

On β^* -closed Spaces in Terms of Nets

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Abstract: The purpose of this paper is to obtain various characterizations of β^* -closed spaces interms nets.

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1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Generalized open sets play a very important role in General Topology and they are now the research topics of many topologists worldwide. Indeed a significant theme in General Topology and Real analysis concerns the various modified forms of continuity, separation axioms etc. by utilizing generalized open sets. Recently, Ali M. Mubarki [1] introduced a new class of generalized open sets called β^* -open sets into the field of topology. The purpose of this paper is to obtain various characterizations of β^* -closed spaces in terms of nets.

For a subset A of a topological space (X, τ) , $\text{Cl}(A)$ and $\text{Int}(A)$ denote the closure of A and the interior of A , respectively.

Definition 1.1 ([2]). The δ -closure of A , denoted by $\text{Cl}_\delta(A)$, is defined to be the set of all $x \in X$ such that $A \cap \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(U)) \neq \emptyset$ for every open neighbourhood U of x . If $A = \text{Cl}_\delta(A)$, then A is called δ -closed. The complement of a δ -closed set is called δ -open set. The δ -interior of A is defined by the union of all δ -open sets contained in A and is denoted by $\text{Int}_\delta(A)$.

Definition 1.2 ([1]). A subset S of a topological space (X, τ) is said to be β^* -open if $S \subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(\text{Int}(S))) \cup \text{Int}(\text{Cl}_\delta(S))$. The complement of a β^* -closed set is called a β^* -open set. The family of all β^* -open (β^* -closed) subsets of (X, τ) is denoted by $\beta^*O(X)$ ($\beta^*C(X)$). The family of all β^* -open sets of (X, τ) containing a point $x \in X$ is denoted by $\beta^*O(X, x)$.

Definition 1.3 ([1]). The intersection of all β^* -closed sets containing $A \subset X$ is called the β^* -closure of A and is denoted by $\beta^*\text{Cl}(A)$. The union of all β^* -open sets contained in $A \subset X$ is called the β^* -interior of A and is denoted by $\beta^*\text{Int}(A)$.

2. β^* -closed Spaces

Definition 2.1. A topological space X is said to be β^* -closed if every cover of X by β^* -open sets ($= \beta^*$ -open cover) has a finite subcover whose β^* -closures cover X .

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Lemma 2.2 ([1]). *Let A and B be subsets of a topological space X . If $A \in \beta^*O(X)$ and B is δ -open in X , then $A \cap B \in \beta^*O(B)$.*

Theorem 2.3. *Suppose that A and B are subsets of X such that $A \subset B \subset X$ and B is δ -open in X . Then A is β^* -closed relative to the subspace B if and only if A is β^* -closed relative to X .*

Proof. Let $\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$ be a β^* -open cover of A . Then by Lemma 2.2, $B \cap V_\alpha \in \beta^*O(B)$. Since A is β^* -closed relative to B , there is a finite subfamily I_0 of I such that $A \subset \cup\{\beta^*Cl(B \cap V_\alpha) : \alpha \in I_0\}$. Using Lemma 2.2 once again we have $A \subset \cup\{\beta^*Cl(B \cap V_\alpha) : \alpha \in I_0\} \subset \cup\{\beta^*Cl(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in I_0\}$. This shows that A is β^* -closed relative to X . Conversely, suppose that $\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$ is a cover of A , where $V_\alpha \in \beta^*O(B)$ for each $\alpha \in I$. Then by Lemma 2.2 we have $V_\alpha \in \beta^*O(X)$ for each $\alpha \in I$. Since A is β^* -closed relative to X , $A \subset \cup\{\beta^*Cl(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in I_0\}$ for some finite subfamily I_0 of I . Again, in view of Lemma 2.2, $A \subset \cup\{\beta^*Cl(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in I_0\}$; hence A is β^* -closed relative to X . \square

Corollary 2.4. *A δ -open subset A of a topological space X is β^* -closed if and only if it is β^* -closed relative to X .*

The following two theorems are easy consequences of the definitions and hence omitted.

Theorem 2.5. *The union of a finite number of sets in a topological space X , each of which is β^* -closed relative to X , is β^* -closed relative to X .*

Theorem 2.6. *If A is a β^* -open as well as β^* -closed subset of a topological space X , then it is β^* -closed relative to X .*

Definition 2.7. *A filterbase \mathcal{F} on a topological space X is said to be:*

(1). β^* -converge to a point $x \in X$, written $\mathcal{F} \xrightarrow{\beta^*} x$, if for each β^* -open set U containing x , there exists $F \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $F \subset \beta^*Cl(U)$.

(2). β^* -adhere at $x \in X$, written $x \in \beta^* - ad(\mathcal{F})$, if for each β^* -open set U containing x and each $F \in \mathcal{F}$, $F \cap \beta^*Cl(U) \neq \emptyset$.

Definition 2.8. *Let A be a subset of a topological space X . Then a net $\{x_\alpha : \alpha \in (D, \geq)\}$ in A said to be:*

(1). β^* -adhere at x , written $x \in \beta^* - ad(x_\alpha)$, if for each $U \in \beta^*O(X, x)$ and each $\alpha \in D$ there exists $\beta^* \in D$ with $\beta^* \geq \alpha$ such that $x \in \beta^*Cl(U)$.

(2). β^* -converge at $x \in X$, denoted by $x_\alpha \xrightarrow{\beta^*} x$, if the net is eventually in $\beta^*Cl(U)$ for all $U \in \beta^*O(X, x)$.

Theorem 2.9. *For a nonempty set A of a topological space (X, τ) , the following are statements are equivalent:*

(1). A is β^* -closed relative to X .

(2). Every maximal filterbase on X which meets A β^* -converges to some point of A .

(3). Every maximal filterbase on A β^* -converges to some point of A .

(4). Every filterbase on X which meets A β^* -converges to some point of A .

(5). For every family $\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$ of nonempty β^* -closed sets with $(\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} U_\alpha) \cap A = \emptyset$, there is a finite subset I_0 of I such that $(\bigcap_{\alpha \in I_0} \beta^*Int(U_\alpha)) \cap A = \emptyset$.

(6). Every filterbase on A β^* -adhere at some point of A .

(7). For every family $\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$ of nonempty β^* -closed sets with $(\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} \beta^*Cl(U_\alpha)) \cap A = \emptyset$, there is a finite subset I_0 of I such that $(\bigcap_{\alpha \in I_0} U_\alpha) \cap A = \emptyset$.

(8). Every net in A β^* -adheres at some point of A .

(9). Every ultranet in A β^* -adheres at some point of A .

(10). Every net in A has a β^* -convergent subnet.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2): Suppose that \mathcal{F} is a maximal filterbase on X , which meets A and does not β^* -converge to any point of A . Then for each $x \in A$, there exists $V_x \in \beta^*O(X, x)$ such that $F \cap (X \setminus \beta^*Cl(V_x)) \neq \emptyset$ for every $F \in \mathcal{F}$. The maximality of the filterbase \mathcal{F} then implies that there is some $F_x \in \mathcal{F}$ with $F_x \subset X \setminus \beta^*Cl(V_x)$ then $F_x \cap \beta^*Cl(V_x) = \emptyset$. Since $\mathcal{U} = \{V_x : x \in A\}$ is a β^* -open cover of A , $A \subset \bigcap_{i=1}^n \beta^*Cl(V_{x_i})$ for some finite subcollection $\{V_{x_1}, V_{x_2}, \dots, V_{x_n}\}$ of \mathcal{U} . Let $F \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $F \subset \bigcap_{i=1}^n F_{x_i}$. Then $F \cap A \subset \bigcap_{i=1}^n \beta^*Cl(V_{x_i}) = \emptyset$, which is a contradiction as \mathcal{F} meets A .

(2) \Leftrightarrow (3): It is clear because of the fact that whenever \mathcal{F} is a maximal filterbase on X , which meets A , the filterbase $\mathcal{F}' = \{F \cap A : F \in \mathcal{F}\}$ on A is also maximal.

(2) \Rightarrow (4): Let \mathcal{F} be a given filterbase \mathcal{F} on X , which meets A . Then \mathcal{F} is contained in a maximal filterbase \mathcal{F}^* which meets A . Since $\mathcal{F} \xrightarrow{\beta^*} x$ for some $x \in A$, for every $V \in \beta^*O(X, x)$ there exists $F_0 \in \mathcal{F}^*$ such that $F_0 \subset \beta^*Cl(V)$. Since $F \cap F_0 \neq \emptyset$ for each $F \in \mathcal{F}$, we have $\beta^*Cl(V) \cap F \neq \emptyset$ for each $F \in \mathcal{F}$. It follows that $x \in \beta^* - ad(\mathcal{F})$.

(4) \Rightarrow (1): If possible, let there exists a β^* -open cover \mathcal{U} of A such that for every finite subfamily \mathcal{U}_0 of \mathcal{U} $A \setminus \bigcup_{U \in \mathcal{U}_0} (U) \neq \emptyset$. Then $\mathcal{F} = \{A \setminus \bigcup_{U \in \mathcal{U}_0} \beta^*Cl(U) : \mathcal{U}_0 \text{ is a finite subfamily of } \mathcal{U}\}$ is a filterbase on X , which meets A . By (iv), there is $a \in A$ such that $a \in \beta^* - ad\mathcal{U}$. Now \mathcal{U} being a cover of A , there is $U_a \in \mathcal{U}$ such that $a \in U_a$. But then $X \setminus \beta^*Cl(U_a) \in \mathcal{F}$ containing the fact that $a \in \beta^* - ad\mathcal{F}$.

(1) \Rightarrow (5): If $\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$ is a family of nonempty β^* -closed sets with $(\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} U_\alpha) \cap A = \emptyset$, then $A \subset X \setminus \bigcap_{\alpha \in I_0} U_\alpha = \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} (X \setminus U_\alpha)$, that is, $\{(X \setminus U_\alpha) : \alpha \in I\}$ is β^* -open cover of A . By (i), there is a finite subset I_0 of I such that $A \subset \bigcup_{\alpha \in I_0} \beta^*Cl(X \setminus U_\alpha) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in I_0} (X \setminus \beta^*Int(U_\alpha)) = X \setminus \bigcap_{\alpha \in I_0} \beta^*Int(U_\alpha)$. Hence $A \cap (\bigcap_{\alpha \in I_0} \beta^*Int(U_\alpha)) = \emptyset$.

(5) \Rightarrow (1): Let $\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$ be any β^* -open cover of A . If $U_\alpha = X$ for some $\alpha \in I$, then we are through. If $U_\alpha \neq X$ for each $\alpha \in I$, then $\{X \setminus U_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$ is a family of nonempty β^* -closed sets such that $(\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} (X \setminus U_\alpha)) \cap A = (X \setminus \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} U_\alpha) \cap A = \emptyset$. By (v), there is a finite subset I_0 of I such that $\emptyset \neq A \cap (\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} (X \setminus \beta^*Cl(U_\alpha))) = A \cap (X \setminus \bigcup_{\alpha \in I_0} (\beta^*Cl(U_\alpha)))$; hence $A \subset \bigcup_{\alpha \in I_0} (\beta^*Cl(U_\alpha))$ proving that A is β^* -closed relative to X .

(4) \Rightarrow (6): Obvious.

(6) \Rightarrow (7): Let $\mathcal{B} = \{B_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$ be a family of nonempty sets in X such that for every finite subset I_0 of I , $(\bigcap_{\alpha \in I_0} B_\alpha) \cap A \neq \emptyset$. Then $\mathcal{F} = \{(\bigcap_{\alpha \in I_0} B_\alpha) \cap A : I_0 \text{ is a finite subset of } I\}$ is a filterbase on A . By (vi), let $a \in A \cap \beta^* - ad\mathcal{F}$. then for each $\alpha \in I$ and each $U \in \beta^*O(X, a)$, $A \cap B_\alpha \cap \beta^*Cl(B_\alpha) \neq \emptyset$, that is $B_\alpha \cap \beta^*Cl(U) \neq \emptyset$. Hence $a \in \beta^*Cl(B_\alpha)$ for each $\alpha \in I$ and consequently, $(\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} \beta^*Cl(B_\alpha)) \cap A \neq \emptyset$.

(7) \Rightarrow (1): Let $\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$ be a β^* -open cover of A . Then $A \cap (\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} (X \setminus U_\alpha)) = \emptyset$. If for some $\alpha \in I$, $X \setminus \beta^*Cl(U_\alpha) = \emptyset$, then (i) follows. If $X \setminus \beta^*Cl(U_\alpha) = B_\alpha$ (say), $\neq \emptyset$, for each $\alpha \in I$, then $\mathcal{B} = \{B_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$ is a family of nonempty sets such that $(\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} \beta^*Cl(B_\alpha)) \cap A \subset A \cap (\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} (X \setminus U_\alpha)) = \emptyset$ (*). In fact, let $x \in \beta^*Cl(B_\alpha) = \beta^*Cl(X \setminus \beta^*Cl(U_\alpha))$. Then for every $V_x \in \beta^*O(X)$, $(X \setminus \beta^*Cl(U_\alpha)) \cap (\beta^*Cl(V_x)) \neq \emptyset$. Since $U_\alpha \in \beta^*O(X)$, if $x \in U_\alpha$, then $(X \setminus \beta^*Cl(U_\alpha)) \cap (\beta^*Cl(V_x)) \neq \emptyset$, which is not possible. Thus, $x \notin U_\alpha$ so that $x \in U_\alpha$. Hence $\beta^*Cl(B_\alpha) \subset X \setminus U_\alpha$ and (*) follows. By (vii), there is a finite subset I_0 of I such that $(\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} (B_\alpha) \cap A = \emptyset$, that is, $A \subset X \setminus \bigcap_{\alpha \in I_0} (X \setminus \beta^*Cl(B_\alpha)) = \bigcap_{\alpha \in I_0} \beta^*Cl(U_\alpha)$.

(6) \Rightarrow (8): Let $\{x_n : n \in (D, \geq)\}$ be a net in A . Consider the filterbase $\mathcal{F} = \{T_n : n \in D\}$ generated by the net, where $T_n = \{x_m : m \in D \text{ and } m \geq n\}$. By (vi), there exists $a \in A \cap \beta^* - ad\mathcal{F}$. Then for each $U \in \beta^*O(X, a)$ and each $F \in \mathcal{F}$, $\beta^*Cl(U) \cap F \neq \emptyset$, that is, $\beta^*Cl(U) \cap T_n \neq \emptyset$ for all $n \in D$. Hence $a \in A \cap \beta^* - ad(x_n)$.

(8) \Rightarrow (9): Let $\{x_n : n \in (D, \geq)\}$ be an ultranet in A . By (viii), there exists $a \in \beta^* - ad(x_n) \cap A$. Let $U \in \beta^*O(X, a)$. Since the given net is an ultranet in A , it is eventually in either $A \cap \beta^*Cl(U)$ or $A \setminus (A \cap \beta^*Cl(U))$. But since the net is frequently

in $A \cap \beta^* \text{Cl}(U)$, we conclude that the net is eventually in $\beta^* \text{Cl}(U)$. Hence $x_n \xrightarrow{\beta^*} a$.

(9) \Leftrightarrow (10): Let $\{x_n : n \in (D, \geq)\}$ be a net in A . Since net has a subnet, the subnet of the given net β^* -converges to some point of A by (ix), and (x) follows.

(8) \Leftrightarrow (10): Let $T : E \rightarrow A$ be a β^* -convergent subnet of a given net $S : D \rightarrow A$, and suppose $T \xrightarrow{\beta^*} a \in A$. Then $T = S \circ N$, where $N : E \rightarrow D$ is a function such that for each $n \in D$, there exists $P \in E$ with the property that $N(m) \geq n$ in D whenever $m \in E$ with $m \geq p$. Let $U \in \beta^*O(X, a)$ and $n \in D$, there is $m_1 \in E$ such that $T(m) \in \beta^* \text{Cl}(U)$ for all $m \geq m_1$ ($m \in E$). For the given $n \in D$, let $p \in E$ with the above stated property and $m_2 \in E$ such that $m_2 \geq p, m_1$. Then $N(m_2) \geq n$ in D , and we have $T(m_2) = S \circ N(m_2) \in \beta^* \text{Cl}(U)$ (since $m_2 \geq m_1$). Hence $a \in \beta^* - ad(S) \cap A$. This completes the proof of the Theorem. \square

Putting $A = X$ in the above Theorem, we now obtain the following characterization of a β^* -closed space.

Theorem 2.10. *For a nonempty set A of a topological space (X, τ) , the following are statements are equivalent:*

- (1). X is a β^* -closed space.
- (2). Every maximal filterbase on X β^* -converges.
- (3). Every filterbase on X β^* -adherent.
- (4). For every family $\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$ of nonempty β^* -closed sets in X with $\bigcap_{\alpha \in I_0} U_\alpha = \emptyset$, there is a finite subset I_0 of I such that $\bigcap_{\alpha \in I_0} \beta^* \text{Int}(U_\alpha) = \emptyset$.
- (5). For every family $\{B_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$ of nonempty closed sets in X with $\bigcap_{\alpha \in I_0} \beta^* \text{Cl}(B_\alpha) = \emptyset$, there is a finite subset I_0 of I such that $\bigcap_{\alpha \in I_0} B_\alpha = \emptyset$.
- (6). Every net in X has a β^* -adherent point.
- (7). Every ultranet in X β^* -converges.
- (8). Every net in X has a β^* -convergent subnet.

Theorem 2.11. *A topological space X is β^* -closed if and only if every filterbase on X with atmost one β^* -adherent point is β^* -convergent.*

Proof. Let X be β^* -closed, and a filterbase \mathcal{F} on X with atmost one β^* -adherent point by Theorem 2.10. let x_0 be a unique β^* -adherent point of \mathcal{F} and if possible, let \mathcal{F} does not β^* -converge to x_0 . Then for some $U \in \beta^*O(X, x_0)$ and for each $F \in \mathcal{F}$, $F \cap (X \setminus \beta^* \text{Cl}(U)) \neq \emptyset$. So $y = \{F \cap (X \setminus \beta^* \text{Cl}(U)) : F \in \mathcal{F}\}$ is a filterbase on X and hence a β^* -adherent point x in X . Since $U \in \beta^*O(x, x_0)$ and $\beta^* \text{Cl}(U) \cap G = \emptyset$ for all $G \in \mathcal{F}$, we have $x \neq x_0$. Now for each $V \in \beta^*O(X, x)$ and each $F \in \mathcal{F}$, $\beta^* \text{Cl}(U) \supset \beta^* \text{Cl}(X) \cap (X \setminus \beta^* \text{Cl}(U)) \neq \emptyset$, that is, $F \cap \beta^* \text{Cl}(V) \neq \emptyset$. Thus, x is a β^* -adherent point of \mathcal{F} . The converse is clear in view of Theorem 2.10 and the fact that a point x is necessarily a β^* -adherent point of a filterbase \mathcal{F} if $\mathcal{F} \xrightarrow{\beta^*} x$. \square

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