



## Some applications of $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open sets in topological spaces

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**Abstract.** Our main purpose is to introduce some weak separation axioms by utilizing the concepts of  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open sets and the  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closure operator. In particular, some characterizations of  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_0$  and  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_1$  topological spaces are investigated.

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### 1. Introduction

The concept of  $R_0$  topological spaces was first introduced by Shanin [18]. In 1961, Davis [7] introduced the concept of a separation axiom called  $R_1$ . Dube [9] and Naimpally [15] further investigated characterizations of  $R_0$  topological spaces and several interesting results have been obtained in various contexts. Murdeshwar and Naimpally [14] and Dube [10] studied some of the fundamental properties of  $R_1$  topological spaces. As natural generalizations of the separation axioms  $R_0$  and  $R_1$ , the concepts of semi- $R_0$  and semi- $R_1$  were introduced and investigated by Maheshwari and Prasad [13] and Dorsett [8]. In [4], the concepts of the  $(\Lambda, \theta)$ -closure and  $(\Lambda, \theta)$ -open sets were introduced by using the  $\theta$ -closure operator and  $\theta$ -open sets due to Velčko [19]. Caldas et al. [5] introduced and studied two new weak separation axioms called  $\Lambda_\theta$ - $R_0$  and  $\Lambda_\theta$ - $R_1$  by using the notions of  $(\Lambda, \theta)$ -open sets and the  $(\Lambda, \theta)$ -closure operator. In 2005, Cammaroto and Noiri [6] introduce a weak separation axiom  $m$ - $R_0$  in  $m$ -spaces which are equivalent to generalized topological spaces due to Lugojan [12]. In 2006, Noiri [16] introduced the notion of  $m$ - $R_1$  spaces and investigated several characterizations of  $m$ - $R_0$  spaces and  $m$ - $R_1$  spaces. Abd El-Monsef et al. [11] introduced a weak form of open sets called  $\beta$ -open sets. This notion was also called semi-preopen sets in the sense of Andrijević [1]. Noiri and Hatir [17] introduced the notion of  $\Lambda_{sp}$ -sets in terms of the concept of  $\beta$ -open sets and investigated the notion of  $\Lambda_{sp}$ -closed sets by using  $\Lambda_{sp}$ -sets. In [2], the author introduced the concepts

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of  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open sets and  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed sets which are defined by utilizing the notions of  $\Lambda_{sp}$ -sets and  $\beta$ -closed sets. In this paper, introduce some weak separation axioms by utilizing the concepts of  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open sets and the  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closure operator. Furthermore, several characterizations of  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_0$  and  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_1$  topological spaces are discussed.

## 2. Preliminaries

We begin with some definitions and known results which will be used throughout this paper. In the present paper, spaces  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  (or simply  $X$  and  $Y$ ) always mean topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless explicitly stated. For a subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $\text{Cl}(A)$  and  $\text{Int}(A)$  represent the closure and the interior of  $A$ , respectively. A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $\beta$ -open [11] if  $A \subseteq \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A)))$ . The complement of a  $\beta$ -open set is called  $\beta$ -closed. The family of all  $\beta$ -open sets of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $\beta(X, \tau)$ . A subset  $\Lambda_{sp}(A)$  [17] is defined as follows:  $\Lambda_{sp}(A) = \bigcap \{U \mid A \subseteq U, U \in \beta(X, \tau)\}$ . A subset  $B$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a  $\Lambda_{sp}$ -set [17] if  $B = \Lambda_{sp}(B)$ . A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed [2] if  $A = T \cap C$ , where  $T$  is a  $\Lambda_{sp}$ -set and  $C$  is a  $\beta$ -closed set. The complement of a  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed set is called  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open. The family of all  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open (resp.  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed) sets in a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $\Lambda_{sp}O(X, \tau)$  (resp.  $\Lambda_{sp}C(X, \tau)$ ). Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . A point  $x \in X$  is called a  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -cluster point [2] of  $A$  if  $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$  for every  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$ . The set of all  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -cluster points of  $A$  is called the  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closure [2] of  $A$  and is denoted by  $A^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . The union of all  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open sets contained in  $A$  is called the  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -interior [2] of  $A$  and is denoted by  $A_{(\Lambda, sp)}$ .

**Lemma 1.** [2] *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be subsets of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . For the  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closure, the following properties hold:*

- (1)  $A \subseteq A^{(\Lambda, sp)}$  and  $[A^{(\Lambda, sp)}]^{(\Lambda, sp)} = A^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ .
- (2) If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $A^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq B^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ .
- (3)  $A^{(\Lambda, sp)}$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed.
- (4)  $A$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed if and only if  $A^{(\Lambda, sp)} = A$ .

**Lemma 2.** [2] *For subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , the following properties hold:*

- (1)  $A_{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq A$  and  $[A_{(\Lambda, sp)}]^{(\Lambda, sp)} = A_{(\Lambda, sp)}$ .
- (2) If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $A_{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq B_{(\Lambda, sp)}$ .
- (3)  $A_{(\Lambda, sp)}$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open.
- (4)  $A$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open if and only if  $A_{(\Lambda, sp)} = A$ .

$$(5) [X - A]^{(\Lambda, sp)} = X - A_{(\Lambda, sp)}.$$

$$(6) [X - A]_{(\Lambda, sp)} = X - A^{(\Lambda, sp)}.$$

### 3. Characterizations of $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_0$ topological spaces

In this section, we introduce the notion of  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_0$  topological spaces. Moreover, several characterizations of  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_0$  topological spaces are discussed.

**Definition 1.** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_0$  if, for each  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set  $U$  and each  $x \in U$ ,  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq U$ .

**Theorem 1.** For a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_0$ .
- (2) For each  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed set  $F$  and each  $x \in X - F$ , there exists  $U \in \Lambda_{sp}O(X, \tau)$  such that  $F \subseteq U$  and  $x \notin U$ .
- (3) For each  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed set  $F$  and each  $x \in X - F$ ,  $F \cap \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \emptyset$ .
- (4) For any distinct points  $x, y$  in  $X$ ,  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$  or  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \cap \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $F$  be a  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed set and let  $x \in X - F$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_0$ , we have  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq X - F$ . Put  $U = X - \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . Thus, by Lemma 1,  $U \in \Lambda_{sp}O(X, \tau)$ ,  $F \subseteq U$  and  $x \notin U$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Let  $F$  be a  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed set and let  $x \in X - F$ . By (2), there exists  $U \in \Lambda_{sp}O(X, \tau)$  such that  $F \subseteq U$  and  $x \notin U$ . Since  $U \in \Lambda_{sp}O(X, \tau)$ ,  $U \cap \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \emptyset$  and hence  $F \cap \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \emptyset$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): Let  $x$  and  $y$  be distinct points of  $X$ . Suppose that  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \cap \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \neq \emptyset$ . By (3),  $x \in \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$  and  $y \in \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . By Lemma 1,  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$  and hence  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $V \in \Lambda_{sp}O(X, \tau)$  and let  $x \in V$ . For each  $y \notin V$ ,  $V \cap \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \emptyset$  and hence  $x \notin \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . Thus,  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \neq \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . By (4), for each  $y \notin V$ ,

$$\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \cap \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \emptyset.$$

Since  $X - V$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed,  $y \in \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq X - V$  and  $\cup_{y \in X - V} \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = X - V$ . Thus,  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \cap (X - V) = \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \cap [\cup_{y \in X - V} \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}] = \cup_{y \in X - V} [\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \cap \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}] = \emptyset$  and hence  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq V$ . This shows that  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_0$ .

**Corollary 1.** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_0$  if and only if, for any points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ ,  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \neq \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$  implies  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \cap \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* This is obvious by Theorem 1.

Conversely, let  $U \in \Lambda_{sp}O(X, \tau)$  and let  $x \in U$ . If  $y \notin U$ , then  $U \cap \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \emptyset$ . Thus,  $x \notin \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$  and  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \neq \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . By the hypothesis,  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \cap \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \emptyset$  and hence  $y \notin \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . This shows that  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq U$ . Thus,  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_0$ .

**Definition 2.** [3] Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . A subset  $\Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}$  is defined as follows:  $\Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(A) = \cap\{U \mid A \subseteq U, U \in \Lambda_{sp}O(X, \tau)\}$ .

**Lemma 3.** [3] For subsets  $A, B$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , the following properties hold:

- (1)  $A \subseteq \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(A)$ .
- (2) If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $\Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(A) \subseteq \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(B)$ .
- (3)  $\Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}[\Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(A)] = \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(A)$ .
- (4) If  $A$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open,  $\Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(A) = A$ .

**Lemma 4.** [3] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $x, y \in X$ . Then, the following properties hold:

- (1)  $y \in \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{x\})$  if and only if  $x \in \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ .
- (2)  $\Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{x\}) = \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{y\})$  if and only if  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ .

**Theorem 2.** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_0$  if and only if, for each points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ ,  $\Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{x\}) \neq \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{y\})$  implies  $\Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{x\}) \cap \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{y\}) = \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \tau)$  be  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_0$ . Suppose that  $\Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{x\}) \cap \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{y\}) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $z \in \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{x\}) \cap \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{y\})$ . Then,  $z \in \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{x\})$  and by Lemma 4,  $x \in \{z\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . Thus,  $x \in \{z\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \cap \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$  and by Corollary 1,  $\{z\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . Similarly, we have  $\{z\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$  and hence  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ , by Lemma 4,

$$\Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{x\}) = \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{y\}).$$

Conversely, we show the sufficiency by using Corollary 1. Suppose that

$$\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \neq \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}.$$

By Lemma 4,  $\Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{x\}) \neq \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{y\})$  and hence  $\Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{x\}) \cap \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{y\}) = \emptyset$ . Thus,  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \cap \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \emptyset$ . In fact, assume that  $z \in \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \cap \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . Then,  $z \in \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$  implies  $x \in \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{z\})$  and hence  $x \in \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{z\}) \cap \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{x\})$ . By the hypothesis,  $\Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{z\}) = \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{x\})$  and by Lemma 4,  $\{z\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . Similarly, we have  $\{z\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$  and hence  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . This contradicts that

$$\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \neq \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}.$$

Thus,  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \cap \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \emptyset$ . This shows that  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_0$ .

**Theorem 3.** For a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

- (1)  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_0$ .

(2)  $x \in \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$  if and only if  $y \in \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Suppose that  $x \in \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . By Lemma 4,  $y \in \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{x\})$  and hence  $\Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{x\}) \cap \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{y\}) \neq \emptyset$ . By Theorem 2,  $\Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{x\}) = \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{y\})$  and hence  $x \in \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{y\})$ . Thus, by Lemma 4,  $y \in \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . The converse is similarly shown.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $U \in \Lambda_{sp}O(X, \tau)$  and let  $x \in U$ . If  $y \notin U$ , then  $U \cap \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \emptyset$ . Thus,  $x \notin \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$  and  $y \notin \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . This implies that  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq U$ . Therefore,  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_0$ .

**Theorem 4.** For a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , the following properties are equivalent:

(1)  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_0$ .

(2) For each nonempty subset  $A$  of  $X$  and each  $U \in \Lambda_{sp}O(X, \tau)$  such that  $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$ , there exists a  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed set  $F$  such that  $A \cap F \neq \emptyset$  and  $F \subseteq U$ .

(3)  $F = \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(F)$  for each  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed set  $F$ .

(4)  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{x\})$  for each  $x \in X$ .

(5)  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{x\})$  for each  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$  and let  $U \in \Lambda_{sp}O(X, \tau)$  such that  $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$ . Then, there exists  $x \in A \cap U$  and hence  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq U$ . Put  $F = \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ , by Lemma 1,  $F$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed,  $A \cap F \neq \emptyset$  and  $F \subseteq U$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Let  $F$  be any  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed set of  $X$ . By Lemma 3, we have  $F \subseteq \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(F)$ . Next, we show  $F \supseteq \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(F)$ . Let  $x \notin F$ . Then,  $x \in X - F \in \Lambda_{sp}O(X, \tau)$  and by (2), there exists a  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed set  $K$  such that  $x \in K$  and  $K \subseteq X - F$ . Now, put  $U = X - K$ . Then,  $F \subseteq U \in \Lambda_{sp}O(X, \tau)$  and  $x \notin U$ . Thus,  $x \notin \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(F)$ . This shows that  $F \supseteq \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(F)$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): Let  $x \in X$  and let  $y \notin \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{x\})$ . Then, there exists  $U \in \Lambda_{sp}O(X, \tau)$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \notin U$ . Thus,  $U \cap \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \emptyset$ . By (3),  $U \cap \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}) = \emptyset$ . Since  $x \notin \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)})$ , there exists  $V \in \Lambda_{sp}O(X, \tau)$  such that  $\{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq V$  and  $x \notin V$ . Thus,  $V \cap \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \emptyset$ . Since  $y \in V$ ,  $y \notin \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$  and hence  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{x\})$ . Moreover,  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{x\}) \subseteq \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}) = \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . This shows that  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{x\})$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5): The proof is obvious.

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $U \in \Lambda_{sp}O(X, \tau)$  and let  $x \in U$ . If  $y \notin U$ , then  $U \cap \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \emptyset$  and  $x \notin \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . By Lemma 4,  $y \notin \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{x\})$  and by (5),  $y \notin \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . Thus,  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq U$  and hence  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_0$ .

**Corollary 2.** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_0$  if and only if  $\Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{x\}) \subseteq \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$  for each  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* This is obvious by Theorem 4.

Conversely, let  $x \in \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . Thus, by Lemma 4, we have  $y \in \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{x\})$  and hence  $y \in \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . Similarly, if  $y \in \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ , then  $x \in \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . It follows from Theorem 3 that  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_0$ .

**Definition 3.** [3] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $x \in X$ . A subset  $\langle x \rangle_{sp}$  is defined as follows:  $\langle x \rangle_{sp} = \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{x\}) \cap \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ .

**Corollary 3.** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_0$  if and only if  $\langle x \rangle_{sp} = \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$  for each  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x \in X$ . By Theorem 4,  $\Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{x\}) = \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . Thus,

$$\langle x \rangle_{sp} = \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{x\}) \cap \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}.$$

Conversely, let  $x \in X$ . By the hypothesis,

$$\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \langle x \rangle_{sp} = \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{x\}) \cap \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq \Lambda_{(\Lambda, sp)}(\{x\}).$$

It follows from Theorem 4 that  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_0$ .

#### 4. Characterizations of $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_1$ topological spaces

We begin this section by introducing the notion of  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_1$  topological spaces.

**Definition 4.** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_1$  if, for each points  $x, y$  in  $X$  with  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \neq \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ , there exist disjoint  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq U$  and  $\{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq V$ .

**Theorem 5.** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_1$  if and only if, for any points  $x, y$  in  $X$  with  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \neq \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ , there exist  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed sets  $F$  and  $K$  such that  $x \in F$ ,  $y \notin F$ ,  $y \in K$ ,  $x \notin K$  and  $X = F \cup K$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x$  and  $y$  be any points in  $X$  with  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \neq \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . Then, there exist disjoint  $U, V \in \Lambda_{sp}O(X, \tau)$  such that  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq U$  and  $\{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq V$ . Now, put  $F = X - V$  and  $K = X - U$ . Then,  $F$  and  $K$  are  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed sets of  $X$  such that  $x \in F$ ,  $y \notin F$ ,  $y \in K$ ,  $x \notin K$  and  $X = F \cup K$ .

Conversely, let  $x$  and  $y$  be any points in  $X$  such that  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \neq \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . Then,  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \cap \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \emptyset$ . In fact, if  $z \in \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \cap \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ , then  $\{z\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \neq \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$  or  $\{z\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \neq \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . In case  $\{z\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \neq \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ , by the hypothesis, there exists a  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed set  $F$  such that  $x \in F$  and  $z \notin F$ . Then,  $z \in \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq F$ . This contradicts that  $z \notin F$ . In case  $\{z\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \neq \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ , similarly, this leads to the contradiction. Thus,  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \cap \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \emptyset$ , by Corollary 1,  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_0$ . By the hypothesis, there exist  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -closed sets  $F$  and  $K$  such that  $x \in F$ ,  $y \notin F$ ,  $y \in K$ ,  $x \notin K$  and  $X = F \cup K$ . Put  $U = X - K$  and  $V = X - F$ . Then,  $x \in U \in \Lambda_{sp}O(X, \tau)$  and  $y \in V \in \Lambda_{sp}O(X, \tau)$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_0$ , we have  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq U$ ,  $\{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq V$  and also  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . This shows that  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_1$ .

**Definition 5.** [2] Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . The  $\theta(\Lambda, sp)$ -closure of  $A$ ,  $A^{\theta(\Lambda, sp)}$ , is defined as follows:

$$A^{\theta(\Lambda, sp)} = \{x \in X \mid A \cap U^{(\Lambda, sp)} \neq \emptyset \text{ for each } U \in \Lambda_{sp}O(X, \tau) \text{ containing } x\}.$$

**Lemma 5.** If a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_1$ , then  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $U \in \Lambda_{sp}O(X, \tau)$  and let  $x \in U$ . If  $y \notin U$ , then  $U \cap \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \emptyset$  and  $x \notin \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . Therefore,  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \neq \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_1$ , there exists  $V \in \Lambda_{sp}O(X, \tau)$  such that  $\{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq V$  and  $x \notin V$ . Thus,  $V \cap \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \emptyset$  and hence  $y \notin \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . Therefore,  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq U$ . This shows that  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_0$ .

**Theorem 6.** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_1$  if and only if  $\langle x \rangle_{sp} = \{x\}^{\theta(\Lambda, sp)}$  for each  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \tau)$  be  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_1$ . By Lemma 5,  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_0$  and by Corollary 3,  $\langle x \rangle_{sp} = \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq \{x\}^{\theta(\Lambda, sp)}$  for each  $x \in X$ . Thus,  $\langle x \rangle_{sp} \subseteq \{x\}^{\theta(\Lambda, sp)}$  for each  $x \in X$ . In order to show the opposite inclusion, suppose that  $y \notin \langle x \rangle_{sp}$ . Then,  $\langle x \rangle_{sp} \neq \langle y \rangle_{sp}$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_0$ , by Corollary 3,  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \neq \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_1$ , there exist disjoint  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $X$  such that  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq U$  and  $\{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq V$ . Since  $\{x\} \cap V^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq U \cap V^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \emptyset$ ,  $y \notin \{x\}^{\theta(\Lambda, sp)}$ . Thus,  $\{x\}^{\theta(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq \langle x \rangle_{sp}$  and hence  $\{x\}^{\theta(\Lambda, sp)} = \langle x \rangle_{sp}$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $\{x\}^{\theta(\Lambda, sp)} = \langle x \rangle_{sp}$  for each  $x \in X$ . Then,

$$\langle x \rangle_{sp} = \{x\}^{\theta(\Lambda, sp)} \supseteq \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \supseteq \langle x \rangle_{sp}$$

and  $\langle x \rangle_{sp} = \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$  for each  $x \in X$ . By Corollary 3,  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_0$ . Suppose that  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \neq \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . Thus, by Corollary 1,  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \cap \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \emptyset$ . By Corollary 3,  $\langle x \rangle_{sp} \cap \langle y \rangle_{sp} = \emptyset$  and hence  $\{x\}^{\theta(\Lambda, sp)} \cap \{y\}^{\theta(\Lambda, sp)} = \emptyset$ . Since  $y \notin \{x\}^{\theta(\Lambda, sp)}$ , there exists a  $(\Lambda, sp)$ -open set  $U$  of  $X$  such that  $y \in U \subseteq U^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq X - \{x\}$ . Let  $V = X - U^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ , then  $x \in V \in \Lambda_{sp}O(X, \tau)$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_0$ ,  $\{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq U$ ,  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . This shows that  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_1$ .

**Corollary 4.** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_1$  if and only if  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \{x\}^{\theta(\Lambda, sp)}$  for each  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \tau)$  be  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_1$ . By Theorem 6, we have

$$\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \supseteq \langle x \rangle_{sp} = \{x\}^{\theta(\Lambda, sp)} \supseteq \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$$

and hence  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \{x\}^{\theta(\Lambda, sp)}$  for each  $x \in X$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \{x\}^{\theta(\Lambda, sp)}$  for each  $x \in X$ . First, we show that  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_0$ . Let  $U \in \Lambda_{sp}O(X, \tau)$  and  $x \in U$ . Let  $y \notin U$ . Then,

$$U \cap \{y\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = U \cap \{y\}^{\theta(\Lambda, sp)} = \emptyset.$$

Thus,  $x \notin \{y\}^{\theta(\Lambda, sp)}$ . There exists  $V \in \Lambda_{sp}O(X, \tau)$  such that  $x \in V$  and  $y \notin V^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . Since  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq V^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ ,  $y \notin \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)}$ . This shows that  $\{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} \subseteq U$  and hence  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_0$ . By Corollary 3,  $\langle x \rangle_{sp} = \{x\}^{(\Lambda, sp)} = \{x\}^{\theta(\Lambda, sp)}$  for each  $x \in X$ . Thus, by Theorem 6,  $(X, \tau)$  is  $(\Lambda, sp)$ - $R_1$ .

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