

## SEMI SEPARATION AXIOMS AND HYPERSPACES

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper examples are given to show that  $s$ -regular and  $s$ -normal are independent; that  $s$ -normal, and  $s$ -regular are not semi topological properties; and that  $(S(X), E(X))$  need not be semi- $T_1$  even if  $(X, T)$  is compact,  $s$ -normal,  $s$ -regular, semi- $T_2$ , and  $T_0$ . Also, it is shown that for each space  $(X, T)$ ,  $(S(X), E(X))$ ,  $(S(X_0), E(X_0))$ , and  $(S(X_{S_0}), E(X_{S_0}))$  are homeomorphic, where  $(X_0, Q(X_0))$  is the  $T_0$ -identification space of  $(X, T)$  and  $(X_{S_0}, Q(X_{S_0}))$  is the semi- $T_0$ -identification space of  $(X, T)$ , and that if  $(X, T)$  is  $s$ -regular and  $R_0$ , then  $(S(X), E(X))$  is semi- $T_2$ .

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### 1. INTRODUCTION.

Semi open sets were first defined and investigated by Levine [1] in 1963.

**DEFINITION 1.1.** Let  $(X, T)$  be a space and let  $A \subseteq X$ . Then  $A$  is semi open, denoted by  $A \in SO(X, T)$ , iff there exists  $U \in T$  such that  $U \subset A \subset \bar{U}$ .

Since 1963 semi open sets have been used to define and investigate many new topological properties. Maheshwari and Prasad [2], [3], and [4] generalized  $T_i$ ,  $i = 0, 1, 2$ , regular, and normal to semi- $T_i$ ,  $i = 0, 1, 2$ ,  $s$ -regular, and  $s$ -normal,

by replacing the word open in the definitions of  $T_i$ ,  $i = 0, 1, 2$ , regular, and normal by semi open, respectively. Except for s-normal and s-regular, the relationships between these separation axioms have been determined. In this paper, the relationship between s-normal and s-regular is determined, and semi topological properties and hyperspaces are further investigated.

## 2. s-REGULAR, s-NORMAL, AND SEMI TOPOLOGICAL PROPERTIES.

Maheshwari and Prasad [4] gave an example showing that s-normal does not imply s-regular. That example can be combined with the following example to show that s-regular and s-normal are independent.

**EXAMPLE 2.1** Let  $N$  denote the natural numbers, let  $T$  be the discrete topology on  $N$ , let  $e$  be the embedding map of  $(N, T)$  into  $\pi\{I_f \mid f \in C^*(N, T)\}$ , and let  $(\beta N, W) = (\overline{e(N)}, e)$  denote the Stone- $\check{C}$ ech compactification of  $(N, T)$ . From Willard's book [5],  $(\beta N, W)$  is extremely disconnected,  $e(N)$  is open in  $\beta N$ , and  $B = \beta N - e(N)$  is infinite. For each  $p \in N$  let  $N_p = \{n \in N \mid n \leq p\}$ . Since for each  $p \in N$ , there exists a function  $f_p: N_p \rightarrow B \times W$  such that (1) if  $i \in \{2, \dots, p\}$ , then  $f_i$  is an extension of  $f_{i-1}$ , (2)  $x_i \in 0_i$  for all  $i \in N_p$ , (3) if  $i, j \in N_p$ , then  $\overline{0}_i \cap \overline{0}_j \neq \emptyset$  iff  $i = j$ , and (4)  $B - \bigcup_{i=1}^p \overline{0}_i$  is infinite, then there exists a sequence  $\{(x_n, 0_n)\}_{n \in N} \subset B \times W$  such that  $x_n \in 0_n$  for all  $n \in N$  and  $\overline{0}_m \cap \overline{0}_n \neq \emptyset$  iff  $m = n$ . Let  $\{a_n\}_{n \in N}$  be a sequence such that  $\{a_n \mid n \in N\} \cap \beta N = \emptyset$  and  $a_n = a_m$  iff  $n = m$ , let  $V = \{x_n \mid n \in N\} \cup \left( \bigcup_{n \in N} \{U_n = 0_n \cap e(N)\} \right) \subset \beta N$ , let  $W_1$  be the relative topology on  $V$ , and let  $X = V \cup \{a_n \mid n \in N\}$ . Since  $U_1$  is countably infinite, then  $U_1 = \{y_n\}_{n \in N}$ , where  $y_i = y_j$  iff  $i = j$ . For each  $i \in N$ , let  $B_i = \{0 \subset X - (\{x_n \mid n \in N\} \cup \{a_n \mid n \neq i\}) \mid 0 \cap U_n \in W_1 \text{ for all } n \in N, x_n \in \overline{0 \cap U_n} \text{ except for finitely many } n \in N, \text{ and } a_i, y_i \in 0\}$ , and let  $W_2 = \bigcup_{i \in N} B_i$ . Then  $W_1 \cup W_2$  is a base for a topology  $S$  on  $X$ ,  $(X, S)$  is s-regular, semi- $T_2$ , and  $T_0$ , and  $(X, S)$  is not s-normal since  $A = \{a_n \mid n \in N\}$  and  $C = \{x_n \mid n \in N\}$  are disjoint closed sets and there do not exist disjoint semi open sets containing  $A$  and  $C$ , respectively.

Semihomomorphisms and semi topological properties were first introduced and investigated by Crossley and Hildebrand [6].

DEFINITION 2.1. A 1-1 function from one space onto another space is a semihomomorphism iff images of semi open sets are semi open and inverses of semi open sets are semi open. A property of topological spaces preserved by semihomomorphisms is called a semi topological property.

Example 1.5 in [6], which was used to show that normal and regular are not semi topological properties, also shows that s-normal and s-regular are not semi topological properties.

Clearly, semi- $T_i$ ,  $i = 0, 1, 2$ , are semi topological properties.

### 3. HYPERSPACES AND SEMI SEPARATION AXIOMS

DEFINITION 3.1. Let  $(X, T)$  be a topological space, let  $A \subset X$ , and define  $S(X)$ ,  $S(A)$ , and  $I(A)$  as follows:  $S(X) = \{F \subset X \mid F \text{ is nonempty and closed}\}$ ,  $S(A) = \{F \in S(X) \mid F \subset A\}$ , and  $I(A) = \{F \in S(X) \mid F \cap A \neq \emptyset\}$ . Denote by  $E(X)$  the smallest topology on  $S(X)$  satisfying the conditions that if  $G \in T$ , then  $S(G) \in E(X)$  and  $I(G) \in E(X)$ . Then  $(S(X), E(X))$  is called a hyperspace [7].

Michael [8] showed that for a space  $(X, T)$ ,  $\mathcal{B} = \{ \langle G_1, \dots, G_p \rangle \mid p \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } G_i \in T \text{ for all } i \in \mathbb{N}_p = \{1, \dots, p\} \}$  is a base for  $E(X)$ , where  $\mathbb{N}$  is the natural numbers and  $\langle G_1, \dots, G_p \rangle = \langle G_1 \rangle_{i=1}^p = \{F \in S(X) \mid F \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^p G_i \text{ and } F \cap G_i \neq \emptyset \text{ for all } i \in \mathbb{N}_p\}$ , and observed that for each space  $(X, T)$ ,  $(S(X), E(X))$  is  $T_0$ . Since  $T_0$  implies semi- $T_0$ , then for each space  $(X, T)$ ,  $(S(X), E(X))$  is semi- $T_0$ . The following example shows that  $(S(X), E(X))$  need not be semi- $T_1$  even if  $(X, T)$  is compact, s-normal, s-regular, semi- $T_2$ , and  $T_0$ .

EXAMPLE 3.1 Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $T = \{X, \emptyset, \{b\}, \{d\}, \{b, d\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$ . Then  $(S(X), E(X))$  is not semi- $T_1$  since  $\{a, b, c\} \in S(X)$  such that  $\{a, b, c\} \neq X$  and there does not exist a semi open set containing  $\{a, b, c\}$  and not  $X$ .

In Willard's book [5],  $T_0$ -identification spaces are discussed.

DEFINITION 3.2 Let  $R$  be the equivalence relation on a space  $(X, T)$  defined by  $xRy$  iff  $\overline{\{x\}} = \overline{\{y\}}$ . Then the  $T_0$ -identification space of  $(X, T)$  is  $(X_0, Q(X_0))$ , where  $X_0$  is the set of equivalence classes of  $R$  and  $Q(X_0)$  is the decomposition topology on  $X_0$ , which is  $T_0$ .

This author [9] used  $T_0$ -identification spaces to show that hyperspaces of  $R_0$  spaces, spaces which were first defined and investigated by Davis [10], are  $T_1$ .

DEFINITION 3.3. A space  $(X,T)$  is  $R_0$  iff for each  $0 \in T$  and  $x \in 0$ ,  $\overline{\{x\}} \subset 0$ .

Since  $T_1$  implies semi- $T_1$ , then the hyperspace of each  $R_0$  space is semi- $T_1$ .

Semi open sets were used by Crossley and Hildebran [11] to define and investigate semi closed sets and semi closure.

DEFINITION 3.4. Let  $(X,T)$  be a space and let  $A, B \subset X$ . Then  $A$  is semi closed iff  $X-A$  is semi open and the semi closure of  $B$ , denoted by  $scl B$ , is the intersection of all semi closed sets containing  $B$ .

This author [12] used semi closure to define and investigate semi- $T_0$ -identification spaces.

DEFINITION 3.5. Let  $R$  be the equivalence relation on a space  $(X,T)$  defined by  $xRy$  iff  $scl\{x\} = scl\{y\}$ . Then the semi- $T_0$ -identification space of  $(X,T)$  is  $(X_{S_0}, Q(X_{S_0}))$ , where  $X_{S_0}$  is the set of equivalence classes of  $R$  and  $Q(X_{S_0})$  is the decomposition topology on  $X_{S_0}$ , which is semi- $T_0$ .

This author [13] and [12] showed that the natural map  $P: (X,T) \rightarrow (X_0, Q(X_0))$  is continuous, closed, open, onto, and  $P^{-1}(P(0)) = 0$  for all  $0 \in T$  and that the natural map  $P_S: (X,T) \rightarrow (X_{S_0}, Q(X_{S_0}))$  is continuous, closed, open, onto, and  $P_S^{-1}(P_S(0)) = 0$  for all  $0 \in S_0(X,T)$ . These results are used to obtain the following result.

THEOREM 3.1. For a space  $(X,T), (S(X), E(X)), (S(X_0), E(X_0))$ , and  $(S(X_{S_0}), E(X_{S_0}))$  are homeomorphic.

PROOF: Let  $f: (S(X), E(X)) \rightarrow (S(X_0), E(X_0))$  and let  $f_S: (S(X), E(X)) \rightarrow (S(X_{S_0}), E(X_{S_0}))$  defined by  $f(F) = P(F)$  and  $f_S(F) = P_S(F)$ . Then  $f$  and  $f_S$  are homeomorphisms.

THEOREM 3.2. If  $(X,T)$  is  $R_0, G \in T$ , and  $F \in S(X)$  such that  $F \cap \overline{G} \neq \emptyset$ , then  $S(\overline{G}) = \overline{S(G)}$  and  $F \in \overline{I(G)}$ .

PROOF: Since  $S(G) \subset S(\overline{G})$ , which is closed, then  $\overline{S(G)} \subset S(\overline{G})$ . Let  $A \in S(\overline{G})$ . Let  $\langle B_i \rangle_{i=1}^P \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $A \in \langle B_i \rangle_{i=1}^P$ . Then  $A \subset \overline{G}$  and

$\emptyset \neq A \cap B_i \subset \bar{G} \cap B_i$  for all  $i \in N_p$ , which implies  $G \cap B_i \neq \emptyset$  for all  $i \in N_p$ .

For each  $i \in N_p$  let  $x_i \in G \cap B_i$ . Then  $\overline{\{x_i\}} \subset G \cap B_i$  for all  $i \in N_p$  and

$\bigcup_{i \in N_p} \overline{\{x_i\}} \in S(G) \cap \langle B_i \rangle_{i=1}^p$ . Thus  $A \in \overline{S(G)}$  and  $S(\bar{G}) \subset \overline{S(G)}$ , which implies  $S(\bar{G}) = \overline{S(G)}$ .

Let  $\langle U_i \rangle_{i=1}^m \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $F \in \langle U_i \rangle_{i=1}^m$ . Then  $F \subset \bigcup_{i \in N_m} U_i \in \mathcal{T}$  and  $F \cap \bar{G} \neq \emptyset$ , which implies  $G \cap \left( \bigcup_{i \in N_m} U_i \right) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $y \in G \cap \left( \bigcup_{i \in N_m} U_i \right)$  and for each  $i \in N_m$  let  $y_i \in B_i$ . Then  $\overline{\{y\}} \cup \left\{ \bigcup_{i \in N_m} \overline{\{y_i\}} \right\} \in I(G) \cap \langle U_i \rangle_{i=1}^m$ . Hence,  $F \in \overline{I(G)}$ .

**THEOREM 3.3.** If  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is  $s$ -regular and  $R_0$ , then  $(S(X), E(X))$  is semi- $T_2$ .

**PROOF:** Let  $A, B \in S(X)$  such that  $A \neq B$ . Then  $A - B \neq \emptyset$  or  $B - A \neq \emptyset$ , say  $B - A \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $x \in B - A$ . Then there exists disjoint semi open sets  $O$  and  $W$  such that  $x \in O$  and  $A \subset W$ . Let  $U, V \in \mathcal{T}$  such that  $U \subset O \subset \bar{U}$  and  $V \subset W \subset \bar{V}$ . Then  $I(U)$  and  $S(V)$  are disjoint open sets,  $B \in \overline{I(U)}$ , and  $A \in S(\bar{V}) = \overline{S(V)}$ , which implies  $S(V) \cup \{A\}$  and  $I(U) \cup \{B\}$  are disjoint semi open sets.

Maheshwari and Prasad [4] showed that every  $s$ -normal  $R_0$  space is  $s$ -regular. This result can be combined with Theorem 3.3 to obtain the following corollary.

**COROLLARY 3.1.** If  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is  $s$ -normal and  $R_0$ , then  $(S(X), E(X))$  is semi- $T_2$ .

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