

REMARKS ON GENERALIZATIONS OF TOPOLOGICAL SPACES VIA PROPERTIES OF CLOSURE FUNCTIONS

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Abstract. The fixed points of a closure function are known as closed sets in the corresponding generalized closure space and their complements are called open sets. We identify among the combinations of usual properties of a closure function some that are sufficient (but not necessary, as we show through counterexamples) in order to obtain that the family of open sets is a specific generalization of the notion of topology (namely, weak structure, minimal structure, generalized topology in the sense of Csaszar, supratopology, generalized topology in the sense of Lugojan M -structure). The properties of other operators associated to a closure function (interior, exterior and boundary operators) are also investigated.

1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

Let Z be a nonempty set, 2^Z be the collection of all subsets of Z and $cl : 2^Z \rightarrow 2^Z$ be a set-valued function, called here closure functions, also known as generalized closure operator. We call $cl(A)$, the closure of A for each $A \in 2^Z$ and the pair (Z, cl) is called a generalized closure space.

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Definition 1. The closure function $cl : 2^Z \rightarrow 2^Z$ in a generalized closure space (Z, cl) is called:

- (a) grounded if $\emptyset = cl(\emptyset)$,
- (b) isotonic if $A \subseteq B$ implies $cl(A) \subseteq cl(B)$,
- (c) extensive if $cl(A) \supseteq A$ for all $A \in 2^Z$,
- (d) subadditive if $cl(A) \cup cl(B) \supseteq cl(A \cup B)$,
- (e) idempotent if $cl(A) = cl(cl(A))$,
- (f) additive if $cl(A \cup B) = cl(A) \cup cl(B)$.

Note that closure function cl is isotonic if and only if cl is supraadditive, i.e. $cl(A \cup B) \supseteq cl(A) \cup cl(B)$. Therefore every closure function is isotonic and that every isotonic and subadditive closure function is additive.

A Čech closure operator (also known in General topology as pre-closure operator) is defined by three properties: grounded, extensive and additive.

A Kuratowski closure operator is an idempotent Čech closure operator. Pervin [14] had shown that, a closure function $cl : 2^Z \rightarrow 2^Z$ is a Kuratowski closure operator if and only if it satisfies the single axiom: $A \cup cl(A) \cup (cl(B)) = cl(A \cup B) \setminus cl(\emptyset)$ for any $A, B \in 2^Z$.

A set $F \in 2^Z$ is said to be closed in the generalized closure space (Z, cl) if $F = cl(F)$ holds (similar type of closed set has been defined in [17]). F is said to be open if $Z \setminus F$ is closed i.e. $cl(Z \setminus F) = Z \setminus F$. We denote $clop(Z)$ as the collection of all open sets in a generalized closure space (Z, cl) .

However, if a closure function cl satisfies the conditions (a), (c) and (f) then the space (Z, cl) is called a closure space and it was introduced by Čech [2]. The author Chattopadhyay and Thron [3] and Modak and Islam [12] have studied this type of closure spaces.

Through this paper, we shall discuss about the properties of generalized closure functions and find out the boundary points and exterior points of a set in the generalized closure space.

2. PROPERTIES OF CLOSURE FUNCTIONS

Theorem 2. For a generalized closure space (Z, cl) , the closure function cl is grounded if and only if $Z \in clop(Z)$.

Proof. Suppose $cl(\emptyset) = \emptyset$. Then $cl(Z \setminus Z) = Z \setminus Z$ implies $Z \in clop(Z)$.

Conversely suppose that $Z \in clop(Z)$. Then $cl(Z \setminus Z) = Z \setminus Z$ implies $cl(\emptyset) = \emptyset$. ■

Theorem 3. *Let (Z, cl) be a generalized closure space. If the closure function cl is extensive, then $\emptyset \in cl op(Z)$.*

Proof. Given that $Z \subseteq cl(Z)$. Then $Z \subseteq cl(Z) \subseteq Z$ implies $Z = cl(Z)$. Hence $cl(Z \setminus \emptyset) = Z \setminus \emptyset$, so $\emptyset \in cl op(Z)$. ■

The converse of Theorem 3 does not hold in general:

Example 4. *Let $Z = \{o_1, o_2, o_3\}$. Define $cl : 2^Z \rightarrow 2^Z$ by $cl(\emptyset) = \emptyset$, $cl(Z) = Z$, $cl(\{o_1\}) = Z$, $cl(\{o_2\}) = \{o_2\}$, $cl(\{o_3\}) = \{o_3\}$, $cl(\{o_1, o_2\}) = \{o_1, o_2\}$, $cl(\{o_1, o_3\}) = \{o_1, o_2\}$, $cl(\{o_2, o_3\}) = \{o_2, o_3\}$. Here $\emptyset \in cl op(Z)$, but the closure function cl is not extensive, since $\{o_1, o_3\} \not\subseteq cl(\{o_1, o_3\})$.*

Theorem 5. *If the closure function cl of a generalized closure space (Z, cl) is isotonic and extensive, then for $\{V_i : i \in J\} \subseteq cl op(Z)$, $\bigcup_i V_i \in cl op(Z)$.*

Proof. Note that $cl(Z \setminus \bigcup_i V_i) \subseteq cl(Z \setminus V_i)$, for each i . Then $cl(Z \setminus \bigcup_i V_i) \subseteq (Z \setminus V_i)$, for each i . This implies that $cl(Z \setminus \bigcup_i V_i) \subseteq \bigcap_i (Z \setminus V_i) = (Z \setminus \bigcup_i V_i)$. Thus we have $cl(Z \setminus \bigcup_i V_i) \subseteq (Z \setminus \bigcup_i V_i) \subseteq cl(Z \setminus \bigcup_i V_i)$ (due to extensive). Therefore, $\bigcup_i V_i \in cl op(Z)$. ■

Corollary 6. *If the closure function cl of a generalized closure space (Z, cl) is isotonic and extensive, then for $\{V_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq cl op(Z)$, $\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} V_i \in cl op(Z)$.*

For the converse of Theorem 5, we discuss following:

Example 7. *Let $Z = \{o_1, o_2, o_3\}$. Define $cl : 2^Z \rightarrow 2^Z$ by $cl(\emptyset) = \emptyset$, $cl(Z) = Z$, $cl(\{o_1\}) = Z$, $cl(\{o_2\}) = \{o_2\}$, $cl(\{o_3\}) = \{o_3\}$, $cl(\{o_1, o_2\}) = \{o_1, o_2\}$, $cl(\{o_1, o_3\}) = \{o_1, o_2\}$, $cl(\{o_2, o_3\}) = \{o_2, o_3\}$. Here $\emptyset \in cl op(Z)$, but the closure function cl is not extensive, since $\{o_1, o_3\} \not\subseteq cl(\{o_1, o_3\})$. Again, the function cl is not isotonic, since for $\{o_3\} \subseteq \{o_1, o_3\}$, $cl(\{o_3\}) \not\subseteq cl(\{o_1, o_3\})$.*

Theorem 8. *Let (Z, cl) be a generalized closure space. If the closure function cl is extensive and subadditive, then $\bigcap_{i=1}^k V_i \in cl op(Z)$ for every $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_k \in cl op(Z)$.*

Proof. $Z \setminus \bigcap V_i \subseteq cl(Z \setminus \bigcap V_i) = cl(\bigcup (Z \setminus V_i)) \subseteq cl(Z \setminus V_1) \cup \dots \cup cl(Z \setminus V_n) = (Z \setminus V_1) \cup \dots \cup (Z \setminus V_n) = Z \setminus \bigcap V_i$. Therefore, $cl(Z \setminus \bigcap V_i) = Z \setminus \bigcap V_i$. ■

For the converse of Theorem 8, we give the following example.

Example 9. In Example 4, since $\text{cl}op(Z) = \{Z, \emptyset, \{o_1\}, \{o_3\}, \{o_1, o_2\}, \{o_1, o_3\}\}$, $\text{cl}op(Z)$ is closed under finite intersection. But the closure function cl is not extensive.

Example 10. Let $Z = \{o_1, o_2, o_3\}$, $cl(\emptyset) = \emptyset$, $cl(\{o_1\}) = \{o_1, o_2\}$, $cl(\{o_2\}) = \{o_2, o_3\}$, $cl(\{o_3\}) = \{o_2, o_3\}$, $cl(\{o_1, o_2\}) = Z$, $cl(\{o_2, o_3\}) = Z$, $cl(\{o_1, o_3\}) = \{o_1, o_3\}$, $cl(Z) = Z$. Here the closure function cl is not subadditive because: $cl(\{o_2\} \cup \{o_3\}) = cl(\{o_2, o_3\}) = Z \not\subseteq cl(\{o_2\}) \cup cl(\{o_3\}) = \{o_2, o_3\}$. However $\text{cl}op(Z) = \{Z, \emptyset, \{o_2\}\}$, $\text{cl}op(Z)$ is closed under finite intersection.

Theorem 11. If the closure function cl of a generalized closure space (Z, cl) is additive, then $\bigcap_{i=1}^k U_i \in \text{cl}op(Z)$ for every $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_k \in \text{cl}op(Z)$.

Proof. For the subcollection $\{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_k\}$ of $\text{cl}op(Z)$, $cl(Z \setminus \bigcap_{i=1}^k U_i) = cl(\bigcup_{i=1}^k (Z \setminus U_i)) = (Z \setminus U_1) \cup \dots \cup (Z \setminus U_k) = (Z \setminus \bigcap_{i=1}^k U_i)$.

Thus $\bigcap_{i=1}^k U_i \in \text{cl}op(Z)$. ■

In Theorem 11, the condition is sufficient and it is followed by the following example:

Example 12. In Example 4, the closure function cl is not additive but finite intersections of the members of $\text{cl}op(Z)$ belongs to $\text{cl}op(Z)$.

Theorem 13. Let (Z, cl) be a generalized closure space. If cl is isotonic and subadditive, then $\bigcap V_i \in \text{cl}op(Z)$ for every $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_k \in \text{cl}op(Z)$.

Proof. If cl is isotonic and subadditive, then it is additive. Thus the proof is obvious by Theorem 11. ■

In the following example, we shall discuss the converse of Theorem 13:

Example 14. Let $Z = \{o_1, o_2, o_3\}$, $cl(\emptyset) = \emptyset$, $cl(\{o_1\}) = \{o_1, o_2\}$, $cl(\{o_2\}) = \{o_2, o_3\}$, $cl(\{o_3\}) = \{o_2, o_3\}$, $cl(\{o_1, o_2\}) = Z$, $cl(\{o_2, o_3\}) = Z$, $cl(\{o_1, o_3\}) = \{o_1, o_3\}$, $cl(Z) = Z$. Then $\text{cl}op(Z) = \{\emptyset, Z, \{o_2\}\}$. Here, the closure function cl is neither isotonic nor subadditive because: $\{o_3\} \subseteq \{o_1, o_3\}$ but $cl(\{o_3\}) \not\subseteq cl(\{o_1, o_3\})$ and $cl(\{o_2\} \cup \{o_3\}) \not\subseteq cl(\{o_2\}) \cup cl(\{o_3\})$.

3. APPLICATIONS OF $\text{clop}(Z)$

Definition 15. A collection $\mathcal{F}$ of subsets of a nonempty set Z is called

- (1) a weak structure [4] (denoted by $\mathcal{W}$) if $\emptyset \in \mathcal{F}$,
- (2) a minimal structure [15] (denoted by m_Z) if $\emptyset, Z \in \mathcal{F}$,
- (3) a generalized topology [5] (denoted by μ) if $\emptyset \in \mathcal{F}$ and $\mathcal{F}$ is closed under arbitrary unions,
- (4) a supratopology [9] (denoted by τ^*) if $Z \in \mathcal{F}$ and $\mathcal{F}$ is closed under arbitrary unions,
- (5) a generalized topology [8] if $\emptyset, Z \in \mathcal{F}$ and $\mathcal{F}$ is closed under arbitrary unions,
- (6) an $\mathcal{M}$ -structure [1] if $\emptyset, Z \in \mathcal{F}$ and $\mathcal{F}$ is closed under finite intersections.

There are some mathematical relations among the above mathematical structures (see [13])

Theorem 16. For the closure function cl of a generalized closure space (Z, cl) , the following properties hold:

- (1) If cl is extensive, then $\text{clop}(Z)$ is a weak structure,
- (2) If cl is extensive and grounded, then $\text{clop}(Z)$ is a minimal structure,
- (3) If cl is extensive and isotonic, then $\text{clop}(Z)$ is a generalized topology (in the sense of Csaszar),
- (4) If cl is isotonic, extensive and grounded, then $\text{clop}(Z)$ is a supratopology,
- (5) If cl is isotonic, extensive and grounded, then $\text{clop}(Z)$ is a generalized topology (in the sense of Lugojan),
- (6) If cl is subadditive, extensive and grounded, then $\text{clop}(Z)$ is an $\mathcal{M}$ -structure,
- (7) If cl is isotonic, extensive, grounded and subadditive, then $\text{clop}(Z)$ is a topology.

Proof. (1) Obvious from Theorem 3.

(2) Obvious from Theorem 2 and Theorem 3.

(3) Obvious from Theorem 3 and Theorem 5.

(4) Obvious from Theorem 2 and Theorem 5.

(5) Obvious from Theorem 2, Theorem 3 and Theorem 5.

(6) Obvious from Theorem 2, Theorem 3 and Theorem 11.

(7) Obvious from Theorem 2, Theorem 3, Theorem 5 and Theorem

11. ■

Note that the closure operator associated to a minimal structure m_Z is the intersection of all supersets of a given set that are m_Z closed, i.e. are complements of sets in m_Z . This closure has been discussed in [10, 11, 15] and it is induced by the grounded, isotonic and extensive closure function. More closure functions have been considered in [16, 7, 6, 17].

Interrelations between various mathematical structures induced from closure function have been shown in Diagram 1.

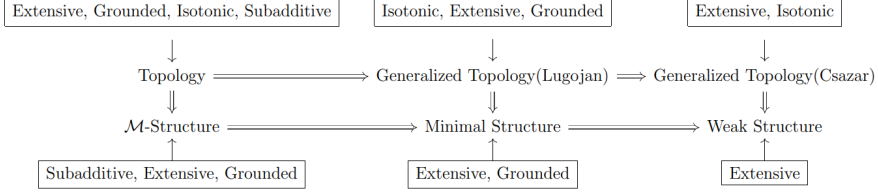


FIGURE 1. Diagram 1

Boundary points:

The conjugate of the closure function $cl : 2^Z \rightarrow 2^Z$ is called the interior function $int : 2^Z \rightarrow 2^Z$ and defined as:

$$int(A) = Z \setminus cl(Z \setminus A).$$

Lemma 17. *Let A and B be two subsets of a generalized closure space (Z, cl) . Then:*

- (1) $int(A) \subseteq A$, if the closure function cl is extensive.
- (2) for $A \subseteq B$, $int(A) \subseteq int(B)$, if the closure function cl is isotonic.
- (3) $int(Z \setminus int(Z)) = \emptyset$, if the closure function is grounded.

Definition 18. *Let A be a subset of a generalized closure space (Z, cl) , $bd(A) = cl(A) \cap cl(Z \setminus A)$ is said to be boundary of A .*

Theorem 19. *Let A be a subset of a generalized closure space (Z, cl) , the following statements hold:*

- (1) $cl(A) = int(A) \cup bd(A)$.
- (2) $bd(A) = bd(Z \setminus A)$.
- (3) $Z \setminus bd(A) = int(A) \cup int(Z \setminus A)$.
- (4) $bd(A) = cl(A) \setminus int(A) = cl(Z \setminus A) \setminus int(Z \setminus A)$.
- (5) $bd(A)$ is the set of all $x \in Z$ such that $x \notin int(A)$ and $x \notin int(Z \setminus A)$.
- (6) $A \cup bd(A) \subseteq cl(A)$, if the closure function cl is extensive.

(7) $\text{int}(A) \subseteq A \setminus \text{bd}(A) \subseteq \text{cl}(A)$ if the closure function cl is expanding.

(8) for closed set A , $A \cup \text{bd}(A) \subseteq A$, when the closure function cl is extensive.

(9) A is open if and only if $A \cap \text{bd}(A) = \emptyset$, when the closure function is extensive.

Proof. (1) $\text{bd}(A) \cup \text{int}(A) = [\text{cl}(A) \cap \text{cl}(Z \setminus A)] \cup (\text{int}(A)) = [\text{cl}(A) \cap (Z \setminus \text{int}(A))] \cup \text{int}(A) = \text{cl}(A)$.

(2) $\text{bd}(Z \setminus A) = \text{cl}(Z \setminus A) \cap \text{cl}(A) = \text{bd}(A)$.

(3) $Z \setminus \text{bd}(A) = Z \setminus [\text{cl}(A) \cap \text{cl}(Z \setminus A)] = [Z \setminus \text{cl}(A)] \cup [Z \setminus \text{cl}(Z \setminus A)] = \text{int}(Z \setminus A) \cup \text{int}(A)$.

(4) The first equation: $\text{bd}(A) = \text{cl}(A) \cap \text{cl}(Z \setminus A) = \text{cl}(A) \cap (Z \setminus \text{int}(A)) = \text{cl}(A) \setminus \text{int}(A)$.

Second part: We know that $\text{bd}(A) = \text{bd}(Z \setminus A)$. Then we replaced A by $Z \setminus A$ in the above relation and we get $\text{bd}(A) = \text{bd}(Z \setminus A) = \text{cl}(Z \setminus A) \setminus \text{int}(Z \setminus A)$.

(5) $\text{bd}(A) = \text{cl}(A) \cap \text{cl}(Z \setminus A) = \text{cl}(A) \cap (Z \setminus \text{int}(A)) = [Z \setminus \text{int}(Z \setminus A)] \cap [Z \setminus \text{int}(A)]$. Then for $x \in \text{bd}(A)$, $x \in [Z \setminus \text{int}(Z \setminus A)]$ and $x \in [Z \setminus \text{int}(A)]$. Thus $x \notin \text{int}(Z \setminus A)$ and $x \notin \text{int}(A)$. The converse is true. Therefore, $\text{bd}(A)$ is the set of all $x \in X$ such that $x \notin \text{int}(A)$ and $x \notin \text{int}(Z \setminus A)$.

(6) Since $\text{bd}(A) \subseteq \text{cl}(A)$, then $A \cup \text{bd}(A) \subseteq \text{cl}(A)$ (since the closure function is extensive).

(7) By (6) $\text{cl}(A) \supseteq A \cup \text{bd}(A)$. Then $\text{cl}(Z \setminus A) \supseteq (Z \setminus A) \cup \text{bd}(Z \setminus A)$. Thus $Z \setminus \text{int}(A) \supseteq (Z \setminus A) \cup \text{bd}(A)$, and $\text{int}(A) \subseteq [Z \setminus (Z \setminus A)] \cap (Z \setminus \text{bd}(A)) = A \cap (Z \setminus \text{bd}(A)) = A \setminus \text{bd}(A)$.

(8) We have $\text{bd}(A) \cup A \subseteq \text{cl}(A) = A$ as A is closed. Thus, $\text{bd}(A) \subseteq A$.

(9) Suppose that $A \cap \text{bd}(A) = \emptyset$. Then $A \cap [\text{cl}(A) \cap \text{cl}(Z \setminus A)] = \emptyset$, and hence $A \cap \text{cl}(Z \setminus A) = \emptyset$. This implies that $A \cap [Z \setminus \text{int}(A)] = \emptyset$, and hence $A \setminus \text{int}(A) = \emptyset$. So $A \subseteq \text{int}(A)$, and $A = \text{int}(A)$ (from Lemma 17). Therefore, $Z \setminus A = \text{cl}(Z \setminus A)$ and $Z \setminus A$ is closed. Therefore, A is open.

Conversely, suppose A is open in (Z, cl) . By (4), $A \cap \text{bd}(A) = A \cap [\text{cl}(A) \setminus \text{int}(A)] = A \setminus \text{int}(A) = \emptyset$ because A is open. ■

Exterior points

Definition 20. Let E be a subset of a generalized closure space (Z, cl) . The $\text{ext}(E) = \text{int}(Z \setminus E)$ is said to be exterior of E .

Theorem 21. For subsets E and F of a generalized closure space (Z, cl) , the following properties hold:

- (1) $\text{ext}(E)$ is open.
- (2) $\text{ext}(E) = \text{int}(Z \setminus E) = Z \setminus \text{cl}(E)$.
- (3) $\text{ext}(\text{ext}(E)) = \text{int}(\text{cl}(E))$.
- (4) if $E \subseteq F$, then $\text{ext}(E) \supseteq \text{ext}(F)$, when the closure function cl is isotonic.
- (5) $\text{ext}(E \cup F) \subseteq \text{ext}(E) \cup \text{ext}(F)$, when the closure function cl is isotonic.
- (6) $\text{ext}(E \cap F) \supseteq \text{ext}(E) \cap \text{ext}(F)$, when the closure function cl is isotonic.
- (7) $\text{ext}(\emptyset) = Z$, when the closure function cl is grounded.
- (8) $\text{ext}(Z) = \emptyset$, when the closure function cl is extensive.
- (9) $\text{ext}[Z \setminus \text{ext}(E)] \subseteq \text{ext}(E)$, when the closure function cl is extensive.
- (10) $\text{int}(E) \subseteq \text{ext}(\text{ext}(E))$, when the closure function cl is extensive and isotonic.
- (11) $Z = \text{int}(E) \cup \text{ext}(E) \cup \text{bd}(E)$.

Proof. (1) Obvious and omitted.

(2) Obvious and hence omitted.

(3) $\text{ext}(\text{ext}(E)) = \text{ext}[Z \setminus \text{cl}(E)] = \text{int}[Z \setminus (Z \setminus \text{cl}(E))] = \text{int}(\text{cl}(E))$.

(4) Since $(Z \setminus E) \supseteq (Z \setminus F)$ as $E \subseteq F$. Then $\text{int}(Z \setminus E) \supseteq \text{int}(Z \setminus F)$ (by Lemma 17).

(5) Obvious from (4).

(6) Obvious from (4).

(7) $\text{ext}(\emptyset) = \text{int}(Z \setminus \emptyset) = Z \setminus \text{cl}(\emptyset) = Z$, since the closure function cl is grounded.

(8) By (2), $\text{ext}(Z) = Z \setminus \text{cl}(Z) = \emptyset$.

(9) $\text{ext}[Z \setminus \text{ext}(E)] = \text{ext}[Z \setminus \text{int}(Z \setminus E)] = \text{int}[Z \setminus (Z \setminus \text{int}(Z \setminus E))] = \text{int}(\text{int}(Z \setminus E)) \subseteq \text{int}(Z \setminus E)$ (Lemma 17) $= \text{ext}(E)$.

(10) $\text{int}(E) \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(E))$ (from Lemma 17) $= \text{int}[Z \setminus \text{int}(Z \setminus E)] = \text{int}(Z \setminus \text{ext}(E)) = \text{ext}(\text{ext}(E))$.

(11) By Theorem 19(1), we have $\text{int}(E) \cup \text{ext}(E) \cup \text{bd}(E) = \text{cl}(E) \cup \text{ext}(E) = \text{cl}(E) \cup (Z \setminus \text{cl}(E)) = Z$. ■

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