

A NOTE ON EXTENSIONS OF OPEN SETS BY IDEALIZATIONS

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ABSTRACT. Recently, Abbas [1] has introduced and investigated the notion of h -open sets in a topological space. As a generalization of h -open sets, in [2] we introduced hI -open sets in an ideal topological space (X, τ, I) and obtained some properties of hI -open sets. In this paper, we introduce and investigate h^* -open sets on an ideal topological space. We show that h^* -open sets lie between open sets and hI -open sets and h^* -open sets are independent of h -open sets.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In 2020, Abbas [1] introduced the notion of h -open sets in a topological space (X, τ) as a generalization of open sets (see also [5]). Acikgoz et al. [3] showed that the family of all h -open sets in (X, τ) is a topology for X (see also [4]). They introduced h -local functions in an ideal topological space (X, τ, I) and obtained their fundamental properties. Quite recently, Acikgoz and Noiri [2] introduced and investigated the notions of hI -open sets, hI -continuous functions and hI -irresolute functions.

In this paper, we introduce h^* -open sets in (X, τ, I) , h^* -continuous functions and h^* -irresolute functions. We show that h -open sets and h^* -open sets are independent of each other and they both are stronger than hI -open sets. It is also shown that continuity and h^* -irresoluteness are independent of each other and they both imply h^* -continuity.

2. PRELIMINARIES

Let (X, τ) be a topological space. The notion of ideals has been introduced in [7] and [8] and further investigated in [6].

Definition 2.1. A nonempty collection I of subsets of a set X is called an *ideal on X* if it satisfies the following two conditions:

- (1) $A \in I$ and $B \subset A$ implies $B \in I$,
- (2) $A \in I$ and $B \in I$ implies $A \cup B \in I$.

A topological space (X, τ) with an ideal I on X is called an *ideal topological space* and is denoted by (X, τ, I) . Let (X, τ, I) be an ideal topological space. For any subset A of X , $A^*(I, \tau) = \{x \in X : U \cap A \notin I \text{ for every } U \in \tau(x)\}$, where $\tau(x) = \{U \in \tau : x \in U\}$, is called the *local function* of A with respect to τ and I [6]. Hereafter $A^*(I, \tau)$ is simply denoted by A^* . It is well known that $\text{Cl}^*(A) = A \cup A^*$ defines a Kuratowski closure operator on X and the topology generated by Cl^* is denoted by τ^* .

Definition 2.2. Let (X, τ, I) be an ideal topological space. A subset A of X is said to be

- (1) *h-open* [1] if $A \subset \text{Int}(A \cup V)$ for every $V \in \tau$ such that $\emptyset \neq V \neq X$,
- (2) *hI-open* [2] if $A \subset \text{Int}(A \cup \text{Cl}^*(V))$ for every $V \in \tau$ such that $\emptyset \neq V \neq X$.

Lemma 2.3. ([2]) *Every h-open set is hI-open but the converse is not true.*

Definition 2.4. A function $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be

- (1) *h-continuous* [1] if for every open set V in Y , $f^{-1}(V)$ is *h-open* in X ,
- (2) *hI-continuous* [2] if for every open set V in Y , $f^{-1}(V)$ is *hI-open* in X .

Lemma 2.5. ([2]) *Every h-continuous function is hI-continuous but the converse is not true.*

3. h^* -OPEN SETS

Definition 3.1. Let (X, τ, I) be an ideal topological space. A subset A of X is said to be

- (1) *h^* -open* if $A \subset \text{Int}(A \cup V^*)$ for every $V \in \tau$ such that $\emptyset \neq V \neq X$,
- (2) *h^* -closed* if $X \setminus A$ is *h^* -open*.

Let (X, τ, I) be an ideal topological space. I is said to be *codense* if $\tau \cap I = \emptyset$.

Lemma 3.2. ([6]) *Let (X, τ, I) be an ideal topological space. Then the following properties are equivalent:*

- (1) I is *codense*;
- (2) $V \subset V^*$ for every open set V of X .

Theorem 3.3. *Let (X, τ, I) be an ideal topological space. Then the following properties hold:*

- (1) *If I is codense, then h^* -open sets and hI-open sets are equivalent,*
- (2) *The following diagram holds:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{open sets} & \Rightarrow & h^*\text{-open sets} \\ \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\ h\text{-open sets} & \Rightarrow & hI\text{-open sets} \end{array}$$

- (3) *h -open sets and h^* -open sets are independent of each other.*

Proof. (1) Let V be any open set of X such that $\emptyset \neq V \neq X$. Then, since I is codense, by Lemma 3.1 $V \subset V^*$ and $\text{Cl}^*(V) = V \cup V^* = V^*$. Hence h^* -open sets and *hI-open* sets are equivalent.

(2) It is obvious that every open set is *h-open* and *h^* -open*. Since $\text{Cl}^*(V) = V \cup V^*$, every *h^* -open* set is *hI-open*. It is known in [2] that every *h-open* set is *hI-open*.

(3) It follows from the following two examples that *h-open* sets and *h^* -open* sets are independent of each other.

Example 3.4. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{b\}, \{b, c\}\}$, $I = \{\emptyset, \{c\}\}$ and $A = \{a, b\}$. Then A is *h^* -open* and not *h-open*. For any open set $V \in \tau$ such that $\emptyset \neq V \neq X$, $V^* = X$ and $A \subset \text{Int}(A \cup V^*)$ for every open V such that $\emptyset \neq V \neq X$. Therefore, A is *h^* -open*. There exists an open set $\{b\}$ such that A is not contained in $\text{Int}(A \cup \{b\}) = \{b\}$. Hence A is not *h-open*.

Example 3.5. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$, $I = \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}$ and $A = \{b, c\}$. Then A is *h-open* and not *h^* -open*. For any open set $V \in \tau$ such that $\emptyset \neq V \neq X$, $\text{Int}(A \cup V) = X$. Therefore, A is *h-open*. There exists an open set $\{a\}$ such that $\{a\}^* = \emptyset$ and A is not open. Therefore, A is not contained in $\text{Int}(A \cup \{a\}^*) = \emptyset$. Hence A is not *h^* -open*.

Let (X, τ, I) be an ideal topological space. The family of all *h^* -open* sets in (X, τ, I) is denoted by $h^*O(X, I)$ or simply h^*O .

Theorem 3.6. *Let (X, τ, I) be an ideal topological space. Then h^*O is a topology for X .*

Proof. (1) It is obvious that $\emptyset, X \in h^*O$.

(2) Let $V_1, V_2 \in h^*O$. We show that $V_1 \cap V_2 \in h^*O$. Let G be any open set of X such that $\emptyset \neq G \neq X$. Since $V_1, V_2 \in h^*O$, $V_1 \subset \text{Int}(V_1 \cup G^*)$ and $V_2 \subset \text{Int}(V_2 \cup G^*)$. Hence $V_1 \cap V_2 \subset \text{Int}(V_1 \cup G^*) \cap \text{Int}(V_2 \cup G^*)$

$= \text{Int}\{(V_1 \cup G^*) \cap (V_2 \cup G^*)\} \subset \text{Int}\{(V_1 \cap V_2) \cup G^*\}$. Therefore, $V_1 \cap V_2 \in h^*O$.

(3) Let $V_\alpha \in h^*O$ for each $\alpha \in \Delta$ and G be any open set of X such that $\emptyset \neq G \neq X$. Then $V_\alpha \subset \text{Int}(V_\alpha \cup G^*)$ for each $\alpha \in \Delta$. Then we have $V_\alpha \subset \text{Int}(V_\alpha \cup G^*) \subset \text{Int}((\cup_{\alpha \in \Delta} V_\alpha) \cup G^*)$ for each $\alpha \in \Delta$. Hence $\cup_{\alpha \in \Delta} V_\alpha \subset \text{Int}((\cup_{\alpha \in \Delta} V_\alpha) \cup G^*)$. This shows that $\cup_{\alpha \in \Delta} V_\alpha \in h^*O$.

Definition 3.7. Let (X, τ, I) be an ideal topological space and A a subset of X . The set $\cup\{U : U \subset A, U \in h^*O(X, I)\}$ is called the h^* -interior of A and is denoted by $\text{Int}_{h^*}(A)$.

Theorem 3.8. Let (X, τ, I) be an ideal topological space. Let A and B be subsets of X . Then the following properties hold:

- (1) If $A \subset B$, then $\text{Int}_{h^*}(A) \subset \text{Int}_{h^*}(B)$,
- (2) $\text{Int}_{h^*}(A) \subset A$ and $\text{Int}_{h^*}(A)$ is h^* -open,
- (3) $\text{Int}_{h^*}(\text{Int}_{h^*}(A)) = \text{Int}_{h^*}(A)$,
- (4) A is h^* -open if and only if $A = \text{Int}_{h^*}(A)$,
- (5) $\text{Int}_{h^*}(A) \cap \text{Int}_{h^*}(B) = \text{Int}_{h^*}(A \cap B)$,
- (6) $\text{Int}_{h^*}(A) \cup \text{Int}_{h^*}(B) \subset \text{Int}_{h^*}(A \cup B)$.

Proof. The proof is obvious.

Definition 3.9. Let (X, τ, I) be an ideal topological space and A a subset of X . The set $\cap\{F : A \subset F, F$ is h^* -closed $\}$ is called the h^* -closure of A and is denoted by $\text{Cl}_{h^*}(A)$.

Theorem 3.10. Let (X, τ, I) be an ideal topological space. Let A and B be subsets of X . Then the following properties hold:

- (1) If $A \subset B$, then $\text{Cl}_{h^*}(A) \subset \text{Cl}_{h^*}(B)$,
- (2) $A \subset \text{Cl}_{h^*}(A)$ and $\text{Cl}_{h^*}(A)$ is h^* -closed,
- (3) $\text{Cl}_{h^*}(\text{Cl}_{h^*}(A)) = \text{Cl}_{h^*}(A)$,
- (4) A is h^* -closed if and only if $A = \text{Cl}_{h^*}(A)$,
- (5) $\text{Cl}_{h^*}(A \cap B) \subset \text{Cl}_{h^*}(A) \cap \text{Cl}_{h^*}(B)$,
- (6) $\text{Cl}_{h^*}(A \cup B) = \text{Cl}_{h^*}(A) \cup \text{Cl}_{h^*}(B)$.

Proof. The proof is obvious.

Theorem 3.11. Let (X, τ, I) be an ideal topological space and A be a subset of X . Then the following properties hold:

- (1) $X \setminus \text{Cl}_{h^*}(A) = \text{Int}_{h^*}(X \setminus A)$,
- (2) $X \setminus \text{Int}_{h^*}(A) = \text{Cl}_{h^*}(X \setminus A)$.

Proof. The proof is obvious.

4. h^* -CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

Definition 4.1. A function $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be h^* -continuous if for every open set V in Y $f^{-1}(V)$ is h^* -open in X .

Remark 4.2. For a function $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$, the following implications hold:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{continuity} & \Rightarrow & h^*\text{-continuity} \\ \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\ h\text{-continuity} & \Rightarrow & hI\text{-continuity} \end{array}$$

In the above diagram, h^* -continuity and h -continuity are independent of each other as shown by the following examples.

Example 4.3. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}, I = \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}, Y = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{b, c\}\}$. Then the identity function $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is h -continuous and not h^* -continuous. Because, by Example 3.2, $\{b, c\}$ is h -open and not h^* -open in X .

Example 4.4. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$, $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{b\}, \{b, c\}\}$, $I = \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}$, $Y = X$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a, b\}\}$. Then the identity function $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is h^* -continuous and not h -continuous. Because, $\{a, b\}$ is h^* -open and not h -open in X .

Lemma 4.5. Let (X, τ, I) be an ideal topological space and A be a subset of X . Then the following properties are equivalent:

- (1) A is h^* -closed;
- (2) $\text{Cl}(A \cap (X \setminus V^*)) \subset A$ for every open set V of X such that $\emptyset \neq V \neq X$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2): Let A be h^* -closed. Then $X \setminus A$ is h^* -open. By Definition 3.1, $(X \setminus A) \subset \text{Int}\{(X \setminus A) \cup V^*\}$ for every open set V of X such that $\emptyset \neq V \neq X$. Therefore, $A \supset X \setminus \text{Int}\{(X \setminus A) \cup V^*\} = \text{Cl}[X \setminus \{(X \setminus A) \cup V^*\}] = \text{Cl}[A \cap (X \setminus V^*)]$. Therefore, we obtain $\text{Cl}(A \cap (X \setminus V^*)) \subset A$.

(2) \Rightarrow (1): Suppose that $\text{Cl}(A \cap (X \setminus V^*)) \subset A$ for every open set V of X such that $\emptyset \neq V \neq X$. Then $X \setminus A \subset X \setminus \text{Cl}(A \cap (X \setminus V^*)) = \text{Int}[X \setminus \{A \cap (X \setminus V^*)\}] = \text{Int}[(X \setminus A) \cup V^*]$. Therefore, $X \setminus A$ is h^* -open and hence A is h^* -closed.

Theorem 4.6. For a function $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$, the following properties are equivalent:

- (1) f is h^* -continuous;
- (2) For each $x \in X$ and each $V \in \sigma$ such that $f(x) \in V$, there exists an h^* -open set U containing x such that $f(U) \subset V$;
- (3) For each closed set F in Y , $f^{-1}(F)$ is h^* -closed;
- (4) For each closed set F in Y , $\text{Cl}(f^{-1}(F) \cap (X \setminus V^*)) \subset f^{-1}(F)$ for every open set V of X such that $\emptyset \neq V \neq X$;
- (5) For each subset B of Y , $\text{Cl}(f^{-1}(\text{Cl}(B)) \cap (X \setminus V^*)) \subset f^{-1}(\text{Cl}(B))$ for every open set V of X such that $\emptyset \neq V \neq X$;
- (6) For each subset A of X , $f(\text{Cl}(A \cap (X \setminus V^*))) \subset \text{Cl}(f(A))$ for every open set V of X such that $\emptyset \neq V \neq X$;
- (7) For each B of Y , $\text{Cl}_{h^*}(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(\text{Cl}(B))$;
- (8) For each B of Y , $f^{-1}(\text{Int}(B)) \subset \text{Int}_{h^*}(f^{-1}(B))$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2): Let x be any point of X and V any open set of Y containing $f(x)$. Set $U = f^{-1}(V)$, then U is an h^* -open set containing x such that $f(U) \subset V$.

(2) \Rightarrow (1): Let V be any open set of Y . For any $x \in f^{-1}(V)$, $f(x) \in V$. By (2), there exists an h^* -open set U_x containing x such that $f(U_x) \subset V$. Since $x \in U_x \subset f^{-1}(V)$, $f^{-1}(V) = \cup\{U_x : x \in f^{-1}(V)\}$ and $f^{-1}(V)$ is h^* -open in X .

(1) \Rightarrow (3): Let F be any closed set of Y . Then $Y \setminus F$ is open in Y and $X \setminus f^{-1}(F) = f^{-1}(Y \setminus F)$ is h^* -open in X . Hence $f^{-1}(F)$ is h^* -closed in X .

(3) \Rightarrow (4): Let F be any closed set in Y . Then $f^{-1}(F)$ is h^* -closed in X . By Lemma 4.1, $\text{Cl}(f^{-1}(F) \cap (X \setminus V^*)) \subset f^{-1}(F)$ for every open set V of X such that $\emptyset \neq V \neq X$.

(4) \Rightarrow (5): Let B be any subset of Y . Then $\text{Cl}(B)$ is closed in Y and by (4) $\text{Cl}[f^{-1}(\text{Cl}(B)) \cap (X \setminus V^*)] \subset f^{-1}(\text{Cl}(B))$ for every open set V of X such that $\emptyset \neq V \neq X$.

(5) \Rightarrow (6): Let A be any subset of X . Let $B = f(A)$ in (5). Then $\text{Cl}[A \cap (X \setminus V^*)] \subset \text{Cl}[f^{-1}(\text{Cl}(f(A))) \cap (X \setminus V^*)] \subset f^{-1}(\text{Cl}(f(A)))$. Hence $f(\text{Cl}(A \cap (X \setminus V^*))) \subset \text{Cl}(f(A))$ for every $V \in \tau$ such that $\emptyset \neq V \neq X$.

(6) \Rightarrow (1): Let V be any open set of Y . The $Y \setminus V$ is closed in Y . By (6), for every $V \in \tau$ such that $\emptyset \neq V \neq X$, $f(\text{Cl}[f^{-1}(Y \setminus V) \cap (X \setminus V^*)]) \subset \text{Cl}(f(f^{-1}(Y \setminus V))) \subset \text{Cl}(Y \setminus V) = Y \setminus V$ and hence $\text{Cl}[f^{-1}(Y \setminus V) \cap (X \setminus V^*)] \subset f^{-1}(Y \setminus V) = X \setminus f^{-1}(V)$. Therefore, we have $f^{-1}(V) \subset X \setminus \text{Cl}[f^{-1}(Y \setminus V) \cap (X \setminus V^*)] = \text{Int}[X \setminus \{f^{-1}(Y \setminus V) \cap (X \setminus V^*)\}] = \text{Int}(f^{-1}(V) \cup V^*)$. Therefore, $f^{-1}(V)$ is h^* -open.

(3) \Rightarrow (7): Let B be any subset of Y . Then $\text{Cl}(B)$ is closed in Y and by (3) $f^{-1}(\text{Cl}(B))$ is h^* -closed. Since $f^{-1}(B) \subset f^{-1}(\text{Cl}(B))$, we obtain $\text{Cl}_{h^*}(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(\text{Cl}(B))$.

(7) \Rightarrow (8): Let B be any subset of Y . Then we have $f^{-1}(\text{Int}(B)) = f^{-1}(Y \setminus \text{Cl}(Y \setminus B)) = X \setminus f^{-1}(\text{Cl}(Y \setminus B)) \subset X \setminus \text{Cl}_{h^*}(f^{-1}(Y \setminus B)) = X \setminus \text{Cl}_{h^*}(X \setminus f^{-1}(B)) = \text{Int}_{h^*}(f^{-1}(B))$.

(8) \Rightarrow (1): Let V be any open set of Y . By (8), $f^{-1}(V) \subset \text{Int}_{h^*}(f^{-1}(V)) \subset f^{-1}(V)$ and $\text{Int}_{h^*}(f^{-1}(V)) = f^{-1}(V)$. This shows that $f^{-1}(V)$ is h^* -open.

Definition 4.7. A function $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$ is said to be h^* -irresolute if for every h^* -open set V in Y $f^{-1}(V)$ is h^* -open in X .

Remark 4.8. For a function $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$, the following implications hold:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{continuity} \Rightarrow h^*\text{-continuity} \\ \uparrow \\ h^*\text{-irresoluteness} \end{array}$$

Remark 4.9. In the above diagram, continuity and h^* -irresoluteness are independent of each other as shown by the following two examples.

Example 4.10. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{b\}, \{b, c\}\}, I = \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}, Y = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a, b\}\}, J = \{\emptyset, \{c\}\}$. Then the identity function $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$ is h^* -irresolute and not continuous.

Proof. 1) Since $\{b\}^* = \{b, c\}^* = X$, for every subset A of X , we have $A \subset \text{Int}(A \cup V^*)$ for every open set V such that $\emptyset \neq V \neq X$. Therefore, every subset of X is h^* -open in X . On the other hand, since $\{a, b\}^* = Y$, for every subset A of Y , we have $A \subset \text{Int}(A \cup V^*)$ for every open set V such that $\emptyset \neq V \neq Y$. Therefore, every subset of Y is h^* -open in Y . Therefore, the identity function f is h^* -irresolute.

2) There exists an open set $\{a, b\}$ such that $f^{-1}(\{a, b\}) = \{a, b\}$ is not open in X . Therefore, f is not continuous.

Example 4.11. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}, \tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}, I = \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}, Y = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a, b\}\}, J = \{\emptyset, \{c\}\}$. Then the identity function $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$ is continuous and not h^* -irresolute.

Proof. 1) It is obvious that f is continuous.

2) By Example 4.3, $A = \{b, c\}$ is h^* -open in Y . By Example 3.2, $f^{-1}(A) = A = \{b, c\}$ is not h^* -open in X . Hence f is not h^* -irresolute.

Remark 4.12. In the diagram of Remark 4.2, the converse implications are not always true as shown by the following two examples.

Example 4.13. 1) By Example 4.2, every h^* -continuous function is not always h -continuous and hence every h^* -continuous function is not always continuous.

2) Suppose that h^* -continuity implies h^* -irresoluteness. Then continuity implies h^* -irresoluteness. This is contrary to Example 4.4.

Theorem 4.14. A function $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$ is h^* -irresolute if and only if $f : (X, h^*O(X, I)) \rightarrow (Y, h^*O(Y, J))$ is continuous.

Proof. By Theorem 3.2, $h^*O(X, I)$ and $h^*O(Y, J)$ are topologies and the proof is obvious.

Theorem 4.15. For a function $f : (X, \tau, I) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$, the following properties are equivalent:

- (1) f is h^* -irresolute;
- (2) For each $x \in X$ and each h^* -open set V in Y such that $f(x) \in V$, there exists an h^* -open set U containing x such that $f(U) \subset V$;
- (3) For each h^* -closed set F in Y , $f^{-1}(F)$ is h^* -closed in X ;
- (4) For each B of Y , $\text{Cl}_{h^*}(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(\text{Cl}_{h^*}(B))$;
- (5) For each B of Y , $f^{-1}(\text{Int}_{h^*}(B)) \subset \text{Int}_{h^*}(f^{-1}(B))$.

Proof. The proof is similar to Theorem 4.1.

Definition 4.16. A function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$ is said to be

- (1) h^* -closed if for every closed set F in X , $f(F)$ is h^* -closed in Y ,
- (2) h^* -open if for every open set U in X , $f(U)$ is h^* -open in Y .

Theorem 4.17. For a surjective function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma, J)$, the following properties hold:

(1) f is h^* -closed if and only if for each subset $S \subset Y$ and each open set U in X containing $f^{-1}(S)$, there exists an h^* -open set V in Y such that $S \subset V$ and $f^{-1}(V) \subset U$.

(2) f is h^* -open if and only if for each subset $S \subset Y$ and each closed set U in X containing $f^{-1}(S)$, there exists an h^* -closed set V in Y such that $S \subset V$ and $f^{-1}(V) \subset U$.

Proof. (1) Let S be any subset of Y and U any open set in X containing $f^{-1}(S)$. Then $X \setminus U \subset X \setminus f^{-1}(S) = f^{-1}(Y \setminus S)$. Hence $f(X \setminus U) \subset Y \setminus S$ and $f(X \setminus U)$ is h^* -closed. Set $V = Y \setminus f(X \setminus U)$, then V is h^* -open in Y , $S \subset V$ and $f^{-1}(V) \subset U$.

Conversely, for any closed set F in X , set $U = Y \setminus f(F)$. Then $f^{-1}(U) \subset X \setminus F$ and $X \setminus F$ is open in X . Therefore, there exists an h^* -open set V in Y such that $U \subset V$ and $f^{-1}(V) \subset X \setminus F$. Since $U = Y \setminus f(F)$, $Y \setminus f(F) \subset V$ and $f^{-1}(Y \setminus f(F)) \subset f^{-1}(V) \subset X \setminus F$. Hence $F \subset X \setminus f^{-1}(V) \subset f^{-1}(f(F))$. Since f is surjective, $f(F) \subset Y \setminus V \subset f(F)$ and hence $f(F) = Y \setminus V$ is h^* -closed.

(2) The proof of (2) is similar with (1).

Remark 4.18. The assumption "surjective" in Theorem 4.4 is necessary for the proof of sufficiency.

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