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## ON EQUIVALENCE OF A-SET AND AB- SET DUE TO DONTCHEV AND TONG

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Erdal Ekici, Takashi Noiri (Decomposition of continuity,  $\alpha$ -continuity and AB-continuity, Chaos, Solitons and Fractals 41(2009) 2055 – 2061) have introduced the interesting concepts of A-set and AB-set for defining generalized versions of continuity viz. A-continuity and AB-continuity. In this paper, it has been noticed that the conditions applied to derive A-set and AB-set with respect to a given topology emerge the same family of the sets and hence the concepts of A-continuity and AB-continuity coincide.

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

The idea of C-sets,  $\eta$ -sets, A-sets, AB-sets, AC-sets,  $\alpha$ -AB-sets has been initiated by Noiri et al. [10] and Ekici et al. [6]. By using the concept of these sets they have defined [6] four generalized concepts of continuity viz. A-continuity, AB-continuity, AC-continuity and  $\alpha$ -AB-continuity.

In the present paper, it has been studied that the concepts of A-set and AB-set are equivalent. In fact, we have established the **necessary and sufficient condition** for the set to be a semi-regular set which in turns establishes the equivalence of two families of the sets viz. A-sets and AB-sets.

Hence, in view of our assertion, it follows directly that the two different definitions of A-continuity and AB-continuity introduced in [6] turned equivalent.

**2. PREREQUISITES**

Throughout this paper  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  denote topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed.  $F_X$  and  $F_Y$  denote collection of closed sets corresponding to the topologies on  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. For a subset  $A \subset X$ , the closure and the interior of  $A$  are denoted by  $cl(A)$  and  $int(A)$  respectively. A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  denotes a single valued function of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  into topological space  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

We recall the following definitions, which are required for our study.

**DEFINITION 2.1** A subset  $S$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is called **Semi-open** [8] if  $S \subseteq cl(int(S))$ . The complement of Semi-open set is called **Semi-closed set**. The collection of Semi-open sets is denoted by  $SO(X)$ .

**EXAMPLE 2.1** Consider a set  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a, b\}, \{a\}, \{b\}\}$ ,  $F_X = \{\emptyset, X, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}\}$ . Let  $A = \{a, c\}$  be a subset of  $X$ .

Then,  $int\{a, c\} = \{a\}$ ,  $cl(int\{a, c\}) = cl\{a\} = \{a, c\} \Rightarrow \{a, c\} \subseteq cl(int\{a, c\})$ . Hence,  $A$  is **semi-open** and complement of  $\{a, c\}$  is  $\{b\}$  which is **semi-closed**.

**DEFINITION 2.2** A subset  $S$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is called **semi-regular** if it is both semi-open and semi-closed. The

collection of all semi-regular sets in  $X$  is denoted by  $Sr(X)$  (cf.[6]).

**EXAMPLE 2.2** Consider a topological space  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ ,  $F_X = \{\phi, X, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, \{c\}\}$ . Let  $A = \{b, c\}$  be a subset of  $X$ , then  $\text{int}\{b, c\} = \{b\}$  and  $\text{cl}(\text{int}\{b, c\}) = \text{cl}\{b\} = \{b, c\} \Rightarrow \{b, c\} \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}\{b, c\}) = \{b, c\}$ .

Hence,  $A$  is a semi-open set. In order to establish that  $A$  is semi-closed, it is enough if we show that complement of  $A = \{a\}$  is semi-open. Since,  $\{a\} \in \tau$ , and every open set is semi-open, hence,  $\{a\}$  is semi-open. Therefore,  $A$  is **semi-regular set**.

**REMARK 2.1** Collection of semi-regular sets of  $X$  does not form a topology on  $X$ .

**EXAMPLE 2.3** Consider a topological space  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ ,  $F_X = \{\phi, X, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, \{c\}\}$ . It is easy to verify that the collection of semi-regular sets of  $X$  viz.  $Sr(X) = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$  precisely. It may be noted that the collection of  $Sr(X)$  is not a topology on  $X$ .

The following concepts of AB-set and A-set have been introduced in [6]. We focus our study on these two different classes of sets.

**DEFINITION 2.3** A subset  $H$  of a space  $(X, \tau)$  is called

- An **AB-set** [11] if  $H \in \text{AB-set} = \{A \cap B : A \text{ is open and } B \text{ is semi-regular}\}$ .
- An **A-set** [5] if  $H \in \text{A-set} = \{A \cap B : A \in \tau, B = \text{cl}(\text{int}(B))\}$ .

For a topological space  $X$ , we denote  $F_A = \{\text{A-set in } X\}$ ,  $F_{AB} = \{\text{AB-set in } X\}$ .

**EXAMPLE 2.4** Consider a topological space  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}\}$ ,  $F_X = \{\phi, X, \{b, c\}\}$ . It is easy to see that there are only two open sets say  $X$  and  $\phi$  which are semi-regular. Given  $A = \{a\} \in \tau$  is open in  $X$ , then,  $\{a\} \cap X = \{a\} \in F_{AB}$ .

**EXAMPLE 2.5** Consider a topological space  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  with the topology  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}\}$ ,  $F_X = \{\phi, X, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}, \{c\}\}$ . Consider  $A = X \in \tau$  open in  $X$  and  $B = \{a, c\} \subset X$ . Then,  $\text{int}\{a, c\} = \{a\}$  and  $\text{cl}(\text{int}\{a, c\}) = \text{cl}\{a\} = \{a, c\}$ ,  $B = \{a, c\} = \text{cl}(\text{int}\{a, c\}) = \{a, c\}$ . Now we see that  $A \cap B = X \cap \{a, c\} = \{a, c\} \in F_{AB}$ .

**DEFINITION 2.4** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called **A-continuous** if  $f^{-1}(G) \in F_A$  for each  $G \in \sigma$  (cf [6]).

**EXAMPLE 2.6** Consider the topological spaces  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $Y = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  with their corresponding topologies  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 4\}, \{2\}\}$  respectively.  $F_A = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, d\}\}$ . Define a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  as

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } x = a \\ 2, & \text{for } x = b \\ 3, & \text{for } x = c \\ 4, & \text{for } x = d \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

In view of (2.1), for  $G \in \sigma$ , we get

$$f^{-1}(G) = \begin{cases} X, & \text{for } G = Y \\ \phi & \text{for } G = \phi \\ \{b\}, & \text{for } G = \{2\} \\ \{b, c\} & \text{for } G = \{2, 3\} \\ \{a, b, d\} & \text{for } G = \{1, 2, 4\} \end{cases} \quad (2.2)$$

Hence, we notice that  $f^{-1}(G) \in F_A$  and conclude that  $f$  is **A-continuous** (when we appeal to Definition 2.4), but not continuous.

**DEFINITION 2.5** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called **AB-continuous** if  $f^{-1}(G) \in F_{AB}$  for each  $G \in \sigma$ . (cf [6]).

**EXAMPLE 2.7** Consider the topological spaces  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $Y = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  with their corresponding topologies  $\tau = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{d\}, \{b, d\}\}$ ,  $\sigma = \{Y, \phi, \{3, 4\}, \{1, 3, 4\}\}$  respectively.  $F_{AB} = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{d\}, \{b, d\}$ ,

$\{b, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{a, b\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, c, d\}$ . Define a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  as

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } x = a \\ 2, & \text{for } x = b \\ 3, & \text{for } x = c \\ 4, & \text{for } x = d \end{cases} \quad (2.3)$$

In view of (2.3), for  $G \in \sigma$ , we get

$$f^{-1}(G) = \begin{cases} X, & \text{for } G = Y \\ \phi & \text{for } G = \phi \\ \{c, d\} & \text{for } G = \{3,4\} \\ \{a, c, d\} & \text{for } G = \{1,3,4\} \end{cases} \quad (2.4)$$

Hence, we notice that  $f^{-1}(G) \in F_{AB}$  and conclude that  $f$  is **AB-continuous** (when we appeal to Definition 2.5), but not continuous.

**REMARK 2.2** Collection of AB-sets, A-sets, do not form a topology on  $X$ .

The following result play a crucial role in establishing the equivalence of the classes  $F_{AB}$  and  $F_A$ .

**THEOREM 2.1** Let  $A$  be a subset of the topological space  $X$ . Then  $x \in \bar{A}$  if and only if every open set  $U$  containing  $x$  intersects  $A$  (cf.[9], Theorem 17.5, page 96).

### 3. ASSERTION DUE TO EKICI AND NOIRI

Using the concepts of AB-set and A-set, Ekici et al. [6] have concluded the following assertions:

- A-set  $\Rightarrow$  AB-set. (cf.[ 5], [11] )
- A-continuity  $\Rightarrow$  AB-continuity.

### 4. MAIN RESULTS

Equivalence of the concepts of A-sets and AB-sets is a direct consequence of the following Lemma which is the main objective of this paper.

**LEMMA 4.1** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be the topological space then  $B$  be semi-regular with respect to the topology  $\tau$  on  $X$  if and only if  $B = \text{cl}(\text{int}(B))$ .

**PROOF OF THE LEMMA** Referring the definitions of A-sets and AB-sets from [6], we consider

$$F_A = \{A \cap B : A \in \tau, B = \text{cl}(\text{int}(B))\} \quad (4.1)$$

$$F_{AB} = \{A \cap B : A \in \tau, B \text{ is semi - regular}\} \quad (4.2)$$

We have to show that,  $B$  is semi-regular  $\Leftrightarrow B = \text{cl}(\text{int}(B))$ . It is enough if we show that (4.1)  $\cong$  (4.2).

**We first show that (4.2)  $\Rightarrow$  (4.1).**

$B$  is semi-regular  $\Rightarrow B$  is both semi-open and semi-closed (cf. [6]).

$\Rightarrow B, CB$  are both semi-open.

(Throughout our further discussions  $C$  denotes the complement of a set).

Since  $B$  is semi-open, by applying the definition 2.1, we have

$$B \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(B)) \quad (4.3)$$

Similarly, since  $CB$  is semi-open, we have  $CB \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(CB))$  which is same as

$$B \supseteq C[\text{cl}(\text{int}(CB))] \quad (4.4)$$

In view of (4.4), it is enough if we show the following :

$$C[\text{cl}(\text{int}(CB))] \supseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(B)) \quad (4.5)$$

Let  $x \in \text{cl}(\text{int}(B))$ . Then every neighborhood  $V_x$  of  $x$  intersects  $\text{int}(B)$  (cf. Th. 2.1, see also [9])

$$\Rightarrow V_x \cap \text{int}(B) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow y \in V_x \cap \text{int}(B) \Rightarrow y \in V_x \text{ and } y \in \text{int}(B).$$

$$\text{Since } y \in \text{int}(B) \text{ then } y \in \text{cl}(\text{int}(B)) \quad (4.6)$$

Since,  $y \in \text{int}(B)$ ,  $\exists$  a neighborhood  $V_y$  of  $y$  such that  $V_y \subseteq B$

$$\Rightarrow V_y \cap CB = \emptyset \Rightarrow V_y \cap \text{int}(CB) = \emptyset \Rightarrow y \notin \text{cl}(\text{int}(CB))$$

It is clear that

$$y \in C[\text{cl}(\text{int}(CB))] \quad (4.7)$$

Referring conclusions (4.6) and (4.7), we obtain

$$\text{cl}(\text{int}(B)) \subseteq C[\text{cl}(\text{int}(CB))] \subseteq B \Rightarrow \text{cl}(\text{int}(B)) \subseteq B \quad (\text{cf. [4.4]}) \quad (4.8)$$

Combining (4.3) and (4.8), we get  $B = \text{cl}(\text{int}(B))$ .

**We now establish (4.1)  $\Rightarrow$  (4.2).**

Given  $B = \text{cl}(\text{int}(B))$ , this shows that  $B \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(B))$ , this implies  $B$  is semi-open. Also,  $B \supseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(B))$  and it is already proved that  $\text{cl}(\text{int}(B)) \subseteq C[\text{cl}(\text{int}(CB))]$ . Hence

$$B \supseteq C[\text{cl}(\text{int}(CB))] \quad (4.9)$$

Taking the complement in (4.9), we get

$$CB \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{int}(CB)) \quad (4.10)$$

In view of (4.10),  $CB$  is semi-open, therefore  $B$  is semi-closed. Hence  $B$  is both semi-open and semi-closed. This shows that  $B$  is semi-regular.

Thus, (4.1)  $\Rightarrow$  (4.2). We therefore conclude that (4.1)  $\cong$  (4.2).

**THEOREM 4.1** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be the topological space. Consider the collection of  $A(X)$  (cf. [6]) and  $AB(X)$  sets (cf.[6]) defined as follows :

$$A(X) = \{A \cap B : A \in \tau, B = \text{cl}(\text{int}(B))\} \cong F_A \text{ (say)}$$

$$AB(X) = \{A \cap B : A \in \tau, B \text{ is semi-regular}\} \cong F_{AB} \text{ (say)}$$

Then,  $F_A \cong F_{AB}$ .

**PROOF OF THE THEOREM** It is a direct consequence of Lemma 4.1.

**CONCLUSION** By establishing the necessary and sufficient condition for the semi-regularity of sets, several results depending on the concept of  $A$ -sets and  $AB$ -sets may be presented in the concise form.

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