

## Some Applications of Minimal $b$ - $\gamma$ -Open Sets

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**Abstract:**—We characterize minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open sets in topological spaces. We show that any nonempty subset of a minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set is pre  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open. As an application of a theory of minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open sets, we obtain a sufficient condition for a  $b$ - $\gamma$ -locally finite space to be a pre  $b$ - $\gamma$ -Hausdorff space.

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### I. INTRODUCTION

Andrijevic [1] introduced and investigated the notions of  $b$ -open sets, and Kasahara [4] defined the concept of an operation on topological spaces. Ogata [5] introduced the concept of  $\gamma$ -open sets and investigated the related topological properties of the associated topology  $\tau_\gamma$  and  $\tau$ , where  $\tau_\gamma$  is the collection of all  $\gamma$ -open sets. In this paper, we study fundamental properties of minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open sets and apply them to obtain some results in topological spaces. In Section 3, we characterize minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open sets. In Section 4, we study minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open sets in  $b$ - $\gamma$ -locally finite spaces. In Section 5, we apply the theory of minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open sets to study pre  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open sets. Finally, we show that some conditions on minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open sets implies pre  $b$ - $\gamma$ -Hausdorffness of a space.

### II. PRELIMINARIES

The complement of a  $b$ -open set is said to be  $b$ -closed. The family of all  $b$ -open sets is denoted by  $BO(X, \tau)$ .

Definition 2.1. [4] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. An operation  $\gamma$  on the topology  $\tau$  is a mapping from  $\tau$  to power set  $P(X)$  of  $X$  such that  $V \subseteq \gamma(V)$  for each  $V \in \tau$ , where  $\gamma(V)$  denotes the value of  $\gamma$  at  $V$ . It is denoted by  $\gamma : \tau \rightarrow P(X)$ .

Definition 2.2. [5] A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called  $\gamma$ -open set if for each  $x \in A$  there exists an open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $\gamma(U) \subseteq A$ .

Definition 2.3. [2] Let  $\gamma$  be a mapping on  $BO(X)$  into  $P(X)$  and  $\gamma : BO(X) \rightarrow P(X)$  is called an operation on  $BO(X)$ , such that  $V \subseteq \gamma(V)$  for each  $V \in BO(X)$ .

Definition 2.4. [2] A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is called  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open if for each  $x \in A$ , there exists a  $b$ -open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $\gamma(U) \subseteq A$ .

Definition 2.5. [2] Let  $A$  be a subset of  $(X, \tau)$ , and  $\gamma : BO(X) \rightarrow P(X)$  be an operation on  $BO(X)$ . Then the  $b$ - $\gamma$ -closure of  $A$  is denoted by  $\tau_\gamma$ - $bCl(A)$  and defined as  $\tau_\gamma$ - $bCl(A) = \bigcap \{ F : F \text{ is } b\text{-}\gamma\text{-closed and } A \subseteq F \}$ .

Theorem 2.6. [2] For a point  $x \in X$ ,  $x \in \tau_\gamma$ - $bCl(A)$  if and only if for every  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set  $V$  of  $X$  containing  $x$ ,  $A \cap V \neq \emptyset$ .

Definition 2.7. [2] An operation  $\gamma$  on  $BO(X)$  is said to be  $b$ -regular if for every  $b$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  of each  $x \in X$ , there exists a  $b$ -open set  $W$  of  $x$  such that  $\gamma(W) \subseteq \gamma(U) \cap \gamma(V)$ .

Proposition 2.8. [2] Let  $\gamma$  be a  $b$ -regular operation on  $BO(X)$ . If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open sets in  $X$ , then  $A \cap B$  is also a  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set.

Theorem 2.9. [2] Let  $A$  and  $B$  be subsets of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  and  $\gamma : BO(X) \rightarrow P(X)$  an operation on  $BO(X, \tau)$ . Then we have the following properties:

(1) If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $\tau_\gamma$ - $bCl(A) \subseteq \tau_\gamma$ - $bCl(B)$ .

(2) If  $\gamma : BO(X) \rightarrow P(X)$  is  $b$ -regular, then  $\tau_\gamma$ - $bCl(A \cup B) = \tau_\gamma$ - $bCl(A) \cup \tau_\gamma$ - $bCl(B)$  holds.

### III. MINIMAL $B$ - $\Gamma$ -OPEN SETS

In view of the definition of minimal  $\gamma$ -open sets [3], we define minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open sets as:

Definition 3.1. Let  $X$  be a space and  $A \subseteq X$  a  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set. Then  $A$  is called a minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set if  $\emptyset$  and  $A$  are the only  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open subsets of  $A$ .

The following examples shows that minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open sets and minimal  $\gamma$ -open sets are independent of each other.

Example 3.2. Consider  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X\}$ . Define an operation  $\gamma : BO(X) \rightarrow P(X)$  by  $\gamma(A) = A$ . The b- $\gamma$ -open sets are  $\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}$  and  $X$ . Here  $\{a\}$  is minimal b- $\gamma$ -open but not minimal  $\gamma$ -open. Also we consider  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . Define  $\gamma : BO(X) \rightarrow P(X)$  as  $\gamma(A) = A$ , the set  $\{a, b\}$  is minimal  $\gamma$ -open but not minimal b- $\gamma$ -open.

Proposition 3.3. Let  $X$  be a space. Then:

- (1) Let  $A$  be a minimal b- $\gamma$ -open set and  $B$  a b- $\gamma$ -open set. Then  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  or  $A \subseteq B$ , where  $\gamma$  is b-regular.
- (2) Let  $B$  and  $C$  be minimal b- $\gamma$ -open sets. Then  $B \cap C = \emptyset$  or  $B = C$ , where  $\gamma$  is b-regular.

Proof. (1) Let  $B$  be a b- $\gamma$ -open set such that  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $A$  is a minimal b- $\gamma$ -open set and  $A \cap B \subseteq A$ , we have  $A \cap B = A$ . Therefore  $A \subseteq B$ .

(2) If  $B \cap C \neq \emptyset$ , then we see that  $B \subseteq C$  and  $C \subseteq B$  by (1). Therefore  $B = C$ .

Proposition 3.4. Let  $A$  be a minimal b- $\gamma$ -open set. If  $x$  is an element of  $A$ , then  $A \subseteq B$  for any b- $\gamma$ -open neighborhood  $B$  of  $x$ , where  $\gamma$  is b-regular.

Proof. Let  $B$  be a b- $\gamma$ -open neighborhood of  $x$  such that  $A \not\subseteq B$ . Since  $\gamma$  is b-regular operation, then  $A \cap B$  is b- $\gamma$ -open set such that  $A \cap B \subseteq A$  and  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ . This contradicts our assumption that  $A$  is a minimal b- $\gamma$ -open set.

The following example shows that the condition that  $\gamma$  is b-regular is necessary for the above proposition.

Example 3.5. Consider  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . Define an operation  $\gamma$  on  $BO(X)$  by  $\gamma(A) = A$  if  $b \in A$  and  $\gamma(A) = Cl(A)$  if  $b \notin A$ . Then calculations show that the operation  $\gamma$  is not b-regular. Clearly  $A = \{a, c\}$  is a minimal b- $\gamma$ -open set. Thus for  $a \in A$ , there exist a b- $\gamma$ -open set  $B = \{a, b\}$  of  $a$  such that  $A \not\subseteq B$ .

Proposition 3.6. Let  $A$  be a minimal b- $\gamma$ -open set. Then for any element  $x$  of  $A$ ,  $A = \bigcap \{ B : B \text{ is b-}\gamma\text{-open neighborhood of } x \}$ , where  $\gamma$  is b-regular.

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

Proposition 3.7. Let  $A$  be a minimal b- $\gamma$ -open set in  $X$  and  $x \in X$  such that  $x \notin A$ . Then for any b- $\gamma$ -open neighborhood  $C$  of  $x$ ,  $C \cap A = \emptyset$  or  $A \subseteq C$ , where  $\gamma$  is b-regular.

Proof. Since  $C$  is a b- $\gamma$ -open set, we have the result by Proposition 3.3.

Corollary 3.8. Let  $A$  be a minimal b- $\gamma$ -open set in  $X$  and  $x \in X$  such that  $x \notin A$ . Define  $A_x = \bigcap \{ B : B \text{ is b-}\gamma\text{-open neighborhood of } x \}$ . Then  $A_x \cap A = \emptyset$  or  $A \subseteq A_x$ , where  $\gamma$  is b-regular.

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

Corollary 3.9. If  $A$  is a nonempty minimal b- $\gamma$ -open set of  $X$ , then for a nonempty subset  $C$  of  $A$ ,  $A \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(C)$ , where  $\gamma$  is b-regular.

Proof. Let  $C$  be any nonempty subset of  $A$ . Let  $y \in A$  and  $B$  be any b- $\gamma$ -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  $y \in \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(C)$ . This implies that  $A \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(C)$ . This completes the proof.

Proposition 3.10. Let  $A$  be a nonempty b- $\gamma$ -open subset of a space  $X$ . If  $A \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(C)$ , then  $\tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(A) = \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(C)$ , for any nonempty subset  $C$  of  $A$ .

Proof. For any nonempty subset  $C$  of  $A$ , we have  $\tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(C) \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(A)$ . On the other hand, by supposition we see  $\tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(A) \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(\tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(C)) = \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(C)$  implies  $\tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(A) \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(C)$ . Therefore we have  $\tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(A) = \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(C)$  for any nonempty subset  $C$  of  $A$ .

Proposition 3.11. Let  $A$  be a nonempty b- $\gamma$ -open subset of a space  $X$ . If  $\tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(A) = \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(C)$ , for any nonempty subset  $C$  of  $A$ , then  $A$  is a minimal b- $\gamma$ -open set.

Proof. Suppose that  $A$  is not a minimal b- $\gamma$ -open set. Then there exists a nonempty b- $\gamma$ -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  $\tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(\{x\}) \subseteq (X \setminus B)$  implies that  $\tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(\{x\}) \neq \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(A)$ . This contradiction proves the proposition.

Combining Corollary 3.9 and Propositions 3.10 and 3.11, we have:

Theorem 3.12. Let  $A$  be a nonempty b- $\gamma$ -open subset of space  $X$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $A$  is minimal b- $\gamma$ -open set, where  $\gamma$  is b-regular.
- (2) For any nonempty subset  $C$  of  $A$ ,  $A \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(C)$ .
- (3) For any nonempty subset  $C$  of  $A$ ,  $\tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(A) = \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(C)$ .

Definition 3.13. Let  $A$  be a subset of  $(X, \tau)$ , and  $\gamma : BO(X) \rightarrow P(X)$  be an operation on  $BO(X)$ . Then the b- $\gamma$ -interior of  $A$  is denoted by  $\tau_\gamma\text{-bInt}(A)$  and defined as  $\tau_\gamma\text{-bInt}(A) = \bigcup \{ U : U \text{ is b-}\gamma\text{-open and } U \subseteq A \}$ .

Definition 3.14. A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is called a pre b- $\gamma$ -open set if  $A \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-bInt}(\tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(A))$ . The family of all pre b- $\gamma$ -open sets of  $X$  will be denoted by  $PBO_\gamma(X)$ .

Definition 3.15. A space  $X$  is called pre b- $\gamma$ -Hausdorff if for each  $x, y \in X, x \neq y$  there exist subsets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $PBO_\gamma(X)$  such that  $x \in U, y \in V$ , and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .

Theorem 3.16. Let  $A$  be a minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set. Then any nonempty subset  $C$  of  $A$  is a pre  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set, where  $\gamma$  is  $b$ -regular.

Proof. By Corollary 3.9, we have  $A \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(C)$  implies  $\tau_\gamma\text{-bInt}(A) \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-bInt}(\tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(C))$ . Since  $A$  is a  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set, we have  $C \subseteq A = \tau_\gamma\text{-bInt}(A) \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-bInt}(\tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(C))$  or  $C \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-bInt}(\tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(C))$ , that is  $C$  pre  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open. Hence the proof.

Theorem 3.17. Let  $A$  be a minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set and  $B$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$ . If there exists a  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set  $C$  containing  $B$  such that  $C \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B \cup A)$ , then  $B \cup D$  is a pre  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set for any nonempty subset  $D$  of  $A$ , where  $\gamma$  is  $b$ -regular.

Proof. By Theorem 3.12 (3), we have  $\tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B \cup D) = \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B) \cup \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(D) = \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B) \cup \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(A) = \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B \cup A)$ . By supposition  $C \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B \cup A) = \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B \cup D)$  implies  $\tau_\gamma\text{-bInt}(C) \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-bInt}(\tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B \cup D))$ . Since  $C$  is a  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open neighborhood of  $B$ , namely  $C$  is a  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open such that  $B \subseteq C$ , we have  $B \subseteq C = \tau_\gamma\text{-bInt}(C) \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-bInt}(\tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B \cup D))$ . Moreover we have  $\tau_\gamma\text{-bInt}(A) \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-bInt}(\tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B \cup A))$ , for  $\tau_\gamma\text{-bInt}(A) = A \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(A) \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B) \cup \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(A) = \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B \cup A)$ . Since  $A$  is a  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set, we have  $D \subseteq A = \tau_\gamma\text{-bInt}(A) \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-bInt}(\tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B \cup A)) = \tau_\gamma\text{-bInt}(\tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B \cup D))$ . Therefore  $B \cup D \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-bInt}(\tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B \cup D))$  implies  $B \cup D$  is a pre  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set.

Corollary 3.18. Let  $A$  be a minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set and  $B$  a nonempty subset of  $X$ . If there exists a  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set  $C$  containing  $B$  such that  $C \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(A)$ , then  $B \cup D$  is a pre  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set for any nonempty subset  $D$  of  $A$ , where  $\gamma$  is  $b$ -regular.

Proof. By assumption, we have  $C \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B) \cup \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(A) = \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B \cup A)$ . By Theorem 3.17, we see that  $B \cup D$  is a pre  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set.

#### IV. FINITE $B$ - $\Gamma$ -OPEN SETS

In this section, we study some properties of minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open sets in finite  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open sets and  $b$ - $\gamma$ -locally finite spaces.

Proposition 4.1. Let  $X$  be a space and  $\varphi \neq B$  a finite  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set in  $X$ . Then there exists at least one (finite) minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set  $A$  such that  $A \subseteq B$ .

Proof. Suppose that  $B$  is a finite  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set in  $X$ . Then we have the following two possibilities:

- (1)  $B$  is a minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set.
- (2)  $B$  is not a minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -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)  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set  $B_1$  which is properly contained in  $B$ . If  $B_1$  is minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open, we take  $A = B_1$ . If  $B_1$  is not a minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set, then there exists a nonempty (finite)  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set  $B_2$  such that  $B_2 \subseteq B_1 \subseteq B$ . We continue this process and have a sequence of  $b$ - $\gamma$ -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  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set  $B_k$  such that  $B_k = A$ . This completes the proof.

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

Corollary 4.3. Let  $X$  be a  $b$ - $\gamma$ -locally finite space and  $B$  a nonempty  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set. Then there exists at least one (finite) minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set  $A$  such that  $A \subseteq B$ , where  $\gamma$  is  $b$ -regular.

Proof. Since  $B$  is a nonempty set, there exists an element  $x$  of  $B$ . Since  $X$  is a  $b$ - $\gamma$ -locally finite space, we have a finite  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set  $B_x$  such that  $x \in B_x$ . Since  $B \cap B_x$  is a finite  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set, we get a minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -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  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set and  $\varphi \neq A$  a finite  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set. Then  $A \cap (\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} B_\alpha)$  is a finite  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set, where  $\gamma$  is  $b$ -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  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set and for any  $\beta \in J$ ,  $A_\beta$  a nonempty finite  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set. Then  $(\bigcup_{\beta \in J} A_\beta) \cap (\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} B_\alpha)$  is a  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set, where  $\gamma$  is  $b$ -regular.

#### V. APPLICATIONS

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

- (1) For any  $l, n$  with  $1 \leq l, n \leq m$  and  $l \neq n$ ,  $A_l \cap A_n = \varphi$ .
- (2) If  $C$  is a minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set in  $A$ , then there exists  $l$  with  $1 \leq l \leq m$  such that  $C = A_l$ .

Theorem 5.1. Let  $X$  be a space and  $\varphi \neq A$  a finite  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set such that  $A$  is not a minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set. Let  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m\}$  be a class of all minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open sets in  $A$  and  $y \in A \setminus (A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_m)$ . Define  $A_y = \bigcap \{B :$

$B$  is a  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open neighborhood of  $y$ }. Then there exists a natural number  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  such that  $A_k$  is contained in  $A_y$ , where  $\gamma$  is  $b$ -regular.

Proof. Suppose on the contrary that for any natural number  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ ,  $A_k$  is not contained in  $A_y$ . By Corollary 3.8, for any minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set  $A_k$  in  $A$ ,  $A_k \cap A_y = \emptyset$ . By Proposition 4.4,  $\emptyset \neq A_y$  is a finite  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set. Therefore by Proposition 4.1, there exists a minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set  $C$  such that  $C \subseteq A_y$ . Since  $C \subseteq A_y \subseteq A$ , we have  $C$  is a minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set in  $A$ . By supposition, for any minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set  $A_k$ , we have  $A_k \cap C \subseteq A_k \cap A_y = \emptyset$ . Therefore for any natural number  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ ,  $C \neq A_k$ . This contradicts our assumption. Hence the proof.

Proposition 5.2. Let  $X$  be a space and  $\emptyset \neq A$  be a finite  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set which is not a minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set. Let  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m\}$  be a class of all minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -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  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  such that for any  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open neighborhood  $B_y$  of  $y$ ,  $A_k$  is contained in  $B_y$ , where  $\gamma$  is  $b$ -regular.

Proof. This follows from Theorem 5.1, as  $\cap \{B : B \text{ is a } b\text{-}\gamma\text{-open of } y\} \subseteq B_y$ . Hence the proof.

Theorem 5.3. Let  $X$  be a space and  $\emptyset \neq A$  be a finite  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set which is not a minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set. Let  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m\}$  be the class of all minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -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  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  such that  $y \in \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(A_k)$ , where  $\gamma$  is  $b$ -regular.

Proof. It follows from Proposition 5.2, that there exists a natural number  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  such that  $A_k \subseteq B$  for any  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open neighborhood  $B$  of  $y$ . Therefore  $\emptyset \neq A_k \cap A_k \subseteq A_k \cap B$  implies  $y \in \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(A_k)$ . This completes the proof.

Proposition 5.4. Let  $\emptyset \neq A$  be a finite  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set in a space  $X$  and for each  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ ,  $A_k$  is a minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open sets in  $A$ . If the class  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m\}$  contains all minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open sets in  $A$ , then for any  $\emptyset \neq B_k \subseteq A_k$ ,  $A \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots \cup B_m)$ , where  $\gamma$  is  $b$ -regular.

Proof. If  $A$  is a minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set, then this is the result of Theorem 3.12 (2). Otherwise  $A$  is not a minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set. If  $x$  is any element of  $A \setminus (A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_m)$ , we have  $x \in \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(A_1) \cup \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(A_2) \cup \dots \cup \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(A_m)$  by Theorem 5.3. Therefore  $A \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(A_1) \cup \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(A_2) \cup \dots \cup \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(A_m) = \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B_1) \cup \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B_2) \cup \dots \cup \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B_m) = \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots \cup B_m)$  by Theorem 3.12 (3).

Proposition 5.5. Let  $\emptyset \neq A$  be a finite  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set and  $A_k$  is a minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set in  $A$ , for each  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ . If for any  $\emptyset \neq B_k \subseteq A_k$ ,  $A \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots \cup B_m)$  then  $\tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(A) = \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots \cup B_m)$ .

Proof. For any  $\emptyset \neq B_k \subseteq A_k$  with  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ , we have  $\tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots \cup B_m) \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(A)$ . Also, we have  $\tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(A) \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(\tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots \cup B_m)) = \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots \cup B_m)$ . Therefore we have  $\tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(A) = \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots \cup B_m)$  for any nonempty subset  $B_k$  of  $A_k$  with  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ .

Proposition 5.6. Let  $\emptyset \neq A$  be a finite  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set and for each  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ ,  $A_k$  is a minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set in  $A$ . If for any  $\emptyset \neq B_k \subseteq A_k$ ,  $\tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(A) = \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots \cup B_m)$ , then the class  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m\}$  contains all minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open sets in  $A$ .

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

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

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

- (1) The class  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m\}$  contains all minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open sets in  $A$ .
- (2) For any  $\emptyset \neq B_k \subseteq A_k$ ,  $A \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots \cup B_m)$ .
- (3) For any  $\emptyset \neq B_k \subseteq A_k$ ,  $\tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(A) = \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots \cup B_m)$ , where  $\gamma$  is  $b$ -regular.

Suppose that  $\emptyset \neq A$  is a finite  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set and  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m\}$  is a class of all minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open sets in  $A$  such that for each  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ ,  $y_k \in A_k$ . Then by Theorem 5.7, it is clear that  $\{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m\}$  is a pre  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set.

Theorem 5.8. Let  $A$  be a nonempty finite  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set and  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m\}$  is a class of all minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open sets in  $A$ . Let  $B$  be any subset of  $A \setminus (A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_m)$  and  $B_k$  be any nonempty subset of  $A_k$  for each  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ . Then  $B \cup B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots \cup B_m$  is a pre  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set.

Proof. By Theorem 5.7, we have  $A \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots \cup B_m) \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B \cup B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots \cup B_m)$ . Since  $A$  is a  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set, then we have  $B \cup B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots \cup B_m \subseteq A = \tau_\gamma\text{-bInt}(A) \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-bInt}(\tau_\gamma\text{-bCl}(B \cup B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots \cup B_m))$ . Then we have the result.

Theorem 5.9. Let  $X$  be a  $b$ - $\gamma$ -locally finite space. If a minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set  $A \subseteq X$  has more than one element, then  $X$  is a pre  $b$ - $\gamma$ -Hausdorff space, where  $\gamma$  is  $b$ -regular.

Proof. Let  $x, y \in X$  such that  $x \neq y$ . Since  $X$  is a  $b$ - $\gamma$ -locally finite space, there exists finite  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \in V$ . By Proposition 4.1, there exists the class  $\{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n\}$  of all minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open sets in  $U$  and the class  $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_m\}$  of all minimal  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open sets in  $V$ . We consider three possibilities:

- (1) If there exists  $i$  of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and  $j$  of  $\{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  such that  $x \in U_i$  and  $y \in V_j$ , then by Theorem 3.16,  $\{x\}$  and  $\{y\}$  are disjoint pre  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open sets which contains  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively.
- (2) If there exists  $i$  of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  such that  $x \in U_i$  and  $y \notin V_j$  for any  $j$  of  $\{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ , then we find an element  $y_j$  of  $V_j$  for each  $j$  such that  $\{x\}$  and  $\{y, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m\}$  are pre  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open sets and  $\{x\} \cap \{y, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m\} = \emptyset$  by Theorems 3.16, 5.8 and the assumption.
- (3) If  $x \notin U_i$  for any  $i$  of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and  $y \notin V_j$  for any  $j$  of  $\{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ , then we find elements  $x_i$  of  $U_i$  and  $y_j$  of  $V_j$  for each  $i, j$  such that  $\{x, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  and  $\{y, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m\}$  are pre  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open sets and  $\{x, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \cap \{y, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m\} = \emptyset$  by Theorem 5.8 and the assumption. Hence  $X$  is a pre  $b$ - $\gamma$ -Hausdorff space.

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