

## Families of Semiopen Sets and Their Accompanied Topologies\*

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**Introduction** Let  $(X, U)$  be a topological space. A set  $s \subset X$  is called a semi-open set of  $U$ , if there exists  $u \in U$  such that  $u \subset s \subset u^-$ , where  $u^-$  expresses the closure of  $u$ . The family  $\varphi = \varphi_u$  of all semiopen sets of  $U$  is called the family of semiopen sets of  $U$ , and the topology  $U$  an accompanied topology of  $\varphi$ . The class of all the topologies on  $X$  generating the same family  $\varphi$  of semiopen sets is called a class of semi-homeomorphic topologies (in symbol  $[\varphi]$ ), and  $F(U)^{[2]}$  is the finest topology in  $[\varphi]$ .

S. G. Crossley, S. K. Hitderad<sup>[1]-[3]</sup> and Yang Zhongqiang<sup>[4]</sup> discuss the properties of semi-homeomorphic topologies. This paper investigates the structure of families of semiopen sets and the relation between the inclusion of families of semiopen sets and the inclusion of their accompanied topologies.

### § 1 The structure of families of semiopensets

**Theorem 1.1** A family  $\varphi$  of sets in  $X$  is a family of semiopen sets of some topology on  $X$  if and only if the following are satisfied

I  $\varphi, X \in \varphi$ .

II  $\varphi$  is closed with union operation,

III  $\varphi = \{s \subset X: \forall v \in F_\varphi, s \cap v \neq \emptyset, \exists u \in F_\varphi \setminus \{\emptyset\}, u \subset s \cap v\}$ .

where  $F_\varphi = \{v \in \varphi: \forall s \in \varphi, v \cap s \in \varphi\}$ .

**Proof Necessity.** Let  $\varphi$  be a family of semiopen sets of some topology on  $X$ , by [4],  $F_\varphi$  is the finest accompanied topology of  $\varphi$ . Therefore, I, II, III hold.

**Sufficiency.** Clearly,  $F_\varphi$  is a topology on  $X$ . We complete the proof by verifying that  $F_\varphi$  is an accompanied topology of  $\varphi$ . For given  $s \subset X$  being a semi-open set of  $F_\varphi$ , if  $s = \emptyset$ , then  $s \in \varphi$ . Now assume  $s \neq \emptyset$ , then for any  $v \in F_\varphi$ ,  $s \cap v \neq \emptyset$ , by [1],  $s \cap v$  is also a semiopen set of  $F_\varphi$ . Therefore, there exists a nonempty  $u \in F_\varphi$  such that  $u \subset s \cap v \subset u^-$ . It follows by III that  $s \in \varphi$ .

Conversely, for nonempty  $s \in \varphi$ , since  $s \cap X = s \neq \emptyset$ , by I, III, there exists a nonempty  $u \in F_\varphi$  with  $u \subset s \cap X = s$ . This shows that the interior  $s^\circ$  of  $s$  is a nonempty

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open set of  $F_\varphi$ . It only remains to show  $s^\circ \subset s \subset s^{\circ-}$ .

For any  $x \in s$  and  $w \in F_\varphi$  with  $x \in w$ , since  $s \cap w \supset \{x\} \neq \emptyset$ , again by III, there exists a nonempty  $s \in F_\varphi$  so that  $\tilde{s} \subset s \cap w$ . This shows that  $w \cap s^\circ \neq \emptyset$ . Hence,  $s \subset s^{\circ-}$  implying that  $s$  is a semiopen set of  $F_\varphi$ .

With the same method in Theorem 1.1, we may obtain

**Theorem 1.2** Let  $(X, U)$  be a topological space, then  $s \subset X$  is a semiopen set of  $U$  if and only if  $\forall v \in U, v \cap s \neq \emptyset, \exists u \in U \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  satisfying  $u \in s \cap v$ .

Theorem 1.1 shows that a family of semiopen sets in  $X$  could be defined by the operation of sets without any topological structure on  $X$  previously given.

We introduce a new concept.

**Definition 1.3** We say a topology  $\tau$  thick-contacts a family  $\varphi$  of semiopen sets (a topology  $U$ ) or  $\tau$  is a thick-contacting topology of  $\varphi(U)$ , if each non-empty element of  $\varphi(U)$  contains a nonempty element of  $\tau$ .

It is not difficult to verify the following gemitopological property:

**Proposition 1.4** Let  $\varphi$  and  $\tilde{\varphi}$  be families of semiopen sets in  $X$ , If there exists some  $U_\varphi \in [\varphi]$  thick-contacting  $\varphi$  or some  $U_{\tilde{\varphi}} \in [\tilde{\varphi}]$ , then all topologies in  $[\varphi]$  thick-contact  $\tilde{\varphi}$  and all topologies in  $[\tilde{\varphi}]$ .

**§ 2 Families of semiopen sets.** From now on, we always denote by  $\varphi$  ( $\tilde{\varphi}$ ) a family of semiopen sets in  $X$ , by  $U$  ( $V$ ) a topology on  $X$  and by  $\varphi_\tau$  the family of semiopen sets in  $X$  of topology  $\tau$ .

**Lemma 2.1** If  $\exists U_\varphi \in [\varphi]$  satisfying  $U_\varphi \subset V \subset \varphi$ , then  $\varphi_V \subset \varphi$ .

**Proof** Let  $s \in \varphi_V$ . Since  $U_\varphi \subset V$ , by Theorem 1.2, for any  $v \in U_\varphi$ ,  $s \cap v \neq \emptyset$ , there exists nonempty  $u$  in  $V \subset \varphi$  such that  $u \subset s \cap v$ . Notice nonempty  $u \in \varphi$  implying  $u$  is a semiopen set of  $U_\varphi$ ,  $\exists w \in U_\varphi \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  with  $w \subset u \subset s \cap v$ . It follows by Theorem 1.2 that  $s \in \varphi$ .

**Theorem 2.2** (i)  $F_\varphi \subsetneq V \subsetneq \varphi$  implies  $\varphi_V \subsetneq \varphi$ .

(ii) If  $V \subsetneq F_\varphi$ ,  $F_\varphi \subsetneq V$  and  $\exists U_\varphi \in [\varphi]$  such that  $U_\varphi \subset V \subset \varphi$ , then  $\varphi_V \subsetneq \varphi$ .

(iii)<sup>[2]</sup> If  $\exists U_\varphi \in [\varphi]$  with  $U_\varphi \subset V \subset F_\varphi$ , then  $\varphi_V = \varphi$ .

**Proof** (i) Utilize Lemma 2.1 and observe that  $V$  is not semi-homeomorphic to  $F_\varphi$ .

(ii) By Lemma 2.1 and  $\varphi_V \neq \varphi$ .

(iii) is an immediate consequence of Lemma 2.1 and Theorem 1.2.

**Lemma 2.3**  $U \subset V$  implies  $V \subset \varphi_U$  iff there exists a topology  $\tau \subset U$  thick-contacting  $V$ .

**Proof** If  $U \subset V \subset \varphi_U$ , then by Definition 1.3,  $U$  thick-contacts  $V$ . Conversely, suppose  $U \subset V$  and topology  $\tau \subset U$  thick-contacts  $V$ . For each  $s \in V$ ,  $v \in U \subset V$ ,  $s \cap v \neq \emptyset$ , then  $s \cap v$  is a nonempty open set of  $V$ . Notice that  $\tau \subset U$  thick-contacts  $V$  implies that  $U$  thick-contacts  $V$ , there exists a nonempty  $u \in U$  such that  $u \subset s$

$\cap v$ . Consequently, by Theorem 1.2,  $s$  is a semiopen set of  $U$  or  $s \in \varphi_U$ .

**Theorem 2.4** If  $F_\varphi \subseteq F(V)$  and there exists  $U_\varphi \in [\varphi]$  thick-contacting  $V$ , then  $F_\varphi \subseteq \varphi_V \subseteq \varphi$ .

**Proof** Clearly  $F_\varphi \subseteq \varphi_V$ . Since  $U_\varphi$  thick-contacts  $V$ ,  $U_\varphi$  thick-contacts  $F(V)$ . Observe  $U_\varphi \subset F_\varphi$  and  $F_\varphi \subset F(V)$ , by Lemma 2.3,  $F(V) \subset \varphi$ . It follows by Lemma 2.1 that  $\varphi_V \subset \varphi$ . If  $\varphi_V = \varphi$ , then  $F_\varphi = F_{\varphi_V} = F(V)$  contradicting the condition  $F_\varphi \neq F(V)$ . Thus,  $\varphi_V \subsetneq \varphi$ .

**Note 1** The conditions in Theorem 2.4 are also necessary (see Theorem 3.1).

**Lemma 2.5** Suppose  $V \subset \varphi$ . If  $V \not\subseteq F_\varphi$ , then  $\varphi \not\subseteq \varphi_V$ .

**Proof** Choose  $s \in V \setminus F_\varphi$ , denote  $\tilde{s} = s^{-[F_\varphi]} \cup (s \setminus s^{[F_\varphi]})$  where  $s^{-[F_\varphi]} (s^{[F_\varphi]})$  denotes the complement (interior) of  $s^{-}(s)$  with respect to topology  $F_\varphi$ . It is obvious that  $\tilde{s} \in \varphi$  since  $s \in \varphi$ . We complete the proof by showing that  $\tilde{s} \notin \varphi_V$ . In fact, since  $s \notin F_\varphi$ ,  $s \cap \tilde{s} = s \setminus s^{[F_\varphi]} \neq \emptyset$ , containing no nonempty open set in  $F_\varphi$ . Therefore,  $s \cap \tilde{s}$  containing no nonempty set in  $V$  since  $V \subset \varphi$ . Thus, by Theorem 1.2,  $\tilde{s} \notin \varphi_V$ .

**Theorem 2.6** Assume  $F(V) \subseteq \varphi$ , then the conditions (a)  $F(V) \not\subseteq F_\varphi$ ,  $F_\varphi \not\subseteq F(V)$  and (b)  $V$  thick-contacts some  $U_\varphi \in [\varphi]$  imply  $F_\varphi \subset \varphi_V$ ,  $\varphi_V \not\subseteq \varphi$  and  $\varphi \not\subseteq \varphi_V$ .

**Proof** The assertion  $\varphi \not\subseteq \varphi_V$  follows immediately from Lemma 2.5 since  $\varphi_{F(V)} = \varphi_V$ . If  $F_\varphi \subset \varphi_V$  then the relation of  $F_\varphi$ ,  $\varphi_V$  and  $F_{\varphi_V} = \varphi$  will satisfy the condition of Lemma 2.5, therefore, we will have  $\varphi_V \not\subseteq \varphi_{F_\varphi} = \varphi$ . Thus, to finish the proof, it is sufficient to show  $F_\varphi \subset \varphi_V$ .

For given  $s \in F_\varphi$ ,  $v \in F(V) \subset \varphi$ ,  $s \cap v \neq \emptyset$ , by Theorem 1.2, there exists nonempty  $\tilde{u}$  in  $F_\varphi$  such that  $u \subset s \cap v$ . Since  $V$  thick-contacts  $U_\varphi$ , there exists nonempty  $\tilde{u}$  in  $F(V)$  with  $\tilde{u} \subset u \subset s \cap v$ . It follows by Theorem 1.2 that  $s \in \varphi_V$ . This means that  $F_\varphi \subset \varphi_V$ .

**Note 2** The conditions (a) and (b) in Theorem 2.6 are also necessary (see Theorem 3.2).

**Theorem 2.7** Suppose 1°  $V \subseteq F_\varphi$ ; 2°  $V$  contains no accompanied topology of  $\varphi$  and 3°  $V$  thick-contacts some  $U_\varphi \in [\varphi]$ . Then (1)  $\varphi \subseteq \varphi_V$  and (2)  $F(V) \subseteq \varphi$ .

**Proof** By 3° and Proposition 1.4,  $V$  thick-contacts  $F_\varphi$ . It follows by 1° and Lemma 2.3 that  $F_\varphi \subset \varphi_V$ . Consequently, from Lemma 2.1, we have  $\varphi = \varphi_{F_\varphi} \subset \varphi_V$ . Therefore, by 2°, (1) holds.

For  $s \in F(V)$ ,  $v \in F_\varphi$ ,  $s \cap v \neq \emptyset$ , since  $F_\varphi \subset \varphi_V$ , by Theorem 1.2, there exists a nonempty  $u$  in  $F(V)$  such that  $u \subset s \cap v$ . Hence, there exists a nonempty  $\tilde{u} \in V \subset F_\varphi$  such that  $\tilde{u} \subset u \subset s \cap v$ . It follows by Theorem 1.2 that  $s \in \varphi_{F_\varphi} = \varphi$ . Thus,  $F(V) \subset \varphi$ . Again by 2°, we obtain  $F(V) \subseteq \varphi$ .

**Note 3** In Theorem 3.3, we will show that the conditions 1°, 2° and 3° in Theorem 2.7 are also necessary.

§ 3 Accompanied topologies Throughout this section, we always denote by

$U_\varphi$  and  $U_{\tilde{\varphi}}$  two accompanied topologies of  $\varphi$  and  $\tilde{\varphi}$  respectively.

**Theorem 3.1** Suppose  $F_\varphi \subseteq \tilde{\varphi} \subseteq \varphi$ , then (i)  $U_{\tilde{\varphi}} \subseteq F_\varphi$ , (ii)  $F_\varphi \subseteq F_{\tilde{\varphi}}$  and (iii)  $U_\varphi$  thick-contacts  $U_{\tilde{\varphi}}$ .

**Proof** (i) If  $U_{\tilde{\varphi}} \subseteq F_\varphi$ , then by Lemma 2.1,  $\varphi = \varphi_{F_\varphi} \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}$ , a contradiction.

(ii) If  $F_\varphi \subseteq F_{\tilde{\varphi}}$ , then by Lemma 2.5,  $\tilde{\varphi} \subseteq \varphi_{F_\varphi} = \varphi$ , also a contradiction.

(iii) follows by  $F_\varphi \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}$  and Proposition 1.4.

**Theorem 3.2** Let  $F_{\tilde{\varphi}} \subseteq \varphi$ , then conditions  $1^\circ \varphi \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}$ ,  $\tilde{\varphi} \subseteq \varphi$  and  $2^\circ F_\varphi \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}$  imply (i)  $F_{\tilde{\varphi}} \subseteq F_\varphi$ ,  $F_\varphi \subseteq F_{\tilde{\varphi}}$ , (ii)  $U_{\tilde{\varphi}} (U_\varphi)$  thick-contacts  $U_\varphi (U_{\tilde{\varphi}})$ .

**Proof** (i) If  $U_{\tilde{\varphi}} \subseteq F_{\tilde{\varphi}}$ , then by Lemma 2.1,  $\varphi = \varphi_{F_{\tilde{\varphi}}} \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}$  contradicting  $1^\circ$ . The fact  $U_\varphi \subseteq F_{\tilde{\varphi}}$  is verified similarly. Hence, (i) holds.

(ii) follows immediately from  $U_\varphi \subseteq F_\varphi \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}$  and  $U_{\tilde{\varphi}} \subseteq F_{\tilde{\varphi}} \subseteq \varphi$  and Proposition 1.4.

**Theorem 3.3** Assume  $\varphi \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}$  and that there exists  $U_{\tilde{\varphi}} \subseteq \varphi$ , then (i)  $U_{\tilde{\varphi}} \subseteq F_\varphi$ , (ii)  $U_{\tilde{\varphi}}$  contains no accompanied topology of  $\varphi$  and (iii)  $U_{\tilde{\varphi}}$  thick-contacts  $U_\varphi$ .

**Proof** (i) follows directly from Lemma 2.5.

(ii) Observe  $\varphi \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}$  and (iii) of Theorem 2.2, clearly  $U_\varphi \subseteq U_{\tilde{\varphi}}$  for any  $U_\varphi \in [\varphi]$ .

(iii) Since  $U_{\tilde{\varphi}} \subseteq F_\varphi \subseteq \tilde{\varphi}$ , by Lemma 2.3, there exists a topology  $\tau \subseteq U_{\tilde{\varphi}}$  thick-contacting  $U_\varphi$ . Therefore,  $U_{\tilde{\varphi}}$  thick-contacts  $U_\varphi$ .

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