



# Separation Axioms via $q\mathcal{I}$ -open Sets

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**Abstract:** In this paper,  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open sets are used to define and study some weak separation axioms in ideal topological spaces.

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## 1. Introduction

The subject of ideals in topological spaces has been introduced and studied by Kuratowski [4] and Vaidyanathasamy [5]. An ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  on a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is a nonempty collection of subsets of  $X$  which satisfies (i)  $A \in \mathcal{I}$  and  $B \subset A$  implies  $B \in \mathcal{I}$  and (ii)  $A \in \mathcal{I}$  and  $B \in \mathcal{I}$  implies  $A \cup B \in \mathcal{I}$ . Given a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  with an ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  on  $X$  and if  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  is the set of all subsets of  $X$ , a set operator  $(\cdot)^*: \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$ , called the local function [5] of  $A$  with respect to  $\tau$  and  $\mathcal{I}$ , is defined as follows: For  $A \subset X$ ,  $A^*(\tau, \mathcal{I}) = \{x \in X \mid U \cap A \notin \mathcal{I} \text{ for every open neighbourhood } U \text{ of } x\}$ . A Kuratowski closure operator  $\text{Cl}^*(\cdot)$  for a topology  $\tau^*(\tau, \mathcal{I})$  called the  $\star$ -topology, finer than  $\tau$  is defined by  $\text{Cl}^*(A) = A \cup A^*(\tau, \mathcal{I})$  where there is no chance of confusion,  $A^*(\mathcal{I})$  is denoted by  $A^*$ . If  $\mathcal{I}$  is an ideal on  $X$ , then  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is called an ideal topological space. In this paper,  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open sets are used to define some weak separation axioms and to study some of their basic properties.

## 2. Preliminaries

For a subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , we denote the closure of  $A$  and the interior of  $A$  by  $\text{Cl}(A)$  and  $\text{Int}(A)$ , respectively. A subset  $S$  of an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is quasi  $\mathcal{I}$ -open [1] if  $S \subset \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(S^*))$ . The complement of a  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open set is called a  $q\mathcal{I}$ -closed set [1]. The intersection of all  $q\mathcal{I}$ -closed sets containing  $S$  is called the  $q\mathcal{I}$ -closure of  $S$  and is denoted by  $q\mathcal{I}\text{Cl}(S)$ . The  $q\mathcal{I}$ -Interior of  $S$  is defined by the union of all  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open sets contained in  $S$  and is denoted by  $q\mathcal{I}\text{Int}(S)$ . The set of all  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open sets of  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is denoted by  $Q\mathcal{I}O(X)$ . The set of all  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open sets of  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  containing a point  $x \in X$  is denoted by  $Q\mathcal{I}O(X, x)$ .

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**Definition 2.1.** A function  $f: (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J})$  is said to be  $q$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous [1] (resp.  $q$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -irresolute [1]) if the inverse image of every open (resp.  $q$ - $\mathcal{J}$ -open) set in  $Y$  is  $q$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.2.** An ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is said to be  $q$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -regular if for each closed set  $F$  of  $X$  and each point  $x \in X \setminus F$ , there exist disjoint  $q$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $F \subset U$  and  $x \in V$ .

### 3. $q$ - $\mathcal{I}$ - $T_0$ Spaces

**Definition 3.1.** An ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $q$ - $\mathcal{I}$ - $T_0$  if for any distinct pair of points in  $X$ , there is a  $q$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open set containing one of the points but not the other.

**Theorem 3.1.** An ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $q$ - $\mathcal{I}$ - $T_0$  if and only if for each pair of distinct points  $x, y$  of  $X$ ,  $q\mathcal{I}Cl(\{x\}) \neq q\mathcal{I}Cl(\{y\})$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  be a  $q$ - $\mathcal{I}$ - $T_0$  space and  $x, y$  be any two distinct points of  $X$ . There exists a  $q$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open set  $G$  containing  $x$  or  $y$ , say,  $x$  but not  $y$ . Then  $X \setminus G$  is a  $q$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -closed set which does not contain  $x$  but contains  $y$ . Since  $\in q\mathcal{I}Cl(\{y\})$  is the smallest  $q$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -closed set containing  $y$ ,  $q\mathcal{I}Cl(\{y\}) \subset X \setminus G$ , and so  $x \notin q\mathcal{I}Cl(\{y\})$ . Consequently,  $q\mathcal{I}Cl(\{x\}) \neq q\mathcal{I}Cl(\{y\})$ . Conversely, let  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x \neq y$  and  $q\mathcal{I}Cl(\{x\}) \neq q\mathcal{I}Cl(\{y\})$ . Then there exists a point  $z \in X$  such that  $z$  belongs to one of the two sets, say,  $q\mathcal{I}Cl(\{x\})$  but not to  $q\mathcal{I}Cl(\{y\})$ . If we suppose that  $x \in q\mathcal{I}Cl(\{y\})$ , then  $z \in q\mathcal{I}Cl(\{x\}) \subset q\mathcal{I}Cl(\{y\})$ , which is a contradiction. So  $x \in X \setminus q\mathcal{I}Cl(\{y\})$ , where  $X \setminus q\mathcal{I}Cl(\{y\})$  is a  $q$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open set and does not contain  $y$ . This shows that  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $q$ - $\mathcal{I}$ - $T_0$ .  $\square$

**Definition 3.2** ([2]). Let  $A$  and  $X_0$  be subsets of an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  such that  $A \subset X_0 \subset X$ . Then  $(X_0, \tau|_{X_0}, \mathcal{I}|_{X_0})$  is an ideal topological space with an ideal  $\mathcal{I}|_{X_0} = \{I \in \mathcal{I} | I \subset X_0\} = \{I \cap X_0 | I \in \mathcal{I}\}$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** [[1]] Let  $A$  and  $X_0$  be subsets of an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ . If  $A \in QIO(X)$  and  $X_0$  is open in  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ , then  $A \cap X_0 \in QIO(X_0)$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** Every open subspace of a  $q$ - $\mathcal{I}$ - $T_0$  space is  $q$ - $\mathcal{I}$ - $T_0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $Y$  be an open subspace of a  $q$ - $\mathcal{I}$ - $T_0$  space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  and  $x, y$  be two distinct points of  $Y$ . Then there exists a  $q$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open set  $A$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  or  $y$ , say,  $x$  but not  $y$ . Now by Lemma 3.1,  $A \cap Y$  is a  $q$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -open set in  $Y$  containing  $x$  but not  $y$ . Hence  $(Y, \tau|_Y, \mathcal{I}|_Y)$  is  $q$ - $\mathcal{I}|_Y$ - $T_0$ .  $\square$

**Definition 3.3.** A function  $f: (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be point  $q$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -closure one-to-one if and only if  $x, y \in X$  such that  $q\mathcal{I}Cl(\{x\}) \neq q\mathcal{I}Cl(\{y\})$ , then  $q\mathcal{I}Cl(\{f(x)\}) \neq q\mathcal{I}Cl(\{f(y)\})$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** If  $f: (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is point- $q$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -closure one-to-one and  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $q$ - $\mathcal{I}$ - $T_0$ , then  $f$  is one-to-one.

*Proof.* Let  $x$  and  $y$  be any two distinct points of  $X$ . Since  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $q$ - $\mathcal{I}$ - $T_0$ ,  $q\mathcal{I}Cl(\{x\}) \neq q\mathcal{I}Cl(\{y\})$  by Theorem 3.1. But  $f$  is point- $q$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -closure one-to-one implies that  $q\mathcal{I}Cl(\{f(x)\}) \neq q\mathcal{I}Cl(\{f(y)\})$ . Hence  $f(x) \neq f(y)$ . Thus,  $f$  is one-to-one.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $f: (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a function from  $q$ - $\mathcal{I}$ - $T_0$  space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  into a topological space  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Then  $f$  is point- $q$ - $\mathcal{I}$ -closure one-to-one if and only if  $f$  is one-to-one.

*Proof.* The proof follows from Theorem 3.3. □

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $f: (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{I})$  be an injective  $q\mathcal{I}$ -irresolute function. If  $Y$  is  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_0$ , then  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \neq y$ . Since  $f$  is injective and  $Y$  is  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_0$ , there exists a  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open set  $V_x$  in  $Y$  such that  $f(x) \in V_x$  and  $f(y) \notin V_x$  or there exists a  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open set  $V_y$  in  $Y$  such that  $f(y) \in V_y$  and  $f(x) \notin V_y$  with  $f(x) \neq f(y)$ . By  $q\mathcal{I}$ -irresoluteness of  $f$ ,  $f^{-1}(V_x)$  is  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open set in  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  such that  $x \in f^{-1}(V_x)$  and  $y \notin f^{-1}(V_x)$  or  $f^{-1}(V_y)$  is  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open set in  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  such that  $y \in f^{-1}(V_y)$  and  $x \notin f^{-1}(V_y)$ . This shows that  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_0$ . □

## 4. $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_1$ Spaces

**Definition 4.1.** An ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_1$  if to each pair of distinct points  $x, y$  of  $X$ , there exists a pair of  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open sets, one containing  $x$  but not  $y$  and the other containing  $y$  but not  $x$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** For an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ , each of the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_1$ ;
- (2) Each one point set is  $q\mathcal{I}$ -closed in  $X$ ;
- (3) Each subset of  $X$  is the intersection of all  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open sets containing it;
- (4) The intersection of all  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open sets containing the point  $x \in X$  is the set  $\{x\}$ .

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2): Let  $x \in X$ . Then by (1), for any  $y \in X, y \neq x$ , there exists a  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open set  $V_y$  containing  $y$  but not  $x$ . Hence  $y \in V_y \subset X \setminus \{x\}$ . Now varying  $y$  over  $X \setminus \{x\}$  we get  $X \setminus \{x\} = \cup \{V_y: y \in X \setminus \{x\}\}$ . So  $X \setminus \{x\}$  being a union of  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open set. Accordingly  $\{x\}$  is  $q\mathcal{I}$ -closed.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (1): Let  $x, y \in X$  and  $x \neq y$ . Then by (2),  $\{x\}$  and  $\{y\}$  are  $q\mathcal{I}$ -closed sets. Hence  $X \setminus \{x\}$  is a  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open set containing  $y$  but not  $x$  and  $X \setminus \{y\}$  is a  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open set containing  $x$  but not  $y$ . Therefore,  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_1$ .

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3): If  $A \subset X$ , then for each point  $y \notin A$ , there exists a set  $X \setminus \{y\}$  such that  $A \subset X \setminus \{y\}$  and each of these sets  $X \setminus \{y\}$  is  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open. Hence  $A = \cap \{X \setminus \{y\}: y \in X \setminus A\}$  so that the intersection of all  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open sets containing  $A$  is the set  $A$  itself.

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (4): Obvious.

(4) $\Rightarrow$ (1): Let  $x, y \in X$  and  $x \neq y$ . Hence there exists a  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open set  $U_x$  such that  $x \in U_x$  and  $y \notin U_x$ . Similarly, there exists a  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open set  $U_y$  such that  $y \in U_y$  and  $x \notin U_y$ . Hence  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_1$ . □

**Theorem 4.2.** Every open subspace of a  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_1$  space is  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_1$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be an open subspace of a  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_1$  space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ . Let  $x \in A$ . Since  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_1$ ,  $X \setminus \{x\}$  is  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open in  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ . Now,  $A$  being open,  $A \cap (X \setminus \{x\}) = A \setminus \{x\}$  is  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open in  $A$  by Lemma 3.1. Consequently,  $\{x\}$  is  $q\mathcal{I}$ -closed in  $A$ . Hence by Theorem 4.1,  $A$  is  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_1$ . □

**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $X$  be a  $T_1$  space and  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{I})$  a  $q\mathcal{I}$ -closed surjective function. Then  $(Y, \sigma, \mathcal{I})$  is  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_1$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $y \in Y$ . Since  $f$  is surjective, there exists a point  $x \in X$  such that  $y = f(x)$ . Since  $X$  is  $T_1$ ,  $\{x\}$  is closed in  $X$ . Again by hypothesis,  $f(\{x\}) = \{y\}$  is  $q\mathcal{I}$ -closed in  $Y$ . Hence by Theorem 4.1,  $Y$  is  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_1$ . □

**Definition 4.2.** A point  $x \in X$  is said to be a  $q\mathcal{I}$ -limit point of  $A$  if and only if for each  $V \in QIO(X)$ ,  $U \cap (A \setminus \{x\}) \neq \emptyset$  and the set of all  $q\mathcal{I}$ -limit points of  $A$  is called the  $q\mathcal{I}$ -derived set of  $A$  and is denoted by  $q\mathcal{I}d(A)$ .

**Theorem 4.4.** If  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_1$  and  $x \in q\mathcal{I}d(A)$  for some  $A \subset X$ , then every  $q\mathcal{I}$ -neighbourhood of  $x$  contains infinitely many points of  $A$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $U$  is a  $q\mathcal{I}$ -neighbourhood of  $x$  such that  $U \cap A$  is finite. Let  $U \cap A = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} = B$ . Clearly  $B$  is a  $q\mathcal{I}$ -closed set. Hence  $V = (U \cap A) \setminus (B \setminus \{x\})$  is a  $q\mathcal{I}$ -neighbourhood of point  $x$  and  $V \cap (A \setminus \{x\}) = \emptyset$ , which implies that  $x \in q\mathcal{I}d(A)$ , which contradicts our assumption. Therefore, the given statement in the theorem is true.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.5.** In a  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_1$  space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ ,  $q\mathcal{I}d(A)$  is  $q\mathcal{I}$ -closed for any subset  $A$  of  $X$ .

*Proof.* As the proof of the theorem is easy, it is omitted.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.6.** Let  $f: (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{I})$  be an injective and  $q\mathcal{I}$ -irresolute function. If  $(Y, \sigma, \mathcal{I})$  is  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_1$ , then  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_1$ .

*Proof.* Proof is similar to Theorem 3.5  $\square$

**Definition 4.3.** An ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is said to be  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}R_0$  [3] if and only if for every  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open sets contains the  $q\mathcal{I}$ -closure of each of its singletons.

**Theorem 4.7.** An ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_1$  if and only if it is  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_0$  and  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}R_0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  be a  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_1$  space. Then by definition and as every  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_1$  space is  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}R_0$ , it is clear that  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_0$  and  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}R_0$  space. Conversely, suppose that  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is both  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_0$  and  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}R_0$ . Now, we show that  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_1$  space. Let  $x, y \in X$  be any pair of distinct points. Since  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_0$ , there exists a  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open set  $G$  such that  $x \in G$  and  $y \notin G$  or there exists a  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open set  $H$  such that  $y \in H$  and  $x \notin H$ . Suppose  $x \in G$  and  $y \notin G$ . As  $x \in G$  implies the  $q\mathcal{I}Cl(\{x\}) \subset G$ . As  $y \notin G$ ,  $y \notin q\mathcal{I}Cl(\{x\})$ . Hence  $y \in H = X \setminus q\mathcal{I}Cl(\{x\})$  and it is clear that  $x \notin H$ . Hence, it follows that there exist  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open sets  $G$  and  $H$  containing  $x$  and  $y$  respectively such that  $y \notin G$  and  $x \notin H$ . This implies that  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_1$ .  $\square$

## 5. $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_2$ Spaces

**Definition 5.1.** An ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is said to be  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_2$  space if for each pair of distinct points  $x, y$  of  $X$ , there exists a pair of disjoint  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open sets, one containing  $x$  and the other containing  $y$ .

**Theorem 5.1.** For an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_2$ ;
- (2) Let  $x \in X$ . For each  $y \neq x$ , there exists  $U \in QIO(X, x)$  and  $y \in q\mathcal{I}Cl(U)$ .
- (3) For each  $x \in X$ ,  $\cap\{q\mathcal{I}Cl(U_x) : U_x \text{ is a } q\mathcal{I}\text{-neighbourhood of } x\} = \{x\}$ .
- (4) The diagonal  $\Delta = \{(x, x) : x \in X\}$  is  $q\mathcal{I}$ -closed in  $X \times X$ .

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2): Let  $x \in X$  and  $y \neq x$ . Then there exist disjoint  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \in V$ . Clearly,  $X \setminus V$  is  $q\mathcal{I}$ -closed,  $q\mathcal{I}Cl(U) \subset X \setminus V$  and therefore  $y \notin q\mathcal{I}Cl(U)$ .

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3): If  $y \neq x$ , then there exists  $U \in QIO(X, x)$  and  $y \notin q\mathcal{I}Cl(U)$ . So  $y \notin \cap\{q\mathcal{I}Cl(U) : U \in QIO(X, x)\} = \{x\}$ .

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (4): We prove that  $X \setminus \Delta$  is  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open. Let  $(x, y) \notin \Delta$ . Then  $y \neq x$  and since  $\cap\{q\mathcal{I}Cl(U) : U \in QIO(X, x)\} = \{x\}$ , there is some  $U \in QIO(X, x)$  and  $y \notin q\mathcal{I}Cl(U)$ . Since  $U \cap X \setminus q\mathcal{I}Cl(U) = \emptyset$ ,  $U \times (X \setminus q\mathcal{I}Cl(U))$  is  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open set such that  $(x, y) \in U \times (X \setminus q\mathcal{I}Cl(U)) \subset X \setminus \Delta$ .

(4) $\Rightarrow$ (5): If  $y \neq x$ , then  $(x, y) \notin \Delta$  and thus there exist  $U, V \in QIO(X)$  such that  $(x, y) \in U \times V$  and  $(U \times V) \cap \Delta = \emptyset$ . Clearly, for the  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  we have  $x \in U$ ,  $y \in V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . □

**Corollary 5.1.** *An ideal topological space is  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$   $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_2$  if and only if each singleton subsets of  $X$  is  $q\mathcal{I}$ -closed.*

**Corollary 5.2.** *An ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_2$  if and only if two distinct points of  $X$  have disjoint  $q\mathcal{I}$ -closure.*

**Theorem 5.2.** *Every  $q\mathcal{I}$ -regular  $T_0$ -space is  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_2$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  be a  $q\mathcal{I}$ -regular  $T_0$  space and  $x, y \in X$  such that  $x \neq y$ . Since  $X$  is  $T_0$ , there exists an open set  $V$  containing one of the points, say,  $x$  but not  $y$ . Then  $y \in X \setminus V$ ,  $X \setminus V$  is closed and  $x \notin X \setminus V$ . By  $q\mathcal{I}$ -regularity of  $X$ , there exist  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open sets  $G$  and  $H$  such that  $x \in G$ ,  $y \in X \setminus V \subset H$  and  $G \cap H = \emptyset$ . Hence  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_2$ . □

**Theorem 5.3.** *Every open subspace of a  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_2$  space is  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_2$ .*

*Proof.* Proof is similar to Theorem 4.2 □

**Theorem 5.4.** *If  $f: (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is injective, open and  $q\mathcal{I}$ -continuous and  $Y$  is  $T_2$ , then  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_2$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $f$  is injective,  $f(x) \neq f(y)$  for each  $x, y \in X$  and  $x \neq y$ . Now  $Y$  being  $T_2$ , there exist open sets  $G, H$  in  $Y$  such that  $f(x) \in G$ ,  $f(y) \in H$  and  $G \cap H = \emptyset$ . Let  $U = f^{-1}(G)$  and  $V = f^{-1}(H)$ . Then by hypothesis,  $U$  and  $V$  are  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open in  $X$ . Also  $x \in f^{-1}(G) = U$ ,  $y \in f^{-1}(H) = V$  and  $U \cap V = f^{-1}(G) \cap f^{-1}(H) = \emptyset$ . Hence  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_2$ . □

**Definition 5.2.** *A function  $f : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J})$  is called strongly  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open if the image of every  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open subset of  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $q\mathcal{J}$ -open in  $(Y, \sigma, \mathcal{J})$ .*

**Theorem 5.5.** *Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  be an ideal topological space,  $R$  an equivalence relation in  $X$  and  $p : (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow X/R$  the identification function. If  $R \subset (X \times X)$  and  $p$  is a strongly  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open function, then  $X/R$  is  $q\mathcal{I}\text{-}T_2$*

*Proof.* Let  $p(x)$  and  $p(y)$  be the distinct members of  $X/R$ . Since  $x$  and  $y$  are not related,  $R \subset (X \times X)$  is  $q\mathcal{I}$ -closed in  $X \times X$ . There are  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \in V$  and  $U \times V \subset X \setminus R$ . Thus  $p(U)$  and  $p(V)$  are disjoint  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open sets in  $X/R$  since  $p$  is strongly  $q\mathcal{I}$ -open. □

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