

## ON $T_1$ -COMPACTIFICATIONS

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In a recent paper [4], Reed constructed a class of  $T_1$ -compactifications which generalized the well known correspondence between  $T_2$ -compactifications, proximity relations and families of maximal round filters. This class includes the Wallman compactification and the one point compactification of a locally compact  $T_1$ -space. In this paper the first two problems posed by Reed are solved. In particular we prove that in a nearness space the Reed compactification is equivalent to a cluster compactification. Use is made of the duality between filters and grills as developed by Thron [5].

1. Preliminaries. Here we give briefly some relevant definitions and known results. For more details see Naimpally and Warrack [3] and Reed [4]. All spaces are  $T_1$ .

An *extension structure*  $\Phi$  on a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is a family of open filters on  $X$  which include all the neighborhood (nbhd) filters.  $\Phi$  is said to be  $T_1$  iff no filter in  $\Phi$  contains another filter in  $\Phi$ . For each  $A \subset X$ , set  $A^\wedge = \{\mathcal{F} \in \Phi: A \in \mathcal{F}\}$ . Then the family  $\{G^\wedge: G \in \tau\}$  is a base for the topology  $\tau^\wedge$  of  $\Phi$  such that  $(j, (\Phi, \tau^\wedge))$  is a principal extension of  $(X, \tau)$  where  $j(x) = \mathcal{N}_x$ , the nbhd filter at  $x \in X$ .

An extension structure  $\Phi$  is *totally bounded* iff each ultraclosed filter on  $X$  contains a member of  $\Phi$ .  $\Phi$  is said to be *covered* iff each member of  $\Phi$  is contained in an ultraclosed filter on  $X$ . Further  $P \ll_\Phi Q$  iff for each  $\mathcal{F} \in \Phi$  if  $P$  belongs to some ultraclosed filter  $\mathcal{H}$  containing  $\mathcal{F}$ , then  $Q \in \mathcal{F}$ . Denoting by  $\mathcal{H}^i$  the open hull of  $\mathcal{H}$ ,  $\Phi$  is *regular* iff for each  $\mathcal{F} \in \Phi$ ,  $\mathcal{F} = \Phi(\mathcal{H}^i)$  for each ultraclosed filter  $\mathcal{H} \supset \mathcal{F}$ , where  $\Phi(\mathcal{H}^i) = \{A \subset X: F \ll_\Phi A \text{ for some } F \in \mathcal{H}^i\}$ . A *compactification structure* is an extension structure that is totally bounded, covered and regular. The principal extension obtained from a compactification structure on a  $T_1$ -space  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $T_1$ -compactification of  $X$ , and we call it the *Reed Compactification* [4].

A *stack*  $\mathcal{S}$  on a nonempty set  $X$  is a nonempty family of nonempty subsets of  $X$  such that if  $A \in \mathcal{S}$  and  $A \subset B$ , then  $B \in \mathcal{S}$ . A *grill*  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $X$  is a stack on  $X$  such that  $(A \cup B) \in \mathcal{G}$  iff  $A \in \mathcal{G}$  or  $B \in \mathcal{G}$ . A family of subsets of  $X$  is a grill iff it is a union of ultrafilters (Thron [5]). If  $\mathcal{S}$  is a stack on  $X$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} c(\mathcal{S}) &= \{E \subset X \mid X - E \notin \mathcal{S}\} \\ &= \{E \subset X \mid E \cap S \neq \emptyset \text{ for each } S \in \mathcal{S}\} \end{aligned}$$

is called the *dual* of  $\mathcal{F}$ .  $\mathcal{F}$  is a filter on  $X$  iff  $c(\mathcal{F})$  is a grill on  $X$ , and  $\mathcal{F} = c(\mathcal{F})$  iff  $\mathcal{F}$  is an ultrafilter (Thron [5]). Note also that  $c(c(\mathcal{F})) = \mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{F} \subset c(\mathcal{F})$  for each filter  $\mathcal{F}$ .

If  $(X, \delta)$  is a *LO*-proximity space, then a *clan*  $\sigma$  on  $X$  is a grill such that if  $A, B \in \sigma$ , then  $A \delta B$ . A *bunch*  $\sigma$  is a clan such that  $A \in \sigma$  iff  $\bar{A} \in \sigma$ . A *cluster*  $\sigma$  on  $X$  is a bunch such that if  $A \notin \sigma$ , then there is a  $B \in \sigma$  such that  $A \delta B$ . Every cluster is a maximal bunch; the converse holds in an *EF*-proximity space (see [1], [3], [5]). It was shown in [1] that the space of all maximal bunches of a separated *LO*-space  $(X, \delta)$  is a  $T_1$ -compactification, which we call a maximal bunch compactification.

The proofs of the following results are easy and hence omitted.

LEMMA 1.1. (i) *If  $\sigma$  is a bunch in  $(X, \delta)$ , then  $c(\sigma)$  is an open filter on  $X$ .*

(ii) *If  $\mathcal{H}$  is an ultraclosed filter on  $X$ , then*

$$b(\mathcal{H}) = \{A \subset X: \bar{A} \in \mathcal{H}\}$$

*is a bunch containing  $\mathcal{H}$ . Also  $\mathcal{H} \subset c(\mathcal{H}) \subset b(\mathcal{H})$  and  $c(\mathcal{H})$  is a clan.*

Lemma 1.1, in particular, enables us to give an example of an open filter which is not contained in any ultraclosed filter.

EXAMPLE 1.2. Consider three distinct sequences  $\{x_n\}$ ,  $\{y_n\}$ ,  $\{z_n\}$  and three distinct points  $a, b, c$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  converge to  $\{b, c\}$ ,  $\{y_n\}$  to  $\{c, a\}$  and  $\{z_n\}$  to  $\{a, b\}$ . Let  $X$  be the union of  $\{a, b, c\}$  and the ranges of the three sequences  $\{x_n\}$ ,  $\{y_n\}$ ,  $\{z_n\}$ . Then  $X$  is a  $T_1$ -space and has a compatible *LO*-proximity  $\delta_0$  namely,

$$(1.3) \quad A \delta_0 B \text{ iff } \bar{A} \cap \bar{B} \neq \emptyset.$$

Then  $\sigma = \{A \subset X: A \text{ is infinite}\}$ , is a maximal bunch which is not a cluster. (This was first privately communicated to the first author by Professor A. J. Ward.) It is easy to see that  $\sigma$  does not contain any ultraclosed filter  $\mathcal{H}$ ; for if  $\mathcal{H} \subset \sigma$ , then the closed set  $\{a, b, c\}$  would intersect every member of  $\mathcal{H}$  and hence would be in  $\mathcal{H}$  and consequently in  $\sigma$ , a contradiction. It follows that  $c(\sigma)$  is an open filter that is not contained in any ultraclosed filter. This shows that  $\Phi$  need not be covered.

2. **Equivalence of Reed and maximal bunch compactifications.** In this section we obtain conditions under which the Reed and maximal bunch compactifications are equivalent.

We first construct a  $LO$ -proximity from an extension structure (see also Thron [5]).

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let  $\Phi$  be an extension structure on a  $T_1$ -space  $(X, \tau)$ . Then the relation  $\delta = \delta(\Phi)$  defined by:*

**2.2.**  *$A\delta B$  iff there is an  $\mathcal{F} \in \Phi$  such that  $A, B \in c(\mathcal{F})$  is a compatible separated  $LO$ -proximity on  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Since each member  $\mathcal{F} \in \Phi$  is open it follows that  $A \in c(\mathcal{F})$  iff  $\bar{A} \in c(\mathcal{F})$ , and so  $A\delta B$  iff  $\bar{A}\delta\bar{B}$ . The fact that  $\delta$  is a basic proximity is easily verified; hence  $\delta$  is a  $LO$ -proximity. For each nbhd filter  $\mathcal{N}_x, c(\mathcal{N}_x) = \sigma_x$  the point cluster. Since all the nbhd filters are included in  $\Phi, \delta$  is compatible with  $\tau$ .

**COROLLARY 2.3.** (i) *For each  $\mathcal{F} \in \Phi, c(\mathcal{F})$  is a bunch in  $(X, \delta)$ .*

(ii) *If  $\mathcal{F} \in \Phi$  and if there is an ultraclosed filter  $\mathcal{H}$  containing  $\mathcal{F}$ , then  $b(\mathcal{H}) \subset c(\mathcal{F})$ .*

(iii) *If  $\mathcal{F} \in \Phi$  and if there is an ultraclosed filter  $\mathcal{H}$  containing  $\mathcal{F}$ , then  $b(\mathcal{H}) = c(\mathcal{F})$  if and only if  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{H}^i$ . Further in this case  $c(\mathcal{F})$  is a cluster.*

*Proof.* (i) Easy.

(ii) If  $E \in b(\mathcal{H})$ , then  $\bar{E} \in \mathcal{H}$ . This shows that  $X - \bar{E} \notin \mathcal{F}$  and so  $\bar{E} \in c(\mathcal{F})$ . Hence  $E \in c(\mathcal{F})$ .

(iii) Suppose  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{H}^i \subset \mathcal{H}$ . By (ii)  $b(\mathcal{H}) \subset c(\mathcal{F})$ . If  $b(\mathcal{H}) \neq c(\mathcal{F})$ , then there exists a closed set  $E$  in  $c(\mathcal{F}) - b(\mathcal{H})$ . Thus  $X - E \in \mathcal{H}^i = \mathcal{F}$ , thereby showing that  $E \in c(\mathcal{F})$ , a contradiction.

Conversely, suppose  $b(\mathcal{H}) = c(\mathcal{F})$ . To show that  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{H}^i$ , it suffices to show that  $\mathcal{H}^i \subset \mathcal{F}$ . Let  $G$  be an open member of  $\mathcal{H}^i$ . If  $G \notin \mathcal{F}$ , then  $X - G \in c(\mathcal{F}) = b(\mathcal{H})$ . Since  $X - G$  is closed,  $X - G \in \mathcal{H}$ , a contradiction.

Finally we note that if  $\Phi$  is covered and  $c(\mathcal{F}) = b(\mathcal{H})$  for each  $\mathcal{F} \in \Phi$ , then the proximity  $\delta(\Phi)$  is  $\delta_0$  (see (1.3)). Therefore, if  $A \notin c(\mathcal{F})$ , then  $\bar{A} \notin \mathcal{H}$ . This implies the existence of an  $U \in \mathcal{H}$  with  $\bar{A} \cap \bar{U} = \emptyset$ . Hence  $A\delta U$ , thereby showing that  $c(\mathcal{F})$  is a cluster.

**REMARK 2.4.** (i) It is shown in [3] that if  $\mathcal{F}$  is a maximal round filter on an  $EF$ -space  $(X, \delta)$ , then  $c(\mathcal{F})$  is a cluster.

(ii) If  $\Phi$  is a covered extension structure on  $(X, \tau)$  and  $\delta = \delta(\Phi)$ , then  $A\delta B$  implies  $\bar{A} \ll_0 X - B$ . For, if  $\mathcal{F} \in \Phi$  and  $A \in c(\mathcal{F})$  then  $A\delta B$  implies  $X - B \in \mathcal{F}$ .

In what follows  $c(\Phi)$  denotes the set  $\{c(\mathcal{F}) : \mathcal{F} \in \Phi\}$ . A space of bunches on  $(X, \delta)$  means a subspace of the space of all bunches in  $(X, \delta)$  with absorption topology ([1], [3]). A compactification of  $(X, \delta)$

whose members are (not necessarily all) clusters (resp. maximal bunches) is called a cluster (resp. maximal bunch) compactification of  $X$ .  $\sigma_x = \{A \subset X: x \in A\}$ , the point cluster ([1], [3]).

The condition (2.6) given below provides the solution to two of Reed's problems.

LEMMA 2.5. *Let  $\Phi$  be a compactification structure on  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $\delta = \delta(\Phi)$  satisfies:*

$$(2.6) \quad A \delta B \text{ iff } \bar{A} \prec_{\phi} X - B,$$

then  $c(\mathcal{F})$  is a cluster for each  $\mathcal{F} \in \Phi$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{F} \in \Phi$  and  $\mathcal{H}$  be an ultraclosed filter containing  $\mathcal{F}$ . Then  $\mathcal{F} = \Phi(\mathcal{H}^i) \subset \mathcal{H}^i \subset \mathcal{H} \subset c(\mathcal{F})$ . By (2.3) (i),  $c(\mathcal{F})$  is a bunch. If  $E \notin c(\mathcal{F})$ , then  $X - E \in \mathcal{F}$ . Hence there is an  $F \in \mathcal{H}^i$  such that  $F \prec_{\phi} X - E$ . Since  $\mathcal{H}^i \subset \mathcal{H}$ , there is a closed set  $A \in \mathcal{H}$  such that  $A \subset F$ . Clearly  $A \prec_{\phi} X - E$  and consequently  $A \delta E$ . Thus,  $c(\mathcal{F})$  is a cluster.

LEMMA 2.7. *If  $\Phi$  is an extension structure on a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , then the principal extension  $(j, (\Phi, \tau^{\wedge}))$  is homeomorphic to a space of bunches.*

*Proof.* Clearly the map  $c: \Phi \rightarrow c(\Phi)$  defined by

$$c(\mathcal{F}) = \{E \subset X \mid X - E \in \mathcal{F}\} \text{ for each } \mathcal{F} \in \Phi,$$

is a bijection. If  $\delta = \delta(\Phi)$  then  $c(\Phi)$  is a family of bunches in the LO-space  $(X, \delta)$ . We assign the absorption topology on  $c(\Phi)$  (see [1]). We now show that  $c$  is a homeomorphism. Let  $\mathcal{F} \in \Phi$  and  $\mathcal{A} \subset \Phi$ .  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{cl}(c(\mathcal{A}))$  iff for each open set  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $F^{\wedge} \cap \mathcal{A} \neq \phi$  iff for each open set  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ , there is a filter  $\mathcal{G} \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $F \in \mathcal{G}$  iff for each closed set  $E = X - F \in c(\mathcal{F})$ ,  $E \notin c(\mathcal{G})$  for some filter  $\mathcal{G} \in \mathcal{A}$  iff for each closed set  $E$  absorbing  $c(\mathcal{A})$ ,  $E \in c(\mathcal{F})$  iff  $c(\mathcal{F}) \in \text{cl}(c(\mathcal{A}))$ .

REMARK 2.8.  $c(\Phi)$  contains all point clusters and the map  $\psi: X \rightarrow c(\Phi)$  defined by  $\psi(x) = \sigma_x$  is a dense embedding of  $X$  into  $c(\Phi)$ . The relation  $c \circ j = \psi$ , then shows that the extensions  $(j, (\Phi, \tau^{\wedge}))$  and  $(\psi, (c(\Phi), a))$  where  $a$  is the absorption topology, are equivalent.

We now prove one of the main results of our paper.

THEOREM 2.9. *Let  $\Phi$  be the Reed compactification of a  $T_1$ -space  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $\delta = \delta(\Phi)$  satisfies 2.6. Then  $\Phi$  is equivalent to a maximal bunch compactification of  $(X, \delta)$ . (This need not consist of all maximal bunches in  $(X, \delta)$ .)*

*Proof.* By Lemma 2.5,  $c(\mathcal{F})$  is a cluster and hence a maximal bunch for each  $\mathcal{F} \in \Phi$ . By Lemma 2.7,  $\Phi$  is equivalent to  $c(\Phi)$ .

REMARK 2.10. We note that the above theorem includes the three special cases considered by Reed [4].

(i) If  $\Phi$  consists of maximal round filters on an  $EF$ -space  $(X, \delta)$ , then it is well known that  $A\delta B$  iff  $\bar{A} \prec_{\delta} X - B$  (see [3]).

(ii) In case  $\Phi$  is the trace system of the Wallman compactification,  $c(\mathcal{F}) = b(\mathcal{H})$  for each  $\mathcal{F} \in \Phi$  and hence  $\delta(\Phi) = \delta_0$ . Suppose  $\bar{A} \prec_{\delta} X - B$  but  $A\delta B$ . Then  $\bar{A} \cap \bar{B} \neq \emptyset$  thereby showing that  $A, B \in \sigma_x$ , the point cluster for some  $x \in X$ . But then  $X - B \notin \mathcal{N}_x$ , a contradiction.

(iii) Next let  $\Phi$  be the trace system of the one-point compactification of a noncompact locally compact  $T_1$ -space  $(X, \tau)$  and let  $\bar{A} \prec_{\delta} X - B$ . Suppose  $A\delta B$ . As in (ii),  $\bar{A} \cap \bar{B} \neq \emptyset$  will lead to a contradiction. So the only possibility is that  $\bar{A}, \bar{B} \in c(\mathcal{F})$  where  $\mathcal{F}$  is the open hull of the intersection of all the nonconvergent ultra-closed filters. But then  $X - \bar{B} \notin \mathcal{F}$ , thereby showing  $\bar{A} \not\prec_{\delta} X - \bar{B}$ , contradicting  $\bar{A} \prec_{\delta} X - B$ .

The following theorem gives a characterization of clusters in  $(X, \delta(\Phi))$  which are the duals of the members of  $\Phi$ . We use the notation  $r(\sigma) = \{A \subset X: \text{There is an } F \in \sigma \text{ such that } F\delta(X - A)\}$ .

THEOREM 2.11. *Let  $\Phi$  be extension structure on a  $T_1$ -space  $(X, \tau)$  and let  $\delta = \delta(\Phi)$ . Then for each  $\mathcal{F} \in \Phi$ ,  $c(\mathcal{F})$  is a cluster in  $(X, \delta)$  iff  $\mathcal{F} = r(c(\mathcal{F}))$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $\mathcal{F} = r(c(\mathcal{F}))$ . We know that  $c(\mathcal{F})$  is a bunch. If  $A \notin c(\mathcal{F})$ , then  $X - A \in \mathcal{F}$ . Hence there exists a  $B \in c(\mathcal{F})$  such that  $B\delta A$  showing thereby that  $c(\mathcal{F})$  is a cluster.

Conversely, suppose  $c(\mathcal{F})$  is a cluster. If  $A \in r(c(\mathcal{F}))$ , then  $B\delta(X - A)$  for some  $B \in c(\mathcal{F})$ . So  $X - A \notin c(\mathcal{F})$ , showing thereby that  $A \in \mathcal{F}$  i.e.,  $r(c(\mathcal{F})) \subset \mathcal{F}$ . On the other hand, if  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ , then  $X - A \notin c(\mathcal{F})$ . Since  $c(\mathcal{F})$  is a cluster, there is an  $F \in c(\mathcal{F})$  such that  $F\delta(X - A)$ . Hence  $A \in r(c(\mathcal{F}))$ . Thus  $\mathcal{F} \subset r(c(\mathcal{F}))$  and hence  $\mathcal{F} = r(c(\mathcal{F}))$ .

COROLLARY 2.12. *The Reed Compactification  $\Phi$  is equivalent to a cluster compactification if and only if  $\mathcal{F} = r(c(\mathcal{F}))$  for each  $\mathcal{F} \in \Phi$ .*

We now show that the Reed Compactification is equivalent to a cluster compactification in nearness spaces. This development was suggested by the referee to whom the authors are grateful. For

definition of contigual nearness we refer to [2].

LEMMA 2.13. *Let  $\Phi$  be a Reed Compactification of a  $T_1$ -space  $X$  and  $\nu_\Phi$  the nearness generated by the duals of filters in  $\Phi$ . Then  $\nu_\Phi$  is contigual.*

*Proof.* That  $\nu_\Phi$  is a nearness on  $X$  is easy to prove. To show that  $\nu_\Phi$  is contigual we have to prove that if  $\mathcal{A}$  be a family of subsets of  $X$  such that every finite subfamily of  $\mathcal{A}$  is in  $\nu_\Phi$  then  $\mathcal{A} \in \nu_\Phi$ . Let  $\mathcal{S} = \{F: F \text{ is closed and } \exists \mathcal{F} \in \Phi \text{ and } A \in \mathcal{A} \text{ such that } (X - F) \ll_\Phi (X - \bar{A}) \in \mathcal{F}\}$ . We show that  $\mathcal{S}$  has the finite intersection property. Let  $F_1, F_2, \dots, F_n \in \mathcal{S}$ . For each  $i$ , choose  $A_i \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{F}_i \in \Phi$  such that  $(X - F_i) \ll_\Phi (X - \bar{A}_i) \in \mathcal{F}_i$ . By the assumption of  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\} \in \nu_\Phi$  and hence there is a filter  $\mathcal{F} \in \Phi$  such that  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\} \subset c(\mathcal{F})$ . Since  $\Phi$  is covered, we can choose an ultraclosed filter  $\mathcal{H}$  such that  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{H}$ . Now, for each  $i$ ,  $(X - A_i) \notin \mathcal{F}$  and hence  $(X - \bar{A}_i) \notin \mathcal{F}$ . Since  $(X - F_i) \ll_\Phi (X - \bar{A}_i)$  it follows that  $(X - F_i) \notin \mathcal{H}$ . Hence  $F_i \in \mathcal{H}$  and so  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n F_i \neq \emptyset$ . Hence  $\mathcal{S}$  has the finite intersection property. Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be an ultraclosed filter containing  $\mathcal{S}$ . Since  $\Phi$  is totally bounded, we can choose  $\mathcal{G} \in \Phi$  such that  $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{V}$ . To prove the lemma we show that  $\mathcal{A} \subset c(\mathcal{G})$ .

Let  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $A \notin c(\mathcal{G})$ . Then  $(X - A) \in \mathcal{G}$ . Since  $\mathcal{G}$  is open,  $(X - \bar{A}) \in \mathcal{G}$ . Since  $\Phi$  is regular,  $\mathcal{G} \subset \Phi(\mathcal{V}^i)$  so we can choose an open set  $V \in \mathcal{V}$  such that  $V \ll_\Phi (X - \bar{A})$ . But, then  $(X - V) \in \mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{V}$  which is impossible. Hence  $\mathcal{A} \subset c(\mathcal{G})$ .

LEMMA 2.14. *If  $\Phi$  is a Reed Compactification of  $X$  then  $\mathcal{F} = r(c(\mathcal{F}))$  for each  $\mathcal{F} \in \Phi$ .*

*Proof.* As shown above  $r(c(\mathcal{F})) \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ . Conversely, let  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ . Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be an ultraclosed filter containing  $\mathcal{F}$ . We show that  $\mathcal{H} \cup \{X - A\} \in \nu_\Phi$ . Let  $\mathcal{G} \in \Phi$  and suppose  $\mathcal{H} \subset c(\mathcal{G})$ . Then  $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{H}$ . Now since  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{H}$  and  $\Phi$  is regular, we have  $\mathcal{F} \subset \Phi(\mathcal{H}^i)$ . Let  $U$  be an open set in  $\mathcal{H}$  such that  $U \ll_\Phi A$ . Then since  $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{H}$  we have  $A \in \mathcal{G}$ . Thus,  $(X - A) \notin c(\mathcal{G})$ . Hence  $\mathcal{H} \cup (X - A) \not\subset c(\mathcal{G})$  and thus  $\mathcal{H} \cup (X - A) \in \nu_\Phi$ . Now, since  $\nu_\Phi$  is contigual, there is a set  $K$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  such that  $\{K, (X - A)\} \in \nu_\Phi$ . This says that  $K \delta (X - A)$ . But  $K \in c(\mathcal{F})$  since  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{H}$ . Hence  $A \in r(c(\mathcal{F}))$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq r(c(\mathcal{F}))$ .

THEOREM 2.15. *The Reed Compactification is equivalent to a cluster compactification of the induced contigual nearness.*

*Proof.* Follows from Lemma 2.14 and Theorem 2.11.

3. Reed's second problem. In this section we give a solution to the second problem of Reed [4]. Let  $(e, (Y, \tau'))$  be a  $T_1$ -compactification of  $(X, \tau)$  with the trace system  $\Phi$ . Let  $\ll$  be the relation induced on  $X$  by the elementary proximity on  $Y$ , viz

$$A \ll B \text{ iff } \text{cl}(e(A)) \cap \text{cl}(e(X - B)) = \emptyset .$$

Then as remarked in [3],  $\ll^* \subset \ll_\phi$ . We show that if  $\Phi$  satisfies (2.6) then  $\ll_\phi \subset \ll^*$ , and hence the two relations are equal.

We observe that the following yield compatible  $LO$ -proximities on  $X$ :

$$(3.1) \quad A\delta_1 B \text{ iff } \text{cl}(e(A)) \cap \text{cl}(e(B)) \neq \emptyset$$

$$(3.2) \quad A\delta_2 B \text{ iff } \text{cl}(j(A)) \cap \text{cl}(j(B)) \neq \emptyset$$

$$(3.3) \quad \delta_3 = \delta(\Phi) .$$

It is easy to see that  $\delta_2 = \delta_3$  and  $\delta_1 \geq \delta_2$ .

**THEOREM 3.4.** *If  $\Phi$  satisfies (2.6) then  $\ll_\phi = \ll^*$ .*

*Proof.* Since it is known that  $\ll^* \subset \ll_\phi$ , we need prove  $\ll_\phi \subset \ll^*$ . Suppose  $A \ll_\phi B$  but  $A \not\ll^* B$ . Then there exists a closed set  $F \subset A$  such that  $F \not\ll B$ . Hence  $\text{cl}(e(F)) \cap \text{cl}(e(X - B)) \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $\delta_2 = \delta_3$ , there exists an  $\mathcal{S} \in \Phi$  such that  $F, (X - B) \in c(\mathcal{S})$ . By (2.6)  $F \not\ll_\phi B$  which contradicts  $A \ll_\phi B$ .

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