

## Notions via $\beta^*$ -open sets in topological spaces

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**Abstract:** In this paper, first we define  $\beta^*$ -open sets and  $\beta^*$ -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  $\beta^*$ -derived,  $\beta^*$ -border,  $\beta^*$ -frontier and  $\beta^*$  exterior of a set using the concept of  $\beta^*$ -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,  $\beta^*$ -derived,  $\beta^*$ -border,  $\beta^*$ -frontier and  $\beta^*$  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  $\omega$ -closed set which is properly placed between the class of semi closed sets and the class of generalized closed sets. The complement of an  $\omega$ -closed set is called an  $\omega$ -open set. The concept of semi pre open sets was defined by Andrijevic [2] in 1986 and are also known under the name  $\beta$  sets.

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

### II. Preliminaries:

Throughout the paper  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \sigma)$  and  $(Z, \eta)$  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  $(X, \tau)$  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] (=  $\beta$ -open set [1]) if  $A \subset \text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(A)))$  and a semi-pre closed set (=  $\beta$  closed) if  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(A))) \subset A$
- (iii)  $\omega$ -open [8] if  $\text{cl}(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is semi open.
- (iv) A  $\beta^*$ -closed set [4] if  $\text{spcl}(A) \subset \text{int}(U)$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is  $\omega$ -open

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

#### 3.1. $\beta^*$ -Open sets

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

**Definition 3.1.2:** For every set  $E \subset X$ , we define the  $\beta^*$ -closure of  $E$  to be the intersection of all  $\beta^*$ -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  $\beta^*$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$ .

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

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

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

**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  $\beta^*int(A_1) \subset \beta^*int(A_2)$ .

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

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

**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  $A = \{b, c\}$ ,  $\beta^*int(A) = A$  but  $\{b, c\}$  is not  $\beta^*$  closed.

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

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

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

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

**Proof:**

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

(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)  $\beta^*O(\tau)$  is closed under any union.

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

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

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

Conversely, assume  $\beta^*cl(A) = A$ . For each  $x \in A^c$ ,  $x \notin \beta^*cl(A)$ , by proposition 3.1.4, there exists a  $\beta^*$  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  $\beta^*$ -open and hence  $A$  is  $\beta^*$  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  $\beta^*$ -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  $\beta^*$ -open,  $x \in \beta^*int(U)$  and so  $U = \beta^*int(U)$ . By (iii),  $U$  is  $\beta^*$ -open. Thus  $\beta^*O(\tau)$  is closed under any union.

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

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

### 3.2. $\beta^*$ -Kernel

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

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

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

**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)  $A \subset \beta^*ker(A)$ .

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

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

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

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

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

**Proof:**

(i) Clearly follows from Definition 3.2.1.

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

- (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  $\beta^*$ -open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $A_{\alpha_0} \subset U$ . We have  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} A_\alpha \subset A_{\alpha_0} \subset U$  and  $x \in U$ . Therefore  $x \in \beta^*\ker(\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} A_\alpha)$ . 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  $A_\alpha$  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  $A_\alpha$  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. $\beta^*$ -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  $\beta^*$  limit point of  $A$ , if for each  $\beta^*$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$ ,  $U \cap (A - \{x\}) \neq \emptyset$ . The set of all  $\beta^*$  limit point of  $A$  is called a  $\beta^*$ -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  $\beta^*$ -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  $\beta^*$ -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  $\beta^*$ -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  $\beta^*$ -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. $\beta^*$ -Border

**Definition 3.4.1:** Let  $A$  be a subset of a space  $X$ . Then the  $\beta^*$  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  $\beta^*$ -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  $\beta^*$ -interior of  $A$  and  $\beta^*$ -border of  $A$  where  $A$  is any subset of  $X$ .

vi) If  $A$  is  $\beta^*$ -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 $\beta^*$ -Frontier

**Definition 3.5.1:** Let  $A$  be a subset of a space  $X$ . Then  $\beta^*$ -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  $\beta^*$ -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  $\beta^*$ -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  $\beta^*$ -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. $\beta^*$ -Exterior

**Definition 3.6.1:**  $\beta^*Ext(A) = \beta^*int(A^c)$  is said to be the  $\beta^*$  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  $\beta^*O(\tau) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . 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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