

# Unified operation approach of generalized closed sets via topological ideals\*

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## Abstract

The aim of this paper is to unify the concepts of topological ideals, operation functions (= expansions) and generalized closed sets.

## 1 Introduction

The following three different topological concepts were a major point of research in recent years:

- Topological ideals [4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 32, 33].
- Operation function (= expansion) [17, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 35, 36, 37].
- Generalized closed sets [1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 34, 37].

An *ideal*  $\mathcal{I}$  on a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is a non-void collection of subsets of  $X$  satisfying the following two properties: (1)  $A \in \mathcal{I}$  and  $B \subset A$  implies  $B \in \mathcal{I}$  (heredity), and (2)  $A \in \mathcal{I}$  and  $B \in \mathcal{I}$  implies  $A \cup B \in \mathcal{I}$  (finite additivity). The following collections of sets form important ideals on a space  $(X, \tau)$ :  $\mathcal{F}$  — the ideal of finite subsets of  $X$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  — the ideal of countable subsets of  $X$ ,  $\mathcal{CD}$  — the ideal of closed discrete sets in  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $\mathcal{N}$  — the ideal of nowhere dense sets in  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $\mathcal{M}$  — the ideal of meager sets in  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  — the ideal of all

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bounded sets in  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $\mathcal{S}$  — the ideal of scattered sets in  $(X, \tau)$  (here  $X$  must be  $T_0$ ),  $\mathcal{K}$  — the ideal of relatively compact sets in  $(X, \tau)$ .

For a topological space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  and a subset  $A \subseteq X$ , we denote by  $A^*(\mathcal{I}) = \{x \in X : U \cap A \notin \mathcal{I} \text{ for every } U \in \tau(x)\}$ , written simply as  $A^*$  in case there is no chance for confusion. In [19],  $A^*$  is called the *local function* of  $A$  with respect to  $\mathcal{I}$  and  $\tau$ . Recall that  $A \subseteq (X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is called  $\tau^*$ -closed [15] if  $A^* \subseteq A$ . It is well-known that  $\text{Cl}^*(A) = A \cup A^*$  defines a Kuratowski closure operator for a topology  $\tau^*(\mathcal{I})$ , finer than  $\tau$ .

An *operation*  $\gamma$  [17, 26] on the topology  $\tau$  on a given topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is a function from the topology itself into the power set  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  of  $X$  such that  $V \subseteq V^\gamma$  for each  $V \in \tau$ , where  $V^\gamma$  denotes the value of  $\gamma$  at  $V$ . The following operators are examples of the operation  $\gamma$ : the closure operator  $\gamma_{cl}$  defined by  $\gamma(U) = \text{Cl}(U)$ , the identity operator  $\gamma_{id}$  defined by  $\gamma(U) = U$ , the interior-closure operator  $\gamma_{ic}$  defined by  $\gamma(U) = \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(U))$ . In [35], the  $\gamma$ -operation is called an *expansion*. Another example of the operation  $\gamma$  is the  $\gamma_f$ -operator defined by  $(U)^{\gamma_f} = (\text{Fr}U)^c = X \setminus \text{Fr}U$  [35]. Two operators  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  are called *mutually dual* [35] if  $U^{\gamma_1} \cap U^{\gamma_2} = U$  for each  $U \in \tau$ . For example the identity operator is mutually dual to any other operator, while the  $\gamma_f$ -operator is mutually dual to the closure operator [35].

The following definition contains the concepts of **generalized closed sets** used throughout this paper. In Theorem 2.2 of Section 2, it is proved that  $\alpha^{**}$ g-closedness is same as  $g\alpha^{**}$ -closedness.

**Definition 1** A subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is called:

- (1) a *generalized closed set* (briefly *g-closed*) [20] if  $\overline{A} \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open,
- (2) a  $\alpha$ -*generalized closed set* (briefly  $\alpha$ *g-closed*) [22] if  $\alpha\text{Cl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open,
- (3) a  $\alpha^{**}$ -*generalized closed set* (briefly  $\alpha^{**}$ *g-closed*) [22] if  $\alpha\text{Cl}(A) \subseteq \text{IntCl}U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open,
- (4) a *regular generalized closed set* (briefly *r-g-closed*) [31] if  $\overline{A} \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is regular open,
- (5) a *generalized  $\alpha^{**}$ -closed set* (briefly  $g\alpha^{**}$ -*closed*) [23] if  $\alpha\text{Cl}(A) \subseteq \text{IntCl}U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is  $\alpha$ -open.

## 2 Basic properties of $(\mathcal{I}, \gamma)$ -generalized closed sets

**Definition 2** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called  $(\mathcal{I}, \gamma)$ -generalized closed if  $A^* \subseteq U^\gamma$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

We denote the family of all  $(\mathcal{I}, \gamma)$ -generalized closed subsets of a space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I}, \gamma)$  by  $IG(X)$  and simply write  $\mathcal{I}$ -generalized closed (=  $\mathcal{I}$ -g-closed) in case when  $\gamma$  is the identity operator.

**Theorem 2.1** Every  $g$ -closed set is  $(\mathcal{I}, \gamma)$ -generalized closed but not vice versa.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and let  $A \subseteq X$ . Then:

- (1)  $A$  is  $\{\emptyset\}$ - $g$ -closed if and only if  $A$  is  $g$ -closed.
- (2)  $A$  is  $\mathcal{N}$ - $g$ -closed if and only if  $A$  is  $\alpha g$ -closed.
- (3)  $A$  is  $(\mathcal{N}, \gamma_{ic})$ - $g$ -closed if and only if  $A$  is  $\alpha^{**}g$ -closed.
- (4)  $A$  is  $(\{\emptyset\}, \gamma_{ic})$ - $g$ -closed if and only if  $A$  is  $r$ - $g$ -closed.
- (5)  $A$  is  $(\mathcal{N}, \gamma_{ic})$ - $g$ -closed if and only if  $A$  is  $g\alpha^{**}$ -closed.

PROOF. Follow from the facts:  $A^*(\{\emptyset\}) = \text{Cl}(A)$  and  $A^*(\mathcal{N}) = \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A)))$  and  $A \cup A^*(\mathcal{N}) = \alpha \text{Cl}(A)$  [15, Example 2.10].  $\square$

In the notion of Theorem 2.2, majority of the theorems below generalize well-known results related to the classes of generalized closed sets given in Definition 1.

**Theorem 2.3** If  $A$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ - $g$ -closed and open, then  $A$  is  $\tau^*$ -closed.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.4** [13, Theorem II3] Let  $(A_i)_{i \in I}$  be a locally finite family of sets in  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ . Then  $\cup_{i \in I} A_i^*(\mathcal{I}) = (\cup_{i \in I} A_i)^*(\mathcal{I})$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.5** Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I}, \gamma)$  be a topological space.

- (i) If  $(A_i)_{i \in I}$  is a locally finite family of sets and each  $A_i \in IG(X)$ , then  $\cup_{i \in I} A_i \in IG(X)$ .
- (ii) Countable union of  $(\mathcal{I}, \gamma)$ -generalized closed sets need not be  $(\mathcal{I}, \gamma)$ -generalized closed.
- (iii) Finite intersection of  $(\mathcal{I}, \gamma)$ -generalized closed sets need not be  $(\mathcal{I}, \gamma)$ -generalized closed.

PROOF. (i) Let  $\cup_{i \in I} A_i \subseteq U$ , where  $U \in \tau$ . Since  $A_i \in IG(X)$  for each  $i \in I$ , then  $A_i^* \subseteq U^\gamma$ . Hence  $\cup_{i \in I} A_i^* \subseteq U^\gamma$ . By Lemma 2.4,  $(\cup_{i \in I} A_i)^* \subseteq U^\gamma$ . Hence  $\cup_{i \in I} A_i \in IG(X)$ .

(ii) In the real line with the usual topology  $\{\frac{1}{n}\}$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -g-closed for each  $n \in \omega$ , where  $\omega$  denotes the set of all positive integers. But the set  $A = \cup_{n \in \omega} \{\frac{1}{n}\}$  is not  $\mathcal{F}$ -g-closed. Note that  $(0, 2)$  is an open superset of  $A$  but the zero point is in the local function of  $A$  with respect to the usual topology and  $\mathcal{F}$ .

(iii) Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset\}$  and  $\gamma = \gamma_{ic}$ . Set  $A = \{a, c, d\}$  and  $B = \{b, c, e\}$ . Clearly  $A, B \in IG(X)$  but  $A \cap B = \{c\} \notin IG(X)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.6** *If  $A$  and  $B$  are subsets of  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ , then  $(A \cap B)^*(\mathcal{I}) \subseteq A^*(\mathcal{I}) \cap B^*(\mathcal{I})$ .  $\square$*

A subset  $S$  of a space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is a topological space with an ideal  $\mathcal{I}_S = \{I \in \mathcal{I} : I \subseteq S\} = \{I \cap S : I \in \mathcal{I}\}$  on  $S$  [4].

**Lemma 2.7** *Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  be a topological space and  $A \subseteq S \subseteq X$ . Then,  $A^*(\mathcal{I}_S, \tau|S) = A^*(\mathcal{I}, \tau) \cap S$  holds.*

*Proof.* First we prove the following implication:  $A^*(\mathcal{I}_S, \tau|S) \subseteq A^*(\mathcal{I}, \tau) \cap S$ .

Let  $x \notin A^*(\mathcal{I}, \tau) \cap S$ . We consider the following two cases:

*Case 1.*  $x \notin S$ : Since  $A^*(\mathcal{I}_S, \tau|S) \subseteq S$ , then  $x \notin A^*(\mathcal{I}_S, \tau|S)$ .

*Case 2.*  $x \in S$ . In this case  $x \notin A^*(\mathcal{I}, \tau)$ . There exists a set  $V \in \tau$  such that  $x \in V$  and  $V \cap A \in \mathcal{I}$ . Since  $x \in S$ , we have a set  $S \cap V \in \tau|S$  such that  $x \in S \cap V$  and  $(S \cap V) \cap A \in \mathcal{I}$  and hence  $(S \cap V) \cap A \in \mathcal{I}_S$ . Consequently,  $x \notin A^*(\mathcal{I}_S, \tau|S)$ .

Both cases show the implication.

Secondly, we prove the converse implication:  $A^*(\mathcal{I}, \tau) \cap S \subseteq A^*(\mathcal{I}_S, \tau|S)$ . Let  $x \notin A^*(\mathcal{I}_S, \tau|S)$ . Then, for some open subset  $U \cap S$  of  $(S, \tau|S)$  containing  $x$ , we have  $(U \cap S) \cap A \in \mathcal{I}_S$ . Since  $A \subseteq S$ , then  $U \cap A \in \mathcal{I}_S \subseteq \mathcal{I}$ , i.e.,  $U \cap A \in \mathcal{I}$  for some  $V \in \tau$  containing  $x$ . This shows that  $x \notin A^*(\mathcal{I}, \tau)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.8** *Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  be a topological space and  $A \subseteq S \subseteq X$ . If  $A$  is  $\mathcal{I}_S$ -g-closed in  $(S, \tau|S, \mathcal{I}_S)$  and  $S$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -g-closed in  $X$ , then  $A$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -g-closed in  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U \in \tau$ . By assumption and Lemma 2.7,  $A^*(\mathcal{I}, \tau) \cap S \subseteq U \cap S$ . Then we have  $S \subseteq U \cup (X \setminus A^*(\mathcal{I}, \tau))$ . Since  $X \setminus A^*(\mathcal{I}, \tau) \in \tau$ , then  $A^*(\mathcal{I}, \tau) \subseteq S^*(\mathcal{I}, \tau) \subseteq U \cup (X \setminus A^*(\mathcal{I}, \tau))$ . Therefore, we have that  $A^*(\mathcal{I}, \tau) \subseteq U$  and hence  $A$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -g-closed in  $X$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.9** *Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  be a topological space and  $A$  and  $F$  subsets of  $X$ . If  $A$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -g-closed and  $F$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $A \cap F$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -g-closed.*

*Proof.* Since  $A \cap F$  is closed in  $(A, \tau|_A)$ , then  $A \cap F$  is  $\mathcal{I}_A$ -g-closed in  $(A, \tau|_A, \mathcal{I}_A)$ . By Theorem 2.8,  $A \cap F$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -g-closed.  $\square$

**Example 2.10** Corollary 2.9 is not necessarily true if  $\gamma$  is an arbitrary operator. Let  $(X, \tau)$  be the real line and consider any ideal such that  $\tau^*(\mathcal{I}) = \tau^\alpha$ . Observe that we have this equality in case when  $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{N}$ . Define the following  $\gamma$  operation: for any open set  $U$ , let  $\gamma(U) = X$  if the open interval  $(0, 1)$  is contained in  $U$ , otherwise let  $\gamma(U) = U$ . If  $A = (0, 1)$ , then  $A$  is clearly  $(\mathcal{I}, \gamma)$ -generalized closed. Now, consider the closed set  $B = [\frac{1}{2}, 1]$ . Then the intersection of  $A$  and  $B$  is  $[\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ , which is contained in the open set  $V = (\frac{1}{4}, 1)$ . Obviously, the local function of  $[\frac{1}{2}, 1)$  with respect to  $\mathcal{N}$  is  $[\frac{1}{2}, 1]$  and is not contained in  $\gamma(V) = V$ .

**Theorem 2.11** *Let  $A \subseteq S \subseteq (X, \tau, \mathcal{I}, \gamma)$ . If  $A \in IG(X)$  and  $S \in \tau$ , then  $A \in IG(S)$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $U$  be an open subset of  $(S, \tau|_S)$  such that  $A \subseteq U$ . Since  $S \in \tau$ , then  $U \in \tau$ . Then  $A^*(\mathcal{I}) \subseteq U^\gamma$ , since  $A \in IG(X)$ . Using Lemma 2.7, we have  $A^*(\mathcal{I}_S, \tau|_S) \subseteq U^{\gamma|_S}$ , where  $U^{\gamma|_S}$  means the image of the operation  $\gamma|_S: \tau|_S \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(S)$ , defined by  $(\gamma|_S)(U) = \gamma(U) \cap S$  for each  $U \in \tau|_S$ . Hence  $A \in IG(S)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.12** *Let  $A$  be a subset of  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I}, \gamma_{id})$ . Then,  $A$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -g-closed if and only if  $A^* \setminus A$  does not contain a non-empty closed subset.*

**PROOF.** (Necessity) Assume that  $F$  is a closed subset of  $A^* \setminus A$ . Note that clearly  $A \subseteq X \setminus F$ , where  $A$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -g-closed and  $X \setminus F \in \tau$ . Thus  $A^* \subseteq X \setminus F$ , i.e.  $F \subseteq X \setminus A^*$ . Since due to our assumption  $F \subseteq A^*$ ,  $F \subseteq (X \setminus A^*) \cap A^* = \emptyset$ .

(Sufficiency) Let  $U$  be an open subset containing  $A$ . Since  $A^*$  is closed [15, Theorem 2.3 (c)] and  $A^* \cap (X \setminus U) \subseteq A^* \setminus A$  holds, then  $A^* \cap (X \setminus U)$  is a closed set contained in  $A^* \setminus A$ . By assumption,  $A^* \cap (X \setminus U) = \emptyset$  and hence  $A^* \subseteq U$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.13** *Let  $A \subseteq (X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  and  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  be two operations.*

(i) *If  $A$  is both  $(\mathcal{I}, \gamma_1)$ -g-closed and  $(\mathcal{I}, \gamma_2)$ -g-closed, then  $A$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \gamma_1 \wedge \gamma_2)$ -g-closed, where  $\gamma_1 \wedge \gamma_2$  is an operation defined by  $(\gamma_1 \wedge \gamma_2)(U) = \gamma_1(U) \cap \gamma_2(U)$  for each  $U \in \tau$ .*

(ii) *Under the assumption of (i), if moreover the operators  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  are mutually dual, then  $A$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -g-closed.*

(iii) *Every set  $A \subseteq (X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \gamma_{cl})$ -g-closed.  $\square$*

**Corollary 2.14** *For a set  $A \subseteq (X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ , the following conditions are equivalent:*

(1)  *$A$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \gamma_f)$ -g-closed.*

(2)  *$A$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -g-closed.*

PROOF. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) By Theorem 2.13 (iii),  $A$  is  $(\mathcal{I}, \gamma_{cl})$ -g-closed. Since  $\gamma_f$  and  $\gamma_{cl}$  are mutually dual due to [35, Proposition 2], then in the notion of Theorem 2.13,  $A$  is  $\mathcal{I}$ -g-closed.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) is obvious.  $\square$

### 3 $\gamma$ - $T_{\mathcal{I}}$ -spaces and the digital plane

**Definition 3** A space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I}, \gamma)$  is called an  $\gamma$ - $T_{\mathcal{I}}$ -space if every  $(\mathcal{I}, \gamma)$ -generalized closed subset of  $X$  is  $\tau^*$ -closed. We use the simpler notation  $T_{\mathcal{I}}$ -space, in case  $\gamma$  is the identity operator.

**Theorem 3.1** *Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I}, \gamma)$  be a space and let  $A \subseteq X$ . Then:*

(1)  *$X$  is a  $T_{\{\emptyset\}}$ -space if and only if  $X$  is a  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -space.*

(2)  *$X$  is a  $T_{\mathcal{N}}$ -space if and only if  $X$  is a  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -space.*

(3)  *$X$  is a  $\gamma_{ic}$ - $T_{\mathcal{N}}$ -space if and only if  $X$  is discrete.*

(4)  *$X$  is a  $\gamma_{ic}$ - $T_{\{\emptyset\}}$ -space if and only if  $X$  is discrete.*

PROOF. (1) follows from Theorem 2.2. (2) follows from Theorem 3.9 from [22] and Theorem 2.2, while (3) follows from Theorem 5.3 from [22] and Theorem 2.2. For (4), note that a space is discrete if and only if every r-g-closed set is closed.  $\square$

**Remark 3.2** Note that when  $\mathcal{I}$  is the maximal ideal  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ , then every space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I}, \gamma)$  is a  $\gamma$ - $T_{\mathcal{I}}$ -space.

Next we consider the case when  $\gamma$  is the identity operator.

**Theorem 3.3** *For a space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ , the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $X$  is a  $T_{\mathcal{I}}$ -space.
- (2) Each singleton of  $(X, \tau)$  is either closed or  $\tau^*(\mathcal{I})$ -open.

PROOF. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $x \in X$ . If  $\{x\}$  is not closed, then  $A = X \setminus \{x\} \notin \tau$  and then  $A$  is trivially  $\mathcal{I}$ -g-closed. By (1),  $A$  is  $\tau^*$ -closed. Hence  $\{x\}$  is  $\tau^*$ -open.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $A$  be  $\mathcal{I}$ -g-closed and let  $x \in \text{Cl}^*(A)$ . We have the following two cases:

*Case 1.*  $\{x\}$  is closed. By Theorem 2.12,  $A^* \setminus A$  does not contain a non-empty closed subset. This shows that  $x \in A$ .

*Case 2.*  $\{x\}$  is  $\tau^*$ -open. Then  $\{x\} \cap A \neq \emptyset$ . Hence  $x \in A$ .

Thus in both cases  $x$  is in  $A$  and so  $A = \text{Cl}^*(A)$ , i.e.  $A$  is  $\tau^*$ -closed, which shows that  $X$  is a  $T_{\mathcal{I}}$ -space.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.4** *Every  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -space is a  $T_{\mathcal{I}}$ -space.  $\square$*

Let  $(\mathbf{Z}, \kappa)$  be the digital line (= Khalimsky line) [18]. The topology  $\kappa$  has  $\{\{2n - 1, 2n, 2n + 1\} : n \in \mathbf{Z}\}$  as a subbase. Every singleton is open or closed in  $(\mathbf{Z}, \kappa)$ . In fact, every singleton  $\{2n\}$ ,  $n \in \mathbf{Z}$  is closed and every singleton  $\{2m + 1\}$ ,  $m \in \mathbf{Z}$  is open. The space  $(\mathbf{Z}, \kappa)$  is a typical example of a  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -space [18] and moreover, it is an example of a  $T_{\frac{3}{4}}$ -space [5]. Let  $(\mathbf{Z}^2, \kappa^2)$  be the digital plane, i.e., the topological product of two digital lines. We define a set  $O(\mathbf{Z}^2) = \{(2n + 1, 2m + 1) \in \mathbf{Z}^2 : n, m \in \mathbf{Z}\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{I}(O(\mathbf{Z}^2))$  be the ideal of all subsets of  $O(\mathbf{Z}^2)$ , cf. [15, Example 2.9].

We will show that the digital plane  $(\mathbf{Z}^2, \kappa^2)$  is a  $T_{\mathcal{I}'}$ -space, where  $\mathcal{I}' = \mathcal{I}(O(\mathbf{Z}^2))$ .

**Theorem 3.5** (i) *The space  $(\mathbf{Z}^2, \kappa^2, \mathcal{I}')$  is a  $T_{\mathcal{I}'}$ -space, where  $\mathcal{I}' = \mathcal{I}(O(\mathbf{Z}^2))$ , and  $(\mathbf{Z}^2, \kappa^2)$  is a not  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ .*

(ii) *The induced space  $(\mathbf{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^*)$  from  $(\mathbf{Z}^2, \kappa^2)$  is a  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -space.*

*Proof.* We will check condition (2) in Theorem 3.3. That is, we will prove that every singleton  $\{x, y\}$  is closed or  $(\kappa^2)^*$ -open. For a subset  $A \subseteq \mathbf{Z}^2$ , in the proof below, we denote  $A^*(\mathcal{I}(O(\mathbf{Z}^2)), \kappa^2)$  by  $A^*$ .

We consider the following four cases:

*Case 1.*  $(x, y) = (2n + 1, 2m)$ : In this case, we claim that the singleton  $\{(x, y)\}$  is  $(\kappa^2)^*$ -open. There exists an open neighborhood  $\{2n + 1\} \times \{2m - 1, 2m, 2m + 1\}$  of  $(x, y)$ , say  $U$ , such that  $U \cap (\mathbf{Z}^2 \setminus \{(x, y)\}) = \{(2n + 1, 2m + 1), (2n + 1, 2m - 1)\} \in \mathcal{I}(O(\mathbf{Z}^2))$ . Then,  $(x, y) \notin (\mathbf{Z}^2 \setminus \{(x, y)\})^*$  and so  $(\mathbf{Z}^2 \setminus \{(x, y)\})^* \subseteq (\mathbf{Z}^2 \setminus \{(x, y)\})$ . That is, the singleton  $\{(x, y)\}$  is  $(\kappa^2)^*$ -open in  $(\mathbf{Z}^2, \kappa^2)$ .

*Case 2.*  $(x, y) = (2n, 2m + 1)$ : In this case, we claim that the singleton  $\{(x, y)\}$  is  $(\kappa^2)^*$ -open. There exists an open neighborhood  $\{2n - 1, 2n, 2n + 1\} \times \{2m + 1\}$  of  $(x, y)$ , say  $U$ , such that  $U \cap (\mathbf{Z}^2 \setminus \{(x, y)\}) = \{(2n - 1, 2m + 1), (2n + 1, 2m + 1)\} \in \mathcal{I}(O(\mathbf{Z}^2))$ . Then,  $(x, y) \notin (\mathbf{Z}^2 \setminus \{(x, y)\})^*$  and so  $(\mathbf{Z}^2 \setminus \{(x, y)\})^* \subseteq (\mathbf{Z}^2 \setminus \{(x, y)\})$ . That is, the singleton  $\{(x, y)\}$  is  $(\kappa^2)^*$ -open in  $(\mathbf{Z}^2, \kappa^2)$ .

*Case 3.*  $(x, y) = (2n, 2m)$ : The singleton  $\{(x, y)\}$  is closed and so it is  $(\kappa^2)^*$ -closed in  $(\mathbf{Z}^2, \kappa^2)$ .

*Case 4.*  $(x, y) = (2n + 1, 2m + 1)$ : Since  $\{2n + 1, 2m + 1\}$  is open, it is  $(\kappa^2)^*$ -open in  $(\mathbf{Z}^2, \kappa^2)$ .

Therefore, every singleton is closed or  $(\kappa^2)^*$ -open. By Theorem 3.3,  $(\mathbf{Z}^2, \kappa^2, \mathcal{I}')$  is a  $T_{\mathcal{I}'}$ -space, where  $\mathcal{I}' = \mathcal{I}(O(\mathbf{Z}^2))$ . Clearly,  $(\mathbf{Z}^2, \kappa^2)$  is a not  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

(ii) By (i), every singleton is open or closed in  $(\mathbf{Z}^2, (\kappa^2)^*)$ , Therefore, it is  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ .  $\square$

**Question.** As shown above  $T_{\mathcal{N}}$ -spaces are precisely the  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -spaces. Do the classes of  $T_{\mathcal{M}^-}$ ,  $T_{\mathcal{F}^-}$ ,  $T_{\mathcal{C}^-}$  or  $T_{\mathcal{B}}$ -spaces coincide with some already known classes of topological spaces (of course weaker than  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ )?

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