

# Minimal $g\eta$ -Open and Maximal $g\eta$ -Closed sets

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## Abstract:

In this paper a new class of sets namely minimal  $g\eta$ -closed set, maximal  $g\eta$ -open set, minimal  $g\eta$ -open set and maximal  $g\eta$ -closed set and their basic properties are studied.

**Keywords:**  $g\eta$ -closed set and minimal  $g\eta$ -closed set, maximal  $g\eta$ -open set, minimal  $g\eta$ -open set and maximal  $g\eta$ -closed set.

## 1. Introduction

In 1963, Levine [2] introduced the notion of semi-open sets in topological spaces. In 1984, Andrijevic [1] introduced some properties of the topology of  $\alpha$ -sets. Norman Levine [3] introduced the concepts of generalized closed sets in topological spaces. The notion of  $g\eta$ -closed set and its different characterizations are discussed in [8].

Nakaoka and Oda [4,5,6] have introduced minimal open sets and maximal open sets, which are subclasses of open sets. Later on many authors concentrated in this direction and defined many different types of minimal and maximal open sets. Inspired with these developments we further study a new type of closed and open sets namely minimal  $g\eta$ -closed sets, maximal  $g\eta$ -open sets, minimal  $g\eta$ -open sets and maximal  $g\eta$ -closed sets.

## 2. Preliminaries

**Definition : 2.1** A subset  $A$  of topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called

- (i)  $\alpha$ -open set [1] if  $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(A)))$ ,  $\alpha$ -closed set if  $\text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{cl}(A))) \subseteq A$ .
- (ii) semi-open set [2] if  $A \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$ , semi-closed set if  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(A)) \subseteq A$ .
- (iii)  $\eta$ -open set [7] if  $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(A))) \cup \text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$ .
- (iv)  $g$ -closed set [3] if  $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- (v)  $g\eta$ -closed set [8] if  $\eta\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

## 3. Minimal $G\eta$ -Open Sets And Maximal $G\eta$ -Closed Sets

A new class of sets, called minimal  $g\eta$ -open sets and maximal  $g\eta$ -closed sets in topological spaces are introduced and some of their properties are proved in this section.

**Definition 3.1:** A proper nonempty  $g\eta$ -open subset  $U$  of  $X$  is said to be a Minimal  $g\eta$ -open set if any  $g\eta$ -open set contained in  $U$  is  $\varnothing$  or  $U$ .

**Example 3.2:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\varnothing, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ . Then  $\{a\}$  is both Minimal open and Minimal  $g\eta$ -open but  $\{c\}$  is Minimal  $g\eta$ -open but not Minimal open.

**Remark 3.3:** Minimal open and minimal  $g\eta$ -open sets are independent of each other.

**Example 3.4:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\varnothing, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . Then  $\{a, b\}$  is Minimal open but not Minimal  $g\eta$ -open and  $\{a, c\}$  is Minimal  $g\eta$ -open but not Minimal open.

**Theorem 3.5:** (i) Let  $U$  be a minimal  $g\eta$ -open set and  $W$  be a  $g\eta$ -open set. Then  $U \cap W = \varnothing$  or  $U \subset W$ .

(ii) Let  $U$  and  $V$  be minimal  $g\eta$ -open sets. Then  $U \cap V = \varnothing$  or  $U = V$ .

**Proof:** (i) Let  $U$  be a minimal  $g\eta$ -open set and  $W$  be a  $g\eta$ -open set. If  $U \cap W = \varnothing$ . Then there is nothing to prove. If  $U \cap W \neq \varnothing$ . Then  $U \cap W \subset U$ . Since  $U$  is a minimal  $g\eta$ -open set, we have  $U \cap W = U$ . Therefore  $U \subset W$ .

(ii) Let  $U$  and  $V$  be minimal  $g\eta$ -open sets. If  $U \cap V \neq \varnothing$ , then  $U \subset V$  and  $V \subset U$  by (i). Therefore  $U = V$ .

**Theorem 3.6:** Let  $U$  be a minimal  $g\eta$ -open set. If  $x \in U$ , then  $U \subset W$  for any open neighborhood  $W$  of  $x$ .

**Proof:** Let  $U$  be a minimal  $g\eta$ -open set and  $x$  be an element of  $U$ . Suppose there exist a open neighborhood  $W$  of  $x$  such that  $U \not\subset W$ . Then  $U \cap W$  is a  $g\eta$ -open set such that  $U \cap W \subset U$  and  $U \cap W \neq \varnothing$ . Since  $U$  is a minimal  $g\eta$ -open set, we have  $U \cap W = U$ . That is  $U \subset W$ , which is a contradiction for  $U \not\subset W$ . Therefore  $U \subset W$  for any open neighborhood  $W$  of  $x$ .

**Theorem 3.7:** Let  $U$  be a minimal  $g\eta$ -open set. If  $x \in U$ , then  $U \subset W$  for some  $g\eta$ -open set  $W$  containing  $x$ .

**Theorem 3.8:** Let  $U$  be a minimal  $g\eta$ -open set. Then  $U = \bigcap \{W : W \in G\eta O(X, x)\}$  for any element  $x$  of  $U$ .

**Proof:** By theorem[3.7] and  $U$  is  $g\eta$ -open set containing  $x$ , we have  $U \subset \bigcap \{W : W \in G\eta O(X, x)\} \subset U$ .

**Theorem 3.9:** Let  $U$  be a nonempty  $g\eta$ -open set. Then the following three conditions are equivalent.

- (i)  $U$  is a minimal  $g\eta$ -open set
- (ii)  $U \subset g\eta cl(S)$  for any nonempty subset  $S$  of  $U$
- (iii)  $g\eta-cl(U) = g\eta-cl(S)$  for any nonempty subset  $S$  of  $U$ .

**Proof:** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Let  $x \in U$ ,  $U$  be minimal  $g\eta$ -open set and  $S \neq \emptyset \subset U$ . By theorem[3.7], for any  $g\eta$ -open set  $W$  containing  $x$ ,  $S \subset U \subset W \Rightarrow S \subset W$ . Now  $S = S \cap U \subset S \cap W$ . Since  $S \neq \emptyset$ ,  $S \cap W \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $W$  is any  $g\eta$ -open set containing  $x$ ,  $x \in g\eta\text{-cl}(S)$ . That is  $x \in U \Rightarrow x \in g\eta\text{-cl}(S) \Rightarrow U \subset g\eta\text{-cl}(S)$  for any nonempty subset  $S$  of  $U$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Let  $S$  be a nonempty subset of  $U$ . That is  $S \subset U \Rightarrow g\eta\text{-cl}(S) \subset g\eta\text{-cl}(U) \rightarrow (1)$ .

Again from (ii)  $U \subset g\eta\text{-cl}(S)$  for any  $S \neq \emptyset \subset U \Rightarrow g\eta\text{-cl}(U) \subset g\eta\text{-cl}(g\eta\text{-cl}(S)) = g\eta\text{-cl}(S)$ .

That is  $g\eta\text{-cl}(U) \subset g\eta\text{-cl}(S) \rightarrow (2)$ .

From (1) and (2), we have  $g\eta\text{-cl}(U) = g\eta\text{-cl}(S)$  for any nonempty subset  $S$  of  $U$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) From (iii) we have  $g\eta\text{-cl}(U) = g\eta\text{-cl}(S)$  for any nonempty subset  $S$  of  $U$ . Suppose  $U$  is not a minimal  $g\eta$ -open set. Then there exist a nonempty  $g\eta$ -open set  $V$  such that  $V \subset U$  and  $V \neq U$ . Now there exist an element  $a$  in  $U$  such that  $a \notin V \Rightarrow a \in V^c$ . That is  $g\eta\text{-cl}(\{a\}) \subset g\eta\text{-cl}(V^c) = V^c$ , as  $V^c$  is  $g\eta$ -closed set in  $X$ . It follows that  $g\eta\text{-cl}(\{a\}) \neq g\eta\text{-cl}(U)$ . This is a contradiction for  $g\eta\text{-cl}(\{a\}) = g\eta\text{-cl}(U)$  for any  $\{a\} \neq \emptyset \subset U$ . Therefore  $U$  is minimal  $g\eta$ -open set.

**Theorem 3.10:** Let  $V$  be a nonempty finite  $g\eta$ -open set. Then there exist atleast one finite minimal  $g\eta$ -open set  $U$  such that  $U \subset V$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V$  be a nonempty finite  $g\eta$ -open set. If  $V$  is a minimal  $g\eta$ -open set, we may set  $U = V$ . If  $V$  is not a minimal  $g\eta$ -open set, then there exist a finite  $g\eta$ -open set  $V_1$  such that  $\emptyset \neq V_1 \subset V$ . If  $V_1$  is a minimal  $g\eta$ -open set, we may set  $U = V_1$ . If  $V_1$  is not a minimal  $g\eta$ -open set, then there exist finite  $g\eta$ -open set  $V_2$  such that  $\emptyset \neq V_2 \subset V_1$ . Continuing this process, we have a sequence of  $g\eta$ -open sets  $V \supset V_1 \supset V_2 \supset V_3 \supset \dots \supset V_k \supset \dots$ . Since  $V$  is a finite set, this process repeats only finitely. Then finally we get a minimal  $g\eta$ -open set  $U = V_n$  for some positive integer  $n$ .

**Definition 3.11:** A topological space  $X$  is said to be locally finite space if each of its elements is contained in a finite open set.

**Corollary 3.12:** Let  $X$  be a locally finite space and  $V$  be a nonempty  $g\eta$ -open set. Then there exist at least one finite minimal  $g\eta$ -open set  $U$  such that  $U \subset V$ .

**Proof:** Let  $X$  be a locally finite space and  $V$  be a nonempty  $g\eta$ -open set. Let  $x$  in  $V$ . Since  $X$  is locally finite space, we have a finite open set  $V_x$  such that  $x$  in  $V_x$ . Then  $V \cap V_x$  is a finite  $g\eta$ -open set. By Theorem 3.10 there exist an at least one finite minimal  $g\eta$ -open set  $U$  such that  $U \subset V \cap V_x$ . That is  $U \subset V \cap V_x \subset V$ . Hence there exist an at least one finite minimal  $g\eta$ -open set  $U$  such that  $U \subset V$ .

**Corollary 3.13:** Let  $V$  be a finite minimal open set. Then there exist an at least one finite minimal  $g\eta$ -open set  $U$  such that  $U \subset V$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V$  be a finite minimal open set. Then  $V$  is a nonempty finite  $g\eta$ -open set. By Theorem 3.10, there exist an at least one finite minimal  $g\eta$ -open set  $U$  such that  $U \subset V$ .

**Definition 3.14:** A proper nonempty  $\eta$ -closed  $F \subset X$  is said to be maximal  $\eta$ -closed set if any  $\eta$ -closed set containing  $F$  is either  $X$  or  $F$ .

**Example 3.15:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$ . Then  $\{b, c\}$  is both Maximal closed and Maximal  $\eta$ -closed but  $\{a, b\}$  and  $\{a, c\}$  are Maximal  $\eta$ -closed but not Maximal closed.

**Remark 3.16:** Maximal closed and maximal  $\eta$ -closed sets are independent of each other:

**Example 3.17:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . Then  $\{a\}$  is Maximal closed but not Maximal  $\eta$ -closed and  $\{a, b\}$  is Maximal  $\eta$ -closed but not Maximal closed.

**Theorem 3.18:** A proper nonempty subset  $F$  of  $X$  is maximal  $\eta$ -closed set if and only if  $X-F$  is a minimal  $\eta$ -open set.

**Proof:** Let  $F$  be a maximal  $\eta$ -closed set. Suppose  $X-F$  is not a minimal  $\eta$ -open set. Then there exist a  $\eta$ -open set  $U \neq X-F$  such that  $\emptyset \neq U \subset X-F$ . That is  $F \subset X-U$  and  $X-U$  is a  $\eta$ -closed set which is a contradiction for  $F$  is a maximal  $\eta$ -closed set.

Conversely let  $X-F$  be a minimal  $\eta$ -open set. Suppose  $F$  is not a maximal  $\eta$ -closed set, then there exist a  $\eta$ -closed set  $E \neq F$  such that  $F \subset E \neq X$ . That is  $\emptyset \neq X-E \subset X-F$  and  $X-E$  is a  $\eta$ -open set which is a contradiction for  $X-F$  is a minimal  $\eta$ -open set. Therefore  $F$  is a maximal  $\eta$ -closed set.

**Theorem 3.19:** (i) Let  $F$  be a maximal  $\eta$ -closed set and  $W$  be a  $\eta$ -closed set. Then  $F \cup W = X$  or  $W \subset F$ .

(ii) Let  $F$  and  $S$  be maximal  $\eta$ -closed sets. Then  $F \cup S = X$  or  $F = S$ .

**Proof:** (i) Let  $F$  be a maximal  $\eta$ -closed set and  $W$  be a  $\eta$ -closed set. If  $F \cup W = X$ . Then there is nothing to prove. Suppose  $F \cup W \neq X$ . Then  $F \subset F \cup W$ . Therefore  $F \cup W = F \Rightarrow W \subset F$ .

(ii) Let  $F$  and  $S$  be maximal  $\eta$ -closed sets. If  $F \cup S \neq X$ , then we have  $F \subset S$  and  $S \subset F$  by (i). Therefore  $F = S$ .

**Theorem 3.20:** Let  $F$  be a maximal  $\eta$ -closed set. If  $x$  is an element of  $F$ , then for any  $\eta$ -closed set  $S$  containing  $x$ ,  $F \cup S = X$  or  $S \subset F$ .

**Proof:** Let  $F$  be a maximal  $\eta$ -closed set and  $x$  is an element of  $F$ . Suppose there exist a  $\eta$ -closed set  $S$  containing  $x$  such that  $F \cup S \neq X$ . Then  $F \subset F \cup S$  and let  $F \cup S$  is a  $\eta$ -closed set. Since  $F$  is a  $\eta$ -closed set, we have  $F \cup S = F$ . Therefore  $S \subset F$ .

**Theorem 3.21:** Let  $F_\alpha, F_\beta, F_\delta$  be maximal  $\eta$ -closed sets such that  $F_\alpha \neq F_\beta$ . If  $F_\alpha \cap F_\beta \subset F_\delta$ , then either  $F_\alpha = F_\delta$  or  $F_\beta = F_\delta$ .

**Proof:** Given that  $F_\alpha \cap F_\beta \subset F_\delta$ . If  $F_\alpha = F_\delta$ . Then there is nothing to prove.

If  $F_\alpha \neq F_\delta$  then we have to prove  $F_\beta = F_\delta$ . Now  $F_\beta \cap F_\delta = F_\beta \cap (F_\delta \cap X) = F_\beta \cap (F_\delta \cap (F_\alpha \cup F_\beta))$  (by thm. 3.19 (ii))  $= F_\beta \cap ((F_\delta \cap F_\alpha) \cup (F_\delta \cap F_\beta)) = (F_\beta \cap F_\delta \cap F_\alpha) \cup (F_\beta \cap F_\delta \cap F_\beta)$

$= (F_\alpha \cap F_\beta) \cup (F_\delta \cap F_\beta)$  (by  $F_\alpha \cap F_\beta \subset F_\delta$ )  $= (F_\alpha \cup F_\delta) \cap F_\beta = X \cap F_\beta$  (Since  $F_\alpha$  and  $F_\delta$  are maximal  $\eta$ -closed sets by theorem[3.19] (ii),  $F_\alpha \cup F_\delta = X = F_\beta$ . That is  $F_\beta \cap F_\delta = F_\beta \Rightarrow F_\beta \subset F_\delta$  Since  $F_\beta$  and  $F_\delta$  are maximal  $\eta$ -closed sets, we have  $F_\beta = F_\delta$  Therefore  $F_\beta = F_\delta$ .

**Theorem 3.22:** Let  $F_\alpha$ ,  $F_\beta$  and  $F_\delta$  be different maximal  $\eta$ -closed sets to each other. Then  $(F_\alpha \cap F_\beta) \not\subset (F_\alpha \cap F_\delta)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $(F_\alpha \cap F_\beta) \subset (F_\alpha \cap F_\delta) \Rightarrow (F_\alpha \cap F_\beta) \cup (F_\delta \cap F_\beta) \subset (F_\alpha \cap F_\delta) \cup (F_\delta \cap F_\beta) \Rightarrow (F_\alpha \cup F_\delta) \cap F_\beta \subset F_\delta \cap (F_\alpha \cup F_\beta)$ . Since by theorem 3.19 (ii),  $F_\alpha \cup F_\delta = X$  and  $F_\alpha \cup F_\beta = X \Rightarrow X \cap F_\beta \subset F_\delta \cap X \Rightarrow F_\beta \subset F_\delta$  From the definition of maximal  $\eta$ -closed set it follows that  $F_\beta = F_\delta$ , which is a contradiction to the fact that  $F_\alpha$ ,  $F_\beta$  and  $F_\delta$  are different to each other. Therefore  $(F_\alpha \cap F_\beta) \not\subset (F_\alpha \cap F_\delta)$ .

**Theorem 3.23:** Let  $F$  be a maximal  $\eta$ -closed set and  $x$  be an element of  $F$ . Then  $F = \bigcup \{ S : S \text{ is a } \eta\text{-closed set containing } x \text{ such that } F \cup S \neq X \}$ .

**Proof:** By theorem 3.21 and fact that  $F$  is a  $\eta$ -closed set containing  $x$ , we have  $F \subset \bigcup \{ S : S \text{ is a } \eta\text{-closed set containing } x \text{ such that } F \cup S \neq X \} - F$ .

**Theorem 3.24:** Let  $F$  be a proper nonempty cofinite  $\eta$ -closed set. Then there exist a cofinite maximal  $\eta$ -closed set  $E$  such that  $F \subset E$ .

**Proof:** If  $F$  is maximal  $\eta$ -closed set, we may set  $E = F$ . If  $F$  is not a maximal  $\eta$ -closed set, then there exist a cofinite  $\eta$ -closed set  $F_1$  such that  $F \subset F_1 \neq X$ . If  $F_1$  is a maximal  $\eta$ -closed set, we may set  $E = F_1$ . If  $F_1$  is not a maximal  $\eta$ -closed set, then there exist a cofinite  $\eta$ -closed set  $F_2$  such that  $F \subset F_1 \subset F_2 \neq X$ . Continuing this process, we have a sequence of  $\eta$ -closed,  $F \subset F_1 \subset F_2 \subset \dots \subset F_k \subset \dots$ . Since  $F$  is a cofinite set, this process repeats only finitely. Then finally we get a maximal  $\eta$ -closed set  $E = E_n$  for some positive integer  $n$ .

**Theorem 3.25:** Let  $F$  be a maximal  $\eta$ -closed set. If  $x$  is an element of  $X-F$ . Then  $X-F \subset E$  for any  $\eta$ -closed set  $E$  containing  $x$ .

**Proof:** Let  $F$  be a maximal  $\eta$ -closed set and  $x$  in  $X-F$ .  $E \not\subset F$  for any  $\eta$ -closed set  $E$  containing  $x$ . Then  $E \cup F = X$  by theorem 3.19(ii). Therefore  $X-F \subset E$ .

#### 4. Minimal $\eta$ -Closed Sets And Maximal $\eta$ -Open Sets

The notion of Minimal  $\eta$ -closed sets and Maximal  $\eta$ -open sets in topological spaces are studied in this section.

**Definition 4.1:** A proper nonempty  $\eta$ -closed subset  $F$  of  $X$  is said to be a Minimal  $\eta$ -closed set if any  $\eta$ -closed set contained in  $F$  is  $\emptyset$  or  $F$ .

**Example 4.2:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . Then  $\{a\}$  is both Minimal closed and Minimal  $\eta$ -closed set.

**Remark 4.3:** Minimal closed and minimal  $\eta$ -closed sets are independent to each other.

**Example 4.4:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . Then  $\{c\}$  is Minimal closed but not Minimal  $\eta$ -closed set and  $\{a\}$  and  $\{b\}$  are Minimal  $\eta$ -closed but not Minimal closed.

**Definition 4.5:** A proper nonempty  $\eta$ -open  $U \subset X$  is said to be a Maximal  $\eta$ -open set if any  $\eta$ -open set containing  $U$  is either  $X$  or  $U$ .

**Example 4.6:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ . Then  $\{a, b, c\}$  is both maximal open and maximal  $\eta$ -open.

**Remark 4.7:** Maximal open set and maximal  $\eta$ -open set are independent to each other.

**Example 4.8:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . Then  $\{a, b\}$  is Maximal open but not maximal  $\eta$ -open and  $\{b, c\}$  is Maximal  $\eta$ -open but not maximal open.

**Theorem 4.9:** A proper nonempty subset  $U$  of  $X$  is maximal  $\eta$ -open set if and only if  $X - U$  is a minimal  $\eta$ -closed set.

**Proof:** Let  $U$  be a maximal  $\eta$ -open set. Suppose  $X - U$  is not a minimal  $\eta$ -closed set. Then there exist an  $\eta$ -closed set  $V \neq X - U$  such that  $\emptyset \neq V \subset X - U$ . That is  $U \subset X - V$  and  $X - V$  is a  $\eta$ -open set which is a contradiction for  $U$  is a minimal  $\eta$ -closed set.

Conversely let  $X - U$  be a minimal  $\eta$ -closed set. Suppose  $U$  is not a maximal  $\eta$ -open set. Then there exist an  $\eta$ -open set  $E \neq U$  such that  $U \subset E \neq X$ . That is  $\emptyset \neq X - E \subset X - U$  and  $X - E$  is a  $\eta$ -closed set which is a contradiction for  $X - U$  is a minimal  $\eta$ -closed set. Therefore  $U$  is a maximal  $\eta$ -closed set.

**Lemma 4.10:** (i) Let  $U$  be a minimal  $\eta$ -closed set and  $W$  be a  $\eta$ -closed set. Then  $U \cap W = \emptyset$  or  $U \subset W$ .

(ii) Let  $U$  and  $V$  be minimal  $\eta$ -closed sets. Then  $U \cap V = \emptyset$  or  $U = V$ .

**Proof:** (i) Let  $U$  be a minimal  $\eta$ -closed set and  $W$  be a  $\eta$ -closed set. If  $U \cap W = \emptyset$ . Then there is nothing to prove. If  $U \cap W \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $U \cap W \subset U$ . Since  $U$  is a minimal  $\eta$ -closed set, we have  $U \cap W = U$ . Therefore  $U \subset W$ .

(ii) Let  $U$  and  $V$  be minimal  $\eta$ -closed sets. If  $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , then  $U \subset V$  and  $V \subset U$  by (i). Therefore  $U = V$ .

**Theorem 4.11:** Let  $U$  be a minimal  $\eta$ -closed set. If  $x \in U$ , then  $U \subset W$  for any open neighborhood  $W$  of  $x$ .

**Proof:** Let  $U$  be a minimal  $\eta$ -closed set and  $x$  be an element of  $U$ . Suppose there exist an open neighborhood  $W$  of  $x$  such that  $U \not\subset W$ . Then  $U \cap W$  is a  $\eta$ -closed set such that  $U \cap W \subset U$  and  $U \cap W \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $U$  is a minimal  $\eta$ -closed set, we have  $U \cap W = U$ . That is  $U \subset W$ , which is a contradiction for  $U \not\subset W$ . Therefore  $U \subset W$  for any open neighborhood  $W$  of  $x$ .

**Theorem 4.12:** Let  $U$  be a minimal  $\eta$ -closed set. If  $x \in U$ , then  $U \subset W$  for some  $\eta$ -closed set  $W$  containing  $x$ .

**Theorem 4.13:** Let  $U$  be a minimal  $g\eta$ -closed set. Then  $U = \bigcap \{ W : W \in G\eta C(X, x) \}$  for any element  $x$  of  $U$

**Proof:** By theorem [4.12] and  $U$  is  $g\eta$ -closed set containing  $x$ , we have  $U \subset \bigcap \{ W : W \in G\eta C(X, x) \} \subset U$ .

**Theorem 4.14:** Let  $U$  be a nonempty  $g\eta$ -closed set. Then the following three conditions are equivalent.

- (i)  $U$  is a minimal  $g\eta$ -closed set
- (ii)  $U \subset g\eta\text{-cl}(S)$  for any nonempty subset  $S$  of  $U$
- (iii)  $g\eta\text{-cl}(U) = g\eta\text{-cl}(S)$  for any nonempty subset  $S$  of  $U$ .

**Proof:** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Let  $x \in U$ .  $U$  be minimal  $g\eta$ -closed set and  $S \neq \emptyset \subset U$ . By theorem 4.12, for any  $g\eta$ -closed set  $W$  containing  $x$ ,  $S \subset U \subset W \Rightarrow S \subset W$ . Now  $S = S \cap U \subset S \cap W$ . Since  $S \neq \emptyset$ ,  $S \cap W \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $W$  is any  $g\eta$ -closed set containing  $x$ , by theorem 4.12,  $x \in g\eta\text{-cl}(S)$ . That is  $x \in U \Rightarrow x \in g\eta\text{-cl}(S) \Rightarrow U \subset g\eta\text{-cl}(S)$  for any nonempty subset  $S$  of  $U$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Let  $S$  be a nonempty subset of  $U$ . That is  $S \subset U \Rightarrow g\eta\text{-cl}(S) \subset g\eta\text{-cl}(U) \rightarrow (1)$ .

Again from (ii)  $U \subset g\eta\text{-cl}(S)$  for any  $S \neq \emptyset \subset U \Rightarrow g\eta\text{-cl}(U) \subset g\eta\text{-cl}(g\eta\text{-cl}(S)) = g\eta\text{-cl}(S)$ . That is  $g\eta\text{-cl}(U) \subset g\eta\text{-cl}(S) \rightarrow (2)$ .

From (1) and (2), we have  $g\eta\text{-cl}(U) = g\eta\text{-cl}(S)$  for any nonempty subset  $S$  of  $U$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) From (iii) we have  $g\eta\text{-cl}(U) = g\eta\text{-cl}(S)$  for any nonempty subset  $S$  of  $U$ . Suppose  $U$  is not a minimal  $g\eta$ -closed set. Then there exist a nonempty  $g\eta$ -closed set  $V$  such that  $V \subset U$  and  $V \neq U$ . Now there exist an element  $a$  in  $U$  such that  $a \notin V \Rightarrow a \in V^c$ . That is  $g\eta\text{-cl}(\{a\}) \subset g\eta\text{-cl}(V^c) = V^c$ , as  $V^c$  is  $g\eta$ -closed set in  $X$ . It follows that  $g\eta\text{-cl}(\{a\}) \neq g\eta\text{-cl}(U)$ . This is a contradiction for  $g\eta\text{-cl}(\{a\}) = g\eta\text{-cl}(U)$  for any  $\{a\} \neq \emptyset \subset U$ . Therefore  $U$  is a minimal  $g\eta$ -closed set.

**Theorem 4.15:** Let  $V$  be a nonempty finite  $g\eta$ -closed set. Then there exist an at least one finite minimal  $g\eta$ -closed set  $U$  such that  $U \subset V$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V$  be a nonempty finite  $g\eta$ -closed set. If  $V$  is a minimal  $g\eta$ -closed set, we may set  $U = V$ . If  $V$  is not a minimal  $g\eta$ -closed set, then there exist a finite  $g\eta$ -closed set  $V_1$  such that  $\emptyset \neq V_1 \subset V$ . If  $V_1$  is a minimal  $g\eta$ -closed set, we may set  $U = V_1$ . If  $V_1$  is not a minimal  $g\eta$ -closed set, then there exist a finite  $g\eta$ -closed set  $V_2$  such that  $\emptyset \neq V_2 \subset V_1$ . Continuing this process, we have a sequence of  $g\eta$ -closed sets  $V \supset V_1 \supset V_2 \supset V_3 \supset \dots \supset V_k \supset \dots$ . Since  $V$  is a finite set, this process repeats only finitely. Then finally we get a minimal  $g\eta$ -closed set  $U = V_n$  for some positive integer  $n$ .

**Corollary 4.16:** Let  $X$  be a locally finite space and  $V$  be a nonempty  $g\eta$ -closed set. Then there exist an at least one finite minimal  $g\eta$ -closed set  $U$  such that  $U \subset V$ .

**Proof:** Let  $X$  be a locally finite space and  $V$  be a nonempty  $g\eta$ -closed set. Let  $x$  in  $V$ . Since  $X$  is locally finite space, we have a finite open set  $V_x$  such that  $x$  in  $V_x$ . Then  $V \cap V_x$  is a finite  $g\eta$ -closed set. By theorem 4.15 there exist an at least one finite minimal  $g\eta$ -closed set  $U$  such that  $U \subset V \cap V_x$ . That is  $U \subset V \cap V_x \subset V$ . Hence there exist an at least one finite minimal  $g\eta$ -closed set  $U$  such that  $U \subset V$ .

**Corollary 4.17:** Let  $V$  be a finite minimal open set. Then there exist an at least one finite minimal  $g\eta$ -closed set  $U$  such that  $U \subset V$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V$  be a finite minimal open set. Then  $V$  is a nonempty finite  $g\eta$ -closed set. By theorem 4.15, there exist an at least one finite minimal  $g\eta$ -closed set  $U$  such that  $U \subset V$ .

**Theorem 4.18 :** A proper nonempty subset  $F$  of  $X$  is maximal  $g\eta$ -open set if and only if  $X-F$  is a minimal  $g\eta$ -closed set.

**Proof:** Let  $F$  be a maximal  $g\eta$ -open set. Suppose  $X-F$  is not a minimal  $g\eta$ -closed set. Then there exist a  $g\eta$ -closed set  $U \neq X-F$  such that  $\emptyset \neq U \subset X-F$ . That is  $F \subset X-U$  and  $X-U$  is a  $g\eta$ -open set which is a contradiction for  $F$  is a maximal  $g\eta$ -open set.

Conversely, let  $X-F$  be a minimal  $g\eta$ -closed set. Suppose  $F$  is not a maximal  $g\eta$ -open set. Then there exist a  $g\eta$ -open set  $E \neq F$  such that  $F \subset E \neq X$ . That is  $\emptyset \neq X-E \subset X-F$  and  $X-E$  is a  $g\eta$ -closed set which is a contradiction for  $X-F$  is a minimal  $g\eta$ -closed set. Therefore  $F$  is a maximal  $g\eta$ -open set.

**Theorem 4.19:** (i) Let  $F$  be a maximal  $g\eta$ -open set and  $W$  be a  $g\eta$ -open set. Then  $F \cup W = X$  or  $W \subset F$ .

(ii) Let  $F$  and  $S$  be maximal  $g\eta$ -open sets. Then  $F \cup S = X$  or  $F = S$ .

**Proof:** (i) Let  $F$  be a maximal  $g\eta$ -open set and  $W$  be a  $g\eta$ -open set. If  $F \cup W = X$ . Then there is nothing to prove. Suppose  $F \cup W \neq X$ . Then  $F \subset F \cup W$ . Therefore  $F \cup W = F \Rightarrow W \subset F$ .

(ii) Let  $F$  and  $S$  be maximal  $g\eta$ -open sets. If  $F \cup S \neq X$ , then we have  $F \subset S$  and  $S \subset F$  by (i). Therefore  $F = S$ .

**Theorem 4.20:** Let  $F$  be a maximal  $g\eta$ -open set. If  $x$  is an element of  $F$ , then for any  $g\eta$ -open set  $S$  containing  $x$ ,  $F \cup S = X$  or  $S \subset F$ .

**Proof:** Let  $F$  be a maximal  $g\eta$ -open set and  $x$  is an element of  $F$ . Suppose there exist a  $g\eta$ -open set  $S$  containing  $x$  such that  $F \cup S \neq X$ . Then  $F \subset F \cup S$  and let  $F \cup S$  is a  $g\eta$ -open set. Since  $F$  is a  $g\eta$ -open set, we have  $F \cup S = F$ . Therefore  $S \subset F$ .

**Theorem 4.21:** Let  $F_\alpha, F_\beta, F_\delta$  be maximal  $g\eta$ -open sets such that  $F_\alpha \neq F_\beta$ . If  $F_\alpha \cap F_\beta \subset F_\delta$ , then either  $F_\alpha = F_\delta$  or  $F_\beta = F_\delta$ .

**Proof:** Given that  $F_\alpha \cap F_\beta \subset F_\delta$ . If  $F_\alpha = F_\delta$ . Then there is nothing to prove.

If  $F_\alpha \neq F_\delta$  then we have to prove  $F_\beta = F_\delta$ . Now  $F_\beta \cap F_\delta = F_\beta \cap (F_\delta \cap X) = F_\beta \cap (F_\delta \cap (F_\alpha \cup F_\beta))$  (by thm. 4.19 (ii))  $= F_\beta \cap ((F_\delta \cap F_\alpha) \cup (F_\delta \cap F_\beta)) = (F_\beta \cap F_\delta \cap F_\alpha) \cup (F_\beta \cap F_\delta \cap F_\beta) = (F_\alpha$



$\cap F_\beta) \cup (F_\delta \cap F_\beta)$  (by  $F_\alpha \cap F_\beta \subset F_\delta$ )  $= (F_\alpha \cup F_\delta) \cap F_\beta = X \cap F_\beta$  (Since  $F_\alpha$  and  $F_\delta$  are maximal  $\eta$ -open sets by theorem 4.19 (ii),  $F_\alpha \cup F_\delta = X = F_\beta$ . That is  $F_\beta \cap F_\delta = F_\beta \Rightarrow F_\beta \subset F_\delta$  Since  $F_\beta$  and  $F_\delta$  are maximal  $\eta$ -open sets, we have  $F_\beta = F_\delta$  Therefore  $F_\beta = F_\delta$

**Theorem 4.22:** Let  $F_\alpha$ ,  $F_\beta$  and  $F_\delta$  be different maximal  $\eta$ -open sets to each other. Then  $(F_\alpha \cap F_\beta) \not\subset (F_\alpha \cap F_\delta)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $(F_\alpha \cap F_\beta) \subset (F_\alpha \cap F_\delta) \Rightarrow (F_\alpha \cap F_\beta) \cup (F_\delta \cap F_\beta) \subset (F_\alpha \cap F_\delta) \cup (F_\delta \cap F_\beta) \Rightarrow (F_\alpha \cup F_\delta) \cap F_\beta \subset F_\delta \cap (F_\alpha \cup F_\beta)$ . Since by theorem 4.19 (ii),  $F_\alpha \cup F_\delta = X$  and  $F_\alpha \cup F_\beta = X \Rightarrow X \cap F_\beta \subset F_\delta \cap X \Rightarrow F_\beta \subset F_\delta$  From the definition of maximal  $\eta$ -open set it follows that  $F_\beta = F_\delta$ , which is a contradiction to the fact that  $F_\alpha$ ,  $F_\beta$  and  $F_\delta$  are different to each other. Therefore  $(F_\alpha \cap F_\beta) \not\subset (F_\alpha \cap F_\delta)$ .

**Theorem 4.23:** Let  $F$  be a maximal  $\eta$ -open set and  $x$  be an element of  $F$ . Then  $F = \bigcup \{ S : S \text{ is a } \eta\text{-open set containing } x \text{ such that } F \cup S \neq X \}$ .

**Proof:** By theorem 4.21 and fact that  $F$  is a  $\eta$ -open set containing  $x$ , we have  $F \subset \{ S : S \text{ is a } \eta\text{-open set containing } x \text{ such that } F \cup S \neq X \} \subset F$ .

**Theorem 4.24:** Let  $F$  be a proper nonempty cofinite  $\eta$ -open set. Then there exist a cofinite maximal  $\eta$ -open set  $E$  such that  $F \subset E$ .

**Proof:** If  $F$  is maximal  $\eta$ -open set, we may set  $E = F$ . If  $F$  is not a maximal  $\eta$ -open set, then there exist a cofinite  $\eta$ -open set  $F_1$  such that  $F \subset F_1 \neq X$ . If  $F_1$  is a maximal  $\eta$ -open set, we may set  $E = F_1$ . If  $F_1$  is not a maximal  $\eta$ -open set, then there exist a cofinite  $\eta$ -open set  $F_2$  such that  $F \subset F_1 \subset F_2 \neq X$ . Continuing this process, we have a sequence of  $\eta$ -open,  $F \subset F_1 \subset F_2 \subset \dots F_k \subset \dots$ . Since  $F$  is a cofinite set, this process repeats only finitely. Then, finally we get a maximal  $\eta$ -open set  $E = E_n$  for some positive integer  $n$ .

**Theorem 4.25:** Let  $F$  be a maximal  $\eta$ -open set. If  $x$  is an element of  $X-F$ . Then  $X-F \subset E$  for any  $\eta$ -open set  $E$  containing  $x$ .

**Proof:** Let  $F$  be a maximal  $\eta$ -open set and  $x$  in  $X-F$ .  $E \not\subset F$  for any  $\eta$ -open set  $E$  containing  $x$ . Then  $E \cup F = X$  by theorem 4.19 (ii). Therefore  $X-F \subset E$ .

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