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## **Softly Z\* Normal Spaces**

#### **Abstract**

The aim of this paper is to introduce a new class of softly normal called soft  $Z^*$ -normality by using  $Z^*$ -open sets and obtained several properties of such a space. Moreover, we obtain some new characterizations and preservation theorems of soft  $Z^*$ -normality.

**Keywords:**  $\pi$ -closed, Z\*-closed,  $\alpha$ -closed sets, softly Z\*-normal spaces. **Introduction** 

In this paper, we introduced the new concept of softly Z\*-normal by using Z\*-open set due to Ali Mubarki [1] and obtained several properties of such a space. Recently, M. C. Sharma and Hamant Kumar [4] introduced a weaker version of normality called softly-normality and prove that soft-normality is a property, which is implied by quasi-normality and almost-normality and obtained several properties of such space. We prove that soft Z \*-normality is a topological property and it is a hereditary property with respect to closed domain subspace. Moreover, we obtain some new characterizations and preservation theorems of softly Z\*-normal spaces. Throughout this paper,  $(X,\ \tau),\ (Y,\ \sigma)$  spaces always mean topological spaces  $X,\ Y$  respectively on which no separation axioms are assumed unless explicitly stated.

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## **Preliminaries**

#### Definition

A subset A of a topological space X is called,

- 1.  $\alpha$ -closed [3] if  $cl(int(cl(A))) \subseteq A$ .
- 2.  $Z^*$ -closed [1] if  $int(cl(A)) \cap cl(\delta-int(A)) \subseteq A$ .
- 3. Regular closed [10]) if A = cl(int(A)).

The complement of  $\alpha$ -closed (resp.  $Z^*$ -closed, regular closed) set is called  $\alpha$ -open (resp.  $Z^*$ -open, regular open) set. The intersection of all  $Z^*$ -closed sets containing A is called the  $Z^*$ -closure of A and denoted  $Z^*$ -cl(A). The union of all  $Z^*$ -open subsets of X which are contained in A is called the  $Z^*$ -interior of A and denoted by  $Z^*$ -int(A). The finite union of regular open sets is said to be  $\square$ -open. The complement of a  $\square$ -open set is said to be  $\square$ -closed.

Definitions stated in preliminaries, we have the following diagram:

closed  $\Rightarrow$   $\alpha$ -closed  $\Rightarrow$   $Z^*$ -closed

However the converses of the above are not true may be seen by the following examples.

#### Example

Let X = {a, b, c, d } and  $\tau$  = {  $\phi$ , {a}, {b}, {a, b},{a, b, c}, X}.Then the set A = {c} is  $\alpha$ -closed set as well as Z\*-closed set but not closed set in X .

#### Remark

Every regular open (resp. regular closed) set is  $\pi$ -open (resp.  $\pi$ -closed).

#### Softly Z\*- Normal spaces

#### Definition

A topological space X is said to be Softly normal [4]( softly  $Z^*$ -normal) if for any two disjoint closed subsets A and B of X, one of which is  $\pi$ -closed and other is regularly closed, there exist disjoint open(  $Z^*$ -open)

sets U and V of X such that  $A \subseteq U$  and  $B \subseteq V$ .

#### Almost-normal [7] (almost Z\*-normal [5])

If for every pair of disjoint sets A and B, one of which closed and other is regularly closed, there exist disjoint open (Z\*- open) sets U and V of X such that  $A \subset U$  and  $B \subset V$ .



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#### Quasi Normal [11] (quasi Z\*-Normal [6])

If for any two disjoint  $\pi$ -closed subsets A and B of X, there exist disjoint open (Z\*-open) sets U and V of X such that A $\subset$  U and B $\subset$  V.

#### π-Normal [2]

If for any two disjoint closed subsets A and B of X, one of which is  $\pi$ -closed, there exist disjoint open sets U and V of X such that A  $\subset$  U and B  $\subset$  V. **Mildly Normal [8,9]** 

If for any two disjoint regularly closed subsets A and B of X, there exist disjoint open sets U and V of X such that  $A \subset U$  and  $B \subset V$ .

By the definitions stated above, we have the following diagrams:

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Quasi-normal} \implies \text{quasi Z*-normal} \implies \text{soft Z*-} \\ \text{normal} \implies \text{mildZ*-normal} \\ & \qquad \qquad \uparrow \end{array}$ 

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{normal} \implies \text{almost normal} \implies \\ & \text{softly normal} \implies \text{mildly normal} \\ & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \end{array}$$

 $Z^*$ -normal  $\Rightarrow$  almost  $Z^*$ -normal  $\Rightarrow$ 

soft Z\*-normal⇒mild Z\*-normal

Where none of the implications is reversible as can be seen from the following examples:

#### Example

Let X = {a, b, c, d} and  $\tau$  = { $\phi$ , {a}, {c}, {a, c}, {b, d}, {a, b, d}, {b, c, d}, X}. The pair of disjoint  $\pi$ -closed subsets of X are A = {a} and B = {c}. Also U = {a} and V = {b, c, d} are disjoint open sets such that A  $\subset$  U and B  $\subset$  V. Hence X is quasi-normal as well as quasi Z\*-normal as well as softly Z\*-normal because every open set is Z\*-open set.

#### Example

Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, X\}$ . Then  $A = \{b\}$  is closed and  $B = \{a\}$  is regularly closed sets there exist disjoint open sets  $U = \{b, c, d\}$  and  $V = \{a\}$  of X such that  $A \subset U$  and  $B \subset V$ . Hence X is almost normal as well as almost  $Z^*$ -normal as well as softly  $Z^*$ -normal because every open set is  $Z^*$ -open set.

#### Example

Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $T = \{\phi, \{b, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{b, c, d\}, X\}$ . The pair of disjoint closed subsets of X are A =  $\{a\}$  and B =  $\{c\}$ . Also U =  $\{a, b\}$  and V =  $\{c, d\}$ .

d} are  $Z^*$ -open sets such that  $A \subseteq U$  and  $B \subseteq V$ . Hence X is  $Z^*$ -normal but it is not normal.

#### Example

Let 
$$X = \{a, b, c\}$$
 and  $T = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\},$ 

X}. Then (X,  $\tau$ ) is almost -normal as well as almost Z\*-normal, but it is not Z\*-normal, since the pair of disjoint closed sets {b} and {c} have no disjoint Z\*-open sets containing them. But it is not normal.

#### Example

Let X = {a, b, c, d} and  $\tau$  = { $\phi$ , {a}, {b}, {d}, {a, b}, {a, d}, {b, d}, {a, b, c}, {a, b, d}, X}. Then X is Z\*-normal.

#### Theorem

For a topological space X, the following are equivalent:

- a. X is softly Z\*-normal.
- For every π-closed set A and every regularly open set B with A 

   B, there
- c. exists a Z\*-open set U such that  $A \subset U \subset Z^*$   $cl(U) \subset B$ .

For every regularly closed set A and every  $\pi$ -open set B with A  $\subset$  B, there exists a Z\*-open set U such that A  $\subset$  U  $\subset$  Z\*-cl(U)  $\subset$  B. d. For every pair consisting of disjoint sets A and B, one of which is  $\pi$ -closed and the other is regularly closed, there exist Z\*-open sets U and V such that A  $\subset$  U, B  $\subset$  V and Z\*-cl(U)  $\cap$  Z\*-cl(V) =  $\phi$  **Proof** 

- (a)  $\Longrightarrow$  (b). Assume (a). Let A be any  $\pi$ -closed set and B be any regularly open set such that A  $\subset$  B. Then A  $\cap$  (X B) =  $\phi$  where (X B) is regularly closed. Then there exist disjoint Z\*-open sets U and V such that A  $\subset$  U and (X B)  $\subset$  V. Since U  $\cap$  V=  $\phi$ , then Z\*-cl(U)  $\cap$  V =  $\phi$ . Thus Z\*-cl(U)  $\subset$  (X V)  $\subset$  (X (X B)) = B. Therefore, A  $\subset$  U  $\subset$  Z\*-cl(U)  $\subset$  B.
- (b)  $\Longrightarrow$  (c). Assume (b). Let A be any regularly closed set and B be any  $\pi$ -open set such that A  $\subset$  B. Then,  $(X B) \subset (X A)$ , where (X B) is  $\pi$ -closed and (X A) is regularly open. Thus by (b), there exists a  $Z^*$ -open set W such that  $(X B) \subset W$   $\subset Z^*$ -cl(W)  $\subset (X A)$ . Thus A  $\subset (X Z^*$ -cl(W))  $\subset (X W) \subset B$ . So, we let  $U = (X Z^*$ -cl(W)), which is  $Z^*$ -open and since  $W \subset Z^*$ -cl(W), then  $(X Z^*$ -cl(W)  $\subset (X W)$ . Thus  $U \subset (X W)$ , hence  $Z^*$ -cl(U)  $\subset Z^*$ -cl(X W) = X W  $\subset Z^*$ -cl(X W)  $\subset Z^*$ -cl(X W) = X W  $\subset Z^*$ -cl(X W)  $\subset Z^*$ -cl(X W)
- (c)  $\Longrightarrow$  (d). Assume (c). Let A be any regular closed set and B be any  $\pi$ -closed set with A  $\cap$  B =  $\phi$ . Then A  $\subset$  (X B), where (X B) is  $\pi$ -open. By (c), there exists a Z\*-open set U such that A  $\subset$  U  $\subset$  Z\*-cl(U)  $\subset$  (X B). Now, Z\*-cl(U) is Z\*-closed. Applying (c) again we get a Z\*-open set W such that A  $\subset$  U  $\subset$  Z\*-cl(U)  $\subset$  W  $\subset$  Z\*-cl(W)  $\subset$  (X B). Let V = (X Z\*-cl(W)), then V is Z\*-open set and B  $\subset$  V. We

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have  $(X - Z^*\text{-cl}(W)) \subset (X - W)$ , hence  $V \subset (X - W)$ , thus  $Z^*\text{-cl}(V) \subset Z^*\text{-cl}(X - W) = (X - W)$ . So, we have  $Z^*\text{-cl}(U) \subset W$  and  $Z^*\text{-cl}(V) \subset (X - W)$ . Therefore  $Z^*\text{-cl}(U) \cap Z^*\text{-cl}(V) = \phi$ .

(d)  $\Rightarrow$  (a) is clear.

#### **Theorem**

For a topological space X, the following are equivalent:

- a. X is softly Z\*-normal.
- b. For every pair of sets U and V, one of which is π-open and the other is regular open whose union is X, there exist Z\*-closed sets G and H such that G ⊂ U, H ⊂ V and G ∪ H = X.
- c. For every  $\pi$ -closed set A and every regular open set B containing A, there is a Z\*-open set V such that  $A \subset V \subset Z^*$ -cl(V)  $\subset B$ .

#### **Proof**

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b). Let U be a  $\pi$ -open set and V be a regular open set in a softly Z\*-normal space X such that U  $\cup$  V = X. Then (X - U) is  $\pi$ -closed set and (X - V) is regular closed set with (X - U)  $\cap$  (X - V) =  $\phi$ . By soft Z\*-normality of X, there exist disjoint Z\*-open sets U<sub>1</sub> and V<sub>1</sub> such that X - U  $\subset$  U<sub>1</sub> and X - V  $\subset$  V<sub>1</sub>. Let G = X - U<sub>1</sub> and H = X - V<sub>1</sub>. Then G and H are Z\*-closed sets such that G  $\subset$  U, H  $\subset$  V and G  $\cup$  H = X.

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c) and (c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a) are obvious.

Using Theorem 3.7, it is easy to show the following theorem, which is a Urysohn's Lemma version for soft Z\*-normality. A proof can be established by a similar way of the normal case.

#### Theorem

A space X is softly  $Z^*$ -normal if and only if for every pair of disjoint closed sets A and B, one of which is  $\pi$ -closed and other is regularly closed, there exists a continuous function f on X into [0, 1], with its usual topology, such that  $f(A) = \{0\}$  and  $f(B) = \{1\}$ .

It is easy to see that the inverse image of a regularly closed set under an open continuous function is regularly closed and the inverse image of a  $\pi$ -closed set under an open continuous function  $\pi$ -closed. We will use that in the next theorem.

#### **Theorem**

Let X is a softly Z\*-normal space and f: X

→ Y is an open continuous injective function. Then f(X) is a softly Z\*-normal space.

#### Proof

Let A be any  $\pi$ -closed subset in f(X) and let B be any regularly closed subset in f(X) such that  $A \cap B = \phi$ . Then  $f^{-1}(A)$  is a  $\pi$ -closed set in X, which is disjoint from the regularly closed set  $f^{-1}(B)$ . Since X is softly  $Z^*$ -normal, there are two disjoint open sets U and V such that  $f^{-1}(A) \subset U$  and  $f^{-1}(B) \subset V$ . Since  $f^{-1}(B) \subset V$ .

one-one and open, result follows.

#### Corollary

Soft Z\*-normality is a topological property.

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#### Lemma

Let M be a closed domain subspace of a space X. If A is a  $Z^*$ -open set in X, then A  $\bigcap$  M is  $Z^*$ -open set in M.

#### Theorem

A closed domain subspace of a softly  $Z^*$ -normal is softly  $Z^*$ -normal.

#### Proof

Let M be a closed domain subspace of a softly Z\*-normal space X. Let A and B be any disjoint closed sets in M such that A is regularly closed and B is  $\pi\text{-closed}$ . Then, A and B are disjoint closed sets in X such that A is regularly closed and B is  $\pi\text{-closed}$  in X. By soft Z\*-normality of X, there exist disjoint Z\*-

open sets U and V of X such that A  $\subset$  U and B  $\subset$  V. By the Lemma 3.12, we have U  $\cap$  M and V  $\cap$  M are

disjoint  $Z^*$ -open sets in M such that  $A \subset U \cap M$  and

 $B \subseteq V \cap M$ . Hence, M is softly Z\*-normal subspace. Since every closed and open (clopen) subset is a closed domain, then we have the following corollary. **Corollary** 

Soft Z\*-normality is a hereditary with respect to clopen subspaces.

#### Conclusion

In this paper, we have introduced weak form of normal space namely soft Z\*-normality and established their relationships with some weak forms of normal spaces in topological spaces.

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