

ON S -CLUSTER SETS AND S -CLOSED SPACES

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ABSTRACT. A new type of cluster sets, called S -cluster sets, of functions and multifunctions between topological spaces is introduced, thereby providing a new technique for studying S -closed spaces. The deliberation includes an explicit expression of S -cluster set of a function. As an application, characterizations of Hausdorff and S -closed topological spaces are achieved via such cluster sets.

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1. Introduction. The theory of cluster sets was developed long ago, and was initially aimed at the investigations of real and complex function theory (see [15]). A comprehensive collection of works in this direction can be found in the classical book of Collingwood and Lohwater [1]. Weston [14] was the first to initiate the corresponding theory for functions between topological spaces basically for studying compactness. Many others (e.g., see [3, 4, 6]) followed suit with cluster sets, θ -cluster sets and δ -cluster sets of functions and multifunctions, ultimately implicating different covering properties, among other things.

The present paper is intended for the introduction of a new type of cluster sets, called S -cluster sets, which provides a new technique for the study of S -closedness of topological spaces. It is shown that such cluster sets of suitable function can characterize Hausdorffness. Finally, we achieve, as our prime motivation, certain characterizations of an S -closed space.

In what follows, X and Y denote topological spaces, and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a function from X into Y . By a multifunction $F : X \rightarrow Y$ we mean, as usual, a function mapping points of X into the nonempty subsets of Y . The set of all open sets of (X, τ) , each containing a given point x of X , is denoted by $\tau(x)$. A set $A (\subseteq X)$ is called semi-open [5] if for some open set U , $U \subseteq A \subseteq \text{cl } U$, where $\text{cl } U$ denotes the closure of U in X . The set of all semi-open sets of X , each containing a given subset A of X , is denoted by $\text{SO}(A)$, in particular, if $A = \{x\}$, we write $\text{SO}(x)$ instead of $\text{SO}(\{x\})$. The complements of semi-open sets are called semi-closed. For any subset A of X , the θ -closure [13] (θ -semiclosure [8]) of A , denoted by $\theta\text{-cl } A$ (respectively, $\theta_S\text{-cl } A$), is the set of all points x of X such that for every $U \in \tau(x)$ (respectively, $U \in \text{SO}(x)$), $\text{cl } U \cap A \neq \emptyset$. The set A is called θ -closed [13] (θ -semiclosed [8]) if $A = \theta\text{-cl } A$ (respectively, $A = \theta_S\text{-cl } A$). It is known [9] that $\theta\text{-cl } A$ need not be θ -closed, but it is so if A is open. A nonvoid collection Ω of nonempty subsets of a space X is called a grill [12] if

- (i) $A \in \Omega$ and $B \supseteq A \Rightarrow B \in \Omega$,

(ii) $A \cup B \in \Omega \Rightarrow A \in \Omega$ or $B \in \Omega$.

A filterbase \mathcal{F} on a space X is said to θ_S -adhere [11] at a point x of X , denoted as $x \in \theta_S\text{-ad } \mathcal{F}$, if $x \in \cap \{\theta_S\text{-cl } F : F \in \mathcal{F}\}$. A grill Ω on X is said to θ_S -converge to a point x of X , if to each $U \in \text{SO}(x)$, there corresponds some $G \in \Omega$ with $G \subseteq \text{cl } U$. A set A in a space X is said to be S -closed relative to X [7] if for every cover \mathcal{U} of A by semi-open sets of X , there exists a finite subfamily \mathcal{U}_0 of \mathcal{U} such that $A \subseteq \cup \{\text{cl } U : U \in \mathcal{U}_0\}$. If, in addition, $A = X$, then X is called an S -closed space [11].

2. Main theorem and associated results. We begin by introducing S -cluster set of a function and of a multifunction between two topological spaces.

DEFINITION 2.1. Let $F : X \rightarrow Y$ be a multifunction and $x \in X$. Then the S -cluster set of F at x , denoted by $S(F, x)$, is defined to be the set $\cap \{\theta\text{-cl } F(\text{cl } U) : U \in \text{SO}(x)\}$. Similarly, for any function $f : X \rightarrow Y$, the S -cluster set $S(f, x)$ of f at x is given by $\cap \{\theta\text{-cl } f(\text{cl } U) : U \in \text{SO}(x)\}$.

In the next theorem, we characterize the S -cluster sets of functions between topological spaces.

THEOREM 2.2. For any function $f : X \rightarrow Y$, the following statements are equivalent.

- (a) $y \in S(f, x)$.
- (b) The filterbase $f^{-1}(\text{cl } \tau(y))$ θ_S -adheres at x .
- (c) There is a grill Ω on X such that Ω θ_S -converges to x and $y \in \cap \{\theta\text{-cl } f(G) : G \in \Omega\}$.

PROOF. (a) \Rightarrow (b). $y \in S(f, x) \Rightarrow$ for each $W \in \text{SO}(x)$ and each $V \in \tau(y)$, $\text{cl } V \cap f(\text{cl } W) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow$ for each $W \in \text{SO}(x)$ and each $V \in \tau(y)$, $f^{-1}(\text{cl } V) \cap \text{cl } W \neq \emptyset$. This ensures that the collection $\{f^{-1}(\text{cl } V) : V \in \tau(y)\}$ (which can easily be seen to be a filterbase on X) θ_S -adheres at x .

(b) \Rightarrow (c). Let \mathcal{F} be the filter generated by the filterbase $f^{-1}(\text{cl } \tau(y))$. Then $\Omega = \{G \subseteq X : G \cap F \neq \emptyset, \text{ for each } F \in \mathcal{F}\}$ is a grill on X . By the hypothesis, for each $U \in \text{SO}(x)$ and each $V \in \tau(y)$, $\text{cl } U \cap f^{-1}(\text{cl } V) \neq \emptyset$. Hence, $F \cap \text{cl } U \neq \emptyset$ for each $F \in \mathcal{F}$ and each $U \in \text{SO}(x)$. Consequently, $\text{cl } U \in \Omega$ for all $U \in \text{SO}(x)$, which proves that Ω θ_S -converges to x . Now, the definition of Ω yields that $f(G) \cap \text{cl } W \neq \emptyset$ for all $W \in \tau(y)$ and all $G \in \Omega$, i.e., $y \in \theta\text{-cl } f(G)$ for all $G \in \Omega$. Hence, $y \in \cap \{\theta\text{-cl } f(G) : G \in \Omega\}$.

(c) \Rightarrow (a). Let Ω be a grill on X such that Ω θ_S -converges to x , and $y \in \cap \{\theta\text{-cl } f(G) : G \in \Omega\}$. Then $\{\text{cl } U : U \in \text{SO}(x)\} \subseteq \Omega$ and $y \in \theta\text{-cl } f(G)$ for each $G \in \Omega$. Hence, in particular, $y \in \theta\text{-cl } f(\text{cl } U)$ for all $U \in \text{SO}(x)$. So, $y \in \cap \{\theta\text{-cl } f(\text{cl } U) : U \in \text{SO}(x)\} = S(f, x)$. □

In what follows, we show that S -cluster sets of a function may be used to ascertain the Hausdorffness of the codomain space.

THEOREM 2.3. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a function on a topological space X onto a topological space Y . Then Y is Hausdorff if $S(f, x)$ is degenerate for each $x \in X$.

PROOF. Let $y_1, y_2 \in Y$ such that $y_1 \neq y_2$. As f is a surjection, there are $x_1, x_2 \in X$ such that $f(x_i) = y_i$ for $i = 1, 2$. Now, since $S(f, x)$ is degenerate for each $x \in X$, $y_2 = f(x_2) \notin S(f, x_1)$. Thus, there are $V \in \tau(y_2)$ and $U \in \text{SO}(x_1)$ such that $\text{cl } V \cap f(\text{cl } U) =$

\emptyset , i.e., $f(\text{cl } U) \subseteq Y - \text{cl } V$. Then the open sets $Y - \text{cl } V$ and V strongly separate y_1 and y_2 in Y , which proves that Y is Hausdorff. \square

REMARK 2.4. We note that the converse of the above theorem is false. For example, consider the identity map $f : (\mathbb{R}, \tau) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \sigma)$, where τ and σ , respectively, denote the cofinite topology and the usual topology on the set \mathbb{R} of real numbers. Then $S(f, x) = \mathbb{R}$, for each $x \in \mathbb{R}$, though (\mathbb{R}, σ) is a T_5 -space.

In order to obtain the converse, we introduce the following class of functions.

DEFINITION 2.5. A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is called θ_s -irresolute on X if for each $x \in X$ and each semi-open set V containing $f(x)$, there is a semi-open set U containing x such that $f(\text{cl } U) \subseteq V$.

THEOREM 2.6. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a θ_s -irresolute function with Y a Hausdorff space. Then $S(f, x)$ is degenerate for each $x \in X$.

PROOF. Let $x \in X$. As f is θ_s -irresolute on X , for any $V \in \text{SO}(f(x))$, there is $U \in \text{SO}(x)$ such that $f(\text{cl } U) \subseteq V$. Then $S(f, x) = \bigcap \{\theta\text{-cl } f(\text{cl } U) : U \in \text{SO}(x)\} \subseteq \bigcap \{\theta\text{-cl } V : V \in \text{SO}(f(x))\}$. Let $y \in Y$ with $y \neq f(x)$. As Y is Hausdorff, there are disjoint open sets U, W with $y \in U, f(x) \in W$. Obviously, as $U \cap \text{cl } W = \emptyset, y \notin \text{cl } W = \theta\text{-cl } W$. As $W \in \tau(f(x)) \subseteq \text{SO}(f(x)), y \notin \bigcap \{\theta\text{-cl } V : V \in \text{SO}(f(x))\}$ and hence $y \notin S(f, x)$. Thus, $S(f, x) = \{f(x)\}$. \square

Combining the last two results, we get the following characterization for the Hausdorffness of the codomain space of a kind of function in terms of the degeneracy of its S -cluster set.

COROLLARY 2.7. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a θ_s -irresolute function on X onto Y . Then the space Y is Hausdorff if and only if $S(f, x)$ is degenerate for each x of X .

We have just seen that degeneracy of the S -cluster set of an arbitrary function is a sufficient condition for the Hausdorffness of the codomain space. We thus like to examine some other situations when the S -cluster sets are degenerate, thereby ensuring the Hausdorffness of the codomain space of the function concerned. To this end, we recall that a topological space (X, τ) is almost regular [10] if for every regular closed set A in X and for each $x \notin A$, there exist disjoint open sets U and V such that $x \in U$ and $A \subseteq V$. It is known that in an almost regular space $X, \theta\text{-cl } A$ is θ -closed for each $A \subseteq X$. A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ carrying θ -closed sets of X into θ -closed sets of Y is called a θ -closed function [2].

THEOREM 2.8. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a θ -closed map from an almost regular space into a space Y . If $f^{-1}(y)$ is θ -closed in X for all $y \in Y$, then $S(f, x)$ is degenerate for each $x \in X$.

PROOF. We have $S(f, x) = \bigcap \{\theta\text{-cl } f(\text{cl } U) : U \in \text{SO}(x)\} \subseteq \bigcap \{\theta\text{-cl } f(\theta\text{-cl } U) : U \in \text{SO}(x)\}$. As X is almost regular, $\theta\text{-cl } U$ is θ -closed for all $U \in \text{SO}(x)$. Now, since f is a θ -closed map, $\theta\text{-cl } f(\theta\text{-cl } U) = f(\theta\text{-cl } U)$ for each $U \in \text{SO}(x)$. Thus, $S(f, x) \subseteq \bigcap \{f(\theta\text{-cl } U) : U \in \text{SO}(x)\}$. Now, let $y \in Y$ such that $y \neq f(x)$. Then since $f^{-1}(y)$ is θ -closed and $x \notin f^{-1}(y)$, there is some $P \in \tau(x)$ such that $\text{cl } P \cap f^{-1}(y) = \emptyset$. So,

$y \notin f(\text{cl } P) = f(\theta\text{-cl } P)$ (as P is an open set) and, hence, $y \notin \cap\{f(\theta\text{-cl } U) : U \in \text{SO}(x)\}$. In view of what we have deduced above, we conclude that $y \notin S(f, x)$, which proves that $S(f, x)$ is degenerate. \square

THEOREM 2.9. *Let $f : X \rightarrow X$ be a θ -closed injection on an almost regular Hausdorff space X into Y . Then $S(f, x)$ is degenerate for each $x \in X$.*

PROOF. As X is almost regular and f is a θ -closed map, we have $\theta\text{-cl } f(\theta\text{-cl } U) = f(\theta\text{-cl } U)$ for any $U \in \text{SO}(x)$ and, hence,

$$\begin{aligned} S(f, x) &= \cap\{\theta\text{-cl } f(\text{cl } U) : U \in \text{SO}(x)\} \subseteq \cap\{\theta\text{-cl } f(\theta\text{-cl } U) : U \in \text{SO}(x)\} \\ &= \cap\{f(\theta\text{-cl } U) : U \in \text{SO}(x)\}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

For $x, x_1 \in X$ with $x \neq x_1$, $f(x) \neq f(x_1)$ as f is injective. By the Hausdorffness of X , there are disjoint open sets U, V in X with $x \in U, x_1 \in V$. Obviously, $U \cap \text{cl } V = \emptyset$. So, $x_1 \notin \theta\text{-cl } U$ and hence $f(x_1) \notin f(\theta\text{-cl } U)$. Since $U \in \tau(x) \subseteq \text{SO}(x)$, equation (2.1) yields $f(x_1) \notin S(f, x)$. Thus, $S(f, x)$ is degenerate for each $x \in X$. \square

The above theorem is equivalent to the following apparently weaker result when X is regular.

THEOREM 2.10. *If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a θ -closed injection on a T_3 space X into a space Y , then $S(f, x)$ is degenerate for each $x \in X$.*

PROOF. It is known that in a regular space $X, \theta\text{-cl } U = \text{cl } U$ for any $U \subseteq X$. Since X is T_3 and f is a θ -closed injection, $\{f(x)\} \subseteq S(f, x) = \cap\{f(\text{cl } U) : U \in \text{SO}(x)\} \subseteq \cap\{f(\text{cl } U) : U \in \tau(x)\} = \{f(x)\}$. \square

Note that the above result is indeed equivalent to that of Theorem 2.9 follows from the following considerations: for any subset A of a topological space (X, τ) , θ -closure of A in (X, τ) is the same as that in (X, τ_s) , where (X, τ_s) denotes the semiregularization space [9] of (X, τ) . Moreover, it is known [9] that (X, τ) is Hausdorff (almost regular) if and only if (X, τ_s) is Hausdorff (respectively, regular). Now, since $\text{SO}(X, \tau_s) \subseteq \text{SO}(X, \tau)$, it follows that $S(f, x) = S(f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow Y, x) \subseteq S(f : (X, \tau_s) \rightarrow Y, x)$. So, $S(f, x)$ is degenerate for each $x \in X$ if (X, τ) is an almost regular Hausdorff space and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a θ -closed injection.

A sort of degeneracy condition for the S -cluster set of a multifunction with θ -closed graph is now obtained.

THEOREM 2.11. *For a multifunction $F : X \rightarrow Y$, if F has a θ -closed graph, then $S(F, x) = F(x)$.*

PROOF. For any $y \in S(F, x), \text{cl } W \cap F(\text{cl } U) \neq \emptyset$ and hence $F^-(\text{cl } W) \cap \text{cl } U \neq \emptyset$ for each $U \in \text{SO}(x)$ and each $W \in \tau(y)$, where, as usual, $F^-(B) = \{x \in X : F(x) \cap B \neq \emptyset\}$ for any subset B of Y . Then for any basic open set $M \times N$ in $X \times Y$ containing $(x, y), F^-(\text{cl } N) \cap \text{cl } M \neq \emptyset$. So, $(\text{cl } M \times \text{cl } N) \cap G(F) \neq \emptyset$ and hence $\text{cl}(M \times N) \cap G(F) \neq \emptyset$, where $G(F) = \{(x, y) \in X \times Y : y \in F(x)\}$ denotes the graph of F . So, $(x, y) \in \theta\text{-cl } G(F) = G(F)$ (as $G(F)$ is θ -closed). Hence, $(x, y) \in [G(F) \cap (\{x\} \times Y)]$ so that $y \in p_2[(\{x\} \times Y) \cap G(F)] = F(x)$, where $p_2 : X \times Y \rightarrow Y$ is the second projection map.

It is obvious that $F(x) \subseteq S(F, x)$ for each $x \in X$. Hence, $S(F, x) = F(x)$ holds for all $x \in X$. □

The next result serves as a partial converse of the above one.

THEOREM 2.12. *For a multifunction $F : X \rightarrow Y$, if $S(F, x) = F(x)$ for each $x \in X$, then the graph $G(F)$ of F is θ -semiclosed (and hence semi-closed).*

PROOF. Let $(x, y) \in X \times Y - G(F)$. Now, $y \notin F(x) = S(F, x) \Rightarrow$ there exist some $W \in \text{SO}(x)$ and some $V \in \tau(y)$ such that $\text{cl } V \cap F(\text{cl } W) = \emptyset \Rightarrow (\text{cl } W \times \text{cl } V) \cap G(F) = \emptyset \Rightarrow \text{cl}(W \times V) \cap G(F) = \emptyset$. As $W \times V$ is a semi-open set in $X \times Y$ containing (x, y) , $(x, y) \notin \theta_S\text{-cl } G(F)$. Hence, $G(F)$ is θ -semi-closed. □

We now turn our attention to the characterizations of S -closedness via S -cluster sets. We need the following lemmas for this purpose.

LEMMA 2.13. *A set A in a topological space X is an S -closed set relative to X if and only if for every filterbase \mathcal{F} on X with $F \cap C \neq \emptyset$ for all $F \in \mathcal{F}$ and for all $C \in \text{SO}(A)$, $A \cap \theta_S\text{-ad } \mathcal{F} \neq \emptyset$.*

PROOF. Let A be an S -closed set relative to X and let \mathcal{F} be a filterbase on X with the stated property. If possible, suppose that $A \cap \theta_S\text{-ad } \mathcal{F} = \emptyset$. Then for each $x \in A$, there is a semi-open set $V(x)$ in X containing x such that $\text{cl}(V(x)) \cap F(x) = \emptyset$ for some $F(x) \in \mathcal{F}$. Now, $\{V(x) : x \in A\}$ is a cover of A by semi-open sets of X . By the S -closedness of A relative to X , there is a finite subset A^* of A such that $A \subseteq \cup\{\text{cl } V(x) : x \in A^*\}$. Choose $F^* \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $F^* \subseteq \cap\{F(x) : x \in A^*\}$. Then $F^* \cap (\cup\{\text{cl } V(x) : x \in A^*\}) = \emptyset$, i.e., $F^* \cap \text{cl}(\cup\{V(x) : x \in A^*\}) = \emptyset$. Now, as $\cup\{V(x) : x \in A^*\}$ is a semi-open set in X , $\cup\{\text{cl } V(x) : x \in A^*\} \in \text{SO}(A)$, a contradiction.

Conversely, assume that A is not S -closed relative to X . Then for some cover $\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$ of A by semi-open sets of X , $A \not\subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda_0} \text{cl } U_\alpha$ for each finite subset Λ_0 of Λ . So, $\mathcal{F} = \{A - \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda_0} \text{cl } U_\alpha : \Lambda_0 \text{ is a finite subset of } \Lambda\}$ is filterbase on X , with $F \cap C \neq \emptyset$, for each $F \in \mathcal{F}$ and each $C \in \text{SO}(A)$. But $A \cap \theta_S\text{-ad } \mathcal{F} = \emptyset$. □

LEMMA 2.14 [8, 11]. (a) *A topological space X is S -closed if and only if every filterbase θ_S -adheres in X .*

(b) *Any θ -semiclosed subset of an S -closed space X is S -closed relative to X .*

DEFINITION 2.15. For a function or a multifunction $F : X \rightarrow Y$ and a set $A \subseteq X$, the notation $S(F, A)$ stands for the set $\cup\{S(F, x) : x \in A\}$.

THEOREM 2.16. *For any topological space X , the following statements are equivalent.*

- (a) X is S -closed.
- (b) $S(F, A) \supseteq \cap\{\theta\text{-cl } F(U) : U \in \text{SO}(A)\}$ for each θ -semiclosed subset A of X , for each topological space Y and each multifunction $F : X \rightarrow Y$.
- (c) $S(F, A) \supseteq \cap\{\theta_S\text{-cl } F(U) : U \in \text{SO}(A)\}$ for each θ -semiclosed subset A of X , for each topological space Y and each multifunction $F : X \rightarrow Y$.

PROOF. (a) \Rightarrow (b). Let A be any θ -semiclosed subset of X , where X is S -closed. Then by Lemma 2.14(b), A is S -closed relative to X . Now, let $z \in \cap\{\theta\text{-cl } F(W) : W \in \text{SO}(A)\}$.

Then for all $W \in \tau(z)$ and for each $U \in \text{SO}(A)$, $\text{cl } W \cap F(U) \neq \emptyset$, i.e., $F^-(\text{cl } W) \cap U \neq \emptyset$. Thus, $\mathcal{F} = \{F^-(\text{cl } W) : W \in \tau(z)\}$ is clearly a filterbase on X , satisfying the condition of Lemma 2.13. Hence, $x \in A \cap \theta_S\text{-ad } \mathcal{F}$. Then $x \in A$, and for all $U \in \text{SO}(x)$ and each $W \in \tau(z)$, $\text{cl } U \cap F^-(\text{cl } W) \neq \emptyset$, i.e., $F(\text{cl } U) \cap \text{cl } W \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow z \in S(F, x) \subseteq S(F, A)$.

(b) \implies (c). Obvious.

(c) \implies (a). In order to show that X is S -closed, it is enough to show, by virtue of Lemma 2.14(a), that every filterbase \mathcal{F} on X θ_S -adheres at some $x \in X$. Let \mathcal{F} be a filterbase on X . Take $y_0 \notin X$, and construct $Y = X \cup \{y_0\}$. Define, $\tau_Y = \{U \subseteq Y : y_0 \notin U\} \cup \{U \subseteq Y : y_0 \in U, F \subseteq U \text{ for some } F \in \mathcal{F}\}$. Then τ_Y is a topology on Y . Consider the function $\alpha : X \rightarrow Y$ by $\alpha(x) = x$. In order to avoid possible confusion, let us denote the closure and θ_S -closure of a set A in $X(Y)$, respectively, by $\text{cl}_X A(\text{cl}_Y A)$ and $\theta_S\text{-cl}_X A$ (respectively, $\theta_S\text{-cl}_Y A$). As X is θ -semiclosed in X , by the given condition, $S(\alpha, X) \supseteq \cap \{\theta_S\text{-cl}_Y \alpha(U) : U \in \text{SO}(X)\} = \cap \{\theta_S\text{-cl}_Y U : U \in \text{SO}(X)\} = \theta_S\text{-cl}_Y X$. We consider $y_0 \in Y$ and $P_0 \in \text{SO}(y_0)$. There is some $W \in \tau_Y$ such that $W \subseteq P_0 \subseteq \text{cl}_Y W$. If $y_0 \notin W$, then $W \subseteq X$ and hence $\text{cl}_Y W \cap X \neq \emptyset$. If on the other hand, $y_0 \in W$, then there is some $F \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $F \subseteq W$, i.e., $\text{cl}_Y F \subseteq \text{cl}_Y W$. So, $X \cap \text{cl}_Y W \neq \emptyset$. So, in any case, $X \cap \text{cl}_Y W \neq \emptyset$ and, consequently, as $\text{cl}_Y W = \text{cl}_Y P_0$, $X \cap \text{cl}_Y P_0 \neq \emptyset$. Thus, $y_0 \in \theta_S\text{-cl}_Y X$. So, $y_0 \in S(\alpha, x)$ for some $x \in X$. Consider any $V \in \text{SO}(x)$ and $F \in \mathcal{F}$. Then $F \cup \{y_0\} \in \tau_Y$. Again, $Y - (F \cup \{y_0\})$ is a subset of Y not containing y_0 . Thus, $Y - (F \cup \{y_0\})$ is open in Y , which proves that $\text{cl}_Y (F \cup \{y_0\}) = F \cup \{y_0\}$. Now, $\text{cl}_X V \cap F = \alpha(\text{cl}_X V) \cap \text{cl}_Y (F \cup \{y_0\}) \neq \emptyset$. Thus, $x \in \theta_S\text{-ad } \mathcal{F}$. \square

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