

## PAIRWISE LOCALLY COMPACT BICONVERGENCE SPACES

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A generalization of a topological space into a convergence space [1] and a generalization of a topological space into a bitopological space [4] serve as a forerunner to a biconvergence space [1]. In this paper we show that the existence of a continuous, open mapping from a pairwise locally compact biconvergence space  $X$  onto a pairwise weakly Hausdorff biconvergence space  $Y$  assures the pairwise local compactness of  $Y$ .

**Definition 1.** (Convergence Space.) We consider a set  $S$  of arbitrary elements and associate with each sequence  $\{p_n\}$  of elements  $p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_n, \dots$  of  $S$  a family of sequences (called the convergent sequences) an element  $p$  of  $S$  and say that the sequence  $\{p_n\}$  converges to  $p$ , in symbols,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n = p \text{ or } \{p_n\} \rightarrow p$$

if and only if the following conditions are satisfied.

- (C<sub>1</sub>) If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n = p$  and  $k_1 < k_2 < k_3 < \dots < k_n < \dots$  then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_{k_n} = p$ , i.e., if  $\{p_n\} \rightarrow p$  then its every subsequence must converge to the same limit,  $\{p_{k_n}\} \rightarrow p$ .
- (C<sub>2</sub>) If for every  $n$  from some point on  $p_n = p$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n = p$ .
- (C<sub>3</sub>) If the sequence  $\{p_n\}$  does not converge to a point (element)  $p$  then there exists a subsequence, such that no subsequence of it converges to  $p$ .

The set  $S$  together with this definition of convergence constitute a *convergence space*, which we denote by  $(S, C^*)$ . Here  $S$  is a set over which the convergence  $C^*$  is defined. If  $\{p_n\} \rightarrow p$ , then  $p$  will be called a limit of  $\{p_n\}$ .

**Definition 2.** (Limiting Point.) Limiting point of a set  $A$  is a point  $x$ , such that there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of distinct points of  $A$ , such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ .

**Definition 3.** (Closure.) The closure of a set  $A$  is denoted by  $\overline{A}$ . A point  $x$  of the convergence space  $(S, C^*)$  is said to belong to the closure of a subset  $A$  if and only if there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $A$  such that  $\{x_n\} \rightarrow x$ .

**Remark 4.**  $\overline{\overline{A}} \neq \overline{A}$ . Refer to Theorem 1.8 (iv) [1].

Remark 5. The above remark points out that every topological space is a convergence space but one can find a convergence space which fails to be a topological space when an open set is defined as follows.

Definition 6. (Open Set.) A set  $G$  in a convergence space  $(S, C^*)$  is said to be open if and only if no sequence outside  $G$  under  $C^*$  converges to a point in  $G$ .

Definition 7. (Closed Set.) A set  $F$  in a convergence space  $(S, C^*)$  is said to be closed if and only if  $F$  contains the limit points of all convergent sequences contained in  $F$ . Equivalently,  $F$  is closed if and only if  $S - F$  is open.

Definition 8. (Neighborhood.) An open set  $U$  in a convergence space  $(S, C^*)$  such that  $x \in U$  will be called a neighborhood of  $x$  and in this context will be written  $U_x$ .

Definition 9. (Compact Set.) A set in convergence space  $(S, C^*)$  is said to be compact if and only if every open cover has a finite subcover. Using neighborhood, we say that for a set  $K$  in the space  $(S, C^*)$  and any neighborhood system  $\{U_k : k \in K\}$  if  $K$  can be covered by a finite number of these neighborhoods, for definiteness

$$K \subseteq \cup_i \{U_{k_j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, n_0\}$$

for a fixed integer  $n_0 \geq 1$  then  $K$  is compact.

Definition 10. (Continuous Mapping.) Let  $(A, C^*)$  and  $(B, C^*)$  be convergence spaces. A function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is said to be continuous at  $x \in A$  under the scheme  $C^*$  if for every sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $A$  converging to  $x$ , the corresponding sequence  $\{f(x_n)\}$  in  $B$  converges to  $f(x)$ .

If  $f$  is continuous at each and every point of  $A$ , then  $f$  is called  $C^*$ -continuous over  $A$ .

Definition 11. (Closed Mapping.) Let  $(A, C^*)$  and  $(B, C^*)$  be convergence spaces. A function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is said to be closed mapping if given any closed subset  $F \subseteq A$ , in  $(A, C^*)$  the set  $f(F)$  is closed in  $(B, C^*)$ .

This definition is in conformity with the corresponding one in a topological setting, but still there is a fine generalization dormant as stipulated by the remark in section 4, which points out towards the existence of a set  $H$  for which  $\overline{\overline{H}} \neq \overline{H}$ .

Definition 12. (Biconvergence Space.) A biconvergence space  $(X, A, B)$  is a set  $X$  on which two convergence schemes  $A$  and  $B$  are defined.

**Definition 13.** (Weak Hausdorff Biconvergence Space  $T'_2$ .) We define this in the setting of biconvergence space  $(X, A, B)$  based on the corresponding definition for bitopological space introduced by Bose [2].

Let  $(X, A, B)$  be a biconvergence space. It is said to be a  $T'_2$  space or pairwise weak Hausdorff space if given  $K_1 \neq \emptyset$ ,  $K_2 \neq \emptyset$  where  $K_1 \cap K_2 = \emptyset$  such that  $K_1$  is an  $A$ -compact and  $K_2$  is a  $B$ -compact set, there exists  $U_1$  an  $A$ -open and  $U_2$  a  $B$ -open set such that  $K_1 \subseteq U_1$ ,  $K_2 \subseteq U_2$  and  $K_i \cap U_j = \emptyset$ ,  $i \neq j$ ,  $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$ .

**Theorem 14.** (Characterization Theorem.) A biconvergence space  $(X, A, B)$  is pairwise  $T'_2$  if and only if every  $A$ -compact set is  $B$ -closed and every  $B$ -compact set is  $A$ -closed.

**Proof.** Let  $(X, A, B)$  be pairwise  $T'_2$ . Suppose  $K$  is an  $A$ -compact set.  $x \in X \Rightarrow \{x\}$  is  $B$ -compact (since every finite set is compact). By Definition 13, pairwise  $T'_2$ -ness implies that there exist  $U$  and  $V$  respectively  $A$ -open and  $B$ -open sets with  $K \subseteq U$  and  $\{x\} \subseteq V$  and  $U \cap \{x\} = \emptyset \Rightarrow K \cap \{x\} = \emptyset \Rightarrow x \notin K$ . Also,  $K \cap V = \emptyset$ . Thus, there exists a  $B$ -neighborhood of  $x$  which has empty intersection with  $K$ . Therefore,  $x \notin B$ -closure of  $K$ . Hence,  $K$  is  $B$ -closed. Likewise a  $B$ -compact set can be shown to be  $A$ -closed.

Conversely, suppose that each  $A$ -compact set  $K$  is  $B$ -closed. Thus,  $X \setminus K$  is  $B$ -open. Suppose  $\emptyset \neq K$  is  $A$ -compact and  $\emptyset \neq J$  is  $B$ -compact such that  $K \cap J = \emptyset$  (being disjoint). Hence,  $J \subseteq X \setminus K = V$ . Thus,  $J$  is contained in a  $B$ -open set  $V$ . Similarly  $K$  is contained in an  $A$ -open set  $U$ . Now,  $K \cap V = K \cap (X \setminus K) = \emptyset$ . Also,  $J \cap U = J \cap (X \setminus J) = \emptyset$ . Hence, the space is weakly pairwise Hausdorff ( $T'_2$ ).

**Definition 15.** (Pairwise Compact Biconvergence Space.) Swart [3] has defined pairwise compactness in bitopological spaces. If  $(X, A)$  and  $(X, B)$  are compact convergence spaces, then we say that the biconvergence space  $(X, A, B)$  is pairwise compact.  $K \subseteq X$  is pairwise compact if it is pairwise compact in the subspace  $K$ .

**Theorem 16.** If  $(X, A, B)$  is pairwise compact and  $T'_2$ -biconvergence space then  $A = B$ .

**Proof.** Let  $F$  be an  $A$ -closed set. Then  $F$  is  $A$ -compact since  $X$  is  $A$ -compact. By  $T'_2$ -ness,  $F$  is  $B$ -closed. Every  $A$ -closed set is also  $B$ -closed. Similarly, we can show that every  $B$ -closed set is also  $A$ -closed. Hence,  $A = B$ .

**Definition 17.** (a) (Weakly Continuous.) Let  $f: (X, C_X) \rightarrow (Y, C_Y)$  be a function from one convergence space to another convergence space. Then  $f$  is said to

be *weakly continuous* at  $x \in X$  if and only if whenever  $\{x_n\} \rightarrow x$ ;  $\{f(x_{n_k})\} \rightarrow f(x)$  for some subsequence  $\{f(x_{n_k})\}$  of the sequence  $\{f(x_n)\}$ . The function  $f$  is *weakly continuous on  $X$*  if and only if  $f$  is weakly continuous at each  $x \in X$ .

(b) (Weak Homeomorphism.) The function  $f$  is called a *weak homeomorphism* if and only if  $f$  is one-to-one, onto, and weakly continuous, and  $f$  maps closed sets to closed sets.

(c) (Cartesian Product Convergence Structure). Let  $(X_i, C_{X_i})$   $i = 1, 2$  be convergence spaces and  $\prod_{i=1}^2 X_i$  be the Cartesian product of these convergence spaces. Let  $\{s_n\}$   $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be a sequence in  $\prod_{i=1}^2 X_i$ . Define  $\{s_n\} \rightarrow x$  if and only if  $\{\pi_i(s_n)\} \rightarrow \pi_i(x)$  with  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $\pi_i$  is the  $i$ -th projection map. It is easy to check that this defines a convergence structure on  $\prod_{i=1}^2 X_i$  and we denote it by

$$C_{\prod_{i=1}^2 X_i}.$$

**Theorem 17.** Let  $(X, A, B)$  be  $T'_2$  and pairwise compact. Then every closed one-to-one map from  $X$  onto any other pairwise compact biconvergence space is a weak homeomorphism.

**Proof.** Suppose  $(X, A, B, )$  be  $T'_2$ . By Theorem 16,  $A = B$ . Let  $(Y, C, D)$  be an arbitrary pairwise compact space. Suppose  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a one-to-one, onto, closed map. Then it suffices to show that  $f$  is weakly continuous. Let  $\{x_n\} \rightarrow x$ . Without loss of generality, assume that  $x \notin \cup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \{x_n\}$ .

Suppose  $\{f(x_n)\}$  has convergent subsequence,  $\{f(x_{n_k})\}$ . Then  $\{f(x_{n_k})\} \rightarrow f(x^*)$  for some  $x^*$  in  $X$ . Since  $f^{-1}\{f(x_{n_k})\} = \{f^{-1}(f(x_{n_k}))\} = \{x_{n_k}\} \rightarrow x^*$ , and  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  is a subsequence of  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{x_n\} \rightarrow x$ , we have  $x = x^*$ . Thus,  $\{f(x_n)\}$  has a convergent subsequence which converges to  $f(x)$  and therefore  $f$  is weakly continuous. Now, suppose  $\{f(x_n)\}$  has no convergent subsequence. Then, [5], the set  $H = \{(f(x_n), n) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is closed in the product space  $Y \times (\mathbb{N} \cup \{w\})$ . We shall show that  $K_1 = \cup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \{f(x_n)\}$  is closed. Let  $\{y_n\}$  be a sequence in  $K_1$  such that  $\{y_n\} \rightarrow y$ . Suppose  $y \notin K_1$ . Let  $i_0$  be a fixed element in  $\mathbb{N}$ . Then  $\{(y_n, i_0)\}$  is a sequence in  $H$ . Since

$$\overline{\wedge}_1 \{(y_n, i_0)\} = \{\overline{\wedge}_1(y_n, i_0)\} = \{y_n\} \rightarrow y$$

and

$$\overline{\wedge}_2\{(y_n, i_0)\} = \{\overline{\wedge}_2(y_n, i_0)\} = \{i_0\} \rightarrow i_0,$$

by the definition of the convergence structure on the product spaces and the fact that  $H$  is closed, we have  $y \in K_1$ ; which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $K_1$  is closed. Let  $K_2 = \{f(x)\}$ . Since  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are closed and  $Y$  is compact,  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are compact. Since  $f$  is a closed map,  $f^{-1}(K_1)$  and  $f^{-1}(K_2)$  are compact and hence, by Theorem 14, they are also closed. Since  $\{x_n\} \rightarrow x$  and  $\cup_{n \in \mathbb{N}}\{x_n\} = f^{-1}(K_1)$ ,  $x \in f^{-1}(K_1)$  because  $f^{-1}(K_1)$  is closed. This contradicts the assumption  $x \notin \cup_{n \in \mathbb{N}}\{x_n\}$ .

**Definition 18.** (Pairwise Locally Compact.) A biconvergence space  $(X, A, B)$  is said to be pairwise locally compact at  $x \in X$ , if there exists an  $A$ -open neighborhood  $U_x$  of  $x$  and a  $B$ -open neighborhood  $V_x$  of  $x$  such that  $A$ -cl.  $U_x$  is  $B$ -compact and  $B$ -cl.  $V_x$  is  $A$ -compact. A biconvergence space  $(X, A, B)$  is pairwise locally compact if and only if it is pairwise locally compact at each point  $x \in X$ .

**Theorem 19.** If  $f: (X, A, B) \rightarrow (Y, C, D)$  is continuous open mapping of a pairwise locally compact space  $(X, A, B)$  onto a pairwise  $T'_2$ -space  $(Y, C, D)$ ; then  $Y$  is pairwise locally compact.

**Proof.** Let  $y \in Y$ . Then there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $y = f(x)$ . By pairwise local compactness of  $X$ , we have that there exists an  $A$ -open neighborhood  $U_x$  of  $x$  and a  $B$ -open neighborhood  $V_x$  of  $x$  such that  $A$ -cl.  $U_x$  is  $B$ -compact and  $B$ -cl.  $V_x$  is  $A$ -compact. Since  $f$  is continuous,  $f(A\text{-cl.} U_x)$  is  $D$ -compact in  $Y$ , a pairwise  $T'_2$ -space  $\Rightarrow f(A\text{-cl.} U_x)$  is  $C$ -closed in  $Y$ , so  $f(A\text{-cl.} U_x)$  is  $C$ -cl.  $f(U_x)$ . Now  $f$  being open,  $f(U_x)$  is  $C$ -open and its  $C$ -closure is  $D$ -compact. Similarly  $f(V_x)$  is  $D$ -open and it can be shown that its  $D$ -closure is  $C$ -compact. Thus,  $Y$  is pairwise locally compact at  $y$ . Since  $y$  was arbitrarily chosen in  $Y$ , the space  $Y$  is pairwise locally compact.

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