

## $S_\alpha$ – OPEN SETS IN TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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### ABSTRACT

In this paper, we investigate a new class of semi open sets called  $S_\alpha$ -open sets in topological spaces and its properties are studied.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper, a space means a topological space on which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise explicitly stated. In 1963 Levine [9] initiated semi open sets and gave their properties. Mathematicians gave in several papers interesting and different new types of sets. In 1965, O. Njastad [11] introduced  $\alpha$ - closed sets. We recall the following definitions and characterizations. The closure (resp., interior ) of a subset  $A$  of  $X$  is denoted by  $cl A$  (resp.,  $int A$ ), A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is said to be semi open [9] (resp, pre open [10],  $\alpha$ - open [11], regular open [13]) set if  $A \subset cl int A$  (resp.,  $A \subset int cl A$ ,  $A \subset int cl int A$ ,  $A = int cl (A)$ ) The complement of semi open (resp., pre open,  $\alpha$ - open, regular open) set is said to be semi closed ( resp., pre closed,  $\alpha$ - closed, regular closed) The intersection of all semi closed (resp., pre closed,  $\alpha$ - closed, regular closed) sets of  $X$  containing  $A$  is called semi closure (resp., pre closure,  $\alpha$ -closure, regular closure) and denoted by  $scl A$  (resp.,  $pcl A$ ,  $\alpha cl A$ ,  $rcl A$ ). The union of all semi open (resp., pre open,  $\alpha$ - open) sets of  $X$  contained in  $A$  is called the semi interior (resp., pre interior,  $\alpha$ -interior) and denoted by  $s int A$  (resp.,  $p int A$   $\alpha int A$ ). The family of all semi open (resp., pre open,  $\alpha$ - open, regular open, semi closed, pre closed,  $\alpha$ - closed, regular closed) subsets of a topological space  $X$  is denoted by  $SO(X)$  (resp.,  $PO(X)$ ,  $\alpha O(X)$ ,  $RO(X)$ ,  $SC(X)$ ,  $PC(X)$ ,  $\alpha C(X)$ ,  $RC(X)$ ).

**Definition: 1.1** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be

1. Extremely disconnected if  $cl V \in \tau$ , for every  $V \in \tau$ .
2. Locally indiscrete if every open subset of  $X$  is closed.
3. Hyperconnected if every nonempty open subset of  $X$  is dense.

**Lemma: 1.2**

1. If  $X$  is a locally indiscrete space, then each semi open subset of  $X$  is closed and hence each semi closed subset of  $X$  is open [2].
2. A topological space  $X$  is hyperconnected if and only if  $RO(X) = \{\emptyset, X\}$  [6]

**Theorem 1.3** .Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. Then  $SO(X, \tau) = SO(X, \alpha O(X))$ [3].

**Theorem: 1.4**[9] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space.

1. Let  $A \subset X$ . Then  $A \in SO(X, \tau)$  if and only if  $cl A = cl int A$ .
2. If  $\{A_\gamma : \gamma \in \Gamma\}$  is a collection of semi open sets in a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $\cup \{A_\gamma : \gamma \in \Gamma\}$  is semi open.

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**Theorem: 1.5** If Y is a semi open subspace of a space X, then a subset A of Y, is a semi open set in X if and only if A is semi open set in Y [12].

**Theorem: 1.6** [4] Let (X, τ) be a topological space.

If  $A \in \tau$ , and  $B \in SO(X)$ , then  $A \cap B \in SO(X)$ .

**Theorem: 1.7** Let X and Y be spaces. If  $A \subset X$  and  $B \subset Y$  then  $s \text{ int}_{XY} (AXB) = s \text{ int}_X (A) \times s \text{ int}_Y (B)$ [1].

**Definition: 1.8** The subset A of a space X is said to be  $S_p$ -open [13] if for each  $x \in A$ , there exists a pre closed set F such that  $x \in F \subset A$ .

**Theorem: 1.9** [4] Let A be any subset of a space X. Then  $A \in SC(X)$  if and only if  $\text{int cl } A \subset A$ .

**Theorem: 1.10** [12] A subset A of a space X is dense in X if and only if A is semi dense in X.

**Theorem: 1.11** [7] A space X is extremely disconnected if and only if  $RO(X) = RC(X)$ .

## 2. $S_\alpha$ -open sets

In this section, we introduce and study the concept of  $S_\alpha$ -open sets in topological spaces and study some of its properties.

**Definition: 2.1** A semi open set A of a topological space X is said to be  $S_\alpha$ -open if for each  $x \in A$ , there exists a  $\alpha$ -closed set F such that  $x \in F \subset A$ . A subset B of a topological space X is  $S_\alpha$ -closed, if  $X - B$  is  $S_\alpha$ -open.

The family of  $S_\alpha$ -open subsets of X is denoted by  $S_\alpha O(X)$ .

**Theorem: 2.2** A subset A of a topological space X is  $S_\alpha$ -open if and only if A is semi open and it is a union of  $\alpha$ -closed sets.

**Proof:** Let A be  $S_\alpha$ -open. Then A is semi open  $x \in A$  implies, there exists  $\alpha$ -closed set  $F_x$  Such that  $x \in F_x \subset A$  Hence

$\bigcup_{x \in A} F_x \subset A$ . But  $x \in A$ ,  $x \in F_x$  implies  $A \subset \bigcup_{x \in A} F_x$ . This completes one half of the proof.

Let A be semi open and  $A = \bigcup_{i \in I} F_i$ , where each  $F_i$  is  $\alpha$ -closed. Let  $x \in A$ . Then  $x \in$  some  $F_i \subset A$ . Hence A is  $S_\alpha$ -open.

The following result shows that any union of  $S_\alpha$ -open sets is  $S_\alpha$ -open.

**Theorem: 2.3** Let  $\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  be a family of  $S_\alpha$ -open sets in a topological space X. Then  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} A_\alpha$  is an  $S_\alpha$ -open set.

**Proof:** The union of an arbitrary semi open sets is semi open by theorem 1.4. Suppose that  $x \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} A_\alpha$ . This implies that

there exists  $\alpha_0 \in \Delta$  such that  $x \in A_{\alpha_0}$  and as  $A_{\alpha_0}$  is an  $S_{\alpha_0}$ -open set, there exists a  $\alpha_0$ -closed set F in X such that  $x \in F \subset A_{\alpha_0} \subset \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} A_\alpha$ . Therefore  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} A_\alpha$  is a  $S_\alpha$ -open set.

From theorem 2.3, it is clear that any intersection of  $S_\alpha$ -closed sets of a topological space X is  $S_\alpha$ -closed. The following example shows that the intersection of two  $S_\alpha$ -open sets need not be  $S_\alpha$ -open.

**Example: 2.4** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$

$\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$

$S_\alpha$ -open sets =  $\{\emptyset, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$   $\{a, c\} \cap \{b, c\} = \{c\}$  is not an  $S_\alpha$ -open set

**Theorem 2.5:** A subset  $G$  of the topological space  $X$  is  $S_{\alpha}$ -open if and only if for each  $x \in G$ , there exists an  $S_{\alpha}$ -open set  $H$  such that  $x \in H \subset G$ .

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be a  $S_{\alpha}$ -open set in  $X$ . Then for each  $x \in G$ , we have  $G$  is an  $S_{\alpha}$ -open set such that  $x \in G \subset G$ .

Conversely, let for each  $x \in G$ , there exists an  $S_{\alpha}$ -open set  $H$  such that  $x \in H \subset G$ . Then  $G$  is a union of  $S_{\alpha}$ -open sets, hence by theorem 2.3,  $G$  is  $S_{\alpha}$ -open.

**Theorem: 2.6**

1. Regular closed set is  $S_{\alpha}$ -open set.
2. Regular open set is  $S_{\alpha}$ -closed set.

**Proof:**

1. 1. Let  $A$  be regular closed in a topological space  $X$ .  $A = \text{cl int } A$ .  $A$  is semi open.  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -closed.  $x \in A$  implies  $x \in A \subset A$ . Hence  $A$  is  $S_{\alpha}$ -open.
2. Obvious.

**Theorem 2.7:** If a space  $X$  is a  $T_1$ -space, then  $S_{\alpha}(X) = \text{SO}(X)$ .

**Proof:**  $S_{\alpha}(X) \subseteq \text{SO}(X)$ . Let  $A \in \text{SO}(X)$ . Let  $x \in A$ . As  $X$  is a  $T_1$ -space,  $\{x\}$  is closed. Every closed set in  $X$  is  $\alpha$ -closed. Hence  $x \in \{x\} \subset A \in \text{S}\alpha\text{O}(X)$ . This completes the proof.

**Theorem: 2.8** If the family of all semi open subsets of a topological space is a topology on  $X$ , then the family of  $\text{S}\alpha\text{O}(X)$  is also a topology on  $X$ .

**Proof:** Obvious.

**Theorem: 2.9** If a space  $X$  is hyperconnected, then the only  $S_{\alpha}$ -open sets of  $X$  are  $\emptyset$  and  $X$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A \subset X$  such that  $A$  is  $S_{\alpha}$ -open in  $X$ . If  $A = X$ , there is nothing to prove. If  $A \neq X$  we have to prove  $A = \emptyset$ . As  $A$  is  $S_{\alpha}$ -open, for each  $x \in A$ , there exists a  $\alpha$ -closed set  $F$  such that  $x \in F \subset A$ . So  $X - A \subset X - F$ .  $X - A$  is semi closed. Therefore  $\text{int cl}(X - A) \subset (X - A)$ . Since  $X$  is hyper connected, then by definition 1.1 and theorem 1.10  $\text{scl}(\text{int cl}(X - A)) = X \subset X - A$ . Hence  $X - A = X$ . So  $A = \emptyset$ .

**Theorem: 2.10** If a topological space  $X$  is locally indiscrete, then every semi open set is  $S_{\alpha}$ -open.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be semi open in  $X$ .

Then  $A \subset \text{cl int } A$ . As  $X$  is locally indiscrete,  $\text{int } A$  is closed. Hence  $\text{int } A = \text{cl int } A$ . So,  $\text{cl int } A = \text{int } A \subset A$ . So  $A$  is regular closed. By theorem 2.6(1)- $A$  is  $S_{\alpha}$ -open.

**Theorem: 2.11** If a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_1$  or locally indiscrete, then  $\tau \subset S_{\alpha}0(X)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be  $T_1$ . As every open set is semi open,  $\tau \subset \text{SO}(X) = S_{\alpha}0(X)$ .

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be locally indiscrete then  $\tau \subset \text{SO}(X) \subset \text{S}\alpha\text{O}(X)$ .

**Theorem: 2.12** If  $B$  in clopen subset of a space  $X$  and  $A$  is  $S_{\alpha}$ -open in  $X$ , then  $A \cap B \in S_{\alpha}0(X)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be  $S_{\alpha}$ -open. So  $A$  is semi open.  $B$  is open and closed in  $X$ . Then by theorem 1.6,  $A \cap B$  is semi open in  $X$ . Let  $x \in A \cap B$ . Then  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$ . Since  $A$  is  $S_{\alpha}$ -open, there exists a  $\alpha$ -closed set  $F$  such that  $x \in F \subset A$ .  $B$  is closed and hence  $\alpha$ -closed.  $F \cap B$  is  $\alpha$ -closed.  $x \in F \cap B \subset A \cap B$ . So  $A \cap B$  is  $S_{\alpha}$ -open.

**Theorem: 2.13** Let  $X$  be a locally indiscrete and  $A \subset X$ ,  $B \subset X$ . If  $A \in S_{\alpha}0(X)$  and  $B$  is open, and then  $A \cap B$  is  $S_{\alpha}$ -open in  $X$ .

**Proof:** Follows from theorem 2.12.

**Theorem: 2.14** Let  $X$  be extremally disconnected and  $A \subset X$ ,  $B \subset X$ . If  $A \in S_{\alpha}0(X)$  and  $B \in R0(X)$  then  $A \cap B$  is  $S_{\alpha}$ -open in  $X$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A \in S_{\alpha}0(X)$  and  $B \in R0(X)$ . Hence  $A$  is semi open. By Theorem 1.6,  $A \cap B \in \text{SO}(X)$ .

Let  $x \in A \cap B$ . This implies  $x \in A$  and  $x \in B$ . As  $A$  is  $S_{\alpha}$ -open, there exists a  $\alpha$ -closed set  $F$  such that  $x \in F \subset A$ .  $X$  is extremally disconnected. By Theorem 1.11.  $B$  is a regular closed set. This implies  $F \cap B$  is  $\alpha$ -closed.  $x \in F \cap B \subset A \cap B$ . So  $A \cap B$  is  $S_{\alpha}$ -open.

### 3. $S_{\alpha}$ - Operations

**Definition: 3.1** A subset  $N$  of a topological space  $X$  is called  $S_{\alpha}$ -neighborhood of a subset  $A$  of  $X$ , if there exists an  $S_{\alpha}$ -open set  $U$  such that  $A \subset U \subset N$ . When  $A = \{x\}$ , we say  $N$  is  $S_{\alpha}$ -neighborhood of  $x$ .

**Definition: 3.2** A point  $x \in X$  is said to be an  $S_{\alpha}$ -interior point of  $A$ , if there exists an  $S_{\alpha}$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $x \in U \subset A$ . The set of all  $S_{\alpha}$ -interior points of  $A$  is said to be  $S_{\alpha}$ -interior of  $A$  and it is denoted by  $S_{\alpha}\text{-int } A$ .

**Theorem: 3.3** Let  $A$  be any subset of a topological space  $X$ . If  $x$  is a  $S_{\alpha}$ -interior point of  $A$ , then there exists a semi closed set  $F$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $F \subset A$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x \in S_{\alpha}\text{-int } A$ . Then there exists a  $S_{\alpha}$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \subset A$ . Since  $U$  is in  $S_{\alpha}$ -open set, there exists a  $\alpha$ -closed set  $F$  such that  $x \in F \subset U \subset A$ .

**Theorem: 3.4** For any subset  $A$  of a topological space  $X$ , the following statements are true

1. The  $S_{\alpha}$ -interior of  $A$  is the union of all  $S_{\alpha}$ -open sets contained in  $A$ .
2.  $S_{\alpha}\text{-int } A$  is the largest  $S_{\alpha}$ -open set contained in  $A$ .
3.  $A$  is  $S_{\alpha}$ -open set if and only if  $A = S_{\alpha}\text{-int } A$ .

**Proof:** obvious.

From 3, are see  $S_{\alpha}\text{-int } S_{\alpha}\text{-int } A = S_{\alpha}\text{-int } A$ .

**Theorem: 3.5** If  $A$  and  $B$  are any subsets of a topological space  $X$ . Then,

1.  $S_{\alpha}\text{-int } \emptyset = \emptyset$  and  $S_{\alpha}\text{-int } X = X$
2.  $S_{\alpha}\text{-int } A \subset A$
3. if  $A \subset B$ , then  $S_{\alpha}\text{-int } A \subset S_{\alpha}\text{-int } B$
4.  $S_{\alpha}\text{-int } A \cup S_{\alpha}\text{-int } B \subset S_{\alpha}\text{-int } (A \cup B)$
5.  $S_{\alpha}\text{-int } (A \cap B) \subset S_{\alpha}\text{-int } A \cap S_{\alpha}\text{-int } B$
6.  $S_{\alpha}\text{-int } (A - B) \subset S_{\alpha}\text{-int } A - S_{\alpha}\text{-int } B$

**Proof:** 1-5, obvious.

6. Let  $x \in S_{\alpha}\text{-int } (A - B)$ . There exists an  $S_{\alpha}$ -open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U \subset A - B$ . That is  $U \subset A$ .  $U \cap B = \emptyset$  and  $x \notin B$ . Hence  $x \in S_{\alpha}\text{-int } A$ ,  $x \notin S_{\alpha}\text{-int } B$ . Hence  $x \in S_{\alpha}\text{-int } A - S_{\alpha}\text{-int } B$ . This completes the proof.

**Definition: 3.6** Intersection of  $S_{\alpha}$ -closed sets containing  $F$  is called the  $S_{\alpha}$ -closure of  $F$  and is denoted by  $S_{\alpha}\text{-cl } F$ .

**Theorem: 3.7** Let  $A$  be a subset of the space  $X$ .  $x \in X$  is in  $S_{\alpha}$ -closure of  $A$  if and only if  $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$ , for every  $S_{\alpha}$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$ .

**Proof:** To prove the theorem, let us prove the contra positive.

$x \notin S_{\alpha}\text{-cl } A \Leftrightarrow$  There exists an  $S_{\alpha}$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  that does not intersect  $A$ . Let  $x \notin S_{\alpha}\text{-cl } A$ .  $X - S_{\alpha}\text{-cl } A$  is an  $S_{\alpha}$ -open set containing  $x$  that does not intersect  $A$ . Let  $U$  be an  $S_{\alpha}$ -open set set containing  $x$  that does not intersect  $A$ .  $X - U$  is a  $S_{\alpha}$ -closed set containing  $A$ .  $S_{\alpha}\text{-cl } A \subset (X - U)$   
 $x \notin X - U \Rightarrow x \notin S_{\alpha}\text{-cl } A$ .

**Theorem: 3.8** Let  $A$  be any subset of a space  $X$ .  $A \cap F \neq \emptyset$  for every  $\alpha$ -closed set  $F$  of  $X$  containing  $x$ , then the point  $x$  is in the  $S_{\alpha}$ -closure of  $A$ .

**Proof:** Let  $U$  be any  $S_{\alpha}$ -open set containing  $x$ . So, there exists a  $\alpha$ -closed set  $F$  such that  $x \in F \subset U$ .  $A \cap F \neq \emptyset$  implies  $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$  for every  $S_{\alpha}$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$ . Hence  $x \in S_{\alpha}\text{-cl } A$ , by theorem 3.7

**Theorem: 3.9** For any subset  $F$  of a topological space  $X$ , the following statements are true.

1.  $S_{\alpha}\text{-cl } F$  is the intersection of all.  $S_{\alpha}$ -closed sets in  $X$  containing  $F$ .
2.  $S_{\alpha}\text{-cl } F$  is the smallest.  $S_{\alpha}$ -closed set containing  $F$ .
3.  $F$  is  $S_{\alpha}$ -closed if and only if  $F = S_{\alpha}\text{-cl } F$ .

**Proof:** Obvious.

**Theorem: 3.10** If F and E are any subsets of a topological space X, then

1.  $S_{\alpha}cl \emptyset = \emptyset$  and  $S_{\alpha}cl X = X$
2. For any subset F of X,  $F \subset S_{\alpha}cl F$ .
3. If  $F \subset E$ , then  $S_{\alpha}cl F \subset S_{\alpha}cl E$ .
4.  $S_{\alpha}cl F \cup S_{\alpha}cl E \subset S_{\alpha}cl (F \cup E)$ .
5.  $S_{\alpha}cl (F \cap E) \subset S_{\alpha}cl F \cap S_{\alpha}cl E$ .

**Proof:** Obvious.

**Theorem: 3.11** For any subset A of a topological space X, the following statements are true.

1.  $X - S_{\alpha}cl A = S_{\alpha}int(X - A)$ .
2.  $X - S_{\alpha}int A = S_{\alpha}cl A$ .
3.  $S_{\alpha}int A = X - S_{\alpha}cl A$ .

**Proof:**

1.  $X - S_{\alpha}cl A$  is a  $S_{\alpha}$ -open set contained in  $(X - A)$ . Hence  $X - S_{\alpha}cl A \subset S_{\alpha}int(X - A)$ .

If  $X - S_{\alpha}cl A \neq S_{\alpha}int(X - A)$ , then  $X - S_{\alpha}int(X - A)$  is a  $S_{\alpha}$ -closed set properly contained in  $S_{\alpha}cl A$ , a contradiction. Hence  $X - S_{\alpha}cl A = S_{\alpha}int(X - A)$ . 2&3 follow from 1.

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