Since  $A \subseteq C$ ,  $\mathbf{Nacl}(A) \subseteq \mathbf{Nacl}(C) = C$  and hence  $A = T \cap C \supseteq T \cap \mathbf{Nacl}(A) \supseteq A$ . Thus,  $A = T \cap \mathbf{Nacl}(A)$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): Suppose  $A = T \cap \mathbf{Nacl}(A)$ , where  $T$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -set. Since  $A \subseteq T$ , by Lemma(3.2)  $\mathbf{NL}_a(A) \subseteq \mathbf{NL}_a(T) = T$  and so  $A \subseteq \mathbf{NL}_a(A) \cap \mathbf{Nacl}(A) \subseteq T \cap \mathbf{Nacl}(A) = A$ . Thus,  $A = \mathbf{NL}_a(A) \cap \mathbf{Nacl}(A)$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): The proof follows from the fact that  $\mathbf{NL}_a(A)$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -set and  $\mathbf{Nacl}(A)$  is nano  $a$ -closed.

**Theorem 3.14** If  $A_i$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -closed for each  $i \in I$ , then  $\cap\{A_i : i \in I\}$  is  $\Lambda_a$ -closed. **Proof** Since  $A_i$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -closed for each  $i \in I$ , there exists a  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -set  $T_i$  and a nano  $a$ -closed set  $C_i$  such that  $A_i = T_i \cap C_i$  and  $\cap\{A_i : i \in I\} = \cap\{T_i \cap C_i : i \in I\} = (\cap\{T_i : i \in I\}) \cap (\cap\{C_i : i \in I\})$ . By Lemma(3.7),  $\cap\{T_i : i \in I\}$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -set and  $\cap\{C_i : i \in I\}$  is nano  $a$ -closed and hence  $\cap\{A_i : i \in I\}$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -closed.

**Definition 3.15** A subset  $A$  of a nano topological space  $(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$  is said to be  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -open if the complement of  $A$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -closed. The family of all  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -open sets of a nano topological space  $(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$  is denoted by  $\mathbf{NL}_aO(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$

**Theorem 3.16** The following statements are equivalent for a subset  $A$  of a nano topological space  $(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$ :

1.  $A$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -closed.
2.  $A = T \cup C$  where  $T$  is a  $\mathbf{NV}_a$ -set and  $C$  is nano  $a$ -open set.
3.  $A = T \cup \mathbf{Naint}(A)$ , where  $T$  is  $\mathbf{NV}_a$ -set. 4.  $A = \mathbf{NV}_a(A) \cap \mathbf{Naint}(A)$

**Proof** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Suppose  $A$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -open, then  $X - A = T \cap C$ , where  $T$  is  $\mathbf{NV}_a$ -set and  $C$  is nano  $a$ -closed. Hence,  $A = (X - T) \cup (X - C)$  where  $(X - T)$  is a  $\mathbf{NV}_a$ -set and  $(X - C)$  is a nano  $a$ -open set which implies (ii).

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): Suppose  $A = T \cup C$ , where  $T$  is  $\mathbf{NV}_a$ -set and  $C$  is nano  $a$ -open. Since  $C \subseteq A$  and  $C$  is nano  $a$ -open,  $C = \mathbf{Naint}(C) \subseteq \mathbf{Naint}(A)$  and hence,  $A = T \cup C \subseteq T \cup \mathbf{Naint}(A) \subseteq A$ . Thus,  $A = T \cup \mathbf{Naint}(A)$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv): Suppose  $A = T \cup \mathbf{Naint}(A)$ , where  $T$  is  $\mathbf{NV}_a$ -set. Since  $T \subseteq A$ ,  $\mathbf{NV}_a(T) \subseteq \mathbf{NV}_a(A)$  and so  $T \subseteq \mathbf{NV}_a(A)$ . Hence,  $A = T \cup \mathbf{Naint}(A) \subseteq \mathbf{NV}_a(A) \cup \mathbf{Naint}(A) \subseteq A$ . Thus,  $A = \mathbf{NV}_a(A) \cap \mathbf{Naint}(A)$ .

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Suppose  $A = \mathbf{NV}_a(A) \cap \mathbf{Naint}(A)$ , Then  $X - A = (X - \mathbf{NV}_a(A)) \cap (X - \mathbf{Naint}(A)) = \mathbf{NL}_a(X - A) \cap \mathbf{Nacl}(X - A)$ . Since  $\mathbf{NL}_a(X - A)$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -set and  $\mathbf{Nacl}(X - A)$  is nano  $a$ -closed,  $(X - A)$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -closed and hence  $A$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -open.

**Proposition 3.17** The following hold for a subset  $A$  of a nano topological space  $(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$ :

1. Every nano  $a$ -open set is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -open.
2. Every  $\mathbf{NV}_a$ -set is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -open.

**Proof** (i) Let  $A$  be a nano  $a$ -open set in a nano topological space  $(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$ . Then  $(X - A)$  is nano  $a$ -closed in  $\mathbf{U}$ . By proposition  $(X - A)$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -closed and hence  $A$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -open.

(ii) Let  $A$  be a  $\mathbf{NV}_a$ -set in  $(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$ . Then,  $A = A \cup \emptyset$  and so  $A$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -open.

**Theorem 3.18** If  $A_i$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -open. For each  $i \in I$ , then  $\cup \{A_i : i \in I\}$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -open.

**Proof** Since  $A_i$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -open, for each  $i \in I$ ,  $X - A_i$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -closed for each  $i \in I$ . Then,  $\cap \{X - A_i : i \in I\}$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -closed which implies  $X - \cup \{A_i : i \in I\}$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -closed and so  $\cup \{A_i : i \in I\}$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -open.

**Definition 3.19** Let  $(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$  be a nano topological space and  $A \subseteq X$ . A point  $x \in X$  is called a  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -cluster point of  $A$  if for every  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$ . The set of all  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -cluster points of  $A$  is called the  $\mathbf{NL}_a$  closure of  $A$  and is denoted by  $\mathbf{NL}_a \text{cl}(A)$ .

The proof of the following lemma is straight forward as lemma 3.2.

**Lemma 3.20** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be subsets of a nano topological space  $(U, \tau_R(X))$ . Then the following properties hold:

1.  $A \subseteq \mathbf{NL}_a \text{cl}(A)$ .
2.  $\mathbf{NL}_a \text{cl}(A) = \cup \{F : A \subseteq F \text{ and } F \text{ is } \mathbf{NL}_a \text{ closed}\}$ .
3. If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $\mathbf{NL}_a \text{cl}(A) \subseteq \mathbf{NL}_a \text{cl}(B)$ .
4.  $A$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$  closed if and only if  $A = \mathbf{NL}_a \text{cl}(A)$ .
5.  $\mathbf{NL}_a \text{cl}(A)$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$  closed.

**$\mathbf{NL}_a$ -Continuous Functions.**

**Definition 4.1** A function  $f : (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$  is called  $\mathbf{NL}_a$  continuous if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -open subset of  $(U, \tau_R(X))$ , for every nano open set  $V$  of  $(V, \tau_R(Y))$ .

**Theorem 4.2** For a function  $f : (U, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (V, \tau_R(Y))$ , the following are equivalent:

1.  $f$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -continuous.
2.  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$  closed subset of  $(U, \tau_R(X))$ , for every nano closed set  $V$  of  $(V, \tau_R(Y))$ .
3. For each  $x \in X$  and for nano open set  $V$  of  $(V, \tau_R(Y))$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a  $\mathbf{NL}_a$  open set  $U$  of  $(U, \tau_R(X))$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .
4.  $f(\mathbf{NL}_a \text{cl}(A)) \subseteq \mathbf{Ncl}(f(A))$  for each subset  $A$  of  $(U, \tau_R(X))$ .

**Proof** (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii): Let  $V$  be any nano closed subset of  $(V, \tau_R(Y))$ . Then  $Y - V$  is nano open in  $(V, \tau_R(Y))$ . Since  $f$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$  continuous,  $f^{-1}(Y - V) = X - f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$  open in  $(U, \tau_R(X))$  and so  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$  closed in  $(U, \tau_R(X))$ . We can similarly prove the converse.

(i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iii): Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  be any open set of  $(V, \tau_R(Y))$  such that  $f(x) \in V$ , then  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$  and  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -open in  $(U, \tau_R(X))$ . Let  $U = f^{-1}(V)$ , then  $x \in U$  and  $f(U) \subseteq V$ . Conversely let  $V$  be a nano open set in  $(V, \tau_R(Y))$  and  $x \in f^{-1}(V)$ , then  $f(x) \in V$  and there exists a  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -open set  $U_x$  in  $(U, \tau_R(X))$  such that  $x \in U_x$  and  $f(U_x) \subseteq V$ . Therefore, we have  $x \in U_x \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$  and hence  $f^{-1}(V) = \cup \{U_x : x \in U_x\}$ . Therefore,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -open in  $(U, \tau_R(X))$ .

(ii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iv): Let  $A$  be any subset of  $(U, \tau_R(X))$  and  $\mathbf{Ncl}(f(A))$  is nano closed in  $(V, \tau_R(Y))$ ,  $f^{-1}(\mathbf{Ncl}(f(A)))$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -closed in  $(U, \tau_R(X))$ . Now  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(f(A)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\mathbf{Ncl}(f(A)))$  which implies  $f(\mathbf{NL}_a - \mathbf{Ncl}(f(A))) \subseteq f(f^{-1}(\mathbf{Ncl}(f(A)))) \subseteq \mathbf{Ncl}(f(A))$  which implies (iv). Conversely let  $V$  be a nano closed subset of  $(V, \tau_R(Y))$ . Then,  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq X$ . By (iv),  $f(\mathbf{NL}_a \mathbf{Ncl}(f(A))) \subseteq \mathbf{Ncl}(f(f^{-1}(V))) \subseteq \mathbf{Ncl}(V) = V$  which implies  $\mathbf{NL}_a \text{cl}(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$  and so  $f^{-1}(V) = \mathbf{NL}_a - \mathbf{Ncl}(f(A))$ . Hence,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\mathbf{NL}_a$ -open in  $(U, \tau_R(X))$ , which implies (ii).

(iv)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (v) Let  $B$  be a nano closed subset of  $(V, \tau_R(Y))$ . By (iv),  $f(\mathbf{NL}_a \text{cl}(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq \mathbf{Ncl}(f(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq \mathbf{Ncl}(B)$ . Hence,  $\mathbf{NL}_a - \mathbf{Ncl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\mathbf{Ncl}(B))$  which

implies (v). Conversely let  $A$  be a subset of  $(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$ . Take  $B = f(A)$ . Then by (v),  $\mathbf{N}\Lambda_a cl(A) \subseteq \mathbf{N}\Lambda_a cl(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\mathbf{N}cl(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\mathbf{N}cl(f(A)))$ . Hence,  $f(\mathbf{N}\Lambda_a cl(A)) \subseteq \mathbf{N}cl(f(A))$  which implies (iv).

**Theorem 4.3** Let  $f : (\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (\mathbf{V}, \tau_{R'}(Y))$ . If  $f$  is nano  $a$  continuous, then  $f$  is nano  $\Lambda_a$  continuous. **Proof** Let  $V$  be a nano closed subset of  $(\mathbf{V}, \tau_{R'}(Y))$ . Since  $f$  is nano  $a$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is nano  $a$ -closed in  $(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$ .

**Remark 4.4** Composition of two  $\mathbf{N}\Lambda_a$  continuous functions is not  $\mathbf{N}\Lambda_a$  continuous in general as shown by the following example.

**Example 4.5** Let  $\mathbf{U} = \{a, b, c, d\}$  with  $\mathbf{U}/R = \{\{a, b\}, \{c, d\}\}$  and  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ . Then  $\tau_R(X) = \{\emptyset, \mathbf{U}, \{a, b\}, \{c, d\}, \}$ . Let  $\mathbf{V} = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  with  $\mathbf{V}/R' = \{\{1, 2\}, \{3, 4\}, \}$  and  $Y = \{1, 2\}$ . Then  $\tau_{R'}(Y) = \{\emptyset, \mathbf{V}, \{1, 2\}\}$ .  $\mathbf{W} = \{a, b, c, d\}$  with  $\mathbf{W}/R'' = \{\{a, c\}, \{b\}, \{d\}\}$  and  $Z = \{a, b\}$ . Then  $\tau_{R''}(Z) = \{\emptyset, \mathbf{W}, \{b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ . Define  $f : (\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (\mathbf{V}, \tau_{R'}(Y))$  by  $f(a) = 3, f(b) = 4, f(c) = 1, f(d) = 2$ . Define  $g : (\mathbf{V}, \tau_{R'}(Y)) \rightarrow (\mathbf{W}, \tau_{R''}(Z))$  by  $g(1) = a, g(2) = c, g(3) = d = g(4)$ . Then  $f$  and  $g$  are both  $\mathbf{N}\Lambda_a$ -continuous. But  $g \circ f : (\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X)) \rightarrow (\mathbf{W}, \tau_{R''}(Z))$  is not  $\mathbf{N}\Lambda_a$  continuous since  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(\{a, c\}) = \{b, c\}$  which is not  $\mathbf{N}\Lambda_a$ -open in  $(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$ .

**Applications:** In this section the concept of  $\mathbf{N}\Lambda_a$ -connected spaces are introduced and their properties are studied.

**Definition 5.1** A nano topological space  $(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$  is said to be  $\mathbf{N}\Lambda_a$ -connected if  $\mathbf{U}$  cannot be written as a disjoint union of two non empty  $\mathbf{N}\Lambda_a$ -open sets of  $\mathbf{U}$ .

**Theorem 2.2** For a nano topological space  $(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$ , the following are equivalent:

1.  $(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$  is  $\mathbf{N}\Lambda_a$  connected.
2. The only subsets of  $\mathbf{U}$  which are both  $\mathbf{N}\Lambda_a$  open and  $\mathbf{N}\Lambda_a$  closed are  $\emptyset$  and  $\mathbf{U}$ .

**Theorem 2.3** Every  $\mathbf{N}\Lambda_a$  connected space is nano  $a$  connected.

**Proof** Let  $(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$  be a  $\mathbf{N}\Lambda_a$ -connected space. Suppose  $(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$  is not nano  $a$  connected. Then  $X = A \cup B$ , where  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint non empty nano  $a$ -open sets in  $(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$ . Since every nano  $a$ -open sets is  $\mathbf{N}\Lambda_a$  open,  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint non empty nano  $a$  open sets in  $(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$ , a contradiction to the fact that  $(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$  is  $\mathbf{N}\Lambda_a$  connected. Hence  $(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$  is nano  $a$ -connected.

**Remark 2.4** The following example shows that the converse of the above theorem is not true in general.

**Example 2.5** Let  $\mathbf{U} = \{a, b, c, d\}$  with  $\mathbf{U}/R = \{\{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{d\}\}$  and  $X = \{a, c\}$ . Then  $\tau_R(X) = \{\emptyset, \mathbf{U}, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ . Then  $(\mathbf{U}, \tau_R(X))$  is a nano  $a$  connected but not  $\mathbf{N}(\Lambda_a)$  connected since  $\mathbf{U} = \{a, d\} \cup \{b, c\}$  where  $\{a, d\}$  and  $\{b, c\}$  are disjoint non-empty  $\mathbf{N}\Lambda_a$ -open sets in  $\mathbf{U}$ .

**Conclusion:** Here we developed a generalized closed set in nano topology called  $N\Lambda a$ -closed set and characterized its properties. Further we introduced a nano  $N\Lambda a$ -continuous function. Apart from this we analyzed some properties of  $N\Lambda a$ -connected spaces by using  $N\Lambda a$ -closed sets with suitable examples.

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