



Some Applications of Soft ∂ -Closed Sets in Soft Closure Spaces

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Abstract. This study aims to present some applications of the notion of soft ∂ -closed sets in soft closure spaces, which not only generalizes classical soft closed sets but also establishes a connection with soft g -closed sets. We discuss their basic characterizations of these sets and examine their implications in soft closure spaces. Furthermore, we apply these sets to introduce the notion of $S\partial$ -continuous and $S\partial$ -closed maps and present their various properties with some supported examples. Moreover, we propose two separation properties, which utilize the notion of $S\partial$ -closed sets and explore their characteristics.

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1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Soft sets (briefly, S -sets), first introduced by Molodtsov [18] in 1999, have since gained significant attention in recent years due to their ability to model various types of uncertainty and vagueness. Since then, many works have been published on S -sets and their applications in different fields as in [1–3, 5, 10]. Shabir and Naz [20] presented the notion of soft topological spaces. Gowri *et al.* [11] proposed the structure of Čech soft closure space. Recently, Ekram and Majeed [8] defined and studied the notion of soft closure spaces (briefly, SC -spaces) as a generalization of classical closure spaces proposed by Čech and Katětov [6].

Closed sets play a crucial role in understanding the topological properties of a space. Levine [15] proposed the concept of generalized closed sets (briefly, g -closed sets) in general topology. However, the current literature on SC -spaces has mainly focused on the study of soft closed sets (briefly, S -closed sets) and soft g -closed sets (briefly, Sg -closed sets). Kannan [13] proposed the notion of Sg -closed sets in soft topology. The notions of g -closed sets and g -continuous maps have been extended to closure spaces by Boonpok and Khampakdee [4], as well as they are defined and studied the notion of ∂ -closed sets in closure spaces. Then Gowri and Jegadeesan [12] extended this notion to Čech soft closure space defined on S -sets. Recently, Ekram and Majeed studied the concept of Sg -closed sets and S -continuous maps in SC -spaces as in [9, 16].

In the present paper, we discuss and study the notion of soft ∂ -closed sets in SC -spaces, that generalize traditional soft closed sets and bridge the gap between them and soft g -closed sets. We discuss more characterizations and properties of them and their implications in the context of SC -spaces. Further, we apply these sets to introduce the notion of $S\partial$ -continuous and $S\partial$ -closed maps. Some of their properties with many illustrate examples are presented. Finally, we provide and discuss some new separability properties, called $S\partial-T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ and $S\partial-T_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$ that utilize the notion of soft ∂ -closed sets. This study provides a deeper understanding of the topological properties of SC -spaces and contributes to the ongoing exploration of this area of study.

In all the study, U refers to an initial universe set, M is a set of parameters, 2^U is the power set of U , and (U, \tilde{c}, M) refers to the SC -space on U . In the next, we recall some concepts and results about S -sets, for more details see [7, 14, 17–19].

An S -set $H_M = (H, M)$ on U is a mapping $H : M \rightarrow 2^U$ that is, H_M can be defined as a set of ordered pairs $H_M = \{(m, h(m)) : m \in M, H(m) \in 2^U\}$. The collection of all S -sets on U symbolized by $SS(U)$.

For two S -subsets H_M and G_M in U , we have:

- If $H(m) = \emptyset$ (resp. $H(m) = U$) for every $m \in M$, then H_M is called a null (resp. universal) S -set and symbolized by $\tilde{\emptyset}$ (resp. \tilde{U}).
- The relative complement H_M^c of H_M where, $H^c : M \rightarrow 2^U$ is a mapping given by $H^c(m) = U - H(m)$ for every $m \in M$. Clearly, $(H_M^c)^c = H_M$.
- H_M is an S -subset of G_M denoted by $H_M \sqsubseteq G_M$ if $H(m) \subseteq G(m)$ for each $m \in M$.
- The union (resp. intersection) of H_M and G_M is an S -set K_M (resp. F_M) given by $K(m) = H(m) \cup G(m)$ (resp. $F(m) = H(m) \cap G(m)$) for each $m \in M$ and symbolized by $H_M \sqcup G_M$ (resp. $H_M \sqcap G_M$).
- The difference between H_M, G_M denoted by $H_M - G_M$, is an S -set given as $F(m) = H(m) - G(m)$ for each $m \in M$.

For $H_M \in SS(U)$, $Y \subseteq U$ and $u \in U$, we have:

- If $H(m) = \{u\}$ and $H(m') = \emptyset$ for every $m' \in M - \{m\}$, then H_M is called an S -point in U_M symbolized by u_m . We write $u_m \tilde{\in} H_M$ if for the element $m \in M$, $u \in H(m)$. The family of all S -points in U_M is denoted by $SP(U)$.

- $u \in H_M$ if $u \in H(m)$ for every $m \in M$, and $u \notin H_M$ if $u \notin H(m)$ for some $m \in M$.
- If $H(m) = \{u\}$ for every $m \in M$, then H_M is called an S -singleton point denoted by u_M .
- $\tilde{Y} = (Y, M)$ refers to the S -set on U for which $Y(m) = Y$ for all $m \in M$, is called stable.

Definition 1.1 ([14]). Let $SS(U)$ and $SS(V)$ be two families of all S -sets on U, V respectively and let $u : U \rightarrow V$ and $p : M \rightarrow E$ be two maps, then the map $f_{up} : SS(U) \rightarrow SS(V)$ is called a soft map (briefly, S -map). For $H_M \in SS(U)$, $f_{up}(H_M)$ is the S -set on V given by $f_{up}(H_M)(e) = \cup\{u(H(m)) : m \in p^{-1}(e)\}$ if $p^{-1}(e) \neq \emptyset$ and $f_{up}(H_M)(e) = \tilde{\emptyset}$ otherwise for each $e \in E$, and for $G_E \in SS(V)$, $f_{up}^{-1}(G_E)$ is the S -set on U given by $f_{up}^{-1}(G_E)(m) = u^{-1}(G(p(m)))$ for each $m \in M$.

Definition 1.2 ([8]). A map $\tilde{c} : SS(U) \rightarrow SS(U)$ is called a soft closure operator (briefly, SC -operator) on U , if for any F_M and $G_M \in SS(U)$ the next conditions hold:

- $\tilde{c}(\tilde{\emptyset}) = \tilde{\emptyset}$.
- $F_M \sqsubseteq \tilde{c}(F_M)$.
- $F_M \sqsubseteq G_M \Rightarrow \tilde{c}(F_M) \sqsubseteq \tilde{c}(G_M)$.

The triple (U, \tilde{c}, M) is called a soft closure space (briefly, SC -space). An S -set F_M in (U, \tilde{c}, M) is said to be a soft closed set (briefly, S -closed set) if $F_M = \tilde{c}(F_M)$. The complement of any S -closed set in U is called a soft open set (briefly, S -open set). The set of all S -closed sets (resp. S -open sets) in (U, \tilde{c}, M) is denoted by $SCS(U)$ (resp. $SOS(U)$).

Definition 1.3 ([8]). For S -set F_M in an SC -space (U, \tilde{c}, M) . The interior of F_M denoted by $int(F_M)$ and given by $int(F_M) = (\tilde{c}(F_M^c))^c$.

Definition 1.4 ([8]). Let (U, \tilde{c}, M) be an SC -space and let $Y \subseteq U$, then $\tilde{c}_Y : SS(Y) \rightarrow SS(Y)$ given by $\tilde{c}_Y(F_M) = \tilde{Y} \sqcap \tilde{c}(F_M)$ is the relative SC -operator on Y . (Y, \tilde{c}_Y, M) is called a soft closure subspace (briefly, SC -subspace) of SC -space (U, \tilde{c}, M) . If F_T is an S -open set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) and (Y, \tilde{c}_Y, M) is an SC -subspace of (U, \tilde{c}, M) , then $\tilde{Y} \sqcap F_M$ is an S -open set in (Y, \tilde{c}_Y, M) .

Proposition 1.5 ([8]). Let $\{F_{iM} : i \in J\}$ be a class of S -sets in (U, \tilde{c}, M) , then:

- $\sqcup_{i \in J} \tilde{c}(F_{iM}) \sqsubseteq \tilde{c}(\sqcup_{i \in J} (F_{iM}))$.
- $\tilde{c}(\sqcap_{i \in J} F_{iM}) \sqsubseteq \sqcap_{i \in J} \tilde{c}(F_{iM})$.

Definition 1.6 ([9]). An S -map $f_{up} : (U, \tilde{c}, M) \rightarrow (V, \tilde{u}, E)$ is called:

- S -continuous if $f_{up}(\tilde{c}(H_M)) \sqcap \tilde{u}(f_{up}(H_M))$ for any S -set H_M in (U, \tilde{c}, M) .
- S -closed (resp. S -open) if $f_{up}(H_M)$ is S -closed (resp. S -open) in (V, \tilde{u}, E) for any S -closed (resp. S -open) set H_M in (U, \tilde{c}, M) .

Definition 1.7 ([16]). An S -set F_M in (U, \tilde{c}, M) is called a soft generalized closed set (briefly, Sg -closed set), if $\tilde{c}(F_M) \sqsubseteq G_M$ whenever $F_M \sqcap G_M$ and G_M is an S -open set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) . The relative complement of an Sg -closed set F_M is denoted by and called a soft generalized open set (briefly, Sg -open set).

Remark 1.8 ([16]). Every S -closed(S -open) set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) is Sg -closed(Sg -open).

Definition 1.9 ([16]). An SC -space (U, \tilde{c}, M) is called $ST_{\frac{1}{2}}$ if any Sg -closed set is S -closed.

2. On Soft ∂ -Closed Sets in Soft Closure Spaces

The notion of $S\partial$ -closed sets located between the S -closed sets and the Sg -closed sets. In this context, we discuss their basic characterizations.

Definition 2.1. An S -set F_M in an SC -space (U, \tilde{c}, M) is called:

- (i) Soft ∂ -closed (briefly, $S\partial$ -closed set) if $\tilde{c}(F_M) \sqsubseteq H_M$ whenever $F_M \sqsubseteq H_M$ and H_M is an Sg -open set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) . The set of all $S\partial$ -closed set denoted by $S\partial C(U)$.
- (ii) Soft ∂ -open (briefly, $S\partial$ -open set) if its relative complement is an $S\partial$ -closed set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) . The set of all $S\partial$ -open set denoted by $S\partial O(U)$.

Example 2.2. Let $U = \{a, b\}$ and $M = \{m_1, m_2\}$. Then

$$SS(U) = \{F_{1M}, F_{2M}, F_{3M}, F_{4M}, F_{5M}, F_{6M}, F_{7M}, F_{8M}, F_{9M}, F_{10M}, F_{11M}, F_{12M}, F_{13M}, F_{14M}, F_{15M}, F_{16M}\},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} F_{1M} &= \{(m_1, \{a\})\}, & F_{2M} &= \{(m_1, \{b\})\}, & F_{3M} &= \{(m_1, U)\}, \\ F_{4M} &= \{(m_2, \{a\})\}, & F_{5M} &= \{(m_2, \{b\})\}, & F_{6M} &= \{(m_2, U)\}, \\ F_{7M} &= \{(m_1, \{a\}), (m_2, \{a\})\}, & F_{8M} &= \{(m_1, \{a\}), (m_2, \{b\})\}, \\ F_{9M} &= \{(m_1, \{b\}), (m_2, \{a\})\}, & F_{10M} &= \{(m_1, \{b\}), (m_2, \{b\})\}, \\ F_{11M} &= \{(m_1, \{a\}), (m_2, U)\}, & F_{12M} &= \{(m_1, \{b\}), (m_2, U)\}, \\ F_{13M} &= \{(m_1, U), (m_2, \{a\})\}, & F_{14M} &= \{(m_1, U), (m_2, \{b\})\}, \\ F_{15M} &= \tilde{U}, & F_{16M} &= \tilde{\emptyset}. \end{aligned}$$

We define the SC -operator $\tilde{c}: SS(U) \rightarrow SS(U)$ by:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{c}(\tilde{\emptyset}) &= \tilde{\emptyset}, & \tilde{c}(F_{1M}) &= \{(m_1, \{a\})\}, & \tilde{c}(F_{2M}) &= \tilde{c}(F_{3M}) = \{(m_1, U)\}, \\ \tilde{c}(F_{4M}) &= \{(m_2, \{a\})\}, & \tilde{c}(F_{5M}) &= \tilde{c}(F_{6M}) = \{(m_2, U)\}, & \tilde{c}(F_{7M}) &= \{(m_1, \{a\}), (m_2, \{a\})\}, \\ \tilde{c}(F_{8M}) &= \tilde{c}(F_{11M}) = \{(m_1, \{a\}), (m_2, U)\}, & \tilde{c}(F_{9M}) &= \tilde{c}(F_{13M}) = \{(m_1, U), (m_2, \{a\})\}, \\ \tilde{c}(F_{10M}) &= \tilde{c}(F_{12M}) = \tilde{c}(F_{14M}) = \tilde{c}(\tilde{U}) = \tilde{U}. \end{aligned}$$

Then (U, \tilde{c}, M) is an SC -space. The $S\partial$ -closed sets are:

$$\{\tilde{\emptyset}, \tilde{U}, F_{1M}, F_{3M}, F_{4M}, F_{6M}, F_{7M}, F_{11M}, F_{13M}\}.$$

The set of all $S\partial$ -open sets are:

$$\{\tilde{\emptyset}, \tilde{U}, F_{2M}, F_{3M}, F_{5M}, F_{6M}, F_{10M}, F_{12M}, F_{14M}\}.$$

The S -set $F_{2M} = \{(m_1, \{b\})\}$ is neither $S\partial$ -closed set nor Sg -closed set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) because, there is an S -open set $F_{10M} = \{(m_1, \{b\}), (m_2, \{b\})\}$ which is also an Sg -open set containing F_{2M} but $\tilde{c}(F_{2M}) = \{(m_1, U)\} \not\sqsubseteq F_{10M}$.

Remark 2.3. Clearly, every S -closed(S -open) set in SC -space (U, \tilde{c}, M) is $S\partial$ -closed($S\partial$ -open) but not conversely.

Example 2.4. Let $U = \{x, y\}$ and $M = \{m_1, m_2\}$. We define the SC -operator \tilde{c} by:

$$\tilde{c}(\tilde{\emptyset}) = \tilde{\emptyset}, \quad \tilde{c}(\{(m_1, \{x\})\}) = \{(m_1, \{x\})\}, \quad \tilde{c}(\{(m_1, \{y\})\}) = \tilde{c}(\{(m_1, U)\}) = \{(m_1, U)\} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{c}(F_M) = \tilde{U}$$

for all other $F_M \in SS(U)$. Then (U, \tilde{c}, M) is an SC -space on U and we have, the S -set $H_M = \{(m_1, \{x\}), (m_2, \{y\})\}$ is an $S\partial$ -closed set but not S -closed set.

Remark 2.5. Clearly, every $S\partial$ -closed ($S\partial$ -open) set in SC -space (U, \tilde{c}, M) is an Sg -closed (Sg -open) set but not conversely.

Example 2.6. Let $U = \{a, b\}$ and $M = \{m_1, m_2\}$. We define the SC -operator \tilde{c} by:

$$\tilde{c}(\tilde{\emptyset}) = \tilde{\emptyset}, \quad \tilde{c}(F_M) = \tilde{U}, \quad \text{for all the other } S\text{-sets } F_M \in SS(U).$$

Then (U, \tilde{c}, M) is an SC -space on U . Let $F_M = \{(m_1, \{a\})\} \in SS(U)$, we have F_M is an Sg -closed set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) but not $S\partial$ -closed set. Indeed $F_M = \{(m_1, \{a\})\}$ is an Sg -open set containing itself but $\tilde{c}(F_M) = \tilde{U} \not\subseteq F_M$.

From the above remarks and examples, we can summarize the next relation.

Corollary 2.7. For an SC -space (U, \tilde{c}, M) , the next implications hold but not conversely.

$$S\text{-closed sets} \rightarrow S\partial\text{-closed sets} \rightarrow Sg\text{-closed sets.}$$

Corollary 2.8. Let (U, \tilde{c}, M) be an SC -space, we have:

- (1) The union (resp. intersection) of two $S\partial$ -closed (resp. $S\partial$ -open) sets need not to be $S\partial$ -closed (resp. $S\partial$ -open) set.
- (2) The intersection (resp. union) of two $S\partial$ -closed (resp. $S\partial$ -open) sets is not $S\partial$ -closed (resp. $S\partial$ -open) set.

Proof. We can verify this corollary by using the next examples. □

Example 2.9. Let $U = \{x, y, z\}$ and $M = \{m_1, m_2\}$. Define the SC -operator \tilde{c} by:

$$\tilde{c}(\tilde{\emptyset}) = \tilde{\emptyset}, \quad \tilde{c}(\{(m_1, \{x\})\}) = \{(m_1, \{x\})\}, \quad \tilde{c}(\{(m_2, \{y\})\}) = \{(m_2, \{y\})\}, \quad \tilde{c}(\{(m_1, \{z\})\}) = \{(m_1, \{z\})\},$$

and $\tilde{c}(F_M) = \tilde{U}$ for other S -sets F_M on U . Then (U, \tilde{c}, M) is an SC -space. Now for two $S\partial$ -closed sets $F_M = \{(m_1, \{x\})\}$ and $G_M = \{(m_2, \{y\})\}$ in (U, \tilde{c}, M) , we have $F_M \sqcup G_M = \{(m_1, \{x\}), (m_2, \{y\})\}$ which is not $S\partial$ -closed set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) . Indeed, there is an Sg -open set say, $H_M = \{(m_1, \{x, y\}), (m_2, U)\}$ in (U, \tilde{c}, M) with $F_M \sqcup G_M \subseteq H_M$ but $\tilde{c}(F_M \sqcup G_M) = \tilde{U} \not\subseteq H_M$. We can verify the other case by taking the soft complement to the S -sets in first case.

Example 2.10. Let $U = \{x, y, z\}$ and $M = \{m_1, m_2\}$. Define the SC -operator \tilde{c} by:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{c}(\emptyset) &= \tilde{\emptyset}, \quad \tilde{c}(\{(m_1, \{x\})\}) = \tilde{c}(\{(m_2, \{x\})\}) = \tilde{c}(\{(m_1, \{x\}), (m_2, \{x\})\}) = \{(m_1, \{x\}), (m_2, \{x\})\}, \\ \tilde{c}(\{(m_1, \{z\})\}) &= \tilde{c}(\{(m_1, \{z\}), (m_2, \{x\})\}) = \{(m_1, \{z\}), (m_2, \{x\})\}, \\ \tilde{c}(\{(m_2, \{y\})\}) &= \tilde{c}(\{(m_1, \{x, z\})\}) = \tilde{c}(\{(m_2, \{x, y\})\}) = \tilde{c}(\{(m_1, \{x\}), (m_2, \{y\})\}) \\ &= \tilde{c}(\{(m_1, \{z\}), (m_2, \{y\})\}) = \tilde{c}(\{(m_1, \{x, z\}), (m_2, \{x, y\})\}) = \{(m_1, \{x, z\}), (m_2, \{x, y\})\}, \end{aligned}$$

and $\tilde{c}(F_M) = \tilde{U}$ for other S -sets F_M on U . Then (U, \tilde{c}, M) is an SC -space. Now for two $S\partial$ -closed sets $F_M = \{(m_1, \{x\}), (m_2, \{x\})\}$ and $G_M = \{(m_1, \{z\}), (m_2, \{x\})\}$ in (U, \tilde{c}, M) , we have $F_M \cap G_M = \{(m_2, \{x\})\}$ which is not $S\partial$ -closed set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) . Indeed, there is an Sg -open set say, $H_M = \{(m_2, \{x, z\})\}$ in (U, \tilde{c}, M) with $(F_M \cap G_M) \subseteq H_M$ but $\tilde{c}(F_M \cap G_M) = \{(m_1, \{x\}), (m_2, \{x\})\} \not\subseteq H_M$. One can verify the other case by taking the soft complement to the S -sets in first case.

Theorem 2.11. For an S -subset H_M in (U, \tilde{c}, M) , the next items are equivalent:

- (1) H_M is an $S\partial$ -open set.
- (2) $F_M \subseteq (\tilde{c}(H_M^c))^c$ whenever F_M is an Sg -closed set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) with $F_M \subseteq H_M$.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2). Let H_M be an $S\partial$ -open set and F_M be an Sg -closed set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) with $F_M \subseteq H_M$, then $H_M^c \subseteq F_M^c$. But H_M^c is $S\partial$ -closed and F_M^c is Sg -open. It follows that $\tilde{c}(H_M^c) \subseteq F_M^c$ and so, $F_M \subseteq (\tilde{c}(H_M^c))^c$.

(2) \Rightarrow (1). Let G_M be an Sg -open set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) with $H_M^c \subseteq G_M$. Then $G_M^c \subseteq H_M$. Since G_M^c is Sg -closed, $G_M^c \subseteq (\tilde{c}(H_M^c))^c$. Hence $\tilde{c}(H_M^c) \subseteq G_M$. Thus, H_M^c is $S\partial$ -closed and so, H_M is $S\partial$ -open. \square

Proposition 2.12. For an S -set F_M in an SC -space (U, \tilde{c}, M) . If F_M is both Sg -open and $S\partial$ -closed, then F_M is S -closed.

Proof. It is obvious. \square

Proposition 2.13. Let (Y, \tilde{c}_Y, M) be an closed SC -subspace of (U, \tilde{c}, M) . If H_M is an $S\partial$ -closed set in (Y, \tilde{c}_Y, M) , then H_M is an $S\partial$ -closed set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) .

Proof. Let H_M be an $S\partial$ -closed set in (Y, \tilde{c}_Y, M) and F_M be an Sg -open set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) such that $H_M \subseteq F_M$. Then, $H_M \subseteq \tilde{Y} \cap F_M$. From Definition 1.4, $\tilde{Y} \cap F_M$ is an Sg -open set in (Y, \tilde{c}_Y, M) . Since, H_M is an $S\partial$ -closed set, we have $\tilde{c}_Y(H_M) \subseteq \tilde{Y} \cap F_M$ this implies that $\tilde{Y} \cap \tilde{c}(H_M) \subseteq \tilde{Y} \cap F_M$. Since \tilde{Y} is S -closed set on U , we have $\tilde{c}(\tilde{Y}) \cap \tilde{c}(H_M) \subseteq \tilde{Y} \cap F_M$. from Proposition 1.5, we get $\tilde{c}(\tilde{Y} \cap H_M) \subseteq \tilde{Y} \cap F_M$ implies that $\tilde{c}(H_M) \subseteq \tilde{Y} \cap F_M \subseteq F_M$. Hence H_M be an $S\partial$ -closed set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) . \square

Definition 2.14. An SC -operator \tilde{c} is called idempotent if $\tilde{c}(\tilde{c}(F_M)) = \tilde{c}(F_M)$ for any $F_M \in SS(U)$.

Theorem 2.15. Let (U, \tilde{c}, M) be an SC -space and \tilde{c} be idempotent. If H_M is an $S\partial$ -closed set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) with $H_M \subseteq F_M \subseteq \tilde{c}(H_M)$, then F_M is an $S\partial$ -closed set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) .

Proof. Let G_M be an Sg -open set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) such that $F_M \subseteq G_M$, then $H_M \subseteq G_M$. Since H_M is $S\partial$ -closed, $\tilde{c}(H_M) \subseteq G_M$. As \tilde{c} is idempotent, we have $\tilde{c}(F_M) \subseteq \tilde{c}(\tilde{c}(H_M)) = \tilde{c}(H_M) \subseteq G_M$. Therefore, F_M is an $S\partial$ -closed set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) . \square

Theorem 2.16. If H_M is an $S\partial$ -closed set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) , then $\tilde{c}(H_M) - H_M$ contains only null Sg -closed set.

Proof. Let H_M be an $S\partial$ -closed set and F_M be an Sg -closed set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) such that $F_M \subseteq \tilde{c}(H_M) - H_M$, then $F_M \subseteq \tilde{c}(H_M)$ and $F_M \subseteq H_M^c$ implies $H_M \cap F_M^c$. Since H_M is $S\partial$ -closed set and F_M^c is an Sg -open set, then $\tilde{c}(H_M) \subseteq F_M^c$ implies $F_M \subseteq (\tilde{c}(H_M))^c$. Thus, $F_M \subseteq \tilde{c}(H_M) \cap \{(\tilde{c}(H_M))^c\} = \tilde{\emptyset}$ and so, $F_M = \tilde{\emptyset}$. The proof is complete. \square

Theorem 2.17. For an S -set H_M in (U, \tilde{c}, M) , the next items are equivalent:

- (1) H_M is an $S\partial$ -closed set.
- (2) $F_M \sqsubseteq \text{int}(H_M)$ whenever $F_M \sqsubseteq H_M$ and F_M is an S -closed set.

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2). Let H_M be an $S\partial$ -open set and F_M be an S -closed set with $F_M \sqsubseteq H_M$, we have $H_M^c \sqsubseteq F_M^c$, where H_M^c is $S\partial$ -closed set and F_M^c is S -open which is an Sg -open set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) . From Definition 2.1, we have $\tilde{c}(H_M^c) \sqsubseteq F_M^c$. By taking the complement and from Definition 1.3, we get $F_M \sqsubseteq \text{int}(H_M)$.

(2) \Rightarrow (1). By a similar way to that in the converse part of Theorem 2.11. \square

Theorem 2.18. Let (U, \tilde{c}, M) be SC -space. If H_M is an open $S\partial$ -closed set and F_M is an S -closed set (U, \tilde{c}, M) , then $H_M \cap F_M$ is an $S\partial$ -closed set.

Proof. Suppose that H_M be an open and $S\partial$ -closed set, then $\tilde{c}(H_M) \sqsubseteq H_M$. But $H_M \sqsubseteq \tilde{c}(H_M)$ and so, $H_M = \tilde{c}(H_M)$. Thus, H_M is an S -closed set. Since F_M is an S -closed set, we have $H_M \cap F_M$ is an S -closed set. From Remark 2.3, the proof is complete. \square

Corollary 2.19. An $S\partial$ -closed set H_M is an S -closed set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) if and only if $\tilde{c}(H_M) - H_M$ is an S -closed set.

Proof. " \Rightarrow ". Let H_M be an S -closed set, we have $\tilde{c}(H_M) = H_M$ and so, $\tilde{c}(H_M) - H_M = \tilde{\emptyset}$ which is an S -closed set.

" \Leftarrow ". To show that H_M is S -closed. Let H_M be an $S\partial$ -closed set, then by Theorem 2.16, we have $\tilde{c}(H_M) - H_M$ contains only null S -closed set. By hypothesis, $\tilde{c}(H_M) - H_M$ is an S -closed set and so, $\tilde{c}(H_M) - H_M = \tilde{\emptyset}$. Hence the result holds. \square

3. Soft ∂ -Continuous and Closed Mappings

In this section, we introduce a new class of S -maps namely, $S\partial$ -continuous maps in SC -spaces. These maps are lying between the class of S -continuous maps and the class of Sg -continuous maps. We also define the concept of $S\partial$ -closed maps and discuss some of its properties.

Definition 3.1. Let (U, \tilde{c}, M) , (V, \tilde{v}, E) be SC -spaces. An S -map $f_{up} : (U, \tilde{c}, M) \rightarrow (V, \tilde{v}, E)$ is called:

- (i) Soft ∂ -continuous (briefly, $S\partial$ -continuous) if $f_{up}^{-1}(H_E)$ is an $S\partial$ -closed set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) for each S -closed set H_E in (V, \tilde{v}, E) .
- (ii) Soft g -continuous (briefly, Sg -continuous) if $f_{up}^{-1}(H_E)$ is an Sg -closed set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) for each S -closed set H_E in (V, \tilde{v}, E) [13].

Remark 3.2. For any S -map $f_{up} : (U, \tilde{c}, M) \rightarrow (V, \tilde{v}, E)$, the next implications hold but not conversely as shown by the next examples.

f_{up} is S -continuous $\rightarrow f_{up}$ is $S\partial$ -continuous $\rightarrow f_{up}$ is Sg -continuous.

Example 3.3. Let $U = \{a, b, c\}$, $V = \{x, y, z\}$ and $M = \{m_1, m_2\}$, $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$. Define an SC -operator \tilde{c} on U as $\tilde{c}(\tilde{\emptyset}) = \tilde{\emptyset}$, $\tilde{c}(\{(m_1, \{b\})\}) = \{(m_1, \{b\})\}$ and $\tilde{c}(F_M) = \tilde{U}$ for all other $F_M \in SS(U)$. Define an SC -operator \tilde{v} on V as $\tilde{v}(\tilde{\emptyset}) = \tilde{\emptyset}$, $\tilde{v}(\{(e_1, \{x\})\}) = \{(e_1, \{x, y\})\}$, $\tilde{v}(\{(e_1, \{y\})\}) = \{(e_1, \{y\})\}$, $\tilde{v}(\{(e_2, \{z\})\}) = \{(e_1, \{z\}), (e_2, \{z\})\}$, and $\tilde{v}(G_E) = \tilde{V}$ for all other $G_E \in SS(V)$. Clearly, $(U, \tilde{c}, M), (V, \tilde{v}, E)$ are SC -

spaces. Now let $f_{up} : (U, \tilde{c}, M) \rightarrow (V, \tilde{v}, E)$ be an S -map, where u, p are maps defined as $u(a) = x, u(b) = y, u(c) = z$ and $p(m_1) = e_1, p(m_2) = e_2$. Then f_{up} is $S\partial$ -continuous but it is not S -continuous. Indeed, for the S -set $\{(m_2, \{c\})\}$ we have, $f_{up}(\tilde{c}(\{(m_2, \{c\})\})) = \tilde{V} \not\subseteq \tilde{v}(f_{up}(\{(m_2, \{c\})\})) = \{(e_1, \{z\}), (e_2, \{z\})\}$.

Example 3.4. Let $U = \{x, y\} = V$ and $M = \{m_1, m_2\} = E$. Define an SC -operator \tilde{c} on U as $\tilde{c}(\tilde{\emptyset}) = \tilde{\emptyset}$ and $\tilde{c}(F_M) = \tilde{U}$ for all other $F_M \in SS(U)$. Define an SC -operator \tilde{v} on V as $\tilde{v}(\tilde{\emptyset}) = \tilde{\emptyset}, \tilde{v}(\{(m_1, \{x\})\}) = \{(m_1, \{x\})\}, \tilde{v}(\{(m_1, \{y\})\}) = \{(m_1, \{y\})\}$, and $\tilde{v}(G_E) = \tilde{V}$ for all other $G_E \in SS(V)$. Clearly, $(U, \tilde{c}, M), (V, \tilde{v}, E)$ are SC -spaces. Let $f_{up} : (U, \tilde{c}, M) \rightarrow (V, \tilde{v}, E)$ be an S -map, where u, p are maps defined as $u(x) = x, u(y) = y$ and $p(m_1) = m_1, p(m_2) = m_2$. Then f_{up} is Sg -continuous, but it is not $S\partial$ -continuous, because for the S -closed set $\{(m_1, \{x\})\}$ in (V, \tilde{v}, E) , we have $f_{up}^{-1}(\{(m_1, \{x\})\}) = \{(m_1, \{x\})\}$ is not $S\partial$ -closed set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) . Since $\{(m_1, \{x\})\}$ is an Sg -open set containing itself but $\tilde{c}(\{(m_1, \{x\})\}) = \tilde{U} \not\subseteq \{(m_1, \{x\})\}$.

Theorem 3.5. An S -map $f_{up} : (U, \tilde{c}, M) \rightarrow (V, \tilde{v}, E)$ is $S\partial$ -continuous if and only if $f_{up}^{-1}(H_E)$ is an $S\partial$ -open set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) for any S -open set H_E in (V, \tilde{v}, E) .

Proof. It is obvious. □

Proposition 3.6. For the SC -spaces $(U, \tilde{c}, M), (V, \tilde{v}, E)$, and (W, \tilde{u}, K) . If $f_{up} : (U, \tilde{c}, M) \rightarrow (V, \tilde{v}, E)$ is $S\partial$ -continuous and $f_{vq} : (V, \tilde{v}, E) \rightarrow (W, \tilde{u}, K)$ is S -continuous, then $f_{vq} \circ f_{up} : (U, \tilde{c}, M) \rightarrow (W, \tilde{u}, K)$ is $S\partial$ -continuous.

Proof. Let H_K be an S -closed set in (W, \tilde{u}, K) . From definition of the composition $(f_{vq}^{-1} \circ f_{up}^{-1})(H_K) = f_{up}^{-1}(f_{vq}^{-1}(H_K))$. Since f_{vq} is S -continuous, we have $f_{vq}^{-1}(H_K)$ is S -closed set in (V, \tilde{v}, E) . Again f_{up} is $S\partial$ -continuous, we get $f_{up}^{-1}(f_{vq}^{-1}(H_K))$ is an $S\partial$ -closed set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) . Therefore, $f_{vq} \circ f_{up} : (U, \tilde{c}, M) \rightarrow (W, \tilde{u}, K)$ is $S\partial$ -continuous. □

Definition 3.7. For two SC -spaces $(U, \tilde{c}, M), (V, \tilde{v}, E)$. An S -map $f_{up} : (U, \tilde{c}, M) \rightarrow (V, \tilde{v}, E)$ is called $S\partial$ -closed if $f_{up}(H_M)$ is an $S\partial$ -closed set in (V, \tilde{v}, E) for any S -closed in (U, \tilde{c}, M) .

Remark 3.8. Every S -closed map can be categorized as an $S\partial$ -closed map. However, the converse does not hold true, as illustrated by the following example.

Example 3.9. Let $U = \{x, y\}, V = \{a, b\}$ and $M = \{t_1, t_2\}, E = \{e_1, e_2\}$. Define an SC -operator \tilde{c} on U by: $\tilde{c}(\tilde{\emptyset}) = \tilde{\emptyset}, \tilde{c}(\{(m_1, \{y\})\}) = \{(m_1, \{y\})\}$ and $\tilde{c}(F_M) = \tilde{U}$ for all other $F_M \in SS(U)$. Define an SC -operator \tilde{u} on V as $\tilde{u}(\tilde{\emptyset}) = \tilde{\emptyset}$, and $\tilde{u}(G_E) = \tilde{V}$ for all other $G_E \in SS(V)$. Then $(U, \tilde{c}, M), (V, \tilde{u}, E)$ are SC -spaces. Now let $f_{up} : (U, \tilde{c}, M) \rightarrow (V, \tilde{u}, E)$ be an S -map, where u, p are maps defined as $u(x) = a, u(y) = b$ and $p(m_1) = e_1, p(m_2) = e_2$. Clearly, f_{up} is $S\partial$ -closed but it is not S -closed. Indeed, for the S -closed set $\{(m_1, \{y\})\}$ in (U, \tilde{c}, M) we have, $f_{up}(\{(m_1, \{y\})\}) = \{(e_1, \{b\})\}$ is not S -closed set in (V, \tilde{u}, E) .

Theorem 3.10. An S -map $f_{up} : (U, \tilde{c}, M) \rightarrow (V, \tilde{v}, E)$ $S\partial$ -closed if and only if for any S -set F_E in (V, \tilde{v}, E) and for any S -open set G_M in (U, \tilde{c}, M) with $f_{vq}^{-1}(F_E) \subseteq G_M$, there is an $S\partial$ -open set H_E in (V, \tilde{v}, E) such that $F_E \subseteq H_E$ and $f_{vq}^{-1}(H_E) \subseteq G_M$.

Proof. Suppose that f_{up} is $S\partial$ -closed. Let F_E is an S -set in (V, \tilde{v}, E) and G_M is an S -open set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) with $f_{vq}^{-1}(F_E) \subseteq G_M$, then $f_{up}(G_M^c)$ is an $S\partial$ -closed set in (V, \tilde{v}, E) . Now take

$H_E = [f_{up}(G_M^c)]^c$ which is an $S\partial$ -open set, then $f_{up}^{-1}(H_E) = f_{up}^{-1}([f_{up}(G_M^c)]^c) = [f_{up}^{-1}(f_{up}(G_M^c))]^c \subseteq f_{up}^{-1}(f_{up}(G_M)) = G_M$. The result holds.

Conversely, let F_M be an S -closed in (U, \tilde{c}, M) , then $f_{up}^{-1}([f_{up}(F_M)]^c) \subseteq F_M^c$ which is S -open. From hypothesis, there is an $S\partial$ -open set in H_E in (V, \tilde{v}, E) such that $(f_{up}(F_M))^c \subseteq H_E$ and $f_{up}^{-1}(H_E) \subseteq F_M^c$. Thus, $F_M \subseteq (f_{up}^{-1}(H_E))^c$ and so, $H_E^c \subseteq f_{up}(F_M) \subseteq f_{up}((f_{up}^{-1}(H_E))^c) \subseteq H_E^c$, this implies that $f_{up}(F_M) = H_E^c$. This means that $f_{up}(F_M)$ is an $S\partial$ -closed set. Hence the proof is complete. \square

Based on the previous results, one can to verify the subsequent proposition.

Proposition 3.11. For the SC -spaces (U, \tilde{c}, M) , (V, \tilde{v}, E) , and (W, \tilde{u}, K) . Let $f_{up} : (U, \tilde{c}, M) \rightarrow (V, \tilde{v}, E)$ and $f_{vq} : (V, \tilde{v}, E) \rightarrow (W, \tilde{u}, K)$ be S -maps, we have:

- (i) If f_{up} is $S\partial$ -closed and f_{vq} is S -closed, then $f_{vq} \circ f_{up}$ is $S\partial$ -closed.
- (ii) If $f_{vq} \circ f_{up}$ is $S\partial$ -closed and f_{up} is S -continuous and onto, then f_{vq} is S -closed.
- (iii) If $f_{vq} \circ f_{up}$ is S -closed and f_{vq} is $S\partial$ -continuous and one-to-one, then f_{up} is $S\partial$ -closed.

4. Two New Types of Soft Separation Axioms

Here, we apply the notion of $S\partial$ -closed sets to introduce two types of separation properties called, soft $\partial T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ and soft $\partial T_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$ spaces and investigate some of their properties.

Definition 4.1. An SC -space (U, \tilde{c}, M) is said to be:

- (i) Soft $\partial T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ (briefly, $S\partial-T_{\frac{1}{2}}$) if any $S\partial$ -closed set is S -closed in (U, \tilde{c}, M) .
- (ii) Soft $\partial T_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$ (briefly, $S\partial-T_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$) if any Sg -closed set is $S\partial$ -closed in (U, \tilde{c}, M) .

Example 4.2. Consider Example 2.2, the S -closed sets in (U, \tilde{c}, M) are:

$$\{\tilde{\varnothing}, \tilde{U}, F_{1M}, F_{3M}, F_{4M}, F_{6M}, F_{7M}, F_{11M}, F_{13M}\}$$

which are equal to the $S\partial$ -closed sets and the Sg -closed sets. So that the SC -space (U, \tilde{c}, M) is an $S\partial-T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ and $S\partial-T_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$ space. because, every Sg -closed set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) is $S\partial$ -closed and every $S\partial$ -closed set is S -closed.

Remark 4.3. Clearly, every $ST_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -space (U, \tilde{c}, M) is an $S\partial-T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ space but not conversely. This fact can be shown by the next example.

Example 4.4. Let $U = \{a, b\}$ and $M = \{m_1, m_2\}$. Define an SC -operator \tilde{c} on U by: $\tilde{c}(\tilde{\varnothing}) = \tilde{\varnothing}$ and $\tilde{c}(F_M) = \tilde{U}$ for all other $F_T \in SS(U)$. Then (U, \tilde{c}, M) is an SC -space. one can verify that (U, \tilde{c}, M) is an $S\partial-T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ space but it is not $ST_{\frac{1}{2}}$ because, $\{(m_1, \{a\})\}$ is an Sg -closed set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) but it is not S -closed set.

Remark 4.5. Clearly, every $ST_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -space (U, \tilde{c}, M) is an $S\partial-T_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$ space but not conversely. This fact can be shown by the next example.

Example 4.6. Consider Example 2.2. Define the SC -operator $\tilde{c} : SS(U) \rightarrow SS(U)$ by:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{c}(\tilde{\varnothing}) &= \tilde{\varnothing}, \quad \tilde{c}(F_{1M}) = \tilde{c}(F_{5M}) = \{(m_1, \{a\}), (m_2, \{b\})\}, \quad \tilde{c}(F_{2M}) = \{(m_1, U)\}, \\ \tilde{c}(F_{3M}) &= \tilde{c}(F_{9M}) = \tilde{c}(F_{13M}) = \{(m_1, U), (m_2, \{a\})\}, \quad \tilde{c}(F_{4M}) = \{(m_2, \{a\})\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{c}(F_{6M}) &= \tilde{c}(F_{8M}) = \tilde{c}(F_{11M}) = \{(m_1, \{a\}), (m_2, U)\}, \\ \tilde{c}(F_{7M}) &= \{(m_1, \{a\}), (m_2, \{a\})\}, \quad \tilde{c}(F_{10M}) = \{(m_1, U), (m_2, \{b\})\},\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\tilde{c}(F_{12M}) = \tilde{c}(F_{14M}) = \tilde{c}(\tilde{U}) = \tilde{U}.$$

Then (U, \tilde{c}, M) is an SC-space. One can verify (U, \tilde{c}, M) is an $S\partial-T_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$ space but not $ST_{\frac{1}{2}}$. Indeed, for $F_M = \{(m_2, U)\} \in SS(U)$, we have F_M is an Sg-closed set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) but it is not S-closed set.

Proposition 4.7. *An SC-space (U, \tilde{c}, M) is $ST_{\frac{1}{2}}$ if and only if it is both $S\partial-T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ and $S\partial-T_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$ space.*

Proof. It is obvious. □

Remark 4.8. The notions of $S\partial-T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ and $S\partial-T_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$ spaces are independent.

Example 4.9. From Example 4.6, we have (U, \tilde{c}, M) is an $S\partial-T_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$ space but it is not $S\partial-T_{\frac{1}{2}}$. Clearly, the S-set $F_M = \{(m_2, U)\}$ is an $S\partial$ -closed set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) but it is not S-closed.

Example 4.10. From Example 4.4, one can verify that (U, \tilde{c}, M) is an $S\partial-T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ space but it is not $S\partial-T_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$. Indeed, for the S-set $F_M = \{(m_1, \{b\})\}$, we have F_M is an Sg-closed set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) but it is not $S\partial$ -closed.

Proposition 4.11. *For an SC-space (U, \tilde{c}, M) . If (U, \tilde{c}, M) is $S\partial-T_{\frac{1}{2}}$, then the closed SC-subspace (Y, \tilde{c}_Y, M) of (U, \tilde{c}, M) is $S\partial-T_{\frac{1}{2}}$.*

Proof. It follows from Proposition 2.13 and Definition 1.4. □

Proposition 4.12. *For two SC-spaces (U, \tilde{c}, M) and (V, \tilde{v}, E) such that (U, \tilde{c}, M) is an $S\partial-T_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$ space. If $f_{up} : (U, \tilde{c}, M) \rightarrow (V, \tilde{v}, E)$ is Sg-continuous, then f_{up} is $S\partial$ -continuous.*

Proof. Let H_M be an S-closed set in (V, \tilde{v}, E) . Clearly, f_{up} is Sg-continuous, we have $f_{up}^{-1}(H_M)$ is an Sg-closed set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) which is an $S\partial-T_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$ space, Thus $f_{up}^{-1}(H_M)$ is an $S\partial$ -closed set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) . Therefore, f_{up} is $S\partial$ -continuous. □

Proposition 4.13. *For the SC-spaces (U, \tilde{c}, M) , (V, \tilde{v}, E) , and (W, \tilde{u}, K) such that (V, \tilde{v}, E) is $ST_{\frac{1}{2}}$. Then if $f_{up} : (U, \tilde{c}, M) \rightarrow (V, \tilde{v}, E)$ is Sg-continuous and $f_{vq} : (V, \tilde{v}, E) \rightarrow (W, \tilde{u}, K)$ is $S\partial$ -continuous, then $f_{vq} \circ f_{up} : (U, \tilde{c}, M) \rightarrow (W, \tilde{u}, K)$ is $S\partial$ -continuous.*

Proof. Let H_M be an S-closed set in (W, \tilde{u}, K) . Since f_{vq} is Sg-continuous, we have $f_{vq}^{-1}(H_M)$ is an Sg-closed set in (V, \tilde{v}, E) . By hypothesis (V, \tilde{v}, E) is $ST_{\frac{1}{2}}$, we have $f_{vq}^{-1}(H_M)$ is an S-closed set in (V, \tilde{v}, E) . Since f_{up} is Sg-continuous, then $(f_{up}^{-1}(f_{vq}^{-1}(H_M))) = (f_{vq} \circ f_{up})^{-1}(H_M)$ is an $S\partial$ -closed set in (U, \tilde{c}, M) . This completes the proof. □

Proposition 4.14. *For the SC-spaces (U, \tilde{c}, M) , (V, \tilde{v}, E) , and (W, \tilde{u}, K) such that (V, \tilde{v}, E) is $S\partial-ST_{\frac{1}{2}}$, then if $f_{up} : (U, \tilde{c}, M) \rightarrow (V, \tilde{v}, E)$ and $f_{vq} : (V, \tilde{v}, E) \rightarrow (W, \tilde{u}, K)$ are $S\partial$ -continuous, then $f_{vq} \circ f_{up} : (U, \tilde{c}, M) \rightarrow (W, \tilde{u}, K)$ is also $S\partial$ -continuous.*

Proof. By similar way of that in the above proposition. □

5. Conclusion

In this paper, we defined and studied the concept of soft $S\partial$ -closed sets in soft closure spaces, which are lying between S -closed sets and Sg -closed sets. We investigated the basic properties for them and examined their implications in the context of soft closure spaces. Further, we introduced the concepts of $S\partial$ -continuous and $S\partial$ -closed maps and present their various properties with the help of supported examples. Moreover, we defined and studied two separation properties, namely $S\partial-T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ and $S\partial-T_{\frac{1}{2}}^*$, which utilize the notion of $S\partial$ -closed sets. Our study provides a deeper understanding of the topological properties of soft closure spaces and contributes significantly to the ongoing exploration of this field of research.

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