

# On Pairwise $\lambda$ -Open Soft Sets and Pairwise Locally Closed Soft Sets

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## Abstract

Kandil and his colleagues [10], introduced the notion of  $p\lambda$ -closed soft set by involving  $p\Lambda$ -soft set and  $p$ -closed soft set. In this paper, we give some additional properties of  $p\lambda$ -closed soft sets. We also introduce and study a related new class of  $PST_{1/4}^*$ -spaces which lies between  $PST_0^*$  and  $PST_{1/2}^*$ . Moreover, we show that there exists a very important relation between the notion of  $p\lambda$ -closed soft sets and the  $PST_{1/4}^*$  property,  $i = 0, 1/4, 1/2$ . In addition, we offer the notion of  $p$ -locally closed soft sets and we investigate a related new pairwise soft separation axiom  $PST_L^*$  which is independent from  $PST_{1/4}^*$ . The relationships between the  $p\lambda$ -closed soft sets and the  $p$ -locally closed soft sets are obtained. Furthermore, we introduce the notion of  $p\lambda$ -open soft sets and we construct supra soft topology associated with the class of  $p\lambda$ -open soft sets and we present pairwise soft separation axioms related to such soft sets, namely  $PST_\lambda^*$ . We provide some illustrative examples to support the results.

**Keywords:** Soft set; Soft topology; Soft bitopology; Soft bitopological spaces; Pairwise soft separation axioms;  $p\lambda$ -closed soft sets; Pairwise  $p\lambda$ -open soft sets; and  $p$ -locally closed soft sets.

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## 1. Introduction

In 1999, Molodtsov [14] introduced the concept of soft set as a mathematical modeling for dealing with uncertainties inherent in many of real world problems. Shabir and Naz [20] introduced the concept of soft topological spaces and investigate some fundamental properties of such spaces. Many researches (see, for example, [1,3,4,5,6,7,8,15,16,18]) introduced and discuss new notions of soft topological spaces. Ittanagi [2] introduced the notion of soft bitopological space. He also offer some types of soft separation axioms in soft bitopological space. Kandil and his colleagues [10] introduced the notions of  $p\Lambda$ -soft sets and  $p\lambda$ -closed soft sets in soft bitopological spaces. They the family of all  $p\Lambda$ -soft sets defines an Alexandroff soft topology. Kandil and his colleagues [9] introduced the concept of  $gp$ -closed soft sets and defined the associated pairwise soft separation axioms, namely,  $PST_{1/2}^*$  and  $PSR_0^*$ . Recently, Kandil and his colleagues [11] introduced some types of pairwise soft separation axioms, namely,  $PST_0^*$ ,  $PST_1^*$ ,  $PST_2^*$  and  $PSR_1^*$ . They studied the characterization and implications among these types of separation axioms.

The motivation of the present paper is to introduce new classes of soft sets called  $p$ -locally closed soft sets and  $p\lambda$ -open soft sets in soft bitopological spaces. It turn out that  $p\lambda$ -closed soft sets,  $p\lambda$ -open soft sets and  $p$ -locally closed soft sets are weaker forms of  $p$ -open and  $p$ -closed soft sets. We also conclude several important properties of such soft sets. Moreover, we introduce and study a related pairwise soft separation axioms, namely,  $PST_{1/\lambda}^*$ ,  $PST_L^*$  and  $PST_\lambda^*$ . We studied the relationships between these types of separation axioms and the other in [9,11].

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we briefly review some concepts and some related results of soft set, soft topological space and soft bitopological space which are needed to used in current paper. For more details about these concepts you can see [2,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,14,15,16,19,20,21,22].

Let  $X$  be an initial universe,  $E$  be a set of parameters and  $P(X)$  be the power set of  $X$ .

**Definition 2.1** [16] A pair  $(F, E)$  is called a soft set over  $X$ , where  $F$  is a mapping given by  $F : E \rightarrow P(X)$ . A soft set can also be defined by the set of ordered pairs

$$(F, E) = \{(e, F(e)) : e \in E, F : E \rightarrow P(X)\}.$$

From now on,  $SS(X)_E$  denotes the family of all soft sets over  $X$  with a fixed set of parameters  $E$ .

For two soft sets  $(F, E), (G, E) \in SS(X)_E$ ,  $(F, E)$  is called a soft subset of  $(G, E)$ , denoted by  $(F, E) \subseteq (G, E)$ , if  $F(e) \subseteq G(e), \forall e \in E$ . In this case,  $(G, E)$  is called a soft superset of  $(F, E)$ . In

addition, the union of soft sets  $(F, E)$  and  $(G, E)$ , denoted by  $(F, E) \tilde{\cup} (G, E)$ , is the soft set  $(H, E)$  which defined as  $H(e) = F(e) \cup G(e), \forall e \in E$ . Moreover, the intersection of soft sets  $(F, E)$  and  $(G, E)$ , denoted by  $(F, E) \tilde{\cap} (G, E)$ , is the soft set  $(M, E)$  which defined as,  $M(e) = F(e) \cap G(e), \forall e \in E$ . The complement of a soft set  $(F, E)$ , denoted by  $(F, E)^c$ , is defined as,  $(F, E)^c = (F^c, E)$ , where  $F^c : E \rightarrow P(X)$  is a mapping given by  $F^c(e) = X \setminus F(e), \forall e \in E$ . The difference of soft sets  $(F, E)$  and  $(G, E)$ , denoted by  $(F, E) \setminus (G, E)$ , is the soft set  $(H, E)$ , which defined as,  $H(e) = F(e) \setminus G(e), \forall e \in E$ . Clearly,  $(F, E) \setminus (G, E) = (F, E) \tilde{\cap} (G, E)^c$ . A soft set  $(F, E)$  is called a null soft set, denoted by  $(\tilde{\phi}, E)$ , if  $F(e) = \phi, \forall e \in E$ . Moreover, a soft set  $(F, E)$  is called an absolute soft set, denoted by  $(\tilde{X}, E)$ , if  $F(e) = X, \forall e \in E$ . Clearly, we have  $(\tilde{\phi}, E)^c = (\tilde{X}, E)$  and  $(\tilde{X}, E)^c = (\tilde{\phi}, E)$ . Moreover, a soft set  $(G, E)$  is said to be a finite soft set if  $G(e)$  is a finite set for all  $e \in E$ . Otherwise, it is called an infinite soft set.

**Definition 2.2** ([15,17,21]) A soft set  $(F, E)$  over  $X$  is said to be a soft point in  $(\tilde{X}, E)$  if there exist  $x \in X$  and  $e \in E$  such that  $F(e) = \{x\}$  and  $F(e') = \phi$  for each  $e' \in E \setminus \{e\}$ . This soft point is denoted by  $(x_e, E)$  or  $x_e$ , i.e.,  $x_e : E \rightarrow P(X)$  is a mapping defined as

$$x_e(a) = \begin{cases} \{x\} & \text{if } e = a, \\ \phi & \text{if } e \neq a \end{cases} \quad \text{for all } a \in E.$$

A soft point  $(x_e, E)$  is said to be belonging to the soft set  $(G, E)$ , denoted by  $x_e \tilde{\in} (G, E)$ , if  $x_e(e) \subseteq G(e)$ , i.e.,  $\{x\} \subseteq G(e)$ . Clearly,  $x_e \tilde{\in} (G, E)$  if and only if  $(x_e, E) \tilde{\subseteq} (G, E)$ . In addition, two soft points  $x_{e_1}, y_{e_2}$  over  $X$  are said to be equal if  $x = y$  and  $e_1 = e_2$ . Thus,  $x_{e_1} \neq y_{e_2}$  iff  $x \neq y$  or  $e_1 \neq e_2$ . The family of all soft points in  $(\tilde{X}, E)$  is denoted by  $\xi(X)_E$ .

**Proposition 2.1** [21] The union of any collection of soft points can be considered as a soft set and every soft set can be expressed as a union of all soft points belonging to it, i.e.,  $(G, E) = \bigcup \{(x_e, E) : x_e \tilde{\in} (G, E)\}$ .

**Proposition 2.2** [21] Let  $(G, E), (H, E)$  be two soft sets over  $X$ . Then,

- 1)  $x_e \tilde{\in} (G, E) \Leftrightarrow x_e \not\tilde{\in} (G, E)^c$ .
- 2)  $x_e \tilde{\in} (G, E) \tilde{\cup} (H, E) \Leftrightarrow x_e \tilde{\in} (G, E)$  or  $x_e \tilde{\in} (H, E)$ .
- 3)  $x_e \tilde{\in} (G, E) \tilde{\cap} (H, E) \Leftrightarrow x_e \tilde{\in} (G, E)$  and

$$x_e \tilde{\in} (H, E).$$

$$4) \quad (G, E) \tilde{\subseteq} (H, E) \Leftrightarrow [x_e \tilde{\in} (G, E) \Rightarrow x_e \tilde{\in} (H, E)]$$

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For more details for soft point you can see in [15,21,17].

**Definition 2.3** [20] Let  $\eta$  be a collection of soft sets over a universe  $X$  with a fixed set of parameters  $E$ , i.e.,  $\eta \subseteq SS(X)_E$ . The collection  $\eta$  is called a soft topology on  $X$  if it satisfies the following axioms:

- 1)  $(\tilde{X}, E), (\tilde{\phi}, E) \in \eta$ ,
- 2) The union of any number of soft sets in  $\eta$  belongs to  $\eta$ ,
- 3) The intersection of any two soft sets in  $\eta$  belongs to  $\eta$ .

The triple  $(X, \eta, E)$  is called a soft topological space. Any member of  $\eta$  is said to be an open soft set in  $(X, \eta, E)$ . A soft set  $(F, E)$  over  $X$  is said to be a closed soft set in  $(X, \eta, E)$ , if its complement  $(F, E)^c$  is an open soft set in  $(X, \eta, E)$ . We denote the family of all closed soft sets by  $\eta^c$ .

**Definition 2.4** [20] Let  $(X, \eta, E)$  be a soft topological space and  $(F, E) \in SS(X)_E$ . The soft closure of  $(F, E)$ , denoted by  $scl_\eta(F, E)$ , is the intersection of all closed soft super sets of  $(F, E)$ , i.e.,

$$scl_\eta(F, E) = \bigcap \{(H, E) \in SC_\eta(X) : (F, E) \tilde{\subseteq} (H, E)\}.$$

Clearly  $scl_\eta(F, E)$  is the smallest closed soft set over  $X$  which contains  $(F, E)$ .

**Definition 2.5** [13] A soft set  $(G, E)$  in a soft topological space  $(X, \eta, E)$  is called a generalized closed soft set [briefly, g-closed soft set] if  $scl_\eta(G, E) \tilde{\subseteq} (H, E)$  whenever  $(G, E) \tilde{\subseteq} (H, E)$  and  $(H, E) \in \eta$ .

**Definition 2.6** [16] A soft topological space  $(X, \eta, E)$  is said to be a soft  $T_0$  [briefly,  $ST_0$ ] if for each  $x_\alpha, y_\beta \in \xi(X)_E$  with  $x_\alpha \neq y_\beta$ , there exists  $(G, E) \in \eta$  such that  $x_\alpha \tilde{\in} (G, E)$ ,  $y_\beta \not\tilde{\in} (G, E)$  or  $y_\beta \tilde{\in} (G, E)$ ,  $x_\alpha \not\tilde{\in} (G, E)$ .

**Definition 2.7** [13] A soft topological space  $(X, \eta, E)$  is called a soft  $T_{1/2}$  [briefly,  $ST_{1/2}$ ] if every g-closed soft set is a closed soft set.

**Theorem 2.1** [9] A soft topological space  $(X, \eta, E)$  is a soft  $T_{1/2}$  if and only if every soft point either open

soft set or closed soft set.

**Definition 2.8** [4] Let  $\mu$  be a collection of soft sets over  $X$  [i.e.,  $\mu \subseteq SS(X)_E$ ]. The collection  $\mu$  is called a supra soft topology on  $X$  if it satisfies the following axioms:

- 1)  $(\tilde{X}, E), (\tilde{\phi}, E) \in \mu$ ,
- 2) The union of any number of soft sets in  $\mu$  belongs to  $\mu$ .

**Definition 2.9** [2] A quadrable system  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is called a soft bitopological space [briefly, sbts], where  $\eta_1, \eta_2$  are arbitrary soft topologies on  $X$  with a fixed set of parameters  $E$ .

**Definition 2.10** [10] Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be a sbts. A soft set  $(G, E)$  over  $X$  is said to be a pairwise open soft set in  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  [briefly,  $p$ -open soft set] if there exist an open soft set  $(G_1, E)$  in  $\eta_1$  and an open soft set  $(G_2, E)$  in  $\eta_2$  such that  $(G, E) = (G_1, E) \tilde{\cup} (G_2, E)$ . A soft set  $(G, E)$  over  $X$  is said to be a pairwise closed soft set in  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  [briefly,  $p$ -closed soft set] if its complement is a  $p$ -open soft set in  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$ . Clearly, a soft set  $(F, E)$  over  $X$  is a  $p$ -closed soft set in  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  if there exist an  $\eta_1$ -closed soft set  $(F_1, E)$  and an  $\eta_2$ -closed soft set  $(F_2, E)$  such that  $(F, E) = (F_1, E) \tilde{\cap} (F_2, E)$ .

The family of all  $p$ -open ( $p$ -closed) soft sets in a sbts  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is denoted by  $\eta_{12}$  ( $\eta_{12}^c$ ), respectively.

**Theorem 2.2** [10] Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be a sbts. The family of all  $p$ -open soft sets  $\eta_{12}$  is a supra soft topology on  $X$ , where

$$\eta_{12} = \{(G, E) = (G_1, E) \tilde{\cup} (G_2, E) : (G_i, E) \in \eta_i, i = 1, 2\}.$$

The triple  $(X, \eta_{12}, E)$  is the supra soft topological space associated to the soft bitopological space  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$ .

**Definition 2.11** [10] Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be a sbts and let  $(G, E) \in SS(X)_E$ . The pairwise soft closure of  $(G, E)$ , denoted by  $scl_{12}(G, E)$ , is defined by

$$scl_{12}(G, E) = \bigcap \{(F, E) \in \eta_{12}^c : (G, E) \tilde{\subseteq} (F, E)\}.$$

Clearly,  $scl_{12}(G, E)$  is the smallest  $p$ -closed soft set contains  $(G, E)$ . For more details about the properties of pairwise soft closure operator see in [10].

**Definition 2.12** [10] Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be a sbts and let  $(G, E) \in SS(X)_E$ . The pairwise soft interior of  $(G, E)$ , denoted by  $sint_{12}(G, E)$ , is defined by

$$sint_{12}(G, E) = \bigcup \{(H, E) \in \eta_{12} : (H, E) \subseteq (G, E)\}.$$

Clearly,  $sint_{12}(G, E)$  is the largest  $p$ -open soft set contained in  $(G, E)$ . For more details about the properties of pairwise soft interior operator you can see see [10].

**Definition 2.13** [10] Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be a sbts and let  $(G, E) \in SS(X)_E$ . The pairwise soft kernel of  $(G, E)$  [briefly,  $sker_{12}(G, E)$ ], is the intersection of all  $p$ -open soft supersets of  $(G, E)$ , i.e.,

$$sker_{12}(G, E) = \bigcap \{(H, E) \in \eta_{12} : (G, E) \subseteq (H, E)\}.$$

**Definition 2.14** [10] A soft set  $(G, E)$  is said to be a pairwise  $\Lambda$ -soft set in a soft bitopological space  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  [briefly,  $p\Lambda$ -soft set] if  $sker_{12}(G, E) = (G, E)$ .

**Theorem 2.3** [10] Every  $p$ -open soft set is a  $p\Lambda$ -soft set.

**Theorem 2.4** [10] Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be a sbts. Then, the class of all  $p\Lambda$ -soft sets is an Alexandroff soft topology on  $X$ . This soft topology we denoted by  $\eta_{p\Lambda}$ . The triple  $(X, \eta_{p\Lambda}, E)$  is the soft topological space associated to the soft bitopological space  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$ , induced by the family of all  $p\Lambda$ -soft sets.

**Theorem 2.5** [10] Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be a sbts. Then,

$$\eta_1 \cup \eta_2 \subseteq \eta_{12} \subseteq \eta_{p\Lambda} \subseteq SS(X)_E.$$

**Definition 2.15** [10] A soft set  $(G, E)$  is said to be a pairwise  $\lambda$ -closed soft set in a sbts  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  [briefly,  $p\lambda$ -closed soft set] if  $(G, E) = (F, E) \tilde{\cap} (H, E)$ , where  $(F, E)$  is a  $p$ -closed soft set and  $(H, E)$  is a  $p\Lambda$ -soft set. The family of all  $p\lambda$ -closed soft sets we denoted by  $P\lambda CS(X, \eta_1, \eta_2)_E$ .

**Theorem 2.6** [10] Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be a sbts. Then,

- 1) Every  $p$ -closed soft set is a  $p\lambda$ -closed soft set.
- 2) Every  $p\Lambda$ -soft set is a  $p\lambda$ -closed soft set.

**Definition 2.16** [12] Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be a sbts and let  $(G, E) \in SS(X)_E$ . The pairwise soft sub Kernel of

$(G, E)$  [briefly,  $sker_{12}^*(G, E)$ ] is defined by

$$sker_{12}^*(G, E) = \bigcup \{(F, E) \in \eta_{12}^c : (F, E) \cong (G, E)\}.$$

For more details you can see in [12].

**Definition 2.17** [12] A soft set  $(G, E)$  is said to be a pairwise  $\vee$ -soft set [briefly,  $p\vee$ -soft set] in a sbts  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  if  $sker_{12}^*(G, E) = (G, E)$ . We denote the family of all  $p\vee$ -soft sets by  $P\vee S(X, \eta_1, \eta_2)_E$ . Clearly,  $(G, E)$  is a  $p\wedge$ -soft set if and only if  $(G, E)^c$  is a  $p\vee$ -soft set.

**Corollary 2.1** [12] Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be a sbts. The family of all  $p\vee$ -soft sets is an Alexandroff soft topology on  $X$ . This soft topology we denoted by  $\eta_{p\vee}$ .

**Theorem 2.7** [12] For any sbts  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$ , we have  $\eta_{p\wedge} = \eta_{p\vee}^c$ .

**Definition 2.18** [11] A soft bitopological space  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is said to be a pairwise soft  $T_0^*$  [briefly,  $PST_0^*$ ] if for each  $x_\alpha, y_\beta \in \xi(X)_E$  with  $x_\alpha \neq y_\beta$ , there exists  $(G, E) \in \eta_{12}$  such that  $x_\alpha \cong (G, E)$ ,  $y_\beta \not\cong (G, E)$  or  $y_\beta \cong (G, E)$ ,  $x_\alpha \not\cong (G, E)$ .

**Theorem 2.8** [11] Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be a sbts. Then

$(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a  $PST_0^*$  if and only if every soft point  $x_e \in \xi(X)_E$  is a  $p\lambda$ -closed soft set.

**Lemma 2.1** [11] Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be a sbts. Then

$(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a  $PST_0^*$  if and only if for all  $x_\alpha, y_\beta \in \xi(X)_E$ ,  $x_\alpha \neq y_\beta$  there exists  $(G, E) \in \eta_{12} \cup \eta_{12}^c$  such that  $x_\alpha \cong (G, E)$  and  $y_\beta \not\cong (G, E)$ .

**Definition 2.19** [9] Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be a sbts and let  $(G, E) \in SS(X)_E$ . A soft set  $(G, E)$  is said to be a generalized pairwise closed soft set [briefly,  $gp$ -closed soft set] if  $scl_{12}(G, E) \cong (H, E)$  whenever  $(G, E) \cong (H, E)$  and  $(H, E)$  is a  $p$ -open soft set.

**Definition 2.20** [9] A soft bitopological space  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is called a pairwise soft  $T_{1/2}^*$  [briefly,  $PST_{1/2}^*$ ] if every  $gp$ -closed soft set is a  $p$ -closed soft set.

**Theorem 2.9** [9] Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be a soft bitopological space. Then,  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a  $PST_{1/2}^*$  if and only if every soft point either  $p$ -open soft set or  $p$ -closed soft set.

**Theorem 2.10** [9] In any sbts  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$ , every soft point either  $p$ -closed soft set or its complement is a  $gp$ -closed soft set.

**3. More on  $p\lambda$ -closed soft sets**

In this section, we give some additional properties of  $p\lambda$ -closed soft sets and introduce and study a related new pairwise soft separation axiom  $PST_{1/4}^*$ .

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be a sbts and  $(G, E) \in SS(X)_E$ . The arbitrary intersection of  $p\lambda$ -closed soft sets is a  $p\lambda$ -closed soft set.

**Proof.** Let  $\{(G_i, E) : i \in \Delta\} \subseteq P\lambda CS(X, \eta_1, \eta_2)_E$ . Then,  $(G_i, E) \in P\lambda CS(X, \eta_1, \eta_2)_E \forall i \in \Delta$ . Thus, for all  $i \in \Delta$  there exist  $(F_i, E) \in \eta_{12}^c$  and  $(H_i, E) \in \eta_{p\Lambda}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} (G_i, E) = (F_i, E) \tilde{\cap} (H_i, E) &\Rightarrow \bigcap_{i \in \Delta} (G_i, E) = \bigcap_{i \in \Delta} [(F_i, E) \tilde{\cap} (H_i, E)] \\ &= [\bigcap_{i \in \Delta} (F_i, E)] \tilde{\cap} [\bigcap_{i \in \Delta} (H_i, E)]. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $(F_i, E) \in \eta_{12}^c \forall i \in \Delta$ , then  $\bigcap_{i \in \Delta} (F_i, E) \in \eta_{12}^c$ . Also, since  $(H_i, E) \in \eta_{p\Lambda} \forall i \in \Delta$ , then  $\bigcap_{i \in \Delta} (H_i, E) \in \eta_{p\Lambda}$  [for  $\eta_{p\Lambda}$  is an Alexandroff soft topology]. Therefore,  $\bigcap_{i \in \Delta} (G_i, E)$  is a  $p\lambda$ -closed soft set.

**Remark 3.1** The union of any two  $p\lambda$ -closed soft sets may not be a  $p\lambda$ -closed soft set as shown in the following example.

**Example 3.1** Let  $X = \{x, y\}$ ,  $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$  and let

$$\eta_1 = \{(\tilde{\phi}, E), (\tilde{X}, E), (G_1, E), (G_2, E)\}, \eta_2 = \{(\tilde{\phi}, E), (\tilde{X}, E), (H, E)\},$$

where

$$(G_1, E) = \{(e_1, \{x\}), (e_2, \{y\})\},$$

$$(G_2, E) = \{(e_1, \{y\}), (e_2, \{x\})\},$$

$$(H, E) = \{(e_1, \{x\}), (e_2, \{x\})\}.$$

Then,  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a sbts. Consequently,

$$\eta_{12} = \{(\tilde{\phi}, E), (\tilde{X}, E), (G_1, E), (G_2, E), (H, E), (P_1, E), (P_2, E)\},$$

where

$$(P_1, E) = \{(e_1, \{x\}), (e_2, X)\},$$

$$(P_2, E) = \{(e_1, X), (e_2, \{x\})\}.$$

It is easy to prove that

$$\eta_{p\lambda} = \eta_{12} \cup \{(M_1, E), (M_2, E)\}$$

where

$$(M_1, E) = \{(e_1, \{x\}), (e_2, \phi)\}, (M_2, E) = \{(e_1, \phi), (e_2, \{x\})\}.$$

Let  $(K, E) = \{(e_1, \phi), (e_2, \{y\})\}$ , then  $(K, E)$  is a  $p$ -closed soft set. It is clear that  $(K, E)$  and  $(G_2, E)$  are  $p\lambda$ -closed soft sets but  $(K, E) \tilde{\cup} (G_2, E) = \{(e_1, \{y\}), (e_2, X)\}$  is not  $p\lambda$ -closed soft set.

Moreover,  $P\lambda CS(X, \eta_1, \eta_2)_E = \eta_{12} \cup \eta_{12}^c \cup \{(M_1, E), (M_2, E)\}$ .

**Lemma 3.1** Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be a sbts and let  $(x_e, E)$  be a soft point in  $(\tilde{X}, E)$ .

If  $sker_{12}(x_e, E)^c = (x_e, E)^c$ , then  $(x_e, E)^c$  is a  $p$ -open soft set.

**Proof.** Assume that  $(x_e, E)^c$  is not a  $p$ -open soft set, then the only  $p$ -open soft superset of  $(x_e, E)^c$  is  $(\tilde{X}, E)$ . Therefore,  $sker_{12}(x_e, E)^c = (\tilde{X}, E)$ , a contradiction.

**Theorem 3.2** Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be a sbts. Then

$(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a  $PST_{1/2}^*$  iff every soft set on  $X$  is a  $p\lambda$ -closed soft set.

**Proof.** For any soft set  $(G, E)$  over  $X$ , let  $(M, E) = \bigcup \{(x_e, E) \in \eta_{12} : x_e \tilde{\in} (G, E)^c\}$ . Then,  $(M, E)$  is a  $p$ -open soft set. Moreover, every soft point in  $(M, E)$  is a  $p$ -open soft set. We set  $(F, E) = \bigcap \{(y_\alpha, E)^c : y_\alpha \tilde{\in} (M, E)\}$ , then  $(F, E)$  is a  $p$ -closed soft set. Now, we take  $(N, E) = (G, E)^c \tilde{\cap} (M, E)^c$ . Let  $w_\gamma \tilde{\in} (N, E)$ . Then  $w_\gamma \tilde{\in} (G, E)^c$  and  $w_\gamma \tilde{\in} (M, E)^c$ . Therefore,  $(w_\gamma, E)$  is a  $p$ -closed soft set because if  $(w_\gamma, E)$  is not  $p$ -closed soft set, then by  $PST_{1/2}^*$  property and Theorem 2.9 we conclude that  $(w_\gamma, E)$  is  $p$ -open soft set. It follows that  $(w_\gamma, E) \tilde{\subseteq} (M, E)$  which contradicts with  $w_\gamma \tilde{\in} (M, E)^c$ . Consequently, every soft point in  $(N, E)$  is a  $p$ -closed soft set. Put  $(H, E) = \bigcap \{(z_\beta, E)^c : z_\beta \tilde{\in} (N, E)\}$  implies

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sker}_{12}(H, E) &= \text{sker}_{12}[\bigcap \{(z_\beta, E)^c : z_\beta \tilde{\in} (N, E)\}] \\ &= \bigcap \{\text{sker}_{12}(z_\beta, E)^c : z_\beta \tilde{\in} (N, E)\} \text{ [ by Theorem 3.32 in [10]]} \\ &= \bigcap \{(z_\beta, E)^c : z_\beta \tilde{\in} (N, E)\} \text{ [for } (z_\beta, E)^c \text{ is } p\text{-open soft set]} \\ &= (H, E). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $(H, E)$  is a  $p\Lambda$ -soft set. Now, since  $(M, E) \tilde{\subseteq} (G, E)^c$ , then  $y_\alpha \tilde{\in} (G, E)^c \forall y_\alpha \tilde{\in} (M, E)$  implies  $(G, E) \tilde{\subseteq} (y_\alpha, E)^c \forall y_\alpha \tilde{\in} (M, E)$ . It follows that  $(G, E) \tilde{\subseteq} (F, E)$ . Similarly, since  $(N, E) \tilde{\subseteq} (G, E)^c$ , then  $(G, E) \tilde{\subseteq} (H, E)$ . Consequently,  $(G, E) \tilde{\subseteq} (H, E) \tilde{\cap} (F, E)$ . On the other hand, let  $z_e \tilde{\in} (H, E) \tilde{\cap} (F, E)$ . Assume that  $z_e \not\tilde{\in} (G, E)$ , then  $z_e \tilde{\in} (G, E)^c$ . We have two cases:

**Case(1):** If  $(z_e, E)$  is  $p$ -open soft point, then  $z_e \tilde{\in} (M, E)$  it follows that  $(F, E) \tilde{\subseteq} (z_e, E)^c$  which contradicts with  $z_e \tilde{\in} (F, E)$ .

**Case(2):** If  $(z_e, E)$  is not  $p$ -open soft point, then  $z_e \not\tilde{\in} (M, E)$  it follows that  $z_e \tilde{\in} (M, E)^c$ . Therefore,  $z_e \tilde{\in} (N, E)$  which implies that  $(H, E) \tilde{\subseteq} (z_e, E)^c$  which contradicts with  $z_e \tilde{\in} (H, E)$ . In both cases we have a contradiction. Hence,  $z_e \tilde{\in} (G, E)$ . Consequently,  $(G, E) = (H, E) \tilde{\cap} (F, E)$ . From the above we conclude that,  $(G, E)$  is a  $p\lambda$ -closed soft set.

Conversely, let  $(x_e, E)$  be a soft point in  $X$ . Then,  $(x_e, E)^c$  is a soft set over  $X$ . Therefore, by hypothesis,  $(x_e, E)^c$  is a  $p\lambda$ -closed soft set. Now, if  $(x_e, E)$  is a  $p$ -open soft set, then we are done. If  $(x_e, E)$  is not

$p$ -open soft set, then  $(x_e, E)^c$  is not  $p$ -closed soft set. But  $(x_e, E)^c$  is a  $p\lambda$ -closed soft set, then there exist a  $p\Lambda$ -soft set  $(H, E)$  and a  $p$ -closed soft set  $(F, E)$  such that  $(x_e, E)^c = (H, E) \tilde{\cap} (F, E)$ . But the only  $p$ -closed soft superset of  $(x_e, E)^c$  is  $(\tilde{X}, E)$ . Therefore,  $(x_e, E)^c = (H, E)$ . Consequently,  $sker_{12}(x_e, E)^c = (x_e, E)^c$ . Hence, by Lemma 3.1,  $(x_e, E)^c$  is a  $p$ -open soft set. Therefore,  $(x_e, E)$  is a  $p$ -closed soft set.

**Definition 3.1** A soft topological space  $(X, \eta, E)$  is said to be a soft  $T_{1/4}$  [briefly,  $ST_{1/4}$ ] if for every finite soft set  $(G, E)$  over  $X$  and every  $x_e \tilde{\notin} (G, E)$ , there exists a soft set  $(M^{x_e}, E) \in \eta \bigcup \eta^c$  such that  $x_e \tilde{\notin} (M^{x_e}, E)$  and  $(G, E) \tilde{\subseteq} (M^{x_e}, E)$ .

**Example 3.2** Let  $X = Z$ , where  $Z$  denote the set of all integer numbers,  $E$  be a non-empty set of parameters such that  $E = E_1 \cup \{d\}$  and  $d \notin E_1$  and let

$\eta_d = \{(\tilde{\phi}, E)\} \bigcup \{(G, E) \in SS(Z)_E : 0_d \tilde{\in} (G, E) \text{ and } (G, E)^c \text{ is finite soft set}\}$ . It is easy to prove that  $\eta_d$  is a soft topology on  $Z$ . Now, let  $(F, E)$  be a finite soft set and  $x_e \tilde{\notin} (F, E)$ , then we have four cases:

**Case(1):**  $x_e \neq 0_d, x \neq 0$  and  $0_d \tilde{\notin} (F, E)$ . In this case, we have  $0_d \tilde{\in} (F, E)^c$ . But,  $(F, E)$  is finite soft set, then  $(F, E)^c$  is an open soft set. It follows that  $(F, E)$  is a closed soft set. Take  $(M^{x_e}, E) = (F, E)$ .

**Case(2):**  $x_e \neq 0_d, x \neq 0$  and  $0_d \tilde{\in} (F, E)$ . In this case, we have  $0_d \tilde{\in} (x_e, E)^c$ . So,  $(x_e, E)^c$  is an open soft set,  $(F, E) \tilde{\subseteq} (x_e, E)^c$  and  $x_e \tilde{\notin} (x_e, E)^c$ . Take  $(M^{x_e}, E) = (x_e, E)^c$ .

**Case(3):**  $x_e \neq 0_d, x = 0$ . In this case, we have  $e \neq d$ . So,  $0_d \tilde{\in} (x_e, E)^c$ . Therefore,  $(x_e, E)^c$  is an open soft set. Take  $(M^{x_e}, E) = (x_e, E)^c$ .

**Case(4):**  $x_e = 0_d$ . In this case, we have  $e = d$  and  $x = 0$  implies  $0_d \tilde{\notin} (F, E)$ . Therefore,  $(F, E)^c$  is an open soft set. It follows that  $(F, E)$  is a closed soft set. Take  $(M^{x_e}, E) = (F, E)$ .

Consequently,  $(Z, \eta_d, E)$  is a  $ST_{1/4}$ .

**Theorem 3.3** Let  $(X, \eta, E)$  be a soft topological space. Then,

- 1) If  $(X, \eta, E)$  is a  $ST_{1/4}$ , then it is  $ST_0$ .
- 2) If  $(X, \eta, E)$  is a  $ST_{1/2}$ , then it is  $ST_{1/4}$ .

**Proof.** Straightforward.

**Definition 3.2** A sbts  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is said to be a pairwise soft  $T_{1/4}^*$  [briefly,  $PST_{1/4}^*$ ] if for every finite soft set  $(G, E)$  over  $X$  and every  $x_e \notin (G, E)$ , there exists a soft set  $(M^{x_e}, E) \in \eta_{12} \cup \eta_{12}^c$  such that  $x_e \notin (M^{x_e}, E)$  and  $(G, E) \subseteq (M^{x_e}, E)$ .

**Theorem 3.4** Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be a sbts. Then,

$(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a  $PST_{1/4}^*$  iff every finite soft set is a  $p\lambda$ -closed soft set.

**Proof.** Let  $(G, E)$  be a finite soft set over  $X$ . Since,  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a  $PST_{1/4}^*$ , then for every  $x_e \notin (G, E)$  there exist  $(M^{x_e}, E) \in \eta_{12} \cup \eta_{12}^c$  such that  $x_e \notin (M^{x_e}, E)$  and  $(G, E) \subseteq (M^{x_e}, E)$ . Set  $(H, E) = \bigcap_{x_e \notin (G, E)} \{(M^{x_e}, E) \in \eta_{12} : x_e \notin (M^{x_e}, E), (G, E) \subseteq (M^{x_e}, E)\}$  and  $(F, E) = \bigcap_{x_e \notin (G, E)} \{(M^{x_e}, E) \in \eta_{12}^c : x_e \notin (M^{x_e}, E), (G, E) \subseteq (M^{x_e}, E)\}$ . It is clear that  $(H, E)$  is a  $p\lambda$ -soft set and  $(F, E)$  is a  $p$ -closed soft set. Moreover,  $(G, E) = (H, E) \tilde{\cap} (F, E)$ , Therefore,  $(G, E)$  is a  $p\lambda$ -closed soft set.

Conversely, let  $(G, E)$  be a finite soft set over  $X$  and let  $x_e \notin (G, E)$ . Since  $(G, E)$  is a  $p\lambda$ -closed soft set, then  $(G, E) = (H, E) \tilde{\cap} (F, E)$ , where  $(H, E)$  is a  $p\lambda$ -soft set and  $(F, E)$  is a  $p$ -closed soft set. So,  $x_e \notin (H, E)$  or  $x_e \notin (F, E)$ . If  $x_e \notin (H, E)$ , then  $x_e \notin \text{sk}er_{12}(H, E)$ . It follows that there exists a  $p$ -open soft set  $(N, E)$  such that  $(H, E) \subseteq (N, E)$  and  $x_e \notin (N, E)$ , in this case take  $(M^{x_e}, E) = (N, E)$ . If  $x_e \notin (F, E)$ , take  $(M^{x_e}, E) = (F, E)$ . Consequently,  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a  $PST_{1/4}^*$ .

**Theorem 3.5** Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be a sbts. Then,

- 1) If  $(X, \eta_1, E)$  or  $(X, \eta_2, E)$  is a  $ST_{1/4}$ , then  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a  $PST_{1/4}^*$ .
- 2) If  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a  $PST_{1/4}^*$ , then  $(X, \eta_{p\lambda}, E)$  is a  $ST_{1/4}$ .

**Proof.** Straightforward.

**Theorem 3.6** Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be a sbts. Then,

- 1) If  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a  $PST_{1/4}^*$ , then it is  $PST_0^*$ .
- 2) If  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a  $PST_{1/2}^*$ , then it is  $PST_{1/4}^*$ .

**Proof.** (1) : Let  $x_\alpha, y_\beta \in \xi(X)_E$  such that  $x_\alpha \neq y_\beta$ . Since  $(x_\alpha, E)$  is a finite soft set and  $y_\beta \not\tilde{\in} (x_\alpha, E)$ , then by  $PST_{1/4}^*$  property there exists  $(G, E) \in \eta_{12} \cup \eta_{12}^c$  such that  $(x_\alpha, E) \tilde{\subseteq} (G, E)$  and  $y_\beta \tilde{\notin} (G, E)$ . It follows that  $x_\alpha \tilde{\in} (G, E)$  and  $y_\beta \tilde{\notin} (G, E)$ . Therefore, by Lemma 2.1,  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a  $PST_{1/4}^*$ .

(2) : It follows from Theorems 3.2 and 3.4.

**Remark 3.2** The following examples shows that the converse of items (1) and (2) in Theorem 3.6 are not true in general.

**Example 3.3** In Example 3.1, it is easy to prove that  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a  $PST_0^*$ . Let  $(F, E) = \{(e_1, \{y\}), (e_2, X)\}$ . We note that  $x_{e_1} \tilde{\notin} (F, E)$  and  $(F, E)$  is finite soft set. But, there is no  $p$ -open or  $p$ -closed soft set  $(M, E)$  such that  $(F, E) \tilde{\subseteq} (M, E)$  and  $x_{e_1} \tilde{\notin} (M, E)$ . Hence,  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is not  $PST_{1/4}^*$ .

**Example 3.4** From Example 3.2 and Theorem 3.3, we have  $(Z, \eta_d, \eta_d, E)$  is a  $PST_{1/4}^*$ , but it is not  $PST_{1/2}^*$  because  $(0_d, E)$  is a soft point in  $Z$  but it is neither  $p$ -open nor  $p$ -closed soft set.

**Corollary 3.1** If  $X$  is a finite set, then  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a  $PST_{1/2}^*$  iff it is a  $PST_{1/4}^*$ .

#### 4. Pairwise locally closed soft sets

In this section, we introduce the notion of pairwise locally closed soft sets. Some basic properties of them and their relationships with different types of soft sets are studied.

**Definition 4.1** A soft set  $(G, E)$  is said to be a pairwise locally closed soft set in a soft bitopological space  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  [briefly,  $p$ -locally -closed soft set] if  $(G, E) = (F, E) \tilde{\cap} (H, E)$ , where  $(F, E)$  is a  $p$ -closed soft set and  $(H, E)$  is a  $p$ -open soft set. The family of all  $p$ -locally closed soft sets we denoted by  $PLCS(X, \eta_1, \eta_2)_E$ .

**Theorem 4.1** Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be a sbts. Then,

every  $p$ -open ( $p$ -closed) soft set is  $p$ -locally closed soft set.

**Proof.** Immediate from definition.

**Remark 4.1** The union (intersection) of two  $p$  locally closed soft sets need not be a  $p$ -locally closed soft set as shown in the following example

**Example 4.1** In Example 3.1, it is clear that  $(G_2, E)$  and  $(K, E)$  are  $p$ -locally closed soft sets [by Proposition 4.1] but  $(G_2, E) \tilde{\cap} (K, E)$  is not  $p$ -locally closed soft set.

**Proposition 4.1** Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be a sbts. Then,

every  $p$ -locally closed soft set is  $p\lambda$ -closed soft set.

**Proof.** Straightforward

**Theorem 4.2** A soft set  $(G, E)$  in a sbts  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a  $p$ -locally closed soft set iff  $(G, E) = scl_{12}(G, E) \tilde{\cap} (H, E)$  for some  $(H, E) \in \eta_{12}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $(L, E)$  be a  $p$ -locally closed soft set. Then, there exist  $p$ -closed soft set  $(F, E)$  and  $p$ -open soft set  $(H, E)$  such that  $(L, E) = (F, E) \tilde{\cap} (G, E)$ . It follows that  $scl_{12}(L, E) \tilde{\subseteq} (F, E) \tilde{\cap} scl_{12}(G, E)$  which implies that  $scl_{12}(L, E) \tilde{\subseteq} (F, E)$  and so

$scl_{12}(L, E) \tilde{\cap} (G, E) \tilde{\subseteq} (F, E) \tilde{\cap} (G, E)$ . Therefore,  $scl_{12}(L, E) \tilde{\cap} (G, E) \tilde{\subseteq} (L, E)$ . On the other hand, since  $(L, E) \tilde{\subseteq} scl_{12}(L, E)$ , then  $(L, E) \tilde{\cap} (G, E) \tilde{\subseteq} scl_{12}(L, E) \tilde{\cap} (G, E)$ . It follows that  $(L, E) \tilde{\subseteq} scl_{12}(L, E) \tilde{\cap} (G, E)$ . Consequently,  $(L, E) = scl_{12}(L, E) \tilde{\cap} (G, E)$ .

The sufficiency of the theorem is clear.

**Definition 4.2** A sbts  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is said to be a pairwise soft  $T_L^*$  [briefly,  $PST_L^*$ ] if every soft point in  $X$  is a  $p$ -locally closed soft set.

**Theorem 4.3** Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be a sbts. Then

- 1) If  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a  $PST_{1/2}^*$ , then it is  $PST_L^*$ .
- 2) If  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a  $PST_L^*$ , then it is  $PST_0^*$ .

**Proof.** (1) : Since  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a  $PST_{1/2}^*$ , then every soft point is a  $p$ -open soft set or a  $p$ -closed soft set. It follows that, by Proposition 4.1, every soft point is a  $p$ -locally closed soft set. Consequently,  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a  $PST_L^*$ .

(2) : Since  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a  $PST_L^*$ , then every soft point is a  $p$ -locally closed soft set. It follows that, by Proposition 4.1, every soft point is a  $p\lambda$ -closed soft set. Therefore,  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a  $PST_0^*$  [by Theorem 2.8].

**Remark 4.2** The converse of items (1) and (2) in the above theorem is not true in general which is shown in the following example.

**Example 4.2** Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be the same in Example 3.1. Since  $(P_1, E)^c = (y_{e_1}, E)$ , then  $(y_{e_1}, E)$  is a  $p$ -closed soft set. It follows that  $(y_{e_1}, E)$  is a  $p$ -locally closed soft set. Also,  $(P_2, E)^c = (y_{e_2}, E)$  is a  $p$ -locally closed soft set. Now, since  $(x_{e_1}, E) = (H, E) \tilde{\cap} (G_2, E)^c$ , then  $(x_{e_1}, E)$  is a  $p$ -locally closed soft set. Also,  $(x_{e_2}, E) = (H, E) \tilde{\cap} (G_1, E)^c$ . It follows that  $(x_{e_2}, E)$  is a  $p$ -locally closed soft set. Therefore, every soft point in  $X$  is a  $p$ -locally closed soft set. Hence,  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a  $PST_L^*$ . On the other hand,  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is not  $PST_{1/2}^*$  because  $(x_{e_1}, E)$  neither  $p$ -open nor  $p$ -closed soft set.

**Remark 4.3** The concepts of  $PST_L^*$  and  $PST_{1/4}^*$  are independent as shown in the following example.

**Example 4.3** In Example 4.2, we have  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a  $PST_L^*$  but it is not  $PST_{1/2}^*$  which implies that  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is not  $PST_{1/4}^*$  [by Corollary 3.1]. From Examples 3.2 and 3.4, we have  $(X, \eta_d, \eta_d, E)$  is a  $PST_{1/4}^*$  but it is not  $PST_L^*$  for  $(0_d, E)$  is not  $p$ -locally closed soft set.

### 5. On $p\lambda$ -open soft sets

In this section, we introduce the notion of pairwise  $\lambda$ -open soft sets. Some basic properties of them and their relationships with different types of soft sets are studied.

**Definition 5.1** A soft set  $(G, E)$  in a sbts  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is said to be a pairwise  $\lambda$ -open soft set [briefly,  $p\lambda$ -open soft set] if its complement is a  $p\lambda$ -closed soft set. Clearly,  $(G, E)$  is a  $p\lambda$ -open soft set iff  $(G, E) = (H, E) \tilde{\cup} (M, E)$ , where  $(H, E) \in \eta_{12}$  and  $(M, E) \in \eta_{p\lambda}^c = \eta_{p\nu}$ . We denoted the family of all  $p\lambda$ -open soft sets by  $P\lambda OS(X, \eta_1, \eta_2)_E$ .

**Theorem 5.1** Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be a sbts and  $(G, E) \in SS(X)_E$ . Then:

- 1) Every  $p$ -open(closed) soft set is a  $p\lambda$ -open soft set.
- 2) Every  $p \vee$ -soft set is a  $p\lambda$ -open soft set.
- 3) An arbitrary union of  $p\lambda$ -open soft sets is a  $p\lambda$ -open soft set.

**Proof.** Straightforward.

**Corollary 5.1** The family of all  $p\lambda$ -open soft sets is a supra soft topology.

**Proof.** The proof is direct from Theorem 5.1.

**Remark 5.1** The family of all  $p\lambda$ -open soft sets may not be a soft topology as shown by the following example.

**Example 5.1** In Example 3.1, we have  $SS(X)_E = \eta_{12} \cup \eta_{12}^c \cup \{(M_i, E) : i = 1, \dots, 6\}$

where

$$(M_1, E) = \{(e_1, \{x\}), (e_2, \phi)\}, (M_2, E) = \{(e_1, \phi), (e_2, \{x\})\},$$

$$(M_3, E) = \{(e_1, \phi), (e_2, X)\}, (M_4, E) = \{(e_1, X), (e_2, \phi)\},$$

$$(M_5, E) = \{(e_1, \{y\}), (e_2, X)\}, (M_6, E) = \{(e_1, X), (e_2, \{y\})\}.$$

It is easy to show that  $P\lambda OS(X, \eta_1, \eta_2)_E = \eta_{12} \cup \eta_{12}^c \cup \{(M_5, E), (M_6, E)\}$ .

It is clear that  $(P_2, E), (G_1, E) \in P\lambda OS(X, \eta_1, \eta_2)_E$  but  $(P_2, E) \tilde{\cap} (G_1, E) = (M_1, E)$  which is not  $p\lambda$ -open soft set.

**Theorem 5.2** Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be a sbts and  $(G, E) \in SS(X)_E$ . The following statements are equivalent.

- 1)  $(G, E)$  is a  $p\lambda$ -open soft set.
- 2)  $(G, E) = (H, E) \tilde{\cup} (M, E)$ , where  $(H, E) \in \eta_{12}$ ,  $(M, E) \in \eta_{p\vee}$ .
- 3)  $(G, E) = sint_{12}(G, E) \tilde{\cup} (M, E)$ , where  $(M, E) \in \eta_{p\vee}$ .
- 4)  $(G, E) = sint_{12}(G, E) \tilde{\cup} sker_{12}^*(G, E)$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) : Let  $(G, E)$  be a  $p\lambda$ -open soft set. Then,  $(G, E) = (H, E) \tilde{\cup} (M, E)$ , where  $(H, E) \in \eta_{12}$ ,  $(M, E) \in \eta_{p\lambda}^c$ , but  $\eta_{p\lambda}^c = \eta_{p\nu}$  [by Theorem 2.7], then (2) holds.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) : Let  $(G, E) = (H, E) \tilde{\cup} (M, E)$ , where  $(H, E) \in \eta_{12}$ ,  $(M, E) \in \eta_{p\nu}$ . Since  $(H, E) \tilde{\subseteq} (G, E)$ , then  $sint_{12}(H, E) \tilde{\subseteq} sint_{12}(G, E)$ . Therefore,  $(H, E) \tilde{\subseteq} sint_{12}(G, E)$ . It follows that  $(H, E) \tilde{\cup} (M, E) \tilde{\subseteq} sint_{12}(G, E) \tilde{\cup} (M, E)$ . So,  $(G, E) \tilde{\subseteq} sint_{12}(G, E) \tilde{\cup} (M, E)$ , but

$sint_{12}(G, E) \tilde{\subseteq} (G, E)$  and  $(M, E) \tilde{\subseteq} (G, E)$  then  $sint_{12}(G, E) \tilde{\cup} (M, E) \tilde{\subseteq} (G, E)$ . Therefore,  $(G, E) = sint_{12}(G, E) \tilde{\cup} (M, E)$ . Hence, (3) holds.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): Let  $(G, E) = sint_{12}(G, E) \tilde{\cup} (M, E)$ , where  $(M, E) \in \eta_{p\nu}$ . Then  $(G, E) = sint_{12}(G, E) \tilde{\cup} sker_{12}^*(M, E)$ . Since  $(M, E) \tilde{\subseteq} (G, E)$ , then  $sker_{12}^*(M, E) \tilde{\subseteq} sker_{12}^*(G, E)$  which implies that  $sint_{12}(G, E) \tilde{\cup} sker_{12}^*(M, E) \tilde{\subseteq} sint_{12}(G, E) \tilde{\cup} sker_{12}^*(G, E)$ .

It follows that  $(G, E) \tilde{\subseteq} sint_{12}(G, E) \tilde{\cup} sker_{12}^*(G, E)$ , but  $sint_{12}(G, E) \tilde{\subseteq} (G, E)$  and  $sker_{12}^*(G, E) \tilde{\subseteq} (G, E)$ , then  $sint_{12}(G, E) \tilde{\cup} sker_{12}^*(G, E) \tilde{\subseteq} (G, E)$ . Therefore,  $(G, E) = sint_{12}(G, E) \tilde{\cup} sker_{12}^*(G, E)$ . Hence, (4) holds.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Since  $sint_{12}(G, E) \in \eta_{12}$ ,  $sker_{12}^*(G, E) \in \eta_{p\nu}$ , then  $(G, E)$  is a  $p\lambda$ -open soft set. Hence, (1) holds.

**Definition 5.2** Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be a sbts, and let  $(G, E) \in SS(X)_E$ . The  $p\lambda$ -soft closure of  $(G, E)$ , denoted by  $scl_{p\lambda}(G, E)$ , is defined by

$$scl_{p\lambda}(G, E) = \bigcap \{ (F, E) \in P\lambda CS(X, \eta_1, \eta_2)_E : (G, E) \tilde{\subseteq} (F, E) \}.$$

**Lemma 5.1** Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be a sbts and  $(G, E) \in SS(X)_E$ . The  $p\lambda$ -soft closure of  $(G, E)$  is the smallest  $p\lambda$ -closed soft superset of  $(G, E)$ .

**Proof.** Immediate from Theorem 3.1.

**Theorem 5.3** Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be a sbts and let  $(G, E), (H, E) \in SS(X)_E$ . Then

$$1) \quad scl_{p\lambda}(\tilde{X}, E) = (\tilde{X}, E) ; \quad scl_{p\lambda}(\tilde{\phi}, E) = (\tilde{\phi}, E).$$

- 2)  $(G, E) \subseteq scl_{p\lambda}(G, E)$ .
- 3)  $(G, E) \subseteq (H, E) \Rightarrow scl_{p\lambda}(G, E) \subseteq scl_{p\lambda}(H, E)$ .
- 4)  $(G, E)$  is a  $p\lambda$ -closed soft set  $\Leftrightarrow scl_{p\lambda}(G, E) = (G, E)$ .
- 5)  $scl_{p\lambda}(G, E) \cup scl_{p\lambda}(H, E) \subseteq scl_{p\lambda}[(G, E) \cup (H, E)]$ .
- 6)  $scl_{p\lambda}[scl_{p\lambda}(G, E)] = scl_{p\lambda}(G, E)$ .

**Proof.** Straightforward.

**Corollary 5.2**  $scl_{p\lambda}$  is a supra soft closure operator and it is induced a supra soft topology given by

$$\eta_{p\lambda} = \{(G, E) \in SS(X)_E : scl_{p\lambda}(G, E)^c = (G, E)^c\} \text{ which is precisely } P\lambda OS(X, \eta_1, \eta_2)_E.$$

**Remark 5.2** The equality in Theorem 5.3 (5) may not be satisfied as shown in the following example.

**Example 5.2** Consider the Example 3.1, since  $(H, E)^c = \{(e_1, \{y\}), (e_2, \{y\})\}$  is  $p$ -closed soft set, then  $(H, E)^c$  is a  $p\lambda$ -closed soft set. Therefore,  $scl_{p\lambda}(H, E)^c = (H, E)^c$  [ by Theorem 5.3 (4) ]. Similarly,  $scl_{p\lambda}(G_1, E)^c = (G_1, E)^c$ . It follows that  $scl_{p\lambda}(H, E)^c \cup scl_{p\lambda}(G_1, E)^c = \{(e_1, \{y\}), (e_2, \{X\})\}$ . On the other hand,  $scl_{p\lambda}[(H, E)^c \cup (G_1, E)^c] = scl_{p\lambda}\{(e_1, \{y\}), (e_2, \{X\})\} = (\tilde{X}, E)$ . Hence,  $scl_{p\lambda}[(H, E)^c \cup (G_1, E)^c] \neq scl_{p\lambda}(H, E)^c \cup scl_{p\lambda}(G_1, E)^c$ .

**Theorem 5.4** Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be a sbts and  $(G, E) \in SS(X)_E$ . Then,

$$x_e \in scl_{p\lambda}(G, E) \Leftrightarrow (O_{x_e}, E) \cap (G, E) \neq (\tilde{\phi}, E), \quad \forall (O_{x_e}, E),$$

where  $(O_{x_e}, E)$  is a  $p\lambda$ -open soft set containing  $x_e$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x_e \in scl_{p\lambda}(G, E)$  and assume that there exists  $(O_{x_e}, E) \in \eta_{12}$  such that  $(O_{x_e}, E) \cap (G, E) = (\tilde{\phi}, E)$ . Then  $(G, E) \subseteq (O_{x_e}, E)^c$  which implies that  $scl_{p\lambda}(G, E) \subseteq scl_{p\lambda}(O_{x_e}, E)^c = (O_{x_e}, E)^c$ , therefor  $scl_{p\lambda}(G, E) \cap (O_{x_e}, E) = (\tilde{\phi}, E)$ , a contradiction.

Conversely, assume that  $x_e \notin scl_{p\lambda}(G, E)$ . Then  $x_e \in [scl_{p\lambda}(G, E)]^c$  it follows that  $[scl_{p\lambda}(G, E)]^c$  is a  $p\lambda$ -open soft set containing  $x_e$ . Thus, by hypothesis  $[scl_{p\lambda}(G, E)]^c \cap (G, E) \neq (\tilde{\phi}, E)$  which contradicts

with  $(G, E) \cong scl_{p\lambda}(G, E)$ .

**Corollary 5.3** Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be a sbts. Then,

$$\eta_{12}^c \subseteq \eta_{p\nu} \subseteq \eta_{p\lambda} \subseteq SS(X)_E.$$

**Proof.** Straightforward.

**Remark 5.3** The equality in Corollary 5.3 may not be satisfied as shown in the following example.

**Example 5.3** In Example 5.1, clear that  $\eta_{p\lambda} \neq SS(X)_E$ . Also, we have  $(P_1, E) \in \eta_{p\lambda}$  but  $(P_1, E) \notin \eta_{p\nu}$  because  $sker_{12}^*(P_1, E) = \{(e_1, \{x\}), (e_1, \{y\})\} \neq (P_1, E)$ . Hence,  $\eta_{p\nu} \neq \eta_{p\lambda}$ .

**Lemma 5.2** Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be a sbts. Then, the supra soft topology  $\eta_{p\lambda}$  is a soft topology on  $X$  iff the finite intersection of  $p\lambda$ -open soft sets is a  $p\lambda$ -open soft set or equivalently, the finite union of  $p\lambda$ -closed soft sets is a  $p\lambda$ -closed soft set.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $\eta_{p\lambda}$  is a soft topology on  $X$ . Let  $(G, E)$  and  $(H, E)$  be two  $p\lambda$ -closed soft sets. Then,  $(G, E)^c$  and  $(H, E)^c$  are  $p\lambda$ -open soft sets. Therefore,  $(G, E)_c \tilde{\cap} (H, E)_c$  is a  $p\lambda$ -open soft set [for  $\eta_{p\lambda}$  is a soft topology]. Consequently,  $(G, E) \tilde{\cup} (H, E)$  is a  $p\lambda$ -closed soft set.

Conversely, it is obvious.

**Definition 5.3** A sbts  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is called a pairwise soft  $T_\lambda^*$  [briefly,  $PST_\lambda^*$ ] if  $\eta_{p\lambda}$  is a soft topology on  $X$ .

**Theorem 5.5** Every  $PST_{1/2}^*$  is a  $PST_\lambda^*$ .

**Proof.** Let  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  be a  $PST_{1/2}^*$  space. Then, by Theorem 3.2, every soft set is a  $p\lambda$ -closed soft set. Consequently, the union of any two  $p\lambda$ -closed soft sets is a  $p\lambda$ -closed soft set. Hence, by Lemma 5.2,  $\eta_{p\lambda}$  is a soft topology on  $X$ . Hence,  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a  $PST_\lambda^*$ .

**Remark 5.4** A  $PST_\lambda^*$  need not be a  $PST_{1/2}^*$  or  $PST_0^*$  as shown by the following example.

**Example 5.4** Let  $X = \{x, y, z\}$ ,  $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$  and let

$$\eta_1 = \{(\tilde{\phi}, E), (\tilde{X}, E), (G_1, E), (G_2, E), (G_3, E)\},$$

$$\eta_2 = \{(\tilde{\phi}, E), (\tilde{X}, E), (H_1, E), (H_2, E), (H_3, E)\},$$

such that

$$(G_1, E) = \{(e_1, \{x, z\}), (e_2, \{x, y\})\},$$

$$(G_2, E) = \{(e_1, \{y, z\}), (e_2, \{y, z\})\},$$

$$(G_3, E) = \{(e_1, \{z\}), (e_2, \{y\})\},$$

$$(H_1, E) = \{(e_1, \{x, y\}), (e_2, \{x, z\})\},$$

$$(H_2, E) = \{(e_1, \{z\}), (e_2, \{x, y\})\},$$

$$(H_3, E) = \{(e_1, \phi), (e_2, \{x\})\}.$$

It is easily seen that  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a sbts and

$$\eta_{12} = \{(\tilde{\phi}, E), (\tilde{X}, E), (G_1, E), (G_2, E), (G_3, E), (H_1, E), (H_2, E), (H_3, E), (P, E)\},$$

where

$$(P, E) = \{(e_1, \{y, z\}), (e_2, X)\}. \text{ Consequently,}$$

$$\eta_{p\lambda} = \eta_{12} \cup \{(G_1, E)^c, (G_2, E)^c\}.$$

By studying all soft sets such that  $SS(X)_E = \eta_{12} \cup \{(M_i, E) : i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 50\}$  we found that:

$P\lambda CS(X, \eta_1, \eta_2)_E = \eta_{12} \cup \eta_{12}^c$ . Moreover,  $P\lambda CS(X, \eta_1, \eta_2)_E = \eta_{p\lambda}$ . Now, let  $(N, E), (K, E) \in \eta_{p\lambda}$ , then  $(N, E), (K, E) \in P\lambda CS(X, \eta_1, \eta_2)_E$ . Therefore,  $(N, E) \tilde{\cap} (K, E) \in P\lambda CS(X, \eta_1, \eta_2)_E$  [by Theorem 3.1]. Hence,  $(N, E) \tilde{\cap} (K, E) \in \eta_{p\lambda}$ . Therefore,  $\eta_{p\lambda}$  is a soft topology. Consequently,  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a  $PST_\lambda^*$  but it is not  $PST_{1/2}^*$  because  $(y_{e_1}, E)$  neither  $p$ -open soft set nor  $p$ -closed soft set. Also,  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is not  $PST_0^*$  for  $y_{e_1} \neq z_{e_2}$  but there is no  $p$ -open soft set contains one of them but not

contains the other.

**Theorem 5.6** A soft set  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a  $PST_{1/4}^*$  if it is a  $PST_0^*$  and  $PST_\lambda^*$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a  $PST_0^*$  and  $PST_\lambda^*$ . Let  $(F, E)$  be a finite soft set. Then  $(F, E) = \bigcup \{(x_e, E) : x_e \tilde{\in} (F, E)\}$  [by Proposition 2.1]. Since  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a  $PST_0^*$ , then  $(x_e, E)$  is a  $p\lambda$ -closed soft set for all  $x_e \tilde{\in} (F, E)$ . But,  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a  $PST_\lambda^*$ , then  $\eta_{p\lambda}$  is a soft topology on  $X$ . It follows that, by Lemma 5.2, the finite union of  $p\lambda$ -closed soft sets is a  $p\lambda$ -closed soft set. Consequently,  $\bigcup \{(x_e, E) : x_e \tilde{\in} (F, E)\}$  is a  $p\lambda$ -closed soft set. Therefore,  $(F, E)$  is a  $p\lambda$ -closed soft set. Hence, by Theorem 3.4 we conclude that  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a  $PST_{1/4}^*$ .

**Remark 5.5** A  $PST_\lambda^*$  space need not be  $PST_{1/4}^*$ . In Example 5.4, we proved that  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is a  $PST_\lambda^*$ . Since  $X$  is a finite set and  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is not  $PST_{1/2}^*$ , then by Corollary 3.1 we conclude that  $(X, \eta_1, \eta_2, E)$  is not  $PST_{1/4}^*$ .

## 6. Conclusion

The notions of pairwise  $\lambda$ -closed soft sets, pairwise  $\lambda$ -open soft sets and pairwise locally closed soft sets are turn out to be useful in the study of some soft bitopologies which are not  $PST_1^*$ . In this paper, we introduce new classes of soft sets called  $p\lambda$ -closed soft sets,  $p\lambda$ -open soft sets and  $p$ -locally closed soft sets in soft bitopological spaces. It turn out that  $p\lambda$ -closed soft sets,  $p\lambda$ -open soft sets and  $p$ -locally closed soft sets are weaker forms of  $p$ -open(closed) soft sets. We also conclude several important properties of such soft sets. Moreover, we introduce and study a related pairwise soft separation axioms, namely,  $PST_{1/4}^*$ ,  $PST_L^*$  and  $PST_\lambda^*$ . We studied the relationships between these types of separation axioms.

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