

Notions via β^* -open sets in topological spaces

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Abstract: In this paper, first we define β^* -open sets and β^* -interior in topological spaces. J. Antony Rex Rodrio [3] has studied the topological properties of $\hat{\eta}^*$ -derived, $\hat{\eta}^*$ -border, $\hat{\eta}^*$ -frontier and $\hat{\eta}^*$ exterior of a set using the concept of $\hat{\eta}^*$ -open following M. Caldas, S. Jafari and T. Noiri [5]. By the same technique the concept of β^* -derived, β^* -border, β^* -frontier and β^* exterior of a set using the concept of β^* -open sets are introduced. Some interesting results that shows the relationships between these concepts are brought about.

Key words: $\hat{\eta}^*$ -border, $\hat{\eta}^*$ -frontier and $\hat{\eta}^*$ exterior, β^* -derived, β^* -border, β^* -frontier and β^* exterior

I. Introduction:

For the first time the concept of generalized closed sets was considered by Levine in 1970 [7]. After the works of Levine on semi-open sets, various mathematicians turned their attention to the generalizations of topology by considering semi open sets instead of open sets. In 2002, M. Sheik John [8] introduced a class of sets namely ω -closed set which is properly placed between the class of semi closed sets and the class of generalized closed sets. The complement of an ω -closed set is called an ω -open set. The concept of semi pre open sets was defined by Andrijevic [2] in 1986 and are also known under the name β sets.

We have already introduced a class of generalized closed sets called β^* -closed sets using semipreopen sets and ω -open sets. The complement of a β^* -closed set is called β^* -open set. In this paper the concept of β^* -kernel, β^* -derived, β^* -border, β^* -frontier and β^* exterior of a set using the concept of β^* -open sets are introduced.

II. Preliminaries:

Throughout the paper (X, τ) , (Y, σ) and (Z, η) or simply X , Y and Z denote topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise mentioned explicitly.

We recall some of the definitions and results which are used in the sequel.

Definition 2.1

A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is called

- (i) A semi-open set [7] if $A \subset \text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$ and a semi-closed set if $\text{int}(\text{cl}(A)) \subset A$,
- (ii) A semipre open set [6] (= β -open set [1]) if $A \subset \text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(A)))$ and a semi-pre closed set (= β closed) if $\text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(A))) \subset A$
- (iii) ω -open [8] if $\text{cl}(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and U is semi open.
- (iv) A β^* -closed set [4] if $\text{spcl}(A) \subset \text{int}(U)$ whenever $A \subset U$ and U is ω -open

Theorem 2.2: [4] Every closed (resp. open) set is β^* -closed (resp. β^* open).

3.1. β^* -Open sets

Definition 3.1.1: A subset A in X is called β^* -open in X if A^c is β^* -closed in X . We denote the family of all β^* -open sets in X by $\beta^*O(\tau)$.

Definition 3.1.2: For every set $E \subset X$, we define the β^* -closure of E to be the intersection of all β^* -closed sets containing E . In symbols, $\beta^*\text{cl}(E) = \bigcap \{A : E \subset A, A \in \beta^*c(\tau)\}$.

Lemma 3.1.3: For any $E \subset X$, $E \subset \beta^*\text{cl}(E) \subset \text{cl}(E)$.

Proof: Follows from Theorem 2.2.

Proposition 3.1.4: Let A be a subset of a topological space X . For any $x \in X$, $x \in \beta^*\text{cl}(A)$ if and only if $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$ for every β^* -open set U containing x .

Proof: Necessity: Suppose that $x \in \beta^*\text{cl}(A)$. Let U be a β^* -open set containing x such that $A \cap U = \emptyset$ and so $A \subset U^c$. But U^c is a β^* closed set and hence $\beta^*\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U^c$. Since $x \notin U^c$ we obtain $x \notin \beta^*\text{cl}(A)$ which is contrary to the hypothesis.

Sufficiency:

Suppose that every β^* -open set of X containing x intersects A . If $x \notin \beta^*\text{cl}(A)$, then there exist a β^* closed set F of X such that $A \subset F$ and $x \notin F$. Therefore $x \in F^c$ and F^c is a β^* -open set containing x . But $F^c \cap A = \emptyset$. This is contrary to the hypothesis.

Definition 3.1.5: For any $A \subset X$, $\beta^*\text{int}(A)$ is defined as the union of all β^* -open set contained in A . That is $\beta^*\text{int}(A) = \cup \{U : U \subset A \text{ and } U \in \beta^*\text{O}(\tau)\}$.

Proposition 3.1.6: For any $A \subset X$, $\text{int}(A) \subset \beta^*\text{int}(A)$.

Proof: Follows from Theorem 2.2.

Proposition 3.1.7: For any two subsets A_1 and A_2 of X .

(i) If $A_1 \subset A_2$, then $\beta^*\text{int}(A_1) \subset \beta^*\text{int}(A_2)$.

(ii) $\beta^*\text{int}(A_1 \cup A_2) \supset \beta^*\text{int}(A_1) \cup \beta^*\text{int}(A_2)$.

Proposition 3.1.8: If A is β^* -open then $A = \beta^*\text{int}(A)$.

Remark 3.1.9: Converse of Proposition 3.1.8 is not true. It can be seen by the following example.

Example 3.1.10: Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$ then for the set $A = \{b, c\}$, $\beta^*\text{int}(A) = A$ but $\{b, c\}$ is not β^* closed.

Proposition 3.1.11: Let A be a subset of a space X . Then the following are true

(i) $(\beta^*\text{int}(A))^c = \beta^*\text{cl}(A^c)$

(ii) $(\beta^*\text{int}(A)) = (\beta^*\text{cl}(A^c))^c$

(iii) $\beta^*\text{cl}(A) = (\beta^*\text{int}(A^c))^c$

Proof:

(i) Let $x \in (\beta^*\text{int}(A))^c$. Then $x \notin \beta^*\text{int}(A)$. That is every β^* open set U containing x is such that $U \not\subset A$. Thus every β^* -open set U containing x is such that $U \cap A^c \neq \emptyset$. By proposition 3.1.4, $x \in \beta^*\text{cl}(A^c)$ and therefore $(\beta^*\text{int}(A))^c \subset \beta^*\text{cl}(A^c)$. Conversely, let $x \in \beta^*\text{cl}(A^c)$. Then by proposition 3.1.4, every β^* open set U containing x is such that $U \cap A^c \neq \emptyset$. By definition 3.1.5, $x \notin \beta^*\text{int}(A)$. Hence $x \in (\beta^*\text{int}(A))^c$ and so $\beta^*\text{cl}(A^c) \subset (\beta^*\text{int}(A))^c$. Hence $(\beta^*\text{int}(A))^c = \beta^*\text{cl}(A^c)$.

(ii) Follows by taking complements in (i).

(iii) Follows by replacing A by A^c in (i).

Proposition 3.1.12: For a subset A of a topological space X , the following conditions are equivalent.

(i) $\beta^*\text{O}(\tau)$ is closed under any union.

(ii) A is β^* closed if and only if $\beta^*\text{cl}(A) = A$.

(iii) A is β^* open if and only if $\beta^*\text{int}(A) = A$.

Proof: (i) \Rightarrow (ii): Let A be a β^* closed set. Then by the definition of β^* -closure we get $\beta^*\text{cl}(A) = A$.

Conversely, assume $\beta^*\text{cl}(A) = A$. For each $x \in A^c$, $x \notin \beta^*\text{cl}(A)$, by proposition 3.1.4, there exists a β^* open set G_x containing x such that $G_x \cap A = \emptyset$ and hence $x \in G_x \subset A^c$. Therefore we obtain $A^c = \cup_{x \in A^c} G_x$. By (i) A^c is β^* -open and hence A is β^* closed.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii): Follows by (ii) and proposition 3.1.11.

(iii) \Rightarrow (i): Let $\{U_\alpha / \alpha \in \Lambda\}$ be a family of β^* -open sets of X . Put $U = \cup_\alpha U_\alpha$. For each $x \in U$, there exists $\alpha(x) \in \Lambda$ such that $x \in U_{\alpha(x)} \subset U$. Since $U_{\alpha(x)}$ is β^* -open, $x \in \beta^*\text{int}(U)$ and so $U = \beta^*\text{int}(U)$. By (iii), U is β^* -open. Thus $\beta^*\text{O}(\tau)$ is closed under any union.

Proposition 3.1.13: In a topological space X , assume that $\beta^*\text{O}(\tau)$ is closed under any union. Then $\beta^*\text{cl}(A)$ is a β^* closed set for every subset A of X .

Proof: Since $\beta^*\text{cl}(A) = \beta^*\text{cl}(\beta^*\text{cl}(A))$ and by proposition 3.1.12, we get $\beta^*\text{cl}(A)$ is a β^* closed set.

3.2. β^* -Kernel

Definition 3.2.1: For any $A \subset X$, $\beta^*\text{ker}(A)$ is defined as the intersection of all β^* -open sets containing A . In notation, $\beta^*\text{ker}(A) = \cap \{U / A \subset U, U \in \beta^*\text{O}(\tau)\}$.

Example 3.2.2: Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$. Here $\beta^*\text{O}(\tau) = P(X) - \{\{b\}, \{b, c\}\}$. Let $A = \{b, c\}$ then $\text{ker}A = X$ and $B = \{a\}$, then $\text{ker}B = \{a\}$.

Definition 3.2.3: A subset A of a topological space X is a U -set if $A = \beta^*\text{ker}(A)$.

Example 3.2.4: Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$. Here $\{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}$ are U -sets. The set $\{b, c\}$ is not a U -set.

Lemma 3.2.5: For subsets A, B and $A_\alpha (\alpha \in \Lambda)$ of a topological space X , the following hold,

(i) $A \subset \beta^*\text{ker}(A)$.

(ii) If $A \subset B$, then $\beta^*\text{ker}(A) \subset \beta^*\text{ker}(B)$.

(iii) $\beta^*\text{ker}(\beta^*\text{ker}(A)) = \beta^*\text{ker}(A)$.

(iv) If A is β^* -open then $A = \beta^*\text{ker}(A)$.

(v) $\beta^*\text{ker}(\cup \{A_\alpha / \alpha \in \Lambda\}) \subset \cup \{\beta^*\text{ker}(A_\alpha) / \alpha \in \Lambda\}$

(vi) $\beta^*\text{ker}(\cap \{A_\alpha / \alpha \in \Lambda\}) \subset \cap \{\beta^*\text{ker}(A_\alpha) / \alpha \in \Lambda\}$.

Proof:

(i) Clearly follows from Definition 3.2.1.

(ii) Suppose $x \notin \beta^*\text{ker}(B)$, then there exists a subset $U \in \beta^*\text{O}(\tau)$ such that $U \supset B$ with $x \notin U$. since $A \subset B$, $x \notin \beta^*\text{ker}(A)$. Thus $\beta^*\text{ker}(A) \subset \beta^*\text{ker}(B)$.

- (iii) Follows from (i) and Definition 3.2.1.
- (iv) By definition 3.2.1 and $A \in \beta^*O(\tau)$, we have $\beta^*\ker(A) \subset A$. By (i) we get $A = \beta^*\ker(A)$.
- (v) For each $\alpha \in \Lambda$, $\beta^*\ker(A_\alpha) \subset \beta^*\ker(\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} A_\alpha)$. Therefore we $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \beta^*\ker(A_\alpha) \subset \beta^*\ker(\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} A_\alpha)$.
- (vi) Suppose that $x \notin \bigcap \{\beta^*\ker(A_\alpha) / \alpha \in \Lambda\}$ then there exists an $\alpha_0 \in \Lambda$, such that $x \notin \beta^*\ker(A_{\alpha_0})$ and there exists a β^* -open set U such that $x \notin U$ and $A_{\alpha_0} \subset U$. We have $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} A_\alpha \subset A_{\alpha_0} \subset U$ and $x \notin U$. Therefore $x \notin \beta^*\ker(\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} A_\alpha)$. Hence $\bigcap \{\beta^*\ker(A_\alpha) / \alpha \in \Lambda\} \supset \beta^*\ker(\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} A_\alpha)$.

Remark 3.2.6: In (v) and (vi) of Lemma 3.2.5, the equality does not necessarily hold as shown by the following example.

Example 3.2.7: Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$. Let $A = \{b\}$ and $B = \{c, d\}$. Here $\beta^*\ker A = \{b\}$ and $\beta^*\ker(B) = \{c, d\}$. $\beta^*\ker(A) \cup \beta^*\ker(B) = \{b\} \cup \{c, d\} = \{b, c, d\}$. $\beta^*\ker(A \cup B) = \beta^*\ker(\{b, c, d\}) = X$.

Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$. Let $P = \{a, b\}$ and $Q = \{b, c\}$. Here $\beta^*\ker(P \cap Q) = \beta^*\ker(\{b\}) = \{b\}$. But $\beta^*\ker(P) \cap \beta^*\ker(Q) = \{a, b\} \cap X = \{a, b\}$.

Remark 3.2.8: From (iii) of Lemma 3.2.5 it is clear that $\beta^*\ker(A)$ is a U-set and every open set is a U-set.

Lemma 3.2.9: Let $A_\alpha (\alpha \in \Lambda)$ be a subset of a topological space X . If A_α is a U-set then $(\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} A_\alpha)$ is a U-set.

Proof: $\beta^*\ker(\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} A_\alpha) \subset \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \beta^*\ker(A_\alpha)$, by lemma 3.2.5. Since A_α is a U-set, we get $\beta^*\ker(\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} A_\alpha) \subset (\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} A_\alpha)$. Again by (i) of lemma 2.4.28, $(\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} A_\alpha) \subset \beta^*\ker(\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} A_\alpha)$. Thus $\beta^*\ker(\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} A_\alpha) = (\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} A_\alpha)$ which implies $(\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} A_\alpha)$ is U-set.

Definition 3.2.10: A subset A of a topological space X is said to be U-closed if $A = L \cap F$ where L is an U-set and F is a closed set of X .

Remark 3.2.11: It is clear that every U-set and closed sets are U-closed.

Theorem 3.2.12: For a subset A of a topological space X , the following conditions are equivalent.

- (i) A is U-closed
- (ii) $A = L \cap \text{cl}(A)$ where L is a U-set.
- (iii) $A = \beta^*\ker(A) \cap \text{cl}(A)$.

Proof:

(i) \Rightarrow (ii): Let $A = L \cap F$ where L is a U-set and F is a closed set. Since $A \subset F$, we have $\text{cl}(A) \subset F$ and $A \subset L \cap \text{cl}(A) \subset L \cap F = A$. Therefore, we obtain $L \cap \text{cl}(A) = A$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii): Let $A = L \cap \text{cl}(A)$ where L is a U-set. Since $A \subset L$, we have $\beta^*\ker(A) \subset \beta^*\ker(L) = L$. Therefore $\beta^*\ker(A) \cap \text{cl}(A) \subset L \cap \text{cl}(A) = A$. Hence $A = \beta^*\ker(A) \cap \text{cl}(A)$.

(iii) \Rightarrow (i): Since $\beta^*\ker(A)$ is a U-set, the proof follows.

3.3. β^* -Derived set

Definition 3.3.1: Let A be a subset of a space X . A point $x \in X$ is said to be a β^* limit point of A , if for each β^* -open set U containing x , $U \cap (A - \{x\}) \neq \emptyset$. The set of all β^* limit point of A is called a β^* -derived set of A and is denoted by $D_{\beta^*}(A)$.

Theorem 3.3.2.: For subsets A, B of a space X , the following statements hold

- (i) $D_{\beta^*}(A) \subset D(A)$ where $D(A)$ is the derived set of A .
- (ii) If $A \subset B$, then $D_{\beta^*}(A) \subset D_{\beta^*}(B)$.
- (iii) $D_{\beta^*}(A) \cup D_{\beta^*}(B) \subset D_{\beta^*}(A \cup B)$ and $D_{\beta^*}(A \cap B) \subset D_{\beta^*}(A) \cap D_{\beta^*}(B)$.
- (iv) $D_{\beta^*}(D_{\beta^*}(A)) - A \subset D_{\beta^*}(A)$.
- (v) $D_{\beta^*}(A \cup D_{\beta^*}(A)) \subset A \cup D_{\beta^*}(A)$.

Proof:

(i) Since every open set is β^* -open, the proof follows.

(ii) Follows from definition 3.3.1.

(iii) Follows by (i).

(iv) If $x \in D_{\beta^*}(D_{\beta^*}(A)) - A$ and U is a β^* -open set containing x , then $U \cap (D_{\beta^*}(A) - \{x\}) \neq \emptyset$. Let $y \in U \cap (D_{\beta^*}(A) - \{x\})$. Then since $y \in D_{\beta^*}(A)$ and $y \in U$, $U \cap (A - \{y\}) \neq \emptyset$. Let $z \in U \cap (A - \{y\})$. Then $z \neq x$ for $z \in A$ and $x \notin A$. Hence $U \cap (A - \{x\}) \neq \emptyset$. Therefore, $x \in D_{\beta^*}(A)$.

(v) Let $x \in D_{\beta^*}(A \cup D_{\beta^*}(A))$. If $x \in A$, the result is obvious. So let $x \in D_{\beta^*}(A \cup D_{\beta^*}(A)) - A$, then for an β^* -open set U containing x , $U \cap ((A \cup D_{\beta^*}(A)) - \{x\}) \neq \emptyset$. Thus $U \cap (A - \{x\}) \neq \emptyset$ or $U \cap (D_{\beta^*}(A) - \{x\}) \neq \emptyset$. By the same argument in (iv), it follows that $U \cap (A - \{x\}) \neq \emptyset$. Hence $x \in D_{\beta^*}(A)$. Therefore in either case $D_{\beta^*}(A \cup D_{\beta^*}(A)) \subset A \cup D_{\beta^*}(A)$.

Remark 3.3.3: In general, the converse of (i) is not true. For example, Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, X\}$. Then $\beta^*O(\tau) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$. Let $A = \{a, b\}$ then $D(A) = X$ and $D_{\beta^*}(A) = c$. Therefore $D(A) \not\subset D_{\beta^*}(A)$.

Proposition 3.3.4: $D_{\beta^*}(A \cup B) \neq D_{\beta^*}(A) \cup D_{\beta^*}(B)$.

Example 3.3.5: Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, X\}$. Then $\beta^*O(\tau) = P(X) - [a], \{b\}, \{a, b\}$. Let $A = \{a, b, d\}$ and $B = \{c\}$. Then $D_{\beta^*}(A \cup B) = \{a, b\}$ and $D_{\beta^*}(A) = \emptyset, D_{\beta^*}(B) = \emptyset$.

Theorem 3.3.6: For any subset A of a space X , $\beta^*\text{cl}(A) = A \cup D_{\beta^*}(A)$.

Proof: Since $D_{\beta^*}(A) \subset \beta^*cl(A)$, $A \cup D_{\beta^*}(A) \subset \beta^*cl(A)$. On the other hand, let $x \in \beta^*cl(A)$. If $x \in A$, then the proof is complete. If $x \notin A$, each β^* -open set U containing x intersects A at a point distinct from x , so $x \in D_{\beta^*}(A)$. Thus $\beta^*cl(A) \subset D_{\beta^*}(A) \cup A$ and hence the theorem.

3.4. β^* -Border

Definition 3.4.1: Let A be a subset of a space X . Then the β^* border of A is defined as $b_{\beta^*}(A) = A - \beta^*int(A)$.

Theorem.3.4.2: For a subset A of a space X , the following statements hold.

- (i) $b_{\beta^*}(A) \subset b(A)$ where $b(A)$ denote the border of A .
- (ii) $A = \beta^*int(A) \cup b_{\beta^*}(A)$.
- (iii) $\beta^*int(A) \cap b_{\beta^*}(A) = \emptyset$.
- (iv) If A is β^* -open then $b_{\beta^*}(A) = \emptyset$.
- (v) $\beta^*int(b_{\beta^*}(A)) = \emptyset$.
- (vi) $b_{\beta^*}(b_{\beta^*}(A)) = b_{\beta^*}(A)$.
- (vii) $b_{\beta^*}(A) = A \cap \beta^*cl(A^c)$.

Proof: (i),(ii) and (iii) are obvious from the definitions of β^* -interior of A and β^* -border of A where A is any subset of X .

vi) If A is β^* -open, then $A = \beta^*int(A)$. Hence the result follows.

v) If $x \in \beta^*int(b_{\beta^*}(A))$, then $x \in b_{\beta^*}(A)$. Now $b_{\beta^*}(A) \subset A$ implies $\beta^*int(b_{\beta^*}(A)) \subset \beta^*int(A)$. Hence $x \in \beta^*int(A)$ which is a contradiction to $x \in b_{\beta^*}(A)$. Thus $\beta^*int(b_{\beta^*}(A)) = \emptyset$.

vi) $b_{\beta^*}(b_{\beta^*}(A)) = b_{\beta^*}(A - \beta^*int(A)) = (A - \beta^*int(A)) - \beta^*int(A - \beta^*int(A))$ which is $b_{\beta^*}(A) - \emptyset$, by (iv). Hence $b_{\beta^*}(b_{\beta^*}(A)) = b_{\beta^*}(A)$.

vii) $b_{\beta^*}(A) = A - \beta^*int(A) = A - (\beta^*cl(A^c))^c = A \cap \beta^*cl(A^c)$.

Remark 3.4.3.: In general, the converse of (i) is not true. For example, let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$. Then $\beta^*O(\tau) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$. Let $A = \{a, c\}$, then $b_{\beta^*}(A) = \{a, c\} - \{a, c\} = \emptyset$ and $b(A) = \{a, c\} - \{a\} = \{c\}$. Therefore $b(A) \not\subset b_{\beta^*}(A)$.

3.5 β^* -Frontier

Definition 3.5.1: Let A be a subset of a space X . Then β^* -frontier of A is defined as $Fr_{\beta^*}(A) = \beta^*cl(A) - \beta^*int(A)$.

Theorem 3.5.2: For a subset A of a space X , the following statements hold

- i) $Fr_{\beta^*}(A) \subset Fr(A)$, where $Fr(A)$ denotes the frontier of A .
- ii) $\beta^*cl(A) = \beta^*int(A) \cup Fr_{\beta^*}(A)$
- iii) $\beta^*int(A) \cap Fr_{\beta^*}(A) = \emptyset$.
- iv) $b_{\beta^*}(A) \subset Fr_{\beta^*}(A)$
- v) $Fr_{\beta^*}(A) = b_{\beta^*}(A) \cup D_{\beta^*}(A)$
- vi) If A is β^* -open, then $Fr_{\beta^*}(A) = D_{\beta^*}(A)$
- vii) $Fr_{\beta^*}(A) = \beta^*cl(A) \cap \beta^*cl(A^c)$
- viii) $Fr_{\beta^*}(A) = Fr_{\beta^*}(A^c)$
- ix) $Fr_{\beta^*}(\beta^*int(A)) \subset Fr_{\beta^*}(A)$.
- x) $Fr_{\beta^*}(\beta^*cl(A)) \subset Fr_{\beta^*}(A)$.

Proof:

i) Since every open set is β^* -open we get the proof.

ii) $\beta^*int(A) \cup Fr_{\beta^*}(A) = \beta^*int(A) \cup (\beta^*cl(A) - \beta^*int(A)) = \beta^*cl(A)$.

iii) $\beta^*int(A) \cap Fr_{\beta^*}(A) = \beta^*int(A) \cap (\beta^*cl(A) - \beta^*int(A)) = \emptyset$.

iv) Obvious from the definition.

v) $\beta^*int(A) \cup Fr_{\beta^*}(A) = \beta^*int(A) \cup b_{\beta^*}(A) \cup D_{\beta^*}(A)$, is obvious from the definition. Therefore we get $Fr_{\beta^*}(A) = b_{\beta^*}(A) \cup D_{\beta^*}(A)$.

vi) If A is β^* -open, then $b_{\beta^*}(A) = \emptyset$, then by (v) $Fr_{\beta^*}(A) = D_{\beta^*}(A)$.

vii) $Fr_{\beta^*}(A) = \beta^*cl(A) - \beta^*int(A) = \beta^*cl(A) - (\beta^*cl(A^c))^c = \beta^*cl(A) \cap \beta^*cl(A^c)$.

viii) Follows from (vii).

ix) Obvious.

x) $Fr_{\beta^*}(\beta^*cl(A)) = \beta^*cl(\beta^*cl(A)) - \beta^*int(\beta^*cl(A)) = \beta^*cl(A) - \beta^*int(A) = Fr_{\beta^*}(A)$.

In general the converse of (i) of theorem 3.5.2 is not true.

Example 3.5.3: Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$. Then $\beta^*cl(\tau) = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$. Let $A = \{a, b\}$. Then $\beta^*cl(A) - \beta^*int(A) = Fr_{\beta^*}(A) = X - \{a, b\} = \{c\}$. But $cl(A) - int(A) = Fr(A) = X - \{a\} = \{b, c\}$. Therefore $Fr(A) \not\subset Fr_{\beta^*}(A)$.

3.6. β^* -Exterior

Definition 3.6.1: $\beta^*Ext(A) = \beta^*int(A^c)$ is said to be the β^* exterior of A .

Theorem 3.6.2: For a subset A of a space X , the following statements hold

- (i) $\text{Ext}(A) \subset \beta^*\text{Ext}(A)$ where $\text{Ext}(A)$ denote the exterior of A .
- (ii) $\beta^*\text{Ext}(A^c) = \beta^*\text{int}(A) = (\beta^*\text{cl}(A))^c$.
- (iii) $\beta^*\text{Ext}(\beta^*\text{Ext}(A)) = \beta^*\text{int}(\beta^*\text{cl}(A))$
- (iv) If $A \subset B$, then $\beta^*\text{Ext}(A) \supset \beta^*\text{Ext}(B)$.
- (v) $\beta^*\text{Ext}(A \cup B) \subset \beta^*\text{Ext}(A) \cup \beta^*\text{Ext}(B)$.
- (vi) $\beta^*\text{Ext}(A \cap B) \supset \beta^*\text{Ext}(A) \cap \beta^*\text{Ext}(B)$.
- (vii) $\beta^*\text{Ext}(X) = \emptyset$.
- (viii) $\beta^*\text{Ext}(\emptyset) = X$.
- (ix) $\beta^*\text{int}(A) \subset \beta^*\text{Ext}(\beta^*\text{Ext}(A))$.

Proof: (i) & (ii) follows from definition 3.6.1.

iii) $\beta^*\text{Ext}(\beta^*\text{Ext}(A)) = \beta^*\text{Ext}(\beta^*\text{int}(A^c)) = \beta^*\text{Ext}(\beta^*\text{cl}(A)^c) = \beta^*\text{int}(\beta^*\text{cl}(A))$.

iv) If $A \subset B$, then $A^c \supset B^c$. Hence $\beta^*\text{int}(A^c) \supset \beta^*\text{int}(B^c)$ and so $\beta^*\text{Ext}(A) \supset \beta^*\text{Ext}(B)$.

v) and (vi) follows from (iv).

(vii) and (viii) follows from 3.6.1.

ix) $\beta^*\text{int}(A) \subset \beta^*\text{int}(\beta^*\text{cl}(A)) = \beta^*\text{int}(\beta^*\text{int}(A^c)) = \beta^*\text{int}(\beta^*\text{Ext}(A))^c = \beta^*\text{Ext}(\beta^*\text{Ext}(A))$.

Proposition 3.6.3: In general equality does not hold in (i), (v) and (vi) of Theorem 2.4.49.

Example 3.6.4: Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, X\}$. Then $\beta^*\text{O}(\tau) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$. If $A = \{a\}$, $B = \{b\}$ and $C = \{c\}$ then $\beta^*\text{Ext}(A) = \{b\}$, $\beta^*\text{Ext}(B) = \{a\}$ and $\text{Ext}(A) = \emptyset$. Therefore $\beta^*\text{Ext}(A) \not\subset \text{Ext}(A)$, $\beta^*\text{Ext}(A) \cup \beta^*\text{Ext}(B) \not\subset \beta^*\text{Ext}(A \cup B)$ and $\beta^*\text{Ext}(A \cap B) \not\subset \beta^*\text{Ext}(A) \cap \beta^*\text{Ext}(B)$.

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