# On a Duality Between Weakly Separated Subspaces of Topological Spaces

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**Summary.** Let X be a topological space and let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be subspaces of X with the carriers  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ , respectively. Recall that  $X_1$ and  $X_2$  are weakly separated if  $A_1 \setminus A_2$  and  $A_2 \setminus A_1$  are separated (see [2] and also [1] for applications). Our purpose is to list a number of properties of such subspaces, supplementary to those given in [2]. Note that in the Mizar formalism the carrier of any topological space (hence the carrier of any its subspace) is always non-empty, therefore for convenience we list beforehand analogous properties of weakly separated subsets without any additional conditions.

To present the main results we first formulate a useful definition. We say that  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  constitute a decomposition of X if  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are disjoint and the union of  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  covers the carrier of X (comp. [3]). We are ready now to present the following duality property between pairs of weakly separated subspaces : If each pair of subspaces  $X_1$ ,  $Y_1$  and  $X_2$ ,  $Y_2$  of X constitutes a decomposition of X, then  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are weakly separated iff  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are weakly separated. From this theorem we get immediately that under the same hypothesis,  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are separated iff  $X_1$  misses  $X_2$  and  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are weakly separated. Moreover, we show the following enlargement theorem : If  $X_i$  and  $Y_i$  are subspaces of X such that  $Y_i$  is a subspace of  $X_i$  and  $Y_1 \cup Y_2 = X_1 \cup X_2$  and if  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are weakly separated, then  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are weakly separated. We show also the following dual extenuation theorem : If  $X_i$  and  $Y_i$  are subspaces of X such that  $Y_i$  is a subspace of  $X_i$  and  $Y_1 \cap Y_2 = X_1 \cap X_2$  and if  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ are weakly separated, then  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are weakly separated. At the end we give a few properties of weakly separated subspaces in subspaces.

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The papers [6], [7], [4], [8], [5], and [2] provide the notation and terminology for this paper.

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### 1. CERTAIN SET–DECOMPOSITIONS OF A TOPOLOGICAL SPACE

In the sequel X denotes a topological space. Next we state the proposition

(1) For all subsets A, B of X holds  $A^{c} \setminus B^{c} = B \setminus A$ .

Let X be a topological space, and let  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$  be subsets of X. We say that  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  constitute a decomposition if and only if:

(Def.1)  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$  and  $A_1 \cup A_2 =$  the carrier of X.

In the sequel A,  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ ,  $B_1$ ,  $B_2$  are subsets of X. We now state a number of propositions:

- (2)  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  constitute a decomposition if and only if  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset_X$  and  $A_1 \cup A_2 = \Omega_X$ .
- (3) If  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  constitute a decomposition, then  $A_2$  and  $A_1$  constitute a decomposition.
- (4) If  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  constitute a decomposition, then  $A_1 = A_2^c$  and  $A_2 = A_1^c$ .
- (5) If  $A_1 = A_2^c$  or  $A_2 = A_1^c$ , then  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  constitute a decomposition.
- (6) A and  $A^{c}$  constitute a decomposition and  $A^{c}$  and A constitute a decomposition.
- (7)  $\emptyset_X$  and  $\Omega_X$  constitute a decomposition and  $\Omega_X$  and  $\emptyset_X$  constitute a decomposition.
- (8) If A is non-empty, then A and A do not constitute a decomposition.
- (9) If  $A_1$  and A constitute a decomposition and A and  $A_2$  constitute a decomposition, then  $A_1 = A_2$ .
- (10) If  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  constitute a decomposition, then  $\overline{A_1}$  and Int  $A_2$  constitute a decomposition and Int  $A_1$  and  $\overline{A_2}$  constitute a decomposition.
- (11)  $\overline{A}$  and  $\operatorname{Int}(A^{c})$  constitute a decomposition and  $\overline{A^{c}}$  and  $\operatorname{Int} A$  constitute a decomposition and  $\operatorname{Int} A$  and  $\overline{A^{c}}$  constitute a decomposition and  $\operatorname{Int}(A^{c})$  and  $\overline{A}$  constitute a decomposition.
- (12) If  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  constitute a decomposition, then  $A_1$  is open if and only if  $A_2$  is closed.
- (13) If  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  constitute a decomposition, then  $A_1$  is closed if and only if  $A_2$  is open.
- (14) If  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  constitute a decomposition and  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  constitute a decomposition, then  $A_1 \cap B_1$  and  $A_2 \cup B_2$  constitute a decomposition.
- (15) If  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  constitute a decomposition and  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  constitute a decomposition, then  $A_1 \cup B_1$  and  $A_2 \cap B_2$  constitute a decomposition.

2. DUALITY BETWEEN PAIRS OF WEAKLY SEPARATED SUBSETS

In the sequel X will denote a topological space and  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$  will denote subsets of X. Next we state a number of propositions:

- (16) For all subsets  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  of X such that  $A_1$  and  $C_1$  constitute a decomposition and  $A_2$  and  $C_2$  constitute a decomposition holds  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are weakly separated if and only if  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are weakly separated.
- (17)  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are weakly separated if and only if  $A_1^{c}$  and  $A_2^{c}$  are weakly separated.
- (18) For all subsets  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  of X such that  $A_1$  and  $C_1$  constitute a decomposition and  $A_2$  and  $C_2$  constitute a decomposition holds if  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are separated, then  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are weakly separated.
- (19) For all subsets  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  of X such that  $A_1$  and  $C_1$  constitute a decomposition and  $A_2$  and  $C_2$  constitute a decomposition holds if  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$  and  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are weakly separated, then  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are separated.
- (20) For all subsets  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  of X such that  $A_1$  and  $C_1$  constitute a decomposition and  $A_2$  and  $C_2$  constitute a decomposition holds if  $C_1 \cup C_2$  = the carrier of X and  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are weakly separated, then  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are separated.
- (21) If  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  constitute a decomposition, then  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are weakly separated if and only if  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are separated.
- (22)  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are weakly separated if and only if  $(A_1 \cup A_2) \setminus A_1$  and  $(A_1 \cup A_2) \setminus A_2$  are separated.
- (23) For all subsets  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  of X such that  $C_1 \subseteq A_1$  and  $C_2 \subseteq A_2$ and  $C_1 \cup C_2 = A_1 \cup A_2$  holds if  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are weakly separated, then  $A_1$ and  $A_2$  are weakly separated.
- (24)  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are weakly separated if and only if  $A_1 \setminus A_1 \cap A_2$  and  $A_2 \setminus A_1 \cap A_2$  are separated.
- (25) For all subsets  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  of X such that  $C_1 \subseteq A_1$  and  $C_2 \subseteq A_2$ and  $C_1 \cap C_2 = A_1 \cap A_2$  holds if  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are weakly separated, then  $C_1$ and  $C_2$  are weakly separated.

In the sequel  $X_0$  will denote a subspace of X and  $B_1$ ,  $B_2$  will denote subsets of  $X_0$ . One can prove the following propositions:

- (26) If  $B_1 = A_1$  and  $B_2 = A_2$ , then  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are separated if and only if  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  are separated.
- (27) If  $B_1 = (\text{the carrier of } X_0) \cap A_1 \text{ and } B_2 = (\text{the carrier of } X_0) \cap A_2, \text{ then}$ if  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are separated, then  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  are separated.
- (28) If  $B_1 = A_1$  and  $B_2 = A_2$ , then  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are weakly separated if and only if  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  are weakly separated.
- (29) If  $B_1 = (\text{the carrier of } X_0) \cap A_1 \text{ and } B_2 = (\text{the carrier of } X_0) \cap A_2, \text{ then}$ if  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are weakly separated, then  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  are weakly separated.

#### 3. CERTAIN SUBSPACE–DECOMPOSITIONS OF A TOPOLOGICAL SPACE

Let X be a topological space, and let  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$  be subspaces of X. We say that  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  constitute a decomposition if and only if:

(Def.2) for all subsets  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$  of X such that  $A_1$  = the carrier of  $X_1$  and  $A_2$  = the carrier of  $X_2$  holds  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  constitute a decomposition.

In the sequel  $X_0$ ,  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ ,  $Y_1$ ,  $Y_2$  denote subspaces of X. The following propositions are true:

- (30)  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  constitute a decomposition if and only if  $X_1$  misses  $X_2$  and the topological structure of  $X = X_1 \cup X_2$ .
- (31) If  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  constitute a decomposition, then  $X_2$  and  $X_1$  constitute a decomposition.
- (32)  $X_0$  and  $X_0$  do not constitute a decomposition.
- (33) If  $X_1$  and  $X_0$  constitute a decomposition and  $X_0$  and  $X_2$  constitute a decomposition, then the topological structure of  $X_1$  = the topological structure of  $X_2$ .
- (34) For all subspaces  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ ,  $Y_1$ ,  $Y_2$  of X such that  $X_1$  and  $Y_1$  constitute a decomposition and  $X_2$  and  $Y_2$  constitute a decomposition holds  $Y_1 \cup Y_2 =$  the topological structure of X if and only if  $X_1$  misses  $X_2$ .
- (35) If  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  constitute a decomposition, then  $X_1$  is open if and only if  $X_2$  is closed.
- (36) If  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  constitute a decomposition, then  $X_1$  is closed if and only if  $X_2$  is open.
- (37) If  $X_1$  meets  $Y_1$  and  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  constitute a decomposition and  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  constitute a decomposition, then  $X_1 \cap Y_1$  and  $X_2 \cup Y_2$  constitute a decomposition.
- (38) If  $X_2$  meets  $Y_2$  and  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  constitute a decomposition and  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  constitute a decomposition, then  $X_1 \cup Y_1$  and  $X_2 \cap Y_2$  constitute a decomposition.

## 4. DUALITY BETWEEN PAIRS OF WEAKLY SEPARATED SUBSPACES

In the sequel X is a topological space. We now state several propositions:

- (39) For all subspaces  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ ,  $Y_1$ ,  $Y_2$  of X such that  $X_1$  and  $Y_1$  constitute a decomposition and  $X_2$  and  $Y_2$  constitute a decomposition holds  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are weakly separated if and only if  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are weakly separated.
- (40) For all subspaces  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ ,  $Y_1$ ,  $Y_2$  of X such that  $X_1$  and  $Y_1$  constitute a decomposition and  $X_2$  and  $Y_2$  constitute a decomposition holds if  $X_1$ and  $X_2$  are separated, then  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are weakly separated.
- (41) For all subspaces  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ ,  $Y_1$ ,  $Y_2$  of X such that  $X_1$  and  $Y_1$  constitute a decomposition and  $X_2$  and  $Y_2$  constitute a decomposition holds if  $X_1$

misses  $X_2$  and  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are weakly separated, then  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are separated.

- (42) For all subspaces  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ ,  $Y_1$ ,  $Y_2$  of X such that  $X_1$  and  $Y_1$  constitute a decomposition and  $X_2$  and  $Y_2$  constitute a decomposition holds if  $Y_1 \cup Y_2 =$  the topological structure of X and  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are weakly separated, then  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are separated.
- (43) For all subspaces  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$  of X such that  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  constitute a decomposition holds  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are weakly separated if and only if  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are separated.
- (44) For all subspaces  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ ,  $Y_1$ ,  $Y_2$  of X such that  $Y_1$  is a subspace of  $X_1$ and  $Y_2$  is a subspace of  $X_2$  and  $Y_1 \cup Y_2 = X_1 \cup X_2$  holds if  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are weakly separated, then  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are weakly separated.
- (45) For all subspaces  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ ,  $Y_1$ ,  $Y_2$  of X such that  $Y_1$  is a subspace of  $X_1$ and  $Y_2$  is a subspace of  $X_2$  and  $Y_1$  meets  $Y_2$  and  $Y_1 \cap Y_2 = X_1 \cap X_2$  holds if  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are weakly separated, then  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are weakly separated.

In the sequel  $X_0$  will denote a subspace of X. Next we state four propositions:

- (46) For all subspaces  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$  of X and for all subspaces  $Y_1$ ,  $Y_2$  of  $X_0$  such that the carrier of  $X_1$  = the carrier of  $Y_1$  and the carrier of  $X_2$  = the carrier of  $Y_2$  holds  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are separated if and only if  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are separated.
- (47) For all subspaces  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$  of X such that  $X_1$  meets  $X_0$  and  $X_2$  meets  $X_0$ and for all subspaces  $Y_1$ ,  $Y_2$  of  $X_0$  such that  $Y_1 = X_1 \cap X_0$  and  $Y_2 = X_2 \cap X_0$ holds if  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are separated, then  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are separated.
- (48) For all subspaces  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$  of X and for all subspaces  $Y_1$ ,  $Y_2$  of  $X_0$  such that the carrier of  $X_1$  = the carrier of  $Y_1$  and the carrier of  $X_2$  = the carrier of  $Y_2$  holds  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are weakly separated if and only if  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are weakly separated.
- (49) For all subspaces  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$  of X such that  $X_1$  meets  $X_0$  and  $X_2$  meets  $X_0$  and for all subspaces  $Y_1$ ,  $Y_2$  of  $X_0$  such that  $Y_1 = X_1 \cap X_0$  and  $Y_2 = X_2 \cap X_0$  holds if  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are weakly separated, then  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are weakly separated.

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