

β -Zero Sets and Their Properties in Topology

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ABSTRACT: In 1990, Malghan et al. have defined and studied the concepts of almost p -regular, p -completely regular and almost p -completely regular spaces. In 1997 & 2004, Malghan et al. have defined and studied the concepts of almost s -completely regular spaces and s -completely regular spaces. In 2010, Navalagi introduced the concepts of pre-zero sets and co-pre-zero sets to characterize the concepts of p -completely regular spaces and almost p -completely regular spaces. Recently, Navalagi introduced and studied the concepts of α -zero sets, co- α -zero sets, α -completely regular spaces and almost α -completely regular spaces. In this paper, we offer some new concepts of β -zero sets, co- β -zero sets, β -completely regular spaces and almost β -completely regular spaces. We also characterize their basic properties via β -zero sets.

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I. INTRODUCTION

In the literature zero sets and co-zero sets due to Gilman and Jerison [13] were used to characterize the concepts like completely regular spaces and almost completely regular spaces by Singal, Arya and Mathur in topology, See [28 & 29]. In [17] and [18], Malghan et al have defined and studied the concepts of semi-zero sets and co-semi-zero sets in topology to characterize the properties of s -completely regular spaces and almost s -completely regular spaces using semicontinuous functions due to N. Levine [16]. In [23], Navalagi has defined and studied the concepts pre-zero sets and co-pre zero sets in topology by using precontinuous functions due to Mashhour et al [20] to characterize the properties of p -completely regular spaces and almost p -completely regular spaces due to Malghan et al [19]. Recently in [24], Navalagi introduced and studied the concepts of α -zero sets, co- α -zero sets, α -completely regular spaces and almost α -completely regular spaces. In this paper, we offer some new concepts of β -zero sets, co- β -zero sets, β -completely regular spaces and almost β -completely regular spaces. We also characterize their basic properties via β -zero sets.

II. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper, we let (X, τ) and (Y, σ) be topological spaces (or simply X and Y be spaces) on which no separation axioms are assumed unless explicitly stated. Let A be a subset of a space X . Let $\text{Cl}(A)$ and $\text{Int}(A)$ denote the closure and the interior of subset A .

We need the following definitions and results in the sequel of the paper.

DEFINITION 2.1: A subset A of a space X is said to be :

- (i) preopen [20] if $A \subset \text{Int Cl}(A)$.
- (ii) semiopen [16] if $A \subset \text{Cl Int}(A)$.
- (iii) regular open [30] if $A = \text{Int Cl}(A)$.
- (iv) α -open [25] if $A \subset \text{Int Cl Int}(A)$.
- (v) β -open [1] if $A \subset \text{Cl Int Cl}(A)$.
- (vi) δ -open set [31] if for each $x \in A$, there exists a regular open set G such that $x \in G \subset A$.

The complement of a preopen (resp. semiopen, regular open, α -open, β -open, δ -open) set of a space X is called preclosed [10] (resp. semiclosed [7], regular closed [30], α -closed [21], β -closed [2], δ -closed [31]) set. The family of all preopen (resp. semiopen, regular open, α -open, β -open and δ -open) sets of X is denoted by $\text{PO}(X)$ (resp. $\text{SO}(X)$, $\text{RO}(X)$, $\alpha\text{O}(X)$, $\beta\text{O}(X)$ and $\delta\text{O}(X)$) and that of preclosed (resp. semiclosed, regular closed, α -closed, β -closed and δ -closed) sets of X is denoted by $\text{PF}(X)$ (resp. $\text{SF}(X)$, $\text{RF}(X)$, $\alpha\text{F}(X)$, $\beta\text{F}(X)$ and $\delta\text{F}(X)$)

DEFINITION 2.2 : A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is called :

- (i) precontinuous [20] if the inverse image of each open set U of Y is preopen set in X .
- (ii) semicontinuous [16] if the inverse image of each open set U of Y is semiopen set in X .
- (iii) α -continuous [21] if the inverse image of each open set U of Y is α -open set in X .
- (iv) β -continuous [1] if the inverse image of each open set U of Y is β -open set in X .

DEFINITION 2.3 : A space X is said to be :

- (i) p -completely regular [19] (resp. s -completely regular[17] , α -completely regular [24]) if for each closed set F and each point $x \in (X \setminus F)$, there exists a precontinuous (resp.a semicontinuous , an α -continuous) function $f : X \rightarrow [0,1]$ such that $f(x) = 0$ and $f(y) = 1$ for each $y \in F$.
- (ii) almost p -completely regular [19] (resp. almost s -completely regular[18] , almost α -completely regular [24]) if for each regular closed set F and each point $x \in (X \setminus F)$, there exists a precontinuous(resp. a semicontinuous ,an α -continuous) function $f : X \rightarrow [0,1]$ such that $f(x) = 0$ and $f(y) = 1$ for each $y \in F$.
- (iii) submaximal [8] if every dense subset of it is open (i.e. if $PO(X) = \tau$ [12]).
- (iv) an extremally disconnected (E.D.) [32] if closure of each open set is open in it (i.e. if $A \in \tau$ for each $A \in RF(X)$ [15]).
- (v) PS-space [5]if every preopen set of X is semiopen in X .
- (vi) α -space [11] if every α -open set of X is open in X (i.e. $\tau = \alpha O(X)$).
- (vii) β -regular space [4 & 26] if each pair of a point and a closed set not containing the point can be separated by disjoint β -open sets.

It is well-known that a subset A of a space X is called a zero set [13] if there exists a continuous functions $f : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ such that $A = \{ x \in X \mid f(x) = 0 \}$. The complement of a zero set of a space X is called a co-zero set of X .

REMARK 2.4 : If $f : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is continuous function may be denoted by $Z(f)$. Thus, we write $Z(f) = \{x \in X \mid f(x) = 0 \}$. Thus , $Z(f)$ is a zero set of X . Therefore, it is clear that if A is a zero set in X then it can be expressed as $A = Z(f)$, where f is continuous function.

DEFINITION 2.5 : A subset A of a space X is said to be semi-zero set [17] of X if there exists a semicontinuous function $f : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ such that $A = \{ x \in X \mid f(x) = 0 \}$.

DEFINITION 2.6 : A subset A of a space X is said to be co-semizero set [17] of X if its complement is a semi-zero set.

REMARK 2.7: If $f : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is semicontinuous function may be denoted by $SZ(f)$. Thus, we write $SZ(f) = \{x \in X \mid f(x) = 0 \}$. Thus , $SZ(f)$ is a semi-zero set of X . Therefore, it is clear that if A is a semi-zero set in X then it can be expressed as $A = SZ(f)$, where f is semicontinuous function.

DEFINITION 2.8 : A subset A of a space X is said to be pre-zero set [23] of X if there exists a precontinuous function $f : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ such that $A = \{ x \in X \mid f(x) = 0 \}$.

DEFINITION 2.9 : A subset A of a space X is said to be co-prezero set [23] of X if its complement is a pre-zero set.

REMARK 2.10: If $f : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is precontinuous function may be denoted by $PZ(f)$. Thus, we write $PZ(f) = \{x \in X \mid f(x) = 0 \}$. Thus , $PZ(f)$ is a pre-zero set of X . Therefore, it is clear that if A is a pre-zero set in X then it can be expressed as $A = PZ(f)$, where f is precontinuous function.

DEFINITION 2.11: A subset A of a space X is said to be α -zero set [24] of X if there exists a α -continuous function $f : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ such that $A = \{ x \in X \mid f(x) = 0 \}$.

DEFINITION 2.12: A subset A of a space X is said to be co- α -zero set [24] of X if its complement is a α -zero set.

REMARK 2.13 : If $f : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is α -continuous function may be denoted by $\alpha Z(f)$. Thus, we write $\alpha Z(f) = \{x \in X \mid f(x) = 0\}$. Thus, $\alpha Z(f)$ is a α -zero set of X . Therefore, it is clear that if A is a α -zero set in X then it can be expressed as $A = \alpha Z(f)$, where f is α -continuous function.

RESULT 2.14 [1]: Let X be a space and A and U be subsets of X , If $U \in \alpha O(X)$ and $A \in \beta O(X)$ then $A \cap U \in \beta O(U)$.

III. β -ZERO SETS

We define the following.

DEFINITION 3.1 : A subset A of a space X is said to be β -zero set of X , if there exists a β -continuous function $f : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ such that $A = \{x \in X \mid f(x) = 0\}$.

A subset A of a space X is said to be co- β -zero set of X if its complement is β -zero set.

NOTE 3.2 : Every zero set in X is a β -zero set in X .

REMARK 3.3: Let X be a space. If $f : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is a β -continuous function then the set $\{x \in X \mid f(x) = 0\}$ is a β -zero set. If $g : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is also a β -continuous function then $\{x \in X \mid g(x) = 0\}$ is also a β -zero set of X .

REMARK 3.4 : If $f : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is β -continuous function may be denoted by $\beta Z(f)$. Thus, we write $\beta Z(f) = \{x \in X \mid f(x) = 0\}$. Thus, $\beta Z(f)$ is a β -zero set of X . Therefore, it is clear that if A is a β -zero set in X then it can be expressed as $A = \beta Z(f)$, where f is β -continuous function.

We recall the following.

LEMMA 3.5 [3]: If a space X be an E.D., and submaximal space, then $\tau = \beta O(X)$.

LEMMA 3.6 : If X is a E.D and submaximal space then a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is β -continuous then the inverse image of each member of a basis for Y is β -open set in X .

LEMMA 3.7 : Let X be a E.D and submaximal space. A function $f : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is β -continuous iff for each $b \in \mathbf{R}$ both the sets $f^{-1}(b, \infty)$ and $f^{-1}(-\infty, b)$ are β -open sets.

LEMMA 3.8 : Let X be an E.D. and submaximal space then the following are equivalent :

- (i) $f : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is β -continuous.
- (ii) For each $b \in \mathbf{R}$, $f^{-1}(-\infty, b)$ and $(-f)^{-1}(-\infty, -b)$ are β -open sets in X .
- (iii) For each $b \in \mathbf{R}$, $f^{-1}(b, \infty)$ and $(-f)^{-1}(-b, \infty)$ are β -open sets in X .

PROOF : Since (b, ∞) and $(-\infty, b)$ are subbasic open sets for the usual topology on \mathbf{R} , thus the proof follows from Lemma -3.6 above.

We need the following.

LEMMA 3.9 : Let X be an E.D. and submaximal space. Let $f, g : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ are β -continuous then,

- (i) $|f|^\alpha$ is β -continuous for each $\alpha \geq 0$.
- (ii) $(af + bg)$ is β -continuous for each pair of reals a and b .
- (iii) $f \cdot g$ is β -continuous.
- (iv) $1/f$ is β -continuous whenever $f \neq 0$ on X .

These results can be proved by using the proofs of Lemmas : 2.5, 2.6 and 2.7. See [9, p.84].

LEMMA 3.10 : If X is an E.D. and submaximal space and if $\{f_i : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}\}_{i=1}^k$ is a finite family of β -continuous functions, then the functions $M, m : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ defined by $M(x) =$

$\text{Max } \{f_i(x)\}_{i=1}^k$ and $m(x) = \text{Min } \{f_i(x)\}_{i=1}^k$ are also β -continuous .

Proof is straight forward and hence omitted.

LEMMA 3.11 : In an E.D. and submaximal space X , the following statements hold for real valued functions :

- (i) If A is a β -zero set in X then there exists a β -continuous function $g : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ such that $g(x) \geq 0$ for each $x \in X$ and $A = \beta Z(g)$.
- (ii) If A is a β -zero set in X then there is a β -continuous function $h : X \rightarrow [0,1]$ such that $A = \beta Z(h)$.
- (iii) Finite union of β -zero sets in X is a β -zero set in X .
- (iv) Finite intersection of β -zero sets in X is a β -zero set in X .
- (v) If $a \in \mathbf{R}$ and $f : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is a β -continuous function then the sets $A = \{x \in X \mid f(x) \geq a\}$ and $B = \{x \in X \mid f(x) \leq a\}$ are β -zero sets in X .
- (vi) If $a \in \mathbf{R}$ and $f : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is a β -continuous function then the sets $A = \{x \in X \mid f(x) < a\}$ and $B = \{x \in X \mid f(x) > a\}$ are co- β -zero sets in X .

These results can be proved by using Lemma- 2.8 and 2.9 . See [27 , p. 18].

Next , we give the following.

THEOREM 3.12 : If A and B are disjoint β -zero sets of an E.D. and submaximal space X , there exist disjoint co- β -zero sets U and V such that $A \subset U$ and $B \subset V$.

We , prove the following.

THEOREM 3.13 : In an E.D. and submaximal space X every β -zero (resp. co- β -zero) set is β -closed (resp. β -open) set.

PROOF : If A is β -zero set in X then by Lemma -3.11 , we have $A = \beta Z(g)$, where $g : X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is β -continuous and $g(x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in X$. Then , $g(x) = 0$ for all $x \in A$. Hence , $g^{-1}(\{0\}) = A$. Since $\{0\}$ is closed in \mathbf{R} and g is β -continuous , it follows that A is β -closed set in X . The second part is proved similarly.

Next , we give implications of these allied zero sets in the following and so we need following results :

REMARK 3.14: It is known that , $\tau \subset \alpha O(X) \subset SO(X) \subset \beta O(X)$ and $\tau \subset \alpha O(X) \subset PO(X) \subset \beta O(X)$.

THEOREM 3.15 [11]: In an α -space X , we have $\tau = \alpha O(X)$.

THEOREM 3.16 [5]: For a space X the following conditions are equivalent :

- (i) X is an E.D. - space ,
- (ii) $SO(X) \subset PO(X)$,
- (iii) $SO(X) \subset \alpha O(X)$,
- (iv) $\beta O(X) \subset PO(X)$.

THEOREM 3.17 [5]: A space X is PS-space if it satisfies the following equivalent conditions :

- (i) $PO(X) \subset SO(X)$,
- (ii) $\beta O(X) \subset SO(X)$,
- (iii) $PO(X) \subset \alpha O(X)$.

THEOREM 3.18 [14 & 22]: In an E.D.-space and submaximal-space X , then

$$\tau = \alpha O(X) = SO(X) = PO(X) = \beta O(X).$$

IMPLICATION 3.23 : In view of Remark-2.4 ,2.7 , 2.10 , 2.13 , 3.4 and 3.14 , we have (i) every zero set $\rightarrow \alpha$ -zero set \rightarrow semi-zero set $\rightarrow \beta$ -zero set ,

(ii) every zero set $\rightarrow \alpha$ -zero set \rightarrow pre-zero set $\rightarrow \beta$ -zero set

IMPLICATION 3.24 : In view of Remark-2.4 ,2.13 and Theorem-3.15 , we have $Z(f) = \alpha Z(f)$.

IMPLICATION 3.25 : In view of Remark-2.7 , 2.10 ,2.13,3.4 and Theorem-3.16, we have (i)every semi-zero set \rightarrow pre-zero set,
(i)every semi-zero set $\rightarrow \alpha$ -zero set,
(i)every β -zero set \rightarrow pre-zero set.

IMPLICATION 3.26 : In view of Remark-2.7 ,2.10 , 2.13 ,3.4 and Theorem-3.17 , we have
(i) every pre-zero set \rightarrow semi-zero set,
(ii) every β -zero set \rightarrow semi-zero set ,
(iii) every pre-zero set $\rightarrow \alpha$ -zero set .

NOTE 3.37 :In view of In view of Remark-2.4 ,2.7 , 2.10 , 2.13 , 3.4 and Theorem-3.18 , we have $Z(f) = \alpha Z(f) = SZ(f) = PZ(f) = \beta Z(f)$.

IV. β -COMPLETE REGULARITY AND β -ZERO SETS

We , need the following.

DEFINITION 4.1 [1]: Let A be a subset of a space X . Then a subset V of a space X is said to be a β -neighbourhood of A if there exist a β -open set U of X such that $A \subset U \subset V$.

If $A = \{x\}$ for some $x \in X$ then V in the above definition is the neighbourhood of the point x .

We define the following.

DEFINITION 4.2 : A space X is said to be β -completely regular if for each closed set F and each point $x \in (X \setminus F)$, there exists a β -continuous function $f : X \rightarrow [0,1]$ such that $f(x) = 0$ and $f(y) = 1$ for each $y \in F$.

Clearly, every completely regular space is β -completely regular , every α -completely regular space (resp. s -completely regular space , p -completely regular space) is β -completely regular and every β -completely regular space is β -regular space.

Next , we prove the following.

THEOREM 4.3 : Every α -open subspace of an β -completely regular space is β -completely regular.

PROOF : Let X be an β -completely regular space and Y be an α -open subspace of X . Let F be a closed set in Y and $x \in Y$ such that $x \notin F$. Hence , $x \notin Cl_X(F)$. Since X is β -completely regular , there exists a β -continuous function $f : X \rightarrow [0,1]$ such that $f(x) = 0$ and $f(y) = 1$ for each $y \in Cl_X(F)$. Since the restriction of a β -continuous function to a β -open subspace is β -continuous in view of **Result 2.14** , it follows that $f|_Y : Y \rightarrow [0,1]$ is β -continuous such that $(f|_Y)(x) = 0$ and $(f|_Y)(y) = 1$ for each $y \in F$. Hence Y is β -completely regular .

Next , we prove the following.

THEOREM 4.4 : Every neighbourhood of a point in an E.D. and submaximal β -completely regular space X contains a β -zero set β -neighbourhood of the point.

PROOF : Let x_0 be a point of an E.D. and submaximal β -completely regular space X and N be a neighbourhood of x_0 . Then there exists a β -continuous function $f : X \rightarrow [0,1]$ such that $f(x_0) = 0$ and $f(x) = 1$ for each $x \in X \setminus N$. Then , $V = \{ x \in X \mid f(x) \geq 1/2 \}$, then V is a β -zero set β -neighbourhood of x_0 such that $V \subset N$, as $x_0 \in \{ x \in X \mid f(x) < 1/2 \}$ is β -open by above Lemma- 3.10 above.

Now , we need the following.

DEFINITION 4.5 [6]: A family σ of subsets of a space X is a net for X if each open set is the union of a family of elements of σ .

Now , we give the following.

THEOREM 4.6 : For an E.D and submaximal space X , the following statement are equivalent :

- (i) X is β -completely regular space.
- (ii) Every closed set A of X is the intersection of β -zero sets which are β -neighbourhoods of A .
- (iii) The family of all co- β -zero sets of X is a net for the space X .

PROOF . (i) \Rightarrow (ii) : Let A be a closed set in X and $x \notin A$. Then from (i) , there is a β -continuous function $f_x : X \rightarrow [0,1]$ such that $f_x(x) = 0$ and $f_x(A) = \{1\}$. Let $G = \{y \in X \mid f_x(y) \geq 1/3\}$ and $H_x = \{y \in X \mid f_x(y) < 1/3\}$. Then, $A \subset H_x \subset G_x$, where H_x is β -open and G_x is β -zero set which is β -neighbourhood of A . Further , $A = \bigcap_{x \notin A} G_x$

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii) : Let G be an open set of X . Then , $X \setminus G$ is closed set in X . Let $X \setminus G = \bigcap \{B_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}$, where B_λ is β -zero set β -neighbourhood of $X \setminus G$, for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$. Hence , $G = \cup \{X \setminus B_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}$, where $X \setminus B_\lambda$ is a co- β -zero set for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$. Hence , (iii) holds.

(iii) \Rightarrow (i) : Let A be a closed set and $x_0 \in X \setminus A$. Then , from (iii), as $X \setminus A$ is open there is a co- β -zero set U such that $x_0 \in U \subset X \setminus A$. Let $U = X \setminus \beta Z(g)$, for some β -continuous function $g : X \rightarrow [0,1]$. As $x_0 \notin \beta Z(g)$, $|g(x)| = r > 0$. If we define ,
 $f : X \rightarrow [0,1]$ by $f(x) = \text{Max}\{0, 1-r^{-1}|g(x)|\}$ for some $x \in X$, then f is β -continuous
 by Lemma -3.9 and 3.10 above and $f(x_0) = 0$ and $f(x) = 1$ for $x \in A$. Hence , X is β -completely regular space.

V. ALMOST β -COMPLETE REGULARITY AND β -ZERO SETS

In this section , we define and characterize the almost β -completely regular spaces using the concepts of β -zero sets and co- β -zero sets in the following .

DEFINITION 5.1 : A space X is said to be almost β -completely regular if for each regular closed set F and each point $x \in (X \setminus F)$, there exists a β -continuous function $f : X \rightarrow [0,1]$ such that $f(x) = 0$ and $f(y) = 1$ for each $y \in F$.

We, prove the following.

THEOREM 5.2: A space X is almost β -completely regular iff for each δ -closed set F and a point $x \in (X \setminus F)$, there is a β -continuous function $f : X \rightarrow [0,1]$ such that $f(x) = 0$ and $f(F) = \{1\}$.

PROOF : Let X be almost β -completely regular space and let A be a δ -closed set not containing a point x . Then there exists an open set G containing x such that $\text{Int Cl}(G) \cap A = \emptyset$. Now, $(X - \text{Int Cl}(G))$ is a regular closed set not containing x . Since X is almost β -completely regular , there exists a β -continuous function $f : X \rightarrow [0,1]$ such that $f(x) = 0$ and $f(X - \text{Int Cl}(G)) = \{1\}$. Since $A \subset (X - \text{Int Cl}(G))$, it follows that $f(A) = \{1\}$.

Converse follows immediately since every regular closed set is δ -closed.

THEOREM 5.3 : For an E.D. and submaximal space X the following are equivalent :

- (i) X is almost β -completely regular space.
- (ii) Every δ -closed subset A of X is expressible as the intersection of some β -zero sets which are β -neighbourhood of A .
- (iii) Every δ -closed subset A of X is identical with the intersection of all β -zero sets which are β -neighbourhoods of A .

(iv) Every δ -open subset of X containing a point contains a co- β -zero set containing that point.

PROOF . (i) \Rightarrow (ii) : Let X be an almost β -completely regular space. Let A be a δ -closed set and $x \notin A$. Then there exists a β -continuous function f_x on X into $[0,1]$ such that $f_x(x)=0$ and $f_x(A) = \{1\}$ by Theorem – 5.2. Let $G_x = \{y \in X \mid f_x(y) \geq 2/3\}$ for every $x \notin A$; G_x is β -neighbourhood of A . Lastly, $A = \bigcap_{x \notin A} G_x$: We have $A \subset G_x$, for each $x \notin A$, which implies that $A \subset \bigcap_{x \notin A} G_x$. Further, we claim that $\bigcap_{x \notin A} G_x \subset A$: Let $z \notin A$. This implies that there is a β -continuous function $f_z : X \rightarrow [0,1]$ such that $f_z(z) = 0$ and $f_z(A) = \{1\}$. Also, $G_z = \{y \in X \mid f_z(y) \geq 2/3\}$. Now, $f_z(z) = 0 < 2/3$. Therefore, $z \notin G_z$. This implies that $z \notin \bigcap_{x \notin A} G_x$. Therefore, $z \notin A \Rightarrow z \notin \bigcap_{x \notin A} G_x$. Therefore, $\bigcap_{x \notin A} G_x \subset A$. Hence, $A = \bigcap_{x \notin A} G_x$. Therefore, (i) \Rightarrow (ii) is true.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii) : Let us suppose that (ii) holds. Let $A = \bigcap \{G_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}$, where G_λ is a β -zero set which is β -neighbourhood of A for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$. Let ρ be the family of all β -zero sets which are β -neighbourhoods of A . Therefore, $\{G_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\} \subset \rho$. Therefore, $\bigcap_{B \in \rho} B \subset \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda \Rightarrow \bigcap_{B \in \rho} B \subset A$. Next, we prove that $A \subset \bigcap_{B \in \rho} B$: Now, B is a β -zero set which is β -neighbourhood of A for each $B \in \rho$ which implies that $A \subset \bigcap_{B \in \rho} B$. Therefore, $A = \bigcap_{B \in \rho} B$. Thus, (iii) holds.

(iii) \Rightarrow (iv) : Suppose (iii) holds. Let G be a δ -open set and $x \in G$. Then, $X \setminus G$ is δ -closed set and $x \notin X \setminus G$. This implies that $X \setminus G = \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} B_\lambda$ where $\{B_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ is family of all β -zero sets which are β -neighbourhoods of $X \setminus G$. Now, $x \notin X \setminus G \Rightarrow x \notin B_{\lambda_0}$ for some $\lambda_0 \in \Lambda$, which implies that $x \in X \setminus B_{\lambda_0}$. Also, we have $X \setminus G = \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} B_\lambda \Rightarrow G = X \setminus \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} B_\lambda = \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (X \setminus B_\lambda)$. Therefore, $(X \setminus B_{\lambda_0}) \subset \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (X \setminus B_\lambda) = G$. Therefore, $x \in X \setminus B_{\lambda_0} \subset G$. Since B_{λ_0} is β -zero set, $X \setminus B_{\lambda_0}$ is a co- β -zero set. Therefore, (iv) holds.

(iv) \Rightarrow (i) : Suppose (iv) holds. Now, to prove that X is almost β -completely regular space: Let A be a δ -closed set and $x_0 \notin A$. Then $X \setminus A$ is a δ -open set containing x_0 . Then by (iv), there exists a co- β -zero set U such that $x_0 \in U \subset X \setminus A$. Thus, $X \setminus U$ is a β -zero set. Therefore, there exists a β -continuous function $f : X \rightarrow [0,1]$ such that $X \setminus U = \beta Z(f)$. Hence, $X \setminus U = \beta Z(f) = \{x \in X \mid f(x) = 0\}$. As $x_0 \in U$, it follows that $f(x_0) \neq 0$. Hence, $|f(x_0)| = r > 0$. Now, we define $g : X \rightarrow [0,1]$ by $g(y) = \min\{1, \frac{1}{r}|f(y)|\}$, for each $y \in X$. Then g is β -continuous function. Also, $g(x_0) = 1$ and $g(z) = 0$, for each $z \in A$. Let $h = 1/g$. As X is E.D. & submaximal, by Lemma- 3.11, $h : X \rightarrow [0,1]$ is β -continuous such that $h(x_0) = 0$ and $h(A) = \{1\}$. Hence, X is almost β -completely regular. Hence the theorem.

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