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The author has defined weakly equivalent topologies and introduced the concepts of the weakly and somewhat separation axioms. These two types of separation axioms are investigated individually, and the relationships of each to the usual separation axioms are studied. The concepts of the strongly separation axioms and the strongly topological properties are also defined.

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## INTRODUCTION

In this paper various types of separation axioms are studied. The ideas behind these results originated in [2], [4], and a seminar held by Dr. K. R. Gentry in the spring of 1969.

In Chapters I and II, the separation axioms related to weakly equivalent topologies are studied. Also in Chapter II, somewhat homeomorphisms are defined and a major theorem is proved showing that weak topological properties are preserved under somewhat homeomorphisms.

In Chapter III, strongly topological properties and strongly separation axioms are introduced.

In Chapter IV, the somewhat separation axioms are defined and several theorems showing their relationship to the usual separation axioms are proved.



## CHAPTER I

## WEAKLY SEPARATION AXIOMS--PRELIMINARY RESULTS

DEFINITION 1. Let  $X$  be a set. A topology  $S$  for  $X$  is said to be weakly equivalent to a topology  $T$  for  $X$  provided, if  $U \in S$  and  $U \neq \emptyset$ , then there exists a  $V \in T$  such that  $V \neq \emptyset$  and  $V \subset U$ ; and if  $W \in T$  and  $W \neq \emptyset$ , then there exists an  $R \in S$  such that  $R \neq \emptyset$  and  $R \subset W$ .

DEFINITION 2. A topological space  $(X,T)$  is weakly  $T_i$  ( $i=0,1,2,3,4$ ) provided there exists a topology  $S$  for  $X$  such that  $(X,S)$  is  $T_i$  and  $T$  is weakly equivalent to  $S$ .

THEOREM 1. If  $(X,T)$  is a topological space and  $(X,T)$  is weakly  $T_{i+1}$  ( $i=0,1,2,3$ ), then  $(X,T)$  is weakly  $T_i$ .

Proof: Since  $(X,T)$  is weakly  $T_{i+1}$ , there is a topology  $S$  for  $X$  such that  $S$  is weakly equivalent to  $T$  and  $(X,S)$  is  $T_{i+1}$ . Since  $(X,S)$  is  $T_{i+1}$ ,  $(X,S)$  is  $T_i$  and thus  $(X,T)$  is weakly  $T_i$ .

EXAMPLE 1. Let  $X = \{0,1,2\}$  and let  $S = \{\emptyset, X, \{0\}\}$ . Then  $(X,S)$  is weakly  $T_0$  but not weakly  $T_1$ .

Proof: Let  $T = \{\emptyset, X, \{0\}, \{0,1\}\}$ . Then  $T$  is weakly equivalent to  $S$  and  $(X,T)$  is  $T_0$ . Thus  $(X,S)$  is weakly  $T_0$ . The subsets  $\{1\}$ ,  $\{2\}$ , and  $\{1,2\}$  cannot be in a topology for  $X$  weakly equivalent to  $S$ , since  $X$  is the only member of  $S$  containing 1 or 2 and it is not contained in  $\{1\}$ ,  $\{2\}$ , or  $\{1,2\}$ . Also,  $\{0\}$  must be in any topology weakly equivalent to  $S$ , since



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$\{0\}$  is the only non-empty set contained in the element  $\{0\}$  of  $S$ . Since  $\emptyset$  and  $X$  are in every topology, the topologies for  $X$  weakly equivalent to  $S$  must be exactly  $S_1 = S$ ,  $S_2 = \{\emptyset, X, \{0\}, \{0,1\}\}$ ,  $S_3 = \{\emptyset, X, \{0\}, \{0,2\}\}$ , and  $S_4 = \{\emptyset, X, \{0\}, \{0,1\}, \{0,2\}\}$ . Since none of these topologies is  $T_1$ ,  $(X,S)$  is not weakly  $T_1$ .

EXAMPLE 2. Let  $X$  be an infinite set and let  $T$  be the cofinite topology for  $X$  (that is,  $T$  consists of  $\emptyset$  and all compliments of finite sets). Then  $(X,T)$  is weakly  $T_1$  but not weakly  $T_2$ .

Proof: Since  $(X,T)$  is  $T_1$  [1, p. 138],  $(X,T)$  is weakly  $T_1$ .

Suppose there is a topology  $S$  for  $X$  such that  $S$  is weakly equivalent to  $T$  and  $(X,S)$  is  $T_2$ . Since  $X$  is infinite, there exist points  $p$  and  $q$  in  $X$  such that  $p \neq q$ . Since  $(X,S)$  is  $T_2$ , there exist elements  $V$  and  $U$  in  $S$  such that  $p \in V$ ,  $q \in U$ , and  $V \cap U = \emptyset$ . Since  $V \neq \emptyset$ ,  $U \neq \emptyset$ , and  $S$  is weakly equivalent to  $T$ , there exist sets  $V'$  and  $U'$  in  $T$  such that  $V' \neq \emptyset$ ,  $U' \neq \emptyset$ ,  $V' \subset V$ , and  $U' \subset U$ . Thus  $U' \cap V' = \emptyset$ . Now  $U' \cap V' = X - [(X-U') \cup (X-V')]$  and since  $U' \neq \emptyset$ ,  $X - U'$  is finite. Similarly,  $X - V'$  is finite and hence  $(X-U') \cup (X-V')$  is finite. Since  $X$  is infinite,  $U' \cap V' = X - [(X-U') \cup (X-V')]$  is infinite and hence cannot be empty. But this is impossible. Therefore,  $(X,T)$  is not weakly  $T_2$ .

THEOREM 2. If  $(X,T)$  is  $T_i$  ( $i=0,1,2,3,4$ ), then  $(X,T)$  is weakly  $T_i$ .

Proof: Since every topology is weakly equivalent to itself, the proof is trivial.

EXAMPLE 3. Let  $X = \{0,1,2\}$  and let  $T = \{\emptyset, X, \{0\}\}$ . Then  $(X, T)$  is weakly  $T_0$  but not  $T_0$ .

Proof: Let  $T' = \{\emptyset, X, \{0\}, \{0,1\}\}$ . Since  $T$  is weakly equivalent to  $T'$  and  $(X, T')$  is  $T_0$ ,  $(X, T)$  is weakly  $T_0$ . Clearly  $T$  is not  $T_0$ .

EXAMPLE 4. Let  $X =$  an infinite set containing points  $a$  and  $b$ . Let  $T = \{\emptyset\} \cup \{X\} \cup \{U \mid \text{the complement of } U \text{ is a finite set containing } a \text{ and } b\}$ . Then  $(X, T)$  is weakly  $T_1$  but not  $T_1$ .

Proof: Let  $T' = \{\emptyset\} \cup \{V \mid \text{the complement of } V \text{ is finite}\}$ . If  $V$  is in  $T$ , then  $V$  is in  $T'$  and  $V \subset V$ . Let  $U \in T'$  such that  $U \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $V^*$  be the complement of  $U$  union  $\{a, b\}$  and let  $U^*$  be the complement of  $V^*$ . Then  $U^* \neq \emptyset$  and  $U^* \subset U$ . Therefore  $T$  is weakly equivalent to  $T'$ . So  $T'$  is  $T_1$  [1, p. 138], but  $T$  is not  $T_1$  since neither  $a$  nor  $b$  is in an open set which does not contain the other.

In fact, the above example is not only a weakly  $T_1$  space that is not  $T_1$ , but is a weakly  $T_1$  space that is not  $T_0$ . This is easily seen since the only element of  $T$  containing  $a$  or  $b$  is  $X$  and it contains both.

EXAMPLE 5. Let  $X = [0,1]$  and let  $U$  equal the usual topology. Let  $T$  be the topology for  $X$  gotten by excluding all the sets in  $U$  containing  $1/2$  except  $X$ . Then  $(X, T)$  is weakly  $T_2$  but not  $T_2$ .

Proof: Obviously, any set in  $T$  is also in  $U$ . Let  $V \in U$ . If  $V$  does not contain  $1/2$ , then  $V \in T$ . If  $1/2$  is in  $V$ , then there

exists an open interval  $((1/2)-r, (1/2)+r) = V^*$  such that  $r > 0$  and  $V^* \subset V$ . Let  $W = ((1/2)+(1/4)r, (1/2)+(3/4)r)$ . Then  $W \in T$  and  $W \subset V^* \subset V$ . Therefore  $T$  is weakly equivalent to  $U$ . Of course  $(X, U)$  is  $T_2$ . Thus  $(X, T)$  is weakly  $T_2$ . But  $(X, T)$  is not  $T_2$  since given the two points  $1/8$  and  $1/2$ ,  $1/2$  has only one set in  $T$  containing it,  $X$ , and  $X$  intersects any set containing  $1/8$ .

The above example is not only a weakly  $T_2$  space that is not  $T_2$ , but is a weakly  $T_2$  space that is not  $T_1$ .

In fact,  $(X, T)$  is weakly  $T_3$  since  $(X, U)$  is  $T_3$  (since it is metrizable), but  $(X, T)$  is not  $T_3$  since  $(X, T)$  is not  $T_2$ .

EXAMPLE 6. Let  $X = [0, 1]$  and let  $U$  be the usual topology on  $[0, 1]$ . Let  $T$  be the topology for  $X$  gotten by excluding all the sets in  $U$  containing  $1/4$  or  $3/4$  except for  $X$ . Then  $(X, T)$  is weakly  $T_2$  but not even  $T_0$ .

Proof: Obviously, any set in  $T$  is also in  $U$ . Let  $V \in U$ . If  $V$  does not contain  $1/4$  or  $3/4$ , then  $V \in T$ . Now suppose  $1/4$  or  $3/4$  or both are in  $V$ . (Assume without a loss of generality that at least  $1/4$  is in  $V$ .) Then there exists an open interval  $((1/4)-r, (1/4)+r) = M$  where  $r > 0$  and  $M \subset V$ . Set  $r^* = \text{minimum of } r \text{ and } 1/8$ . Then letting  $W = ((1/4)+(1/4)r^*, (1/4)+(3/4)r^*)$ ,  $W \subset M \subset V$ , and  $W$  contains neither  $1/4$  nor  $3/4$ , so  $W \in T$ . Thus  $T$  is weakly equivalent to  $U$  and  $(X, T)$  is weakly  $T_2$ . But choosing points  $1/4$  and  $3/4$ , neither has a set in  $T$  containing it except  $X$ , and  $X$  contains both points. Therefore  $(X, T)$  is not  $T_0$ .

## CHAPTER II

## WEAKLY SEPARATION AXIOMS

DEFINITION 3. A property  $P$  of a topological space is called a topological property if, when true for a space  $(X,S)$ , then it is true for all spaces homeomorphic to  $(X,S)$ .

DEFINITION 4. Let  $P$  be a topological property. A topological space  $(X,T)$  is weakly  $P$  provided there exists a topology  $S$  for  $X$  such that  $S$  is weakly equivalent to  $T$  and  $(X,S)$  is  $P$ .

DEFINITION 5. A function  $f : (X,S) \rightarrow (Y,T)$  is somewhat continuous provided, if  $U \in T$  and  $f^{-1}(U) \neq \emptyset$ , then there exists a  $V \in S$  such that  $V \neq \emptyset$  and  $V \subset f^{-1}(U)$ .

DEFINITION 6. A function  $f : (X,S) \rightarrow (Y,T)$  is somewhat open provided, if  $V \in S$  and  $f(V) \neq \emptyset$ , then there exists a  $U \in T$  such that  $U \neq \emptyset$  and  $U \subset f(V)$ .

DEFINITION 7. A map  $f : (X,S) \rightarrow (Y,T)$  such that  $f$  is somewhat open, somewhat continuous, one-to-one, and onto is a somewhat homeomorphism.

THEOREM 3. If  $f : (X,S) \rightarrow (Y,T)$  is a somewhat homeomorphism and  $(X,S)$  is weakly  $P$ , then  $(Y,T)$  is weakly  $P$ .

Proof: Let  $f : (X,S) \rightarrow (Y,T)$  be a somewhat homeomorphism and let  $(X,S)$  be weakly  $P$ . Let  $S'$  be a topology for  $X$  such that  $S'$  is weakly equivalent to  $S$  and  $(X,S')$  has property  $P$  (we know such a topology exists by the definition of weakly  $P$ ).

Define  $T' = \{f(U) \mid U \in S'\}$ . Then since  $\emptyset$  and  $X$  are in  $S'$ ,  $Y = f(X)$  and  $\emptyset = f(\emptyset)$  are in  $T'$ . Let  $A$  and  $B$  be in  $T'$ . Then there are a  $U$  and a  $V$  in  $S'$  such that  $f(U) = A$  and  $f(V) = B$ . Thus  $A \cap B = f(U) \cap f(V)$  and since  $f$  is one-to-one, then  $f(U) \cap f(V) = f(U \cap V)$ . But  $U \cap V \in S'$ , thus  $A \cap B \in T'$ .

Also, given  $A_\alpha \in T'$  for all  $\alpha \in A$  (where  $A$  is an indexing set), then there is a  $V_\alpha \in S'$  for each  $\alpha$  such that  $f(V_\alpha) = A_\alpha$  by the definition of  $T'$ . Since  $V_\alpha \in S'$ , then  $f(V_\alpha) \in T'$ . So  $\bigcup_\alpha A_\alpha = \bigcup_\alpha f(V_\alpha)$  and since  $f$  is onto,  $\bigcup_\alpha f(V_\alpha) = f[\bigcup_\alpha (V_\alpha)]$ . But  $\bigcup_\alpha V_\alpha \in S'$ , thus  $\bigcup_\alpha A_\alpha \in T'$ . Therefore  $T'$  is a topology for  $Y$ .

Given  $U \in S'$ ,  $f(U) \in T'$  by the definition of  $T'$ . Therefore  $f : (X, S') \rightarrow (Y, T')$  is an open mapping. Now, given  $V \in T'$ , then  $V = f(U)$  for some  $U \in S'$ . Thus  $f^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(f(U)) = U \in S'$ . Therefore  $f$  is a continuous map. The function  $f : (X, S') \rightarrow (Y, T')$  is obviously one-to-one and onto since  $f : (X, S) \rightarrow (Y, T)$  is, thus  $f : (X, S') \rightarrow (Y, T')$  is a homeomorphism, and  $(Y, T')$  has property P.

Let  $V^* \in T'$  where  $V^* \neq \emptyset$ . Then since  $f$  is a homeomorphism,  $f^{-1}(V^*) \in S'$  and  $f^{-1}(V^*) \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $S'$  is weakly equivalent to  $S$ , there is a  $V \in S$  such that  $V \neq \emptyset$  and  $V \subset f^{-1}(V^*)$ . Since  $f : (X, S) \rightarrow (Y, T)$  is a somewhat homeomorphism, there exists a  $U \in T$  such that  $U \neq \emptyset$  and  $U \subset f(V)$ . So,  $U \subset f(V) \subset f(f^{-1}(V^*)) = V^*$  where  $U \in T$ .

Let  $U^* \in T$  where  $U^* \neq \emptyset$ . Then since  $f : (X, S) \rightarrow (Y, T)$  is a somewhat homeomorphism (and therefore somewhat continuous),  $f^{-1}(U^*) \neq \emptyset$  and there is a  $V \in S$  such that  $V \neq \emptyset$  and  $V \subset f^{-1}(U^*)$ . Since  $S$



is weakly equivalent to  $S'$ , then there is a  $W \in S'$  such that  $W \neq \emptyset$  and  $W \subset V$ . So by the definition of  $T'$ ,  $f(W) \in T'$  and  $f(W) \neq \emptyset$  since  $W \in S'$ . Thus  $W \subset V \subset f^{-1}(U^*)$  so  $f(W) \subset f(V) \subset U^*$  where  $f(W) \in T'$ . Therefore  $T'$  is weakly equivalent to  $T$ .

Thus since  $(Y, T)$  is weakly equivalent to  $(Y, T')$  and  $(Y, T')$  has property  $P$ , then  $(Y, T)$  is weakly  $P$ .

THEOREM 4. Every non-discrete  $T_1$  space is weakly compact.

Proof: Let  $(X, T)$  be a non-discrete  $T_1$  space. Then there is a  $p \in X$  such that  $\{p\}$  is not open. Define  $T' = [T - \{\text{all elements of } T \text{ containing } p\}] \cup \{X\}$ . Then  $T'$  is obviously a topology for  $X$ . Clearly  $(X, T')$  is compact, since any open covering by  $T'$  of  $X$  must contain the set  $X$  in order to cover  $p$ .

Let  $U' \in T'$  such that  $U' \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $U' \in T$  and  $U' \subset U'$ . Let  $U \in T$  such that  $U \neq \emptyset$ . If  $p \notin U$ , then  $U \in T'$  and  $U \subset U$ . If  $p \in U$ , then since  $\{p\}$  is not open, there exists a  $q \in U$  such that  $q \neq p$ . Since  $(X, T)$  is  $T_1$ , there exists a  $V \in T$  such that  $q \in V$  and  $p \notin V$ . Then  $U \cap V \in T$ ,  $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , and  $p \notin U \cap V$ . Thus  $U \cap V \in T'$  and  $U \cap V \subset U$ . Therefore  $T$  is weakly equivalent to  $T'$  and  $(X, T)$  is weakly compact.

THEOREM 5. Every finite weakly  $T_1$  space is discrete.

Proof: Let  $(X, S)$  be a finite weakly  $T_1$  space. Then there is a topology  $T$  for  $X$  such that  $(X, T)$  is a  $T_1$  space and  $T$  is weakly equivalent to  $S$ . Since  $(X, T)$  is a finite,  $T_1$  space,



$T$  is the discrete topology. Let  $p \in X$ . Then  $\{p\} \in T$ . Since  $S$  is weakly equivalent to  $T$ ,  $\{p\} \in S$ . Thus  $S$  is the discrete topology.

## CHAPTER III

## THE STRONG THEOREMS

**DEFINITION 1.** Let  $T$  be a topology on a set  $X$ .

A topological space  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is said to be **strongly  $T$ -equivalent** if every topology  $\mathcal{S}$  weakly equivalent to  $\mathcal{T}$  has the property that  $(X, \mathcal{S}) \in T$ .

**THEOREM 1.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be weakly  $T_1$  and strongly compact. Then  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is weakly  $T_1$ .

**Proof.** There exists a topological space  $(X, \mathcal{S})$  such that  $(X, \mathcal{S})$  is weakly equivalent to  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  and  $(X, \mathcal{S}) \in T_1$ . Therefore since  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is strongly compact, each  $(X, \mathcal{S})$  is compact. Since every  $T_1$  compact space is  $T_1$  (2. p. 101), then  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is weakly  $T_1$ .

**THEOREM 2.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be weakly  $T_1$  and strongly compact. Then  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is weakly  $T_1$ .

**Proof.** The proof follows directly as in Theorem 1 since every  $T_1$  compact space is  $T_1$  (2. p. 101).

**THEOREM 3.** Every strongly  $T_1$  space is discrete.

**Proof.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a strongly  $T_1$  space. Suppose  $X$  is not discrete. Then there is a point  $p$  in  $X$  such that  $\{p\} \notin \mathcal{T}$ . Let  $\mathcal{S} = \{\emptyset, \{p\}, X\} \cup \mathcal{T}$ . Clearly  $\mathcal{S}$  is a topology on  $X$  and any other point  $q$  in  $X$  has the only  $\mathcal{S}$ -open set containing  $q$  is  $X$ , and  $\{p\} \notin \mathcal{S}$ . Therefore  $(X, \mathcal{S}) \notin T_1$ .

## CHAPTER III

## THE STRONGLY THEOREMS

DEFINITION 8. Let  $P$  be a topological property. A topological space  $(X, T)$  is strongly  $P$  provided every topology  $S$  weakly equivalent to  $T$  has the property that  $(X, S)$  is  $P$ .

THEOREM 6. Let  $(X, T)$  be weakly  $T_2$  and strongly compact. Then  $(X, T)$  is weakly  $T_3$ .

Proof: There exists a topological space  $(X, S)$  such that  $(X, T)$  is weakly equivalent to  $(X, S)$  and  $(X, S)$  is  $T_2$ . Therefore since  $(X, T)$  is strongly compact, then  $(X, S)$  is compact. Since every  $T_2$  compact space is  $T_3$  [1, p. 223], then  $(X, T)$  is weakly  $T_3$ .

THEOREM 7. Let  $(X, T)$  be weakly  $T_3$  and strongly compact. Then  $(X, T)$  is weakly  $T_4$ .

Proof: The proof follows directly as in Theorem 6 since every  $T_3$  compact space is  $T_4$  [1, p. 223].

THEOREM 8. Every strongly  $T_2$  space is discrete.

Proof: Let  $(X, S)$  be a strongly  $T_2$  space. Suppose  $S$  is not discrete. Then there is a point  $p$  in  $X$  such that  $\{p\} \notin S$ . Let  $T = [S - \{U \mid U \in S \text{ and } p \in U\}] \cup \{X\}$ . Choose point  $p$  and any other point  $q$  in  $X$ . The only  $T$ -open set containing  $p$  is  $X$ , and it contains  $q$ . Therefore  $(X, T)$  is not  $T_2$ .

If  $U \in T$ , then  $U \in S$  and  $U \subset U$ . Let  $U \in S$  such that  $U \neq \emptyset$ . Then there is an  $x \in U$  such that  $x \neq p$  since  $\{p\} \notin S$ . Since  $(X, S)$  is  $T_2$ , there is a  $V \in S$  such that  $x \in V$  and  $p \notin V$ . Then  $U \cap V \in S$  and  $p \notin U \cap V$ . Thus  $U \cap V \in T$ ,  $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ , and  $U \cap V \subset U$ . Therefore  $S$  is weakly equivalent to  $T$ . But this is impossible since  $(X, S)$  is strongly  $T_2$ . Therefore  $S$  must be discrete.

## CHAPTER IV

## THE SOMEWHAT SEPARATION AXIOMS

DEFINITION 9. A topological space  $(X,S)$  is said to be somewhat  $T_0$  provided if  $p$  and  $q$  are in  $X$ , then either, if  $U$  is any open set containing  $p$  there is a non-empty open set  $V$  such that  $V \subset U$  and  $q \notin V$ , or, if  $U'$  is any open set containing  $q$  there is a non-empty open set  $V'$  such that  $V' \subset U'$  and  $p \notin V'$ .

DEFINITION 10. A topological space  $(X,S)$  is said to be somewhat  $T_1$  provided if  $p$  and  $q$  are in  $X$ , then if  $U$  is any open set containing  $p$  there is a non-empty open set  $V$  such that  $V \subset U$  and  $q \notin V$ , and if  $U'$  is any open set containing  $q$  there is a non-empty open set  $V'$  such that  $V' \subset U'$  and  $p \notin V'$ .

DEFINITION 11. A space  $(X,S)$  is somewhat  $T_2$  if given  $p$  and  $q$  in  $X$  and  $U$  and  $V$  in  $S$  with  $p \in U$  and  $q \in V$ , then there exist open sets  $U' \subset U$  and  $V' \subset V$  such that  $U' \neq \emptyset$ ,  $V' \neq \emptyset$ , and  $U' \cap V' = \emptyset$ .

DEFINITION 12. A space  $(X,T)$  is somewhat regular if, given a point  $p$  in  $X$  and a set  $A$  such that  $A \neq \emptyset$  and  $A$  is closed (that is,  $A$  is the complement of a  $T$ -open set with respect to  $X$ ), with  $p \notin A$ , then if  $U$  and  $V$  are in  $T$  with  $p \in U$  and  $A \subset V$ , there exist sets  $U'$  and  $V'$  in  $T$  such

that  $U' \subset U$  and  $V' \subset V$  and such that  $U' \neq \emptyset$ ,  $V' \neq \emptyset$ , and  $U' \cap V' = \emptyset$ .

DEFINITION 13. A space  $(X, T)$  is somewhat  $T_3$  if  $(X, T)$  is somewhat regular and is  $T_1$ .

THEOREM 9. Let  $(X, T)$  be a  $T_0$  space. Then  $(X, T)$  is somewhat  $T_0$ .

Proof: Since  $(X, T)$  is  $T_0$ , given  $p$  and  $q$ ,  $p \neq q$ , there exists a  $T$ -open  $U$  about one of these points, say  $p$ , such that  $q \notin U$ . So given any  $T$ -open set  $U'$  about  $p$ , let  $\bar{U} = U \cap U'$ . Then  $\bar{U}$  is non-empty,  $\bar{U} \subset U'$  and  $q \notin \bar{U}$ . Therefore  $(X, T)$  is somewhat  $T_0$ .

THEOREM 10. Let  $(X, T)$  be a  $T_1$  space. Then  $(X, T)$  is somewhat  $T_1$ .

Proof: Since  $(X, T)$  is  $T_1$ , given points  $p$  and  $q$ ,  $p \neq q$ , there exist  $T$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $p \in U$ ,  $q \notin U$ ,  $q \in V$ , and  $p \notin V$ . Then, given any  $T$ -open sets  $U'$  and  $V'$  such that  $p \in U'$  and  $q \in V'$ , there exist  $T$ -open sets  $\bar{U} = U \cap U'$  and  $\bar{V} = V \cap V'$  such that  $\bar{U}$  and  $\bar{V}$  are non-empty,  $\bar{U} \subset U'$ ,  $\bar{V} \subset V'$ , and  $q \notin \bar{U}$  and  $p \notin \bar{V}$ . Therefore,  $(X, T)$  is somewhat  $T_1$ .

THEOREM 11. Let  $(X, T)$  be a  $T_2$  space. Then  $(X, T)$  is somewhat  $T_2$ .

Proof: Since  $(X, T)$  is  $T_2$ , given  $p$  and  $q$  are two distinct points in  $X$ , there exist  $T$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such

that  $p \in U$ ,  $q \in V$ , and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . So, given  $U'$  and  $V'$  are  $T$ -open sets in  $X$  such that  $p \in U'$  and  $q \in V'$  there exist  $T$ -open sets  $\bar{U} = U \cap U'$  and  $\bar{V} = V \cap V'$ . Thus,  $\bar{U}$  and  $\bar{V}$  are non-empty,  $\bar{U} \subset U'$ ,  $\bar{V} \subset V'$ , and  $\bar{U} \cap \bar{V} = \emptyset$ . Therefore  $(X, T)$  is somewhat  $T_2$ .

THEOREM 12. Let  $(X, T)$  be a  $T_3$  space. Then  $(X, T)$  is somewhat  $T_3$ .

Proof: Since  $(X, T)$  is  $T_3$ , given a point  $p \notin A$  and a closed set  $A$  (the compliment of a  $T$ -open set) such that  $A \neq \emptyset$ , there exist  $T$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$ , such that  $p \in U$ ,  $A \subset V$ , and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . Thus given  $T$ -open sets  $U'$  and  $V'$  such that  $p \in U'$  and  $A \subset V'$ , there exist  $T$ -open sets  $\bar{U} = U \cap U'$  and  $\bar{V} = V \cap V'$ . Thus  $\bar{U}$  and  $\bar{V}$  are non-empty,  $\bar{U} \subset U'$ ,  $\bar{V} \subset V'$ , and  $\bar{U} \cap \bar{V} = \emptyset$ . Therefore  $(X, T)$  is somewhat  $T_3$ .

EXAMPLE 7. Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and let  $T = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$ . Then  $(X, T)$  is a somewhat  $T_0$  space that is not  $T_0$ .

Proof: The space  $(X, T)$  is not  $T_0$  since given points  $b$  and  $c$ , neither point has an open set containing it except  $X$ , and  $X$  contains both points. Given the two points  $b$  and  $c$ , the only set containing either is  $X$ , so  $\{a\} \subset X$  and  $\{a\}$  contains neither  $b$  nor  $c$ . If the two points are other than  $b$  and  $c$ , then  $a$  must be one of the points, and any set that  $a$  is in must contain  $\{a\}$ . And as before,  $\{a\}$  contains neither  $b$  nor  $c$ . Therefore  $(X, T)$  is somewhat  $T_0$ .

EXAMPLE 8. Let  $X = [0, 1]$  and let  $\bar{U}$  be the usual topology on  $[0, 1]$ . Let  $T$  be the topology for  $X$  gotten by



excluding all the sets in  $\bar{U}$  containing  $1/4$  or  $3/4$  except  $X$ .

Then  $(X, T)$  is somewhat  $T_2$  but not  $T_1$ .

Proof: The space  $(X, T)$  is not  $T_1$  since, given points  $1/4$  and  $3/4$ , the only open set containing either is  $X$  and it contains both.

Let us prove that  $(X, T)$  is somewhat  $T_2$  by dividing the proof into four cases. First, let  $p$  and  $q$  be any points in  $X$  except  $1/4$  or  $3/4$ ,  $p \neq q$ , and let  $U_1$  be any set in  $T$  containing  $p$  and let  $V_1$  be any set in  $T$  containing  $q$ . Since the usual topology is  $T_1$ , there exist sets  $U_2$  and  $U_3$  in  $\bar{U}$  such that  $p \in U_2$  and  $U_3$  and  $1/4 \notin U_2$  and  $3/4 \notin U_3$ . For the same reason, there exist sets  $V_2$  and  $V_3$  in  $\bar{U}$  such that  $q \in V_2$  and  $V_3$  and  $1/4 \notin V_2$  and  $3/4 \notin V_3$ . Also, since the usual topology is  $T_2$ , there exist sets  $U_4$  and  $V_4$  in the usual topology such that  $p \in U_4$ ,  $q \in V_4$ , and  $U_4 \cap V_4 = \emptyset$ .

Then letting  $V = V_1 \cap V_2 \cap V_3 \cap V_4$  and  $U = U_1 \cap U_2 \cap U_3 \cap U_4$ ,  $V \subset V_1$ ,  $V \neq \emptyset$  since  $q \in V$ ,  $U \subset U_1$ ,  $U \neq \emptyset$  since  $p \in U$ , and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . Both  $U$  and  $V$  are in  $(X, T)$  since both are in the usual topology yet neither contain  $1/4$  or  $3/4$ .

In the second case, let  $p = 1/4$ ,  $q \neq 3/4$ , and  $q \neq p$ , and let  $U_1$  be any set in  $T$  containing  $p$  and  $V_1$  be any set in  $T$  containing  $q$ . Since neither  $\{p\}$  nor  $\{p, 3/4\}$  is open in the usual topology,  $U_1$  contains a point  $p^*$  such that  $p^* \neq p$  and  $p^* \neq 3/4$ . Since the usual topology is  $T_1$ , there exist sets  $V_2$  and  $V_3 \in \bar{U}$  such that  $q \in V_2$  and  $V_3$ , and  $p \notin V_2$  and  $3/4 \notin V_3$ . In the same way there exist sets  $U_2$  and  $U_3 \in \bar{U}$  such



that  $p^* \in U_2$  and  $U_3$ , and  $3/4 \notin U_2$  and  $p = 1/4 \notin U_3$ . Also, since the usual topology is  $T_2$ , there exist sets  $U_4$  and  $V_4 \in \bar{U}$  such that  $p^* \in U_4$ ,  $q \in V_4$ , and  $U_4 \cap V_4 = \emptyset$ . Then  $U = U_1 \cap U_2 \cap U_3 \cap U_4$  and  $V = V_1 \cap V_2 \cap V_3 \cap V_4$ , where  $V \subset V_1$ ,  $V \neq \emptyset$  since  $q \in V$ ,  $U \subset U_1$ ,  $U \neq \emptyset$  since  $p^* \in U$ , and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . So  $U$  and  $V$  are in  $(X, T)$  since both are in the usual topology yet neither contain  $1/4$  nor  $3/4$ .

The third case where  $p \neq 1/4$ ,  $q = 3/4$ , and  $q \neq p$  with  $p \in U_1 \in T$  and  $q \in V_1 \in T$  is proved in exactly the same manner as the second case.

In the fourth case, let  $p = 1/4$ , and  $q = 3/4$  with  $U_1 \in T$  such that  $p \in U_1$  and  $V_1 \in T$  such that  $q \in V_1$ . Then, as in the second case, there exists a point  $p^* \in U_1$  such that  $p^* \neq p$  and  $p^* \neq q$  and there exists a point  $q^* \in V_1$  such that  $q^* \neq p$  and  $q^* \neq q$  and  $p^* \neq q^*$ .

Then there exist open sets in the usual topology,  $U_2$  and  $U_3$ , such that  $p^* \in U_2$  and  $U_3$  and  $p \notin U_2$  and  $q \notin U_3$ . In the same way, there exist sets  $V_2$  and  $V_3 \in \bar{U}$  such that  $q^* \in V_2$  and  $V_3$ , and  $p \notin V_2$  and  $q \notin V_3$ . Also, there exist sets  $V_4$  and  $U_4$  in the usual topology such that  $p \in U_4$  and  $q \in V_4$ , and  $U_4 \cap V_4 = \emptyset$ .

Let  $U = U_1 \cap U_2 \cap U_3 \cap U_4$  and  $V = V_1 \cap V_2 \cap V_3 \cap V_4$ . Then  $U \subset U_1$ ,  $U \neq \emptyset$  since  $p^* \in U$ ,  $V \subset V_1$ ,  $V \neq \emptyset$  since  $q^* \in V$ , and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . Sets  $U$  and  $V$  are in  $(X, T)$  since both are in the usual topology yet neither contain  $1/4$  or  $3/4$ . Thus in all four cases,  $(X, T)$  is somewhat  $T_1$ .

THEOREM 13. A somewhat  $T_1$  space is somewhat  $T_0$ .

Proof: The theorem follows directly from the definitions.

THEOREM 14. Let  $(X, T)$  be a somewhat  $T_2$  space. Then  $(X, T)$  is somewhat  $T_1$ .

Proof: Let  $p$  and  $q$  be distinct points in  $X$ . Let  $U$  be an open set containing  $p$ . If  $q \in U$ , then there are non-empty open sets  $U'$  and  $V'$  such that  $U' \subset U$ ,  $V' \subset U$  and  $U' \cap V' = \emptyset$ . Since  $U' \cap V' = \emptyset$ , either  $q \notin U'$  or  $q \notin V'$ . Say  $q \notin U'$ . Then  $U' \subset U$  and  $q \notin U'$ .

If  $q \notin U$ , then there are non-empty open sets  $U'$  and  $V'$  such that  $U' \subset U$ ,  $V' \subset X$ , and  $U' \cap V' = \emptyset$ . Then  $U' \subset U$  and  $q \notin U'$ .

In the same way, if  $V$  is an open set containing  $q$ , then there is a  $V' \in T$  such that  $V' \neq \emptyset$  and  $V' \subset V$  with  $p \notin V'$ .

Thus  $(X, T)$  is a somewhat  $T_1$  space.

THEOREM 15. Let  $(X, T)$  be a somewhat  $T_3$  space. Then  $(X, T)$  is somewhat  $T_2$ .

Proof: Let  $(X, T)$  be somewhat  $T_3$ . Let  $p$  and  $q$  be points in  $X$  such that  $p \neq q$ . Since somewhat  $T_3$  implies  $T_1$ ,  $\{q\}$  is a closed set in  $X$ . Therefore  $p \notin \{q\}$  and given  $p \in U$  and  $\{q\} \subset V$  (that is,  $q \in V$ ) where  $U$  and  $V$  are in  $T$ , there exist sets  $U'$  and  $V'$  in  $T$  such that  $U' \subset U$  and  $V' \subset V$  such that  $U' \neq \emptyset$ ,  $V' \neq \emptyset$ , and  $U' \cap V' = \emptyset$ . Therefore  $(X, T)$  is somewhat  $T_2$ .

EXAMPLE 9. Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and let  $T = \{\{a\}, \emptyset, X\}$ . Then  $(X, T)$  is somewhat  $T_0$  but not somewhat  $T_1$ .

Proof: Choose point  $a$  and any other point of  $X$ . The only two sets in  $T$  containing  $a$  are  $X$  and  $\{a\}$ . If you choose  $a \in \{a\}$ , then  $\{a\} \subset \{a\}$  and no other point is in  $\{a\}$ . If  $a \in X$ , then  $\{a\} \subset X$ , and no other point is in  $\{a\}$ .

Choose points  $b$  and  $c$  in  $X$ . The only set in  $T$  containing either is  $X$  and  $\{a\} \subset X$ . And  $\{a\}$  contains neither  $b$  nor  $c$ . Therefore  $(X, T)$  is somewhat  $T_0$ .

Choose  $a$  and  $b$  in  $X$ . The only set in  $T$  containing  $b$  is  $X$  and the only non-empty sets in  $T$  contained in  $X$  are  $\{a\}$  and  $X$ . But  $a$  is in both of these sets. Therefore  $(X, T)$  cannot be somewhat  $T_1$ .

EXAMPLE 10. Let  $R =$  the real numbers. Let  $T = \{\text{interval } (a, \infty) \mid a \in R\} \cup \{\emptyset\} \cup \{R\}$ . Then  $(R, T)$  is somewhat  $T_1$  but not somewhat  $T_2$ .

Proof: Choose points  $p$  and  $q$  ( $p \neq q$ ) in  $R$ . Let  $U$  be any set in  $T$  containing  $p$ . Then let  $V = (p+1, \infty) \cap (q+1, \infty)$ . Then  $V$  is a non-empty set in  $T$  such that  $V \subset U$  and  $q \notin V$ . Let  $U'$  be a set in  $T$  containing  $q$ . Then  $V \subset U'$  and  $p \notin V$ . Therefore  $(R, T)$  is somewhat  $T_1$ .

But choose points  $p$  and  $q$  in  $R$  with  $p \in U$  and  $q \in U'$  where  $U$  and  $U'$  are in  $T$ . Then, since all  $T$ -open sets in  $U$  or  $U'$  are rays of the form  $(x, \infty)$ , with  $x$  a real number, all will intersect in some point. Therefore  $(R, T)$  is not somewhat  $T_2$ .

EXAMPLE 11. Let  $R$  be the real numbers. Let  $X = R \cup \{i\}$  where  $i$  is the point  $(0,1)$  in the plane. Let  $U$  be the usual topology for the reals and let  $T = U \cup \{X\}$ . Then  $(X,T)$  is a topological space that is somewhat  $T_2$  but not  $T_1$ .

Proof: The space  $(X,T)$  is not  $T_1$  since the only open set containing  $i$  is  $X$ .

Let  $p$  and  $q$  be in  $X$  with  $p \neq q$ . Let  $U'$  and  $V'$  be in  $T$  such that  $p \in U'$  and  $q \in V'$ . If neither  $p$  nor  $q$  is  $i$ , then since  $(R,U)$  is  $T_2$ , there exist sets  $U^*$  and  $V^*$  of  $U$  such that  $p \in U^*$ ,  $q \in V^*$  and  $U^* \cap V^* = \emptyset$ . Then  $U' \cap U^*$  and  $V' \cap V^*$  are the required  $T$ -open sets.

Thus we need only to consider the case when either  $p$  or  $q$  is  $i$ . For the sake of convenience, we will assume that  $p$  is  $i$ . Then  $U' = X$ . Since  $q \neq i$ ,  $q \in R$ . Since  $R$  is non-degenerate, there exists an element  $r \in R$  such that  $r \neq q$ . Since  $(R,U)$  is  $T_2$ , there exist sets  $U^*$  and  $V^*$  of  $U$  such that  $r \in U^*$ ,  $q \in V^*$ , and  $U^* \cap V^* = \emptyset$ . Sets  $U^*$  and  $V' \cap V^*$  are the required  $T$ -open sets. Thus  $(X,T)$  is somewhat  $T_2$ .

EXAMPLE 12. Let  $(X,T)$  be as it is in Example 11. Then  $(X,T)$  is somewhat  $T_2$  but is not somewhat  $T_3$ .

Proof: The space  $(X,T)$  is somewhat  $T_2$  as shown in Example 11. But given points  $0$  and  $i$ , the only  $T$ -open set containing  $i$  is  $X$  and therefore contains  $0$ . But  $\{0\}$  is a  $T$ -closed set not containing  $i$ . Thus  $(X,T)$  is not somewhat  $T_3$ .

In Chapter III, we saw that every finite weakly  $T_1$  space was discrete. But here we have the following result for finite somewhat  $T_1$  spaces.

EXAMPLE 13. Let  $X = \{a,b,c,d\}$  and let  $T = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b,c\}, X\}$ . Then  $(X,T)$  is a finite, somewhat  $T_1$  space that is not discrete.

Proof: The only open set containing  $a$  or  $d$  is  $X$ . Thus, given points  $a$  and  $b$ ,  $\{c\} \subset X$  and  $\{b\} \subset \{b\}, \{b,c\}$ , or  $X$ ; given points  $a$  and  $c$ ,  $\{b\} \subset X$  and  $\{c\} \subset \{c\}, \{b,c\}$ , or  $X$ ; given points  $a$  and  $d$ ,  $\{b\} \subset X$ ; given points  $b$  and  $c$ ,  $\{b\} \subset \{b\}, \{b,c\}$ , or  $X$  and  $\{c\} \subset \{c\}, \{b,c\}$ , or  $X$ ; given points  $b$  and  $d$ ,  $\{c\} \subset X$  and  $\{b\} \subset \{b\}, \{b,c\}$ , or  $X$ ; given points  $c$  and  $d$ ,  $\{b\} \subset X$  and  $\{c\} \subset \{c\}, \{b,c\}$ , or  $X$ . So, in any case,  $(X,T)$  is somewhat  $T_1$ . Obviously  $(X,T)$  is finite and is not discrete.

EXAMPLE 14. Let  $X = \{a,b,c,d\}$  and  $T = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{b,c\}, X\}$ . Then  $(X,T)$  is somewhat  $T_1$  but not weakly  $T_1$ .

Proof: This is easily seen by using Example 13 and Theorem 5.

## SUMMARY

The weakly separation axioms behave more like the usual separation axioms than did the somewhat axioms. The weakly topological properties were preserved under somewhat homeomorphisms. In Chapters III and IV, a comparison was made between finite weakly  $T_1$  spaces and finite somewhat  $T_1$  spaces. The finite weakly  $T_1$  spaces were discrete. However, the finite somewhat  $T_1$  spaces were not necessarily discrete. The relationship between the strongly separation axioms and the weakly and somewhat separation axioms remains as a possible area of investigation.



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