

## A Weak Monotone Separation Axiom

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### □ ABSTRACT □

In this paper we shall introduce a new concept of monotone separation axioms which we shall call it monotone  $T_1$  space. We shall prove that the class of monotone  $T_1$  spaces is greater (bigger) than the class of monotone normal spaces. We obtained some results concerning the properties of this concept, in fact we proved that monotonically  $T_1$  is hereditary productive and topological property also we will prove that every monotone  $T_1$  space is  $T_3$ . this paper included open problems.

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### □ الملخص □

في هذا البحث سوف نستحدث مصطلح جديد من مسلمات الفصل الرتيبة والذي سوف نسميه فضاءات  $T_1$  الرتيبة سوف نبرهن بأن صف فضاءات  $T_1$  الرتيبة أكبر من صف الفضاءات العادية الرتيبة. حصلنا على بعض النتائج حول خصائص هذا المصطلح. في الحقيقة برهنا أن خاصية  $T_1$  الرتيبة هي وراثية ، جذائية وخاصة تبولوجية ، وأيضا سوف نبرهن أن كل فضاء  $T_1$  رتيب هو  $T_3$  . هذا لايبحث يحتوي على مسائل مفتوحة .

**1. Introduction.** One of the most important concepts in the study of generalized metric spaces is monotone normality. C. R. Borges introduced the concept of monotone normality in 1966 as an unnamed property of all stratifiable spaces in his paper (Borges, 1966). In 1970, P. Zenor gave the property its name while announcing (Zenor, 1970) several theorems that hold in such spaces. Of special note were analogs, for monotonically normal spaces, of Katetov's metrization theorem for compacta with hereditarily normal cubes (Katetov, 1948) and of Dugundgi's extension theorem for metric spaces (Dugundgi, 1951). In 1973, the various announced results of Zenor and of Heath and Lutzer comprised the first major paper (Heath, Lutzer, and Zenor, 1973) on monotone normality. That paper is a fairly thorough investigation into the position of monotone normality in the class of generalized metric spaces. In the same year, Borges gave some additional characterizations of monotone normality (Borges, 1973). In 1996, R. C. Buck introduced the concept of monotone  $T_2$  - spaces (Buck, 1996).

In this paper we shall introduce a concept weaker than monotone  $T_2$  which we shall call it monotone  $T_1$  and we shall give some results concerning this concept.

The relative topology (subspace topology) on the set  $A$  inherited by  $\tau$  will be denoted by  $\tau_A$ .  $\mathfrak{R}$  denote the set of all real numbers. The  $\tau$ -closure of the subset  $A$  of the topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is denoted by  $\text{cl}(A)$ , and the closure of the subset  $M$  of the subspace topology space  $(A, \tau_A)$  is denoted by  $\text{cl}_A(M)$ . Let  $\tau_{\text{dis}}$ ,  $\tau_{\text{cof}}$  denote the discrete and the cofinite topologies on a set  $X$ , respectively.

**Definition 1.1 (Buck, 1996).** A  $T_1$  space  $X$  is called *monotonically normal* if there is a function  $G$  which assigns to each ordered pair  $(H, K)$  of disjoint closed subsets of  $X$  an open set  $G(H, K)$  such that:

- i)  $H \subseteq G(H, K) \subseteq \text{cl}(G(H, K)) \subseteq X \setminus K$ ;
- ii) if  $(H', K')$  is a pair of disjoint closed sets such that  $H \subseteq H'$  and  $K \supseteq K'$ , then  $G(H, K) \subseteq G(H', K')$ .

The function  $G$  is called a *monotone normality operator* for  $X$ .

**Definition 1. 2 (Buck, 1996).** A topological space  $X$  is called *monotonically  $T_2$*  if there is a function  $g : X \times X \rightarrow \tau_X$  assigning to each ordered pair  $(x, y)$  of distinct points in  $X$  an open neighborhood,  $g(x, y)$ , of  $x$  such that:

- i)  $g(x, y) \cap g(y, x) = \emptyset$ ;
- ii) if  $x \in \text{cl}(\cup \{g(y, x) \mid y \in M\})$ , then  $x \in \text{cl}(M)$ .

The function  $g$  is called a *monotone  $T_2$  operator* for  $X$ .

It is easy to see that every monotone normal space is monotone  $T_2$ .

If we return to condition (i) in Definition 1. 2 and weaken it in the following way : “for every two distinct points  $x$ , and  $y$  of  $X$ , then  $x \in g(x, y)$ ,  $y \in g(y, x)$ ,  $y \notin g(x, y)$  and  $x \notin g(y, x)$ ”. We obtain a new definition which we call it monotone  $T_1$ .

**Definition 1. 3.** A topological space  $X$  is called *monotonically  $T_1$*  if there is a function  $g : X \times X \rightarrow \tau_X$  assigning to each ordered pair  $(x, y)$  of distinct points in  $X$  an open neighborhood,  $g(x, y)$ , of  $x$  such that:

- i) for every two distinct points  $x$ , and  $y$  of  $X$ , then  $x \in g(x, y)$ ,  $y \in g(y, x)$ ,  $y \notin g(x, y)$  and  $x \notin g(y, x)$ ;
- ii) if  $x \in \text{cl}(\cup \{g(y, x) \mid y \in M\})$ , then  $x \in \text{cl}(M)$ .

We shall call the function  $g$  is a *monotone  $T_1$  operator* for  $X$ .

Now, we shall give two examples, the first one is a monotone  $T_1$ , and the second is not monotone  $T_1$ .

**Example 1. 4.** Consider the space  $(\mathfrak{R}, \tau_{\text{dis}})$ . It is easy to see that, this space is monotone  $T_1$ . In fact, define the monotone  $T_1$  operator  $g : \mathfrak{R} \times \mathfrak{R} \rightarrow \tau_{\text{dis}}$  as follows:

$$g(x, y) = \{x\}, \text{ for every pair of distinct points } x, y \text{ of } \mathfrak{R}.$$

**Example 1. 5.** Consider the space  $(\mathfrak{R}, \tau_{\text{cof}})$ . If  $(\mathfrak{R}, \tau_{\text{cof}})$  is monotone  $T_1$ , then there exists a monotone  $T_1$  operator  $g : \mathfrak{R} \times \mathfrak{R} \rightarrow \tau_{\text{cof}}$ . Let  $x \neq y$  in  $\mathfrak{R}$ , so  $g(x, y)$  is an open neighborhood of  $x$  in  $(\mathfrak{R}, \tau_{\text{cof}})$  with  $y \notin g(x, y)$ . Thus, we may assume that  $g(x, y) = \mathfrak{R} \setminus \{y\}$ ,



$x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  for some finitely many points  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  different from  $x$ . Hence,  $\mathfrak{R} = \text{cl}(\mathfrak{R} \setminus \{y, x_1, \dots, x_n\}) = \text{cl}(g(x, y))$ .

Take the subset  $M = \{0\}$ , so,  $1 \in \mathfrak{R} = \text{cl}(g(0,1))$ , but  $1 \notin \{0\} = \text{cl}(\{0\}) = \text{cl}(M)$ . Hence, there is no such monotone  $T_1$  operator  $g$ . Therefore,  $(\mathfrak{R}, \tau_{\text{cof}})$  is not monotone  $T_1$ .

**2. Some Results Concerning Monotone  $T_1$  - Spaces.** In this section we shall give the main properties of monotone  $T_1$  - spaces. In fact, we shall prove that monotonically  $T_1$  is hereditary, topological property and productive. Moreover we shall prove that every monotone  $T_1$  - space is regular which is strengthen the result of Buck (Buck, 1996), every monotone  $T_2$  - space is regular. Let us start with the following obvious results.

**Theorem 2. 1.** *Every monotone normal space is monotone  $T_1$ .  $\square$*

**Theorem 2. 2.** *Every monotone  $T_2$  - space is monotone  $T_1$ .  $\square$*

Because of previous theorem we have the following open problem

**Question 2. 3.** *Is every monotone  $T_1$  - space a monotone  $T_2$  ?*

**Theorem 2. 4 (Buck, 1996).** *If a topological space  $X$  is a regular, first countable,  $T_1$  - space, then  $X$  is monotonically  $T_2$ .*

**Corollary 2. 5.** *If a topological space  $X$  is a regular, first countable,  $T_1$  - space, then  $X$  is monotonically  $T_1$ .  $\square$*

In the next result we shall prove that monotonically  $T_1$  is hereditary.

**Theorem 2. 6.** *Monotonically  $T_1$  is hereditary.*

**Proof.** Assume that  $X$  is monotonically  $T_1$ , and  $A$  is a subset of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is monotonically  $T_1$ , there exists a monotonically  $T_1$  operator  $g : X \times X \rightarrow \tau_X$  satisfying

conditions (i), and (ii) of Definition 1. 3. Define the function  $h : A \times A \rightarrow \tau_A$  in the natural way as follows:

$$h(a, b) = g(a, b) \cap A,$$

for every pair  $(a, b)$  of distinct points of  $A$ . Since  $g(a, b)$  is open in  $X$ , so  $g(a, b) \cap A$  is open in the subspace topology  $(A, \tau_A)$ . Hence,  $h$  is well defined for every  $(a, b) \in A \times A$  with  $a \neq b$ .

Let  $(a, b)$  be a pair of distinct points in  $A$ , so  $(a, b)$  is a pair of distinct points in  $X$ . Since  $g$  is a monotone  $T_1$  operator, so  $g(a, b)$  is an open neighborhood of  $X$  containing the point  $a$  and does not contain the point  $b$ , also  $g(b, a)$  is an open neighborhood of  $X$  containing the point  $b$  and does not contain the point  $a$ . Thus,  $h(a, b) = g(a, b) \cap A$  is an open neighborhood of  $A$  containing the point  $a$  and does not contain the point  $b$ , and  $h(b, a) = g(b, a) \cap A$  is an open neighborhood of  $A$  containing the point  $b$  and does not contain the point  $a$ . Hence, condition (i) of Definition 1. 3 follows.

Now, assume that  $M$  is a subset of  $A$  and  $x$  is an element of  $A$ , but  $x$  is not an element of  $\text{cl}_A(M)$ . Then we have  $\text{cl}_A(M) = H \cap A$ , where  $H$  is closed in  $X$ , so  $x$  is not an element of the closed set  $H$ . Thus, we have

$$x \notin \text{cl}_X(\cup \{g(y, x) \mid y \in H\}) \supseteq \text{cl}_X(\cup \{h(y, x) \mid y \in M\}) \supseteq \text{cl}_A(\cup \{h(y, x) \mid y \in M\}).$$

Therefore,  $A$  is a monotonically  $T_1$  - subspace.  $\square$

**Theorem 2. 7.** *Monotone  $T_1$  is a topological property.*

**Proof.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be homeomorphic topological spaces by the homeomorphism  $h : X \rightarrow Y$ . Without loss of generality, assume that  $X$  is a monotone  $T_1$  space. So, there exists a monotone  $T_1$  operator  $g : X \times X \rightarrow \tau_X$ . Define the function  $k : Y \times Y \rightarrow \tau_Y$  which makes the following diagram commutative

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \times X & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{h \times h} \\ \xleftarrow{h^{-1} \times h^{-1}} \end{array} & Y \times Y \\ \downarrow g & & \downarrow k \\ \tau_X & \xrightarrow{f} & \tau_Y \end{array}$$

that is,  $k(y_1, y_2) = f(g(h^{-1}(y_1), h^{-1}(y_2)))$  for each ordered pair  $(y_1, y_2)$  of distinct points in  $Y$ , where  $f: \tau_X \rightarrow \tau_Y$  is the function defined by  $f(U) = h(U)$  for each open set  $U$  in  $X$ .

Let  $y_1, y_2$  be two distinct points in  $Y$ . Since  $h$  is bijective, so  $h^{-1}(y_1)$  and  $h^{-1}(y_2)$  are distinct points in  $X$ , and since  $X$  is monotone  $T_1$ , so  $g(h^{-1}(y_1), h^{-1}(y_2))$  is an open neighborhood of  $h^{-1}(y_1)$  in  $X$  and does not contain  $h^{-1}(y_2)$ , also,  $g(h^{-1}(y_2), h^{-1}(y_1))$  is an open neighborhood of  $h^{-1}(y_2)$  in  $X$  and does not contain  $h^{-1}(y_1)$ . Thus,  $y_1 \in k(y_1, y_2)$ , because;

$$y_1 = hh^{-1}(y_1) \in h(g(h^{-1}(y_1), h^{-1}(y_2))) = f(g(h^{-1}(y_1), h^{-1}(y_2))) = k(y_1, y_2),$$

similarly,  $y_2 \in k(y_2, y_1)$ , also,  $y_1 \notin k(y_2, y_1)$ , because;

$$y_1 = hh^{-1}(y_1) \notin h(g(h^{-1}(y_2), h^{-1}(y_1))) = f(g(h^{-1}(y_2), h^{-1}(y_1))) = k(y_2, y_1), \text{ similarly, } y_2 \notin k(y_1, y_2).$$

So part (i) of definition 1.3 follows.

Let  $M$  be any subset of  $Y$ , and  $y$  is a point in  $\text{cl}_Y(\cup \{k(z, y) \mid z \in M\})$ . So,  $h^{-1}(M)$  is a subset of  $X$  and

$$\begin{aligned} h^{-1}(y) &\in h^{-1}(\text{cl}_Y(\cup \{k(z, y) \mid z \in M\})) \\ &= \text{cl}_X(h^{-1}(\cup \{k(z, y) \mid z \in M\})) \quad \text{since } h \text{ is a homeomorphism} \\ &= \text{cl}_X(\cup \{h^{-1}(k(z, y)) \mid z \in M\}) \\ &= \text{cl}_X(\cup \{h^{-1}(f(g(h^{-1}(z), h^{-1}(y)))) \mid z \in M\}) \\ &= \text{cl}_X(\cup \{h^{-1}(h(g(h^{-1}(z), h^{-1}(y)))) \mid z \in M\}) \\ &= \text{cl}_X(\cup \{g(h^{-1}(z), h^{-1}(y)) \mid z \in M\}), \end{aligned}$$

since  $g$  is monotone  $T_1$  operator, so  $h^{-1}(y) \in \text{cl}_X(h^{-1}(M))$ , but  $h^{-1}(\text{cl}_Y(M)) = \text{cl}_X(h^{-1}(M))$  and so  $y = h(h^{-1}(y)) \in h(h^{-1}(\text{cl}_Y(M))) = \text{cl}_Y(M)$ .

Therefore,  $Y$  is Monotone  $T_1$  space.  $\square$

To study productivity of monotone  $T_1$  we need the following definition.

**Definition 2.8 (Buck, 1996).** Suppose  $\{X_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  is a family of topological spaces. A set of the form  $\Pi_{\alpha \in \Lambda} G_\alpha$  is called an *open box* if  $G_\alpha$  is open in  $X_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha$  belonging to  $\Lambda$ . The *box topology* on  $\Pi_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$  is the topology generated by the base of all open boxes. We designate the space  $\Pi_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$  with the box topology by  $\square_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$ .



**Theorem 2. 9.** *If the product Topology on  $\prod_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$  is monotone  $T_1$  - space, then  $X_\alpha$  is monotone  $T_1$  - space for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ .*

**Proof.** For each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ , pick the point  $p_\alpha$  in  $X_\alpha$ . It is easy to show that  $X_\beta$  is homeomorphic to  $X_\beta \times \prod_{\alpha \in \Lambda \setminus \{\beta\}} \{p_\alpha\}$ . Since  $\prod_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$  is monotone  $T_1$  - space, by Theorem 2.7,  $X_\beta$  is a monotone  $T_1$  space for each  $\beta \in \Lambda$ .  $\square$

It is easy to prove the following result.

**Corollary 2. 10.** *If the box topology on  $\prod_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$  is monotone  $T_1$  - space, then  $X_\alpha$  is monotone  $T_1$  for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ .  $\square$*

**Theorem 2. 11.** *If  $X_\alpha$  is a topological space which is monotonically  $T_1$  for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ , then  $\prod_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$  is monotonically  $T_1$ .*

**Proof.** For  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ , let  $g_\alpha$  be a monotone  $T_1$  operator on  $X_\alpha$ , and let  $X = \prod_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$ . Let  $p$  and  $x$  be distinct points in  $X$ . Define the monotone  $T_1$  operator on  $X$  as follows:

$$g(p, x) = \prod_{\alpha \in \Lambda} U_\alpha, \text{ where } U_\alpha = X_\alpha \text{ if } p_\alpha = x_\alpha; \text{ and } U_\alpha = g_\alpha(p_\alpha, x_\alpha) \text{ if } p_\alpha \neq x_\alpha.$$

If  $p$  and  $x$  are distinct points in  $X$ , then there exists  $\beta \in \Lambda$  such that  $p_\beta \neq x_\beta$ , so  $g_\beta(p_\beta, x_\beta)$  is an open neighborhood in  $X_\beta$  containing the point  $p_\beta$  and does not contain the point  $x_\beta$ , also  $g_\beta(x_\beta, p_\beta)$  is an open neighborhood in  $X_\beta$  containing the point  $x_\beta$  and does not contain the point  $p_\beta$ . So,  $g(p, x)$  containing  $p$  and does not contain  $x$ , and  $g(x, p)$  containing  $x$  and does not contain  $p$ . Thus part (i) of the Definition 1.3, is satisfied.

Now, suppose that  $M \subset X$  and  $p \notin \text{cl}(M)$ . Then, there exists a basic open set  $U = \prod_{\alpha \in \Lambda} U_\alpha$  in  $X$  with  $p \in U$  such that  $U \cap M = \emptyset$ . Let

$$V = \prod_{\alpha \in \Lambda} U_\alpha \setminus [ \text{cl}(\cup \{ g_\alpha(x_\alpha, p_\alpha) \mid x_\alpha \in X_\alpha \setminus U_\alpha \}) ].$$

Since  $p_\alpha \in U_\alpha$ , so  $p_\alpha \notin X_\alpha \setminus U_\alpha = \text{cl}(X_\alpha \setminus U_\alpha)$  and since  $X_\alpha$  is monotone  $T_1$ , so

$$p_\alpha \notin \text{cl}(\cup \{ g_\alpha(x_\alpha, p_\alpha) \mid x_\alpha \in X_\alpha \setminus U_\alpha \}).$$

Thus,  $p \in V \subseteq U$ , with  $V$  open in  $X$ . Suppose that, there exists an element  $z \in V \cap (\cup \{ g(x, p) \mid x \in M \})$ . Then  $z \in g(y, p)$  for some  $y \in M$ , so  $z_\alpha \in g_\alpha(y_\alpha, p_\alpha)$  for all  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ . However,  $z \in V$ , so  $z_\alpha \notin \cup \{ g_\alpha(x_\alpha, p_\alpha) \mid x_\alpha \in X_\alpha \setminus U_\alpha \}$  for all  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ .



Therefore, for all  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ ,  $y_\alpha \notin X_\alpha \setminus U_\alpha$ . Thus, for all  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ , we have  $y_\alpha \in U_\alpha$  and  $y \in U$ , contradiction. Hence,  $z \notin \cup \{g(x, p) \mid x \in M\}$  and  $V \cap [\cup \{g(x, p) \mid x \in M\}] = \emptyset$ .

Since  $p \notin \text{cl}[\cup \{g(x, p) \mid x \in M\}]$ , so condition (ii) of Definition 1. 3 is satisfied. Thus,  $g$  is a monotone  $T_1$  operator. Therefore  $X$  is monotone  $T_1$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2. 12.**  $\square_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$  is monotonically  $T_1$  iff  $X_\alpha$  is monotonically  $T_1$  for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ .  $\square$

Let us close this paper by the following result..

**Theorem 2. 13.** Every monotone  $T_1$  - space is a  $T_3$  - space.

**Proof.** Let  $X$  be a monotone  $T_1$  - space. So, there exists a monotone  $T_1$  operator  $g : X \times X \rightarrow \tau$ .

Let  $M$  be a closed subset of  $X$  and  $x$  be a point not in  $M$ . Thus  $x \notin \text{cl}(\cup \{g(y, x) \mid y \in M\})$ , by (ii) of Definition 3. 1. Thus,  $X \setminus \text{cl}(\cup \{g(y, x) \mid y \in M\})$  is an open set containing  $x$ , and since  $y \in g(y, x)$  for all  $y \in M$ , so  $M \subseteq \cup \{g(y, x) \mid y \in M\}$ .

Hence, the sets  $U = \cup \{g(y, x) \mid y \in M\}$  and  $V = X \setminus \text{cl}(\cup \{g(y, x) \mid y \in M\})$  are disjoint open sets in  $X$  containing  $M$  and  $x$  respectively.

Thus,  $X$  is regular. Since  $X$  is  $T_1$ , therefore  $X$  is a  $T_3$  - space.  $\square$

Since every monotone  $T_1$  - space is a  $T_3$  - space, so one may ask the following question.

**Question 2. 14.** Is every monotone  $T_1$  - space is a  $T_4$  - space?

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