

## On $S^*$ -Convergence Nets And Filters

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**Abstract:** *This paper is devoted to introduce and study many topological properties of  $s^*$ -convergence of nets and  $s^*$ -convergence of filters by using the concept of  $s^*$ -open sets, also some properties of  $s^*$ -cluster points of nets and filters has been studied.*

**Key words:**  *$s^*$ -open,  $s^*$ -closed,  $s^*$ -convergent,  $s^*$ -cluster,  $s^*$ -limit point and  $s^*$ -irresolute*

## 1. Introduction

The concept of  $s^*$ -closed set was first introduced by Al-Meklaifi, S. [1], by using the concept of semi-open set. Recall that a subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called semi-open (briefly  $s$ -open) set if there exists an open subset  $U$  of  $X$  such that  $U \subseteq A \subseteq \text{cl}(U)$ . The complement of a semi-open set is defined to be semi-closed (briefly  $s$ -closed) [2]. Also, a subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called  $s^*$ -closed if  $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is semi-open in  $X$  [1]. The complement of an  $s^*$ -closed set is defined to be  $s^*$ -open. The family of all  $s^*$ -open (resp.  $s^*$ -closed) subsets of  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $S^*O(X, \tau)$  (resp.  $S^*C(X, \tau)$ ) [1], this family from a topology on  $X$  which is finer than  $\tau$  [3]. The  $s^*$ -closure of  $A$ , denoted by  $s^*\text{-cl}(A)$  is the intersection of all  $s^*$ -closed sets which contains  $A$  [3]. A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $s^*$ -closed iff  $A = s^*\text{-cl}(A)$  [3]. Also, a function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \tau^*)$  is called  $s^*$ -irresolute if the inverse image of every  $s^*$ -open subset of  $Y$  is an  $s^*$ -open set in  $X$  [4]. Some times  $s^*$ -closed set is also called  $\hat{g}$ -closed set [5,6] (resp.  $s^*g$ -closed set [3,7]).

Throughout this paper  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \tau^*)$  (or simply  $X$  and  $Y$ ) represent non-empty topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed, unless otherwise mentioned.

## 2. $S^*$ -Convergence Of Nets

### 2.1. Definition:

A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $X$  is called an  $s^*$ -neighborhood of a point  $x$  in  $X$  if there exists an  $s^*$ -open set  $U$  in  $X$  such that  $x \in U \subseteq A$ . The family of all  $s^*$ -neighborhoods of a point  $x \in X$  is denoted by  $N_{s^*}(x)$ .

### 2.2. Remark:

Since every open set is an  $s^*$ -open, then every neighborhood of  $x$  is an  $s^*$ -neighborhood of  $x$ , but the converse is not true in general. Consider the following example :-

**Example:**

Let  $X$  any infinite set with indiscrete topology and  $x \in X$ , then  $\{x\}$  is an  $s^*$ -neighborhood of  $x$ , since  $x \in \{x\} \subseteq \{x\}$ , where  $\{x\}$  is an  $s^*$ -open set in  $X$ , while  $\{x\}$  is not neighborhood of  $x$ .

**2.3.Theorem:**

A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  from a topological space  $X$  to a topological space  $Y$  is  $s^*$ -irresolute iff for each  $x \in X$  and each  $s^*$ -neighborhood  $V$  of  $f(x)$  in  $Y$ , there is an  $s^*$ -neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  in  $X$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .

**Proof:**  $\Rightarrow$ 

Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be an  $s^*$ -irresolute function and  $V$  be an  $s^*$ -neighborhood of  $f(x)$  in  $Y$ . To prove that, there is an  $s^*$ -neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  in  $X$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ . Since  $f$  is an  $s^*$ -irresolute then,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an  $s^*$ -neighborhood of  $x$  in  $X$ .

Let  $U = f^{-1}(V) \Rightarrow f(U) = f(f^{-1}(V)) \subseteq V \Rightarrow f(U) \subseteq V$ .

**Conversely,**

To prove that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $s^*$ -irresolute. Let  $V$  be an  $s^*$ -open set in  $Y$ . To prove that  $f^{-1}(V)$  is an  $s^*$ -open in  $X$ . Let  $x \in f^{-1}(V) \Rightarrow f(x) \in V \Rightarrow V$  is an  $s^*$ -neighborhood of  $f(x)$ . By hypothesis there is an  $s^*$ -neighborhood  $U_x$  of  $x$  such that  $f(U_x) \subseteq V$ .

$\Rightarrow U_x \subseteq f^{-1}(V), \forall x \in f^{-1}(V) \Rightarrow \exists$  an  $s^*$ -open set  $W_x$  of  $x$  such that  $W_x \subseteq U_x \subseteq f^{-1}(V), \forall x \in f^{-1}(V) \Rightarrow \bigcup_{x \in f^{-1}(V)} W_x \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ .

Since  $f^{-1}(V) = \bigcup_{x \in f^{-1}(V)} \{x\} \subseteq \bigcup_{x \in f^{-1}(V)} W_x \Rightarrow f^{-1}(V) = \bigcup_{x \in f^{-1}(V)} W_x$ .

$\Rightarrow f^{-1}(V)$  is an  $s^*$ -open in  $Y$ , since its a union of  $s^*$ -open sets.

Thus  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is an  $s^*$ -irresolute function.

## 2.4.Definition:

Let  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$  be a net in a topological space  $X$ . Then  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$   $s^*$ -converges to  $x \in X$  (written  $x_d \xrightarrow{s^*} x$ ) iff for each  $s^*$ -neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$ , there is some  $d_0 \in D$  such that  $d \geq d_0$  implies

$x_d \in U$ . Thus  $x_d \xrightarrow{s^*} x$  iff each  $s^*$ -neighborhood of  $x$  contains a tail of  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$ . This is sometimes said  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$   $s^*$ -converges to  $x$  iff it is eventually in every  $s^*$ -neighborhood of  $x$ . The point  $x$  is called an  $s^*$ -limit point of  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$ .

## 2.5.Definition:

Let  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$  be a net in a topological space  $X$ . Then  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$  is said to have  $x \in X$  as an  $s^*$ -cluster point (written  $x_d \overset{s^*}{\propto} x$ ) iff for each  $s^*$ -neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  and for each  $d \in D$ , there is some  $d_0 \geq d$  such that  $x_{d_0} \in U$ . This is sometimes said  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$  has  $x$  as an  $s^*$ -cluster point iff  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$  is frequently in every  $s^*$ -neighborhood of  $x$ .

## 2.6.Theorem:

Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $X$ . Then  $x \in s^*-cl(A)$  if and only if for any  $s^*$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$ ,  $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$ .

**Proof:**  $\Rightarrow$

Let  $x \in s^*-cl(A)$  and suppose that, there is an  $s^*$ -open set  $U$  in  $X$  such that  $x \in U$  &  $A \cap U = \emptyset \Rightarrow A \subset U^c$  which is  $s^*$ -closed in  $X \Rightarrow s^*-cl(A) \subseteq U^c$ .

$\therefore x \in U \Rightarrow x \notin U^c \Rightarrow x \notin s^*-cl(A)$ , this is a contradiction.

**Conversely,**

Suppose that, for any  $s^*$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$ ,  $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$ . To prove that  $x \in s^*-cl(A)$ , if not  $\Rightarrow x \notin s^*-cl(A)$

$\Rightarrow x \in (s^*-cl(A))^c$  which is  $s^*$ -open in  $X \Rightarrow A \cap (s^*-cl(A))^c \neq \phi$ .

This is a contradiction, since  $A \cap (s^*-cl(A))^c = \phi$ . Thus  $x \in s^*-cl(A)$ .

**Since every neighborhood is an  $s^*$ -neighborhood, then we have the following theorem:-**

### 2.7.Theorem:

Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$  be a net in  $X$  and  $x \in X$ . Then :-

- i) If  $x_d \xrightarrow{s^*} x$ , then  $x_d \overset{s^*}{\propto} x$ .
- ii) If  $x_d \xrightarrow{s^*} x$  ( $x_d \overset{s^*}{\propto} x$ ), then  $x_d \rightarrow x$  ( $x_d \propto x$ ) respectively.

### 2.8.Remarks:

- 1) The converse of (2.7(i)) may not be true in general. To show that we give the following example:-

**Example:** Let  $(\mathfrak{R}, \mu)$  be the usual topological space where  $\mathfrak{R}$  be the set of all real numbers, then the net  $(s_n)_{n \in N} = (n + (-1)^n n)_{n \in N}$  in  $\mathfrak{R}$  has 0 as an  $s^*$ -cluster point but not  $s^*$ -limit point. Since if  $U$  is an  $s^*$ -neighborhood of 0 in  $\mathfrak{R}$ , then for each  $n \in N$ , either  $n$  is odd or even. If  $n$  is odd, then  $n_0 = n \Rightarrow s_{n_0} = 0 \in U$  and if  $n$  is even, then  $n_0 = n + 1 \Rightarrow s_{n_0} = 0 \in U$ , thus  $s_n \overset{s^*}{\propto} 0$ . But  $s_n$  does not  $s^*$ -converge to 0, since  $U = (-1, 1)$  is an  $s^*$ -neighborhood of 0 and  $s_n \notin (-1, 1), \forall n \in N_e$ .

- 2) The converse of (2.7(ii)) may not be true in general. To show that we give the following example:-

**Example:** Let  $(N, I)$  be the indiscrete topological space where  $N$  be the set of all natural numbers and  $(s_n)_{n \in N} = (n)_{n \in N}$  be a net in  $N$ . Observe that  $s_n \rightarrow 1$  ( $s_n \propto 1$ ). But  $s_n$  does not  $s^*$ -converge to 1 (does not  $s^*$ -cluster to 1), since  $\{1\}$  is an  $s^*$ -neighborhood of 1 and  $s_n \notin \{1\}, \forall n > 1$ .

## 2.9.Theorem:

Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $A \subseteq X$ . If  $x$  is a point of  $X$ , then  $x \in s^*-cl(A)$  if and only if there exists a net  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$  in  $A$  such that  $x_d \xrightarrow{s^*} x$ .

**Proof:**  $\Leftarrow$

Suppose that  $\exists$  a net  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$  in  $A$  such that  $x_d \xrightarrow{s^*} x$ . To prove that  $x \in s^*-cl(A)$ . Let  $U \in N_{s^*}(x)$ , since  $x_d \xrightarrow{s^*} x \Rightarrow \exists d_0 \in D$  such that  $x_d \in U \forall d \geq d_0$ .

But  $x_d \in A \forall d \in D \Rightarrow U \cap A \neq \emptyset \forall U \in N_{s^*}(x)$ . Hence by (2.6), we get  $x \in s^*-cl(A)$ .

**Conversely,**

Suppose that  $x \in s^*-cl(A)$ . To prove that  $\exists$  a net  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$  in  $A$  such that  $x_d \xrightarrow{s^*} x$ .

$\because x \in s^*-cl(A)$ , then by (2.6), we get  $N \cap A \neq \emptyset \forall N \in N_{s^*}(x)$ .

$\therefore D = N_{s^*}(x)$  is a directed set by inclusion.

$\because N \cap A \neq \emptyset \forall N \in N_{s^*}(x) \Rightarrow \exists x_N \in N \cap A$ .

Define  $x: N_{s^*}(x) \rightarrow A$  by:  $x(N) = x_N \forall N \in N_{s^*}(x)$ .

$\therefore (x_N)_{N \in N_{s^*}(x)}$  is a net in  $A$ . To prove that  $x_N \xrightarrow{s^*} x$ .

Let  $N \in N_{s^*}(x)$  to find  $d_0 \in D$  such that  $x_d \in N \forall d \geq d_0$ .

Let  $d_0 = N \Rightarrow \forall d \geq d_0 \Rightarrow d = M \in N_{s^*}(x)$ .

i.e.  $M \geq N \Leftrightarrow M \subseteq N$ .

$\Rightarrow x_d = x(d) = x(M) = x_M \in M \cap A \subseteq M \subseteq N \Rightarrow x_M \in N$ .

$\Rightarrow x_d \in N \quad \forall d \geq d_0$ . Thus  $x_N \xrightarrow{s^*} x$ .

## 2.10.Definition:[4].

A topological space  $X$  is called an  $s^*$ - $T_2$ -space if for any two distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  of  $X$ , there are two  $s^*$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U, y \in V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .

## 2.11.Theorem:

A topological space  $X$  is an  $s^*$ - $T_2$ -space iff every  $s^*$ -convergent net in  $X$  has a unique  $s^*$ -limit point.

**Proof:**  $\Rightarrow$

Let  $X$  be an  $s^*$ - $T_2$ -space and  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$  be a net in  $X$  such that  $x_d \xrightarrow{s^*} x$  &  $x_d \xrightarrow{s^*} y$  &  $x \neq y$ . Since  $X$  is an  $s^*$ - $T_2$ -space  $\Rightarrow \exists U \in N_{s^*}(x)$  and  $V \in N_{s^*}(y)$  such that  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .

$\therefore x_d \xrightarrow{s^*} x \Rightarrow \exists d_0 \in D$  s.t  $x_d \in U \quad \forall d \geq d_0$ .

$\therefore x_d \xrightarrow{s^*} y \Rightarrow \exists d_1 \in D$  s.t  $x_d \in V \quad \forall d \geq d_1$ .

Since  $D$  is a directed set and  $d_0, d_1 \in D$

$\Rightarrow \exists d_2 \in D$  s.t  $d_2 \geq d_0$  &  $d_2 \geq d_1$ .

$\Rightarrow x_d \in U \quad \forall d \geq d_2$  and  $x_d \in V \quad \forall d \geq d_2 \Rightarrow U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ .

This is a contradiction.

**Conversely,**

Suppose that every  $s^*$ -convergent net in  $X$  has a unique  $s^*$ -limit point. To prove that  $X$  is an  $s^*$ - $T_2$ -space. Suppose not

$\Rightarrow \exists x, y \in X, x \neq y$  s.t  $\forall U \in N_{s^*}(x)$  and  $\forall V \in N_{s^*}(y), U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ .

$\therefore (N_{s^*}(x), \subseteq)$  and  $(N_{s^*}(y), \subseteq)$  are directed sets by inclusion.

Let  $\rho = N_{s^*}(x) \times N_{s^*}(y)$ . Define a relation  $\geq$  on  $\rho$  as follows:

$\forall (U, V), (W, S) \in \rho$ , we have  $(U, V) \geq (W, S) \Leftrightarrow U \supseteq W$  &  $V \supseteq S$ .

It is easy to verify that  $(\rho, \geq)$  is a directed set.

Let  $(U, V) \in \rho \Rightarrow x \in U, y \in V$  &  $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ .

$\therefore U \cap V \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \exists x_{(U,V)} \in U \cap V$ .

Define  $x: \rho \rightarrow X$  by:  $x(U,V) = x_{(U,V)} \quad \forall (U,V) \in \rho$ .

$\Rightarrow (x_{(U,V)})_{(U,V) \in \rho}$  is a net in  $X$ . We will show that  $(x_{(U,V)})_{(U,V) \in \rho}$  is

$s^*$ -convergent to both  $x$  and  $y$ .

For if  $U \in N_{s^*}(x)$  and  $V \in N_{s^*}(y)$ , then for each  $(N,M) \in \rho$  s.t  $(N,M) \geq (U,V)$ , we have  $x(N,M) = x_{(N,M)} \in N \cap M \subseteq U \cap V$

$\Rightarrow x_{(N,M)} \in U$  and  $x_{(N,M)} \in V$ .

$\Rightarrow x_{(U,V)} \xrightarrow{s^*} x$  and  $x_{(U,V)} \xrightarrow{s^*} y$ .

This is a contradiction. Thus  $(X, \tau)$  is an  $s^*$ - $T_2$ -space.

## 2.12. Definition:

Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $A \subseteq X$ . A point  $x \in X$  is said to be  $s^*$ -limit point of  $A$  iff every  $s^*$ -open set  $U$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  contains a point of  $A$  different from  $x$ .

## 2.13. Theorem:

Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $A \subseteq X$ . Then:-

1. A point  $x \in X$  is an  $s^*$ -limit point of  $A$  iff there is a net  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$  in  $A - \{x\}$   $s^*$ -converging to  $x$ .
2. A set  $A$  is  $s^*$ -closed in  $X$  iff no net in  $A$   $s^*$ -converges to a point in  $X - A$ .
3. A set  $A$  is  $s^*$ -open in  $X$  iff no net in  $X - A$   $s^*$ -converges to a point in  $A$ .

## Proof:

1)  $\Rightarrow$

Let  $x$  be an  $s^*$ -limit point of  $A$ . To prove that  $\exists$  a net

$(x_d)_{d \in D}$  in  $A - \{x\}$  such that  $x_d \xrightarrow{s^*} x$ .

Since  $x$  is an  $s^*$ -limit point of  $A \Rightarrow \forall N \in N_{s^*}(x), N \cap A - \{x\} \neq \emptyset$ .

$\therefore (N_{s^*}(x), \subseteq)$  is a directed set by inclusion.



Since  $N \cap A - \{x\} \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\forall N \in N_{s^*}(x) \Rightarrow \exists x_N \in N \cap A - \{x\}$ .

Define  $x : N_{s^*}(x) \rightarrow A - \{x\}$  by :  $x(N) = x_N \quad \forall N \in N_{s^*}(x)$ .

$\therefore (x_N)_{N \in N_{s^*}(x)}$  is a net in  $A - \{x\}$ . To prove that  $x_N \xrightarrow{s^*} x$ .

Let  $N \in N_{s^*}(x)$  to find  $d_0 \in D$  such that  $x_d \in N \quad \forall d \geq d_0$ .

Let  $d_0 = N \Rightarrow \forall d \geq d_0 \Rightarrow d = M \in N_{s^*}(x)$ .

i.e.  $M \geq N \Leftrightarrow M \subseteq N$ .

$\therefore x_d = x(d) = x(M) = x_M \in M \cap A - \{x\} \subseteq M \subseteq N \Rightarrow x_M \in N$ .

$\Rightarrow x_d \in N \quad \forall d \geq d_0$ . Thus  $x_N \xrightarrow{s^*} x$ .

**Conversely,**

Suppose that  $\exists$  a net  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$  in  $A - \{x\}$  such that  $x_d \xrightarrow{s^*} x$ .

To prove that  $x$  is an  $s^*$ -limit point of  $A$ . Let  $U \in N_{s^*}(x)$ , since

$x_d \xrightarrow{s^*} x \Rightarrow \exists d_0 \in D$  such that  $x_d \in U \quad \forall d \geq d_0$ .

But  $x_d \in A - \{x\} \quad \forall d \in D \Rightarrow U \cap A - \{x\} \neq \emptyset \quad \forall U \in N_{s^*}(x)$ .

Thus  $x$  is an  $s^*$ -limit point of  $A$ .

**2)  $\Rightarrow$**

Let  $A$  be an  $s^*$ -closed in  $X$ . To prove that  $\exists$  no net in  $A$   $s^*$ -converges to a point in  $X - A$ .

Suppose not  $\Rightarrow \exists$  a net  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$  in  $A$  s.t  $x_d \xrightarrow{s^*} x$  and  $x \in X - A$ .

By (2.9)  $x \in s^*-cl(A)$ . Since  $A$  is  $s^*$ -closed in  $X$ , then

$s^*-cl(A) = A \Rightarrow x \in A$ . But  $x \in X - A \Rightarrow (X - A) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ , this is a contradiction.

Thus no net in  $A$   $s^*$ -converges to a point in  $X - A$ .

**Conversely,**

Suppose that  $\exists$  no net in  $A$   $s^*$ -converges to a point in  $X - A$ .

To prove that  $A$  is  $s^*$ -closed. Let  $x \in s^*-cl(A)$ , then by (2.9)  $\exists$  a

net  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$  in  $A$  such that  $x_d \xrightarrow{s^*} x$ . By hypothesis, we get every net in  $A$   $s^*$ -converges to a point in  $A$ .

$\Rightarrow x \in A \Rightarrow s^* - cl(A) \subseteq A$ . Since  $A \subseteq s^* - cl(A) \Rightarrow A = s^* - cl(A)$   
 $\Rightarrow A$  is  $s^*$ -closed .

- 3) By (2)  $A$  is  $s^*$ -open in  $X$  iff  $X - A$  is  $s^*$ -closed in  $X$  iff no net in  $X - A$   $s^*$ -converges to a point in  $A$  .

**2.14. Remarks:** Let  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$  be a net in a topological space  $X$  and  $x \in X$  . Then:-

- 1) If  $x_d \xrightarrow{s^*} x$ , then every subnet of  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$   $s^*$ -converges to  $x$  .
- 2) If every subnet of  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$  has a subnet  $s^*$ -convergent to  $x$  , then  $x_d \xrightarrow{s^*} x$  .
- 3) If  $x_d = x, \forall d \in D$  , then  $x_d \xrightarrow{s^*} x$  .

**2.15. Theorem:**

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces . A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is an  $s^*$ -irresolute iff whenever  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$  is a net in  $X$  such that  $x_d \xrightarrow{s^*} x$ , then  $f(x_d) \xrightarrow{s^*} f(x)$  .

**Proof:**  $\Rightarrow$

Suppose that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is an  $s^*$ -irresolute and  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$  be a net in  $X$  s.t  $x_d \xrightarrow{s^*} x$ . To prove that  $f(x_d) \xrightarrow{s^*} f(x)$  .

Let  $V \in N_{s^*}(f(x))$ , since  $f$  is  $s^*$ -irresolute, then by (2.3)

$\exists U \in N_{s^*}(x)$  s.t  $f(U) \subseteq V$  . Since  $U \in N_{s^*}(x)$  and  $x_d \xrightarrow{s^*} x$  .

$\Rightarrow \exists d_0 \in D$  s.t  $x_d \in U, \forall d \geq d_0$  .

$\Rightarrow \exists d_0 \in D$  s.t  $f(x_d) \in f(U) \subseteq V, \forall d \geq d_0$  .

$\therefore \forall V \in N_{s^*}(f(x)), \exists d_0 \in D$  s.t  $f(x_d) \in V, \forall d \geq d_0$  .

Thus  $f(x_d) \xrightarrow{s^*} f(x)$  .

**Conversely,**

To prove that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $s^*$ -irresolute . Suppose not, then by (2.3)  $\exists V \in N_{s^*}(f(x))$  s.t  $\forall U \in N_{s^*}(x), f(U) \not\subseteq V$ .

$\therefore \forall U \in N_{s^*}(x), \exists x_U \in U$  s.t  $f(x_U) \notin V$ .

$\therefore (N_{s^*}(x), \subseteq)$  is a directed set by inclusion .

Define  $x : N_{s^*}(x) \rightarrow X$  by :  $x(U) = x_U \quad \forall U \in N_{s^*}(x)$ .

$\therefore (x_U)_{U \in N_{s^*}(x)}$  is a net in  $X$  . To prove that  $x_U \xrightarrow{s^*} x$ .

Let  $U \in N_{s^*}(x)$  to find  $d_0 \in D$  such that  $x_d \in U \quad \forall d \geq d_0$ .

Let  $d_0 = U \Rightarrow \forall d \geq d_0 \Rightarrow d = N \in N_{s^*}(x)$ .

i.e.  $N \geq U \Leftrightarrow N \subseteq U$ .

$\therefore x(N) = x_N \in N \subseteq U \Rightarrow x_N \in U \quad \forall d \geq d_0 \Rightarrow x_U \xrightarrow{s^*} x$ .

But  $(f(x_U))$  does not  $s^*$ -converges to  $f(x)$ , since  $f(x_U) \notin V \quad \forall U \in N_{s^*}(x)$ . This is a contradiction . Thus  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is an  $s^*$ -irresolute .

**2.16.Theorem:**

Let  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$  be a net in a topological space  $X$  and for each  $d$  in  $D$  let  $A_d$  be the set of all points  $x_{d_0}$  for  $d_0 \geq d$ . Then  $x$  is an  $s^*$ -cluster point of  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$  if and only if  $x$  belongs to the  $s^*$ -closure of  $A_d$  for each  $d$  in  $D$ .

**Proof:**  $\Rightarrow$

If  $x$  is an  $s^*$ -cluster point of  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$ , then for each  $d, A_d$  intersects each  $s^*$ -neighborhood of  $x$  because  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$  is frequently in each  $s^*$ -neighborhood of  $x$ . Therefore  $x$  is in the  $s^*$ -closure of each  $A_d$ .

**Conversely,**

If  $x$  is not an  $s^*$ -cluster point of  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$ , then there is an  $s^*$ -neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  such that  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$  is not frequently in  $U$ . Hence for some  $d$  in  $D$ , if  $d_0 \geq d$ , then  $x_{d_0} \notin U$ , so that  $U$  and  $A_d$

are disjoint . Consequently  $x$  is not in the  $s^*$ -closure of  $A_d$  .

### 3. $S^*$ -Convergence Of Filters

#### 3.1.Definition:

A filter  $\xi$  on a topological space  $X$  is said to  $s^*$ -converge to  $x \in X$  (written  $\xi \xrightarrow{s^*} x$ ) iff  $N_{s^*}(x) \subseteq \xi$  .

#### 3.2.Definition:

A filter  $\xi$  on a topological space  $X$  has  $x \in X$  as an  $s^*$ -cluster point (written  $\xi \overset{s^*}{\propto} x$ ) iff each  $F \in \xi$  meets each  $N \in N_{s^*}(x)$  .

#### 3.3.Remark:

A filter  $\xi$  on a topological space  $X$  has  $x \in X$  as an  $s^*$ -cluster point iff  $x \in \bigcap \{ s^* - cl(F) : F \in \xi \}$  .

**Proof:** To prove that  $\xi \overset{s^*}{\propto} x \Leftrightarrow x \in \bigcap \{ s^* - cl(F) : F \in \xi \}$  .

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \xi \overset{s^*}{\propto} x &\Leftrightarrow \forall N \in N_{s^*}(x) \ \& \ \forall F \in \xi, N \cap F \neq \emptyset \\ &\Leftrightarrow \forall N \in N_{s^*}(x), F \cap N \neq \emptyset, \forall F \in \xi \\ &\Leftrightarrow x \in s^* - cl(F), \forall F \in \xi \\ &\Leftrightarrow x \in \bigcap \{ s^* - cl(F) : F \in \xi \}. \end{aligned}$$

#### 3.4.Theorem:

Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $\xi$  be a filter on  $X$  and  $x \in X$  . Then :-

- 1) If  $\xi \xrightarrow{s^*} x$ , then  $\xi \overset{s^*}{\propto} x$  .
- 2) If  $\xi \xrightarrow{s^*} x$ , then  $\xi \rightarrow x$  .
- 3) If  $\xi \overset{s^*}{\propto} x$ , then  $\xi \propto x$  .
- 4) If  $\xi \xrightarrow{s^*} x$ , then every filter finer than  $\xi$  also  $s^*$ -converges to  $x$  .

**Proof:** It is a obvious .

### 3.5.Remark:

The converse of (3.4) may not be true in general . To show that we give the following examples:

### Examples:

- 1) Let  $(\mathfrak{R}, \mu)$  be the usual topological space where  $\mathfrak{R}$  be the set of all real numbers and  $\xi = \{A \subseteq \mathfrak{R} : [-1,1] \subseteq A\}$  be a filter on  $\mathfrak{R}$ , then  $\xi \propto^s 0$ , but  $\xi$  does not  $s^*$ -converge to 0 , since  $(-1,1) \in N_{s^*}(0)$ , but  $(-1,1) \notin \xi$ .

- 2) Let  $X = \{1,2,3\}$  &  $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{1,2\}\}$   
 $\Rightarrow S^*O(X) = \{\phi, X, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1,2\}\}$ .  
 Let  $\xi = \{X, \{1,2\}\}$  be a filter on  $X$ .  
 $\because N(1) = \{X, \{1,2\}\} \Rightarrow N(1) \subseteq \xi \Rightarrow \xi \rightarrow 1$ .  
 $\because N_{s^*}(1) = \{X, \{1\}, \{1,2\}, \{1,3\}\} \Rightarrow N_{s^*}(1) \not\subseteq \xi$   
 $\Rightarrow \xi$  is not  $s^*$ -converge to 1.

- 3) Let  $X = \{1,2,3\}$  &  $\tau = \{\phi, X\}$   
 $\Rightarrow S^*O(X) = \{\phi, X, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{1,2\}, \{1,3\}, \{2,3\}\}$ .

Let  $\xi = \{X, \{1,2\}\}$  be a filter on  $X$ .  
 $\because N(3) = \{X\} \Rightarrow \xi \propto 3$ .  
 $\because N_{s^*}(3) = \{X, \{3\}, \{2,3\}, \{1,3\}\} \Rightarrow \xi$  is not  $s^*$ -cluster to 3 , since  $\{3\} \cap \{1,2\} = \phi$ .

- 4) Let  $X = \{1,2\}$  &  $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{1\}\} \Rightarrow S^*O(X) = \{\phi, X, \{1\}\}$ .  
 Let  $\xi' = \{X, \{1\}\}$  &  $\xi = \{X\}$ .  
 $\because N_{s^*}(1) = \{X, \{1\}\} \Rightarrow N_{s^*}(1) \subseteq \xi' \Rightarrow \xi' \xrightarrow{s^*} 1$ .

But  $\xi \subseteq \xi'$  and  $\xi$  is not  $s^*$ -converge to 1, since  $N_{s^*}(1) \not\subseteq \xi$ .

### 3.6.Definition:

A filter base  $\xi_0$  on a topological space  $X$  is said to  $s^*$ -converge to  $x \in X$  (written  $\xi_0 \xrightarrow{s^*} x$ ) iff the filter generated by  $\xi_0$   $s^*$ -converges to  $x$ .

### 3.7.Definition:

A filter base  $\xi_0$  on a topological space  $X$  has  $x \in X$  as an  $s^*$ -cluster point (written  $\xi_0 \propto x$ ) iff each  $F_0 \in \xi_0$  meets each  $N \in N_{s^*}(x)$  (iff the filter generated by  $\xi_0$   $s^*$ -clusters at  $x$ ).

### 3.8.Theorem:

A filter base  $\xi_0$  on a topological space  $X$   $s^*$ -converges to  $x \in X$  iff for each  $N \in N_{s^*}(x)$ , there is  $F_0 \in \xi_0$  such that  $F_0 \subseteq N$ .

**Proof:**  $\Rightarrow$

Given  $\xi_0 \xrightarrow{s^*} x$ , then the filter  $\xi$  generated by  $\xi_0$   $s^*$ -converges to  $x$ . i.e.  $\xi \xrightarrow{s^*} x \Rightarrow N_{s^*}(x) \subseteq \xi \Rightarrow \forall N \in N_{s^*}(x), N \in \xi \Rightarrow \exists F_0 \in \xi_0$  s.t.  $F_0 \subseteq N$ .

**Conversely,**

To prove that  $\xi_0 \xrightarrow{s^*} x$  i.e.  $\xi$  generated by  $\xi_0$   $s^*$ -converges to  $x$ . Let  $N \in N_{s^*}(x)$ , then by hypothesis,  $\exists F_0 \in \xi_0$  s.t.  $F_0 \subseteq N$ , since  $\xi$  is a filter, then  $N \in \xi \Rightarrow N_{s^*}(x) \subseteq \xi \Rightarrow \xi \xrightarrow{s^*} x \Rightarrow \xi_0 \xrightarrow{s^*} x$ .

### 3.9.Theorem:

A filter  $\xi$  on a topological space  $X$  has  $x \in X$  as an  $s^*$ -cluster point iff there is a filter  $\xi'$  finer than  $\xi$  which  $s^*$ -converges to  $x$ .

**Proof:**  $\Rightarrow$

If  $\xi \overset{s^*}{\propto} x$ , then by (3.2) each  $F \in \xi$  meets each  $N \in N_{s^*}(x)$ .

$\Rightarrow \xi'_0 = \{N \cap F : N \in N_{s^*}(x), F \in \xi\}$  is a filter base for some filter  $\xi'$  which is finer than  $\xi$  and  $s^*$ -converges to  $x$ .

**Conversely,**

Given  $\xi \subseteq \xi'$  and  $\xi' \xrightarrow{s^*} x \Rightarrow \xi \subseteq \xi'$  and  $N_{s^*}(x) \subseteq \xi'$ .  
 $\Rightarrow$  each  $F \in \xi$  and each  $N \in N_{s^*}(x)$  belong to  $\xi'$ .

Since  $\xi'$  is a filter  $\Rightarrow N \cap F \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \xi \overset{s^*}{\propto} x$ .

### 3.10.Theorem:

Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $A \subseteq X$ . Then  $x \in s^*-cl(A)$  iff there is a filter  $\xi$  such that  $A \in \xi$  and  $\xi \xrightarrow{s^*} x$ .

**Proof:**  $\Rightarrow$

If  $x \in s^*-cl(A) \Rightarrow U \cap A \neq \emptyset \forall U \in N_{s^*}(x)$ .  
 $\Rightarrow \xi_0 = \{U \cap A : U \in N_{s^*}(x)\}$  is a filter base for some filter  $\xi$ .

The resulting filter contains  $A$  and  $\xi \xrightarrow{s^*} x$ .

**Conversely,**

If  $A \in \xi$  and  $\xi \xrightarrow{s^*} x \Rightarrow A \in \xi$  and  $N_{s^*}(x) \subseteq \xi$ .  
 Since  $\xi$  is a filter  $\Rightarrow U \cap A \neq \emptyset \forall U \in N_{s^*}(x) \Rightarrow x \in s^*-cl(A)$ .

### 3.11.Definition[8]:

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces,  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function and  $\xi$  be a filter on  $X$ , then  $f(\xi)$  is the filter on  $Y$  having for a base the sets  $\{f(F) : F \in \xi\}$ .

### 3.12.Theorem:

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two topological spaces. A function

$f : X \rightarrow Y$  is an  $s^*$ -irresolute iff whenever  $\xi \xrightarrow{s^*} x$  in  $X$ , then  $f(\xi) \xrightarrow{s^*} f(x)$  in  $Y$ .

**Proof:**  $\Rightarrow$

Suppose that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $s^*$ -irresolute and  $\xi \xrightarrow{s^*} x$ .

To prove that  $f(\xi) \xrightarrow{s^*} f(x)$  in  $Y$ . Let  $V \in N_{s^*}(f(x))$ , since  $f$  is  $s^*$ -irresolute, then by (2.3), there is an  $s^*$ -neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ . Since  $\xi \xrightarrow{s^*} x$ , then  $U \in \xi \Rightarrow f(U) \in f(\xi)$ . But  $f(U) \subseteq V$ , then  $V \in f(\xi)$ . Thus  $f(\xi) \xrightarrow{s^*} f(x)$ .

**Conversely,**

Suppose that whenever  $\xi \xrightarrow{s^*} x$  in  $X$ , then  $f(\xi) \xrightarrow{s^*} f(x)$  in  $Y$ .

To prove that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $s^*$ -irresolute.

Let  $\xi = \{U : U \in N_{s^*}(x)\} \Rightarrow \xi$  is a filter on  $X$  and  $\xi \xrightarrow{s^*} x$ .

By hypothesis  $f(\xi) \xrightarrow{s^*} f(x) \Rightarrow$  each  $V \in N_{s^*}(f(x))$  belongs to  $f(\xi)$

$\Rightarrow \exists U \in N_{s^*}(x)$  s.t.  $f(U) \subseteq V \Rightarrow f : X \rightarrow Y$  is an  $s^*$ -irresolute function.

### 3.13.Theorem:

Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $A \subseteq X$ . Then a point  $x \in X$  is an  $s^*$ -limit point of  $A$  iff  $A - \{x\}$  belongs to some filter which  $s^*$ -converges to  $x$ .

**Proof:**  $\Rightarrow$

If  $x$  is an  $s^*$ -limit point of  $A \Rightarrow U \cap A - \{x\} \neq \emptyset \quad \forall U \in N_{s^*}(x)$ .

$\Rightarrow \xi_0 = \{U \cap A - \{x\} : U \in N_{s^*}(x)\}$  is a filter base for some filter  $\xi$ .

The resulting filter contains  $A - \{x\}$  and  $\xi \xrightarrow{s^*} x$ .



**Conversely,**

If  $A - \{x\} \in \xi$  and  $\xi \xrightarrow{s^*} x \Rightarrow A - \{x\} \in \xi$  and  $N_{s^*}(x) \subseteq \xi$ .  
 Since  $\xi$  is a filter  $\Rightarrow U \cap A - \{x\} \neq \emptyset \quad \forall U \in N_{s^*}(x)$ . Thus  $x$  is an  $s^*$ -limit point of a set  $A$ .

### 3.14.Definition[8]:

If  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$  is a net in a topological space  $X$ , the filter generated by the filter base  $\xi_0$  consisting of the sets  $B_{d_0} = \{x_d : d \geq d_0\}, d_0 \in D$  is called the filter generated by  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$ .

### 3.15.Theorem:

A net  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$  in a topological space  $X$   $s^*$ -converges to  $x \in X$  iff the filter generated by  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$   $s^*$ -converges to  $x$ .

**Proof:** The net  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$   $s^*$ -converges to  $x$  iff each  $s^*$ -neighborhood of  $x$  contains a tail of  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$ , since the tails of  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$  are a base for the filter generated by  $(x_d)_{d \in D}$ , the result follows.

### 3.16.Definition[8]:

If  $\xi$  is a filter on a topological space  $X$ , let  $D_\xi = \{(x, F) : x \in F \in \xi\}$ . Then  $D_\xi$  is directed by the relation  $(x_1, F_1) \leq (x_2, F_2)$  iff  $F_2 \subseteq F_1$ , so the function  $p : D_\xi \rightarrow X$  defined by  $p(x, F) = x$  is a net in  $X$ . It is called the net based on  $\xi$ .

### 3.17.Theorem:

A filter  $\xi$  on a topological space  $X$   $s^*$ -converges to  $x \in X$  iff the net based on  $\xi$   $s^*$ -converges to  $x$ .

**Proof:**  $\Rightarrow$

Suppose that  $\xi \xrightarrow{s^*} x$ . If  $N \in N_{s^*}(x)$ , then  $N \in \xi$ . Since  $N \neq \emptyset$ , then  $\exists p \in N$ . Let  $d_0 = (p, N) \in D_\xi$ .

$$\therefore \forall d = (q, F) \geq d_0 = (p, N) \Rightarrow x_d = x_{(q, F)} = q \in F \subseteq N.$$

Thus the net based on  $\xi$   $s^*$ -converges to  $x$ .

**Conversely,**

suppose that the net based on  $\xi$   $s^*$ -converges to  $x$ . Let  $N \in N_{s^*}(x)$ , then  $\exists d_0 = (p_0, F_0) \in D_\xi$  such that  $x_{(p, F)} = p \in N, \forall (p, F) \geq (p_0, F_0)$ . Then  $F_0 \subseteq N$ ; otherwise, there is some  $q \in F_0 - N$ , and then  $(q, F_0) \geq (p_0, F_0)$ , but  $x_{(q, F_0)} = q \notin N$ . Hence  $N \in \xi$ , so  $\xi \xrightarrow{s^*} x$ .

### 3.18.Theorem:

A topological space  $X$  is an  $s^*$ - $T_2$ -space iff every  $s^*$ -convergent filter in  $X$  has a unique  $s^*$ -limit point.

**Proof:**  $\Rightarrow$

Let  $X$  be an  $s^*$ - $T_2$ -space and  $\xi$  be a filter in  $X$  such that  $\xi \xrightarrow{s^*} x$  &  $\xi \xrightarrow{s^*} y$  &  $x \neq y$ . Since  $X$  is an  $s^*$ - $T_2$ -space  $\Rightarrow \exists U \in N_{s^*}(x)$  and  $V \in N_{s^*}(y)$  such that  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .

$$\therefore \xi \xrightarrow{s^*} x \Rightarrow N_{s^*}(x) \subseteq \xi.$$

$$\therefore \xi \xrightarrow{s^*} y \Rightarrow N_{s^*}(y) \subseteq \xi.$$

$$\therefore U \in N_{s^*}(x) \subseteq \xi \text{ \& \& } V \in N_{s^*}(y) \subseteq \xi \Rightarrow U, V \in \xi.$$

Since  $\xi$  is a filter, then  $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ . This is a contradiction. Hence  $\xi$   $s^*$ -converges to a unique  $s^*$ -limit point.

**Conversely,**

To prove that  $X$  is an  $s^*$ - $T_2$ -space. Suppose not, then  $\exists x, y \in X, x \neq y$  s.t.  $\forall U \in N_{s^*}(x)$  &  $\forall V \in N_{s^*}(y), U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ .

$\Rightarrow \xi_0 = \{U \cap V : U \in N_{s^*}(x), V \in N_{s^*}(y)\}$  is a filter base for some filter  $\xi$ . The resulting filter  $s^*$ -converges to  $x$  and  $y$ .

This is a contradiction. Thus  $X$  is an  $s^*$ - $T_2$ -space.

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