

# Remarks on $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open sets and minimal $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open sets



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**Abstract:** Aim of this paper is to define  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open sets in a topological space and obtain their basic properties. Also, we define minimal  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open sets in a space and study the impact of two minimal  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open sets in a space with  $\hat{\Omega}$ -regular operation.

However, the roll of minimal  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open sets in  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -locally finite space has been discussed.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

In a topological space, the notion of minimal open sets had been introduced by Nakaoka and Oda[4] in 2001. In 2012, Lellis Thivagar et al.[1] introduced the class of  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed sets in a space which is independent of closed sets. Recently, [3] operation on the class of  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open sets have been introduced and studied. In this paper, we introduce the class of  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open sets and investigate their basic properties in terms of it's closure. However, Nakaoka's idea of minimal open sets has been extended to  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open sets and some of its elementary properties have been derived. Moreover, the behaviour of minimal  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open sets in a  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -locally finite space has been investigated.

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## II. PRELIMINARIES

Some definitions and results that are used in this paper have been given in this section. Always  $X$  or  $(X, \tau)$  denotes a topological space on which no separation axioms assumed, unless otherwise stated. For any subset  $A$  of  $X$ , the closure (res.interior) of  $A$  is denoted by  $cl(A)$  (res. $int(A)$ ).

**Definition 2.1** [2] A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a **semi-open set** if  $A \subseteq cl(int(A))$ .  $SO(X)$  denotes the set of all semi-open sets in  $(X, \tau)$ . It's complement is known as **semi-closed set** on  $X$ .

**Definition 2.2** ([1], Definition 3.1) Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space.  $A$  is said to be  **$\hat{\Omega}$ -closed set** if  $\delta cl(A) \subseteq U$  when  $A \subseteq U$ , where  $U$  is a semi-open subset of  $X$ . The complement of  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed set is an  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open set. The family of all  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed sets in a space  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  ${}^{\tau}\hat{\Omega}$ . Also  $\hat{\Omega}O(X, \tau)$  or  $\hat{\Omega}O(X)$  (resp.  $\hat{\Omega}C(X, \tau)$  or  $\hat{\Omega}C(X)$ ) denotes the set of all  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open sets (resp.  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed sets) on the space  $X$ .

**Definition 2.3** ([3], Definition 3.1) A function  $\gamma : \hat{\Omega}O(X, \tau) \rightarrow P(X)$  is called an **operation on  $\hat{\Omega}O(X, \tau)$** , if  $U \subseteq \gamma(U)$  for every set  $U \in \hat{\Omega}O(X, \tau)$ . For any operation  $\gamma, \gamma(X) = X$ , and  $\gamma(\emptyset) = \emptyset$ .

**Definition 2.4** ([3], Definition 3.3) A non-empty set  $A$  of  $X$  is called  **$\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}$ -open set** if for each  $x \in A$ , there exists an  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $\gamma(U) \subseteq A$ . The complement of  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}$ -open set is a  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}$ -closed set. The set of all  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}$ -open subsets of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  ${}^{\tau}\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}$ .

**Definition 2.5** ([3], Definition 3.15) Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. An operation  $\gamma$  is said to be  **$\hat{\Omega}$ -regular** if for every pair of sets  $U, V \in \hat{\Omega}O(X, \tau)$ , there exists an  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open set  $W$  containing  $x$  such that  $\gamma(W) \subseteq \gamma(U) \cap \gamma(V)$ .

**Remark 2.6** ([1], Remark 5.2) From the definition and Theorem 4.16, arbitrary intersection of an  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed sets in a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is an  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $\hat{\Omega}cl(A)$  is the smallest  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed set containing  $A$ .



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**Theorem 2.7** ([3], Theorem 3.5) Arbitrary union of  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open sets is a  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set in a topological space.

**Proposition 2.8** ([3], Proposition 3.8) Every  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set is an  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open in a space  $X$ .

**Proposition 2.9** ([3], Proposition 3.17) Intersection of any two  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open sets is a  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open in a space with an  $\hat{\Omega}$ -regular operation on  $\hat{\Omega}O(X, \tau)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\{U_i / i \in I\}$  be any collection of  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open sets in a space  $X$  and let  $U = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$ . By Theorem 2.7,  $U$  is a  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open subset of  $X$ . Let  $x \in U$  be arbitrary. Then  $x \in U_i$  for some  $i \in I$ . Since  $U_i$  is a  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open subset of  $X$ , there exist an  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed set  $F$  containing  $x$  such that  $F \subseteq U_i \subseteq U$ . Therefore,  $U$  is a  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open subset of  $X$ .

**Remark 3.7.** The intersection of any two  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open sets is not always a  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set as seen from the following example.

**Example 3.8.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = P(X)$ . Define an operation  $\gamma: \hat{\Omega}O(X) \rightarrow P(X)$  as follows:

$$\gamma(W) = \begin{cases} W & \text{if } W = \{a, b\} \text{ or } \{a, c\} \text{ or } \emptyset \\ X & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*O(X) = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . Here, the two sets  $\{a, b\}$  and  $\{a, c\}$  are  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open sets but  $\{a\}$  is not a  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open in  $X$ .

**Proposition 3.9.** If  $U$  and  $V$  are  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open sets in a space  $X$ , then  $U \cap V$  is a  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set provided  $\gamma$  is an  $\hat{\Omega}$ -regular operation.

**Proof.** Let  $U$  and  $V$  be any two  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open subsets of  $X$ . By Proposition 2.9,  $U \cap V$  is a  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open subset of  $X$ . Let  $x \in U \cap V$  be arbitrary. Since  $U$  and  $V$  are  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open subsets of  $X$ , there exist two  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed sets  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  containing  $x$  such that  $F_1 \subseteq U$  and  $F_2 \subseteq V$ . By choosing  $F$  as  $F_1 \cap F_2$ ,  $F$  is an  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed set containing  $x$  such that  $F \subseteq U \cap V$ . Therefore,  $U \cap V$  is a  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open subset of  $X$ .

$\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -Closure and  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -Interior of a set have been defined in the usual manner as follows:

**Definition 3.10.**  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -closure of any subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*cl(A)$  and defined by

$$\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*cl(A) = \bigcap \{F / F \in \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*C(X) \text{ such that } A \subseteq F\}.$$

Always  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*cl(\emptyset) = \emptyset$ ;  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*cl(X) = X$ ;  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*cl(A)$  is a  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -closed subset of  $X$  and  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*(\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*cl(A)) = \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*cl(A)$ .

**Definition 3.11.**  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -interior of any subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*int(A)$  and defined by

$$\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*int(A) = \bigcup \{U / U \in \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*O(X) \text{ such that } U \subseteq A\}.$$

Always,  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*int(\emptyset) = \emptyset$ ;  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*int(X) = X$  and  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*int(A)$  is a  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open subset of  $X$ .

**Proposition 3.12.** If  $U$  and  $V$  are any two subsets of a space  $X$ , then the following statements are true.

### III. $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -OPEN SETS

**Definition 3.1** A subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be a  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open subset of  $X$ , if the following two axioms hold:

- i)  $A$  is a  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open subset of  $X$ .
- ii) For any  $x \in A$ , there exists an  $\hat{\Omega}$ -closed set  $F$  containing  $x$  such that  $F \subseteq A$ .

The complement of a  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set is a  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -closed set in  $X$ . However,  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*O(X)$  (resp.  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*C(X)$ ) denotes the set of all  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open sets (resp.  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -closed sets) on  $X$  and  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*O(X, x)$  denotes the set of all  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open sets containing  $x$ .

**Example 3.2** Consider a space with  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, c, d\}, X\}$ . Define  $\gamma: \hat{\Omega}O(X, \tau) \rightarrow P(X)$  is defined by  $\gamma(\emptyset) = \emptyset, \gamma(\{a\}) = \{a\}, \gamma(\{c\}) = \{c\}, \gamma(\{a, b\}) = \{a, b, c\}, \gamma(\{a, c\}) = \{a, c\}, \gamma(\{a, b, c\}) = X, \gamma(\{a, c, d\}) = X$ . Here,  $\gamma$  is an operation on  $\hat{\Omega}O(X, \tau)$ . Here,  $\emptyset$  and  $X$  are the only  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open subsets of  $X$ .

**Proposition 3.3** In a space  $(X, \tau)$ , the following statements hold.

- i) Every  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open subset is a  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set.
- ii) Every  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set is an  $\hat{\Omega}$ -open set.

**Proof.** i) It follows straightly from the definition. ii) It follows by combining i) and By Proposition 2.8

**Remark 3.4** From the following example, it is seen that there are some  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open subsets which fail to be the  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open sets in a space  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Example 3.5** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ ;  $\hat{\Omega}O(X) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$ ;  $\hat{\Omega}C(X) = \{\emptyset, \{b, c\}, X\}$ .

Define an operation  $\gamma: \hat{\Omega}O(X) \rightarrow P(X)$  as follows:

$$\gamma(W) = \begin{cases} W & \text{if } W = \{a\} \text{ or } \emptyset \\ X & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Here,  $\tau_{\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$ ;  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*O(X) = \{\emptyset, X\}$ .

Now  $\{a\} \in \tau_{\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*}$  but  $\{a\} \notin \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*O(X)$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** Arbitrary union of  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open sets in a space  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set.



i)  $U \subseteq V \Rightarrow \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \text{int}(U) \subseteq \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \text{int}(V)$

ii)  $U$  is  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open iff  $U = \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \text{int}(U)$

iii)  $U \subseteq V \Rightarrow \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \text{cl}(U) \subseteq \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \text{cl}(V)$

iv)  $U$  is  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -closed iff  $U = \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \text{cl}(U)$

v)  $X \setminus \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \text{int}(U) = \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \text{cl}(X \setminus U)$

vi)  $X \setminus \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \text{cl}(U) = \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \text{int}(X \setminus U)$

**Proof.** It follows from the definition.

**Proposition 3.13.** For any point  $x$  in a space  $X$  and for any subset  $A$  of  $X$ ,  $x \in \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \text{cl}(A)$  iff  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for any  $U \in \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \mathcal{O}(X, x)$ .

**Proof.** Assume that  $x \in \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \text{cl}(A)$  and there exists a  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \cap A = \emptyset$ . Now,  $X \setminus U$  is a  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -closed set such that  $A \subseteq X \setminus U$ . That is,  $X \setminus U \in \{F/F \in \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \mathcal{C}(X); A \subseteq F\}$ . In particular,  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \text{cl}(A) \subseteq X \setminus U$ , a contradiction to  $x \in \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \text{cl}(A)$ .

Conversely, on

contrary  $x \notin \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \text{cl}(A) = \bigcap \{F/F \in \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \mathcal{C}(X); A \subseteq F\}$ . Then  $x \notin F$  for some  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -closed set  $F$  such that  $A \subseteq F$ . If  $U$  is chosen as  $X \setminus F$ , then  $U$  is a  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open subset of  $X$  such that  $U \cap A = \emptyset$ , a contradiction to hypothesis.

#### IV. MINIMAL $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -OPEN SETS AND $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -LOCALLY FINITE SPACE

**Definition 4.1.** A  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open subset  $U$  of a space  $X$  is said to be a **minimal  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set** if  $\emptyset$  and  $U$  are the only  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open subsets of  $U$ .

**Example 4.2** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = P(X) = \hat{\Omega}\mathcal{O}(X, \tau)$ . Define an operation  $\gamma: \hat{\Omega}\mathcal{O}(X) \rightarrow P(X)$  as follows:

$$\gamma(W) = \begin{cases} W & \text{if } W = \{a, b\} \text{ or } \{a, c\} \text{ or } \emptyset \\ X & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \mathcal{O}(X) = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\} = \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \mathcal{O}(X)$ . Here  $\{a, b\}$  and  $\{a, c\}$  are minimal  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open sets in  $X$ .

**Proposition 4.3.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be any topological space. If  $U$  is a non-empty  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open subset of  $X$  such that  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \text{cl}(U) = \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \text{cl}(V)$  for any non-empty subset  $V$  of  $U$ , then  $U$  is a minimal  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set.

**Proof.** On contrary,  $U$  is assumed to be a non-minimal  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open subset of  $X$  such that  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \text{cl}(U) = \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \text{cl}(V)$  for any non-empty subset  $V$  of  $U$ . By the definition of minimal open set, there exists a non-empty  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set  $W$  such that  $W \subsetneq U$ . Choose  $x \in U \setminus W$ . Now  $W$  is a

$\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set such that  $x \notin W$ . Therefore,  $W \cap \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \text{cl}(\{x\}) = \emptyset$  or  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \text{cl}(\{x\}) \subseteq X \setminus W$ . Now  $\{x\}$  is a non-empty subset of  $U$ .

By hypothesis,  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \text{cl}(U) = \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \text{cl}(\{x\}) \subseteq X \setminus W$ . However,  $W \subsetneq U \subseteq \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \text{cl}(U) = \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \text{cl}(\{x\}) \subseteq X \setminus W$  Which implies that  $W \subseteq X \setminus W$ , a contradiction.

**Proposition 4.4.** Let  $\gamma$  be an  $\hat{\Omega}$ -regular operation in a space  $X$ . If  $U$  is a minimal  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set and  $V$  is a  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set then either  $U \cap V = \emptyset$  or  $U \subseteq V$ .

**Proof.** Assume that  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . By Proposition 3.9,  $U \cap V$  is a  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set. By the definition of minimal  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open sets,  $U \cap V = V$ . Thus  $U \subseteq V$ .

**Proposition 4.5.** Let  $\gamma$  be an  $\hat{\Omega}$ -regular operation in a space  $X$ . If  $U$  and  $V$  are any two minimal  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open sets, then either  $U \cap V = \emptyset$  or  $U = V$

**Proof.** Assume that  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . Apply Proposition 4.4 for both minimal  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$ . Then  $U = V$ .

**Proposition 4.6.** Let  $\gamma$  be an  $\hat{\Omega}$ -regular operation in a space  $X$  and  $U$  be a minimal  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set of  $X$ . Then for any  $x \in U$ ,  $U \subseteq V$  where  $V$  is any  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set containing  $x$ .

**Proof.** Assume the contrary that there exists  $x \in U$  such that  $U \not\subseteq V$  for any  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open subset  $V$  containing  $x$ . By Proposition 3.9,  $U \cap V$  is a  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open subset of  $X$ . As  $x \in U \cap V$ ,  $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$  such that  $U \cap V \subseteq U$ , a contradiction to  $U$  is a minimal  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open subset.

**Proposition 4.7.** If  $U$  is a minimal  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open subset of a space  $X$ , then  $U = \bigcap_{x \in U} \{V/V \in \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \mathcal{O}(X, x)\}$ .

**Proof.** By Proposition 4.6, for any  $x \in U$ ,  $U \subseteq V$  for any  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open subset  $V$  containing  $x$ . Then  $U \subseteq \bigcap \{V/V \in \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \mathcal{O}(X, x)\}$ . In particular,  $\bigcap \{V/V \in \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \mathcal{O}(X, x)\} \subseteq U$ . Now

$$U = \bigcap \{V/V \in \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \mathcal{O}(X, x)\}$$

**Proposition 4.8.** Let  $\gamma$  be an  $\hat{\Omega}$ -regular operation of a space  $X$ . If  $U$  is a minimal  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open subset of  $X$ , then for any  $x \in X \setminus U$ , and for any  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set  $V$  containing  $x$ , either  $V \cap U = \emptyset$  or  $U \subseteq V$ .

**Proof.** It follows from Proposition 4.4.

**Proposition 4.9.** Let  $\gamma$  be an  $\hat{\Omega}$ -regular operation in a space  $X$ . If  $U$  is a non-empty minimal  $\gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open subset of  $X$ , then  $U \subseteq \gamma_{\hat{\Omega}}^* \text{cl}(V)$  for any non-empty subset  $V$  of  $U$ .

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**Proof.** Let  $x \in U$  be arbitrary and  $W$  be any  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set containing  $x$ . By Proposition 4.4, either  $U \cap W = \emptyset$  or  $U \subseteq W$ . Since  $x \in U \cap W$ , the only possibility is  $U \subseteq W$ . Then,  $V = U \cap V \subseteq W \cap V$ . As  $V \neq \emptyset, W \cap V \neq \emptyset$ . By Proposition 3.13,  $x \in \mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*cl(V)$ .

Characterization of minimal  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set in a space is given as follows.

**Theorem 4.10.** Let  $\mathcal{Y}$  be an  $\hat{\Omega}$ -regular operation in a space  $X$  and  $U$  be any non-empty  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open subset of  $X$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- i)  $U$  is a minimal  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set.
- ii)  $U \subseteq \mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*cl(V)$  for any non-empty subset  $V$  of  $U$ .
- iii)  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*cl(U) = \mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*cl(V)$  for any non-empty subset  $V$  of  $U$ .

**Proof.** i)  $\Rightarrow$  ii) It follows from Proposition 4.9.

ii)  $\Rightarrow$  iii) Let  $V$  be any non-empty subset of  $U$ . By hypothesis  $U \subseteq \mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*cl(V)$  and hence  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*cl(U) \subseteq \mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*(\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*cl(V)) = \mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*cl(V)$ . On the other hand,  $V \subseteq U \Rightarrow \mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*cl(V) \subseteq \mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*cl(U)$ .

iii)  $\Rightarrow$  i) On contrary,  $U$  is assumed to be a non-minimal  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open subset. Then, a non-empty  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set  $V$  can be chosen such that  $V \subsetneq U$ . Having chosen  $x \in U \setminus V$ ,  $V \cap \mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*cl(\{x\}) = \emptyset$  and hence  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*cl(\{x\}) \subseteq X \setminus V$ . But by hypothesis,  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*cl(\{x\}) = \mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*cl(U)$ . It is concluded that  $V \subseteq U \subseteq \mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*cl(U) = \mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*cl(\{x\}) \subseteq X \setminus V$ , a contradiction.

Therefore,  $U$  is a minimal  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set.

**Definition 4.11.** A space  $X$  is said to be  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -locally finite space, if for every  $x \in X$  there exists a finite  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set  $U$  in  $X$  such that  $x \in U$ . Every finite topological space is always  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -locally finite space.

**Proposition 4.12.** Every non-empty finite  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set in a space  $X$  contains some non-empty finite minimal  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set.

**Proof.** Let  $V$  be any non-empty finite  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set in  $X$ . If  $V$  is a minimal  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set in  $X$ , then it meets our requirement. Suppose that  $V$  is not a minimal  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set in  $X$ . Then, there exists a non-empty finite  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set  $W_1$  such that  $W_1 \subsetneq V$ . If  $W_1$  is a minimal  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set, then the condition is satisfied. If not, by proceeding like this we would arrive at a sequence of non-empty finite  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open sets  $W_1, W_2, \dots, W_n, \dots$  such that  $\dots \subsetneq W_n \subsetneq W_{n-1} \subsetneq W_{n-2} \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq W_1 \subsetneq V$ . Since  $V$  is finite, there exists  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $W_m$  is a minimal  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set such that  $W_m \subseteq V$ . Hence the result holds.

**Proposition 4.13.** Let  $\mathcal{Y}$  be an  $\hat{\Omega}$ -regular operation in a  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -locally finite space  $X$ . Then every non-empty  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set in a space  $X$  contains some non-empty finite minimal  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set.

**Proof.** Let  $V$  be any non-empty  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open subset of  $X$ . Then choose  $x \in V$ . By the definition of  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -locally finite space, there exists a finite  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U$ . Since  $U$  is finite,  $U \cap V$  is also finite. By Proposition 3.9,  $U \cap V$  is a finite  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set containing  $x$ . By Proposition 4.12, there exists non-empty finite minimal  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set  $W$  such that  $W \subseteq U \cap V \subseteq V$ .

**Proposition 4.14.** Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $\mathcal{Y}$  be an  $\hat{\Omega}$ -regular operation on  $X$ . Then the following are true.

i) Let  $V_\alpha, \alpha \in I$  be any  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set and  $U$  be a non-empty finite  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set in  $X$ . Then  $U \cap \left(\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} V_\alpha\right)$  is a finite  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set.

ii) Let  $V_\alpha$  be a  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set for any  $\alpha \in I$  and  $V_\beta$  be a non-empty finite  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set for any  $\beta \in J$ . Then  $\left(\bigcup_{\beta \in J} V_\beta\right) \cap \left(\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} V_\alpha\right)$  is a  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set.

**Proof.** i) Let  $V_\alpha$  be a  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open subset for any  $\alpha \in I$  and  $U$  be a non-empty finite  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set in  $X$ . Since  $U$  is finite,  $U \cap \left(\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} V_\alpha\right)$  is a finite set. Then, there exists a positive integer  $n$

such that  $U \cap \left(\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} V_\alpha\right) = U \cap \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n V_{\alpha_i}\right)$ . By Proposition 3.9,  $U \cap \left(\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} V_\alpha\right)$  is  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set.

ii) Let  $U_\alpha$  be a  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set for any  $\alpha \in I$  and  $V_\beta$  be a non-empty finite  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set for any  $\beta \in J$ . By Theorem 3.6,  $\left(\bigcup_{\beta \in J} V_\beta\right) \cap \left(\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} U_\alpha\right)$  is  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set. By (i),  $\left(\bigcup_{\beta \in J} V_\beta\right) \cap \left(\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} V_\alpha\right)$  is  $\mathcal{Y}_{\hat{\Omega}}^*$ -open set in  $X$ .

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