

## THE $\alpha\psi$ -CLOSURE AND THE $\alpha\psi$ -KERNEL VIA $\alpha\psi$ -OPEN SETS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we introduce the concept of *weakly ultra- $\alpha\psi$ -separation* of two sets in a topological space using  $\alpha\psi$ -open sets. The  $\alpha\psi$ -closure and the  $\alpha\psi$ -kernel are defined in terms of this *weakly ultra- $\alpha\psi$ -separation*. We also investigate some of the properties of the  $\alpha\psi$ -kernel and the  $\alpha\psi$ -closure.

### 1. Introduction

The notion of  $\alpha\psi$ -closed set was introduced and studied by R. Devi et al.[2]. In this paper, we define that a set  $A$  is *weakly ultra- $\alpha\psi$ -separated* from  $B$  if there exists an  $\alpha\psi$ -open set  $G$  containing  $A$  such that  $G \cap B = \phi$ . Using this concept, we define the  $\alpha\psi$ -closure and the  $\alpha\psi$ -kernel. Also we define the  $\alpha\psi$ -derived set and the  $\alpha\psi$ -shell of a set  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ .

Throughout this paper, spaces means topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise mentioned. Let  $A$  be a subset of a space  $X$ . The closure and the interior of  $A$  are denoted by  $cl(A)$  and  $int(A)$ , respectively.

### 2. Preliminaries

Before entering to our work, we recall the following definitions, which are useful in the sequel.

DEFINITION 2.1. A subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is called

1. a *semi-open* set [4] if  $A \subseteq cl(int(A))$  and a *semi-closed* set if  $int(cl(A)) \subseteq A$  and

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2. an  $\alpha$ -open set [5] if  $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(A)))$  and an  $\alpha$ -closed set if  $\text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(A))) \subseteq A$ .

The *semi*-closure (resp.  $\alpha$ -closure) of a subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is the intersection of all *semi*-closed (resp.  $\alpha$ -closed) sets that contain  $A$  and is denoted by  $\text{scl}(A)$  (resp.  $\alpha\text{cl}(A)$ ).

DEFINITION 2.2. A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a

1. a *semi-generalized closed* (briefly *sg-closed*) set [1] if  $\text{scl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is *semi-open* in  $(X, \tau)$ . The complement of *sg-closed* set is called *sg-open* set,
2. a  $\psi$ -closed set [6] if  $\text{scl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is *sg-open* in  $(X, \tau)$ . The complement of  $\psi$ -closed set is called  $\psi$ -open set and
3. an  $\alpha\psi$ -closed set [2] if  $\psi\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $\alpha$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ . The complement of  $\alpha\psi$ -closed set is called  $\alpha\psi$ -open set.

The  $\alpha\psi$ -closure of a subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is the intersection of all  $\alpha\psi$ -closed sets that contain  $A$  and is denoted by  $\alpha\psi\text{cl}(A)$ . The  $\alpha\psi$ -interior of a subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is the union of all  $\alpha\psi$ -open sets that are contained in  $A$  and is denoted by  $\alpha\psi\text{int}(A)$ . By  $\alpha\psi O(X, \tau)$  or  $\alpha\psi O(X)$ , we denote the family of all  $\alpha\psi$ -open sets of  $(X, \tau)$ .

### 3. $\alpha\psi$ -kernel and $\alpha\psi$ -closure

DEFINITION 3.1. The intersection of all  $\alpha\psi$ -open subsets of  $(X, \tau)$  containing  $A$  is called the  $\alpha\psi$ -kernel of  $A$  (briefly,  $\alpha\psi\text{-ker}(A)$ ).

$$\text{i.e } \alpha\psi\text{-ker}(A) = \bigcap \{G \in \alpha\psi O(X) : A \subseteq G\}$$

DEFINITION 3.2. Let  $x \in X$ . Then  $\alpha\psi$ -kernel of  $x$  is denoted by  $\alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{x\}) = \bigcap \{G \in \alpha\psi O(X) : x \in G\}$ .

DEFINITION 3.3. Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $x \in X$ , then a subset  $N_x$  of  $X$  is called an  $\alpha\psi$ -neighbourhood (briefly,  $\alpha\psi$ -nbd) of  $X$  if there exists an  $\alpha\psi$ -open set  $G$  such that  $x \in G \subseteq N_x$ .

THEOREM 3.4. Let  $X$  be a topological space. Then for any nonempty subset  $A$  of  $X$ ,  $\alpha\psi\text{-ker}(A) = \{x \in X : \alpha\psi\text{cl}(\{x\}) \cap A \neq \phi\}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x \in \alpha\psi\text{-ker}(A)$ . Suppose that  $\alpha\psi\text{cl}(\{x\}) \cap A = \phi$ . Then  $A \subseteq X - \alpha\psi\text{cl}(\{x\})$  and  $X - \alpha\psi\text{cl}(\{x\})$  is  $\alpha\psi$ -open set containing  $A$  but not  $x$ , which is a contradiction.

Conversely, let us assume that  $x \notin \alpha\psi\text{-ker}(A)$  and  $\alpha\psi\text{cl}(\{x\}) \cap A \neq \phi$ . Then there exist an  $\alpha\psi$ -open set  $D$  containing  $A$  but not  $x$  and a  $y \in \alpha\psi\text{cl}(\{x\}) \cap A$ .

Hence an  $\alpha\psi$ -closed set  $X - D$  contains  $x$ , and  $\{x\} \subset X - D, y \notin X - D$ . This is a contradiction to  $y \in \alpha\psi\text{cl}(\{x\}) \cap A$ . Therefore  $x \in \alpha\psi\text{-ker}(A)$ .  $\square$

DEFINITION 3.5. In a space  $X$ , a set  $A$  is said to be *weakly ultra- $\alpha\psi$ -separated* from a set  $B$  if there exists an  $\alpha\psi$ -open set  $G$  such that  $A \subseteq G$  and  $G \cap B = \phi$  or  $A \cap \alpha\psi\text{cl}(B) = \phi$ .

By the definition 3.6 and the theorem 3.4, we have the following for  $x, y \in X$  of a topological space,

- (i)  $\alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{x\}) = \{y : \{x\} \text{ is not weakly ultra-}\alpha\psi\text{-separated from } \{x\}\}$   
and
- (ii)  $\alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{x\}) = \{y : \{y\} \text{ is not weakly ultra-}\alpha\psi\text{-separated from } \{y\}\}$ .

DEFINITION 3.6. For any point  $x$  of a space  $X$ ,

- (i) the  $\alpha\psi$ -derived (briefly,  $\alpha\psi\text{-d}(\{x\})$ ) set of  $x$  is defined to be the set  
 $\alpha\psi\text{-d}(\{x\}) = \alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{x\}) - \{x\} = \{y : y \neq x \text{ and } \{y\} \text{ is not weakly-}$   
 $\text{ultra-}\alpha\psi\text{-separated from } \{x\}\}$ ,
- (ii) the  $\alpha\psi$ -shell (briefly,  $\alpha\psi\text{-shl}(\{x\})$ ) of a singleton set  $\{x\}$  is defined to be the set  
 $\alpha\psi\text{-shl}(\{x\}) = \alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{x\}) - \{x\} = \{y : y \neq x \text{ and } \{x\} \text{ is not weakly-}$   
 $\text{ultra-}\alpha\psi\text{-separated from } \{y\}\}$ .

DEFINITION 3.7. Let  $X$  be a topological space. Then we define

- (i)  $\alpha\psi\text{-N-D} = \{x : x \in X \text{ and } \alpha\psi\text{-d}(\{x\}) = \phi\}$ ,
- (ii)  $\alpha\psi\text{-N-shl} = \{x : x \in X \text{ and } \alpha\psi\text{-shl}(\{x\}) = \phi\}$  and
- (iii)  $\alpha\psi\text{-}\langle x \rangle = \alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{x\}) \cap \alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{x\})$ .

THEOREM 3.8. Let  $x, y \in X$ . Then the following conditions hold.

- (i)  $y \in \alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{x\})$  if and only if  $x \in \alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{y\})$ ,
- (ii)  $y \in \alpha\psi\text{-shl}(\{x\})$  if and only if  $x \in \alpha\psi\text{-d}(\{y\})$ ,
- (iii)  $y \in \alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{x\})$  implies  $\alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{y\}) \subseteq \alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{x\})$  and
- (iv)  $y \in \alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{x\})$  implies  $\alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{y\}) \subseteq \alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{x\})$ .

*Proof.* The proof of (i) and (ii) are obvious.

(iii) Let  $z \in \alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{y\})$ . Then  $\{z\}$  is not *weakly ultra- $\alpha\psi$ -separated* from  $\{y\}$ . So there exists an  $\alpha\psi$ -open set  $G$  containing  $z$  such that  $G \cap \{y\} \neq \phi$ . Hence  $y \in G$  and by assumption  $G \cap \{x\} \neq \phi$ . Hence  $\{z\}$  is not *weakly ultra- $\alpha\psi$ -separated* from  $\{x\}$ . So  $z \in \alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{x\})$ .

Therefore  $\alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{y\}) \subseteq \alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{x\})$ .

(iv) Let  $z \in \alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{y\})$ . Then  $\{y\}$  is not *weakly ultra- $\alpha\psi$ -separated* from  $\{z\}$ . So  $y \in \alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{z\})$ . Hence  $\alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{y\}) \subseteq \alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{z\})$ . By assumption  $y \in \alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{x\})$  and then  $x \in \alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{y\})$ . So  $\alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{x\}) \subseteq \alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{y\})$ . Ultimately  $\alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{x\}) \subseteq \alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{z\})$ . Hence  $x \in \alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{z\})$ , that is  $z \in \alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{x\})$ . Therefore  $\alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{y\}) \subseteq \alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{x\})$ .  $\square$

Let us recall that a subset  $A$  of  $X$  is called a degenerate set if  $A$  is either a null set or a singleton set.

**THEOREM 3.9.** *Let  $x, y \in X$ . Then,*

- (i) *for every  $x \in X$ ,  $\alpha\psi\text{-shl}(\{x\})$  is degenerate if and only if for all  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x \neq y$ ,  $\alpha\psi\text{-d}(\{x\}) \cap \alpha\psi\text{-d}(\{y\}) = \phi$ ,*
- (ii) *for every  $x \in X$ ,  $\alpha\psi\text{-d}(\{x\})$  is degenerate if and only if for every  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x \neq y$ ,  $\alpha\psi\text{-shl}(\{x\}) \cap \alpha\psi\text{-shl}(\{y\}) = \phi$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\alpha\psi\text{-d}(\{x\}) \cap \alpha\psi\text{-d}(\{y\}) \neq \phi$ . Then there exists a  $z \in X$  such that  $z \in \alpha\psi\text{-d}(\{x\})$  and  $z \in \alpha\psi\text{-d}(\{y\})$ . Then  $z \neq y \neq x$  and  $z \in \alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{x\})$  and  $z \in \alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{y\})$ , that is  $x, y \in \alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{z\})$ . Hence  $\alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{z\})$  and so  $\alpha\psi\text{-shl}(\{z\})$  is not a degenerate set.

Conversely, let  $x, y \in \alpha\psi\text{-shl}(\{z\})$ . Then we get  $x \neq z$ ,  $x \in \alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{z\})$  and  $y \neq z$  and  $y \in \alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{z\})$  and hence  $z$  is an element of both  $\alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{x\})$  and  $\alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{y\})$ , which is a contradiction.

The proof of (ii) is simple and hence omitted.  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.10.** *If  $y \in \alpha\psi\text{-}\langle x \rangle$ , then  $\alpha\psi\text{-}\langle x \rangle = \alpha\psi\text{-}\langle y \rangle$ .*

*Proof.* If  $y \in \alpha\psi\text{-}\langle x \rangle$ , then  $y \in \alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{x\}) \cap \alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{x\})$ . Hence  $y \in \alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{x\})$  and  $y \in \alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{x\})$  and so we have  $\alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{y\}) \subseteq \alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{x\})$  and  $\alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{y\}) \subseteq \alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{x\})$ . Then  $\alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{y\}) \cap \alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{y\}) \subseteq \alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{x\}) \cap \alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{x\})$ . Hence  $\alpha\psi\text{-}\langle y \rangle \subseteq \alpha\psi\text{-}\langle x \rangle$ . The fact that  $y \in \alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{x\})$  implies  $x \in \alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{y\})$  and  $y \in \alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{x\})$  implies  $x \in \alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{y\})$ . Then we have that  $\alpha\psi\text{-}\langle x \rangle \subseteq \alpha\psi\text{-}\langle y \rangle$ . So  $\alpha\psi\text{-}\langle x \rangle = \alpha\psi\text{-}\langle y \rangle$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.11.** *For all  $x, y \in X$ , either  $\alpha\psi\text{-}\langle x \rangle \cap \alpha\psi\text{-}\langle y \rangle = \phi$  or  $\alpha\psi\text{-}\langle x \rangle = \alpha\psi\text{-}\langle y \rangle$ .*

*Proof.*  $\alpha\psi\text{-}\langle x \rangle \cap \alpha\psi\text{-}\langle y \rangle \neq \phi$ , then there exists  $z \in X$  such that  $z \in \alpha\psi\text{-}\langle x \rangle$  and  $z \in \alpha\psi\text{-}\langle y \rangle$ . So by Theorem 3.11,  $\alpha\psi\text{-}\langle z \rangle = \alpha\psi\text{-}\langle x \rangle = \alpha\psi\text{-}\langle y \rangle$ . Hence the result.  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.12.** *For any two points  $x, y \in X$ , the following statements are equivalent.*

- (i)  $\alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{x\}) \neq \alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{y\})$  and  
(ii)  $\alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{x\}) \neq \alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{y\})$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\implies$  (ii) Let us assume  $\alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{x\}) \neq \alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{y\})$ . Then there exists a  $z \in \alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{x\})$  but  $z \notin \alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{y\})$ . As  $z \in \alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{x\})$ ,  $x \in \alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{z\})$  and  $\alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{x\}) \subseteq \alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{z\})$ . Also we have taken  $z \notin \alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{y\})$ , by Theorem 3.4,  $\alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{z\}) \cap \{y\} = \phi$ , so  $\alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{x\}) \cap \{y\} = \phi$  and so  $\{y\}$  is *weakly ultra- $\alpha\psi$ -separated* from  $\{x\}$  and hence we get that  $y \notin \alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{x\})$ . Hence  $\alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{y\}) \neq \alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{x\})$ .  
(ii)  $\implies$  (i) Suppose  $\alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{x\}) \neq \alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{y\})$ . Then there exists a point  $z \in \alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{x\})$  but  $z \notin \alpha\psi\text{-cl}(\{y\})$ . So, we get an  $\alpha\psi$ -open set containing  $z$  and  $x$  but not  $y$ . That is  $y \notin \alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{x\})$ . Hence  $\alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{y\}) \neq \alpha\psi\text{-ker}(\{x\})$ .  $\square$

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