

Λ_p^* -SEPARATION AXIOMS

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Separation axioms are among the most **common** and important and interesting concepts in topology as well as in bitopologies. In this paper, we introduce Λ_p^* -sets and some weak separation axioms using Λ_p^* -open sets and Λ_p^* -closure operator. The aim of this paper is to introduce Λ_p^* - T_i and Λ_p^* - R_j , for $i = 0, 1, 2$ and $j = 0, 1$ spaces using Λ_p^* -open and Λ_p^* -closed sets. Some existing lower separation axioms are characterized by using these spaces.

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INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY

The separation axioms R_0 and R_1 in topological spaces were introduced by Shanin [16] in 1943. Murdeshwar and Naimpally [12, 13] investigated the properties of R_0 topological spaces and many interesting results have been obtained. Caldas *et. al.* [3] introduced Λ_α -sets and V_α -sets characterize some of their properties. Navaneethakrishnan [14] used regular-open sets to define V_r -sets and Λ_r -sets and investigate some separation axioms using these sets in topological spaces. Using semi-open sets, Caldas and Dontchev [1] extended Maki's work by introducing and studying Λ_s -sets and V_s -sets. The purpose of this paper is to continue the research along these directions but this time by utilizing Λ_p^* -open sets. For details see ([2], [3], [4], [8], [9], [11], [11] and [12]). In this paper, we introduce some Λ_p^* -separation axioms in topological spaces. To define and investigate the axioms, we use Λ_p^* -open sets.

Throughout this paper (X, τ) denotes a topological space on which no separation axioms are assumed unless explicitly stated. Standard definitions and notations in point set topology are used in this paper.

A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is said to be pre*-open [15] if $A \subseteq \text{int}^*(\text{cl}(A))$, where $\text{int}^*(A)$ and $\text{cl}(A)$ respectively denote the g -interior and the closure of A . The complement of a pre*-open set is pre*-closed. We shall denote the families of all pre*-open sets in a space (X, τ) by $P^*O(X, \tau)$. Also a subset A is called a Λ_p^* -closed set [6] if $A = S \cap C$

where S is a Λ_p^* -set and C is a closed set. The complement of a Λ_p^* -closed set is called a Λ_p^* -open set. The collection of all Λ_p^* -open sets in (X, τ) is denoted by $\Lambda_p^* O(X, \tau)$ and the collection of all Λ_p^* -closed sets in (X, τ) is denoted by $\Lambda_p^* C(X, \tau)$. Recall that a subset S of a space (X, τ) is called a *pre**- Λ -set (briefly Λ_p^* -set [6]) if $S = \Lambda_p^* (S)$

where $\Lambda_p^* (S) = \bigcap \{G : S \subseteq G, G \in P^*O(X, \tau)\}$.

Definition 1.1: [6] Let X be a space and $A \subseteq X$. Then a point $x \in X$ is called a Λ_p^* -cluster point of A if for every Λ_p^* -open set U containing x , $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$. The collection of all Λ_p^* -cluster points of A is called the Λ_p^* -closure of A and is denoted by $\Lambda_p^* -cl(A)$.

Proposition 1.2: [6] (i) $A \subseteq \Lambda_p^* -cl(A)$.

(ii) $\Lambda_p^* -cl(A) = \bigcap \{F : A \subseteq F \text{ and } F \text{ is } \Lambda_p^* \text{-closed}\}$,

(iii) If $A \subseteq B$, then $\Lambda_p^* -cl(A) \subseteq \Lambda_p^* -cl(B)$, (iv) A is Λ_p^* -closed if and only if $A = \Lambda_p^* -cl(A)$ and

(v) $\Lambda_p^* -cl(A)$ is Λ_p^* -closed.

Λ_p^* - T_k ($k=0,1,2$) SPACES

Definition 2.1: A space X is said to be $\Lambda_p^* -T_0$ if for each pair of distinct points x, y of X , there exists a Λ_p^* -open set containing one of the points but not the other.

For the existence of $\Lambda_p^* -T_0$ space, consider a topological space (X, τ) where $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, X\}$.

Clearly, (X, τ) is $\Lambda_p^* -T_0$.

The following theorem characterizes $\Lambda_p^* -T_0$ spaces.

Theorem 2.2: A space X is $\Lambda_p^* -T_0$ if and only if for each pair of distinct points x, y of X , $\Lambda_p^* -cl(\{x\}) \neq \Lambda_p^* -cl(\{y\})$.

Proof. Suppose X is a $\Lambda_p^* -T_0$ space. Let $x, y \in X$ such that $x \neq y$. By using Definition 2.1, there exists a Λ_p^* -open set V containing one of the points but not the other, say $x \in V$ and $y \notin V$ and so $X \setminus V$ is a Λ_p^* -closed set containing y but not x . It follows that $y \in \Lambda_p^* -cl(\{y\}) \subseteq X \setminus V$ and so $x \notin \Lambda_p^* -cl(\{y\})$ which implies that $\Lambda_p^* -cl(\{x\}) \neq \Lambda_p^* -cl(\{y\})$.

Conversely, let $x, y \in X, x \neq y$ such that $\Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}) \neq \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\})$. Suppose there is an element $z \in X$ such that $z \in \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\})$ and $z \notin \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\})$. If $x \in \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\})$, then $\Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}) \subseteq \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\})$ that implies $z \in \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\})$, a contradiction. Thus $x \notin \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\})$ which implies that $x \in X \setminus \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\}), y \notin X \setminus \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\})$ and $X \setminus \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\})$ is Λ_p^* -open. This shows that X is $\Lambda_p^* - T_0$.

Corollary 2.3. A space X is $\Lambda_p^* - T_0$ if and only if for each pair of distinct points x, y of X , either $x \notin \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\})$ or $y \notin \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\})$.

Theorem 2.4. A space X is $\Lambda_p^* - T_0$ if and only if for each pair of distinct points x, y of X , $\Lambda_p^* - ker(\{x\}) \neq \Lambda_p^* - ker(\{y\})$.

Proof. Suppose X is a $\Lambda_p^* - T_0$ space. By Theorem 2.2, $\Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}) \neq \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\})$ and so by Theorem 3.8 of [6], $\Lambda_p^* - ker(\{x\}) \neq \Lambda_p^* - ker(\{y\})$.

Conversely, suppose for $x, y \in X$ with $x \neq y$, $\Lambda_p^* - ker(\{x\}) \neq \Lambda_p^* - ker(\{y\})$, so by Theorem 3.8 of [6], $\Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}) \neq \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\})$ and by Theorem 2.2, X is a $\Lambda_p^* - T_0$ space.

Definition 2.5. A space X is said to be $\Lambda_p^* - T_1$ if for any pair of distinct points x, y of X , there is a Λ_p^* -open set U in X such that $x \in U$ and $y \notin U$ and there is a Λ_p^* -open set V in X such that $y \in V$ and $x \notin V$.

For the existence of $\Lambda_p^* - T_1$ space, consider a topological space (X, τ) where $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$. Clearly, (X, τ) is $\Lambda_p^* - T_1$.

The following theorem characterizes $\Lambda_p^* - T_1$ spaces.

Theorem 2.6. For a space X , the following are equivalent :

- (i) X is $\Lambda_p^* - T_1$.
- (ii) For every $x \in X, \{x\} = \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\})$.
- (iii) For each $x \in X$, the intersection of all Λ_p^* -open sets containing x is $\{x\}$.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii). Suppose X is a $\Lambda_p^* - T_1$ space. Let $x \in X$ and $y \neq x$ in X . By Definition 2.5, there exists a Λ_p^* -open set V in X such that $x \notin V$ and $y \in V$. If $y \in \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\})$, then by using Definition 1.1, y is a Λ_p^* -cluster point of $\{x\}$ which implies that for every Λ_p^* -open set U containing $y, \{x\} \cap U \neq \emptyset$. Now V is a Λ_p^* -open set containing y and so $\{x\} \cap V \neq \emptyset$ which

implies that $x \in V$, a contradiction. Hence $y \notin \Lambda_p^* -cl(\{x\})$. That is $y \notin \Lambda_p^* -cl(\{x\})$ for every $y \neq x$. This shows that $\{x\} = \Lambda_p^* -cl(\{x\})$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii). Suppose for every $x \in X$, $\{x\} = \Lambda_p^* -cl(\{x\})$. By using Lemma 3.7(1) of [6], we have $\{x\} \subseteq \Lambda_p^* -ker(\{x\})$. If $y \in \Lambda_p^* -ker(\{x\})$, then by Lemma 3.7(4) of [6], $x \in \Lambda_p^* -cl(\{y\})$ and so by hypothesis, $x \in \{y\}$, that is, $y \in \{x\}$ which implies that $\Lambda_p^* -ker(\{x\}) \subseteq \{x\}$. Thus we get $\{x\} = \Lambda_p^* -ker(\{x\})$ and so $\{x\} = \bigcap \{G : G \in \Lambda_p^* O(X, \tau) \text{ and } \{x\} \subseteq G\}$.

(iii) \Rightarrow (i). Suppose that for each $x \in X$, the intersection of all Λ_p^* -open sets containing x is $\{x\}$. Let $x, y \in X$ with $x \neq y$. Then by hypothesis, $\{x\} = \bigcap \{G : G \in \Lambda_p^* O(X, \tau) \text{ and } \{x\} \subseteq G\}$. From this, we can find one Λ_p^* -open set V containing x but not y . In the same manner, we can find one Λ_p^* -open set U containing y but not x and so X is $\Lambda_p^* -T_1$.

Theorem 2.7. A space X is $\Lambda_p^* -T_1$ if and only if the singletons are Λ_p^* -closed sets.

Proof. Suppose X is $\Lambda_p^* -T_1$. Then $\Lambda_p^* -cl(\{x\}) = \{x\}$ for every $x \in X$ and so $\{x\}$ is Λ_p^* -closed. Conversely, suppose $\{x\}$ is Λ_p^* -closed for every $x \in X$. By Proposition using 3.2(4) of [6], $\Lambda_p^* -cl(\{x\}) = \{x\}$. By using Theorem 2.6, X is a $\Lambda_p^* -T_1$ space.

Definition 2.8. A space X is said to be $\Lambda_p^* -T_2$ if for each pair of distinct points x and y in X , there Λ_p^* -open sets U and V in X such that $x \in U$, $y \in V$ and $U \cap V = \emptyset$.

For the existence of $\Lambda_p^* -T_2$ space, consider a topological space (X, τ) where $X = \{a, b\}$ and $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, X\}$. It can be verified that, (X, τ) is $\Lambda_p^* -T_2$.

Theorem 2.9 characterizes $\Lambda_p^* -T_2$ spaces.

Theorem 2.9. For a space X , the following are equivalent:

(i) X is $\Lambda_p^* -T_2$.

(ii) If $x \in X$, then for each $y \neq x$, there is a Λ_p^* -open set U containing x such that

$$y \notin \Lambda_p^* -cl(U).$$

(iii) For each $x \in X$, $\{x\} = \bigcap \{\Lambda_p^* -cl(U) : U \text{ is a } \Lambda_p^* \text{-open set containing } x\}$.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii). Suppose X is a $\Lambda_p^* -T_2$ space. Let $x \in X$. By Definition 2.8, for each $y \neq x$, there exist Λ_p^* -open sets A and B such that $x \in A$, $y \in B$ and $A \cap B = \emptyset$. Take $XB = F$.

Then it follows that F is Λ_p^* -closed, $A \subseteq F$ and $y \notin F$ which implies that $y \notin \bigcap \{F : F \text{ is } \Lambda_p^* \text{-closed and } A \subseteq F\}$ and so by Proposition 1.2 (ii), we have $y \notin \Lambda_p^* \text{-cl}(A)$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i). Suppose for each $y \neq x$ in X , there is a Λ_p^* -open set U containing x such that $y \notin \Lambda_p^* \text{-cl}(U)$. Then $y \in X \setminus \Lambda_p^* \text{-cl}(U)$ and by using Proposition 1.2(i), Proposition 1.2(v), $x \in U \subseteq \Lambda_p^* \text{-cl}(U)$ and $X \setminus (\Lambda_p^* \text{-cl}(U))$ is Λ_p^* -open which implies that $U \cap (X \setminus (\Lambda_p^* \text{-cl}(U))) = \emptyset$.

This shows that X is $\Lambda_p^* \text{-}T_2$.

The proof of (ii) \Leftrightarrow (iii) is clear and so it is omitted.

$\Lambda_p^* \text{-}R_0$ SPACES

Definition 3.1. A topological space X is said to be $\Lambda_p^* \text{-}R_0$ if for each Λ_p^* -open set G , $x \in G$ implies $\Lambda_p^* \text{-cl}(\{x\}) \subseteq G$.

For the existence of $\Lambda_p^* \text{-}R_0$ space, consider a topological space (X, τ)

where $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c, d\}, X\}$. It is easy to check that (X, τ) is $\Lambda_p^* \text{-}R_0$.

Theorem 3.2. A space X is $\Lambda_p^* \text{-}R_0$ if and only if every Λ_p^* -open subset of X is the union of Λ_p^* -closed sets.

Proof. Suppose X is a $\Lambda_p^* \text{-}R_0$ space. If $A \subseteq X$ is Λ_p^* -open, then by using 3.1, for each $x \in A$, $\Lambda_p^* \text{-cl}(\{x\}) \subseteq A$ which implies $\bigcup \{\Lambda_p^* \text{-cl}(\{x\}) : x \in A\} \subseteq A$, and hence $A = \bigcup \{\Lambda_p^* \text{-cl}(\{x\}) : x \in A\}$. By Proposition 1.1(v), A is the union of Λ_p^* -closed sets.

Conversely, suppose A is Λ_p^* -open and $x \in A$. Then by hypothesis, there exist Λ_p^* -closed sets B_i in X such that $A = \bigcup \{B_i : i \in I\}$. Now $x \in A$ implies $x \in B_i$ for some $i \in I$. Then $x \in \Lambda_p^* \text{-cl}(\{x\}) \subseteq B_i \subseteq A$ and so X is $\Lambda_p^* \text{-}R_0$.

Theorem 3.3. For a space X , the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) X is $\Lambda_p^* \text{-}R_0$.
- (ii) For any Λ_p^* -closed set F and a point $x \notin F$, there exists $U \in \Lambda_p^* \mathcal{O}(X, \tau)$ such that $x \notin U$ and $F \subseteq U$.
- (iii) For any Λ_p^* -closed set F and a point $x \notin F$, $\Lambda_p^* \text{-cl}(\{x\}) \cap F = \emptyset$.

Proof. Suppose (i) holds. If F is a Λ_p^* -closed set and $x \notin F$, then $X \setminus F$ is Λ_p^* -open and $x \in X \setminus F$. By Definition 3.1, $\Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}) \subseteq X \setminus F$ and so $F \subseteq X \setminus (\Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}))$. Thus by Proposition 1.2(v) and (i), $X \setminus (\Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}))$ is the required Λ_p^* -open set containing F and $x \notin X \setminus (\Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}))$. This proves (ii).

Suppose (ii) holds. If F is a Λ_p^* -closed set and $x \notin F$, then by hypothesis, there exists $U \in \Lambda_p^* O(X, \tau)$ such that $x \notin U$ and $F \subseteq U$. If $U \cap \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}) \neq \emptyset$, then there exists $y \in X$ such that $y \in U$ and $y \in \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\})$. By Definition 1.1, y is a Λ_p^* -cluster point of $\{x\}$ and so for every Λ_p^* -open set G containing y , $G \cap \{x\} \neq \emptyset$, that is, $x \in G$. Now U is a Λ_p^* -open set containing y and so $x \in U$, a contradiction. Hence $U \cap \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}) = \emptyset$ and $F \cap \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}) = \emptyset$.

This proves (iii).

Suppose (iii) holds. If G is a Λ_p^* -open set and $x \in G$, then $X \setminus G$ is Λ_p^* -closed and $x \notin X \setminus G$. By hypothesis, $\Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}) \cap (X \setminus G) = \emptyset$ which implies that $\Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}) \subseteq G$. This proves (i).

Theorem 3.4. A space X is $\Lambda_p^* - R_0$ if and only if for each pair of points x, y of X , $\Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}) \neq \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\})$ implies $\Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}) \cap \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\}) = \emptyset$.

Proof. Assume that X is $\Lambda_p^* - R_0$. Let $x, y \in X$ such that $\Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}) \neq \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\})$. Then there exists $z \in X$ such that $z \in \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\})$ and $z \notin \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\})$. Since $z \notin \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\})$, there exists a Λ_p^* -open set V containing z such that $\{y\} \cap V = \emptyset$ and so $y \notin V$. Since $z \in \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\})$, for every Λ_p^* -open set G containing z , $\{x\} \cap G \neq \emptyset$, that is $x \in G$ which implies that $x \in V$. Since V is a Λ_p^* -open set containing x and $y \notin V$, $x \notin \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\})$ and so $x \in X \setminus \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\})$. Now by using Definition 3.1, $\Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}) \subseteq X \setminus \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\})$ and so $\Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}) \cap \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\}) = \emptyset$.

Conversely, suppose for each pair of points x, y of X , $\Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}) \neq \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\})$ implies $\Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}) \cap \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\}) = \emptyset$. Let G be a Λ_p^* -open set such that $x \in G$. If $y \notin G$, then $x \neq y$ and so $x \notin \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\})$ which implies that $\Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}) \neq \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\})$. By hypothesis, $\Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}) \cap \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\}) = \emptyset$ and so $y \notin \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\})$. This shows that $\Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}) \subseteq G$ and so X is a $\Lambda_p^* - R_0$ space.

Theorem 3.5. A space X is Λ_p^* - R_0 if and only if for each pair of points x, y of X , Λ_p^* -ker($\{x\}$) \neq Λ_p^* -ker($\{y\}$) implies Λ_p^* -ker($\{x\}$) \cap Λ_p^* -ker($\{y\}$) = \emptyset .

Proof. Suppose X is a Λ_p^* - R_0 space. Let $x, y \in X$ such that Λ_p^* -ker($\{x\}$) \neq Λ_p^* -ker($\{y\}$). Let $z \in \Lambda_p^*$ -ker($\{x\}$) \cap Λ_p^* -ker($\{y\}$). Then $z \in \Lambda_p^*$ -ker($\{x\}$) and $z \in \Lambda_p^*$ -ker($\{y\}$). By Lemma 3.7 (4) of [6], we have $x \in \Lambda_p^*$ -cl($\{z\}$) and $y \in \Lambda_p^*$ -cl($\{z\}$) and so Λ_p^* -cl($\{x\}$) \cap Λ_p^* -cl($\{z\}$) \neq \emptyset and Λ_p^* -cl($\{y\}$) \cap Λ_p^* -cl($\{z\}$) \neq \emptyset . By Theorem 3.4, we have Λ_p^* -cl($\{x\}$) = Λ_p^* -cl($\{z\}$) and Λ_p^* -cl($\{y\}$) = Λ_p^* -cl($\{z\}$) which implies that Λ_p^* -cl($\{x\}$) = Λ_p^* -cl($\{y\}$). Then by Theorem 3.8 of [6], Λ_p^* -ker($\{x\}$) = Λ_p^* -ker($\{y\}$), a contradiction. Hence Λ_p^* -ker($\{x\}$) \cap Λ_p^* -ker($\{y\}$) = \emptyset .

Conversely, suppose that for $x, y \in X$, Λ_p^* -ker($\{x\}$) \neq Λ_p^* -ker($\{y\}$) implies Λ_p^* -ker($\{x\}$) \cap Λ_p^* -ker($\{y\}$) = \emptyset . Let $x, y \in X$ such that Λ_p^* -cl($\{x\}$) \neq Λ_p^* -cl($\{y\}$). Suppose $z \in \Lambda_p^*$ -cl($\{x\}$) \cap Λ_p^* -cl($\{y\}$). Then $z \in \Lambda_p^*$ -cl($\{x\}$) and $z \in \Lambda_p^*$ -cl($\{y\}$). By Lemma 3.7(4) of [66], $x \in \Lambda_p^*$ -ker($\{z\}$), $y \in \Lambda_p^*$ -ker($\{z\}$) and Λ_p^* -ker($\{x\}$) \cap Λ_p^* -ker($\{z\}$) \neq \emptyset and so Λ_p^* -ker($\{y\}$) \cap Λ_p^* -ker($\{z\}$) \neq \emptyset . By hypothesis, Λ_p^* -ker($\{x\}$) = Λ_p^* -ker($\{z\}$), Λ_p^* -ker($\{y\}$) = Λ_p^* -ker($\{z\}$) and so Λ_p^* -ker($\{x\}$) = Λ_p^* -ker($\{y\}$). Again by using Theorem 3.8 of [6].

Λ_p^* -cl($\{x\}$) = Λ_p^* -cl($\{y\}$), a contradiction. Therefore Λ_p^* -cl($\{x\}$) \cap Λ_p^* -cl($\{y\}$) = \emptyset and so by Theorem 3.4, X is a Λ_p^* - R_0 space.

Theorem 3.6. For a space X , the following are equivalent:

- (i) X is Λ_p^* - R_0 .
- (ii) For any nonempty set A and $G \in \Lambda_p^* O(X, \tau)$ such that $A \cap G \neq \emptyset$, there exists $F \in \Lambda_p^* C(X, \tau)$ such that $A \cap F \neq \emptyset$ and $F \subseteq G$.
- (iii) For any $G \in \Lambda_p^* O(X, \tau)$, $G = \cup \{F : F \in \Lambda_p^* C(X, \tau) \text{ and } F \subseteq G\}$.
- (iv) For any $F \in \Lambda_p^* C(X, \tau)$, $F = \cap \{G : G \in \Lambda_p^* O(X, \tau) \text{ and } F \subseteq G\}$.
- (v) For any $x \in X$, Λ_p^* -cl($\{x\}$) \subseteq Λ_p^* -ker($\{x\}$).
- (vi) For any $x, y \in X$, $y \in \Lambda_p^*$ -cl($\{x\}$) $\Leftrightarrow x \in \Lambda_p^*$ -cl($\{y\}$).

Proof. Suppose (i) holds. Let A be any nonempty subset of X and G be a Λ_p^* -open set in X such that $A \cap G \neq \emptyset$. Let $x \in A \cap G$. Then by Definition 3.1, $x \in G$ implies $\Lambda_p^* -cl(\{x\}) \subseteq G$. Since $x \in A$, we have $\Lambda_p^* -cl(\{x\}) \cap A \neq \emptyset$. Thus $\Lambda_p^* -cl(\{x\})$ is the required Λ_p^* -closed set contained in G such that $A \cap \Lambda_p^* -cl(\{x\}) \neq \emptyset$. This proves (ii).

Suppose (ii) holds. If $G \in \Lambda_p^* O(X, \tau)$ and $x \in G$, then by hypothesis, there exists $F \in \Lambda_p^* C(X, \tau)$ such that $\{x\} \cap F \neq \emptyset$ and $F \subseteq G$. Then it follows that $x \in F$ and so $x \in \cup \{F : F \in \Lambda_p^* C(X, \tau) \text{ and } F \subseteq G\}$ and so $G \subseteq \cup \{F : F \in \Lambda_p^* C(X, \tau) \text{ and } F \subseteq G\}$. Also $\cup \{F : F \in \Lambda_p^* C(X, \tau) \text{ and } F \subseteq G\} \subseteq G$. This proves (iii).

Suppose (iii) holds. If $F \in \Lambda_p^* C(X, \tau)$, then $X \setminus F \in \Lambda_p^* O(X, \tau)$ and so by hypothesis, $X \setminus F = \cup \{X \setminus G : X \setminus G \in \Lambda_p^* C(X, \tau) \text{ and } X \setminus G \subseteq X \setminus F\}$ which implies that $F = \cap \{G : G \in \Lambda_p^* O(X, \tau) \text{ and } F \subseteq G\}$. This proves (iv).

Suppose (iv) holds. If $y \notin \Lambda_p^* -ker(\{x\})$, then by Lemma 3.7 (iv) of [6], $x \notin \Lambda_p^* -cl(\{y\})$. So there exists a Λ_p^* -open set V containing x such that $V \cap \{y\} = \emptyset$ which implies that $\Lambda_p^* -cl(\{y\}) \cap V = \emptyset$. Since $\Lambda_p^* -cl(\{y\})$ is Λ_p^* -closed, by hypothesis, $\Lambda_p^* -cl(\{y\}) = \cap \{G : G \in \Lambda_p^* O(X, \tau) \text{ and } \Lambda_p^* -cl(\{y\}) \subseteq G\}$. Since $x \in V$, we have $x \notin \Lambda_p^* -cl(\{y\})$ and so there exists $G \in \Lambda_p^* O(X, \tau)$ such that $\Lambda_p^* -cl(\{y\}) \subseteq G$ and $x \notin G$ which implies that $\Lambda_p^* -cl(\{x\}) \cap G = \emptyset$. Hence $y \notin \Lambda_p^* -cl(\{x\})$ and so $\Lambda_p^* -cl(\{x\}) \subseteq \Lambda_p^* -ker(\{x\})$. This proves (v).

Suppose (v) holds. If $y \in \Lambda_p^* -cl(\{x\})$, then by hypothesis, $y \in \Lambda_p^* -ker(\{x\})$ and so by Lemma 3.7(iv) of [6], $x \in \Lambda_p^* -cl(\{y\})$. In the same manner, if $x \in \Lambda_p^* -cl(\{y\})$, then by using hypothesis, $x \in \Lambda_p^* -ker(\{y\})$ and so $y \in \Lambda_p^* -cl(\{x\})$. This shows that $x \in \Lambda_p^* -cl(\{y\}) \Leftrightarrow y \in \Lambda_p^* -cl(\{x\})$. This proves (vi).

Suppose (vi) holds. Let $G \in \Lambda_p^* O(X, \tau)$ and $x \in G$. If $y \notin G$, then $y \in X \setminus G$ and, $y \in \Lambda_p^* -cl(\{y\}) \subseteq X \setminus G$. Then $\Lambda_p^* -cl(\{y\}) \cap G = \emptyset$ which implies that $x \notin \Lambda_p^* -cl(\{y\})$. Then by hypothesis, $y \notin \Lambda_p^* -cl(\{x\})$. This shows that $\Lambda_p^* -cl(\{x\}) \subseteq G$. This proves (i).

Theorem 3.7. For a space X , the following properties are equivalent:

(i) X is $\Lambda_p^* -R_0$.

(ii) If F is Λ_p^* -closed, then $F = \Lambda_p^* -ker(F)$.

(iii) If F is Λ_p^* -closed and $x \in F$, then Λ_p^* -ker($\{x\}$) $\subseteq F$.

(iv) If $x \in X$, then Λ_p^* -ker($\{x\}$) $\subseteq \Lambda_p^*$ -cl($\{x\}$).

Proof. Suppose (i) holds. Let F be Λ_p^* -closed and $x \notin F$. Then $X \setminus F$ is a Λ_p^* -open set containing x . By Definition 3.1, Λ_p^* -cl($\{x\}$) $\subseteq X \setminus F$ and so Λ_p^* -cl($\{x\}$) $\cap F = \emptyset$. By Lemma 3.7(v) of [6], $x \notin \Lambda_p^*$ -ker(F). This shows that Λ_p^* -ker(F) $\subseteq F$. Also by Lemma 3.7 (i) of [6], $F \subseteq \Lambda_p^*$ -ker(F). This proves (ii).

Suppose (ii) holds. Let F be Λ_p^* -closed and $x \in F$. By using Lemma 3.7 of [6] (ii), Λ_p^* -ker($\{x\}$) $\subseteq \Lambda_p^*$ -ker(F) and by hypothesis, Λ_p^* -ker($\{x\}$) $\subseteq F$. This proves (iii).

Suppose (iii) holds. By Also by Lemma 3.7 (i and v) of [6], $x \in \Lambda_p^*$ -cl($\{x\}$) and Λ_p^* -cl($\{x\}$) is Λ_p^* -closed. By hypothesis, Λ_p^* -ker($\{x\}$) $\subseteq \Lambda_p^*$ -cl($\{x\}$). This proves (iv).

Suppose (iv) holds. Let $x \in \Lambda_p^*$ -cl($\{y\}$). Then by Lemma 3.7(iv) of [6], $y \in \Lambda_p^*$ -ker($\{x\}$) and by hypothesis, $y \in \Lambda_p^*$ -cl($\{x\}$). Conversely, let $y \in \Lambda_p^*$ -cl($\{x\}$). Then by Lemma 3.7(iv), $x \in \Lambda_p^*$ -ker($\{y\}$) and by hypothesis, $x \in \Lambda_p^*$ -cl($\{y\}$). This shows that $x \in \Lambda_p^*$ -cl($\{y\}$) $\Leftrightarrow y \in \Lambda_p^*$ -cl($\{x\}$) and so by Theorem 3.6, X is Λ_p^* - R_0 . This proves (i).

Corollary 3.8. A space X is Λ_p^* - R_0 if and only if for any $x \in X$, Λ_p^* -cl($\{x\}$) = Λ_p^* -ker($\{x\}$).

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Definition 4.1. A space X is said to be Λ_p^* - R_1 if for each pair of points $x, y \in X$ with Λ_p^* -cl($\{x\}$) $\neq \Lambda_p^*$ -cl($\{y\}$), there exists Λ_p^* -open sets U and V in X such that Λ_p^* -cl($\{x\}$) $\subseteq U$, Λ_p^* -cl($\{y\}$) $\subseteq V$ and $U \cap V = \emptyset$.

For the existence of Λ_p^* - R_1 space, consider a topological space (X, τ)

where $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$. This space (X, τ) is Λ_p^* - R_1 .

Theorem 4.2. Every Λ_p^* - R_1 space is Λ_p^* - R_0 .

Proof. Suppose X is a Λ_p^* - R_1 space. Let U be Λ_p^* -open in X and $x \in U$. Then for each $y \in X \setminus U$, $x \neq y$ and so Λ_p^* -cl($\{x\}$) $\neq \Lambda_p^*$ -cl($\{y\}$). By Definition 4.1, there exist disjoint Λ_p^* -open sets U_y and V_y such that Λ_p^* -cl($\{x\}$) $\subseteq U_y$ and Λ_p^* -cl($\{y\}$) $\subseteq V_y$. Take $V = \cup \{V_y : y \in X \setminus U\}$.

$X \setminus U$. Then by Proposition 3.5 of [1], V is Λ_p^* -open. Now $x \in \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}) \subseteq U_y$ and $U_y \cap V_y = \emptyset$ for each $y \in X \setminus U$ and so $x \notin V_y$ for each $y \in X \setminus U$ which implies that $x \notin V$. Thus we have V is Λ_p^* -open, $x \in X \setminus V$ and $X \setminus U \subseteq V$. By Remark 3.3 of [6], $x \in \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}) \subseteq X \setminus V \subseteq U$.

Theorem 4.3. If X is a $\Lambda_p^* - R_0$ space and for each pair of points x and y of X with $\Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}) \neq \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\})$, there exists Λ_p^* -open sets U and V such that $x \in U, y \in V$ and $U \cap V = \emptyset$, then X is a $\Lambda_p^* - R_1$ space.

Proof. Let X be a $\Lambda_p^* - R_0$ space and for each pair of points x and y of X with $\Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}) \neq \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\})$, there exists Λ_p^* -open sets U and V such that $x \in U, y \in V$ and $U \cap V = \emptyset$. By Definition 3.1, $\Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}) \subseteq U$ and $\Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\}) \subseteq V$ and so by Definition 4.1, X is $\Lambda_p^* - R_1$.

The following theorem characterizes $\Lambda_p^* - R_1$ spaces.

Theorem 4.4. A topological space X is $\Lambda_p^* - R_1$ if and only if for each points $x, y \in X$ such that $\Lambda_p^* - ker(\{x\}) \neq \Lambda_p^* - ker(\{y\})$, there exist Λ_p^* -open sets U and V in X such that $\Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}) \subseteq U, \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\}) \subseteq V$ and $U \cap V = \emptyset$.

Proof. Suppose X is $\Lambda_p^* - R_1$. Let $x, y \in X$ such that $\Lambda_p^* - ker(\{x\}) \neq \Lambda_p^* - ker(\{y\})$. By Theorem 4.2, X is $\Lambda_p^* - R_0$ and so by Corollary 4.3, $\Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}) \neq \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\})$. Then by Definition 4.1, there exist disjoint Λ_p^* -open sets U and V such that $\Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}) \subseteq U$ and $\Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\}) \subseteq V$.

Conversely, suppose for each of points $x, y \in X$ such that $\Lambda_p^* - ker(\{x\}) \neq \Lambda_p^* - ker(\{y\})$, there exist Λ_p^* -open sets U and V in X such that $\Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}) \subseteq U, \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\}) \subseteq V$ and $U \cap V = \emptyset$. Let $x, y \in X$ such that $\Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}) \neq \Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\})$. Then by Theorem 3.8 of [6], $\Lambda_p^* - ker(\{x\}) \neq \Lambda_p^* - ker(\{y\})$ and by hypothesis, there exist disjoint Λ_p^* -open sets U and V such that $\Lambda_p^* - cl(\{x\}) \subseteq U$ and $\Lambda_p^* - cl(\{y\}) \subseteq V$. This shows that X is a $\Lambda_p^* - R_1$ space.

Theorem 4.5. For a space X , the following are equivalent :

- (i) X is a $\Lambda_p^* - T_2$ space.
- (ii) X is both a $\Lambda_p^* - R_1$ space and $\Lambda_p^* - T_1$ space.
- (iii) X is both a $\Lambda_p^* - R_1$ space and $\Lambda_p^* - T_0$ space.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii). Suppose X is a $\Lambda_p^*-T_2$ space. Then by Definition 2.8 itself, X is $\Lambda_p^*-T_1$. If $x, y \in X$ with $\Lambda_p^*-cl(\{x\}) \neq \Lambda_p^*-cl(\{y\})$, then by Theorem 2.6, $x \neq y$ and so by Definition 2.8, there exists Λ_p^* -open sets G and H such that $x \in G, y \in H$ and $G \cap H = \emptyset$. Then it follows that $\{x\} = \Lambda_p^*-cl(\{x\}) \subseteq G$ and $\{y\} = \Lambda_p^*-cl(\{y\}) \subseteq H$ and so by Definition 4.1, X is $\Lambda_p^*-R_1$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii). Suppose X is both $\Lambda_p^*-R_1$ and $\Lambda_p^*-T_1$ spaces. Then by Definition 2.1 itself, X is $\Lambda_p^*-T_0$.

(iii) \Rightarrow (i). Suppose X is both a $\Lambda_p^*-R_1$ space and $\Lambda_p^*-T_0$ space. Let $x, y \in X$ with $x \neq y$. By Theorem 2.2, $\Lambda_p^*-cl(\{x\}) \neq \Lambda_p^*-cl(\{y\})$ and so by Definition 4.1, there exist disjoint Λ_p^* -open sets G and H such that $\Lambda_p^*-cl(\{x\}) \subseteq G$ and $\Lambda_p^*-cl(\{y\}) \subseteq H$ which implies that $x \in G, y \in H$ and $G \cap H = \emptyset$ and so X is $\Lambda_p^*-T_2$.

Theorem 4.6. A space X is $\Lambda_p^*-R_1$ if and only if for each points $x, y \in X$ such that $\Lambda_p^*-cl(\{x\}) \neq \Lambda_p^*-cl(\{y\})$, there exists Λ_p^* -closed sets F_1 and F_2 such that $x \in F_1, y \notin F_1, x \notin F_2, y \in F_2$ and $X = F_1 \cup F_2$.

Proof. Suppose X is a $\Lambda_p^*-R_1$ space. Let $x, y \in X$ such that $\Lambda_p^*-cl(\{x\}) \neq \Lambda_p^*-cl(\{y\})$. By Definition 4.1, there exist disjoint Λ_p^* -open sets U and V in X such that $\Lambda_p^*-cl(\{x\}) \subseteq U$ and $\Lambda_p^*-cl(\{y\}) \subseteq V$. Then $F_1 = X \setminus V$ and $F_2 = X \setminus U$ are Λ_p^* -closed sets such that $x \in F_1, y \notin F_1, x \notin F_2, y \in F_2$ and $X = F_1 \cup F_2$.

Conversely, let $x, y \in X$ such that $\Lambda_p^*-cl(\{x\}) \neq \Lambda_p^*-cl(\{y\})$. Then by hypothesis, there exists Λ_p^* -closed sets F_1 and F_2 such that $x \in F_1, y \notin F_1, x \notin F_2, y \in F_2$ and $X = F_1 \cup F_2$. Then $U = X \setminus F_2$ and $V = X \setminus F_1$ are Λ_p^* -open sets, $x \in U, y \in V$ and $U \cap V = \emptyset$. This shows that X is $\Lambda_p^*-T_2$ and so by Theorem 4.5, X is $\Lambda_p^*-R_1$.

The above discussions lead to the following implications but none of the reverse implications is true.

Diagram 4.7.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \Lambda_p^*-T_2 & \Rightarrow & \Lambda_p^*-T_1 & \Rightarrow & \Lambda_p^*-T_0 \\ \Downarrow & & \Downarrow & & \\ \Lambda_p^*-R_1 & \Rightarrow & \Lambda_p^*-R_0 & & \end{array}$$

CONCLUSION

Λ_p^* -sets and Λ_p^* -sets are used to introduce and investigate Λ_p^* - R_1 spaces, Λ_p^* - R_0 spaces, Λ_p^* - T_2 spaces, Λ_p^* - T_1 spaces and Λ_p^* - T_0 spaces. The further scope for research in this area is to characterize the existing concepts in topological spaces. For example the lower separation axioms namely Λ_s^* - T_i spaces, Λ_s^* - R_j spaces [7] for $i = 0, 1, 2$ and $j = 0, 1$ may be characterized by using Λ_p^* - T_i spaces, Λ_p^* - R_j spaces.

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