

## On minimal $rgw\alpha$ -locally open sets and maximal $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed sets in topological spaces

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### Abstract

In this paper, a new class of sets called minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open sets and maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -closed sets in topological spaces are introduced, which are sub classes of  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open sets and  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed sets. Also we introduce and study maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open sets and minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed sets in topological spaces and also study  $\tau_{rgw\alpha c}$ -min and  $\tau_{rgw\alpha c}$ -max spaces.

**Keywords:** minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open sets, maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed sets, maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open sets, minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set,  $\tau_{rgw\alpha c}$ -min space and  $\tau_{rgw\alpha c}$ -max space

### 1. Introduction

In the year 2001 and 2003, F. Nakaoka and N.oda <sup>[1, 2, 3]</sup> introduced and studied minimal open (resp. minimal closed) sets which are sub classes of open (resp. closed) sets. The complements of minimal open sets and maximal open sets are called maximal closed sets and minimal closed sets respectively. In the year 2006, S S Benchalli and R.S Wali <sup>[4, 6]</sup> introduced and studied rw-closed sets, rw-open sets, maximal rw-open sets, minimal rw-closed sets, maximal rw-closed sets, minimal rw-open sets in topological spaces and R.S Wali *et al* <sup>[5]</sup> introduced and studied  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed sets in topological spaces.

### 2. Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1** A proper non-empty open subset  $U$  of a topological space  $X$  is said to be minimal open set <sup>[1]</sup> if any open set which is contained in  $U$  is  $\phi$  or  $U$ .

**Definition 2.2** A proper non-empty open subset  $U$  of a topological space  $X$  is said to be maximal open <sup>[2]</sup> set if any open set which contains  $U$  is either  $X$  or  $U$ .

**Definition 2.3** A proper non-empty closed subset  $F$  of a topological space  $X$  is said to be minimal closed set <sup>[3]</sup> if any closed set which is contained in  $F$  is  $\phi$  or  $F$ .

**Definition 2.4** A proper non-empty closed subset  $F$  of a topological space  $X$  is said to be maximal closed set <sup>[3]</sup> if any closed set which contains  $F$  is either  $X$  or  $F$ .

**Definition 2.5** A subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is called rw-closed <sup>[6]</sup> set if  $Cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is regular semi-open in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.6** A subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is called rw-open set <sup>[6]</sup> in  $X$  if  $A^c$  is rw-closed set in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.7** A proper non-empty rw-closed subset  $U$  of  $X$  is said to be maximal rw-closed <sup>[4]</sup> set if any rw-closed set which contains  $F$  is either  $X$  or  $F$ .

**Definition 2.8** A proper non-empty rw-open subset  $F$  of  $X$  is said to be Minimal rw-open <sup>[4]</sup> set if any rw-open set which is contained in  $U$  is  $\phi$  or  $U$ .

**Definition 2.9** A proper non-empty rw-open subset  $U$  of  $X$  is said to be maximal rw-open set <sup>[4]</sup> if any rw-open set which contains  $F$  is either  $X$  or  $F$ .

**Definition 2.10** A proper non-empty rw-closed subset  $F$  of  $X$

is said to be Minimal rw-closed set <sup>[4]</sup> if any rw-closed set which is contained in  $U$  is  $\phi$  or  $U$ .

**Lemma 2.11** <sup>[4]</sup> A proper non-empty subset  $F$  of  $X$  is Minimal rw-open set iff  $X-F$  is a maximal rw-closed set.

**Lemma 2.12** <sup>[4]</sup> a proper non-empty subset  $F$  of  $X$  is Minimal rw-closed set iff  $X-F$  is a maximal rw-open set.

**Definition 2.13** A topological space  $X$  is said to be  $T_{min}$  space if every nonempty proper open subset of  $X$  is minimal open set.

**Definition 2.14** A topological space  $X$  is said to be  $T_{max}$  space if every nonempty proper open subset of  $X$  is maximal open set.

**Definition 2.15** regular generalized weakly  $\alpha$ -locally closed <sup>[5]</sup> (briefly  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed) if  $A=U \cap F$  where  $U$  is  $rgw\alpha$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$  and  $F$  is  $rgw\alpha$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Definition 2.16** regular generalized weakly  $\alpha$ -locally open <sup>[5]</sup> (briefly  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open) if  $A^c$  is  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed.

**Definition 2.17** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called the

- i) door space if every subset of  $(X, \tau)$  is either open or closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- ii)  $T_{1/2}$  space if every  $g$ -closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- iii)  $\alpha$ - space if every  $\alpha$ -closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- iv)  $T_w$  space if every  $w$ -closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- v)  $T_{rw}$  space if every rw-closed subset of  $(X, \tau)$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- vi)  $T_1$  (or Frechet) space iff each point in  $X$ , singleton set  $\{x\}$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$  or for every pair of distinct points  $x, y$  in  $X$  there is an open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \in V$ .
- vii)  $T_0$  space if for every pair of distinct points  $x, y$  in  $X$  there is an open set  $U$  containing one of the point but not other.
- viii)  $T_2$  (or Hausdorff) space iff for every pair of distinct points  $x, y$  in  $X$  there exist disjoint open sets  $U, V$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \in V$ .

### 2. Minimal $rgw\alpha$ -Locally Open sets.

**Definition 2.1** A proper nonempty  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open subset  $U$  of  $X$  is said to be a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set if and

only if any  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set which is contained in  $U$  is  $\phi$  or  $U$ .

**Theorem 2.2** Every minimal open set is minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set but not conversely.

Proof: Proof follows from the fact that every open set is  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set. But converse is not true as seen from the following example.

**Example 2.3** Let  $X = \{a,b,c\}$  be a set with topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a,b\}\}$ . Here minimal open sets are  $\{a\}, \{b\}$ .  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open sets are  $X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a,b\}, \{a,c\}, \{b,c\}$ . Minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open sets are  $\{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}$ . Therefore set  $\{c\}$  is minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set but not minimal open set.

**Remark 2.4** From the known results and by the above example 2.3 we have following implications:

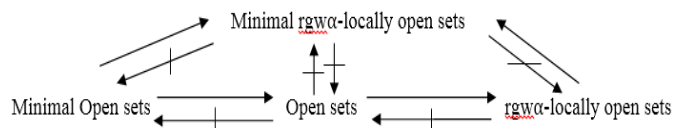


Fig 1

**Theorem 2.5** (i) Let  $U$  be a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set and  $W$  be a  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set, then  $U \cap W = \phi$  or  $U \subset W$ .

(ii) Let  $U$  and  $V$  be minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open sets, then  $U \cap V = \phi$  or  $U = V$ .

Proof: (i) Let  $U$  be a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set and  $W$  be a  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set. If  $U \cap W = \phi$ , then there is nothing to prove but if  $U \cap W \neq \phi$  then we have to prove that  $U \subset W$ . Suppose  $U \cap W \neq \phi$  then  $U \cap W \subset U$  and  $U \cap W$  is  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open as the finite intersection of  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open sets is a  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set. Since  $U$  is a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set, we have  $U \cap W = U$  therefore  $U \subset W$ .

(ii) Let  $U$  and  $V$  be minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open sets. Suppose  $U \cap V \neq \phi$  then we see that  $U \subset V$  and  $V \subset U$  by (i) Therefore  $U = V$ .

**Theorem 2.6** Let  $U$  be a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set. If  $x$  is an element of  $U$ , then  $U \subset W$  for any open neighbourhood  $W$  of  $x$ .

Proof: Let  $U$  be a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set and  $x$  be an element of  $U$ . Suppose there exists an open neighbourhood  $W$  of  $x$  such that  $U \not\subset W$  then  $U \cap W$  is a  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set such that  $U \cap W \subset U$  and  $U \cap W \neq \phi$ . Since  $U$  is a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set, we have  $U \cap W = U$  that is  $U \subset W$ . This contradicts our assumption that  $U \not\subset W$ . Therefore  $U \subset W$  for any open neighbourhood  $W$  of  $x$ .

**Theorem 2.7** Let  $U$  be a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set, if  $x$  is an element of  $U$  then  $U \subset W$  for any  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set  $W$  containing  $x$ .

Proof: Let  $U$  be a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set containing an element  $x$ . Suppose there exists a  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set  $W$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \not\subset W$  then  $U \cap W$  is a  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set such that  $U \cap W \subset U$  and  $U \cap W \neq \phi$ . Since  $U$  is a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set, we have  $U \cap W = U$  that is  $U \subset W$ . This contradicts our assumption that  $U \not\subset W$ . Therefore  $U \subset W$  for any  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set  $W$  containing  $x$ .

**Theorem 2.8** Let  $U$  be a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set then  $U = \bigcap \{W : W \text{ is any } rgw\alpha\text{-locally open set containing } x\}$  for any element  $x$  of  $U$

Proof: By theorem 2.7 and from the fact that  $U$  is a  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set containing  $x$ , We have  $U \subset \bigcap \{W : W \text{ is any } rgw\alpha\text{-locally open set containing } x\} \subset U$ . Therefore we have the result.

**Theorem 2.9** Let  $U$  be a non-empty  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set then the following three conditions are equivalent.

- (i)  $U$  is a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set.
- (ii)  $U \subset rgw\alpha\text{-cl}(S)$  for any non-empty subset  $S$  of  $U$ .
- (iii)  $rgw\alpha\text{-cl}(U) = rgw\alpha\text{-cl}(S)$  for any non-empty subset  $S$  of  $U$ .

Proof: (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Let  $U$  be a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set and  $S$  be a non-empty subset of  $U$ . Let  $x \in U$  by theorem 2.7 for any  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set  $W$  containing  $x$ ,  $S \subset U \subset W$  which implies  $S \subset W$ . Now  $S = S \cap U \subset S \cap W$ . Since  $S$  is non-empty therefore  $S \cap W \neq \phi$ . Since  $W$  is any  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set containing  $x$ , we know that, for an  $x \in X$ ,  $x \in rgw\alpha\text{-cl}(A)$  iff  $V \cap A \neq \phi$  for any every  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set  $V$  Containing  $x$ , that is  $x \in U$  implies  $x \in rgw\alpha\text{-cl}(S)$  which implies  $U \subset rgw\alpha\text{-cl}(S)$  for any non-empty subset  $S$  of  $U$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Let  $S$  be a non-empty subset of  $U$ , that is  $S \subset U$  which implies  $rgw\alpha\text{-cl}(S) \subset rgw\alpha\text{-cl}(U)$  -- (a)

Again from (ii)  $U \subset rgw\alpha\text{-cl}(S)$  for any non-empty subset  $S$  of  $U$ . Which implies  $rgw\alpha\text{-cl}(U) \subset rgw\alpha\text{-cl}(rgw\alpha\text{-cl}(S)) = rgw\alpha\text{-cl}(S)$  i.e.,  $rgw\alpha\text{-cl}(U) \subset rgw\alpha\text{-cl}(S)$  -- (b), from (a) and (b),  $rgw\alpha\text{-cl}(U) = rgw\alpha\text{-cl}(S)$  for any non-empty subset  $S$  of  $U$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) From (iii) we have  $rgw\alpha\text{-cl}(U) = rgw\alpha\text{-cl}(S)$  for any non-empty subset  $S$  of  $U$ . Suppose  $U$  is not a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set then there exist a non-empty  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set  $V$  such that  $V \subset U$  and  $V \neq U$ . Now there exists an element  $a \in U$  such that  $a \notin V$  which implies  $a \in V^c$  that is  $rgw\alpha\text{-cl}(\{a\}) \subset rgw\alpha\text{-cl}(V^c) = V^c$ , as  $V^c$  is a  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set in  $X$ . It follows that  $rgw\alpha\text{-cl}(\{a\}) \neq rgw\alpha\text{-cl}(U)$ . This is contradiction to fact that  $rgw\alpha\text{-cl}(\{a\}) = rgw\alpha\text{-cl}(U)$  for any non-empty subset  $\{a\}$  of  $U$ . Therefore  $U$  is a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set.

**Theorem 2.10** Let  $V$  be a non-empty finite  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set, then there exists at least one (finite) minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set  $U$  such that  $U \subset V$ .

Proof: Let  $V$  be a non-empty finite  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set. If  $V$  is a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set, we may set  $U = V$ . If  $V$  is not a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set, then there exists a (finite)  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set  $V_1$  such that  $\phi \neq V_1 \subset V$ . If  $V_1$  is a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set, we may set  $U = V_1$ . If  $V_1$  is not a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set then there exists a (finite)  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set  $V_2$  such that  $\phi \neq V_2 \subset V_1$ . Continuing this process we have a sequence of  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open sets  $V_k \dots \subset V_3 \subset V_2 \subset V_1 \subset V$ . Since  $V$  is a finite set, this process repeats only finitely then finally we get a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set  $U = V_n$  for some positive integer  $n$ .

**Corollary 2.11** Let  $X$  be a locally finite space and  $V$  be a non-empty  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set then there exists at least one (finite) minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set such that  $U \subset V$ .

Proof: Let  $X$  be a locally finite space and  $V$  be a non empty  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set. Let  $x \in V$  since  $X$  is a locally finite

space we have a finite open set  $V_x$  such that  $x \in V_x$  then  $V \cap V_x$  is a finite  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set. By theorem 2.10 there exist at least one (finite) minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set  $U$  such that  $U \subset V \cap V_x$  that is  $U \subset V \cap V_x \subset V$ . Hence there exists at least one (finite) minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set  $U$  such that  $U \subset V$ .

**Corollary 2.12** Let  $V$  be a finite minimal open set then there exist at least one (finite) minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set  $U$  such that  $U \subset V$ .

Proof: Let  $V$  be a finite minimal open set then  $V$  is a non-empty finite  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set, by Theorem 2.10 there exist at least one (finite) minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set  $U$  such that  $U \subset V$ .

**Theorem 2.13** Let  $U$  and  $U_\lambda$  be minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open sets for any element  $\lambda$  of  $\Lambda$ . If  $U \subset \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} U_\lambda$ , then there exists  $\lambda$  element  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  such that  $U = U_\lambda$ .

Proof: Let  $U \subset \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} U_\lambda$ , then  $U \cap (\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} U_\lambda) = U$ . That is  $(\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} U_\lambda) \cap U = U$ , also by Theorem 2.5 (ii)  $U \cap U_\lambda = \phi$  or  $U = U_\lambda$  for any  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ . It follows that there exist an element  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  such that  $U = U_\lambda$ .

**Theorem 2.14** Let  $U$  and  $U_\lambda$  be minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open sets for any element  $\lambda$  of  $\Lambda$ . If  $U = U_\lambda$  for any element  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  then  $(\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} U_\lambda) \cap U = \phi$ .

Proof: Suppose that  $(\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} U_\lambda) \cap U \neq \phi$ . That is  $(\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} U_\lambda) \cap U \neq \phi$ . Then there exists an element  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  such that  $U \cap U_\lambda \neq \phi$ . By theorem 2.5 (ii), we have  $U = U_\lambda$ , which contradicts the fact that  $U \neq U_\lambda$  for any  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ . Hence  $(\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} U_\lambda) \cap U = \phi$ .

**Theorem 2.15** Let  $U_\lambda$  be a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set for any element  $\lambda$  of  $\Lambda$  and  $U_\lambda \neq U_\mu$  for any element  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  of  $\Lambda$  with  $\lambda \neq \mu$  assume that  $|\Lambda| \geq 2$ . Let  $\mu$  be any element of  $\Lambda$ , then  $(\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} U_\lambda) \cap U_\mu = \phi$ .

Proof: Put  $U = U_\mu$  in theorem 2.14, then we have the result.

**Corollary 2.16** Let  $U_\lambda$  be a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set for any element  $\lambda$  of  $\Lambda$  and  $U_\lambda \neq U_\mu$  for any elements  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  of  $\Lambda$  with  $\lambda \neq \mu$ . If  $\Gamma$  a proper non-empty subset of  $\Lambda$ , then  $(\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Gamma} U_\lambda) \cap (\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda \setminus \Gamma} U_\lambda) = \phi$ .

**Theorem 2.17** Let  $U_\lambda$  and  $U_\gamma$  be minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open sets for any element  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . If there exists an element  $\gamma$  of  $\Gamma$  such that  $U_\lambda \neq U_\gamma$  for any element  $\lambda$  of  $\Lambda$ , then  $\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} U_\lambda \not\subset \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Gamma} U_\lambda$ .

Proof: Suppose that an element  $\gamma^1$  of  $\Gamma$  satisfies  $U_\lambda = U_{\gamma^1}$  for any element  $\lambda$  of  $\Lambda$ . If  $\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} U_\lambda \subset \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Gamma} U_\lambda$  then we see  $U_{\gamma^1} \subset \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Gamma} U_\lambda$ . By theorem 2.13, there exists an element  $\lambda$  of  $\Lambda$  such that  $U_{\gamma^1} = U_\lambda$  which is a contradiction. It follows that  $\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} U_\lambda \not\subset \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Gamma} U_\lambda$ .

**Theorem 2.18** Let  $U_\lambda$  be a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set for any element  $\lambda$  of  $\Lambda$  and  $U_\lambda \neq U_\mu$  for any elements  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  of  $\Lambda$  with  $\lambda \neq \mu$ . If  $\Gamma$  a proper non-empty subset of  $\Lambda$ , then  $\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Gamma} U_\lambda \subset \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} U_\lambda$ .

Proof: Let  $k$  be any element of  $\Lambda - \Gamma$ . Then  $U_k \cap (\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Gamma} U_\lambda) = \phi$  and  $U_k \cap (\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} U_\lambda) = U_k$ . If  $\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Gamma} U_\lambda \subset \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} U_\lambda$  then we have  $\phi = U_k$ . This contradicts our assumption

that  $U_k$  is a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set. Therefore we have the result.

**3. Maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -Locally Closed sets.**

**Definition 3.1** A proper nonempty  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed subset  $F$  of  $X$  is said to be a **maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed** set if and only if any  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set which contains  $F$  is either  $X$  or  $F$ .

**Theorem 3.2** Every maximal closed set is maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set, but not conversely.

Proof: Proof follows from the fact that every closed set is  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set. Converse of this is not true as seen from the following example.

**Example 3.3** Let  $X = \{a,b,c\}$ , be a set with topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a,b\}\}$ . Here maximal closed sets are  $\{a,c\}, \{b,c\}$ .  $Rgw\alpha$ -locally closed sets are  $X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a,b\}, \{a,c\}, \{b,c\}$ . Maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed sets are  $\{a,b\}, \{a,c\}, \{b,c\}$ . Therefore set  $\{a,b\}$  is maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set but not maximal closed set.

**Remark 3.4** From the known results and by the above example 3.3 we have the following implications:

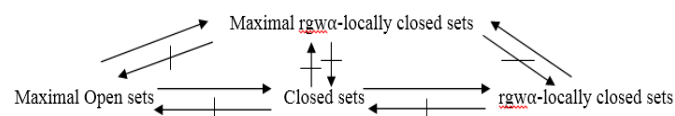


Fig 2

**Theorem 3.5** A proper non empty subset  $F$  of  $X$  is maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set if and only if  $X-F$  is a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set.

Proof: Let  $F$  be a maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set. Suppose  $X-F$  is not a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set. Then there exists an  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set  $U \neq X-F$  such that  $\phi \neq U \subset X-F$ . That is  $F \subset X-U$  and  $X-U$  is a  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set. This contradicts our assumption that  $F$  is a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set.

Conversely let  $X-F$  be a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set. Suppose  $F$  is not maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set. Then there exists a  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set  $E \neq F$  such that  $F \subset E \neq X$ . That is  $\phi \neq X-E \subset X-F$  and  $X-E$  is a  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set. This contradicts our assumption that  $X-F$  is a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set. Therefore  $F$  is a maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set.

**Theorem 3.6** (i) Let  $F$  be a Maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set and  $W$  be a  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set Then  $F \cup W = X$  or  $W \subset F$ .

(ii) Let  $F$  and  $S$  be Maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed sets then  $F \cup S = X$  or  $F = S$

Proof: (i): Let  $F$  be a Maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set and  $W$  be a  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set if  $F \cup W = X$  then there is nothing to prove, but if  $F \cup W \neq X$ , then we have to prove that  $W \subset F$ . Suppose  $F \cup W \neq X$ , then  $F \subset F \cup W$  and  $F \cup W$  is  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed as the finite union of  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set is a  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set we have  $F \cup W = X$  or  $F \cup W = F$ . Therefore  $F \cup W = F$  which implies  $W \subset F$ .

(ii): Let  $F$  and  $S$  be Maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed sets. Suppose  $F \cup S \neq X$  then we see that  $F \subset S$  and  $S \subset F$  by (i). Therefore  $F = S$ .

**Theorem 3.7** Let  $F$  be a Maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set. If  $x$  is an element of  $F$  then for any  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set  $S$  containing  $x$ ,  $F \cup S = X$  or  $S \subset F$ .

Proof: Let  $F$  be maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set and  $x$  is an element of  $F$ . Suppose there exists a  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set containing  $x$  such that  $F \cup S \neq X$ . Then  $F \subset F \cup S$  and  $F \cup S$  is a  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set, as the finite union of  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed sets is a  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set. Since  $F$  is a  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set, we have  $F \cup S = F$ . Therefore  $S \subset F$ .

**Theorem 3.8** Let  $F_\alpha, F_\beta, F_\gamma$  be Maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed sets such that  $F_\alpha \neq F_\beta$  if  $F_\alpha \cap F_\beta \subset F_\gamma$ , then either  $F_\alpha = F_\gamma$  or  $F_\beta = F_\gamma$ .

Proof: Given that  $F_\alpha \cap F_\beta \subset F_\gamma$ , if  $F_\alpha = F_\gamma$  then there is nothing to prove but if  $F_\alpha \neq F_\gamma$  then We have to prove  $F_\beta = F_\gamma$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now we have } F_\beta \cap F_\gamma &= F_\beta \cap (F_\gamma \cap X) \\ &= F_\beta \cap (F_\gamma \cap (F_\alpha \cup F_\beta)) \text{ (by theorem 3.6 (ii))} \\ &= F_\beta \cap ((F_\gamma \cap F_\alpha) \cup (F_\gamma \cap F_\beta)) \\ &= (F_\beta \cap F_\gamma \cap F_\alpha) \cup (F_\beta \cap F_\gamma \cap F_\beta) \\ &= (F_\alpha \cap F_\beta) \cup (F_\gamma \cap F_\beta) \text{ ( by } F_\beta \cap F_\gamma \subset F_\beta \text{ )} \\ &= (F_\alpha \cup F_\gamma) \cap F_\beta \\ &= X \cap F_\beta \text{ (since } F_\alpha, \text{ and } F_\gamma \text{ are Maximal } rgw\alpha\text{-locally} \\ &\text{ closed sets by thm 3.6 (ii) } F_\alpha \cup F_\gamma = X \text{)} \\ &= F_\beta \end{aligned}$$

That is  $F_\beta \cap F_\gamma = F_\beta$  implies  $F_\beta \subset F_\gamma$ , since  $F_\beta, F_\gamma$  are maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed sets, we have

$$F_\beta = F_\gamma.$$

**Theorem 3.9** Let Let  $F_\alpha, F_\beta, F_\gamma$  be Maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed sets which are different from each other then  $(F_\alpha \cap F_\beta) \not\subset (F_\alpha \cap F_\gamma)$ .

Proof: Let  $(F_\alpha \cap F_\beta) \subset (F_\alpha \cap F_\gamma)$  which implies  $(F_\alpha \cap F_\beta) \cup (F_\gamma \cap F_\beta) \subset (F_\alpha \cap F_\gamma) \cup (F_\gamma \cap F_\beta)$  which implies  $(F_\alpha \cup F_\gamma) \cap F_\beta \subset F_\gamma \cap (F_\alpha \cup F_\beta)$  since by theorem 3.6 (ii)  $F_\alpha \cap F_\gamma = X$  and  $F_\alpha \cap F_\beta = X$  which implies  $X \cap F_\beta \subset F_\gamma \cap X$  which implies  $F_\beta \subset F_\gamma$ . From the definition of Maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set it follows that  $F_\beta = F_\gamma$ . This is contradiction to the fact that Let  $F_\alpha, F_\beta, F_\gamma$  are different from each other. Therefore  $(F_\alpha \cap F_\beta) \not\subset (F_\alpha \cap F_\gamma)$ .

**Theorem 3.10** Let  $F$  be a Maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set and  $x$  be an element of  $F$  then  $F = \cup \{S : S \text{ is a } rgw\alpha\text{-locally closed set containing } x \text{ such that } F \cup S \neq X\}$ .

Proof: By theorem 3.7 and from the fact that  $F$  is a  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set containing  $x$  we have  $F \subset \cup \{S : S \text{ is a } rgw\alpha\text{-locally closed set containing } x \text{ such that } F \cup S \neq X\} \subset F$  therefore we have the result.

**Theorem 3.11** Let  $F$  be a Proper non-empty co-finite  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed subset then there exists (co-finite) Maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set  $E$  such that  $F \subset E$ .

Proof: Let  $F$  be a non-empty co-finite  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set. If  $F$  is a Maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set, we may set  $E = F$ . If  $F$  is not a Maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set, then there exists a (co-finite)  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set  $F_1$  such that  $F \subset F_1 \neq X$ . If  $F_1$  is a Maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set, we may set  $E = F_1$ . If  $F_1$  is not a Maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set, then there exists a (co-finite)  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set  $F_2$  such that  $F \subset F_1 \subset F_2 \neq X$  continuing this process we have a sequence of  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed sets  $F \subset F_1 \subset F_2 \subset \dots \subset F_k \subset \dots$ . Since  $F$  is a co-finite set, this process repeats only finitely. Then finally we get a

maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set  $E = E_n$  for some positive integer  $n$ .

**Theorem 3.12** Let  $F$  be a Maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set. If  $x$  is an element of  $X - F$  then  $X - F \subset E$  for any  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set containing set  $E$  containing  $x$

Proof: Let  $F$  be a Maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set and  $x \in X - F$ .  $E \not\subset F$  for any  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set  $E$  containing  $x$ , Then  $E \cup F = X$  by theorem 3.6(ii). Therefore  $X - F \subset E$ .

#### 4. Minimal $rgw\alpha$ -Locally Closed sets and Maximal $rgw\alpha$ -Locally Open sets.

**Definition 4.1** A proper non empty  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed subset  $F$  of  $X$  is said to be a minimal  $rgw\alpha$  - locally closed set if and only if any  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set which is contained in  $F$  is  $\phi$  or  $F$ .

**Remark 4.2** Minimal closed sets and minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed sets are independent of each other as seen from the following example.

**Example 4.3** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be any set with topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ . Closed sets are  $X, \phi, \{c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}$ . Minimal closed set is  $\{c, d\}$ .  $Rgw\alpha$ -locally closed sets are  $P(X)$  and minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed sets are  $\{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}$ . Here  $\{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}$  are minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed sets but not minimal closed set and set  $\{c, d\}$  is Minimal closed set but not minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set.

**Definition 4.4** A proper non empty  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open subset  $U$  of  $X$  is said to be a maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set if and only if any  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set which is contains  $U$  is  $X$  or  $U$ .

**Remark 4.5** Maximal open sets and Maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open sets are independent of each other as seen from the following example.

**Example 4.6** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be any set with topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ . Open sets are  $X, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}$ . Maximal open set is  $\{a, b\}$ .  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed sets are  $P(X)$  and maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open sets are  $\{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}$ . Here  $\{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}$ , are maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed sets but not maximal closed set and set  $\{a, b\}$  is maximal open set but not maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set.

**Theorem 4.7** A proper non empty subset  $U$  of  $X$  is maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set if and only if  $X - U$  is a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set.

Proof: Let  $U$  be a maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set. Suppose  $X - U$  is not a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set. Then there exists an  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set  $V \neq X - U$  such that  $\phi \neq V \subset X - U$ . That is  $U \subset X - V$  and  $X - V$  is an  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set. This contradicts our assumption that  $U$  is a maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set.

Conversely let  $X - U$  be a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set. Suppose  $U$  is not maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set. Then there exists a  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set  $E \neq U$  such that  $U \subset E \neq X$ . That is  $\phi \neq X - E \subset X - U$  and  $X - E$  is a  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set. This

contradicts our assumption that  $X-U$  is a minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set. Therefore  $U$  is a maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set.

**Lemma 4.8** A proper non empty subset  $F$  of  $X$  is maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set if and only if  $X-F$  is a maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set.

**5.  $\tau_{rgw\alpha Lc}$ -Min and  $\tau_{rgw\alpha Lc}$ -Max Spaces.**

**Definition 5.1** A topological space  $X$  is said to be  $\tau_{rgw\alpha Lc}$ -min space if every nonempty proper  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open subset of  $X$  is minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set.

**Definition 5.2** A topological space  $X$  is said to be  $\tau_{rgw\alpha Lc}$ -max space if every nonempty proper  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open subset of  $X$  is maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open set.

**Remark 5.3** The concepts of  $\tau_{rgw\alpha Lc}$ -min and  $\tau_{rgw\alpha Lc}$ -max spaces are not enough general.  $\tau_{rgw\alpha Lc}$ -min or  $\tau_{rgw\alpha Lc}$ -max topological space  $X$  will be either indiscrete space or  $\{X, \phi, A\}$  or  $\{X, \phi, A, Ac\}$ .

**Theorem 5.4** A space  $X$  is  $\tau_{rgw\alpha Lc}$ -min if and only if it is  $\tau_{rgw\alpha Lc}$ -max

Proof: Let  $X$  is  $\tau_{rgw\alpha Lc}$ -min space. Suppose that  $X$  is not  $\tau_{rgw\alpha Lc}$ -max, so there is a proper  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open subset  $K$  of  $X$  which is not maximal, this mean there exist a  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open subset of  $X$  with  $K \subset H \neq \phi$ . Thus we get that  $H$  is not minimal which is contradict of being  $X$  is  $\tau_{rgw\alpha Lc}$ -min.

Conversely, Let  $X$  is  $\tau_{rgw\alpha Lc}$ -max space. Suppose that  $X$  is not  $\tau_{rgw\alpha Lc}$ -min, so there is a proper  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open subset  $K$  of  $X$  which is not minimal, this mean there exist an  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open subset of  $X$  with  $\phi \neq H \supset K$ . Thus we get that  $H$  is not maximal which is contradict of being  $X$  is  $\tau_{rgw\alpha Lc}$ -max.

**Theorem 5.5** A topological space  $X$  is  $\tau_{rgw\alpha Lc}$ -min space if and only if every nonempty proper  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed subset of  $X$  is maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set in  $X$ .

Proof: Let  $F$  be a proper  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed subset of  $X$  and suppose  $F$  is not maximal, then there exists an  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed subset  $K$  of  $X$  with  $K \neq X$  such that  $F \subset K$ . Thus  $X-K \supset X-F$ . Hence  $X-F$  is a proper  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open which is not minimal and this contradicts of being  $X$  is  $\tau_{rgw\alpha Lc}$ -min space.

Conversely, Suppose  $U$  is a proper  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open subset of  $X$ . thus  $X-U$  is a proper  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed subset of  $X$ , so  $X-U$  is maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed subset of  $X$ . and from Theorem 4.7  $U$  is minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open. Thus  $X$  is  $\tau_{rgw\alpha Lc}$ -min space.

**Theorem 5.6** A topological space  $X$  is  $\tau_{rgw\alpha Lc}$ -max space if and only if every nonempty proper  $\tau_{rgw\alpha Lc}$ -closed subset of  $X$  is minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set in  $X$ .

Proof: let  $F$  be a proper  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed subset of  $X$ , suppose  $F$  is not minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed in  $X$ , so there is a proper  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed subset of  $X$  such that  $K \subset F$  Thus  $X-F \supset X-K$  but  $X-K$  is proper  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open in  $X$ . so  $X-F$  is not maximal in  $X$ . Contradiction to the fact  $X-F$  is maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open.

Conversely, let  $U$  be a proper  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open subset of  $X$ , then  $X-U$  is a proper  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed subset of  $X$  and so it is minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally closed set. Theorem 4.7 we get that  $U$

is maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open. Thus  $X$  is  $rgw\alpha$ -locally max space.

**Theorem 5.7** Every pair of different minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open sets of  $\tau_{rgw\alpha Lc}$ -min space are disjoint.

Proof: Let  $U$  and  $V$  be minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open subsets of  $\tau_{rgw\alpha Lc}$ -min space  $X$  such that  $U \neq V$  to show that  $U \cap V = \phi$  suppose not i.e.  $U \cap V \neq \phi$ . So  $U \cap V \supset U$  and  $U \cap V \supset V$ . Since  $U \cap V \supset U$  and  $U$  is minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open then  $U \cap V = U$  or  $U \cap V = \phi$ . Thus  $U \cap V = U$ . Now since  $U \cap V \supset V$  and  $V$  is minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open then  $U \cap V = V$  or  $U \cap V = \phi$ . Thus  $U \cap V = V$ . Hence we get that  $U = V$  this result contradicts the fact that  $U$  and  $V$  are different. Therefore  $U \cap V = \phi$ .

**Theorem 5.8** Union of every pair of different maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open sets in  $\tau_{rgw\alpha Lc}$ -max space is  $X$ .

Proof: Let  $U$  and  $V$  be maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open subsets of  $\tau_{rgw\alpha Lc}$ -max space  $X$  such that  $U \neq V$  to show that  $U \cup V = X$  suppose not i.e.  $U \cup V \neq X$ . So  $U \subset U \cup V$  and  $V \subset U \cup V$ . Since  $U \subset U \cup V$  and  $U$  is maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open then  $U \cup V = U$  or  $U \cup V = X$ . Thus  $U \cup V = U \dots (1)$ . Now since  $V \subset U \cup V$  and  $V$  is maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -locally open then  $U \cup V = V$  or  $U \cup V = X$  Thus  $U \cup V = V \dots (2)$  Hence from (1) and (2) we get that  $U = V$  this result contradicts the fact that  $U$  and  $V$  are different. Therefore  $U \cup V = X$ .

**6. Conclusion**

In this paper we have introduced and studied the properties of Minimal  $rgw\alpha$ -Locally Open Sets and Maximal  $rgw\alpha$ -Locally Closed Sets in Topological Spaces. Our future extension is to study  $rgw\alpha$ -Locally Separation Axioms in Topological Spaces.

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