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Abstract: The notion of \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed sets is introduced in ideal topological spaces. Characterizations and properties of \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed sets and \mathcal{I}_g - \star -open sets are given. A characterization of normal spaces is given in terms of \mathcal{I}_g - \star -open sets. Also, it is established that an \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed subset of an \mathcal{I} -compact space is \mathcal{I} -compact.

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1. Introduction and Preliminaries

By a space, we always mean a topological space (X, τ) with no separation properties assumed. If $H \subseteq X$, $\text{cl}(H)$ and $\text{int}(H)$ will, respectively, denote the closure and interior of H in (X, τ) . A subset H of a space (X, τ) is called an α -open [15] (resp. semi-open [9], preopen [12]) set if $H \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(H)))$ (resp. $H \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(H))$, $H \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(H))$). The family of all α -open sets in (X, τ) , denoted by τ^α , is a topology on X finer than τ . The closure of H in (X, τ^α) is denoted by $\alpha\text{-cl}(H)$.

Definition 1.1 ([10]). A subset H of a space (X, τ) is said to be

(1). g -closed if $\text{cl}(H) \subseteq U$ whenever $H \subseteq U$ and U is open in X .

(2). g -open if its complement is g -closed.

An ideal \mathcal{I} on a space (X, τ) is a nonempty collection of subsets of X which satisfies (i) $A \in \mathcal{I}$ and $B \subseteq A \Rightarrow B \in \mathcal{I}$ and (ii) $A \in \mathcal{I}$ and $B \in \mathcal{I} \Rightarrow A \cup B \in \mathcal{I}$. Given a space (X, τ) with an ideal \mathcal{I} on X and if $\wp(X)$ is the set of all subsets of X , a set operator $(.)^* : \wp(X) \rightarrow \wp(X)$, called a local function [8] of A with respect to τ and \mathcal{I} , is defined as follows: for $A \subseteq X$, $A^*(\mathcal{I}, \tau) = \{x \in X \mid U \cap A \notin \mathcal{I} \text{ for every } U \in \tau(x)\}$ where $\tau(x) = \{U \in \tau \mid x \in U\}$. We will make use of the basic facts about the local functions [[6], Theorem 2.3] without mentioning it explicitly. A Kuratowski closure operator $\text{cl}^*(.)$ for a topology $\tau^*(\mathcal{I}, \tau)$, called the \star -topology, finer than τ is defined by $\text{cl}^*(A) = A \cup A^*(\mathcal{I}, \tau)$ [17]. When there is no chance for confusion, we will simply write A^* for $A^*(\mathcal{I}, \tau)$ and τ^* for $\tau^*(\mathcal{I}, \tau)$. $\text{int}^*(A)$ will denote the interior of A in (X, τ^*) .

If \mathcal{I} is an ideal on X , then (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) is called an ideal topological space or an ideal space. \mathcal{N} is the ideal of all nowhere dense subsets in (X, τ) .

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Definition 1.2. A subset H of an ideal space (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) is called \star -closed [6] (resp. \star -dense in itself [4]) if $H^* \subseteq H$ or $H = cl^*(H)$ (resp. $H \subseteq H^*$). The complement of a \star -closed set is called \star -open.

Definition 1.3. A subset H of an ideal topological space (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) is called

- (1). \mathcal{I}_g -closed [1] if $H^* \subseteq U$ whenever $H \subseteq U$ and U is open in X .
- (2). \star - g -closed [11] if $cl(H) \subseteq U$ whenever $H \subseteq U$ and U is \star -open in X .

Remark 1.4. [11] For a subset of an ideal space (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) , we have the following implications:

$$\text{closed} \longrightarrow \star\text{-}g\text{-closed} \longrightarrow g\text{-closed}$$

None of the above implications is reversible.

Lemma 1.5 ([6]). Let (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) be an ideal space and A, B subsets of X . Then the following properties hold:

- (1). $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow A^* \subseteq B^*$,
- (2). $A^* = cl(A^*) \subseteq cl(A)$,
- (3). $(A^*)^* \subseteq A^*$,
- (4). $(A \cup B)^* = A^* \cup B^*$,
- (5). $(A \cap B)^* \subseteq A^* \cap B^*$.

Definition 1.6. An ideal \mathcal{I} is said to be

- (1). codense [2] or τ -boundary [14] if $\tau \cap \mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset\}$,
- (2). completely codense [2] if $PO(X) \cap \mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset\}$, where $PO(X)$ is the family of all preopen sets in (X, τ) .

Lemma 1.7. Every completely codense ideal is codense but not conversely [2].

Lemma 1.8. Let (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) be an ideal space and $H \subseteq X$. If $H \subseteq H^*$, then $H^* = cl(H^*) = cl(H) = cl^*(H)$ [[16], Theorem 5].

Lemma 1.9. Let (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) be an ideal space. Then \mathcal{I} is codense if and only if $G \subseteq G^*$ for every semi-open set G in X [[16], Theorem 3].

Lemma 1.10. Let (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) be an ideal space. If \mathcal{I} is completely codense, then $\tau^* \subseteq \tau^\alpha$ [[16], Theorem 6].

Definition 1.11. [1] An ideal space (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) is called $T_{\mathcal{I}}$ if every \mathcal{I}_g -closed subset of X is \star -closed in X .

Lemma 1.12. If (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) is a $T_{\mathcal{I}}$ ideal space and H is an \mathcal{I}_g -closed set, then H is a \star -closed set [[13], Corollary 2.2].

Lemma 1.13. Every g -closed set is \mathcal{I}_g -closed but not conversely [[1], Theorem 2.1].

2. Properties of \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed Sets

Definition 2.1. A subset A of an ideal space (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) is said to be

- (1). \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed if $A^* \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is \star -open,
- (2). \mathcal{I}_g - \star -open if its complement is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed.

Theorem 2.2. *If (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) is any ideal space, then every \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed set is \mathcal{I}_g -closed.*

Proof. It follows from the fact that every open set is \star -open. □

The converse of Theorem 2.2 is not true in general as shown in the following Example.

Example 2.3. *Let $X=\{a, b, c\}$, $\tau=\{\emptyset, X, \{c\}\}$ and $\mathcal{I}=\{\emptyset, \{a\}\}$. Then $\{b\}$ is \mathcal{I}_g -closed but not \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed. \star -closed sets are $\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}$; \star - g -closed sets = \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed sets are $\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}$ and g -closed sets = \mathcal{I}_g -closed sets are $\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}$.*

Proposition 2.4. *If A is a \star -closed set of (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) and B is closed in (X, τ) , then $A \cap B$ is \star -closed in (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) .*

Proof. $cl^*(A \cap B) \subseteq cl^*(A) \cap cl^*(B) \subseteq cl^*(A) \cap cl(B) = A \cap B$. Hence $A \cap B = cl^*(A \cap B)$ and $A \cap B$ is \star -closed. □

The following Theorem gives characterizations of \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed sets.

Theorem 2.5. *If (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) is any ideal space and $A \subseteq X$, then the following are equivalent.*

- (1). A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed,
- (2). $cl^*(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is \star -open in X ,
- (3). $cl^*(A) - A$ contains no nonempty \star -closed set,
- (4). $A^* - A$ contains no nonempty \star -closed set.

Proof.

(1) \Rightarrow (2) Let $A \subseteq U$ where U is \star -open in X . Since A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed, $A^* \subseteq U$ and so $cl^*(A) = A \cup A^* \subseteq U$.

(2) \Rightarrow (3) Let F be a \star -closed subset such that $F \subseteq cl^*(A) - A$. Then $F \subseteq cl^*(A)$. Also $F \subseteq cl^*(A) - A \subseteq X - A$ and hence $A \subseteq X - F$ where $X - F$ is \star -open. By (2) $cl^*(A) \subseteq X - F$ and so $F \subseteq X - cl^*(A)$. Thus $F \subseteq cl^*(A) \cap X - cl^*(A) = \emptyset$.

(3) \Rightarrow (4) $A^* - A = A \cup A^* - A = cl^*(A) - A$ which has no nonempty \star -closed subset by (3).

(4) \Rightarrow (1) Let $A \subseteq U$ where U is \star -open. Then $X - U \subseteq X - A$ and so $A^* \cap (X - U) \subseteq A^* \cap (X - A) = A^* - A$. Since A^* is always a closed subset and $X - U$ is \star -closed, $A^* \cap (X - U)$ is a \star -closed set contained in $A^* - A$ and hence $A^* \cap (X - U) = \emptyset$ by (4). Thus $A^* \subseteq U$ and A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed. □

Theorem 2.6. *Every \star -closed set is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed.*

Proof. Let A be a \star -closed set. To prove A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed, let U be any \star -open set such that $A \subseteq U$. Since A is \star -closed, $A^* \subseteq A \subseteq U$. Thus A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed. □

The converse of Theorem 2.6 is not true in general as shown in the following Example.

Example 2.7. *In Example 2.3, $\{a, c\}$ is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed but not \star -closed.*

Theorem 2.8. *Let (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) be an ideal space. For every $A \in \mathcal{I}$, A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed.*

Proof. Let $A \in \mathcal{I}$ and let $A \subseteq U$ where U is \star -open. Since $A \in \mathcal{I}$, $A^* = \emptyset \subseteq U$. Thus A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed. □

Theorem 2.9. *If (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) is an ideal space, then A^* is always \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed for every subset A of X .*

Proof. Let $A^* \subseteq U$ where U is \star -open. Since $(A^*)^* \subseteq A^*$ [6], we have $(A^*)^* \subseteq U$. Hence A^* is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed. □

Theorem 2.10. *Let (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) be an ideal space. Then every \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed, \star -open set is \star -closed.*

Proof. Let A be \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed and \star -open. We have $A \subseteq A^*$ where A^* is \star -open. Since A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed, $A^* \subseteq A$. Thus A is \star -closed. \square

Corollary 2.11. *If (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) is a $T_{\mathcal{I}}$ ideal space and A is an \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed set, then A is a \star -closed set.*

Proof. By assumption A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed in (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) and so by Theorem 2.2, A is \mathcal{I}_g -closed. Since (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) is a $T_{\mathcal{I}}$ -space, by Definition 1.11, A is \star -closed. \square

Corollary 2.12. *Let (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) be an ideal space and A be an \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed set. Then the following are equivalent.*

- (1). A is a \star -closed set,
- (2). $cl^*(A) - A$ is a \star -closed set,
- (3). $A^* - A$ is a \star -closed set.

Proof.

(1) \Rightarrow (2) By (1) A is \star -closed. Hence $A^* \subseteq A$ and $cl^*(A) - A = (A \cup A^*) - A = \emptyset$ which is a \star -closed set.

(2) \Rightarrow (3) $A^* - A = A \cup A^* - A = cl^*(A) - A$ which is a \star -closed set by (2).

(3) \Rightarrow (1) Since A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed, by Theorem 2.5 $A^* - A$ contains no non-empty \star -closed set. By assumption (3) $A^* - A$ is \star -closed and hence $A^* - A = \emptyset$. Thus $A^* \subseteq A$ and A is \star -closed. \square

Theorem 2.13. *Let (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) be an ideal space. Then every \star - g -closed set is an \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed set.*

Proof. Let A be a \star - g -closed set. Let U be any \star -open set such that $A \subseteq U$. Since A is \star - g -closed, $cl(A) \subseteq U$. So, $A^* \subseteq cl(A) \subseteq U$ and thus A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed. \square

The converse of Theorem 2.13 is not true in general as shown in the following Example.

Example 2.14. *Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{d\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$ and $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{d\}, \{a, d\}\}$. Then $\{a\}$ is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed but not \star - g -closed. g -closed sets are $\emptyset, X, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{b, c, d\}$; \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed sets are $\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{d\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}$ and \star - g -closed sets are $\emptyset, X, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}$.*

Theorem 2.15. *If (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) is an ideal space and A is a \star -dense in itself, \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed subset of X , then A is \star - g -closed.*

Proof. Let $A \subseteq U$ where U is \star -open. Since A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed, $A^* \subseteq U$. As A is \star -dense in itself, by Lemma 1.8, $cl(A) = A^*$. Thus $cl(A) \subseteq U$ and hence A is \star - g -closed. \square

Corollary 2.16. *If (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) is any ideal space where $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset\}$, then A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed if and only if A is \star - g -closed.*

Proof. In (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) , if $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset\}$ then $A^* = cl(A)$ for the subset A . A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed $\Leftrightarrow A^* \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is \star -open $\Leftrightarrow cl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is \star -open $\Leftrightarrow A$ is \star - g -closed. \square

Corollary 2.17. *In an ideal space (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) where \mathcal{I} is codense, if A is a semi-open and \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed subset of X , then A is \star - g -closed.*

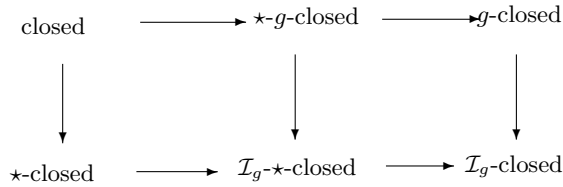
Proof. By Lemma 1.9, A is \star -dense in itself. By Theorem 2.15, A is \star - g -closed. \square

Example 2.18. *In Example 2.3, $\{b\}$ is g -closed but not \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed.*

Example 2.19. *In Example 2.14, $\{a\}$ is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed but not g -closed.*

Remark 2.20. We see that from Examples 2.18 and 2.19, g -closed sets and \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed sets are independent.

Remark 2.21. We have the following implications for the subsets stated above.



Theorem 2.22. Let (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) be an ideal space and $A \subseteq X$. Then A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed if and only if $A = F - N$ where F is \star -closed and N contains no nonempty \star -closed set.

Proof. If A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed, then by Theorem 2.5(4), $N = A^* - A$ contains no nonempty \star -closed set. If $F = \text{cl}^*(A)$, then F is \star -closed such that $F - N = (A \cup A^*) - (A^* - A) = (A \cup A^*) \cap (A^* \cap A^c)^c = (A \cup A^*) \cap ((A^*)^c \cup A) = (A \cup A^*) \cap (A \cup (A^*)^c) = A \cup (A^* \cap (A^*)^c) = A$.

Conversely, suppose $A = F - N$ where F is \star -closed and N contains no nonempty \star -closed set. Let U be an \star -open set such that $A \subseteq U$. Then $F - N \subseteq U$ which implies that $F \cap (X - U) \subseteq N$. Now $A \subseteq F$ and $F^* \subseteq F$ then $A^* \subseteq F^*$ and so $A^* \cap (X - U) \subseteq F^* \cap (X - U) \subseteq F \cap (X - U) \subseteq N$. Since $A^* \cap (X - U)$ is \star -closed, by hypothesis $A^* \cap (X - U) = \emptyset$ and so $A^* \subseteq U$. Hence A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed. \square

Theorem 2.23. Let (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) be an ideal space. If A and B are subsets of X such that $A \subseteq B \subseteq \text{cl}^*(A)$ and A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed, then B is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed.

Proof. Since A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed, then by Theorem 2.5(3), $\text{cl}^*(A) - A$ contains no nonempty \star -closed set. But $\text{cl}^*(B) - B \subseteq \text{cl}^*(A) - A$ and so $\text{cl}^*(B) - B$ contains no nonempty \star -closed set. Hence B is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed. \square

Corollary 2.24. Let (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) be an ideal space. If A and B are subsets of X such that $A \subseteq B \subseteq A^*$ and A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed, then A and B are \star - g -closed sets.

Proof. Let A and B be subsets of X such that $A \subseteq B \subseteq A^*$. Then $A \subseteq B \subseteq A^* \subseteq \text{cl}^*(A)$. Since A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed, by Theorem 2.23, B is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed. Since $A \subseteq B \subseteq A^*$, we have $A^* = B^*$. Hence $A \subseteq A^*$ and $B \subseteq B^*$. Thus A is \star -dense in itself and B is \star -dense in itself and by Theorem 2.15, A and B are \star - g -closed. \square

The following Theorem gives a characterization of \mathcal{I}_g - \star -open sets.

Theorem 2.25. Let (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) be an ideal space and $A \subseteq X$. Then A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -open if and only if $F \subseteq \text{int}^*(A)$ whenever F is \star -closed and $F \subseteq A$.

Proof. Suppose A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -open. If F is \star -closed and $F \subseteq A$, then $X - A \subseteq X - F$ and so $\text{cl}^*(X - A) \subseteq X - F$ by Theorem 2.5(2). Therefore $F \subseteq X - \text{cl}^*(X - A) = \text{int}^*(A)$. Hence $F \subseteq \text{int}^*(A)$.

Conversely, suppose the condition holds. Let U be an \star -open set such that $X - A \subseteq U$. Then $X - U \subseteq A$ and so $X - U \subseteq \text{int}^*(A)$. Therefore $\text{cl}^*(X - A) \subseteq U$. By Theorem 2.5(2), $X - A$ is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed. Hence A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -open. \square

Corollary 2.26. Let (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) be an ideal space and $A \subseteq X$. If A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -open, then $F \subseteq \text{int}^*(A)$ whenever F is closed and $F \subseteq A$.

The following Theorem gives a property of \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed.

Theorem 2.27. *Let (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) be an ideal space and $A, B \subseteq X$. If A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -open and $\text{int}^*(A) \subseteq B \subseteq A$, then B is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -open.*

Proof. Since $\text{int}^*(A) \subseteq B \subseteq A$, we have $X - A \subseteq X - B \subseteq X - \text{int}^*(A) = \text{cl}^*(X - A)$. By assumption A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -open and so $X - A$ is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed. Hence by Theorem 2.23, $X - B$ is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed and B is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -open. \square

The following Theorem gives a characterization of \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed sets in terms of \mathcal{I}_g - \star -open sets.

Theorem 2.28. *Let (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) be an ideal space and $A \subseteq X$. Then the following are equivalent.*

- (1). A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed,
- (2). $A \cup (X - A^*)$ is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed,
- (3). $A^* - A$ is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -open.

Proof.

(1) \Rightarrow (2). Suppose A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed. If U is any \star -open set such that $(A \cup (X - A^*)) \subseteq U$, then $X - U \subseteq X - (A \cup (X - A^*)) = [A \cup (A^*)]^c = A^* \cap A^c = A^* - A$. Since A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed, by Theorem 2.5(4), it follows that $X - U = \emptyset$ and so $X = U$. Since X is the only \star -open set containing $A \cup (X - A^*)$, clearly, $A \cup (X - A^*)$ is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed.

(2) \Rightarrow (1). Suppose $A \cup (X - A^*)$ is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed. If F is any \star -closed set such that $F \subseteq A^* - A = X - (A \cup (X - A^*))$, then $A \cup (X - A^*) \subseteq X - F$ and $X - F$ is \star -open. Therefore, $(A \cup (X - A^*))^* \subseteq X - F$ which implies that $A^* \cup (X - A^*)^* \subseteq X - F$ and so $F \subseteq X - A^*$. Since $F \subseteq A^*$, it follows that $F = \emptyset$. Hence A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed.

The equivalence of (2) and (3) follows from the fact that $X - (A^* - A) = A \cup (X - A^*)$. \square

Theorem 2.29. *Let (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) be an ideal space. Then every subset of X is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed if and only if every \star -open set is \star -closed.*

Proof. Suppose every subset of X is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed. Let U be any \star -open in X . Then $U \subseteq U$ and U is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed by assumption implies $U^* \subseteq U$. Hence U is \star -closed.

Conversely, let $A \subseteq X$ and U be any \star -open such that $A \subseteq U$. Since U is \star -closed by assumption, we have $A^* \subseteq U^* \subseteq U$. Thus A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed. \square

The following Theorem gives a characterization of normal spaces in terms of \mathcal{I}_g - \star -open sets.

Theorem 2.30. *Let (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) be an ideal space where \mathcal{I} is completely codense. Then the following are equivalent.*

- (1). X is normal,
- (2). For any disjoint closed sets A and B , there exist disjoint \mathcal{I}_g - \star -open sets U and V such that $A \subseteq U$ and $B \subseteq V$,
- (3). For any closed set A and open set V containing A , there exists an \mathcal{I}_g - \star -open set U such that $A \subseteq U \subseteq \text{cl}^*(U) \subseteq V$.

Proof.

(1) \Rightarrow (2) The proof follows from the fact that every open set is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -open.

(2) \Rightarrow (3) Suppose A is closed and V is an open set containing A . Since A and $X - V$ are disjoint closed sets, there exist disjoint \mathcal{I}_g - \star -open sets U and W such that $A \subseteq U$ and $X - V \subseteq W$. Since $X - V$ is \star -closed and W is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -open, $X - V \subseteq \text{int}^*(W)$. Then $X - \text{int}^*(W) \subseteq V$. Again $U \cap W = \emptyset$ which implies that $U \cap \text{int}^*(W) = \emptyset$ and so $U \subseteq X - \text{int}^*(W)$. Then $\text{cl}^*(U) \subseteq X - \text{int}^*(W) \subseteq V$ and thus U is the required \mathcal{I}_g - \star -open set with $A \subseteq U \subseteq \text{cl}^*(U) \subseteq V$.

(3) \Rightarrow (1) Let A and B be two disjoint closed subsets of X . Then A is a closed set and $X - B$ an open set containing A . By hypothesis, there exists an \mathcal{I}_g - \star -open set U such that $A \subseteq U \subseteq \text{cl}^*(U) \subseteq X - B$. Since U is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -open and A is \star -closed we have

$A \subseteq \text{int}^*(U)$. Since \mathcal{I} is completely codense, by Lemma 1.10, $\tau^* \subseteq \tau^\alpha$ and so $\text{int}^*(U)$ and $X - \text{cl}^*(U) \in \tau^\alpha$. Hence $A \subseteq \text{int}^*(U) \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{int}^*(U)))) = G$ and $B \subseteq X - \text{cl}^*(U) \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(X - \text{cl}^*(U)))) = H$. G and H are the required disjoint open sets containing A and B respectively, which proves (1). \square

Definition 2.31. A subset H of an ideal space (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) is said to be an $g\alpha$ - \star -closed if $\alpha\text{-cl}(H) \subseteq U$ whenever $H \subseteq U$ and U is \star -open. The complement of an $g\alpha$ - \star -closed set is called $g\alpha$ - \star -open.

If $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{N}$, it is not difficult to see that \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed sets coincide with $g\alpha$ - \star -closed sets and so we have the following Corollary.

Corollary 2.32. Let (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) be an ideal space where $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{N}$. Then the following are equivalent.

- (1). X is normal,
- (2). For any disjoint closed sets A and B , there exist disjoint $g\alpha$ - \star -open sets U and V such that $A \subseteq U$ and $B \subseteq V$,
- (3). For any closed set A and open set V containing A , there exists an $g\alpha$ - \star -open set U such that $A \subseteq U \subseteq \alpha\text{-cl}(U) \subseteq V$.

Definition 2.33. A subset H of an ideal space is said to be \mathcal{I} -compact [3] or compact modulo \mathcal{I} [14] if for every open cover $\{U_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Delta\}$ of H , there exists a finite subset Δ_0 of Δ such that $H - \cup\{U_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Delta_0\} \in \mathcal{I}$. The space (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) is \mathcal{I} -compact if X is \mathcal{I} -compact as a subset.

Theorem 2.34. Let (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) be an ideal space. If A is an \mathcal{I}_g -closed subset of X , then A is \mathcal{I} -compact [[13], Theorem 2.17].

Corollary 2.35. Let (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) be an ideal space. If A is an \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed subset of X , then A is \mathcal{I} -compact.

Proof. The proof follows from the fact that every \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed set is \mathcal{I}_g -closed. \square

3. \star - \mathcal{I} -locally Closed Sets

Definition 3.1. A subset H of an ideal space (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) is called a \star - \mathcal{I} -locally closed set (briefly, \star - \mathcal{I} -LC) if $H = U \cap V$ where U is \star -open and V is \star -closed.

Definition 3.2 ([7]). A subset H of an ideal space (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) is called a weakly \mathcal{I} -locally closed set (briefly, weakly \mathcal{I} -LC) if $H = U \cap V$ where U is open and V is \star -closed.

Proposition 3.3. Let (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) be an ideal space and H a subset of X . Then the following hold.

- (1). If H is \star -open, then H is \star - \mathcal{I} -LC-set.
- (2). If H is \star -closed, then H is \star - \mathcal{I} -LC-set.
- (3). If H is a weakly \mathcal{I} -LC-set, then H is a \star - \mathcal{I} -LC-set.

The converses of Proposition 3.3 are not true in general as shown in the following Examples.

Example 3.4.

- (1). In Example 2.3, $\{b\}$ is a \star - \mathcal{I} -LC-set but it is not a \star -closed set.
- (2). In Example 2.3, $\{a, b\}$ is a \star - \mathcal{I} -LC-set but it is not an \star -open set.

Example 3.5. In Example 2.3, $\{b\}$ is a \star - \mathcal{I} -LC-set but it is not a weakly \mathcal{I} -LC-set.

Theorem 3.6. Let (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) be an ideal space. If A is a \star - \mathcal{I} -LC-set and B is a \star -closed set, then $A \cap B$ is a \star - \mathcal{I} -LC-set.

Proof. Let B be \star -closed, then $A \cap B = (U \cap V) \cap B = U \cap (V \cap B)$, where $V \cap B$ is \star -closed. Hence $A \cap B$ is a \star - \mathcal{I} -LC-set. \square

Theorem 3.7. A subset of an ideal space (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) is \star -closed if and only if it is (i) weakly \mathcal{I} -LC and \mathcal{I}_g -closed [5] (ii) \star - \mathcal{I} -LC and \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed.

Proof. (ii) Necessity is trivial. We prove only sufficiency. Let A be \star - \mathcal{I} -LC-set and \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed. Since A is \star - \mathcal{I} -LC, $A = U \cap V$, where U is \star -open and V is \star -closed. So, we have $A = U \cap V \subseteq U$. Since A is \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed, $A^* \subseteq U$. Also since $A = U \cap V \subseteq V$ and V is \star -closed, we have $A^* \subseteq V$. Consequently, $A^* \subseteq U \cap V = A$ and hence A is \star -closed. \square

Remark 3.8.

(1). The notions of weakly \mathcal{I} -LC-set and \mathcal{I}_g -closed set are independent [5].

(2). The notions of \star - \mathcal{I} -LC-set and \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed set are independent.

Example 3.9. In Example 2.3, $\{b\}$ is a \star - \mathcal{I} -LC-set but it is not an \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed set.

Example 3.10. In Example 2.3, $\{a, c\}$ is an \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed set but it is not a \star - \mathcal{I} -LC-set.

4. Decompositions of \star -continuity

Definition 4.1. A function $f: (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be \star -continuous [5] (resp. \mathcal{I}_g -continuous [5], \star - \mathcal{I} -LC-continuous, \mathcal{I}_g - \star -continuous, weakly \mathcal{I} -LC-continuous [7]) if $f^{-1}(A)$ is \star -closed (resp. \mathcal{I}_g -closed, \star - \mathcal{I} -LC-set, \mathcal{I}_g - \star -closed, weakly \mathcal{I} -LC-set) in (X, τ, \mathcal{I}) for every closed set A of (Y, σ) .

Theorem 4.2. A function $f: (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is \star -continuous if and only if it is (i) weakly \mathcal{I} -LC-continuous and \mathcal{I}_g -continuous [5]. (ii) \star - \mathcal{I} -LC-continuous and \mathcal{I}_g - \star -continuous.

Proof. It is an immediate consequence of Theorem 3.7. \square

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