

## $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -NORMAL AND $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -REGULAR SPACES

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ABSTRACT.  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -normal and  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -regular spaces are introduced and various characterizations and properties are given. Characterizations of normal, mildly normal,  $w\hat{g}$ -normal and regular spaces are also given.

### 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, by a space  $X$ , we always mean a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  with no separation properties assumed. Let  $H$  be a subset of  $X$ . We denote the interior, the closure and the complement of a set  $H$  by  $\text{int}(H)$ ,  $\text{cl}(H)$  and  $X \setminus H$  or  $H^c$ , respectively.

An ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  on a space  $X$  is a non-empty collection of subsets of  $X$  which satisfies

- (i)  $P \in \mathcal{I}$  and  $Q \subseteq P \Rightarrow Q \in \mathcal{I}$  and
- (ii)  $P \in \mathcal{I}$  and  $Q \in \mathcal{I} \Rightarrow P \cup Q \in \mathcal{I}$ .

Given a space  $X$  with an ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  on  $X$  and if  $\wp(X)$  is the set of all subsets of  $X$ , a set operator  $(\cdot)^* : \wp(X) \rightarrow \wp(X)$ , called a local function [8] of  $H$  with respect to  $\tau$  and  $\mathcal{I}$  is defined as follows: for  $H \subseteq X$ ,

$$H^*(\mathcal{I}, \tau) = \{x \in X \mid U \cap H \notin \mathcal{I} \text{ for every } U \in \tau(x)\}$$

where  $\tau(x) = \{U \in \tau \mid x \in U\}$ . We will make use of the basic facts about the local functions [[7], Theorem 2.3] without mentioning it explicitly. A Kuratowski closure operator  $\text{cl}^*(\cdot)$  for a topology  $\tau^*(\mathcal{I}, \tau)$ , called the  $\star$ -topology, finer than  $\tau$  is defined by  $\text{cl}^*(H) = H \cup H^*(\mathcal{I}, \tau)$  [30]. When there is no chance for confusion, we will simply write  $H^*$  for  $H^*(\mathcal{I}, \tau)$  and  $\tau^*$  for  $\tau^*(\mathcal{I}, \tau)$ . If  $\mathcal{I}$  is an ideal on  $X$ , then  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is called an ideal space.  $\mathcal{N}$  is the ideal of all nowhere dense subsets in  $(X, \tau)$ . A subset  $H$

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of an ideal space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is called  $\star$ -closed [7] (resp.  $\star$ -dense in itself [6]) if  $H^* \subseteq H$  (resp.  $H \subseteq H^*$ ). A subset  $H$  of an ideal space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is called  $\mathcal{I}_g$ -closed [4] if  $H^* \subseteq U$  whenever  $H \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open.

$\text{int}^*(H)$  will denote the interior of  $H$  in  $(X, \tau^*)$ . A subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be regular open [29] if  $A = \text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$  and  $A$  is said to be regular closed [29] if  $A = \text{cl}(\text{int}(A))$ . A subset  $H$  of a space  $X$  is called an  $\alpha$ -open [19] (resp. semi-open [9], preopen [14]) set if  $H \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(H)))$  (resp.  $H \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(H))$ ,  $H \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(H))$ ). The complement of a semi-open set is called semi-closed. The family of all  $\alpha$ -open sets in  $(X, \tau)$ , denoted by  $\tau^\alpha$ , is a topology on  $X$  finer than  $\tau$ . The complement of an  $\alpha$ -open set is called  $\alpha$ -closed. The interior of a subset  $H$  in  $(X, \tau^\alpha)$  is denoted by  $\text{int}_\alpha(H)$ . The closure of a subset  $H$  in  $(X, \tau^\alpha)$  is denoted by  $\text{cl}_\alpha(H)$ . A subset  $H$  of a space  $X$  is said to be  $g$ -closed [10] if  $\text{cl}(H) \subseteq U$  whenever  $H \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open.  $H$  is said to be  $g$ -open if  $X - H$  is  $g$ -closed. The family of all semi-open sets of  $X$  is denoted by  $\text{SO}(X)$ .

An ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  is said to be codense [5] or  $\tau$ -boundary [18] if  $\tau \cap \mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset\}$ .  $\mathcal{I}$  is said to be completely codense [5] if  $\text{PO}(X) \cap \mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset\}$ , where  $\text{PO}(X)$  is the family of all preopen sets in  $(X, \tau)$ . Every completely codense ideal is codense but not converse by [5]. The following Lemmas will be useful in the sequel.

LEMMA 1.1. *Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  be an ideal space and  $H \subseteq X$ . If  $H \subseteq H^*$ , then  $H^* = \text{cl}(H^*) = \text{cl}(H) = \text{cl}^*(H)$  ([24], Theorem 5).*

LEMMA 1.2. *Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  be an ideal space. Then  $\mathcal{I}$  is codense if and only if  $G \subseteq G^*$  for every semi-open set  $G$  in  $X$  ([24], Theorem 3).*

LEMMA 1.3. *Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  be an ideal space. If  $\mathcal{I}$  is completely codense, then  $\tau^* \subseteq \tau^\alpha$  ([24], Theorem 6).*

Recall that  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is a  $T_{\mathcal{I}}$  ideal space [4] if every  $\mathcal{I}_g$ -closed set is  $\star$ -closed.

LEMMA 1.4. *If  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is a  $T_{\mathcal{I}}$  ideal space and  $H$  is an  $\mathcal{I}_g$ -closed set, then  $H$  is a  $\star$ -closed set ([16], Corollary 2.2).*

LEMMA 1.5. *Every  $g$ -closed set is  $\mathcal{I}_g$ -closed but not conversely ([4], Theorem 2.1).*

LEMMA 1.6 ([7]). *Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  be an ideal space and let  $M$  and  $N$  be two subsets on  $X$ . Then*

- (1)  $M \subseteq N \Rightarrow M^* \subseteq N^*$ .
- (2)  $M^* = \text{cl}(M^*) \subseteq \text{cl}(M)$  ( $M^*$  is a closed subset of  $\text{cl}(M)$ ).
- (3)  $(M^*)^* \subseteq M^*$ .
- (4)  $(M \cup N)^* = M^* \cup N^*$ .
- (5)  $M^* - N^* = (M - N)^* - N^* \subseteq (M - N)^*$ .

Let us say that  $w \subseteq P$  is a weak structure (briefly WS) on  $X$  iff  $\emptyset \in w$ . Clearly each generalized topology and each minimal structure is a WS [3].

Each member of  $w$  is said to be  $w$ -open and the complement of a  $w$ -open set is called  $w$ -closed.

Let  $w$  be a weak structure on  $X$  and  $H \subseteq X$ . We define (as in the general case)  $i_w(H)$  is the union of all  $w$ -open subsets contained in  $H$  and  $c_w(H)$  is the intersection of all  $w$ -closed sets containing  $H$  [3].

Let  $w$  be a WS on a space  $X$  and  $H \subseteq X$ . Then  $H \in \sigma(w)$  [resp.  $H \in \alpha(w)$ ,  $H \in \pi(w)$ ] if  $H \subseteq c_w(i_w(H))$  [resp.  $H \subseteq i_w(c_w(i_w(H)))$ ,  $H \subseteq i_w(c_w(H))$ ] [3].

Let  $w$  be a WS on a space  $X$ . Then  $H \subseteq X$  is called a  $\hat{g}w$ -closed set if  $c_w(H) \subseteq U$  whenever  $H \subseteq U \in \text{SO}(X)$ . The complement of a  $\hat{g}w$ -closed set is called  $\hat{g}w$ -open [25].

Let  $w$  be a WS on a space  $X$ . Then  $H \subseteq X$  is said to be  $w\hat{g}$ -closed [26] if  $\text{cl}(H) \subseteq U$  whenever  $H \subseteq U$  and  $U \in \sigma(w)$ . A subset  $H$  of a space  $X$  is said to be  $\text{r}\alpha\text{g}$ -closed [21] if  $\text{cl}_\alpha(H) \subseteq U$  whenever  $H \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is regular open.  $H$  is said to be  $w\hat{g}$ -open (resp.  $\text{r}\alpha\text{g}$ -open) if  $X - H$  is  $w\hat{g}$ -closed (resp.  $\text{r}\alpha\text{g}$ -closed).

Let  $w$  be a WS on an ideal space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ . Then  $H \subseteq X$  is called  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed if  $H^* \subseteq U$  whenever  $H \subseteq U$  and  $U \in \sigma(w)$  [26]. In [26], every  $*$ -closed and hence every closed set is  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed. A subset  $H$  of an ideal space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is said to be  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open [26] if  $X - H$  is  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed. In this paper, we define  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -normal,  $w\hat{g}\mathcal{I}$ -normal and  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -regular spaces using  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open sets and give characterizations and properties of such spaces. Also, characterizations of normal, mildly normal,  $w\hat{g}$ -normal and regular spaces are given.

REMARK 1.1. ([1]) If  $w$  is a WS on  $X$ , then  $i_w(\emptyset) = \emptyset$  and  $c_w(X) = X$ .

THEOREM 1.1 ([3]). If  $w$  is a WS on  $X$  and  $A, B \in w$  then

- (1)  $i_w(A) \subseteq A \subseteq c_w(A)$ ,
- (2)  $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow i_w(A) \subseteq i_w(B)$  and  $c_w(A) \subseteq c_w(B)$ ,
- (3)  $i_w(i_w(A)) = i_w(A)$  and  $c_w(c_w(A)) = c_w(A)$ ,
- (4)  $i_w(X - A) = X - c_w(A)$  and  $c_w(X - A) = X - i_w(A)$ .

LEMMA 1.7 ([1]). If  $w$  is a WS on  $X$ , then

- (1)  $x \in i_w(A)$  if and only if there is a  $w$ -open set  $G \subseteq A$  such that  $x \in G$ ,
- (2)  $x \in c_w(A)$  if and only if  $G \cap A \neq \emptyset$  whenever  $x \in G \in w$ ,
- (3) If  $A \in w$ , then  $A = i_w(A)$  and if  $A$  is  $w$ -closed then  $A = c_w(A)$ .

LEMMA 1.8 ([26], Theorem 2.47). Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  be an ideal space where  $\mathcal{I}$  is completely codense. Then the following are equivalent.

- (1)  $X$  is normal.
- (2) For disjoint closed sets  $M$  and  $N$ , there exist disjoint  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $M \subseteq P$ ,  $N \subseteq Q$ .
- (3) For a closed set  $M$  and an open set  $Q$  containing  $M$ , there exists an  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open set  $P$  such that  $M \subseteq P \subseteq \text{cl}^*(P) \subseteq Q$ .

DEFINITION 1.1. ([26]) An ideal space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is said to have the property B if  $P^c \in \tau$  and  $Q^c \in \sigma(w)$  then  $X \setminus (P \cap Q) \in \sigma(w)$ .

LEMMA 1.9. If  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is an ideal space and  $H \subseteq X$ . If  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset\}$ , then  $H$  is  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed if and only if  $H$  is  $w\hat{g}$ -closed ([26], Corollary 2.28).

LEMMA 1.10 ([26], Theorem 2.15). *If  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is an ideal space with property  $B$  and  $H \subseteq X$ , then the following are equivalent.*

- (1)  $H$  is  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed.
- (2)  $cl^*(H) \subseteq U$  whenever  $H \subseteq U$  and  $U \in \sigma(w)$ .

LEMMA 1.11 ([26], Theorem 2.42). *Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  be an ideal space with property  $B$  and  $H \subseteq X$ . Then  $H$  is  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open if and only if  $F \subseteq int^*(H)$  whenever  $F^c \in \sigma(w)$  and  $F \subseteq H$ .*

LEMMA 1.12 ([26], Theorem 2.46). *Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  be an ideal space. Then every subset of  $X$  is  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed if and only if every subset of  $\sigma(w)$  is  $*$ -closed.*

PROPOSITION 1.1 ([26]). *If  $H \in \tau$  then  $H \in \sigma(w)$ .*

## 2. $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -normal spaces

Let  $w$  be a WS on an ideal space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ . Then  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is said to be an  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -normal space if for every pair of disjoint closed sets  $M$  and  $N$ , there exist disjoint  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $M \subseteq P$  and  $N \subseteq Q$ . Since every open set is an  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open set, every normal space is  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -normal. The following Example 2.1 shows that an  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -normal space is not necessarily a normal space. Theorem 2.1 below gives characterizations of  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -normal spaces. Theorem 2.2 below shows that the two concepts coincide for completely codense ideal spaces.

EXAMPLE 2.1. Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $w = \{\emptyset, \{c\}\}$  and  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{b\}\}$ . Then  $\emptyset^* = \emptyset$ ,  $(\{a, b\})^* = \{a\}$ ,  $(\{b, c\})^* = \{c\}$ ,  $(\{b\})^* = \emptyset$  and  $X^* = \{a, c\}$ . Here every subset of  $\sigma(w)$  is  $*$ -closed and so, by Lemma 1.12, every subset of  $X$  is  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed and hence every subset of  $X$  is  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open. This implies that  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -normal. Now  $\{a\}$  and  $\{c\}$  are disjoint closed subsets of  $X$  which are not separated by disjoint open sets and so  $(X, \tau)$  is not normal.

THEOREM 2.1. *Let  $w$  be a WS on an ideal space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ . Then the following are equivalent.*

- (1)  $X$  is  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -normal.
- (2) For every pair of disjoint closed sets  $M$  and  $N$ , there exist disjoint  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $M \subseteq P$  and  $N \subseteq Q$ .
- (3) For every closed set  $M$  and an open set  $Q$  containing  $M$ , there exists an  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open set  $P$  such that  $M \subseteq P \subseteq cl^*(P) \subseteq Q$ .

PROOF. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). The proof follows from the definition of  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -normal spaces.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Let  $M$  be a closed set and  $Q$  be an open set containing  $M$ . Since  $M$  and  $X - Q$  are disjoint closed sets, there exist disjoint  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open sets  $P$  and  $R$  such that  $M \subseteq P$  and  $X - Q \subseteq R$ . Again,  $P \cap R = \emptyset$  implies that  $P \cap int^*(R) = \emptyset$ . Also  $P \subseteq X - R \Rightarrow cl^*(P) \subseteq cl^*(X - R) = X - int^*(R)$ . Since  $Q \in \sigma(w)$  and  $R$  is  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open,  $X - Q \subseteq R$  implies that  $X - Q \subseteq int^*(R)$  and so  $X - int^*(R) \subseteq Q$ . Thus, we have  $M \subseteq P \subseteq cl^*(P) \subseteq X - int^*(R) \subseteq Q$  which proves (3).

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $M$  and  $N$  be two disjoint closed subsets of  $X$ . By hypothesis, there exists an  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open set  $P$  such that  $M \subseteq P \subseteq cl^*(P) \subseteq X - N$ . If  $R = X - cl^*(P)$ , then

$P$  and  $R$  are the required disjoint  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open sets containing  $M$  and  $N$  respectively. So,  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -normal.  $\square$

**THEOREM 2.2.** *Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  be an ideal space where  $\mathcal{I}$  is completely codense and  $w$  a WS on  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ . If  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -normal, then it is a normal space.*

**PROOF.** Suppose that  $\mathcal{I}$  is completely codense. By Theorem 2.1,  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -normal if and only if for each pair of disjoint closed sets  $M$  and  $N$ , there exist disjoint  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $M \subseteq P$  and  $N \subseteq Q$  if and only if  $X$  is normal, by Lemma 1.8.  $\square$

**THEOREM 2.3.** *Let  $w$  be a WS on an ideal space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  which is  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -normal space. If  $G$  is closed and  $H$  is a  $w\hat{g}$ -closed set such that  $H \cap G = \emptyset$ , then there exist disjoint  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $H \subseteq P$  and  $G \subseteq Q$ .*

**PROOF.** Since  $H \cap G = \emptyset$ ,  $H \subseteq X - G$  where  $X - G \in \tau \subseteq \sigma(w)$ . Therefore, by hypothesis,  $\text{cl}(H) \subseteq X - G$ . Since  $\text{cl}(H) \cap G = \emptyset$  and  $X$  is  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -normal, there exist disjoint  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $H \subseteq \text{cl}(H) \subseteq P$  and  $G \subseteq Q$ .  $\square$

**DEFINITION 2.1.** Let  $w$  be a WS on a space  $X$ . A subset  $H$  of a space  $X$  is said to be  $\alpha\text{gsw}$ -closed if  $\text{cl}_\alpha(H) \subseteq U$  whenever  $H \subseteq U$  and  $U \in \sigma(w)$ . The complement of an  $\alpha\text{gsw}$ -closed set is called  $\alpha\text{gsw}$ -open.

**PROPOSITION 2.1.** *For a WS  $w$  on a space  $X$ , every closed subset is  $\alpha\text{gsw}$ -closed.*

**PROOF.** Let  $H$  be a closed set such that  $H \subseteq U$  and  $U \in \sigma(w)$ . Then  $\text{cl}(H) = H$  and  $\text{cl}_\alpha(H) \subseteq \text{cl}(H) = H \subseteq U$ . Hence  $H$  is  $\alpha\text{gsw}$ -closed.  $\square$

**EXAMPLE 2.2.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{c\}, X\}$  and  $w = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ . Then the  $\alpha\text{gsw}$ -closed sets are  $\{a\}$ ,  $\{b\}$ ,  $\{a, b\}$ ,  $\{b, c\}$ ,  $\emptyset$ ,  $X$  and the closed sets are  $\emptyset$ ,  $X$ ,  $\{a, b\}$ . It is clear that  $\{b\}$  is  $\alpha\text{gsw}$ -closed set but it is not closed.

The following Corollaries 2.1 and 2.2 give properties of normal spaces. If  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset\}$  in Theorem 2.1, then we have the following Corollary 2.8, the proof of which follows from Theorem 2.2 and Lemma 1.9, since  $\{\emptyset\}$  is a completely codense ideal. If  $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{N}$  in Theorem 2.3, then we have the Corollary 2.2 below, since  $\tau^*(\mathcal{N}) = \tau^\alpha$  and  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open sets coincide with  $\alpha\text{gsw}$ -open sets.

**COROLLARY 2.1.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a normal space and  $w$  a WS on  $X$ . If  $G$  is a closed set and  $H$  is a  $w\hat{g}$ -closed set disjoint from  $G$ , then there exist disjoint  $w\hat{g}$ -open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $H \subseteq P$  and  $G \subseteq Q$ .*

**COROLLARY 2.2.** *Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  be a normal ideal space where  $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{N}$  and  $w$  a WS on  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ . If  $G$  is a closed set and  $H$  is a  $w\hat{g}$ -closed set disjoint from  $G$ , then there exist disjoint  $\alpha\text{gsw}$ -open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $H \subseteq P$  and  $G \subseteq Q$ .*

**LEMMA 2.1.** *If  $w$  is a WS on an ideal space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  and  $H \subseteq X$ , then the following hold. If  $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{N}$ , then  $H$  is  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed if and only if  $H$  is  $\alpha\text{gsw}$ -closed.*

**PROOF.** It follows from  $\text{cl}^*(H) = \text{cl}_\alpha(H)$  for any subset  $H$  of  $X$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 2.4.** *Let  $w$  be a WS on an ideal space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  which is  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -normal. Then the following hold.*

- (1) *For every closed set  $M$  and every  $w\hat{g}$ -open set  $N$  containing  $M$ , there exists an  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open set  $P$  such that  $M \subseteq \text{int}^*(P) \subseteq P \subseteq N$ .*
- (2) *For every  $w\hat{g}$ -closed set  $M$  and every open set  $N$  containing  $M$ , there exists an  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed set  $P$  such that  $M \subseteq P \subseteq \text{cl}^*(P) \subseteq N$ .*

**PROOF.** (1) Let  $M$  be a closed set and  $N$  be a  $w\hat{g}$ -open set containing  $M$ . Then  $M \cap (X - N) = \emptyset$ , where  $M$  is closed and  $X - N$  is  $w\hat{g}$ -closed. By Theorem 2.3, there exist disjoint  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $M \subseteq P$  and  $X - N \subseteq Q$ . Since  $P \cap Q = \emptyset$ , we have  $P \subseteq X - Q$ . By Lemma 1.14,  $M \subseteq \text{int}^*(P)$ . Therefore,  $M \subseteq \text{int}^*(P) \subseteq P \subseteq X - Q \subseteq N$ . This proves (1).

(2) Let  $M$  be a  $w\hat{g}$ -closed set and  $N$  be an open set containing  $M$ . Then  $X - N$  is a closed set contained in the  $w\hat{g}$ -open set  $X - M$ . By (1), there exists an  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open set  $Q$  such that  $X - N \subseteq \text{int}^*(Q) \subseteq Q \subseteq X - M$ . Therefore,  $M \subseteq X - Q \subseteq \text{cl}^*(X - Q) \subseteq N$ . If  $P = X - Q$ , then  $M \subseteq P \subseteq \text{cl}^*(P) \subseteq N$  and so  $P$  is the required  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed set.  $\square$

The following Corollaries 2.3 and 2.4 give some properties of normal spaces. If  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset\}$  in Theorem 2.3, then we have the following Corollary 2.4. If  $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{N}$  in Theorem 2.4, then we have the Corollary 2.4 below.

**COROLLARY 2.3.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a normal space and  $w$  a WS on  $X$ . Then the following hold.*

- (1) *For every closed set  $M$  and every  $w\hat{g}$ -open set  $N$  containing  $M$ , there exists a  $w\hat{g}$ -open set  $P$  such that  $M \subseteq \text{int}(P) \subseteq P \subseteq N$ .*
- (2) *For every  $w\hat{g}$ -closed set  $M$  and every open set  $N$  containing  $M$ , there exists a  $w\hat{g}$ -closed set  $P$  such that  $M \subseteq P \subseteq \text{cl}(P) \subseteq N$ .*

**COROLLARY 2.4.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a normal space and  $w$  a WS on  $X$ . Then the following hold.*

- (1) *For every closed set  $M$  and every  $w\hat{g}$ -open set  $N$  containing  $M$ , there exists an  $\alpha$ gsw-open set  $P$  such that  $M \subseteq \text{int}_\alpha(P) \subseteq P \subseteq N$ .*
- (2) *For every  $w\hat{g}$ -closed set  $M$  and every open set  $N$  containing  $M$ , there exists an  $\alpha$ gsw-closed set  $P$  such that  $M \subseteq P \subseteq \text{cl}_\alpha(P) \subseteq N$ .*

Let  $w$  be a WS on an ideal space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ . Then  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is said to be  $w\hat{g}\mathcal{I}$ -normal if for each pair of disjoint  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed sets  $M$  and  $N$ , there exist disjoint open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  in  $X$  such that  $M \subseteq P$  and  $N \subseteq Q$ . Since every closed set is  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed, every  $w\hat{g}\mathcal{I}$ -normal space is normal. But a normal space need not be  $w\hat{g}\mathcal{I}$ -normal as the following Example 2.3 shows. Theorems 2.5 and 2.6 below give characterizations of  $w\hat{g}\mathcal{I}$ -normal spaces.

**EXAMPLE 2.3.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ ,  $w = \{\emptyset, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}$ . Every subset of  $\sigma(w)$  is  $*$ -closed and so every subset of  $X$  is  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed. Now  $A = \{a, b\}$  and  $B = \{c\}$  are disjoint  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed sets, but they are not separated by disjoint open sets. So  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is not  $w\hat{g}\mathcal{I}$ -normal. But  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is normal.

THEOREM 2.5. *Let  $w$  be a WS on an ideal space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ . Then the following are equivalent.*

- (1)  $X$  is  ${}_{w\hat{g}}\mathcal{I}$ -normal.
- (2) For every  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed set  $M$  and every  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open set  $N$  containing  $M$ , there exists an open set  $P$  of  $X$  such that  $M \subseteq P \subseteq \text{cl}(P) \subseteq N$ .

PROOF. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $M$  be an  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed set and  $N$  be an  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open set containing  $M$ . Since  $M$  and  $X - N$  are disjoint  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed sets, there exist disjoint open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $M \subseteq P$  and  $X - N \subseteq Q$ . Now  $P \cap Q = \emptyset$  implies that  $\text{cl}(P) \subseteq X - Q$ . Therefore,  $M \subseteq P \subseteq \text{cl}(P) \subseteq X - Q \subseteq N$ . This proves (2).

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Suppose  $M$  and  $N$  are disjoint  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed sets, then the  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed set  $M$  is contained in the  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open set  $X - N$ . By hypothesis, there exists an open set  $P$  of  $X$  such that  $M \subseteq P \subseteq \text{cl}(P) \subseteq X - N$ . If  $Q = X - \text{cl}(P)$ , then  $P$  and  $Q$  are disjoint open sets containing  $M$  and  $N$  respectively. Therefore,  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  ${}_{w\hat{g}}\mathcal{I}$ -normal.  $\square$

If  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset\}$ , then  ${}_{w\hat{g}}\mathcal{I}$ -normal spaces coincide with  $w\hat{g}$ -normal spaces and so if we take  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset\}$ , in Theorem 2.5, then we have the following characterization for  $w\hat{g}$ -normal spaces.

COROLLARY 2.5. *Let  $w$  be a WS on a space  $X$ . Then the following are equivalent.*

- (1)  $X$  is  $w\hat{g}$ -normal.
- (2) For every  $w\hat{g}$ -closed set  $M$  and every  $w\hat{g}$ -open set  $N$  containing  $M$ , there exists an open set  $P$  of  $X$  such that  $M \subseteq P \subseteq \text{cl}(P) \subseteq N$ .

THEOREM 2.6. *Let  $w$  be a WS on an ideal space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ . Then the following are equivalent.*

- (1)  $X$  is  ${}_{w\hat{g}}\mathcal{I}$ -normal.
- (2) For each pair of disjoint  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed subsets  $M$  and  $N$  of  $X$ , there exists an open set  $P$  of  $X$  containing  $M$  such that  $\text{cl}(P) \cap N = \emptyset$ .
- (3) For each pair of disjoint  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed subsets  $M$  and  $N$  of  $X$ , there exist an open set  $P$  containing  $M$  and an open set  $Q$  containing  $N$  such that  $\text{cl}(P) \cap \text{cl}(Q) = \emptyset$ .

PROOF. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Suppose that  $M$  and  $N$  are disjoint  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed subsets of  $X$ . Then the  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed set  $M$  is contained in the  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open set  $X - N$ . By Theorem 2.15, there exists an open set  $P$  of  $X$  such that  $M \subseteq P \subseteq \text{cl}(P) \subseteq X - N$ . Therefore,  $P$  is the required open set containing  $M$  such that  $\text{cl}(P) \cap N = \emptyset$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Let  $M$  and  $N$  be two disjoint  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed subsets of  $X$ . By hypothesis, there exists an open set  $P$  of  $X$  containing  $M$  such that  $\text{cl}(P) \cap N = \emptyset$ . Also,  $\text{cl}(P)$  and  $N$  are disjoint  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed sets of  $X$ . By hypothesis, there exists an open set  $Q$  of  $X$  containing  $N$  such that  $\text{cl}(P) \cap \text{cl}(Q) = \emptyset$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). The proof is clear.  $\square$

If  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset\}$ , in Theorem 2.6, then we have the following characterizations for  $w\hat{g}$ -normal spaces.

COROLLARY 2.6. *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a space and  $w$  a WS on  $X$ . Then the following are equivalent.*

- (1)  $X$  is  $w\hat{g}$ -normal.
- (2) For each pair of disjoint  $w\hat{g}$ -closed subsets  $M$  and  $N$  of  $X$ , there exists an open set  $P$  of  $X$  containing  $M$  such that  $cl(P) \cap N = \emptyset$ .
- (3) For each pair of disjoint  $w\hat{g}$ -closed subsets  $M$  and  $N$  of  $X$ , there exist an open set  $P$  containing  $M$  and an open set  $Q$  containing  $N$  such that  $cl(P) \cap cl(Q) = \emptyset$ .

THEOREM 2.7. *Let  $w$  be a WS on an ideal space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  which is an  $w\hat{g}\mathcal{I}$ -normal space. If  $M$  and  $N$  are disjoint  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed subsets of  $X$ , then there exist disjoint open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $cl^*(M) \subseteq P$  and  $cl^*(N) \subseteq Q$ .*

PROOF. Suppose that  $M$  and  $N$  are disjoint  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed sets. By Theorem 2.6(3), there exist an open set  $P$  containing  $M$  and an open set  $Q$  containing  $N$  such that  $cl(P) \cap cl(Q) = \emptyset$ . Since  $M$  is  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed,  $M \subseteq P$  implies that  $cl^*(M) \subseteq P$ . Similarly  $cl^*(N) \subseteq Q$ .  $\square$

If  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset\}$ , in Theorem 2.7, then we have the following property of disjoint  $w\hat{g}$ -closed sets in  $w\hat{g}$ -normal spaces.

COROLLARY 2.7. *Let  $w$  be a WS on a space  $X$  which is a  $w\hat{g}$ -normal space. If  $M$  and  $N$  are disjoint  $w\hat{g}$ -closed subsets of  $X$ , then there exist disjoint open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $cl(M) \subseteq P$  and  $cl(N) \subseteq Q$ .*

THEOREM 2.8. *Let  $w$  be a WS on  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  which is an  $w\hat{g}\mathcal{I}$ -normal space. If  $M$  is an  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed set and  $N$  is an  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open set containing  $M$ , then there exists an open set  $P$  such that  $M \subseteq cl^*(M) \subseteq P \subseteq int^*(N) \subseteq N$ .*

PROOF. Suppose  $M$  is an  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed set and  $N$  is an  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open set containing  $M$ . Since  $M$  and  $X - N$  are disjoint  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed sets, by Theorem 2.7, there exist disjoint open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $cl^*(M) \subseteq P$  and  $cl^*(X - N) \subseteq Q$ . Now,  $X - int^*(N) = cl^*(X - N) \subseteq Q$  implies that  $X - Q \subseteq int^*(N)$ . Again,  $P \cap Q = \emptyset$  implies  $P \subseteq X - Q$  and so  $M \subseteq cl^*(M) \subseteq P \subseteq X - Q \subseteq int^*(N) \subseteq N$ .  $\square$

If  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset\}$ , in Theorem 2.7, then we have the following Corollary 2.8.

COROLLARY 2.8. *Let  $w$  be a WS on a space  $X$  which is a  $w\hat{g}$ -normal space. If  $M$  is a  $w\hat{g}$ -closed set and  $N$  is a  $w\hat{g}$ -open set containing  $M$ , then there exists an open set  $P$  such that  $M \subseteq cl(M) \subseteq P \subseteq int(N) \subseteq N$ .*

The following Theorem 2.9 gives a characterization of normal spaces in terms of  $w\hat{g}$ -open sets which follows from Lemma 1.8 if  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset\}$ .

THEOREM 2.9. *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a space and  $w$  a WS on  $X$ . Then the following are equivalent.*

- (1)  $X$  is normal.
- (2) For any disjoint closed sets  $M$  and  $N$ , there exist disjoint  $w\hat{g}$ -open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $M \subseteq P$  and  $N \subseteq Q$ .



- (3) For any closed set  $M$  and an open set  $Q$  containing  $M$ , there exists a  $w\hat{g}$ -open set  $P$  such that  $M \subseteq P \subseteq cl(P) \subseteq Q$ .

The rest of the section is devoted to the study of mildly normal spaces in terms of  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open sets,  $\mathcal{I}_g$ -open sets and  $\mathcal{I}_{rg}$ -open sets. A space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be a mildly normal space [28] if disjoint regular closed sets are separated by disjoint open sets. A subset  $H$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $\alpha g$ -closed [13] if  $cl_\alpha(H) \subseteq U$  whenever  $H \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open. A subset  $H$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $rg$ -closed [22] if  $cl(H) \subseteq U$  whenever  $H \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is regular open in  $X$ . The complements of the above closed sets are called their respective open sets.

A subset  $H$  of an ideal space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is said to be a regular generalized closed set with respect to an ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  ( $\mathcal{I}_{rg}$ -closed) [17] if  $H^* \subseteq U$  whenever  $H \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is regular open.  $H$  is called  $\mathcal{I}_g$ -open (resp.  $\mathcal{I}_{rg}$ -open) if  $X - H$  is  $\mathcal{I}_g$ -closed (resp.  $\mathcal{I}_{rg}$ -closed). Clearly, every  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed set is  $\mathcal{I}_g$ -closed and every  $\mathcal{I}_g$ -closed set is  $\mathcal{I}_{rg}$ -closed but the separate converses are not true. Theorem 2.10 below gives characterizations of mildly normal spaces. Corollary 2.9 below gives characterizations of mildly normal spaces in terms of  $\alpha gsw$ -open,  $\alpha g$ -open and  $rag$ -open sets. Corollary 2.10 below gives characterizations of mildly normal spaces in terms of  $w\hat{g}$ -open,  $g$ -open and  $rg$ -open sets. The following Lemma 2.2 is essential to prove Theorem 2.10.

LEMMA 2.2 ([17]). Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  be an ideal space. A subset  $H \subseteq X$  is  $\mathcal{I}_{rg}$ -open if and only if  $F \subseteq int^*(H)$  whenever  $F$  is regular closed and  $F \subseteq H$ .

THEOREM 2.10. Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  be an ideal space where  $\mathcal{I}$  is completely codense and  $w$  a WS on  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ . Then the following are equivalent.

- (1)  $X$  is mildly normal.
- (2) For disjoint regular closed sets  $M$  and  $N$ , there exist disjoint  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $M \subseteq P$  and  $N \subseteq Q$ .
- (3) For disjoint regular closed sets  $M$  and  $N$ , there exist disjoint  $\mathcal{I}_g$ -open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $M \subseteq P$  and  $N \subseteq Q$ .
- (4) For disjoint regular closed sets  $M$  and  $N$ , there exist disjoint  $\mathcal{I}_{rg}$ -open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $M \subseteq P$  and  $N \subseteq Q$ .
- (5) For a regular closed set  $M$  and a regular open set  $N$  containing  $M$ , there exists an  $\mathcal{I}_{rg}$ -open set  $P$  of  $X$  such that  $M \subseteq P \subseteq cl^*(P) \subseteq N$ .
- (6) For a regular closed set  $M$  and a regular open set  $N$  containing  $M$ , there exists an  $*$ -open set  $S$  of  $X$  such that  $M \subseteq S \subseteq cl^*(S) \subseteq N$ .
- (7) For disjoint regular closed sets  $M$  and  $N$ , there exist disjoint  $*$ -open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $M \subseteq P$  and  $N \subseteq Q$ .

PROOF. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Suppose that  $M$  and  $N$  are disjoint regular closed sets. Since  $X$  is mildly normal, there exist disjoint open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $M \subseteq P$  and  $N \subseteq Q$ . But every open set is an  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open set. This proves (2).

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). The proof follows from the fact that every  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open set is an  $\mathcal{I}_g$ -open set.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). The proof follows from the fact that every  $\mathcal{I}_g$ -open set is an  $\mathcal{I}_{rg}$ -open set.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5). Suppose  $M$  is a regular closed and  $N$  is a regular open set containing  $M$ . Then  $M$  and  $X-N$  are disjoint regular closed sets. By hypothesis, there exist disjoint  $\mathcal{I}_{rg}$ -open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $M \subseteq P$  and  $X-N \subseteq Q$ . Since  $X-N$  is regular closed and  $Q$  is  $\mathcal{I}_{rg}$ -open, by Lemma 2.2,  $X-N \subseteq \text{int}^*(Q)$  and so  $X-\text{int}^*(Q) \subseteq N$ . Again,  $P \cap Q = \emptyset$  implies that  $P \cap \text{int}^*(Q) = \emptyset$  and so  $\text{cl}^*(P) \subseteq X-\text{int}^*(Q) \subseteq N$ . Hence  $P$  is the required  $\mathcal{I}_{rg}$ -open set such that  $M \subseteq P \subseteq \text{cl}^*(P) \subseteq N$ .

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (6). Let  $M$  be a regular closed set and  $N$  be a regular open set containing  $M$ . Then there exists an  $\mathcal{I}_{rg}$ -open set  $P$  of  $X$  such that  $M \subseteq P \subseteq \text{cl}^*(P) \subseteq N$ . By Lemma 2.2,  $M \subseteq \text{int}^*(P)$ . If  $S = \text{int}^*(P)$ , then  $S$  is an  $*$ -open set and  $M \subseteq S \subseteq \text{cl}^*(S) \subseteq \text{cl}^*(P) \subseteq N$ . Therefore,  $M \subseteq S \subseteq \text{cl}^*(S) \subseteq N$ .

(6)  $\Rightarrow$  (7). Let  $M$  and  $N$  be disjoint regular closed subsets of  $X$ . Then  $X-N$  is a regular open set containing  $M$ . By hypothesis, there exists an  $*$ -open set  $P$  of  $X$  such that  $M \subseteq P \subseteq \text{cl}^*(P) \subseteq X-N$ . If  $Q = X-\text{cl}^*(P)$ , then  $P$  and  $Q$  are disjoint  $*$ -open sets of  $X$  such that  $M \subseteq P$  and  $N \subseteq Q$ .

(7)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $M$  and  $N$  be disjoint regular closed sets of  $X$ . Then there exist disjoint  $*$ -open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $M \subseteq P$  and  $N \subseteq Q$ . Since  $\mathcal{I}$  is completely codense, by Lemma 1.3,  $\tau^* \subseteq \tau^\alpha$  and so  $P, Q \in \tau^\alpha$ . Hence  $M \subseteq P \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(P))) = S$  and  $N \subseteq Q \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(Q))) = T$ .  $S$  and  $T$  are the required disjoint open sets containing  $M$  and  $N$  respectively. This proves (1).  $\square$

If  $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{N}$ , in the above Theorem 2.10, then  $\mathcal{I}_{rg}$ -closed sets coincide with  $\text{rag}$ -closed sets and so we have the following Corollary 2.9.

**COROLLARY 2.9.** *Let  $w$  be a WS on a space  $X$ . Then the following are equivalent.*

- (1)  $X$  is mildly normal.
- (2) For disjoint regular closed sets  $M$  and  $N$ , there exist disjoint  $\alpha$ gsw-open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $M \subseteq P$  and  $N \subseteq Q$ .
- (3) For disjoint regular closed sets  $M$  and  $N$ , there exist disjoint  $\alpha$ g-open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $M \subseteq P$  and  $N \subseteq Q$ .
- (4) For disjoint regular closed sets  $M$  and  $N$ , there exist disjoint  $\text{rag}$ -open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $M \subseteq P$  and  $N \subseteq Q$ .
- (5) For a regular closed set  $M$  and a regular open set  $N$  containing  $M$ , there exists an  $\text{rag}$ -open set  $P$  of  $X$  such that  $M \subseteq P \subseteq \text{cl}_\alpha(P) \subseteq N$ .
- (6) For a regular closed set  $M$  and a regular open set  $N$  containing  $M$ , there exists an  $\alpha$ -open set  $S$  of  $X$  such that  $M \subseteq S \subseteq \text{cl}_\alpha(S) \subseteq N$ .
- (7) For disjoint regular closed sets  $M$  and  $N$ , there exist disjoint  $\alpha$ -open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $M \subseteq P$  and  $N \subseteq Q$ .

If  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset\}$  in the above Theorem 2.10, we get the following Corollary 2.10.

**COROLLARY 2.10.** *Let  $w$  be a WS on a space  $X$ . Then the following are equivalent.*

- (1)  $X$  is mildly normal.

- (2) For disjoint regular closed sets  $M$  and  $N$ , there exist disjoint  $w\hat{g}$ -open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $M \subseteq P$  and  $N \subseteq Q$ .
- (3) For disjoint regular closed sets  $M$  and  $N$ , there exist disjoint  $g$ -open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $M \subseteq P$  and  $N \subseteq Q$ .
- (4) For disjoint regular closed sets  $M$  and  $N$ , there exist disjoint  $rg$ -open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $M \subseteq P$  and  $N \subseteq Q$ .
- (5) For a regular closed set  $M$  and a regular open set  $N$  containing  $M$ , there exists an  $rg$ -open set  $P$  of  $X$  such that  $M \subseteq P \subseteq cl(P) \subseteq N$ .
- (6) For a regular closed set  $M$  and a regular open set  $N$  containing  $M$ , there exists an open set  $S$  of  $X$  such that  $M \subseteq S \subseteq cl(S) \subseteq N$ .
- (7) For disjoint regular closed sets  $M$  and  $N$ , there exist disjoint open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $M \subseteq P$  and  $N \subseteq Q$ .

### 3. $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -regular spaces

Let  $w$  be a WS on  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ . Then  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is said to be an  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -regular space if for each pair consisting of a point  $x$  and a closed set  $N$  not containing  $x$ , there exist disjoint  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $x \in P$  and  $N \subseteq Q$ . Every regular space is  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -regular, since every open set is  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open. The following Example 3.1 shows that an  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -regular space need not be regular. Theorem 3.2 gives a characterization of  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -regular spaces.

EXAMPLE 3.1. Consider the Example 2.1. Then  $\emptyset^* = \emptyset$ ,  $(\{b\})^* = \emptyset$ ,  $(\{a, b\})^* = \{a\}$ ,  $(\{b, c\})^* = \{c\}$  and  $X^* = \{a, c\}$ . Since every subset of  $\sigma(w)$  is  $*$ -closed, every subset of  $X$  is  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed and so every subset of  $X$  is  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open. This implies that  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -regular. Now,  $\{c\}$  is a closed set not containing  $a \in X$ ,  $\{c\}$  and  $a$  are not separated by disjoint open sets. So  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is not regular.

THEOREM 3.1. Let  $w$  be a WS on an ideal space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ . Then the following are equivalent.

- (1)  $X$  is  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -regular.
- (2) For every closed set  $N$  not containing  $x \in X$ , there exist disjoint  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $x \in P$  and  $N \subseteq Q$ .
- (3) For every open set  $Q$  containing  $x \in X$ , there exists an  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open set  $P$  of  $X$  such that  $x \in P \subseteq cl^*(P) \subseteq Q$ .

PROOF. (1) and (2) are equivalent by the definition.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Let  $Q$  be an open subset such that  $x \in Q$ . Then  $X - Q$  is a closed set not containing  $x$ . Therefore, there exist disjoint  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open sets  $P$  and  $W$  such that  $x \in P$  and  $X - Q \subseteq W$ . Now,  $X - Q \subseteq W$  implies that  $X - Q \subseteq int^*(W)$  and so  $X - int^*(W) \subseteq Q$ . Again,  $P \cap W = \emptyset$  implies that  $P \cap int^*(W) = \emptyset$  and so  $cl^*(P) \subseteq X - int^*(W)$ . Therefore,  $x \in P \subseteq cl^*(P) \subseteq Q$ . This proves (3).

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $N$  be a closed set not containing  $x$ . By hypothesis, there exists an  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open set  $P$  such that  $x \in P \subseteq cl^*(P) \subseteq X - N$ . If  $W = X - cl^*(P)$ , then  $P$  and  $W$  are disjoint  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open sets such that  $x \in P$  and  $N \subseteq W$ . This proves (1).  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $w$  be a WS on an ideal space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ . If  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is an  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -regular,  $T_1$ -space where  $\mathcal{I}$  is completely codense, then  $X$  is regular.*

**PROOF.** Let  $N$  be a closed set not containing  $x \in X$ . By Theorem 3.1, there exists an  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open set  $P$  of  $X$  such that  $x \in P \subseteq \text{cl}^*(P) \subseteq X - N$ . Since  $X$  is a  $T_1$ -space,  $\{x\}$  is closed and  $\{x\}^c \in \sigma(w)$  and so  $\{x\} \subseteq \text{int}^*(P)$ , by Lemma 1.11. Since  $\mathcal{I}$  is completely codense,  $\tau^* \subseteq \tau^\alpha$  and so  $\text{int}^*(P)$  and  $X - \text{cl}^*(P)$  are  $\alpha$ -open sets. Now,  $x \in \text{int}^*(P) \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(\text{int}^*(P)))) = G$  and  $N \subseteq X - \text{cl}^*(P) \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(\text{int}(X - \text{cl}^*(P)))) = H$ . Then  $G$  and  $H$  are disjoint open sets containing  $x$  and  $N$  respectively. Therefore,  $X$  is regular.  $\square$

If  $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{N}$  in Theorem 3.1, then we have the following Corollary 3.1 which gives characterizations of regular spaces, the proof of which follows from Theorem 3.2.

**COROLLARY 3.1.** *If  $w$  is a WS on a space  $X$  which is a  $T_1$ -space, then the following are equivalent.*

- (1)  $X$  is regular.
- (2) For every closed set  $N$  not containing  $x \in X$ , there exist disjoint  $\alpha$ gsw-open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $x \in P$  and  $N \subseteq Q$ .
- (3) For every open set  $Q$  containing  $x \in X$ , there exists an  $\alpha$ gsw-open set  $P$  of  $X$  such that  $x \in P \subseteq \text{cl}_\alpha(P) \subseteq Q$ .

If  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset\}$  in Theorem 3.1, then we have the following Corollary 3.2 which gives characterizations of regular spaces.

**COROLLARY 3.2.** *If  $w$  is a WS on a space  $X$  which is a  $T_1$ -space, then the following are equivalent.*

- (1)  $X$  is regular.
- (2) For every closed set  $N$  not containing  $x \in X$ , there exist disjoint  $w\hat{g}$ -open sets  $P$  and  $Q$  such that  $x \in P$  and  $N \subseteq Q$ .
- (3) For every open set  $Q$  containing  $x \in X$ , there exists a  $w\hat{g}$ -open set  $P$  of  $X$  such that  $x \in P \subseteq \text{cl}(P) \subseteq Q$ .

**THEOREM 3.3.** *Let  $w$  be a WS on an ideal space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ . If every subset of  $\sigma(w)$  is  $\star$ -closed, then  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -regular.*

**PROOF.** Suppose every subset of  $\sigma(w)$  is  $\star$ -closed. Then by Lemma 1.12, every subset of  $X$  is  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -closed and hence every subset of  $X$  is  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open. If  $N$  is a closed set not containing  $x$ , then  $\{x\}$  and  $N$  are the required disjoint  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -open sets containing  $x$  and  $N$  respectively. Therefore,  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -regular.  $\square$

The following Example 3.2 shows that the reverse direction of the above Theorem 3.2 is not true.

**EXAMPLE 3.2.** Consider the real line  $\mathcal{R}$  with the usual topology. Let  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{R}$  is regular and hence  $\mathcal{I}_{w\hat{g}}$ -regular. Let  $H = (0, 1)$  be an open set and hence  $H \in \sigma(w)$ . Then  $\text{cl}^*(H) = \text{cl}(H) = [0, 1] \neq H$  and consequently  $H$  is not  $\star$ -closed. Thus the subset  $H$  of  $\sigma(w)$  is not  $\star$ -closed.

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