



A NOTE ON Ω -OPEN SETS

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, for any given topological space (X, \mathfrak{T}) , we introduce and study a new topology τ_{Ω} whose members we call Ω -open sets. We proved that \mathfrak{T}_{Ω} is not comparable to the given topology \mathfrak{T} . However, we investigate the behavior of Ω -open sets with respect to that of \mathfrak{T} -open sets in X .

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1. Introduction:

Let (X, \mathfrak{T}) be a topological space. In 1982, Hdeib [6] introduced the notion of ω -closeness. Using this concept, he introduced and studied ω -continuity. In 1966, the notions of θ -open subsets, θ -closed subsets and θ -closure were introduced by Veličko[15] for the purpose of studying an important class of topological spaces, namely, H-closed spaces in terms of filter bases. He also showed that the collection of θ -open sets in a topological space X itself forms a topology τ_{θ} on X . Dickman and Porter [4], [5], Joseph [8] extended the work of Veličko to study further properties of H closed spaces. Noiri and Jafari[12], Caldas et al. [1] and [2], Steiner [13] and Cao et al [3] have also obtained several new and interesting results related to these sets. We use these concepts to define and develop a new class of open sets which we called Ω -open sets.

2. Preliminaries :

Let (X, \mathfrak{T}) be a topological space. For a subset $A \subseteq X$, the closure and the interior of A is denoted by $\text{cl}(A)$ and $\text{int}(A)$, respectively. First let us recall some definitions, for any subset A of X , A is said to be

- (i) α -open [11] if $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(A)))$,
- (ii) preopen [10] if $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$,
- (iii) regular open [14] if $A = \text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$,
- (iv) regular closed [14] if $A = \text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$.

Definition 4.01 : A point $x \in X$ is said to be in the θ -closure [15] of a subset A of X , denoted by $\theta\text{-cl}(A)$, if $\text{cl}(U) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ for each open set U of X containing x .

Definition 4.02 : A point p is called a condensation point of A if every open set containing p contains uncountably many points of A . A subset A of a space X is called a ω -closed [6] if it contains all of its condensation points. The complement of ω -closed subset is called ω -open.

Notations 4.01 : The family of all ω -open (resp. θ -open, α -open) subsets of a space X is denoted by $\omega\text{-O}(X)$ (respectively, $\tau_\theta = \theta\text{-O}(X)$, $\alpha\text{-O}(X)$).

Definition 4.03 : A subset A of a space X is called ω_θ -open [16] if for every $x \in A$, there exists an open subset $B \subseteq X$ containing x such that $(B \sim \theta\text{-int}(A))$ is countable. As usual the complement of a ω_θ -open subset is called ω_θ -closed.

3. A New Class of Open Sets:

In this section, we introduce and study a new class of open sets.

Definition 5.01 : Let (X, \mathfrak{T}) be a topological space and let $A \subseteq X$ be any subset of X . A point $p \in X$ is called a **clocondensation** point of A if the closure of every open set containing p contains uncountably many points of A .

Example 5.01 : Let \mathbb{R} be the set of real numbers endowed with the topology $\mathfrak{T} = \{\emptyset, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Q}'\}$ where \mathbb{Q}' is the set of irrational numbers. Let A be an uncountable subset of \mathbb{Q}' . Then each element of \mathbb{R} is a clocondensation point of A . However, if B is any subset of \mathbb{Q} , the set of rational numbers then B has no clocondensation point. In fact, if A is any uncountable subset of \mathbb{R} , then each element of \mathbb{R} is a clocondensation point of A .

Example 5.02 : Let \mathbb{R} be the set of real numbers equipped with usual topology. Then each point of the interval (a, b) has only its own elements as clocondensation points. The set \mathbb{Q} of rational

numbers has no clocondensation point while the set Q' of irrational numbers has each element of R as a clocondensation point.

Theorem 5.01 : Every uncountable subset of a second countable space (X, \mathfrak{T}) has a clocondensation point.

Proof : Let $\mathfrak{B} = \{U_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ be a countable base for the topology on X and let C be an uncountable subset of X . Let C not have any clocondensation point. Then for every $x \in C$ there exists an open set V_x in X such that $x \in V_x$ and $\text{cl}(V_x) \cap C$ is countable. Now for every V_x there exists some $U_{n_x} \in \mathfrak{B}$ such that $x \in U_{n_x} \subseteq V_x \subseteq \text{cl}(V_x) \Rightarrow x \in U_{n_x} \cap C$ and $U_{n_x} \cap C$ is countable. Now $C = \cup_{x \in C} (U_{n_x} \cap C)$. This shows that C is countable which yields a contradiction.

Theorem 5.02 : Every uncountable subset of a second countable space X has uncountably many clocondensation points.

Proof : Let A be the collection of all condensation points of an uncountable subset E of a second countable space X . If A is countable then $E \setminus A$ is uncountable and contains no clocondensation point of itself which contradicts Theorem 5.01.

Corollary 5.01 : Let (X, \mathfrak{T}) be a second countable topological space and let A be an uncountable subset of X . Let B be the collection of all clocondensation points of A . Then $E \setminus A$ is countable.

Corollary 5.02 : Let (X, \mathfrak{T}) be a second countable topological space and let A be a subset of X . If A does not contain any clocondensation points, then A is countable.

Theorem 5.03 : Every uncountable subset of a Lindelöf space (X, \mathfrak{T}) has a clocondensation point.

Proof : Let (X, \mathfrak{T}) be a Lindelöf space and let C be an uncountable subset of X such that C does not have any clocondensation point. Then for every $x \in C$, there exists an open set V_x in X such that $x \in V_x$ and $\text{cl}(V_x) \cap C$ is countable. Then $\{V_x : x \in C\}$ is an open cover of C . Since C is Lindelöf, it admits of a countable subcover, say, $\{V_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ then $C \subseteq (\cup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} V_n) \cap C \subseteq \cup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (\text{cl}(V_n) \cap C)$ which implies that C is countable, a contradiction.

Corollary 5.03 : Every uncountable subset of a compact space (X, \mathfrak{T}) has a clocondensation point.

Theorem 5.04 : The set of all clocondensation points of a subset of a topological space (X, \mathfrak{T}) is closed.

Proof : Let X be a topological space and let A be a subset of X . Let D be the collection of all

clocondensation points of A . Let $x \in X \sim D$. Then there exists an open set U in X such that $x \in U$ and $\text{cl}(U) \cap A$ is countable. We claim that $U \cap D = \emptyset$. For if $y \in U \cap D$ then $y \in U$ and $y \in D$ which implies that y is a clocondensation point of A and therefore $\text{cl}(U) \cap A$ is uncountable, a contradiction.

Remark 5.01 : Let (X, \mathfrak{T}) be a topological space and let A be a subset of X . Then every condensation point of A is a clocondensation point of A .

Definition 5.02 : A subset A of a topological space (X, \mathfrak{T}) is said to be a Ω -closed [6] if it contains all its **clocondensation** points. The complement of a Ω -closed subset is called Ω -open.

Example 5.03 : Let \mathbb{R} be the set of real numbers equipped with the topology $\tau = \{\emptyset, \mathbb{R}, Q'\}$ where Q' is the set of irrational numbers. Then the set $A = Q' \cup \{0\}$ is Ω -open since $(Q' \cup \{0\})' = Q \sim \{0\}$ is Ω -closed, for if $x \in Q \sim \{0\}$ then the closure of any neighborhood of x cannot intersect $Q \sim \{0\}$ in uncountably many points as $Q \sim \{0\}$ is itself countable. In general any set of the type $Q' \cup A$ where $A \subset Q$ is Ω -open in X , since any subset of Q is Ω -closed in X .

Theorem 5.05 : Let X be a topological space. Let $A \subseteq X$ then, A is Ω -open if for every $x \in A$ there exists an open set U such that $(\text{cl}(U) \sim A)$ is countable.

Proof : Let A be Ω -open then $X \sim A$ is Ω -closed. Let $x \in A$ then $x \notin (X \sim A)$. Since $X \sim A$ is Ω -closed, there exists an open subset U of X such that $x \in U$ and $\text{cl}(U) \cap (X \sim A)$ is countable which implies that $(\text{cl}(U) \sim A)$ is countable.

Conversely, let for every $x \in A$ there exist an open set U in X such that $x \in U$ and $(\text{cl}(U) \sim A)$ is countable. Now if $x \notin (X \sim A)$, then $x \in A$ and so there exists an open set U of X such that $x \in U$ and $(\text{cl}(U) \sim A)$ is countable, i.e., $\text{cl}(U) \cap (X \sim A)$ is countable. This shows that $x \notin \Omega\text{-cl}(X \sim A)$ implying that $(X \sim A)$ is Ω -closed and hence A is Ω -open.

Theorem 5.06 : Let (X, \mathfrak{T}) be a topological space. Let $\Omega\text{-O}(X)$ be the collection of Ω -open sets. Then $\Omega\text{-O}(X)$ forms a topology on X . We denote this topology by \mathfrak{T}_Ω and call the resulting space as \mathfrak{T}_Ω -topological space.

Notation 5.01 : Let (X, \mathfrak{T}_Ω) be the topological space corresponding to a topological space (X, \mathfrak{T}) and let $A \subseteq X$ be any subset of X . Then

- (i) \mathfrak{T}_Ω -closure of A is denoted by $\Omega\text{-cl}(A)$.
- (ii) \mathfrak{T}_Ω -interior of A is denoted by $\Omega\text{-int}(A)$.

Definition 5.03 : The Ω -closure of A is the collection of all clocondensation points of A alongwith the elements of A i.e. $\Omega\text{-cl}(A) = A \cup \{\text{collection of all clocondensation points of A}\}$.

Definition 5.04 : The Ω -interior of A is the collection of all those points x of A for which there exists an open neighborhood U_x such that $(\text{cl}(U_x) - A)$ is countable.

Theorem 5.07 : Let (X, \mathfrak{S}) be a topological space. Let $\Omega\text{-C}(X)$ be the collection of Ω -closed sets. Then it is obvious that $\Omega\text{-C}(X)$ is closed under arbitrary intersections and finite unions. Also \emptyset and X are in $\Omega\text{-C}(X)$.

Example 5.04 : Let $(\mathbb{R}, \mathfrak{U})$ be the set of real numbers with usual topology. Let N be the set of natural numbers equipped with the relativized topology \mathfrak{U}_N . Obviously, $(\mathbb{N}, \mathfrak{U}_N)$ is a discrete topological space. Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$. Then, for every $x \in \mathbb{N}$ and for all $U \in \mathfrak{S}$ such that $x \in U$, we have $\text{cl}(U) \cap A$ is countable. Since A itself is countable hence $x \notin \Omega\text{-cl}(A)$ implying that A is Ω -closed. Hence each subset of N is Ω -closed & therefore Ω -open which shows that the space $(\mathbb{N}, \mathfrak{U}_N)$ is also discrete.

Example 5.05 : Let $(\mathbb{R}, \mathfrak{U})$ be the set of real numbers with usual topology \mathfrak{U} . Let $(a,b) \in \mathfrak{U}$. Let $x \in (a,b)$ then, if $U=(a,b)$ we have, $x \in U$, $U \in \mathfrak{U}$ and $\text{cl}(U) \sim (a,b) = \{a,b\}$ which is countable. Hence for this space every open set is Ω -open.

Example 5.06 : Let $(\mathbb{Q}, \mathfrak{S})$ be the set of rational numbers endowed with the indiscrete topology \mathfrak{S} . Let $A \subset \mathbb{Q}$. Let $x \notin A$. Then x has the only neighbourhood Q with $\text{cl}(Q) = Q$ and $\text{cl}(Q) \cap A$ is countable which shows that A is Ω -closed and hence each subset of Q is Ω -closed. Consequently A is Ω -open. This shows that $(\mathbb{Q}, \mathfrak{S}_\Omega)$ is a discrete topology.

Definition 5.05 : The intersection of all Ω -closed sets of X containing a subset $A \subset X$ is defined as the \mathfrak{S}_Ω -closure of A.

Definition 5.06 : The union of all Ω -open sets of X contained in $A \subset X$ is defined as the \mathfrak{S}_Ω -interior of A.

Lemma 5.02 : Let A be a subset of a space (X, \mathfrak{S}) . Then the following hold:

- (i) A is \mathfrak{S}_Ω -closed in X if and only if $A = \mathfrak{S}_\Omega\text{-cl}(A)$.
- (ii) $\mathfrak{S}_\Omega\text{-cl}(X \sim A) = X \sim \mathfrak{S}_\Omega\text{-int}(A)$
- (iii) $\mathfrak{S}_\Omega\text{-cl}(A)$ is \mathfrak{S}_Ω -closed in X.
- (iv) $X \in \mathfrak{S}_\Omega\text{-cl}(A)$ if and only if $A \cap G \neq \emptyset \quad \forall \mathfrak{S}_\Omega\text{-open sets } G \text{ containing } A$.

Theorem 5.07: If a \mathfrak{S} -open set U has countably many boundary elements then U is \mathfrak{S}_Ω -open also.

Proof : Let U be a \mathfrak{S} -open set with countably many boundary points. Then U will be \mathfrak{S}_Ω -open if for every $x \in U$ there exists $V \in \mathfrak{S}$ such that $x \in V$ and $\text{cl}(V) \setminus V = \text{countable}$. Take $V=U$ then, $\text{cl}(U) \setminus U$ is countable. Hence U is \mathfrak{S}_Ω -open.

Theorem 5.08 : If A is both \mathfrak{S} -open and \mathfrak{S} -closed, then A is both \mathfrak{S}_Ω -open and \mathfrak{S}_Ω -closed.

Proof : A is \mathfrak{S} -closed $\Rightarrow A = \text{cl}(A)$. Now A is \mathfrak{S}_Ω -open if for every $x \in A$ there exists $U \in \mathfrak{S}$ such that $x \in U$ and $\text{cl}(U) \setminus A$ is countable. Let $U=A$ (because A is \mathfrak{S} -open also) $\Rightarrow \text{cl}(A) \setminus A = \emptyset$ which is obviously countable. Thus A is \mathfrak{S}_Ω -open. Now A is \mathfrak{S} -closed and \mathfrak{S} -open $\Rightarrow A$ is \mathfrak{S}_Ω -open because A is open and closed $\Rightarrow X \setminus A$ is closed and open $\Rightarrow X \setminus A$ is also \mathfrak{S}_Ω -open $\Rightarrow A$ is \mathfrak{S}_Ω -closed also.

Theorem 5.09 : Every countable set is \mathfrak{S}_Ω -closed.

Proof : Let A be a countable set. Let $x \notin A$ and let U be an open set containing x then, $A \cap \text{cl}U$ is countable which implies that $x \notin \mathfrak{S}_\Omega - \text{cl}(A) \Rightarrow A$ is \mathfrak{S}_Ω -closed.

Theorem 5.10 : A subset A is an \mathfrak{S}_Ω -open set for a space (X, \mathfrak{S}) if and only if there exists a \mathfrak{S} -open set U and a countable set V such that for every $x \in A$, we have $x \in U$ and $(\text{cl}(U) \setminus V) \subset A$.

Proof : Let $x \in A \Rightarrow$ there exists $U \in \mathfrak{S}$ such that $x \in U$ and $\text{cl}(U) \setminus A$ is countable. If we take $\text{cl}(U) \setminus A = V$ then $\text{cl}(U) \setminus V \subset A$. Conversely, let $x \in A$. Then there exists a \mathfrak{S} -open subset U containing x and a countable subset V such that $\text{cl}(U) \setminus V \subset A$. But this shows that $\text{cl}(U) \setminus A$ is countable implying the result.

Definition 5.07 : A space (X, \mathfrak{S}) is said to be anti locally countable space if nonempty open sets are uncountable.

Theorem 5.11 : If (X, \mathfrak{S}) is a anti locally countable space then so is (X, \mathfrak{S}_Ω) .

Proof : Let $A \in \mathfrak{S}_\Omega$ and let $x \in A$. Then, there exists a \mathfrak{S} -open subset $U \subset X$ and a countable set V containing x satisfying $\text{cl}(U) \setminus V \subset A$. Now $U \in \mathfrak{S}$ implies that U is uncountable and so $\text{cl}(U) \setminus V$ is uncountable. Hence A is uncountable.

Theorem 5.12 : If X is an antilocally countable regular space and if A is a \mathfrak{S} -open, then, $\text{cl}(A) \subset \mathfrak{S}_\Omega - \text{cl}(A)$.

Proof : Let $x \in \text{cl}(A)$. We show that $x \in \mathfrak{T}_\Omega - \text{cl}(A)$. Let B be an \mathfrak{T}_Ω -open set containing x . Then, there exists $U \in \mathfrak{T}$ and a countable set V with $x \in U$ and is such that $(\text{cl}(U) \sim V) \subset B \Rightarrow (\text{cl}(U) \sim V) \cap A \subset B \cap A \Rightarrow (\text{cl}(U) \cap A) \sim V \subset B \cap A$. Now, $x \in U$ and U is an open set, therefore $x \in \text{cl}(A) \Rightarrow U \cap A \neq \emptyset$. Further, since both U and $A \in \mathfrak{T}$, we have that $U \cap A$ is Uncountable. But this implies that $\text{cl}(U) \cap A$ is uncountable $\Rightarrow B \cap A$ is uncountable $\Rightarrow B \cap A \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow x \in \mathfrak{T}_\Omega - \text{cl}(A)$

Theorem 5.13 : If (X, \mathfrak{T}) is a regular space then, $\mathfrak{T}_\Omega - \text{cl}(A) \subset \text{cl}(A)$.

Proof : Suppose $x \in \mathfrak{T}_\Omega - \text{cl}(A)$, then for every $U \in \mathfrak{T}$ with $x \in U$ we have that $\text{cl}(U) \cap A$ is uncountable. Now let V be an open set containing x . Since X is regular, there exists an open set V_1 such that $x \in V_1 \subset \text{cl}(V_1) \subset U$. Now because $x \in \mathfrak{T}_\Omega - \text{cl}(A)$ we have that $\text{cl}(V_1) \cap A$ is uncountable $\Rightarrow U \cap A$ is uncountable. Hence, $U \cap A \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow x \in \text{cl}(A) \Rightarrow \mathfrak{T}_\Omega - \text{cl}(A) \subset \text{cl}(A)$.

Corollary 5.04: If (X, \mathfrak{T}) is anti locally countable regular space then $\mathfrak{T}_\Omega - \text{cl}(A) = \text{cl}(A)$.

4. Relation of Ω open sets with some other kind of open sets

RESULT 6.01 : The topology $\tau_{\mathfrak{T}_\omega}$ is finer than the topology $\tau_{\mathfrak{T}_\Omega}$.

RESULT 6.02 : The topology \mathfrak{T}_Ω is finer than the topology \mathfrak{T}_θ .

RESULT 6.03 : In a regular topological space, the topology \mathfrak{T}_Ω is finer than the topology \mathfrak{T} .

RESULT 6.04 : In a regular topological space, the topology τ_Ω is finer than the topology \mathfrak{T}_ω .

5. The Ω -continuity

DEFINITION 7.01 : A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be \mathfrak{T}_Ω -continuous if $\forall x \in X$ and \forall open sets V in Y containing $f(x)$, \exists an \mathfrak{T}_Ω -open subset U in X such that $x \in U$ and $f(U) \subset V$.

THEOREM 7.01 : For a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$, the following are equivalent :

- (i) f is \mathfrak{T}_Ω -continuous.
- (ii) $f^{-1}(A)$ is \mathfrak{T}_Ω -open in $X \forall$ open subsets A in Y .
- (iii) $f^{-1}(K)$ is \mathfrak{T}_Ω -closed in $X \forall$ closed subsets A in Y .

THEOREM 7.02 : Following are equivalent for a function $f : (X, \mathfrak{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$

- (i) f is Ω - continuous.
- (ii) $f : (X, \mathfrak{T}_\Omega) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is continuous.

EXAMPLE 7.01 : Let R be the real line equipped with the topology $\mathfrak{T} = \{ \emptyset, R, Q' \}$ where Q' is the set of irrational numbers. Let $Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and let $\sigma = (Y, \emptyset, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{a, c\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\})$ be a topology on Y . Define a function $f : (R, \mathfrak{T}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ as :

$$f(x) = \left. \begin{cases} a & \text{if } x \in Q' \cup \{0\} \\ b & \text{if } x \notin Q' \cup \{0\} \end{cases} \right\}$$

then it can easily be seen that f is \mathfrak{T}_Ω – continuous.

EXAMPLE 7.02 : Consider (N, \mathfrak{T}_D) where \mathfrak{T}_D denotes the discrete topology on set N of natural numbers then $\Omega O(N) = \mathfrak{T}_D$ and $f : (N, \mathfrak{T}_\Omega) \rightarrow (N, \tau_0)$ defined by $f(x) = x \forall x \in N$ is continuous.

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