

# ON OPERATION-PREOPEN SETS IN TOPOLOGICAL SPACES \*

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, we present concepts of pre  $\gamma_p$ -open sets and pre  $\gamma_p$ -closures of a subset in a topological space, where  $\gamma_p$  is an operation on the family of all preopen sets of the topological space, and study some topological properties on them. As its application, we introduce the concept of pre  $\gamma_p$ - $T_i$  spaces ( $i = 0, 1/2, 1, 2$ ) and study some properties of these spaces.

**1 Introduction** Throughout this paper,  $(X, \tau)$  represents a nonempty topological space on which no separation axioms are assumed, unless otherwise mentioned. The closure and interior of  $A \subset X$  are denoted by  $\text{Cl}(A)$  and  $\text{Int}(A)$  respectively. The power set of  $X$  will be denoted by  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ . An *operation*  $\gamma$  on  $\tau$  is a function from  $\tau$  into  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  such that  $U \subset U^\gamma$  for every set  $U \in \tau$ , where  $U^\gamma$  denotes the value  $\gamma(U)$  of  $\gamma$  at  $U$ . In 1979, Kasahara [11] firstly defined and investigated the concept of operations on  $\tau$ . He used the following symbol “ $\alpha$ ” as the operation on  $\tau$ , i.e., a function  $\alpha : \tau \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is called an *operation on  $\tau$*  if  $U \subset \alpha(U)$  holds for any  $U \in \tau$ . He generalized the notion of compactness with help of operation. After the work of Kasahara, Janković [8] defined the concept of operation-closures (cf. Definition 2.4 below) and investigated some properties of functions with operation-closed graphs. In 1991, Ogata [20] defined and investigated the concept of *operation-open sets*, i.e.,  $\gamma$ -open sets, and used it to investigate some new separation axioms. He used the symbol  $\gamma : \tau \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  as an operation on  $\tau$ . Thus, he avoided a confusion between the concept of  $\alpha$ -open sets [18] and one of operation “ $\alpha$ ”-open sets (where the later symbol “ $\alpha$ ” is operation in the sense of Kasahara [11]). Let  $\gamma : \tau \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  be an operation on  $\tau$ . A nonempty subset  $A$  is said to be  *$\gamma$ -open (in the sense of Ogata)* [20] if for each point  $x \in A$ , there exists an open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $U^\gamma \subset A$ . An arbitrary union of  $\gamma$ -open sets is also  $\gamma$ -open [20, Proposition 2.3]. Using the concepts of operation-open sets and operation-closures, some operator-approaches to topological properties were studied [20]. Recently, Krishnan et al. [12] investigated operations on the family of all semi-open sets [13].

In the present paper, we shall introduce an alternative operation-open sets, i.e., *pre  $\gamma_p$ -open sets* (cf. Definition 2.3), and investigate more operator-approaches to properties of topological spaces. Let  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  be an operation from the family  $PO(X, \tau)$  of all preopen sets of  $(X, \tau)$  into  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  (cf. Definition 2.1). The concept of *preopen sets* was introduced and investigated by Mashhour et al. [16]. Next section contains fundamental definitions of  *$\gamma_p$ -open sets* and  *$\gamma_p$ -closures*. In Section 3, the notions of *pre  $\gamma_p$ -open sets*

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and four kinds of operation-closures,  $\tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)$ ,  $PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)$ ,  $p\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$ ,  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$ , are introduced and studied (cf. Definitions 3.9, 3.10, Theorem 3.16). In Section 4, *pre  $\gamma_p$ -generalized closed sets* and *pre  $\gamma_p$ - $T_i$  separation axioms* are introduced and investigated, where  $i=0, 1/2, 1$  or  $2$ . The concept of  $\gamma_p$ - $T_{1/2}$  (resp. pre  $\gamma_p$ - $T_{1/2}$ ) spaces is characterized by using  $\gamma_p$ -open singletons and  $\gamma_p$ -closed singletons (resp. pre  $\gamma_p$ -open singletons and pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed singletons) (cf. Theorem 4.6(ii) (resp. (i))). Especially, assume  $\gamma_p$  is the “identity operation” (cf. Example 3.2(i)), then the concept of “ $id$ ”- $T_{1/2}$  spaces coincides with the concept of  $T_{1/2}$ -spaces due to Levine [14] (cf. [4, Theorem 2.5]). The digital line  $(Z, \kappa)$  is a typical example of  $T_{1/2}$ -spaces (e.g., [6, p.31 and the list of the references]). We have other examples of operations (cf. [20] [8]; Example 3.2 and Remark 3.4 below). For some undefined or related concepts, we refer the reader to [17] and [7].

**2 Preliminaries** A subset  $A$  of topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be *preopen* [16] if  $A \subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A))$  holds. We denote by  $PO(X, \tau)$  (sometimes,  $PO(X)$ ) the set of all preopen sets in  $(X, \tau)$  [16]. The complement of a preopen set is called *preclosed*. The intersection of all preclosed sets of  $(X, \tau)$  containing a subset  $A$  is called the *preclosure* of  $A$  and is denoted by  $p\text{Cl}(A)$  [5]. The union of all preopen sets contained in a subset  $A$  is called the *preinterior* of  $A$  and is denoted by  $p\text{Int}(A)$ . The set  $p\text{Cl}(A)$  is preclosed and  $p\text{Int}(A)$  is preopen in  $(X, \tau)$  for any subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$ , because an arbitrary union of preopen sets of  $(X, \tau)$  is preopen [1]. It is well known that [2, Theorem 1.5 (e)(f)]  $p\text{Cl}(A) = A \cup \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(A))$  and  $p\text{Int}(A) = A \cap \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A))$  hold for any subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$ . We note that  $\tau \subset PO(X, \tau)$  for any topological space  $(X, \tau)$  and  $PO(X, \tau)$  is not a topology on  $X$  in general.

**Definition 2.1** Let  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  be a mapping from  $PO(X, \tau)$  into  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  satisfying the following property:  $V \subset \gamma_p(V)$  for any  $V \in PO(X, \tau)$ . We call the mapping  $\gamma_p$  an *operation on  $PO(X, \tau)$* . We denote  $V^{\gamma_p} := \gamma_p(V)$  for any  $V \in PO(X, \tau)$ .

**Remark 2.2** For an operation  $\gamma_p : PO(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$ , the *restriction of  $\gamma_p$  onto  $\tau$*  (say  $\gamma_p|_{\tau} : \tau \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$ ) is well defined. Indeed,  $\tau \subset PO(X, \tau)$  holds and so  $(\gamma_p|_{\tau})(V) = V^{\gamma_p}$  is well defined for any set  $V \in \tau$ . This restriction  $\gamma_p|_{\tau} : \tau \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is the operation on  $\tau$  in the sense of Ogata [20, Definition 2.1] (cf. Section 1 above). By [20, Definition 2.2] (cf. Section 1 above), a nonempty set  $A$  is called a  *$\gamma_p|_{\tau}$ -open set* of  $(X, \tau)$  if for each point  $x \in A$ , there exists an open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $U^{\gamma_p|_{\tau}} \subset A$ . Moreover, a subset  $A$  is said to be  *$\gamma_p|_{\tau}$ -closed* in  $(X, \tau)$ , if  $X \setminus A$  is  $\gamma_p|_{\tau}$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ . We suppose that the empty set is  $\gamma_p|_{\tau}$ -open and we denote the set of all  $\gamma_p|_{\tau}$ -open sets of  $(X, \tau)$  by  $\tau_{\gamma_p|_{\tau}}$ . We note that:

$$(*) \quad U^{\gamma_p} = U^{\gamma_p|_{\tau}} \text{ holds for any set } U \in \tau.$$

**Definition 2.3** (cf. [20]) Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  an operation on  $PO(X, \tau)$ . A nonempty subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is called a  *$\gamma_p$ -open set* of  $(X, \tau)$  if for each point  $x \in A$ , there exists an open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $U^{\gamma_p} \subset A$ . We suppose that the emptyset  $\emptyset$  is also  $\gamma_p$ -open for any operation  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$ . The complement of a  $\gamma_p$ -open set is called  *$\gamma_p$ -closed* in  $(X, \tau)$ . We denote the set of all  $\gamma_p$ -open sets in  $(X, \tau)$  by  $\tau_{\gamma_p}$ .

**Definition 2.4** (cf. [8, Definition 2.2]) Let  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  be an operation and  $A$  a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ .

(i) The point  $x \in X$  is *in the  $\gamma_p$ -closure of a set  $A$*  if  $U^{\gamma_p} \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for each open set  $U$  containing  $x$ . The  $\gamma_p$ -closure of a set  $A$  is denoted by  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$ .

Namely,  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) := \{x \in X \mid U^{\gamma_p} \cap A \neq \emptyset \text{ for each open set } U \text{ containing } x\}$ .

(ii) A subset  $A$  is said to be  $\gamma_p$ -closed (in the sense of Janković) in  $(X, \tau)$  if  $A = \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$  holds.

**Remark 2.5** We note that  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) = \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p|\tau}(A)$  holds for any subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , where  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p|\tau}(A) := \{x \in X \mid U^{\gamma_p|\tau} \cap A \neq \emptyset \text{ for any open set } U \text{ containing } x\}$  (cf. [8], e.g., [20, Definition 3.1]). Indeed,  $U^{\gamma_p} = U^{\gamma_p|\tau}$  holds for any open set  $U$  of  $(X, \tau)$  (cf. Remark 2.2(ii)). It is obvious that  $A \subset \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$  for any subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proposition 2.6** (cf. [20]) *Let  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  be an operation on  $PO(X, \tau)$  and a subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ .*

(i)  *$A$  is  $\gamma_p$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$  if and only if  $A$  is  $\gamma_p|\tau$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$  (in the sense of Ogata [20, Definition 2.2]; cf. Section 1 above). Namely,  $\tau_{\gamma_p} = \tau_{\gamma_p|\tau}$  holds.*

(ii)  *$A$  is  $\gamma_p$ -closed (in the sense of Janković), i.e.,  $A = \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$ , if and only if  $A$  is  $\gamma_p|\tau$ -closed (in the sense of Janković [8]), i.e.,  $A = \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p|\tau}(A)$ .*

(iii) [20, Theorem 3.7] *The following properties are equivalent:*

- (1)  *$A$  is  $\gamma_p|\tau$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ ;*
- (2)  *$X \setminus A$  is  $\gamma_p|\tau$ -closed (in the sense of Janković), i.e.,  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p|\tau}(X \setminus A) = X \setminus A$  holds;*
- (3)  *$\tau_{\gamma_p|\tau}\text{-Cl}(X \setminus A) = X \setminus A$  holds;*
- (4)  *$X \setminus A$  is  $\gamma_p|\tau$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  (cf. [20, Definition 2.2]).*

(iv)  *$A$  is  $\gamma_p$ -closed (in the sense of Janković), i.e.,  $A = \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$ , if and only if  $X \setminus A$  is  $\gamma_p$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .*

(v) (cf. [20, p.176]) *Every  $\gamma_p$ -open set is open in  $(X, \tau)$ , i.e.,  $\tau_{\gamma_p} \subset \tau$ .*

(vi) *An arbitrary union of  $\gamma_p$ -open sets is  $\gamma_p$ -open.*

*Proof.* (i) **(Necessity)** Let  $x \in A$ . There exists an open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $U^{\gamma_p} \subset A$ . By (\*) in Remark 2.2,  $U^{\gamma_p|\tau} \subset A$  and so  $A$  is  $\gamma_p|\tau$ -open. **(Sufficiency)** It is easy to prove by using (\*) in Remark 2.2. (ii) This follows from Definition 2.4 and Remark 2.5. (iii) By (i), (ii) and [20, Theorem 3.7], (iii) is proved. (iv) This is shown by (i), (ii) and (iii). (v) Let  $A \in \tau_{\gamma_p}$ . Then, for each point  $x \in A$  there exists an open set  $U(x)$  containing  $x$  such that  $A = \bigcup \{U(x) \mid x \in A\} = \bigcup \{U(x)^{\gamma_p} \mid x \in A\}$ . Thus, we have that  $A \in \tau$ . (vi) By [20, Proposition 2.3] (cf. Section 1 above), an arbitrary union of  $\gamma_p|\tau$ -open sets is  $\gamma_p|\tau$ -open. Thus, using (i), (iv) is obtained.  $\square$

**3 Pre  $\gamma_p$ -open sets and operation-closures** In this section the notion of *pre- $\gamma_p$ -open sets* is defined and related properties are investigated, where  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is an operation on  $PO(X, \tau)$ .

**Definition 3.1** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  an operation on  $PO(X, \tau)$ . A nonempty subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is called a *pre  $\gamma_p$ -open set* of  $(X, \tau)$  if for each point  $x \in A$ , there exists a preopen set  $U$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $U^{\gamma_p} \subset A$ . We suppose that the emptyset  $\emptyset$  is also pre  $\gamma_p$ -open for any operation  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$ . We denote the set of all pre  $\gamma_p$ -open sets in  $(X, \tau)$  by  $PO(X, \tau)_{\gamma_p}$  (or shortly,  $PO(X)_{\gamma_p}$ ).

**Example 3.2** (i) A subset  $A$  is a pre “*id*”-open set of  $(X, \tau)$  if and only if  $A$  is preopen in  $(X, \tau)$ . The operation “*id*” :  $PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is defined by  $V^{\text{“id”}} = V$  for any set  $V \in PO(X, \tau)$ ; this operation is called the *identity operation* on  $PO(X, \tau)$  (cf. [8]). A subset  $A$  is an “*id*”-open set of  $(X, \tau)$  if and only if  $A$  is open in  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore, we have that  $PO(X, \tau)^{\text{“id”}} = PO(X, \tau)$  and  $\tau^{\text{“id”}} = \tau$ .

(ii) (ii-1) We characterize pre “ $Cl$ ”-open sets, where “ $Cl$ ”:  $PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is the operation defined by  $V^{“Cl”} := Cl(V)$  for any subset  $V \in PO(X, \tau)$ . A nonempty subset  $A$  is pre “ $Cl$ ”-open in  $(X, \tau)$  if and only if, by definition, for each point  $x \in A$  there exists a subset  $U \in PO(X, \tau)$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $U^{“Cl”} \subset A$ ; if and only if for each point  $x \notin X \setminus A$ , there exists a subset  $V \in PO(X, \tau)$  such that  $x \in V$  and  $V^{“Cl”} \cap (X \setminus A) = \emptyset$ ; if and only if  $pCl^{“Cl”}(X \setminus A) \subset X \setminus A$ , where  $pCl^{“Cl”}(B) := \{z \in X | Cl(W) \cap B \neq \emptyset \text{ for any subset } W \in PO(X, \tau) \text{ such that } z \in W\}$  for a subset  $B$  of  $(X, \tau)$  (cf. Definition 3.10 below). Thus, a nonempty set  $A$  is pre “ $Cl$ ”-open in  $(X, \tau)$  if and only if  $pCl^{“Cl”}(X \setminus A) = X \setminus A$  hold. The following property holds: a nonempty set  $A$  is pre “ $Cl$ ”-open in  $(X, \tau)$  if and only if  $A$  is  $\theta$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be pre “ $Cl$ ”-open. For any point  $x$  of  $A$ , there exists  $U \in PO(X, \tau)$  such that  $x \in U \subset Cl(U) \subset A$ . Set  $O = Int(Cl(U))$ , then we have  $x \in U \subset O \in \tau$  and  $Cl(U) \subset Cl(Int(Cl(U))) = Cl(O) \subset Cl(U)$ . Therefore, we obtain that for each  $x \in A$  there exists  $O \in \tau$  such that  $x \in O \subset Cl(O) \subset A$ . This shows that  $A$  is  $\theta$ -open. The converse is obvious.

(ii-2) The operation “ $pCl$ ”:  $PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is defined by  $V^{“pCl”} = pCl(V)$  for any set  $V \in PO(X, \tau)$ . We note that “ $pCl$ ”  $\neq$  “ $Cl$ ”:  $PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  in general and

(\*) a subset  $A$  is a pre “ $pCl$ ”-open set if and only if  $A$  is pre  $\theta$ -open [22] in  $(X, \tau)$ .

A closure  $pCl_\theta(B)$  of a subset  $B$  is defined by  $pCl_\theta(B) := \{y \in X | pCl(V) \cap B \neq \emptyset \text{ for every preopen set } V \text{ containing } y\}$  [22]. A subset  $B$  is said to be *pre  $\theta$ -closed* in  $(X, \tau)$  if  $B = pCl_\theta(B)$  holds; a subset  $A$  is said to be *pre  $\theta$ -open* in  $(X, \tau)$  if  $X \setminus A = pCl_\theta(X \setminus A)$  holds. It is obviously obtained that  $A \subset pCl_\theta(A)$  for any subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$ .

*The proof of (\*):* A subset  $A$  is pre “ $pCl$ ”-open if and only if, for each point  $x \in A$ , there exists a subset  $U \in PO(X, \tau)$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $U^{“pCl”} \subset A$ ; if and only if, for each point  $x \notin X \setminus A$ , there exists a subset  $U \in PO(X, \tau)$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $U^{“pCl”} \cap (X \setminus A) = \emptyset$ ; if and only if  $pCl_\theta(X \setminus A) \subset X \setminus A$  and so  $A$  is pre  $\theta$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

(ii-3) The following example shows that the operations “ $pCl$ ” and “ $Cl$ ” are distinct operations on  $PO(X, \tau)$  in general. Indeed, let  $X := \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau := \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . In a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $PO(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$  holds and so  $Cl(\{a\}) = X$ ;  $pCl(\{a\}) = \{a\}$ . Thus, we have that, for a preopen set  $\{a\}$ , “ $pCl$ ”( $\{a\}$ )  $\neq$  “ $Cl$ ”( $\{a\}$ ).

(iii) The operation “ $Int \circ Cl$ ”:  $PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is well defined by  $V^{“Int \circ Cl”} := Int(Cl(V))$  for any subset  $V \in PO(X, \tau)$ . Indeed,  $V \subset V^{“Int \circ Cl”} = Int(Cl(V))$  holds for any  $V \in PO(X, \tau)$  by definition of the preopen sets. This is called the *interior-closure operation* on  $PO(X, \tau)$  (cf. [8]). For this operation we note that:

(\*\*) a subset  $A$  is pre “ $Int \circ Cl$ ”-open in  $(X, \tau)$  if and only if  $A$  is “ $Int \circ Cl$ ”-open in  $(X, \tau)$ , i.e.,  $A$  is  $\delta$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$  [26].

*The proof of (\*\*):* Suppose that  $A$  is pre “ $Int \circ Cl$ ”-open in  $(X, \tau)$ . For a point  $x \in A$ , there exists a subset  $U \in PO(X, \tau)$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $Int(Cl(U)) \subset A$  if and only if there exists a subset  $G \in \tau$  such that  $x \in G$  and  $Int(Cl(G)) \subset A$  (i.e., by definition,  $A$  is “ $Int \circ Cl$ ”-open in  $(X, \tau)$ ). For the proof of necessity of the last equivalence, we can take  $G = Int(Cl(U))$ . By definitions,  $A$  is “ $Int \circ Cl$ ”-open in  $(X, \tau)$  if and only if  $A$  is  $\delta$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ . Recall that  $\tau_\delta$  denotes the collection of all  $\delta$ -open sets in  $(X, \tau)$ . It is well known that  $\tau_\delta$  is a topology of  $X$ . By means of (\*\*), we conclude that  $\tau_\delta = \tau^{“Int \circ Cl”} = PO(X, \tau)^{“Int \circ Cl”}$  holds and so  $PO(X, \tau)^{“Int \circ Cl”}$  is a topology of  $X$  (cf. Theorem 3.8(iv) below).

(iv) For more examples, operations from  $PO(X, \tau)$  into  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  are well defined as follows: The operations “ $Cl_\theta$ ”, “ $Cl_\delta$ ”, “ $pCl_\theta$ ”, “ $\alpha Cl$ ”, “ $sCl$ ”, “ $\theta$ - $sCl$ ”:  $PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$

are well defined, respectively, by  $V^{“Cl_\theta”} := Cl_\theta(V)$  [26],  $V^{“Cl_\delta”} := Cl_\delta(V)$  [26],  $V^{“pCl_\theta”} := pCl_\theta(V)$  [16],  $V^{“\alpha Cl”} := \alpha Cl(V)$  [18],  $V^{“sCl”} := sCl(V)$  [13],  $V^a := \theta\text{-}sCl(V)$ , where  $a := “\theta\text{-}sCl”$  [10] for every set  $V \in PO(X, \tau)$ . We recall some definitions as follows: For a subset  $B$  of  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $\delta$ -closure  $Cl_\delta(B)$  [26] (resp.  $\theta$ -closure  $Cl_\theta(B)$  [26]) of  $B$  is defined by  $Cl_\delta(B) := \{y \in X \mid \text{Int}(Cl(U)) \cap B \neq \emptyset \text{ for every open set } U \text{ containing } y\}$  (resp.  $Cl_\theta(B) := \{y \in X \mid Cl(U) \cap B \neq \emptyset \text{ for every open set } U \text{ containing } y\}$ ). For a subset  $B$  of  $(X, \tau)$ , the  $\alpha$ -closure  $\alpha Cl(B)$  [18] (resp. semi-closure  $sCl(B)$  [13]) of the set  $B$  is the intersection of all  $\alpha$ -closed sets (resp. semi-closed sets) containing  $B$ ;  $\alpha Cl(B)$  (resp.  $sCl(B)$ ) is  $\alpha$ -closed (resp. semi-closed) in  $(X, \tau)$ . For these operations above, the following results are probably unexpected:

“ $Cl$ ” = “ $Cl_\theta$ ” = “ $Cl_\delta$ ” = “ $\alpha Cl$ ” :  $PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$ , “ $pCl$ ” = “ $pCl_\theta$ ” :  $PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  and “ $sCl$ ” = “ $\theta\text{-}sCl$ ” :  $PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  hold.

Indeed, it is shown that  $Cl(V) = Cl_\theta(V) = Cl_\delta(V) = \alpha Cl(V)$  hold for any set  $V \in PO(X, \tau)$  ([9, Corollary 2.5 (c)], e.g., [19, Lemma 2.1]),  $pCl(V) = pCl_\theta(V)$  holds for any set  $V \in PO(X, \tau)$  ([3, Proposition 4.2]) and  $sCl(V) = \theta\text{-}sCl(V)$  holds for any set  $V \in PO(X, \tau)$  ([23, Lemma 1]).

(v) Let “ $Cl$ ” $|_\tau$ , “ $pCl$ ” $|_\tau$ , “ $\alpha Cl$ ” $|_\tau$  :  $\tau \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  be the restrictions to  $\tau$  of operations “ $Cl$ ”, “ $pCl$ ”, “ $\alpha Cl$ ” :  $PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$ , respectively. Then, “ $Cl$ ” $|_\tau$  = “ $pCl$ ” $|_\tau$  = “ $\alpha Cl$ ” $|_\tau$  :  $\tau \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  holds over  $\tau$ , because  $Cl(V) = pCl(V) = \alpha Cl(V)$  for any open set  $V$  of  $(X, \tau)$ .

(vi) Suppose that  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ . Then, it is shown that  $PO(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ .

We define an operation  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  such that  $\gamma_p(A) := A$  if  $b \in A$ ,  $\gamma_p(A) := pCl(A)$  if  $b \notin A$ . Then we have that  $PO(X, \tau)_{\gamma_p} = \{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}\}$ .

**Theorem 3.3** Let  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  be any operation on  $PO(X, \tau)$ .

- (i) Every pre  $\gamma_p$ -open set of  $(X, \tau)$  is preopen in  $(X, \tau)$ , i.e.,  $PO(X, \tau)_{\gamma_p} \subset PO(X, \tau)$ .
- (ii) Every  $\gamma_p$ -open set of  $(X, \tau)$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -open, i.e.,  $\tau_{\gamma_p} \subset PO(X, \tau)_{\gamma_p}$ .
- (iii) If  $\{A_i \mid i \in J\}$  is a collection of pre  $\gamma_p$ -open sets in  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $\bigcup \{A_i \mid i \in J\}$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ , where  $J$  is any index set.

*Proof.* (i) Suppose that  $A \in PO(X)_{\gamma_p}$ . Let  $x \in A$ . Then, there exists a preopen set  $U$  such that  $x \in U \subset U^{\gamma_p} \subset A$ . Because  $U$  is a preopen set, this implies  $x \in U \subset \text{Int}(Cl(U)) \subset \text{Int}(Cl(A))$ . Thus we show that  $A \subset \text{Int}(Cl(A))$  and hence  $A \in PO(X)$ . Thus we have that  $PO(X, \tau)_{\gamma_p} \subset PO(X, \tau)$ .

*An alternative proof:* Suppose that  $A \in PO(X)_{\gamma_p}$ . Let  $x \in A$ . There exists a preopen set  $U(x)$  containing  $x$  such that  $U(x)^{\gamma_p} \subset A$ . Then,  $\bigcup \{U(x) \mid x \in A\} \subset \bigcup \{U(x)^{\gamma_p} \mid x \in A\} \subset A$  and so  $A = \bigcup \{U(x) \mid x \in A\} \in PO(X, \tau)$  holds. (ii) Let  $A$  be a  $\gamma_p$ -open set in  $(X, \tau)$  and  $x \in A$ . There exists an open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U \subset U^{\gamma_p} \subset A$ . Since every open set is a preopen set, this implies that  $A$  is a pre  $\gamma_p$ -open set. Hence, it follows from definitions that  $\tau_{\gamma_p} \subset PO(X, \tau)_{\gamma_p}$  holds. (iii) Let  $x \in \bigcup \{A_i \mid i \in J\}$ , then  $x \in A_i$  for some  $i \in J$ . Since  $A_i$  is a pre  $\gamma_p$ -open set, there exists a preopen set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $U^{\gamma_p} \subset A_i \subset \bigcup \{A_i \mid i \in J\}$ . Hence  $\bigcup \{A_i \mid i \in J\}$  is a pre  $\gamma_p$ -open set.  $\square$

**Remark 3.4** (i) The converses of Theorem 3.3 (i) and (ii) above need not be true. Let  $X := \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau := \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ . Then, for a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , we have  $PO(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ . Define an operation  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  by putting  $\gamma_p(A) := A$  if  $a \in A$ ,  $\gamma_p(A) := pCl(A)$  if  $a \notin A$ . Then it is clearly to see that  $\{b\} \in PO(X, \tau)$  but  $\{b\}$  is not pre  $\gamma_p$ -open;  $\{a, b, d\}$  is a pre  $\gamma_p$ -open set but not a  $\gamma_p$ -open set.

(ii) In general, the intersection of two pre  $\gamma_p$ -open sets need not be a pre  $\gamma_p$ -open set. Let  $X := \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau := \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ . For a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $PO(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ . Define an operation  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  by putting  $\gamma_p(A) := A$  if  $A \neq \{a\}$ ,  $\gamma_p(A) := \{a, b\}$  if  $A = \{a\}$ . Then  $A = \{a, b\}$  and  $B = \{a, c\}$  are pre  $\gamma_p$ -open sets but  $A \cap B = \{a\}$  is not a pre  $\gamma_p$ -open set.

**Definition 3.5** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  an operation. Then,  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be *pre  $\gamma_p$ -regular* (resp.  *$\gamma_p$ -regular*) if for each point  $x \in X$  and for every preopen (resp. open) set  $V$  containing  $x$ , there exists a preopen (resp. an open) set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $U^{\gamma_p} \subset V$ .

**Theorem 3.6** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  an operation on  $PO(X, \tau)$ .

- (i) The following properties are equivalent:
  - (1)  $PO(X, \tau) = PO(X, \tau)_{\gamma_p}$ ;
  - (2)  $(X, \tau)$  is a pre  $\gamma_p$ -regular space;
  - (3) For every  $x \in X$  and for every preopen set  $U$  of  $(X, \tau)$  containing  $x$ , there exists a pre  $\gamma_p$ -open set  $W$  of  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $x \in W$  and  $W \subset U$ .
- (ii) A space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\gamma_p$ -regular if and only if  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\gamma_p|\tau$ -regular (in the sense of Kasahara)[11], e.g., [20].
- (iii) The following properties are equivalent:
  - (1)  $\tau = \tau_{\gamma_p}$  holds;
  - (2)  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $\gamma_p$ -regular space;
  - (3) For every  $x \in X$  and for every open set  $U$  of  $(X, \tau)$  containing  $x$ , there exists a  $\gamma_p$ -open set  $W$  of  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $x \in W$  and  $W \subset U$ .

*Proof.* **(i) (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2)** Let  $x \in X$  and  $V$  a preopen set containing  $x$ . It follows from assumption that  $V$  is a pre  $\gamma_p$ -open set. This implies that there exists a preopen set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $U^{\gamma_p} \subset V$ . Hence,  $(X, \tau)$  is a pre  $\gamma_p$ -regular space. **(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3)** Let  $x \in X$  and  $U$  be a preopen set containing  $x$ . Then, by (2) there is a preopen set  $W$  containing  $x$  and  $W \subset W^{\gamma_p} \subset U$ . By using (2) for the set  $W$ , it is shown that  $W$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -open. Hence,  $W$  is a pre  $\gamma_p$ -open set containing  $x$  such that  $W \subset U$ . **(3) $\Rightarrow$ (1)** By (3) and Theorem 3.3(iii), it follows that every preopen set is pre  $\gamma_p$ -open, i.e.,  $PO(X, \tau) \subset PO(X, \tau)_{\gamma_p}$ . It follows from Theorem 3.3(i) that the converse inclusion  $PO(X, \tau)_{\gamma_p} \subset PO(X, \tau)$  holds. **(ii)** By definition,  $U^{\gamma_p} = U^{\gamma_p|\tau}$  holds for every  $U \in \tau$ . Thus the proof is obtained. **(iii) (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2)** By (1) and Proposition 2.6(i),  $\tau = \tau_{\gamma_p|\tau} = \tau_{\gamma_p}$ . Using [20, Proposition 2.4], we have that  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\gamma_p|\tau$ -regular and so, by (ii),  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\gamma_p$ -regular. **(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3)** Let  $x \in X$  and  $U$  be an open set containing  $x$ . By (2), there exists a subset  $W \in \tau$  such that  $x \in W$  and  $W^{\gamma_p} \subset U$ . Using (2) for the set  $W$  and any point  $y \in W$ , it is shown that  $W$  is  $\gamma_p$ -open. Then,  $U$  is  $\gamma_p$ -open and so  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $\gamma_p$ -regular space. **(3) $\Rightarrow$ (1)** It is enough to prove  $\tau \subset \tau_{\gamma_p}$ , because  $\tau_{\gamma_p} \subset \tau$  (cf. Proposition 2.6(v)). Let  $U \in \tau$ . By using (3) for the set  $U$  and each point  $x \in U$ , there exists a subset  $W(x) \in \tau_{\gamma_p}$  such that  $W(x) \subset U$ . Thus we have that  $U = \bigcup \{W(x) | x \in U\}$  and  $U \in \tau_{\gamma_p}$  (cf. Proposition 2.6(vi)). Therefore, we have that  $\tau \subset \tau_{\gamma_p}$ .  $\square$

**Definition 3.7** An operation  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is called to be *preregular* (resp. *regular*, cf., [11, p.98], e.g., [20, Definition 2.5]) if for each point  $x \in X$  and for every pair of preopen (resp. open) sets  $U$  and  $V$  containing  $x \in X$ , there exists a preopen (resp. an open) set  $W$  such that  $x \in W$  and  $W^{\gamma_p} \subset U^{\gamma_p} \cap V^{\gamma_p}$ .

**Theorem 3.8** (i) Let  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  be a preregular operation on  $PO(X, \tau)$ . If  $A$  and  $B$  are pre  $\gamma_p$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $A \cap B$  is also pre  $\gamma_p$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

(ii) An operation  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is regular if and only if  $\gamma_p|_\tau : \tau \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is regular (in the sense of [11, p.98], e.g., [20, Definition 2.5]).

(iii) Let  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  be a regular operation on  $PO(X, \tau)$ . If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\gamma_p$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $A \cap B$  is also  $\gamma_p$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

(iv) If  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is a preregular (resp. regular) operation, then  $PO(X, \tau)_{\gamma_p}$  (resp.  $\tau_{\gamma_p}$ ) is a topology of  $X$ .

*Proof.* (i) Let  $x \in A \cap B$ . Since  $A$  and  $B$  are pre  $\gamma_p$ -open sets, there exists preopen sets  $U, V$  such that  $x \in U, x \in V$  and  $U^{\gamma_p} \subset A$  and  $V^{\gamma_p} \subset B$ . By preregularity of  $\gamma_p$ , there exists a preopen set  $W$  containing  $x$  such that  $W^{\gamma_p} \subset U^{\gamma_p} \cap V^{\gamma_p} \subset A \cap B$ . Therefore,  $A \cap B$  is a pre  $\gamma_p$ -open set. (ii) Since  $U^{\gamma_p} = U^{\gamma_p|_\tau}$  for any open subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$ , we have the equivalence. (iii) It is proved by (ii) above, Proposition 2.6(i) and [20, Proposition 2.9]. (iv) It is proved by (i) above and Theorem 3.3(iii) (resp. (iii) above and Proposition 2.6(vi)).  $\square$

**Definition 3.9** Let  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  be an operation and  $A$  a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ .

(i) A subset  $A$  is said to be  $\gamma_p$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  if  $X \setminus A$  is a  $\gamma_p$ -open set of  $(X, \tau)$  (cf. Proposition 2.6(iv)).

(ii) A subset  $A$  is said to be pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  if  $X \setminus A$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

(iii) The following subsets are well defined as follows:

$\tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A) := \bigcap \{F \mid F \text{ is a } \gamma_p\text{-closed set of } (X, \tau) \text{ such that } A \subset F\}$  (cf. (i) above, Proposition 2.6(ii)(iii));

$PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A) := \bigcap \{F \mid F \text{ is pre-}\gamma_p\text{-closed in } (X, \tau) \text{ such that } A \subset F\}.$

**Definition 3.10** Let  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  be an operation and  $A$  a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . A point  $x \in X$  is in the pre  $\gamma_p$ -closure of a set  $A$  if  $U^{\gamma_p} \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for each preopen set  $U$  containing  $x$ . The pre  $\gamma_p$ -closure of  $A$  is denoted by  $p\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$ . Namely,  $p\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) := \{x \in X \mid U^{\gamma_p} \cap A \neq \emptyset \text{ for any preopen set } U \text{ containing } x\}.$

**Theorem 3.11** Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . Then we have the following properties on  $PO(X, \tau)_{\gamma_p}$ -closures and  $\tau_{\gamma_p}$ -closures.

(i)  $PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A) = \{y \in X \mid V \cap A \neq \emptyset \text{ for every set } V \in PO(X, \tau)_{\gamma_p} \text{ such that } y \in V\}.$

(ii)  $\tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A) = \{y \in X \mid V \cap A \neq \emptyset \text{ for every set } V \in \tau_{\gamma_p} \text{ such that } y \in V\}.$

*Proof.* (i) Denote  $E := \{y \in X \mid V \cap A \neq \emptyset \text{ for every set } V \in PO(X, \tau)_{\gamma_p} \text{ such that } y \in V\}$ . We shall prove that  $PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A) = E$ . Let  $x \notin E$ . Then there exists a pre  $\gamma_p$ -open set  $V$  containing  $x$  such that  $V \cap A = \emptyset$ . This implies that  $X \setminus V$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed and  $A \subset X \setminus V$ . Hence  $PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A) \subset X \setminus V$ . It follows that  $x \notin PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)$ . Thus, we have that  $PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A) \subset E$ . Conversely, let  $x \notin PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)$ . Then there exists a pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed set  $F$  such that  $A \subset F$  and  $x \notin F$ . Then we have that  $x \in X \setminus F$ ,  $X \setminus F \in PO(X, \tau)_{\gamma_p}$  and  $(X \setminus F) \cap A = \emptyset$ . This implies that  $x \notin E$ . Hence  $E \subset PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)$ . Therefore, we have that  $PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A) = E$ . (ii) By using Definition 3.9(iii), Proposition 2.6(i) and [20, (3.2), Proposition 3.3], it is obtained that  $\tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A) = \bigcap \{F \mid A \subset F, X \setminus F \in \tau_{\gamma_p}\} = \bigcap \{F \mid A \subset F, X \setminus F \in \tau_{\gamma_p|_\tau}\} = \tau_{\gamma_p|_\tau}\text{-Cl}(A) = \{y \in X \mid V \cap A \neq \emptyset \text{ for any } V \in \tau_{\gamma_p|_\tau} \text{ such that } y \in V\} = \{y \in X \mid V \cap A \neq \emptyset \text{ for any } V \in \tau_{\gamma_p} \text{ such that } y \in V\}.$   $\square$

For  $\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$  (cf. Definition 3.10) and  $PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)$  (cf. Definition 3.9(iii)), where  $A$  is a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , we have the following properties Theorem 3.12 and Theorem 3.13:

**Theorem 3.12** *Let  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  be an operation on  $PO(X, \tau)$  and  $A$  and  $B$  subsets of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . Then, we have the following properties on  $\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$  and  $\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(B)$ .*

- (i) *The set  $\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$  is a preclosed set of  $(X, \tau)$  and  $A \subset \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$ .*
- (ii)  *$\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$  and  $\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(X) = X$ .*
- (iii)  *$A$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed (i.e.,  $X \setminus A$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -open) in  $(X, \tau)$  if and only if  $\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A) = A$  holds.*
- (iv) *If  $A \subset B$ , then  $\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \subset \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(B)$ .*
- (v)  *$\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \cup \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(B) \subset \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A \cup B)$  holds.*
- (vi) *If  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is preregular, then  $\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \cup \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(B) = \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A \cup B)$  holds.*
- (vii)  *$\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A \cap B) \subset \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \cap \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(B)$  holds.*

*Proof.* (i) For each point  $x \in X \setminus \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$ , by Definition 3.10, there exists a preopen set  $U(x)$  containing  $x$  such that  $U(x)^{\gamma_p} \cap A = \emptyset$ . We set  $V := \bigcup \{U(x) | x \in X \setminus \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A)\}$ . Then, it is shown that  $V = X \setminus \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$  holds. Indeed, for a point  $y \in V$ , there exists a subset  $U(x) \in PO(X, \tau)$  such that  $y \in U(x)$  and  $U(x)^{\gamma_p} \cap A = \emptyset$ . This shows that  $y \notin \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$  and so  $V \subset X \setminus \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$ . Conversely, let  $y \in X \setminus \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$ . There exists a subset  $U(y) \in PO(X, \tau)$  such that  $U(y)^{\gamma_p} \cap A = \emptyset$  and so  $y \in U(y) \subset V$ . Thus, we conclude that  $X \setminus \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \subset V$ ; we have that  $V = X \setminus \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$ . Therefore,  $\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$  is preclosed in  $(X, \tau)$ , because  $V \in PO(X, \tau)$ . Obviously, by Definition 3.10, we have that  $A \subset \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$ . (ii) (iv) They are obtained from Definition 3.10. (iii) (Necessity) Suppose that  $X \setminus A$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ . We claim that  $\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \subset A$ . Let  $x \notin A$ . There exists a preopen set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $U^{\gamma_p} \subset X \setminus A$ , i.e.,  $U^{\gamma_p} \cap A = \emptyset$ . Hence, using Definition 3.10, we have that  $x \notin \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$  and so  $\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \subset A$ . By (i), it is proved that  $A = \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$ . (Sufficiency) Suppose that  $A = \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$ . Let  $x \in X \setminus A$ . Since  $x \notin \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$ , there exists a preopen set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $U^{\gamma_p} \cap A = \emptyset$ , i.e.,  $U^{\gamma_p} \subset X \setminus A$ . Namely,  $X \setminus A$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$  and so  $A$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed. (v) (vii) They are obtained from (iv). (vi) Let  $x \notin \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \cup \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(B)$ . Then, there exist two preopen sets  $U$  and  $V$  containing  $x$  such that  $U^{\gamma_p} \cap A = \emptyset$  and  $V^{\gamma_p} \cap B = \emptyset$ . By Definition 3.7, there exists a preopen set  $W$  containing  $x$  such that  $W^{\gamma_p} \subset U^{\gamma_p} \cap V^{\gamma_p}$ . Thus, we have that  $W^{\gamma_p} \cap (A \cup B) \subset (U^{\gamma_p} \cap V^{\gamma_p}) \cap (A \cup B) \subset [U^{\gamma_p} \cap A] \cup [V^{\gamma_p} \cap B] = \emptyset$ , i.e.,  $W^{\gamma_p} \cap (A \cup B) = \emptyset$ . Namely, we have that  $x \notin \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A \cup B)$  and so  $\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A \cup B) \subset \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \cup \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(B)$ . We can obtain (vi) using (v).  $\square$

**Theorem 3.13** *Let  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  be an operation on  $PO(X, \tau)$  and  $A$  and  $B$  subsets of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . Then, we have the following properties on  $PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)$  and  $PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(B)$ .*

- (i) *The set  $PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)$  is a pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$  and  $A \subset PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)$ .*
- (ii)  *$PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$  and  $PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(X) = X$ .*
- (iii) *A subset  $A$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed (i.e.,  $X \setminus A$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -open) in  $(X, \tau)$  if and only if  $PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A) = A$  holds.*
- (iv) *If  $A \subset B$ , then  $PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A) \subset PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(B)$ .*
- (v)  *$(PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)) \cup (PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(B)) \subset PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A \cup B)$  holds.*



- (vi) If  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is preregular, then  $(PO(X)_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(A)) \cup (PO(X)_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(B)) = PO(X)_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(A \cup B)$  holds.
- (vii)  $PO(X)_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(A \cap B) \subset (PO(X)_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(A)) \cap (PO(X)_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(B))$  holds.
- (viii)  $PO(X)_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(PO(X)_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(A)) = PO(X)_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(A)$  holds.

*Proof.* (i) By Theorem 3.3(iii) and Definition 3.9(ii)(iii), it is obtained that  $PO(X)_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(A)$  is a pre  $\gamma$ -closed set and  $A \subset PO(X)_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(A)$ . (ii) (iv) They are obtained from Definition 3.9(iii). (iii) By (i) and Definition 3.9, the equivalence is proved. (v) (vii) They are proved by (iv). (vi) Let  $x \notin (PO(X)_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(A)) \cup (PO(X)_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(B))$ . Then, there exist two pre  $\gamma_p$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \cap A = \emptyset$  and  $V \cap B = \emptyset$ . By Theorem 3.8, it is proved that  $U \cap V$  is  $\gamma_p$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $(U \cap V) \cap (A \cup B) = \emptyset$ . Thus, we have that  $x \notin PO(X)_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(A \cup B)$  and hence  $PO(X)_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(A \cup B) \subset (PO(X)_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(A)) \cup (PO(X)_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(B))$ . Using (v), we have the equality. (viii) The proof is obvious from (i) and (iii).  $\square$

For  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$  (cf. Definition 2.4(i)) and  $\tau_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(A)$  (cf. Definition 3.9(iii)), where  $A$  is a subset of  $(X, \tau)$ , we have the following properties Theorem 3.14 and Theorem 3.15:

**Theorem 3.14** Let  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  be an operation on  $PO(X, \tau)$  and  $A$  and  $B$  subsets of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . Then, we have the following properties on  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$  and  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(B)$ , (cf. Definition 2.4(i)).

- (i) The set  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$  is a closed set of  $(X, \tau)$  and  $A \subset \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$ .
- (ii)  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$  and  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(X) = X$ .
- (iii) (Proposition 2.6(iv), Definition 3.9(i)) A subset  $A$  is  $\gamma_p$ -closed (i.e.,  $X \setminus A$  is  $\gamma_p$ -open) in  $(X, \tau)$  if and only if  $A$  is  $\gamma_p$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  (in the sense of Janković) (i.e.,  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) = A$  holds).
- (iv) If  $A \subset B$ , then  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \subset \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(B)$ .
- (v)  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \cup \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(B) \subset \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A \cup B)$  holds.
- (vi) If  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is regular, then  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \cup \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(B) = \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A \cup B)$  holds.
- (vii)  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A \cap B) \subset \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \cap \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(B)$  holds.

*Proof.* (i) By Remark 2.5 and [20, Theorem 3.6(i)], respectively, it is known that  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) = \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p|\tau}(A)$  and every  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p|\tau}(A)$  is closed in  $(X, \tau)$  for any subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$  and any operation  $\gamma_p|\tau : \tau \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$ . (ii) (iv) They are obtained from Definition 2.4. (v) (vii) They are obtained from (iv). (vi) This follows from Remark 2.5, Theorem 3.8(ii) and [20, Lemma 3.10].  $\square$

**Theorem 3.15** Let  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  be an operation on  $PO(X, \tau)$  and  $A$  and  $B$  subsets of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . Then, we have the following properties on  $\tau_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(A)$  and  $\tau_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(B)$ .

- (i) The set  $\tau_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(A)$  is a  $\gamma_p$ -closed set of  $(X, \tau)$  and  $A \subset \tau_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(A)$ .
- (ii)  $\tau_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$  and  $\tau_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(X) = X$ .
- (iii)  $A$  is  $\gamma_p$ -closed (i.e.,  $X \setminus A$  is  $\gamma_p$ -open) in  $(X, \tau)$  if and only if  $\tau_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(A) = A$  holds.
- (iv) If  $A \subset B$ , then  $\tau_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(A) \subset \tau_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(B)$ .
- (v)  $(\tau_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(A)) \cup (\tau_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(B)) \subset \tau_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(A \cup B)$  holds.
- (vi) If  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is regular, then  $(\tau_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(A)) \cup (\tau_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(B)) = \tau_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(A \cup B)$  holds.
- (vii)  $\tau_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(A \cap B) \subset (\tau_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(A)) \cap (\tau_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(B))$  holds.
- (viii)  $\tau_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(\tau_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(A)) = \tau_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(A)$  holds.

*Proof.* (i) By Proposition 2.6(iv)(vi) and Definition 3.9(iii), it is obtained that  $\tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)$  is a  $\gamma_p$ -closed set. (ii)-(iv) They are obtained from Definition 3.9(iii). (v) (vii) They are proved by using (iv). (vi) Let  $x \notin (\tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)) \cup (\tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(B))$ . Then, there exist two  $\gamma_p$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  containing  $x$  such that  $U \cap A = \emptyset$  and  $V \cap B = \emptyset$ . By Theorem 3.8(iii), it is proved that  $U \cap V$  is  $\gamma_p$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $(U \cap V) \cap (A \cup B) = \emptyset$ . Thus, we have that  $x \notin \tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A \cup B)$  and hence  $\tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A \cup B) \subset (\tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)) \cup (\tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(B))$ . Using (v), we have the equality. (viii) The proof is obvious from (i) and (iii).  $\square$

**Theorem 3.16** *For a subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  and any operation  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$ , the following relations hold.*

- (i)  $\text{pCl}(A) \subset \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \subset PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A) \subset \tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)$ .
- (ii)  $\text{pCl}(A) \subset \text{Cl}(A) \subset \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \subset \tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)$ .

*Proof.* (i) The implication that  $\text{pCl}(A) \subset \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$  is proved by Definition 3.10 and Definition 2.1;  $\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \subset PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)$  is proved by using Theorem 3.11 (i), Definition 3.1 and Definition 3.10;  $PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A) \subset \tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)$  is obtained by Theorem 3.3(ii) and Definition 3.9(iii). (ii) The implication that  $\text{pCl}(A) \subset \text{Cl}(A)$  is proved by a fact that  $\tau \subset PO(X, \tau)$ ;  $\text{Cl}(A) \subset \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$  is obtained by Definition 2.4;  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \subset \tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)$  is proved by using Theorem 3.11(ii), Definition 2.3 and Definition 2.4(i).  $\square$

**Corollary 3.17** *Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  and  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  an operation on  $PO(X, \tau)$ .*

- (i) *The following properties are equivalent:*
  - (1) *A subset  $A$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$  (cf. Definition 3.1);*
  - (2)  $\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(X \setminus A) = X \setminus A$ ;
  - (3)  $PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(X \setminus A) = X \setminus A$ ;
  - (4)  *$X \setminus A$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  (cf. Definition 3.9(ii)).*
- (ii) *The following properties are equivalent:*
  - (1) *A subset  $A$  is  $\gamma_p$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$  (cf. Definition 2.3);*
  - (2)  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(X \setminus A) = X \setminus A$ ;
  - (3)  $\tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(X \setminus A) = X \setminus A$ ;
  - (4) *A subset  $X \setminus A$  is  $\gamma_p$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  (cf. Definition 3.9(ii)).*
  - (5) *A subset  $X \setminus A$  is  $\gamma_p|\tau$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  (cf. [20, Definition 2.2]).*

*Proof.* (i) (1) $\Leftrightarrow$ (2) (resp. (3) $\Leftrightarrow$ (4)) It is obtained by Theorem 3.12(iii) (resp. Theorem 3.13(iii)). (4) $\Leftrightarrow$ (1) This follows from Definition 3.1 and Definition 3.9(ii). (ii) (1) $\Leftrightarrow$ (2) (resp. (3) $\Leftrightarrow$ (4)) This follows from Theorem 3.14(iii) (resp. Theorem 3.15(iii)). (4) $\Leftrightarrow$ (1) (resp. (5) $\Leftrightarrow$ (1)) This follows from Definition 2.3 and Definition 3.9(i) (resp. Proposition 2.6(i)(iii)).  $\square$

**Corollary 3.18** *Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  and  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  an operation on  $PO(X, \tau)$ .*

- (i) *If  $(X, \tau)$  is a pre  $\gamma_p$ -regular space, then  $\text{pCl}(A) = \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A) = PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)$ .*
- (ii) *If  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $\gamma_p$ -regular space, then  $\text{Cl}(A) = \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) = \tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)$ .*

*Proof.* (i) By Theorem 3.6(i), it is shown that  $\text{pCl}(A) = PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)$ . Using Theorem 3.16(i), we have that  $\text{pCl}(A) = \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A) = PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)$ . (ii) By Theorem 3.6(iii), it is shown that  $\text{Cl}(A) = \tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)$ . Using Theorem 3.16(ii), we have that  $\text{Cl}(A) = \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) = \tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)$ .  $\square$

In order to investigate the relationship among  $PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)$ ,  $\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$ ,  $\tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)$  and  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$  for any set  $A \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ , we introduce the following notions of *preopen operations* and *open operations* (cf. [20, Definition 2.6, Example 2.7]):

**Definition 3.19** An operation  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is called to be *preopen* (resp. *open*, cf. [20]) if for each point  $x \in X$  and for every preopen set (resp. open set)  $U$  containing  $x$ , there exists a pre  $\gamma_p$ -open set (resp. a  $\gamma_p$ -open set)  $V$  such that  $x \in V$  and  $V \subset U^{\gamma_p}$  (cf. Remark 3.21 below for examples etc).

**Theorem 3.20** Let  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  be an operation on  $PO(X, \tau)$  and  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ .

(i) If  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is a preopen operation, then  $\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A) = PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)$  and  $\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A)) = \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$  hold and  $\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

(ii)  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is open if and only if  $\gamma_p|\tau : \tau \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is open (in the sense of [20, Definition 4.4]).

(iii) (cf. Remark 3.21(v)) If  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is an open operation, then  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) = \tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)$  and  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)) = \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$  hold and  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$  is  $\gamma_p$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

*Proof.* (i) By Theorem 3.16(i) we have  $\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \subset PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)$ . Suppose that  $x \notin \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$ . Then, there exists a preopen set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $U^{\gamma_p} \cap A = \emptyset$ . Since  $\gamma_p$  is preopen, by Definition 3.19, there exists a pre  $\gamma_p$ -open set  $V$  such that  $x \in V \subset U^{\gamma_p}$  and so  $V \cap A = \emptyset$ . By Theorem 3.11(i),  $x \notin PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)$ . Hence we have that  $\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A) = PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)$ . Furthermore, using the above result and Theorem 3.13, we have that  $\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A)) = PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)) = PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A) = \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$  and so  $\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$  is pre- $\gamma_p$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . (ii) It is proved by Definition 3.19, Proposition 2.6(i) and a fact that  $U^{\gamma_p} = U^{\gamma_p|\tau}$  holds for any open set  $U$  of  $(X, \tau)$ . (iii) By Theorem 3.16(ii), we have  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \subset \tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)$ . Suppose that  $x \notin \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$ . Then there exists an open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $U^{\gamma_p} \cap A = \emptyset$ . Since  $\gamma_p$  is an open operation, by Definition 3.19, there exists a  $\gamma_p$ -open set  $V$  such that  $x \in V \subset U^{\gamma_p}$  and so  $V \cap A = \emptyset$ . By Theorem 3.11(ii),  $x \notin \tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)$ . Hence we have that  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) = \tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)$ . Furthermore, using the above result and Theorem 3.15, we have that  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)) = \tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(\tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A)) = \tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A) = \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$  and  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$  is  $\gamma_p$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .  $\square$

**Remark 3.21** (i) Let  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  be the “ $\text{Int} \circ \text{Cl}$ ”-operation (cf. Example 3.2(iii)), where  $(X, \tau)$  is any topological space. Then, it is shown that the operation  $\gamma_p = \text{“Int} \circ \text{Cl}”$  is preopen (resp. open) on  $PO(X, \tau)$ . Indeed, let  $x \in X$  and  $U_x$  be a preopen (resp. open) set containing  $x$ . Put  $G = \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(U_x))$ . Then it is shown that the set  $G$  is a pre  $\gamma_p$ -open (resp.  $\gamma_p$ -open) and  $x \in G \subset (U_x)^{\gamma_p}$ , because  $x \in \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(U_x)) = G = G^{\gamma_p} = \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(U_x))))$  hold in  $(X, \tau)$ .

(ii) The identity operation  $\gamma_p = \text{“id”} : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is preopen and open.

(iii) If  $(X, \tau)$  is a pre  $\gamma_p$ -regular (resp. a  $\gamma_p$ -regular) space for an operation  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$ , then  $\gamma_p$  is preopen (resp. open). Indeed, by Theorem 3.6(i) (2) $\Rightarrow$  (3) (resp. (iii) (2) $\Rightarrow$  (3)), Definition 2.1 and Definition 3.19, it is obtained.

(iv) The following example shows that the converse of (iii) above needs not be true. Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space, where  $X := \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau := \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}\}$ . Define an operation  $\gamma_p : PO(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  as follows:  $\gamma_p(A) := A$  if  $b \in A$ ,  $\gamma_p(A) := \text{pCl}(A)$  if  $b \notin A$ . Then, we have that  $PO(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ ,  $PO(X, \tau)_{\gamma_p} = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, X\}$

and  $\tau_{\gamma_p} = \{\emptyset, X\}$ . Since  $PO(X, \tau) \neq PO(X, \tau)_{\gamma_p}$  (resp.  $\tau \neq \tau_{\gamma_p}$ ) holds,  $(X, \tau)$  is not pre- $\gamma_p$ -regular (resp.  $\gamma_p$ -regular), cf. Theorem 3.6 (i) (resp. (iii)). But we can check that the operation  $\gamma_p$  is preopen and open.

(v) We have a non-open operation  $\gamma_p$  and a property that  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)) \neq \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$  for some subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  (cf. Theorem 3.20(iii)). Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space, where  $X := \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau := \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . Define  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  by  $A^{\gamma_p} := \text{Cl}(A)$  for any  $A \in PO(X, \tau)$ . Then,  $\tau_{\gamma_p} = \{\emptyset, X\} = PO(X, \tau)_{\gamma_p}$  and  $\gamma_p$  is not open and it is also not preopen. For a subset  $\{a\}$  of  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(\{a\})) = \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(\{a, c\}) = X \neq \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(\{a\}) = \{a, c\}$ .

**Corollary 3.22** *Let “Int  $\circ$  Cl” :  $PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  be the Interior-closure operation and “id” :  $PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  the identity operation on  $PO(X, \tau)$ . Then, we have the following properties:*

- (i)  $PO(X, \tau)^{\text{“Int} \circ \text{Cl}^{\text{”}}} = \tau^{\text{“Int} \circ \text{Cl}^{\text{”}}} = \tau_{\delta}$ ;  
 $\text{pCl}^{\text{“Int} \circ \text{Cl}^{\text{”}}}(A) = PO(X)^{\text{“Int} \circ \text{Cl}^{\text{”}}} - \text{Cl}(A) = \tau_{\delta} - \text{Cl}(A) = \text{Cl}_{\delta}(A) = \text{Cl}^{\text{“Int} \circ \text{Cl}^{\text{”}}}(A)$  hold for any subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$ .
- (ii)  $PO(X, \tau)^{\text{“id”}} = PO(X, \tau)$ ,  $\tau^{\text{“id”}} = \tau$ ;  
 $\text{pCl}^{\text{“id”}}(A) = \text{pCl}(A)$  and  $\text{Cl}^{\text{“id”}}(A) = \text{Cl}(A)$  hold for any subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$ .

*Proof.* (i) It follows from Example 3.2(iii) that  $PO(X, \tau)^{\text{“Int} \circ \text{Cl}^{\text{”}}} = \tau^{\text{“Int} \circ \text{Cl}^{\text{”}}} = \tau_{\delta}$  and so  $\tau^{\text{“Int} \circ \text{Cl}^{\text{”}}} - \text{Cl}(A) = PO(X)^{\text{“Int} \circ \text{Cl}^{\text{”}}} - \text{Cl}(A) = \tau_{\delta} - \text{Cl}(A)$  for a subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$ . Since “Int  $\circ$  Cl” and “id” are preopen and also open (cf. Example 3.21(i)), we have that  $PO(X, \tau)^{\text{“Int} \circ \text{Cl}^{\text{”}}} - \text{Cl}(A) = \text{pCl}^{\text{“Int} \circ \text{Cl}^{\text{”}}}(A)$  (cf. Theorem 3.20(i)),  $\tau^{\text{“Int} \circ \text{Cl}^{\text{”}}} - \text{Cl}(A) = \text{Cl}^{\text{“Int} \circ \text{Cl}^{\text{”}}}(A)$  (cf. Theorem 3.20(iii)) and, by definitions,  $\text{Cl}_{\delta}(A) = \text{Cl}^{\text{“Int} \circ \text{Cl}^{\text{”}}}(A)$ , where  $A$  is a subset of  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore, we have the required equalities. (ii) We have that  $PO(X, \tau)^{\text{“id”}} = PO(X, \tau)$  and  $\tau^{\text{“id”}} = \tau$  (cf. Example 3.2(i)). Since “id” is preopen and also open (cf. Remark 3.21(ii)), we have that  $\text{pCl}^{\text{“id”}}(A) = PO(X)^{\text{“id”}} - \text{Cl}(A) = \text{pCl}(A)$  and  $\text{Cl}^{\text{“id”}}(A) = \text{Cl}(A)$  for any subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$  (cf. Theorem 3.20(i)(iii)).  $\square$

#### 4 Pre $\gamma_p$ -generalized closed sets and pre $\gamma_p$ - $T_i$ spaces, where $i=0, 1/2, 1$ or $2$

Throughout this section, let  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  be an operation on  $PO(X, \tau)$ .

**Definition 4.1** Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ .

- (i) A subset  $A$  is said to be *pre  $\gamma_p$ -generalized closed* (shortly, *pre  $\gamma_p$ -g.closed*) in  $(X, \tau)$  if  $\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is a pre  $\gamma_p$ -open set of  $(X, \tau)$ .
- (ii) (cf. [20, Definition 4.4]) A subset  $A$  is said to be  *$\gamma_p$ -generalized closed* (shortly,  *$\gamma_p$ -g.closed*) in  $(X, \tau)$  if  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is  $\gamma_p$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .
- (iii) A subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be *pre  $\gamma_p$ -g.open* (resp.  *$\gamma_p$ -g.open*) in  $(X, \tau)$  if the complement  $X \setminus A$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -g.closed (resp.  $\gamma_p$ -g.closed) in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 4.2** *Let  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  be an operation and  $A$  a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ .*

- (i) *The following properties are equivalent:*
  - (1) *A subset  $A$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -g.closed in  $(X, \tau)$ ;*
  - (2)  *$(PO(X)_{\gamma_p} - \text{Cl}(\{x\})) \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for every  $x \in \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$ ;*
  - (3)  *$\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \subset PO(X)_{\gamma_p} - \text{Ker}(A)$  holds, where  $PO(X)_{\gamma_p} - \text{Ker}(E) =: \bigcap \{V \mid E \subset V, V \in PO(X, \tau)_{\gamma_p}\}$  for any subset  $E$  of  $(X, \tau)$ .*
- (ii) (cf. [20, Proposition 4.6] [15, Proposition 4.5]) *The following properties are equivalent:*

- (1)  $A$  subset  $A$  is  $\gamma_p$ -g.closed in  $(X, \tau)$ ;
- (2)  $(\tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(\{x\})) \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for every  $x \in \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$ ;
- (3)  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \subset \tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Ker}(A)$  holds, where  $\tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Ker}(E) := \bigcap \{V \mid E \subset V, V \in \tau_{\gamma_p}\}$  for any subset  $E$  of  $(X, \tau)$ .
- (iii)  $A$  subset  $A$  is  $\gamma_p$ -g.closed in  $(X, \tau)$  if and only if  $A$  is  $\gamma_p|_{\tau}$ -g.closed in  $(X, \tau)$ , where  $\gamma_p|_{\tau}$  is the restriction of  $\gamma_p$  onto  $\tau$  (cf. Remark 2.2(ii)).

*Proof.* (i)  $(1) \Rightarrow (2)$  Let  $A$  be a pre  $\gamma_p$ -g.closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ . Suppose that there exists a point  $x \in p\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$  such that  $(PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(\{x\})) \cap A = \emptyset$ . By Theorem 3.13(i),  $PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(\{x\})$  is a pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed. Put  $U = X \setminus (PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(\{x\}))$ . Then, we have that  $A \subset U, x \notin U$  and  $U$  is a pre  $\gamma_p$ -open set of  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $A$  is a pre  $\gamma_p$ -g.closed set,  $p\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \subset U$ . Thus, we have that  $x \notin p\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$ . This is a contradiction.  $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$  Let  $x \in p\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$ . By (2), there exists a point  $z$  such that  $z \in (PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(\{x\}))$  and  $z \in A$ . Let  $U \in PO(X, \tau)_{\gamma_p}$  be a subset of  $X$  such that  $A \subset U$ . Since  $z \in U$  and  $z \in (PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(\{x\}))$ , we have that  $U \cap \{x\} \neq \emptyset$ . Namely, we show that  $x \in PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Ker}(A)$ . Therefore, we prove that  $p\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \subset PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Ker}(A)$ .  $(3) \Rightarrow (1)$  Let  $U$  be any pre  $\gamma_p$ -open set such that  $A \subset U$ . Let  $x$  be a point such that  $x \in p\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$ . By (3),  $x \in PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Ker}(A)$  holds. Namely, we have that  $x \in U$ , because  $A \subset U$  and  $U \in PO(X, \tau)_{\gamma_p}$ . (ii)  $(1) \Rightarrow (2)$  Let  $A$  be a  $\gamma_p$ -g.closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ . Suppose that there exists a point  $x \in \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$  such that  $(\tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(\{x\})) \cap A = \emptyset$ . By Theorem 3.15(i),  $\tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(\{x\})$  is  $\gamma_p$ -closed. Put  $U := X \setminus \tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(\{x\})$ . Then, we have that  $A \subset U, x \notin U$  and  $U$  is a  $\gamma_p$ -open set of  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $A$  is a  $\gamma_p$ -g.closed set,  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \subset U$ . Thus, we have that  $x \notin \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$ . This is a contradiction.  $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$  Let  $x \in \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$ . By (2), there exists a point  $z$  such that  $z \in \tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(\{x\})$  and  $z \in A$ . Let  $U \in \tau_{\gamma_p}$  be a subset of  $X$  such that  $A \subset U$ . Since  $z \in U$  and  $z \in \tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(\{x\})$ , we have that  $U \cap \{x\} \neq \emptyset$ . Namely, we show that  $x \in \tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Ker}(A)$  for any point  $x \in \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$  and so  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \subset \tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Ker}(A)$ .  $(3) \Rightarrow (1)$  Let  $U$  be any  $\gamma_p$ -open set such that  $A \subset U$ . Let  $x$  be a point such that  $x \in \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$ . By (3),  $x \in \tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-Ker}(A)$  holds. Namely, we have that  $x \in U$ . (iii) It is obtained by Definition 4.1, Remark 2.5, Proposition 2.6(i) and [20, Definition 4.4].  $\square$

**Theorem 4.3** Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ .

- (i) If  $A$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -g.closed in  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $p\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \setminus A$  does not contain any non-empty pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed set.
- (i)' If  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is a preopen operation (cf. Definition 3.19), then the converse of (i) is true.
- (ii) (cf. [20, Remark 4.8] [15, Proposition 4.6(i)]) If  $A$  is  $\gamma_p$ -g.closed in  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \setminus A$  does not contain any non-empty  $\gamma_p$ -closed set.
- (ii)' If  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is an open operation (cf. Definition 3.19), then the converse of (ii) is true.

*Proof.* (i) Suppose that there exists a pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed set  $F$  such that  $F \subset p\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \setminus A$ . Then, we have that  $A \subset X \setminus F$  and  $X \setminus F$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -open. It follows from assumption that  $p\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \subset X \setminus F$  and so  $F \subset (p\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \setminus A) \cap (X \setminus p\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A))$ . Therefore, we have that  $F = \emptyset$ . (i)' Let  $U$  be a pre  $\gamma_p$ -open set such that  $A \subset U$ . Since  $\gamma_p$  is a preopen operation, it follows from Theorem 3.20(i) that  $p\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Thus, using Theorem 3.3(iii), Definition 3.9(ii) we have that  $p\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \cap (X \setminus U)$ , say  $F$ , is a pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $X \setminus U \subset X \setminus A, F \subset p\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \setminus A$ . Using the assumption of the converse of (i) above,  $F = \emptyset$  and hence  $p\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \subset U$ . (ii) Suppose that there exists a  $\gamma_p$ -closed set  $F$  such that  $F \subset \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \setminus A$ . Then, we have that  $A \subset X \setminus F$  and  $X \setminus F$  is

$\gamma_p$ -open. It follows from assumption that  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \subset X \setminus F$  and so  $F \subset (\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \setminus A) \cap (X \setminus \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A))$ . Therefore, we have  $F = \emptyset$ . (ii)' Let  $U$  be a  $\gamma_p$ -open set such that  $A \subset U$ . Since  $\gamma_p$  is an open operation, it follows from Theorem 3.20(iii) that  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$  is  $\gamma_p$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Thus, using Proposition 2.6(vi), Corollary 3.17(ii) and Definition 3.9(i), we have that  $\text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \cap (X \setminus U)$ , say  $F$ , is a  $\gamma_p$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $X \setminus U \subset X \setminus A$ ,  $F \subset \text{Cl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \setminus A$ . Using the assumption of the converse of (ii) above,  $F = \emptyset$  and hence  $\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A) \subset A$ .  $\square$

We define the following new classes of topological spaces called as  $\gamma_p$ - $T_{1/2}$  spaces and pre  $\gamma_p$ - $T_{1/2}$  spaces. We recall that every  $\gamma_p$ -closed (resp. pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed) set is  $\gamma_p$ -g.closed (resp. pre  $\gamma_p$ -g.closed) (cf. Definition 4.1).

**Definition 4.4** (i) A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be a pre  $\gamma_p$ - $T_{1/2}$  space if every pre  $\gamma_p$ -g.closed set of  $(X, \tau)$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed.

(ii) (cf. [20, Definition 4.5]) A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be a  $\gamma_p$ - $T_{1/2}$  space if every  $\gamma_p$ -g.closed set of  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\gamma_p$ -closed.

We prove a lemma needed later.

**Lemma 4.5** For any operation  $\gamma_p : \mathcal{PO}(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$ , the following properties hold.

(i) For each point  $x \in X$ ,  $\{x\}$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed or  $X \setminus \{x\}$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -g.closed in a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ .

(ii) (cf. [20, Proposition 4.9]) For each point  $x \in X$ ,  $\{x\}$  is  $\gamma_p$ -closed or  $X \setminus \{x\}$  is  $\gamma_p$ -g.closed in a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ .

*Proof.* (i) Suppose that  $\{x\}$  is not a pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed set. Then, by Corollary 3.17 (or definitions),  $X \setminus \{x\}$  is not a pre  $\gamma_p$ -open set. Let  $U$  be any pre  $\gamma_p$ -open set such that  $X \setminus \{x\} \subset U$ . Then,  $U = X$  and so we have that  $\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(X \setminus \{x\}) \subset U$ . Therefore,  $X \setminus \{x\}$  is a pre  $\gamma_p$ -g.closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ . (ii) Suppose that  $\{x\}$  is not  $\gamma_p$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . By Definition 3.9(i),  $X \setminus \{x\}$  is not  $\gamma_p$ -open. Then, it is shown that  $X \setminus \{x\}$  is  $\gamma_p$ -g.closed.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.6** (i) A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ - $T_{1/2}$  if and only if, for each point  $x \in X$ ,  $\{x\}$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -open or pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

(ii) (cf. [20, Proposition 4.10]) The following properties on a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  are equivalent:

- (1)  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\gamma_p$ - $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ ;
- (2) For each point  $x \in X$ ,  $\{x\}$  is  $\gamma_p$ -open or  $\gamma_p$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ ;
- (3)  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\gamma_p|_{\tau}$ - $T_{1/2}$  (in the sense of Ogata) [20, Definition 4.5].

*Proof.* (i) **(Necessity)** Suppose that  $\{x\}$  is not a pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed set, by Lemma 4.5 (i),  $X \setminus \{x\}$  is a pre  $\gamma_p$ -g.closed set. Since  $(X, \tau)$  is a pre  $\gamma_p$ - $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$  space, this implies that  $X \setminus \{x\}$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed. Hence  $\{x\}$  is a pre  $\gamma_p$ -open set. **(Sufficiency)** Let  $F$  be a pre  $\gamma_p$ -g.closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ . We shall prove that  $\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(F) = F$  (cf. Corollary 3.17(i)). It is sufficient to show that  $\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(F) \subset F$ . Assume that there exists a point  $x$  such that  $x \in \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(F) \setminus F$ . Then, by assumption,  $\{x\}$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed or pre  $\gamma_p$ -open. **Case 1.**  $\{x\}$  is a pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed set: For this case, we have a pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed set  $\{x\}$  such that  $\{x\} \subset \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(F) \setminus F$ . This is a contradiction to Theorem 4.3(i). **Case 2.**  $\{x\}$  is a pre  $\gamma_p$ -open set: Using Theorem 3.16(i), we have  $x \in \text{PO}(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(F)$ . Since  $\{x\}$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -open, it implies that  $\{x\} \cap F \neq \emptyset$  (cf. Theorem 3.11(i)). This is a contradiction. Thus, we have that

$pCl_{\gamma_p}(F) = F$  and so, by Corollary 3.17(i),  $F$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed. **(ii) (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2)** Suppose that  $\{x\}$  is not a  $\gamma_p$ -closed set. By Lemma 4.5(ii),  $X \setminus \{x\}$  is a  $\gamma_p$ -g.closed set. Thus, we have that  $X \setminus \{x\}$  is  $\gamma_p$ -closed (i.e.,  $\{x\}$  is a  $\gamma_p$ -open set, cf. Definition 3.9(i)). **(2) $\Rightarrow$ (1)** Let  $F$  be a  $\gamma_p$ -g.closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ . We claim that  $Cl_{\gamma_p}(F) \subset F$  (cf. Corollary 3.17(ii)). Assume that there exists a point  $x$  such that  $\{x\} \subset Cl_{\gamma_p}(F) \setminus F$ . **Case 1.**  $\{x\}$  is a  $\gamma_p$ -closed set: For this case, we have a contradiction to Theorem 4.3(ii). **Case 2.**  $\{x\}$  is a  $\gamma_p$ -open set: Using Theorem 3.16(ii), we have  $x \in \tau_{\gamma_p}\text{-}Cl(F)$ . This shows that  $\{x\} \cap F \neq \emptyset$  (cf. Theorem 3.11(ii)). This is a contradiction. Thus, we have  $Cl_{\gamma_p}(F) = F$ . Hence, using Corollary 3.17(ii) every  $\gamma_p$ -g.closed set is  $\gamma_p$ -closed. **(1) $\Leftrightarrow$ (3)** This follows from Theorem 4.2(iii), Corollary 3.17(ii), Definition 4.4(ii) and [20, Definition 4.5].  $\square$

**Remark 4.7** By Theorem 4.6(ii) and Proposition 2.6(i), it is obtained that a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\gamma_p|\tau\text{-}T_{1/2}$  (in the sense of Ogata)[20] if and only if for each point  $x \in X$ ,  $\{x\}$  is  $\gamma|\tau$ -open or  $\gamma|\tau$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore, this shows that the regularity on  $\gamma$  in [20, Proposition 4.10(ii)] can be omitted (cf. [25, Corollary 4.12 (ii) $\Leftrightarrow$ (iii), Remark 4.13], [15, Remark 5.14 (ii) (5.15)]).

In the end of this section, we introduce further new operation-separation axioms on topological spaces called as pre- $\gamma_p\text{-}T_i$ , where  $i \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ .

**Definition 4.8** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be

- (a) a pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T_0$  space if for any two distinct points  $x, y \in X$ , there exists a pre open set  $U$  such that either  $x \in U$  and  $y \notin U^{\gamma_p}$  or  $y \in U$  and  $x \notin U^{\gamma_p}$ ;
- (a)' a pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T'_0$  space if for any two distinct points  $x, y \in X$ , there exists a pre  $\gamma_p$ -open set  $U$  such that either  $x \in U$  and  $y \notin U$  or  $y \in U$  and  $x \notin U$ ;
- (b) a pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T_1$  space if for any two distinct points  $x, y \in X$ , there exists two pre open sets  $U$  and  $V$  containing  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively, such that  $y \notin U^{\gamma_p}$  and  $x \notin V^{\gamma_p}$ ;
- (b)' a pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T'_1$  space if for any two distinct points  $x, y \in X$ , there exists two pre  $\gamma_p$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  containing  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively, such that  $y \notin U$  and  $x \notin V$ ;
- (c) a pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T_2$  space if for any two distinct points  $x, y \in X$ , there exists two pre open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$ ,  $y \in V$  and  $U^{\gamma_p} \cap V^{\gamma_p} = \emptyset$ ;
- (c)' a pre  $\gamma\text{-}T'_2$  space if for any two distinct points  $x, y \in X$ , there exists two pre  $\gamma_p$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$ ,  $y \in V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .

**Theorem 4.9** (i) A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is a pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T'_0$  space if and only if, for every pair  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \neq y$ ,  $PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-}Cl(\{x\}) \neq PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-}Cl(\{y\})$  holds.

(ii) Suppose that  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is preopen. A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is a pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T_0$  space if and only if, for every pair  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \neq y$ ,  $pCl_{\gamma_p}(\{x\}) \neq pCl_{\gamma_p}(\{y\})$  holds.

(iii) Suppose that  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is preopen. A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T_0$  if and only if  $(X, \tau)$  is pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T'_0$ .

*Proof.* **(i) (Necessity)** Let  $x$  and  $y$  be any two distinct points of a pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T'_0$  space  $(X, \tau)$ . Then, by definition, we assume that there exists a pre  $\gamma_p$ -open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \notin U$ . Hence  $y \in X \setminus U$ . Because  $X \setminus U$  is a pre  $\gamma$ -closed set, we obtain that  $PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-}Cl(\{y\}) \subset X \setminus U$  (cf. Theorem 3.13(iii)(iv)) and so  $PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-}Cl(\{x\}) \neq PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-}Cl(\{y\})$ . **(Sufficiency)** Suppose that for any  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x \neq y$ . Then we have  $PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-}Cl(\{x\}) \neq PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-}Cl(\{y\})$ . Thus we assume that there exists

$z \in PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(\{x\})$  but  $z \notin PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(\{y\})$ . We shall prove that  $x \notin PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(\{y\})$ . Indeed, if  $x \in PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(\{y\})$ , then we get  $PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(\{x\}) \subset PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(\{y\})$  (cf. Theorem 3.13(iv)(viii)). This implies that  $z \in PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(\{y\})$ . This contradiction shows that  $X \setminus PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(\{y\})$  is a pre  $\gamma_p$ -open set containing  $x$  but not  $y$  (cf. Theorem 3.13(i)). Hence  $(X, \tau)$  is a pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T'_0$  space. **(ii) (Necessity)** Let  $x$  and  $y$  be any two distinct points of a pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T_0$  space  $(X, \tau)$ . Then, by definition, we assume that there exists a preopen set  $U$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \notin U^{\gamma_p}$ . It follows from assumption that there exists a pre  $\gamma_p$ -open set  $S$  such that  $x \in S$  and  $S \subset U^{\gamma_p}$ . Hence,  $y \in X \setminus U^{\gamma_p} \subset X \setminus S$ . Because  $X \setminus S$  is a pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed set, we obtain that  $\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(\{y\}) \subset X \setminus S$  and so  $\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(\{x\}) \neq \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(\{y\})$ . **(Sufficiency)** Suppose that  $x \neq y$  for any  $x, y \in X$ . Then, we have that  $\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(\{x\}) \neq \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(\{y\})$ . Thus, we assume that there exists  $z \in \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(\{x\})$  but  $z \notin \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(\{y\})$ . If  $x \in \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(\{y\})$ , then we get  $\text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(\{x\}) \subset \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(\{y\})$  (cf. Theorem 3.20(i)). This implies that  $z \in \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(\{y\})$ . This contradiction shows that  $x \notin \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(\{y\})$ , i.e., by Definition 3.10, there exists a preopen set  $W$  such that  $x \in W$  and  $W^{\gamma_p} \cap \{y\} = \emptyset$ . Thus, we have that  $x \in W$  and  $y \notin W^{\gamma_p}$ . Hence,  $(X, \tau)$  is a pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T_0$ . **(iii)** This follows from (i), (ii) above and a fact that, for any subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $PO(X)_{\gamma_p}\text{-Cl}(A) = \text{pCl}_{\gamma_p}(A)$  holds under the assumption that  $\gamma_p$  is preopen (cf. Theorem 3.20(i)).  $\square$

**Theorem 4.10** For a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  and an operation  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$ , the following properties hold.

- (i) The following properties are equivalent:
  - (1)  $(X, \tau)$  is pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T_1$ ;
  - (2) For every point  $x \in X$ ,  $\{x\}$  is a pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed set;
  - (3)  $(X, \tau)$  is pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T'_1$ .
- (ii) Every pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T'_i$  space is pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T_i$ , where  $i \in \{2, 0\}$ .
- (iii) Every pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T_2$  space is pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T_1$ .
- (iv) Every pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T_1$  space is pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T_{1/2}$ .
- (v) Every pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T_{1/2}$  space is pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T'_0$ .
- (vi) Every  $\gamma_p|\tau\text{-}T_i$  space (in the sense of Ogata) [20] is pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T_i$ , where  $i \in \{2, 1, 1/2, 0\}$ .
- (vii) Every pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T'_i$  space is pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T'_{i-1}$ , where  $i \in \{2, 1\}$ .

*Proof.* **(i) (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2)** Let  $x \in X$  be a point. For each point  $y \in X \setminus \{x\}$ , there exists a preopen set  $U_y$  such that  $y \in U_y$  and  $x \notin (U_y)^{\gamma_p}$ . Then,  $X \setminus \{x\} = \bigcup \{(U_y)^{\gamma_p} | y \in X \setminus \{x\}\}$ . It is shown that  $X \setminus \{x\}$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ . **(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3)** Let  $x$  and  $y$  be any distinct points of  $X$ . By (2),  $X \setminus \{x\}$  and  $X \setminus \{y\}$  are the required pre  $\gamma_p$  open sets such that  $y \in X \setminus \{x\}$ ,  $x \notin X \setminus \{x\}$  and  $x \in X \setminus \{y\}$ ,  $y \notin X \setminus \{y\}$ . **(3) $\Rightarrow$ (1)** It is shown that if  $x \in U$ , where  $U \in PO(X, \tau)_{\gamma_p}$ , then there exists a preopen set  $V$  such that  $x \in V \subset V^{\gamma_p} \subset U$ . Using (3), we have that  $(X, \tau)$  is pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T_1$ . **(ii) (iii) (vii)** The proofs are obvious by Definition 4.8. **(iv)** This follows from (i) above and Theorem 4.6(i). **(v)** This follows from Theorem 4.6(i) and Definition 4.8(a)'. **(vi)** For an open set  $U$  of  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $U^{\gamma_p|\tau} = U^{\gamma_p}$  and  $U \in PO(X, \tau)$  hold. Thus, the proofs of (vi) for  $i \in \{2, 1, 0\}$  are obvious from definitions (cf. [20, Definitions 4.1, 4.2, 4.3], Definition 4.8). The proof for  $i = 1/2$ , is obtained by Remark 4.7, Proposition 2.6(i), Theorem 3.3(ii) and Theorem 4.6(i).  $\square$

**Remark 4.11** By Theorem 4.10, [20], [21] and [25, Proposition 5.8], we obtain the following diagram of implications. Moreover, the following Examples 4.12, 4.13, 4.14, 4.15, 4.16, 4.17 below and [21] [25, Section 5] show that some of these implications are not reversible.



$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \text{pre } \gamma_p\text{-}T'_2 & \not\rightarrow & \text{pre } \gamma_p\text{-}T'_1 & & \not\rightarrow & & \text{pre } \gamma_p\text{-}T'_0 \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \uparrow & & \nearrow & & \downarrow \not\rightarrow \\
 \text{pre } \gamma_p\text{-}T_2 & \not\rightarrow & \text{pre } \gamma_p\text{-}T_1 & \not\rightarrow & \text{pre } \gamma_p\text{-}T_{1/2} & \not\rightarrow & \text{pre } \gamma_p\text{-}T_0 \\
 \uparrow & & \uparrow \downarrow & & \uparrow \downarrow & & \uparrow \downarrow \\
 \gamma_p|\tau\text{-}T_2 & \not\rightarrow & \gamma_p|\tau\text{-}T_1 & \not\rightarrow & \gamma_p|\tau\text{-}T_{1/2} & \not\rightarrow & \gamma_p|\tau\text{-}T_0
 \end{array}$$

**Example 4.12** The converse of Theorem 4.10(iii) is not true in general. Let  $(X, \tau)$  be the double origin topological space, where  $X := \mathbf{R}^2 \cup \{O^*\}$  and  $O^*$  denotes an additional point (eg., [24, p.92]). Let  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  be the closure operation, i.e.,  $U^{\gamma_p} := \text{Cl}(U)$  for every preopen set  $U$  of  $(X, \tau)$ . We first prove that  $(X, \tau)$  is not pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T_2$ . Let  $U$  be a preopen set containing  $O := (0, 0) \in \mathbf{R}^2$  and  $V$  be a preopen set containing  $O^*$ . Then,  $O \in U \subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(U))$  and  $O^* \in V \subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(V))$  hold in  $(X, \tau)$ . By the definition of  $\tau$ , there exists an open neighbourhood of  $O$ , say  $B_\varepsilon^+(O) := \{O\} \cup \{(x, y) \in \mathbf{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 < \varepsilon^2, y > 0\}$  for some positive real number  $\varepsilon$ , such that  $B_\varepsilon^+(O) \subset \text{Cl}(U)$ . Similarly, for the point  $O^*$ , there exists an open neighbourhood of  $O^*$ , say  $B_\delta^-(O^*) := \{O^*\} \cup \{(x, y) \in \mathbf{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 < \delta^2, y < 0\}$  for some positive real number  $\delta$ , such that  $B_\delta^-(O^*) \subset \text{Cl}(V)$ . Then, we have that  $\text{Cl}(B_\varepsilon^+(O)) \cap \text{Cl}(B_\delta^-(O^*)) = \{(x, 0) \in \mathbf{R}^2 \mid -\text{Min}\{\varepsilon, \delta\} \leq x \leq \text{Min}\{\varepsilon, \delta\}\} \neq \emptyset$  and  $\text{Cl}(B_\varepsilon^+(O)) \cap \text{Cl}(B_\delta^-(O^*)) \subset U^{\gamma_p} \cap V^{\gamma_p}$  hold and so  $U^{\gamma_p} \cap V^{\gamma_p} \neq \emptyset$ . This shows that  $(X, \tau)$  is not pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T_2$  for the closure operation  $\gamma_p$ . Finally we have that  $(X, \tau)$  is pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T_1$ . Indeed,  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is the closure operation on  $PO(X, \tau)$  if and only if  $\gamma_p|\tau : \tau \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is the closure operation on  $\tau$  (eg., [8], [20], [21]). Then, it follows from [21, (a) in Proof of Theorem 1] that the space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\gamma_p|\tau\text{-}T_1$  for the closure operation  $\gamma_p|\tau$  on  $\tau$ . By Theorem 4.10(vi), it is obtained that  $(X, \tau)$  is pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T_1$ .

**Example 4.13** The following example shows that  $(X, \tau)$  is pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T_0$ ; this is not pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T_{1/2}$ . Let  $(X, \tau)$  be the double origin space of Example 4.12. We note that  $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(\{O^*\})) = \emptyset$  holds in  $(X, \tau)$ . Let  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  be an operation defined by  $\gamma_p(A) := A \cup \{O^*\}$  for every set  $A \in PO(X, \tau)$  (cf. [25, Example 5.11]). First we show that  $(X, \tau)$  is not pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T_{1/2}$  for this operation  $\gamma_p$ . The singleton  $\{O^*\}$  is neither pre  $\gamma_p$ -open nor pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Indeed, supposed that  $\{O^*\}$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -open. There exists a preopen set  $U$  such that  $O^* \in U \subset U^{\gamma_p} \subset \{O^*\}$ . Then, we have that  $U = \{O^*\} \subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(\{O^*\}))$ . This shows a contradiction that  $\{O^*\} = \emptyset$ . Suppose that  $\{O^*\}$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed. For an origin  $O = (0, 0) \in \mathbf{R}^2 \subset X \setminus \{O^*\}$ , there exists a preopen set  $V$  such that  $O \in V$  and  $V^{\gamma_p} \subset X \setminus \{O^*\}$ . We have also a contradiction that  $O^* \in X \setminus \{O^*\}$ . By Theorem 4.6 (i), it is shown that  $(X, \tau)$  is not pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T_{1/2}$  for this operation  $\gamma_p$ .

Finally, we show that  $(X, \tau)$  is pre  $\gamma_p\text{-}T_0$ . Indeed, let  $x$  and  $y$  be distinct points of  $X$ . In the below argument, let  $d(z, w)$  denote the distance of two point  $z$  and  $w$  of the Euclidean plane  $\mathbf{R}^2$ .

**Case 1.**  $x, y \notin \{O, O^*\}$ : Let  $\varepsilon$  be a positive real number such that  $\varepsilon < (1/2)d(x, y)$ . Then, there exists a subset  $B_\varepsilon(x) \in PO(X, \tau)$  such that  $x \in B_\varepsilon(x)$  and  $y \notin B_\varepsilon(x)^{\gamma_p}$ , where  $B_\varepsilon(x) := \{z \in \mathbf{R}^2 \mid d(x, z) < \varepsilon\}$ . **Case 2.**  $x = O, y \neq O^*$ : Let  $\varepsilon$  be a positive real number such that  $\varepsilon < (1/2)d(O, y)$ . Then, there exists a subset  $B_\varepsilon^+(O)$  (cf. Example 4.12) such that  $x = O \in B_\varepsilon^+(O)$  and  $y \notin B_\varepsilon^+(O)^{\gamma_p} = B_\varepsilon^+(O) \cup \{O^*\}$ . **Case 3.**  $x = O^*, y \neq O$ : Let  $\varepsilon$  be a positive real number such that  $\varepsilon < (1/2)d(O, y)$ . Then, there exists a subset  $B_\varepsilon^-(O^*) \in PO(X, \tau)$  (cf. Example 4.12) such that  $x \in B_\varepsilon^-(O^*)$  and  $y \notin B_\varepsilon^-(O^*)^{\gamma_p} = \{(a, b) \in \mathbf{R}^2 \mid a^2 + b^2 < \varepsilon^2, b < 0\} \cup \{O^*\}$ . **Case 4.**  $x = O^*, y = O$ : There exists a subset

$B_{\varepsilon}^{-}(O^*) \in PO(X, \tau)$  such that  $x \in B_{\varepsilon}^{-}(O^*)$  and  $y \notin B_{\varepsilon}^{-}(O^*)^{\gamma_p} = \{(a, b) \in R^2 \mid a^2 + b^2 < \varepsilon^2, b < 0\} \cup \{O^*\}$ , where  $\varepsilon \in \mathbf{R}$ . Therefore,  $(X, \tau)$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ - $T_0$  for the operation  $\gamma_p$ .

**Example 4.14** The converse of Theorem 4.10(iv) is not true in general. Let  $X := \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau := \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . For a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , we have that  $PO(X, \tau) = \tau$ . Let  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  be an operation defined by  $\gamma_p(A) := \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A))$  for every set  $A \in PO(X, \tau)$ . Then, the space  $(X, \tau)$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ - $T_{1/2}$  ( $= \gamma_p$ - $T_{1/2}$ ). Indeed, singletons  $\{a\}$  and  $\{b\}$  are pre  $\gamma_p$ -open sets in  $(X, \tau)$ ; a singleton  $\{c\}$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . By Theorem 4.6(i),  $(X, \tau)$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ - $T_{1/2}$  for the operation  $\gamma_p$ . However,  $(X, \tau)$  is not pre  $\gamma_p$ - $T_1$ . Indeed,  $X \setminus \{a\}$  is not pre  $\gamma_p$ -open. For a point  $c \in X \setminus \{a\}$ , any preopen set containing  $c$  is only  $X$  and so  $X^{\gamma_p} = X \not\subset X \setminus \{a\}$ . Thus,  $\{a\}$  is not pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed; by Theorem 4.10(i),  $(X, \tau)$  is not pre  $\gamma_p$ - $T_1$ .

**Example 4.15** Some converses of Theorem 4.10(vi) are not true in general.

(i) For  $i = 0$ , the following example shows that  $(X, \tau)$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ - $T_0$ ; this is not  $\gamma_p|\tau$ - $T_0$  (in the sense of Ogata) [20], [21]. Let  $X := \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau := \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . For a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , we have that  $PO(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . Let  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  be defined by  $\gamma_p(A) := A$  for every set  $A$  such that  $A \neq \{a\}$ ;  $\gamma_p(\{a\}) = \{a, b\}$ . Then, we have that  $PO(X, \tau)_{\gamma_p} = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$  and so  $(X, \tau)$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ - $T_0'$ . Hence,  $(X, \tau)$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ - $T_0$  (cf. Theorem 4.10(ii)). However, it is shown that  $(X, \tau)$  is not  $\gamma_p|\tau$ - $T_0$ .

(ii) For  $i = 1/2$ , the following example shows that  $(X, \tau)$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ - $T_{1/2}$ ; this is not  $\gamma_p|\tau$ - $T_{1/2}$  (in the sense of Ogata) [20], [21]. Let  $X := \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau := \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . For a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , we have that  $PO(X, \tau) = \mathcal{P}(X)$ . Let  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  be defined by  $\gamma_p(A) := A$  for every set  $A \in \{\{a\}, \{b\}, \{b, c\}\}$ ,  $\gamma_p(\emptyset) := \emptyset$  and  $\gamma_p(B) := X$  for every nonempty set  $B \in \mathcal{P}(X) \setminus \{\{a\}, \{b\}, \{b, c\}\}$ . We have that  $PO(X, \tau)_{\gamma_p} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and so singletons  $\{a\}$  and  $\{b\}$  are pre  $\gamma_p$ -open and  $\{c\}$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . By Theorem 4.6(i),  $(X, \tau)$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ - $T_{1/2}$ . However,  $(X, \tau)$  is not  $\gamma_p|\tau$ - $T_{1/2}$  (in the sense of Ogata). Indeed,  $\tau_{\gamma_p|\tau} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and so  $\{c\}$  is neither  $\gamma_p|\tau$ -open nor  $\gamma_p|\tau$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . By Remark 4.7,  $(X, \tau)$  is not  $\gamma_p|\tau$ - $T_{1/2}$ .

(iii) For  $i = 1$ , the same space  $(X, \tau)$  of (ii) above shows that, for the identity operation  $\gamma_p$ ,  $(X, \tau)$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ - $T_1$ ; this is not  $\gamma_p|\tau$ - $T_1$  (in the sense of Ogata) [20], [21].

**Example 4.16** The converses of Theorem 4.10(vii) are not true in general. For  $i = 2$ , Example 4.12 shows that the space  $(X, \tau)$  is not pre  $\gamma_p$ - $T_2'$  (cf. Theorem 4.10(ii) for  $i = 2$ ); this is pre  $\gamma_p$ - $T_1'$  (cf. Theorem 4.10(i)). For  $i = 1$ , Example 4.15(i) shows that the space  $(X, \tau)$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ - $T_0'$ . The space  $(X, \tau)$  is not pre  $\gamma_p$ - $T_1'$ , because  $\{a\}$  is not pre  $\gamma_p$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Example 4.17** The converse of Theorem 4.10(ii) for  $i = 0$  is not true in general. Let  $(X, \tau)$  be the same topological space of Example 4.14, i.e.,  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . Then,  $PO(X, \tau) = \tau$  holds. Let  $\gamma_p : PO(X, \tau) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  be an operation defined newly by  $\{a\}^{\gamma_p} := \{a, c\}$ ,  $\{b\}^{\gamma_p} := \{a, b\}$ ,  $\{a, b\}^{\gamma_p} := \{a, b\}$ ,  $\emptyset^{\gamma_p} := \emptyset$  and  $X^{\gamma_p} := X$ . It is obtained that  $PO(X, \tau)_{\gamma_p} = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $\gamma_p$  is neither preregular nor preopen. Then,  $(X, \tau)$  is not pre  $\gamma_p$ - $T_0'$ . Indeed, for every pre  $\gamma_p$ -open set  $V_a$  containing  $a$ , we have  $b \in V_a$ ; for every pre  $\gamma_p$ -open set  $V_b$  containing  $b$ , we have  $a \in V_b$ . By Definition 4.8(a)', the space  $(X, \tau)$  is not pre  $\gamma_p$ - $T_0'$ . Moreover, the space  $(X, \tau)$  is pre  $\gamma_p$ - $T_0$ .

**Remark 4.18** Example 4.17 shows that, in Theorem 4.9(iii), the assumption of pre-openness on  $\gamma_p$  cannot be removed.

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