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## SOME APPLICATIONS OF MINIMAL $P_\gamma$ -OPEN SETS

**Abstract.** We characterize minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open sets in topological spaces. We show that any nonempty subset of a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set is pre  $P_\gamma$ -open. As an application of a theory of minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open sets, we obtain a sufficient condition for a  $P_\gamma$ -locally finite space to be a pre  $P_\gamma$ -Hausdorff space.

### 1. Introduction

Mashhour et al [3], introduced and investigated the notions of preopen sets, and Kasahara [4], defined the concept of an operation on topological spaces. Ogata [5], introduced the concept of  $\gamma$ -open sets and investigated the related topological properties of the associated topology  $\tau_\gamma$  and  $\tau$ , where  $\tau_\gamma$  is the collection of all  $\gamma$ -open sets

In this paper, we study fundamental properties of minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open sets and apply them to obtain some results in topological spaces. Also we give some characterizations of minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open sets. Moreover, we define and study  $P_\gamma$ -locally finite spaces and we apply minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open sets to define pre  $P_\gamma$ -open sets.

Finally, we show that any  $P_\gamma$ -locally finite space containing a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open subset is pre  $P_\gamma$ -Hausdorff.

### 2. Preliminaries

**DEFINITION 2.1.** [3] A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be preopen if  $A \subseteq \text{Int}(Cl(A))$ . The family of all preopen sets is denoted by  $PO(X, \tau)$ .

**DEFINITION 2.2.** [4] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. An operation  $\gamma$  on the topology  $\tau$  is a mapping from  $\tau$  to power set  $P(X)$  of  $X$  such that

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$V \subseteq \gamma(V)$  for each  $V \in \tau$ , where  $\gamma(V)$  denotes the value of  $\gamma$  at  $V$ . It is denoted by  $\gamma : \tau \rightarrow P(X)$ .

**DEFINITION 2.3.** [5] A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called  $\gamma$ -open set if for each  $x \in A$  there exists an open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $\gamma(U) \subseteq A$ .

**DEFINITION 2.4.** [2] Let  $X$  be a space and  $A \subseteq X$  a  $\gamma$ -open set. Then  $A$  is called a minimal  $\gamma$ -open set if  $\phi$  and  $A$  are the only  $\gamma$ -open subsets of  $A$ .

The following definitions and results are obtained from [1]. We defined  $\gamma$  to be a mapping on  $PO(X)$  into  $P(X)$  and  $\gamma : PO(X) \rightarrow P(X)$  is called an operation on  $PO(X)$ , such that  $V \subseteq \gamma(V)$  for each  $V \in PO(X)$  [1].

**DEFINITION 2.5.** A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is called  $P_\gamma$ -open if for each  $x \in A$ , there exists a preopen set  $U$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $\gamma(U) \subseteq A$ .

**DEFINITION 2.6.** Let  $A$  be a subset of  $(X, \tau)$ , and  $\gamma : PO(X) \rightarrow P(X)$  be an operation. Then the  $P_\gamma$ -closure (resp.,  $P_\gamma$ -interior) of  $A$  is denoted by  $p_\gamma Cl(A)$  (resp.,  $p_\gamma Int(A)$ ) and defined as follows:

- (1)  $p_\gamma Cl(A) = \bigcap \{F : F \text{ is } P_\gamma\text{-closed and } A \subseteq F\}$ .
- (2)  $p_\gamma Int(A) = \bigcup \{U : U \text{ is } P_\gamma\text{-open and } U \subseteq A\}$ .

**THEOREM 2.7.** For a point  $x \in X$ ,  $x \in p_\gamma Cl(A)$  if and only if for every  $P_\gamma$ -open set  $V$  of  $X$  containing  $x$ ,  $A \cap V \neq \phi$ .

**DEFINITION 2.8.** An operation  $\gamma$  on  $PO(X)$  is said to be pre regular if for every preopen sets  $U$  and  $V$  of each  $x \in X$ , there exists a preopen set  $W$  of  $x$  such that  $\gamma(W) \subseteq \gamma(U) \cap \gamma(V)$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.9.** Let  $\gamma$  be a pre regular operation on  $PO(X)$ . If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $P_\gamma$ -open sets in  $X$ , then  $A \cap B$  is also a  $P_\gamma$ -open set.

### 3. Minimal $P_\gamma$ -open sets

In view of the definition of minimal  $\gamma$ -open sets [2], we define minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open sets as:

**DEFINITION 3.1.** Let  $X$  be a space and  $A \subseteq X$  a  $P_\gamma$ -open set. Then  $A$  is called a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set if  $\phi$  and  $A$  are the only  $P_\gamma$ -open subsets of  $A$ .

The following example shows that minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open sets and minimal  $\gamma$ -open sets are independent of each other.

**EXAMPLE 3.2.** Consider  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{\phi, X\}$ . Define an operation  $\gamma : PO(X) \rightarrow P(X)$  by  $\gamma(A) = A$ . The  $P_\gamma$ -open sets are  $\phi$ ,  $\{a\}$ ,  $\{b\}$ ,  $\{c\}$ ,  $\{a, b\}$ ,  $\{a, c\}$ ,  $\{b, c\}$  and  $X$ . Here  $\{a\}$  is minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open but not minimal  $\gamma$ -open. Also we consider  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with the topology

$\tau = \{\phi, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . Define  $\gamma : PO(X) \rightarrow P(X)$  as  $\gamma(A) = A$ , the set  $\{a, b\}$  is minimal  $\gamma$ -open but not minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open.

**PROPOSITION 3.3.** *Let  $X$  be a space. Then:*

- (1) *Let  $A$  be a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set and  $B$  a  $P_\gamma$ -open set. Then  $A \cap B = \phi$  or  $A \subseteq B$ , where  $\gamma$  is pre regular.*
- (2) *Let  $B$  and  $C$  be minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open sets. Then  $B \cap C = \phi$  or  $B = C$ , where  $\gamma$  is pre regular.*

**Proof.** (1) Let  $B$  be a  $P_\gamma$ -open set such that  $A \cap B \neq \phi$ . Since  $A$  is a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set and  $A \cap B \subseteq A$ , we have  $A \cap B = A$ . Therefore  $A \subseteq B$ .

(2) If  $B \cap C \neq \phi$ , then we see that  $B \subseteq C$  and  $C \subseteq B$  by (1). Therefore  $B = C$ . ■

**PROPOSITION 3.4.** *Let  $A$  be a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set. If  $x$  is an element of  $A$ , then  $A \subseteq B$  for any  $P_\gamma$ -open neighborhood  $B$  of  $x$ , where  $\gamma$  is pre regular.*

**Proof.** Let  $B$  be a  $P_\gamma$ -open neighborhood of  $x$  such that  $A \not\subseteq B$ . Since  $\gamma$  is pre regular operation, then  $A \cap B$  is  $P_\gamma$ -open set such that  $A \cap B \subseteq A$  and  $A \cap B \neq \phi$ . This contradicts our assumption that  $A$  is a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set. ■

The following example shows that the condition that  $\gamma$  is pre regular is necessary for the above proposition.

**EXAMPLE 3.5.** Consider  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . Define an operation  $\gamma$  on  $PO(X)$  by

$$\gamma(A) = \begin{cases} A & \text{if } b \in A, \\ Cl(A) & \text{if } b \notin A. \end{cases}$$

Then calculations show that the operation  $\gamma$  is not pre regular. Clearly  $A = \{a, c\}$  is a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set. Thus for  $a \in A$ , there is no  $P_\gamma$ -open set  $B$  containing  $a$  such that  $A \subseteq B$ .

**PROPOSITION 3.6.** *Let  $A$  be a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set. Then for any element  $x$  of  $A$ ,  $A = \cap \{B : B \text{ is } P_\gamma\text{-open neighborhood of } x\}$ , where  $\gamma$  is pre regular.*

**Proof.** By Proposition 3.4 and the fact that  $A$  is  $P_\gamma$ -open neighborhood of  $x$ , we have  $A \subseteq \cap \{B : B \text{ is } P_\gamma\text{-open neighborhood of } x\} \subseteq A$ . Therefore we have the result. ■

**PROPOSITION 3.7.** *Let  $A$  be a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set in  $X$  and  $x \in X$  such that  $x \notin A$ . Then for any  $P_\gamma$ -open neighborhood  $C$  of  $x$ ,  $C \cap A = \phi$  or  $A \subseteq C$ , where  $\gamma$  is pre regular.*

**Proof.** Since  $C$  is a  $P_\gamma$ -open set, we have the result by Proposition 3.3. ■

**COROLLARY 3.8.** *Let  $A$  be a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set in  $X$  and  $x \in X$  such that  $x \notin A$ . Define  $A_x = \cap\{B: B \text{ is } P_\gamma\text{-open neighborhood of } x\}$ . Then  $A_x \cap A = \phi$  or  $A \subseteq A_x$ , where  $\gamma$  is pre regular.*

**Proof.** If  $A \subseteq B$  for any  $P_\gamma$ -open neighborhood  $B$  of  $x$ , then  $A \subseteq \cap\{B: B \text{ is } P_\gamma\text{-open neighborhood of } x\}$ . Therefore  $A \subseteq A_x$ . Otherwise there exists a  $P_\gamma$ -open neighborhood  $B$  of  $x$  such that  $B \cap A = \phi$ . Then we have  $A_x \cap A = \phi$ . ■

**COROLLARY 3.9.** *If  $A$  is a nonempty minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set of  $X$ , then for a nonempty subset  $C$  of  $A$ ,  $A \subseteq p_\gamma Cl(C)$ , where  $\gamma$  is pre regular.*

**Proof.** Let  $C$  be any nonempty subset of  $A$ . Let  $y \in A$  and  $B$  be any  $P_\gamma$ -open neighborhood of  $y$ . By Proposition 3.4, we have  $A \subseteq B$  and  $C = A \cap C \subseteq B \cap C$ . Thus we have  $B \cap C \neq \phi$  and hence  $y \in p_\gamma Cl(C)$ . This implies that  $A \subseteq p_\gamma Cl(C)$ . This completes the proof. ■

**PROPOSITION 3.10.** *Let  $A$  be a nonempty  $P_\gamma$ -open subset of a space  $X$ . If  $A \subseteq p_\gamma Cl(C)$  then  $p_\gamma Cl(A) = p_\gamma Cl(C)$ , for any nonempty subset  $C$  of  $A$ .*

**Proof.** For any nonempty subset  $C$  of  $A$ , we have  $p_\gamma Cl(C) \subseteq p_\gamma Cl(A)$ . On the other hand, by supposition we see  $p_\gamma Cl(A) \subseteq p_\gamma Cl(p_\gamma Cl(C)) = p_\gamma Cl(C)$  implies  $p_\gamma Cl(A) \subseteq p_\gamma Cl(C)$ . Therefore, we have  $p_\gamma Cl(A) = p_\gamma Cl(C)$  for any nonempty subset  $C$  of  $A$ . ■

**PROPOSITION 3.11.** *Let  $A$  be a nonempty  $P_\gamma$ -open subset of a space  $X$ . If  $p_\gamma Cl(A) = p_\gamma Cl(C)$ , for any nonempty subset  $C$  of  $A$ , then  $A$  is a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set.*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $A$  is not a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set. Then there exists a nonempty  $P_\gamma$ -open set  $B$  such that  $B \subseteq A$  and hence there exists an element  $x \in A$  such that  $x \notin B$ . Then we have  $p_\gamma Cl(\{x\}) \subseteq (X \setminus B)$  implies that  $p_\gamma Cl(\{x\}) \neq p_\gamma Cl(A)$ . This contradiction proves the proposition. ■

Combining Corollary 3.9 and Propositions 3.10 and 3.11, we have:

**THEOREM 3.12.** *Let  $A$  be a nonempty  $P_\gamma$ -open subset of space  $X$ . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $A$  is minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set, where  $\gamma$  is pre regular.
- (2) For any nonempty subset  $C$  of  $A$ ,  $A \subseteq p_\gamma Cl(C)$ .
- (3) For any nonempty subset  $C$  of  $A$ ,  $p_\gamma Cl(A) = p_\gamma Cl(C)$ .

**DEFINITION 3.13.** A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is called a pre  $P_\gamma$ -open set if  $A \subseteq p_\gamma Int(p_\gamma Cl(A))$ . The family of all pre  $P_\gamma$ -open sets of  $X$  will be denoted by  $PO_\gamma(X)$ .

**DEFINITION 3.14.** A space  $X$  is called pre  $P_\gamma$ -Hausdorff if for each  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x \neq y$  there exist subsets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $PO_\gamma(X)$  such that  $x \in U$ ,  $y \in V$ , and  $U \cap V = \phi$ .

**THEOREM 3.15.** Let  $A$  be a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set. Then any nonempty subset  $C$  of  $A$  is a pre  $P_\gamma$ -open set, where  $\gamma$  is pre regular.

**Proof.** By Corollary 3.9, we have  $A \subseteq p_\gamma Cl(C)$  implies  $p_\gamma Int(A) \subseteq p_\gamma Int(p_\gamma Cl(C))$ . Since  $A$  is a  $P_\gamma$ -open set, we have  $C \subseteq A = p_\gamma Int(A) \subseteq p_\gamma Int(p_\gamma Cl(C))$  or  $C \subseteq p_\gamma Int(p_\gamma Cl(C))$ , that is  $C$  pre  $P_\gamma$ -open. Hence the proof. ■

**THEOREM 3.16.** Let  $A$  be a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set and let  $B$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$ . If there exists a  $P_\gamma$ -open set  $C$  containing  $B$  such that  $C \subseteq p_\gamma Cl(B \cup A)$ , then  $B \cup D$  is a pre  $P_\gamma$ -open set for any nonempty subset  $D$  of  $A$ , where  $\gamma$  is pre regular.

**Proof.** By Theorem 3.12 (3), we have  $p_\gamma Cl(B \cup D) = p_\gamma Cl(B) \cup p_\gamma Cl(D) = p_\gamma Cl(B) \cup p_\gamma Cl(A) = p_\gamma Cl(B \cup A)$ . By supposition  $C \subseteq p_\gamma Cl(B \cup A) = p_\gamma Cl(B \cup D)$  implies  $p_\gamma Int(C) \subseteq p_\gamma Int(p_\gamma Cl(B \cup D))$ . Since  $C$  is a  $P_\gamma$ -open neighborhood of  $B$ , namely  $C$  is a  $P_\gamma$ -open such that  $B \subseteq C$ , we have  $B \subseteq C = p_\gamma Int(C) \subseteq p_\gamma Int(p_\gamma Cl(B \cup D))$ . Moreover, we have  $p_\gamma Int(A) \subseteq p_\gamma Int(p_\gamma Cl(B \cup A))$ , for  $p_\gamma Int(A) = A \subseteq p_\gamma Cl(A) \subseteq p_\gamma Cl(B) \cup p_\gamma Cl(A) = p_\gamma Cl(B \cup A)$ . Since  $A$  is a  $P_\gamma$ -open set, we have  $D \subseteq A = p_\gamma Int(A) \subseteq p_\gamma Int(p_\gamma Cl(B \cup A)) = p_\gamma Int(p_\gamma Cl(B \cup D))$ . Therefore  $B \cup D \subseteq p_\gamma Int(p_\gamma Cl(B \cup D))$  implies  $B \cup D$  is a pre  $P_\gamma$ -open set. ■

**COROLLARY 3.17.** Let  $A$  be a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set and  $B$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$ . If there exists a  $P_\gamma$ -open set  $C$  containing  $B$  such that  $C \subseteq p_\gamma Cl(A)$ , then  $B \cup D$  is a pre  $P_\gamma$ -open set for any nonempty subset  $D$  of  $A$ , where  $\gamma$  is pre regular.

**Proof.** By assumption, we have  $C \subseteq p_\gamma Cl(B) \cup p_\gamma Cl(A) = p_\gamma Cl(B \cup A)$ . By Theorem 3.16, we see that  $B \cup D$  is a pre  $P_\gamma$ -open set. ■

#### 4. Finite $P_\gamma$ -open sets

In this section, we study some properties of minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open sets in finite  $P_\gamma$ -open sets and  $P_\gamma$ -locally finite spaces.

**PROPOSITION 4.1.** Let  $X$  be a space and  $\phi \neq B$  be a finite  $P_\gamma$ -open set in  $X$ . Then there exists at least one (finite) minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set  $A$  such that  $A \subseteq B$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $B$  is a finite  $P_\gamma$ -open set in  $X$ . Then we have the following two possibilities:

- (1)  $B$  is a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set.
- (2)  $B$  is not a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set.

In case (1), if we choose  $B = A$ , then the proposition is proved.

If the case (2) is true, then there exists a nonempty (finite)  $P_\gamma$ -open set  $B_1$  which is properly contained in  $B$ . If  $B_1$  is minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open, we take  $A = B_1$ . If  $B_1$  is not a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set, then there exists a nonempty (finite)  $P_\gamma$ -open set  $B_2$  such that  $B_2 \subseteq B_1 \subseteq B$ . We continue this process and have a sequence of  $P_\gamma$ -open sets  $\cdots \subseteq B_m \subseteq \cdots \subseteq B_2 \subseteq B_1 \subseteq B$ . Since  $B$  is finite, this process will end in a finite number of steps. That is, for some natural number  $k$ , we have a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set  $B_k$  such that  $B_k = A$ . This completes the proof. ■

**DEFINITION 4.2.** A space  $X$  is said to be a  $P_\gamma$ -locally finite space, if for each  $x \in X$  there exists a finite  $P_\gamma$ -open set  $A$  in  $X$  such that  $x \in A$ .

**COROLLARY 4.3.** Let  $X$  be a  $P_\gamma$ -locally finite space and  $B$  be a nonempty  $P_\gamma$ -open set. Then there exists at least one (finite) minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set  $A$  such that  $A \subseteq B$ , where  $\gamma$  is pre regular.

**Proof.** Since  $B$  is a nonempty set, there exists an element  $x$  of  $B$ . Since  $X$  is a  $P_\gamma$ -locally finite space, we have a finite  $P_\gamma$ -open set  $B_x$  such that  $x \in B_x$ . Since  $B \cap B_x$  is a finite  $P_\gamma$ -open set, we get a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set  $A$  such that  $A \subseteq B \cap B_x \subseteq B$  by Proposition 4.1. ■

**PROPOSITION 4.4.** Let  $X$  be a space and for any  $\alpha \in I$ ,  $B_\alpha$  be a  $P_\gamma$ -open set and  $\phi \neq A$  be a finite  $P_\gamma$ -open set. Then  $A \cap (\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} B_\alpha)$  is a finite  $P_\gamma$ -open set, where  $\gamma$  is pre regular.

**Proof.** We see that there exists an integer  $n$  such that  $A \cap (\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} B_\alpha) = A \cap (\bigcap_{i=1}^n B_{\alpha_i})$  and hence we have the result. ■

Using Proposition 4.4, we can prove the following:

**THEOREM 4.5.** Let  $X$  be a space and for any  $\alpha \in I$ ,  $B_\alpha$  be a  $P_\gamma$ -open set and for any  $\beta \in J$ ,  $A_\beta$  be a nonempty finite  $P_\gamma$ -open set. Then  $(\bigcup_{\beta \in J} A_\beta) \cap (\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} B_\alpha)$  is a  $P_\gamma$ -open set, where  $\gamma$  is pre regular.

## 5. Applications

Let  $A$  be a nonempty finite  $P_\gamma$ -open set. It is clear, by Proposition 3.3 and Proposition 4.1, that if  $\gamma$  is pre regular, then there exists a natural number  $m$  such that  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m\}$  is the class of all minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open sets in  $A$  satisfying the following two conditions:

- (1) For any  $l, n$  with  $1 \leq l, n \leq m$  and  $l \neq n$ ,  $A_l \cap A_n = \phi$ .
- (2) If  $C$  is a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set in  $A$ , then there exists  $l$  with  $1 \leq l \leq m$  such that  $C = A_l$ .

**THEOREM 5.1.** *Let  $X$  be a space and  $\phi \neq A$  be a finite  $P_\gamma$ -open set such that  $A$  is not a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set. Let  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m\}$  be a class of all minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open sets in  $A$  and  $y \in A \setminus (A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_m)$ . Define  $A_y = \cap \{B : B \text{ is a } P_\gamma\text{-open neighborhood of } y\}$ . Then there exists a natural number  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  such that  $A_k$  is contained in  $A_y$ , where  $\gamma$  is pre regular.*

**Proof.** Suppose on the contrary that for any natural number  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ ,  $A_k$  is not contained in  $A_y$ . By Corollary 3.8, for any minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set  $A_k$  in  $A$ ,  $A_k \cap A_y = \phi$ . By Proposition 4.4,  $\phi \neq A_y$  is a finite  $P_\gamma$ -open set. Therefore by Proposition 4.1, there exists a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set  $C$  such that  $C \subseteq A_y$ . Since  $C \subseteq A_y \subseteq A$ , we have  $C$  is a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set in  $A$ . By supposition, for any minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set  $A_k$ , we have  $A_k \cap C \subseteq A_k \cap A_y = \phi$ . Therefore for any natural number  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ ,  $C \neq A_k$ . This contradicts our assumption. Hence the proof. ■

**PROPOSITION 5.2.** *Let  $X$  be a space and  $\phi \neq A$  be a finite  $P_\gamma$ -open set which is not a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set. Let  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m\}$  be a class of all minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open sets in  $A$  and  $y \in A \setminus (A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_m)$ . Then there exists a natural number  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  such that for any  $P_\gamma$ -open neighborhood  $B_y$  of  $y$ ,  $A_k$  is contained in  $B_y$ , where  $\gamma$  is pre regular.*

**Proof.** This follows from Theorem 5.1, as  $\cap \{B : B \text{ is a } P_\gamma\text{-open of } y\} \subseteq B_y$ . Hence the proof. ■

**THEOREM 5.3.** *Let  $X$  be a space and  $\phi \neq A$  be a finite  $P_\gamma$ -open set which is not a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set. Let  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m\}$  be the class of all minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open sets in  $A$  and  $y \in A \setminus (A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_m)$ . Then there exists a natural number  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  such that  $y \in p_\gamma Cl(A_k)$ , where  $\gamma$  is pre regular.*

**Proof.** It follows from Proposition 5.2, that there exists a natural number  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  such that  $A_k \subseteq B$  for any  $P_\gamma$ -open neighborhood  $B$  of  $y$ . Therefore  $\phi \neq A_k \cap A_k \subseteq A_k \cap B$  implies  $y \in p_\gamma Cl(A_k)$ . This completes the proof. ■

**PROPOSITION 5.4.** *Let  $\phi \neq A$  be a finite  $P_\gamma$ -open set in a space  $X$  and suppose that for each  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ ,  $A_k$  is a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set in  $A$ . If the class  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m\}$  contains all minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open sets in  $A$ , then for any  $\phi \neq B_k \subseteq A_k$ ,  $A \subseteq p_\gamma Cl(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots \cup B_m)$ , where  $\gamma$  is pre regular.*

**Proof.** If  $A$  is a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set, then this is the result of Theorem 3.12(2). Otherwise  $A$  is not a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set. If  $x$  is any element of  $A \setminus (A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_m)$ , we have  $x \in p_\gamma Cl(A_1) \cup p_\gamma Cl(A_2) \cup \dots \cup p_\gamma Cl(A_m)$

by Theorem 5.3. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} A &\subseteq p_\gamma Cl(A_1) \cup p_\gamma Cl(A_2) \cup \cdots \cup p_\gamma Cl(A_m) \\ &= p_\gamma Cl(B_1) \cup p_\gamma Cl(B_2) \cup \cdots \cup p_\gamma Cl(B_m) \\ &= p_\gamma Cl(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \cdots \cup B_m) \end{aligned}$$

by Theorem 3.12(3). ■

**PROPOSITION 5.5.** *Let  $\phi \neq A$  be a finite  $P_\gamma$ -open set and  $A_k$  be a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set in  $A$ , for each  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ . If for any  $\phi \neq B_k \subseteq A_k$ ,  $A \subseteq p_\gamma Cl(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \cdots \cup B_m)$  then  $p_\gamma Cl(A) = p_\gamma Cl(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \cdots \cup B_m)$ .*

**Proof.** For any  $\phi \neq B_k \subseteq A_k$  with  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ , we have  $p_\gamma Cl(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \cdots \cup B_m) \subseteq p_\gamma Cl(A)$ . Also, we have

$$p_\gamma Cl(A) \subseteq p_\gamma Cl(p_\gamma Cl(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \cdots \cup B_m)) = p_\gamma Cl(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \cdots \cup B_m).$$

Therefore, we have  $p_\gamma Cl(A) = p_\gamma Cl(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \cdots \cup B_m)$  for any nonempty subset  $B_k$  of  $A_k$  with  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ . ■

**PROPOSITION 5.6.** *Let  $\phi \neq A$  be a finite  $P_\gamma$ -open set and for each  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ ,  $A_k$  is a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set in  $A$ . If for any  $\phi \neq B_k \subseteq A_k$ ,  $p_\gamma Cl(A) = p_\gamma Cl(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \cdots \cup B_m)$ , then the class  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m\}$  contains all minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open sets in  $A$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $C$  is a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set in  $A$  and  $C \neq A_k$  for  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ . Then we have  $C \cap p_\gamma Cl(A_k) = \phi$  for each  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ . It follows that any element of  $C$  is not contained in  $p_\gamma Cl(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \cdots \cup A_m)$ . This is a contradiction to the fact that

$$C \subseteq A \subseteq p_\gamma Cl(A) = p_\gamma Cl(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \cdots \cup B_m).$$

This completes the proof. ■

Combining Proposition 5.4, 5.5 and 5.6, we have the following theorem:

**THEOREM 5.7.** *Let  $A$  be a nonempty finite  $P_\gamma$ -open set and  $A_k$  be a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set in  $A$  for each  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ . Then the following three conditions are equivalent:*

- (1) *The class  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m\}$  contains all minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open sets in  $A$ .*
- (2) *For any  $\phi \neq B_k \subseteq A_k$ ,  $A \subseteq p_\gamma Cl(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \cdots \cup B_m)$ .*
- (3) *For any  $\phi \neq B_k \subseteq A_k$ ,  $p_\gamma Cl(A) = p_\gamma Cl(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \cdots \cup B_m)$ , where  $\gamma$  is pre regular.*

Suppose that  $\phi \neq A$  is a finite  $P_\gamma$ -open set and  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m\}$  is a class of all minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open sets in  $A$  such that for each  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ ,  $y_k \in A_k$ . Then by Theorem 5.7, it is clear that  $\{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m\}$  is a pre  $P_\gamma$ -open set.



**THEOREM 5.8.** *Let  $A$  be a nonempty finite  $P_\gamma$ -open set and suppose that  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m\}$  is a class of all minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open sets in  $A$ . Let  $B$  be any subset of  $A \setminus (A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_m)$  and  $B_k$  be any nonempty subset of  $A_k$  for each  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ . Then  $B \cup B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots \cup B_m$  is a pre  $P_\gamma$ -open set.*

**Proof.** By Theorem 5.7, we have

$$A \subseteq p_\gamma Cl(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots \cup B_m) \subseteq p_\gamma Cl(B \cup B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots \cup B_m).$$

Since  $A$  is a  $P_\gamma$ -open set, we have

$$\begin{aligned} B \cup B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots \cup B_m &\subseteq A \\ &= p_\gamma Int(A) \subseteq p_\gamma Int(p_\gamma Cl(B \cup B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots \cup B_m)). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have the result. ■

**THEOREM 5.9.** *Let  $X$  be a  $P_\gamma$ -locally finite space. If a minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open set  $A \subseteq X$  has more than one element, then  $X$  is a pre  $P_\gamma$ -Hausdorff space, where  $\gamma$  is pre regular.*

**Proof.** Let  $x, y \in X$  such that  $x \neq y$ . Since  $X$  is a  $P_\gamma$ -locally finite space, there exist finite  $P_\gamma$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \in V$ . By Proposition 4.1, there exists the class  $\{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n\}$  of all minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open sets in  $U$  and the class  $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_m\}$  of all minimal  $P_\gamma$ -open sets in  $V$ . We consider three possibilities:

- (1) If there exists  $i$  of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and  $j$  of  $\{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  such that  $x \in U_i$  and  $y \in V_j$ , then by Theorem 3.15,  $\{x\}$  and  $\{y\}$  are disjoint pre  $P_\gamma$ -open sets which contains  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively.
- (2) If there exists  $i$  of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  such that  $x \in U_i$  and  $y \notin V_j$  for any  $j$  of  $\{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ , then we find an element  $y_j$  of  $V_j$  for each  $j$  such that  $\{x\}$  and  $\{y, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m\}$  are pre  $P_\gamma$ -open sets and  $\{x\} \cap \{y, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m\} = \phi$  by Theorems 3.15, 5.8 and the assumption.
- (3) If  $x \notin U_i$  for any  $i$  of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and  $y \notin V_j$  for any  $j$  of  $\{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ , then we find elements  $x_i$  of  $U_i$  and  $y_j$  of  $V_j$  for each  $i, j$  such that  $\{x, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  and  $\{y, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m\}$  are pre  $P_\gamma$ -open sets and  $\{x, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \cap \{y, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m\} = \phi$  by Theorem 5.8 and the assumption.

Hence  $X$  is a pre  $P_\gamma$ -Hausdorff space. ■

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