

On Fleissner's Diamond

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Fleissner [1], in the course of showing that $V = L$ implies every normal topological space is collectionwise Hausdorff, used a strengthening of Jensen's \diamond principle, denoted \diamond_{SS} , and often called "diamond for stationary systems". Mathias [3] stated \diamond_{SS} explicitly and asked whether for \aleph_1 , for example, \diamond_{SS} follows from the related principles $\diamond_{\aleph_1}^*$ or $\diamond_{\aleph_1}^+$. The purpose of this paper* is to show that these implications may fail even under relatively nice conditions. This result was announced in [4].

For the remainder of the paper λ denotes a regular uncountable cardinal and S a stationary subset of λ . The reader may, for simplicity, want to identify λ with \aleph_1 .

We now introduce the various sorts of \diamond -sequences under consideration and mention some of the connections between them.

Definition 1 A sequence $\langle A_\alpha : \alpha \in S \rangle$ is a \diamond_S -sequence if for each $\alpha \in S$, $A_\alpha \subseteq \alpha$ and for every $A \subseteq \lambda$, $\{\alpha \in S : A \cap \alpha = A_\alpha\}$ is stationary (in λ).

Definition 2 A sequence $\langle P_\alpha : \alpha \in S \rangle$ is a weak \diamond_S -sequence (w - \diamond_S -sequence) if each P_α is a set of subsets of α , and for every $A \subseteq \lambda$, $\{\alpha \in S : A \cap \alpha \in P_\alpha\}$ is stationary. If, in addition, $\overline{P_\alpha} \leq \overline{\alpha}$ for each $\alpha \in S$, we call $\langle P_\alpha : \alpha \in S \rangle$ a \diamond_S -sequence.

The above definitions obviously involve an abuse of terminology. Notice however, that $\langle A_\alpha : \alpha \in S \rangle$ is a \diamond_S -sequence in the sense of Definition 1 iff $\{\langle A_\alpha \rangle : \alpha \in S\}$ is a \diamond_S -sequence in the sense of Definition 2.

Kunen has proved the following result relating the existence of the two types of \diamond_S -sequences.

Theorem 1 (Kunen) *If there is a \diamond_S -sequence $\langle P_\alpha : \alpha \in S \rangle$, with $P_\alpha \subseteq P(\alpha)$, then there is a \diamond_S -sequence $\langle A_\alpha : \alpha \in S \rangle$, with $A_\alpha \subseteq \alpha$.*

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