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## $f_\delta$ -Open Sets in Fine Topological Spaces

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, the concept of  $\delta$ -cluster point on a set which belongs to the collection of fine open sets generated by the topology  $\tau$  on  $X$  has been introduced. Using this definition, the idea of  $f_\delta$ -open sets is initiated and certain properties of these sets have also been studied. On the basis of separation axioms defined over fine topological space, certain types of  $f_\delta$ -separation axioms on fine space have also been defined, along with some illustrative examples.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The concept of  $\delta$ -open sets in topological space has been introduced by Velicko [17] in 1968. He has also studied some of the significant characterizations of these open sets. The collection of  $\delta$ -open sets is a restricted class of open sets used in defining the generalized concept of continuity by considering it in the range of continuous functions. Powar and Rajak initiated the notion of fine topological space [15], which is a special case of generalized or supra topological space [5]. The collection of fine open sets is a wider class of subsets of  $X$  containing semi-open sets, pre-open sets,  $\alpha$ -open sets,  $\beta$ -open sets etc. Ameen, Asaad and Muhammed [4] considered properties of  $\delta$ -preopen,  $\delta$ -semiopen,  $a$ -open and  $e^*$ -open sets in topological spaces. Al-Omari and Noiri ([2], [3]) investigated some operators in minimal spaces.

In the present paper, the authors have extended the idea of  $\delta$ -open sets fine topological space and defined a new class of sets called  $f_\delta$ -open sets. In order to study the concepts of certain separation axioms in the

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context of  $f_\delta$ -open sets, we have also defined separation axioms in fine topological space. Some notable characterizations of these separation axioms have been presented in the form of some exciting theorems.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

In this section, some basic definitions and results have been recalled. Throughout this paper, the space  $(X, \tau)$  (or simply  $X$ ) represents topological space and  $\text{int}(U)$  and  $\text{cl}(U)$  denote the interior of a set  $U$  and closure of a set  $U$ , respectively (see [11]) for a subset  $U$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Definition 2.1** ([17]). A point  $x$  of topological space  $X$  is said to be the  $\delta$ -cluster point of a subset  $V$  of  $X$  if  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(U)) \cap V \neq \phi$  for each open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$ .

**Definition 2.2** ([17]). The collection of all  $\delta$ -cluster points of set  $V$  is called the  $\delta$ -closure of  $V$ , which is denoted by  $\text{cl}_\delta(V)$ . A subset  $V$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $\delta$ -closed if  $V = \text{cl}_\delta(V)$ . The family of all  $\delta$ -closed subsets of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $F_\delta$ . The complement of a  $\delta$ -closed set is said to be  $\delta$ -open. The family of all  $\delta$ -open subsets of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $\tau_\delta$ . The  $\delta$ -interior of a subset  $V$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is the largest  $\delta$ -open set contained in  $V$  and it is denoted by  $\text{int}_\delta(V)$ .

**Definition 2.3** ([6]). A subset  $V$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be an  $a$ -open set if  $V \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}_\delta(V)))$ . The complement of  $a$ -open sets is called  $a$ -closed.

**Remark 2.4** ([17]). Let  $(X, \tau)$  be the topological space, then the following hold.

- (i) Every  $\delta$ -open set is an open set but not conversely.
- (ii) Every  $\delta$ -open set is an  $a$ -open set but not conversely.

**Definition 2.5** ([15]). Let  $(X, \tau)$  be the topological space, define  $\tau(V_\alpha) = \tau_\alpha$  (say)  $= \{G_\alpha (\neq X) : G_\alpha \cap V_\alpha \neq \phi, \text{ for } V_\alpha \in \tau \text{ and } V_\alpha \neq \phi, X \text{ for some } \alpha \in J, \text{ where } J \text{ is the index set}\}$ . Next, consider  $\tau_f = \{\phi, X\} \cup_\alpha \{\tau_\alpha\}$ . The collection  $\tau_f$  of subsets of  $X$  is called the fine collection of subsets of  $X$  and  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$  is said to be the fine topological space  $X$  or simply a fine space generated by the topology  $\tau$  on  $X$ . The members of  $\tau_f$  are called fine open sets of  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$ . The fine interior of a subset  $V$  of a fine topological space  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$  is the largest fine open set contained in  $V$  denoted by  $f_{\text{int}}(V)$ .

**Definition 2.6** ([13]). The complement of a fine open set is called fine closed set in fine topological space  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$ . The family of all fine closed

subsets of a fine space  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$  is denoted by  $F_f$ . The fine closure of  $V$  is the smallest fine closed set containing the set  $V$  and it is denoted by  $f_{cl}(V)$ .

**Remark 2.7** ([15]). The family of closed sets in  $(X, \tau)$  is coarser than that of fine closed sets in  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$ . It may also be noted that the collection  $\tau_f$  is a special case of generalized topology on  $X$ .

**Definition 2.8** ([7]). A subset  $V$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $\delta$ - $g$ -closed if  $cl_\delta(V) \subseteq U$  whenever  $V \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $\delta$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Definition 2.9** ([7]). A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be

- (i)  $\delta$ - $T_0$  if for each  $x, y \in X$  such that  $x \neq y$ , there exists a  $\delta$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  which either contains  $x$  or  $y$ , but not both.
- (ii)  $\delta$ - $T_1$  if for each pair of distinct points  $x, y \in X$ , there exist  $\delta$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $X$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $x \notin V$  or  $y \in V$  and  $y \notin U$ .
- (iii)  $\delta$ - $T_2$  if for each  $x, y \in X$  such that  $x \neq y$  there exist  $\delta$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $X$  such that  $U \cap V = \phi$ , for  $x \in U$  and  $y \in V$ .
- (iv)  $\delta$ - $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$  if every  $\delta$ - $g$ -closed set in  $X$  is  $\delta$ -closed.
- (v)  $\delta$ -regular space if for each  $\delta$ -closed set  $F$  and every point  $p \notin F$  there exist  $\delta$ -open sets  $G$  and  $H$  such that  $F \subseteq G$ ,  $p \in H$  and  $G \cap H = \phi$

### 3. $f_\delta$ -OPEN SETS

Before studying  $f_\delta$ -open sets, it is interesting to note that the collection of  $\delta$ -closed sets defined in [17] satisfies all the properties which were fulfilled by the classical closed sets in a topological space ([11], Theorem 17.1]).

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. Then the following hold:*

- (i)  $\phi$  and  $X$  are  $\delta$ -closed.
- (ii) Arbitrary intersection of  $\delta$ -closed sets is  $\delta$ -closed.
- (iii) Finite union of  $\delta$ -closed sets is  $\delta$ -closed.

*Proof.* (i) Since,  $cl_\delta(X) = X$  and  $cl_\delta(\phi) = \phi$ . So,  $\phi$  and  $X$  are  $\delta$ -closed.

(ii) Let  $\{A_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in J}$  be an arbitrary collection of  $\delta$ -closed sets then  $cl_\delta(A_\alpha) = A_\alpha$ . We now show that  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in J} A_\alpha$  is  $\delta$ -closed. So, it is

sufficient to prove that  $cl_\delta\left(\bigcap_{\alpha \in J} A_\alpha\right) = \bigcap_{\alpha \in J} A_\alpha$ . Since,  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in J} A_\alpha \subseteq$

$A_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in J \Rightarrow cl_\delta\left(\bigcap_{\alpha \in J} A_\alpha\right) \subseteq cl_\delta(A_\alpha)$  for all  $\alpha \in J$

(see [17]). Hence,  $cl_\delta\left(\bigcap_{\alpha \in J} A_\alpha\right) \subseteq \bigcap_{\alpha \in J} (cl_\delta(A_\alpha)) = \bigcap_{\alpha \in J} A_\alpha$ . Let  $x \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in J} (cl_\delta(A_\alpha)) \Rightarrow x \in cl_\delta(A_\alpha) = A_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in J$ . Hence,  $x \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in J} A_\alpha$  and,  $x \in cl_\delta\left(\bigcap_{\alpha \in J} A_\alpha\right)$ . Therefore,  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in J} (cl_\delta(A_\alpha)) \subseteq cl_\delta\left(\bigcap_{\alpha \in J} (A_\alpha)\right)$ . Thus,  $cl_\delta\left(\bigcap_{\alpha \in J} A_\alpha\right) = \bigcap_{\alpha \in J} A_\alpha$ .

(iii) To prove that, the finite union of  $\delta$ -closed sets is  $\delta$ -closed, it is sufficient to show that  $A \cup B$  is  $\delta$ -closed whenever  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\delta$ -closed. Let  $x \notin A \cup B$ , which implies  $x \notin A$  and  $x \notin B$ . Let  $x \notin A$  i.e.  $x$  is not a  $\delta$ -cluster point of  $A$ . Then,  $int(cl(U)) \cap A = \phi$  for some open set  $U$  containing  $x$ . Similarly, let  $x \notin B$ , i.e.  $x$  is not a  $\delta$ -cluster point of  $B$ . Then,  $int(cl(V)) \cap B = \phi$  for some open set  $V$  containing  $x$ . Since  $x \in U$ ,  $x \in V$ , then  $x \in U \cap V = W$  (say) and  $W$  is an open set.

Consider,

$$(3.1) \quad int(cl(W)) \cap (A \cup B) = (int(cl(W)) \cap A) \cup (int(cl(W)) \cap B).$$

Since,  $W \subseteq U$  and  $W \subseteq V$  so,

$$int(cl(W)) \subseteq int(cl(U)), \quad int(cl(W)) \subseteq int(cl(V)).$$

Therefore,  $int(cl(W)) \cap A \subseteq int(cl(U)) \cap A = \phi \Rightarrow int(cl(W)) \cap A = \phi$ . Similarly,  $int(cl(W)) \cap B = \phi$ .

Therefore by (3.1),  $int(cl(W)) \cap (A \cup B) = \phi \cup \phi = \phi$  for some open set  $W$  containing  $x$ . So, it is clear that  $x$  is not  $\delta$ -cluster point of  $A \cup B$ . Thus, any point out side of  $A \cup B$  is not a  $\delta$ -cluster point of  $A \cup B$ , means  $A \cup B$  contains all its  $\delta$ -cluster points. Hence, by Definition 2.2,  $cl_\delta(A \cup B) = A \cup B$ . Thus,  $A \cup B$  is  $\delta$ -closed.  $\square$

The following example assures that infinite union of  $\delta$ -closed sets need not be  $\delta$ -closed set.

**Example 3.2.** Let  $[a, b]$  be a closed subset of  $R$  in its standard topology. Let  $x \in R$  such that  $x \notin [a, b]$ .

**Case 1:** If  $x > b$ , then there exists an open set  $(b, x + \epsilon)$  containing  $x$  such that  $int(cl((b, x + \epsilon))) = (b, x + \epsilon)$  and  $(b, x + \epsilon) \cap [a, b] = \phi$ . Therefore,  $x$  is not  $\delta$ -cluster point of  $[a, b]$ .

**Case 2:** If  $x < a$ , then there exists an open set  $(x - \epsilon, a)$  containing  $x$  such that  $int(cl((x - \epsilon, a))) = (x - \epsilon, a)$  and  $(x - \epsilon, a) \cap [a, b] = \phi$ . Therefore,  $x$  is not  $\delta$ -cluster point of  $[a, b]$ .

**Case 3:** If  $x \in [a, b]$ , then for each open set  $U$  containing  $x$  there exists an open set  $(x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon) \subseteq U$  i.e.  $(x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon) \subseteq int(cl(U))$  and

$\text{int}(cl(x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon)) \cap [a, b] = (x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon) \cap [a, b] \neq \phi \Rightarrow \text{int}(cl(U)) \cap [a, b] \neq \phi$ . Therefore,  $x$  is  $\delta$ -cluster point of  $[a, b]$ .

Hence, any point which is lying out side of  $[a, b]$  is not a  $\delta$ -cluster point of  $[a, b]$  i.e.  $[a, b]$  contains all its  $\delta$ -cluster points. So, by Definition 2.2,  $cl_\delta[a, b] = [a, b]$ . Thus,  $[a, b]$  is  $\delta$ -closed.

Now, since  $[a, b]$  is  $\delta$ -closed set,  $[\frac{1}{n}, 1]$  will be  $\delta$ -closed set for all  $n \in N$ . But,  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} [\frac{1}{n}, 1] = (0, 1]$ , which is not  $\delta$ -closed set as it can be easily checked that  $cl_\delta(0, 1] = [0, 1]$ .

**Remark 3.3.** In view of the result in [11, Theorem 17.1] and Theorem 3.1 of this paper, it has been concluded that the collection of  $\delta$ -open sets forms a topology on  $X$ .

We shall now define  $f_\delta$ -cluster points, and generate a new class of sets called  $f_\delta$ -open sets. The relationships and characterizations of  $f_\delta$ -open sets are also discussed in this section.

**Definition 3.4.** Let  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$  be a fine space and  $V$  be the subset of  $X$ , then a point  $x$  of  $X$  is called the  $f_\delta$ -cluster point of  $V$  if  $f_{\text{int}}(f_{cl}(U)) \cap V \neq \phi$ , for every fine-open set  $U$  of a fine space  $X$  containing  $x$ . The collection of all  $f_\delta$ -cluster points of set  $V$  is called the  $f_\delta$ -closure of  $V$  and is denoted by  $f_{cl_\delta}(V)$ . A subset  $V$  of a fine space  $X$  considered  $f_\delta$ -closed set if  $V = f_{cl_\delta}(V)$ . The family of all  $f_\delta$ -closed subsets of a fine space  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$  is denoted by  $F_{f_\delta}$ . The complement of the  $f_\delta$ -closed set is called  $f_\delta$ -open set. The family of all  $f_\delta$ -open subsets of a fine space  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$  is denoted by  $\tau_{f_\delta}$ .

**Definition 3.5.** Let  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$  be a fine space and  $V \subseteq X$ . A point  $p \in V$  is said to be the  $f_\delta$ -interior point of  $V$  if there exists a  $f_\delta$ -open set  $U$  such that  $p \in U \subseteq V$ . The collection of all  $f_\delta$ -interior points of  $V$  is called the  $f_\delta$ -interior of  $V$ , which is denoted by  $f_{\text{int}_\delta}(V)$ . The  $f_\delta$ -interior of  $V$  is the union of all  $f_\delta$ -open sets of  $X$  contained in  $V$ , i.e. the most extensive  $f_\delta$ -open set contained in  $V$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$  be a fine topological space and  $V(\neq \phi) \subseteq X$ . If  $x$  is a  $f_\delta$ -cluster point of  $V$ , then it is a  $\delta$ -cluster point of  $V$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $\{G_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in J}$  be a collection of members of  $\tau$  and  $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in J}$  be a collection of induced fine open sets. Given  $V(\neq \phi) \subseteq X$ , suppose  $x \in X$  is a  $f_\delta$ -cluster point of  $V$  i.e.,

$$(3.2) \quad f_{\text{int}}(f_{cl}(U_\alpha)) \cap V \neq \phi$$

for each fine open set  $U_\alpha$  containing  $x$ . We have to show that  $x$  is a  $\delta$ -cluster point of the set  $V$  i.e., to show that

$$(3.3) \quad \text{int}(cl(G_\alpha)) \cap V \neq \phi$$

for each open set  $G_\alpha$  containing  $x$ . Since every open set is a fine open set, (3.2) holds for every open set  $G_\alpha$  containing  $x$ . Hence,

$$(3.4) \quad f_{\text{int}}(f_{\text{cl}}(G_\alpha)) \cap V \neq \phi$$

In order to establish (3.3), the following cases have been considered:

**Case 1:** Let  $cl(G_\alpha) = X$ .

Then clearly  $\text{int}(cl(G_\alpha)) = X$ . So, (3.3) holds for all open sets  $G_\alpha$  containing  $x$ .

**Case 2:** Let  $cl(G_\alpha) = F (\neq X)$ .

Then,  $\exists$  some  $\beta \in J$  such that  $G_\beta \subseteq (G_\alpha)^C$  (complement of  $G_\alpha$ ) then clearly  $G_\alpha \subseteq (G_\beta)^C$ , where  $(G_\beta)^C$  is the smallest closed set containing  $G_\alpha$  i.e.,  $cl(G_\alpha) = (G_\beta)^C = F$ . Then  $G_\beta$  is an open set such that  $G_\beta \cap (G_\alpha)^C \neq \phi$ . This implies that  $(G_\alpha)^C$  is a fine open set  $\Rightarrow G_\alpha$  is a fine closed set.

Hence,  $G_\alpha$  is an open set containing  $x \Rightarrow$  by definition of fine open set,  $G_\alpha$  is fine open set and we have investigated that it is a fine closed set. Thus,  $f_{\text{int}}(f_{\text{cl}}(G_\alpha)) = G_\alpha$  for each open set  $G_\alpha$  containing  $x$ .  $\Rightarrow f_{\text{int}}(f_{\text{cl}}(G_\alpha)) = G_\alpha \subseteq \text{int}(cl(G_\alpha))$ . Hence, (3.3) holds. Thus,  $x$  is a  $\delta$ -cluster point of  $V$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.7.** *Let  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$  be a fine topological space. Then each  $f_\delta$ -cluster point of a non-empty subset  $V$  of  $X$  is a cluster point of  $V$ .*

The converse of Corollary 3.7 may not be true as shown by the following example.

**Example 3.8.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ , with topology  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ . The following collections of subsets of  $X$  have been computed according to their corresponding definitions  $\tau_f$  and  $F_f$ :

$$\tau_f = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \\ \{b, c, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, X\}.$$

$$F_f = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \\ \{b, c, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, X\}.$$

Let  $V = \{a, b, d\} \subseteq X$ , then  $x = c \in X$  is a cluster point of  $V$  but it may be easily verified that  $c$  is not a  $f_\delta$ -cluster point of  $V$ .

**Theorem 3.9.** *Let  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$  be a fine topological space. Then every  $\delta$ -closed set is  $f_\delta$ -closed.*

*Proof.* Let  $V$  be a  $\delta$ -closed set, then we have  $V = cl_\delta(V)$ . Since by Theorem 3.6, every  $f_\delta$ -cluster point is  $\delta$ -cluster point, then  $f_{cl_\delta}(V) \subseteq cl_\delta(V) = V \Rightarrow f_{cl_\delta}(V) \subseteq V$ . But  $V \subseteq f_{cl_\delta}(V)$ , hence  $V = f_{cl_\delta}(V)$ . Thus,  $V$  is  $f_\delta$ -closed set.  $\square$

**Example 3.10.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ , with topology  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ . The following collections of subsets of  $X$  have been computed according to their corresponding definitions:

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_\delta &= \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}. \\ F_\delta &= \{\phi, \{b, c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{c, d\}, X\}. \\ \tau_{f_\delta} &= \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \\ &\quad \{b, c, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, X\}. \\ F_{f_\delta} &= \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \\ &\quad \{b, c, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, X\}. \end{aligned}$$

It is clear from the above collection of sets that every  $\delta$ -closed set is  $f_\delta$ -closed set whereas the converse does not hold always e.g.  $V = \{a, b\}$  is  $f_\delta$ -closed set but it is not  $\delta$ -closed set.

**Remark 3.11.** In view of Definitions 2.2, 2.5 and 3.4, the following implications present the explicit relationships amongst various open sets.

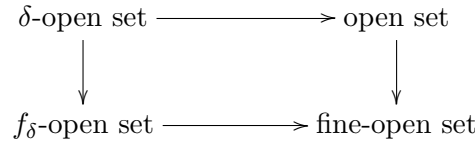


Diagram 2.1. Relationships amongst various open sets

**Lemma 3.12.** Let  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$  be a fine topological space and  $V$  be an  $f_\delta$ -open set then  $V = f_{\text{int}_\delta}(V)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $V$  be an  $f_\delta$ -open set, then by Definition 3.5,  $f_\delta$ -interior of  $V$  is the largest  $f_\delta$ -open set contained in  $V$ . Then,  $f_{\text{int}_\delta}(V) \subseteq V$ . Now, let  $p \in V$  and  $V$  is an  $f_\delta$ -open set then  $p$  is  $f_\delta$ -interior point of  $V$ , so by Definition 3.5,  $p \in f_{\text{int}_\delta}(V) \Rightarrow V \subseteq f_{\text{int}_\delta}(V)$ . Therefore,  $V = f_{\text{int}_\delta}(V)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.13.** Let  $U$  and  $V$  be two subsets of a fine topological space  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$ . If  $U \subseteq V$ , then  $f_{\text{int}_\delta}(U) \subseteq f_{\text{int}_\delta}(V)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $p \in f_{\text{int}_\delta}(U)$ , then by Definition 3.5,  $p$  is an  $f_\delta$ -interior point of  $U$ , so there exists an  $f_\delta$ -open set  $W$  such that  $p \in W \subseteq U$  but  $U \subseteq V$  (given). Therefore,  $p \in W \subseteq V \Rightarrow p \in f_{\text{int}_\delta}(V)$ . Thus,  $f_{\text{int}_\delta}(U) \subseteq f_{\text{int}_\delta}(V)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.14.** Let  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$  be a fine topological space and let  $\{V_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in J}$  be the family of subsets of  $X$ , then  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in J} (f_{\text{int}_\delta}(V_\alpha)) \subseteq f_{\text{int}_\delta}\left(\bigcup_{\alpha \in J} (V_\alpha)\right)$ .



The next lemma is a direct consequence of Lemma 3.13.

**Remark 3.15.** Let  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$  be a fine topological space and let  $\{V_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in J}$  be the family of subsets of  $X$ , then  $f_{\text{int}_\delta} \left( \bigcup_{\alpha \in J} (V_\alpha) \right) \not\subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in J} (f_{\text{int}_\delta}(V_\alpha))$ . In order to support this assertion, please refer Example 3.16.

**Example 3.16.** Referring Example 3.10 of this paper, we recall the collection  $\tau_{f_\delta}$  and consider  $E = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $F = \{d\} \in \tau_{f_\delta}$ , then  $E \cup F = X$ . It may be verified that  $f_{\text{int}_\delta}(E) = E$ ,  $f_{\text{int}_\delta}(F) = \phi$  and  $f_{\text{int}_\delta}(E \cup F) = X$ . Thus  $f_{\text{int}_\delta}(E \cup F) \not\subseteq f_{\text{int}_\delta}(E) \cup f_{\text{int}_\delta}(F)$ .

**Theorem 3.17.** Let  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$  be a fine topological space. Then arbitrary union of  $f_\delta$ -open sets is  $f_\delta$ -open set but, the finite intersections of  $f_\delta$ -open sets need not be  $f_\delta$ -open.

*Proof.* Let  $(V_\alpha)_{\alpha \in J}$  be the class of  $f_\delta$ -open sets. We show that  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in J} (V_\alpha)$  is  $f_\delta$ -open set. By Lemma 3.12, it is sufficient to prove that  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in J} (V_\alpha) = f_{\text{int}_\delta} \left( \bigcup_{\alpha \in J} (V_\alpha) \right)$ . By Definition 3.5,  $f_{\text{int}_\delta} \left( \bigcup_{\alpha \in J} (V_\alpha) \right) \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in J} (V_\alpha)$ . Now, we shall show that  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in J} (V_\alpha) \subseteq f_{\text{int}_\delta} \left( \bigcup_{\alpha \in J} (V_\alpha) \right)$ . Let  $p \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in J} (V_\alpha)$  so, there exists some  $\beta \in J$  such that  $p \in V_\beta$ . Since,  $V_\beta$  is  $f_\delta$ -open set, then by Lemma 3.12,  $V_\beta = f_{\text{int}_\delta}(V_\beta) \Rightarrow p \in f_{\text{int}_\delta}(V_\beta)_{\beta \in J}$ . Hence,  $p \in \bigcup_{\beta \in J} (f_{\text{int}_\delta}(V_\beta))$  then, by Lemma 3.14,  $p \in f_{\text{int}_\delta} \left( \bigcup_{\beta \in J} (V_\beta) \right)$ . Thus,  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in J} (V_\alpha) \subseteq f_{\text{int}_\delta} \left( \bigcup_{\alpha \in J} (V_\alpha) \right)$  and finally  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in J} (V_\alpha) = f_{\text{int}_\delta} \left( \bigcup_{\alpha \in J} (V_\alpha) \right)$ .  $\square$

In support of the later part of Theorem 3.17, Example 3.18 may be referred.

**Example 3.18.** Referring Example 3.10 of this paper, recall the collection  $\tau_{f_\delta}$  and consider  $A = \{a, d\}$  and  $B = \{b, d\} \in \tau_{f_\delta}$ . It is clear that  $A \cap B = \{d\} \notin \tau_{f_\delta}$ .

**Lemma 3.19.** Let  $U$  be a subset of a fine topological space  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$  then  $U \subseteq f_{cl_\delta}(U)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $p \in U$  then there exists some fine-open set  $V \subseteq X$  such that  $p \in V$ . We now consider the following two cases:

**Case 1** If  $V = X$  then the proof follows directly.

**Case 2** If  $V \neq X$  (i.e.  $V$  is a proper subset of  $X$ ) then  $p \in V \subseteq f_{cl}(V) \Rightarrow p \in f_{cl}(V)$ . Since,  $V \subseteq f_{cl}(V) \Rightarrow f_{\text{int}}(V) \subseteq f_{\text{int}}(f_{cl}(V))$  and since  $V$  is fine-open set, then  $f_{\text{int}}(V) = V$ . Hence,  $V \subseteq f_{\text{int}}(f_{cl}(V)) \Rightarrow$

$f_{\text{int}}(f_{cl}(V)) \cap U \neq \phi$ . Thus, by Definition 3.4,  $p$  is  $f_\delta$ -cluster point of  $U \Rightarrow p \in f_{cl_\delta}(U)$ . Hence,  $U \subseteq f_{cl_\delta}(U)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.20.** *Let  $U$  be a subset of fine topological space  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$ . Then  $f_{cl_\delta}(U)$  is the smallest  $f_\delta$ -closed set containing  $U$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $f_{cl_\delta}(U)$  is not the most miniature  $f_\delta$ -closed set containing  $U$ . Then, there exists some  $f_\delta$ -closed set  $V$  such that  $U \subseteq V \subseteq f_{cl_\delta}(U)$ . Implies,  $V$  consists of all the elements of  $U$  and some  $f_\delta$ -cluster points of  $U$  (if it contains all  $f_\delta$ -cluster points, then  $f_{cl_\delta}(U) \subseteq V$ , which is a contradiction to our assumption). So, there exists an  $f_\delta$ -cluster point  $p$  of  $U$  not in  $V$  then, by Definition 3.4,  $f_{\text{int}}(f_{cl}(W)) \cap U \neq \phi$ , for every fine-open set  $W$  of fine space  $X$  containing  $p$ .

But,  $U \subseteq V$  then,  $f_{\text{int}}(f_{cl}(W)) \cap V \neq \phi$ , for every fine-open set  $W$  of fine space  $X$  containing  $p$ . This implies that,  $p$  is also  $f_\delta$ -cluster point of  $V \Rightarrow p \in f_{cl_\delta}(V)$ . Since,  $V$  is  $f_\delta$ -closed set then,  $V = f_{cl_\delta}(V) \Rightarrow p \in V$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore, our assumption that there exists  $f_\delta$ -closed set  $V$  satisfying  $U \subseteq V \subseteq f_{cl_\delta}(U)$  is not true and hence  $f_{cl_\delta}(U)$  is the smallest  $f_\delta$ -closed set containing  $U$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.21.** *Let  $U$  and  $V$  be two subsets of a fine topological space  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$ . Then following hold:*

- (i)  $f_{cl_\delta}(X) = X$  and  $f_{cl_\delta}(\phi) = \phi$ .
- (ii) If  $U \subseteq V$ , then  $f_{cl_\delta}(U) \subseteq f_{cl_\delta}(V)$ .
- (iii)  $f_{cl_\delta}(U \cap V) \subseteq f_{cl_\delta}(U) \cap f_{cl_\delta}(V)$ .
- (iv)  $f_{cl_\delta}(U) \cup f_{cl_\delta}(V) \subseteq f_{cl_\delta}(U \cup V)$ .
- (v)  $f_{cl_\delta}(f_{cl_\delta}(U)) = f_{cl_\delta}(U)$ .

*Proof.* (i) Since,  $X$  and  $\phi$  both are  $f_\delta$ -closed sets, then (1) holds by Definition 3.4.

- (ii)  $V \subseteq f_{cl_\delta}(V)$  and given that  $U \subseteq V$ , we have  $U \subseteq f_{cl_\delta}(V)$ . But,  $f_{cl_\delta}(V)$  is  $f_\delta$ -closed set. Therefor,  $f_{cl_\delta}(V)$  is a  $f_\delta$ -closed set containing  $U$ . Since, by Lemma 3.20,  $f_{cl_\delta}(U)$  is the smallest  $f_\delta$ -closed set containing  $U$ , hence  $f_{cl_\delta}(U) \subseteq f_{cl_\delta}(V)$ .

(iii) Applying part 2 of this theorem consider the following:

$$(3.5) \quad U \cap V \subseteq U \quad \Rightarrow \quad f_{cl_\delta}(U \cap V) \subseteq f_{cl_\delta}(U)$$

$$(3.6) \quad U \cap V \subseteq V \quad \Rightarrow \quad f_{cl_\delta}(U \cap V) \subseteq f_{cl_\delta}(V)$$

then  $f_{cl_\delta}(U \cap V) \subseteq f_{cl_\delta}(U) \cap f_{cl_\delta}(V)$ . (Using (3.5) and (3.6))

(iv) Again applying part 2 of this theorem, we get

$$(3.7) \quad U \subseteq U \cup V \quad \Rightarrow \quad f_{cl_\delta}(U) \subseteq f_{cl_\delta}(U \cup V).$$

$$(3.8) \quad V \subseteq U \cup V \quad \Rightarrow \quad f_{cl_\delta}(V) \subseteq f_{cl_\delta}(U \cup V).$$

Then  $f_{cl_\delta}(U) \cup f_{cl_\delta}(V) \subseteq f_{cl_\delta}(U \cup V)$ . (Referring (3.7) and (3.8))

- (v) Since,  $U \subseteq f_{cl_\delta}(U) \Rightarrow f_{cl_\delta}(U) \subseteq f_{cl_\delta}(f_{cl_\delta}(U))$ . Now, let  $x \in f_{cl_\delta}(f_{cl_\delta}(U))$ . Then  $x$  is a  $f_\delta$ -cluster point of  $f_{cl_\delta}(U)$ . But  $f_{cl_\delta}(U)$  is a set containing all its  $f_\delta$ -cluster points. Implies  $x \in f_{cl_\delta}(U)$ . Therefore,  $f_{cl_\delta}(f_{cl_\delta}(U)) \subseteq f_{cl_\delta}(U)$ . Hence,

$$f_{cl_\delta}(f_{cl_\delta}(U)) = f_{cl_\delta}(U). \quad \square$$

The following example assures that the equality in parts 3 and 4 of Theorem 3.21, may not hold in general.

**Example 3.22.** Referring Example 3.10 of this paper, we consider the collection  $\tau_{f_\delta}$ .

- (i) Consider  $U = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $V = \{d\}$  be the subsets of  $X$ , then  $f_{cl_\delta}(U) = X$  and  $f_{cl_\delta}(V) = V$ , so,  $f_{cl_\delta}(U \cap V) = \phi$ ,  $f_{cl_\delta}(U) \cap f_{cl_\delta}(V) = V$ . Thus,  $f_{cl_\delta}(U) \cap f_{cl_\delta}(V) \not\subseteq f_{cl_\delta}(U \cap V)$ .  
(ii) Again consider  $U = \{a, b\}$ ,  $V = \{c\}$ , then  $f_{cl_\delta}(U) = U$ ,  $f_{cl_\delta}(V) = V$  and  $f_{cl_\delta}(U \cup V) = X$ . Thus,  $f_{cl_\delta}(U \cup V) \not\subseteq f_{cl_\delta}(U) \cup f_{cl_\delta}(V)$ .

**Theorem 3.23.** Let  $U$  and  $V$  be two subsets of a fine topological space  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$ . Then following hold:

- (i)  $f_{int_\delta}(X) = X$  and  $f_{int_\delta}(\phi) = \phi$ .  
(ii)  $f_{int_\delta}(U \cap V) \subseteq f_{int_\delta}(U) \cap f_{int_\delta}(V)$ .  
(iii)  $f_{int_\delta}(U) \cup f_{int_\delta}(V) \subseteq f_{int_\delta}(U \cup V)$ . (It is a special case of Lemma 3.14)  
(iv)  $f_{int_\delta}(f_{int_\delta}(U)) = f_{int_\delta}(U)$ .

*Proof.* (i) Since,  $X$  and  $\phi$  both are  $f_\delta$ -open sets then, by Lemma 3.12, (1) holds.

(ii) In view of Lemma 3.13, we get the following

$$(3.9) \quad U \cap V \subseteq U \quad \Rightarrow \quad f_{int_\delta}(U \cap V) \subseteq f_{int_\delta}(U)$$

$$(3.10) \quad U \cap V \subseteq V \quad \Rightarrow \quad f_{int_\delta}(U \cap V) \subseteq f_{int_\delta}(V)$$

then  $f_{int_\delta}(U \cap V) \subseteq f_{int_\delta}(U) \cap f_{int_\delta}(V)$ . (by (3.9) and (3.10))

(iii) Following is again a consequence of Lemma 3.13:

$$(3.11) \quad U \subseteq U \cup V \quad \Rightarrow \quad f_{int_\delta}(U) \subseteq f_{int_\delta}(U \cup V).$$

$$(3.12) \quad V \subseteq U \cup V \quad \Rightarrow \quad f_{int_\delta}(V) \subseteq f_{int_\delta}(U \cup V).$$

Then  $f_{int_\delta}(U) \cup f_{int_\delta}(V) \subseteq f_{int_\delta}(U \cup V)$ . (by (3.11) and (3.12))

- (iv) Let  $W = f_{int_\delta}(U)$  hence,  $W$  is  $f_\delta$ -open set, therefore by Lemma 3.12,  $W = f_{int_\delta}(W)$ . Thus,  $f_{int_\delta}(f_{int_\delta}(U)) = f_{int_\delta}(U)$ .  $\square$

The following example illustrates that the equality in parts 2 and 3 of Theorem 3.23 may not necessarily hold in general:

**Example 3.24.** Referring Example 3.10 of this paper, we consider the collection  $\tau_{f_\delta}$ .

- (i) If  $U = \{a, d\}$ ,  $V = \{b, d\}$ , then  $f_{\text{int}_\delta}(U) = U$ ,  $f_{\text{int}_\delta}(V) = V$  and  $f_{\text{int}_\delta}(U) \cap f_{\text{int}_\delta}(V) = \{d\}$ ,  $U \cap V = \{d\}$ . But it may be easily verified that  $f_{\text{int}_\delta}(U \cap V) = \phi$ . Thus,  $f_{\text{int}_\delta}(U) \cap f_{\text{int}_\delta}(V) \not\subseteq f_{\text{int}_\delta}(U \cap V)$ .
- (ii) Similarly, if we choose  $E = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $F = \{d\}$  then it may be checked easily that  $f_{\text{int}_\delta}(E \cup F) \not\subseteq f_{\text{int}_\delta}(E) \cup f_{\text{int}_\delta}(F)$ .

**Theorem 3.25.** *Let  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$  be a fine topological space and  $V$  be a subset of  $X$ . Then  $x \in f_{cl_\delta}(V)$ , if and only if  $V \cap U \neq \phi$  for every  $f_\delta$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$ .*

*Proof.* Given  $x \in f_{cl_\delta}(V)$  and we wish to show that  $V \cap U \neq \phi$ . Let if possible  $V \cap U = \phi$  for some  $f_\delta$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  then,  $V \subseteq X \setminus U$  and  $X \setminus U$  is  $f_\delta$ -closed set in  $X$ . Then  $f_{cl_\delta}(V) \subseteq X \setminus U$ . So,  $x \in X \setminus U$ , which is a contradiction to the hypothesis. Hence,  $V \cap U \neq \phi$  for every  $f_\delta$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$ .

Conversely, given  $V \cap U \neq \phi$  for every  $f_\delta$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  and our aim is to show that  $x \in f_{cl_\delta}(V)$ . Let if possible,  $x \notin f_{cl_\delta}(V)$  and  $f_{cl_\delta}(V)$  be  $f_\delta$ -closed such that  $V \subseteq f_{cl_\delta}(V)$ . It is clear that,  $X \setminus f_{cl_\delta}(V)$  is  $f_\delta$ -open set containing  $x$  and,  $X \setminus f_{cl_\delta}(V) \subseteq X \setminus V$ . Therefore,  $V \cap (X \setminus f_{cl_\delta}(V)) = \phi$  which is contradiction to the hypothesis. Thus,  $x \in f_{cl_\delta}(V)$ . □

**Definition 3.26.** A subset  $V$  of a fine topological space  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$  is said to be  $f_\delta$ - $g$ -closed ( $f_\delta$ -generalized closed) if  $f_{cl_\delta}(V) \subseteq U$  whenever  $V \subseteq U$  for  $f_\delta$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$ .

In view of [13, Theorem 4.3], the following result is established.

**Theorem 3.27.** *Let  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$  be a fine topological space and  $U$  be the  $f_\delta$ - $g$ -closed subset of  $X$ , then  $f_{cl_\delta}(U) \setminus U$  does not contain any non-empty  $f_\delta$ -closed set.*

*Proof.* Let  $V$  be a non-empty  $f_\delta$ -closed subset of  $X$  such that  $V \subseteq f_{cl_\delta}(U) \setminus U$ , then  $V \subseteq X \setminus U \Rightarrow U \subseteq X \setminus V$ . Since  $X \setminus V$  is  $f_\delta$ -open set and  $U$  is  $f_\delta$ - $g$ -closed set then by Definition 3.26,  $f_{cl_\delta}(U) \subseteq X \setminus V \Rightarrow V \subseteq X \setminus f_{cl_\delta}(U)$ . We get  $V \subseteq X \setminus f_{cl_\delta}(U) \cap f_{cl_\delta}(U) \setminus U \subseteq X \setminus f_{cl_\delta}(U) \cap f_{cl_\delta}(U) = \phi \Rightarrow V = \phi$  which is a contradiction. Thus,  $V \not\subseteq f_{cl_\delta}(U) \setminus U$ . □

#### 4. FINE-SEPARATION AXIOMS

In this section, certain separation axioms have been defined with respect to fine open sets.

**Definition 4.1.** A subset  $V$  of fine topological space  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$  is said to be  $f$ - $g$ -closed (fine generalized closed) if  $f_{cl}(V) \subseteq U$  whenever  $V \subseteq U$  for a fine open set  $U$  of  $X$ .

**Definition 4.2.** A fine topological space  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$  is said to be

- (i)  $T_0^f$  if for each pair of distinct points  $x, y \in X$ , there exists a fine open set  $U$  of  $X$  which either contains  $x$  or  $y$ , but not both.
- (ii)  $T_1^f$  if for given a pair of distinct points  $x, y \in X$ , there exist two fine open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$ ,  $x \notin V$  and  $y \in V$ ,  $y \notin U$ .
- (iii)  $T_2^f$  (or  $f$ -Hausdorff) if for each pair of distinct points  $x, y \in X$  there exist two fine open sets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  and  $y$  respectively such that  $U \cap V = \phi$ .
- (iv)  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}^f$  if every  $f$ - $g$ -closed set in  $X$  is fine closed.

**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$  be a fine topological space with  $\tau$  non-trivial consisting of at least one subset of  $X$  having minimum two distinct elements of  $X$ . Then,  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$  is  $T_2^f$  space.

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be any non-empty set with the topology  $\tau$  given by  $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{x_\alpha, x_\beta\} : (x_\alpha \neq x_\beta) \text{ for } x_\alpha, x_\beta \in X\}$ . The fine topology,  $\tau_f$  consists of the sets of following types:

$$(4.1) \quad \tau_f = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phi, X, \\ U_f : x_\alpha \in U_f \\ V_f : x_\beta \in V_f \\ W_f : x_\alpha, x_\beta \in W_f \end{array} \right\}$$

It may be easily verified that  $\tau_f$  is a fine topology on  $(X, \tau)$ . We now show that  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$  is  $T_2^f$  space.

**Case 1** If  $x_\alpha, x_\beta$  are two distinct points of  $X$ , then there exist two fine open sets  $\{x_\alpha\}, \{x_\beta\}$  such that  $\{x_\alpha\} \in U_f$  and  $\{x_\beta\} \in V_f$  of  $X$  and  $\{x_\alpha\} \cap \{x_\beta\} = \phi$ .

**Case 2** If  $x, x_\alpha, x_\beta \in X$  such that  $x_\alpha \neq x, x \neq x_\beta$  then there exist two fine open sets  $\{x_\alpha\} \in U_f$  and  $\{x_\beta, x\} \in V_f$  of  $X$  such that  $\{x_\alpha\} \cap \{x_\beta, x\} = \phi$ .

**Case 3** If  $x_1, x_2$  are two distinct points of  $X$  such that  $x_1, x_2 \neq x_\alpha, x_\beta$  then there exist two fine open sets  $\{x_\alpha, x_1\} \in U_f$  and  $\{x_\beta, x_2\} \in V_f$  of  $X$  such that  $\{x_\alpha, x_1\} \cap \{x_\beta, x_2\} = \phi$ . Thus,  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$  is  $T_2^f$ .  $\square$

**Example 4.4.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ , with topology  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, X\}$  and the fine topology  $\tau_f$  generated by  $\tau$  is given by  $\tau_f = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ .

It may be easily checked that this space is  $T_0^f$  but not  $T_1^f$ . But as soon as one proper subset of  $X$  is added (viz.  $\{a, b\}$  or  $\{a, c\}$ ) to the topology it will turn out to be  $T_2^f$  spaces.

### 5. $f_\delta$ -SEPARATION AXIOMS

In this section, certain separation axioms have been defined with respect to  $f_\delta$ -open sets.

**Definition 5.1.** A fine topological space  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$  is said to be

- (i)  $f_\delta$ - $T_0$  if for each pair of distinct points  $x, y \in X$ , there exists an  $f_\delta$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  which either contains  $x$  or  $y$ , but not both.
- (ii)  $f_\delta$ - $T_1$  if for given a pairs of distinct points  $x, y \in X$ , there exist two  $f_\delta$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U, x \notin V$  and  $y \in V, y \notin U$ .
- (iii)  $f_\delta$ - $T_2$  (or  $f_\delta$ -Hausdorff) if for each pair of distinct points  $x, y \in X$  there exist two  $f_\delta$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  and  $y$  respectively such that  $U \cap V = \phi$ .
- (iv)  $f_\delta$ - $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$  if every  $f_\delta$ - $g$ -closed set in  $X$  is  $f_\delta$ -closed.

**Theorem 5.2.** A fine topological space  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$  is  $f_\delta$ - $T_0$  if and only if  $f_{cl_\delta}(\{p\}) \neq f_{cl_\delta}(\{q\})$ , for every pair of distinct points  $p, q \in X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be an  $f_\delta$ - $T_0$  space and  $p, q$  be two distinct points of  $X$ . Then, there exists an  $f_\delta$ -open set  $H$  containing  $p$  or  $q$  (say  $p$ , but not  $q$ ). So  $X \setminus H$  is a  $f_\delta$ -closed set such that  $p \notin X \setminus H$  but  $q \in X \setminus H$ . But  $f_{cl_\delta}(\{q\})$  is the smallest  $f_\delta$ -closed set containing  $q$  and  $f_{cl_\delta}(\{q\}) \subseteq X \setminus H$ , so  $p \notin f_{cl_\delta}(\{q\})$ . Therefore,  $f_{cl_\delta}(\{p\}) \neq f_{cl_\delta}(\{q\})$ .

Conversely, Let  $p$  and  $q$  be two distinct points of fine space  $X$  such that  $f_{cl_\delta}(\{p\}) \neq f_{cl_\delta}(\{q\})$ . We show that  $X$  is  $f_\delta$ - $T_0$  space. Since,  $f_{cl_\delta}(\{p\}) \neq f_{cl_\delta}(\{q\})$ , implies  $f_{cl_\delta}(\{p\}) \not\subseteq f_{cl_\delta}(\{q\})$  and  $f_{cl_\delta}(\{q\}) \not\subseteq f_{cl_\delta}(\{p\})$ . We now show that  $p \notin f_{cl_\delta}(\{q\})$ . Let if possible  $p \in f_{cl_\delta}(\{q\}) \Rightarrow \{p\} \subseteq f_{cl_\delta}(\{q\})$  therefor,  $f_{cl_\delta}(\{p\}) \subseteq f_{cl_\delta}(\{q\})$  (by Theorem 3.21 (3)), this is a contradiction to our hypothesis. So,  $p \in X \setminus f_{cl_\delta}(\{q\})$  i.e. there exists  $f_\delta$ -open set  $X \setminus f_{cl_\delta}(\{q\})$  such that  $p \in X \setminus f_{cl_\delta}(\{q\})$  but  $q \notin X \setminus f_{cl_\delta}(\{q\})$ . Thus,  $X$  is  $f_\delta$ - $T_0$ .  $\square$

**Example 5.3.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ , with topology  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ . The following collections of subsets of  $X$  have been computed as per their corresponding definitions:

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_\delta &= \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\} \\ \tau_{f_\delta} &= \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \\ &\quad \{b, c, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, X\}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the given fine topological space is  $f_\delta\text{-}T_i$  and  $T_i^f$  for  $i = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, 2$ , but it is not  $\delta\text{-}T_i$ , for  $i = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, 2$ .

**Theorem 5.4.** *Let  $X$  be a non-empty set with topology  $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{x_0\} : x_0 \in X\}$ . Then, the only sets which are  $f_\delta$ -closed are  $\phi$  and  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be a non-empty set with topology  $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{x_0\} : x_0 \in X\}$ . Now applying Definitions 2.5 and 2.6,  $\tau_f = \{\phi, X, \{V_0 : x_0 \in V_0\}\}$  and  $F_f = \{\phi, X, \{U_0 : x_0 \notin U_0\}\}$ .

We now show that  $x_0$  is an  $f_\delta$ -cluster point of  $U_0$ . Since,  $f_{\text{int}}(f_{cl}(U)) = X$  for each fine open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x_0$ , then  $f_{\text{int}}(f_{cl}(U)) \cap U_0 \neq \phi$ . It is clear that  $x_0$  is  $f_\delta$ -cluster point of  $U_0$ , then  $x_0 \in f_{cl_\delta}(U_0)$ . Therefore,  $f_{cl_\delta}(U_0) \neq U_0$  and hence  $U_0$  is not  $f_\delta$ -closed set for all fine closed set  $U_0$  of  $X$ . Thus,  $\phi$  and  $X$  are the only  $f_\delta$ -closed sets of  $(X, \tau)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 5.5.** *Let  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$  be the fine topological space with the topology  $\tau$  consisting of at least one subset of  $X$  having minimum two distinct elements of  $X$ . Then singleton set  $\{x\}$ ,  $x \in X$  is fine closed.*

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be any non-empty set with the topology  $\tau$  given by  $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{x_\alpha, x_\beta\} : (x_\alpha \neq x_\beta) \text{ for } x_\alpha, x_\beta \in X\}$ . The fine topology,  $\tau_f$  consists of the sets of following types:

$$(5.1) \quad \tau_f = \left\{ \phi, X, \begin{array}{l} U_f : x_\alpha \in U_f \\ V_f : x_\beta \in V_f \\ W_f : x_\alpha, x_\beta \in W_f \end{array} \right\}$$

It may be easily verified that  $\tau_f$  is a fine topology on  $(X, \tau)$ . The corresponding collection of fine closed sets is given by

$$(5.2) \quad F_f = \left\{ \phi, X, \begin{array}{l} U_F : x_\alpha \notin U_F \\ V_F : x_\beta \notin V_F \\ W_F : x_\alpha, x_\beta \notin W_F \end{array} \right\}$$

We show that  $\{x\}$  is fine closed.

**Case 1** If  $x = x_\alpha$  then there exists  $v_F = \{x_\alpha\} \in V_F$  which is fine closed.

**Case 2** If  $x = x_\beta$  then there exists  $u_F = \{x_\beta\} \in U_F$  which is fine closed.

**Case 3** If  $x \neq x_\alpha, x_\beta$  then there exists  $w_F = \{x\} \in W_F$  which is fine closed.

Hence, for  $x \in X$ ,  $\{x\}$  is fine closed.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.6.** *Let  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$  be a fine topological space with  $\tau$  non-trivial consisting of at least one subset of  $X$  having minimum two distinct elements of  $X$  and  $F_f$  be the collection of fine closed sets. If  $F_{f_\delta}$  is the collection of  $f_\delta$ -closed sets in  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$ , then  $F_f \cong F_{f_\delta}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be any non-empty set with the topology  $\tau$  given by  $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{x_\alpha, x_\beta\} : (x_\alpha \neq x_\beta) \text{ for } x_\alpha, x_\beta \in X\}$ . The fine topology,  $\tau_f$  consists of the sets of following types:

$$(5.3) \quad \tau_f = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phi, X, \\ U_f : x_\alpha \in U_f \\ V_f : x_\beta \in V_f \\ W_f : x_\alpha, x_\beta \in W_f \end{array} \right\}$$

It may be easily verified that  $\tau_f$  is a fine topology on  $(X, \tau)$ . The corresponding collection of fine closed sets is given by

$$(5.4) \quad F_f = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phi, X, \\ U_F : x_\alpha \notin U_F \\ V_F : x_\beta \notin V_F \\ W_F : x_\alpha, x_\beta \notin W_F \end{array} \right\}$$

We show that  $G \in F_f$  implies  $G$  is  $f_\delta$ -closed set. It is enough if we show that  $x \notin G$  implies  $x$  is not a  $\delta$ -cluster point of  $G$ .

**Case 1** Let  $x = x_\alpha \Rightarrow x_\alpha \notin G$ . It may be seen that  $\{x_\alpha\} \in U_f$  (by relation 5.3) and  $\{x_\alpha\} \in V_F$  (by relation 5.4), then  $f_{\text{int}}(f_{\text{cl}}\{x_\alpha\}) \cap G = \{x_\alpha\} \cap G = \phi$ . Hence,  $x_\alpha$  is not a  $f_\delta$ -cluster point of  $G$ . Similarly, it may be shown that  $x_\beta \notin G$  is also not a  $f_\delta$ -cluster point of  $G$ .

**Case 2** Let  $x \neq x_\alpha, x_\beta$  and  $x \notin G$ . Consider a neighborhood of  $x$ ,  $\{x, x_\alpha\} \in U_f$ , it is also clear that  $\{x, x_\alpha\} \in V_F$ . Hence,  $f_{\text{int}}(f_{\text{cl}}\{x, x_\alpha\}) \cap G = \{x, x_\alpha\} \cap G = \phi$  i.e.  $x$  is not a  $f_\delta$ -cluster point of  $G$ .

We have shown that any point which is out side of the set  $G$  is not a  $f_\delta$ -cluster point of  $G$ , means  $G$  contains all its  $f_\delta$ -cluster points. Therefore,  $G$  is  $f_\delta$ -closed set.

Next, we show that if  $G \notin F_f$ , then  $G$  is not  $f_\delta$ -closed set. If  $G \notin F_f$  implies  $x_\alpha, x_\beta \in G$ . Consider  $x \notin G \Rightarrow x \neq x_\alpha, x_\beta$  there exist open sets of the type  $U_f, V_f$  and  $W_f$  containing  $x$ .

**Case 1** If  $x \in u_f \in U_f$  such that  $x_\alpha \in u_f$ , then there exists some  $v_F \in V_F$  such that  $u_f \cong v_F$ . Hence,  $f_{\text{int}}(f_{\text{cl}}(u_f)) \cap G = u_f \cap G = A \neq \phi$ , ( $x_\alpha \in A$ ) where  $A$  is a subset of  $X$ .



**Case 2** If  $x \in v_f \in V_f$  then by the same reasoning  $f_{\text{int}}(f_{cl}(v_f)) \cap G = v_f \cap G = B \neq \phi$ , ( $x_\beta \in B$ ) where  $B$  is a subset of  $X$ .

**Case 3** If  $x \in W_f$  and since  $x_\alpha, x_\beta \notin W_F$  then  $f_{cl}(W_f) = X$  and  $f_{\text{int}}(f_{cl}(W_f)) \cap G = X \cap G = G \neq \phi$ .

Implies any point lying out side of  $G$  is a  $f_\delta$ -cluster point of  $G$ . Hence,  $G(\notin F_f)$  is not  $f_\delta$ -closed set. Thus,  $F_f \cong F_{f_\delta}$   $\square$

Moreover, if there exists any arbitrary topology  $\tau_\alpha$  finer than  $\tau$ , then it is obvious that the same conclusion holds for  $\tau_\alpha$  as well.

**Theorem 5.7.** *Let  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$  be a fine topological space, then for an element  $p \in X$ , the set  $X \setminus \{p\}$  is  $f_\delta$ - $g$ -closed or  $f_\delta$ -open.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $X \setminus \{p\}$  is not  $f_\delta$ -open. Then  $X$  is the only  $f_\delta$ -open set containing  $X \setminus \{p\} \Rightarrow f_{cl_\delta}(X \setminus \{p\}) \subseteq X$ . Hence  $X \setminus \{p\}$  is  $f_\delta$ - $g$ -closed. Second part of this Theorem is a direct consequence of Lemma 5.5 and Theorem 5.6.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.8.** *A fine topological space  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$  is  $f_\delta$ - $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$  space if and only if for each point  $p \in X$ , the set  $\{p\}$  is  $f_\delta$ -closed or  $f_\delta$ -open.*

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be a  $f_\delta$ - $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$  space and let if possible for  $p \in X$ ,  $\{p\}$  be not  $f_\delta$ -closed. Then, by Theorem 5.7,  $X \setminus \{p\}$  is  $f_\delta$ - $g$ -closed. Since  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$  is  $f_\delta$ - $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ , then  $X \setminus \{p\}$  is  $f_\delta$ -closed set (by Definition 5.1(4)) that implies that  $\{p\}$  is  $f_\delta$ -open set.

Conversely, let  $V$  be any  $f_\delta$ - $g$ -closed set. It is enough if we show that  $V$  is  $f_\delta$ -closed (i.e.  $f_{cl_\delta}(V) = V$ ). Let  $p \in f_{cl_\delta}(V)$ . By assumption  $\{p\}$  is  $f_\delta$ -closed or  $f_\delta$ -open for each  $p \in X$ . Consider following two cases:

**Case 1.** Let  $\{p\}$  be  $f_\delta$ -closed and  $p \notin V$ , then  $p \in f_{cl_\delta}(V) \setminus V \Rightarrow \{p\} \subseteq f_{cl_\delta}(V) \setminus V$ . By Theorem 3.27, this is contradiction. So,  $p \in V \Rightarrow f_{cl_\delta}(V) \subseteq V$ , but  $V \subseteq f_{cl_\delta}(V)$ . Hence,  $f_{cl_\delta}(V) = V$ . Hence,  $V$  is  $f_\delta$ -closed set.

**Case 2.** Let  $\{p\}$  be  $f_\delta$ -open set. Then by Theorem 3.25,  $V \cap \{p\} \neq \phi \Rightarrow p \in V$ , hence  $f_{cl_\delta}(V) \subseteq V$  but  $V \subseteq f_{cl_\delta}(V)$ . Therefore,  $f_{cl_\delta}(V) = V$ , it implies that  $V$  is  $f_\delta$ -closed set. Thus, in both the cases  $(X, \tau, \tau_f)$  is  $f_\delta$ - $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$  space.  $\square$

**Remark 5.9.** Following implications hold for some separation axioms with concerning the collection of  $f_\delta$ -open sets when  $\tau$  consists of at least one subset of  $X$  containing a minimum of two distinct elements of  $X$ . (by Theorem 5.4)

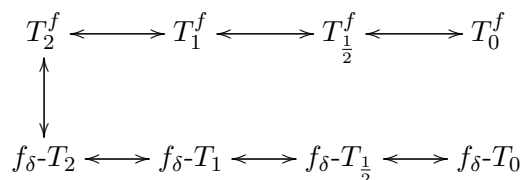


Diagram 5.1. Relation amongst different separation axioms with respect to fine collection and  $f_\delta$ -collection of open sets

### 6. CONCLUSION

In the present paper, the collection of  $f_\delta$ -open sets is defined, which is a special case of generalized topology. Some interesting properties of these  $f_\delta$ -open sets have also been studied. The significant contribution to this paper is the definitions and particular examples of  $f_\delta$ -separation axioms. It was interesting to note that the collection  $\tau_{f_\delta}$  satisfies the  $f_\delta-T_2$  or  $f_\delta$ -Hausdorff axiom when the collection  $\tau_{f_\delta}$  is not the power set of the space  $X$  whereas, in the finite point set topology, the topological space is Hausdorff if it is a discrete space.

Moreover, the concept of the  $f_\delta$ - $g$ -closed set has also been initiated. These ideas may be applied to define some new class of continuous functions and by considering the ideal role, the concept may be extended over the Ideal Topological space.

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