

## SOME PROPERTIES OF RELATIVELY COMPACT SPACE

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**Abstract** : We consider the property of relative compactness of subspaces of Hausdorff spaces

We prove that , the property of being a relatively compact subspace of a Hausdorff spaces is strictly stronger than being a regular space and strictly weaker than being a Tychonoff space.

**I - Introduction** : All spaces under consideration are assumed to be Hausdorff topological spaces . Codensation is a one-to-one continuous map onto Cardinals are initial ordinals .

Symbols  $\omega$  ,  $\mathbb{Z}$  ,  $\mathbb{R}$  , stand for the first infinite cardinal , the set of all integers and real line , respectively . A space , closed in every regular ( Hausdorff ) space containing it is called  $R$ -closed (H-closed) .

A subspace  $Y$  of space  $X$  is said to be relatively compact in  $X$  iff every open cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover of  $Y$  [ see 6 ] .

A subspace  $Y$  of a space  $X$  is said to be relatively normal in  $X$  iff whenever  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are closed subsets of  $Y$  and  $CL_X F_1 \cap CL_X F_2 = \emptyset$  , then there are disjoint open subsets  $U_1$  , and  $U_2$  of  $X$  such that  $F_1 \subset U_1$  and  $F_2 \subset U_2$  .

Every relatively compact subspace of a space  $X$  is relatively normal in  $X$  and every relatively normal subspace is a regular space [ see 1 ] . On the other hand every subspace  $Y$  of a compact space  $K$  is relatively compact in  $K$  . Hence every Tychonoff space  $Y$  can be embedded into some space  $(e.g. I^{\omega(Y)})$  as a relatively compact subspace , Therefore we could consider being a relatively compact subspace , as a separation property , between regularity

and complete regularity. Below we shall show that our property is strictly stronger than regularity and strictly weaker than complete regularity. We also use the following separation property.

**Definition 1.1 :** A space  $X$  has the countable separation property iff whenever  $F$  is a closed subspace of  $X$  and  $x \notin F$ , there are open  $W_i, I \in \omega$ , such that for each  $i \in \omega$ ,  $x \notin W_i$ ,  $F \subset W_i$  and  $CL_X W_{i+1} \subset W_i$ .

Clearly, every Tychonoff space has the countable separation property and each space with countable separation property is regular.

**Definition 1.2 :** A space  $Y$  will be said to be potentially compact, if there is a space  $X$  such that  $Y$  is a subspace of  $X$  and  $Y$  is relatively compact in  $X$ .

Thus we have,

**Proposition 1.3 :** Every potentially compact space is regular [see 1].

The following observation helps to identify several regular spaces which are not relatively compact in any Hausdorff space.

**Proposition 1.4 :** Let  $Y$  be an  $R$ -closed space which is relatively compact in a space  $X$ , then  $Y$  is compact.

**Proof :** Choose arbitrary  $x \in X \setminus Y$  and let  $Y_1 = Y \cup \{x\}$ . Clearly,  $Y_1$  is relatively compact in  $X$ . Hence  $Y_1$  is regular (see prop. 1.3). Then  $Y$  is closed in  $Y_1$  so  $x \notin CL_X Y$ . It follows that  $Y$  is closed in  $X$ . Thus  $Y$  is compact in itself, i.e.  $Y$  is compact.

So any regular  $R$ -closed non-compact space is not relatively compact in any Hausdorff space containing it. One of the well-known examples with such properties is the Joens space over  $Y = (\omega_1 + 1) \times (\omega_1 + 1) \setminus \{(\omega_1, \omega_1)\}$ , [see 4]. [see also 5p.150-153].

Let  $C = \omega_1 \times \{0\}$ ,  $D = \{0\} \times \omega_1$ ,  $\bar{Y}$  be the quotient space obtained from  $Y \times \omega$  by identifying  $C_{2n+1}$  with  $C_{2n+2}$  and  $D_{2n+2}$  with  $D_{2n+3}$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and

$\omega : Y \times \omega \rightarrow \tilde{Y}$  be the natural quotient map. Let  $\tilde{Y} = \bar{Y} \cup \{z\}$  topologized as follows  $\bar{Y}$  is an open subspace of  $\tilde{Y}$  and  $\{\{z\} \cup \bigcup_{n > k} Y_n, k \in \omega\}$  is a base in  $z$ .

The resulting space is regular, not completely regular space [see 4 and 5].

**Proposition 1.5:** Let  $\tilde{Y}$  be the Jones space over  $(\omega_1 + 1) \times (\omega_1 + 1) \setminus \{(\omega_1, \omega_1)\}$ , then  $\tilde{Y}$  is not relatively compact in any Hausdorff space.

**Proof:** In view of proposition 1.4, we need to prove only that  $\tilde{Y}$  is R-closed. Assume the contrary.  $X$  is a regular space  $\tilde{Y} \subset X$  and  $x \in \text{CL}_X \tilde{Y} \setminus \tilde{Y}$ . Clearly  $x \in \text{CL}_X Y_n$  for some  $n \in \omega$ , now we need the following fact.

**Claim 1.6:** Let  $X$  be a regular space and  $Y = (\omega_1 + 1) \times (\omega_1 + 1) \setminus \{(\omega_1, \omega_1)\} \subset X$ . Then

$|X \setminus Y| \leq 1$ . If, moreover  $X \setminus Y \neq \emptyset$ , then  $\text{CL}_X Y = (\omega_1 + 1) \times (\omega_1 + 1) = \beta Y$

It follows that  $x \in \text{CL} Y$  and by induction we have that  $x \in \text{CL} Y$  for each  $k \geq n$

so  $x = z$ , contradicting  $x \notin \tilde{Y}$ .

**Rmark 1.7:** The above arguments also work to show that  $\tilde{Y}$  is not relatively normal in any regular space.

To construct a non-Tychonoff space  $Y$  which is relatively compact in some Hausdorff space

$X$  we need the following lemma.

**Lemma 1.8:** There are a Hausdorff space  $X$  and a Tychonoff zero-dimensional relatively

compact subspace  $Y$  of  $X$  and two uncountable closed disjoint  $G_\delta$ -subsets  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  of

a space  $Y$  such that  $\text{CL}_X F_1 \cap \text{CL}_X F_2 = \emptyset$ ,  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  can be separated (in  $Y$ ) by

disjoint open sets, but whenever  $f : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a continuous function, then

$|f^{-1}(0) \cap F_1| > \omega$  implies  $|F_2 \setminus f^{-1}(0)| \leq \omega$  in particular  $F_1$ , and  $F_2$  cannot be separated

(in  $Y$ ) by a continuous real-valued function.

**Proof:** Let  $Y$  be the set

$$[-1, 1] \times [0, 1] \setminus \{(-1, 0), (1, 0)\}.$$

Basic elements for topology of  $Y$  are either :

1) .  $\{x\}$  for  $x \in (-1, 1) \times (0, 1]$  ,

2) .  $\{[-1, -1 + \varepsilon) \times \{y\}; 0 < \varepsilon < 1\}$  for  $(x, y) \in \{-1\} \times (0, 1]$  ;  $\{(1 - \varepsilon, 1] \times \{y\}; 0 < \varepsilon < 1\}$  for  $(x, y) \in \{1\} \times (0, 1]$

3) .  $\{ \{ (x + e(1 - |x|)t, t) ; t \in [0, 1] \setminus k, e \in \{-1/2, 0, 1/2\} \}, k \in [(0, 1]^\omega \}$  for  $(x, y) \in (-1, 1) \times \{0\}$  .

A typical neighborhood  $V_a$  of a point  $(a, 0)$  can be described in the following way . Tak the vertical line  $\mathcal{L}_0$  ;  $x = a$  through  $(a, 0)$  and the tow lines  $\mathcal{L}_+$  and  $\mathcal{L}_-$  through  $(a, 0)$  symmetrical with respect to  $\mathcal{L}_0$  having the slope  $\pm 2/(1 - |a|)$  . Then  $V_a$  is the intersection of the union  $\mathcal{L}_0 \cup \mathcal{L}_+ \cup \mathcal{L}_-$  with the rectangle  $[-1, 1] \times [0, 1]$  frome wich any finite set of points different from  $(a, 0)$  is removed .

Clearly  $Y$  is a Hausdorff zero-dimensional (hence Tychonoff) space . Let

$$F_1 = \{-1\} \times (0, 1]$$

$$F_2 = \{1\} \times (0, 1)$$

$$U_1 = \{-1, -1 + 1/10\} \times (0, 1]$$

$$U_2 = (1 - 1/10, 1] \times (0, 1]$$

Then  $F_1, F_2$  are disjoint closed  $G_\delta$  - subsets of  $Y$  ,  $U_1, U_2$  are disjoint open neighborhood of  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  respectively . Moreover for

$$W_\ell = [-1, -1 + 1/2^{2\ell+1}) \times (0, 1] ; \ell \in \omega ,$$

we have

$$\bigcap_{\ell \in \omega} W_\ell = F_1 \text{ and } \text{CL}_X W_\ell \subset W_{\ell+1} ,$$

First we prove :

Claim 1.9 : Let  $f : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function such that  $|f^{-1}(0) \cap F_1| > \omega$  , then  $|F_2 \setminus f^{-1}(0)| \leq \omega$

Proof : Assume the contrary  $f : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a continuous function such that

$|f^{-1}(0) \cap F_1| > \omega$  and  $|F_2 \setminus f^{-1}(0)| > \omega$ . Then there are  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\rho \in [F_2]^{<\omega}$ , such

that

$\forall \rho \in P, f(\rho) > 3\varepsilon$ . Since  $f$  is continuous there are  $\delta > 0, L \in [P]^{<\omega}, M \in [F_1]$ ,

such that  $f(x,y) > 2\varepsilon$  whenever  $1-\delta < x < 1, y \in L$  and  $f(x,y) < \varepsilon$  whenever

$-1 < x < -1+\delta, y \in M$ . By the definition of the base of  $Y$  and continuity of  $f$  we have

$f(x,0) < \varepsilon$  for each  $-1 < x < -1+\delta$  and  $f(x,0) > 2\varepsilon$  for each  $1-\delta < x < 1$ .

Moreover there is a family  $\{K_x; x \in (-1, -1+\delta)\} \subset [(0,1)]^{<\omega}$  such that  $f(\cup\{x+e(1-|x|)t; t \in [0,1] \setminus K_x, e \in \{-1/2, 0, 1/2\}\}, x \in (-1, -1+\delta)) \subset [0, \varepsilon)$

It follows that  $f(x,0) < \varepsilon$  for each  $-1 < x < -1+1/5\delta$  except for finitely many times.

Therefore  $|\{x \in (-1, -1+6/5\delta); f(x,0) > \varepsilon\}| < \omega$ . Applying the argument above

finitely many times we obtain that  $|\{x \in (-1, 1/5\delta); f(x,0) > \varepsilon\}| < \omega$ . Similarly

starting from the right end of the segment  $[-1,1]$ , we can prove that

$|\{x \in (-1/5\delta, 1); f(x,0) < 2\varepsilon\}| < \omega$ . This contradiction completes the proof of the

claim.

Now we shall construct a space  $X$ . Consider the Stone-Cech extension  $Y$  of the space  $Y$ .

Let

$$\tilde{G}_1 = CL_{\beta Y}(F_1) \setminus Y$$

$$\tilde{G}_2 = CL_{\beta Y}(F_2) \setminus Y$$

$$\tilde{G}_3 = \beta Y \setminus (\tilde{G}_1 \cup \tilde{G}_2 \cup Y)$$

Let  $X = G_1 \cup G_2 \cup G_3 \cup Y$  be the disjoint union of copies of sets  $\tilde{G}_1, \tilde{G}_2, \tilde{G}_3, \tilde{Y}$ .

Basic elements for topology on  $X$  are either;

1)  $U$  for some open  $U \subset Y$ ,

2)  $\{g\} \cup (U \cap Y)$ , for some  $g \in G_3$  and some neighborhood  $U$  of  $g$  in  $\beta Y$

3)  $\{g\} \cup (U \cap U_1)$ , for some  $g \in G_1$  and some neighborhood  $U$  of  $g$  in  $\beta Y$

4)  $\{g\} \cup (U \cap U_2)$ , for some  $g \in G_2$  and some neighborhood  $U$  of  $g$  in  $\beta Y$

Now  $U_1 \cap U_2 = \emptyset$  implies that  $X$  is a Hausdorff space. Clearly, every open cover  $\gamma$  of  $X$  induces an open  $\gamma'$  of  $\beta Y$  members of which are union of at most two elements of  $\gamma$ . It follows that  $Y$  is relatively compact in  $X$ . Finally  $CL_X F_1 = G_1$ ,  $CL_X F_2 = G_2$  yields,  $CL_X F_1 \cap CL_X F_2 = \emptyset$ . Thus  $Y$  and  $X$  satisfy all the required conditions.

We now turn to the second example.

**Example 1.10:** There is a regular non-Tychonoff space  $Y$  with the countable separation property which is relatively compact in some Hausdorff space.

**Proof:** We use the notation of lemma 1.8. Feed  $Y$  and  $X$  into the Jones Machine [see 1.5]. Let  $A = F_1$ ,  $B = F_2$ ,  $C = CL_X F_1$ ,  $D = CL_X F_2$  and let  $\bar{X}$  be the quotient space obtained from  $X \times \omega$  by identifying  $C_{2n+1}$  with  $C_{2n+2}$  and  $D_{2n+2}$  with  $D_{2n+3}$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $q: X \times \omega \rightarrow \bar{X}$  be the natural quotient map. Let  $\tilde{X} = \bar{X} \cup \{z\}$  topologized as follows.  $\bar{X}$  is an open subspace of  $\tilde{X}$ , and  $\{\{z\} \cup \bigcup_{n>k} X_n; k \in \omega\}$  is a base in  $z$ . Let  $\tilde{Y} = q(Y \times \omega) \cup \{z\}$ . Clearly  $\tilde{X}$  is a Hausdorff space and  $\tilde{Y}$  is a regular non-Tychonoff subspace of  $\tilde{X}$  [see 4,5]. Since for each  $n \in \omega$ ,  $Y \times n$  is relatively compact in  $X \times n$  and hence in  $\tilde{X}$  and every neighborhood of  $z$  contains all except at most finitely many  $Y \times n$ ,  $\tilde{Y}$  is relatively compact in  $\tilde{X}$ . Finally, since  $\tilde{Y} \setminus \{z\}$  is Tychonoff space and  $F_1 = \bigcap_{i \in \omega} W_i$  where  $CL_Y W_i \subset W_i$ , it follows that  $Y$  has the countable separation property.

**Example 1.11:** There is a regular space  $Z$  which is relatively compact in some Hausdorff space and has the countable separation property, but which is not functionally Hausdorff.

**Example 1.12:** There is a regular space  $Z$  which is relatively compact in some Hausdorff

space, such that all real-valued functions on  $Z$  are constant. (see 3)

II - What if  $X$  has some separation property stronger than Hausdorff?

First, since every Hausdorff space can be embedded as a closed subspace into some semiregular space the following assertion holds.

**Proposition 2.1:** A space  $Y$  can be embedded as a relatively compact subspace into a Hausdorff space and only if  $Y$  can be embedded as a relatively compact subspace into semiregular space.

On the other hand if  $Y$  is relatively compact in some Urysohn space, then  $Y$  must be Tychonoff space. Indeed we have.

**Proposition 2.2:** Let  $Y$  be a dense relatively compact subspace of a space  $X$ , then  $X$  is H-closed.

**Proof:** Direct check.

**Theorem 2.3:** Let  $Y$  be a dense relatively compact subspace of an Urysohn space  $X$ , then there is a compact space  $Z$  and condensation  $f: X \rightarrow Z$ , such that, for each  $\bar{y} \in X$  the restriction  $f|_{Y \cup \{y\}}$  of  $f$  to  $Y \cup \{y\}$  is a homeomorphism of  $Y \cup \{y\}$  onto the image.

**Proof:** Let  $Z$  be the semiregularization of a space  $Z$ , and let  $f: X \rightarrow Z$  be the natural condensation. Then  $Z$  is a semiregular Urysohn space, and  $f(Y)$  is relatively compact in  $Z$  proposition 2.2 yields that  $Z$  is H-closed. So  $Z$  is semiregular Urysohn H-closed space. Hence  $Z$  is compact. Now take arbitrary  $y \in X$ , then  $Y \cup \{y\}$  is relatively compact in  $X$ . Therefore the semiregularization of  $Y \cup \{y\}$  is again  $Y \cup \{y\}$ .

It follows that  $f|_{Y \cup \{y\}}$  is a homeomorphism.

**Definition 2.4:** A subspace  $Y$  of a space  $X$  is said to be real-normal in  $X$  iff every two subspaces of  $Y$  having disjoint closures in  $X$  can be separated in  $X$  by a continuous real-valued function.

**Corollary 2.5:** Let  $Y$  be a dense relatively compact subspace of an Urysohn space  $X$ , then  $Y$  is Tychonoff,  $X$  is functionally Hausdorff and  $Y$  is real-normal in  $X$ .

**Proof:** We shall prove that  $Y$  is real-normal in  $X$ , other properties are obvious.

Let  $F_1, F_2 \subset Y$ ,  $CL_X F_1 \cap CL_X F_2 = \emptyset$ . Use notation of 2.3, since for each

$y \in X$ ,  $f|_{Y \cup \{y\}}$  is a homeomorphism  $CL_Z f(F_1) \cap CL_Z f(F_2) = \emptyset$

Hence  $CL_Z f(F_1)$  and  $CL_Z f(F_2)$  can be separated in compact space  $Z$  by a

continuous real-valued function. Therefore, the same is true for  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  in  $X$

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