

# CHARACTERIZATION OF REGULAR\* - $T_i$ ( $i = 0, 1, 2$ ) SPACES

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we introduce regular\*- $T_0$ , regular\*- $T_1$ , regular\*- $T_2$  spaces using regular\*-open sets and investigate their properties. Also we give characterizations for these spaces. Further we study relationship among themselves and with known separation axioms  $T_0$ ,  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$  and semi- $T_0$ , semi- $T_1$ , semi- $T_2$ .

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**Introduction:** Separation axioms are useful in classifying topological spaces. Maheshwari.S.N. and Prasad.R.,[8] introduced the concept of semi- $T_i$  ( $i=0,1,2$ ) spaces using semi-open sets. Maki.H. Devi.R., and Balachandran.K.[9] introduced the concept of  $\alpha$ - $T_i$  ( $i=0,1,2$ ) spaces using  $\alpha$ -open sets. Robert.A. and Pious Missier.S.,[10] introduced the concept of semi\* $\alpha$ - $T_i$  ( $i=0,1,2$ ) spaces using semi\* $\alpha$ -open sets and investigated their properties.

In this paper, we define regular\*- $T_0$ , regular\*- $T_1$  and regular\*- $T_2$  spaces using regular\*-open sets and investigate their properties. We further study the relationships among themselves and with known axioms  $T_0$ ,  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$  and semi- $T_0$ , semi- $T_1$ , semi- $T_2$ .

**Preliminaries:** Throughout this paper  $(X, \tau)$  will always denote topological space on which no separation axioms are assumed, unless explicitly stated. If  $A$  is a subset of the space  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $Cl(A)$  and  $Int(A)$  respectively denote the closure and the interior of  $A$  in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.1:** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called (i) **generalized closed** (briefly g-closed) if  $Cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open.

(ii) **generalized open** (briefly g-open) if  $X \setminus A$  is g-closed in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.2:** Let  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . Then

(i) **generalized closure** of  $A$  is defined as the intersection of all g-closed sets containing  $A$  and is denoted by  $Cl^*(A)$ .

(ii) **generalized interior** of  $A$  is defined as the union of all g-open subsets of  $A$  and is denoted by  $Int^*(A)$ .

**Definition 2.3:** A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is (i) **Regular\*-open** (resp. pre-open, regular-open, semi-open) if  $A = Int(Cl^*(A))$  (resp.  $A \subseteq Int(Cl(A))$ ,  $A = Int(Cl(A))$ ,  $A \subseteq Cl(Int(A))$ ).

(ii) **Regular\*-closed** (resp. pre-closed, regular-closed, semi-closed) if  $A = Cl(Int^*(A))$  (resp.  $Cl(Int(A)) \subseteq A$ ,  $A = Cl(Int(A))$ ,  $Int(Cl(A)) \subseteq A$ ).

The class of all regular\*-open (resp. regular\*-closed) sets is denoted by  $R^*O(X, \tau)$  (resp.  $R^*C(X, \tau)$ ).

**Definition 2.4:** Let  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . Then

(i) the **regular\*-closure** of  $A$  is defined as the intersection of all regular\*-closed sets containing  $A$  and is denoted by  $r^*Cl(A)$ .

(ii) the **regular\*-interior** of  $A$  is defined as the union of all regular\*-open sets of  $X$  contained and is denoted by  $r^*Int(A)$ .

**Theorem 2.5:** (i) Every regular\*-open set is open. (ii). Every regular\*-open set is pre-open

**Definition 2.6:** A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be

- (i) **regular\*-closed** if  $f(V)$  is regular\*-closed in  $Y$  for every closed set  $V$  in  $X$ .
- (ii) **regular\*-continuous** if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is regular\*-open in  $X$  for every open set  $V$  in  $Y$ .
- (iii) **regular\*-irresolute** if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is regular\*-open in  $X$  for every regular\*-open set  $V$  in  $Y$ .
- (iv) **pre-regular\*-closed** if  $f(V)$  is regular\*-closed in  $Y$  for every regular\*-closed set  $V$  in  $X$ .
- (v) **regular\*-open** if  $f(V)$  is regular\*-open in  $Y$  for every open set  $V$  in  $X$ .
- (vi) **pre-regular\*-open** if  $f(V)$  is regular\*-open in  $Y$  for every regular\*-open set  $V$  in  $X$ .

**Theorem 2.7:** Let  $A \subseteq X$  and let  $x \in X$  and  $r^*Cl(A)$  be regular\*-closed. Then  $x \in r^*Cl(A)$  if and only if every regular\*-open set in  $X$  containing  $x$  intersects  $A$ .

**Definition 2.8:** A topological space  $X$  is said to be  $T_0$  (**semi- $T_0$** ,  **$\alpha$ - $T_0$** , **pre- $T_0$** ) if whenever  $x$  and  $y$  are distinct points in  $X$ , there is an open (semi-open,  $\alpha$ -open, pre-open) set in  $X$  containing one of  $x$  and  $y$  but not the other.

**Definition 2.9:** A topological space  $X$  is said to be  $T_1$  (**semi- $T_1$** ,  **$\alpha$ - $T_1$** , **pre- $T_1$** ) if whenever  $x$  and  $y$  are distinct points in  $X$ , there are open (semi-open,  $\alpha$ -open, pre-open) sets  $U$  and  $V$  in  $X$  such that  $U$  containing  $x$  but not  $y$  and  $V$  containing  $y$  but not  $x$ .

**Definition 2.10:** A topological space  $X$  is said to be  $T_2$  (**semi- $T_2$** ,  **$\alpha$ - $T_2$** , **pre- $T_2$** ) if whenever  $x$  and  $y$  are distinct points in  $X$ , there are open (semi-open,  $\alpha$ -open, pre-open) sets  $U$  and  $V$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  and  $y$  respectively

**Lemma 2.11:** A topological space  $X$  is  $T_1$  if and only if  $\{x\}$  is closed in  $X$  for every  $x \in X$ .

### Regular\*- $T_0$ Spaces:

**Definition 3.1.1:** A space  $X$  is said to be **regular\*- $T_0$**  if whenever  $x$  and  $y$  are distinct points in  $X$  there is a regular\*-open set in  $X$  containing one of  $x$  and  $y$  but not the other.

**Theorem 3.1.2:** (i) Every regular\*- $T_0$  space is  $T_0$ .

(ii) Every regular\*- $T_0$  space is pre- $T_0$ .

(iii) Every regular\*- $T_0$  space is semi- $T_0$ .

(iv) Every regular\*- $T_0$  space is  $\alpha$ - $T_0$ .

Proof: (i) Suppose  $X$  is a regular\*- $T_0$  space. Let  $x$  and  $y$  be two distinct points in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is regular\*- $T_0$ , there exists a regular\*-open set  $U$  containing one of  $x$  and  $y$  but not the other. By Theorem 2.5,  $U$  is an open set. Hence  $X$  is  $T_0$ .

(ii) Follows from Definition 3.1.1 and Theorem 2.5

(iii) Follows from (i) and the fact that every  $T_0$  space is semi- $T_0$ .

(iv) Follows from (i) and the fact that every  $T_0$  space is  $\alpha$ - $T_0$ .

**Theorem 3.1.3:** If a space  $X$  is regular\*- $T_0$ , then the regular\*-closure of distinct points are distinct.

Proof: Let  $x$  and  $y$  be two distinct points of a regular\*- $T_0$  space  $X$ . Then by definition, there exists a regular\*-open set  $U$  containing one of  $x$  and  $y$  but not the other. If  $x \in U$  and  $y \notin U$ , then  $U$  is a regular\*-open set containing  $x$  that does not intersect  $\{y\}$ . By Theorem 2.7,  $x \notin r^*Cl(\{y\})$ . But  $x \in r^*Cl(\{x\})$ , so we get  $r^*Cl(\{x\}) \neq r^*Cl(\{y\})$ . Similarly we can prove the case when  $y \in U$  and  $x \notin U$ . Thus the regular\*-closure of  $x$  and  $y$  are distinct.

**Theorem 3.1.4:** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a bijection. Then the following are true:

(i) If  $f$  is regular\*-open and  $X$  is  $T_0$ , then  $Y$  is regular\*- $T_0$ .

(ii) If  $f$  is pre-regular\*-open and  $X$  is regular\*- $T_0$ , then  $Y$  is regular\*- $T_0$ .

(iii) If  $f$  is regular\*-continuous and  $Y$  is  $T_0$ , then  $X$  is regular\*- $T_0$ .

(iv) If  $f$  is regular\*-irresolute and  $Y$  is regular\*- $T_0$ , then  $X$  is regular\*- $T_0$ .

Proof: (i) Suppose  $f$  is regular\*-open and  $X$  is  $T_0$ . Let  $y_1 \neq y_2 \in Y$ . Since  $f$  is a bijection, there exist  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  such that  $f(x_1) = y_1$  and  $f(x_2) = y_2$  with  $x_1 \neq x_2$ . Since  $X$  is  $T_0$ , there exists an open set  $U$  in  $X$  containing one

of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  but not the other. Since  $f$  is regular\*-open  $f(U)$  is a regular\*-open set in  $Y$  containing  $y_1$  or  $y_2$  but not the other. Thus  $Y$  is regular\*- $T_0$ .

(ii) Let  $f$  be pre-regular\*-open and  $X$  be regular\*- $T_0$ . Let  $y_1 \neq y_2 \in Y$ . Since  $f$  is a bijection, there exist  $x_1, x_2$  in  $X$  such that  $f(x_1) = y_1$  and  $f(x_2) = y_2$  with  $x_1 \neq x_2$ . Since  $X$  is regular\*- $T_0$ , there exists a regular\*-open set  $U$  in  $X$  containing one of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  but not the other. Since  $f$  is pre-regular\*-open  $f(U)$  is a regular\*-open set in  $Y$  containing  $y_1$  or  $y_2$  but not the other. Thus  $Y$  is regular\*- $T_0$ .

(iii) Suppose  $f$  is regular\*-continuous and  $Y$  is  $T_0$ . Let  $x_1 \neq x_2 \in X$ . Let  $y_1 = f(x_1)$  and  $y_2 = f(x_2)$ . Since  $f$  is a bijection,  $y_1 \neq y_2$ . Since  $Y$  is  $T_0$ , there exists an open set  $V$  in  $Y$  containing one of  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  but not the other. Since  $f$  is regular\*-continuous,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a regular\*-open set in  $X$  containing one of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  but not the other. Thus  $X$  is regular\*- $T_0$ .

(iv). Let  $f$  be regular\*-irresolute and  $Y$  be regular\*- $T_0$ . Let  $x_1 \neq x_2 \in X$ . Let  $y_1 = f(x_1)$  and  $y_2 = f(x_2)$ . Since  $f$  is a bijection,  $y_1 \neq y_2$ . Since  $Y$  is regular\*- $T_0$ , there exists an open set  $V$  in  $Y$  containing one of  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  but not the other. Since  $f$  is regular\*-irresolute,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a regular\*-open set in  $X$  containing one of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  but not the other. Thus  $X$  is regular\*- $T_0$ .

**Regular\*- $T_1$  Spaces:**

**Definition 3.2.1:** A space  $X$  is said to be **regular\*- $T_1$**  if whenever  $x$  and  $y$  are distinct points in  $X$ , there are regular\*-open sets in  $X$  containing each but not the other.

**Theorem 3.2.2:** (i) Every regular\*- $T_1$  space is  $T_1$ .

(ii) Every regular\*- $T_1$  space is pre- $T_1$ .

(iii) Every regular\*- $T_1$  space is  $\alpha$ - $T_1$ .

(iv) Every regular\*- $T_1$  space is semi- $T_1$ .

(v) Every regular\*- $T_1$  space is regular\*- $T_0$ .

Proof: (i) Suppose  $X$  is a regular\*- $T_1$  space. Let  $x$  and  $y$  be two distinct points in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is regular\*- $T_1$ , there exist regular\*-open sets  $U$  and  $V$  with  $x \in U$  but  $y \notin U$  and  $y \in V$  and  $x \notin V$ . By Theorem 2.5,  $U$  and  $V$  are open sets. Hence  $X$  is  $T_1$ .

(ii) Follows from Definition 3.2.1 and Theorem 2.5.

(iii) Follows from (i) and the fact that every  $T_1$  space is semi- $T_1$ .

(iv) Follows from (i) and the fact that every  $T_1$  space is  $\alpha$ - $T_1$ .

(v). Follows from Definitions.

**Theorem 3.2.3:** Suppose  $R^*O(X, \tau)$  is closed under arbitrary union, for a topological space  $X$ , the following are equivalent:

(i)  $X$  is regular\*- $T_1$  space.

(ii) Each one point set in  $X$  is regular\*-closed in  $X$ .

(iii) Each subset of  $X$  is the intersection of regular\*-open sets containing it.

(iv) The intersection of all regular\*-open sets in  $X$  containing the point  $x$  equals  $\{x\}$ .

Proof: (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): Suppose  $X$  is regular\*- $T_1$ . Let  $x \in X$ , then for every  $y \neq x$ , there exists a regular\*-open set  $U_y$  in  $X$  containing  $y$  but not  $x$ . Hence  $y \in U_y \subseteq X \setminus \{x\}$ . Therefore  $X \setminus \{x\} = \cup\{U_y: y \in X \setminus \{x\}\}$ . By assumption,  $X \setminus \{x\}$  is regular\*-open in  $X$ . Thus  $\{x\}$  is regular\*-closed.

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii): Let  $A \subseteq X$ . Then for each  $x \in X \setminus A$ ,  $\{x\}$  is regular\*-closed in  $X$  and hence  $X \setminus \{x\}$  is regular\*-open. Clearly  $A \subseteq X \setminus \{x\}$  for each  $x \in X \setminus A$ . Therefore  $A \subseteq \cap\{X \setminus \{x\} : x \in X \setminus A\}$ . On the other hand, if  $y \notin A$ , then  $y \in X \setminus A$  and  $y \notin X \setminus \{y\}$ . This implies  $y \notin \cap\{X \setminus \{x\} : x \in X \setminus A\}$ . Hence  $\cap\{X \setminus \{x\} : x \in X \setminus A\} \subseteq A$ . Therefore  $A = \cap\{X \setminus \{x\} : x \in X \setminus A\}$  which proves (iii).

(iii) $\Rightarrow$ (iv): Taking  $A = \{x\}$ , by (iii)  $A = \{x\} = \cap\{U : U \text{ is regular*-open and } x \in U\}$ . This proves (iv).

(iv) $\Rightarrow$ (i): Let  $x, y \in X$  with  $y \neq x$ , then  $y \notin \{x\} = \cap\{U : U \text{ is regular*-open and } x \in U\}$ . Hence there exists a regular\*-open set  $U$  containing  $x$  but not  $y$ . Similarly, there exists a regular\*-open set  $V$  containing  $y$  but not  $x$ . Thus  $X$  is regular\*- $T_1$ .

**Theorem 3.2.4:** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a bijection.

(i) If  $f$  is regular\*-continuous and  $Y$  is  $T_1$ , then  $X$  is regular\*- $T_1$ .

(ii) If  $f$  is regular\*-irresolute and  $Y$  is regular\*- $T_1$ , then  $X$  is regular\*- $T_1$ .

- (iii) If  $f$  is regular\*-open and  $X$  is  $T_1$ , then  $Y$  is regular\*- $T_1$ .
- (iv) If  $f$  is pre-regular\*-open and  $X$  is regular\*- $T_1$ , then  $Y$  is regular\*- $T_1$ .
- (v) If  $f$  is regular\*-closed and  $X$  is  $T_1$ , then  $Y$  is regular\*- $T_1$ .
- (vi) If  $f$  is pre-regular\*-closed and  $X$  is regular\*- $T_1$ , then  $Y$  is regular\*- $T_1$ .

Proof: (i) Suppose  $f$  is regular\*-continuous bijection and  $Y$  is  $T_1$ . Let  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  with  $x_1 \neq x_2$ . Let  $y_1 = f(x_1)$  and  $y_2 = f(x_2)$ . Since  $f$  is one to one,  $y_1 \neq y_2$ . Since  $Y$  is  $T_1$ , there exist open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $y_1 \in U$  but  $y_2 \notin U$  and  $y_2 \in V$  but  $y_1 \notin V$ . Since  $f$  is a bijection,  $x_1 \in f^{-1}(U)$  but  $x_2 \notin f^{-1}(U)$  and  $x_2 \in f^{-1}(V)$  but  $x_1 \notin f^{-1}(V)$ . Since  $f$  is regular\*-continuous,  $f^{-1}(U)$  and  $f^{-1}(V)$  are regular\*-open sets in  $X$ . Thus  $X$  is regular\*- $T_1$ .

(ii) Suppose  $f$  is regular\*-irresolute bijection and  $Y$  is regular\*- $T_1$ . Let  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  with  $x_1 \neq x_2$ . Let  $y_1 = f(x_1)$  and  $y_2 = f(x_2)$ . Since  $f$  is one to one,  $y_1 \neq y_2$ . Since  $Y$  is regular\*- $T_1$ , there exist regular\*-open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $y_1 \in U$  but  $y_2 \notin U$  and  $y_2 \in V$  but  $y_1 \notin V$ . Since  $f$  is a bijection,  $x_1 \in f^{-1}(U)$  but  $x_2 \notin f^{-1}(U)$  and  $x_2 \in f^{-1}(V)$  but  $x_1 \notin f^{-1}(V)$ . Since  $f$  is regular\*-irresolute,  $f^{-1}(U)$  and  $f^{-1}(V)$  are regular\*-open sets in  $X$ . Thus  $X$  is regular\*- $T_1$ .

(iii) Suppose  $f$  is regular\*-open bijection and  $X$  is  $T_1$ . Let  $y_1 \neq y_2 \in Y$ . Since  $f$  is a bijection, there exist  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  such that  $f(x_1) = y_1$  and  $f(x_2) = y_2$  with  $x_1 \neq x_2$ . Since  $X$  is  $T_1$ , there exist open sets  $U$  and  $V$  in  $X$  such that  $x_1 \in U$  but  $x_2 \notin U$  and  $x_2 \in V$  but  $x_1 \notin V$ . Since  $f$  is regular\*-open,  $f(U)$  and  $f(V)$  are regular\*-open sets in  $Y$  such that  $y_1 = f(x_1) \in f(U)$  and  $y_2 = f(x_2) \in f(V)$ . Since  $f$  is a bijection,  $y_2 = f(x_2) \notin f(U)$  and  $y_1 = f(x_1) \notin f(V)$ . Thus  $Y$  is regular\*- $T_1$ .

(iv) Suppose  $f$  is a pre-regular\*-open bijection and  $X$  is regular\*- $T_1$ . Let  $y_1 \neq y_2 \in Y$ . Since  $f$  is a bijection, there exist  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  such that  $f(x_1) = y_1$  and  $f(x_2) = y_2$  with  $x_1 \neq x_2$ . Since  $X$  is regular\*- $T_1$ , there exist regular\*-open sets  $U$  and  $V$  in  $X$  such that  $x_1 \in U$  but  $x_2 \notin U$  and  $x_2 \in V$  but  $x_1 \notin V$ . Since  $f$  is pre-regular\*-open,  $f(U)$  and  $f(V)$  are regular\*-open sets in  $Y$  such that  $y_1 = f(x_1) \in f(U)$  and  $y_2 = f(x_2) \in f(V)$ . Since  $f$  is a bijection,  $y_2 = f(x_2) \notin f(U)$  and  $y_1 = f(x_1) \notin f(V)$ . Thus  $Y$  is regular\*- $T_1$ .

(v) Suppose  $f$  is a regular\*-closed bijection and  $X$  is  $T_1$ . Let  $y \in Y$ . Since  $f$  is bijection, there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $f(x) = y$ . Since  $X$  is  $T_1$ , by Lemma 2.11,  $\{x\}$  is closed in  $X$ . Since  $f$  is a regular\*-closed map,  $f(\{x\}) = \{y\}$  is regular\*-closed. Since every singleton set in  $Y$  is regular\*-closed, by Theorem 3.2.3,  $Y$  is regular\*- $T_1$ .

(vi) Suppose  $f$  is a pre-regular\*-closed bijection and  $X$  is regular\*- $T_1$ . Let  $y \in Y$ . Since  $f$  is bijection, there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $f(x) = y$ . Since  $X$  is regular\*- $T_1$ , by Theorem 3.2.3,  $\{x\}$  is regular\*-closed in  $X$ . Since  $f$  is a pre-regular\*-closed map,  $f(\{x\}) = \{y\}$  is regular\*-closed. Since every singleton set in  $Y$  is regular\*-closed, by Theorem 3.2.3,  $Y$  is regular\*- $T_1$ .

### Regular\*- $T_2$ Space:

**Definition 3.3.1:** A space  $X$  is said to be **regular\*- $T_2$**  if whenever  $x$  and  $y$  are distinct points in  $X$ , there are disjoint regular\*-open sets  $U$  and  $V$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  and  $y$  respectively.

**Theorem 3.3.2:** (i) Every regular\*- $T_2$  space is  $T_2$ .

(ii) Every regular\*- $T_2$  space is pre- $T_2$ .

(iii) Every regular\*- $T_2$  space is semi- $T_2$ .

(iv). Every regular\*- $T_2$  space is  $\alpha$ - $T_2$ .

(v). Every regular\*- $T_2$  space is regular\*- $T_1$ .

(vi). Every regular\*- $T_2$  space is regular\*- $T_0$ .

Proof: (i) Suppose  $X$  is a regular\*- $T_2$  space. Let  $x$  and  $y$  be two distinct points in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is regular\*- $T_2$ , there exist disjoint regular\*-open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \in V$ . By Theorem 2.5,  $U$  and  $V$  are open sets such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \in V$ . Hence  $X$  is  $T_2$ .

(ii) Follows from Definition 3.3.1 and Theorem 2.5.

(iii) Follows from the fact that every  $T_2$  space is semi- $T_2$ .

(iv). Follows from the fact that every  $T_2$  space is  $\alpha$ - $T_2$ .

(v). Follows from Definitions.

(vi). Follows from Definitions and Theorem 3.2.2.

**Theorem 3.3.3:** For a topological space  $X$  the following are equivalent:

(i)  $X$  is regular\*- $T_2$  space.

(ii) Let  $x \in X$ , then for each  $y \neq x$ , there exists a regular\*-open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \notin r^*Cl(U)$ .

(iii) For each  $x \in X$ ,  $\cap\{r^*Cl(U) : U \in R^*O(X) \text{ and } x \in U\} = \{x\}$ .

Proof: (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): Suppose  $X$  is a regular $^*$ - $T_2$  space. Let  $x \in X$  and  $y \in X$  with  $y \neq x$ , then there exist disjoint regular $^*$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \in V$ . Since  $V$  is regular $^*$ -open,  $X \setminus V$  is regular $^*$ -closed and  $U \subseteq X \setminus V$ . This implies that  $r^*Cl(U) \subseteq X \setminus V$ . Since  $y \notin X \setminus V$ ,  $y \notin r^*Cl(U)$ .

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii): If  $y \neq x$  then there exists a regular $^*$ -open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \notin r^*Cl(U)$ . Hence  $y \notin \cap\{r^*Cl(U) : U \in R^*O(X) \text{ and } x \in U\}$ . This proves (iii).

(iii) $\Rightarrow$ (i): Let  $y \neq x$  in  $X$ . Then  $y \notin \cap\{r^*Cl(U) : U \in R^*O(X) \text{ and } x \in U\}$ . This implies that there exists a regular $^*$ -open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \notin r^*Cl(U)$ . Take  $V = X \setminus r^*Cl(U)$  is a regular $^*$ -open set, then  $y \in V$ . Now  $U \cap V = U \cap (X \setminus r^*Cl(U)) \subseteq U \cap (X \setminus U) = \emptyset$ . This proves (i).

**Theorem 3.3.4:** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a bijection.

(i) If  $f$  is regular $^*$ -continuous and  $Y$  is  $T_2$ , then  $X$  is regular $^*$ - $T_2$ .

(ii) If  $f$  is regular $^*$ -irresolute and  $Y$  is regular $^*$ - $T_2$ , then  $X$  is regular $^*$ - $T_2$ .

(iii) If  $f$  is regular $^*$ -open and  $X$  is  $T_2$ , then  $Y$  is regular $^*$ - $T_2$ .

**Proof:** (i) Suppose  $f$  is regular $^*$ -continuous and  $Y$  is  $T_2$ . Let  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  with  $x_1 \neq x_2$ . Let  $y_1 = f(x_1)$  and  $y_2 = f(x_2)$ . Since  $f$  is one to one  $y_1 \neq y_2$ . Since  $Y$  is  $T_2$ , there exist disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  containing  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  respectively. Since  $f$  is regular $^*$ -continuous bijection,  $f^{-1}(U)$  and  $f^{-1}(V)$  are disjoint regular $^*$ -open sets in  $X$  containing  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  respectively. Thus  $X$  is regular $^*$ - $T_2$ .

(ii) Proof is similar to (i).

(iii). Suppose  $f$  is regular $^*$ -open and  $X$  is  $T_2$ . Let  $y_1 \neq y_2 \in Y$ . Since  $f$  is a bijection, there exist  $x_1, x_2$  in  $X$  such that  $f(x_1) = y_1$  and  $f(x_2) = y_2$  with  $x_1 \neq x_2$ . Since  $X$  is  $T_2$ , there exist disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  in  $X$  such that  $x_1 \in U$  and  $x_2 \in V$ . Since  $f$  is regular $^*$ -open in  $Y$  such that  $y_1 = f(x_1) \in f(U)$  and  $y_2 = f(x_2) \in f(V)$ . Since  $f$  is bijection  $f(U)$  and  $f(V)$  are disjoint in  $Y$ . Thus  $Y$  is regular $^*$ - $T_2$ .

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