

ON REGULAR SEMI-OPEN SETS AND S^* -CLOSED SPACES

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Abstract. In this note, the regular semi-open sets, introduced in [2], are further investigated. Using covers consisting of such sets, a new class of topological spaces, called the s^* -closed spaces, is defined and studied.

1. Preliminaries

By a space (X, τ) we mean a topological space on which no separation axiom is assumed. We recall the following definitions, notational conventions and characterizations. The closure (interior) of a subset A of X is denoted by ClA (resp. $IntA$). A is called regular open (regular closed) iff $A = IntClA$ (resp. $A = ClIntA$). The family of all regular open (regular closed) subsets of (X, τ) is denoted by $RO(X, \tau)$ (resp. $RC(X, \tau)$). A set A is said to be semi- (α -, pre-, β -) open subset of (X, τ) iff $A \subset ClIntA$ [6] (resp. $A \subset IntClIntA$ [9], $A \subset IntClA$ [8], $A \subset ClIntClA$ [1]). The complement of each semi- (resp. α -, pre-, β -) open set is called a semi- (resp. α -, pre-, β -) closed set. The family of all semi-open (α -open, pre-open, β -open, semi-closed, α -closed, pre-closed, β -closed) subsets of (X, τ) is denoted by $SO(X, \tau)$ (resp. $\alpha O(X, \tau)$, $PO(X, \tau)$, $\beta O(X, \tau)$, $SC(X, \tau)$, $\alpha C(X, \tau)$, $PC(X, \tau)$, $\beta C(X, \tau)$). The semi-closure (semi-interior) of a set A , denoted by $sClA$ (resp. $sIntA$), is defined in a natural way [3], $A \in SC(X, \tau)$ iff $sClA = A$ and $A \in SO(X, \tau)$ iff

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$sIntA = A$. It is known that $sClA = X \setminus sInt(X \setminus A)$ [3], $sClA = A \cup IntClA$ and $sIntA = A \cap ClIntA$ [15]. A space (X, τ) is extremally disconnected iff $ClG \in \tau$ for every $G \in \tau$. A space (X, τ) is said to be quasi H -closed [12] (nearly compact [14], s -closed [16]) iff for every cover $\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$ of X such that $V_\alpha \in \tau$ (resp. $V_\alpha \in \tau, V_\alpha \in SO(X, \tau)$) for all $\alpha \in \Delta$, there exists a finite subset Δ_0 of Δ such that $X = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta_0} ClV_\alpha$ (resp. $X = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta_0} IntClV_\alpha, X = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta_0} ClV_\alpha$). A space (X, τ) is called almost regular [13] (s -regular [7]) iff for each $G \in RO(X, \tau)$ (resp. $G \in \tau$) containing a point $x \in X$ there exists $U \in \tau$ (resp. $U \in SO(X, \tau)$) such that $x \in U \subset ClU \subset G$ (resp. $x \in U \subset sClU \subset G$).

2 Regular Semi-Open Sets

Definition 2.1. A subset A of a space (X, τ) is said to be a regular semi-open set [2] iff $A = sIntsClA$. We shall denote the class of all regular semi-open subsets of a space (X, τ) by $RSO(X, \tau)$. It is clear that $RSO(X, \tau) \subset SO(X, \tau)$.

Lemma 2.1. For any subset A of a space (X, τ) .

$$IntClA \subset sIntsClA \subset ClIntClA$$

Proof. Straightforward.

Lemma 2.2. Let (X, τ) be any space. Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (i) $A \in RSO(X, \tau)$.
- (ii) $X \setminus A \in RSO(X, \tau)$.
- (iii) $A = sClIntA$.
- (iv) $A \in SO(X, \tau) \cap SC(X, \tau)$.
- (v) there exists $U \in RO(X, \tau)$ such that $U \subset A \subset ClU$.

Proof. (i) \rightarrow (ii) Let $A \in RSO(X, \tau)$. Then $A = sIntsClA$. By lemma 2.1, we deduce that $IntClA \subset A$, i.e. $A \in SC(X, \tau)$ and hence $X \setminus A = sIntsCl(X \setminus A)$.

Consequently, $X \setminus A \in RSO(X, \tau)$.

(ii) \rightarrow (iii). Obvious.

(iii) \rightarrow (iv). Obvious.

(iv) \rightarrow (v). Let $A \in SO(X, \tau) \cap SC(X, \tau)$. Then $\text{Int}ClA \subset A \subset Cl\text{Int}A$.

Taking $U = \text{Int}ClA \in RO(X, \tau)$, we get

$$U \subset A \text{ and } A \subset Cl\text{Int}A \subset Cl\text{Int}ClA = ClU,$$

i.e. there exists $U \in RO(X, \tau)$ such that $U \subset A \subset ClU$.

(v) \rightarrow (i). Let $U \in RO(X, \tau)$ such that $U \subset A \subset ClA$. Then $ClU = ClA$, $U = \text{Int}ClU = \text{Int}ClA$ and so $\text{Int}ClA \subset A$. Now, since $U \subset \text{Int}A$ and $\text{Int}A \subset \text{Int}ClA = U$, so $U = \text{Int}A$ and $ClU = Cl\text{Int}A$, which implies that $A \subset Cl\text{Int}A$. Accordingly,

$$\begin{aligned} s\text{Int}ClA &= sClA \cap Cl\text{Int}ClA \\ &= (A \cup \text{Int}ClA) \cap Cl\text{Int}(A \cup \text{Int}ClA) \\ &= A \cap Cl\text{Int}A = A, \end{aligned}$$

i.e. $A \in RSO(X, \tau)$. This completes the proof of the lemma.

Lemma 2.3. For any space (X, τ) ,

$$RO(X, \tau) \cup RC(X, \tau) \subset RSO(X, \tau).$$

Proof. If $A \in RO(X, \tau)$ or $A \in RC(X, \tau)$, then $A \in SO(X, \tau)$ and $A \in SC(X, \tau)$, which implies that $A \in RSO(X, \tau)$ by lemma 2.2.

Example 2.1. The inclusion relation in lemma 2.3 ,in general, cannot be replaced by equality. As an example let $X = \{a, b, c, d, \}$, $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$. Then $\{a, c\} \in RSO(X, \tau)$ but $\{a, c\} \notin RO(X, \tau) \cup RC(X, \tau)$.

We have the following diagram of implications, and any other, except those

resulting by transitivity, can not be added, in general.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A \in RO(X, \tau) & \longrightarrow & A \in RSO(X, \tau) \longleftarrow A \in RC(X, \tau) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 A \in \tau & \longrightarrow & A \in \alpha O(X, \tau) \longrightarrow A \in SO(X, \tau) \\
 & \downarrow & \downarrow \\
 & A \in PO(X, \tau) & \longrightarrow A \in \beta O(X, \tau)
 \end{array}$$

As a sample we give the following example.

Example 2.2 Example 2.1 shows that

- (i) τ and $RSO(X, \tau)$ may be not comparable, in general.
- (ii) $\alpha O(X, \tau)$ and $RSO(X, \tau)$ may be not comparable, in general.
- (iii) $RO(X, \tau) \neq RSO(X, \tau) \neq RC(X, \tau)$, in general.
- (iv) $RSO(X, \tau)$, may be neither supratopology nor infratopology [5] on X , in general.

Lemma 2.4. For any space (X, τ) , if $A \in RSO(X, \tau)$ and $A \subset B \subset CIA$, then $B \in RSO(X, \tau)$.

Proof. By lemma 2.2, there exists $U \in RO(X, \tau)$ such that $U \subset A \subset CIU$. Hence, $U \subset B \subset CIU$ and $B \in RSO(X, \tau)$ by using lemma 2.2 again.

Lemma 2.5. For any space (X, τ) , $A \in RSO(X, \tau)$ iff there exist an open set G and a closed set F such that

$$\text{Int}F \subset G \subset A \subset F \subset CIG$$

Proof. Straightforward.

Lemma 2.6. For any space (X, τ) ,

$$PO(X, \tau) \cap RSO(X, \tau) = RO(X, \tau)$$

Proof. Suppose that $A \in PO(X, \tau)$ and $A \in RSO(X, \tau)$. Then $A \subset \text{Int}ClA$ and $A = s\text{Ints}ClA$. Therefore,

$$A = s\text{Int}(A \cup \text{Int}ClA) = s\text{IntInt}ClA = \text{Int}ClA,$$

i.e. $A \in RO(X, \tau)$. The reverse implication follows directly from the above diagram.

Corollary 2.1. For any space (X, τ) ,

$$PC(X, \tau) \cap RSO(X, \tau) = RC(X, \tau)$$

Proof. Obvious.

Remarks. Lemma 2.6 and corollary 2.1 may be not true in general even if $A \in \beta O(X, \tau)$ (resp. $A \in \beta C(X, \tau)$) instead of $A \in PO(X, \tau)$ (resp. $A \in PC(X, \tau)$). In example 2.1, $\{a, c\} \in \beta O(X, \tau) \cap RSO(X, \tau)$, but $\{a, c\} \notin RO(X, \tau)$.

Lemma 2.7. For each subset A of a space (X, τ) , the sets $s\text{Ints}ClA$, $\text{Ints}ClA$, $s\text{Int}ClA$ and $\text{Int}ClA$ are regular semi-open sets.

Proof. We shall prove that $s\text{Ints}ClA \in RSO(X, \tau)$ and the proof of the other parts is then obvious. We have by lemma 2.1

$$\text{Int}ClA \subset s\text{Ints}ClA \subset Cl\text{Int}ClA,$$

where $\text{Int}ClA \in RO(X, \tau)$. The result follows directly by using lemma 2.2.

Corollary 2.2. The closure and the semi-closure of a semi-open subset A of a space (X, τ) are regular semi-open.

Proof. Since $A \in SO(X, \tau)$, so $ClA = Cl\text{Int}A$ and $sClA \subset Cl\text{Ints}ClA$. Therefore, $ClA, sClA \in SO(X, \tau)$. But $ClA, sClA \in SC(X, \tau)$, hence the result follows by lemma 2.2.

Corollary 2.3. *For each subset A of a space (X, τ) , the sets $ClIntA$, $ClsIntA$, $sClIntA$ and $sClsIntA$ are regular semi-open.*

Proof. This follows directly by corollary 2.2 and by observing that $IntA$, $sIntA \in SO(X, \tau)$.

Lemma 2.8. *For any space (X, τ) , if $Y \in \alpha O(X, \tau)$ and $A \in RSO(X, \tau)$ then $A \cap Y \in RSO(Y, \tau_Y)$.*

Proof. Since $A \in RSO(X, \tau)$, so $A \in SO(X, \tau)$ and $X \setminus A \in SO(X, \tau)$. Therefore, $A \cap Y \in SO(Y, \tau_Y)$ and $(X \setminus A) \cap Y \in SO(Y, \tau_Y)$ [9]. But $(X \setminus A) \cap Y = Y \setminus (A \cap Y)$ and hence $Y \setminus (A \cap Y) \in SO(Y, \tau_Y)$. Consequently, $A \cap Y \in RSO(Y, \tau_Y)$.

Lemma 2.8 may be not true, in general, even if $Y \in RSO(X, \tau)$, as the following example shows.

Example 2.3. Taking $Y = \{a, c, d\}$ and $A = \{b, c, d\}$ in example 2.1, then $A \cap Y \notin RSO(Y, \tau_y)$.

Lemma 2.9. *For any space (X, τ) , if $Y \in RO(X, \tau)$ and $A \in RSO(Y, \tau_y)$, then $A \in RSO(X, \tau)$.*

Proof. By lemma 2.2, we have $A \in SO(Y, \tau_y)$ and $Y \setminus A \in SO(Y, \tau_y)$. This implies that $A \in SO(X, \tau)$ and $Y \setminus A \in SO(X, \tau)$ [10]. Since Y is regular open in X , so it is regular semi-open in X and hence $X \setminus Y \in SO(X, \tau)$. Therefore, $(Y \setminus A) \cup (X \setminus Y) = X \setminus A \in SO(X, \tau)$. Accordingly, $A \in SC(X, \tau)$. By lemma 2.2, $A \in RSO(X, \tau)$.

3. S^* -Closed Spaces

Definition 3.1. A filterbase \mathcal{F} in a space (X, τ) s^* -converges to a point $x_0 \in X$ iff for each $A \in RSO(X, \tau)$ such that $x_0 \in A$, there exists an $F \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $F \subset A$.

Definition 3.2. A filterbase \mathcal{F} in a space (X, τ) s^* -accumulates to $x_0 \in X$ iff for each $A \in RSO(X, \tau)$ such that $x_0 \in A$ and each $F \in \mathcal{F}$, $F \cap A \neq \phi$.

The following lemma is an easy consequence of the above definitions.

Lemma 3.1. *If \mathcal{F} is a maximal filterbase in a space (X, τ) , then \mathcal{F} s^* -accumulates to $x_0 \in X$ iff \mathcal{F} s^* -converges to x_0 .*

Theorem 3.1. *A filterbase \mathcal{F} in a space (X, τ) s^* -converges to $x_0 \in X$ iff for each $A \in SO(X, \tau)$ such that $x_0 \in A$, there exists an $F \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $F \subset sClA$.*

Proof. (Necessity). Suppose that \mathcal{F} s^* -converges to $x_0 \in X$ and $A \in SO(X, \tau)$ such that $x_0 \in A$. By corollary 2.2, $sClA \in RSO(X, \tau)$ and $x_0 \in sClA$. Therefore, there exists an $F \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $F \subset sClA$.

(Sufficiency). Let the condition be satisfied and let $A \in RSO(X, \tau)$ such that $x_0 \in A$. Then $A \in SO(X, \tau)$ and therefore, there exists an $F \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $F \subset sClA$. By lemma 2.2, $A \in SC(X, \tau)$. Consequently, $sClA = A$ and the proof is complete.

The following theorem can be proved similarly.

Theorem 3.2. *A filterbase \mathcal{F} in a space (X, τ) s^* -accumulates to $x_0 \in X$ iff for each $A \in SO(X, \tau)$ such that $x_0 \in A$ and each $F \in \mathcal{F}$, $F \cap sClA \neq \phi$.*

Definition 3.3. A space (X, τ) is said to be s^* -closed space iff each regular semi-open cover of X has a finite subcover.

Theorem 3.3. *Each s^* -closed space is nearly compact and s -closed.*

Proof. Obvious.

It is known that the one point compactification of a finite discrete space is not s -closed [16], and by theorem 3.3, is therefore not s^* -closed. But it is nearly compact.

Theorem 3.4. *A space (X, τ) is s^* -closed iff for each semi-open cover*

$\{A_a : a \in \Delta\}$ of X , there exists a finite subset Δ_0 of Δ such that $X = \bigcup_{a \in \Delta_0} sClA_a$.

Proof. (Necessity). Let (X, τ) be s^* -closed and $\{A_a : a \in \Delta\}$ be a semi-open cover of X . By corollary 2.2, we have $sClA_a \in RSO(X, \tau)$ for every $a \in \Delta$ and $X = \bigcup_{a \in \Delta} sClA_a$. Therefore, there exists a finite subset Δ_0 of Δ such that $X = \bigcup_{a \in \Delta_0} sClA_a$.

(Sufficiency). Let $\{A_a : a \in \Delta\}$ be any regular semi-open cover of X . Then, by lemma 2.2, $A_a \in SO(X, \tau)$ and $A_a \in SC(X, \tau)$, for each $a \in \Delta$. Therefore, by the hypothesis, there exists a finite subset Δ_0 of Δ such that

$$X = \bigcup_{a \in \Delta_0} sClA_a = \bigcup_{a \in \Delta_0} A_a,$$

which shows that (X, τ) is s^* -closed.

Theorem 3.5. For any space (X, τ) , the following statements are equivalent.

- (i) (X, τ) is s^* -closed.
- (ii) For each semi-open cover $\{A_a : a \in \Delta\}$ of X , there exists a finite subset Δ_0 of Δ such that $X = \bigcup_{a \in \Delta_0} sClA_a$.
- (iii) For each family $\{F_a : a \in \Delta\}$ of semi-closed subsets of X such that $\bigcap_{a \in \Delta} F_a = \phi$, there exists a finite subset Δ_0 of Δ such that $\bigcap_{a \in \Delta_0} F_a = \phi$.
- (iv) for each family $\{F_a : a \in \Delta\}$ of semi-closed subsets of X , if $\bigcap_{a \in \Delta_0} sIntF_a \neq \phi$ for every finite subset Δ_0 of Δ , then $\bigcap_{a \in \Delta} F_a \neq \phi$.
- (v) for each family $\{A_a : a \in \Delta\}$ of regular semi-open subsets of X such that $\bigcap_{a \in \Delta} A_a = \phi$, there exists a finite subset Δ_0 of Δ such that $\bigcap_{a \in \Delta_0} A_a = \phi$.
- (vi) for each family $\{A_a : a \in \Delta\}$ of regular semi-open subsets of X , if $\bigcap_{a \in \Delta_0} A_a \neq \phi$ for every finite subset Δ_0 of Δ , then $\bigcap_{a \in \Delta} A_a \neq \phi$.
- (vii) Every filterbase \mathcal{F} in X s^* -accumulates to some point $x_0 \in X$.
- (viii) Every maximal filterbase \mathcal{F} in X s^* -converges to some point $x_0 \in X$.

Proof. By theorem 3.4 we have (i) \leftrightarrow (ii) and the equivalencies (iii) \leftrightarrow (iv) and (v) \leftrightarrow (vi) are obvious.

(ii) \rightarrow (iii). Let $\{F_a : a \in \Delta\}$ be a family of semi-closed subsets of X such that $\bigcap_{a \in \Delta} F_a = \phi$. Therefore, $X = \bigcup_{a \in \Delta} (X \setminus F_a)$, where $X \setminus F_a \in SO(X, \tau)$ for all $a \in \Delta$. By (ii), there exists a finite subset Δ_0 of Δ such that

$$X = \bigcup_{a \in \Delta_0} sCl(X \setminus F_a) = \bigcup_{a \in \Delta_0} (X \setminus sInt F_a) = X \setminus \left(\bigcap_{a \in \Delta_0} sInt F_a \right),$$

which implies that $\bigcap_{a \in \Delta_0} sInt F_a = \phi$.

(iii) \rightarrow (v). Let $\{A_a : a \in \Delta\}$ be a family of regular semi-open subsets of X such that $\bigcap_{a \in \Delta} A_a = \phi$. By lemma 2.2, $A_a \in SO(X, \tau) \cap SC(X, \tau)$ for all $a \in \Delta$. Using (iii), there exists a finite subset Δ_0 of Δ such that $\bigcap_{a \in \Delta_0} sInt A_a = \phi = \bigcap_{a \in \Delta_0} A_a$.

(v) \rightarrow (i). Let $\{A_a : a \in \Delta\}$ be any regular semi-open cover of X . Therefore, $\bigcap_{a \in \Delta} (X \setminus A_a) = \phi$ and by lemma 2.2, $X \setminus A_a \in RSO(X, \tau)$ for all $a \in \Delta$. Using (v), there exists a finite subset Δ_0 of Δ such that $\bigcap_{a \in \Delta_0} (X \setminus A_a) = \phi$. This implies that $\bigcup_{a \in \Delta_0} A_a = X$ and X is s^* -closed.

(i) \rightarrow (viii). Suppose that $\mathcal{F} = \{F_a : a \in \Delta\}$ is a maximal filterbase in X which does not s^* -converge to any point in X . Therefore, by lemma 3.1, \mathcal{F} does not s^* -accumulate to any point in X . This implies that for every $x \in X$, there exist $A(x) \in RSO(X, \tau)$ containing x and $F_{a(x)} \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $F_{a(x)} \cap A(x) = \phi$. Hence, the family $\{A(x) : x \in X\}$ is a regular semi-open cover of X and by the hypothesis, there is a finite subfamily $\{A(x_i) : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ such that $X = \bigcup_{i=1}^n A(x_i)$. Since \mathcal{F} is a filterbase in X , there exists an $F_0 \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $F_0 \subset \bigcap_{i=1}^n F_{a(x_i)}$. Accordingly, $F_0 \cap A(x_i) = \phi$ for all $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. This implies that

$$\phi = F_0 \cap \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A(x_i) \right) = F_0 \cap X,$$

i.e. $F_0 = \phi$. This is a contradiction and consequently, \mathcal{F} must s^* -converges to some point $x_0 \in X$.

(viii)→(vii). Follows directly from lemma 3.1 and the fact that every filterbase is contained in a maximal filterbase.

(vii)→(v). Let $\{A_a : a \in \Delta\}$ be a family of regular semi-open subsets of X such that $\bigcap_{a \in \Delta} A_a = \phi$. Suppose that for every finite subfamily $\{A_{a_i} : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$, $\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_{a_i} \neq \phi$. Therefore,

$$\mathcal{F} = \left\{ \bigcap_{i=1}^n A_{a_i} : n \in N, a_i \in \Delta \right\}$$

forms a filter base in X . Using (vii), \mathcal{F} s^* -accumulates to some point $x_0 \in X$. This implies that, for every $A(x_0) \in RSO(X, \tau)$ containing x_0 , $F \cap A(x_0) \neq \phi$ for every $F \in \mathcal{F}$. Since $\bigcap_{F \in \mathcal{F}} F = \phi$, there exists $F_0 \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $x_0 \notin F_0$, which implies that there exists $a_0 \in \Delta$ such that $x_0 \notin A_{a_0}$. Accordingly, $x_0 \in X \setminus A_{a_0}$ and $X \setminus A_{a_0} \in RSO(X, \tau)$ by using lemma 2.2. Therefore, there exists $a_0 \in \Delta$ such that $F_0 \cap (X \setminus A_{a_0}) = \phi$ contradicting the fact that \mathcal{F} s^* -accumulates to x_0 . This completes the proof.

Theorem 3.6. *Each s -regular and s^* -closed space is compact.*

Proof. Let $\{G_a : a \in \Delta\}$ be any open cover of an s -regular and s^* -closed space (X, τ) . Then for each $x \in X$, there exists an $a(x) \in \Delta$ such that $x \in G_{a(x)}$. Since (X, τ) is s -regular, there exists $A(x) \in SO(X, \tau)$ such that $x \in A(x) \subset sClA(x) \subset G_{a(x)}$. Therefore, the family $\{sClA(x) : x \in X\}$ is a regular semi-open cover of (X, τ) (by using corollary 2.2). Since (X, τ) is s^* -closed, there exists a finite subfamily $\{A(x_i) : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ such that $X = \bigcup_{i=1}^n sClA(x_i) \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n G_{a(x_i)}$, which completes the proof.

The following example shows that the condition of s -regularity in theorem 3.6 can not be dropped.

Example 3.1. Let $X = (0, 1)$ with the topology τ consisting of X, ϕ and

all subsets of X of the form $(0, 1 - 1/n)$, where $n = 2, 3, \dots$. Then (X, τ) is neither s -regular nor compact, but it is s^* -closed because the only non-empty regular semi-open set in (X, τ) is X itself.

Using theorem 3.4 and lemma 4.1 of [11], we get the following result.

Corollary 3.1. *Each extremally disconnected s -closed space is s^* -closed.*

Using corollary 3.1 and theorem 3.4 of [4], we get the following result.

Corollary 3.2. *If a space (X, τ) is nearly compact (or quasi H -closed) and extremally disconnected, then (X, τ) is s^* -closed.*

Using corollary 3.1 and theorem 3.5 of [4], we get the following result.

Corollary 3.3. *Each almost regular and s -closed space is s^* -closed.*

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