

## MINIMAL $I$ -OPEN SETS

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we investigate the minimal  $I$ -open sets in ideal topological spaces. By using the theory of general topology, we obtain several characterizations and properties of minimal  $I$ -open sets. In addition, the relationships between minimal  $I$ -open sets and other types of open sets are investigated.

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### 1 Introduction

The notions of  $I$ -open sets in topological spaces were introduced by Janković and Hatmlett [1]. Abd EI-Monsef et al. [2] further investigated  $I$ -open sets and  $I$ -continuous functions. In 1999, Abd EI-Monsef et al. [3] introduced and investigated almost- $I$ -open sets and almost- $I$ -continuous functions. Subsequently, Hatir and Noiri [4] introduced the notion of  $\beta$ - $I$ -open sets to obtain certain decompositions of continuity. Nasef [5] introduced the notion of fuzzy pre- $I$ -open sets and obtained a decomposition of fuzzy  $I$ -continuity. The notion of semi- $I$ -open sets to obtain decompositions of continuity was introduced by Hatir and Noiri [6]. In addition to this, Guler and Aslim [7] introduced the notion of  $b$ - $I$ -sets and  $b$ - $I$ -continuous functions. The ideal theory plays an important role in studying logical algebras. For more details of the logical algebras, we refer the reader to [8–11]. In the light of above results, the purpose of this paper is to study minimal  $I$ -open sets and to obtain several characterizations and properties of these concepts.

### 2 Preliminaries

An ideal  $\mathcal{J}$  on a topological space  $(X, \mathcal{J})$  is a nonempty collection of subsets of  $X$  which satisfies:

- (1) (Heredity) If  $A \in \mathcal{J}$  and  $B \subset A$ , then  $B \in \mathcal{J}$ .
- (2) (Finite additivity) If  $A \in \mathcal{J}$  and  $B \in \mathcal{J}$ , then  $A \cup B \in \mathcal{J}$ .

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An ideal topological space is defined to be a topological space  $(X, \mathcal{J})$  with an ideal  $\mathcal{J}$  on  $X$  and is denoted by  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$ . For a subset  $A$  of  $X$ ,

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

where  $\tau(x) = \{U \in \tau \mid x \in U\}$ , is called the local function of  $A$  with respect to  $\mathcal{J}$  and  $\tau$ . We simply write  $A^*(\mathcal{J})$  or  $A^*$  instead of  $A^*(\mathcal{J}, \tau)$  when there is no chance for confusion. For every ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$ , there exists a topology  $\tau^*(\mathcal{J})$ , finer than  $\tau$ , generated by  $\beta(\mathcal{J}, \tau) = \{U \setminus I \mid U \in \tau, I \in \mathcal{J}\}$ , but in general  $\beta(\mathcal{J}, \tau)$  is not always a topology (see [12]). It is well known that  $\text{Cl}^*(A) = A \cup A^*$  defines a Kuratowski closure operator for  $\tau^*(\mathcal{J})$ .

**Lemma 2.1** [12] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space with ideals  $\mathcal{J}$  and  $\mathcal{K}$ . For any subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$ , we have the following assertions:

- (1)  $A \subset B \Rightarrow A^* \subset B^*$ .
- (2)  $\mathcal{J} \subset \mathcal{K} \Rightarrow A^*(\mathcal{K}) \subset A^*(\mathcal{J})$ .
- (3)  $A^* = \text{Cl}(A^*) \subset \text{Cl}(A)$  ( $A^*$  is a closed subset of  $\text{Cl}(A)$ ).
- (4)  $(A^*)^* \subset A^*$ .
- (5)  $(A \cup B)^* = A^* \cup B^*$ .
- (6)  $A^* \setminus B^* = (A \setminus B)^* \setminus B^* \subset (A \setminus B)^*$ .
- (7)  $U \in \tau \Rightarrow U \cap A^* = U \cap (U \cap A)^* \subset (U \cap A)^*$ .
- (8)  $B \in \mathcal{J} \Rightarrow (A \cup B)^* = A^* = (A \setminus B)^*$ .

The set of all  $I$ -open sets in ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$  is denoted by  $IO(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$  or written simply as  $IO(X)$  when there is no chance for confusion.

**Definition 2.2** [2] Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$  be an ideal topological space. A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is said to be  $I$ -open if  $A \subseteq \text{Int}(A^*)$ .

**Definition 2.3** [13] A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is said to be pre-open if  $A \subseteq \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A))$ .

**Remark 2.4** [2] One can deduce that  $I$ -open set  $\Rightarrow$  pre-open set, and the converse is not true, in general.

**Definition 2.5** [14] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. A nonempty subset  $U$  of  $X$  is said to be a minimal open set if it is an open set satisfies

$$(\forall A \in \tau) (A \subseteq U \Rightarrow A = \emptyset \text{ or } A = U).$$

**Lemma 2.6** [14] Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. We have the following assertions:

- (1) Let  $U$  be a minimal open subset of  $X$  and  $W$  an open subset of  $X$ . Then  $U \cap W = \emptyset$  or  $U \subseteq W$ .
- (2) Let  $U$  and  $V$  be minimal open subsets of  $X$ . Then  $U \cap V = \emptyset$  or  $U = V$ .

### 3 Minimal $I$ -Open Sets

**Definition 3.1** Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$  be an ideal topological space. A nonempty subset  $U$  of  $X$  is said to be a minimal  $I$ -open set if it is an  $I$ -open set satisfies

$$(\forall A \in IO(X)) (A \subseteq U \Rightarrow A = \emptyset \text{ or } A = U).$$

**Example 3.2** Consider an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ , where  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$  and  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{b\}\}$ . We have

$$IO(X) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, c, d\}, X\}.$$

Thus  $\{a\}$  and  $\{c\}$  are minimal  $I$ -open.

It is clear that minimal openness and minimal  $I$ -openness are independent concepts as shown by the following example.

**Example 3.3** Consider an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ , where  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$  and  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}, \{a, c\}\}$ . We have

$$IO(X) = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}.$$

Thus  $\{b\}$  is not a minimal open set but a minimal  $I$ -open set. And  $\{c\}$  is not a minimal  $I$ -open set but a minimal open set.

**Theorem 3.4** Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$  be an ideal topological space in which every minimal open set is contained in  $\mathcal{J}$ . If  $U$  is a minimal open set of  $X$ , then  $A^* \cap U = \emptyset$  for any  $A \subseteq X$ .

**Proof** Let  $U$  be a minimal open set of  $X$  and let  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . Suppose that  $A^* \cap U \neq \emptyset$ . Then there exists an element  $x \in A^* \cap U$ . That is,  $x \in A^*$  and  $x \in U$ . Since every minimal open set is contained in  $\mathcal{J}$ ,  $U \in \mathcal{J}$  and so  $A \cap U \in \mathcal{J}$ . This implies that  $x \notin A^*$ . This is a contradiction to  $x \in A^*$ . Therefore  $A^* \cap U = \emptyset$ .

**Lemma 3.5** Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$  be an ideal topological space in which every minimal open set is contained in  $\mathcal{J}$ . Then  $\text{Int}(A^*) = \emptyset$  for any  $A \subseteq X$ .

**Proof** Let  $A$  be a subset of  $X$  and let  $G$  be a nonempty open subset of  $X$ . Then there exists a minimal open set  $U$  such that  $U \subseteq G$ . We have  $A^* \cap U = \emptyset$  by Theorem 3.4. Since  $U \subseteq G$ ,  $G \not\subseteq A^*$ . Thus  $\text{Int}(A^*) = \emptyset$ .

We have a question: does the every ideal topological space have the minimal  $I$ -open set? The answer to this question is negative as seen in the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.6** Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$  be an ideal topological space. The following conditions are equivalent:

- (1)  $X$  has at least one minimal  $I$ -open set.
- (2) There exists a minimal open set which is not contained in  $\mathcal{J}$ .

**Proof** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Suppose that (1) is satisfied. Then  $IO(X) \neq \{\emptyset\}$ . Assume that  $M \in \mathcal{J}$  for all minimal open set  $M$ . Then  $\text{Int}(A^*) = \emptyset$  for any  $A \subseteq X$  by Lemma 3.5. And so  $\emptyset$  is the only  $I$ -open set in  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore, there exists a minimal open set which is not contained in  $\mathcal{J}$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Suppose that (2) is satisfied. Then there exists a minimal open set  $M$  such that  $M \notin \mathcal{J}$ . Let  $x$  be an element of  $M$  and let  $G$  be a neighborhood of  $x$ . Then since  $M$  is minimal open,  $M \subset G$ . And so  $G \cap M = M$ . Since  $M \notin \mathcal{J}$ ,  $G \cap M = M \notin \mathcal{J}$ . This implies that  $x \in M^*$ . Thus  $M \subset M^*$ . Since  $M$  is minimal open,  $M = \text{Int}(M) \subset \text{Int}(M^*)$ . That is,  $M \in IO(X)$ . Meanwhile, since  $M$  is minimal open,  $M \neq \emptyset$ . Therefore  $M$  is a nonempty  $I$ -open set and so  $X$  has at least one minimal  $I$ -open set.

**Definition 3.7** Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$  be an ideal topological space. Then  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$  is called ideal topological space with minimal  $I$ -open sets (simply, ITSMI), if there exists minimal  $I$ -open set in  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$ .

**Example 3.8** Consider the example as presented in Example 3.2. Then  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$  is a minimal ideal topological space. Consider an ideal topological space  $(Y, \kappa, \mathcal{J})$  where  $Y = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\kappa = \{\emptyset, X, \{b\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$  and  $\mathcal{J} = \{\emptyset, \{b\}\}$ . We have  $IO(X) = \{\emptyset\}$ . Thus  $(Y, \kappa, \mathcal{J})$  is an ideal topological space with minimal  $I$ -open sets (simply, ITSMI).

**Theorem 3.9** Let  $U$  be a minimal open set in an ITSMI  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$ . If  $\{x\} \notin \mathcal{J}$ , then  $\{x\}$  is a minimal  $I$ -open set for any  $x \in U$ .

**Proof** Let  $x$  be an element of  $U$  such that  $\{x\} \notin \mathcal{J}$ . Now we will show that  $U \subseteq \{x\}^*$ . Let  $a$  be an element of  $U$  and let  $H$  be a neighborhood of  $a$ . Then since  $U$  is minimal open and  $U \cap H \neq \emptyset$ ,  $U \subseteq H$  by Lemma 2.5. And so  $\{x\} = U \cap \{x\} = H \cap \{x\}$ . Since  $\{x\} \notin \mathcal{J}$ ,  $H \cap \{x\} \notin \mathcal{J}$ . This implies that  $a \in \{x\}^*$ . And so  $U \subseteq \{x\}^*$ . It follows that  $\{x\} \subseteq U = \text{Int}(U) \subseteq \text{Int}(\{x\}^*)$ . That is,  $\{x\}$  is an  $I$ -open set. Therefore  $\{x\}$  is a minimal  $I$ -open set.

**Lemma 3.10** (see [2]) Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$  be an ITSMI. If  $A \in IO(X)$  and  $B \in \tau$ , then  $A \cap B \in IO(X)$ .

**Theorem 3.11** Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$  be an ITSMI. Then we have the following results.

(1) Let  $U$  be a minimal  $I$ -open subset of  $X$  and  $W$  be a subset of  $X$ . If  $U \cap W$  is  $I$ -open, then  $U \cap W = \emptyset$  or  $U \subseteq W$ .

(2) Let  $U$  and  $W$  be minimal  $I$ -open subsets of  $X$ . If  $U \cap W$  is  $I$ -open, then  $U \cap W = \emptyset$  or  $U = W$ .

**Proof** (1) Let  $U$  be a minimal  $I$ -open subset of  $X$  and  $W$  be a subset of  $X$  such that  $U \cap W$  is  $I$ -open. Since  $U$  is minimal  $I$ -open and  $U \cap W \subseteq U$ , we have  $U \cap W = U$  or  $U \cap W = \emptyset$ . Hence  $U \subseteq W$  or  $U \cap W = \emptyset$ .

(2) Let  $U$  and  $W$  be minimal  $I$ -open subsets of  $X$  such that  $U \cap W$  is  $I$ -open. If  $U \cap W \neq \emptyset$ , then  $U \subseteq W$  and  $W \subseteq U$  by (1). Therefore  $U = W$ .

**Corollary 3.12** Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$  be an ITSMI. Then we have the following results.

(1) Let  $U$  be a minimal  $I$ -open subset of  $X$  and  $W$  be an open subset of  $X$ . Then  $U \cap W = \emptyset$  or  $U \subseteq W$ .

(2) Let  $U$  and  $W$  be a minimal  $I$ -open subsets of  $X$ . If  $W$  is open, then  $U \cap W = \emptyset$  or  $U = W$ .

**Proof** By Lemma 3.10,  $U \cap W$  is  $I$ -open. Thus we have the results by Theorem 3.11.

**Proposition 3.13** Let  $U$  be a minimal  $I$ -open set in an ITSMI  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$ . If  $x$  is an element of  $U$ , then  $U \subseteq W$  for all  $W \in \tau(x)$ .

**Proof** Let  $U$  be a minimal  $I$ -open set in an ITSMI  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$ . Let  $x \in U$  and  $W \in \tau(x)$ . Then  $U \cap W$  is  $I$ -open by Lemma 3.10 and  $U \cap W \neq \emptyset$ . Thus  $U \subseteq W$  by Theorem 3.11 (1).

**Proposition 3.14** Let  $U$  be a minimal  $I$ -open set in an ITSMI  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$ . Then

$$U \subseteq \cap \{W \mid W \in \tau(x)\}$$

for any  $x \in U$ .

**Proof** The proof is straightforward.

The reverse inclusion of Proposition 3.14 is not valid as seen in the following example.

**Example 3.15** Consider the example as presented in Example 3.2. Putting  $U := \{a\}$ . Then  $U \not\subseteq \bigcap \{W \mid W \in \tau(a)\} = \{a, b\}$ .

**Theorem 3.16** Let  $U$  be a minimal  $I$ -open set in an ITSMI  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$ . Then the following are valid.

- (1)  $U \subseteq \text{Cl}(A)$  for any nonempty subset  $A$  of  $U$ .
- (2)  $\text{Cl}(U) = \text{Cl}(A)$  for any nonempty subset  $A$  of  $U$ .

**Proof** (1) Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of  $U$ . By Proposition 3.13, for any element  $x$  of  $U$  and any open neighborhood  $W$  of  $x$ , we have  $A = U \cap A \subseteq W \cap A$ . Then  $W \cap A \neq \emptyset$ . Hence  $x$  is an element of  $\text{Cl}(A)$ . It follows that  $U \subseteq \text{Cl}(A)$ .

(2) For any nonempty subset  $A$  of  $U$ , we have  $\text{Cl}(A) \subseteq \text{Cl}(U)$ .

On the other hand, by (1),  $\text{Cl}(U) \subseteq \text{Cl}(\text{Cl}(A)) = \text{Cl}(A)$ . Therefore  $\text{Cl}(U) = \text{Cl}(A)$ .

The converses of Theorem 3.16 are not valid as seen in the following example.

**Example 3.17** Consider an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  where  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$  and  $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset\}$ . Putting  $U := \{a, b\}$ . Then  $\{a\}, \{b\}, U$  are nonempty subsets of  $U$ . We know that  $\text{Cl}(\{a\}) = \text{Cl}(\{b\}) = \text{Cl}(U) = X$ . Since  $\{a\} \subseteq \text{Int}(\{a\}^*)$ ,  $\{a\}$  is a  $I$ -open set. Hence  $U$  is not a minimal  $I$ -open set.

**Theorem 3.18** Let  $U$  be a minimal  $I$ -open set in an ITSMI  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$  and let  $M$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$ . If there exists an open neighborhood  $W$  of  $M$  such that  $W \subseteq \text{Cl}(M \cup U)$ , then  $M \cup S$  is a pre-open set for any nonempty subset  $S$  of  $U$ .

**Proof**  $\text{Cl}(M \cup S) = \text{Cl}(M) \cup \text{Cl}(S) = \text{Cl}(M) \cup \text{Cl}(U) = \text{Cl}(M \cup U)$  by Theorem 3.16. Since  $W \subseteq \text{Cl}(M \cup U)$  by assumption, we have  $\text{Int}(W) \subseteq \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(M \cup U)) = \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(M \cup S))$ . Since  $W$  is an open neighborhood of  $M$ , namely  $W$  is an open set such that  $M \subseteq W$ , we have  $M \subseteq W = \text{Int}(W) \subseteq \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(M \cup S))$ . Moreover, since  $U$  is  $I$ -open,  $S \subseteq U \subseteq \text{Int}(U^*) \subseteq \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(U)) \subseteq \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(M \cup U)) = \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(M \cup S))$ . It follows that  $M \cup S \subseteq \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(M \cup S))$ . Therefore  $M \cup S$  is pre-open.

**Corollary 3.19** Let  $U$  be a minimal  $I$ -open set in an ITSMI  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$  and let  $M$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$ . If there exists an open neighborhood  $W$  of  $M$  such that  $W \subseteq \text{Cl}(U)$ , then  $M \cup S$  is a pre-open set for any nonempty subset  $S$  of  $U$ .

**Proof** By assumption, we have  $W \subseteq \text{Cl}(U) \subseteq \text{Cl}(M) \cup \text{Cl}(U) = \text{Cl}(M \cup U)$ . So by Theorem 3.18, we see that  $M \cup S$  is pre-open.

The condition of Theorem 3.19, namely,  $W \subseteq \text{Cl}(M \cup U)$ , does not necessarily imply the condition of Corollary 3.19, namely,  $W \subseteq \text{Cl}(U)$ . We have the following example.

**Example 3.20** Consider the example as presented in Example 3.2. Then  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$  is a minimal ideal topological space. Let  $U = \{a\}$  and  $M = W = \{c\}$ . Then  $U$  is a minimal  $I$ -open. And  $W = \{c\} \subseteq \text{Cl}(\{c\} \cup \{a\}) \subseteq \text{Cl}(M \cup U)$  and  $W = \{c\} \not\subseteq \text{Cl}(\{a\}) = \text{Cl}(U)$ .

**Theorem 3.21** Let  $U$  be a minimal  $I$ -open set in an ITSMI  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$  and  $x$  an element of  $X \setminus U$ . Then  $W \cap U = \emptyset$  or  $U \subseteq W$  for any open neighborhood  $W$  of  $x$ .

**Proof** Let  $U$  be a minimal  $I$ -open set in an ITSMI  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$  and  $x$  an element of  $X \setminus U$ . Then since  $W$  is an open set,  $W \cap U$  is an  $I$ -open set by Lemma 3.10. We have the result by Theorem 3.11.

**Corollary 3.22** Let  $U$  be a minimal  $I$ -open set in an ITSMI  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$  and  $x$  an element of  $X \setminus U$ . Define  $U_x =: \cap \{W : W \text{ is an open neighborhood of } x\}$ . Then  $U_x \cap U = \emptyset$  or  $U \subseteq U_x$ .

**Proof** Let  $U$  be a minimal  $I$ -open set in an ITSMI  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$  and  $x$  an element of  $X \setminus U$ . Then  $W \cap U = \emptyset$  or  $U \subseteq W$  for any open neighborhood  $W$  of  $x$  by Theorem 3.21. If  $U \subseteq W$  for any open neighborhood  $W$  of  $x$ , then  $U \subseteq \cap \{W : W \text{ is an open neighborhood of } x\} \equiv U_x$ . Therefore  $U \subseteq U_x$ . Otherwise there exists an open neighborhood  $W$  of  $x$  such that  $W \cap U = \emptyset$ , then we have  $U \cap U_x = \emptyset$ .

**Theorem 3.23** Let  $U$  be a minimal  $I$ -open set in an ITSMI  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$ . Then any nonempty subset  $A$  of  $U$  is a pre-open set.

**Proof** Let  $A$  be a nonempty subset of  $U$ . Then since  $U$  is a minimal  $I$ -open set,  $U \subseteq \text{Int}(U^*)$ . It follows that  $A \subseteq U \subseteq \text{Int}(U^*) \subseteq \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(U)) = \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A))$  by Theorem 3.16 (2). Hence  $A$  is a pre-open set.

**Theorem 3.24** Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$  be an ITSMI. Let  $V$  be a nonempty finite  $I$ -open set. Then there exists at least one (finite) minimal  $I$ -open set  $U$  such that  $U \subseteq V$ .

**Proof** If  $V$  is a minimal  $I$ -open set, we may set  $U = V$ . If  $V$  is not a minimal  $I$ -open set, then there exists an (finite)  $I$ -open set  $V_1$  such that  $\emptyset \neq V_1 \subsetneq V$ . If  $V_1$  is a minimal  $I$ -open set, we may set  $U = V_1$ . If  $V_1$  is not a minimal  $I$ -open set, then there exists an (finite)  $I$ -open set  $V_2$  such that  $\emptyset \neq V_2 \subsetneq V_1 \subsetneq V$ . Continuing this process, we have a sequence of  $I$ -open sets

$$V \supsetneq V_1 \supsetneq V_2 \cdots \supsetneq V_k \supsetneq \cdots .$$

Since  $V$  is a finite set, this process repeats only finitely. Then, finally we get a minimal open set  $U = V_n$  for some positive integer  $n$ .

**Definition 3.25** A topological ideal space is said to be a locally finite ideal topological space if each of its elements is contained in a finite  $I$ -open set.

**Example 3.26** Consider the example as presented in Example 3.2. It is easy to check that  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$  is a locally finite ideal topological space.

**Corollary 3.27** Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$  be an ITSMI. Let  $X$  be a locally finite ideal topological space and  $V$  a nonempty open set. Then there exists at least one (finite) minimal  $I$ -open set  $U$  such that  $U \subseteq V$ .

**Proof** Let  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{J})$  be an ITSMI. Let  $X$  be a locally finite ideal topological space and  $V$  a nonempty open set. Then since  $V$  is a nonempty set, there exists an element  $x$  of  $V$ . Since  $X$  is a locally finite ideal topological space, we have a finite  $I$ -open set  $V_x$  such that  $x \in V_x$ . It follows that  $V \cap V_x$  is a finite  $I$ -open set by Lemma 3.10. So we get a minimal  $I$ -open set  $U$  such that  $U \subseteq V \cap V_x \subseteq V$  by Theorem 3.24.

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## 极小 $I$ -开集

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**摘要:** 本文在理想拓扑空间中研究了极小 $I$ -开集. 利用一般拓扑学的理论, 获得了极小 $I$ -开集的一些刻画和性质, 同时研究了极小 $I$ -开集和其他类型开集之间的关系.

**关键词:** 理想拓扑空间;  $I$ -开集; 极小开集; 极小 $I$ -开集

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