

## ON SEPARATION AXIOMS IN INTUITIONISTIC TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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**ABSTRACT.** The purpose of this paper is to investigate several types of separation axioms in intuitionistic topological spaces, developed by Çoker (2000). After giving some characterizations of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  separation axioms in intuitionistic topological spaces, we give interrelations between several types of separation axioms and some counterexamples.

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**1. Introduction.** After the introduction of the concept of a fuzzy set by Zadeh [15], Atanassov [1, 2] has introduced the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy set. Later Çoker et al. [4, 5, 8] have defined intuitionistic fuzzy topological spaces, intuitionistic sets, and intuitionistic topological spaces in [6, 9, 12].

**2. Preliminaries.** First we present the fundamental definitions (see Çoker [4]).

**DEFINITION 2.1** (see [4]). Let  $X$  be a nonempty fixed set. An intuitionistic fuzzy set (IS for short)  $A$  is an object having the form  $A = \langle X, A_1, A_2 \rangle$ , where  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are subsets of  $X$  satisfying  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$ . The set  $A_1$  is called the set of members of  $A$ , while  $A_2$  is called the set of nonmembers of  $A$ .

**DEFINITION 2.2** (see [4]). Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and let the IS's  $A$  and  $B$  be in the form  $A = \langle X, A_1, A_2 \rangle$ ,  $B = \langle X, B_1, B_2 \rangle$ , respectively. Furthermore, let  $\{A_i : i \in J\}$  be an arbitrary family of IS's in  $X$ , where  $A_i = \langle X, A_i^{(1)}, A_i^{(2)} \rangle$ . Then

- (a)  $A \subseteq B$  if and only if  $A_1 \subseteq B_1$  and  $A_2 \supseteq B_2$ ;
- (b)  $A = B$  if and only if  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$ ;
- (c)  $\bar{A} = \langle X, A_2, A_1 \rangle$ ;
- (d)  $\cup A_i = \langle X, \cup A_i^{(1)}, \cap A_i^{(2)} \rangle$ ;
- (e)  $\cap A_i = \langle X, \cap A_i^{(1)}, \cup A_i^{(2)} \rangle$ ;
- (f)  $[ ]A = \langle X, A_1, A_1^c \rangle$ ;
- (g)  $\langle \rangle A = \langle X, A_2^c, A_2 \rangle$ ;
- (h)  $\tilde{\emptyset} = \langle X, \emptyset, X \rangle$ ;  $\tilde{X} = \langle X, X, \emptyset \rangle$ .

Let  $X$  be a nonempty set,  $p \in X$  a fixed element in  $X$ , and let  $A = \langle X, A_1, A_2 \rangle$  be an IS. The IS  $\tilde{p}$  defined by  $\tilde{p} = \langle X, \{p\}, \{p\}^c \rangle$  is called an intuitionistic point (IP for short) in  $X$ . The IS  $\tilde{p} = \langle \emptyset, \{p\}^c \rangle$  is called a vanishing intuitionistic point (VIP for short) in  $X$ . The IS  $\tilde{p}$  is said to be contained in  $A$  ( $\tilde{p} \in A$  for short) if and only if  $p \in A_1$ , and similarly,  $\tilde{p}$  is said to be contained in  $A$  ( $\tilde{p} \in A$  for short) if and only if  $p \notin A_2$ . For a

given IS  $A$  in  $X$ , we may write

$$A = (\cup \{\underset{\sim}{p} : p \in A\}) \cup (\cup \{\underset{\approx}{p} : p \in A\}), \tag{2.1}$$

(cf. [9]) and whenever  $A$  is not a proper IS (i.e., if  $A$  is not of the form  $A = \langle X, A_1, A_2 \rangle$ , where  $A_1 \cup A_2 \neq X$ ), then  $A = \cup \{\underset{\sim}{p} : p \in A\}$  follows. In general, any IS  $A$  in  $X$  can be written in the form  $A = A \cup \underset{\approx}{A}$ , where  $\underset{\sim}{A} = \cup \{\underset{\sim}{p} : p \in A\}$  and  $\underset{\approx}{A} = \cup \{\underset{\approx}{p} : p \in A\}$ . Furthermore it is easy to show that, if  $A = \langle X, A_1, A_2 \rangle$ , then  $\underset{\sim}{A} = \langle X, A_1, A_1^c \rangle$  and  $\underset{\approx}{A} = \langle X, \emptyset, A_2 \rangle$  (cf. [4, 7]).

**DEFINITION 2.3** (see [4]). Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two nonempty sets and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  a function,  $B = \langle Y, B_1, B_2 \rangle$  an IS in  $Y$  and  $A = \langle X, A_1, A_2 \rangle$  an IS in  $X$ . Then the preimage of  $B$  under  $f$ , denoted by  $f^{-1}(B)$ , is the IS in  $X$  defined by  $f^{-1}(B) = \langle X, f^{-1}(B_1), f^{-1}(B_2) \rangle$ , and the image of  $A$  under  $f$ , denoted by  $f(A)$ , is the IS in  $Y$  defined by  $f(A) = \langle Y, f(A_1), f_-(A_2) \rangle$  where  $f_-(A_2) = (f(A_2^c))^c$ .

You may find the fundamental properties of preimages and images in [4].

**DEFINITION 2.4** (see [6]). An intuitionistic topology (IT for short) on a nonempty set  $X$  is a family  $\tau$  of IS's in  $X$  containing  $\emptyset, \underset{\sim}{X}$  and closed under finite infima and arbitrary suprema. In this case the pair  $(X, \tau)$  is called an intuitionistic topological space (ITS for short) and any IS in  $\tau$  is known as an intuitionistic open set (IOS for short) in  $X$ . The complement  $\bar{A}$  of an IOS  $A$  in an ITS  $(X, \tau)$  is called an intuitionistic closed set (ICS for short) in  $X$ .

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an ITS on  $X$ . Then, we can also construct several other ITS's on  $X$  in the following way:  $\tau_{0,1} = \{ [ ]G : G \in \tau \}$  and  $\tau_{0,2} = \{ \langle \rangle G : G \in \tau \}$ . Furthermore,

$$\tau_1 = \{ G_1 : G = \langle X, G_1, G_2 \rangle \in \tau \}, \quad \tau_2 = \{ G_2^c : G = \langle X, G_1, G_2 \rangle \in \tau \} \tag{2.2}$$

are topological spaces in  $X$  (cf. [6]).

**DEFINITION 2.5.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two IS's on  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively. Then the product intuitionistic set (PIS for short) of  $A$  and  $B$  on  $X \times Y$  is defined by  $U \times V = \langle (X, Y), A_1 \times B_1, (A_2^c \times B_2^c)^c \rangle$ , where  $A = \langle X, A_1, A_2 \rangle$  and  $B = \langle Y, B_1, B_2 \rangle$ .

If  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \Phi)$  are ITS's, then the product topology  $\tau \times \Phi$  on  $X \times Y$  is the IT generated by the base  $\mathfrak{B} = \{ A \times B : A \in \tau, B \in \Phi \}$ . This is so, because, if  $A \times B, C \times D \in \mathfrak{B}$ , then  $(A \times B) \cap (C \times D) = (A \cap C) \times (B \cap D)$ . Let  $A \in \tau, B \in \Phi$ , and  $A = \langle X, A_1, A_2 \rangle, B = \langle Y, B_1, B_2 \rangle$ . Then we have  $\pi_1^{-1}(A) = \langle (x, \mathcal{Y}), A_1 \times Y, A_2 \times Y \rangle = A \times \underset{\sim}{Y}, \pi_2^{-1}(B) = \langle (X, Y), X \times B_1, X \times B_2 \rangle = \underset{\sim}{X} \times B$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_1^{-1}(A) \cap \pi_2^{-1}(B) &= (A \times \underset{\sim}{Y}) \cap (\underset{\sim}{X} \times B) \\ &= \langle (X, Y), (A_1 \times Y) \cap (X \times B_1), (A_2 \times Y) \cup (X \times B_2) \rangle \\ &= \langle (X, Y), A_1 \times B_1, (A_2 \times Y) \cup (X \times B_2) \rangle \\ &= \langle (X, Y), A_1 \times B_1, (A_2^c \times B_2^c)^c \rangle = A \times B. \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

The definition of “neighborhoods” of IP’s and VIP’s can be found in Coşkun and Çoker [9] and “continuous function” between ITS’s can be found in Çoker [6].

**LEMMA 2.6.** *The projections  $\pi_1 : X \times Y \rightarrow X$ ,  $\pi_2 : X \times Y \rightarrow Y$ ,  $\pi_1(x, y) = x$ ,  $\pi_2(x, y) = y$  are continuous.*

**PROOF.** Let  $A \in \tau$ , then  $\pi_1^{-1}(A) = \langle (x, y), \pi_1^{-1}(A_1), \pi_1^{-1}(A_2) \rangle$ . Thus we have  $\pi_1^{-1}(A) = \langle (x, y), A_1 \times Y, A_2 \times Y \rangle = A \times \tilde{Y}$ , that is,  $\pi_1$  is continuous.

In other words, the product topology  $\tau \times \Phi$  on  $X \times Y$  is indeed the initial topology on  $X \times Y$  with respect to the projections  $\pi_1 : X \times Y \rightarrow X$  and  $\pi_2 : X \times Y \rightarrow Y$ . Here the subbase  $\{\pi_1^{-1}(A), \pi_2^{-1}(B) : A \in \tau, B \in \Phi\}$  generates this product topology and the base  $\mathcal{B}$  is given by

$$\mathcal{B} = \{\pi_1^{-1}(A) \cap \pi_2^{-1}(B) : A \in \tau, B \in \Phi\} = \{A \times B : A \in \tau, B \in \Phi\}. \tag{2.4}$$

□

**DEFINITION 2.7.** Given the nonempty set  $X$ , we define the diagonal  $\Delta_x$  as the following IS in  $X \times X$ :

$$\Delta_x = \langle (x_1, x_2), \{(x_1, x_2) : x_1 = x_2\}, \{(x_1, x_2) : x_1 \neq x_2\} \rangle. \tag{2.5}$$

Notice that, if  $X$  and  $Y$  are two nonempty sets and  $(p, q) \in X \times Y$  a fixed element in  $X \times Y$ , then  $(p, q)_\sim$  is contained in  $U \times V$  ( $(p, q)_\sim \in U \times V$  for short) if and only if  $(p, q) \in U_1 \times V_1$ , and  $(p, q)_\approx$  is contained in  $U \times V$  ( $(p, q)_\approx \in U \times V$  for short) if and only if  $(p, q) \notin (U_2^c \times V_2^c)^c$ , or equivalently  $(p, q) \in U_2^c \times V_2^c$ .

**DEFINITION 2.8.** Let  $X, Y$  be two nonempty sets and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  a function. The graph of  $f$ , denoted by  $\text{GR}(f)$ , is defined as the following IS in  $X \times Y$ :

$$\text{GR}(f) = \langle (x, y), \{(x, f(x)) : x \in X\}, \{(x, f(x)) : x \in X\}^c \rangle. \tag{2.6}$$

**3. Separation axioms in intuitionistic topological spaces.** In this section, we present  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  separation axioms in ITS’s. The separation axioms  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  presented here have certain similarities to those in Bayhan and Çoker [3].

**DEFINITION 3.1.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an ITS,  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be

- (a)  $T_1(i) \Leftrightarrow \forall x, y \in X (x \neq y) \exists U, V \in \tau$  such that  $\tilde{x} \in U$ ,  $\tilde{y} \notin U$ , and  $\tilde{y} \in V$ ,  $\tilde{x} \notin V$  (cf. [3, 14]);
- (b)  $T_1(ii) \Leftrightarrow \forall x, y \in X (x \neq y) \exists U, V \in \tau$  such that  $\tilde{x} \in U$ ,  $\tilde{y} \notin U$ , and  $\tilde{y} \in V$ ,  $\tilde{x} \notin \tilde{x} \in V$  (cf. [3, 14]);
- (c)  $T_1(iii) \Leftrightarrow \forall x, y \in X (x \neq y) \exists U, V \in \tau$  such that  $\tilde{x} \in U \subseteq \tilde{y}$  and  $\tilde{y} \in V \subseteq \tilde{x}$  (cf. [3]);
- (d)  $T_1(iv) \Leftrightarrow \forall x, y \in X (x \neq y) \exists U, V \in \tau$  such that  $\tilde{x} \in U \subseteq \tilde{y}$  and  $\tilde{y} \in V \subseteq \tilde{x}$  (cf. [3]);
- (e)  $T_1(v) \Leftrightarrow \forall x, y \in X (x \neq y) \exists U, V \in \tau$  such that  $\tilde{y} \notin U$  and  $\tilde{x} \notin V$  (cf. [3]);
- (f)  $T_1(vi) \Leftrightarrow \forall x, y \in X (x \neq y) \exists U, V \in \tau$  such that  $\tilde{y} \notin U$  and  $\tilde{x} \notin V$  (cf. [3]);
- (g)  $T_1(vii) \Leftrightarrow \forall x \in X, \tilde{x}$  is  $\tau$ -closed;
- (h)  $T_1(viii) \Leftrightarrow \forall x \in X, \tilde{x}$  is  $\tau$ -closed.

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an ITS, then the following implications are valid:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 T_1(v) & \longleftarrow & T_1(vi) \\
 \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 T_1(i) & \longleftarrow T_1(i) + T_1(ii) \longrightarrow & T_1(ii) \\
 & \updownarrow & \downarrow \\
 T_1(vii) & \longleftarrow T_1(iii) & T_1(iv)
 \end{array} \tag{3.1}$$

**PROOF.** The proof is obvious. □

**COUNTEREXAMPLE 3.3.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and define the IT  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \underline{X}, A, B, C, D, E, F, G\}$ , where  $A = \langle X, \{a, c\}, \emptyset \rangle$ ,  $B = \langle X, \{b\}, \emptyset \rangle$ ,  $C = \langle X, \{a\}, \emptyset \rangle$ ,  $D = \langle X, \{c\}, \emptyset \rangle$ ,  $E = \langle X, \{a, b\}, \emptyset \rangle$ ,  $F = \langle X, \{b, c\}, \emptyset \rangle$ ,  $G = \langle X, \emptyset, \emptyset \rangle$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_1(i)$ , but not  $T_1(ii)$ .

**COUNTEREXAMPLE 3.4.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  and define the IT  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \underline{X}, A, B\}$  on  $X$ , where  $A = \langle X, \emptyset, \{a\} \rangle$ ,  $B = \langle X, \emptyset, \{b\} \rangle$ . Then it is clear that  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_1(v)$ , but not  $T_1(i)$ .

**COUNTEREXAMPLE 3.5.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and define the IT  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \underline{X}, A, B, C, D, E, F\}$  on  $X$ , where  $A = \langle X, \emptyset, \{a, b\} \rangle$ ,  $B = \langle X, \{c\}, \{a, b\} \rangle$ ,  $C = \langle X, \emptyset, \{b, c\} \rangle$ ,  $D = \langle X, \{c\}, \{b\} \rangle$ ,  $E = \langle X, \{a, c\}, \{b\} \rangle$ ,  $F = \langle X, \emptyset, \{b\} \rangle$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_1(vi)$ , but not  $T_1(ii)$ .

**COUNTEREXAMPLE 3.6.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and define the IS's  $A = \langle X, \{a\}, \{c\} \rangle$ ,  $B = \langle X, \{b\}, \{a\} \rangle$ ,  $C = \langle X, \{a\}, \{b, c\} \rangle$ ,  $D = \langle X, \emptyset, \{b\} \rangle$ ,  $E = \langle X, \{a, b\}, \emptyset \rangle$ ,  $F = \langle X, \emptyset, \{a, c\} \rangle$ ,  $G = \langle X, \emptyset, \{b, c\} \rangle$ ,  $H = \langle X, \{a\}, \emptyset \rangle$ ,  $K = \langle X, \{a\}, \{b\} \rangle$ . Let  $\tau$  denote the IT on  $X$  generated by the subbase  $S = \{A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, K\}$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is clearly  $T_1(iv)$ , but not  $T_1(iii)$ .

**COUNTEREXAMPLE 3.7.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and consider the family  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \underline{X}, A, B, C, D, E, F, G\}$ , where  $A = \langle X, \{a\}, \emptyset \rangle$ ,  $B = \langle X, \{b\}, \{\emptyset\} \rangle$ ,  $C = \langle X, \{c\}, \emptyset \rangle$ ,  $D = \langle X, \{a, b\}, \emptyset \rangle$ ,  $E = \langle X, \{b, c\}, \emptyset \rangle$ ,  $F = \langle X, \{a, b, c\}, \emptyset \rangle$ ,  $G = \langle X, \emptyset, \emptyset \rangle$ . Then the ITS  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_1(v)$ , but not  $T_1(vi)$ .

**COUNTEREXAMPLE 3.8.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and consider the family  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \underline{X}, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, K\}$ , where  $A = \langle X, \{a\}, \{c\} \rangle$ ,  $B = \langle X, \{b\}, \emptyset \rangle$ ,  $C = \langle X, \{c\}, \emptyset \rangle$ ,  $D = \langle X, \{a, b\}, \emptyset \rangle$ ,  $E = \langle X, \{a, c\}, \emptyset \rangle$ ,  $F = \langle X, \{b, c\}, \emptyset \rangle$ ,  $G = \langle X, \emptyset, \{c\} \rangle$ ,  $H = \langle X, \emptyset, \emptyset \rangle$ ,  $K = \langle X, \{a\}, \emptyset \rangle$ . Then the ITS  $(X, \tau)$  on  $X$  is  $T_1(i)$ , but not  $T_1(iii)$ .

**COUNTEREXAMPLE 3.9.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and consider the family  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \underline{X}, A, B, C, D, E, F, G\}$ , where  $A = \langle X, \{a, c\}, \emptyset \rangle$ ,  $B = \langle X, \{b, c\}, \emptyset \rangle$ ,  $C = \langle X, \{b\}, \emptyset \rangle$ ,  $D = \langle X, \{a, b\}, \emptyset \rangle$ ,  $E = \langle X, \{c\}, \emptyset \rangle$ ,  $F = \langle X, \{a\}, \emptyset \rangle$ ,  $G = \langle X, \emptyset, \emptyset \rangle$ . Then the ITS  $(X, \tau)$  on  $X$  is  $T_1(iv)$ , but not  $T_1(ii)$ .

**COUNTEREXAMPLE 3.10** (see [6]). Let  $X = \mathbb{N}^+$  and consider the IS's  $A_n$  given below:

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= \langle X, \{2, 3, 4, \dots\}, \emptyset \rangle, \\ A_2 &= \langle X, \{3, 4, 5, \dots\}, \{1\} \rangle, \\ A_3 &= \langle X, \{4, 5, 6, \dots\}, \{1, 2\} \rangle, \\ A_n &= \langle X, \{n+1, n+2, n+3, \dots\}, \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1\} \rangle \quad (n \geq 2). \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

Then  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \underline{X}\} \cup \{A_n : n = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  is an IT on  $X$ . Clearly  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_1(vi)$ , but not  $T_1(ii)$ .

**PROPOSITION 3.11.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an ITS. Then*

- (a)  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_1(i)$  if and only if  $(X, \tau_1)$  is  $T_1$ .
- (b)  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_1(ii)$  if and only if  $(X, \tau_2)$  is  $T_1$ .
- (c)  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_1(i)$  if and only if  $(X, \tau_{0,1})$  is  $T_1(i)$ .
- (d)  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_1(ii)$  if and only if  $(X, \tau_{0,2})$  is  $T_1(ii)$ .

**DEFINITION 3.12.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an ITS.  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be

- (a)  $T_2(i) \Leftrightarrow \forall x, y \in X (x \neq y) \exists U, V \in \tau$  such that  $\underline{x} \in U, \underline{y} \in V$ , and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$  (cf. [3, 13]);
- (b)  $T_2(ii) \Leftrightarrow \forall x, y \in X (x \neq y) \exists U, V \in \tau$  such that  $\underline{\underline{x}} \in U, \underline{\underline{y}} \in V$ , and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$  (cf. [3, 13]);
- (c)  $T_2(iii) \Leftrightarrow \forall x, y \in X (x \neq y) \exists U, V \in \tau$  such that  $\underline{x} \in U, \underline{y} \in V$ , and  $U \subseteq \bar{V}$  (cf. [3, 10]);
- (d)  $T_2(iv) \Leftrightarrow \forall x, y \in X (x \neq y) \exists U, V \in \tau$  such that  $\underline{\underline{x}} \in U, \underline{\underline{y}} \in V$ , and  $U \subseteq \bar{V}$  (cf. [3, 10]);
- (e)  $T_2(v) \Leftrightarrow \forall x, y \in X (x \neq y) \exists U, V \in \tau$  such that  $\underline{x} \in U \subseteq \bar{y}, \underline{y} \in V \subseteq \bar{x}$ , and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$  (cf. [3, 11]);
- (f)  $T_2(vi) \Leftrightarrow \forall x, y \in X (x \neq y) \exists U, V \in \tau$  such that  $\underline{\underline{x}} \in U \subseteq \bar{y}, \underline{\underline{y}} \in V \subseteq \bar{x}$ , and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$  (cf. [3, 11]);
- (g)  $T_2(vii) \Leftrightarrow \Delta_x$  is an ICS in the product ITS  $(X \times X, \tau_{X \times X})$ .

**THEOREM 3.13.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an ITS. Then the following implications are valid:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T_2(v) & \longrightarrow & T_2(vi) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ T_2(vii) & \longleftarrow T_2(i) \longrightarrow & T_2(ii) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ T_2(iii) & \longrightarrow & T_2(iv) \end{array} \tag{3.3}$$

**PROOF.** We prove only the case  $T_2(i) \Rightarrow T_2(vii)$ . We must see that  $\bar{\Delta}_X$  is an IOS in  $(X \times X, \tau_{X \times X})$ . Let  $(x, y) \sim \bar{\Delta}_X$ . This means that  $(x, y) \in \{(x, y) : x \neq y\}$ , that is,  $x \neq y$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_2(i)$ , there exist  $U, V \in \tau$  such that  $\underline{x} \in U, \underline{y} \in V$ , and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . Now in this case we have  $(x, y) \sim \in U \times V \subseteq \bar{\Delta}_X$ . Indeed, from  $x \in U_1$  and  $y \in V_1$  we get

$(x, y) \in U_1 \times V_1$ , that is,  $(x, y)_{\sim} \in U \times V$ . We also know that  $U \times V \subseteq \bar{\Delta}_X \Leftrightarrow U_1 \times V_1 \subseteq \{(x, y) : x \neq y\}$  and  $(U_2^c \times V_2^c)^c \supseteq \{(x, y) : x = y\}$ . If  $(y_1, y_2) \in U_1 \times V_1$ , then  $y_1 \in U_1$ ,  $y_2 \in V_1 \Rightarrow y_1 \neq y_2 \Rightarrow (y_1, y_2) \in \{(x, y) : x \neq y\}$  follows. Thus the first inclusion is true. For the second,  $(y_1, y_2) \in U_2^c \times V_2^c \Rightarrow y_1 \in U_2^c$  and  $y_2 \in V_2^c \Rightarrow y_1 \neq y_2$ , that is, we have  $U_2^c \times V_2^c \subseteq \{(x, y) : x \neq y\}$ . Thus we see that  $(y_1, y_2) \in \{(x, y) : x = y\}$ . The second inclusion is true, too. Now since

$$\bar{\Delta}_X = \bigcup_{(y_1, y_2)_{\sim} \in \bar{\Delta}_X} (y_1, y_2)_{\sim}, \quad (3.4)$$

it follows from the fact that  $\bar{\Delta}_X$  is not a proper IS, that  $\bar{\Delta}_X$  is an IOS in  $(X \times X)$ , that is,  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_2(vii)$ .  $\square$

**COUNTEREXAMPLE 3.14.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  and consider the family  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \tilde{X}, A, B\}$  on  $X$ , where  $A = \langle X, \emptyset, \{b\} \rangle$ ,  $B = \langle X, \emptyset, \{a\} \rangle$ . Then the ITS  $(X, \tau)$  on  $X$  is  $T_2(ii)$ , but not  $T_2(i)$ .

**COUNTEREXAMPLE 3.15.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and define the IS's  $A = \langle X, \emptyset, \{b, c\} \rangle$ ,  $B = \langle X, \{b\}, \{a\} \rangle$ ,  $C = \langle X, \{a\}, \{c\} \rangle$ , and  $D = \langle X, \emptyset, \{a, b\} \rangle$ . Let  $\tau$  denote the IT on  $X$  generated by the subbase  $S = \{A, B, C, D\}$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_2(iv)$ , but not  $T_2(iii)$

**COUNTEREXAMPLE 3.16.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and consider the family  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \tilde{X}, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, K, L, M\}$  on  $X$ , where  $A = \langle X, \emptyset, \{b\} \rangle$ ,  $B = \langle X, \emptyset, \{a, c\} \rangle$ ,  $C = \langle X, \{a\}, \{b, c\} \rangle$ ,  $D = \langle X, \emptyset, \{a\} \rangle$ ,  $E = \langle X, \emptyset, \{a, b\} \rangle$ ,  $F = \langle X, \emptyset, \{c\} \rangle$ ,  $G = \langle X, \{a\}, \{c\} \rangle$ ,  $H = \langle X, \{a\}, \emptyset \rangle$ ,  $K = \langle X, \{a\}, \{b\} \rangle$ ,  $L = \langle X, \emptyset, \{b, c\} \rangle$ , and  $M = \langle X, \emptyset, \emptyset \rangle$ . Then the ITS  $(X, \tau)$  on  $X$  is  $T_2(vi)$ , but not  $T_2(v)$ .

**COUNTEREXAMPLE 3.17.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and define the IS's  $A = \langle X, \{a\}, \{b\} \rangle$ ,  $B = \langle X, \{b\}, \{a, d\} \rangle$ ,  $C = \langle X, \{b\}, \{c\} \rangle$ ,  $D = \langle X, \{c\}, \{a, b\} \rangle$ ,  $E = \langle X, \{a\}, \{d\} \rangle$ ,  $F = \langle X, \{d\}, \{a\} \rangle$ ,  $G = \langle X, \{b\}, \{d\} \rangle$ ,  $H = \langle X, \{d\}, \{b\} \rangle$ ,  $K = \langle X, \{c\}, \{d\} \rangle$ ,  $L = \langle X, \{d\}, \{c\} \rangle$ ,  $M = \langle X, \{a\}, \{c\} \rangle$ , and  $N = \langle X, \{c\}, \{a\} \rangle$ . Let  $\tau$  denote the IT on  $X$  generated by the subbase  $S = \{A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, K, L, M, N\}$ . Then  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_2(iii)$ , but not  $T_2(i)$ .

**COUNTEREXAMPLE 3.18.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  and consider the family  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \tilde{X}, A, B\}$  on  $X$ , where  $A = \langle X, \{b\}, \emptyset \rangle$ ,  $B = \langle X, \emptyset, \{b\} \rangle$ . Then the ITS  $(X, \tau)$  on  $X$  is  $T_2(iv)$ , but not  $T_2(ii)$ .

**COUNTEREXAMPLE 3.19.** We consider the IT on  $X$  as in [Counterexample 3.15](#).  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_2(iv)$ , but not  $T_2(i)$ .

**COUNTEREXAMPLE 3.20.** We consider the ITS on  $X$  as in [Counterexample 3.14](#).  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_2(ii)$ , but not  $T_2(v)$ .

**PROPOSITION 3.21.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an ITS. Then

- (a)  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_2(i) \Rightarrow (X, \tau_1)$  is  $T_2$ .
- (b)  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_2(ii) \Rightarrow (X, \tau_2)$  is  $T_2$ .

**PROPOSITION 3.22.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an ITS. Then

- (a)  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_2(i) \Rightarrow (X, \tau_{0,1})$  is  $T_2(i)$ .
- (b)  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_2(ii) \Rightarrow (X, \tau_{0,2})$  is  $T_2(ii)$ .

**THEOREM 3.23.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an ITS. Then the following implications are valid:*

- (a)  $T_2(i) \Rightarrow T_1(iii)$ .
- (b)  $T_2(ii) \Rightarrow T_1(ii)$ .
- (c)  $T_2(iii) \Rightarrow T_1(iii)$ .
- (d)  $T_2(iv) \Rightarrow T_1(iv)$ .
- (e)  $T_2(v) \Rightarrow T_1(iii)$ .
- (f)  $T_2(vi) \Rightarrow T_1(vi)$ .

**PROOF.** The proof is obvious. □

**PROPOSITION 3.24.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be  $T_2(i)$ . Then every intuitionistic point  $\underline{x}$  is the intersection of all the intuitionistic closed neighborhoods of  $\underline{x}$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be  $T_2(i)$  and  $x \in X$ . We denote the intersection of IC neighborhoods of  $\underline{x}$  by the IS  $C = \langle X, C_1, C_2 \rangle$ . We assume the contrary and suppose that there exists a distinct IP  $\underline{y}$  in  $C$ , that is,  $y \in C_1$ .

**CASE 1.**  $\{x\} \not\subseteq C_1$ , then there exists  $y \in C_1$  such that  $x \neq y$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_2(i)$ , there exist IOS's  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $\underline{x} \in U$ ,  $\underline{y} \in V$ , and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$  which implies that  $U \subseteq \bar{V}$ . Hence we have  $\underline{x} \in U \subseteq \bar{V}$ . Thus  $\bar{V}$  is a closed neighborhood of  $\underline{x}$ . From our assumption, we get  $\underline{y} \in \bar{V}$ . But it is a contradiction, since  $V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$ . Thus our assumption is false. This means that  $C$  consists only of the IP  $\underline{x}$ .

**CASE 2.**  $\{x\} \subseteq C_1^c$  and  $\{x\} = C_1$ , then there exists  $y \in C_2^c$  such that  $y \neq x$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_2(i)$ , there exist IOS's  $U, V \in \tau$  such that  $\underline{x} \in U$ ,  $\underline{y} \in V$ , and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$  and the same result as in the previous assumption holds in this case, too. □

**PROPOSITION 3.25.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an ITS,  $(Y, \Phi)$  a  $T_2(i)$  ITS and  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \Phi)$  a continuous function. Then the graph of  $f$  is an ICS in  $X \times Y$ .*

**PROOF.** We must show that  $\overline{\text{GR}(f)}$  is an IOS in  $X \times Y$ . Let  $(x, y) \sim \in \overline{\text{GR}(f)}$ . Then  $(x, y) \in \{(x, f(x)) : x \in X\}^c$  which implies that  $y \neq f(x)$ . Since  $(Y, \Phi)$  is  $T_2(i)$ , there exist  $U, V \in \Phi$  such that  $\underline{y} \in U$ ,  $f(\underline{x}) \in V$ , and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . From the assumption that  $f$  is continuous, we see that  $f^{-1}(V) = \langle X, f^{-1}(V_1), f^{-1}(V_2) \rangle$  is an open neighborhood of  $\underline{x}$ . Also  $f^{-1}(V) \times U$  is an open neighborhood of  $(x, y) \sim$ . It can be shown easily that  $f^{-1}(V) \times U \subseteq \overline{\text{GR}(f)}$ . Since  $\overline{\text{GR}(f)}$  is not a proper IS in  $X \times Y$ , our assumption holds, that is,  $\overline{\text{GR}(f)}$  is an IOS in  $X \times Y$ . □

**PROPOSITION 3.26.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an ITS,  $(Y, \Phi)$  a  $T_2(i)$  ITS and  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \Phi)$  a continuous function. Then the IS  $C = \langle (x_1, x_2), \{(x_1, x_2) : f(x_1) = f(x_2)\}, \{(x_1, x_2) : f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)\} \rangle$  in  $X \times Y$  is an ICS in  $X \times Y$ .*

**PROOF.** A similar argument as in the proof of [Proposition 3.25](#) can be followed. □

**PROPOSITION 3.27.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \Phi)$  be two ITS's. Then*

- (a) If  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \Phi)$  are  $T_1(i)$ , then so is  $(X \times Y, \tau \times \Phi)$ .
- (b) If  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \Phi)$  are  $T_1(ii)$ , then so is  $(X \times Y, \tau \times \Phi)$ .

**PROOF.** (a) Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \Phi)$  be  $T_1(i)$ . Let  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in X \times Y$  and  $(x_1, y_1) \neq (x_2, y_2)$ . Now suppose that  $x_1 \neq x_2$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_1(i)$  then there exist  $U, V \in \tau$  such that  $x_1 \in U, x_2 \notin U$ , and  $x_2 \in V, x_1 \notin V$ . Then we have IOS's  $U \times \tilde{Y} = \langle (X, Y), U_1 \times Y, (U_2^c \times \emptyset^c)^c \rangle$  and  $V \times \tilde{Y} = \langle (X, Y), V_1 \times Y, (V_2^c \times \emptyset^c)^c \rangle$  in  $\tau \times \Phi$  having the properties  $(x_1, y_1) \sim \in U \times \tilde{Y}, (x_2, y_2) \sim \notin U \times \tilde{Y}$ , and  $(x_2, y_2) \sim \in V \times \tilde{Y}, (x_1, y_1) \sim \notin V \times \tilde{Y}$ . We can prove the case  $y_1 \neq y_2$  similarly. Thus we conclude that  $(X \times Y, \tau \times \Phi)$  is  $T_1(i)$ .

(b) Similar to the previous one. □

**PROPOSITION 3.28.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(y, \Phi)$  be two ITS's. Then*

- (a) If  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \Phi)$  are  $T_2(i)$ , then so is  $(X \times Y, \tau \times \Phi)$ .
- (b) If  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \Phi)$  are  $T_2(ii)$ , then so is  $(X \times Y, \tau \times \Phi)$ .
- (c) If  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \Phi)$  are  $T_2(iii)$ , then so is  $(X \times Y, \tau \times \Phi)$ .
- (d) If  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \Phi)$  are  $T_2(vii)$ , then so is  $(X \times Y, \tau \times \Phi)$ .

**PROOF.** (a) Let  $(X, \tau), (Y, \Phi)$  be  $T_2(i)$ . Let  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in X \times Y$ , and  $(x_1, y_1) \neq (x_2, y_2)$  and suppose that  $x_1 \neq x_2$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_2(i)$  then there exist  $U, V \in \tau$  such that  $x_1 \in U, x_2 \in V$ , and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . Then we can form the IOS's  $U \times \tilde{Y} = \langle (X, Y), U_1 \times Y, (U_2^c \times \emptyset^c)^c \rangle$  and  $V \times \tilde{Y} = \langle (X, Y), V_1 \times Y, (V_2^c \times \emptyset^c)^c \rangle$  in  $\tau \times \Phi$  which contains  $(x_1, y_1) \sim$  and  $(x_2, y_2) \sim$ , respectively. Now we must see that  $(U \times \tilde{Y}) \cap (V \times \tilde{Y}) = \emptyset$ . Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} (U \times \tilde{Y}) \cap (V \times \tilde{Y}) &= \langle (X, Y), (U_1 \times Y) \cap (V_1 \times Y), (U_2^c \times \emptyset^c)^c \cup (V_2^c \times \emptyset^c)^c \rangle \\ &= \langle (X, Y), (U_1 \cap V_1) \times (Y \cap Y), [(U_2^c \times Y) \cap (V_2^c \times Y)]^c \rangle \\ &= \langle (X, Y), \emptyset \times Y, [(U_2^c) \cap (V_2^c) \times (Y \cap Y)]^c \rangle \\ &= \langle (X, Y), \emptyset, X \times Y \rangle = \emptyset. \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

Thus  $(X \times Y, \tau \times \Phi)$  is  $T_2(i)$ .

(b) Similar to previous one.

(c) Assume that  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \Phi)$  are  $T_2(iii)$ . Let  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in X \times Y$  and  $(x_1, y_1) \neq (x_2, y_2)$ . Suppose that  $x_1 \neq x_2$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_2(iii)$ , then there exist  $U, V \in \tau$  such that  $x_1 \in U, x_2 \in V$ , and  $U \subseteq \bar{V}$ . Then we have IOS's  $U \times \tilde{Y} = \langle (X, Y), U_1 \times Y, (U_2^c \times \emptyset^c)^c \rangle$  and  $V \times \tilde{Y} = \langle (X, Y), V_1 \times Y, (V_2^c \times \emptyset^c)^c \rangle$  in  $\tau \times \Phi$  containing  $(x_1, y_1) \sim$  and  $(x_2, y_2) \sim$ , respectively. Now, it is easy to see that  $U \times \tilde{Y} \subseteq \overline{V \times \tilde{Y}}$  holds, which is identical to  $U_1 \times Y \subseteq (V_2^c \times Y)^c$  and  $V_1 \times Y \subseteq (U_2^c \times Y)^c$ . A similar argument holds if  $y_1 \neq y_2$ . Thus we conclude that  $(X \times Y, \tau \times \Phi)$  is  $T_2(iii)$ .

(d) We are to show that  $\Delta_{X \times Y}$  is an ICS, that is,  $\bar{\Delta}_{X \times Y}$  is an IOS. Since  $\bar{\Delta}_{X \times Y}$  is not a proper IS in  $X \times Y$ , it is sufficient to show that for every  $((p_1, q_1), (p_2, q_2)) \sim \in \bar{\Delta}_{X \times Y}$ , there exists an IOS  $S$  in  $(X \times Y) \times (X \times Y)$  such that  $((p_1, q_1), (p_2, q_2)) \sim \in S \subseteq \bar{\Delta}_{X \times Y}$ . Since  $((p_1, q_1), (p_2, q_2)) \sim \in \bar{\Delta}_{X \times Y}$ , we get  $((p_1, q_1) \neq (p_2, q_2)) \sim$ , that is,  $p_1 \neq p_2$  or  $q_1 \neq q_2$ . Here come three possible cases:

- (1)  $p_1 \neq p_2, q_1 = q_2$ ;
- (2)  $p_1 = p_2, q_1 \neq q_2$ ;
- (3)  $p_1 \neq p_2, q_1 \neq q_2$ .

Here we show only case (3). Other cases can be proved similarly. Let  $p_1 \neq p_2, q_1 \neq q_2$ . Since  $(p_1, p_2) \sim \in \bar{\Delta}_X, (q_1, q_2) \sim \in \bar{\Delta}_Y$  and  $\bar{\Delta}_X, \bar{\Delta}_Y$  are IOS's,  $\exists U_1, U_2 \in \tau$  and  $V_1,$



$V_2 \in \Phi$  such that  $(p_1, p_2) \sim \in U_1 \times U_2 \subseteq \tilde{\Delta}_X$  and  $(q_1, q_2) \sim \in V_1 \times V_2 \subseteq \tilde{\Delta}_Y$ . We prove that  $((p_1, q_1), (p_2, q_2)) \sim \in (U_1 \times V_1) \times (U_2 \times V_2) \subseteq \tilde{\Delta}_{X \times Y}$ . This can be shown in two steps.

**STEP 1.** The expression  $((p_1, q_1), (p_2, q_2)) \sim \in (U_1 \times V_1) \times (U_2 \times V_2)$  is equivalent to  $((p_1, q_1), (p_2, q_2)) \in (U_1 \times V_1)^{(1)} \times (U_2 \times V_2)^{(1)} \Leftrightarrow ((p_1, q_1), (p_2, q_2)) \in (U_1^{(1)} \times V_1^{(1)}) \times (U_2^{(1)} \times V_2^{(1)})$ . This means that  $(p_1, q_1) \in U_1^{(1)} \times V_1^{(1)}$  and  $(p_2, q_2) \in U_2^{(1)} \times V_2^{(1)}$  which are true, since  $p_1 \in U_1^{(1)}$ ,  $p_2 \in U_2^{(1)}$ ,  $q_1 \in V_1^{(1)}$ ,  $q_2 \in V_2^{(1)}$ .

**STEP 2.** We show the inclusion  $(U_1 \times V_1) \times (U_2 \times V_2) \subseteq \tilde{\Delta}_{X \times Y}$ . For this purpose we must first show that  $(U_1 \times V_1)^{(1)} \times (U_2 \times V_2)^{(1)} \subseteq \{((u_1, v_1), (u_2, v_2)) : (u_1, v_1) \neq (u_2, v_2)\}$  or equivalently,  $(U_1^{(1)} \times V_1^{(1)}) \times (U_2^{(1)} \times V_2^{(1)}) \subseteq \{((u_1, v_1), (u_2, v_2)) : (u_1, v_1) \neq (u_2, v_2)\}$ . This is true since  $U_1 \times U_2 \subseteq \tilde{\Delta}_X$  and  $V_1 \times V_2 \subseteq \tilde{\Delta}_Y$ , we have  $U_1^{(1)} \times U_2^{(1)} \subseteq \{(u_1, u_2) : u_1 \neq u_2\}$  and  $V_1^{(1)} \times V_2^{(1)} \subseteq \{(v_1, v_2) : v_1 \neq v_2\}$ , respectively. Thus the first inclusion is true. The second inclusion can be proved similarly. Hence  $\tilde{\Delta}_{X \times Y}$  is an IOS, that is,  $\tilde{\Delta}_{X \times Y}$  is an ICS, which means that  $(X, Y, \tau \times \Phi)$  is  $T_2(vii)$ .  $\square$

**REMARK 3.29.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \Phi)$  be  $T_2(iv)$ . Then  $(X \times Y, \tau \times \Phi)$  may not be  $T_2(iv)$ .

Here come the reverse implications.

**PROPOSITION 3.30.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \Phi)$  be two ITS's. Then

- (a) If  $(X \times Y, \tau \times \Phi)$  is  $T_2(i)$ , then so are  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \Phi)$ .
- (b) If  $(X \times Y, \tau \times \Phi)$  is  $T_2(ii)$ , then so are  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \Phi)$ .
- (c) If  $(X \times Y, \tau \times \Phi)$  is  $T_2(iii)$ , then so are  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \Phi)$ .

**PROOF.** The proofs of (a) and (b) are easy. (c) Let  $(X \times Y, \tau \times \Phi)$  be  $T_2(iii)$ , and  $x_1 \neq x_2$  ( $x_1, x_2 \in X$ ). We take a fixed  $y \in Y$ . Then, since  $(x_1, y) \neq (x_2, y)$  and  $X \times Y$  is  $T_2(iii)$ , there exist  $U \times Z$  and  $V \times T$  where  $U, V \in \tau$  and  $Z, T \in \Phi$  such that  $(x_1, y) \sim \in U \times Z$ ,  $(x_2, y) \sim \in V \times T$ , and  $U \times Z \subseteq \overline{V \times T}$ . Thus we get  $(x_1, y) \in U_1 \times Z_1$ ,  $(x_2, y) \in V_1 \times T_1$ , and  $U_1 \times Z_1 \subseteq (V_2^c \times T_2^c)^c$ ,  $V_1 \times T_1 \subseteq (U_2^c \times Z_2^c)^c$ ; in other words  $x_1 \in U_1$ ,  $y \in Z_1$ ,  $x_2 \in V_1$ ,  $y \in T_1$ , and  $(U_1 \times Z_1) \cap (V_2^c \times T_2^c) = \emptyset$ ,  $(V_1 \times T_1) \cap (U_2^c \times Z_2^c) = \emptyset$ . From the last intersection we get  $(U_1^c \times V_2^c) \times (Z_1 \cap T_2^c) = \emptyset$  and  $(V_1 \cap U_2^c) \times (T_1 \cap Z_2^c) = \emptyset$ , respectively.  $y \in Z_1$  and  $y \in T_1$  implies that  $Z_1 \cap T_2^c \neq \emptyset$  and  $U_1 \cap V_2^c = \emptyset$  from which  $U_1 \subseteq V_2$  follows. Similarly  $y \in T_1 \cap Z_2^c$  and  $V_1 \cap U_2^c = \emptyset$  meaning that  $V_1 \subseteq U_2$ . Thus  $x_1 \sim \in U$ ,  $x_2 \sim \in V$ , and  $U \subseteq \bar{V}$ , that is,  $(X, \tau)$  is  $T_2(iii)$ . Similarly  $(Y, \Phi)$  is  $T_2(iii)$ , too.  $\square$

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