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## Neutrosophic n-Valued Refined Sets and Topologies

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Abstract. In *n*-Valued refined logic truth value *T* can be split into many types of truths:  $T_1, T_2, ..., T_p$  and *I* into many types of indeterminacies:  $I_1, I_2, ..., I_r$  and *F* into many types of falsities:  $F_1, F_2, ..., F_s$ , where p, r and *s* are integers greater than 1, and p + r + s = n. Importance of *n*-valued refined logic and sets appeared in different applications specially in medical diagnosis. In this paper we post a condition on neutrosophic *n*-valued refined sets to make them functional to be applied in different mathematical branches. We define and study *n*-valued refined topological spaces. We defined neutrosophic *n*-valued refined  $\alpha$ -open,  $\beta$ -open, pre-open and semi-open sets and studied their properties. We constructed different counter examples to clarify the relations between these different types of neutrosophic *n*-valued refined generalized open sets.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Neutrosophic sets are, first, introduced in 2005 by [26,27] as a generalization of intuitionistic fuzzy sets [13], where any element  $x \in X$  we have three degrees; the degree of membership(T), indeterminacy(I), and non-membership(F). Neurosophic vague sets are introduced in 2015 by [30]. Neutrosophic vague topological spaces introduced in [21] we are many different notations are introduced and studied such as neurosophic vague continuity and compactness.

Neutrosophic topologies are defined and studied by Smarandache [27], Lupianez [19,20] and Salama [?]. Open and closed neutrosophic sets, interior, exterior, closure and boundary of neutrosophic sets can be found in [29].

Neutrosophic sets applied to generalize many notaions about soft topology and applications [18], [23], [16], generalized open and closed sets [31], fixed point theorems [18], graph theory

[17] and rough topology and applications [22]. Neutrosophy has many applications especially in decision making, for more details about new trends of neutrosophic applications one can consult [1]- [7].

Generalized topology and continuity introduced in 2002 in [?] which is a generalization of topological spaces and has different properties than general topology, see for example [8], [11] and [12]. Neutrosophic generalized sets and topologies are introduced and studies by Murad M. Arar in 2020 see [9] and [10]. In *n*-valued refined logic truth value T can be split into many types of truths:  $T_1, T_2, ..., T_p$  and I into many types of indeterminacies:  $I_1, I_2, ..., I_r$  and F into many types of falsities:  $F_1, F_2, ..., F_s$ , where p, r and s are integers greater than 1, and p + r + s = n see [28]. Importance of n-valued refined logic and sets appeared in different applications specially in medial diagnosis see [25] and [14], where a strong assumption is assumed to make them functional; that is p = r = s.

**Definition 1.1.** [26]: We say that the set A is *neutrosophic* on X if  $A = \{ \langle x, \mu_A(x), \sigma_A(x), \nu_A(x) \rangle; x \in X \}; \mu, \sigma, \nu : X \to ]^{-0}, 1^{+} [ \text{ and } ^{-0} \le \mu(x) + \sigma(x) + \nu(x) \le 3^{+}.$ 

The class of all neutrosophic sets on the universe X will be denoted by  $\mathcal{N}(X)$ . The basic neutrosophic operations (inclusion, union, and intersection) where first introduced by [24].

**Definition 1.2** (*Neutrosophic sets operations*). Let  $A, A_{\alpha}, B \in \mathcal{N}(X)$  such that  $\alpha \in \Delta$ . Then we define the neutrophic:

- (1) (Inclusion):  $A \subseteq B$  If  $\mu_A(x) \leq \mu_B(x), \sigma_A(x) \geq \sigma_B(x)$  and  $\nu_A(x) \geq \nu_B(x)$ .
- (2) (Equality):  $A = B \Leftrightarrow A \sqsubseteq B$  and  $B \sqsubseteq A$ .
- $(3) (Intersection) \underset{\alpha \in \Delta}{\sqcap} A_{\alpha}(x) = \{ \langle x, \bigwedge_{\alpha \in \Delta} \mu_{A_{\alpha}}(x), \bigvee_{\alpha \in \Delta} \sigma_{A_{\alpha}}(x), \bigvee_{\alpha \in \Delta} \nu_{A_{\alpha}}(x) \rangle; x \in X \}.$   $(4) (Union) \underset{\alpha \in \Delta}{\sqcup} A_{\alpha}(x) = \{ \langle x, \bigvee_{\alpha \in \Delta} \mu_{A_{\alpha}}(x), \bigwedge_{\alpha \in \Delta} \sigma_{A_{\alpha}}(x), \bigwedge_{\alpha \in \Delta} \nu_{A_{\alpha}}(x) \rangle; x \in X \}.$
- (5) (Complement)  $A^c = \{\langle x, \nu_A(x), 1 \sigma_A(x), \mu_A(x) \rangle; x \in X\}$
- (6) (Universal set)  $1_X = \{\langle x, 1, 0, 0 \rangle; x \in X\}$ ; called the neutrosophic universal set.
- (7) (Empty set)  $0_X = \{ \langle x, 0, 1, 1 \rangle; x \in X \}$ ; called the neutrosophic empty set.

**Proposition 1.3.** [24] For  $A, A_{\alpha} \in \mathcal{N}(X)$  for every  $\alpha \in \Delta$  we have:

(1)  $A \sqcap (\bigsqcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} A_{\alpha}) = \bigsqcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} (A \sqcap A_{\alpha}).$ (2)  $A \sqcup (\bigsqcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} A_{\alpha}) = \bigsqcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} (A \sqcup A_{\alpha}).$ 

**Definition 1.4.** [24] [Neutrosophic Topology]  $\tau \subseteq \mathcal{N}(X)$  is called a neutrosophic topology for X if

- (1)  $0_X, 1_X \in \tau$ .
- (2) If  $A_{\alpha} \in \tau$  for every  $\alpha \in \Delta$ , then  $\bigsqcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} A_{\alpha} \in \tau$ ,
- (3) For every  $A, B \in \tau$ , we have  $A \sqcap B \in \tau$ .

The ordered pair  $(X, \tau)$  will be said a *neutrosophic space* over X. The elements of  $\tau$  will be called *neutrosophic open sets*. For any  $A \in \mathcal{N}(X)$ , If  $A^c \in \tau$ , then we say A is *neutrosophic closed*.

## 2. Neutrosophic *n*-valued refined sets and topology

In neutrosophic *n*-valued refined logic (see [28]) the membership degree refined (split) into r values  $\mu_1, \mu_2, ..., \mu_r$ , the indetermancy refined into s values  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, ..., \sigma_s$  and the nonmebership refined into t values  $\nu_1, \nu_2, ..., \nu_t$  such that n = r + s + t and

$$^{-}0 \le \sum_{i=1}^{r} \mu_i + \sum_{i=1}^{s} \sigma_i + \sum_{i=1}^{t} \nu_i \le n^{+}$$

Some authors assumes that r = s = t see for example [14]. Actually, there is no guarntee that the membership, intedermancy and nonmembership degrees refined or split into the same number of values, and we will not get a functional system of Neutrosophic *n*-valued refined sets if no more restrictions are assumed on r, s and t. This accurse when we define the basic set operations on the neutrosophic *n*-valued refined sets, especially when we try to define the neutrosophic *n*-valued refined complement of a given neutrosophic *n*-valued refined set; where r plays the role of t and vice versa. We will be back to this discussion after stating some definitions and theorems.

**Definition 2.1.** [26]: A is called a *neutrosophic n-valued refined set* on a universe X if  $A = \{\langle x, \mu_A^1(x), \mu_A^2(x), ..., \mu_A^r(x); \sigma_A^1(x), \sigma_A^2(x), ..., \sigma_A^s(x); \nu_A^1(x), \nu_A^2(x), ..., \nu_A^t(x) \rangle; x \in X\};$  $\mu_A^i, \sigma_A^j, \nu_A^k : X \rightarrow ]^{-0}, 1^+[$  for every i = 1, ..., r, j = 1, ..., s, k = 1, ..., t such that r + s + t = n and

$$-0 \le \sum_{i=1}^{r} \mu_A^i(x) + \sum_{j=1}^{s} \sigma_A^j + \sum_{k=1}^{t} \nu_A^k \le n^+.$$

The class of all neutrosophic *n*-valued refined sets on the universe X will be denoted by  $\mathcal{R}_n(X)$ .

The following is the definition of the basic operations (inclusion, union, intersection and complement) on neutrosophic n-valued refined sets.

**Definition 2.2.** [Neutrosophic n-valued refined sets operations] Let  $A, A_{\alpha}, B \in \mathcal{R}_n(X)$  such that  $\alpha \in \Delta$ . Then we define the neutrophic n-valued refined:

- (1) (Inclusion):  $A \sqsubseteq_R B$  If  $\mu_A^i(x) \le \mu_B^i(x)$ ,  $\sigma_A^j(x) \ge \sigma_B^j(x)$  and  $\nu_A^k(x) \ge \nu_B^k(x)$  for every i = 1, ..., r, j = 1, ..., s, k = 1, ..., t.
- (2) (Equality):  $A = B \Leftrightarrow A \sqsubseteq_R B$  and  $B \sqsubseteq_R A$ .
- $(3) \quad (Intersection) \underset{\alpha \in \Delta_R}{\sqcap} A_{\alpha}(x) = \{ \langle x, \bigwedge_{\alpha \in \Delta} \mu^1_{A_{\alpha}}(x), ..., \bigwedge_{\alpha \in \Delta} \mu^r_{A_{\alpha}}(x); \bigvee_{\alpha \in \Delta} \sigma^1_A(x), ..., \bigvee_{\alpha \in \Delta} \sigma^s_A(x); \\ \underset{\alpha \in \Delta}{\vee} \nu^1_A(x), ..., \bigvee_{\alpha \in \Delta} \nu^t_A(x) \rangle; x \in X \}.$

- $(4) \quad (Union) \sqcup_{\alpha \in \Delta_R} A_{\alpha}(x) = \{ \langle x, \bigvee_{\alpha \in \Delta} \mu^1_{A_{\alpha}}(x), ..., \bigvee_{\alpha \in \Delta} \mu^r_{A_{\alpha}}(x); \bigwedge_{\alpha \in \Delta} \sigma^1_A(x), ..., \bigwedge_{\alpha \in \Delta} \sigma^s_A(x); \\ \bigwedge_{\alpha \in \Delta} \nu^1_A(x), ..., \bigwedge_{\alpha \in \Delta} \nu^t_A(x) \rangle; x \in X \}.$
- (5)  $\begin{array}{c} \stackrel{\alpha \in \Delta}{(Complement)} \stackrel{\alpha \in \Delta}{A^{c}} = \{ \langle x, \nu_{A}^{1}(x), ..., \nu_{A}^{t}(x); 1 \sigma_{A}^{1}(x), ..., 1 \sigma_{A}^{s}(x); \mu_{A}^{1}(x), ..., \mu_{A}^{r}(x) \rangle; x \in X \} \end{array}$
- (6) (Universal set)  $1_X = \{\langle x, 1, ..., 1; 0, ..., 0; 0, ..., 0 \rangle; x \in X\}$ ; called the neutrosophic n-valued refined universal set.
- (7) (Empty set)  $0_X = \{\langle x, 0, ..., 0; 1, ..., 1; 1, ..., 1 \rangle; x \in X\}$ ; called the neutrosophic n-valued refined empty set.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $A_{\alpha}, A, B \in \mathcal{R}_n(X)$  such that  $\alpha \in \Delta$ . Then we have

- (1) If  $A \sqsubseteq_R B \sqsubseteq_R C$ , then  $A \sqsubseteq_R C$ . (2) If  $A \sqsubseteq_R B$ , then  $B^c \sqsubseteq_R A^c$ . (3)  $(\bigsqcup_{\alpha \in \Delta_R} A_\alpha) \sqcap_R A = \bigsqcup_{\alpha \in \Delta_R} (A_\alpha \sqcap_R A)$ (4)  $(\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta_R} A_\alpha) \sqcup_R A = \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta_R} (A_\alpha \sqcup_R A)$ [Demorgan's Laws]
- (5)  $(A \sqcup_R B)^c = A^c \sqcap_R B^c$

(6) 
$$(A \sqcap_R B)^c = A^c \sqcup_R B^c$$

*Proof.* (1) and (2) are Straight forward! (3) and (4) can be proved using the following two propositions:

$$\begin{split} &-(\lor a_{\alpha}) \wedge b = \bigvee_{\alpha \in \Delta} (a_{\alpha} \wedge b) \\ &-(\bigwedge_{\alpha \in \Delta} a_{\alpha}) \vee b = \bigwedge_{\alpha \in \Delta} (a_{\alpha} \vee b) \\ &\text{Now, we prove (3) and (4) can be proved by duality:} \\ &(A \sqcup_{R} B)^{c} = (\{\langle x, \mu_{A}^{1}(x) \vee \mu_{B}^{1}(x), ..., \mu_{A}^{r}(x) \vee \mu_{B}^{r}(x); \sigma_{A}^{1}(x) \wedge \sigma_{B}^{1}(x), ..., \sigma_{A}^{s}(x) \wedge \sigma_{B}^{s}(x); \nu_{A}^{1}(x) \wedge \nu_{B}^{1}(x), ..., \nu_{A}^{t}(x) \vee \nu_{A}^{t}(x) \rangle; x \in X\})^{c} \\ &= \{\langle x, \nu_{A}^{1}(x) \wedge \nu_{B}^{1}(x), ..., \nu_{A}^{t}(x) \wedge \nu_{A}^{t}(x); 1 - (\sigma_{A}^{1}(x) \wedge \sigma_{B}^{1}(x)), ..., 1 - (\sigma_{A}^{s}(x) \wedge \sigma_{B}^{s}(x)); \mu_{A}^{1}(x) \vee \mu_{B}^{1}(x), ..., \mu_{A}^{r}(x) \vee \mu_{B}^{r}(x) \rangle; x \in X\} \\ &= \{\langle x, \nu_{A}^{1}(x) \wedge \nu_{B}^{1}(x), ..., \nu_{A}^{t}(x) \wedge \nu_{A}^{t}(x); (1 - \sigma_{A}^{1}(x)) \vee (1 - \sigma_{B}^{1}(x)), ..., (1 - \sigma_{A}^{s}(x)) \vee (1 - \sigma_{B}^{s}(x)); \mu_{A}^{1}(x) \vee \mu_{B}^{s}(x), ..., \mu_{A}^{r}(x) \vee \mu_{B}^{r}(x) \rangle; x \in X\} \\ &= \{\langle x, \nu_{A}^{1}(x), ..., \nu_{A}^{t}(x); 1 - \sigma_{A}^{1}(x), ..., 1 - \sigma_{A}^{s}(x); \mu_{A}^{t}(x), ..., \mu_{A}^{r}(x) \rangle; x \in X\} \\ &= \{\langle x, \nu_{A}^{1}(x), ..., \nu_{A}^{t}(x); 1 - \sigma_{A}^{1}(x), ..., 1 - \sigma_{B}^{s}(x); \mu_{A}^{1}(x), ..., \mu_{B}^{r}(x) \rangle; x \in X\} \sqcap_{R} \\ &\{\langle x, \nu_{B}^{1}(x), ..., \nu_{A}^{t}(x); 1 - \sigma_{B}^{1}(x), ..., 1 - \sigma_{B}^{s}(x); \mu_{B}^{1}(x), ..., \mu_{B}^{r}(x) \rangle; x \in X\} = A^{c} \sqcap_{R} B^{c} \\ &= \{\langle x, \nu_{A}^{1}(x), ..., \nu_{A}^{t}(x); 1 - \sigma_{B}^{1}(x), ..., 1 - \sigma_{B}^{s}(x); \mu_{B}^{1}(x), ..., \mu_{B}^{r}(x) \rangle; x \in X\} = A^{c} \sqcap_{R} B^{c} \\ &= \{\langle x, \nu_{A}^{1}(x), ..., \nu_{A}^{t}(x); 1 - \sigma_{B}^{1}(x), ..., 1 - \sigma_{B}^{s}(x); \mu_{B}^{1}(x), ..., \mu_{B}^{r}(x) \rangle; x \in X\} = A^{c} \sqcap_{R} B^{c} \\ &= \{\langle x, \nu_{A}^{1}(x), ..., \nu_{A}^{t}(x); 1 - \sigma_{A}^{1}(x), ..., 1 - \sigma_{B}^{s}(x); \mu_{A}^{1}(x), ..., \mu_{B}^{r}(x) \rangle; x \in X\} = A^{c} \sqcap_{R} B^{c} \\ &= \{\langle x, \nu_{A}^{1}(x), ..., \nu_{A}^{t}(x); 1 - \sigma_{A}^{1}(x), ..., 1 - \sigma_{B}^{s}(x); \mu_{A}^{1}(x), ..., \mu_{B}^{r}(x) \rangle; x \in X\} = A^{c} \sqcap_{R} B^{c} \\ &= \{\langle x, \nu_{A}^{1}(x), ..., \nu_{A}^{t}(x); 1 - \sigma_{A}^{1}(x), ..., 1 - \sigma_{A}^{s}(x); \mu_{A}^{t}(x), ..., \mu_{A}^{r}(x) \rangle; x \in X\}$$

So, as the above theorem shows, the system defined in Definition 2.2 is rich to a certain extent, but it still needs to be stronger to deal with some situations: for example  $A \sqcap_R A^c$ is not well-defined if  $r \neq t$ . The concept *True* (membership) and *False* (nonmembership) are related, it is reasonable to discuss them in any world simultaneously, so we can assume r = t, and this is what F. Smarandache did in [28] when he discussed the relative (absolute)

truth and falsity simultaneously. The condition r = s = t mentioned in [14] is very strong and will not add any value to us, actually it implies that n is divisible by 3, since n = r + s + t, so it does not include some worlds, for example a world of seven and five-valued logic which discussed in [28]. On the other hand if we, only, assume r = t, then n can be any value since we have not assumed any condition on s and worlds of any n-valued logic will be included.

**Definition 2.4.** : Let A be a *neutrosophic n-valued refined set* on a universe X. If r = s, then we call A a homogeneous neutrosophic *n*-valued refined set. n will be called the dimension of A, and r, s will be called the sub-dimensions of A. The class of all *homogeneous neutrosophic n-valued refined sets* on the universe X with sub-dimensions r, s will be denoted by  $\mathcal{R}_{(n,r,s)}(X)$ .

The following is obvious:

**Proposition 2.5.** Let  $A, B \in \mathcal{R}_{(n,r,s)}(X)$ . Then

- (1)  $A \sqcap_R B \in \mathcal{R}_{(n,r,s)}(X).$
- (2)  $A \sqcup_R B \in \mathcal{R}_{(n,r,s)}(X).$
- (3)  $A^c \in \mathcal{R}_{(n,r,s)}(X).$

**Example 2.6.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ , and let  $A, B \in \mathcal{R}_{(5,2,1)}(X)$  such that  $A = \{\langle a, 0.2, 0.1; 0.7; 0.1, 0.4 \rangle, \langle b, 0.5, 0.3; 0.2; 0.9, 0.5 \rangle\}$  and  $B = \{\langle a, 0.4, 0.01; 0.3; 0.4, 0.3 \rangle, \langle b, 0.4, 0.2; 0.1; 0.7, 0.7 \rangle\}$ . Then we have:  $A \sqcap_R B = \{\langle a, 0.2, 0.01; 0.7; 0.4, 0.4 \rangle, \langle b, 0.4, 0.2; 0.2; 0.9, 0.7 \rangle\} \in \mathcal{R}_{(5,2,1)}$   $A \sqcup_R B = \{\langle a, 0.4, 0.1; 0.3; 0.1, 0.3 \rangle, \langle b, 0.5, 0.3; 0.1; 0.7, 0.5 \rangle\} \in \mathcal{R}_{(5,2,1)}$  $A^c = \{\langle a, 0.1, 0.4; 0.3; 0.2, 0.1 \rangle, \langle b, 0.9, 0.5; 0.8; 0.5, 0.3 \rangle\} \in \mathcal{R}_{(5,2,1)}$ 

**Definition 2.7** (Neutrosophic n-valued Refined Topology).  $\tau \subset \mathcal{R}_{(n,r,s)}(X)$  is called a neutrosophic n-valued refined topology on X if

- (1)  $0_X, 1_X \in \tau$ .
- (2) For every  $A, B \in \tau$ , we have  $A \sqcap_R B \in \tau$ .
- (3) If  $A_{\alpha} \in \tau$  for every  $\alpha \in \Delta$ , then  $\bigsqcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} A_{\alpha} \in \tau$ ,

Elements of  $\tau$  are called *neutrosophic n-valued refined open sets.*  $A \in \mathcal{R}_{(n,r,s)}(X)$  is said *neutrosophic n-valued refined closed set* if  $A^c \in \tau$ .

The class of all neutrosophic *n*-valued refined topologies on X with sub-dimensions r, s will be denoted by  $TOP_{(n,r,s)}(X)$ .

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $\tau \subseteq \mathcal{R}_{(n,r,s)}(X)$  be a neutrosophic *n*-valued refined topology on X and let  $A \in \mathcal{R}_{(n,r,s)}(X)$ . Then:

(1) The neutrosophic n-valued refined interior of A is defined to be

 $Int_R(A) = \sqcup_R \{ O \in \tau; O \sqsubseteq_R A \}$ .

(2) The neutrosophic *n*-valued refined closure of A is defined to be  

$$Cl_R(A) = \prod_R \{ C \in \mathcal{R}_{(n,r,s)}(X); C^c \in \tau \text{ and } A \sqsubseteq_R C \}$$

**Example 2.9.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ , and let  $\tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A, B, C, D\} \subset \mathcal{R}_{(5,2,1)}(X)$  where  $A = \{ \langle a, 0.2, 0.1; 0.7; 0.1, 0.4 \rangle, \langle b, 0.5, 0.3; 0.2; 0.9, 0.5 \rangle \},\$  $B = \{ \langle a, 0.4, 0.01; 0.3; 0.4, 0.3 \rangle, \langle b, 0.4, 0.2; 0.1; 0.7, 0.7 \rangle \},\$  $C = \{ \langle a, 0.2, 0.01; 0.7; 0.4, 0.4 \rangle, \langle b, 0.4, 0.2; 0.2; 0.9, 0.7 \rangle \}$  $D = \{ \langle a, 0.4, 0.1; 0.3; 0.1, 0.3 \rangle, \langle b, 0.5, 0.3; 0.1; 0.7, 0.5 \rangle \}$ Then  $\tau$  is a Neutrosophic 5-valued refined topology on X. All closed set are:  $0_X, 1_X, A^c, B^c, C^c, D^c$  where  $A^{c} = \{ \langle a, 0.1, 0.4; 0.3; 0.2, 0.1 \rangle, \langle b, 0.9, 0.5; 0.8; 0.5, 0.3 \rangle \}$  $B^{c} = \{ \langle a, 0.4, 0.3; 0.7; 0.4, 0.01 \rangle, \langle b, 0.7, 0.7; 0.9; 0.4, 0.2 \rangle \},\$  $C^{c} = \{ \langle a, 0.4, 0.4; 0.3; 0.2, 0.01 \rangle, \langle b, 0.9, 0.7; 0.8; 0.4, 0.2 \rangle \}$  $D^{c} = \{ \langle a, 0.1, 0.3; 0.7; 0.4, 0.1 \rangle, \langle b, 0.7, 0.5; 0.9; 0.5, 0.3 \rangle \}$ Let  $K = \{ \langle a, 0.43, 0.09; 0.2; 0.1, 0.2 \rangle, \langle b, 0.5, 0.25; 0.1; 0.5, 0.6 \rangle \}$ . Then the open sets in  $\tau$  contained in K are only  $0_X, B, C$ , so that  $Int_R(K) = 0_X \sqcup_R B \sqcup_R C = B$ . Now; we consider the set  $K^c = \{ \langle a, 0.1, 0.2; 0.8; 0.43, 0.09 \rangle, \langle b, 0.5, 0.6; 0.9; 0.5, 0.25 \rangle \}$  and compute  $Cl_R(K^c)$ ; the only closed sets containing  $K^c$  are  $1_X, B^c$  and  $C^c$ , so that  $Cl_R(K^c) = 1_X \sqcap_R B^c \sqcap_R C^c = B^c$ . Which means  $Cl_R(K^c) = B^c$  and so  $(Cl_R(K^c))^c = B = Int_R(K)$ ; that is  $Int_R(K) = (Cl_R(K^c))^c$  and this leads us to the following theorem:

**Theorem 2.10.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an n-valued refined topological space with sub-dimensions r, s and let  $A \in \mathcal{R}_{(n,r,s)}(X)$ . Then we have:

(1)  $Int_R(A) = (Cl_R(A^c))^c$ (2)  $Cl_R(K) = (Int_R(K^c))^c$ 

Proof. Since  $\lor$  and  $\land$  has duality, we will, only, proof part (1). Let  $A = \{\langle x, \mu_A^1(x), ..., \mu_A^r(x); \sigma_A^1(x), ..., \sigma_A^s(x); \nu_A^1(x), ..., \nu_A^r(x) \rangle; x \in X\}$ . Then  $A^c = \{\langle x, \nu_A^1(x), ..., \nu_A^r(x); 1 - \sigma_A^1(x), ..., 1 - \sigma_A^s(x); \mu_A^1(x), ..., \mu_A^r(x) \rangle; x \in X\}$ , so  $Cl_R(A^c) = \sqcap_R \{C \in \mathcal{R}_{(n,r,s)}(X); C^c \in \tau \text{ and } A^c \sqsubseteq_R C\}$ . We apply Demorgan's Laws in Theorem 2.3 to get:  $(Cl_R(A^c))^c = \sqcup_R \{C^c \in \mathcal{R}_{(n,r,s)}(X); C^c \in \tau \text{ and } C^c \sqsubseteq_R A\} = \sqcup_R \{O \in \mathcal{R}_{(n,r,s)}(X); O \in \tau \text{ and } O \sqsubseteq_R A\} = Int_R(A).$  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 2.11.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an n-valued refined topological space with sub-dimensions r, sand let  $A, B \in \mathcal{R}_{(n,r,s)}(X)$ . Then we have:

(1)  $Int_R(A) \sqsubseteq_R A$ .

(2) If A is a neutrosophic n-valued refined open set, then  $Int_R(A) = A$ .

- (3)  $Int_R(Int_R(A)) = Int_R(A)$ .
- (4) If  $A \sqsubseteq_R B$ , then  $Int_R(A) \sqsubseteq_R Int_R(B)$ .
- (5)  $Int_R(A \sqcap_R B) = Int_R(A) \sqcap_R Int_R(B)$
- (6)  $Int_R(A \sqcup_R B) \supseteq_R Int_R(A) \sqcup_R Int_R(B)$
- (7)  $Int_R(\bigsqcup_{\alpha\in\Delta}A_{\alpha}) \sqsupseteq_R \bigsqcup_{\alpha\in\Delta}Int_R(A_{\alpha})$
- (8)  $A \sqsubset_B Cl_B(A)$ .
- (9) If A is a neutrosophic n-valued refined closed set, then  $Cl_R(A) = A$ .
- (10)  $Cl_R(Cl_R(A)) = Cl_R(A).$
- (11) If  $A \sqsubset_B B$ , then  $Int_B(A) \sqsubset_B Int_B(B)$ .
- (12)  $Cl_B(A \sqcup_B B) = Cl_B(A) \sqcup_B Cl_B(B)$
- (13)  $Cl_R(A \sqcap_R B) \sqsubseteq_R Cl_R(A) \sqcap_R Cl_R(B)$
- (14)  $Cl_R(\bigsqcup_{\alpha\in\Delta}A_{\alpha}) \sqsupseteq_R \bigsqcup_{\alpha\in\Delta}Cl_R(A_{\alpha})$
- (1) Let  $O \in \tau$  such that  $O \sqsubseteq_R A$ . Then for every  $x \in X$  we have  $\mu_O^i(x) \le \mu_A^i(x)$ Proof. for every i = 1, ..., r,  $\sigma_O^i(x) \ge \sigma_A^i(x)$  for every i = 1, ..., s and  $\nu_O^i(x) \ge \nu_A^i(x)$  for every i = 1, ..., r, which implies that  $\bigvee_{\substack{O \in \tau, O \sqsubseteq_R A}} \mu_O^i(x) \leq \mu_A^i(x)$  for every i = 1, ..., r,  $\bigwedge_{\substack{O \in \tau, O \sqsubseteq_R A}} \sigma_O^i(x) \geq \sigma_O^i(x)$  for every i = 1, ..., s and  $\bigwedge_{\substack{O \in \tau, O \sqsubseteq A}} \nu_O^i(x) \geq \nu_A^i(x)$  for every i = 1, ..., r; that is  $Int_R(A) \sqsubseteq A$ .
  - (2) Since A is open, then, from the definition of  $Int_R(A)$ , we have  $A \sqsubseteq_R Int_R(A)$ , and from part (1) we have the converse, and we done.
  - (3) Since  $Int_R(A)$  is a neutrosophic *n*-valued refined open set, we have (from part (2))  $Int_R(Int_R(A)) = Int_R(A).$
  - (4) Let O be a neutrosophic n-valued refined open set such that  $O \sqsubseteq_R A$ . Then since  $A \sqsubseteq_R B$ , we have  $O \sqsubseteq_R B$ , that is  $Int_R(A) \sqsubseteq_R Int_R(B)$
  - (5) From part (4) we have  $Int_R(A \sqcap_R B) \sqsubseteq_R Int_R(A) \sqcap_R Int_R(B)$ . On the other hand,  $Int_R(A) \sqcap_R Int_R(B)$  is a neutrosophic n-valued refined open set contained in A and B, so that  $Int_R(A) \sqcap_R Int_R(B) \sqsubseteq_R Int_R(A \sqcap_R B)$ , and we done.
  - (6) Since  $Int_R(A) \sqsubseteq_R A$  and  $Int_R(B) \sqsubseteq_R B$ , we have  $Int_R(A) \sqcup_R Int_R(B)$  is a neutrosophic *n*-valued refined open set contained in  $A \sqcup_R B$ , which implies that  $Int_R(A) \sqcup_R Int_R(B) \sqsubseteq_R Int_R(A \sqcup_R B).$
  - (7) Since  $A_{\alpha} \sqsubseteq_{R} \bigsqcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} A_{\alpha}$  for every  $\alpha \in \Delta$ ,  $Int_{R}(A_{\alpha}) \sqsubseteq_{R} Int_{R}(\bigsqcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} A_{\alpha})$  for every  $\alpha \in \Delta$ , that is  $\bigsqcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} Int_R(A_\alpha) \sqsubseteq_R Int_R(\bigsqcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} A_\alpha)$ . The remaining 5 parts can be proved by duality.  $\Box$

Equality in parts (7) and (13) of Theorem 2.11 does not hold.

**Example 2.12.** Consider the neutrosophic 5-valued refined topological space  $(X, \tau)$  defined in Example 2.9 and let  $K = \{\langle a, 0, 1; 0; 1, 1 \rangle, \langle b, 1, 1; 0; 0, 1 \rangle\}$ , and  $L = \{\langle a, 1, 0; 1; 0, 0 \rangle, \langle b, 0, 0; 1; 1, 0 \rangle\}$ . Then  $K \sqcup_R L = \{\langle a, 1, 1; 0; 0, 0 \rangle, \langle b, 1, 1; 0; 0, 0 \rangle\} = 1_X$ . So we have  $Int_R(K \sqcup_R L) = 1_X$ , and since K and L contains no neutrosophic *n*-valued refined open set except  $0_X$  we have  $Int_R(K) = Int_R(L) = 0_X$ , which means  $Int_R(K) \sqcup_R Int_R(L) = 0_X$ , hence equality in parts (7) and (8) of Theorem 2.11 does not hold. For part (13) let  $K = \{\langle a, 0.1, 0.4; 0.6; 0.5, 0.1 \rangle, \langle b, 0.7, 0.5; 0.9; 0.5, 0.3 \rangle\}$ . Then  $K \sqcap_R L = \{\langle a, 0.1, 0.3; 0.7; 0.5, 0.1 \rangle, \langle b, 0.7, 0.5; 0.9; 0.5, 0.3 \rangle\}$ . The only neutrosophic 5-valued

 $K \sqcap_R L = \{\langle a, 0.1, 0.3; 0.7; 0.5, 0.1 \rangle, \langle b, 0.7, 0.5; 0.9; 0.5, 0.3 \rangle\}$ . The only neutrosophic 5-valued Refined closed sets containing K are:  $1_X, A^c$  and  $C^c$ , so that we have  $Cl_R(K) = 1_X \sqcap_R A^c \sqcap_R C^c = A^c$ . Again the only neutrosophic 5-valued Refined closed sets containing L are: $1_X, A^c$  and  $C^c$ , so that we have  $Cl_R(L) = 1_X \sqcap_R A^c \sqcap_R C^c = A^c$ , and  $Cl_R(K) \sqcap_R Cl_R(L) = A^c \sqcap_R A^c = A^c$ , on the other hand the only neutrosophic 5-valued Refined closed sets containing  $K \sqcap_R A^c = A^c$ ,  $1_X, A^c, B^c$  and  $D^c$ , so that we have  $Cl_R(K \sqcap_R L) = 1_X \sqcap_R A^c \sqcap_R B^c \sqcap_R D^c = D^c$ . Note that  $D^c$  is a proper subset of  $A^c$ , so equality in Theorem 2.11 part (13) does not hold.

**Question 2.13.** Is there a neutrosophic n-valued refined topological space  $(X, \tau)$  shows that equality in part (14) of Theorem 2.11 does not hold.

**Definition 2.14** (Neutrosophic n-valued refined pre-open and pre-closed sets). Let  $\tau \in TOP_{(n,r,s)}(X)$  and  $A \in \mathcal{R}_{(n,r,s)}(X)$ . Then A is said to be:

- (1) A neutrosophic n-valued refined semi-open set, if  $A \sqsubseteq_R Cl_R(Int_R(A))$ . The complement of a neutrosophic n-valued refined semi-open set is called a *neutrosophic n-valued* refined semi-closed set.
- (2) A neutrosophic n-valued refined pre-open set, if  $A \sqsubseteq_R Int_R(Cl_R(A))$ . The complement of a neutrosophic n-valued refined pre-open set is called a *neutrosophic n-valued refined* pre-closed set.
- (3) A neutrosophic n-valued refined  $\alpha$ -open set, if  $A \sqsubseteq_R Int_R(Cl_R(Int_R(A)))$ . The complement of a neutrosophic n-valued refined  $\alpha$ -open set is called a *neutrosophic n-valued* refined  $\alpha$ -closed set.
- (4) A neutrosophic n-valued refined  $\beta$ -open set, if  $A \sqsubseteq_R Cl_R(Int_R(Cl_R(A)))$ . The complement of a neutrosophic n-valued refined  $\beta$ -open set is called a neutrosophic n-valued refined  $\beta$ -closed set.

**Theorem 2.15.** Let  $\tau \in TOP_{(n,r,s)}(X)$  and  $A \in \mathcal{R}_{(n,r,s)}(X)$ . Then:

(1) Every Neutrosophic *n*-valued refined open (closed) set, is neutrosophic *n*-valued refined  $\alpha$ -open (closed) set.

- (2) Every Neutrosophic n-valued refined α-open (α-closed) set, is neutrosophic n-valued refined pre-open (pre-closed) set and neutrosophic n-valued refined semi-open (semiclosed) set.
- (3) Every Neutrosophic *n*-valued refined pre-open (pre-closed) or semi-open (semi-closed) set, is a neutrosophic *n*-valued refined  $\beta$ -open ( $\beta$ -closed) set.
- Proof. (1) Let A be a Neutrosophic n-valued refined open set. Then, from Theorem 2.11 part (2) and (8), we have  $Int_R(A) = A$  and  $A \sqsubseteq_R Cl_R(A)$ . So  $Int_R(Cl_R(int_R(A))) \sqsupseteq_R$  $Int_R(Cl_R(A)) \sqsupseteq_R Int_R(A) = A$ . That is A is a neutrosophic n-valued refined  $\alpha$ -open set. Now, suppose that A is a Neutrosophic n-valued refined closed set. Then  $A^c$  is a Neutrosophic n-valued refined open set, which implies  $A^c$  is a neutrosophic n-valued refined  $\alpha$ -open set, and so A is a is a neutrosophic n-valued refined  $\alpha$ -closed set.
  - (2) Obvious! we only use Theorem 2.11 part (1).
  - (3) Obvious! we only use Theorem 2.11 part (8).

None of the above implications reverse. The following is an example of a neutrosophic 5-valued refined  $\alpha$ -open set which is not open, and another example of a neutrosophic 5-valued refined *pre*-open (so it is  $\beta$ -open) set which is neither *semi*-open nor  $\alpha$ -open.

**Example 2.16.** Consider  $\tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A, B, C, D\}$  in Example 2.9 and let  $H = \{\langle a, 0.5, 0.1; 0.3; 0.1, 0.3 \rangle, \langle b, 0.5, 0.3; 0.1; 0.7, 0.5 \rangle\}.$ 

Then the neutrosophic 5-valued refined open sets contained in H are  $0_X, A, B, C, D$ ; so we have  $Int_R(H) = 0_X \sqcup_R A \sqcup_R B \sqcup_R C \sqcup_R D = D$ , and since the only neutrosophic 5valued refined close set containing D is  $1_X$ , we have  $Cl_R(Int_R(H)) = 1_X$ , which implies  $Int_R(Cl_R(int_R(H))) = 1_X$ , hence  $A \sqsubseteq_R Int_R(Cl_R(int_R(A)))$  and H is a neutrosophic 5valued refined  $\alpha$ -open set but not a neutrosophic 5-valued refined open set.

Consider, again, the set  $K = \{\langle a, 0.1, 0.4; 0.6; 0.1, 0.3 \rangle, \langle b, 0.9, 0.2; 0.4; 0.1, 0.5 \rangle\}$ . Since  $\mu_K^1(a) < \mu_O^1(a)$  for every  $O \in \tau - \{0_X\}$ , we have the only Neutrosophic 5-valued refined open set contained in K is  $0_X$  and  $Int_R(K) = 0_X$ , which implies  $Cl_R(Int_R(K)) = 0_X$  and  $Int_R(Cl_R(Int_R(K))) = 0_X$ , so K is not a neutrosophic 5-valued refined semi-open nor  $\alpha$ -open set; on the other hand,  $\mu_K^1(b) > \mu_D^1(b)$  for every neutrosophic 5-valued refined closed set D in  $\tau$  except for  $1_X$ , that means  $Cl_R(K) = 1_X$  and  $int_R(Cl_R(A)) = 1_X$ , hence  $K \sqsubseteq_R Int_R(Cl_R(A))$  and K is a neutrosophic 5-valued refined pre-open set but not  $\alpha$ -open. Since every neutrosophic 5-valued refined pre-open set is a neutrosophic 5-valued refined  $\beta$ -open set, K is, also, and example of a neutrosophic 5-valued refined  $\beta$ -open set which is not neutrosophic 5-valued refined refined semi-open.

Here we give an example of a a neutrosophic 5-valued refined *semi*-open (so it is  $\beta$ -open) set which is neither *pre*-open nor  $\alpha$ -open.

**Example 2.17.** Let  $X = \{a\}$ , and let  $\tau = \{0_X, 1_X, A, B\} \subset \mathcal{R}_{(5,2,1)}(X)$  where  $A = \{\langle a, 0.2, 0.1; 0.7; 0.3, 0.4 \rangle\}, B = \{\langle a, 0.3, 0.2; 0.5; 0.2, 0.3 \rangle\}.$  Since  $A \sqcap_R B = A$  and  $A \sqcup_R B = B, \tau$  is a neutrosophic 5-valued refined topology on X. The 5-valued refined closed sets in  $(X, \tau)$  are:  $0_X, 1_X, A^c, B^c$  where

 $A^c = \{\langle a, 0.3, 0.4; 0.3; 0.2, 0.1 \rangle\}$  and  $B^c = \{\langle a, 0.2, 0.3; 0.5; 0.3, 0.2 \rangle\}$ . Consider the neutrosophic 5-valued refined set  $L = \{\langle a, 0.2, 0.2; 0.5; 0.3, 0.3 \rangle\}$ . Then the only neutrosophic 5valued refined open sets contained in K are  $0_X, A$ , so that  $Int_R(L) = 0_X \sqcup_R A = A$ . To find  $Cl_R(Int_R(L))$  we note that the neutrosophic 5-valued refined closed sets containing  $Int_R(L)$ are  $1_X, A^c, B^c$ , so  $Cl_R(Int_R(L)) = 1_x \sqcap_R A^c \sqcap_R B^c = B^c$ , and since  $L \sqsubseteq_R B^c$ , L is a neutrosophic 5-valued refined semi-open sets. Now, we will show that L is not  $\alpha$ -open. First note that the neutrosophic 5-valued refined open sets contained in  $Cl_R(Int_R(K)) = B^c$  are  $0_X$  and A, so we have  $Int_R(Cl_R(Int_R(L))) = A$ , and since L is not contained in A, L is not a neutrosophic  $\alpha$ -open set.

We will show L is not a neutrosophic 5-valued refined *pre*-open set. The only neutrosophic 5-valued refined closed sets containing L are  $1_X$ ,  $A^c$  and  $B^c$ , so  $Cl_R(L) = 1_X \sqcap_R A^c \sqcap_R B^c = B^c$ , and since the neutrosophic 5-valued refined open sets contained in  $B^c$  are  $0_X$  and A, we have  $Int_R(Cl_R(L)) = A$  which not containing L, that is L is not a neutrosophic 5-valued refined pre-open set. So L is, also, an example of a neutrosophic 5-valued refined *semi*-open set which is not pre-open. And since every neutrosophic 5-valued refined *semi*-open set is  $\beta$ -open set, K is an example of a neutrosophic 5-valued refined  $\beta$ -open set which is not *pre*-open.

Finally we will give an example of a a neutrosophic 5-valued refined  $\beta$ -open set which is neither *pre*-open nor *semi*-open.

**Example 2.18.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  as in Example 2.17 and consider the neutrosophic 5-valued refined set  $M = \{\langle a, 0.2, 0.1; 0.9; 0.3, 0.5 \rangle\}$ . Then the only neutrosophic 5-valued refined open sets in  $\tau$  contained in K is  $0_X$ , so  $Int_R(M) = 0_X$ , which implies  $Cl_R(Int_R(M)) = 0_X$ , and since M is not contained in  $0_X$ , we have M is not neutrosophic 5-valued refined semi-open set; on the other hand the neutrosophic 5-valued refined closed sets containing M are  $1_X, A^c$  and  $B^c$ , so that  $Cl_R(M) = B^c$ , and since the only neutrosophic 5-valued refined open sets contained in  $B^c$  are  $0_X$  and A we have  $Int_R(Cl_R(M)) = A$ . Since  $Int_R(Cl_R(M)) = A$  and A does not contain M, we have M is not a neutrosophic 5-valued refined pre-open set. Now, to find  $Cl_R(Int_R(Cl_R(M)))$  we note that the only neutrosophic 5-valued refined closed sets in  $\tau$ 

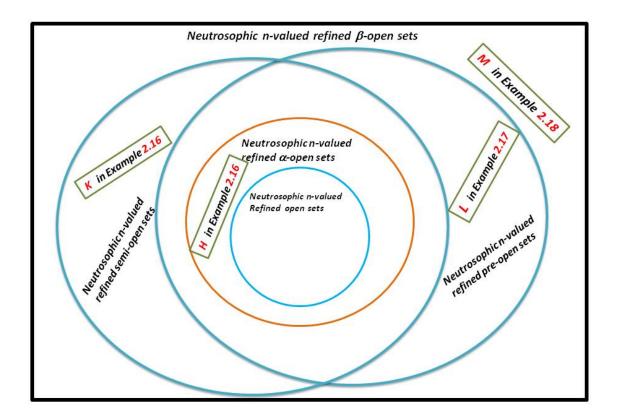


FIGURE 1. Relations between differen types of generalized neutrosophic n-valued refined open sets.

containing A are  $1_X, A^c$  and  $B^c$ , so  $Cl_R(Int_R(Cl_R(M))) = B^c$  which contains M, so M is a neutrosophic 5-valued refined  $\beta$ -open set but not *semi*-open nor *pre*-open.

The following diagram shows the relations between different types of generalized neutrosophic n-valued refined sets:

**Theorem 2.19.** Let  $\tau \in TOP_{(n,r,s)}(X)$  and  $K \in \mathcal{R}_{(n,r,s)}(X)$ . Then

- (1) If there is a neutrosophic n-valued refined open set U such that  $K \sqsubseteq_R U \sqsubseteq_R Cl_R(K)$ , then K is a neutrosophic n-valued refined pre-open set.
- (2) If there is a neutrosophic n-valued refined open set U such that  $U \sqsubseteq_R K \sqsubseteq_R Cl_R(U)$ , then K is a neutrosophic n-valued refined semi-open set.

Proof. (1) 
$$K \sqsubseteq_R U \sqsubseteq_R Int_R(Cl_R(U)) \sqsubseteq_R Int_R(Cl_R(Cl_R(K))) = Int_R(Cl_R(K)).$$
  
(2) Since  $Cl_R(Int_R(U)) = Cl_R(U)$  we have

 $Cl_R(Int_R(K)) \supseteq_R Cl_R(Int_R(U)) = Cl_R(U) \supseteq_R K).$ 

**Theorem 2.20.** Let  $\tau \in TOP_{(n,r,s)}(X)$  and  $K \in \mathcal{R}_{(n,r,s)}(X)$ . Then the union of any collection of neutrosophic n-valued refined  $\alpha$ -open,  $\beta$ -open, pre-open or semi-open sets is a neutrosophic *n*-valued refined  $\alpha$ -open,  $\beta$ -open, pre-open or semi-open set respectively.

*Proof.* We will prove it for neutrosophic *n*-valued refined  $\beta$ -open sets, and the remaining parts can be proved in the same manner. Let  $A_{\gamma}$  be a neutrosophic *n*-valued refined  $\beta$ -open set for every  $\gamma \in \Delta$ . Then  $A_{\gamma} \sqsubseteq_R Cl_R(int_R(Cl_R(A_{\gamma})))$  for every  $\gamma \in \Delta$ . Then from parts (7) and (14) of Theorem 2.11 we have:

$$Cl_{R}(int_{R}(Cl_{R}(\bigsqcup_{R}A_{\gamma}))) \supseteq_{R} Cl_{R}(int_{R}(\bigsqcup_{R}Cl_{R}(A_{\gamma}))) \supseteq_{R} Cl_{R}(\bigsqcup_{R}int_{R}(Cl_{R}(A_{\gamma}))) \supseteq_{R} \bigsqcup_{\gamma \in \Delta} Cl_{R}(int_{R}(Cl_{R}(A_{\gamma}))) \supseteq_{R} \bigsqcup_{\gamma \in \Delta} A_{\gamma} \Box$$

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