

## ON SEPERATION AXIOM $C-D_1$

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

In 1997, Caldas [1] has introduced a new seperation axiom semi- $D_1$  which is situated between semi- $T_0$  and semi- $T_1$  due to Maheshwari and Prasad [5]. In 1996, Hatir, Noiri and Yüksel [2] defined C-sets and C-continuity in topological spaces to obtain a decomposition of continuity. Quite recently, Jafari [3] has used the C-sets to define and investigate  $C-T_2$  spaces, C-compact spaces and C-connected spaces. In this paper, we define cD-sets as the difference set of C-sets and use these sets to define  $C-D_1$ -spaces, cD-compact spaces and cD-connected spaces. We also investigate the relationship between these spaces and C-continuity (or C-irresoluteness).

### 2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper  $X$  and  $Y$  denote topological spaces on which no seperation axiom is assumed. Let  $A$  be a subset of a space  $X$ . The closure of  $A$  and the interior of  $A$  are denoted by  $Cl(A)$  and  $Int(A)$ , respectively.

We shall recall some definitions used in the sequel.

**Definition 2.1.** A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is said to be

- (a) *semi-open* [4] if  $A \subset Cl(Int(A))$ ,
- (b)  $\alpha^*$ -*set* [2] if  $Int(Cl(Int(A))) = Int(A)$ ,
- (c) *C-set* [2] if  $A = O \cap F$ , where  $O$  is open and  $F$  is an  $\alpha^*$ -set.

**Remark 2.1.** Semi-open sets and C-sets are independent. A set  $\{a, b\}$  in [2, Example 3.1] is a C-set but it is not semi-open. A set  $\{a, b\}$  in Example 3.1 (below) is semi-open but it is not a C-set.

**Definition 2.2.** A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be *C-continuous* [2] (resp. *semi-continuous* [4]) for each open set  $V$  of  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a C-set (resp. *semi-open* in  $X$ ).

### 3. C-D<sub>1</sub> SPACES

**Definition 3.1.** A subset  $S$  of a space  $X$  is called a *c-difference* (briefly *cD-set*) (resp. *D-set* [6], *sD-set* [1]) if there exist two C-sets (resp. open sets, semi-open sets)  $O_1, O_2$  in  $X$  such that  $O_1 \neq X$  and  $S = O_1 \setminus O_2$ .

**Remark 3.1.** Every proper C-set is a *cD-set*, but the converse is false as the following example shows.

**Example 3.1.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{a, d\}, \{A, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}\}$ . Then  $\{a, b\}$  is a *cD-set* but it is not a C-set.

**Definition 3.2.** A topological space  $X$  is *C-D<sub>0</sub>* (resp. *C-D<sub>1</sub>*) if for  $x, y \in X$  such that  $x \neq y$  there exists a *cD-set* of  $X$  containing  $x$  but not  $y$  or (resp. and) a *cD-set* containing  $y$  but not  $x$ .

A topological space  $X$  is *C-T<sub>0</sub>* (resp. *C-T<sub>1</sub>*) if for  $x, y \in X$  such that  $x \neq y$  there exists a C-set of  $X$  containing  $x$  but not  $y$  or (resp. and) a C-set containing  $y$  but not  $x$ .

**Definition 3.3.** A topological space  $X$  is *C-D<sub>2</sub>* (resp. *C-T<sub>2</sub>* [3]) if for  $x, y \in X$  such that  $x \neq y$  there exist disjoint *cD-sets* (resp. C-sets)  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  such that  $x \in S_1$  and  $y \in S_2$ .

**Remark 3.2.** The following implications hold:

- a) If  $X$  is  $T_i$ , then  $X$  is  $C-T_i$ , for  $i = 0, 1, 2$ .
- b) If  $X$  is  $C-T_i$ , then  $X$  is  $C-D_i$ , for  $i = 0, 1, 2$ .
- c) If  $X$  is  $C-D_i$ , then  $X$  is  $C-D_{i-1}$ , for  $i = 1, 2$ .
- d) If  $X$  is  $C-T_i$ , then  $X$  is  $C-T_{i-1}$ , for  $i = 1, 2$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** A topological space  $X$  is  $C-D_0$  if and only if it is  $C-T_0$ .

**Proof.** The sufficiency is Remark 3.2 (b).

Necessity: Let  $X$  be  $C-D_0$ . Then for each pair of distinct points  $x, y \in X$ , at least one of  $x, y$ , say  $x$ , belongs to a  $cD$ -set  $S$  but  $y \notin S$ . Let  $S \in O_1 \setminus O_2$ , where  $O_1 \neq X$  and  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  are  $C$ -sets. Then  $x \in O_1$  and for  $y \notin S$  we have two cases:

(1)  $y \notin O_1$  ; (2)  $y \in O_1$  and  $y \in O_2$

In case (1):  $O_1$  contains  $x$  but doesn't contain  $y$ .

In case (2):  $O_2$  contains  $y$  but doesn't contain  $x$ . Thus  $X$  is  $C-T_0$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** If a topological space  $X$  is  $C-D_1$ , then it is  $C-T_0$ .

**Proof.** This follows from Remark 3.2 and Theorem 3.1.

**Theorem 3.3.** If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a semi-continuous (resp.  $C$ -continuous) surjection and  $S$  is a  $D$ -set in  $Y$ , then  $f^{-1}(S)$  is a  $sD$ -set (resp.  $cD$ -Set) in  $X$

**Proof.** We prove only the first case being the second similar. Let  $S$  be a  $D$ -set of  $Y$ . Then there are open sets  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  in  $Y$  such that  $S = O_1 \setminus O_2$  and  $O_1 \neq Y$ . By the semi-continuity of  $f$ ,  $f^{-1}(O_1)$  and  $f^{-1}(O_2)$  are semi-open in  $X$ . Since  $O_1 \neq Y$  and  $f$  is surjective, we have  $f^{-1}(O_1) = X$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(S) = f^{-1}(O_1) \setminus f^{-1}(O_2)$  is a  $sD$ -set.

A space  $X$  is said to be *semi- $D_1$*  [1] if for any pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  of  $X$ , there exist  $sD$ -sets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $X$  such that  $x \in U$ ,  $y \notin U$ ,  $x \notin V$  and  $y \in V$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** If  $Y$  is a  $D_1$ -space and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  a is semi-continuous (resp.  $C$ -continuous) bijection, then  $X$  is a *semi- $D_1$*  (resp.  $C-D_1$ ) space.

**Proof.** We prove only the first case being the second is analogous. Suppose that  $Y$  is a  $D_1$ -space. Let  $x$  and  $y$  be any pair of distinct points in  $X$ . Since  $f$  is injective and  $Y$  is  $D_1$ -space, there exist  $D$ -sets  $S_x$  and  $S_y$

of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$  and  $f(y)$ , respectively, such that  $f(y) \notin S_x$ ,  $f(x) \notin S_y$ . By Theorem 3.3,  $f^{-1}(S_x)$  and  $f^{-1}(S_y)$  are sD-sets in  $X$  containing  $x$  and  $y$  respectively, such that  $y \notin f^{-1}(S_x)$  and  $x \notin f^{-1}(S_y)$ . This implies that  $X$  is a semi- $D_1$  space.

**Definition 3.4.** A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called *C-irresolute* if for every C-set  $A$  in  $Y$ , its inverse image  $f^{-1}(A)$  is C-set in  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a C-irresolute surjection and  $S$  is a cD-set of  $Y$ , then  $f^{-1}(S)$  is a cD-set of  $X$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $S$  is a cD-set of  $Y$ . Then there are C-sets  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  in  $Y$  such that  $S = O_1 \setminus O_2$  and  $O_1 \neq Y$ . By the C-irresoluteness of  $f$ ,  $f^{-1}(O_1)$  and  $f^{-1}(O_2)$  are C-sets in  $X$ . Since  $O_1 \neq Y$ , we have  $f^{-1}(O_1) \neq X$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(S) = f^{-1}(O_1) \setminus f^{-1}(O_2)$  is a cD-set.

**Theorem 3.6.** A space  $X$  is  $C-D_1$  if and only if for each pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  of  $X$ , there exist a C-irresolute surjection  $f$  of  $X$  onto a  $C-D_1$  space  $Y$  such that  $f(x) \neq f(y)$ .

**Proof.** Necessity: Take the identity function on  $X$ .

Sufficiency: Let  $x$  and  $y$  be any pair of distinct points in  $X$ . By hypothesis, there exists a C-irresolute surjection  $f$  of  $X$  onto a  $C-D_1$  space  $Y$  such that  $f(x) \neq f(y)$ . Therefore, there exist cD-sets  $S_x$  and  $S_y$  in  $Y$  such that  $f(x) \in S_x$ ,  $f(y) \notin S_x$ ;  $f(y) \in S_y$ ,  $f(x) \notin S_y$ . Since  $f$  is C-irresolute and surjective, by Theorem 3.5,  $f^{-1}(S_x)$  and  $f^{-1}(S_y)$  are cD-sets in  $X$  such that  $x \in f^{-1}(S_x)$ ,  $y \notin f^{-1}(S_x)$ ;  $y \in f^{-1}(S_y)$ ,  $x \notin f^{-1}(S_y)$ . Therefore,  $X$  is a  $C-D_1$  space.

We can give the following notions:

**Definition 3.5.** A filterbase  $\mathbf{B}$  is called *cD-convergent* (resp. *D-convergent*) to a point  $x \in X$  if for any cD-set (resp. D-set)  $A$  containing  $x$ , there exists  $B \in \mathbf{B}$  such that  $B \subset A$ .

**Theorem 3.7.** If function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is C-continuous and surjective, then for each point  $x \in X$  and each filterbase  $\mathbf{B}$  on  $X$  cD-convergent to  $x$ , the filterbase  $f(\mathbf{B})$  is D-convergent to  $f(x)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x \in X$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  be any filterbase cD-convergent to  $x$ . Since  $f$  is a C-continuous surjection, by Theorem 3.3, for each D-set  $V \subset Y$  containing  $f(x)$ ,  $f^{-1}(V) \subset X$  is a cD-set containing  $x$ . Since  $\mathbf{B}$  is cD-convergent o  $x$ , then there exists  $B \in \mathbf{B}$  such that  $B \subset f^{-1}(V)$ ; hence  $f(B) \subset V$ . It follows that  $f(\mathbf{B})$  is d-convergent to  $f(x)$ .

**Corollary 3.1.** If a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is C-irresolue and surjective, then for each point  $x \in X$  and each filterbase  $\mathbf{B}$  on  $X$  cD-convergent to  $x$ , filterbase  $f(\mathbf{B})$  is cD-convergent to  $f(x)$ .

We can give the following notions:

**Definition 3.6.** A space  $X$  is called *cD-compact* (resp. *D-compact*) if every cover of  $X$  by cD-sets (resp. D-sets) has a finite subcover.

**Theorem 3.8.** Let a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be C-continuous and surjective. If  $X$  is cD-compact, then  $Y$  is D-compact.

**Proof.** Let  $\gamma$  be an cover of  $Y$  by D-sets. Since  $f$  is C-continuous and surjective, by Theorem 3.3,  $f^{-1}(\gamma) = \{f^{-1}(V_i) | V_i \in \gamma\}$  is a cover of  $X$  by cD-sets. Since  $X$  is cD-compact, there exists a finite subcover  $\{f^{-1}(V_1), \dots, f^{-1}(V_n)\}$  of  $f^{-1}(\gamma)$ . Therefore,  $\{V_1, \dots, V_n\}$  is a finite subcover of  $\gamma$ . Hence  $Y$  is D-compact.

**Corollary 3.2.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a C-irresolute surjection. If  $X$  is cD-compact, then  $Y$  is cD-compact.

We can also give the following notion.

**Definition 3.7.** A space  $X$  is called *cD-connected* (resp. *D-connected*) if  $X$  can not be expressed as the union of two nonempty disjoint cD-sets (resp. D-sets).

**Theorem 3.9.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a C-continuous surjection and  $X$  is cD-connected, then  $Y$  is D-connected.

**Proof.** Straightforward.

**Corollary 3.3.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a C-irresolute surjection and  $X$  is cD-connected, then  $Y$  is cD-connected.

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