

A NOTE ON $\mathcal{I}$ -CLOSURE AND $\mathcal{I}$ -HYPERCONNECTED SPACES

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ABSTRACT. This article is a follow-up of the work done in the papers [10] and [56], where, along with various results on $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence, several properties of $\mathcal{I}$ -open sets and $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous functions were investigated. In this paper, we investigate some properties of $\mathcal{I}$ -boundary points of a set in a topological space. We make some observations on $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence in the product space. We consider the ideas of an $\mathcal{I}$ -hyperconnected space and an $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal space and derive their basic properties.

1. Introduction

In [29], Kostyrko et al. proposed an interesting generalization of the notion of statistical convergence of a sequence, namely $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence. In recent studies, there has been increasing interest in the topic of $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence in topological spaces, especially in which $\mathcal{I}$ -open sets and the mappings preserving $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence are their primary concepts. A number of its features have been investigated and from this concept, analogues of a number of concepts found in General Topology, Mathematical Analysis, and Number Theory have emerged (see [6, 7, 10–13, 20, 24, 28, 31–33, 43, 49, 51, 53]). The present study was inspired by references [10] and [56], which showcased several characteristics of $\mathcal{I}$ -open sets and the mappings preserving $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence. In this paper, we broaden our understanding of $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence in General Topology. We introduce and investigate ideal version of a boundary point, a hyperconnected space and a submaximal space.

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Recall that if any non-empty open subset of a space X is dense in X , that is, if there is non-empty intersection between any two non-empty open subsets of X , then the space X is hyperconnected. If every dense subset of X is open, then X is submaximal. Several characteristics of the submaximal spaces and hyperconnected spaces were provided in a number of articles. See [1, 2, 5, 23, 30, 34, 38–40] and [42] as a few examples. You may view the latest progress on submaximal spaces in [8] and [34].

2. $\mathcal{I}$ -closure and $\mathcal{I}$ -interior

Assume that $\mathcal{I} \subseteq 2^{\mathbb{N}}$. If $\mathcal{I}$ is additive (if $(A, B) \in \mathcal{I}^2$, then $A \cup B \in \mathcal{I}$), hereditary (if $B \subseteq A \in \mathcal{I}$, then $B \in \mathcal{I}$), containing all singletons and $\mathbb{N} \notin \mathcal{I}$, then it is called an admissible ideal on $\mathbb{N}$. Using Zorn's lemma we can show that in the family of all admissible ideals of $\mathbb{N}$, there exists a maximal ideal (with respect to inclusion). If $\mathcal{I}$ is a maximal ideal of $\mathbb{N}$, then for each $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ we have either $A \in \mathcal{I}$ or $\mathbb{N} \setminus A \in \mathcal{I}$. In the following, if not otherwise mentioned, we consider $\mathcal{I}$ to be an admissible ideal on $\mathbb{N}$, and $\tau_{\mathcal{I}}$ the collection of all $\mathcal{I}$ -open subsets of a topological space. We refer to [56] for additional terms that are utilized but not included in this paper.

EXAMPLE.

- (a) The class of all finite subsets of $\mathbb{N}$ forms an admissible ideal.
- (b) For each subset A of $\mathbb{N}$ the asymptotic density of A , denoted $\delta(A)$, is given by

$$\delta(A) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} |\{k \in A : k \leq n\}|;$$

the family $\mathcal{I}_{\delta} = \{A \subseteq \mathbb{N} : \delta(A) = 0\}$ is an admissible ideal.

- (c) Let $u(A)$ be a uniform density of the set $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ (see [11]). The family $\mathcal{I}_u = \{A \subset \mathbb{N} : u(A) = 0\}$ is an admissible ideal.

DEFINITION 2.1 ([29]). A sequence $(x_n)_n$ in a topological space X is said to be $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to a point $x \in X$, denoted $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} x$, provided for any neighborhood U of x the set $\{n : x_n \notin U\} \in \mathcal{I}$ and the point x is referred to as an $\mathcal{I}$ -limit point of the sequence $(x_n)_n$.

In a topological space X , all convergent sequences are obviously $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent, but some $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent sequences are not convergent. For example, let $X = \mathbb{R}$ have the usual topology. Examine the following sequence:

$$x_n = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n \text{ is a square,} \\ 1, & \text{if } n \text{ is not a square.} \end{cases}$$

Then, although it is not convergent, $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}_{\delta}} 1$.

DEFINITION 2.2. Let A be a subset of a topological space X .

- (1) The $\mathcal{I}$ -closure of A is the set

$$\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A) = \{x \in X : \exists (x_n)_n \subseteq A \text{ such that } x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} x \text{ in } X\}.$$

- (2) The $\mathcal{I}$ -interior of A is the set $\mathcal{I}\text{-Int}(A) = A \setminus \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(X \setminus A)$.

- (3) A subset F of X is said to be $\mathcal{I}$ -closed if $F = \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(F)$. Equivalently, F is $\mathcal{I}$ -closed if for each sequence $(x_n)_n$ in F with $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} x \in X$, then $x \in F$.

- (4) $U \subseteq X$ is said to be $\mathcal{I}$ -open if $X \setminus U$ is $\mathcal{I}$ -closed.

EXAMPLE. There exists a subset A of a topological space X for which $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A)$ is not $\mathcal{I}$ -closed.

Proof. Consider the Arens space $X = (\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}) \cup \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$ where points in $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ are isolated, neighborhoods of $n \in \mathbb{N}$ are of the form

$$\{n\} \cup (\{n\} \times (\mathbb{N} \setminus F)),$$

where F is finite, and neighborhoods of ∞ are of the form

$$\{\infty\} \cup (\mathbb{N} \setminus F_0) \cup \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus F_0} \{n\} \times (\mathbb{N} \setminus F_n),$$

where $F_0, F_1, \dots$ are finite sets. Then,

$$\text{Fin-Cl}(\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}) = X \setminus \{\infty\}, \quad \text{but} \quad \text{Fin-Cl}(X \setminus \{\infty\}) = X.$$

□

LEMMA 2.3. Let $\mathcal{J} \subseteq \mathcal{I}$ be two ideals on $\mathbb{N}$ and X a topological space.

- (1) If $U \subseteq X$ is $\mathcal{I}$ -open, then it is also $\mathcal{J}$ -open.
(2) $\tau \subseteq \tau_{\mathcal{J}} \subseteq \tau_{\mathcal{I}}$.

Proof. Follows from [56, Remark 3.2 and Lemma 3.3].

□

LEMMA 2.4 ([10]). For a subset A of a topological space X , the following assertions hold:

- (1) A is $\mathcal{I}$ -closed if and only if $A = \bigcap \{F \subseteq X : F \text{ is } \mathcal{I}\text{-closed and } A \subseteq F\}$.
(2) A is $\mathcal{I}$ -open if and only if $A = \bigcup \{U \subseteq X : U \text{ is } \mathcal{I}\text{-open and } U \subseteq A\}$.

LEMMA 2.5 ([56]). Let $\mathcal{I}$ be an ideal on $\mathbb{N}$. For a subset A of a topological space X , the following are equivalent:

- (1) A is $\mathcal{I}$ -open;
(2) $\{n : x_n \in A\} \notin \mathcal{I}$ for each sequence $(x_n)_n$ in X with $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} x \in A$;
(3) $|\{n : x_n \in A\}| = \omega$ for each sequence $(x_n)_n$ in X with $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} x \in A$.

THEOREM 2.6. *Let X be a topological space and $A, B \in \mathcal{P}(X)$. The following assertions are valid:*

- (1) $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(X) = X$ and $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$;
- (2) $A \subseteq \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A)$;
- (3) If $A \subseteq B$, then $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A) \subseteq \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(B)$;
- (4) If a point $x \in \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A)$, then $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$ for each $\mathcal{I}$ -open subset U of X containing x but the converse is not true. It can be seen by the aforementioned example of Arens space;
- (5) $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A) \cup \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(B) = \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A \cup B)$ provided $\mathcal{I}$ is a maximal ideal on $\mathbb{N}$;
- (6) $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A \cap B) \subseteq \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A) \cap \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(B)$.

Proof. We will prove items (4) and (5). The rest items are obvious.

(4) Assume that $x \in \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A)$. Let $(x_n)_n$ be a sequence in A with $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} x$ in X . By Lemma 2.5 for any $\mathcal{I}$ -open subset U of X containing x , $|\{n: x_n \in U\}| = \omega$. Therefore, $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$.

(5) For, see [57, Proposition 3.9]. □

THEOREM 2.7. *Let A and B be any two subsets of a topological space X . The following assertions are valid:*

- (1) $\mathcal{I}\text{-Int}(X) = X$ and $\mathcal{I}\text{-Int}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$;
- (2) $\mathcal{I}\text{-Int}(A) \subseteq A$;
- (3) If $A \subseteq B$, then $\mathcal{I}\text{-Int}(A) \subseteq \mathcal{I}\text{-Int}(B)$;
- (4) A point $x \in \mathcal{I}\text{-Int}(A)$ if and only if there exists an $\mathcal{I}$ -open subset U of X containing x such that $U \subseteq A$;
- (5) $\mathcal{I}\text{-Int}(\mathcal{I}\text{-Int}(A)) = \mathcal{I}\text{-Int}(A)$;
- (6) $\mathcal{I}\text{-Int}(A) \cup \mathcal{I}\text{-Int}(B) \subseteq \mathcal{I}\text{-Int}(A \cup B)$;
- (7) $\mathcal{I}\text{-Int}(A \cap B) = \mathcal{I}\text{-Int}(A) \cap \mathcal{I}\text{-Int}(B)$ provided $\mathcal{I}$ is a maximal ideal on $\mathbb{N}$.

THEOREM 2.8. *Let $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{J}$ be two ideals of $\mathbb{N}$. For any subset A of a topological space X , the following are valid:*

- (1) $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A) \subseteq \mathcal{J}\text{-Cl}(A)$;
- (2) $\mathcal{J}\text{-Int}(A) \subseteq \mathcal{I}\text{-Int}(A)$.

Proof.

(1) Let $(x_n)_n$ be a sequence in A with $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} x$ in X . Then for any neighborhood U of x , the set $\{n: x_n \notin U\} \in \mathcal{I}$. Since $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{J}$, so $\{n: x_n \notin U\} \in \mathcal{J}$. This implies that $x \in \mathcal{J}\text{-Cl}(A)$; $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A) \subseteq \mathcal{J}\text{-Cl}(A)$.

(2) Let $x \in \mathcal{J}\text{-Int}(A)$. Then by applying Lemma 2.5, $\{n: x_n \in \mathcal{J}\text{-Int}(A)\} \notin \mathcal{J}$ for each sequence $(x_n)_n$ in X with $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{J}} x$ in X . This implies that $\{n: x_n \in \mathcal{J}\text{-Int}(A)\} \notin \mathcal{I}$ for each sequence $(x_n)_n$ in X with $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} x$ in X . Therefore, $x \in \mathcal{I}\text{-Int}(A)$, i.e., $\mathcal{J}\text{-Int}(A) \subseteq \mathcal{I}\text{-Int}(A)$. $\square$

COROLLARY 2.9. *Let $\{\mathcal{I}_\alpha: \alpha \in \Lambda\}$ be a collection of ideals of $\mathbb{N}$ such that $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \mathcal{I}_\alpha$ is also an ideal on $\mathbb{N}$. For a subset A of a topological space X , the following are valid:*

- (1) $(\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \mathcal{I}_\alpha)\text{-Cl}(A) \subseteq \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} (\mathcal{I}_\alpha\text{-Cl}(A));$
- (2) $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} (\mathcal{I}_\alpha\text{-Cl}(A)) \subseteq (\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \mathcal{I}_\alpha)\text{-Cl}(A);$
- (3) $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} (\mathcal{I}_\alpha\text{-Int}(A)) \subseteq (\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \mathcal{I}_\alpha)\text{-Int}(A);$
- (4) $(\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \mathcal{I}_\alpha)\text{-Int}(A) \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} (\mathcal{I}_\alpha\text{-Int}(A)).$

THEOREM 2.10. *Let $\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J}$ be two ideals of $\mathbb{N}$ and $(x_n)_n$ a sequence in a topological space X . Then:*

- (1) $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I} \cup \mathcal{J}} x$ in X if and only if either $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} x$ in X or $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{J}} x$ in X provided $\mathcal{I} \cup \mathcal{J}$ is an ideal on $\mathbb{N}$;
- (2) $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I} \cap \mathcal{J}} x$ in X if and only if $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} x$ in X and $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{J}} x$ in X .

Proof.

(1) Suppose that $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I} \cup \mathcal{J}} x$ in X . If possible, assume that neither $(x_n)_n$ is $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to the point x nor it is $\mathcal{J}$ -convergent to the point x in X . Let U and V be two neighborhoods of x such that neither $\{n: x_n \notin U\} \in \mathcal{I}$ nor $\{m: x_m \notin V\} \in \mathcal{J}$. Then, there exists a neighborhood W of x such that $\{n: x_n \notin W\} \notin \mathcal{I} \cup \mathcal{J}$, i.e., $(x_n)_n$ is not $\mathcal{I} \cup \mathcal{J}$ -convergent to the point x , which is a contradiction. Therefore, either $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} x$ in X or $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{J}} x$ in X . The converse part is obvious.

(2) The direct part is obvious. Conversely, suppose that $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} x$ and $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{J}} x$ in X . Let U be a neighborhood of x . Then, $\{n: x_n \notin U\} \in \mathcal{I}$ and $\{n: x_n \notin U\} \in \mathcal{J}$, and hence, $\{n: x_n \notin U\} \in \mathcal{I} \cap \mathcal{J}$ showing that $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I} \cap \mathcal{J}} x$ in X . $\square$

THEOREM 2.11. *Let $\mathcal{I}_1, \mathcal{I}_2, \dots, \mathcal{I}_n$ be ideals of $\mathbb{N}$ and $(x_n)_n$ a sequence in a topological space X . Then,*

- (1) $x_n \xrightarrow{\bigcup_{i=1}^n \mathcal{I}_i} x$ in X if and only if for some $i \in \mathbb{N}$ with $1 \leq i \leq n$, $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}_i} x$ in X provided $\bigcup_{i=1}^n \mathcal{I}_i$ is an ideal on $\mathbb{N}$;
- (2) $x_n \xrightarrow{\bigcap_{i=1}^n \mathcal{I}_i} x$ in X if and only if $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}_i} x$ in X for each $i \in \mathbb{N}$ with $1 \leq i \leq n$.

THEOREM 2.12. *Let $\mathcal{I}_1, \mathcal{I}_2, \dots, \mathcal{I}_n$ be ideals of $\mathbb{N}$. For a subset A of a topological space X , the following hold:*

- (1) $(\bigcap_{i=1}^n \mathcal{I}_i)\text{-Cl}(A) = \bigcap_{i=1}^n (\mathcal{I}_i\text{-Cl}(A));$
- (2) $\bigcup_{i=1}^n (\mathcal{I}_i\text{-Cl}(A)) = (\bigcup_{i=1}^n \mathcal{I}_i)\text{-Cl}(A)$ *provided $\bigcup_{i=1}^n \mathcal{I}_i$ is an ideal on $\mathbb{N}$;*
- (3) $\bigcap_{i=1}^n (\mathcal{I}_i\text{-Int}(A)) = (\bigcap_{i=1}^n \mathcal{I}_i)\text{-Int}(A);$
- (4) $(\bigcup_{i=1}^n \mathcal{I}_i)\text{-Int}(A) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n (\mathcal{I}_i\text{-Int}(A))$ *provided $\bigcup_{i=1}^n \mathcal{I}_i$ is an ideal on $\mathbb{N}$.*

Proof.

(1) The inclusion $(\bigcap_{i=1}^n \mathcal{I}_i)\text{-Cl}(A) \subseteq \bigcap_{i=1}^n (\mathcal{I}_i\text{-Cl}(A))$ follows from Theorem 2.8. Now, let x be an element of $\bigcap_{i=1}^n (\mathcal{I}_i\text{-Cl}(A))$. Then, $x \in \mathcal{I}_i\text{-Cl}(A)$ for each $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. Let $(x_n)_n$ be a sequence in A with $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}_i} x$ in X . Then for any neighborhood U of x , $\{n: x_n \notin U\} \in \mathcal{I}_i$ for each $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. This means that for any neighborhood U of x , $\{n: x_n \notin U\} \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n \mathcal{I}_i$. Therefore,

$$x_n \xrightarrow{\bigcap_{i=1}^n \mathcal{I}_i} x, \quad \text{i.e.,} \quad x \in \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n \mathcal{I}_i \right)\text{-Cl}(A).$$

Hence, the assertion follows.

(2) The inclusion $\bigcup_{i=1}^n (\mathcal{I}_i\text{-Cl}(A)) \subseteq (\bigcup_{i=1}^n \mathcal{I}_i)\text{-Cl}(A)$ is clear. Let x be an element of $(\bigcup_{i=1}^n \mathcal{I}_i)\text{-Cl}(A)$ and $(x_n)_n$ a sequence in A with $x_n \xrightarrow{\bigcup_{i=1}^n \mathcal{I}_i} x$ in X . By Theorem 2.11, there is some $k \in \mathbb{N}$ with $1 \leq k \leq n$ such that $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}_k} x$ in X . So, $x \in \mathcal{I}_k\text{-Cl}(A)$ and thereby the assertion follows.

Similarly, (3) and (4) can be proven. □

3. $\mathcal{I}$ -boundary points

DEFINITION 3.1. Let A be a subset of a topological space X . A point x of X is said to be $\mathcal{I}$ -boundary point of A if $x \in \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A) \cap \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(X \setminus A)$.

Given a subset A of a topological space X , denote by $\mathcal{I}\text{-br}(A)$ the set of all $\mathcal{I}$ -boundary points of A .

EXAMPLE. Let $X = \mathbb{R}$ be the set of reals and τ the co-countable topology on $\mathbb{R}$. Then $\mathcal{I}\text{-br}(\mathbb{Q}) = \emptyset$, but $\text{br}(\mathbb{Q}) \neq \emptyset$, where $\text{br}(A)$ denotes the set of boundary points of A .

EXAMPLE. There exists a topological space X and $A \subseteq X$ for which $\mathcal{I}\text{-br}(A)$ is not $\mathcal{I}$ -closed.

Proof. For Arens space, the set of Fin-boundary points of the set $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ is $\mathbb{N}$ which is not a Fin-closed. □

THEOREM 3.2. *For a subset A of a topological space X , the following assertions are valid:*

- (1) $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A) = A \cup \mathcal{I}\text{-br}(A)$;
- (2) $\mathcal{I}\text{-Int}(A) = A \setminus \mathcal{I}\text{-br}(A)$;
- (3) $\mathcal{I}\text{-br}(A) = \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A) \cap \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(X \setminus A)$;
- (4) $\mathcal{I}\text{-br}(X \setminus A) = \mathcal{I}\text{-br}(A)$;
- (5) $\mathcal{I}\text{-br}(A) = \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A) \setminus \mathcal{I}\text{-Int}(A)$;
- (6) *if $x \in \mathcal{I}\text{-br}(A)$, then $x \in \text{br}(A)$;*
- (7) *A is $\mathcal{I}$ -open if and only if $A \cap \mathcal{I}\text{-br}(A) = \emptyset$;*
- (8) *A is $\mathcal{I}$ -closed if and only if $\mathcal{I}\text{-br}(A) \subseteq A$;*
- (9) *A is $\mathcal{I}$ -open and $\mathcal{I}$ -closed if and only if $\mathcal{I}\text{-br}(A) = \emptyset$.*

Proof.

(1) By definition, $\mathcal{I}\text{-br}(A) \subseteq \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A)$. Therefore, $A \cup \mathcal{I}\text{-br}(A) \subseteq \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A)$. For the reverse inclusion, let $x \in \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A)$. If $x \in A$, then there is nothing to prove. Next, let $x \in X \setminus A$. Then, $x \in \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(X \setminus A)$ and as a result of this, $x \in \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A) \cap \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(X \setminus A)$. Therefore, $x \in \mathcal{I}\text{-br}(A)$. This implies that $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A) \subseteq A \cup \mathcal{I}\text{-br}(A)$. Hence the assertion follows:

(2) Straightforward.

(3) It is obvious by Definition 3.1.

(4) Follows from assertion (3).

(5) First, we show that $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A) \setminus \mathcal{I}\text{-Int}(A) \subseteq \mathcal{I}\text{-br}(A)$. For, assume that $x \in \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A) \setminus \mathcal{I}\text{-Int}(A)$. Then, $x \in \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A)$ but $x \notin \mathcal{I}\text{-Int}(A)$. Since $x \in \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A)$, it must be in either A or $\mathcal{I}\text{-br}(A)$. If $x \in \mathcal{I}\text{-br}(A)$, then there is nothing to prove. Suppose that $x \in A$. Since $x \notin \mathcal{I}\text{-Int}(A)$, by definition, $x \in \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(X \setminus A)$. This gives that $x \in \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A) \cap \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(X \setminus A)$. Thus, $x \in \mathcal{I}\text{-br}(A)$. This proves that $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A) \setminus \mathcal{I}\text{-Int}(A) \subseteq \mathcal{I}\text{-br}(A)$. For the reverse inclusion, let $x \in \mathcal{I}\text{-br}(A)$. Then, $x \in \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A) \cap \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(X \setminus A)$, which implies that $x \in \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A)$ but $x \notin \mathcal{I}\text{-Int}(A)$. This completes the assertion.

(6) Obvious.

(7) First, suppose that A is $\mathcal{I}$ -open. Then, $A = \mathcal{I}\text{-Int}(A)$. By assertion (2), it follows that $A \cap \mathcal{I}\text{-br}(A) = \emptyset$. Conversely, suppose the condition holds. If $A = \emptyset$, then there is nothing to prove. Next, let $x \in A$. By the given condition, $x \notin \mathcal{I}\text{-br}(A)$, $\Rightarrow x \in \mathcal{I}\text{-Int}(A)$ by assertion (2).

(8) Follows from assertion (1).

(9) Follows from assertions (1) and (2).

□

THEOREM 3.3. *Let X, Y be two topological spaces. Then, a sequence*

$$(x_n, y_n) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} (x, y) \text{ in } X \times Y \quad (\text{w.r.t. the product topology})$$

if and only if $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} x$ in X and $y_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} y$ in Y .

Proof. Follows from [58, Lemma 2.13]. $\square$

In the following, “product space” refers to the space having product topology unless otherwise stated. Now, we have the following result.

THEOREM 3.4. *Let $\{X_\alpha: \alpha \in \Lambda\}$ be a family of topological spaces. Let $X = \prod_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$ be the product space and $(x_n)_n$ a sequence in X . Then, $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} x$ in X if and only if $\pi_\alpha(x_n) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} \pi_\alpha(x)$ for each projection map $\pi_\alpha: X \rightarrow X_\alpha$.*

THEOREM 3.5. *Let $\{X_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ be a family of topological spaces.*

- (1) *If $\prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha$ is endowed with the product topology, then $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(\prod_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha) = \prod_{\alpha \in I} \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A_\alpha)$, where $A_\alpha \subseteq X_\alpha$.*
- (2) *If $\prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha$ is endowed with the box topology, then $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(\prod_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha) \subseteq \prod_{\alpha \in I} \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A_\alpha)$, where $A_\alpha \subseteq X_\alpha$.*

COROLLARY 3.6. *The set $\prod_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha$, where $\emptyset \neq A_\alpha \subset X_\alpha$, is $\mathcal{I}$ -closed in the product space $\prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha$ if and only if A_α is $\mathcal{I}$ -closed in X_α for every $\alpha \in I$.*

THEOREM 3.7. *For a subset A of a topological space X , a point $x \in \mathcal{I}\text{-br}(A)$ if and only if there is a sequence $(x_n, y_n)_n$ in $A \times (X \setminus A)$ with $(x_n, y_n) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} (x, x)$ in X^2 (w.r.t. the product topology).*

Proof. Assume that $x \in \mathcal{I}\text{-br}(A)$. Let $U \times V$ be an open neighborhood of (x, x) in X^2 . By definition, $x \in \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A) \cap \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(X \setminus A)$. Therefore, there exist a sequence $(x_n)_n$ in A with $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} x$ in X and a sequence $(y_n)_n$ in $X \setminus A$ with $y_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} x$ in X . Consequently, $\{n: x_n \notin U\} \in \mathcal{I}$ and $\{n: y_n \notin V\} \in \mathcal{I}$. However, since $\{n: x_n \notin U\} \cup \{n: y_n \notin V\} = \{n: (x_n, y_n) \notin U \times V\}$, we have $\{n: (x_n, y_n) \notin U \times V\} \in \mathcal{I}$, hence $(x_n, y_n) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} (x, x)$ in X^2 . The converse part is obvious. $\square$

LEMMA 3.8. *Let $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{J}$ be two ideals of $\mathbb{N}$. Then:*

- (1) *If a sequence $(x_n)_n$ in a topological space X $\mathcal{I}$ -converges to a point x of X , then $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{J}} x$ in X ;*
- (2) *If A is a subset of X , then $\mathcal{I}\text{-br}(A) \subseteq \mathcal{J}\text{-br}(A)$.*

Proof.

- (1) Let U be a neighborhood of x in X . Then, $\{n: x_n \notin U\} \in \mathcal{I}$ but $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{J}$, therefore $\{n: x_n \notin U\} \in \mathcal{J}$. This implies that $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{J}} x$ in X .

(2) Suppose that $x \in \mathcal{I}\text{-br}(A)$. By Theorem 3.7, there is a sequence $(x_n, y_n)_n$ in $A \times (X \setminus A)$ with $(x_n, y_n) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} (x, x)$ in X^2 . Then $(x_n, y_n) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{J}} (x, x)$ in X^2 ; hence $x \in \mathcal{J}\text{-br}(A)$. $\square$

THEOREM 3.9. *Let $\mathcal{I}_1, \mathcal{I}_2, \mathcal{I}_3, \dots, \mathcal{I}_k$ be ideals of $\mathbb{N}$ such that $\bigcup_{i=1}^k \mathcal{I}_i$ is an ideal on $\mathbb{N}$. For a subset A of a topological space X , a point $x \in (\bigcup_{i=1}^k \mathcal{I}_i)\text{-br}(A)$ if and only if $x \in \mathcal{I}_i\text{-br}(A)$ for some $i \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, k\}$.*

Proof. Since $\mathcal{I}_i \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^k \mathcal{I}_i$, we have $\mathcal{I}_i\text{-br}(A) \subseteq (\bigcup_{i=1}^k \mathcal{I}_i)\text{-br}(A)$; hence $\bigcup_{i=1}^k \mathcal{I}_i\text{-br}(A) \subseteq (\bigcup_{i=1}^k \mathcal{I}_i)\text{-br}(A)$. Conversely, suppose that $x \in (\bigcup_{i=1}^k \mathcal{I}_i)\text{-br}(A)$. By Theorem 3.7, there exists a sequence

$$(x_n, y_n)_n \text{ in } A \times (X \setminus A) \text{ with } (x_n, y_n) \xrightarrow{\bigcup_{i=1}^k \mathcal{I}_i} (x, x) \text{ in } X^2.$$

By Theorem 2.11, we have

$$(x_n, y_n) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}_i} (x, x) \text{ in } X^2 \text{ for some } 1 \leq i \leq k.$$

But then, $x \in \mathcal{I}_i\text{-br}(A)$. It ends the proof. $\square$

4. $\mathcal{I}$ -hyperconnected spaces and $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal spaces

DEFINITION 4.1. A subset A of a topological space X is said to be $\mathcal{I}$ -dense in X if for every $x \in X$, there exists a sequence $(x_n)_n$ in A such that $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} x$ in X .

THEOREM 4.2. *Let X be a topological space. A subset $A \subseteq X$ is $\mathcal{I}$ -dense in X if and only if $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A) = X$.*

DEFINITION 4.3. A topological space X is said to be

- (1) $\mathcal{I}$ -hyperconnected if every non-empty open subset of X is $\mathcal{I}$ -dense in X .
- (2) $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal if every dense subset of X is $\mathcal{I}$ -open in X .

EXAMPLE.

(a) Let $X = \mathbb{R}$, the set of reals, have the co-countable topology. Then $\mathbb{P}$, the set of irrationals, is dense in $\mathbb{R}$, but it is not $\mathcal{I}$ -dense in $\mathbb{R}$. Assume that r is a rational number and $(x_n)_n$ is a sequence of irrational numbers with $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} r$ in X . Let $U = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$. Then, U is open in $\mathbb{R}$. Since $\mathcal{I}$ is admissible, we have $\{n : x_n \notin U\} \notin \mathcal{I}$, which is a contradiction. Thus $r \notin \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(\mathbb{P})$, i.e., $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(\mathbb{P}) = \mathbb{P}$. In fact, all subsets of X are $\mathcal{I}$ -open as well as $\mathcal{I}$ -closed. X with this topology is a hyperconnected space and an $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal space, but it is neither an $\mathcal{I}$ -hyperconnected space nor a submaximal space.

(b) Consider $\mathbb{Z}$ the set of integers with the Khalimsky topology, i.e., the topology on $\mathbb{Z}$ generated by the family of sets of the form $\{2n - 1, 2n, 2n + 1\}$, where $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. More precisely, the topology is defined by:

- Every odd integer n forms a basic open set $\{n\}$.
- Every even integer n belongs to the basic open set $\{n - 1, n, n + 1\}$.

Observe that a subset $D \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ is dense in the Khalimsky topology if and only if it contains all odd integers and it intersects every even-integer cluster $\{n - 1, n, n + 1\}$. It is now easy to see that every dense subset of this space is open, and thereby it is $\mathcal{I}$ -open. Therefore, this space is $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal. However, it is not an $\mathcal{I}$ -hyperconnected space.

(c) Consider the set $\mathbb{R}$ of reals with the topology $\tau = \{\emptyset, \mathbb{P}, \mathbb{R}\}$ where $\mathbb{P}$ denotes the set of irrationals. Let r be a rational number and $(x_n)_n$ be any sequence of irrationals. Then, $\{n: x_n \notin \mathbb{R}\} = \emptyset \in \mathcal{I}$. This means that $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(\mathbb{P}) = \mathbb{R}$. Hence, $(\mathbb{R}, \tau)$ is an $\mathcal{I}$ -hyperconnected space. However, it is not an $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal space because $\mathbb{P} \cup \{r\}$, where r is a rational, is dense in this space, which is not $\mathcal{I}$ -open.

THEOREM 4.4. *Let A be a subset of a topological space X . If for every $x \in X$ there exists a sequence $(x_n)_n$ in A with $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} x$ in X , then $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$ for every non-empty $\mathcal{I}$ -open subset U of X .*

Proof. Let x be an element of X . By the given condition, it follows that $x \in \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A)$; $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A) = X$. Let U be a non-empty $\mathcal{I}$ -open set in X . Suppose for the sake of contradiction that $A \cap U = \emptyset$. Then, $A \subseteq X \setminus U$. But then, as U is $\mathcal{I}$ -open, $X \setminus U$ is $\mathcal{I}$ -closed. Therefore, $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A) \subseteq X \setminus U$, which is a contradiction. Thus, $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$. $\square$

Arens space demonstrates that the converse of Theorem 4.4 is not true.

DEFINITION 4.5. Let X be a topological space. Denote by $\mathcal{G}$ the class of dense sets in X and by $\mathcal{I}\text{-}\mathcal{G}$ the class of $\mathcal{I}$ -dense sets in X .

- (1) The smallest cardinal number of the form $|A|$ with $A \in \mathcal{G}$ is called density of the space X ; this cardinal number is denoted by $d(X)$.
- (2) The smallest cardinal number of the form $|A|$ with $A \in \mathcal{I}\text{-}\mathcal{G}$ is called $\mathcal{I}$ -density of the space X ; this cardinal number is denoted by $\mathcal{I}\text{-}d(X)$.

DEFINITION 4.6. Let X, Y be topological spaces and $f: X \rightarrow Y$ a mapping.

- (1) f is called preserving $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence if for each sequence $(x_n)_n$ in X with $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} x$ in X , the sequence $(f(x_n))_n$ $\mathcal{I}$ -converges to $f(x)$ in Y .
- (2) f is called $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous if to every $\mathcal{I}$ -open subset U of Y , the set $f^{-1}(U)$ is $\mathcal{I}$ -open in X .

THEOREM 4.7. *For every topological space X , the following statements are valid:*

- (1) *every $\mathcal{I}$ -dense subset of X is dense in X ;*
- (2) *$d(X) \leq \mathcal{I}\text{-}d(X)$;*
- (3) *if $\mathcal{I}$ is a maximal ideal of $\mathbb{N}$ and there is a surjective $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous function f from X to a topological space Y , then $\mathcal{I}\text{-}d(Y) \leq \mathcal{I}\text{-}d(X)$.*

Proof.

(1) Let A be an $\mathcal{I}$ -dense subset of X . Then for every $x \in X$, there is a sequence $(x_n)_n$ in A with $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} x$ in X . By Theorem 4.4, $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$ for every non-empty $\mathcal{I}$ -open set U in X . In particular, $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$ for every non-empty open set U in X . So, $\text{Cl}(A) = X$; A is dense in X .

(2) Let $d(X) = p$ and $\mathcal{I}\text{-}d(X) = q$. Let A be an $\mathcal{I}$ -dense subset of X with $|A| = q$. Since every $\mathcal{I}$ -dense set is dense, A is dense in X . Consequently, $|A| \geq d(X)$; hence $d(X) \leq \mathcal{I}\text{-}d(X)$.

(3) To prove this, it suffices to show that for every $\mathcal{I}$ -dense set A in X , $f(A)$ is $\mathcal{I}$ -dense in Y . For, let A be an $\mathcal{I}$ -dense subset of X . Then, $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A) = X$. By Theorem 4.11, $f(\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A)) \subseteq \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(f(A))$; that is, $f(X) \subseteq \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(f(A))$. Consequently, $f(A)$ is $\mathcal{I}$ -dense in Y . $\square$

THEOREM 4.8. *Let $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{J}$ be two ideals of $\mathbb{N}$. If A is $\mathcal{I}$ -dense in a topological space X , then it is also $\mathcal{J}$ -dense in X .*

Proof. Follows from Theorem 2.8. $\square$

THEOREM 4.9. *The set $\prod_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha$, where $\emptyset \neq A_\alpha \subset X$, is $\mathcal{I}$ -dense in the product space $\prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha$ if and only if A_α is $\mathcal{I}$ -dense in X_α for every $\alpha \in I$.*

Proof. A simple consequence of Theorem 3.4. $\square$

LEMMA 4.10 ([56], Theorem 4.2). *Let X, Y be topological spaces and $f: X \rightarrow Y$ a function.*

- (1) *If f is continuous, then f preserves $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence.*
- (2) *If f preserves $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence, then f is $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous.*

THEOREM 4.11. *Let $\mathcal{I}$ be a maximal ideal of $\mathbb{N}$. For a function f of a topological space X to a topological space Y , the following assertions are equivalent:*

- (1) *f is $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous;*
- (2) *the inverse images of all $\mathcal{I}$ -closed subsets of Y are $\mathcal{I}$ -closed in X ;*
- (3) *for every $A \subseteq X$ we have $f(\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A)) \subseteq \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(f(A))$;*
- (4) *for every $B \subseteq Y$ we have $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(B))$.*

Proof. The implications (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) and (2) $\Rightarrow$ (1) are obvious.

Now, we will prove (1) $\Rightarrow$ (3). Let $y \in f(\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A))$. Then, $y = f(x)$ for some $x \in \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A)$. Let $(x_n)_n$ be a sequence in A such that $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} x$ in X . Let U be an open neighborhood of y in Y . Then, $f^{-1}(U)$ is $\mathcal{I}$ -open in X containing x . By Lemma 2.5, $\{n: x_n \in f^{-1}(U)\} \notin \mathcal{I}$. This implies that $\{n: f(x_n) \in U\} \notin \mathcal{I}$. But then, $\mathcal{I}$ is maximal, $\{n: f(x_n) \notin U\} \in \mathcal{I}$. Consequently, $y \in \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(f(A))$. This proves that $f(\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A)) \subseteq \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(f(A))$.

To prove (3) $\Rightarrow$ (4), applying (3) to $A = f^{-1}(B)$, we have

$$f(\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(ff^{-1}(B)) \subseteq \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(B).$$

This results in $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(B))$.

To complete the proof, it suffices to prove (4) $\Rightarrow$ (2). For, let F be an $\mathcal{I}$ -closed subset of Y . Then, $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(F)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(F)) = f^{-1}(F)$. Therefore, $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(F)) = f^{-1}(F)$, that is, $f^{-1}(F)$ is $\mathcal{I}$ -closed in X . Hence, f is $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous. $\square$

THEOREM 4.12. *Let $\mathcal{I}$ be a maximal ideal of $\mathbb{N}$ and f be a surjective $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous function from a topological space X to a topological space Y . If A is an $\mathcal{I}$ -dense subset of X , then $f(A)$ is $\mathcal{I}$ -dense in Y .*

Proof. Let A be an $\mathcal{I}$ -dense subset of X . By Theorem 4.11, $f(\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A)) \subseteq \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(f(A))$. Since A is $\mathcal{I}$ -dense, $f(X) \subseteq \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(f(A))$. But f is onto, so

$$\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(f(A)) = Y.$$

It ends the proof. $\square$

THEOREM 4.13. *Let X be a Hausdorff space. If $(x_n)_n$ is an $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent sequence in X , then it has one $\mathcal{I}$ -limit point.*

Proof. The proof follows from [32, Theorem 1]. $\square$

THEOREM 4.14. *Let X, Y be two topological spaces and let $f, g: X \rightarrow Y$ be two mappings that preserve $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence. If Y is Hausdorff and $\{x \in X: f(x) = g(x)\}$ is $\mathcal{I}$ -dense in X , then $f(x) = g(x)$ for all $x \in X$.*

Proof. Let x be an element of X and $(x_n)_n$ be a sequence in X with $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} x$ and $f(x_n) = g(x_n)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Since f and g are preserving $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence, $f(x_n) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} f(x)$ and $g(x_n) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} g(x)$. By Theorem 4.13, we have $f(x) = g(x)$. Thus, $f(x) = g(x)$ for all $x \in X$. $\square$

4.1. Properties of an $\mathcal{I}$ -hyperconnected space

THEOREM 4.15. *Let $\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J}$ be two ideals of $\mathbb{N}$. For a topological space X , the following assertions hold:*

- (1) *If X is $\mathcal{I}$ -hyperconnected and $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{J}$, then it is also $\mathcal{J}$ -hyperconnected;*
- (2) *if X is $(\mathcal{I} \cap \mathcal{J})$ -hyperconnected, then it is $\mathcal{I}$ -hyperconnected as well as $\mathcal{J}$ -hyperconnected;*
- (3) *if X is $\mathcal{I}$ -hyperconnected or $\mathcal{J}$ -hyperconnected, then it is $(\mathcal{I} \cup \mathcal{J})$ -hyperconnected provided $\mathcal{I} \cup \mathcal{J}$ is an ideal on $\mathbb{N}$.*

Proof.

(1) Let U be a non-empty open subset of X . By Theorem 2.8, $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(U) \subseteq \mathcal{J}\text{-Cl}(U)$. Since U is $\mathcal{I}$ -dense in X , we have $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(U) = X$ and this implies that $\mathcal{J}\text{-Cl}(U) = X$, i.e., X is $\mathcal{J}$ -hyperconnected.

Similarly, (2) and (3) can be proven. $\square$

THEOREM 4.16. *$\mathcal{I}$ -hyperconnected spaces are preserved by surjective continuous mappings provided $\mathcal{I}$ is a maximal ideal of $\mathbb{N}$.*

Proof. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a surjective continuous function and X be an $\mathcal{I}$ -hyperconnected space. Let U be a non-empty open subset of Y . Since f is continuous, $f^{-1}(U)$ is open in X . But X is $\mathcal{I}$ -hyperconnected, so $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(U)) = X$. According to Theorem 4.11,

$$\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(U)) \subseteq f^{-1}(\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(U));$$

therefore $f^{-1}(\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(U)) = X$. Thus, $f(X) = \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(U)$. As f is surjective, Y is $\mathcal{I}$ -hyperconnected. $\square$

COROLLARY 4.17. *$\mathcal{I}$ -hyperconnected spaces are preserved by quotient mappings provided $\mathcal{I}$ is a maximal ideal of $\mathbb{N}$.*

THEOREM 4.18. *If (X, τ) is an $\mathcal{I}$ -hyperconnected space, then for every $(U, V) \in (\tau \setminus \{\emptyset\}) \times (\tau_{\mathcal{I}} \setminus \{\emptyset\})$, $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$.*

Proof. Suppose that (X, τ) is $\mathcal{I}$ -hyperconnected. Let U be a non-empty open subset of X and V be a non-empty $\mathcal{I}$ -open subset of X . Since X is $\mathcal{I}$ -hyperconnected, $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(U) = X$. By Theorem 4.4, we have $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$. $\square$

DEFINITION 4.19. A subset A of a topological space X is said to be

- (1) $\mathcal{I}$ -semi-open if there exists an open set $U \subseteq X$ such that $U \subseteq A \subseteq \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(U)$.
- (2) semi- $\mathcal{I}$ -open if there exists an $\mathcal{I}$ -open set $V \subseteq X$ such that $V \subseteq A \subseteq \text{Cl}(V)$.

THEOREM 4.20. *Let X be an $\mathcal{I}$ -hyperconnected space. Then, the following statements are valid:*

- (1) $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$, for every non-empty open set $A \subseteq X$ and for every non-empty $\mathcal{I}$ -open set $B \subseteq X$;
- (2) $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$, for every non-empty open set $A \subseteq X$ and for every non-empty $\mathcal{I}$ -semi-open set $B \subseteq X$;
- (3) $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$, for every non-empty open set $A \subseteq X$ and for every non-empty semi- $\mathcal{I}$ -open set $B \subseteq X$;
- (4) $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$, for every non-empty semi-open set $A \subseteq X$ and for every non-empty $\mathcal{I}$ -open set $B \subseteq X$;
- (5) $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$, for every non-empty semi-open set $A \subseteq X$ and for every non-empty $\mathcal{I}$ -semi-open set $B \subseteq X$;
- (6) $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$, for every non-empty semi-open set $A \subseteq X$ and for every non-empty semi- $\mathcal{I}$ -open set $B \subseteq X$.

Proof.

- (1) It follows from Theorem 4.18.
- (2) Let A be a non-empty open subset of X and B be a non-empty $\mathcal{I}$ -semi-open subset of X . Let U be an open set in X such that $U \subseteq B \subseteq \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(U)$. By the given condition, $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$; this proves that $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$.
- (3) Suppose that A is a non-empty open subset of X and B is a non-empty semi- $\mathcal{I}$ -open subset of X . Let U be an $\mathcal{I}$ -open subset of X such that $U \subseteq B \subseteq \text{Cl}(U)$. Then, $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$, and thus, $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$.
- (4) Let A be a non-empty semi-open subset of X and B be a non-empty $\mathcal{I}$ -semi-open subset of X . Then, there exists an open set U in X with $U \subseteq A \subseteq \text{Cl}(U)$. Consequently, $U \cap B \neq \emptyset$; hence $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$.
- (5) Let A be a non-empty semi-open subset of X and B be a non-empty $\mathcal{I}$ -semi-open subset of X . Let V be an open set in X with $V \subseteq B \subseteq \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(V)$. Then $A \cap V \neq \emptyset$; so $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$.
- (6) Let A be a non-empty semi-open subset of X and B be a non-empty semi- $\mathcal{I}$ -open subset of X . Let V be an $\mathcal{I}$ -open set in X with $V \subseteq B \subseteq \text{Cl}(V)$. Then, $A \cap V \neq \emptyset$; so $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$. $\square$

THEOREM 4.21. *Let $\mathcal{I}$ be a maximal ideal of $\mathbb{N}$ and X a first countable topological space. X is hyperconnected if and only if it is $\mathcal{I}$ -hyperconnected.*

Proof. A simple consequence in [10, Theorem 7]. $\square$

THEOREM 4.22. *Let $\mathcal{I}$ be a maximal ideal of $\mathbb{N}$. A product space $X = \prod_{\alpha \in I} X_\alpha$ is $\mathcal{I}$ -hyperconnected if and only if each factor X_α is an $\mathcal{I}$ -hyperconnected space.*

Proof. The direct part follows from Theorem 4.16, whereas the converse part follows from Theorem 3.5. $\square$

THEOREM 4.23. *Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a function and $h: X \rightarrow X \times Y$ the graph of f defined by $h(x) = (x, f(x))$ for every $x \in X$.*

- (1) *If h preserves $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence, then f preserves $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence.*
- (2) *If h is $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous, then f is $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous.*

Proof.

(1) Let $(x_n)_n$ be a sequence in X with $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} x$ in X . Since h preserves $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence, $h(x_n) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} h(x)$ in $X \times Y$. Then by the continuity of projection map $p_Y: X \times Y \rightarrow Y$, we have $f(x_n) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} f(x)$ in Y . This shows that f preserves $\mathcal{I}$ -convergence.

(2) Let F be an $\mathcal{I}$ -closed subset of X . Then $X \times F = \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(X \times F)$, so $X \times F$ is $\mathcal{I}$ -closed in $X \times Y$. Since h is $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous, $h^{-1}(X \times F)$ is $\mathcal{I}$ -closed in X . However, $h^{-1}(X \times F) = f^{-1}(F)$, it follows that f is $\mathcal{I}$ -continuous. $\square$

4.2. Properties of an $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal space

We start this section with some equivalents of an $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal space which follow quickly from the definition.

THEOREM 4.24. *For a topological space X , the following are equivalent:*

- (1) *X is an $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal;*
- (2) *$\text{Cl}(A) \setminus A$ is $\mathcal{I}$ -closed for every subset A of X ;*
- (3) *every subset A of X , for which $\text{Int}(A)$ is empty, is $\mathcal{I}$ -closed.*

Proof.

(1) $\Rightarrow$ (2): Suppose X is $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal. We prove $\text{Cl}(A) \setminus A$ is $\mathcal{I}$ -closed for every $A \subseteq X$.

Let A be any subset of X . Define $B = \text{Cl}(A) \setminus A$. Observe that $X \setminus B$ is a dense subset of X . By the assumption of $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximality, $X \setminus B$ is $\mathcal{I}$ -open. This proves that $\text{Cl}(A) \setminus A$ is $\mathcal{I}$ -closed in X .

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (1): Suppose for every subset $A \subseteq X$, $\text{Cl}(A) \setminus A$ is $\mathcal{I}$ -closed. We want to show that X is $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal. For this, let D be a dense subset of X , i.e., $\text{Cl}(D) = X$. By the given condition, $\text{Cl}(D) \setminus D$ is $\mathcal{I}$ -closed. This means that $X \setminus D$ is $\mathcal{I}$ -closed. Therefore, D is $\mathcal{I}$ -open, which shows that X is $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal.

(1) $\Rightarrow$ (3): Suppose X is $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal. Let $A \subseteq X$ be such that $\text{Int}(A) = \emptyset$. Then, $X \setminus A$ is dense in X and hence $\mathcal{I}$ -open. This means that A is $\mathcal{I}$ -closed.

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (1): Suppose every subset A with $\text{Int}(A) = \emptyset$ is $\mathcal{I}$ -closed. Let D be a dense subset of X . Then, $X \setminus D$ has empty interior. By assumption, $X \setminus D$ is $\mathcal{I}$ -closed, this means that D is $\mathcal{I}$ -open. Hence, X is $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal. $\square$

THEOREM 4.25. *Let X, Y be topological spaces and $f: X \rightarrow Y$ a homeomorphism. Then:*

- (1) $f(\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A)) = \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(f(A))$ for each $A \subseteq X$;
- (2) $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(f^{-1}(B)) = f^{-1}(\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(B))$ for each $B \subseteq Y$.

Proof.

(1) Let y be an element of $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(f(A))$ and $(y_n)_n$ a sequence in $f(A)$ with $y_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} y$ in Y . Let $(x_n)_n$ be a sequence in A with $y_n = f(x_n)$. Since f is surjective, there exists an element $x \in X$ such that $f(x) = y$.

CLAIM. $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} x$ in X .

Suppose, to derive a contradiction, that $(x_n)_n$ is not $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to the point x . Let U be an open neighborhood of x in X such that $\{n: x_n \notin U\} \notin \mathcal{I}$. Then, $\{n: y_n \notin f(U)\} \notin \mathcal{I}$. Since f is open, $f(U)$ is an open neighborhood of y ; hence the sequence $(y_n)_n$ is not $\mathcal{I}$ -convergent to the point y , which is a contradiction. Therefore, $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} x$, which gives $y \in f(\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A))$. Thus,

$$\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(f(A)) \subseteq f(\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}(A)).$$

By Theorem 4.11, the assertion follows.

Similarly, (2) can be proven. □

COROLLARY 4.26. *$\mathcal{I}$ -openness is a topological property.*

THEOREM 4.27. *$\mathcal{I}$ -submaximality is a topological property.*

Proof. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a homeomorphism and X an $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal space. Let A be a dense subset of Y . Let U be a non-empty open subset of X . Since f is open, $f(U)$ is open in Y ; hence $A \cap f(U) \neq \emptyset$. But then, $f^{-1}(A) \cap f^{-1}f(U) \neq \emptyset$, which gives $f^{-1}(A) \cap U \neq \emptyset$. This means that $f^{-1}(A)$ is dense in X but X is $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal, so $f^{-1}(A)$ is $\mathcal{I}$ -open in X . Since f is surjective, $A = ff^{-1}(A)$; A is $\mathcal{I}$ -open in Y . Hence, Y is $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal. □

THEOREM 4.28. *Every submaximal space is $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal.*

THEOREM 4.29. *Let $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{J}$ be two ideals of $\mathbb{N}$. If X is a $\mathcal{J}$ -submaximal space, then it is also $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal.*

Proof. Let A be an $\mathcal{I}$ -dense subset of X . Then, A is $\mathcal{J}$ -dense in X . But then, by $\mathcal{J}$ -submaximality of X , A is $\mathcal{J}$ -open in X . This means that $A = \mathcal{J}\text{-Int}(A) \subseteq \mathcal{I}\text{-Int}(A) \subseteq A$. Thus, $A = \mathcal{I}\text{-Int}(A)$, i.e., A is $\mathcal{I}$ -open in X , showing that X is $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal. □

THEOREM 4.30. *Suppose that $A \subseteq S$ are two subsets of a space X . If S is a subspace of X , then the following are valid:*

- (1) $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}_S(A) \subseteq \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}_X(A)$;
- (2) $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}_S(A) = S \cap \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}_X(A)$.

Proof.

(1) Take $x \in \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}_S(A)$, and let $(x_n)_n$ be a sequence in A with $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} x$ in S . Let U be a neighborhood of x in X . Then, $U \cap S$ is a neighborhood of x in S and so, $\{n: x_n \notin U \cap S\} \in \mathcal{I}$. But $\{n: x_n \notin U\} \subseteq \{n: x_n \notin U \cap S\}$, therefore $\{n: x_n \notin U\} \in \mathcal{I}$. Consequently,

$$x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} x \text{ in } X, \quad \text{i.e.,} \quad x \in \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}_X(A).$$

Thus, $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}_S(A) \subseteq \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}_X(A)$.

(2) Clearly, $S \cap \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}_X(A) \subseteq \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}_S(A)$. Now, take $x \in \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}_S(A)$, and let $(x_n)_n$ be a sequence in A with $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} x$ in S . As it is shown previously, $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} x$ in X . So, $x \in \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}_X(A)$. Thus, $S \cap \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}_X(A) \subseteq \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}_S(A)$ and hence, $\mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}_S(A) = S \cap \mathcal{I}\text{-Cl}_X(A)$. $\square$

THEOREM 4.31. *Every subspace of an $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal space is $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal.*

Remark 1. The product of two $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal spaces need not be $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal. For example,

(1) Let $X = \{a, b\}$ have the Sierpinski topology $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$. Then, X is an $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal space, but X^2 is not $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal because $A = \{(a, a), (b, b)\}$ is dense in X^2 which is not $\mathcal{I}$ -open.

(2) Let $X = \{0\} \cup \{\frac{1}{n}: n = 1, 2, \dots\}$ have the usual real subspace topology. Then, X is $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal, but the product space X^2 is not $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal.

THEOREM 4.32. *If a product space $X \times Y$ is an $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal, then X and Y are $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal spaces.*

Proof. Suppose $X \times Y$ is $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal. Consider the projection maps,

$$\pi_X: X \times Y \rightarrow X \quad \text{and} \quad \pi_Y: X \times Y \rightarrow Y.$$

Let $D \subseteq X$ be a dense subset of X . Then, $D \times Y$ is dense in $X \times Y$ and hence, $\mathcal{I}$ -open. Let $(x_n)_n$ be a sequence in X such that $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} x \in D$ in X . Then, for any $y \in Y$, the sequence (x_n, y) $\mathcal{I}$ -converges to (x, y) in $X \times Y$. Since $(x, y) \in D \times Y$, by Lemma 2.5, $|\{n: (x_n, y) \in D \times Y\}| = \omega$. This gives

$$|\{n: x_n \in D\}| = \omega.$$

Again, by Lemma 2.5, D is $\mathcal{I}$ -open. Hence, X is $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal. Similarly, Y is $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal. $\square$

5. Conclusion

In this paper, we have explored some basic properties of $\mathcal{I}$ -closure and $\mathcal{I}$ -boundary points of a set in a topological space. An important example has been presented to illustrate the behavior of $\mathcal{I}$ -closure and $\mathcal{I}$ -boundary points. We have also investigated the notions of $\mathcal{I}$ -hyperconnected spaces and $\mathcal{I}$ -submaximal spaces. We have extended existing results and provided a broader understanding of how ideals influence topological properties. Future work may include exploring further properties of these concepts and studying the relationships between $\mathcal{I}$ -hyperconnectedness and other ideal-based topological constructs.

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