

## $p$ -STACKS ON SUPRATOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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ABSTRACT. In [1], we introduced the notion of  $p$ -stacks. In this paper, by using  $p$ -stacks we characterize  $S^*$ -continuous functions, separation axioms, supracompactness and some properties on supratopological spaces. We also introduce the notion of  $p$ -supracompactness and study some properties.

### 1. Introduction

In [1], D. C. Kent and the author introduced neighborhood structures and neighborhood spaces which are generalized topological spaces. In order to describe a convergence theory in neighborhood spaces, we introduced “ $p$ -stack” [1] which is defined as the following: Given a set  $X$ , a collection  $\mathbf{C}$  of subsets of  $X$  is called a  $p$ -stack if (1)  $A \in \mathbf{C}$  whenever  $B \in \mathbf{C}$  and  $B \subset A$  and (2)  $A, B \in \mathbf{C}$  implies  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ . And we characterized some properties of neighborhood spaces by using the notion of “ $p$ -stack”. In 1983, A. S. Mashhour et. al. [2] defined a supratopology on a set  $X$  to be a collection of subsets of  $X$  which contains  $X$  and is closed under arbitrary union. In this paper, by using the notion of  $p$ -stacks we will characterize the closure operator, the interior operator, continuity, separation axioms and some properties on supratopological spaces. We also introduce the notion of  $p$ -supracompactness by using convergence of ultrapstacks and investigate some properties

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## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. A subcollection  $\tau \subset 2^X$  is called a *supratopology* [2] on  $X$  if  $X \in \tau$  and  $\tau$  is closed under arbitrary union.  $(X, \tau)$  is called a *supratopological space*. The members of  $\tau$  are called *supraopen* sets and a set is called *supraclosed* if the complement is a member of  $\tau$ . Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a supratopological space,  $x \in X$ . A set  $V$  is called a *supra-neighborhood* of  $x$  if there is a supraopen set  $U$  such that  $x \in U \subset V$ . The set of all supratopologies on  $X$  is denoted by  $\mathbf{ST}(X)$ .

Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \mu)$  be supratopological spaces. A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  *$S^*$ -continuous* [2] if the inverse image of each supraopen set in  $Y$  is a supraopen set in  $X$ .

DEFINITION 2.1 [2]. Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a supratopological space and  $A \subset X$ .

- (1) The *suprainterior* of  $A$ , denoted by  $Sint(A)$ , is defined by  $Sint(A) = \cup \{U \in \tau : U \subset A\}$ ;
- (2) The *supraclosure* of  $A$ , denoted by  $Scl(A)$ , is defined by  $Scl(A) = \cap \{F \subset X : A \subset F \text{ and } X - F \in \tau\}$ ;
- (3)  $X$  is  $S - T_1$  if for every two distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ , there exist two supraopen sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U, y \notin U$  and  $y \in V, x \notin V$ ;
- (4)  $X$  is  $S - T_2$  if for every two distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ , there exist two disjoint supraopen sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \in V$ ;
- (5)  $X$  is *supra-regular* if for each supraclosed set  $H$  and  $x \notin H$ , there exist two disjoint supraopen sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $H \subset U$  and  $x \in V$ ;
- (6)  $X$  is *supracompact* if each cover of  $X$  by supraopen sets has a finite subcover.

THEOREM 2.2 [2]. Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a supratopological space and  $A \subset X$ .

- (1)  $Sint(X) = X$ ;
- (2)  $Sint(A) \subset A$  for all  $A \subset X$ ;
- (3)  $A \subset B \Rightarrow Sint(A) \subset Sint(B)$  for all  $A, B \subset X$ ;
- (4)  $Sint(Sint(A)) = Sint(A)$  for all  $A \subset X$ ;
- (5)  $Sint(A) = X - Scl(X - A)$  and  $Scl(A) = X - Sint(X - A)$  for  $A \subset X$ .

Given a set  $X$ , a collection  $\mathbf{C}$  of subsets of  $X$  is called a *stack* if  $A \in \mathbf{C}$

whenever  $B \in \mathbf{C}$  and  $B \subset A$ . A stack  $\mathbf{H}$  on a set  $X$  is called a  $p$ -stack [1] if it satisfies the following condition:

- (p)  $A, B \in \mathbf{H}$  implies  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ .

Condition (p) is called the *pairwise intersection property* (PIP). A collection  $\mathbf{B}$  of subsets of  $X$  with the PIP is called a  $p$ -stack base. For a  $p$ -stack base  $\mathbf{B}$ , we denote by  $\langle \mathbf{B} \rangle = \{A \subset X : \text{there exists } F \in \mathbf{B} \text{ such that } F \subset A\}$  the  $p$ -stack generated by  $\mathbf{B}$ . If  $\mathbf{B} = \{B\}$ , then  $\langle \mathbf{B} \rangle$  will be denoted by simply  $\langle B \rangle$ . In case  $x \in X$  and  $\mathbf{B} = \{\{x\}\}$ ,  $\langle \{x\} \rangle$  is usually  $\dot{x}$ . Let  $pS(X)$  denote the collection of all  $p$ -stacks on  $X$ , partially ordered by inclusion. The maximal elements in  $pS(X)$  are called *ultrapstacks*. It is obvious that every ultrafilter is an ultrapstack, and that every  $p$ -stack is contained in an ultrapstack. For function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $\mathbf{H} \in pS(X)$ , the image  $p$ -stack  $f(\mathbf{H})$  in  $pS(Y)$  has  $p$ -stack base  $\{f(H) : H \in \mathbf{H}\}$ . Likewise, if  $\mathbf{G} \in pS(Y)$ ,  $f^{-1}(\mathbf{G})$  denotes the  $p$ -stack on  $X$  generated by  $\{f^{-1}(G) : G \in \mathbf{G}\}$ .

LEMMA 2.3 [1]. For  $\mathbf{H} \in pS(X)$ , the following are equivalent;

- (1)  $\mathbf{H}$  is an ultrapstack;
- (2) If  $A \cap H \neq \emptyset$  for all  $H \in \mathbf{H}$ , then  $A \in \mathbf{H}$ ;
- (3)  $B \notin \mathbf{H}$  implies  $X - B \in \mathbf{H}$

### 3. Main results

First we introduce the notion of convergence of  $p$ -stacks on supratopological spaces in order to give characterizations of the supraclosure operator and the suprainterior operator.

DEFINITION 3.1. Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a supratopological space.

For each  $x \in X$ , let  $\mathbf{V}_\mu(x) = \{V : V \text{ is a supra-neighborhood of } x\}$ , and  $\mathbf{V}_\mu(x)$  is called the *supra-neighborhood stack* at  $x$ .

A  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$  on  $X$   $\mu$ -converges to  $x$  if  $\mathbf{V}_\mu(x) \subset \mathbf{F}$ .

REMARK. From the above definition, we can get a filter generated by each supra-neighborhood stack on a supratopological space and in [3, 4] we called the filter a *supra-neighborhood filter*.

We get the following theorem from Definition 3.1.

THEOREM 3.2. Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a supratopological space.

- (1)  $\dot{x}$   $\mu$ -converges to  $x$  for all  $x \in X$ ;
- (2) For  $\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G} \in pS(X)$ , if  $\mathbf{F}$   $\mu$ -converges to  $x$  and  $\mathbf{F} \subset \mathbf{G}$ , then  $\mathbf{G}$   $\mu$ -converges to  $x$ ;

- (3) For  $\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G} \in p\mathbf{S}(X)$ , if both  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{G}$   $\mu$ -converge to  $x$ , then  $\mathbf{F} \cap \mathbf{G} = \{F \cup G : F \in \mathbf{F}, G \in \mathbf{G}\}$   $\mu$ -converges to  $x$ ;

DEFINITION 3.3. Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a supratopological space,  $A \subset X$  and let  $\mathbf{V}_\mu(x)$  be the supra-neighborhood stack at  $x$ .

- (1)  $I_\mu(A) = \{x \in A : A \in \mathbf{V}_\mu(x)\}$ ;
- (2)  $Cl_\mu(A) = \{x \in X : A \cap U \neq \emptyset \text{ for all } U \in \mathbf{V}_\mu(x)\}$ .

LEMMA 3.4. Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a supratopological space,  $A \subset X$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $Scl(A) = Cl_\mu(A)$ ;
- (2)  $Sint(A) = I_\mu(A)$ .

THEOREM 3.5. Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a supratopological space,  $A \subset X$ .

- (1)  $x \in I_\mu(A)$  iff  $A \in \mathbf{H}$ , for every  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{H}$   $\mu$ -converging to  $x$ ;
- (2)  $x \in Cl_\mu(A)$  iff there exists  $\mathbf{H} \in p\mathbf{S}(X)$  such that  $\mathbf{H}$   $\mu$ -converges to  $x$  and  $A \in \mathbf{H}$ .

PROOF. (1) Since the supra-neighborhood stack  $\mathbf{V}_\mu(x)$  always  $\mu$ -converges to  $x$ , we get  $A \in \mathbf{V}_\mu(x)$  by hypothesis. Thus  $x \in I_\mu(A)$ .

The converse is obvious by Definition 3.1.

(2) If  $x \in Cl_\mu(A)$ , let  $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{V}_\mu(x) \cup \langle A \rangle = \langle \{F \cap G : F \in \mathbf{V}_\mu(x), G \in \langle A \rangle\} \rangle$ . Then a  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{H}$   $\mu$ -converges to  $x$  and  $A \in \mathbf{H}$ .

Conversely let  $x \notin Cl_\mu(A)$ . Then there is some  $V \in \mathbf{V}_\mu(x)$  such that it has the empty intersection with  $A$ , and so no a  $p$ -stack containing  $A$  can  $\mu$ -converge to  $x$ .  $\square$

From Lemma 3.4 and Theorem 3.5 we get the following theorem:

THEOREM 3.6. Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a supratopological space,  $A \subset X$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $A$  is supraclosed iff  $Cl_\mu(A) = A$ ;
- (2)  $A$  is supraopen iff  $I_\mu(A) = A$ ;
- (3)  $x \in Scl(A)$  iff there exists  $\mathbf{H} \in p\mathbf{S}(X)$  such that  $\mathbf{H}$   $\mu$ -converges to  $x$  and  $A \in \mathbf{H}$ ;
- (4)  $x \in Sint(A)$  iff  $A \in \mathbf{H}$ , for every  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{H}$   $\mu$ -converging to  $x$ .

Now we characterize the  $S^*$ -continuity of a map by using  $p$ -stacks as the continuity of a map is expressed by filters.

**THEOREM 3.7.** *Let  $(X, \mu)$  and  $(Y, \nu)$  be supratopological spaces. If  $f : (X, \mu) \rightarrow (Y, \nu)$  is a function, then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $f$  is  $S^*$ -continuous;
- (2)  $\mathbf{V}_\nu(f(x)) \subset f(\mathbf{V}_\mu(x))$  for all  $x \in X$ ;
- (3)  $f^{-1}(I_\nu(A)) \subset I_\mu(f^{-1}(A))$  for all  $A \subset Y$ ;
- (4)  $f(Cl_\mu(B)) \subset Cl_\nu(f(B))$  for all  $B \subset X$ ;
- (5) If a  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$   $\mu$ -converges to  $x$ , then the image  $p$ -stack  $f(\mathbf{F})$   $\nu$ -converges to  $f(x)$ .

**PROOF.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $V$  be a member of  $\mathbf{V}_\nu(f(x))$  in  $Y$ . Then there is a supraopen  $W$  such that  $f(x) \in W \subset V$ . Since  $f$  is  $S^*$ -continuous, there exists a supraopen  $U$  of  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subset W \subset V$  and since  $U \in \mathbf{V}_\mu(x)$  we get  $V \in f(\mathbf{V}_\mu(x))$ .

(1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (4) It is obvious from Lemma 3.5.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) Let  $\mathbf{F}$  be a  $p$ -stack  $\mu$ -converging to  $x$ . Then  $\mathbf{V}_\mu(x) \subset \mathbf{F}$ , and so  $\mathbf{V}_\nu(f(x)) \subset f(\mathbf{F})$  from (2).

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) If  $f$  is not  $S^*$ -continuous, then for some  $x \in X$ , there is a supraopen  $V \in \mathbf{V}_\nu(f(x))$  such that for all supraopen  $U \in \mathbf{V}_\mu(x)$ ,  $f(U)$  does not include in  $V$ . For all  $U \in \mathbf{V}_\mu(x)$ , since  $f(U) \cap (Y - V) \neq \emptyset$ , we get a  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F} = f(\mathbf{V}_\mu(x)) \cup \langle Y - V \rangle$ . And since  $U \cap f^{-1}(Y - V) \neq \emptyset$ , we also get a  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{V}_\mu(x) \cup \langle f^{-1}(Y - V) \rangle$  which  $\mu$ -converges to  $x$ . But since  $f(\mathbf{G})$  is a finer  $p$ -stack than  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $Y - V \in \mathbf{F}$ ,  $f(\mathbf{G})$  can not  $\nu$ -converge to  $f(x)$ , contradicting to (5). □

**THEOREM 3.8.** *Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a supratopological space and  $A \subset X$ .*

- (1)  $I_\mu(X) = X$ ;
- (2)  $I_\mu(A) \subset A$  for all  $A \subset X$ ;
- (3)  $A \subset B \Rightarrow I_\mu(A) \subset I_\mu(B)$  for all  $A, B \subset X$ ;
- (4)  $I_\mu(I_\mu(A)) = I_\mu(A)$  for all  $A \subset X$ .

**PROOF.** They are obvious by Lemma 3.4 and Theorem 2.2. □

Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. Consider a set function  $I : 2^X \rightarrow 2^X$  satisfying these axioms:

- (i<sub>1</sub>)  $I(X) = X$ ;
- (i<sub>2</sub>)  $I(A) \subset A$  for all  $A \subset X$ ;
- (i<sub>3</sub>)  $A \subset B \Rightarrow I(A) \subset I(B)$  for all  $A, B \in 2^X$ ;
- (i<sub>4</sub>)  $I(I(A)) = I(A)$  for all  $A \subset X$ .

Let  $\mathbf{I}(X)$  be the set of all these interior operators on  $X$ .

LEMMA 3.9. *If  $I \in \mathbf{I}(X)$ , then the operator  $I$  uniquely determines a supratopology on  $X$  whose interior operator is  $I$ .*

PROOF. Consider  $\mu = \{A \subset X : I(A) = A\}$  on  $X$ . Then by (i<sub>1</sub>) and (i<sub>2</sub>), both  $X$  and  $\emptyset$  are in  $\mu$ .

Let  $A_i \in \mu$  for all  $i \in J$ . Then  $A_i = I(A_i) \subset I(\cup_{i \in J} A_i)$ , so  $\cup_{i \in J} A_i = I(\cup_{i \in J} A_i)$ . Thus  $\mu$  is a supratopology on  $X$ . It is obvious  $\mu$  is the unique supratopology determined by  $I$  whose interior operator is  $I$ .  $\square$

From Lemma 3.9 and Theorem 3.8, we have the following result.

THEOREM 3.10. *If  $\varphi : \mathbf{ST}(X) \rightarrow \mathbf{I}(X)$  is defined by  $\varphi(\mu) = I_\mu$ , where  $I_\mu(A) = \{x \in X : A \in \mathbf{V}_\mu(x)\}$  for all  $A \subset X$ , then  $\varphi$  is a bijection.*

PROOF. If  $\mu \in \mathbf{ST}(X)$ , then  $\varphi(\mu) = I_\mu \in \mathbf{I}(X)$  by Theorem 3.8. If  $I \in \mathbf{I}(X)$ , let  $\psi(I) = \mu_I$ , where  $\mathbf{V}_{\mu_I}(x) = \{A \subset X : x \in I(A)\}$  for each  $x \in X$ . Then the map  $\psi : \mathbf{I}(X) \rightarrow \mathbf{ST}(X)$  is well defined, and by Theorem 3.6, we get  $\psi \circ \varphi$  is the identity map on  $\mathbf{ST}(X)$ .

Now we show that  $\varphi \circ \psi$  is the identity map on  $\mathbf{I}(X)$ . For each  $I \in \mathbf{I}(X)$ , let  $\varphi(\psi(I)) = I'$ , where  $\psi(I) = \mu_I = \{A : I(A) = A\}$  and  $I'(A) = \{x \in A : A \in \mathbf{V}_{\mu_I}(x)\}$ .

Let  $x \in I(A)$  for all  $A \subset X$ . Then by (i<sub>4</sub>) and the notion of  $\mu_I$ , we can say that  $I(A)$  is a supraopen set containing  $x$  on a supratopological space  $(X, \mu_I)$ . Then it follows from  $I(A) \subset A$  that  $A \in \mathbf{V}_{\mu_I}(x)$ . Thus from the notion of  $I'$ , we get  $x \in I'(A)$ .

For the other inclusion, let  $x \in I'(A)$ . Then  $A$  is an element of the supranighborhood stack  $\mathbf{V}_{\mu_I}(x)$  at  $x$ , and so we can take a supraopen set  $U$  satisfying  $x \in U \subset A$  in the supratopology  $\mu_I$ . Then by definition of the supratopology  $\mu_I$  and (i<sub>3</sub>), we get  $x \in U = I(U) \subset I(A)$ . Consequently,  $I = I'$ .  $\square$

Now we give characterizations of  $S - T_1$ ,  $S - T_2$ , supra-regularity and supracompactness on a supratopological space by using  $p$ -stacks.

THEOREM 3.11. *Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a supratopological space. Then the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $(X, \mu)$  is  $S - T_1$ ;
- (2)  $\cap \mathbf{V}_\mu(x) = \{x\}$  for  $x \in X$ ;
- (3) If  $x$   $\mu$ -converges to  $y$ , then  $x = y$ .

PROOF. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $y$  be an element in  $\cap \mathbf{V}_\mu(x)$ . Then  $y \in U$  for each supraopen neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$ . Since  $X$  is  $S - T_1$ ,  $y = x$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Let  $\dot{x}$   $\mu$ -converge to  $y$ . Since  $\mathbf{V}_\mu(y) \subset \dot{x}$ ,  $x$  is the element in  $\cap \mathbf{V}_\mu(y)$ . Thus  $x = y$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Suppose that  $X$  is not  $S - T_1$ . Then there are distinct  $x$  and  $y$  such that every supraopen neighborhood of  $x$  contains  $y$ . Thus  $\mathbf{V}_\mu(x) \subset \dot{y}$  and  $\dot{y}$   $\mu$ -converges to  $x$ , contrary to (3).  $\square$

THEOREM 3.12. Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a supratopological space. Then the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $(X, \mu)$  is  $S - T_2$ ;
- (2) Every  $\mu$ -convergent  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$  on  $X$   $\mu$ -converges to exactly one point.
- (3) Every  $\mu$ -convergent ultrapstack  $\mathbf{F}$  on  $X$   $\mu$ -converges to exactly one point.

PROOF. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Suppose that  $X$  is  $S - T_2$  and a  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$   $\mu$ -converges to  $x$ . For any  $y \neq x$ , there are disjoint supraopen neighborhoods  $U(x)$  and  $U(y)$ . Since  $\mathbf{V}_\mu(x) \subset \mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{F}$  is a  $p$ -stack, both  $U(x)$  and  $X - U(y)$  are elements of  $\mathbf{F}$ . Thus  $\mathbf{F}$  is not finer than  $\mathbf{V}_\mu(y)$ , so  $\mathbf{F}$  does not  $\mu$ -converge to  $y$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) It is obvious.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Suppose that  $X$  is not  $S - T_2$ . Then there must exist  $x, y$  such that  $U(x) \cap U(y) \neq \emptyset$  for every supraopen neighborhoods  $U(x)$  and  $U(y)$  of  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively. Let  $\mathbf{F}$  be the ultrapstack finer than a  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{V}_\mu(x) \cup \mathbf{V}_\mu(y)$ . Then  $\mathbf{F}$  is finer than  $\mathbf{V}_\mu(x)$  and  $\mathbf{V}_\mu(y)$ , so the ultrapstack  $\mathbf{F}$   $\mu$ -converges to both  $x$  and  $y$ , contrary (2).  $\square$

Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a supratopological space and  $\mathbf{F} \in pS(X)$ . Then  $\mathbf{B} = \{Scl(F) : F \in \mathbf{F}\}$  is a  $p$ -stack base on  $X$ . The  $p$ -stack generated by  $\mathbf{B}$  is denoted  $Scl(\mathbf{F})$ . We call  $Scl(\mathbf{F})$  the *supraclosure  $p$ -stack* of  $\mathbf{F}$ .

THEOREM 3.13. Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a supratopological space. Then the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $(X, \mu)$  is supra-regular;
- (2) For every  $x$  in  $X$ ,  $\mathbf{V}_\mu(x) = Scl(\mathbf{V}_\mu(x))$ .
- (3) If a  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$   $\mu$ -converges to  $x$ , then  $Scl(\mathbf{F})$   $\mu$ -converges to  $x$ .

PROOF. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $F$  be an element in  $\mathbf{V}_\mu(x)$ . There exists a supraopen neighborhood  $U(x)$  such that  $U(x) \subset F$ . Since  $X$  is supra-regular, there is a supraopen neighborhood  $W(x)$  such that  $W(x) \subset$

$Scl(W(x)) \subset U(x) \subset F$ . And since  $Scl(W(x)) \in Scl(\mathbf{V}_\mu(x))$  and  $Scl(\mathbf{V}_\mu(x))$  is a  $p$ -stack,  $F \in Scl(\mathbf{V}_\mu(x))$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Let a  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$   $\mu$ -converge to  $x$ . Then  $Scl(\mathbf{V}_\mu(x)) \subset Scl(\mathbf{F})$ . Thus we get that  $Scl(\mathbf{F})$   $\mu$ -converges to  $x$  by (2).

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $U$  be a supraopen neighborhood of  $x$  for each  $x \in X$ . Since  $\mathbf{V}_\mu(x)$   $\mu$ -converges to  $x$ ,  $Scl(\mathbf{V}_\mu(x))$   $\mu$ -converges to  $x$  by (3), and so  $U \in Scl(\mathbf{V}_\mu(x))$ . Then by the definition of supraclosure of  $p$ -stack, there is a supraopen neighborhood  $V$  in  $\mathbf{V}_\mu(x)$  such that  $V \subset Scl(V) \subset U$ .  $\square$

For  $\mathbf{F} \in pS(X)$ , if all finite intersection of the elements of  $\mathbf{F}$  are non-empty, we say that  $\mathbf{F}$  has the *finite intersection property* (FIP).

**THEOREM 3.14.** *Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a supratopological space and  $A \subset X$ . Then  $X$  is supracompact iff for every  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$  with the FIP, there exist a finer  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{G}$  than  $\mathbf{F}$  and an  $x \in A$  such that  $\mathbf{G}$   $\mu$ -converges to  $x$ .*

**PROOF.** Assume  $X$  is supracompact and  $\mathbf{F}$  is a  $p$ -stack with the FIP. Suppose any finer  $p$ -stack than  $\mathbf{F}$  does not  $\mu$ -convergent to any point in  $X$ . Then we can assert that for each  $x \in A$ , there exist a supraopen neighborhood  $U_x \in \mathbf{V}_\mu(x)$  and  $F_x \in \mathbf{F}$  such that  $U_x \cap F_x = \emptyset$ . Thus we can find the collection  $\mathbf{U}$  of the supraopen neighborhoods  $U_x \in \mathbf{V}_\mu(x)$  for each  $x \in X$  such that  $U_x \cap F_x = \emptyset$  for some  $F_x \in \mathbf{F}$ . This collection  $\mathbf{U}$  is a supraopen cover of  $X$  and for each  $U_x \in \mathbf{U}$ ,  $X - U_x$  is a member of the  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$ . Since  $X$  is supracompact, there is a finite subcover  $\{U_{x_1}, \dots, U_{x_n}\}$  of  $\mathbf{U}$ . Now we get  $\cap(X - U_{x_i}) = \emptyset$  for  $X - U_{x_i} \in \mathbf{F}$ , where  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . This is a contradiction, since  $\mathbf{F}$  is a  $p$ -stack with the FIP.

Conversely, assume  $X$  is not supracompact, and let  $\mathbf{U}$  be a supraopen cover of  $X$  with no finite subcover. If  $\mathbf{W}$  is the set of all finite union of members of  $\mathbf{U}$ , then  $X - W \neq \emptyset$  for all  $W \in \mathbf{W}$ . Let  $\mathbf{B} = \{X - W : W \in \mathbf{W}\}$ . Then clearly  $\mathbf{B}$  is a  $p$ -stack base. Thus we get a  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}_\mathbf{B}$  generated by  $\mathbf{B}$  such that  $\mathbf{F}_\mathbf{B}$  has the finite intersection property. Finally for any finer  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{G}$  than  $\mathbf{F}_\mathbf{B}$ , we get that  $\mathbf{G}$  does not  $\mu$ -converge to any element of  $X$ , contradicting (2).  $\square$

We introduce the notion of  $p$ -supracompactness by using convergence of ultrastacks and investigate some properties.

**DEFINITION 3.15.** A subset  $A$  of a supratopological space  $(X, \mu)$  is  *$p$ -supracompact* if every ultrastack containing  $A$   $\mu$ -converges to a point in  $A$ . The space  $(X, \mu)$  is  *$p$ -supracompact* if  $X$  is  $p$ -supracompact.



EXAMPLE 3.16. Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ . Consider  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . Then the supratopological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $p$ -supracompact.

However  $X$  is a nonempty finite set, a supratopological space on  $X$  may not be  $p$ -supracompact as the following example:

EXAMPLE 3.17. Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and let  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$  be a supratopology on  $X$ . And let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an ultrapstack containing a  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$  generated by  $\{\{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}\}$ . Then it does not  $\tau$ -converge to a point  $a$  in  $X$ . Thus the supratopological space  $(X, \tau)$  is not  $p$ -supracompact.

THEOREM 3.18. Let  $f : (X, \mu) \rightarrow (Y, \nu)$  be an  $S^*$ -continuous and surjective function. If  $X$  is  $p$ -supracompact, then  $Y$  is also  $p$ -supracompact.

PROOF. Let  $X$  be  $p$ -supracompact, and let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an ultrapstack in  $Y$ . If  $\mathbf{G}$  is an ultrapstack containing the  $p$ -stack base  $\{f^{-1}(H) : H \in \mathbf{H}\}$ , then for some  $x \in X$ ,  $\mathbf{G}$   $\mu$ -converges to  $x$ , and  $\mathbf{H} = f(\mathbf{G})$   $\nu$ -converges to  $f(x)$ , thus  $Y$  is  $p$ -supracompact.  $\square$

THEOREM 3.19. A supratopological space  $(X, \mu)$  is  $p$ -supracompact if and only if each supraopen cover of  $X$  has a two-member subcover.

PROOF. Suppose  $\mathbf{H}$  is an ultrapstack in  $X$  such that it does not  $\mu$ -converge to any point in  $X$ . Then for each  $x \in X$ , there is  $U_x \in \mathbf{V}_\mu(x)$  such that  $U_x \notin \mathbf{H}$ . By Lemma 2.3(3),  $X - U_x \in \mathbf{H}$  for all  $x \in X$ . Thus the collection  $\mathbf{U} = \{U_x : x \in X\}$  is a supraopen cover of  $X$ . But  $\mathbf{U}$  has no two-element subcover of  $X$ , for if  $U, V \in \mathbf{U}$  and  $X \subset U \cup V$ , then  $(X - U) \cap (X - V) = X - (U \cup V) = \emptyset$ , contradicting that  $\mathbf{H}$  is a  $p$ -stack. Conversely, let  $\mathbf{U}$  be a supraopen cover of  $X$  with no two-element subcover of  $X$ . Then  $\mathbf{B} = \{X - U : U \in \mathbf{U}\}$  is a  $p$ -stack base, and any ultrapstack containing  $\mathbf{B}$  can not  $\mu$ -converge to any point in  $X$ .  $\square$

REMARK. From Theorem 3.19 and Example 3.17, we can say every supracompact space is  $p$ -supracompact but the converse is not always true.

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