

## On Minimal $\lambda_{bc}$ -Open Sets

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### Abstract

In this paper, we introduce and discuss minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open sets in topological spaces. We establish some basic properties of minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open. We obtain an application of a theory of minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open sets and we defined a  $\lambda_{bc}$ -locally finite space.

### 1. Introduction

The study of semi open sets in topological spaces was initiated by Levine[1]. The complement of  $A$  is denoted by  $X \setminus A$ . In the space  $(X, \tau)$ , a subset  $A$  is said to be  $b$ -open[2] if  $A \subseteq Cl(Int(A)) \cup Int(Cl(A))$ . The family of all  $b$ -open sets of  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $BO(X)$ . The concept of operation  $\gamma$  was initiated by Kasahara[3]. He also introduced  $\gamma$ -closed graph of a function. Using this operation, Ogata[4] introduced the concept of  $\gamma$ -open sets and investigated the related topological properties of the associated topology  $\tau_\gamma$  and  $\tau$ . He further investigated general operator approaches of closed graph of mappings. Further Ahmad and Hussain[5] continued studying the properties of  $\gamma$ -open( $\gamma$ -closed) sets. In 2009, Hussain and Ahmad[6], introduced the concept of minimal  $\gamma$ -open sets. In 2011[7] ( resp., in 2013[8]) Khalaf and Namiq defined an operation  $\lambda$  called  $s$ -operation. They defined  $\lambda^*$ -open sets[9] which is equivalent to  $\lambda$ -open set[7] and  $\lambda_s$ -open set[8] by using  $s$ -operation. They work in operation in topology in[10-22]. They defined  $\lambda_{\beta c}$ -open set by using  $s$ -operation and  $\beta$ -closed set and also investigated several properties of  $\lambda_{\beta c}$ -derived,  $\lambda_{\beta c}$ -interior and  $\lambda_{\beta c}$ -closure points in topological spaces.

In this paper, we introduce and discuss minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open sets in topological spaces.

We establish some basic properties of minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open sets and provide an example to illustrate that minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open sets are independent of minimal open sets.

First, we recall some definitions and results used in this paper.

### 2. Preliminaries

Throughout,  $X$  denotes a topological space. Let  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ , then the closure and the interior of  $A$  are denoted by  $Cl(A)$  and  $Int(A)$  respectively. A subset  $A$  of a

topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be semi open [1] if  $A \subseteq Cl(Int(A))$ . The complement of a semi open set is said to be semi closed [1]. The family of all semi open (resp. semi closed) sets in a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $SO(X, \tau)$  or  $SO(X)$  (resp.  $SC(X, \tau)$  or  $SC(X)$ ). We consider  $\lambda$  as a function defined on  $SO(X)$  into  $P(X)$  and  $\lambda: SO(X) \rightarrow P(X)$  is called an s-operation if  $V \subseteq \lambda(V)$  for each non-empty semi open set  $V$ . It is assumed that  $\lambda(\phi) = \phi$  and  $\lambda(X) = X$  for any s-operation  $\lambda$ . Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $\lambda: SO(X) \rightarrow P(X)$  be an s-operation, then a subset  $A$  of  $X$  is called a  $\lambda^*$ -open set [9] which is equivalent to  $\lambda$ -open set [7] and  $\lambda_s$ -open set [8] if for each  $x \in A$  there exists a semi open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $\lambda(U) \subseteq A$ .

The complement of a  $\lambda^*$ -open set is said to be  $\lambda^*$ -closed. The family of all  $\lambda^*$ -open ( resp.,  $\lambda^*$ -closed ) subsets of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $SO_\lambda(X, \tau)$  or  $SO_\lambda(X)$  ( resp. ,  $SC_\lambda(X, \tau)$  or  $SC_\lambda(X)$  ).

**Definition 2.1.** A  $\lambda^*$ -open [9] ( $\lambda$ -open [7],  $\lambda_s$ -open [8] ) subset  $A$  of a topological space  $X$  is called  $\lambda_{\beta c}$ -open [23] if for each  $x \in A$  there exists a  $\beta$ -closed set  $F$  such that  $x \in F \subseteq A$ . The complement of a  $\lambda_{\beta c}$ -open set is called  $\lambda_{\beta c}$ -closed [23]. The family of all  $\lambda_{\beta c}$ -open (resp.,  $\lambda_{\beta c}$ -closed) subsets of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $SO_{\lambda_{\beta c}}(X, \tau)$  or  $SO_{\lambda_{\beta c}}(X)$  ( resp.  $SC_{\lambda_{\beta c}}(X, \tau)$  or  $SC_{\lambda_{\beta c}}(X)$  ) [23].

We get the following results in [23]

**Proposition 2.2.** For a topological space  $X$ ,  $SO_{\lambda_{\beta c}}(X) \subseteq SO_\lambda(X) \subseteq SO(X)$ .

The following example shows that the converse of the above proposition may not be true in general.

**Example 2.3.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ , and  $\tau = \{\phi, \{a\}, X\}$ . We define an s-operation  $\lambda: SO(X) \rightarrow P(X)$  as  $\lambda(A) = A$  if  $b \in A$  and  $\lambda(A) = X$  otherwise. Here, we have  $\{a, c\}$  is semi open but it is not  $\lambda^*$ -open. And also  $\{a, b\}$  is  $\lambda^*$ -open set but it is not  $\lambda_{\beta c}$ -open .

**Definition 2.4.** An s-operation  $\lambda$  on  $X$  is said to be s-regular which is equivalent to  $\lambda$ -regular [8] if for every semi open sets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $x \in X$ , there exists a semi open set  $W$  containing  $x$  such that  $\lambda(W) \subseteq \lambda(U) \cap \lambda(V)$ .

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . Then:

- (1) The  $\lambda_{\beta c}$ -closure of  $A$  ( $\lambda_{\beta c}Cl(A)$ ) is the intersection of all  $\lambda_{\beta c}$ -closed sets containing  $A$ .
- (2) The  $\lambda_{\beta c}$ -interior of  $A$  ( $\lambda_{\beta c}Int(A)$ ) is the union of all  $\lambda_{\beta c}$ -open sets of  $X$  contained in  $A$ .

**Proposition 2.6.** For each point  $x \in X$ ,  $x \in \lambda_{\beta c}Cl(A)$  if and only if  $V \cap A \neq \phi$  for every  $V \in SO_{\lambda_{\beta c}}(X)$  such that  $x \in V$ .

**Proposition 2.7.** Let  $\{A_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$  be any collection of  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open sets in a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha$  is a  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set.

**Proposition 2.8.** Let  $\lambda$  be an  $s$ -regular  $s$ -operation. If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open sets in  $X$ , then  $A \cap B$  is also a  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set.

The proof of the following two propositions are in [24].

**Proposition 2.9.** Let  $\{A_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$  be any collection of  $\lambda^*$ -open sets in a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha$  is a  $\lambda^*$ -open set.

**Proposition 2.10.** Let  $\lambda$  be semi-regular operation. If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\lambda^*$ -open sets in  $X$ , then  $A \cap B$  is also a  $\lambda^*$ -open set.

**Definition 2.11.** A  $\lambda^*$ -open [9] ( $\lambda$ -open [7],  $\lambda_s$ -open [8]) subset  $A$  of a topological space  $X$  is called  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open if for each  $x \in A$  there exists a  $b$ -closed set  $F$  such that  $x \in F \subseteq A$ . The complement of a  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set is called  $\lambda_{bc}$ -closed. The family of all  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open (resp.,  $\lambda_{bc}$ -closed) subsets of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $SO_{\lambda_{bc}}(X, \tau)$  or  $SO_{\lambda_{bc}}(X)$  (resp.  $SC_{\lambda_{bc}}(X, \tau)$  or  $SC_{\lambda_{bc}}(X)$ ).

**Proposition 2.12.** For a topological space  $X$ ,  $SO_{\lambda_{bc}}(X) \subseteq SO_\lambda(X) \subseteq SO(X)$ .

**Proof.** Obvious.

The following example shows that the converse of the above proposition may not be true in general.

**Example 2.13.** In Example 2.3, we have  $\{a, c\}$  is semi open but it is not  $\lambda^*$ -open. And also  $\{a, b\}$  is  $\lambda^*$ -open set but it is not  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open.

**Definition 2.14.** An  $s$ -operation  $\lambda$  on  $X$  is said to be  $s$ -regular which is equivalent to  $\lambda$ -regular [8] if for every semi open sets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $x \in X$ , there exists a semi open set  $W$  containing  $x$  such that  $\lambda(W) \subseteq \lambda(U) \cap \lambda(V)$ .

**Definition 2.15.** Let  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . Then:

- (3) The  $\lambda_{bc}$ -closure of  $A$  ( $\lambda_{bc}Cl(A)$ ) is the intersection of all  $\lambda_{bc}$ -closed sets containing  $A$ .
- (4) The  $\lambda_{bc}$ -interior of  $A$  ( $\lambda_{bc}Int(A)$ ) is the union of all  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open sets of  $X$  contained in  $A$ .

**Proposition 2.16.** For each point  $x \in X$ ,  $x \in \lambda_{bc}Cl(A)$  if and only if  $V \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for every  $V \in SO_{\lambda_{bc}}(X)$  such that  $x \in V$ .

**Proof.** Obvious

**Proposition 2.17.** Let  $\{A_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$  be any collection of  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open sets in a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha$  is a  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set.

**Proof.** Obvious

**Proposition 2.18.** Let  $\lambda$  be an s-regular s-operation. If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open sets in  $X$ , then  $A \cap B$  is also a  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set.

**Proof.** Obvious

### 3. Minimal $\lambda_{bc}$ -Open Sets

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $X$  be a space and  $A \subseteq X$  be a  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set. Then  $A$  is called a minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set if  $\phi$  and  $A$  are the only  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open subsets of  $A$ .

**Example 3.2.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ , and  $\tau = P(X)$ . We define an s-operation  $\lambda: SO(X) \rightarrow P(X)$  as  $\lambda(A) = A$  if  $A = \{a, c\}$  and  $\lambda(A) = X$  otherwise. The  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open sets are  $\phi, \{a, c\}$  and  $X$ . We have  $\{a, c\}$  is a minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set.

**Proposition 3.3.** Let  $A$  be a nonempty  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open subset of a space  $X$ . If  $A \subseteq \lambda_{bc}Cl(C)$ , then  $\lambda_{bc}Cl(A) = \lambda_{bc}Cl(C)$ , for any nonempty subset  $C$  of  $A$ .

**Proof.** For any nonempty subset  $C$  of  $A$ , we have  $\lambda_{bc}Cl(C) \subseteq \lambda_{bc}Cl(A)$ . On the other hand, by supposition we see  $\lambda_{bc}Cl(A) = \lambda_{bc}Cl(\lambda_{bc}Cl(C)) = \lambda_{bc}Cl(C)$  implies  $\lambda_{bc}Cl(A) \subseteq \lambda_{bc}Cl(C)$ .

Therefore we have  $\lambda_{bc}Cl(A) = \lambda_{bc}Cl(C)$  for any nonempty subset  $C$  of  $A$ .

**Proposition 3.4.** Let  $A$  be a nonempty  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open subset of a space  $X$ . If  $\lambda_{bc}Cl(A) = \lambda_{bc}Cl(C)$ , for any nonempty subset  $C$  of  $A$ , then  $A$  is a minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set.

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

**Remark 3.5.** In the remainder of this section we suppose that  $\lambda$  is an s-regular operation defined on a topological space  $X$ .

**Proposition 3.6.** The following statements are true:

- (1) If  $A$  is a minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set and  $B$  a  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set. Then  $A \cap B = \phi$  or  $A \subseteq B$ .
- (2) If  $B$  and  $C$  are minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open sets. Then  $B \cap C = \phi$  or  $B = C$ .

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

(2) If  $A \cap B \neq \phi$ , then by (1), we have  $B \subseteq C$  and  $C \subseteq B$ . Therefore,  $B = C$ . **Proposition 3.7.** Let  $A$  be a minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set. If  $x$  is an element of  $A$ , then  $A \subseteq B$  for any  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open neighborhood  $B$  of  $x$ .

**Proof.** Let  $B$  be a  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open neighborhood of  $x$  such that  $x \in B$ . Since where  $\lambda$  is  $\lambda$ -regular operation, then  $A \cap B$  is  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set such that  $A \cap B \subseteq A$  and  $A \cap B \neq \phi$ . This contradicts our assumption that  $A$  is a minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set.

**Proposition 3.8.** Let  $A$  be a minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set. Then for any element  $x$  of  $A$ ,  $A = \bigcap \{ B : B \text{ is } \lambda_{bc}\text{-open neighborhood of } x \}$ .

**Proof.** By Proposition 3.4, and the fact that  $A$  is  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open neighborhood of  $x$ , we have  $A \subseteq \bigcap \{ B : B \text{ is } \lambda_{bc}\text{-open neighborhood of } x \} \subseteq A$ . Therefore, the result follows.

**Proposition 3.9.** If  $A$  is a minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set in  $X$  not containing  $x \in X$ . Then for any  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open neighborhood  $C$  of  $x$ , either  $C \cap A = \emptyset$  or  $A \subseteq C$ .

**Proof.** Since  $C$  is a  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set, we have the result by Proposition 3.3.

**Corollary 3.10.** If  $A$  is a minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set in  $X$  not containing  $x \in X$  such that  $x \notin A$ . If  $A_x = \bigcap \{ B : B \text{ is } \lambda_{bc}\text{-open neighborhood of } x \}$ . Then either  $A_x \cap A = \emptyset$  or  $A \subseteq A_x$ .

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

**Corollary 3.11.** If  $A$  is a nonempty minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set of  $X$ , then for a nonempty subset  $C$  of  $A$ ,  $A \subseteq \lambda_{bc}Cl(C)$ .

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

Combining Corollary 3.11 and Propositions 3.3 and 3.4, we have:

**Theorem 3.11.** Let  $A$  be a nonempty  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open subset of space  $X$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $A$  is minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set, where  $\lambda$  is  $s$ -regular.
- (2) For any nonempty subset  $C$  of  $A$ ,  $A \subseteq \lambda_{bc}Cl(C)$ .
- (3) For any nonempty subset  $C$  of  $A$ ,  $\lambda_{bc}Cl(A) = \lambda_{bc}Cl(C)$ .

#### 4. Finite $\lambda_{bc}$ -Open Sets

In this section, we study some properties of minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open sets in finite  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open sets and  $\lambda_{bc}$ -locally finite spaces.

**Proposition 4.1.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $\emptyset \neq B$  a finite  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set in  $X$ . Then there exists at least one (finite) minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set  $A$  such that  $A \subseteq B$ .

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

- (1)  $B$  is a minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set.
- (2)  $B$  is not a minimal  $b$ -open set.

In case (1), if we choose  $B = A$ , then the proposition is proved. If the case (2) is true, then there exists a nonempty (finite)  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set  $B_1$  which is properly contained in  $B$ . If  $B_1$  is minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open, we take  $A = B_1$ . If  $B_1$  is not a minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set, then

there exists a nonempty (finite)  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set  $B_2$  such that  $B_2 \subseteq B_1 \subseteq B$ . We continue this process and have a sequence of  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open sets  $\dots \subseteq B_m \subseteq \dots \subseteq B_2 \subseteq B_1 \subseteq B$ . Since  $B$  is a finite, this process will end in a finite number of steps. That is, for some natural number  $k$ , we have a minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set  $B_k$  such that  $B_k = A$ . This completes the proof.

**Definition 4.2.** A space  $X$  is said to be a  $\lambda_{bc}$ -locally finite space, if for each  $x \in X$  there exists a finite  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set  $A$  in  $X$  such that  $x \in A$ .

**Corollary 4.3.** Let  $X$  be a  $\lambda_{bc}$ -locally finite space and  $B$  a nonempty  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set. Then there exists at least one (finite) minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set  $A$  such that  $A \subseteq B$ , where  $\lambda$  is semi-regular.

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

**Proposition 4.4.** Let  $X$  be a space and for any  $\alpha \in I$ ,  $B_\alpha$  a  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set and  $\phi \neq A$  a finite  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set. Then  $A \cap (\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} B_\alpha)$  is a finite  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set, where  $\lambda$  is semi-regular.

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

Using Proposition 4.4, we can prove the following:

**Theorem 4.5.** Let  $X$  be a space and for any  $\alpha \in I$ ,  $B_\alpha$  a  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set and for any  $\beta \in J$ ,  $B_\beta$  a nonempty finite  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set. Then  $(\bigcup_{\beta \in J} B_\beta) \cap (\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} B_\alpha)$  is a  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set, where  $\lambda$  is semi-regular.

### 5. More Properties

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

- (1) For any  $\iota, n$  with  $1 \leq \iota, n \leq m$  and  $\iota \neq n$ ,  $A_\iota \cap A_n = \phi$ .
- (2) If  $C$  is a minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set in  $A$ , then there exists  $\iota$  with  $1 \leq \iota \leq m$  such that  $C = A_\iota$ .

**Theorem 5.1.** Let  $X$  be a space and  $\phi \neq A$  a finite  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set such that  $A$  is not a minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set. Let  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m\}$  be a class of all minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open sets in  $A$  and  $y \in A \setminus (A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_m)$ . Define  $A_y = \bigcap \{B : B \text{ is } \lambda_{bc}\text{-open neighborhood of } x\}$ . Then there exists a natural number  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m\}$  such that  $A_k$  is contained in  $A_y$ , where  $\lambda$  is semi-regular.

**Proof.** Suppose on the contrary that for any natural number  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m\}$ ,  $A_k$  is not contained in  $A_y$ . By Corollary 3.7, for any minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set  $A_k$  in  $A$ ,  $A_k \cap A_y = \phi$ . By Proposition 4.4,  $\phi \neq A_y$  is a finite  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set. Therefore by Proposition 4.1, there exists a minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set  $C$  such that  $C \subseteq A_y$ . Since  $C \subseteq A_y \subseteq A$ , we have  $C$  is a minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set in  $A$ . By supposition, for any minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set  $A_k$ , we have  $A_k \cap C \subseteq A_k \cap A_y = \phi$ . Therefore, for any natural number  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m\}$ ,  $C \neq A_k$ . This contradicts our assumption. Hence the proof.

**Proposition 5.2.** Let  $X$  be a space and  $\phi \neq A$  be a finite  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set which is not a minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set. Let  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m\}$  be a class of all minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open sets in  $A$  and  $y \in A \setminus (A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_m)$ . Then there exists a natural number  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m\}$ , such that for any  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open neighborhood  $B_y$  of  $y$ ,  $A_k$  is contained in  $B_y$ , where  $\lambda$  is  $\lambda$ -regular.

**Proof.** This follows from Theorem 5.1, as  $\bigcap \{B : B \text{ is } \lambda_{bc}\text{-open of } y\} \subseteq B_y$ . Hence the proof.

**Theorem 5.3.** Let  $X$  be a space and  $\phi \neq A$  be a finite  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set which is not a minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set. Let  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m\}$  be the class of all minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open sets in  $A$  and  $y \in A \setminus (A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_m)$ . Then there exists a natural number  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m\}$ , such that  $y \in \lambda_{bc}Cl(A_k)$ , where  $\lambda$  is  $\lambda$ -regular.

**Proof.** It follows from Proposition 5.2, that there exists a natural number  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m\}$  such that  $A_k \subseteq B$  for any  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open neighborhood  $B$  of  $y$ . Therefore  $\phi \neq A_k \cap A_k \subseteq A_k \cap B$  implies  $y \in \lambda_{bc}Cl(A_k)$ . This completes the proof.

**Proposition 5.4.** Let  $\phi \neq A$  be a finite  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set in a space  $X$  and for each  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m\}$ ,  $A_k$  is a minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set in  $A$ . If the class  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m\}$  contains all minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open sets in  $A$ , then for any  $\phi \neq B_k \subseteq A_k$ ,  $A \subseteq \lambda_{bc}Cl(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup B_3 \cup \dots \cup B_m)$ , where  $\lambda$  is semi-regular.

**Proof.** If  $A$  is a minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set, then this is the result of Theorem 3.11 (2). Otherwise, when  $A$  is not a minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set. If  $x$  is any element of  $A \setminus (A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_m)$ , then by Theorem 5.3,  $x \in \lambda_{bc}Cl(A_1) \cup \lambda_{bc}Cl(A_2) \cup \dots \cup \lambda_{bc}Cl(A_m)$ . Therefore, by Theorem 3.11 (3), we obtain that  $A \subseteq \lambda_{bc}Cl(A_1) \cup \lambda_{bc}Cl(A_2) \cup \dots \cup \lambda_{bc}Cl(A_m) = \lambda_{bc}Cl(B_1) \cup \lambda_{bc}Cl(B_2) \cup \dots \cup \lambda_{bc}Cl(B_m) = \lambda_{bc}Cl(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup B_3 \cup \dots \cup B_m)$ .

**Proposition 5.5.** Let  $\phi \neq A$  be a finite  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set and  $A_k$  is a minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set in  $A$ , for each  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m\}$ . If for any  $\phi \neq B_k \subseteq A_k$ ,  $A \subseteq \lambda_{bc}Cl(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup B_3 \cup \dots \cup B_m)$  then  $\lambda_{bc}Cl(A) = \lambda_{bc}Cl(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup B_3 \cup \dots \cup B_m)$ .

**Proof.** For any  $\phi \neq B_k \subseteq A_k$  with  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m\}$ , we have  $\lambda_{bc}Cl(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup B_3 \cup \dots \cup B_m) \subseteq \lambda_{bc}Cl(A)$ . Also, we have  $\lambda_{bc}Cl(A) \subseteq \lambda_{bc}Cl(B_1) \cup \lambda_{bc}Cl(B_2) \cup \dots \cup \lambda_{bc}Cl(B_m) = \lambda_{bc}Cl(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup B_3 \cup \dots \cup B_m)$ . Therefore,  $\lambda_{bc}Cl(A) = \lambda_{bc}Cl(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup B_3 \cup \dots \cup B_m)$  for any nonempty subset  $B_k$  of  $A_k$  with  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m\}$ .

**Proposition 5.6.** Let  $\phi \neq A$  be a finite  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set and for each  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m\}$ ,  $A_k$  is a minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set in  $A$ . If for any  $\phi \neq B_k \subseteq A_k$ ,  $\lambda_{bc}Cl(A) = \lambda_{bc}Cl(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup B_3 \cup \dots \cup B_m)$ , then the class  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m\}$  contains all minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open sets in  $A$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $C$  is a minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set in  $A$  and  $C \neq A_k$  for  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m\}$ . Then we have  $C \cap \lambda_{bc}Cl(A_k) = \emptyset$  for each  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m\}$ . It follows that any element of  $C$  is not contained in  $\lambda_{bc}Cl(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_m)$ . This is a contradiction to the fact that  $C \subseteq A \subseteq \lambda_{bc}Cl(A) = \lambda_{bc}Cl(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup B_3 \cup \dots \cup B_m)$ . This completes the proof.

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

**Theorem 5.7.** Let  $A$  be a nonempty finite  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set and  $A_k$  a minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open set in  $A$  for each  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m\}$ . Then the following three conditions are equivalent:

- (1) The class  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m\}$  contains all minimal  $\lambda_{bc}$ -open sets in  $A$ .
- (2) For any  $\phi \neq B_k \subseteq A_k$ ,  $A \subseteq \lambda_{bc}Cl(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup B_3 \cup \dots \cup B_m)$ .
- (3) For any  $\phi \neq B_k \subseteq A_k$ ,  $\lambda_{bc}Cl(A) = \lambda_{bc}Cl(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup B_3 \cup \dots \cup B_m)$ , where  $\lambda$  is semi-regular.

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