

## On Semi\* $\delta$ - Open Sets in Topological Spaces

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we introduce a new class of sets, namely semi\* $\delta$ -open sets, using  $\delta$ -open sets and the generalized closure operator. We find characterizations of semi\* $\delta$ -open sets. We also define the semi\* $\delta$ -interior of a subset. Further, we study some fundamental properties of semi\* $\delta$ -open sets and semi\* $\delta$ -interior.

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### I. Introduction

Norman Levine [3] introduced semi-open sets in topological spaces in 1963. Since the introduction of semi-open sets, many generalizations of various concepts in topology were made by considering semi-open sets instead of open sets. N.V. Velicko[15] introduced the concept of  $\delta$ -open sets in 1968. Levine [4] also defined and studied generalized closed sets in 1970. Dunham [2] introduced the concept of generalized closure using Levine's generalized closed sets and studied some of its properties. In 1997, Park, Lee and Son [17] have introduced and studied  $\delta$ -semi-open sets in topological spaces.

In this paper, analogous to Park, Lee and Son's  $\delta$ -semi-open sets, we define a new class of sets, namely semi\* $\delta$ -open sets, using the generalized closure operator due to Dunham instead of the closure operator in the definition of  $\delta$ -semi-open sets. We further show that the concept of semi\* $\delta$ -open sets is weaker than the concept of  $\delta$ -open sets but stronger than the concept of  $\delta$ -semi-open sets. We find characterizations of semi\* $\delta$ -open sets. We investigate fundamental properties of semi\* $\delta$ -open sets. We also define the semi\* $\delta$ -interior of a subset and study some of its basic properties.

### II. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper  $(X, \tau)$  will always denote a topological space on which no separation axioms are assumed, unless explicitly stated. If  $A$  is a subset of a space  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $Cl(A)$  and  $Int(A)$  denote the closure and the interior of  $A$  respectively.

**Definition 2.1.** A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is **generalized closed** (briefly g-closed) [4] if  $Cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $U$  is an open set in  $X$  containing  $A$ .

**Definition 2.2.** If  $A$  is a subset of a space  $X$ , the **generalized closure** [2] of  $A$  is defined as the intersection of all g-closed sets in  $X$  containing  $A$  and is denoted by  $Cl^*(A)$ .

**Definition 2.3.** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is **semi-open** [3] (respectively **semi\*-open** [12]) if there is an open set  $U$  in  $X$  such that  $U \subseteq A \subseteq Cl(U)$  ( respectively  $U \subseteq A \subseteq Cl^*(U)$  ) or equivalently if  $A \subseteq Cl(Int(A))$  (respectively  $A \subseteq Cl^*(Int(A))$  ).

**Definition 2.4.** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is **pre-open** [5] ( respectively **pre\*-open** [14]) if  $A \subseteq Int(Cl(A))$  (respectively  $A \subseteq Int^*(Cl(A))$ ).

**Definition 2.5.** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  **$\square$ -open** [7] ( respectively  **$\square^*$ -open** [10]) if  $A \subseteq Int(Cl(Int(A)))$ , (respectively  $A \subseteq Int^*(Cl(Int^*(A)))$ ).

**Definition 2.6.** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is **semi-preopen** [1] =  $\beta$  - open (respectively **semi\*-preopen**[9]) if  $A \subseteq Cl(Int(Cl(A)))$  (respectively  $A \subseteq Cl^*(pInt(A))$  ).

**Definition 2.7.** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is **regular-open**[6] if  $A = Int(Cl(A))$ .

**Definition 2.8.** The  **$\delta$ -interior**[15] of  $A$  is defined as the union of all regular-open sets of  $X$  contained in  $A$ . It is denoted by  $\square Int(A)$ .

**Definition 2.9.** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  **$\square$ -open**[11] if  $A = \delta Int(A)$ .

**Definition 2.10.** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is **semi  $\square$ -open** [6] ( respectively **semi\*  $\square$ -open** [13]) if there is a  $\alpha$ -open set  $U$  in  $X$  such that  $U \subseteq A \subseteq Cl(U)$  ( respectively  $U \subseteq A \subseteq Cl^*(U)$  ) or equivalently if  $A \subseteq Cl(\alpha Int(A))$ . (respectively  $A \subseteq Cl^*(\alpha Int(A))$  ).

**Definition 2.11.** A subset  $A$  is  **$\square$ -semi-open** [17] if  $A \subseteq Cl(\delta Int(A))$ .

The class of all semi-open (respectively semi\*-open ,pre-open, pre\*-open,  $\alpha$ -open,  $\alpha^*$ -open, semi-preopen, semi\*-preopen, semi  $\alpha$ -open, semi\*  $\alpha$ -open, regular-open,  $\delta$ -open and  $\delta$ -semi-open) sets in  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $SO(X)$  (respectively  $S^*O(X)$ ,  $PO(X)$ ,  $P^*O(X)$ ,  $\alpha O(X)$ ,  $\alpha^*O(X)$ ,  $SPO(X)$ ,  $S^*PO(X)$ ,  $S\alpha O(X)$ ,  $S^*\alpha O(X)$ ,  $RO(X)$ ,  $\delta O(X)$  and  $\delta SO(X)$ ).

**Definition 2.12.**The semi-interior (respectively semi\*-interior[12], pre-interior[6], pre\*-interior,  $\alpha$ -interior,  $\alpha^*$ -interior, semipre-interior[1], semi\*-pre-interior, semi  $\alpha$ -interior, semi\*  $\alpha$ -interior,  $\delta$ -interior and  $\delta$ -semi-interior) of a subset  $A$  is defined to be the union of all semi-open (respectively semi\*-open, pre-open, pre\*-open,  $\alpha$ -open,  $\alpha^*$ -open, semi-preopen, semi\*-preopen, semi  $\alpha$ -open, semi\*  $\alpha$ -open, regular-open and  $\delta$ -semi-open) subsets of  $A$ . It is denoted by  $sInt(A)$  (respectively  $s^*Int(A)$ ,  $pInt(A)$ ,  $p^*Int(A)$ ,  $\alpha Int(A)$ ,  $\alpha^*Int(A)$ ,  $spInt(A)$ ,  $s^*pInt(A)$ ,  $saInt(A)$ ,  $s^*aInt(A)$ ,  $\delta Int(A)$  and  $\delta sInt(A)$ ).

**Definition 2.13.**A topological space  $X$  is T1/2[4] if every  $g$ -closed set in  $X$  is closed.

**Theorem 2.14.**[2]  $Cl^*$  is a Kuratowski closure operator in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.15.**[2] If  $\tau^*$  is the topology on  $X$  defined by the Kuratowski closure operator  $Cl^*$ , then  $(X, \tau^*)$  is T1/2.

**Definition 2.16.**[16] A space  $X$  is locally indiscrete if every open set in  $X$  is closed.

### III. Semi\* $\Delta$ -Open Sets

**Definition 3.1:** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called a **semi\* $\delta$ -open set** if there exists a  $\delta$ -open set  $U$  in  $X$  such that  $U \subseteq A \subseteq Cl^*(U)$ .

The class of all semi\* $\delta$ -open sets in  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $S^*\delta O(X, \tau)$  or simply  $S^*\delta O(X)$ .

**Theorem 3.2.**For a subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $A$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open.
- (ii)  $A \subseteq Cl^*(\delta Int(A))$ .
- (iii)  $Cl^*(\delta Int(A)) = Cl^*(A)$ .

**Proof: (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii):** If  $A$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open, then there is a  $\delta$ -open set  $U$  in  $X$  such that  $U \subseteq A \subseteq Cl^*(U)$ .

Now  $U \subseteq A \Rightarrow U = \delta Int(U) \subseteq \delta Int(A) \Rightarrow A \subseteq Cl^*(U) \subseteq Cl^*(\delta Int(A))$ .

**(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii):**By assumption,  $A \subseteq Cl^*(\delta Int(A))$ . Since  $Cl^*$  is a Kuratowski operator, we have  $Cl^*(A) \subseteq Cl^*(Cl^*(\delta Int(A))) = Cl^*(\delta Int(A))$ . Now  $\delta Int(A) \subseteq A$  implies that  $Cl^*(\delta Int(A)) \subseteq Cl^*(A)$ . Therefore,  $Cl^*(\delta Int(A)) = Cl^*(A)$ .

**(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i):** Take  $U = \delta Int(A)$ . Then  $U$  is  $\delta$ -open set in  $X$  such that  $U \subseteq A \subseteq Cl^*(A) = Cl^*(\delta Int(A)) = Cl^*(U)$ . Therefore by Definition 3.1,  $A$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open.

**Remark 3.3.** In any topological space  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $\phi$  and  $X$  are semi\* $\delta$ -open sets. Every nonempty semi\* $\delta$ -open set must contain a nonempty open set and therefore cannot be nowhere dense.

**Theorem 3.4.**Arbitrary union of semi\* $\delta$ -open sets in  $X$  is also semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $X$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\{A_i\}$  be a collection of semi\* $\delta$ -open sets in  $X$ . Since each  $A_i$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open, there is a  $\delta$ -open set  $U_i$  in  $X$  such that  $U_i \subseteq A_i \subseteq Cl^*(U_i)$ . Then  $\cup U_i \subseteq \cup A_i \subseteq \cup Cl^*(U_i) \subseteq Cl^*(\cup U_i)$ . Since  $\cup U_i$  is  $\delta$ -open, by Definition 3.1,  $\cup A_i$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open.

**Remark 3.5.**The intersection of two semi\* $\delta$ -open sets need not be semi\* $\delta$ -open as seen from the following examples. However the intersection of a semi\* $\delta$ -open set and an open set is semi\* $\delta$ -open as shown in Theorem 3.8.

**Example 3.6:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . In the space  $(X, \tau)$ , the subsets  $\{a, c\}$  and  $\{b, c\}$  are semi\* $\delta$ -open but their intersection  $\{c\}$  is not semi\* $\delta$ -open.

**Example 3.7:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ . In the space  $(X, \tau)$ , the subsets  $\{b, d\}$  and  $\{c, d\}$  are semi\* $\delta$ -open but their intersection  $\{d\}$  is not semi\* $\delta$ -open.

**Theorem 3.8.**If  $A$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $X$  and  $B$  is open in  $X$ , then  $A \cap B$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $X$ .

**Proof:** Since  $A$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $X$ , there is a  $\delta$ -open set  $U$  such that  $U \subseteq A \subseteq Cl^*(U)$ .

Since  $B$  is open, we have  $U \cap B \subseteq A \cap B \subseteq Cl^*(U) \cap B \subseteq Cl^*(U \cap B)$ . Since  $U \cap B$  is  $\delta$ -open, by Definition 3.1,  $A \cap B$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open in  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.9.**  $S^*\delta O(X, \tau)$  forms a topology on  $X$  if and only if it is closed under finite intersection.

**Proof:** Follows from Remark 3.3 and Theorem 3.4.

**Theorem 3.10.** Every  $\delta$ -open set is semi\* $\delta$ -open.

Let  $U$  be  $\delta$ -open in  $X$ . Then by Definition 3.1,  $U$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open.

**Remark 3.11.**The converse of the above theorem is not true as shown in the following examples.

**Example 3.12.**In the space  $(X, \tau)$  where  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ , the subsets  $\{a, c\}$  and  $\{b, c\}$  are semi\* $\delta$ -open but not  $\delta$ -open.

**Example 3.13.**In the space  $(X, \tau)$  where  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ , the subsets  $\{a, d\}$ ,  $\{b, d\}$  and  $\{a, b, d\}$  are semi\* $\delta$ -open but not  $\delta$ -open.

**Theorem 3.14.**In any topological space,

- (i) Every semi\* $\delta$ -open set is  $\delta$ -semi-open.
- (ii) Every semi\* $\delta$ -open set is semi - open.
- (iii) Every semi\* $\delta$ -open set is semi\* - open.
- (iv) Every semi\* $\delta$ -open set is semi\*-preopen.
- (v) Every semi\* $\delta$ -open set is semi-preopen.

(vi) Every semi\* $\delta$ -open set is semi\* $\alpha$ -open

(vii) Every semi\* $\delta$ -open set is semi $\alpha$ -open.

**Proof:**(i) Let  $A$  be a semi\* $\delta$ -open set. Then from Theorem 3.2,  $A \subseteq Cl^*(\delta Int(A))$ . Since  $Cl^*(\delta Int(A)) \subseteq Cl(\delta Int(A))$ , we have  $A \subseteq Cl(\delta Int(A))$ . Hence  $A$  is  $\delta$ -semi-open. Suppose  $A$  is a semi\* $\delta$ -open set. Then from Theorem 3.2,  $A \subseteq Cl^*(\delta Int(A))$ . Since  $Cl^*(\delta Int(A)) \subseteq Cl(\delta Int(A))$  and  $\delta Int(A) \subseteq Int(A)$ , we have  $A \subseteq Cl(Int(A))$ . Hence,  $A$  is semi-open. This proves (ii). Suppose  $A$  is a semi\* $\delta$ -open set. Then from Theorem 3.2,  $A \subseteq Cl^*(\delta Int(A)) \subseteq Cl^*(Int(A))$ . Hence,  $A$  is semi\*-open. Thus (iii) is proved. Let  $A$  be a semi\* $\delta$ -open set. Then there is a  $\delta$ -open set  $U$  in  $X$  such that  $U \subseteq A \subseteq Cl^*(U)$ . Since every  $\delta$ -open set is preopen, by Definition 2.6,  $A$  is semi\*-preopen. This proves (iv). The statement (v) follows from (iv) and the fact that every semi\*-preopen set is semi-preopen. Let  $A$  be a semi\* $\delta$ -open set. Then there is a  $\delta$ -open set  $U$  in  $X$  such that  $U \subseteq A \subseteq Cl^*(U)$ . Since every  $\delta$ -open set is  $\alpha$ -open, by Definition 2.10,  $A$  is semi\* $\alpha$ -open. This proves (vi). The statement (vii) follows from (vi) and the fact that every semi\* $\alpha$ -open set is semi $\alpha$ -open.

**Remark 3.15.**The converse of each of the statements in Theorem 3.11 is not true as shown in the following examples.

**Example 3.16.**In the space  $(X, \tau)$  where  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ , the subsets  $\{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, c, d\}$  and  $\{b, c, d\}$  are semi $\delta$ -open but not semi\* $\delta$ -open.

**Example 3.17.**In the space  $(X, \tau)$  where  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$ , the subsets  $\{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}$  and  $\{a, c, d\}$  are semi-open but not semi\* $\delta$ -open.

**Example 3.18.**In the space  $(X, \tau)$  where  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ , the subset  $\{a, b, c\}$  is semi\*-open but not semi\* $\delta$ -open.

**Example 3.19.**In the space  $(X, \tau)$  where  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ , the subsets  $\{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}$  and  $\{b, c, d\}$  are semi\*-preopen but not semi\* $\delta$ -open.

**Example 3.20.**In the space  $(X, \tau)$  where  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c, d\}, X\}$ , the subsets  $\{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}$  and  $\{a, c, d\}$  are semi-preopen but not semi\* $\delta$ -open.

**Example 3.21.**In the space  $(X, \tau)$  where  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ , the subsets  $\{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}$  and  $\{a, c, d\}$  are semi\* $\alpha$ -open but not semi\* $\delta$ -open.

**Example 3.22.**In the space  $(X, \tau)$  where  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ , the subsets  $\{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}$  and  $\{a, c, d\}$  are semi $\alpha$ -open but not semi\* $\delta$ -open.

**Theorem 3.23.**In any topological space  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $\delta O(X, \tau) \subseteq S^* \delta O(X, \tau) \subseteq \delta SO(X, \tau)$ . That is the class of semi\* $\delta$ -open set is placed between the class of  $\delta$ -open sets and the class of  $\delta$ -semi-open sets.

**Proof:** Follows from Theorem 3.10 and Theorem 3.14.

**Remark 3.24.**

(i) If  $(X, \tau)$  is a locally indiscrete space,

$$\tau = \delta O(X, \tau) = S^* \delta O(X, \tau) = \delta SO(X, \tau) = S^* O(X, \tau) = SO(X, \tau) = \alpha O(X, \tau) = S^* \alpha O(X, \tau) = S \alpha O(X, \tau) = RO(X, \tau).$$

(ii) The inclusions in Theorem 3.23 may be strict and equality may also hold. This can be seen from the following examples.

**Example 3.25.**In the topological space  $(X, \tau)$  where  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c, d\}, X\}$

$$\delta O(X, \tau) = S^* \delta O(X, \tau) = \delta SO(X, \tau).$$

**Example 3.26.**In the topological space  $(X, \tau)$  where  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\delta O(X, \tau) \subseteq S^* \delta O(X, \tau) = \delta SO(X, \tau)$ .

**Example 3.27.**In the topological space  $(X, \tau)$  where  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\delta O(X, \tau) \subsetneq S^* \delta O(X, \tau) \subseteq \delta SO(X, \tau)$ .

**Remark 3.28:** If  $X$  is a T1/2 space, the  $g$ -closed sets and the closed sets coincide and hence  $Cl^*(U) = Cl(U)$ . Therefore the class of semi\* $\delta$ -open sets and the class of  $\delta$ -semi-open sets coincide. In particular, in the real line with usual topology, the semi\* $\delta$ -open sets and the  $\delta$ -semi-open sets coincide. But the converse is not true. That is, a space, in which the class of semi\* $\delta$ -open sets and the class of  $\delta$ -semi-open sets coincide, need not be T1/2 and this can be seen from the following Example. In these spaces the class of semi\* $\delta$ -open sets and the class of  $\delta$ -semi-open sets coincide but they are not T1/2.

**Example 3.29:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $GC(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, \{d\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, X\}$ . In the space  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $S^* \delta O(X, \tau) = \delta SO(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{b, c, d\}, X\}$  but the  $g$ -closed sets and the closed sets are not coincide. Therefore, the space is not T1/2.

**Theorem 3.30:** If  $(X, \tau)$  is any topological space, then  $S^* \delta O(X, \tau^*) = \delta SO(X, \tau^*)$ .

**Proof:** Follows from the fact that the space  $(X, \tau^*)$  is T1/2 [Theorem 2.15] and Remark 3.28.

**Theorem 3.31.**Let  $A$  be semi\* $\delta$ -open and  $B \subseteq X$  such that  $\delta Int(A) \subseteq B \subseteq Cl^*(A)$ . Then  $B$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open.

**Proof:** Since  $A$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open, by Theorem 3.2, we have  $Cl^*(A) = Cl^*(\delta Int(A))$ . Since  $\delta Int(A) \subseteq B$ ,  $\delta Int(A) \subseteq \delta Int(B)$  and hence  $Cl^*(\delta Int(A)) \subseteq Cl^*(\delta Int(B))$ . Therefore by the assumption, we have

$B \subseteq Cl^*(A) = Cl^*(\delta Int(A)) \subseteq Cl^*(\delta Int(B))$ . Hence  $B \subseteq Cl^*(\delta Int(B))$ . Again by invoking Theorem 3.2,  $B$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open.

**Remark 3.32.** The concept of semi\* $\delta$ -open sets and open sets are independent as seen from the following example:

**Example 3.33.** In the topological space  $(X, \tau)$  where  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ , the subsets  $\{a, d\}, \{b, d\}$  and  $\{a, b, d\}$  are semi\* $\delta$ -open but not open and  $\{a, b, c\}$  is open but not semi\* $\delta$ -open.

**Remark 3.34.** The concept of semi\* $\delta$ -open sets and g-open sets are independent as seen from the following example:

**Example 3.35.** In the topological space  $(X, \tau)$  where  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ , the subsets  $\{a, d\}, \{b, d\}$  and  $\{a, b, d\}$  are semi\* $\delta$ -open but not g-open and  $\{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}$  and  $\{a, b, c\}$  are g-open but not semi\* $\delta$ -open.

**Remark 3.36.** The concept of semi\* $\delta$ -open sets and  $\alpha$ -open sets are independent as seen from the following examples:

**Example 3.37.** In the topological space  $(X, \tau)$  where  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ , the subsets  $\{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\{a, b, d\}$  are  $\alpha$ -open but not semi\* $\delta$ -open.

**Example 3.38.** In the topological space  $(X, \tau)$  where  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ , the subsets  $\{a, d\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}$  and  $\{b, c, d\}$  are semi\* $\delta$ -open but not  $\alpha$ -open.

**Remark 3.39.** The concept of semi\* $\delta$ -open sets and pre-open sets are independent as seen from the following examples:

**Example 3.40.** In the topological space  $(X, \tau)$  where  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ , the subsets  $\{a, c\}$  and  $\{b, c\}$  are semi\* $\delta$ -open but not pre-open.

**Example 3.41.** In the topological space  $(X, \tau)$  where  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a, b\}, X\}$ , the subsets  $\{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}$  and  $\{b, c\}$  are pre-open but not semi\* $\delta$ -open.

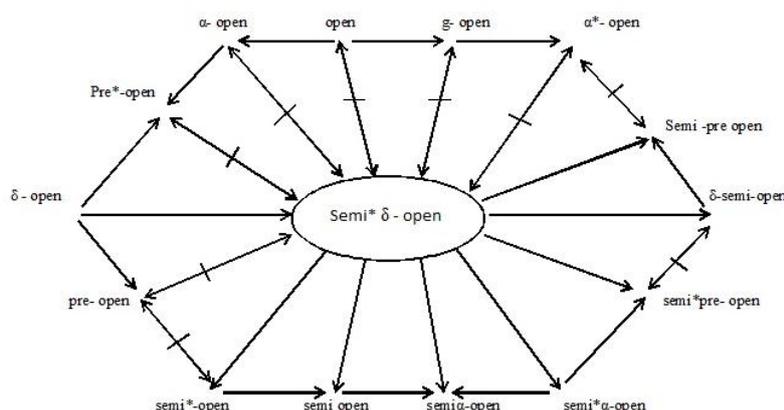
**Remark 3.42.** The concept of semi\* $\delta$ -open sets and  $\alpha^*$ -open sets are independent as seen from the following examples:

**Example 3.43.** In the topological space  $(X, \tau)$  where  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ , the subsets  $\{a, d\}$  and  $\{b, d\}$  are semi\* $\delta$ -open but not  $\alpha^*$ -open and  $\{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}$  and  $\{a, b, c\}$  are  $\alpha^*$ -open but not semi\* $\delta$ -open.

**Remark 3.44.** The concept of semi\* $\delta$ -open sets and pre\*-open sets are independent as seen from the following examples:

**Example 3.45.** In the topological space  $(X, \tau)$  where  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ , the subsets  $\{a, d\}$  and  $\{b, d\}$  are semi\* $\delta$ -open but not pre\*-open and  $\{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}$  and  $\{a, b, c\}$  are pre\*-open but not semi\* $\delta$ -open.

From the above discussions we have the following diagram:



#### IV. Semi\* $\Delta$ -Interior Of A Set

**Definition 4.1.** The semi\* $\delta$ -interior of  $A$  is defined as the union of all semi\* $\delta$ -open sets of  $X$  contained in  $A$ . It is denoted by  $s^*\delta Int(A)$ .

**Definition 4.2.** Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . A point  $x$  in  $X$  is called a semi\* $\delta$ -interior point of  $A$  if there is a semi\* $\delta$ -open subset of  $A$  that contains  $x$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** If  $A$  is any subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , then

- (i)  $s^*\delta Int(A)$  is the largest semi\* $\delta$ -open set contained in  $A$ .
- (ii)  $A$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open if and only if  $s^*\delta Int(A) = A$ .
- (iii)  $s^*\delta Int(A)$  is the set of all semi\* $\delta$ -interior points of  $A$ .
- (iv)  $A$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open if and only if every point of  $A$  is a semi\* $\delta$ -interior point of  $A$ .

**Proof:**(i) Being the union of all semi\* $\delta$ -open subsets of  $A$ , by Theorem 3.4,  $s^*\delta Int(A)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open and contains every semi\* $\delta$ -open subset of  $A$ . This proves (i).

(ii)  $A$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open implies  $s^*\delta Int(A)=A$  is obvious from Definition 4.1. On the other hand, suppose  $s^*\delta Int(A)=A$ . By (i),  $s^*\delta Int(A)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open and hence  $A$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open.

(iii) By Definition 4.1,  $x \in s^*\delta Int(A)$  if and only if  $x$  belongs to some semi\* $\delta$ -open subset  $U$  of  $A$ . That is, if and only if  $x$  is a semi\* $\delta$ -interior point of  $A$ .

(iv) follows from (ii) and (iii).

**Theorem 4.4. (Properties of Semi\*  $\square$ -Interior)**

In any topological space  $(X, \tau)$  the following statements hold:

(i)  $s^*\delta Int(\phi)=\phi$ .

(ii)  $s^*\delta Int(X)=X$ .

If  $A$  and  $B$  are subsets of  $X$ ,

(iii)  $s^*\delta Int(A) \subseteq A$ .

(iv)  $A \subseteq B \implies s^*\delta Int(A) \subseteq s^*\delta Int(B)$ .

(v)  $s^*\delta Int(s^*\delta Int(A))=s^*\delta Int(A)$ .

(vi)  $\delta Int(A) \subseteq s^*\delta Int(A) \subseteq \delta sInt(A) \subseteq A$ .

(vii)  $s^*\delta Int(A \cup B) \supseteq s^*\delta Int(A) \cup s^*\delta Int(B)$ .

(viii)  $s^*\delta Int(A \cap B) \subseteq s^*\delta Int(A) \cap s^*\delta Int(B)$ .

**Proof:** (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) follow from Definition 4.1. By Theorem 4.3(i),  $s^*\delta Int(A)$  is semi\* $\delta$ -open and by Theorem 4.3(ii),  $s^*\delta Int(s^*\delta Int(A))=s^*\delta Int(A)$ . Thus (v) is proved. The statements (vi) follows from Theorem 3.10 and Theorem 3.14(i). Since  $A \subseteq A \cup B$ , from statement (iv) we have  $s^*\delta Int(A) \subseteq s^*\delta Int(A \cup B)$ . Similarly,  $s^*\delta Int(B) \subseteq s^*\delta Int(A \cup B)$ . This proves (vii). The proof for (viii) is similar.

**Remark 4.5.** In (vi) of Theorem 4.4, each of the inclusions may be strict and equality may also hold. This can be seen from the following examples:

**Example 4.6:** In the space  $(X, \tau)$  where  $X=\{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau=\{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, X\}$ .

Let  $A = \{a, b\}$ . Then  $\delta Int(A)=s^*\delta Int(A)=\delta sInt(A)=\{a, b\}=A$ .

Let  $B = \{a, b, d\}$ . Then  $\delta Int(B)=\{a, b\}$ ;  $s^*\delta Int(B)=\delta sInt(B)=\{a, b, d\}$ .

Here  $\delta Int(B) \subsetneq s^*\delta Int(B) = \delta sInt(B) = B$ .

Let  $C = \{b, c\}$ . Then  $\delta Int(C)=s^*\delta Int(C)=\{b\}$ ;  $\delta sInt(C)=\{b, c\}$ .

Here  $\delta Int(C) = s^*\delta Int(C) \subsetneq \delta sInt(C) = C$ .

Let  $D = \{c, d\}$ . Then  $\delta Int(D)=s^*\delta Int(D)=\delta sInt(D)=\phi$ .

Here  $\delta Int(D) = s^*\delta Int(D) = \delta sInt(D) \subsetneq D$ .

Let  $E = \{b, c, d\}$ . Then  $\delta Int(E)=\{b\}$ ;  $s^*\delta Int(E)=\{b, d\}$ ;  $\delta sInt(E)=\{b, c, d\}$ .

Here  $\delta Int(E) \subsetneq s^*\delta Int(E) \subsetneq \delta sInt(E) = E$ .

**Remark 4.7:** The inclusions in (vii) and (viii) of Theorem 4.4 may be strict and equality may also hold. This can be seen from the following examples.

**Example 4.8:** Consider the space  $(X, \tau)$  in Example 4.6

Let  $A = \{a, b\}$  and  $B = \{b, d\}$  then  $A \cup B = \{a, b, d\}$ ;

$s^*\delta Int(A) = \{a, b\}$ ;  $s^*\delta Int(B) = \{b, d\}$ ;  $s^*\delta Int(A \cup B) = \{a, b, d\}$ ;

Here  $s^*\delta Int(A \cup B) = s^*\delta Int(A) \cup s^*\delta Int(B)$

Let  $C = \{a, b\}$  and  $D = \{b, c\}$  then  $C \cap D = \{b\}$ ;

$s^*\delta Int(C) = \{a, b\}$ ;  $s^*\delta Int(D) = \{b\}$ ;  $s^*\delta Int(C \cap D) = \{b\}$ ;

Here  $s^*\delta Int(C \cap D) = s^*\delta Int(C) \cap s^*\delta Int(D)$

Let  $E = \{a, c, d\}$  and  $F = \{b, c, d\}$  then  $E \cap F = \{c, d\}$ ;

$s^*\delta Int(E) = \{a, d\}$ ;  $s^*\delta Int(F) = \{b, d\}$ ;  $s^*\delta Int(E \cap F) = \phi$ ;  $s^*\delta Int(E) \cap s^*\delta Int(F) = \{d\}$

Here  $s^*\delta Int(E \cap F) \subsetneq s^*\delta Int(E) \cap s^*\delta Int(F)$

Let  $G = \{a, b\}$  and  $H = \{c, d\}$  then  $G \cup H = \{a, b, c, d\} = X$ ;

$s^*\delta Int(G) = \{a, b\}$ ;  $s^*\delta Int(H) = \phi$ ;  $s^*\delta Int(G \cup H) = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ;  $s^*\delta Int(G) \cup s^*\delta Int(H) = \{a, b\}$ ;

Here  $s^*\delta Int(G) \cup s^*\delta Int(H) \subsetneq s^*\delta Int(G \cup H)$ .

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