

## APPLICATIONS OF SEMIGENERALIZED $\alpha$ -CLOSED SETS

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we have study the some new properties of  $sg\alpha$ - closed sets in topological spaces.

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### 1 INTRODUCTION

Generalized open sets play a very important role in General Topology and they are now the research topics of many topologists worldwide. Indeed a significant theme in General Topology and Real analysis concerns the various modified forms of continuity, separation axioms etc. by utilizing generalized open sets. Dimension theory plays an important role in the applications of General Topology to Real Analysis and Functional Analysis. Recently, as a generalization of closed sets, the notion of  $sg\alpha$ -closed sets were introduced and studied by Rajesh and Krsteska [7]. In this paper, we have study the some new properties of  $sg\alpha$ -closed sets in topological spaces.

### 2. PRELIMINARIES

**Definition 2.1** A subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is called semi-open [3] (resp.  $\alpha$ -open [4]) if  $A \subset Cl(Int(A))$  (resp.  $A \subset Int(Cl(Int(A)))$ ). The complement of a semi-open (resp.  $\alpha$ -open) set is called semi-closed (resp.  $\alpha$ -closed).

The semi-closure [1] of a subset  $A$  of  $X$ , denoted by  $sCl(A)$ , is defined to be the intersection of all semi-closed sets containing  $A$  in  $X$ . The  $\alpha$ -closure of a subset is similarly defined.

**Definition 2.2.** A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is called semi-generalized closed (briefly  $sg\alpha$ -closed) [7] if  $\alpha Cl(A) \subset U$  whenever  $A \subset U$  and  $U$  is semi-open in  $X$ . The complement of  $sg\alpha$ -closed set is called  $sg\alpha$ -open.

The union (resp. intersection) of all  $sg\alpha$ -open (resp.  $sg\alpha$ -closed) sets each contained in (resp. containing) a set  $A$  in a space  $X$  is called the  $sg\alpha$ -interior ( resp.  $sg\alpha$ -closure) of  $A$  and is denoted by  $sg\alpha\text{-Int}(A)$  (resp.  $sg\alpha\text{-Cl}(A)$ ) [7].

The family of all  $sg\alpha$ -open (resp.  $sg\alpha$ -closed) sets of  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $sg\alpha O(X)$  (resp.  $sg\alpha C(X)$ ). The family of all  $sg\alpha$ -open (resp.  $sg\alpha$ -closed) sets of  $(X, \tau)$  containing a point  $x \in X$  is denoted by  $sg\alpha O(X, x)$  (resp.  $sg\alpha C(X, x)$ ). It is well known that  $sg\alpha O(X)$  forms a topology [7].

**Definition 2.3.** [2] A family  $\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  of subsets of a space  $X$  is said to be locally finite family if for each point  $x$  of  $X$ , there exists a neighborhood  $G$  of  $x$  such that the set  $\{\alpha \in \Delta : G \cap A_\alpha = \Phi\}$  is finite.

**Lemma 2.4.** [2] If  $\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  is a locally finite family of subsets of a space  $X$ , then the family  $\{Cl(A_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  is a locally finite family of  $X$  and  $Cl(\cup A_\alpha) = \cup Cl(A_\alpha)$ .

**Definition 2.5.** [2] A family  $\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  of subsets of a space  $X$  is said to be point-finite if for each point  $x$  of  $X$ , the set  $\{\alpha \in \Delta : x \in A_\alpha\}$  is finite.

**Definition 2.6.** [2] An open cover  $\{G_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  of a space  $X$  is said to be shrinkable if there exists an open cover  $\{H_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  of  $X$  such that  $Cl(H_\alpha) \subseteq G_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in \Delta$ .

**Definition 2.7.** [5] The family  $\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  and  $\{B_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  of subsets of a set  $X$  are said to be similar, if for each finite subset  $\gamma$  of  $\Delta$ , the sets  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \gamma} A_\alpha$  and  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \gamma} B_\alpha$  are either both empty or both non-empty.

**Theorem 2.8.** [2] Let  $X$  be any topological space. The following statements are equivalents:

- (i)  $X$  is a normal space.
- (ii) Each point-finite open cover of  $X$  is shrinkable.
- (iii) Each finite open cover of  $X$  has a locally finite closed refinement.

**Theorem 2.9.** [5] Let  $\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  be a locally finite family of open sets of a normal space  $X$  and  $\{F_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  a family of closed sets such that  $F_\alpha \subseteq U_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in \Delta$ . Then there exists a family  $\{G_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  of open sets such that  $F_\alpha \subseteq G_\alpha \subseteq Cl(G_\alpha) \subseteq U_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in \Delta$  and the families  $\{F_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  and  $\{Cl G_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  are similar.

**Proposition 2.10.** [7] For subset  $A$  and  $A_i (i \in I)$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$ , the following hold:

- (i)  $A \subseteq sg\alpha Cl(A)$
- (ii) If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $sg\alpha Cl(A) \subseteq sg\alpha Cl(B)$ .
- (iii)  $sg\alpha Cl(\bigcap \{A_i : i \in I\}) \subseteq \bigcap \{sg\alpha Cl A_i : i \in I\}$ .
- (iv)  $sg\alpha Cl(\bigcup \{A_i : i \in I\}) = \bigcup \{sg\alpha Cl A_i : i \in I\}$

**Definition 2.11.** If  $A$  is a subset of a space  $X$ , then the  $sg\alpha$ -boundary of  $A$  is defined as  $sg\alpha Cl(A) \setminus sg\alpha Int(A)$  and is denoted by  $sg\alpha Bd(A)$ .

### 3. $sg\alpha$ -NORMAL SPACE

**Definition 3.1.** A topological space  $X$  is said to be  $sg\alpha$ -normal [6] if whenever  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint  $sg\alpha$ -closed sets in  $X$ , there exist disjoint  $sg\alpha$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  with  $A \subseteq U$  and  $B \subseteq V$ .

**Definition 3.2.** A family  $\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  of subsets of a space  $X$  is said to be  $sg\alpha$ -locally finite family if for each point  $x$  of  $X$ , there exists an  $sg\alpha$ -open set  $G$  of  $X$  such that the set  $\{\alpha \in \Delta : G \cap A_\alpha = \phi\}$  is finite.

**Definition 3.3.** An open cover  $\{G_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  of a space  $X$  is said to be  $sg\alpha$ -shrinkable if there exists an  $sg\alpha$ -open cover  $\{H_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  of  $X$  such that  $sg\alpha Cl(H_\alpha) \subseteq G_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in \Delta$ .

**Lemma 3.4.** If  $\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  is a locally finite family of subsets of a space  $X$ , then the family  $\{sg\alpha Cl(A_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  is  $sg\alpha$ -locally finite family of  $X$ . Moreover,  $sg\alpha Cl(\cup A_\alpha) = \cup sg\alpha Cl(A_\alpha)$ .

Proof. From Lemma 2.4, we obtain that the family  $\{Cl(A_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  is a locally finite family of  $X$  whenever  $\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  is locally finite. Since  $sg\alpha Cl(A_\alpha) \subseteq Cl(A_\alpha)$  for every  $\alpha \in \Delta$ , the family  $\{sg\alpha Cl(A_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  is a locally finite family of  $X$ . To prove that  $sg\alpha Cl(\cup A_\alpha) = \cup sg\alpha Cl(A_\alpha)$ , we have  $\cup sg\alpha Cl(A_\alpha) \subseteq sg\alpha Cl(\cup A_\alpha)$ . Therefore, it is sufficient to prove that  $sg\alpha Cl(\cup A_\alpha) \subseteq \cup sg\alpha Cl(A_\alpha)$ . Suppose that  $x \notin \cup sg\alpha Cl(A_\alpha)$ , so  $x \notin sg\alpha Cl(A_\alpha)$ , for all  $\alpha \in \Delta$ . This means that there exists an  $sg\alpha$ -open set  $G$  such that  $G \cap A_\alpha = \phi$  for all  $\alpha \in \Delta$  and hence,  $G \cap sg\alpha Cl(A_\alpha) = \phi$  for all  $\alpha \in \Delta$ . Since the family  $\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  is locally finite, there exists an open set  $H$  which contains  $x$  and the set  $\{\alpha \in \Delta : H \cap A_\alpha = \phi\}$  is finite. This means that there exists a finite subset  $M$  of  $\Delta$  such that  $H \cap A_\alpha = \phi$  for  $\alpha \in M$ . From above we obtain that  $x$  belongs to  $X \setminus sg\alpha Cl(A_\alpha)$  for every  $\alpha \in \Delta$ . Since the family of  $sg\alpha$ -open sets forms a topology on  $X$  [7], the set  $V = \cap [X \setminus sg\alpha Cl(A_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Delta]$  is an  $sg\alpha$ -open set in  $X$  containing  $x$ . But  $H \cap V$  is an  $sg\alpha$ -open set containing  $x$  and  $(H \cap V) \cap A_\alpha = \phi$  for all  $\alpha \in \Delta$ . Therefore  $(H \cap V) \cap (\cup A_\alpha) = \phi$ . This implies that  $x \in sg\alpha Cl(\cup A_\alpha)$  and this completes the proof.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $X$  be any topological space. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $X$  is an  $sg\alpha$ -normal space.
- (2) Each point-finite open cover of  $X$  is  $sg\alpha$ -shrinkable.
- (3) Each finite  $sg\alpha$ -open cover of  $X$  has a locally finite  $sg\alpha$ -closed refinement.

Proof. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  be a point – finite open cover of an  $sg\alpha$ -normal space  $X$ , we may assume  $\alpha$  is well–ordered. We shall construct an  $sg\alpha$ - shrinkable family of  $\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  by transfinite induction. Let  $\mu \in \alpha$  and suppose that for each  $\alpha < \mu$  we have  $sg\alpha$ -open set  $V_\alpha$  such that  $sg\alpha Cl(V_\alpha) \subseteq U_\alpha$  and for each  $\nu < \mu$ , we have  $(\bigcup_{\alpha \leq \nu} V_\alpha) \cup (\bigcup_{\alpha > \nu} U_\alpha) = X$ . Let  $x \in X$ , then since  $\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  is a point-finite, there exists the largest element  $\gamma \in \alpha$  such that  $x \in U_\gamma$ . If  $\gamma \geq \mu$ , then  $x \in \bigcup_{\alpha \geq \mu} U_\alpha$  and if  $\gamma < \mu$ , then  $x \in \bigcup_{\alpha \leq \gamma} V_\alpha \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha < \mu} V_\alpha$ . Hence,  $(\bigcup_{\alpha < \mu} V_\alpha) \cup (\bigcup_{\alpha \geq \mu} U_\alpha) = X$ . Thus,  $U_\alpha$  contains the complement of  $(\bigcup_{\alpha < \mu} V_\alpha) \cup (\bigcup_{\alpha > \gamma} U_\alpha)$ . Since  $X$  is  $sg\alpha$ -normal, there exists an  $sg\alpha$ -open set  $V_\mu$  such that  $X \setminus [(\bigcup_{\alpha < \mu} V_\alpha) \cup (\bigcup_{\alpha > \gamma} U_\alpha)] \subseteq V_\mu \subseteq sg\alpha Cl(V_\mu) \subseteq U_\mu$ . Thus,  $sg\alpha Cl(V_\mu) \subseteq U_\mu$  and  $(\bigcup_{\alpha \leq \mu} V_\alpha) \cup (\bigcup_{\alpha > \gamma} U_\alpha) = X$ . Hence the construction of an  $sg\alpha$ - shrinkable family for  $\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  is completed by transfinite induction. (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Obvious. (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $X$  be a space such that each finite  $sg\alpha$ -open cover of  $X$  has a locally finite  $sg\alpha$ -closed refinement. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two  $sg\alpha$ -closed sets in  $X$ . The  $sg\alpha$ -open cover  $\{X \setminus A, X \setminus B\}$  of  $X$  has a locally finite  $sg\alpha$ -closed refinement  $\nu$ . Let  $E$  be the union of members of  $\nu$  disjoint from  $A$  and let  $F$  be union of members of  $\nu$  disjoint from  $B$ . Then, by Lemma 3.4,  $E$  and  $F$  are  $sg\alpha$ -closed sets and  $E \cup F = X$ . Thus, if  $U = X \setminus E$  and  $V = X \setminus F$  then  $U$  and  $V$  are disjoint  $sg\alpha$ -open sets such that  $A \subseteq U$  and  $B \subseteq V$  Therefore,  $X$  is an  $sg\alpha$ -normal space.

**Proposition 3.6.** Let  $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$  be a locally finite family of  $sg\alpha$ -open sets of an  $sg\alpha$ -normal space  $X$  and  $\{F_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$  a family of  $sg\alpha$ -closed sets such that  $F_\alpha \subseteq U_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in \Delta$ . Then there exists a family  $\{G_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$  of  $sg\alpha$ -open sets such that  $F_\alpha \subseteq G_\alpha \subseteq sg\alpha Cl(U_\alpha) \subseteq U_\alpha$  and the families  $\{F_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$  and  $\{sg\alpha Cl(G_\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$  are similar.

Proof. Let  $\Delta$  be well-ordered with a least element. By transfinite induction, we shall construct a family  $\{G_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$  of  $sg\alpha$ -open sets such that  $F_\alpha \subseteq G_\alpha \subseteq sg\alpha Cl(G_\alpha) \subseteq U_\alpha$  and for each element  $\nu$  in  $\Delta$  the family

$$\{K_\alpha^\nu\}_{\alpha \in \Delta} = \begin{cases} Cl(G_\alpha) & \text{if } \alpha \leq \nu \\ F_\alpha & \text{if } \alpha < \nu \end{cases}$$

is similar to  $\{F_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$ . Suppose that  $\mu \in \alpha$  and that  $G_\alpha$  are defined for  $\alpha < \mu$  such that for each  $\nu < \mu$  the family  $\{K_\alpha^\nu\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$  is similar  $\{F_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$ . Let  $\{L_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$  be the family given by:

$$\{L_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Delta} = \begin{cases} Cl(G_\alpha) & \text{if } \alpha < \nu \\ F_\alpha & \text{if } \alpha \geq \nu \end{cases}$$

Then  $\{F_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$  and  $\{L_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$ . For suppose that  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_r \in \Delta$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_j < \mu < \alpha_{j+1} < \dots < \alpha_r$ , then  $\bigcap_{i=1}^r \{L_{\alpha_i}\} = \bigcap_{i=1}^r \{K_{\alpha_i}^{aj}\}$ . Therefore  $\bigcap_{i=1}^r \{L_{\alpha_i}\} = \phi$  if and only if  $\bigcap_{i=1}^r \{F_{\alpha_i}\} = \phi$  because  $\{K_\alpha^\nu\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$  is similar to  $\{F_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$ . Since  $L_\alpha \subseteq G_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha$ , the family  $\{L_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$  is locally finite. Thus if  $\Gamma$  is the set of finite subsets of  $\Delta$  and for each  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ,  $E_\gamma = \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} L_\alpha$ , then  $\{E_\gamma\}_{\gamma \in \Gamma}$  is locally finite family of  $sg\alpha$ -closed sets. Hence by Lemma 3.4,  $E = \bigcup \{E_\gamma : E_\gamma \cap F_\mu\}$  is an  $sg\alpha$ -closed set which is disjoint from  $F_\mu$ . Therefore, there exists an  $sg\alpha$ -open set  $G_\mu$  such that  $F_\mu \subseteq G_\mu \subseteq sg\alpha Cl(G_\mu) \subseteq U_\mu$  and  $sg\alpha Cl(G_\mu \cap E) = \phi$ . Now the  $sg\alpha$ -open set  $G_\alpha$  is defined for  $\alpha \leq \mu$  and to complete the proof it remains to show that the family  $\{K_\alpha^\nu\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$  is similar to the family  $\{F_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$ . It is sufficient to show that the families  $\{K_\alpha^\nu\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$  and  $\{L_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$  are similar. Suppose that  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_r \in \Delta$  and that  $\bigcap_{i=1}^r \{L_{\alpha_i}\} = \phi$ , we have to show that  $\bigcap_{i=1}^r \{K_{\alpha_i}^{aj}\} = \phi$ . Suppose that  $\alpha_1 < \alpha_2 < \dots < \alpha_j < \mu < \alpha_{j+1} < \dots < \alpha_r$  if  $\alpha_j \neq \mu$  there is nothing to prove. If  $\alpha_j = \mu$ , then  $L_{\alpha_1} \cap \dots \cap L_{\alpha_{j-1}} \cap F_\mu \cap L_{\alpha_{j+1}} \cap \dots \cap L_{\alpha_r} = \phi$ . Hence by the construction  $L_{\alpha_1} \cap \dots \cap L_{\alpha_{j-1}} \cap sg\alpha Cl(G_\mu \cap L_{\alpha_{j+1}}) \cap \dots \cap L_{\alpha_r} = \phi$ . Thus  $\bigcap_{i=1}^r \{K_{\alpha_i}^{aj}\} = \phi$ .

#### 4. $sg\alpha$ -COVERING DIMENSION

In this section, we introduce a type of a covering dimension by using  $sg\alpha$ -open sets which we call the  $sg\alpha$ -covering dimension function.

**Definition 4.1.** The  $sg\alpha$ -covering dimension of a topological space  $X$  is the least positive integer  $n$  such that every finite  $sg\alpha$ -open cover of  $X$  has an  $sg\alpha$ -open refinement of order not exceeding  $n$  or is  $\infty$  if there is no such integer. We shall denote the  $sg\alpha$ -covering dimension of a space  $X$  by  $\dim_{sg\alpha} X$ . If  $X$  is an empty set, then  $\dim_{sg\alpha} X = -1$  and  $\dim_{sg\alpha} X \leq n$  if each finite  $sg\alpha$ -open cover of  $X$  has an  $sg\alpha$ -open refinement of order not exceeding  $n$ . Also we have  $\dim_{sg\alpha} X = n$  if it is true that  $\dim_{sg\alpha} X \leq n$  but it is not true if  $\dim_{sg\alpha} X \leq n-1$ . Finally,  $\dim_{sg\alpha} X = \infty$  if for every integer  $n$  there exists a finite  $sg\alpha$ -open cover which has no  $sg\alpha$ -open refinement of order not exceeding  $n$ .

**Proposition 4.2.** If  $Y$  is an open and a closed subset of a space  $X$ , then  $\dim_{sg\alpha} Y \leq \dim_{sg\alpha} X$

Proof. It is sufficient to prove that if  $\dim_{sg\alpha} X = n$ , then  $\dim_{sg\alpha} Y \leq n$ . Let  $\{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_k\}$  be an  $sg\alpha$ -open cover of the open set  $Y$ . Then  $U_i$  is  $sg\alpha$ -open in  $X$  for each  $i$  and since every open set is  $sg\alpha$ -open. Then the finite  $sg\alpha$ -open cover  $\{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_k, X \setminus Y\}$  of  $X$  has an  $sg\alpha$ -open refinement  $sg\alpha$  of order which not exceeding  $n$ . Let  $\varepsilon$  be all members of  $sg\alpha$  except those members associated with  $X \setminus Y$ , since every open set is  $sg\alpha$ -open, then each member of  $\varepsilon$  is  $sg\alpha$ -open in  $Y$  and also  $\varepsilon$  is a refinement of  $\{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_k\}$  of order not exceeding  $n$ . This implies that  $\dim_{sg\alpha} Y \leq n$ .

Now we give some characterizations of the  $sg\alpha$ -covering dimension in topological spaces.

**Theorem 4.3.** *If  $X$  is a topological space, then the following statements about  $X$  are equivalent:*

- (1)  $\dim_{sg\alpha} X \leq n$
- (2) For any finite  $sg\alpha$ -open cover  $\{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_k\}$  of  $X$  there is an  $sg\alpha$ -open cover  $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_k\}$  of order not exceeding  $n$  such that  $V_i \subseteq U_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$
- (3) If  $\{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_{n+2}\}$  is an  $sg\alpha$ -open cover of  $X$ , there is an  $sg\alpha$ -open cover  $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_{n+2}\}$  such that  $V_i \subseteq U_i$  and  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{n+2} V_i = \phi$

Proof. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Suppose that  $\dim_{sg\alpha} X \leq n$  and the  $sg\alpha$ -open cover  $\{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_k\}$  of  $X$  has an  $\beta$ -open refinement  $\beta$  of order not exceeding  $n$ . If  $W \in \beta$ , then  $W \subseteq U_i$  for some  $i$ . Let each  $W$  in  $\beta$  be associated with one of the sets  $U_i$  containing it and let  $V_i$  be the union of those members of  $\beta$  thus associated with  $U_i$ , since every open set is  $sg\alpha$ -open, then  $V_i$  is  $sg\alpha$ -open and  $V_i \subseteq U_i$  and each point of  $X$  is in some member of  $\beta$  and hence in some  $V_i$ . Each point  $x$  of  $X$  is in at most  $n+1$  members of  $sg\alpha$ , each of which is associated with a unique  $U_j$  and hence is in at most  $n+1$  members of  $\{V_i\}$ . Thus  $\{V_i\}$  is an  $sg\alpha$ -open cover of  $X$  of order not exceeding  $n$ . (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Obvious. (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $X$  be a space satisfying (3) and  $\{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_k\}$  a finite  $sg\alpha$ -open cover of  $X$ , we can assume that  $k > n+1$ . Let  $G_i = U_i$  if  $i \leq n+1$  and  $G_{n+2} = \bigcup_{i=n+2}^k U_i$ , then  $\{G_1, G_2, \dots, G_{n+2}\}$  is an  $sg\alpha$ -open cover of  $X$  and so by hypothesis there is a  $sg\alpha$ -open cover  $\{H_1, H_2, \dots, H_k\}$  such that  $H_i \subseteq G_i$  and  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{n+2} H_i = \phi$ . Let  $W_i = U_i$  if  $i \leq n+1$  and let  $W_i = U_i \cap G_{n+2}$  if  $i > n+1$ . Then  $\delta = \{W_1, W_2, \dots, W_k\}$  is an  $sg\alpha$ -open cover of  $X$  each  $W_i \subseteq U_i$  and  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{n+2} W_i = \phi$ . If there exists such set  $B$  of  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  with  $n+2$  elements such that  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{n+2} W_i \neq \phi$ , let the members of  $\delta$  be

renumbered to give a family  $P = \{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_k\}$   $\bigcap_{i=1}^{n+2} P_i \neq \phi$ . By applying the above construction to  $P$ , we obtain the  $sg\alpha$ -open cover  $W' = \{W'_1, W'_2, \dots, W'_k\}$  such that  $W'_i \subseteq P_i$  and  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{n+2} W'_i = \phi$ . Thus by a finite number of repetitions of this process we obtain an  $sg\alpha$ -open cover  $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_k\}$  of  $X$ , of order not exceeding  $n$  such that  $V_i \subseteq U_i$ , (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) : Obvious.

**Proposition 4.4.** In a topological space  $X$  if  $\dim_{sg\alpha} X = 0$ , then  $X$  is a  $sg\alpha$ -normal Space.

Proof. Suppose that  $\dim_{sg\alpha} X = 0$  and let  $F$  and  $E$  be any two disjoint  $sg\alpha$ -closed sets in  $X$ , then  $\{X \setminus F, X \setminus E\}$  is an  $sg\alpha$ -open cover of  $X$ ; hence, there exists a  $sg\alpha$ -open refinement  $\beta$  of order not exceeding  $0$ . This means that all members of  $\beta$  are pair wise disjoint. Let  $G$  be the union of all member of  $\beta$  that are associated with  $X \setminus E$  and  $H$  be the union of all members of  $\beta$  that are associated with  $X \setminus F$ , hence,  $G$  and  $H$  are  $sg\alpha$ -open sets such that  $G \cup H = X$ ,  $G \subseteq X \setminus E$  and  $H \subseteq X \setminus F$  and  $G \cap H = \phi$ . Thus  $G$  and  $H$  are disjoint  $sg\alpha$ -open sets such that  $F \subseteq G$  and  $E \subseteq H$ . Hence  $X$  is a  $sg\alpha$ -normal space.

In  $sg\alpha$ -normal spaces,  $sg\alpha$ -covering dimension can be defined in terms of the order of finite  $sg\alpha$ -closed refinements of finite  $sg\alpha$ -open cover.

**Proposition 4.5.** If  $(X, \tau)$  is a topological space, then the following statements about  $X$  are equivalent.

- (1)  $\dim_{sg\alpha} X \leq n$ .
- (2) For any finite  $sg\alpha$ -open cover  $\{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_k\}$  of  $X$  there is a  $sg\alpha$ -open cover  $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_k\}$  such that  $sg\alpha Cl(V_i) \subseteq U_i$  and the order for  $\{sg\alpha Cl(V_1), sg\alpha Cl(V_2), \dots, sg\alpha Cl(V_k)\}$  does not exceed  $n$
- (3) For any finite  $sg\alpha$ -open cover  $\{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_k\}$  of  $X$  there is a  $sg\alpha$ -closed cover  $\{F_1, F_2, \dots, F_k\}$  such that  $F_i \subseteq U_i$  and the order for  $\{F_1, F_2, \dots, F_k\}$  does not exceed  $n$ .
- (4) Every finite  $sg\alpha$ -open cover of  $X$  has a finite  $sg\alpha$ -closed refinement of order not exceeding  $n$ .
- (5) If  $\{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_k\}$  is an  $sg\alpha$ -open cover of  $X$ , there is an  $sg\alpha$ -closed cover  $\{F_1, F_2, \dots, F_k\}$  such that  $F_i \subseteq U_i$  and  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{n+2} F_i = \phi$ .

Proof. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Suppose that  $\dim_{sg\alpha} X \leq n$ , and let  $\{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_k\}$  be  $sg\alpha$ -open cover of  $X$ , then by Theorem 4.3, there exists an  $sg\alpha$ -open cover  $\{W_1, W_2, \dots, W_k\}$  of order not exceeding  $n$  such that  $W_i \subseteq U_i$ . Since  $X$  is  $sg\alpha$ -normal, by Theorem 3.5, there exists an  $sg\alpha$ -open cover  $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_k\}$  such that  $sg\alpha Cl(V_i) \subseteq W_i$  for each  $i$ . Then  $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_k\}$

is an  $sg\alpha$ -open cover with the required properties. (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) and (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): Obvious. (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5): Let  $X$  be a space satisfying (4) and let  $\Rightarrow \Pi = \{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_{n+2}\}$  be  $sg\alpha$ -open cover of  $X$ . Then the cover  $\Pi$  has a finite  $sg\alpha$ -closed refinement  $\nu$  of order not exceeding  $n$ . If  $E \in \nu$ , then  $E \subseteq U_i$  for some  $i$ . Let each  $E$  in  $\nu$  be associated with one of the sets  $U_i$  containing it and let  $F_i$  be the union of those members of  $\nu$  which associated with  $U_i$ , then  $F_i$  is  $sg\alpha$ -closed,  $F_i \subseteq U_i$  and  $\{F_1, F_2, \dots, F_{n+2}\}$  is a  $sg\alpha$ -cover of  $X$  such that  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{n+2} F_i = \phi$ . (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) : Let  $X$  be a space satisfying (5) and let  $\{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_{n+2}\}$  be an  $sg\alpha$ -open cover of  $X$ , by hypothesis there exists an  $sg\alpha$ -closed cover  $\{F_1, F_2, \dots, F_{n+2}\}$  such that each  $F_i \subseteq U_i$  and  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{n+2} F_i = \phi$ . By Proposition 3.6, there exist  $sg\alpha$ -open sets  $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_{n+2}\}$  such that  $F_i \subseteq V_i \subseteq U_i$  for each  $i$  and  $\{V_i\}$  is similar to  $\{F_i\}$ . Thus  $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_{n+2}\}$  is an  $sg\alpha$ -open cover of  $X$ , each  $V_i \subseteq U_i$  and  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{n+2} V_i = \phi$ . Therefore by Theorem 4.3,  $\dim_{sg\alpha} X \leq n$  □

**Proposition 4.6.** If  $X$  is an  $sg\alpha$ -normal space, then the following statements about  $X$  are equivalent:

- (1)  $\dim_{sg\alpha} X \leq n$ ,
- (2) For any finite  $sg\alpha$ -closed sets  $\{F_1, F_2, \dots, F_{n+1}\}$  and each family of  $sg\alpha$ -open sets  $\{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_{n+1}\}$  such that  $F_i \subseteq U_i$  there exists a family  $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_{n+1}\}$  of  $sg\alpha$ -open sets such that  $F_i \subseteq V_i \subseteq sg\alpha Cl(V_i) \subseteq U_i$  for each  $i$ , and  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{n+1} sg\alpha Bd V_i = \phi$
- (3) For each family  $sg\alpha$ -closed sets  $\{F_1, F_2, \dots, F_k\}$  and each family of  $sg\alpha$ -open sets  $\{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_k\}$  such that  $F_i \subseteq U_i$ , there exists a family  $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_k\}$  and  $\{W_1, W_2, \dots, W_k\}$  of  $sg\alpha$ -open sets such that  $F_i \subseteq V_i \subseteq sg\alpha Cl(V_i) \subseteq W_i \subseteq U_i$  for each  $i$  and the order of the family  $\{sg\alpha Cl(W_1) \setminus V_1, sg\alpha Cl(W_2) \setminus V_2, \dots, sg\alpha Cl(W_k) \setminus V_k\}$  does not exceed  $n - 1$ .
- (4) For each family  $sg\alpha$ -closed sets  $\{F_1, F_2, \dots, F_k\}$  and each family of  $sg\alpha$ -open sets  $\{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_k\}$  such that  $F_i \subseteq U_i$ , there exists a family  $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_k\}$  of  $sg\alpha$ -open sets  $F_i \subseteq V_i \subseteq sg\alpha Cl(V_i) \subseteq U_i$  and the order of the family  $\{sg\alpha Bd(V_1), sg\alpha Bd(V_2), \dots, sg\alpha Bd(V_k)\}$  does not exceed  $n - 1$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Suppose that  $\dim_{sg\alpha} X \leq n$ , and let  $\{F_1, F_2, \dots, F_{n+1}\}$  be  $sg\alpha$ -closed sets and  $\{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_{n+1}\}$   $sg\alpha$ -open sets such that  $F_i \subseteq U_i$ . Since  $\dim_{sg\alpha} X \leq n$ , the  $sg\alpha$ -open cover of  $X$  consisting of sets of the form  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{n+2} H_i$ , where  $H_i = U_i$  or  $H_i = X \setminus F_i$  for each  $i$ , has a finite  $sg\alpha$ -open refinement  $\{W_1, W_2, \dots, W_q\}$  of order not exceeding  $n$ . Since  $X$  is  $sg\alpha$ -



normal, there is an  $sg\alpha$ -closed cover  $\{K_1, K_2, \dots, K_q\}$  such that  $K_r \subseteq W_r$  for  $r = 1, 2, \dots, q$ . Let  $N_r$  denoted the set  $i$  such that  $F_i \cap W_r \neq \emptyset$ . For  $r = 1, 2, \dots, q$ , we can find  $sg\alpha$ -open sets  $V_{ir}$  for  $r$  in  $N_r$  such that  $K_r \subseteq V_{ir} \subseteq sg\alpha Cl(V_{ir}) \subseteq W_r$  and  $sg\alpha Cl(V_{ir}) \subseteq W_{jr}$  if  $i < j$ . Now for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n+1$ , let  $V_i = \bigcup_r \{V_{ir} : i \in N_r\}$ . Then  $V_i$  is  $sg\alpha$ -open and  $F_i \subseteq V_i$  for if  $x \in F_i$  and  $x \in K_r$ ; then  $i \in N_r$  so that  $x \in V_{ir} \subseteq V_i$ . Further more if  $i \in N_r$  so that  $F_i \cap W_r \neq \emptyset$  then  $W_r$  is not contained in  $X \setminus F_i$  so that  $W_r \subseteq U_i$ . Thus, if  $i \in N_r$ , then  $V_{ir} \subseteq U_i$  and since  $sg\alpha Cl(V_i) = \bigcup_r \{sg\alpha Cl(V_{ir}) : i \in N_r\}$ , it follows that  $sg\alpha Cl(V_i) \subseteq U_i$ .

Finally suppose that  $x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^{n+2} sg\alpha Bd(V_i)$  and since  $sg\alpha Bd(V_i) \subseteq \bigcup_r \{sg\alpha Bd(V_{ir}) : i \in N_r\}$ , it follows that for each  $i$  there exists  $i_r$  such that  $x \in sg\alpha Bd(V_{i_r})$  and if  $i \neq j$ , then  $r_i \neq r_j$  for if  $r_i = r_j = r$ , then  $x \in sg\alpha Cl(V_{i_r})$  and  $x \in sg\alpha Cl(V_{j_r})$  but  $x \in V_{i_r}$  and  $x \in V_{j_r}$  which are absurd, since either  $sg\alpha Cl(V_{i_r}) \subseteq V_{j_r}$  or  $sg\alpha Cl(V_{j_r}) \subseteq V_{i_r}$ . For each  $i, x \notin V_{i_r j}$  so that  $x \notin K_{r_j}$ . But  $\{K_r\}$  is a  $sg\alpha$ -cover of  $X$  and so there exists  $r_0$  different from each of the  $r_i$  such that  $x \in K_{r_0} \subseteq W_{r_0}$ . Since  $x \in V_{i_r j}$ , it follows that  $x \in W_{r_0}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n+1$  so that  $x \in \bigcap_{i=0}^{n+1} V_n$ . Since the order of  $\{W_r\}$  does not exceed  $n$ , this is absurd. Hence  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{n+1} sg\alpha Bd(V_i) = \emptyset$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Let (2) hold, let  $F_1, F_2, \dots, F_k$  be  $sg\alpha$ -closed sets and let  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_k$  be  $sg\alpha$ -open sets such that  $F_i \subseteq U_i$ . We can assume that  $k > n+1$ ; otherwise, there is nothing to prove. Let the subset  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  containing  $n+1$  elements be enumerated as  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_q$ , where  $q = k_{n+1}$ . By using (2), we can find  $sg\alpha$ -open sets  $V_{i,r}$  for  $i$  in  $C_i$  such that  $F_i \subseteq V_{i,1} \subseteq sg\alpha Cl(V_{i,1}) \subseteq U_i$  and  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{n+1} sg\alpha Bd(V_{i,r}) = \emptyset$ . We have a finite family  $\{sg\alpha Bd(V_{i,r}) : i \in C_i\}$  of  $sg\alpha$ -closed sets of the  $sg\alpha$ -normal space  $X$  and  $sg\alpha Bd(V_{i,1}) \subseteq U_i$  for each  $i$  in  $C_1$ . Thus, by Proposition 3.6, for each  $i$  in  $C_1$ , there exists an  $sg\alpha$ -open set  $G_i$  such that  $sg\alpha Bd(V_{i,1}) \subseteq G_i \subseteq sg\alpha Cl(G_i) \subseteq U_i$  and  $\{sg\alpha Cl(G_i)\}_{i \in C_1}$  is similar to  $\{sg\alpha Bd(V_{i,r})\}_{i \in C_1}$ , so that in particular  $\bigcap_{i \in C_1} sg\alpha Cl(G_i) = \emptyset$ . Let  $W_{i,1} = V_{i,1} \cup G_i$  if  $i \in C_1$ , then  $sg\alpha Cl(V_{i,1}) \subseteq W_{i,1} \subseteq sg\alpha Cl(W_{i,1}) \subseteq U_i$  and since  $(sg\alpha Cl(W_{i,1}) \setminus V_{i,1}) \subseteq sg\alpha Cl(G_i)$ , we have

$\bigcap_{i \in C_1} (sg\alpha Cl(W_{i,1}) \setminus V_{i,1}) = \emptyset$ . If  $i \notin C_1$ , let  $V_{i,1}$  be an  $sg\alpha$ -open set such that  $F_i \subseteq V_{i,1} \subseteq sg\alpha Cl(V_{i,1}) \subseteq U_i$  and let  $W_{i,1} = U_i$ . Then for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$  we have  $sg\alpha$ -open sets  $V_{i,1}$  and  $W_{i,1}$  such that  $F_i \subseteq V_{i,1} \subseteq sg\alpha Cl(V_{i,1}) \subseteq U_i$  and  $\bigcap_{i \in C} (sg\alpha Cl(W_{i,1}) \setminus V_{i,1}) = \emptyset$ .

Suppose that  $1 < m \leq q$  and for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$  we find  $sg\alpha$ -open sets  $V_{i,m-1}$  and  $W_{i,m-1}$  such that  $F_i \subseteq V_{i,m-1} \subseteq sg\alpha Cl(V_{i,m-1}) \subseteq W_{i,m-1} \subseteq U_i$  and  $\bigcap_{i \in C} (sg\alpha Cl(W_{i,m-1}) \setminus V_{i,m-1}) = \emptyset$  if  $1 \leq j \leq m-1$ .

By the above argument we can find  $sg\alpha$ -open sets  $V_{i,m}$  and  $W_{i,m}$  such that  $sg\alpha Cl(V_{i,m-1}) \subseteq$

$V_{i,m} \subseteq sg\alpha Cl(V_{i,m}) \subseteq W_{i,m} \subseteq W_{i,m-1}$  and  $\bigcap_{i \in c_m} (sg\alpha Cl(W_{i,m}) \setminus V_{i,m}) = \emptyset$  Since  $sg\alpha Cl(W_{i,m}) \setminus V_{i,m} \subseteq (sg\alpha Cl(W_{i,m-1}) \setminus V_{i,m-1})$ . We have  $\bigcap_{i \in c_j} (sg\alpha Cl(W_{i,m}) \setminus V_{i,m}) = \emptyset$  if  $j \leq m$ .

Thus by induction for  $i=1,2,\dots,k$ , we can find  $sg\alpha$ -open sets  $V_i$  and  $W_i = (V_{i,q}$  and  $W_{i,q}$  respectively). Such that  $F_i \subseteq V_i \subseteq sg\alpha Cl(V_i) \subseteq W_i \subseteq U_i$  and  $\bigcap_{i \in c_j} (sg\alpha Cl(W_i) \setminus V_i) = \emptyset$ , for  $j=1,2,\dots,k$ . Thus the order of the family  $\{sg\alpha Bd(W_1 \setminus V_1), \dots, sg\alpha Bd(W_k \setminus V_k)\}$  does not exceed  $n-1$ . (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): Obvious. (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let (4) hold and let  $\{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_{n+2}\}$  be an  $sg\alpha$ -open cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $sg\alpha$ -normal, there exists an  $sg\alpha$ -closed cover  $\{F_1, F_2, \dots, F_{n+1}\}$  of  $X$  such that  $F_i \subseteq U_i$  for each  $i$ . By hypothesis there exists a family of  $sg\alpha$ -open sets  $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_{n+1}\}$  such that  $F_i \subseteq V_i \subseteq sg\alpha Cl(V_i) \subseteq U_i$  for each  $i$ , and the family  $\{sg\alpha Bd(V_1), sg\alpha Bd(V_2), \dots, \dots, sg\alpha Bd(V_{n+2})\}$  has order not exceeding  $n-1$ . Let  $L_j = sg\alpha Cl(V_j) \setminus \bigcup_{i < j} V_i$  for  $j=1,2,\dots, n+2$ . For each  $j, L_j$  is an  $sg\alpha$ -closed, and  $\{L_1, L_2, \dots, L_{n+2}\}$  is an  $sg\alpha$ -closed cover of  $X$ , for if  $x \in X$ , there exists  $j$  such that  $x \in V_j$  and  $x \notin V_i$  for  $i < j$  so that  $x \in L_j$ . Now  $L_j = sg\alpha Cl(V_j) \cap (X \setminus V_j)$  so that

$\bigcap_{j=1}^{n+2} L_j = \bigcap_{j=1}^{n+2} sg\alpha Cl(V_j) \cap (X \setminus V_j) \subseteq \bigcap_{i=1}^{n+1} sg\alpha Cl(V_i) \cap (X \setminus V_i) = \emptyset$ . Thus  $\{L_1, L_2, \dots, L_{n+2}\}$  is an  $sg\alpha$ -closed cover of  $X$ ,  $L_i \subseteq sg\alpha Cl(V_j) \subseteq U_j$  and  $\bigcap_{j=1}^{n+2} L_j = \emptyset$  Hence by proposition 4.5,

$\dim_{sg\alpha} X \leq n$ .

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