

A PERSPECTIVE ON  $\pi\beta$  –NORMAL TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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**ABSTRACT**

The framing of this paper bears the main aim to introduce and study a weaker version of  $\beta$ -normality called  $\pi\beta$ -normality, which surely lies between  $\beta$ -normality and almost  $\beta$ -normality. It contains the fact that  $\pi\beta$ -normality is a topological property as well as hereditary property with respect to regularly closed subspaces. The characterization & preservation theorems in the context are presented which strengthen the evidence of the existence of such spaces. In fact, there are many  $\pi\beta$ -normal spaces which are not  $\beta$ -normal.

This paper also includes  $\beta$ -normality in terms of disjoint dense subsets and some basic properties. The relationships among  $\pi\beta$ -normal spaces,  $\pi p$ -normal spaces &  $\pi\beta$ -normal spaces are, here, investigated.

Last but not the least, the purpose of introducing this paper is to continue the study of the class of normal spaces, namely  $\pi\beta$ -normal spaces, which is a generalization of the class of  $\pi p$ -normal spaces &  $\pi\beta$ -normal spaces.

The effort of coining this paper is nothing but a humble dedication to the eminent mathematician Professor M.E. Abd El Monsef who breathed his last breathing on 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2014.

**1. INTRODUCTION & PRELIMINARY**

D.Andrijevic introduced a new class of generalized open sets in a topological space, the so called  $\beta$ -open sets (i.e. semi-pre-open sets) [1]. The class of semi-pre-open sets contains all semi-open sets and pre-open sets. Professor M.E.Abd El- Monsef *et al.* projected the fundamental properties of  $\beta$ -open sets &  $\beta$ -open continuous mappings [2] along with the study of  $\beta$ -closure and  $\beta$ -interior operators [3]. We, however, know that a set in a topological space is said to be regular open set or open domain [4] if it is the interior of its closure. And the finite union of regular open sets is said to be  $\pi$ -open [5]. With the help of these two notions of  $\beta$ -open set &  $\pi$ -open set, the concept of a  $\pi\beta$ -normal topological space is, here, introduced. Obviously,  $\pi\beta$ -normality lies in between  $\beta$ -normality & almost  $\beta$ -normality and it is a weaker version of  $\beta$ -normality.

In the present paper, spaces  $(X, T)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  always mean topological spaces which are not assumed to satisfy any separation axioms are assumed unless explicitly mentioned.

Also,  $f: (X, T) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  denotes a single valued function  $f$  of a space  $(X, T)$  into another space  $(Y, \sigma)$ . And for a subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, T)$ ,  $X/A = A^c$ ,  $cl(A)$  &  $int(A)$  denote the complement, the closure & the interior of  $A$  in  $(X, T)$  respectively.

If  $(M, T_M)$  is a subspace of  $(X, T)$  and  $A \subseteq M$ , then  $cl_X(A)$ ,  $cl_M(A)$  &  $int_X(A)$ ,  $int_M(A)$  denote the closure & interior of  $A$  in  $(X, T)$  and in  $(M, T_M)$  respectively.

We also need to recall the following definitions:

**Definition 1.1:** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, T)$  is called

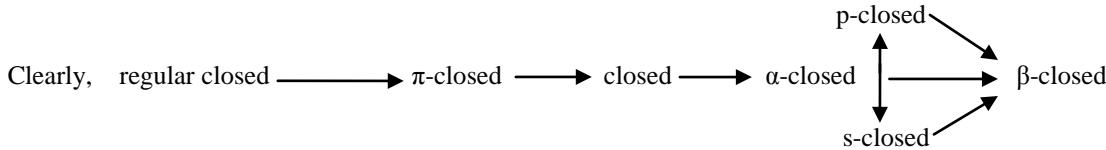
- (i) regular open or open domain[4] if  $A = int(cl(A))$ .
- (ii) an  $\alpha$ -open[9] set if  $A \subseteq int(cl(int(A)))$
- (iii) pre-open [6] or nearly open[7] set if  $A \subseteq int(cl(A))$
- (iv) semi-open [8] set if  $A \subseteq cl(int(A))$
- (v)  $\beta$ -open [2] or semi-pre open [1] set if  $A \subseteq cl(int(cl(A)))$ .

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(vi)  $\Pi$ -open [5] if  $A = \bigcup_{n=1}^p B_n$  where  $B_n$  is a regular open set for  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, p$ .

The compliments of the above mentioned open sets are their respective closed sets. The smallest  $\mathcal{K}$ -closed set containing  $A$  is called  $\mathcal{K}\text{cl}(A)$  where  $\mathcal{K}$  = regular,  $\alpha$ ,  $p$ ,  $s$ ,  $\beta$  &  $\pi$ . The largest  $\mathcal{K}$ -open set contained in  $A$  is called  $\mathcal{K}\text{ int}(A)$  where  $\mathcal{K}$  = regular,  $\alpha$ ,  $p$ ,  $s$ ,  $\beta$  &  $\pi$ .

The family of all  $\mathcal{K}$ -open (resp.  $\mathcal{K}$ -closed) sets of a space  $(X, T)$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{KO}(X)$  (resp.  $\mathcal{KC}(X)$ ); here and above  $\mathcal{K}$  = regular,  $\alpha$ ,  $p$ ,  $s$ ,  $\beta$  &  $\pi$ .



None of the above implications is reversible.

Any other notion and symbol, not defined in this paper, may be found in the appropriate reference.

**Definition 1.2[10]:** Two sets  $A$  &  $B$  of a space  $(X, T)$  are said to be separated if there exist two disjoint open sets  $U$  &  $V$  in  $(X, T)$  such that  $A \subseteq U$  and  $B \subseteq V$ .

### Definition 1.3:

- (a) [10] A space  $(X, T)$  is called a normal space if any two disjoint closed sets can be separated.
- (b) [11] A space  $(X, T)$  is called an almost normal space if any two disjoint closed subsets, one of which is regular closed, can be separated.
- (c) [12] A space  $(X, T)$  is called a  $\pi$ -normal space if any two disjoint closed subsets, one of which is  $\pi$ -closed, can be separated.
- (d) [13] A space  $(X, T)$  is called a mildly normal space if any two disjoint regular closed sets can be separated.

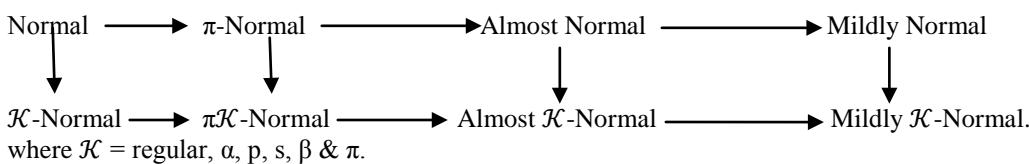
### Definition 1.4 [14, 15, 16, 17, and 18]:

- (a) A space  $(X, T)$  is said to be pre-normal or  $p$ -normal (resp.  $s$ -normal,  $\beta$ -normal) if for each pair of disjoint closed sets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$  there exist pre-open (resp. semi-open, semi-pre-open) sets  $U$  &  $V$  for which  $A \subseteq U$  and  $B \subseteq V$  such that  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .
- (b) A space  $(X, T)$  is said to be almost  $p$ -normal (resp. almost  $s$ -normal, almost  $\beta$ -normal) if for each closed set  $A$  and each regular closed set  $B$  such that  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ , there exist disjoint pre-open (resp. semi-open, semi-preopen) sets  $U$  &  $V$  such that  $A \subseteq U$  and  $B \subseteq V$ .
- (c) A space  $(X, T)$  is said to be mildly  $p$ -normal (resp. mildly  $s$ -normal, mildly  $\beta$ -normal) if for each pair of disjoint regular closed sets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$  there exist pre-open (resp. semi-open, semi-pre open) sets  $U$  &  $V$  in the manner  $A \subseteq U$  and  $B \subseteq V$  such that  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .
- (d) A space  $(X, T)$  is said to be  $\pi p$ -normal (resp.  $\pi s$ -normal) if for each pair of disjoint closed sets  $A$  and  $B$  one of which is  $\pi$ -closed, there exist disjoint pre-open (resp. semi-open) sets  $U$  &  $V$  in the manner  $A \subseteq U$  and  $B \subseteq V$ .

## 2. $\Pi\beta$ -NORMAL SPACE

This section begins with the definition of  $\Pi\beta$ -normality being motivated by the concept of  $\pi$ -normality.

**Definition 2.1:** A space  $(X, T)$  is said to be  $\pi\beta$ -normal if for each pair of disjoint closed sets  $A$  and  $B$  on of which is  $\pi$ -closed, there exist  $\beta$ -open sets  $U$  &  $V$  such that  $A \subseteq U$  and  $B \subseteq V$ . The following is the implications diagram connecting the sorts of normal spaces indicated in definitions (1.3) & (1.4) & (2.1):



And,  $A \longrightarrow B$  where,  $A = \text{normal, } \pi\text{- normal, Almost normal, mildly normal}$

$\downarrow$   $\downarrow$   
 $C \longrightarrow D$   $B = s\text{-normal, } \pi s\text{- normal, Almost s-normal, mildly s-normal}$   
 $C = p\text{-normal, } \pi p\text{- normal, Almost p- normal, Mildly p- normal}$   
 $D = \beta\text{-normal, } \pi\beta\text{- normal, Almost } \beta\text{- normal, Mildly } \beta\text{- normal}$

None of the above implications is reversible,

**Example 2.2:**

- (1) If  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $T = \{\varnothing, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{b, c\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, X\}$ . Then the space  $(X, T)$  is  $\beta$ -normal but not  $p$ -normal.
- (2) If  $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$  and  $T = \{\varnothing, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, \{c, d, e\}, \{a, b, c, d\}, \{a, c, d, e\}, \{b, c, d, e\}, X\}$ . Then the space  $(X, T)$  is  $\beta$ -normal but not  $s$ -normal.
- (3) If  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $T = \{\varnothing, \{b, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, X\}$ , then  $T^c$  = the family of closed sets =  $\varnothing, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}, X$  and  $PO(X) = \{\varnothing, \{b\}, \{d\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{b, c, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, X\}$ .

Now,  $(X, T)$  is  $p$ -normal because for the pair of disjoint closed sets  $\{a\}$  &  $\{c\}$  there exist  $p$ -open sets  $\{a, b\}$  &  $\{c, d\}$  such that  $\{a\} \subseteq \{a, b\}$  &  $\{c\} \subseteq \{c, d\}$  &  $\{a, b\} \cap \{c, d\} = \varnothing$ .

But  $(X, T)$  is not normal since, the pair of disjoint closed sets  $\{a\}$  &  $\{c\}$  have no disjoint neighbourhoods.

- (4) If  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $T = \{\varnothing, X, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ , then  $T^c$  = the family of closed sets =  $\{\varnothing, \{b\}, \{c\}, b, c, X\}$  and  $\beta O(X) = \{\varnothing, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ .

Thus,  $(X, T)$  is  $\pi\beta$ -normal space because the only  $\pi$ -closed sets in  $X$  are  $\varnothing$  &  $X$ . But  $(X, T)$  is not  $\beta$ -normal since, the pair of disjoint closed sets  $\{b\}$  &  $\{c\}$  have no disjoint  $\beta$ -open sets containing them.

The following lemmas are enunciated as they are essential parts for the counterexamples about the other implications:

**Lemma 2.3:** If  $D$  be a dense subset of a space  $(X, T)$ , then  $D$  is  $\beta$ -open.

**Proof:** Let  $D$  be a dense set in a space  $(X, T)$ , then  $cl(D) = X$ . Thus,  $cl(int(cl(D))) = X$ . So,  $D \subset cl(int(cl(D)))$  and consequently  $D$  is  $\beta$ -open.

**Corollary:** If  $D$  &  $E$  are disjoint dense subsets of a space  $(X, T)$ , then  $D$  &  $E$  are naturally disjoint  $\beta$ -open sets.

**Lemma 2.4:** If  $D$  be a dense set &  $A$  is a closed set in a space  $(X, T)$ , then  $D \cup A$  is  $\beta$ -open set.

**Proof:** suppose that  $D$  &  $A$  are respectively a dense set and a closed set in a space  $(X, T)$ . Then  $cl(D) = X$  &  $cl(A) = A$ .

Now,  $cl(D \cup A) = cl(D) \cup cl(A) = X \cup A = X$  &  $int(cl(D \cup A)) = int(X) = X$ . Also,  $cl(int(cl(D \cup A))) = cl(X) = X$ . Hence,  $D \cup A \subset cl(int(cl(D \cup A)))$ . i.e.  $D \cup A$  is  $\beta$ -open set.

**Lemma 2.5:** If  $D$  be a dense set &  $A$  is a closed set in a space  $(X, T)$ , then  $D \setminus A$  is a  $\beta$ -open set.

**Proof:** Suppose that  $D$  &  $A$  are respectively a dense set and a closed set in a space  $(X, T)$ . Then  $D$  is  $\beta$ -open set by lemma (2.3). Also  $A^c$  is an open set.

Now,  $D \setminus A = D \cap A^c$  = intersection of a  $\beta$ -open set & an open set =  $A$   $\beta$ -open set.

**Lemma 2.6:** For any two disjoint closed sets  $A$  &  $B$  in a space  $(X, T)$ , the sets  $U = (D \cap A^c) \cup B$  &  $V = (D \cap B^c) \cup A$  are  $\beta$ -open sets where  $D$  is a dense set in  $X$ .

**Proof:** Let  $D$  be a dense set and  $A, B$  are disjoint closed sets in a space  $(X, T)$ ; then  $cl(D) = X$ ;  $cl(A) = A$ ;  $cl(B) = B$ ;  $A \cap B = \varnothing$ .

Now,  $cl(D \cup B) = cl(D) \cup cl(B) = X \cup B = X$  &  $int(cl(D \cup B)) = X \Rightarrow cl(int(cl(D \cup B))) = X$ .

This means that  $D \cup B \subseteq cl(int(cl(D \cup B)))$  and consequently,  $D \cup B$  is  $\beta$ -open set.

Again,  $U = (D \cap A^c) \cup B = (D \cup B) \cap (A^c \cup B) = (D \cup B) \cap A^c$ ;

Since  $A \cap B = \varnothing \Rightarrow B \subset A^c$   
 $=$  intersection of a  $\beta$ -open set & an open set.  
 $=$  a  $\beta$ -open set.

Similarly,  $V = (D \cap B^c) \cup A$  is also  $\beta$ -open set.

**Theorem 2.7:** If D & E are disjoint dense subsets in a space (X, T), then (X, T) is  $\beta$ -normal and so  $\pi\beta$ - normal.

**Proof:** suppose that D&E are disjoint dense sets in a space (X, T) then  $D \cap E = \emptyset$ .

Let A and B be any pair of disjoint closed set in (X, T) so that  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .

Let  $U = (D \cap A^c) \cup B$  &  $V = (E \cap B^c) \cup A$ .

Then U & V are  $\beta$ -open sets by lemma (2.6). Also,  $A \subseteq V$  and  $B \subseteq U$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again, } U \cap V &= [(D \cap A^c) \cup B] \cap [(E \cap B^c) \cup A] \\ &= [(D \cup B) \cap (A^c \cup B)] \cap [(E \cup A) \cap (B^c \cup A)] \\ &= (D \cup B) \cap A^c \cap (E \cup A) \cap B^c [A \cap B = \emptyset \Rightarrow A \subseteq B^c \& B \subseteq A^c] \\ &= [(D \cup B) \cap B^c] \cap [(E \cup A) \cap A^c] \\ &= [(D \cap B^c) \cup (B \cap B^c)] \cap [(E \cap A^c) \cup (A \cap A^c)] \\ &= [(D \cap B^c) \cup \emptyset] \cap [(E \cap A^c) \cup \emptyset] \\ &= (D \cap B^c) \cap (E \cap A^c) = (D \cap E) \cap (A^c \cap B^c) = \emptyset \cap (A^c \cap B^c) = \emptyset. \end{aligned}$$

i.e. U & V are disjoint  $\beta$ -open sets containing disjoint closed set B&A respectively.

Consequently, a pair of disjoint closed set is separated by disjoint  $\beta$ -open sets i.e. (X, T) is  $\beta$ -normal space & hence, a  $\pi\beta$ -normal space.

**Example 2.8:** (i) The co-finite topology on the set R of real numbers is a  $\pi\beta$ -normal space but not normal.

Let R stand for the set of real numbers and CF= {A:  $A \subseteq R$  and  $A = \emptyset$  or  $A^c$  is finite}. Then (R, CF) is the co-finite topological space.

Let P & Q be the sets of irrational numbers & rational numbers respectively. Then  $P \cup Q = R$ ,  $P \cap Q = \emptyset$ . Again,  $\text{cl}(P) = R = \text{cl}(Q)$  so that P & Q are disjoint dense subsets of (R,CF). Hence, using theorem (2.7) (R, CF) is  $\beta$ -normal. Since, every  $\beta$ -normal space is a  $\pi\beta$ -normal space. Hence, (R, CF) is also aa  $\pi\beta$ -normal space.

We, however, know that (R, CF) is not a normal space. Therefore, (R,CF) is a  $\pi\beta$ -normal space but not normal.

(ii) If R stand for the set of real numbers &  $T_{\sqrt{2}} = \{A: A \subseteq R \text{ and } A = \emptyset \text{ or } \sqrt{2} \in A\}$ , then  $(R, T_{\sqrt{2}})$  is the particular point topological space which is  $\pi\beta$ - normal space but not  $\beta$ -normal.

Now, let  $A \subseteq R$ , then  $\text{cl}(A) = R$  if  $\sqrt{2} \in A$  &  $\text{cl}(A) = A$  if  $\sqrt{2} \notin A$ .

$\Rightarrow \text{int}(\text{cl}(A)) = R$  if  $\sqrt{2} \in A$  &  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(A)) = A$  if  $\sqrt{2} \notin A$ .

$\Rightarrow \text{cl}\{\text{int}(\text{cl}(A))\} = R$  if  $\sqrt{2} \in A$  &  $\text{cl}\{\text{int}(\text{cl}(A))\} = A$  if  $\sqrt{2} \notin A$ .

Therefore, the only  $\beta$ -open sets in the space are those which are open. Consequently, any two disjoint closed subsets in  $(R, T_{\sqrt{2}})$  cannot be separated by two disjoint  $\beta$ -open sets i.e.  $(R, T_{\sqrt{2}})$  is not  $\beta$ -normal space. Again, the only  $\pi$ -closed subset in the space are R &  $\emptyset$ , which are disjoint. So that any two disjoint closed subsets in  $(R, T_{\sqrt{2}})$ , one of which is  $\pi$ -closed, can be separated. i.e.  $(R, T_{\sqrt{2}})$  is a  $\pi$ - normal space and ultimately a  $\pi\beta$ -normal space.

**Characterization of  $\pi\beta$ -normality:** Some characterizations of  $\pi\beta$ -normality have been enunciated through the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.9:** For a space (X, T) the following are equivalent:

- (a) (X, T) is  $\pi\beta$ -normal space.
- (b) If U is an open set U and V is  $\pi$ -open set whose union is X, there exist  $\beta$ - closed sets A and B such that  $A \subseteq U$ ,  $B \subseteq V$  &  $A \cup B = X$ .
- (c) For every closed set A and every  $\pi$ -open set B such that  $A \subseteq B$ , there exists a  $\beta$ -open set V such that  $A \subseteq V \subseteq \beta\text{-cl}(V) \subseteq B$ .

**Proof:**

(a) $\Rightarrow$  (b): Let U and V be a  $\pi$ -open sets in a  $\pi\beta$ -normal space (X,T) such that  $X = U \cup V$ . Then  $U^c$ is a closed set & $V^c$  is a  $\pi$ - closed sets. i.e.  $U^c \cap V^c = \emptyset$ . Since (X, T) is  $\pi\beta$ -normal there exist disjoint  $\beta$ -open sets  $U_1$  and  $V_1$  such that  $U^c \subseteq U_1$  and  $V^c \subseteq V_1$ .

Let  $A = U_1^c$  and  $B = V_1^c$ . Then  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\beta$ -closed sets such that  $A \subseteq U$ ,  $B \subseteq V$  and  $A \cup B = X$ .

**(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c):** Let  $A$  be a closed set and  $B$ , a  $\pi$ - open set in a space  $(X, T)$  in the manner that  $A \subseteq B$ .

Clearly,  $A \cap B^c = \emptyset \Rightarrow A^c \cup H = X$ , where  $A^c$  is an open sets.

Then by (b), there exist  $\beta$ -closed sets  $G$  and  $H$  such that  $G \subseteq A^c$  and  $H \subseteq B$  along with  $G \cup H = X$ . This implies that  $A \subseteq G^c \& G^c \subseteq H$ .

Let  $V = G^c$ , we observe that  $V$  is a  $\beta$ -open set. Thus, all the above facts conclude that and  $V \subseteq \beta\text{-cl}(V) \subseteq B$ .

**(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a):** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be any two pair of disjoint closed sets in a space  $(X, T)$  such that  $B$  is  $\pi$ -closed. Since  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , hence,  $A \subseteq B^c$  and  $B^c$  is  $\pi$ - open. Thus using the prescribed condition (c), there exist a  $\beta$  –open set  $V$  such that  $A \subseteq V \subseteq \beta\text{-cl}(V) \subseteq B^c$ . Taking  $G = V$  and  $H = [\beta\text{cl}(V)]^c$ , we observe that  $G$  &  $H$  are disjoint  $\beta$ -open sets such that  $A \subseteq G$  &  $B \subseteq H$ . Consequently,  $(X, T)$  is a  $\pi\beta$ - normal space.

**Topological property:** In order to establish the topological property of  $\pi\beta$ -normality, we first prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.10:** If  $f: (X, T) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is an open & continuous function, then the image of a  $\beta$ -open set is  $\beta$ -open.

**Proof:** let  $f: (X, T) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be an injective, open & continuous function from a space  $(X, T)$  to another space  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

Let  $A$  be a  $\beta$ -open set in  $(X, T)$ , then  $A \subseteq \{\text{int}(\text{cl}(A))\}$ .

Now,  $f(A) \subseteq f(\{\text{int}(\text{cl}(A))\}) = f(\text{cl}(B))$  where  $B = \text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$ .  
 $\subseteq \text{cl}(f(B))$ , as  $f$  is a continuous mapping.

i.e.  $f(A) \subseteq \text{cl}(f(\text{int}(\text{cl}(A)))) = \text{cl}(f(\text{int}(C)))$ , where  $C = \text{cl}(A)$   
 $\subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(f(C)))$  as  $f$  is an open mapping.

i.e.  $f(A) \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(f(\text{cl}(A)))) \subseteq \text{cl}\{\text{int}(\text{cl}(f(A)))\}$   
 $\Rightarrow f(A)$  is also  $\beta$ -open.

**Theorem 2.11:**  $\pi\beta$ -normality is a topological property.

**Proof:** In order to show that  $\pi\beta$ -normality is a topological property, one has to prove that the homeomorphic image of a  $\pi\beta$ -normal space is a  $\pi\beta$ -normal space.

Let  $f: (X, T) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a one-one onto, an open & continuous function from a  $\pi\beta$ - normal space  $(X, T)$  to another space  $(Y, \sigma)$ . We need to show that  $f(X) = Y$  is also a  $\pi\beta$ - normal space. Let  $A$  &  $B$  be a pair of disjoint closed sets in  $(Y, \sigma)$  such that  $A$  is  $\pi$ -closed. Obviously, the continuity of  $f$  provides that  $f^{-1}(A)$  is  $\pi$ -closed &  $f^{-1}(B)$  is closed in  $X$  such that  $f^{-1}(A) \cap f^{-1}(B) = \emptyset$ .

Now, the  $\pi\beta$  – normality of  $(X, T)$ , there exist  $\beta$ -open sets  $U$  &  $V$  of  $X$  in the manner that  $f^{-1}(A) \subseteq U$ ,  $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .

Since,  $f$  is an open, continuous one –to one function hence,  $A \subseteq f(U)$ ,  $B \subseteq f(V)$  and  $(U) \cap f(V) = \emptyset$ . Using the theorem (2.10), we observe that  $f(U)$  &  $f(V)$  are  $\beta$  –open sets as  $U$  &  $V$  are  $\beta$ -open sets and  $f$  is an open, continuous function.

Thus, for a pair of disjoint closed sets  $A$  &  $B$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$  where  $A$  is  $\pi$ -closed, there exist disjoint  $\beta$ -open sets  $f(U)$  &  $f(V)$  in  $(Y, \sigma)$  such that  $A \subseteq f(U)$ ,  $B \subseteq f(V)$ . This provides that  $(Y, \sigma)$  is a  $\pi\beta$ -normal space.

**Hereditary property:** The following lemmas are useful and necessary for the analysis of the hereditary property of a  $\pi\beta$ -normal space.

**Lemma 2.12:** If  $M$  be a closed domain (i.e. regular closed) subspace of a space  $X$  and  $A$  is  $\beta$ -closed in  $X$ , then  $A \cap M$  is a  $\beta$ -closed set in  $M$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be a  $\beta$ -open set in  $(X, T)$ . Let  $M$  be a closed domain in  $(X, T)$  i.e. a regular closed subset of  $X$ , then  $(M, T_M)$  is a closed domain subspace of  $(X, T)$ .

Now,  $\text{int}_X\{\text{cl}_X(\text{int}_X(A))\} \subseteq A$ . It is required to show that  $A \cap M$  is a  $\beta$ -closed set in  $(M, T_M)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have, } \text{cl}_M\{\text{int}_M(A \cap M)\} &= \text{cl}_M\{\text{int}_M(A \cap M) \cap \text{int}_X(M)\} \\ &= \text{cl}_M\{\text{int}_X(A \cap M)\} \\ &= \text{cl}_X\{\text{int}_X(A \cap M)\} \cap M \subseteq \{\text{cl}_X(\text{int}_X(A))\} \cap M \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e. } \text{int}_M\{\text{cl}_M(\text{int}_M(A \cap M))\} &\subseteq \text{int}_M[\{\text{cl}_X(\text{int}_X(A))\} \cap M] \\ &\subseteq \text{int}_X[\{\text{cl}_X(\text{int}_X(A))\} \cap M] \cap M \\ &= \text{int}_X[\{\text{cl}_X(\text{int}_X(A))\} \cap \text{int}_X(M)] \cap M \subseteq A \cap \text{int}_X(M) \subseteq A \cap M \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow A \cap M$  is a  $\beta$ -closed set in  $(M, T_M)$ .

**Lemma 2.13:** If  $(M, T_M)$  is a closed domain subspace of a space  $(X, T)$ , then  $A \cap M$  is a  $\beta$ -open set in  $(M, T_M)$  whenever  $A$  is a  $\beta$ -open set in  $(X, T)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be a  $\beta$ -open set in  $(X, T)$ . Let  $M$  be a closed domain in  $(X, T)$  i.e. a regular closed subset of  $X$ , then  $(M, T_M)$  is a closed domain subspace of  $(X, T)$ . Now,  $A^C$  is  $\beta$ -closed set in  $(X, T)$ , so with the help of the Lemma (2.12), the set  $G = A^C \cap M$  is a  $\beta$ -closed set in  $(M, T_M)$ . Therefore,  $M \setminus G$  is a  $\beta$ -open set in  $(M, T_M)$ .

But  $M \setminus G = M \cap G^C = M \cap (A \cup M^C) = (M \cap A) \cup (M \cap M^C) = (M \cap A) \cup \emptyset = M \cap A$ .

Consequently,  $M \cap A$  is a  $\beta$ -open set in  $(M, T_M)$ .

**Theorem 2.14:**  $\pi\beta$  –Normality is a hereditary property with respect to closed domain subspaces.

**Proof:** Let  $(M, T_M)$  be a closed domain subspace of a  $\pi\beta$ -normal space  $(X, T)$ . Let  $A \& B$  be any disjoint closed sets in  $(M, T_M)$  such that  $B$  is  $\pi$ -closed. Then  $A \& B$  are disjoint closed sets in  $(X, T)$  such that  $B$  is  $\pi$ -closed in  $(X, T)$ .

Now,  $\pi\beta$  –Normality of  $(X, T)$ , there exist  $\beta$ -open sets  $U \& V$  of  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq U \& B \subseteq V$  where  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . By lemma (2.13),  $U \cap M \& V \cap M$  are disjoint  $\beta$ -open sets in  $(M, T_M)$  such that  $A \subseteq U \cap M \& B \subseteq V \cap M$  so that  $(M, T_M)$  is a  $\pi\beta$ -normal space.

**Corollary 2.15:** Since, every closed and open (clopen) set in a space is a regular closed set i.e. a closed domain, hence, every clopen subspace of a  $\pi\beta$ -normal space is a  $\pi\beta$ -normal space.

## CONCLUSION

$\pi\beta$ -normality, being a weaker version of  $\beta$ -normality, has been introduced. It has been shown that  $\pi\beta$ -normality is a topological property as well as hereditary property with regard to closed domain spaces. Characterization as well as preservation theorem for  $\pi\beta$ -normality has been established. Some counter examples and the criteria for the space to bear  $\pi\beta$ -normality in terms of disjoint dense subset have been derived.

Surly the literature content for the  $\pi\beta$ -normality is a motivation to analyse  $\pi\gamma$  -normality with fundamental properties which creates the future scope of the study.

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