



## $\theta_\omega$ -Connectedness and $\omega$ - $R_1$ properties

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### Abstract:

*We use the theta omega closure operator to define theta omega connectedness as a property which is weaker than connectedness and stronger than  $\theta$ -connectedness. We give several sufficient conditions for the equivalence between  $\theta_\omega$ -connectedness and connectedness, and between  $\theta_\omega$ -connectedness and  $\theta$ -connectedness. We give two results regarding the union of  $\theta_\omega$ -connected sets and also we show that the weakly  $\theta_\omega$ -continuous image of a connected set is  $\theta_\omega$ -connected. We define and investigate  $V$ - $\theta_\omega$ -connectedness as a strong form of  $V$ - $\theta$ -connectedness, and we show that the  $\theta_\omega$ -connectedness and  $V$ - $\theta_\omega$ -connectedness are independent. We continue the study of  $R_1$  as a known topological property by giving several results regarding it. We introduce  $\omega$ - $R_1$  (I),  $\omega$ - $R_1$  (II),  $\omega$ - $R_1$  (III) and weakly  $\omega$ - $R_1$  as four weaker forms of  $R_1$  by utilizing  $\omega$ -open sets, we give several relationships regarding them and we raise two open questions.*

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and let  $A \subseteq X$ .  $A$  is called an  $\omega$ -open set in  $(X, \tau)$  [1] if for each  $x \in A$ , there is  $U \in \tau$  and a countable set  $C \subseteq X$  such that  $x \in U - C \subseteq A$ . The family of all  $\omega$ -open sets in  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $\tau_\omega$ . It is well known that  $\tau_\omega$  is a topology on  $X$  which contains  $\tau$ . Denote the closure of  $A$  in  $(X, \tau)$  (resp.  $(X, \tau_\omega)$ ) by  $\overline{A}$  (resp.  $\overline{A}^\omega$ ). A point  $x \in X$  is in  $\theta$ -closure of  $A$  [2] ( $x \in Cl_\theta(A)$ ) if for every  $U \in \tau$  with  $x \in U$ , we have  $\overline{U} \cap A \neq \emptyset$ .  $A$  is called  $\theta$ -closed [2] if  $Cl_\theta(A) = A$ . The complement of a  $\theta$ -closed set is called a  $\theta$ -open set. The family of all  $\theta$ -open sets in  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $\tau_\theta$ . It is well known that  $\tau_\theta \subseteq \tau$  and  $\tau_\theta = \tau$  if and only if  $(X, \tau)$  is regular. A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called  $\omega$ -regular [3] if for each closed set  $F$  in  $(X, \tau)$  and  $x \in X - F$ , there exist  $U \in \tau$  and  $V \in \tau_\omega$  such that  $x \in U, F \subseteq V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . In [4] the author defined  $\theta_\omega$ -closure operator as follows: A point  $x \in X$  is in  $\theta_\omega$ -closure of  $A$  ( $x \in Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A)$ ) if for any  $U \in \tau$  with  $x \in U$  we have  $\overline{U}^\omega \cap A \neq \emptyset$ .  $A$  is called  $\theta_\omega$ -closed if  $Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A) = A$ . The complement of a  $\theta_\omega$ -closed set is called a  $\theta_\omega$ -open set. The family of all  $\theta_\omega$ -open sets in  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $\tau_{\theta_\omega}$ . It is proved in [4] that  $\tau_{\theta_\omega}$  forms a topology on  $X$  which lies between  $\tau_\theta$  and  $\tau$ , and that  $\tau_{\theta_\omega} = \tau$  if and only if  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\omega$ -regular. Also,  $\omega$ - $T_2$  topological spaces are characterized via  $\theta_\omega$ -open sets. Moreover, four new classes of functions, namely:  $\theta_\omega$ -continuous,  $\omega$ - $\theta$ -continuous, weakly  $\theta_\omega$ -continuous and faintly  $\theta_\omega$ -continuous are defined and investigated. This paper is organized as follows:

In section two, we use the  $\theta_\omega$ -closure operator to define  $\theta_\omega$ -connectedness as a property which is weaker than connectedness and stronger than  $\theta$ -connectedness. We give several sufficient conditions for the equivalence between  $\theta_\omega$ -connectedness and connectedness, and between  $\theta_\omega$ -connectedness and  $\theta$ -connectedness. We give two results regarding the union of  $\theta_\omega$ -connected sets and also we show that the weakly  $\theta_\omega$ -continuous image of a connected set is  $\theta_\omega$ -connected.

In section three, we define and investigate  $V$ - $\theta_\omega$ -connectedness as a strong form of  $V$ - $\theta$ -connectedness. We show that the  $\theta_\omega$ -connectedness and  $V$ - $\theta_\omega$ -connectedness are independent.

In section four, we continue the study of  $R_1$  as a known topological property by giving several results regarding it. We introduce  $\omega$ - $R_1(I)$ ,  $\omega$ - $R_1(II)$ ,  $\omega$ - $R_1(III)$  and weakly  $\omega$ - $R_1$  as four weaker forms of  $R_1$  by utilizing  $\omega$ -open sets. We give several relationships regarding them and we raise two open questions.

In this paper,  $\mathbf{R}$ ,  $\mathbf{Q}$ ,  $\mathbf{Q}^c$  and  $\mathbf{N}$  denote, respectively the set of real numbers, the set of rational numbers, the set of irrational numbers and the set of natural numbers.

The following definitions and theorems will be used in the sequel:

**Definition 1.1.** [5] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. A pair  $(P, Q)$  of non-empty subsets of  $X$  is said to be separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$ , if  $(P \cap \overline{Q}) \cup (\overline{P} \cap Q) = \emptyset$ .

**Definition 1.2.** [6] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. A pair  $(P, Q)$  of non-empty subsets of  $X$  is said to be  $\theta$ -separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$ , if  $(P \cap Cl_\theta(Q)) \cup (Cl_\theta(P) \cap Q) = \emptyset$ .

**Theorem 1.3.** [4] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and let  $A \subseteq X$ . Then  $\overline{A} \subseteq Cl_{\theta_w}(A) \subseteq Cl_\theta(A)$ .

**Definition 1.4.** [7] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. Then  $(X, \tau)$  is called locally countable if for each  $x \in X$ , there is  $U \in \tau$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $U$  is countable.

**Theorem 1.5.** [4] If  $(X, \tau)$  is locally countable and  $A \subseteq X$ , then  $\overline{A} = Cl_{\theta_w}(A)$ .

**Definition 1.6.** [8] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. Then  $(X, \tau)$  is called anti-locally countable if each  $U \in \tau - \{\emptyset\}$  is uncountable.

**Theorem 1.7.** [4] If  $(X, \tau)$  is anti-locally countable and  $A \subseteq X$ , then  $Cl_\theta(A) = Cl_{\theta_w}(A)$ .

**Definition 1.8.** [5] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is said to be connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$  if there is no separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(P, Q)$ , such that  $A = P \cup Q$ .

**Definition 1.9.** [6] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is said to be  $\theta$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$  if there is no  $\theta$ -separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(P, Q)$ , such that  $A = P \cup Q$ .

**Definition 1.10.** [3]. A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is called  $\omega$ -regular if for each closed set  $F$  in  $(X, \tau)$  and  $x \in X - F$ , there exist  $U \in \tau$  and  $V \in \tau_\omega$  such that  $x \in U$ ,  $F \subseteq V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .

**Theorem 1.11.** [4]. If  $(X, \tau)$  is an  $\omega$ -regular topological space and  $A \subseteq X$ , then  $\overline{A} = Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A)$ .

**Theorem 1.12.** [4] If  $(X, \tau)$  is a regular topological space and  $A \subseteq X$ , then  $\overline{A} = Cl_\theta(A) = Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A)$ .

**Theorem 1.13.** [8] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and let  $A$  be a non-empty subset of  $X$ . Then  $(\tau_A)_\omega = (\tau_\omega)_A$ .

**Definition 1.14.** [4] A function  $f : (X, \tau) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be weakly  $\theta_\omega$ -continuous if for each  $x \in X$  and  $V \in \sigma$  containing  $f(x)$ , there is  $U \in \tau$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $f(U) \subseteq \overline{V}^\omega$ .

**Definition 1.15.** [2] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and let  $A \subseteq X$ .  $A$  is said to be  $V$ - $\theta$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$  if there are no disjoint non-empty sets  $P$  and  $Q$  and no open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $A = P \cup Q$ ,  $P \subseteq U$ ,  $Q \subseteq V$ , and  $\overline{U} \cap \overline{V} = \emptyset$ .

**Theorem 1.16.** [3] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and let  $A \subseteq X$ . Then  $\overline{A}^\omega \subseteq \overline{A}$ .

**Theorem 1.17.** [3] If  $(X, \tau)$  is an anti-locally countable topological space, then for all  $U \in \tau_\omega$ ,  $\overline{U} = \overline{U}^\omega$ .

**Definition 1.18.** [10] A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $R_1$  if for any two points  $x, y \in X$  with  $\overline{\{x\}} \neq \overline{\{y\}}$ , there are  $U, V \in \tau$  such that  $x \in U$ ,  $y \in V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .

**Definition 1.19.** [4] A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $\omega$ - $T_2$  if for any pair  $(x, y)$  of distinct points in  $X$  there exist  $U \in \tau$  and  $V \in \tau_\omega$  such that  $x \in U$ ,  $y \in V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .

**Theorem 1.20.** [4] (a) A topological space is  $\omega$ - $T_2$  if and only if for each  $x \in X$ ,  $Cl_{\theta_\omega}(\{x\}) = \{x\}$ .

(b) Every  $\omega$ - $T_2$  topological space is  $T_1$ .

**Theorem 1.21.** [11] A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_2$  if and only if it is  $R_1$  and  $T_1$ .

**Definition 1.22.** [4] A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $\omega$ -locally indiscrete if every open set in  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\omega$ -closed.

**Theorem 1.23.** [4] a. If  $A$  is a subset of an  $\omega$ -locally indiscrete topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $\overline{A} = Cl_{\theta_w}(A)$ .

b. Every locally indiscrete topological space is  $\omega$ -locally indiscrete.

c. Every locally countable topological space is  $\omega$ -locally indiscrete.

**Theorem 1.24.** [12] A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $R_1$  if and only if for each  $x \in X$ ,  $Cl_{\theta}(\{x\}) = \{x\}$ .

## 2. 2. $\theta_w$ -Connectedness

In this section, we use the  $\theta_w$ -closure operator to define  $\theta_w$ -connectedness as a property which is weaker than connectedness and stronger than  $\theta$ -connectedness. We give several sufficient conditions for the equivalence between  $\theta_w$ -connectedness and connectedness, and between  $\theta_w$ -connectedness and  $\theta$ -connectedness. We give two results regarding the union of  $\theta_w$ -connected sets and also we show that the weakly  $\theta_w$ -continuous image of a connected set is  $\theta_w$ -connected.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. A pair  $(P, Q)$  of non-empty subsets of  $X$  is said to be a  $\theta_w$ -separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$ , if  $(P \cap Cl_{\theta_w}(Q)) \cup (Cl_{\theta_w}(P) \cap Q) = \emptyset$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and let  $(P, Q)$  be a pair of non-empty subsets of  $X$ . If  $(P, Q)$  is a  $\theta_w$ -separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$ , then it is a separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proof.** Since the pair  $(P, Q)$  is a  $\theta_w$ -separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $(P \cap Cl_{\theta_w}(Q)) \cup (Cl_{\theta_w}(P) \cap Q) = \emptyset$ . By Theorem 1.3, we have

$$(P \cap \overline{Q}) \cup (\overline{P} \cap Q) \subseteq (P \cap Cl_{\theta_w}(Q)) \cup (Cl_{\theta_w}(P) \cap Q) = \emptyset.$$

It follows that  $(P \cap \overline{Q}) \cup (\overline{P} \cap Q) = \emptyset$ . Hence, the pair  $(P, Q)$  is a separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a locally countable topological space and let  $(P, Q)$  be a pair of non-empty subsets of  $X$ . Then  $(P, Q)$  is a  $\theta_w$ -separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$  if and only if it is a separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proof.** *Necessity.* We can see it by Theorem 2.2.

*Sufficiency.* Suppose that the pair  $(P, Q)$  is a separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$ . Then  $(P \cap \overline{Q}) \cup (\overline{P} \cap Q) = \emptyset$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is locally countable, then by Theorem 1.5  $\overline{P} = Cl_{\theta_w}(P)$  and  $\overline{Q} = Cl_{\theta_w}(Q)$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
(P \cap Cl_{\theta_\omega}(Q)) \cup (Cl_{\theta_\omega}(P) \cap Q) &= (P \cap \overline{Q}) \cup (\overline{P} \cap Q) \\
&= \emptyset.
\end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $(P, Q)$  is a  $\theta_\omega$ -separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

Example 2.11 will show that the condition 'locally countable' in Theorem 2.3 cannot be dropped.

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and let  $(P, Q)$  be a pair of non-empty subsets of  $X$ . If  $(P, Q)$  is a  $\theta$ -separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$ , then it is a  $\theta_\omega$ -separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proof.** Since the pair  $(P, Q)$  is a  $\theta$ -separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $(P \cap Cl_\theta(Q)) \cup (Cl_\theta(P) \cap Q) = \emptyset$ . By Theorem 1.3, we have

$$(P \cap Cl_{\theta_\omega}(Q)) \cup (Cl_{\theta_\omega}(P) \cap Q) \subseteq (P \cap Cl_\theta(Q)) \cup (Cl_\theta(P) \cap Q) = \emptyset.$$

It follows that  $(P \cap Cl_{\theta_\omega}(Q)) \cup (Cl_{\theta_\omega}(P) \cap Q) = \emptyset$ . Hence, the pair  $(P, Q)$  is a  $\theta_\omega$ -separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an anti-locally countable topological space and let  $(P, Q)$  be a pair of non-empty subsets of  $X$ . Then  $(P, Q)$  is a  $\theta$ -separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$  if and only if it is a  $\theta_\omega$ -separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proof.** *Necessity.* We can see it by Theorem 2.4.

*Sufficiency.* Suppose that the pair  $(P, Q)$  is a  $\theta_\omega$ -separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$ . Then  $(P \cap Cl_{\theta_\omega}(Q)) \cup (Cl_{\theta_\omega}(P) \cap Q) = \emptyset$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is anti-locally countable, then by Theorem 1.7  $Cl_\theta(P) = Cl_{\theta_\omega}(P)$  and  $Cl_\theta(Q) = Cl_{\theta_\omega}(Q)$ .

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
(P \cap Cl_\theta(Q)) \cup (Cl_\theta(P) \cap Q) &= (P \cap Cl_{\theta_\omega}(Q)) \cup (Cl_{\theta_\omega}(P) \cap Q) \\
&= \emptyset.
\end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $(P, Q)$  is a  $\theta$ -separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

Example 2.12 will show that the condition 'anti-locally countable' in Theorem 2.5 cannot be dropped.

**Definition 2.6.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is said to be  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$  if there is no  $\theta_\omega$ -separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(P, Q)$ , such that  $A = P \cup Q$ .

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $A \subseteq X$ . If  $A$  is connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $A$  is  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proof.** Suppose  $A$  is not  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ . Then there is a  $\theta_\omega$ -separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(P, Q)$ , such that  $P \cup Q = A$ . By Theorem 2.2,  $(P, Q)$  is a separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$  with  $P \cup Q = A$ . Therefore,  $A$  is not connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ , a contradiction.

**Theorem 2.8.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $A \subseteq X$ . If  $A$  is  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $A$  is  $\theta$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proof.** Suppose  $A$  is not  $\theta$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ . Then there is a  $\theta$ -separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(P, Q)$ , such that  $P \cup Q = A$ . By Theorem 2.4,  $(P, Q)$  is a  $\theta_\omega$ -separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$  with  $A = P \cup Q$ . Therefore,  $A$  is not  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ , a contradiction.

**Theorem 2.9.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a locally countable topological space and  $A \subseteq X$ . Then  $A$  is connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$  if and only if  $A$  is  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proof.** *Necessity.* We can see it by Theorem 2.7.

*Sufficiency.* Suppose that  $A$  is  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$  and suppose to the contrary that  $A$  is not connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $A$  is not connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ , then there is a separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(P, Q)$ , such that  $P \cup Q = A$ . By Theorem 2.3, the pair  $(P, Q)$  is a  $\theta_\omega$ -separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$  with  $P \cup Q = A$ . Therefore,  $A$  is not  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ , a contradiction.

**Theorem 2.10.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an anti-locally countable topological space and  $A \subseteq X$ . Then  $A$  is  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$  if and only if  $A$  is  $\theta$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proof.** *Necessity.* We can see it by Theorem 2.8.

*Sufficiency.* Suppose that  $A$  is  $\theta$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$  and suppose to the contrary that  $A$  is not  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $A$  is not  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ , then there is a  $\theta_\omega$ -separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(P, Q)$ , such that  $P \cup Q = A$ . By Theorem 2.5, the pair  $(P, Q)$

is a  $\theta$ -separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$  with  $P \cup Q = A$ . Therefore,  $A$  is not  $\theta$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ , a contradiction.

The following example shows in Theorem 2.9 that the condition 'locally countable' cannot be dropped:

**Example 2.11.** (Example 2.4 of [6]) Let  $I = [0, 1]$ ,  $X = I \times I$ , and  $A = I \times \{0\}$ . Let  $\tau$  be the topology on  $X$  generated by the following base on  $X$ : (1) the relative open sets from the plane in  $X - A$  and (2) for  $x \in A$ , sets of the form  $(V \cap (X - A)) \cup \{x\}$  where  $V$  is open in the plane with  $x \in V$ . It is proved in [15] that  $A$  is  $\theta$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$  but  $A$  is not connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is anti-locally countable, then by Theorem 2.10,  $A$  is  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

The following example shows in Theorem 2.10 that the condition 'anti-locally countable' cannot be dropped:

**Example 2.12.** (Example 4 of [9]) Let  $X = \mathbf{Z}$  and  $\tau$  be the topology generated by  $\mathcal{B} = \{\{2m - 1\}, m \in \mathbf{Z}\} \cup \{\{2m - 1, 2m, 2m + 1\}, m \in \mathbf{Z}\}$  as a base. Let  $A = \{2m, 2m + 2\}$ . It is proved in [9] that  $A$  is  $\theta$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ . On the other hand, it is not difficult to check that the pair  $(\{2m\}, \{2m + 2\})$  is a separation of  $A$  relative to  $(X, \tau)$  and so  $A$  is not connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is locally countable, then by Theorem 2.9,  $A$  is not  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

For  $\omega$ -regular topological spaces, the concepts connectedness relative to  $(X, \tau)$  and  $\theta_\omega$ -connectedness relative to  $(X, \tau)$  are equivalent:

**Theorem 2.13.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an  $\omega$ -regular topological space and  $A \subseteq X$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- (a)  $A$  is  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .
- (b)  $A$  is connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proof.** The definitions and Theorem 1.11.

For regular topological spaces, the concepts connectedness relative to  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $\theta_\omega$ -connectedness relative to  $(X, \tau)$  and  $\theta$ -connectedness relative to  $(X, \tau)$  are equivalent:

**Theorem 2.14.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a regular topological space and  $A \subseteq X$ . Then the following are equivalent:



- (a)  $A$  is connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$
- (b)  $A$  is  $\theta_w$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$
- (c)  $A$  is  $\theta$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proof.** The definitions and Theorem 1.12.

**Notation 2.15.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and let  $B \subseteq A \subseteq X$  with  $A$  is non-empty.

- (a) The closure of  $B$  in  $(A, \tau_A)$  will be denoted by  $(\overline{B})_A$ .
- (b) The  $\theta$ -closure of  $B$  in  $(A, \tau_A)$  will be denoted by  $(Cl_\theta B)_A$ .
- (c) The  $\theta_w$ -closure of  $B$  in  $(A, \tau_A)$  will be denoted by  $(Cl_{\theta_w} B)_A$ .
- (d) The  $\omega$ -closure of  $B$  in  $(A, \tau_A)$  will be denoted by  $(\overline{B}^\omega)_A$ .

**Theorem 2.16.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and let  $B \subseteq A \subseteq X$  with  $A$  is non-empty. Then  $(Cl_{\theta_w} B)_A \subseteq Cl_{\theta_w}(B) \cap A$ .

**Proof.**  $(Cl_{\theta_w} B)_A \subseteq A$  is obvious. To see that  $(Cl_{\theta_w} B)_A \subseteq Cl_{\theta_w}(B)$ , let  $x \in (Cl_{\theta_w} B)_A$  and  $U \in \tau$  with  $x \in U$ . Let  $V = U \cap A$ , then  $V \in \tau_A$  and  $x \in V$ . Since  $x \in (Cl_{\theta_w} B)_A$ , then  $(\overline{V}^\omega)_A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ . By Theorem 1.13,  $(\overline{V}^\omega)_A = \overline{V}^\omega \cap A$ . Thus,  $(\overline{V}^\omega)_A \cap B = \overline{V}^\omega \cap A \cap B \subseteq \overline{U}^\omega \cap A \cap B \subseteq \overline{U}^\omega \cap B$  and hence  $\overline{U}^\omega \cap B \neq \emptyset$ . It follows that  $x \in Cl_{\theta_w}(B)$ .

**Theorem 2.17.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and let  $A \subseteq X$ . If  $A$  is  $\theta_w$ -connected relative to  $(A, \tau_A)$ , then  $A$  is  $\theta_w$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proof.** Suppose to the contrary that  $A$  is not  $\theta_w$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ . Then there is a  $\theta_w$ -separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(P, Q)$ , such that  $A = P \cup Q$ . By Theorem 2.16,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (P \cap (Cl_{\theta_w} Q)_A) \cup ((Cl_{\theta_w} P)_A \cap Q) &\subseteq (P \cap (Cl_{\theta_w}(Q) \cap A)) \cup (Cl_{\theta_w}(P) \cap A \cap Q) \\
 &\subseteq (P \cap (Cl_{\theta_w} Q)) \cup ((Cl_{\theta_w} P) \cap Q) \\
 &= \emptyset.
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $A$  is not  $\theta_w$ -connected relative to  $(A, \tau_A)$ , a contradiction.

**Theorem 2.18.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $A \subseteq X$ , let  $D$  be the closure of  $A$  in  $(X, \tau_{\theta_w})$ . Then  $Cl_{\theta_w}(A) \subseteq D$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x \in Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A)$  and let  $U \in \tau_{\theta_\omega}$  with  $x \in U$ . Choose  $V \in \tau$  such that  $x \in V \subseteq \overline{V}^\omega \subseteq U$ . Since  $x \in Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A)$ , then  $\overline{V}^\omega \cap A \neq \emptyset$  and so  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$ . Thus,  $x \in D$ .

**Theorem 2.19.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and let  $A \subseteq X$ . If  $A$  is  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $A$  is connected relative to  $(X, \tau_{\theta_\omega})$ .

**Proof.** Suppose to the contrary that  $A$  is not connected relative to  $(X, \tau_{\theta_\omega})$ . Then there is a separation,  $(P, Q)$ , relative to  $(X, \tau_{\theta_\omega})$  such that  $A = P \cup Q$ . Let  $C$  and  $D$  be the closures of  $P$  and  $Q$  in  $(X, \tau_{\theta_\omega})$ , respectively. By Theorem 2.18,

$$\begin{aligned} (P \cap Cl_{\theta_\omega}(Q)) \cup (Cl_{\theta_\omega}(P) \cap Q) &\subseteq (P \cap D) \cup (C \cap Q) \\ &= \emptyset. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $A$  is not  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ , a contradiction.

The next example shows that the converse of Theorem 2.19 is not true in general:

**Example 2.20.** (Example 2.26 of [4]) Let  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{N}, \mathbf{Q}^c, \mathbf{N} \cup \mathbf{Q}^c\}$ . It is proved in [4] that  $\tau_{\theta_\omega} = \{\mathbf{R}, \emptyset, \mathbf{N}\}$ . Let  $A = \mathbf{N} \cup \{\sqrt{2}\}$ , then

- (a)  $A$  is connected relative to  $(X, \tau_{\theta_\omega})$ .
- (b)  $A$  is not  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proof.** a) Suppose to the contrary that  $A$  is not connected relative to  $(X, \tau_{\theta_\omega})$ . Then there is a separation,  $(P, Q)$ , relative to  $(X, \tau_{\theta_\omega})$  such that  $A = P \cup Q$ . Let  $C$  and  $D$  be the closures of  $P$  and  $Q$  in  $(X, \tau_{\theta_\omega})$ , respectively. Without loss of generality let us assume that  $\sqrt{2} \in P$ . Then  $\sqrt{2} \notin D$ . So, there is  $U \in \tau_{\theta_\omega}$  such that  $\sqrt{2} \in U$  and  $U \cap Q = \emptyset$ . Since  $U = \mathbf{R}$ , then  $U \cap Q = Q \neq \emptyset$ , a contradiction.

b) Let  $P = \mathbf{N}$  and  $Q = \{\sqrt{2}\}$ . To see that  $P \cap Cl_{\theta_\omega}(Q) = \emptyset$ , let  $x \in P$ . Since  $P \in \tau$  and  $\overline{P}^\omega \cap Q = \overline{\mathbf{N}}^\omega \cap \{\sqrt{2}\} = \mathbf{N} \cap \{\sqrt{2}\} = \emptyset$ , then  $x \notin Cl_{\theta_\omega}(Q)$ . To see that  $Cl_{\theta_\omega}(P) \cap Q = \emptyset$  we show that  $\sqrt{2} \notin Cl_{\theta_\omega}(\mathbf{N})$ . Since  $\sqrt{2} \in \mathbf{Q}^c \in \tau$  and  $\overline{\mathbf{Q}^c}^\omega \cap \mathbf{N} = (\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{N}) \cap \mathbf{N} = \emptyset$ , then  $\sqrt{2} \notin Cl_{\theta_\omega}(\mathbf{N})$ .

**Theorem 2.21.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and let  $A \subseteq X$ . Then  $A$  is  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$  if and only if when  $(P, Q)$  is a  $\theta_\omega$ -separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$  and  $A \subseteq P \cup Q$ , then either  $A \subseteq P$  or  $A \subseteq Q$ .

**Proof.** *Necessity.* Suppose that  $A$  is  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ . Let  $(P, Q)$  be  $\theta_\omega$ -separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $A \subseteq P \cup Q$ . Let  $G = A \cap P$  and  $H = A \cap Q$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (G \cap Cl_{\theta_\omega}(H)) \cup (Cl_{\theta_\omega}(G) \cap H) &\subseteq (P \cap Cl_{\theta_\omega}(Q)) \cup (Cl_{\theta_\omega}(P) \cap Q) \\ &= \emptyset. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $(G, H)$  is a  $\theta_\omega$ -separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $A = G \cup H$  and  $A$  is  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ , either  $G = \emptyset$  or  $H = \emptyset$ . Thus either  $A = A \cap P$  or  $A = A \cap Q$ . Hence either  $A \subseteq P$  or  $A \subseteq Q$ .

*Sufficiency.* Suppose to the contrary that  $A$  is not  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ . Then there is a  $\theta_\omega$ -separation,  $(P, Q)$ , relative to  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $A = P \cup Q$ . By assumption either  $A \subseteq P$  or  $A \subseteq Q$ . Hence  $Q = \emptyset$  or  $P = \emptyset$ , a contradiction.

**Theorem 2.22.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and let  $A$  be  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$  and let  $B \subseteq X$  such that  $A \subseteq B \subseteq Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A)$ . Then  $B$  is  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proof.** Suppose to the contrary that  $B$  is not  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ . Then there exists,  $(P, Q)$ ,  $\theta_\omega$ -separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $B = P \cup Q$ . Since  $A \subseteq P \cup Q$ , then by Theorem 2.21 either  $A \subseteq P$  or  $A \subseteq Q$ . Thus, either we have  $Q \subseteq Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A) \subseteq Cl_{\theta_\omega}(P)$  or  $P \subseteq Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A) \subseteq Cl_{\theta_\omega}(Q)$ . So either we have  $Q \subseteq Cl_{\theta_\omega}(P) \cap Q = \emptyset$  or  $P \subseteq P \cap Cl_{\theta_\omega}(Q) = \emptyset$ . Therefore, either  $P = \emptyset$  or  $Q = \emptyset$ , a contradiction.

**Corollary 2.23.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. If  $A$  is  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $Cl_{\theta_\omega}(A)$  is  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 2.24.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. If for each  $\alpha \in \Delta$ , the set  $A_\alpha$  is  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $A_\alpha \cap A_\beta \neq \emptyset$  for each  $\alpha, \beta \in \Delta$ , then  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} A_\alpha$  is  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proof.** Suppose to the contrary that  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} A_\alpha$  is not  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ . Then there exists  $(P, Q)$ ,  $\theta_\omega$ -separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} A_\alpha = P \cup Q$ . For each  $\beta \in \Delta$ ,  $A_\beta$  is  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$  and  $A_\beta \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} A_\alpha = P \cup Q$ , so by Theorem 2.21 either  $A_\beta \subseteq P$  or  $A_\beta \subseteq Q$ . Without loss of generality we may assume that  $A_\beta \subseteq P$ .

**Claim.** Either we have  $A_\alpha \subseteq P$  for all  $\alpha \in \Delta$  or we have  $A_\alpha \subseteq Q$  for all  $\alpha \in \Delta$ .

*Proof of Claim.* Suppose to the contrary that there are  $\alpha, \beta \in \Delta$  such that  $A_\alpha \subseteq P$  and  $A_\beta \subseteq Q$ . Then  $A_\alpha \cap A_\beta \subseteq P \cap Q = \emptyset$ , a contradiction.

By the above claim either  $(\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} A_\alpha = P \text{ and } Q = \emptyset)$  or  $(\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} A_\alpha = Q \text{ and } P = \emptyset)$  which is a contradiction.

**Theorem 2.25.** Let  $f_n$  be a sequence of  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$  subsets such that for all  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ ,  $f_n \cap f_{n+1} \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbf{N}} f_n$  is  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proof.** For each  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ , let  $B_n = \bigcup_{i=1}^n f_i$ .

**Claim.** For all  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ ,  $B_n$  is  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

*Proof of Claim.* By induction.

$B_1 = f_1$  is  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ . Suppose  $B_n$  is  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $f_n \cap f_{n+1} \neq \emptyset$  and  $f_n \cap f_{n+1} \subseteq B_n \cap f_{n+1}$  then  $B_n \cap f_{n+1} \neq \emptyset$  and by Theorem 2.24  $B_{n+1} = B_n \cup f_{n+1}$  is  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

Since for each  $n, m \in \mathbf{N}$ ,  $B_n \cap B_m = B_t \neq \emptyset$  where  $t = \min\{n, m\}$ , then again by Theorem 2.24,  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbf{N}} B_n = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbf{N}} f_n$  is  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 2.26.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and let  $A$  be a non-empty subset of  $X$ . Then  $A$  is  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$  if and only if for each two points  $x, y \in A$ , there is a subset  $B \subseteq A$  with  $x, y \in B$ , such that  $B$  is  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proof.** *Necessity.* Obvious.

*Sufficiency.* Choose  $x \in A$ . By assumption, for each  $y \in A$  there is  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$   $B_{xy}$  which contains  $x$  and  $y$  and  $B_{xy} \subseteq A$ . Since  $A = \bigcup_{y \in A} B_{xy}$  and  $x \in \bigcap_{y \in A} B_{xy}$ , then by Theorem 2.24,  $A$  is  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Theorem 2.27.** Let  $f : (X, \tau) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a weakly  $\theta_w$ -continuous function. If  $K$  is connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $f(K)$  is  $\theta_w$ -connected relative to  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Proof.** Suppose on the contrary that there is,  $(P, Q)$ ,  $\theta_w$ -separation relative to  $(Y, \sigma)$  such that  $f(K) = P \cup Q$ . Let  $A = K \cap f^{-1}(P)$  and  $B = K \cap f^{-1}(Q)$ . Then  $A \neq \emptyset, B \neq \emptyset$  and  $K = A \cup B$ .

**Claim.**  $(A, B)$  is separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

*Proof of claim.* Assume not. Without loss of generality we may assume that there is  $x \in A \cap \overline{B}$ . Then  $x \in K$  and  $f(x) \in P \subseteq Y - Cl_{\theta_w}(Q) \in \tau_{\theta_w}$ . Choose  $V \in \sigma$  such that  $f(x) \in V \subseteq \overline{V}^w \subseteq Y - Cl_{\theta_w}(Q)$ . Since  $f$  is weakly  $\theta_w$ -continuous, there is  $U \in \tau$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $f(U) \subseteq \overline{V}^w$ . So  $f(U) \cap Q = \emptyset$ . Since  $x \in \overline{B}$ , then  $U \cap B \neq \emptyset$ . Choose  $t \in U \cap B = U \cap K \cap f^{-1}(Q)$ , then  $f(t) \in f(U) \cap Q$ , a contradiction.

By the above claim we conclude that  $K$  is connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$  which is a contradiction.

### 3. 3. $V$ - $\theta_w$ -Connectedness

In this section, we define and investigate  $V$ - $\theta_w$ -connectedness as a strong form of  $V$ - $\theta$ -connectedness. We show that the  $\theta_w$ -connectedness and  $V$ - $\theta_w$ -connectedness are independent.

We start by the following relationship between connectedness and  $V$ - $\theta$ -connectedness.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and let  $A \subseteq X$ . If  $A$  is connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $A$  is  $V$ - $\theta$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proof.** Suppose to the contrary that  $A$  is not  $V$ - $\theta$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ , then there are disjoint non-empty sets  $P$  and  $Q$  and open sets  $U, V$  such that  $A = P \cup Q, P \subseteq U, Q \subseteq V$ , and  $\overline{U} \cap \overline{V} = \emptyset$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} (P \cap \overline{Q}) \cup (\overline{P} \cap Q) &\subseteq (U \cap \overline{V}) \cup (\overline{U} \cap V) \\ &\subseteq (\overline{U} \cap \overline{V}) \cup (\overline{U} \cap \overline{V}) \\ &= \emptyset \cup \emptyset \\ &= \emptyset. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the pair  $(P, Q)$  is a separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$ , and so  $A$  is not connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ . This is a contradiction.

Example 3.6 will show that the converse of Theorem 3.1 is not true in general.

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and let  $A \subseteq X$ .  $A$  is  $V$ - $\theta_\omega$ -connected if there are no disjoint non-empty sets  $P$  and  $Q$  and no open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $A = P \cup Q$ ,  $P \subseteq U$ ,  $Q \subseteq V$  and  $\overline{U}^\omega \cap \overline{V}^\omega = \emptyset$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and let  $A \subseteq X$ . If  $A$  is connected relative to  $(X, \tau_\omega)$ , then  $A$  is  $V$ - $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proof.** Suppose to the contrary that  $A$  is not  $V$ - $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ . Then there are disjoint non-empty sets  $P$  and  $Q$  and open sets  $U, V$  such that  $A = P \cup Q$ ,  $P \subseteq U$ ,  $Q \subseteq V$ , and  $\overline{U}^\omega \cap \overline{V}^\omega = \emptyset$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} (P \cap \overline{Q}^\omega) \cup (\overline{P}^\omega \cap Q) &\subseteq (U \cap \overline{V}^\omega) \cup (\overline{U}^\omega \cap V) \\ &\subseteq (\overline{U}^\omega \cap \overline{V}^\omega) \cup (\overline{U}^\omega \cap \overline{V}^\omega) \\ &= \emptyset \cup \emptyset \\ &= \emptyset. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the pair  $(P, Q)$  is a separation relative to  $(X, \tau_\omega)$ , and so  $A$  is not connected relative to  $(X, \tau_\omega)$ . This is a contradiction.

**Question 3.4.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. Is it true that every  $V$ - $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$  is connected relative to  $(X, \tau_\omega)$ ?

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and let  $A \subseteq X$ . If  $A$  is  $V$ - $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $A$  is  $V$ - $\theta$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proof.** Suppose to the contrary that  $A$  is not  $V$ - $\theta$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ . Then there are disjoint non-empty sets  $P$  and  $Q$  and open sets  $U, V$  such that  $A = P \cup Q$ ,  $P \subseteq U$ ,  $Q \subseteq V$ , and  $\overline{U} \cap \overline{V} = \emptyset$ . By Theorem 1.16,  $\overline{U}^\omega \cap \overline{V}^\omega \subseteq \overline{U} \cap \overline{V} = \emptyset$ , and so  $A$  is not  $V$ - $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ , a contradiction.

The following example shows that the converse of Theorem 3.5 is not true in general:

**Example 3.6.** (Example 2.26 of [4]) Consider  $(\mathbf{R}, \tau)$  where  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{N}, \mathbf{Q}^c, \mathbf{N} \cup \mathbf{Q}^c\}$ . It is proved in [4] that  $\tau_{\theta_\omega} = \{\mathbf{R}, \emptyset, \mathbf{N}\}$ . Let  $A = \mathbf{N} \cup \mathbf{Q}^c$ . Then

- (a)  $A$  is  $V$ - $\theta$ -connected relative to  $(\mathbf{R}, \tau)$ .
- (b)  $A$  is not  $V$ - $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(\mathbf{R}, \tau)$ .
- (c)  $A$  is  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(\mathbf{R}, \tau)$ .

**Proof.** a) Suppose to the contrary that  $A$  is not  $V$ - $\theta$ -connected relative to  $(\mathbf{R}, \tau)$ . Then there are disjoint non-empty sets  $P$  and  $Q$  and open sets  $U, V$  such that  $A = P \cup Q$ ,  $P \subseteq U$ ,  $Q \subseteq V$ , and  $\overline{U} \cap \overline{V} = \emptyset$ . If  $U = \mathbf{N} \cup \mathbf{Q}^c$  or  $V = \mathbf{N} \cup \mathbf{Q}^c$ , then  $\overline{U} \cap \overline{V} = \overline{\mathbf{N} \cup \mathbf{Q}^c} \cap \overline{V} = \mathbf{R} \cap \overline{V} = \overline{V} \neq \emptyset$  or  $\overline{U} \cap \overline{V} = \overline{U} \cap \overline{\mathbf{N} \cup \mathbf{Q}^c} = \overline{U} \cap \mathbf{R} = \overline{U} \neq \emptyset$ . So either  $(U = \mathbf{N} \text{ and } V = \mathbf{Q}^c)$  or  $(V = \mathbf{N} \text{ and } U = \mathbf{Q}^c)$ . Thus,  $\overline{U} \cap \overline{V} = \mathbf{Q} \cap (\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{N}) \neq \emptyset$ , a contradiction.

b) Note that  $\tau_\omega = \tau_{coc} \cup \{C : C \subseteq \mathbf{N}\}$  where  $\tau_{coc}$  denotes the cocountable topology on  $\mathbf{R}$ , and  $\{\mathbf{R}\} \cup \{M : M \text{ is countable}\} \cup \{\mathbf{R} - C : C \subseteq \mathbf{N}\}$  is the collection of  $\omega$ -closed sets of  $(\mathbf{R}, \tau)$ . Let  $P = \mathbf{N} = U$  and  $Q = \mathbf{Q}^c = V$ . Then  $\overline{U}^\omega = \mathbf{N}$  and  $\overline{V}^\omega = \overline{\mathbf{Q}^c} = \mathbf{R} - \mathbf{N}$  and so  $\overline{U}^\omega \cap \overline{V}^\omega = (\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{N}) \cap \mathbf{N} = \emptyset$ . This shows that  $A$  is not  $V$ - $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

c) Suppose to the contrary that there is a pair,  $(P, Q)$ , that is  $\theta_\omega$ -separation relative to  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $\mathbf{N} \cup \mathbf{Q}^c = P \cup Q$ . Note that  $\{\emptyset, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{R} - \mathbf{N}\}$  is the collection  $\theta_\omega$ -closed sets of  $(\mathbf{R}, \tau)$ . Thus,  $Cl_{\theta_\omega}(P) = Cl_{\theta_\omega}(Q) = \mathbf{R} - \mathbf{N}$ . Since  $P \cap Cl_{\theta_\omega}(Q) = Q \cap Cl_{\theta_\omega}(P) = \emptyset$ , then  $P \subseteq \mathbf{N}$  and  $Q \subseteq \mathbf{N}$  and so  $P \cup Q \subseteq \mathbf{N}$ , a contradiction.

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an anti-locally countable topological space and  $A \subseteq X$ . Then  $A$  is  $V$ - $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$  if and only if  $A$  is  $V$ - $\theta$ -connected relative to  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Proof.** *Necessity.* Theorem 3.5.

*Sufficiency.* We can see it by Theorem 1.17.

The following example, together with Example 3.6, shows that  $\theta_\omega$ -connectedness relative to  $(X, \tau)$  and  $V$ - $\theta_\omega$ -connectedness relative to  $(X, \tau)$  are independent:

**Example 3.8.** (Example 1 of [9]) Consider that topological space  $(\mathbf{R}, \tau_u)$  where  $\tau_u$  is the usual topology on  $\mathbf{R}$ . Let  $A = (0, 1) \cup (1, 2)$ . Then

- (a)  $A$  is not  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(\mathbf{R}, \tau_u)$ .

(b)  $A$  is  $V$ - $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(\mathbf{R}, \tau_u)$ .

**Proof.** a) Since  $A$  is not interval, then  $A$  is not connected relative to  $(\mathbf{R}, \tau_u)$ . Since  $(\mathbf{R}, \tau_u)$  is regular, then by Theorem 2.14  $A$  is not  $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(\mathbf{R}, \tau_u)$ .

b) It is proved in [9] that  $A$  is  $V$ - $\theta$ -connected relative to  $(\mathbf{R}, \tau_u)$ . Since  $(\mathbf{R}, \tau_u)$  is anti-locally countable, then by Theorem 3.7,  $A$  is  $V$ - $\theta_\omega$ -connected relative to  $(\mathbf{R}, \tau_u)$ .

#### 4. 4. $R_1$ and $\omega$ - $R_1$ Separation Axioms

In this section, we continue the study of  $R_1$  as a known topological property by giving several results regarding it. We introduce  $\omega$ - $R_1(I)$ ,  $\omega$ - $R_1(II)$ ,  $\omega$ - $R_1(III)$  and weakly  $\omega$ - $R_1$  as four weaker forms of  $R_1$  by utilizing  $\omega$ -open sets.

**Definition 4.1.** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $\omega$ - $R_1(I)$  if for any two points  $x, y \in X$  with  $\overline{\{x\}} \neq \overline{\{y\}}$ , there are  $U \in \tau$ ,  $V \in \tau_\omega$  such that  $x \in U$ ,  $y \in V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .

**Definition 4.2.** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $\omega$ - $R_1(II)$  if  $Cl_{\theta_\omega}(\{x\}) = \overline{\{x\}}$  for all  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 4.3.** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $\omega$ - $R_1(III)$  if for any two points  $x, y \in X$  with  $\overline{\{x\}} \neq \overline{\{y\}}$ , there are disjoint sets  $U \in \tau$  and  $V \in \tau_\omega$  such that  $(x \in U \text{ and } y \in V)$  or  $(y \in U \text{ and } x \in V)$ .

**Theorem 4.4.** Every  $R_1$  topological space is  $\omega$ - $R_1(I)$ .

**Proof.** Follows directly from the definitions.

**Theorem 4.5.** Every  $\omega$ - $R_1(I)$  topological space is  $\omega$ - $R_1(II)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be  $\omega$ - $R_1(I)$ . Suppose to the contrary that there is  $x \in X$  such that  $Cl_{\theta_\omega}(\{x\}) \neq \overline{\{x\}}$ . Since  $\overline{\{x\}} \subseteq Cl_{\theta_\omega}(\{x\})$  is always true, then there is  $y \in Cl_{\theta_\omega}(\{x\}) - \overline{\{x\}}$ . Since  $y \notin \overline{\{x\}}$ , then  $\overline{\{x\}} \neq \overline{\{y\}}$  and by assumption, there exist  $U \in \tau_\omega$  and  $V \in \tau$  such that  $x \in U$ ,  $y \in V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . Since  $y \in Cl_{\theta_\omega}(\{x\})$  and  $y \in V \in \tau$ , then  $\overline{V}^\omega \cap \{x\} \neq \emptyset$ . So  $x \in \overline{V}^\omega$ . Since  $x \in U \in \tau_\omega$  and  $x \in \overline{V}^\omega$ , then  $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , a contradiction.

**Theorem 4.6.** Every  $\omega$ - $R_1(II)$  topological space is  $\omega$ - $R_1(III)$ .



**Proof.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be  $\omega$ - $R_1$  (II). Let  $x, y \in X$  with  $\overline{\{x\}} \neq \overline{\{y\}}$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\omega$ - $R_1$  (II), then  $Cl_{\theta_w}(\{x\}) = \overline{\{x\}}$  and  $Cl_{\theta_w}(\{y\}) = \overline{\{y\}}$  and so  $Cl_{\theta_w}(\{x\}) \neq Cl_{\theta_w}(\{y\})$ . We have two cases to be considered:

*Case 1.* There is  $z \in Cl_{\theta_w}(\{x\}) - Cl_{\theta_w}(\{y\})$ . Since  $z \notin Cl_{\theta_w}(\{y\})$ , then there exists  $U \in \tau$  such that  $z \in U$  and  $\overline{U}^\omega \cap \{y\} = \emptyset$ . Since  $z \in U \in \tau$  and  $z \in Cl_{\theta_w}(\{x\}) = \overline{\{x\}}$ , then  $U \cap \{x\} \neq \emptyset$  and so  $x \in U$ . Set  $V = X - \overline{U}^\omega$ . Then we have  $x \in U \in \tau$ ,  $y \in V \in \tau_\omega$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .

*Case 2.* There is  $z \in Cl_{\theta_w}(\{y\}) - Cl_{\theta_w}(\{x\})$ . As Case 1, we can find  $U \in \tau$ ,  $V \in \tau_\omega$  such that  $y \in U \in \tau$ ,  $x \in V \in \tau_\omega$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .

**Theorem 4.7.** Every  $\omega$ - $T_2$  topological space is  $\omega$ - $R_1$  (I).

**Proof.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be  $\omega$ - $T_2$  and let  $x, y \in X$  with  $\overline{\{x\}} \neq \overline{\{y\}}$ . Then  $x \neq y$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\omega$ - $T_2$ , there are  $U \in \tau$ ,  $V \in \tau_\omega$  such that  $x \in U$ ,  $y \in V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . Therefore,  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\omega$ - $R_1$  (I).

**Theorem 4.8.** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\omega$ - $T_2$  if and only if it is  $\omega$ - $R_1$  (II) and  $T_1$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\omega$ - $T_2$ . Then by Theorems 4.7 and 4.5 it is  $\omega$ - $R_1$  (II). Also, by Theorem 1.20 (b) it is  $T_1$ . Conversely, suppose that  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\omega$ - $R_1$  (II) and  $T_1$ . To show that  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\omega$ - $T_2$ , we apply Theorem 1.20 (a). Let  $x \in X$ . By the definition of  $\omega$ - $R_1$  (II),  $Cl_{\theta_w}(\{x\}) = \overline{\{x\}}$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_1$ , then  $\overline{\{x\}} = \{x\}$ . It follows that  $Cl_{\theta_w}(\{x\}) = \{x\}$ . Hence by Theorem 1.20 (a), it follows that  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\omega$ - $T_2$ .

**Corollary 4.9.** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\omega$ - $T_2$  if and only if it is  $\omega$ - $R_1$  (I) and  $T_1$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\omega$ - $T_2$ . Then by Theorems 4.7 and 4.5 it is  $\omega$ - $R_1$  (II). Also, by Theorem 4.8 it is  $T_1$ . The converse follows from Theorems 4.5 and 4.8.

Recall that a proper non-empty open subset  $U$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be a minimal open set if any open set which is contained in  $U$  is  $\emptyset$  or  $U$ .

**Theorem 4.10.** Let  $U$  be a minimal open set of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . If for some  $x \in U$  we have  $\overline{\{x\}} \subseteq U$ , then  $\overline{\{x\}} = U$ . In particular,  $U$  is clopen.

**Proof.** Suppose to the contrary that  $\overline{\{x\}} \neq U$ . Then there is  $y \in U - \overline{\{x\}}$ . Choose  $V \in \tau$  such that  $y \in V$  and  $\{x\} \cap V = \emptyset$ . Since  $y \in U \cap V \in \tau - \{\emptyset\}$ ,  $U \cap V \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is minimal open, then  $U \cap V = U$  and hence  $U \subseteq V$ . Since  $x \in \overline{\{x\}} \subseteq U$ , then  $x \in V$ , a contradiction.

Recall that a space  $(X, \tau)$  is locally indiscrete if every open subset of  $X$  is closed. It is known that a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is locally indiscrete if and only if  $(X, \tau)$  is generated by a partition of  $X$  as a base. If  $\mathcal{B}$  is a partition of a non-empty set  $X$  and  $(X, \tau)$  is the topological space generated by  $\mathcal{B}$  as a base, then  $U$  is a minimal open set of  $(X, \tau)$  if and only if  $U \in \mathcal{B}$ .

**Theorem 4.11.** Every locally indiscrete topological space is  $R_1$ .

**Proof.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be locally indiscrete. Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a partition of  $X$  which forms a base of  $(X, \tau)$ . Let  $x, y \in X$  such that  $\overline{\{x\}} \neq \overline{\{y\}}$ . If  $x, y \in B$  for some  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ , then  $\overline{\{x\}} \subseteq \overline{B} = B$  and  $\overline{\{y\}} \subseteq \overline{B} = B$ . Since  $B$  is a minimal open set of  $(X, \tau)$  then by Theorem 4.10,  $\overline{\{x\}} = \overline{\{y\}} = B$ . Therefore, there are  $B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $x \in B_1, y \in B_2$  and  $B_1 \cap B_2 = \emptyset$ . This ends the proof that  $(X, \tau)$  is  $R_1$ .

**Theorem 4.12.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be locally indiscrete. Then  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\omega$ - $T_2$  if and only if it is a discrete topological space.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $(X, \tau)$  is locally indiscrete and  $\omega$ - $T_2$ . Then by Corollary 4.9 it is  $T_1$ . Thus, the singletons are closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is locally indiscrete, then the singletons are open in  $(X, \tau)$ . This shows that  $(X, \tau)$  is a discrete topological space. Conversely, if  $(X, \tau)$  is a discrete topological space, then  $(X, \tau)$  is obviously  $\omega$ - $T_2$ .

**Theorem 4.13.** Every  $\omega$ -locally indiscrete topological space is  $\omega$ - $R_1$  (II).

**Proof.** Follows from Theorem 1.23 (a).

**Theorem 4.14.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an anti-locally countable topological space. Then the following are equivalent:

- a.  $(X, \tau)$  is  $R_1$ .
- b.  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\omega$ - $R_1$  (I).
- c.  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\omega$ - $R_1$  (II).

**Proof.** (a)  $\implies$  (b): Theorem 4.4.

(b)  $\implies$  (c): Theorem 4.5.

(c)  $\implies$  (a): We apply Theorem 1.24. Let  $x \in X$ . By (c), we have  $Cl_{\theta_\omega}(\{x\}) = \overline{\{x\}}$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is anti-locally countable, then by Theorem 1.7,  $Cl_\theta(\{x\}) = Cl_{\theta_\omega}(\{x\})$ . Therefore, we have  $Cl_\theta(\{x\}) = \overline{\{x\}}$ . Thus by Theorem 1.24, it follows that  $(X, \tau)$  is  $R_1$ .

The following example shows that the converse of Theorem 4.4 is not true in general:

**Example 4.15.** Consider  $(\mathbf{N}, \tau)$  where  $\tau$  is the cofinite topology. It is given in [4] as an example of an  $\omega$ - $T_2$  topological space that is not  $T_2$ . By Theorem 4.10,  $(\mathbf{N}, \tau)$  is  $\omega$ - $R_1$  (I) and by Corollary 4.9 it is  $T_1$ . On the other hand, if it is  $R_1$ , then by Theorem 1.21, it is  $T_2$ . Therefore, it is not  $R_1$ .

The following example shows that the converse of Theorem 4.5 is not true in general:

**Example 4.16.** Consider  $(\mathbf{R}, \tau)$  where  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{Q}\}$ . Clearly that  $(\mathbf{R}, \tau)$  is  $\omega$ -locally indiscrete and by Theorem 4.13 it is  $\omega$ - $R_1$  (II). To see that  $(\mathbf{R}, \tau)$  is not  $\omega$ - $R_1$  (I), suppose to the contrary that it is  $\omega$ - $R_1$  (I). Since  $\overline{\{\sqrt{2}\}} = \mathbf{R} - \mathbf{Q}$  and  $\overline{\{1\}} = \mathbf{R}$ , there are  $U \in \tau_\omega$  and  $V \in \tau$  such that  $1 \in U$ ,  $\sqrt{2} \in V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . Since the only open set which contains  $\sqrt{2}$  is  $\mathbf{R}$ , then  $V = \mathbf{R}$  and so  $U \cap V = U \neq \emptyset$ , a contradiction.

The following example shows that the converse of Theorem 4.7 is not true in general:

**Example 4.17.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be any locally indiscrete topological space that is not discrete. By Theorem 4.11 it is  $R_1$ , so by Theorem 4.4 it is  $\omega$ - $R_1$  (I). On the other hand, by Theorem 4.12 it is not  $\omega$ - $T_2$ .

**Question 4.18.** Is every  $\omega$ - $R_1$  (III) topological space  $\omega$ - $R_1$  (II)?

**Definition 4.19.** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be weakly  $\omega$ - $R_1$  if for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $\overline{\{x\}} \neq \overline{\{y\}}$ , there exist  $U, V \in \tau_\omega$  such that  $x \in U$ ,  $y \in V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .

**Theorem 4.20.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. Then  $(X, \tau_\omega)$  is  $R_1$  if and only if  $(X, \tau_\omega)$  is  $T_2$ .

**Proof.** Since  $(X, \tau_\omega)$  is  $T_1$ , then by Theorem 1.21  $(X, \tau_\omega)$  is  $R_1$  if and only if  $(X, \tau_\omega)$  is  $T_2$ .

**Theorem 4.21.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. If  $(X, \tau_\omega)$  is  $R_1$ , then  $(X, \tau)$  is weakly  $\omega$ - $R_1$ .

**Proof.** Suppose  $(X, \tau_\omega)$  is  $R_1$ . Let  $x, y \in X$  with  $\overline{\{x\}} \neq \overline{\{y\}}$ . Then  $x \neq y$  and so  $\overline{\{x\}}^\omega = \{x\} \neq \{y\} = \overline{\{y\}}^\omega$ . Since  $(X, \tau_\omega)$  is  $R_1$ , then there exist  $U, V \in \tau_\omega$  such that  $x \in U$ ,  $y \in V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . This shows that  $(X, \tau)$  is weakly  $\omega$ - $R_1$ .

The converse of Theorem 4.21 is not true in general as the following example clarifies:

**Example 4.22.** Consider  $(\mathbf{R}, \tau)$ , where  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \mathbf{R}, (-\infty, 2], (2, \infty)\}$ .

$(\mathbf{R}, \tau)$  is weakly  $\omega$ - $R_1$ : Since  $\mathbf{R}$  is locally indiscrete, then by Theorem 4.11 it is  $R_1$ .

$(\mathbf{R}, \tau_\omega)$  is not  $R_1$ : By Theorem 4.20 it is sufficient to see that  $(\mathbf{R}, \tau_\omega)$  is not  $T_2$ . Suppose to the contrary that  $(\mathbf{R}, \tau_\omega)$  is  $T_2$ . Then there are  $U, V \in \tau_\omega$  such that  $0 \in U$ ,  $1 \in V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . Choose  $H, S \in \tau$  and countable subsets  $C, D \subseteq \mathbf{R}$  such that  $0 \in H - C \subseteq U$  and  $1 \in S - D \subseteq V$ . Then we must have  $H = S = (-\infty, 2]$  and  $(H - C) \cap (S - D) \subseteq U \cap V = \emptyset$ . So,  $(-\infty, 2] \subseteq C \cup D$ , a contradiction.

**Theorem 4.23.** If  $(X, \tau)$  is locally countable, then  $(X, \tau_\omega)$  is  $R_1$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $(X, \tau)$  is locally countable. Then  $(X, \tau_\omega)$  is a discrete topological space and so  $(X, \tau_\omega)$  is  $T_2$ . By Theorem 4.20,  $(X, \tau_\omega)$  is  $R_1$ .

**Theorem 4.24.** A locally indiscrete topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is locally countable if and only if it has a base which consists of countable sets that form a partition of  $X$ .

**Proof.** *Necessity.* Suppose that  $(X, \tau)$  is locally indiscrete and locally countable. Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a base for  $(X, \tau)$  which forms a partition of  $X$ . Let  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ . Choose  $x \in B$  and choose a countable set  $U \in \tau$  such that  $x \in U$ . Since  $B \cap U \in \tau - \{\emptyset\}$  and  $B \cap U \subseteq B$ , then  $B \cap U = B$  and so  $B \subseteq U$ . Therefore,  $B$  is countable.

*Sufficiency.* Obvious.

**Theorem 4.25.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a locally indiscrete topological space. Then  $(X, \tau_\omega)$  is  $R_1$  if and only if  $(X, \tau)$  is locally countable.

**Proof.** *Necessity.* Suppose that  $(X, \tau)$  is locally indiscrete and  $(X, \tau_\omega)$  is  $R_1$ . Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a base for  $(X, \tau)$  which forms a partition of  $X$ . Let  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ .

We are going to show that  $B$  is countable for every  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ . Suppose to the contrary that there is  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $B$  is uncountable. Choose  $x, y \in B$  with  $x \neq y$ . Since  $(X, \tau_\omega)$  is  $R_1$ , then by Theorem 4.20,  $(X, \tau_\omega)$  is  $T_2$ . So there are  $U, V \in \tau_\omega$  such that  $x \in U, y \in V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . Choose  $H, S \in \tau$  and countable subsets  $C, D \subseteq X$  such that  $x \in H - C \subseteq U$  and  $y \in S - D \subseteq V$ . Since  $x \in H \cap B \subseteq B$  and  $y \in S \cap B \subseteq B$ , then  $B \subseteq H \cap S$ . On the other hand,  $(H - C) \cap (S - D) \subseteq U \cap V = \emptyset$ . So,  $B \subseteq C \cup D$ , a contradiction. Therefore, by Theorem 4.24,  $(X, \tau)$  is locally countable.

*Sufficiency.* Suppose that  $(X, \tau)$  is locally countable. Then  $(X, \tau_\omega)$  is a discrete topological space and so  $(X, \tau_\omega)$  is  $T_2$ . By Theorem 4.20,  $(X, \tau_\omega)$  is  $R_1$ .

**Theorem 4.26.** Every  $\omega$ - $R_1$  (III) topological space is weakly  $\omega$ - $R_1$ .

**Question 4.27.** Is every weakly  $\omega$ - $R_1$  topological space  $\omega$ - $R_1$  (III)?

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