



# Soft semiseparated sets via operations

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In this paper, we introduce the notion  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated sets and study some of their basic properties.

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## 1. Introduction

The concept of soft sets was first introduced by Molodtsov [11]. After the introduction of the definition of a soft sets by Molodtsov, a large number of topologists have turned their attention to the generalization of different concepts of a classical sets in this sets. Recently, the concept of soft topological spaces was introduced and studied by Shabir and Naz [17]. A Good number of results are studied in this paper. The study of topological properties via operations was introduced and studied by Biswas and Prasannan in [2]. In this paper, we introduce the notion  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated sets and study some of their basic properties. Also the concept of  $\gamma$ -soft semiconnected spaces are also introduced and studied in this paper.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $U$  be an initial universe set and  $E_U$  be a collection of all possible parameters with respect to  $U$ , where parameters are the characteristics or properties of objects in  $U$ . We will call  $E_U$  the universe set of parameters with respect to  $U$ .

**Definition 2.1.** [11] A pair  $(F, A)$  is called a soft set over  $U$  if  $A \subset E_U$  and  $F : A \rightarrow P(U)$ , where  $P(U)$  is the set of all

subsets of  $U$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [6] Let  $U$  be an initial universe set and  $E_U$  be a universe set of parameters. Let  $(F, A)$  and  $(G, B)$  be soft sets over a common universe set  $U$  and  $A, B \subset E$ . Then  $(F, A)$  is a subset of  $(G, B)$ , denoted by  $(F, A) \tilde{\subset} (G, B)$ , if  $A \subset B$  and for all  $e \in A, F(e) \subset G(e)$ . Also  $(F, A)$  equals  $(G, B)$ , denoted by  $(F, A) = (G, B)$ , if  $(F, A) \tilde{\subset} (G, B)$  and  $(G, B) \tilde{\subset} (F, A)$ .

**Definition 2.3.** [12] A soft set  $(F, A)$  over  $U$  is called a null soft set, denoted by  $\tilde{\emptyset}$ , if  $e \in A, F(e) = \emptyset$ .

**Definition 2.4.** [12] A soft set  $(F, A)$  over  $U$  is called an absolute soft set, denoted by  $\tilde{A}$ , if  $e \in A, F(e) = U$ .

**Definition 2.5.** [12] The union of two soft sets  $(F, A)$  and  $(G, B)$  over a common universe  $U$  is the soft set  $(H, C)$ , where  $C = A \cup B$ , and for all  $e \in C$ ,

$$H(e) = \begin{cases} F(e) & \text{if } e \in A \setminus B, \\ G(e) & \text{if } e \in B \setminus A, \\ F(e) \cup G(e) & \text{if } e \in B \cap A. \end{cases}$$

We write  $(F, A) \cup (G, B) = (H, C)$ .

**Definition 2.6.** [6] The intersection of two soft sets of  $(F, A)$  and  $(G, B)$  over a common universe  $U$  is the soft set  $(H, C)$ , where  $C = A \cap B$ , and for all  $e \in C, H(e) = F(e) \cap G(e)$ . We write  $(F, A) \cap (G, B) = (H, C)$ .

Now we recall some definitions and results defined and discussed in [16, 17]. Henceforth, let  $X$  be an initial universe set and  $E$  be the fixed nonempty set of parameter with respect to  $X$  unless otherwise specified.

**Definition 2.7.** For a soft set  $(F, A)$  over  $U$ , the relative complement of  $(F, A)$  is denoted by  $(F, A)'$  and is defined by  $(F, A)' = (F', A)$ , where  $F' : A \rightarrow P(U)$  is a mapping given by  $F'(e) = U \setminus F(e)$  for all  $e \in A$ .

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $\tau$  be the collection of soft sets over  $X$ , then  $\tau$  is called a soft topology on  $X$  if  $\tau$  satisfies the following axioms.

1.  $\tilde{\emptyset}, \tilde{X}$  belong to  $\tau$ .
2. The union of any number of soft sets in  $\tau$  belongs to  $\tau$ .
3. The intersection of any two soft sets in  $\tau$  belongs to  $\tau$ .

The triplet  $(X, \tau, E)$  is called a soft topological space.

**Definition 2.9.** Let  $(X, \tau, E)$  be a soft topological space, then the members of  $\tau$  are said to be soft open sets in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.10.** Let  $(X, \tau, E)$  be a soft topological space. A soft set  $(F, E)$  over  $X$  is said to be a soft closed set in  $X$ , if its relative complement  $(F, E)'$  belongs to  $\tau$ .

**Proposition 2.11.** Let  $(X, \tau, E)$  be a soft topological space. Then one has the following

1.  $\tilde{\emptyset}, \tilde{X}$  are soft closed sets over  $X$ .
2. The intersection of any number of soft closed sets is a soft closed set over  $X$ .
3. The union of any two soft closed sets is a soft closed set over  $X$ .

**Definition 2.12.** Let  $(X, \tau, E)$  be a soft topological space and  $(A, E)$  a soft set over  $X$ .

1. The soft interior of  $(A, E)$  is the soft set  $\text{Int}(A, E) = \cup\{(O, E) : (O, E) \text{ is soft open and } (O, E) \tilde{\subset} (A, E)\}$ .
2. The soft closure of  $(A, E)$  is the soft set  $\text{Cl}(A, E) = \cap\{(F, E) : (F, E) \text{ is soft closed and } (A, E) \tilde{\subset} (F, E)\}$ .

**Definition 2.13.** Let  $(F, E)$  be a soft set over  $X$  and  $x \in X$ . We say that  $x \in (F, E)$  read as  $x$  belongs to the soft set  $(F, E)$ , whenever  $x \in F(\alpha)$  for all  $\alpha \in E$ . Note that for  $x \in X$ ,  $x \notin (F, E)$  if  $x \notin F(\alpha)$  for  $\alpha \in E$ .

**Definition 2.14.** Let  $x \in X$ , then  $(x, E)$  denotes the soft set over  $X$  for which  $x(\alpha) = \{x\}$  for all  $\alpha \in E$ .

**Definition 2.15.** [2] An operation on a soft topology  $\tau$  over  $X$  is called a  $\gamma$ -operation if a mapping from  $\tau$  to the set  $P(X)^E$  and defined by  $\gamma : \tau \rightarrow P(X)^E$  such that for each  $(V, E) \in \tau$ ,  $(V, E) \tilde{\subset} \gamma(V, E)$ .

**Definition 2.16.** [2] A soft set  $(P, E)$  is said to be  $\gamma$ -soft open set if for each  $x \tilde{\in} (P, E)$ , there exists a soft open set  $(V, E)$  such that  $x \tilde{\in} (V, E) \tilde{\subset} \gamma(V, E) \tilde{\subset} (P, E)$ . The complement of a  $\gamma$ -soft open set is called a  $\gamma$ -soft closed set. The family of all  $\gamma$ -soft open sets of  $(X, \tau, E, \gamma)$  is denoted by  $\tau_\gamma$ .

**Definition 2.17.** [2] Let  $(X, \tau, E, \gamma)$  be an operation-soft topological space and  $(A, E)$  a soft set over  $X$ . Then

1. the  $\tau_\gamma$ -soft interior of  $(A, E)$  is the soft set  $\tau_\gamma\text{-Int}(A, E) = \cup\{(O, E) : (O, E) \text{ is } \gamma\text{-soft open and } (O, E) \tilde{\subset} (A, E)\}$ .
2. the  $\tau_\gamma$ -soft closure of  $(A, E)$  is the soft set  $\tau_\gamma\text{-Cl}(A, E) = \cap\{(F, E) : (F, E) \text{ is } \gamma\text{-soft closed and } (A, E) \tilde{\subset} (F, E)\}$ .

**Lemma 2.18.** Let  $(X, \tau, E, \gamma)$  be an operation-soft topological space. Then

1. for every  $\gamma$ -soft open set  $(G, E)$  and every soft subset  $(A, E)$  over  $X$  we have  $\tau_\gamma\text{-Cl}((A, E)) \cap (G, E) \subset \tau_\gamma\text{-Cl}((A, E) \cap (G, E))$ ,
2. for every  $\gamma$ -soft closed set  $(F, E)$  and every soft subset  $(A, E)$  over  $X$  we have  $\tau_\gamma\text{-Int}((A, E) \cap (F, E)) \subset \tau_\gamma\text{-Int}((A, E)) \cap (F, E)$ .

**Definition 2.19.** A subset  $(A, E)$  of an operation-soft topological space  $(X, \tau, E, \gamma)$  is said to be  $\gamma$ -soft semiopen [7] if  $(A, E) \subset \tau_\gamma\text{-Cl}(\tau_\gamma\text{-Int}((A, E)))$ .

The complement of a  $\gamma$ -soft semiopen set is called a  $\gamma$ -soft semiclosed set. The family of all  $\gamma$ -soft semiopen sets of  $(X, \tau, E, \gamma)$  is denoted by  $\gamma\text{-SSO}(X)$ .

**Definition 2.20.** [7] Let  $(X, \tau, E, \gamma)$  be an operation-soft topological space and  $(A, E)$  a soft set over  $X$ . Then

1.  $\tau_\gamma\text{-sInt}(A, E) = \cup\{(O, E) : (O, E) \text{ is } \gamma\text{-soft semiopen and } (O, E) \tilde{\subset} (A, E)\}$ .
2.  $\tau_\gamma\text{-sCl}(A, E) = \cap\{(F, E) : (F, E) \text{ is } \gamma\text{-soft semiclosed and } (A, E) \tilde{\subset} (F, E)\}$ .

### 3. On operation-soft semiseparated sets

**Definition 3.1.** Two nonempty soft subsets  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  of an operation-soft topological space  $(X, \tau, E, \gamma)$  are said to be  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated if  $(A, E) \tilde{\cap} \tau_\gamma\text{-sCl}((B, E)) = \tau_\gamma\text{-sCl}((A, E)) \tilde{\cap} (B, E) = \tilde{\emptyset}$ . If  $\tilde{X} = (A, E) \tilde{\cup} (B, E)$  such that  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated sets, then we say that  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  form a  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparation of  $\tilde{X}$ .

**Remark 3.2.** Each two  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated sets are always disjoint, since  $(A, E) \tilde{\cap} (B, E) \tilde{\subset} (A, E) \tilde{\cap} \tau_\gamma\text{-sCl}((B, E)) = \tilde{\emptyset}$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** For the soft subsets  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  of an operation-soft topological space  $(X, \tau, E, \gamma)$ , the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated.
2. There exist  $\gamma$ -soft semiclosed sets  $(F_1, E)$ ,  $(F_2, E)$  satisfying  $(A, E) \tilde{\subset} (F_1, E) \tilde{\subset} \tilde{X} \setminus (B, E)$  and  $(B, E) \tilde{\subset} (F_2, E) \tilde{\subset} \tilde{X} \setminus (A, E)$ .



3. There exist  $\gamma$ -soft semiopen sets  $(G_1, E)$  and  $(G_2, E)$  satisfying  $(A, E) \widetilde{\subset} (G_1, E)$   
 $\widetilde{\subset} (\widetilde{X} \setminus (B, E))$  and  $(B, E) \widetilde{\subset} (G_2, E) \widetilde{\subset} \widetilde{X} \setminus (A, E)$ .

*Proof.* The proof is clear.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.4.** Let  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  be soft subsets of an operation-soft topological space  $(X, \tau, E, \gamma)$ . If  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated,  $\widetilde{\emptyset} \neq (C, E) \widetilde{\subset} (A, E)$  and  $\widetilde{\emptyset} \neq (D, E) \widetilde{\subset} (B, E)$ , then  $(C, E)$  and  $(D, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated.

*Proof.* Since  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated sets,  $(A, E) \widetilde{\cap} \tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((B, E)) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$  and  $\tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((A, E)) \widetilde{\cap} (B, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$ . Then  $(C, E) \widetilde{\subset} (A, E)$ ,  $\tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((C, E)) \widetilde{\cap} (D, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$ . Similarly, we have  $(C, E) \widetilde{\cap} \tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((D, E)) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$ . Therefore,  $(C, E)$  and  $(D, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated sets.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5.** If  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated sets and  $(S, E)$  is a  $\gamma$ -soft semiclosed subset of an operation-soft topological space such that  $(S, E) = (A, E) \widetilde{\cup} (B, E)$ , then  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiclosed sets.

*Proof.* Let  $(S, E) = (A, E) \widetilde{\cup} (B, E)$ , where  $\tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((A, E)) \widetilde{\cap} (B, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset} = (A, E) \widetilde{\cap} \tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((B, E))$ . It is clear that  $(S, E) \widetilde{\cap} \tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((A, E)) = ((A, E) \widetilde{\cup} (B, E)) \widetilde{\cap} \tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((A, E)) = (A, E)$ . As the intersection of  $\gamma$ -soft semiclosed sets is  $\gamma$ -soft semiclosed,  $(A, E)$  is  $\gamma$ -soft semiclosed. Similarly  $(B, E)$  is  $\gamma$ -soft semiclosed.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  be nonempty soft subsets in an operation-soft topological space  $(X, \tau, E, \gamma)$ . The following statements hold:

1. If  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated such that  $(A_1, E) \widetilde{\subset} (A, E)$ ,  $(B_1, E) \widetilde{\subset} (B, E)$ , then  $(A_1, E)$ ,  $(B_1, E)$  are so.
2. If  $(A, E) \widetilde{\cap} (B, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$  such that  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiclosed ( $\gamma$ -soft semiopen), then  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated.
3. If  $(A, E)$ ,  $(B, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiclosed ( $\gamma$ -soft semiopen) and  $(H, E) = (A, E) \cap (\widetilde{X} \setminus (B, E))$  and  $(G, E) = (B, E) \cap (\widetilde{X} \setminus (A, E))$ , then  $(H, E)$  and  $(G, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated.

*Proof.* (1). Since  $(A_1, E) \widetilde{\subset} (A, E)$ , we have  $\tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((A_1, E)) \widetilde{\subset} \tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((A, E))$ . Then  $(B, E) \widetilde{\cap} \tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((A, E)) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$  implies that  $(B_1, E) \widetilde{\cap} \tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((A, E)) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$  and  $(B_1, E) \widetilde{\cap} \tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((A_1, E)) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$ . Similarly  $(A_1, E) \widetilde{\cap} \tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((B_1, E)) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$ . Hence  $(A_1, E)$  and  $(B_1, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated.

(2). Since  $(A, E) = \tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((A, E))$ ,  $(B, E) = \tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((B, E))$  and  $(A, E) \widetilde{\cap} (B, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$ ,  $\tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((A, E)) \widetilde{\cap} (B, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$  and  $\tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((B, E)) \widetilde{\cap} (A, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$ . Hence  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated sets. If  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiopen, then their complements are  $\gamma$ -soft semiclosed.

(3). If  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiopen, then  $\widetilde{X} \setminus (A, E)$  and  $\widetilde{X} \setminus (B, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiclosed. Since  $(H, E) \widetilde{\subset} \widetilde{X} \setminus (B, E)$ ,  $\tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((H, E)) \widetilde{\subset} \tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}(\widetilde{X} \setminus (B, E)) = \widetilde{X} \setminus (B, E)$  and hence  $\tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((H, E)) \widetilde{\cap} (B, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$ . Thus  $(G, E) \widetilde{\cap} \tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((H, E)) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$ . Similarly,  $(H, E) \widetilde{\cap} \tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((G, E)) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$ . Hence  $(H, E)$  and  $(G, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated sets.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.7.** The soft sets  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  of an operation-soft topological space are  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated if, and only if there exist  $(U, E)$ ,  $(V, E) \in \gamma \text{SSO}(X)$  such that  $(A, E) \widetilde{\subset} (U, E)$ ,  $(B, E) \widetilde{\subset} (V, E)$ ,  $(A, E) \widetilde{\cap} (V, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$  and  $(B, E) \widetilde{\cap} (U, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $(V, E) = \widetilde{X} \setminus \tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((A, E))$  and  $(U, E) = \widetilde{X} \setminus \tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((B, E))$ . Then  $(U, E)$ ,  $(V, E) \in \gamma \text{SSO}(X)$  such that  $(A, E) \widetilde{\subset} (U, E)$ ,  $(B, E) \widetilde{\subset} (V, E)$ ,  $(A, E) \widetilde{\cap} (V, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$  and  $(B, E) \widetilde{\cap} (U, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$ . On the other hand, let  $(U, E)$ ,  $(V, E) \in \gamma \text{SSO}(X)$  such that  $(A, E) \widetilde{\subset} (U, E)$ ,  $(B, E) \widetilde{\subset} (V, E)$ ,  $(A, E) \widetilde{\cap} (V, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$  and  $(B, E) \widetilde{\cap} (U, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$ . Since  $\widetilde{X} \setminus (V, E)$  and  $\widetilde{X} \setminus (U, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiclosed sets,  $\tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((A, E)) \widetilde{\subset} \widetilde{X} \setminus (V, E) \widetilde{\subset} \widetilde{X} \setminus (B, E)$  and  $\tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((B, E)) \widetilde{\subset} \widetilde{X} \setminus (U, E) \widetilde{\subset} \widetilde{X} \setminus (A, E)$ . It follows that  $\tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((A, E)) \widetilde{\cap} (B, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$  and  $\tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((B, E)) \widetilde{\cap} (A, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  be nonempty disjoint soft subsets of an operation-soft topological space  $(X, \tau, E, \gamma)$  and  $(G, E) = (A, E) \widetilde{\cup} (B, E)$ . Then  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated if and only if each of  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiclosed ( $\gamma$ -soft semiopen) in  $(G, E)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated sets. By Definition 3.1,  $(A, E)$  contains no  $\gamma$ -soft semilimit points of  $(B, E)$ . Then  $(B, E)$  contains all  $\gamma$ -soft semilimit points of  $(B, E)$  which are in  $(A, E) \widetilde{\cup} (B, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  is  $\gamma$ -soft semiclosed in  $(A, E) \widetilde{\cup} (B, E)$ . Therefore  $(B, E)$  is  $\gamma$ -soft semiclosed in  $(G, E)$ . Similarly  $(A, E)$  is  $\gamma$ -soft semiclosed in  $(G, E)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.9.** Let  $(X, \tau, E, \gamma)$  be an operation-soft topological space. If  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparation of  $\widetilde{X}$  itself, then  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiclosed sets of  $(X, \tau, E, \gamma)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated, we have  $(A, E) \widetilde{\cap} \tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((B, E)) = \tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((A, E)) \widetilde{\cap} (B, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$ . Then  $(A, E) \widetilde{\cap} \tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((B, E)) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$  if, and only if  $(B, E)$  is  $\gamma$ -soft semiclosed in  $(A, E) \widetilde{\cup} (B, E) = \widetilde{X}$ . Similarly, we can show that  $(A, E)$  is  $\gamma$ -soft semiclosed in  $\widetilde{X}$ .  $\square$

## 4. Operation-soft semiconnected spaces

**Definition 4.1.** A subset  $(A, E)$  of an operation-soft topological space  $(X, \tau, E, \gamma)$  is said to be  $\gamma$ -soft semiconnected if it cannot be expressed as the union of two  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated sets. Otherwise, the set  $(A, E)$  is called  $\gamma$ -soft semidisconnected.



**Lemma 4.2.** Let  $(A, E) \widetilde{\subset} (B, E) \widetilde{\cup} (C, E)$  such that  $(A, E)$  be a nonempty  $\gamma$ -soft semiconnected set in an operation-soft topological space  $(X, \tau, E, \gamma)$  and  $(B, E), (C, E)$  be  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated sets. Then only one of the following conditions holds:

1.  $(A, E) \widetilde{\subset} (B, E)$  and  $(A, E) \widetilde{\cap} (C, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$ .
2.  $(A, E) \widetilde{\subset} (C, E)$  and  $(A, E) \widetilde{\cap} (B, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $(A, E) \widetilde{\cap} (C, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$ , we have  $(A, E) \widetilde{\subset} (B, E)$ . If  $(A, E) \widetilde{\cap} (B, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$ , then  $(A, E) \widetilde{\subset} (C, E)$ . Since  $(A, E) \widetilde{\subset} (B, E)$  and  $(A, E) \widetilde{\cap} (C, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$ , then both  $(A, E) \widetilde{\cap} (B, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$  and  $(A, E) \widetilde{\cap} (C, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$  cannot hold. Similarly, suppose that  $(A, E) \widetilde{\cap} (B, E) \neq \widetilde{\emptyset}$  and  $(A, E) \widetilde{\cap} (C, E) \neq \widetilde{\emptyset}$ , then by Theorem 3.6 (1),  $(A, E) \widetilde{\cap} (B, E)$  and  $(A, E) \widetilde{\cap} (C, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated sets such that  $(A, E) = ((A, E) \widetilde{\cap} (B, E)) \widetilde{\cup} ((A, E) \widetilde{\cap} (C, E))$  which contradicts with the  $\gamma$ -soft semiconnectedness of  $(A, E)$ . Hence one of the conditions (1) and (2) must be hold.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.3.** If a  $\gamma$ -soft semiconnected soft set  $(S, E)$  of an operation-soft topological space  $(X, \tau, E, \gamma)$  is contained in  $(A, E) \widetilde{\cup} (B, E)$ , where  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated sets, then either  $(S, E) \widetilde{\subset} (A, E)$  or  $(S, E) \widetilde{\subset} (B, E)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(S, E) = ((S, E) \widetilde{\cap} (A, E)) \widetilde{\cup} ((S, E) \widetilde{\cap} (B, E))$  where  $(S, E) \widetilde{\cap} (A, E)$  and  $(S, E) \widetilde{\cap} (B, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated sets. So either  $(S, E) \widetilde{\cap} (A, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$  or  $(S, E) \widetilde{\cap} (B, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$  and hence either  $(S, E) \widetilde{\subset} (B, E)$  or  $(S, E) \widetilde{\subset} (A, E)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.4.** A soft subset  $(M, E)$  of an operation-soft topological space  $(X, \tau, E, \gamma)$  is a  $\gamma$ -soft semiconnected if there exists a  $\gamma$ -soft semiconnected set  $(C, E)$  such that  $(C, E) \widetilde{\subset} (M, E) \widetilde{\subset} \tau_{\gamma}\text{-sCl}((C, E))$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(M, E) = (A, E) \widetilde{\cup} (B, E)$ , where  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated sets. Then either  $(C, E) \widetilde{\subset} (A, E)$  and  $(C, E) \widetilde{\subset} (B, E)$  and hence either  $(M, E) \subset \tau_{\gamma}\text{-sCl}((C, E)) \subset \tau_{\gamma}\text{-sCl}((A, E)) \widetilde{\subset} (\widetilde{X} \setminus (B, E))$  or  $(M, E) \widetilde{\subset} (\widetilde{X} \setminus (A, E))$ . Therefore either  $(B, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$  or  $(A, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 4.5.** If  $(C, E)$  is a  $\gamma$ -soft semiconnected soft set of an operation-soft topological space  $(X, \tau, E, \gamma)$ , then  $\tau_{\gamma}\text{-sCl}((C, E))$  is so.

*Proof.* Follows from Theorem 4.4.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.6.** If  $\{(M_{\alpha}, E) : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  is a family of  $\gamma$ -soft semiconnected sets of an operation-soft topological space  $(X, \tau, E, \gamma)$  satisfying the property that any two of which are not  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated, then  $(M, E) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} (M_{\alpha}, E)$  is  $\gamma$ -soft semiconnected.

*Proof.* Let  $(M, E) = (A, E) \widetilde{\cup} (B, E)$ , where  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated sets. Then for each  $\alpha \in \Delta$  either  $(M_{\alpha}, E) \widetilde{\subset} (A, E)$  or  $(M_{\alpha}, E) \widetilde{\subset} (B, E)$ . Since any two members of the family  $\{(M_{\alpha}, E) : \alpha \in \Delta\}$  are not  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated, either  $(M_{\alpha}, E) \widetilde{\subset} (A, E)$  for each  $\alpha \in \Delta$  or  $(M_{\alpha}, E) \widetilde{\subset} (B, E)$  for each  $\alpha \in \Delta$ . So either  $(B, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$  or  $(A, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 4.7.** If  $(M, E) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} (M_{\alpha}, E)$ , where each  $(M_{\alpha}, E)$  is  $\gamma$ -soft semiconnected set in an operation-soft topological space  $(X, \tau, E, \gamma)$  and also  $(M_{\alpha}, E) \widetilde{\cap} (M_{\alpha'}, E) \neq \widetilde{\emptyset}$  for  $\alpha, \alpha' \in \Delta$ , then  $(M, E)$  is  $\gamma$ -soft semiconnected.

*Proof.* Follows from Theorem 4.6.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.8.** If  $(M, E) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} (M_{\alpha}, E)$ , where each  $(M_{\alpha}, E)$  is  $\gamma$ -soft semiconnected in an operation-soft topological space  $(X, \tau, E, \gamma)$  and  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} (M_{\alpha}, E) \neq \widetilde{\emptyset}$  for each  $\alpha \in \Delta$ , then  $(M, E)$  is  $\gamma$ -soft semiconnected.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} (M_{\alpha}, E)$  is not  $\gamma$ -soft semiconnected. Then  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} (M_{\alpha}, E) = (H, E) \widetilde{\cup} (G, E)$ , where  $(H, E)$  and  $(G, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated sets in  $\widetilde{X}$ . Since  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} (M_{\alpha}, E) \neq \widetilde{\emptyset}$ , we have a soft point  $e_M \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} (M_{\alpha}, E)$ . Since  $e_M \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} (M_{\alpha}, E)$ , either  $e_M \in (G, E)$  or  $e_M \in (H, E)$ . Suppose that  $e_M \in (H, E)$ . Since  $e_M \in (M_{\alpha}, E)$  for each  $\alpha \in \Delta$ , then  $(M_{\alpha}, E)$  and  $(H, E)$  intersect for each  $\alpha \in \Delta$ . By Theorem 4.3,  $(M_{\alpha}, E) \widetilde{\subset} (H, E)$  or  $(M_{\alpha}, E) \widetilde{\subset} (G, E)$ . Since  $(H, E)$  and  $(G, E)$  are disjoint,  $(M_{\alpha}, E) \widetilde{\subset} (H, E)$  for all  $\alpha \in \Delta$  and hence  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} (M_{\alpha}, E) \widetilde{\subset} (H, E)$ . Then  $(G, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$ , which is a contradiction. Suppose that  $e_M \in (G, E)$ . By similar way, we have  $(H, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$ , which is a contradiction. Thus  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Delta} (M_{\alpha}, E)$  is  $\gamma$ -soft semiconnected.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.9.** The following statements are equivalent for an operation-soft topological space  $(X, \tau, E, \gamma)$ :

1.  $\widetilde{X}$  is  $\gamma$ -soft semiconnected.
2.  $\widetilde{X}$  can not be expressed as the union of two nonempty disjoint  $\gamma$ -soft semiopen sets.
3.  $\widetilde{X}$  contains no nonempty soft subset which is both  $\gamma$ -soft semiopen and  $\gamma$ -soft semiclosed.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Suppose that  $\widetilde{X}$  is  $\gamma$ -soft semiconnected and if  $\widetilde{X}$  can be expressed as the union of two nonempty disjoint sets  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  such that  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiopen sets. Consequently  $(A, E) \widetilde{\subset} \widetilde{X} \setminus (B, E)$ . Then  $\tau_{\gamma}\text{-sCl}((A, E)) \widetilde{\subset} \tau_{\gamma}\text{-sCl}(\widetilde{X} \setminus (B, E)) = \widetilde{X} \setminus (B, E)$ . Therefore,  $\tau_{\gamma}\text{-sCl}((A, E)) \widetilde{\cap} (B, E) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$ . Similarly we can prove  $(A, E) \widetilde{\cap} \tau_{\gamma}\text{-sCl}((B, E)) = \widetilde{\emptyset}$ . This is a contradiction to the fact that  $X$  is  $\gamma$ -soft semiconnected. Then  $\widetilde{X}$  cannot be expressed as the union of two nonempty disjoint  $\gamma$ -soft semiopen sets. (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Suppose that  $\widetilde{X}$  cannot be expressed as the union of two nonempty disjoint sets  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  such that  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiopen sets. If  $\widetilde{X}$  contains a nonempty proper subset  $(A, E)$  which is both  $\gamma$ -soft semiopen and  $\gamma$ -soft semiclosed. Then  $\widetilde{X} = (A, E) \widetilde{\cup} (\widetilde{X} \setminus (A, E))$ . Hence  $(A, E)$  and  $\widetilde{X} \setminus (A, E)$  are disjoint  $\gamma$ -soft semiopen sets whose union is  $\widetilde{X}$ . This is the contradiction to our assumption. Hence  $\widetilde{X}$  contains no nonempty proper subset which is both  $\gamma$ -soft semiopen and  $\gamma$ -soft semiclosed.





(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Suppose that  $\tilde{X}$  contains no nonempty soft subset which is  $\gamma$ -soft semiopen and  $\gamma$ -soft semiclosed and  $\tilde{X}$  is not  $\gamma$ -soft semiconnected. Then  $\tilde{X}$  can be expressed as the union of two nonempty disjoint soft sets  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  such that  $((A, E) \tilde{\cap} \tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((B, E))) \tilde{\cup} (\tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((A, E)) \tilde{\cap} (B, E)) = \tilde{\emptyset}$ . Since  $(A, E) \tilde{\cap} (B, E) = \tilde{\emptyset}$ ,  $(A, E) = \tilde{X} \setminus (B, E)$  and  $(B, E) = \tilde{X} \setminus (A, E)$ . Since  $\tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((A, E)) \tilde{\cap} (B, E) = \tilde{\emptyset}$ ,  $\tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((A, E)) \tilde{\subset} \tilde{X} \setminus (B, E)$ . Hence  $\tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((A, E)) \tilde{\subset} (A, E)$ . Therefore,  $(A, E)$  is  $\gamma$ -soft semiclosed. Similarly,  $(B, E)$  is  $\gamma$ -soft semiclosed. Since  $(A, E) = \tilde{X} \setminus (B, E)$ ,  $(A, E)$  is  $\gamma$ -soft semiopen. Therefore, there exists a nonempty set  $(A, E)$  which is both  $\gamma$ -soft semiopen and  $\gamma$ -soft semiclosed. This is a contradiction to our assumption. Therefore,  $\tilde{X}$  is  $\gamma$ -soft semiconnected.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.10.** *An operation-soft topological space is  $\gamma$ -soft semiconnected if, and only if  $\tilde{X}$  is not the union of any two  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated sets.*

*Proof.* Let  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  be any two  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated sets such that  $\tilde{X} = (A, E) \tilde{\cup} (B, E)$ . Therefore  $\tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((A, E)) \tilde{\cap} (B, E) = (A, E) \tilde{\cap} \tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((B, E)) = \tilde{\emptyset}$ . Since  $(A, E) \tilde{\subset} \tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((A, E))$  and  $(B, E) \tilde{\subset} \tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((B, E))$ ,  $(A, E) \tilde{\cap} (B, E) = \tilde{\emptyset}$ . Now  $\tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((A, E)) \tilde{\subset} \tilde{X} \setminus (B, E) = (A, E)$ . So  $\tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((A, E)) = (A, E)$ . Then  $(A, E)$  is  $\gamma$ -soft semiclosed. By the same way we can show that  $(B, E)$  is  $\gamma$ -soft semiclosed which contradicts with Theorem 4.9 (2). Conversely, let  $(A, E)$  and  $(B, E)$  be any two disjoint nonempty and  $\gamma$ -soft semiclosed sets over  $X$  such that  $\tilde{X} = (A, E) \tilde{\cup} (B, E)$ . Then  $\tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((A, E)) \tilde{\cap} (B, E) = (A, E) \tilde{\cap} \tau_{\gamma-s} \text{Cl}((B, E)) = (A, E) \tilde{\cap} (B, E) = \tilde{\emptyset}$ , which contradicts with the hypothesis.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.11.** *An operation-soft topological space is  $\gamma$ -soft semiconnected if, and only if for every pair of soft points  $x_\alpha, y_\beta$  in  $X$ , there is a  $\gamma$ -soft semiconnected subset of  $X$  which contains both  $x_\alpha$  and  $y_\beta$ .*

*Proof.* The necessity is immediate since the  $\gamma$ -soft semiconnected space itself contains these two points. For the sufficiency, suppose that for any two soft points  $x_\alpha$  and  $y_\beta$ , there is a  $\gamma$ -soft semiconnected subset  $(C, E)_{x_\alpha, y_\beta}$  of  $\tilde{X}$  such that  $x_\alpha, y_\beta \in (C, E)_{x_\alpha, y_\beta}$ . Let  $a_\mu$  be a fixed soft point and  $\{C_{a_\mu, x_\alpha} : x_\alpha \in \tilde{X}\}$  be a class of all  $\gamma$ -soft semiconnected subsets of  $\tilde{X}$  which contain the points  $a_\mu$  and  $x_\alpha$ . Then  $\tilde{X} = \bigcup_{x_\alpha \in \tilde{X}} C_{a_\mu, x_\alpha}$  and  $\bigcap_{x_\alpha \in X} C_{a_\mu, x_\alpha} \neq \tilde{\emptyset}$ . Therefore by Corollary 4.8,  $\tilde{X}$  is  $\gamma$ -soft semiconnected.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.12.** *Let  $(X, \tau, E, \gamma)$  be an operation-soft topological space and  $\{(F_i, E) : i \in \Delta\}$  a family of  $\gamma$ -soft semiconnected sets. If a pair  $((F_i, E), (F_j, E))$  is not a  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparation for any  $i, j \in \Delta$ , then  $\tilde{\cup}\{(F_i, E) : i \in \Delta\}$  is  $\gamma$ -soft semiconnected.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $\tilde{\cup}\{(F_i, E) : i \in \Delta\}$  is not  $\gamma$ -soft semiconnected. Then there exist  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated sets  $(A, E), (B, E)$  such

that  $\tilde{\cup}\{(F_i, E) : i \in \Delta\} = (A, E) \tilde{\cup} (B, E)$ . Since  $(F_i, E)$  is  $\gamma$ -soft semiconnected for each  $i \in \Delta$  and  $(F_i, E) \tilde{\subset} (A, E) \tilde{\cup} (B, E)$ , by Theorem 4.3,  $(F_i, E) \tilde{\subset} (A, E)$  or  $(F_i, E) \tilde{\subset} (B, E)$ . Now, put  $\Delta_a = \{i \in \Delta : (F_i, E) \tilde{\subset} (A, E)\}$ ,  $\Delta_b = \{i \in \Delta : (F_i, E) \tilde{\subset} (B, E)\}$ . Then  $\Delta_a \neq \tilde{\emptyset}$ ,  $\Delta_b \neq \tilde{\emptyset}$  and  $\Delta_a \tilde{\cup} \Delta_b = \Delta$ . Let  $i_a \in \Delta_a$  and  $i_b \in \Delta_b$ , then  $(F_{i_a}, E) \tilde{\subset} (A, E)$  and  $(F_{i_b}, E) \tilde{\subset} (B, E)$ . By Proposition 3.4, we obtain  $(F_{i_a}, E)$  and  $(F_{i_b}, E)$  are  $\gamma$ -soft semiseparated sets. This is contrary to our hypothesis.  $\square$

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