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## On $I_\theta$ - Closedness and IH- Closedness in I-spaces

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### ABSTRACT

This is the third in a series of papers on I-spaces. Here  $I_\theta$  - closedness and IH- closedness have been introduced for I- spaces, and many topological theorems related to  $\theta$  -closedness and H-closedness have been generalized to I- spaces, as an extension of study of infratopological spaces.

**Key Words:** I-space,  $I_\theta$  - closedness, IH- closedness,  $I_\theta$  compactness and  $I_\theta$  connectedness, product I-structure, IH-continuum.

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### 1. Introduction

In a previous paper [1] we have introduced I-spaces and studied some of their properties. In this paper we use the terminology of [1]. Some study of these spaces was done previously in [8], [9], [10], [11] in less general form. These spaces were called infratopological spaces. Anti-Hausdorff I-spaces, Anti-Hausdorff U-spaces, Anti-Hausdorff topological-spaces, Hausdorff and compact U – spaces were introduced and studied in [4], [5], [6] and [7] respectively.  $\theta$ - closedness and H-closedness topological spaces were defined and studied in [2] and [3] respectively. In this paper the concept of  $I_\theta$  - closedness, IH- closedness,  $I_\theta$  - compactness,  $I_\theta$  - connectedness, an IH-continuum in I-spaces have been introduced and a few important properties of such spaces have been studied.

**Definition – 2.1.** Let  $(X, I)$  be an I- space and let  $A \subseteq X$ . The closure of A written

$Icl A$ , is the subset of X consisting of the elements x such that for each I- open set G containing x,  $G \cap A \neq \Phi$ . i.e.,  $Icl A = \{x \in X \mid \text{for each } G \in I, \text{ with } x \in G, G \cap A \neq \Phi\}$

**Definition – 2.2.** The  $\theta$ - closure of  $A$  in  $(X, I)$ , written  $I_{cl_\theta}(A)$ , is defined as

$$I_{cl_\theta}(A) = \{x \in X \mid \text{for each } G \in I, \text{ with } x \in G \mid I_{cl} G \cap A \neq \Phi\}.$$

$A$  is said to be  $I_\theta$ - closed if  $I_{cl_\theta}(A) = A$ , and  $A$  is called  $I_\theta$ - open if  $X - A$  is  $I_\theta$ - closed.

Thus,

**$A$  is  $I_\theta$ - open if,  $\forall x \in X, [\forall I - \text{open set } G \text{ in } X \text{ with } x \in G, I_{cl} G \cap (X - A) \neq \Phi]$**

$$\Leftrightarrow x \in X - A \dots \dots (\alpha)$$

**Lemma-2.1** The intersection of a finite number of  $I_\theta$ - open sets in  $X$  is  $I_\theta$ -open.

**Proof:** Let  $G_1, G_2, G_3, \dots, G_n$  be  $I_\theta$ - open sets in  $X$ . Now let  $W \in I$  and  $x \in W$ . Also, let

$$\overline{W} \cap (G_1 \cap G_2 \cap \dots \cap G_n)^c \neq \Phi. \text{ Then } \overline{W} \cap (G_1^c \cup G_2^c \cup \dots \cup G_n^c) \neq \Phi,$$

$$\text{and so } (\overline{W} \cap G_1^c) \cup (\overline{W} \cap G_2^c) \cup \dots \cup (\overline{W} \cap G_n^c) \neq \Phi.$$

Therefore  $(\overline{W} \cap G_i^c) \neq \Phi$ , for at least one  $i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ , say  $i_0, x \in G_{i_0}^c$ , i.e.  $x \notin G_{i_0}$ .

By  $(\alpha)$ , since  $G_{i_0}$  is  $I_\theta$ - open.

$$\text{Hence } x \notin G_1 \cap G_2 \cap \dots \cap G_n \text{ i.e., } x \in (G_1 \cap G_2 \cap \dots \cap G_n)^c$$

$$\therefore G_1 \cap G_2 \cap \dots \cap G_n \text{ is } I_\theta - \text{open in } X \text{ by } (\alpha).$$

Obviously,  $X$  and  $\Phi$  are both  $I_\theta$ - closed and  $I_\theta$ - open. [ $\because I_{cl_\theta}(X) = X, I_{cl_\theta}(\Phi) = \Phi$ ].

We thus have the following Theorem

**Theorem- 2.1** The  $I_\theta$ - open sets in  $X$  form an  $I$ - structure on  $X$ .

If  $I$  is an  $I$ -structure on  $X$ , denote by  $I_\theta$  the  $I$ - structure on  $X$  consisting of all  $I_\theta$ - open sets in  $X$ ,

We then have

**Theorem- 2.2**  $I_\theta \subseteq I$

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . Then  $A \subseteq \overline{A} \subseteq I_{cl_\theta} A$ . Hence if  $A$  is  $I_\theta$ - closed, then  $I_{cl_\theta} A = A$ , and so,  $\overline{A} = A$ , i.e.,  $A$  is  $I$ - closed.

Therefore, for each  $G \in I_\theta, X - G$  is  $I_\theta$ - closed; and so,  $X - G$  is  $I$ - closed. Thus  $G \in I$

**Lemma- 2.2:** Any union of  $I_\theta$ - open sets is  $I_\theta$ - open.

**Proof:** Let  $\{V_\alpha\}$  be a non-empty collection of  $I_\theta$ - open sets. Let  $G$  be any  $I_\theta$ - open set in  $X$ , and let  $x \in G$  such that  $\overline{G} \cap (\bigcup_\alpha V_\alpha)^c \neq \Phi$ . Then  $\overline{G} \cap (\bigcap_\alpha V_\alpha^c) \neq \Phi$ . Hence,  $\overline{G} \cap V_\alpha^c \neq \Phi$ , for each  $\alpha$ . Since each  $V_\alpha$  is  $\theta$ -open,  $\forall \alpha, x \notin V_\alpha$ , by  $(\alpha)$ . Hence  $x \notin \bigcup_\alpha V_\alpha$ , i.e.,  $x \in (\bigcup_\alpha V_\alpha)^c$ . Hence  $\bigcup_\alpha V_\alpha$  is  $I_\theta$ - open, again by  $(\alpha)$ .

**Theorem- 2.3:**  $I_\theta$  is a topology on  $X$ .

**Proof:** The proof follows from Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2.

**Definition-2.3** Let  $(X, I_X), (Y, I_Y)$  be  $I$ - spaces. Let  $G \in I_X, H \in I_Y$ . The product  $I$ -structure on  $X \times Y$  is the  $I$ - structure generated by all sets of the terms  $\pi_X^{-1}(G_X)$  and  $\pi_Y^{-1}(G_Y)$ , where  $\pi_X$  and  $\pi_Y$

are the projection maps from  $X \times Y$  onto  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. Thus the product  $I$ - structure is the smallest  $I$ - structure on  $X \times Y$  such that the projection maps  $\pi_x$  and  $\pi_y$  are  $I$ - continuous.

**Lemma- 2.3** Let  $(X, I_X), (Y, I_Y)$  be  $I$ - spaces and let  $A \subseteq X, B \subseteq Y$ . Then  $Icl_\theta(A \times B) = Icl_\theta A \times Icl_\theta B$ .

**Proof:** To see the truth of this statement, let  $(x, y) \in Icl_\theta(A \times B)$ . Then for each  $I$ - open set  $W$  in  $X \times Y$  with  $(x, y) \in W$ ,  $\overline{W} \cap (A \times B) \neq \Phi$ . Thus, by the definition of  $I_{X \times Y}$ , it follows that in particular, for each  $I$ - open  $G_x$  in  $X$  with  $x \in G_x$  and for each  $I$ -open  $H_y$  in  $Y$  with  $y \in H_y$ ,  $\overline{G_x} \cap A \neq \Phi, \overline{H_y} \cap B \neq \Phi$ , i.e.,  $x \in Icl_\theta A, y \in Icl_\theta B$ . Hence  $(x, y) \in Icl_\theta A \times Icl_\theta B$ .

Thus,  $Icl_\theta(A \times B) \subseteq Icl_\theta A \times Icl_\theta B$ . It is now obvious that the converse is also true.

**Theorem- 2.4** Let  $(X, I_X), (Y, I_Y)$  be two  $I$ - spaces and let  $A$  and  $B$  be two  $I_\theta$ -closed subsets of  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. Then  $A \times B$  is  $I_\theta$ -closed in  $(X \times Y, I_X \times I_Y)$ .

**Proof:** Since  $A$  and  $B$  are  $I_\theta$ - closed subsets of  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively,  $A = Icl_\theta A$ , and  $B = Icl_\theta B$ . Hence  $A \times B = (Icl_\theta A) \times (Icl_\theta B) = Icl_\theta(A \times B)$ , by lemma 2.2. Thus,  $A \times B$  is  $I_\theta$ - closed.

**Theorem- 2.5** The product of two  $I_\theta$ - open sets in  $I$ - spaces is  $I_\theta$ - open in their product spaces.

**Proof:** Let  $(X, I_X), (Y, I_Y)$  be two  $I$ - spaces and let  $A$  and  $B$  be two  $I_\theta$ -closed subsets of  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. Then  $X - A$  and  $Y - B$  are  $I_\theta$ - closed in  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. Now  $(X \times Y) - (A \times B) = [(X - A) \times Y] \cup [X \times (Y - B)]$ .  $X$  and  $Y$  are  $I_\theta$ - closed in  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively.

Hence  $(X - A) \times Y$  and  $X \times (Y - B)$  are  $I_\theta$ -closed in  $X \times Y$  .i.e.,

$$(X - A) \times Y = Icl_\theta[(X - A) \times Y] \text{ and } X \times (Y - B) = Icl_\theta[X \times (Y - B)]$$

$$\therefore [(X - A) \times Y] \cup [X \times (Y - B)] = Icl_\theta[(X - A) \times Y] \cup Icl_\theta[X \times (Y - B)]$$

$$\Rightarrow [(X - A) \times Y] \cup [X \times (Y - B)] = Icl_\theta[\{(X - A) \times Y\} \cup \{X \times (Y - B)\}].$$

Hence  $(X \times Y) - (A \times B)$  is  $I_\theta$ - closed, and so,  $(A \times B)$  is  $I$ -open.

**Definition-2.4**  $I_\theta$ - compactness and  $I_\theta$ - connectedness: Since  $I_\theta$  is an  $I$ - structure for every  $I$ - structure  $I$  on  $X$ ,  $I_\theta$ - compactness and  $I_\theta$ - connectedness are defined in the usual manner. Since  $I_\theta \subseteq I$ ,  $X$  is compact  $\Rightarrow X$  is  $I_\theta$ - compact and  $X$  is connected  $\Rightarrow X$  is  $I_\theta$ - connected.

A pair  $(P, Q)$  of non-empty subsets of  $X$  is called  $I_\theta$ - separation relative to  $X$  if  $(P \cap Icl_\theta Q) \cup (Q \cap Icl_\theta P) = \Phi$ .

A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is called  $I_\theta$ - connected if  $A \neq P \cup Q$ , where  $(P, Q)$  is a  $I_\theta$ -separation relative to  $X$ .

**Theorem- 2.6**  $X$  is connected  $\Rightarrow X$  is  $I_\theta$ - connected  $\Rightarrow X$  is  $I_\theta$ - connected.

**Proof:** Suppose  $X$  is connected. If possible, let  $X$  be  $I_\theta$ - disconnected.

Then  $X = P \cup Q$ , where  $P, Q$  are non-empty and  $P \cap Icl_\theta Q = \Phi$  and  $Q \cap Icl_\theta P = \Phi$ . Clearly  $P \cap Q = \Phi$ .

Let  $x \in P$ . Then  $x \notin \text{Icl}_\theta Q$ , and so, there exists an open set  $G$  in  $X$  such that  $x \in G$  and  $Q \cap \overline{G} = \Phi$ . Then  $\overline{G} \subseteq X - Q = P$  and so  $G \subseteq P$ . Hence  $P$  is open.

Similarly, we can show that  $Q$  is open. Therefore  $X$  is disconnected. The contradiction proves that  $X$  is  $I_\theta$ -connected.

Next let  $X$  be  $I_\theta$ -connected. Suppose  $X$  is not  $I_\theta$ -connected. Then  $X = P \cup Q$  for disjoint non-empty  $I_\theta$ -open sets  $P$  and  $Q$ . Since  $X$  is  $I_\theta$ -connected,

either  $P \cap \text{Icl}_\theta Q \neq \Phi$  or,  $Q \cap \text{Icl}_\theta P \neq \Phi$ . i.e., either  $\text{Icl}_\theta Q \not\subset X - P = Q$  or  $\text{Icl}_\theta P \not\subset X - Q = P$ . i.e., either  $Q$  is not  $I_\theta$ -closed or  $P$  is not  $I_\theta$ -closed. But this is a contradiction to the hypothesis. Hence  $X$  is  $I_\theta$ -connected.

**Comment: 2.1** While connectedness implies  $I_\theta$ -connectedness, the converse is not true.

**Theorem- 2.7** Sum of two  $I_\theta$ -connected spaces is also  $I_\theta$ -connected.

**Proof:** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two  $I_\theta$ -connected spaces. If possible suppose  $X + Y$  is not  $I_\theta$ -connected. Then there exists two non-empty subsets  $P, Q$  of  $X + Y$  such that

$$X+Y = P \cup Q \text{ with } P \cap \text{Icl}_\theta Q = \Phi \dots \dots (1) \text{ and } Q \cap \text{Icl}_\theta P = \Phi \dots \dots (2)$$

$$\text{Let } P_1 = P \cap X, Q_1 = Q \cap X \dots \dots (3) \text{ and } P_2 = P \cap Y, Q_2 = Q \cap Y \dots \dots (4)$$

Then  $X = P_1 \cup Q_1, Y = P_2 \cup Q_2$ . Since  $X$  and  $Y$  are  $I_\theta$ -connected,

$$P_1 \cap \text{Icl}_\theta Q_1 \neq \Phi \text{ or, } Q_1 \cap \text{Icl}_\theta P_1 \neq \Phi \dots \dots (5)$$

$$P_2 \cap \text{Icl}_\theta Q_2 \neq \Phi \text{ or, } Q_2 \cap \text{Icl}_\theta P_2 \neq \Phi \dots \dots (6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } P \cap \text{Icl}_\theta Q &= (P_1 \cup P_2) \cap \text{Icl}_\theta (Q_1 \cup Q_2) = (P_1 \cup P_2) \cap (\text{Icl}_\theta Q_1 \cup \text{Icl}_\theta Q_2) \\ &= (P_1 \cap \text{Icl}_\theta Q_1) \cup (P_1 \cap \text{Icl}_\theta Q_2) \cup (P_2 \cap \text{Icl}_\theta Q_1) \cup (P_2 \cap \text{Icl}_\theta Q_2) \neq \Phi \text{ by (5) and (6)} \end{aligned}$$

[By (1)  $P_1 \cap \text{Icl}_\theta Q_1 = \Phi$  and  $P_2 \cap \text{Icl}_\theta Q_2 = \Phi$ . So from (5) and (6)  $Q_1 \cap \text{Icl}_\theta P_1 \neq \Phi$  and  $Q_2 \cap \text{Icl}_\theta P_2 \neq \Phi$ ]

$$\text{Similarly, } Q \cap \text{Icl}_\theta P = (Q_1 \cap \text{Icl}_\theta P_1) \cup (Q_1 \cap \text{Icl}_\theta P_2) \cup (Q_2 \cap \text{Icl}_\theta P_1) \cup (Q_2 \cap \text{Icl}_\theta P_2) \neq \Phi$$

This contradicts (1) and (2). Hence,  $X + Y$  is  $I_\theta$ -connected.

**Definition-2.5** Velicko [12] defined a space  $X$  to be **H-closed** if every open cover  $\{V_\alpha\}$  of  $X$  has a finite sub collection  $\{V_{\alpha_1}, V_{\alpha_2}, \dots, V_{\alpha_n}\}$  such that  $X = \overline{V_{\alpha_1}} \cup \dots \cup \overline{V_{\alpha_n}}$ .

Ganguly and Bandyopadhyaya [3] defined and studied H-continua. An **H-continuum** is a topological space which is both connected and H-closed.

**Definition-2.6 IH-closed sets:** An  $I$ -space  $X$  will be called an **IH-closed** if for every  $I$ -open cover  $U = \{V_\alpha\}$  of  $X$ , there exists a finite subcollection  $\{V_{\alpha_1}, V_{\alpha_2}, \dots, V_{\alpha_n}\}$  of  $U$  such that  $X \subseteq \overline{V_{\alpha_1}} \cup \dots \cup \overline{V_{\alpha_n}}$ .

**Definition-2.7 IH-continuum:** An  $I$ -space  $X$  will be called an **IH-continuum** if  $X$  is  $I_\theta$ -connected and  $H$ - $\theta$ -closed.

Similar definitions for topological spaces were introduced by Velicko [12] and Ganguly and Bandyopadhyaya [3] respectively.

The following theorems for IH-closed and IH-continua hold:

**Theorem- 2.8** The product of two IH-closed spaces is IH-closed.

**Theorem- 2.9** The product of two IH-continua spaces is also IH-continuum.

**Theorem- 2.10** If  $X$  and  $Y$  are IH-continua, then  $X + Y$  will be an IH-continuum iff  $X \cap Y \neq \Phi$ .

**Theorem- 2.11** Let  $X$  be an IH-continuum and  $Y$  an I-spaces and let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be both continuous and open. Then  $f(X)$  is an IH-continuum.

**Proof:** The proofs of these theorems are exactly the same as those for Theorems 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, and 4.4 respectively of [2] M. Mitra and S. Majumdar.

**Lemma- 2.4** If  $X$  and  $Y$  are compatible IH-closed spaces then  $X + Y$  is IH-closed.

**Proof:** Let  $\{W_\alpha\}$  be an I-open cover of  $X + Y$ . Then each  $W_\alpha = U_\alpha \cup V_\alpha$ , for some  $U_\alpha, V_\alpha$  I-open in  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. Then  $\{U_\alpha\}$  and  $\{V_\alpha\}$  are I-open covers of  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. Since  $X$  and  $Y$  are IH-closed,  $X = \bar{U}_{\alpha_1} \cup \bar{U}_{\alpha_2} \cup \dots \cup \bar{U}_{\alpha_m}$  and  $Y = \bar{V}_{\beta_1} \cup \bar{V}_{\beta_2} \cup \dots \cup \bar{V}_{\beta_n}$  for some  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m, \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n$ . Then  $X + Y =$

$\bar{W}_{\alpha_1} \cup \bar{W}_{\alpha_2} \cup \dots \cup \bar{W}_{\alpha_m} \cup \bar{W}_{\beta_1} \cup \bar{W}_{\beta_2} \cup \dots \cup \bar{W}_{\beta_n}$ . Hence  $X + Y$  is IH-closed.

**Comment: 2.2** A subspace of an IH-continuum space need not be so.

For  $[0,1]$  is an IH-continuum, but the subspace  $\{0,1\}$  is not IH-continuum as it is not  $I_\theta$ -connected.

The property of being an IH-continuum does not hold for intersection.

If  $C = \{(x, y) | x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$ ,  $C_1 = \{(x, y) \in C | x \leq 0\}$  and  $C_2 = \{(x, y) \in C | x \geq 0\}$ , then  $C \cap C_1 \cap C_2 = \{(0,1), (0,-1)\}$  is not IH-continuum as it is not  $I_\theta$ -connected.

**Comment: 2.3** If  $f$  is only I-open or only I-continuous, then  $f(X)$  need not be an IH-continuum.

For, if  $(X, I)$  is an IH-continuum and  $X$  has at least two elements and  $f: (X, I) \rightarrow (X, D)$  is the identity map on  $X$  where  $D$  is the discrete I-space, then  $f$  is I-open but  $f(X)$  is not an IH-continuum because it is  $I_\theta$ -disconnected.

If for the above IH-continuum  $(X, I)$ ,  $f: (X, I) \rightarrow (X, I_0)$  is the identity map on  $X$  where  $I_0$  denotes the indiscrete I-space, then  $f$  is I-continuous, but  $f(X) = X$  is not an IH-continuum since  $f(X)$  is not I-Hausdorff.

**Comment: 2.4** If  $X$  is an IH-continuum and  $R$  an equivalence relation on  $X$ , then the identification space  $X/R$  is an IH-continuum as the projection map  $X \rightarrow X/R$  is onto and both I-continuous and I-open.

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