

## OPERATORS IN MINIMAL SPACES WITH HEREDITARY CLASSES

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**Abstract.** Quite recently, a new minimal structure  $m_H^*$  has been introduced in [12] by using a minimal structure  $m$  and a hereditary class  $\mathcal{H}$ . In this paper, we introduce and investigate an operator  $\Gamma_{mH}^*$ ,  $(\star)$ -strongly  $m$ -codense hereditary class  $\mathcal{H}$  and a minimal structure  $m$  which is said to be  $m$ -compatible with a hereditary class  $\mathcal{H}$  in a hereditary  $m$ -space  $(X, m, \mathcal{H})$ .

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The notion of ideals in topological spaces was introduced by Kuratowski [10]. Janković and Hamlett [8] defined the local function on an ideal topological space  $(X, \tau, \mathcal{I})$ . By using it they obtained a new topology  $\tau^*$  for  $X$  and investigated relations between  $\tau$  and  $\tau^*$ . A subfamily  $\mu$  of the power set  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  on a nonempty set  $X$  is called a generalized topology (briefly GT) [6] if  $\emptyset \in \mu$  and any union of elements of  $\mu$  belongs to  $\mu$ . Császár [7] defined a hereditary class  $\mathcal{H}$  which is weaker than an ideal and constructed a new GT  $\mu^*$  from a GT  $\mu$  and a hereditary class  $\mathcal{H}$ . Moreover, he showed that many properties related to  $\tau$  and  $\tau^*$  remain valid (possibly with small modifications) for  $\mu$  and  $\mu^*$ .

In [12], Noiri and Popa introduced the minimal local function on a minimal space  $(X, m)$  with a hereditary class  $\mathcal{H}$  and constructed a minimal structure  $m_H^*$  which contains  $m$ . They showed that many properties related to  $\tau$  and  $\tau^*$  (or  $\mu$  and  $\mu^*$ ) remain similarly valid on  $m$  and  $m_H^*$ .

In this paper, we investigate relationships between a minimal structure  $m$  and a hereditary class  $\mathcal{H}$ . In Section 3, we define and study an operator, called  $\Gamma_{mH}^*$ , on a hereditary minimal space  $(X, m, \mathcal{H})$ . In Section 4, we investigate a minimal structure  $m$  which is said to be  $m$ -compatible with a hereditary class  $\mathcal{H}$ . In the last section, we define and investigate a hereditary class  $\mathcal{H}$  which

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is said to be  $(\star)$ -strongly  $m$ -codense. Several characterizations of minimal structure were provided in [1, 2, 3, 4, 5].

## 2. MINIMAL STRUCTURES

DEFINITION 2.1. A subfamily  $m$  of the power set  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  of a nonempty set  $X$  is called a *minimal structure* (briefly  *$m$ -structure*) [13] on  $X$  if  $\emptyset \in m$  and  $X \in m$ .

By  $(X, m)$  we denote a nonempty set  $X$  with a minimal structure  $m$  on  $X$  and call it an  *$m$ -space*. Each member of  $m$  is said to be  *$m$ -open* and the complement of an  $m$ -open set is said to be  *$m$ -closed*. For a point  $x \in X$ , the family  $\{U : x \in U \text{ and } U \in m\}$  is denoted by  $m(x)$ .

DEFINITION 2.2. Let  $(X, m)$  be an  $m$ -space and  $A$  a subset of  $X$ . The  *$m$ -closure*  $mCl(A)$  of  $A$  [11] is defined by  $mCl(A) = \cap\{F \subset X : A \subset F, X \setminus F \in m\}$ .

LEMMA 2.3 (Maki et al. [11]). *Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $m$  a minimal structure on  $X$ . For subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$ , the following properties hold:*

- (1)  $A \subset mCl(A)$  and  $mCl(A) = A$  if  $A$  is  $m$ -closed,
- (2)  $mCl(\emptyset) = \emptyset$ ,  $mCl(X) = X$ ,
- (3) If  $A \subset B$ , then  $mCl(A) \subset mCl(B)$ ,
- (4)  $mCl(A) \cup mCl(B) \subset mCl(A \cup B)$ ,
- (5)  $mCl(mCl(A)) = mCl(A)$ .

DEFINITION 2.4. A minimal structure  $m$  of a set  $X$  is said to have

- (1) *property  $\mathcal{B}$*  [11] if the union of any collection of elements of  $m$  is an element of  $m$ ,
- (2) *property  $[F]$*  if  $m$  is closed under finite intersections.

LEMMA 2.5 (Popa and Noiri [13]). *Let  $(X, m)$  be an  $m$ -space and  $A$  a subset of  $X$ .*

- (1)  $x \in mCl(A)$  if and only if  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for every  $U \in m(x)$ .
- (2) *Let  $m$  have property  $\mathcal{B}$ . Then the following properties hold:*
  - (i)  $A$  is  $m$ -closed if and only if  $mCl(A) = A$ ,
  - (ii)  $mCl(A)$  is  $m$ -closed.

DEFINITION 2.6. A nonempty subfamily  $\mathcal{H}$  of  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  is called a *hereditary class* on  $X$  [7] if it satisfies the following properties:  $A \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $B \subset A$  implies  $B \in \mathcal{H}$ . A hereditary class  $\mathcal{H}$  is called an *ideal* if it satisfies the additional condition:  $A \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $B \in \mathcal{H}$  implies  $A \cup B \in \mathcal{H}$ .

A minimal space  $(X, m)$  with a hereditary class  $\mathcal{H}$  on  $X$  is called a *hereditary minimal space* (briefly *hereditary  $m$ -space*) and is denoted by  $(X, m, \mathcal{H})$ .

DEFINITION 2.7 ([12]). Let  $(X, m, \mathcal{H})$  be a hereditary  $m$ -space. For a subset  $A$  of  $X$ , the *minimal local function*  $A_{m\mathcal{H}}^*(\mathcal{H}, m)$  of  $A$  is defined as follows:

$$A_{m\mathcal{H}}^*(\mathcal{H}, m) = \{x \in X : U \cap A \notin \mathcal{H} \text{ for every } U \in m(x)\}.$$

Hereafter,  $A_{mH}^*(\mathcal{H}, m)$  is simply denoted by  $A_{mH}^*$ .

REMARK 2.8 ([12]). Let  $(X, m, \mathcal{H})$  be a hereditary  $m$ -space and  $A$  a subset of  $X$ . If  $\mathcal{H} = \{\emptyset\}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ ), then  $A_{mH}^* = \text{mCl}(A)$  (resp.  $A_{mH}^* = \emptyset$ ).

LEMMA 2.9 ([12]). Let  $(X, m, \mathcal{H})$  be a hereditary  $m$ -space. For subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$ , the following properties hold:

- (1) If  $A \subset B$ , then  $A_{mH}^* \subset B_{mH}^*$ ,
- (2)  $A_{mH}^* = \text{mCl}(A_{mH}^*) \subset \text{mCl}(A)$ ,
- (3)  $A_{mH}^* \cup B_{mH}^* \subset (A \cup B)_{mH}^*$ ,
- (4)  $(A_{mH}^*)_{mH}^* \subset (A \cup A_{mH}^*)_{mH}^* = A_{mH}^*$ ,
- (5) If  $A \in \mathcal{H}$ , then  $A_{mH}^* = \emptyset$ .

LEMMA 2.10. Let  $(X, m, \mathcal{H})$  be a hereditary  $m$ -space and  $A$  a subset of  $X$ . If  $U \in m$  and  $U \cap A \in \mathcal{H}$ , then  $U \cap A_{mH}^* = \emptyset$ .

### 3. THE OPERATOR $\Gamma_{mH}^*$

DEFINITION 3.1. Let  $(X, m, \mathcal{H})$  be a hereditary  $m$ -space. An operator  $\Gamma_{mH}^* : \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is defined as follows: for every  $A \in X$ ,  $\Gamma_{mH}^*(A) = \{x \in X : \text{there exists } M \in m(x) \text{ such that } M - A \in \mathcal{H}\}$ .

THEOREM 3.2. Let  $(X, m, \mathcal{H})$  be a hereditary  $m$ -space. Then, for every subset  $A$  of  $X$ ,  $\Gamma_{mH}^*(A) = X - (X - A)_{mH}^*$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $x \in X - (X - A)_{mH}^*$ . Then  $x \notin (X - A)_{mH}^*$ , and so there exists  $M \in m(x)$  such that  $M \cap (X - A) \in \mathcal{H}$ , which implies that  $M - A \in \mathcal{H}$ . Therefore,  $X - (X - A)_{mH}^* \subseteq \{x \in X : \text{there exists } M \in m(x) \text{ such that } M - A \in \mathcal{H}\} = \Gamma_{mH}^*(A)$ . Conversely, assume that  $y \in \Gamma_{mH}^*(A)$ . Then there exists  $M \in m(y)$  such that  $M - A \in \mathcal{H}$ . Since  $M - A \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $M \cap (X - A) \in \mathcal{H}$  which implies that  $y \notin (X - A)_{mH}^*$ . Therefore,  $y \in X - (X - A)_{mH}^*$ . Thus,  $\Gamma_{mH}^*(A) = X - (X - A)_{mH}^*$ .  $\square$

DEFINITION 3.3 ([12]). Let  $(X, m, \mathcal{H})$  be a hereditary  $m$ -space and  $A$  a subset of  $X$ . The *minimal  $\star$ -closure*  $\text{mCl}_H^*(A)$  of  $A$  is defined as  $\text{mCl}_H^*(A) = A \cup A_{mH}^*$ . A new  $m$ -structure,  $m_H^*$ , is defined as follows:  $m_H^* = \{U \subset X : \text{mCl}_H^*(X \setminus U) = X \setminus U\}$ . Each member of  $m_H^*$  is said to be  *$m_H^*$ -open* and the complement of an  $m_H^*$ -open set is said to be  *$m_H^*$ -closed*.

LEMMA 3.4. Let  $(X, m, \mathcal{H})$  be a hereditary  $m$ -space. A subset  $F$  of  $X$  is  $m_H^*$ -closed if and only if  $F_{mH}^* \subseteq F$ .

*Proof.*  $F$  is  $m_H^*$ -closed if and only if  $F = \text{mCl}_H^*(F) = F \cup F_{mH}^*$  if and only if  $F_{mH}^* \subseteq F$ .  $\square$

LEMMA 3.5. Let  $(X, m, \mathcal{H})$  be a hereditary  $m$ -space, then  $m_H^* = \{A \subseteq X : A \subseteq \Gamma_{mH}^*(A)\}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A \subseteq X$  and  $A \subseteq \Gamma_{mH}^*(A)$ . By Theorem 3.2,  $A \subseteq X - (X - A)_{mH}^*$  and  $X - A \supseteq (X - A)_{mH}^*$ . Therefore,  $X - A = mCl_H^*(X - A)$  and hence  $A \in m_H^*$ . Conversely, let  $A \in m_H^*$ . Then  $X - A$  is  $m_H^*$ -closed. Therefore,  $(X - A)_{mH}^* \subseteq X - A$ , which implies that  $X - (X - A) \subseteq X - (X - A)_{mH}^*$  and hence  $A \subseteq \Gamma_{mH}^*(A)$ .  $\square$

**COROLLARY 3.6.** *Let  $(X, m, \mathcal{H})$  be a hereditary  $m$ -space. Then  $U \subseteq \Gamma_{mH}^*(U)$  for every  $m$ -open set  $U \subseteq X$ .*

*Proof.* We know that  $\Gamma_{mH}^*(U) = X - (X - U)_{mH}^*$ . Now,  $(X - U)_{mH}^* \subseteq mCl(X - U) = X - U$ , since  $X - U$  is  $m$ -closed. Therefore,  $U = X - (X - U) \subseteq X - (X - U)_{mH}^* = \Gamma_{mH}^*(U)$ .  $\square$

Several basic properties concerning the behavior of the operator  $\Gamma_{mH}^*$  are included in the following theorem.

**THEOREM 3.7.** *Let  $(X, m, \mathcal{H})$  be a hereditary  $m$ -space. Then, for a subset  $A$  of  $X$ , the following properties hold:*

- (1) *If  $m$  has property  $\mathcal{B}$ , then  $\Gamma_{mH}^*(A)$  is  $m$ -open.*
- (2) *If  $A \subseteq B \subseteq X$ , then  $\Gamma_{mH}^*(A) \subseteq \Gamma_{mH}^*(B)$ .*
- (3)  *$\Gamma_{mH}^*(A \cap B) \subseteq \Gamma_{mH}^*(A) \cap \Gamma_{mH}^*(B)$ .*
- (4)  *$\Gamma_{mH}^*(A) = \Gamma_{mH}^*[\Gamma_{mH}^*(A)]$  if and only if  $(X - A)_{mH}^* = [(X - A)_{mH}^*]_{mH}^*$ .*
- (5)  *$\Gamma_{mH}^*(A) \subset \Gamma_{mH}^*(\Gamma_{mH}^*(A))$ .*

*Proof.* (1) This follows from Lemma 2.9 (2) and Theorem 3.2.

(2) This follows from Lemma 2.9 (1).

(3) This is obvious by (2).

(4) This follows from the facts:

- (i)  $\Gamma_{mH}^*(A) = X - (X - A)_{mH}^*$ .
- (ii)  $\Gamma_{mH}^*[\Gamma_{mH}^*(A)] = X - [X - (X - (X - A)_{mH}^*)]_{mH}^*$   
 $= X - [(X - A)_{mH}^*]_{mH}^*$ .

(5) By Lemma 2.9 and the above fact,  $((X - A)_{mH}^*)_{mH}^* \subset (X - A)_{mH}^*$  and  $\Gamma_{mH}^*(A) = X - (X - A)_{mH}^* \subset X - ((X - A)_{mH}^*)_{mH}^* = \Gamma_{mH}^*(\Gamma_{mH}^*(A))$ .  $\square$

The following example due to Renukadevi and Vimaladevi [14] shows that the inequality in Theorem 3.7(5) will not be an equality.

**EXAMPLE 3.8.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $m = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$  and  $\mathcal{H} = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}\}$ . Then  $(X, m, \mathcal{H})$  is a hereditary  $m$ -space. Let  $A = \{a, d\}$ , then  $\Gamma_{mH}^*(A) = \{a, b\}$  and  $\Gamma_{mH}^*(\Gamma_{mH}^*(A)) = \Gamma_{mH}^*(\{a, b\}) = \{a, b, c\}$ . Therefore,  $\Gamma_{mH}^*(A) \neq \Gamma_{mH}^*(\Gamma_{mH}^*(A))$ .

**LEMMA 3.9.** *Let  $(X, m, \mathcal{I})$  be an ideal  $m$ -space and  $A, B$  any subsets of  $X$ . If  $m$  has property  $[F]$ , then  $A_{mH}^* \cup B_{mH}^* = (A \cup B)_{mH}^*$ .*

*Proof.* It follows from Lemma 2.9 that  $(A \cup B)_{mH}^* \supseteq A_{mH}^* \cup B_{mH}^*$ . To prove the reverse inclusion, let  $x \notin A_{mH}^* \cup B_{mH}^*$ . Then  $x$  belongs neither to  $A_{mH}^*$  nor to  $B_{mH}^*$ . Therefore, there exist  $U_x, V_x \in m(x)$  such that  $U_x \cap A \in \mathcal{I}$  and

$V_x \cap B \in \mathcal{I}$ . Since  $\mathcal{I}$  is additive,  $U_x \cap A \cup (V_x \cap B) \in \mathcal{I}$ . Moreover, since  $\mathcal{I}$  is hereditary and

$$\begin{aligned} (U_x \cap V_x) \cap (A \cup B) &= ((U_x \cap V_x) \cap A) \cup ((U_x \cap V_x) \cap B) \\ &\subseteq (U_x \cap A) \cup (V_x \cap B), \end{aligned}$$

$(U_x \cap V_x) \cap (A \cup B) \in \mathcal{I}$ . Since  $U_x \cap V_x \in m(x)$ ,  $x \notin (A \cup B)_{mH}^*$ . This shows that  $(A \cup B)_{mH}^* \subseteq A_{mH}^* \cup B_{mH}^*$ . Hence, we obtain  $A_{mH}^* \cup B_{mH}^* = (A \cup B)_{mH}^*$ .  $\square$

LEMMA 3.10. *Let  $(X, m, \mathcal{I})$  be an ideal  $m$ -space. If  $m$  has property  $[F]$  and  $A, B$  are subsets of  $X$ , then  $A_{mH}^* - B_{mH}^* = (A - B)_{mH}^* - B_{mH}^*$ .*

*Proof.* We have, by Lemma 3.9,  $A_{mH}^* = [(A - B) \cup (A \cap B)]_{mH}^* = (A - B)_{mH}^* \cup (A \cap B)_{mH}^* \subseteq (A - B)_{mH}^* \cup B_{mH}^*$ . Thus,  $A_{mH}^* - B_{mH}^* \subseteq (A - B)_{mH}^* - B_{mH}^*$ . By Lemma 2.9,  $(A - B)_{mH}^* \subseteq A_{mH}^*$  and hence  $(A - B)_{mH}^* - B_{mH}^* \subseteq A_{mH}^* - B_{mH}^*$ . Hence,  $A_{mH}^* - B_{mH}^* = (A - B)_{mH}^* - B_{mH}^*$ .  $\square$

COROLLARY 3.11. *Let  $(X, m, \mathcal{I})$  be an ideal minimal space. If  $m$  has property  $[F]$  and  $A, B$  are subsets of  $X$  with  $B \in \mathcal{I}$ , then  $(A \cup B)_{mH}^* = A_{mH}^* = (A - B)_{mH}^*$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $B \in \mathcal{I}$ , by Lemma 2.9,  $B_{mH}^* = \emptyset$ . By Lemma 3.10,  $A_{mH}^* = (A - B)_{mH}^*$  and, by Lemma 3.9,  $(A \cup B)_{mH}^* = A_{mH}^* \cup B_{mH}^* = A_{mH}^*$ .  $\square$

THEOREM 3.12. *Let  $(X, m, \mathcal{H})$  be a hereditary  $m$ -space and  $A \subseteq X$ . Then the following properties hold:*

- (1)  $\Gamma_{mH}^*(A) = \cup\{U \in m : U - A \in \mathcal{H}\}$ .
- (2)  $\Gamma_{mH}^*(A) \supseteq \cup\{U \in m : (U - A) \cup (A - U) \in \mathcal{H}\}$ .

*Proof.* (1) This follows immediately from the definition of  $\Gamma_{mH}^*$ -operator.

(2) Since  $\mathcal{H}$  is heredity, it is obvious that  $\cup\{U \in m_X : (U - A) \cup (A - U) \in \mathcal{H}\} \subseteq \cup\{U \in m : U - A \in \mathcal{H}\} = \Gamma_{mH}^*(A)$  for every  $A \subseteq X$ .  $\square$

THEOREM 3.13. *Let  $(X, m, \mathcal{H})$  be a hereditary  $m$ -space and  $\sigma = \{A \subseteq X : A \subseteq \Gamma_{mH}^*(A)\}$ . Then the following properties hold:*

- (1)  $\sigma$  is a minimal structure with property  $\mathcal{B}$ ,
- (2) If  $\mathcal{H}$  is an ideal and  $m$  has property  $[F]$ , then  $\sigma$  is a topology for  $X$ .

*Proof.* (1) By Lemma 3.5,  $\sigma = m_H^*$ . It is known from [12, Theorem 2.1] that  $m_H^*$  is a minimal structure with property  $\mathcal{B}$ .

(2) Let  $A, B \in \sigma$ , then  $A \cap B \subseteq \Gamma_{mH}^*(A) \cap \Gamma_{mH}^*(B)$ . By Lemma 3.9, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{mH}^*(A \cap B) &= X - (X - (A \cap B))_{mH}^* = X - [(X - A) \cup (X - B)]_{mH}^* \\ &= X - [(X - A)_{mH}^* \cup (X - B)_{mH}^*] \\ &= [X - (X - A)_{mH}^*] \cap [X - (X - B)_{mH}^*] \\ &= \Gamma_{mH}^*(A) \cap \Gamma_{mH}^*(B). \end{aligned}$$

$\Gamma_{mH}^*(A) \cap \Gamma_{mH}^*(B) = \Gamma_{mH}^*(A \cap B)$ . Therefore,  $A \cap B \subseteq \Gamma_{mH}^*(A \cap B)$  and hence  $A \cap B \in \sigma$ . This shows that  $\sigma$  is a topology.  $\square$

#### 4. COMPATIBILITY OF $M$ WITH $\mathcal{H}$

DEFINITION 4.1. Let  $(X, m, \mathcal{H})$  be a hereditary  $m$ -space. We say that  $m$  is  $m$ -compatible with a hereditary class  $\mathcal{H}$ , denoted  $m \sim \mathcal{H}$ , if the following holds: for every  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $A \in \mathcal{H}$  whenever for each  $x \in A$  there exists  $U \in m(x)$  such that  $U \cap A \in \mathcal{H}$ .

THEOREM 4.2. Let  $(X, m, \mathcal{H})$  be a hereditary  $m$ -space. Then the implications (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) hold. If  $m$  has property [F] and  $\mathcal{H}$  is an ideal, then the following properties are equivalent:

- (1) For every  $A \subseteq X$ , if  $A$  contains no nonempty subset  $B$  with  $B \subseteq B_{mH}^*$ , then  $A \in \mathcal{H}$ ;
- (2)  $m \sim \mathcal{H}$ ;
- (3) If a subset  $A$  of  $X$  has a cover of  $m$ -open sets whose intersection with  $A$  is in  $\mathcal{H}$ , then  $A \in \mathcal{H}$ ;
- (4) For every  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $A \cap A_{mH}^* = \emptyset$  implies that  $A \in \mathcal{H}$ ;
- (5) For every  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $A - A_{mH}^* \in \mathcal{H}$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $A \subseteq X$  and assume that for every  $x \in A$ , there exists  $U \in m(x)$  such that  $U \cap A \in \mathcal{H}$ . Then  $A \cap A_{mH}^* = \emptyset$ . Suppose that  $A$  contains  $B$  such that  $B \subseteq B_{mH}^*$ . Then  $B = B \cap B_{mH}^* \subseteq A \cap A_{mH}^* = \emptyset$ . Therefore,  $A$  contains no nonempty subset  $B$  with  $B \subseteq B_{mH}^*$ . Hence,  $A \in \mathcal{H}$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): The proof is obvious.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): Let  $A \subseteq X$  and  $x \in A$ . Then  $x \notin A_{mH}^*$  and there exists  $V_x \in m(x)$  such that  $V_x \cap A \in \mathcal{H}$ . Therefore, we have  $A \subseteq \cup\{V_x : x \in A\}$  and  $V_x \in m(x)$  and by (3)  $A \in \mathcal{H}$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5): For any  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $A - A_{mH}^* \subseteq A$  and  $(A - A_{mH}^*) \cap (A - A_{mH}^*)_{mH}^* \subseteq (A - A_{mH}^*) \cap A_{mH}^* = \emptyset$ . By (4),  $A - A_{mH}^* \in \mathcal{H}$ .

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): By (5), for every  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $A - A_{mH}^* \in \mathcal{H}$ . Let  $A - A_{mH}^* = J \in \mathcal{H}$ , then  $A = J \cup (A \cap A_{mH}^*)$  and, by lemma 3.9 and Lemma 2.9,  $A_{mH}^* = J_{mH}^* \cup (A \cap A_{mH}^*)_{mH}^* = (A \cap A_{mH}^*)_{mH}^*$ . Therefore, we have  $A \cap A_{mH}^* = A \cap (A \cap A_{mH}^*)_{mH}^* \subseteq (A \cap A_{mH}^*)_{mH}^*$  and  $A \cap A_{mH}^* \subseteq A$ . By the assumption,  $A \cap A_{mH}^* = \emptyset$  and hence  $A = A - A_{mH}^* \in \mathcal{H}$ .  $\square$

COROLLARY 4.3. Let  $(X, m, \mathcal{H})$  be a hereditary  $m$ -space and  $m \sim \mathcal{H}$ . If  $A \cap A_{mH}^* = \emptyset$  for  $A \subseteq X$ , then  $A_{mH}^* = \emptyset$ .

THEOREM 4.4. Let  $(X, m, \mathcal{H})$  be a hereditary  $m$ -space. Then  $m \sim \mathcal{H}$  if and only if  $\Gamma_{mH}^*(A) - A \in \mathcal{H}$  for every  $A \subseteq X$ .

*Proof. Necessity.* Assume  $m \sim \mathcal{H}$  and let  $A \subseteq X$ . Observe that  $x \in \Gamma_{mH}^*(A) - A$  if and only if  $x \notin A$  and  $x \notin (X - A)_{mH}^*$  if and only if  $x \notin A$  and there exists  $U_x \in m(x)$  such that  $U_x - A \in \mathcal{H}$  if and only if there exists  $U_x \in m(x)$  such that  $x \in U_x - A \in \mathcal{H}$ . Now, for each  $x \in \Gamma_{mH}^*(A) - A$  and  $U_x \in m(x)$ ,  $U_x \cap (\Gamma_{mH}^*(A) - A) \in \mathcal{H}$ , by heredity, and hence  $\Gamma_{mH}^*(A) - A \in \mathcal{H}$ , by the assumption that  $m \sim \mathcal{H}$ .

*Sufficiency.* Let  $A \subseteq X$  and assume that for each  $x \in A$  there exists  $U_x \in m(x)$  such that  $U_x \cap A \in \mathcal{H}$ . Observe that  $\Gamma_{mH}^*(X - A) - (X - A) = A - A_{mH}^* = \{x : \text{there exists } U_x \in m(x) \text{ such that } x \in U_x \cap A \in \mathcal{H}\}$ . Thus we have  $A \subseteq \Gamma_{mH}^*(X - A) - (X - A) \in \mathcal{H}$  and hence  $A \in \mathcal{H}$  by heredity of  $\mathcal{H}$ .  $\square$

**PROPOSITION 4.5.** *Let  $(X, m, \mathcal{H})$  be a hereditary  $m$ -space with  $m \approx \mathcal{H}$ ,  $A \subseteq X$ . If  $N$  is a nonempty  $m$ -open subset of  $A_{mH}^* \cap \Gamma_{mH}^*(A)$ , then  $N - A \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $N \cap A \notin \mathcal{H}$ .*

*Proof.* If  $N \subseteq A_{mH}^* \cap \Gamma_{mH}^*(A)$ , then  $N - A \subseteq \Gamma_{mH}^*(A) - A \in \mathcal{H}$ , by Theorem 4.4, and hence  $N - A \in \mathcal{H}$ , by heredity. Since  $N \in m - \{\emptyset\}$  and  $N \subseteq A_{mH}^*$ , we have  $N \cap A \notin \mathcal{H}$ , by the definition of  $A_{mH}^*$ .  $\square$

## 5. STRONGLY $M$ -CODENSE HEREDITARY CLASSES

**DEFINITION 5.1.** Let  $(X, m, \mathcal{H})$  be a hereditary  $m$ -space. The hereditary class  $\mathcal{H}$  is said to be

- (1)  *$m$ -codense* if  $m \cap \mathcal{H} = \{\emptyset\}$ ,
- (2) *strongly  $m$ -codense* if  $U, V \in m$  and  $U \cap V \in \mathcal{H}$  implies  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ ,
- (3) *( $\star$ )-strongly  $m$ -codense* if for  $U, V \in m$ ,  $(U \cap V) \cap A \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $(U \cap V) - A \in \mathcal{H}$  implies  $U \cap V = \emptyset$  for every subset  $A$  of  $X$ .

**LEMMA 5.2.** *Let  $(X, m, \mathcal{H})$  be a hereditary  $m$ -space. Then, for the hereditary class  $\mathcal{H}$ , the following properties hold:*

- (1) *If  $\mathcal{H}$  is ( $\star$ )-strongly  $m$ -codense, then it is strongly  $m$ -codense,*
- (2) *If  $\mathcal{H}$  is strongly  $m$ -codense, then it is  $m$ -codense.*

*Proof.* (1) If  $U, V \in m$  and  $U \cap V \in \mathcal{H}$ , then  $(U \cap V) \cap \emptyset \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $(U \cap V) - \emptyset \in \mathcal{H}$  and, by hypothesis,  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .

(2) Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be strongly  $m$ -codense. Suppose that  $m \cap \mathcal{H} \neq \{\emptyset\}$ . There exists  $U \in m \cap \mathcal{H}$  such that  $U \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $x \in U \in m$  and  $U \in \mathcal{H}$ , for any  $V \in m(x)$ ,  $V \cap U \subset U \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $V \cap U \in \mathcal{H}$ . Since  $x \in U \cap V$ , this is contrary to the hypothesis.  $\square$

**REMARK 5.3.** The following example due to Kim and Min [9] shows that the converse of (1) in Lemma 5.2 is not always true. And also [12, Example 2.1] shows that the converse of (2) in Lemma 5.2 is not always true.

**EXAMPLE 5.4.** (1) Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $m = \{\emptyset, \{a, c\}, X\}$  and  $\mathcal{H} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{c\}\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{H}$  is strongly  $m$ -codense. Let  $U = \{a, c\}$  and  $V = X$ . Then for  $A = \{b, c\}$ ,  $(U \cap V) \cap A = \{c\} \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $(U \cap V) - A = \{a\} \in \mathcal{H}$  but  $U \cap V = U \neq \emptyset$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{H}$  is not ( $\star$ )-strongly  $m$ -codense.

(2) Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $m = \{\emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$  and  $\mathcal{H} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{H}$  is  $m$ -codense. Let  $U = \{a, b\}$  and  $V = \{a, c\}$ , then  $U \cap V = \{a\} \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{H}$  is not strongly  $m$ -codense.

**THEOREM 5.5.** *Let  $(X, m, \mathcal{H})$  be a hereditary  $m$ -space. Then, the following properties hold:*

(1) If  $\mathcal{H}$  is an ideal and strongly  $m$ -codense, then it is  $(\star)$ -strongly  $m$ -codense,

(2) If  $m$  has property  $[F]$  and  $\mathcal{H}$  is  $m$ -codense, then  $\mathcal{H}$  is strongly  $m$ -codense.

*Proof.* (1) Let  $U, V \in m$  and  $(U \cap V) \cap A \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $(U \cap V) - A \in \mathcal{H}$ . Then, since  $\mathcal{H}$  is an ideal,  $U \cap V = ((U \cap V) \cap A) \cup ((U \cap V) - A) \in \mathcal{H}$ . Since  $\mathcal{H}$  is strongly  $m$ -codense,  $U \cap V = \emptyset$  and hence  $\mathcal{H}$  is  $(\star)$ -strongly  $m$ -codense.

(2) Let  $U, V \in m$  and  $(U \cap V) \in \mathcal{H}$ . Since  $m$  has property  $[F]$ ,  $U \cap V \in m$  and  $(U \cap V) \in m \cap \mathcal{H}$ . Hence  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .  $\square$

**COROLLARY 5.6.** *Let  $(X, m, \mathcal{H})$  be an ideal  $m$ -space and  $m$  have property  $[F]$ . Then the following properties are equivalent: (1)  $m$ -codense, (2) strongly  $m$ -codense and (3)  $(\star)$ -strongly  $m$ -codense.*

**LEMMA 5.7.** *Let  $(X, m, \mathcal{H})$  be a hereditary  $m$ -space. Then the following properties are equivalent:*

(1)  $\mathcal{H}$  is  $m$ -codense;

(2)  $X = X_{mH}^*$ ;

(3)  $\Gamma_{mH}^*(\emptyset) = \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Suppose that  $\mathcal{H}$  is  $m$ -codense. For any point  $x \in X$  and any  $U \in m(x)$ ,  $U \cap X = U \notin \mathcal{H}$ . Hence,  $x \in X_{mH}^*$  and  $X \subset X_{mH}^*$ . Therefore,  $X = X_{mH}^*$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Since  $\Gamma_{mH}^*(\emptyset) = X - X_{mH}^*$ ,  $\Gamma_{mH}^*(\emptyset) = \emptyset$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Suppose that  $m \cap \mathcal{H} \neq \{\emptyset\}$ . Then there exists  $U \in m \cap \mathcal{H}$  such that  $U \neq \emptyset$ . There exists  $x \in U \in m$  and  $U \cap X = U \in \mathcal{H}$  and hence  $x \notin X_{mH}^*$ . Hence,  $x \in X - X_{mH}^* = \Gamma_{mH}^*(\{\emptyset\})$ . This is contrary to  $\Gamma_{mH}^*(\emptyset) = \emptyset$ .  $\square$

**LEMMA 5.8.** *Let  $(X, m, \mathcal{H})$  be a hereditary  $m$ -space and  $m$  have property  $\mathcal{B}$ . Then  $\mathcal{H}$  is  $m$ -codense if and only if  $\text{Int}(H) = \emptyset$  for every  $H \in \mathcal{H}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be  $m$ -codense. Since  $m$  has property  $\mathcal{B}$ , for every  $H \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $\text{Int}(H) \in m$ . Since  $\text{Int}(H) \subset H \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $\text{Int}(H) \in \mathcal{H}$  and hence  $\text{Int}(H) \in m \cap \mathcal{H} = \{\emptyset\}$ . Therefore,  $\text{Int}(H) = \emptyset$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $\mathcal{H}$  is not  $m$ -codense. Then there exists  $U \in m \cap \mathcal{H}$  such that  $U \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $U \in m$ ,  $\text{Int}(U) = U \neq \emptyset$  for  $U \in \mathcal{H}$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 5.9.** *Let  $(X, m, \mathcal{H})$  be a hereditary  $m$ -space and  $m$  have property  $[F]$ . The following properties are equivalent:*

(1)  $\mathcal{H}$  is  $m$ -codense;

(2) If  $A$  is  $m$ -closed, then  $\Gamma_{mH}^*(A) - A = \emptyset$ ;

(3) If  $U$  is  $m$ -open, then  $U \subset U_{mH}^*$ ;

(4)  $\mathcal{H}$  is strongly  $m$ -codense.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Suppose that  $A$  is  $m$ -closed and  $x \in \Gamma_{mH}^*(A) - A$ . Then  $x \in X - (X - A)_{mH}^*$  and hence  $x \notin (X - A)_{mH}^*$ . There exists  $U \in m(x)$  such that  $U \cap (X - A) \in \mathcal{H}$ . Since  $A$  is  $m$ -closed,  $U \cap (X - A) \in m$  and hence  $U \cap (X - A) \in m \cap \mathcal{H} = \{\emptyset\}$ . This is contrary to  $x \in U \cap (X - A)$ . Hence,  $\Gamma_{mH}^*(A) - A = \emptyset$ .



(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Let  $U \in m$ . Then  $X - U$  is  $m$ -closed and by (2)  $\emptyset = \Gamma_{mH}^*(X - U) - (X - U) = (X - U_{mH}^*) \cap U = U - U_{mH}^*$ . Hence  $U \subset U_{mH}^*$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): Suppose that  $U, V \in m$  and  $(U \cap V) \in \mathcal{H}$ . If  $x \in U \cap V$ , then by (3)  $x \in U \subset U_{mH}^*$  and hence  $V \cap U \notin \mathcal{H}$ . This is a contradiction.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): This follows from Lemma 5.2 (2).  $\square$

**THEOREM 5.10.** *Let  $(X, m, \mathcal{H})$  be a hereditary  $m$ -space. If  $\mathcal{H}$  is  $(\star)$ -strongly  $m$ -codense, then for a subset  $A$  of  $X$  the following properties hold:*

(1)  $\Gamma_{mH}^*(A) \subseteq A_{mH}^* \subseteq mCl(A)$ ,

(2)  $\Gamma_{mH}^*(A) \cap \Gamma_{mH}^*(X - A) = \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* (1) Suppose there exists an element  $x \in \Gamma_{mH}^*(A)$  such that  $x \notin A_{mH}^*$ . For  $x \in \Gamma_{mH}^*(A)$ , since  $x \notin (X - A)_{mH}^*$ , there exists  $U \in m(x)$  such that  $U \cap (X - A) \in \mathcal{H}$ . For  $x \notin A_{mH}^*$ , there exists  $V \in m(x)$  such that  $V \cap A \in \mathcal{H}$ . Since  $\mathcal{H}$  is  $(\star)$ -strongly  $m$ -codense, for  $U, V \in m$ ,  $(U \cap V) \cap A \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $(U \cap V) - A \in \mathcal{H}$  implies  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . But this contradicts the fact that both  $U$  and  $V$  are containing  $x$ . Hence, we have  $\Gamma_{mH}^*(A) \subseteq A_{mH}^*$ . It follows from Lemma 2.9(2) that  $A_{mH}^* \subseteq mCl(A)$ .

(2) Assume that  $z \in \Gamma_{mH}^*(A) \cap \Gamma_{mH}^*(X - A)$  for some  $z \in X$ . Then there exist  $U, V \in m(z)$  such that  $U \cap A \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $V \cap (X - A) \in \mathcal{H}$ . Hence,  $(U \cap V) - A \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $(U \cap V) \cap A \in \mathcal{H}$ . Since  $\mathcal{H}$  is  $(\star)$ -strongly  $m$ -codense, for  $U, V \in m$ ,  $(U \cap V) \cap A \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $(U \cap V) - A \in \mathcal{H}$  implies  $U \cap V = \emptyset$  and we have  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . This is contrary to  $z \in U \cap V$ . Hence,  $\Gamma_{mH}^*(A) \cap \Gamma_{mH}^*(X - A) = \emptyset$ .  $\square$

**COROLLARY 5.11.** *Let  $(X, m, \mathcal{H})$  be a hereditary  $m$ -space. If  $\mathcal{H}$  is  $(\star)$ -strongly  $m$ -codense, then for a subset  $A$  of  $X$  the following properties hold:*

(1)  $\Gamma_{mH}^*(A) \subseteq A_{mH}^* \subseteq A$  if  $A$  is  $m$ -closed in  $X$ ,

(2)  $A_{mH}^* \cup (X - A)_{mH}^* = X$ ,

(3) If  $A \in \mathcal{H}$ , then  $\Gamma_{mH}^*(A) = \emptyset$ ,

(4) If  $X - A \in \mathcal{H}$ , then  $A_{mH}^* = X$ .

*Proof.* (1) This is obvious by Theorem 5.10(1).

(2) By Theorem 5.10 (2),  $\emptyset = \Gamma_{mH}^*(A) \cap \Gamma_{mH}^*(X - A) = [X - (X - A)_{mH}^*] \cap (X - A_{mH}^*) = X - [(X - A)_{mH}^* \cup A_{mH}^*]$ . Hence  $A_{mH}^* \cup (X - A)_{mH}^* = X$ .

(3) By Theorem 5.10 (1),  $\Gamma_{mH}^*(A) \subseteq A_{mH}^*$ . Since  $A \in \mathcal{H}$ , by Lemma 2.9 (5),  $A_{mH}^* = \emptyset$  and hence  $\Gamma_{mH}^*(A) = \emptyset$ .

(4) If  $X - A \in \mathcal{H}$ , by (3),  $\emptyset = \Gamma_{mH}^*(X - A) = X - A_{mH}^*$ . Hence,  $A_{mH}^* = X$ .  $\square$

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