

ON R_L TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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Abstract: The aim of this paper is to introduce a new separation axiom called R_L and study some of its fundamental properties.

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1. Preliminaries

The notion of R_0 topological space is introduced by Shanin [16] in 1943. Davis [4] rediscovered it independently and studied some properties of this weak separation axiom. Several topologists (e. g. [8], [9], [10], [13]) further investigated properties of R_0 topological spaces and many interesting results have been obtained in various contexts. In the same paper, Davis also introduced the notion of R_1 topological space which are independent of both T_0 and T_1 but strictly weaker than T_2 .

Throughout the paper (X, τ) (or simply X) will always denote a topological space. For a subset A of X , the closure and interior of A in X are denoted by $Cl(A)$ and $Int(A)$, respectively. Recall that a topological space (X, τ) is said to be

an R_0 space [4] if every open set contains the closure of each of its singletons. A topological space (X, τ) is said to be R_1 [4] if for x, y in X with $Cl(\{x\}) \neq Cl(\{y\})$, there exist disjoint open sets U and V such that $Cl(\{x\})$ is a subset of U and $Cl(\{y\})$ is a subset of V . For the interest of the reader it should be mentioned that regularity implies R_1 and R_1 implies R_0 .

A topological space (X, τ) is said to be Kolmogorov or T_0 if for each pair of two distinct points, there exists an open set containing one of them but not the other. A topological space (X, τ) is said to be T_1 if for each pair of distinct points x and y of X , there exists a pair of open sets one containing x but not y and the other containing y but not x . A topological space (X, τ) is said to be Hausdorff or T_2 if for each pair of distinct points x and y of X , there exists a pair of disjoint open sets such that one containing x and the other containing y . A subset G of a topological space (X, τ) is called a difference set (briefly D -set) [17] if there are two open sets U and V of X such that $U \neq X$ and $G = U \setminus V$. A topological space (X, τ) is said to be D_0 if for any distinct pair of points x and y of X , there exists a D -set of X containing x but not y or a D -set of X containing y but not x . A topological space (X, τ) is said to be countably compact if every countable open cover of X admits a finite subcover. Recall that a topological space is Alexandroff [1] if arbitrary intersection of open sets are open.

In what follows, we refer the interested reader to [12] for the basic definitions and notations. Recall that a representation of a C^* -algebra \mathcal{A} consists of a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} and a $*$ -morphism $\pi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$, where $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ is the C^* -algebra of bounded operators on \mathcal{H} . A subspace \mathcal{I} of a C^* -algebra \mathcal{A} is called a primitive ideal if $\mathcal{I} = \ker(\pi)$ for some irreducible representation (\mathcal{H}, π) of \mathcal{A} . The set of all primitive ideals of a C^* -algebra \mathcal{A} plays a very important role in noncommutative spaces and its relation to particle physics. We denote this set by $\text{Prim } \mathcal{A}$. As Landi [12] mentions, for a noncommutative C^* -algebra, there is more than one candidate for the analogue of the topological space X :

1. The structure space of \mathcal{A} or the space of all unitary equivalence classes of irreducible $*$ -representations and
2. The primitive spectrum of \mathcal{A} or the space of kernels of irreducible $*$ -representations which is denoted by $\text{Prim } \mathcal{A}$. Observe that any element of $\text{Prim } \mathcal{A}$ is a two-sided $*$ -ideal of \mathcal{A} .

It should be noticed that for a commutative C^* -algebra, 1 and 2 are the same but this is not true for a general C^* -algebra \mathcal{A} . Natural topologies can be defined on spaces of 1 and 2. But here we are interested in the Jacobsen (or hull-kernel) topology defined on $\text{Prim } \mathcal{A}$ by means of closure operators. The interested reader may refer to [5] for basic properties of $\text{Prim } \mathcal{A}$.

Proposition 1.1. [5] *The space $\text{Prim } \mathcal{A}$ is a T_0 -space.*

Davis in [4] proved that T_1 -spaces are precisely those which are both R_0 and T_0 . For the convenience of the reader, we bring the meaning of Hasse diagram from [12]:

A pictorial representation of the topology of a poset is obtained by constructing the associated Hasse diagram: one arranges the points of the poset at different levels and connects them by using the following rules :

1. if $x \prec y$, then x is at a lower level than y ;
2. if $x \prec y$ and there is no z such that $x \prec z \prec y$, then x is at the level immediately below y and these two points are connected by a link. Now we have the following result whose proof is due to Professor Giovanni Landi in a private communication to the first author for more than 15 years ago. He referred to a concrete example in his book [12], i.e. the second Hasse diagram, the singleton x_1 is open but its closure is made of the points $\{x_1, x_3, x_4\}$. This shows that $\text{Prim } \mathcal{A}$ is not an R_0 -space.

Proposition 1.2. *The space $\text{Prim } \mathcal{A}$ is not an R_0 -space.*

Remark 1.3. *Since T_1 -spaces are precisely those which are both R_0 and T_0 , therefore the space $\text{Prim } \mathcal{A}$ can not be T_1 . Indeed if the space $\text{Prim } \mathcal{A}$ was R_0 , then the closures of the points will partition it but this is impossible, and also whenever a point belonged to an open set, say U , then there could not exist a closed set F with $x \in F \subseteq U$. Moreover in such space which is not R_0 , a normal space can not be completely regular, see (Corollary 3.1, [7]). According to Tong [17], a topological space (X, τ) is D_0 if and only if it is T_0 . Hence the space $\text{Prim } \mathcal{A}$ is also D_0 . Recall that a topological space (X, τ) is called symmetric if for x and y in X , $x \in Cl(\{y\})$ implies $y \in Cl(\{x\})$. It is obvious that the space $\text{Prim } \mathcal{A}$ can not be symmetric.*

Remark 1.4. *It is worth-noticing that Kanjamapornkul and Pinčák [11] obtained some interesting and important results when studying time series data. They showed that one can find a time series data in spinor field [3] whose underlying structure is Kolmogorov in time series data. They also discussed the situation when a time series is considered in terms of quaternionic projective space [2]. They proved that a new space of time series is a Kolmogorov space with eight hidden dimensions with spin invariant property in time series data by which it relates to quantum entanglement qubit state [15] in time series data. Here is the main result of their paper (Theorem 1, [11]) which they showed that a space of financial time series data is a covering space S^7 with based space in $X \simeq \mathbb{H}P^1$, where $\mathbb{H}P^1$ is the quaternionic projective space. It is a Kolmogorov space, i.e., it is a space satisfying the T_0 -separation axiom. It definitely can not be T_1 and thus not R_0 .*

Definition 1. A topological space (X, τ) is said to be R_1 if for every x, y in X with $Cl(\{x\}) \neq Cl(\{y\})$, there exist disjoint open sets U and V such that $Cl(\{x\})$ is a subset of U and $Cl(\{y\})$ is a subset of V .

Proposition 1.5. ([4]) If (X, τ) is a R_1 topological space, then (X, τ) is R_0 .

Definition 2. Let (X, τ) and (Y, σ) be topological spaces. A function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is said to be

- (1) irresolute [14] if the preimage of every open subset of Y is open in X ,
- (2) open if the image of every open subset of X is open in Y .

Definition 3. A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is said to be L -bounded [6] in X if it is contained in some countable union of the members of every open covering of X .

2. R_L topological spaces

Definition 4. If A and B are subsets of a topological space (X, τ) and A is L -bounded in X , by $A \ll_L B$ we mean that $A \subset B$ and A is L -bounded in the subspace (B, τ_B) of X .

In the following, let $b_L(X)$ denotes the L -bounded subsets of X .

Definition 5. A topological space (X, τ) is said to be R_L if the following condition holds

$A \ll_L U$ implies $Cl(A) \subset U$ for all $A \in b_L(X)$ and $U \in \tau$.

A regular countably compact space is an example of R_L topological spaces.

Proposition 2.1. Every R_L topological space is R_0 .

Proof. Suppose x is an arbitrary point of X and U is an arbitrary non-empty open set such that $x \in U$. Then $\{x\} \ll_L U$ which implies $Cl(\{x\}) \subset U$.

Lemma 2.2. Let (X, τ) be a R_1 Alexandroff topological space. Let $A \in b_L(X)$ and $D \subset X$ such that $A \ll_L D$. If $x \in X$, $Cl(x) \cap D = \emptyset$, then x and A have disjoint open-neighbourhoods.

Proof. By the fact that X is R_1 , for each $x \in X$ and $y \in D$, there are disjoint neighborhoods U_x and V_y of x and y , respectively. We have $D \subset \cup \{V_y \mid y \in D\}$ which implies the existence of a countable subcover of A , say $V_{y_1}, V_{y_2}, \dots, V_{y_k}$ such that $A \subset \cup_{i=1}^k V_{y_i} = V$. By setting $U = \cap_{i=1}^k U_{x_i}$ which is open. This implies that $U \cap V = \emptyset$.

By using the above lemma one can prove the following result.

Proposition 2.3. Every R_1 Alexandroff topological space is R_L .

Proof. Let $A \in b_L(X)$, $U \in \tau$ such that $A \ll_L U$. We prove that $Cl(A) \subset U$.

Assume that $a \in Cl(A)$. Let $Cl(\{a\}) \cap U = \emptyset$. By Lemma 2.2, there exists disjoint open neighborhoods V_a, V_A of a and A respectively. Hence $a \notin Cl(A)$ which is a contradiction. Therefore, $Cl(\{a\}) \cap U \neq \emptyset$. Let $x \in Cl(\{a\}) \cap U$. Since X is R_1 , we have that $x \in Cl(\{a\})$ which implies $a \in Cl(\{x\})$. So $x \in U$ implies $Cl(\{x\}) \subset U$. Hence $a \in Cl(\{x\}) \subset U$. This means that $Cl(A) \subset U$.

Theorem 2.4. *Every subspace of a R_L topological space is R_L .*

Proof. Let (X, τ) be R_L and $Y \subset X$. Since every subset of a L -bounded set is L -bounded, let $A \subset Y$ such that $A \in b_L(Y)$ and suppose $U \in \tau_Y$. Assume that $A \ll_L U$. Then there exists $V \in \tau$ such that $U = V \cap Y$. We show that $Cl(A) \subset U$. We have $A \in b_L(X)$. Thus, $A \ll_L V$. Then $Cl(A)_X \subset V$ in X . Therefore, $Cl(A) \cap Y \subset V \cap Y$ in X . Thus, $Cl(A) \subset U$ in Y and hence the result.

Next, we will prove that product of finitely many R_L spaces is a R_L space. In order to prove this, we need the following lemma.

Lemma 2.5. *Let (X, τ) and (Y, σ) be two topological spaces. If $A \times B$ is a L -bounded set in the product space $X \times Y$, then both A and B are L -bounded sets in X and Y , respectively.*

Proof. Assume $A \times B$ is a L -bounded set in $X \times Y$. Let $\{O_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$ be an open cover of Y . Then $B \subset \bigcup \{O_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$. So for any $a \in A$, $\{a\} \times B \subset A \times B$ is L -bounded in $X \times Y$. Thus, $B \cong \{a\} \times B \subset \bigcup \{\{a\} \times O_\alpha : \alpha \in I\} \subset \{a\} \times Y \subset X \times Y$. Therefore, $B \cong \{a\} \times B \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n (\{a\} \times O_{\alpha_i}) \cong \bigcup_{i=1}^n O_{\alpha_i}$. So B is a L -bounded set in Y .

Similarly, we can show that A is a L -bounded set in X .

Now we are ready to prove that product of finitely many R_L spaces is a R_L space.

Theorem 2.6. *Finite products of R_L topological spaces is R_L .*

Proof. Let (X, τ) and (Y, σ) be two R_L topological spaces. We claim that the product space $X \times Y$ is R_L . Let $A \times B \in b_L(X \times Y)$, $U \times V \in \tau \times \sigma$ such that $A \times B \ll_L U \times V$. We show that $Cl(A \times B) \subset U \times V$. Using Lemma 2.5, A is in $b_L(X)$ and B is in $b_L(Y)$. Also, $A \ll_L U$ and $B \ll_L V$. Then we have $Cl(A \times B) = Cl(A) \times Cl(B) \subset U \times V$.

Using induction, we can show that finite products of R_L spaces is R_L .

Lemma 2.7. *If a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ is open and bijective, then $f^{-1}(Cl(B)) \subset Cl(f^{-1}(B))$ for each subset B of Y .*

Proof. Suppose that $x \notin Cl(f^{-1}(B))$. Then there exists an open set U in X containing x such that $U \cap f^{-1}(B) = \emptyset$; hence $f(U) \cap B = \emptyset$. Since $f(U)$ is open, $f(U) \cap Cl(B) = \emptyset$ and $U \cap f^{-1}(Cl(B)) = \emptyset$. Therefore, we have $x \notin f^{-1}(Cl(B))$.

This shows that $f^{-1}(Cl(B)) \subset Cl(f^{-1}(B))$.

Theorem 2.8. *Let (X, τ) be countably compact and a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be a continuous, open surjection. If (X, τ) is R_L , then (Y, σ) is R_L .*

Proof. Suppose that (X, τ) is R_L . Let $B \in b_L(Y), V \in \sigma$ such that $B \ll_L V$. We show that $Cl(B) \subset V$. Since (X, τ) is countably compact, we have $f^{-1}(B) \in b_L(X)$. Since f is continuous, $f^{-1}(V) \in \tau$ such that $f^{-1}(B) \ll_L f^{-1}(V)$. Since (X, τ) is R_L , $Cl(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(V)$. Since f is open, by Lemma 2.7 we have $f^{-1}(Cl(B)) \subset Cl(f^{-1}(B)) \subset f^{-1}(V)$. Since f is surjective, we obtain $Cl(B) \subset f(Cl(f^{-1}(B))) \subset V$. This shows that (Y, σ) is R_L .

Theorem 2.9. *Let a function $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ be an open, irresolute injection. If (Y, σ) is R_L , then (X, τ) is R_L .*

Proof. Suppose that (Y, σ) is R_L . Let $A \in b_L(X), U \in \tau$ such that $A \ll_L U$. We show that $Cl(A) \subset U$. Let $\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\}$ be any open cover of Y . Then, since f is irresolute, $\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Delta\}$ is a open cover of X . Since $A \in b_L(X)$, there exists a finite subfamily Δ_0 of Δ such that $A \subset \cup\{f^{-1}(V_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Delta_0\}$ and hence $f(A) \subset \cup\{V_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta_0\}$. Therefore, we obtain $f(A) \in b_L(Y)$. Since f is open, $f(U) \in \sigma$ such that $f(A) \ll_L f(U)$. Since (Y, σ) is R_L , we have $Cl(f(A)) \subset f(U)$. Since f is injective, we obtain $A = f^{-1}(f(A)) \subset f^{-1}(Cl(f(A))) \subset f^{-1}(f(U)) = U$. Since f is irresolute, $f^{-1}(Cl(f(A)))$ is closed and hence $Cl(A) \subset U$. This shows that (X, τ) is R_L .

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