# *Nα***- Separation Axioms in Topological Spaces**



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## **1 Introduction**

A topological space (TS) is a fairly broad concept. More specificity is frequently desirable. Some studies in TS and their extensions in nonclassical TS are shown by many mathematicians  $[1-13]$  $[1-13]$  $[1-13]$ . One method is to define topological spaces with more constrained attributes using the separation axioms. In general, it is not true that a sequence in a topological space has only one limit. However, using the separation axioms, a type of space may be established in which the limit, if it exists at all, is unique. In 2015,  $N_a$ - open sets were initially examined by N.A. Dawood and N.M Ali, see [\[14](#page-5-2)]; by using these sets, we study some classes of *N<sub>α</sub>*- separation axioms and *N<sub>α</sub>*- Ti separation for each *i* = 0, 1, 2, and look into some of their characteristics. Separation axioms have also been generalized to other generic topological spaces such as ordered topological spaces [\[15](#page-5-3)]. Ibrahim [\[16](#page-5-4)] presented and explored the features of a strong variant of α-open sets termed  $α<sub>γ</sub>$ open via operation in 2013. Khalaf and Ibrahim [[17\]](#page-5-5) extended their investigation of the features of operations defined on the collection of α-open sets introduced by Ibrahim [\[16](#page-5-4)], defining and discussing numerous properties of *α*γ-regular, α-βcompact, and  $α<sub>γ</sub>$ -connected spaces, as well as  $α-(γ, β)$ -continuous functions.

In this chapter, we use  $N_\alpha$ - open sets in topological spaces to create new types of  $N_\alpha$ -separation axioms and study some of their properties. There are also some definitions and theorems offered. Here in this work, all spaces *X* and *Y* are topological spaces, also the closure (interior resp.) of a subset *A* of *X* is denoted by *cl* (*A*) (*int* (*A*) resp.)

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## **2 Fundamental Concepts**

We will cover some fundamental principles that will be useful in our work.

### **Definition 1 [\[15](#page-5-3)]**

Assume that *X* is a topological space (TS), a set *A* is named  $N_a$ - open set ( $N_\alpha - OS$ ) if for some  $\alpha$ -open set  $B \neq \emptyset$  satisfies  $cl(B) \subseteq A$ . Also, its complement is named a *N<sub>a</sub>*- closed set ( $N_\alpha$  − *CS*). The collection of all  $N_\alpha$ - open sets is referred as  $N_\alpha O(X)$ , and its complement by  $N_{\alpha} C(X)$ .

#### **Remark 1 [[15\]](#page-5-3)**

A set *A* is a ( $N_\alpha$  − *CS*) if for some  $\alpha$ -closed set  $\emptyset \neq B \neq X$  satisfies  $\subseteq int(B)$ .

#### **Remark 2 [[15\]](#page-5-3)**

- (i) *X* and  $\emptyset$  are  $N_\alpha$  open sets ( $N_\alpha$  − *OS* s) in any (TS) *X*.
- (ii) Any clopen set is  $(N_\alpha OS)$ .
- (iii) Any set in discrete space is  $(N_\alpha OS)$ .

#### <span id="page-1-0"></span>**Theorem 1 [[15\]](#page-5-3)**

Let  $X_1, X_2$  be topological spaces (TSs). Then  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are  $(N_\alpha - OS \text{ s})$  in  $X_1, X_2$ resp., if and only if  $A_1 \times A_2$  is  $(N_\alpha - OS)$  in  $X_1 \times X_2$ .

#### **Proposition 1 [\[15](#page-5-3)]**

Let *X* be (TS). Then:

- (i) Finite union of  $(N_\alpha OS \text{ s})$  is  $(N_\alpha OS)$  also.
- (ii) Finite intersection of  $(N_\alpha CS \text{ s})$  is  $(N_\alpha CS)$  also.

#### **Definition 2 [\[15](#page-5-3)]**

The union of all  $N_a$ - open set of *X* contained in *A* is named  $N_a$ - interior of *A* and is denoted  $N_{\alpha}^{int}(A)$ , and the intersection of all  $(N_{\alpha} - CS)$  containing *A* is called  $N_{\alpha}$ closure of *A*, refereed by  $N_{\alpha}{}^{cl}(A)$ .

#### **Definition 3 [\[18](#page-5-6)]**

We say *A* is generalized  $N_\alpha$  – closed set ( $gN_\alpha$  – CS) of a space *X*, if  $N_\alpha$ <sup>cl</sup>(*A*)  $\subseteq$  *B* whenever  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B$  is  $(N_{\alpha} - OS)$ .

The complement of  $(gN_\alpha - CS)$  is generalized  $N_\alpha$ - open set  $(gN_\alpha - OS)$  in X.

#### <span id="page-1-1"></span>**Theorem 2 [[18\]](#page-5-6)**

(i) If *A* is  $(N_\alpha - CS)$  in *X*, then it is  $(gN_\alpha - CS)$ .

## (ii) If *A* is  $(N_\alpha - OS)$  in *X*, then it is  $(gN_\alpha - OS)$ .

#### **Proposition 2 [\[15](#page-5-3)]**

Suppose that  $(Y, t_v)$  is a subspace of a (TS) *X* with  $A \subseteq Y \subseteq X$ . Then:

(i) If  $A \in N_aO(X)$ , then  $A \in N_aO(Y)$ .

(ii) If  $A \in N_aO(Y)$ , then  $A \in N_aO(X)$ , where *Y* is clopen set in *X* 

#### <span id="page-1-2"></span>**Definition 4 [\[19](#page-5-7)]**

Let  $X_1, X_2$  be (TSs) where,  $f : X_1 \rightarrow X_2$  is a mapping, then f is named:

- (i)  $N_{\alpha}(N_{\alpha^*} \text{continuous})$  resp. if  $f^{-1}(A)$  is  $(N_{\alpha} OS)$  in  $X_1$  for each *A* open set  $((N_\alpha - OS))$ in  $X_2$  resp.
- (ii)  $N_\alpha (N_{\alpha*}$  open) mapping if  $f(A)$  is  $(N_\alpha OS)$  in  $X_2$  for each open set  $((N_\alpha - OS))$  *A* in  $X_1$  resp.
- (iii)  $gN_\alpha$ -continuous ( $gN_\alpha$ <sup>\*</sup> -continuous) resp. mapping if for each open set  $((gN_\alpha - OS))$  set *A* in *Y* respectively then  $f^{-1}(A)$  is  $(gN_\alpha - OS)$  in *X*.

## **3 Some Characteristics of** *Nα***-Separation** *Nα***- Axioms**

In this section, we study  $N_{\alpha}^{T_i}$ - space X for each  $i = 0, 1, 2$  and we discuss some of these spaces' characteristics and remarks. We will prove certain theorems in the following cases when *X* is a finite space.

#### <span id="page-2-0"></span>**Definition 5**

Assume that *X* is a (TS). We say *X* is a  $N_\alpha$ <sup>*TO*</sup>-space if for any  $x \neq y$  in *X*, there exists  $(N_\alpha - OS)$  *A* containing one of them but not other.

#### **Theorem 3**

Let *X* be a (TS). Then *X* is  $N_{\alpha}^{7b}$ -space if and only if  $N_{\alpha}^{Cl(x)} \neq N_{\alpha}^{Cl(y)}$ .

**Proof** Let  $N_{\alpha}{}^{Cl(x)} \neq N_{\alpha}{}^{Cl(y)}$ ,  $\forall x \neq y$  in X. This implies  $N_{\alpha}{}^{Cl(x)} \nsubseteq N_{\alpha}{}^{Cl(y)}$  or  $N_{\alpha}{}^{Cl(y)}$  $\not\subseteq N_{\alpha}^{Cl(x)}$ . Suppose  $N_{\alpha}^{Cl(x)} \nsubseteq N_{\alpha}^{Cl(y)}$ , hence  $X \notin N_{\alpha}^{Cl(y)}$ , thus  $x \in (N_{\alpha}^{Cl(y)})^c$ , which is  $(N_\alpha - OS)$  and  $y \notin (N_\alpha^{Cl(y)})^c$ . Thus, *X* is  $N_\alpha^{To}$ -space, assume *X* is  $N_\alpha^{To}$ -space; hence, for each  $x \neq y$  in *X*, there exists  $(N_\alpha - OS)$  *G* such that  $x \in G$ ,  $y \notin G$  *or*  $y \in G$ ,  $x \notin G$ . Hence,  $G^c$  is  $(Na - CS)$ .  $x \notin G^c$ ,  $y \in G^c$  ; hence,  $x \notin N_\alpha$ <sup>Cl{*y*}</sup>,  $x \in N_\alpha$ <sup>Cl{*x*}</sub>;</sup> this means  $x \notin N_\alpha$  *Cl*{*y*}</sub>. Thus,  $N_\alpha$  *Cl*{*x*}  $\neq N_\alpha$  {*y*}.

#### <span id="page-2-1"></span>**Definition 6**

Let *X* be a (TS). Then *X* is named  $N_{\alpha}^{T_1}$ -space if each pair of distinct points *x* and *y* of *X*, there exist two  $N_\alpha$ - open sets *A*, *B* containing *x* and *y*, respectively, such that *y* ∉ *A*, *x* ∉ *B*.

#### **Proposition 3**

Let X be a (TS). Then *X* is  $N_{\alpha}^{T1}$  -space if and only if  $\{x\}$  is  $(N_{\alpha} - CS) \forall x \in X$ .

*Proof* Assume that *X* is  $N_{\alpha}^{T1}$ -space, to show that each {*x*} is ( $N_{\alpha}$  − *CS*), this means we must show that  $X/\{x\}$  is  $(N_\alpha - OS)$  for each singleton set  $\{x\}$  in X.

Let  $y \in X/\{x\}$ , then  $y \neq x$  in X, since X is  $N_\alpha^{T_1}$  space, then there exists  $(N_\alpha - OS)$ *G* with *y* ∈ *G* and *x* ∉ *G*. This implies that *y* ∈ *G* ⊆  $\frac{X}{\{x\}}$ ; this implies *X*/{*x*} is  $(N_{\alpha} - OS)$ . Hence,  $\{x\}$  is  $(N_{\alpha} - CS)$ .

Conversely: Let  $\{x\}$  be  $(N_\alpha - CS)$ ,  $\forall x \in X$ , to prove *X* is  $N_\alpha^{T_1}$  -space. Let  $x \neq y$ in *X*, hence  $\{x\}$ ,  $\{y\}$  are  $(N_\alpha - C S s)$  hence  $\{x\}^c$ ,  $\{y\}^c$  are  $(N_\alpha - O S s)$  and  $y \in \{x\}^c$ ,  $x \notin \{x\}^c, x \in \{y\}^c, y \notin \{y\}^c$ . Therefore, *X* is  $Na^{T_1}$ -space.

#### <span id="page-3-0"></span>**Definition 7**

Let *X* be a (TS). Then *X* is named  $N_a$ <sup>*T*2</sup>-space if for any two distinct points *x*, *y* in *X* there exists two  $(N_\alpha - OSs)$  *X* satisfy  $x \in A_1$ ,  $y \in A_2$  and  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$ 

#### **Proposition 4**

If X is  $Na^{T2}$ - space, then  $A = \{(x, y) : x = y, x, y \in X\}$  is  $(Na - CS)$ .

*Proof* Assume that *X* is  $N_{\alpha}^{T2}$ - space, to prove *A* is  $(N_{\alpha} - CS)$ , let  $(x, y) \in A^c \subseteq X \times X/A$ , this mean x and y are two distinct points in X, where X is  $N_{\alpha}^{T_1}$ -space then for some  $A_1, A_2 \in N_{\alpha}O(X)$  satisfy  $x \in A_1, y \in A_2$  and  $A_1, A_2$ are disjoint sets, hence  $(x, y) \in A_1 \times A_2 \subseteq A^c$ , but  $A_1 \times A_2 \in N_\alpha O(X \times X)$  (see Theorem [1](#page-1-0)), hence  $A^c$  is  $N_\alpha$ - open set, thus A is ( $N_\alpha$  – CS).

#### **Proposition 5**

If *f*, *g* : *x*  $\rightarrow$  *y* are  $N_{\alpha*}$ - continuous and Y is  $N_{\alpha}^{T2}$  space, then the set *A* = { $x : x \in X f(x) = g(x)$ } is ( $N_\alpha - CS$ ).

*Proof* If  $x \notin A$ , then  $x \in A^c$  this mean that  $f(x) \neq g(x)$  in Y, since Y is  $N_a$ <sup>T2</sup>-space, then there exist  $B_1, B_2 \in N_\alpha O(Y)$  such that  $f(x) \in B_1$ ,  $g(x) \in B_2$  and  $B_1 \cap B_2 = \emptyset$ , but *f*<sup>-1</sup>(*B*<sub>1</sub>), *g*<sup>-1</sup>(*B*<sub>2</sub>) ∈ *N<sub>α</sub>O*(*X*) since *f*, g are *N<sub>α*<sup>\*</sup></sub>-continuous, hence *x* ∈ *f*<sup>-1</sup>(*B*<sub>1</sub>), *x* ∈  $g^{-1}(B_2)$  hence  $x \in f^{-1}(B_1) \cap g^{-1}(B_2)$ , let  $B = f^{-1}(B_1) \cap g^{-1}(B_2)$ , where B is  $(N_{\alpha} - OS)$ . Now we shall prove  $B \subseteq A^c$ , i.e  $B \cap A = \emptyset$ . Suppose that  $B \cap A \neq \emptyset$ this mean *y* ∈ *B* ∩ *A*; thus, *y* ∈ *A*, *y* ∈ *B*. Hence, *y* ∈ *f*<sup>-1</sup>(*B*<sub>1</sub>), *y* ∈ *g*<sup>-1</sup>(*B*<sub>2</sub>), hence *f*(*y*) ∈ *B*<sub>1</sub>, *g*(*y*) ∈ *B*<sub>2</sub>, *y* ∈ *A*. Thus, *f*(*y*) = *g*(*y*), since *y* ∈ *A*, hence *B*<sub>1</sub> ∩ *B*<sub>2</sub> ≠ ∅ , which is a contradiction, thus  $B \subseteq A^c$ , thus  $A^c \in N_\alpha O(X)$ , hence  $A \in N_\alpha C(x)$ .

#### **Proposition 6**

If *X* and *Y* are  $N_a$ <sup>*Ti*</sup>- space, then  $X \times Y$  is  $N_a$ <sup>*Ti*</sup>- space  $\forall i = 0, 1, 2$ 

*Proof* Assume that *X* and *Y* are  $N_{\alpha}^{T_i}$ - space. Put  $i = 0$  and take  $(x_1, y_1) \neq (x_2, y_2)$ in *X* × *Y*, then for any two distinct points  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in *X*, there exists  $A_1 \in N_\alpha O(X)$ such that  $x_1 \in A_1$ ,  $x_2 \notin A_1$  *or*  $x_1 \notin A_1$ ,  $x_2 \in A_1$ , also  $y_1 \neq y_2$ , then there exists  $A_2 \in N_{\alpha}O(Y)$  such that  $y_1 \in A_2$ ,  $y_2 \notin A_2$  or  $y_1 \notin A_2$ ,  $y_2 \in A_2$  then  $(x_1, y_1) \in A_1 \times A_2$  $(x_2, y_2) \notin A_1 \times A_2$  *or*  $(x_1, y_1) \notin A_1 \times A_2(x_2, y_2) \in A_1 \times A_2$  but  $A_1 \times A_2$  is  $(N_\alpha - OS)$ in *X* × *Y* (see Theorem [1\)](#page-1-0). Hence *X* × *Y*  $N_{\alpha}^{T_i}$ - space. Similarly, we can prove other states for  $i = 1, 2$ .

#### <span id="page-3-2"></span>**Proposition 7**

If *X* is  $N_{\alpha}^{T_i}$ , then it is  $N_{\alpha}^{T_i-1}$  –space, where  $i = 2, 1$ .

*Proof* The proof is consider from Definitions [5](#page-2-0), [6](#page-2-1), and [7](#page-3-0).

#### <span id="page-3-1"></span>**Theorem 4**

The inverse image of  $N_{\alpha}^{T_i}$  -space under injective  $N_{\alpha*}$ - continuous mapping is also  $N_{\alpha}^{T_i}$  space, where  $i = 0, 1, 2$ 

We shall prove only when  $i = 2$  and the other cases are similarly.

*Proof* Let  $f : X \to Y$  be injective,  $N_{\alpha,*}$ - continuous mapping and  $x_1 \neq x_2$  in X, since *f* is injective then  $y_1 = f(x_1) \neq f(x_2) = y_2$  in Y where Y is  $N_\alpha^{72}$  then there exist two disjoint *N<sub>a</sub>*- open set *A*<sub>1</sub>, *A*<sub>2</sub> in *Y* satisfy  $y_1 \in A_1$ ,  $y_2 \in A_2$ , since *f* is  $N_{\alpha*}$ - continuous

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than  $f^{-1}(A_1)$ ,  $f^{-1}(A_2)$  are  $(N_\alpha - OSs)$  in *X* such that  $x_1 \in f^{-1}(A_1)$ ,  $x_2 \in f^{-1}(A_2)$ and  $f^{-1}(A_1) \cap f^{-1}(A_2) = \emptyset$ . Therefore, *X* is  $N_\alpha$ <sup>T2</sup>-space.

#### **Theorem 5**

If  $f: X \to Y$  is injective  $N_\alpha$ - continuous and *Y* is  $T_2$  space, then *X* is  $N_\alpha^{T_2}$  – space.

*Proof* Similar to the proof of Theorem [4](#page-3-1).

#### **Definition 8**

Let *X* be a (TS). Then *X* is called  $gN_{\alpha}^{T_i}$ -space, where  $i = 0, 1, 2$  if:

- (i)  $i = 0$  if for any  $x \neq y$  in *X*, there exists  $(gN_\alpha OS)$  *A* containing one of them but not other.
- (ii)  $i = 1$  if for any  $x \neq y$  in *X*, there exist two  $(gN_\alpha OSs)$  *A*, *B* containing *x* and *y*, respectively, satisfy  $y \notin A$ ,  $x \notin B$ .
- (iii)  $i = 2$  if for each pair of distinct point *x*, *y* in *X* there exist disjoint ( $gN_\alpha OSs$ ) *A*, *B* such that  $x \in A$ ,  $y \in B$ .

#### <span id="page-4-0"></span>**Proposition 8**

Every  $N_{\alpha}^{T_i}$ - space is  $gN_{\alpha}^{T_i}$  space.

*Proof* The proof is in hand, from Theorem [2](#page-1-1) where every  $N_\alpha$ - open set is  $gN_\alpha$ open set.

By Propositions [7](#page-3-2) and [8](#page-4-0) we have the following Diagram [1](#page-4-1)

#### **Theorem 6**

If  $f: X \to Y$  is injective  $gN_\alpha$ - continuous and *Y* is  $T_2$  – space than *X* is  $gN_\alpha - T_2$ space.

*Proof* Assume that  $x \neq y$  in *X*, since *f* is injective, thus  $f(x) \neq f(y)$  in *Y* where *Y* is *T*<sub>2</sub> space, then there exists disjoint open sets *A*, *B* satisfy  $f(x) \in A$ ,  $f(y) \in B$  and  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , since *f* is  $gN_\alpha$ - continuous, then  $f^{-1}(A)$ ,  $f^{-1}(B)$  *are*  $(gN_\alpha - OSs)$  in *X* see (Definition [4](#page-1-2)(iii)) where *x* ∈ *f*<sup>-1</sup>(*A*), *y* ∈ *f*<sup>-1</sup>(*B*) and *f*<sup>-1</sup>(*A*) ∩ *f*<sup>-1</sup>(*B*) = ∅. Hence, *X* is  $gN_\alpha - T_2$  space.

## **4 Conclusion and Future Work**

We use  $N_\alpha$ -open sets in topological spaces to generate new sorts of  $N_\alpha$ -separation axioms and investigate some of their features in this research. Some theorems are also provided. In future work, we will discuss in nonclassical (TS) such as neutrosophic/fuzzy/soft topological spaces.

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