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ON SOME PROPERTIES OF αc -OPEN SETS IN TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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ABSTRACT

In this article a new class of open sets called αc -open sets in topological spaces is introduced. This class contains the class of all θ -open sets and is contained in the class of all α -open sets. The inclusion relation of this new class with other known classes of open sets are investigated. Also their properties are analyzed.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In 1965 Njastad [13] introduced the notion of alpha open sets (briefly α -open sets). Followed by the class of α -open sets, several other related classes such as alpha generalized open sets and generalized alpha open sets (briefly αg -open sets and $g\alpha$ -open sets) were defined by Maki *et.al* [10]. As an extension of α -closed sets, $\alpha \hat{g}$ closed sets were defined by Abd El-Monsef, *et.al* [1]. As further study on the application of α -closed sets and $\alpha \hat{g}$ -closed sets Mary and Nagajothi [11] and [12] introduced $b\alpha \hat{g}$ -closed sets and $\alpha b \hat{g}$ -closed sets and analyzed their properties. The following inclusion relation holds.

 $\{\alpha \text{-closed sets}\} \subset \{\alpha b \hat{g} \text{-closed sets}\} \subset \{b\alpha \hat{g} \text{-closed sets}\}.$

Velicko[16] defined θ -open sets in 1968. As an extension of this class, Di Maio and Noiri[5] introduced semi- θ -open sets in 1987. Following these classes, in this paper a new class of open sets namely class of αc -open sets is introduced which is contained in the class of α -open sets and the class of θ -open sets forms a subclass. The new class of αc -open sets satisfy the inclusion relation given below

 $\{\theta$ -open sets} $\subset \{\alpha c$ -open sets} $\subset \{\alpha$ -open sets}.

2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper, (X, τ) denote a topological space with topology τ . For a subset A of X the interior of A and closure of A are denoted by Int(A) and Cl(A) respectively.

Definition 2.1: [8] A *topology* on a set X is a collection τ of subsets of X having the following properties:

- 1) \emptyset and *X* are in τ .
- 2) The union of the elements of any subcollection of τ is in τ .
- 3) The intersection of the elements of any finite subcollection of τ is in τ .

A set X for which a topology τ has been specified is called a *topological space* and is denoted by (X, τ) .

Definition 2.2: A subset *A* of a space *X* is said to be:

- 1) α -open set[13] if $A \subset Int(cl(int(A)))$ and α -closed set if $Int(cl(int(A)) \subset A)$.
- 2) Regular-open set [14] if A = Int(cl(A)) and Regular-closed set if A = Cl(int(A)).
- 3) Semi-open set[9] if $A \subset Cl(int(A))$ and Semi-closed set if $Cl(int(A)) \subset A$.
- 4) Pre-open set if $A \subset Int(cl(A))$ and Pre-closed set if $Int(cl(A)) \subset A$.

5) b-open set [3] if $A \subset (Int Cl(A)) \cup (Cl int(A))$ and b-closed set if $(Int Cl(A)) \cup (Cl int(A)) \subset A$.

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- 6) Semi- θ -open set[9] if for each $x \in A$, there exists a semi-open set G such that $x \in G \subset sCl(G) \subset A$.
- 7) θ -open set[16] if for each $x \in A$, there exists an open set G such that $x \in G \subset Cl(G) \subset A$.
- 8) δ -open set[16] if for each $x \in A$, there exists an open set G such that $x \in G \subset Int(cl(G)) \subset A$.
- 9) θ -semi-open set if for each $x \in A$, there exists a semi-open set G such that $x \in G \subset Cl(G) \subset A$.

Definition 2.3:

- 1) The intersection of all semi-closed sets containing *A* is called the *semi-closure*[4] of *A* denoted by *sCl*(*A*).
- 2) The intersection of all α -closed sets containing A is called α -closure[13] of A denoted by $\alpha Cl(A)$.
- 3) The intersection of all b-closed sets containing A is called the b-closure[3] of A denoted by bCl(A).

Definition 2.4: The family of all open sets, semi-open sets, α -open sets, pre-open sets, semi- θ -open sets, δ -open sets, regular-open sets, semi-closed sets and regular closed sets are denoted by $O(X), SO(X), \alpha O(X), S\theta O(X), \theta O(X), \delta O(X), RO(X), SC(X)$ and RC(X) respectively.

Definition 2.5: A topological space (X, τ) is said to be:

- (*i*) T_1 space if to each pair of distinct points x, y of X there exist a pair of open sets, one containing x but not y and other containing y but not x, as well as is T_1 if and only if for any point $x \in X$, the singleton set $\{x\}$ is closed [17].
- (*ii*) T_2 space if to each pair of distinct points x, y of X there exist a pair of disjoint open sets, one containing x other containing y, as well as is T_2 if and only if for any point $x \in X$, the singleton set $\{x\}$ is closed.
- (*iii*) Locally indiscrete [6], if every open subset of X is closed.
- (*iv*) S**- normal[2] if and only if for every semi-closed set F and semi-open set G containing F, there exists an open set H such that $F \subset H \subset Cl(H) \subset G$.
- (v) Regular if for each $x \in X$ and for each open set A containing x, there exists an open set G containing x such that $x \in G \subset cl(G) \subset A$.

Definition 2.6: A space X is called *Extremally disconnected*[15], if closure of every open set is open.

3. αc -OPEN SETS:

In this section we introduce a new class of open sets called αc -open sets which lie between the class of θ -open sets and the class of α -open sets.

Definition 3.1: A subset A of a topological space X is called *\alphac-open set* if for each $x \in A \in \alpha O(X)$, there exists a closed set F, such that $x \in F \subset A$.

The following Theorem gives a characterization for αc-open sets.

Theorem 3.1.1: A subset A of a space X is α -open set if and only if A is α -open set and it is the union of closed sets. That is $A = \bigcup F_x$ where A is α -open set and F_x is closed sets for each x.

Proof: Let *A* be α -open set. Then by definition (3.1), *A* is a α -open set.

Since for each $x \in A \in \alpha O(X)$, there exist a closed set F_x such that $x \in F_x \subset A$, we have $A = \bigcup F_x$.

Conversely, let A be a α -open set and $A = \bigcup F_x$. For each $x \in A$, there exists x such that $x \in F_x \subset A$.

Hence A is a α c-open set.

Corollary 3.1.1: Every θ -open set of a space *X* is αc -open.

Proof: Let *A* be a θ -open set in *X*. Then for each $x \in A$, there exists an open set *G* such that $x \in G \subset Cl(G) \subset A$.

So $\cup \{x\} \subset \cup G \subset \cup Cl(G) \subset A$, implies $A \subset \cup G \subset \cup Cl(G) \subset A$. Therefore $A = \cup G$ and $A = \cup Cl(G)$.

Since G is open and arbitrary union of open set is open, A is open. Since open implies α -open, by Theorem (3.1.1), A is α c-open.

Remark 3.1.1:

1) For any α -open set A to be α -open set, it is necessary that A must be the union of closed sets.

For example, let $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$, the Closed sets are $\{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}\}$.

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Then $\alpha O(X) = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ and $\alpha cO(X) = \{\emptyset, X\}$.

Here $\{a\}$ is α -open, but it is not a α -open set. Since $\{a\}$ is not a union of closed sets in X.

2) $S\theta O(X)$ need not be an $\alpha cO(X)$.

Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{a\}, \{b\}\}$, the Closed sets are $\{X, \emptyset, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}\}$. Then $S\theta O(X) = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}\}$, and $\alpha cO(X) = \{X, \emptyset\}$. Here $\{a\}$ is $S\theta O(X)$ but not $\alpha cO(X)$.

Theorem 3.1.2: Let (X,τ) be a topological space and $\{A_j : j \in \Delta\}$ be a collection of α c-open sets in X. Then $\bigcup \{A_j : j \in \Delta\}$ is α c-open.

Proof: By definition (3.1), for each A_j is α -open set, $j \in \Delta$. Since union of α -open sets is α -open, $\cup \{A_j : j \in \Delta\}$ is an α -open. Let $x \in \cup \{A_j : j \in \Delta\}$, then there exists $j \in \Delta$ such that $x \in A_j$. Since A_j is an α -open set, there exists a closed set *F* such that $x \in F \subset A_j \subset \cup \{A_j : j \in \Delta\}$. Hence $\cup \{A_j : j \in \Delta\}$ is an α -open set in *X*.

The following Corollary gives another characterization of α c-open sets.

Corollary 3.1.2: The set A is αc -open in the space (X,τ) if and only if for each $x \in A$, there exists a αc -open set B such that $x \in B \subset A$.

Proof: Let A is αc -open. Then for each $x \in A$, choose B = A so that $x \in B \subset A$, and B is αc -open.

Conversely, Assume that for each $x \in A$, there exists a αc -open set B_x such that $x \in B_x \subset A$.

Thus $A = \bigcup B_x$ where $B_x \in \alpha cO(X)$. By Theorem (3.1.2), A is αc -open set.

Theorem 3.1.3: If the family of all α -open sets of a space X is a topology on X, then the family of all α -open sets is also a topology on X.

Proof:

(*i*) Clearly \emptyset , $X \in \alpha cO(X)$.

(*ii*) By Theorem(3.1.2), the union of all αc -open sets is αc -open.

(*iii*) We have to show that finite intersection of αc -open set is αc -open set.

Let $\{A_j: j = 1, 2, ..., n\}$ be a collection of α c-open sets. Then by definition (3.1), $A_1, A_2, ..., A_n$ are α -open sets. Let $x \in \cap \{A_j: j = 1, 2 ..., n\}$, then $x \in A_j$ for each j, and there exists a closed set F_j such that $x \in F_j \subset A_j$. Then $x \in \cap F_j \subset \cap \{A_j: j=1,2...,n\}$. Thus $\cap \{A_j: j = 1,2...,n\}$ is α c-open. Hence the family of all α c-open sets is also a topology on X.

Lemma 3.1.4: For any spaces *X* and *Y*. If $A \subseteq X$ and $B \subseteq Y$ then, (*i*) $\alpha Int_{X \times Y}(A \times B) = \alpha Int_X(A) \times \alpha Int_Y(B)$ [9]. (*ii*) $Cl_{X \times Y}(A \times B) = Cl_X(A) \times Cl_Y(B)$.

The following Theorem shows that the property of being αc -open is preserved by the product of two topological spaces.

Theorem 3.1.5: Let *X* and *Y* be two topological spaces and $X \times Y$ be the product topology. If $A \in \alpha cO(X)$ and $B \in \alpha cO(Y)$. Then $A \times B \in \alpha cO(X \times Y)$.

Proof: Let $(x, y) \in A \times B$, then $x \in A$ and $y \in B$. Since $A \in \alpha cO(X)$ and $B \in \alpha cO(Y)$, then $A \in \alpha O(X)$ and $B \in \alpha O(Y)$. Also there exists closed sets *F* and *E* in *X* and *Y* respectively, such that $x \in F \subseteq A$ and $y \in E \subseteq B$.

Therefore, $(x, y) \in F \times E \subseteq A \times B$. Since $A \in \alpha O(X)$ and $B \in \alpha O(Y)$. Then by Lemma 3.1.4(*i*), $A \times B = \alpha Int_X(A) \times \alpha Int_Y(B) = \alpha Int_{X \times Y}(A \times B)$. Hence $A \times B \in \alpha O(X \times Y)$. Since *F* is closed in *X* and *E* is closed in *Y*.

Then by Lemma 3.1.4(*ii*), $F \times E = Cl_X(F) \times Cl_Y(E) = Cl_{X \times Y}(F \times E)$. Hence $F \times E$ is closed in $X \times Y$.

Therefore, $A \times B \in \alpha cO(X \times Y)$.

Theorem 3.1.6: If the space X is a T_1 -space (or) a T_2 -space, then the family $\alpha c \ O(X) = \alpha O(X)$.

Proof: Let *A* be α - open set of *X*.

Since X is a T_1 space (or) a T_2 space, for each $x \in A \subset X$, $\{x\}$ is closed.

Therefore $x \in \{x\} \subset A$, $A \in \alpha cO(X)$. Hence $\alpha O(X) \subset \alpha cO(X)$.

By definition of αc -open sets, $\alpha cO(X) \subset \alpha O(X)$. Hence $\alpha O(X) = \alpha cO(X)$.

Theorem 3.1.7: [18] If X is S^{**} -normal, then $S\theta O(X) = \theta O(X) = \theta SO(X)$.

Theorem 3.1.8: If (X,τ) is an S**-normal space and if $A \in S\theta O(X)$, then $A \in \alpha cO(X)$.

Proof: Let *A* be an semi- θ -open set of *X*. If $A = \emptyset$, then $A \in \alpha cO(X)$.

Suppose $A \neq \emptyset$. Since the space A is S^{**}-normal, by Theorem (3.1.7) $S\theta O(X) = \theta O(X)$.

Then *A* is θ -open of *X*. By Corollary (3.1.1), $A \in \alpha cO(X)$.

Remark 3.1.9: Every open set need not be αc -open. It is evident from the following example.

For example, let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}, \tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$ and

The closed sets are {Ø, X, {a}, {d}, {a, d}, {c, d}, {a, b, d}, {a, c, d}, {b, c, d}, {b, d}}.

Then $\alpha cO(X) = \{\{a\}, \{a, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, \emptyset, X\}$. Here $\{b\}$ is open set but not αc -open.

The following Theorem gives conditions under which an open set is also αc -open.

Theorem 3.1.9: Every open set is αc -open set in *X*, if one of the following holds.

(*i*) (X,τ) is Locally indiscrete.

(*ii*) X is Regular.

Proof:

(*i*) Let *A* be an open set of *X*. If $A = \emptyset$, then $A \in \alpha cO(X)$.

Suppose $A \neq \emptyset$, we know that $\tau \subset \alpha O(X)$. Therefore $A \in \alpha O(X)$.

If *X* is Locally indiscerte, then every open subset is closed.

Since A is open, we have A is closed. Therefore, $x \in A \subset A$ implies $A \in \alpha cO(X)$.

Hence every open is αc -open of X.

(*ii*) Let *A* be an open set of *X*. If $A=\emptyset$, then $A \in \alpha cO(X)$. Suppose $A \neq \emptyset$, we know that $\tau \subset \alpha O(X)$. Therefore $A \in \alpha O(X)$. If *X* is Regular and since $A \in \tau$, we have for each $x \in A$, there exists an open set *G* containing *x* such that $x \in G \subset Cl(G) \subset A$ implies $x \in Cl(G) \subset A$. Thus $A \in \alpha cO(X)$.

Theorem 3.1.10: [18] A space X is called Extremally disconnected if and only if $\delta O(X) = \theta SO(X)$.

Theorem 3.1.11: Let (X,τ) be an Extremally disconnected and S^{**} -normal space. Then (*i*) $\delta O(X) \subset \alpha cO(X)$. (*ii*) $RO(X) \subset \alpha cO(X)$.

Proof:

(i) Let A be an δ -open set of X. If $A = \emptyset$, then $\in \alpha cO(X)$. Suppose $A \neq \emptyset$, since X is Extremally disconnected, by

Theorem (3.1.10), we have $\delta O(X) = \theta SO(X)$. Then $A \in \theta SO(X)$.

If X is S^{**}-normal space, then by Theorem(3.1.7), $\theta SO(X) = \theta O(X)$. Hence $A \in \theta O(X)$.

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By Corollary (3.1.1), *A* is αc -open of *X*. Hence $\delta O(X) \subset \alpha c O(X)$.

(*ii*) Let A be an Regular open set of X. If $A=\emptyset$, then $\in \alpha cO(X)$. Suppose $A \neq \emptyset$, Since A be Regular open implies A = Int(Cl(A)), then for each $x \in A$, there exist a open set A such that $x \in A \subset Int(Cl(A)) \subset A$. Then $A \in \delta O(X)$. By(i), A be an $\alpha cO(X)$.

Remark 3.1.11:

1) Every δ -open set need not be αc -open. It is evident from the following example.

Let $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$, the closed set are $\{X, \emptyset, \{b, c\}, \{a\}\}$.

Then $\delta O(X) = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{c, a\}\}$ and $\alpha c O(X) = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}.$

Here $\{b\}$ is $\delta O(X)$ but not $\alpha c O(X)$.

2) Every Regular-open set need not be αc -open. It is evident from the following example. In Remark (3.1.9), we have Regular-open sets = {{a}, {d}, {a, d}, {b, d}, {c, d}, {a, b, d}, {a, c, d}, {b, c, d}, {\phi, X} and $\alpha cO(X) = \{\{a\}, \{a, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, {\phi, X}\}$. Here {d} is RO(X) but not $\alpha cO(X)$.

3.2 *αc*-Closed set:

Definition 3.2: A subset *B* of a space *X* is called αc -closed set if *X**B* is αc -open set. The family of all αc -closed subsets of a topological space (X,τ) is denoted by $\alpha cC(X)$.

The following Theorem gives a characterization of ac-closed sets.

Theorem 3.2.1: A subset *B* of a space *X* is αc -closed if and only if *B* is α -closed set and it is an intersection of open sets.

Proof: Let *B* be an αc -closed set in *X*.

Then $X \setminus B$ is αc -open set. Thus, $X \setminus B$ is α -open set and for all $y \in X \setminus B$, there exists a closed set F_y such that $y \in F_y \subset X \setminus B$. Then B is α -closed and $\cup \{y\} \subset \cup F_y \subset X \setminus B$, $X \setminus B \subset \cup F_y \subset X \setminus B$, $X \setminus B = \cup F_y$.

Then $B = X \setminus (\bigcup F_y)$ implies $B = \cap (X \setminus F_y)$, $X \setminus F_y$ -is open set. *B* is an intersection of open sets. Hence *B* is α -closed and it is an intersection of open sets.

Conversely, Let *B* be α -closed set and intersection of open sets. *B* is α -closed implies $X \setminus B$ is α -open and $B = \bigcap F_i$ where F_i 's are open set. $X \setminus B = X \setminus (\bigcap F_i) = \bigcup (X \setminus F_i)$, where $X \setminus F_i$ -is closed set.

Thus for all $y \in X \setminus B$, there exists some *i* such that $y \in X \setminus F_i$, where $X \setminus F_i$ - is closed set.

i.e., $y \in X \setminus F_i \subset X \setminus B$ implies $X \setminus B$ is αc -open. Hence B is αc -closed.

Corollary 3.2.1: For any subset *B* of a space, if $B \in \theta C(X)$, then $B \in \alpha cC(X)$.

Proof: Let *B* be an θ -closed set of *X*. Then *X**B*-is an θ -open set.

By Corollary (3.1.1), we have $X \setminus B$ is an αc -open set. Thus B is αc -closed set. Hence $\theta C(X) \subset \alpha c C(X)$.

Theorem 3.2.2: Let $\{B_j : j \in \Delta\}$ be a collection of αc -closed sets in a topological space *X*. Then $\cap \{B_j : j \in \Delta\}$ is αc -closed set.

Proof: Let B_j 's be α c-closed set. Then $X \setminus B_j$ is α c-open set. By Theorem (3.1.2), $\bigcup \{X \setminus B_j : j \in \Delta\}$ is an α c-open set. Then $\{X \setminus (\cap B_j) : j \in \Delta\}$ is an α c-open set. Hence $\{\cap B_j : j \in \Delta\}$ is α c-closed set.

Theorem 3.2.3: If the space X is a T_1 -space (or) T_2 -space, then the family $\alpha cC(X) = \alpha C(X)$.

Proof: Let *B* be an αc -closed subset of *X*.

Then $X \setminus B$ is αc open. Since $\alpha c O(X) = \alpha O(X)$, we have $X \setminus B$ is α open. Hence B is α closed.

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Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}, \tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{b, c, d\}\}.$

The closed sets are $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{d\}, \{a, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, \{b, d\}\}$.

Then $\alpha c C(X) = \{\{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, c, d\}, \emptyset, X\}$. Here $\{d\}$ is closed set but not αc -closed.

The following Theorem gives conditions under which an closed set is also αc -open.

Theorem 3.2.4: Every closed set is αc -closed in X, if one of the following condition holds:

(*i*) *X* is Locally indiscrete.

(ii) X is Regular.

Proof:

(*i*) Let *B* be a closed subset of *X*. If $A = \emptyset$, then $A \in \alpha cC(X)$.

Suppose $A \neq \emptyset$, then X\B is open set. Since every open set is α -open, X\B is α -open of X.

Since *X* is Locally indiscrete, *X**B* is closed. Then for each $x \in X \setminus B \subset X \setminus B$, $X \setminus B \in \alpha cO(X)$. Hence $B \in \alpha cC(X)$.

(*ii*) Let *B* be closed subset of *X*. Then $X \setminus B$ - is open.

If $B = \emptyset$, then $B \in \alpha cC(X)$. Suppose $B \neq \emptyset$, then $X \setminus B \in \alpha O(X)$.

If X is Regular, then for each open set $X \setminus B$ containing x, there exists an open set G such that, $x \in G \subset Cl(G) \subset X \setminus B$, $x \in Cl(G) \subset X \setminus B$.

Therefore $X \setminus B \in \alpha cO(X)$ implies $B \in \alpha cC(X)$. Hence $C(X) \subset \alpha cC(X)$.

Remark 3.2.5: Every δ -closed set need not be αc -closed. It is evident from the following example.

Let $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$, the closed sets are $\{X, \emptyset, \{b, c\}, \{a\}\}$. Then δ -closed sets = $\{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{c, a\}\}, \{b, c\}, \{c, a\}\}$ and $\alpha c C(X) = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$. Here $\{b\}$ is $\delta C(X)$ but not $\alpha c C(X)$.

The following Theorem gives conditions under which an δ -closed set is also αc -closed.

Theorem 3.2.5: Let (X, τ) be an Extremally disconnected and S^{**} -normal space. If $B \in \delta C(X)$, then $B \in \alpha c C(X)$.

Proof: Let *B* be an δ -closed subset of *X*. Then $X \setminus B$ is δ -open set. If $B = \emptyset$, then $A \in \alpha cC(X)$. Suppose $A \neq \emptyset$, let $X \setminus B \in \delta O(X)$. we have by $3.1.11(i) X \setminus B \in \alpha cO(X)$. Hence $B \in \alpha cC(X)$.

Remark 3.2.6: Every $S\theta C(X)$ need not be an $\alpha c C(X)$.

Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{a\}, \{b\}\}$, the Closed sets are $\{X, \emptyset, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}\}$ Semi- θ -closed= $\{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}\}$, and $\alpha c C(X) = \{X, \emptyset\}$. Here $\{a\}$ is $S \theta C(X)$ but not $\alpha c C(X)$.

Theorem 3.2.6: Let (X,τ) be an S^{**-} normal space. If $B \in S\theta C(X)$ then $B \in \alpha c C(X)$.

Proof: Let *B* be an semi- θ -closed subset of *X*, then *X**B*-is semi- θ -open of *X*.

If $B = \emptyset$, then $B \in \alpha cC(X)$. Suppose $B \neq \emptyset$, as the space X is S^{**} - normal, By (3.1.7) $S\theta O(X) = \theta O(X)$, $X \setminus B \in \theta O(X)$. By Corollary(3.1.1), $X \setminus B$ -is αc -open set. Hence B is αc -closed set of X.

The following diagram shows that the relations among $\alpha cO(X)$, $\alpha O(X)$, RO(X), $\delta O(X)$, τ , and $\theta O(X)$.



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