

# ON SEMI- $D_i$ SPACES

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## ABSTRACT

A subset  $S$  of a topological space  $X$  is said to be SD-set if  $S = U \setminus V$ , where  $U, V$  are semi-open sets and  $U \neq X$ . Using SD-sets, semi- $D_i$  spaces is introduced. A space  $X$  said to be semi- $D_1$  if for any pair of distinct points  $x, y$  of  $X$ , there exists an SD-set containing  $x$  but not  $y$ .

## INTRODUCTION

In 1963, Levine introduced semi-open sets. A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is said to be semi-open if there exists an open set  $U$  such that  $U \subseteq A \subseteq \overline{A}$ . The complement of a semi-open set is called semi-closed [2]. Using semi-open sets, Maheshwari and Prasad [4] introduced semi- $T_0$ , semi- $T_1$  and semi- $T_2$  spaces. Semi- $T_2$  were also studied by Noiri [5]. In this paper, I introduce semi- $D_i$  spaces and study its relations with other known spaces.

**Definition 1.** A subset  $S$  of a topological space  $X$  is to be an SD-set if  $S = U \setminus V$ , where  $U, V$  are semi-open sets and  $U \neq X$ .

A semi-open set  $U \neq X$  is an SD-set since  $U = U \setminus \phi$ . But an SD-set is not necessarily semi-open.

If we replace semi-open sets in the definitions of semi- $T_0$ , semi- $T_1$ , semi- $T_2$  spaces with SD-sets, we get semi- $D_0$ , semi- $D_1$ , semi- $D_2$  spaces, respectively.

**Definition 2.** A space  $X$  is said to be semi- $D_1$  if for any pair of distinct points  $x, y$  of  $X$ , there exists an SD-set containing  $x$  but not  $y$ .

**Theorem 1.** Semi- $D_0 \Leftrightarrow$  semi- $T_0$ .

**Proof:** We need only to show that semi- $D_0 \Rightarrow$  semi- $T_0$ .

Let  $X$  be a semi- $D_0$  space. Let  $x, y$  be two distinct points of  $X$ . Then there exists an SD-set  $S$  containing one of them but not the other. Suppose  $S$  contains  $x$ , say, Let  $S = U \setminus V$ , where  $U \neq X$  and  $U, V$  are semi-open sets in  $X$ . Then  $x \in U$ . For  $y \notin S$  we have two cases:

- (i)  $y \notin U$
- (ii)  $y \in U$  and  $x \in U$ .

In case (i),  $U$  contains  $x$  but not  $y$ . In case (ii),  $V$  contains  $y$  but not  $x$ . Hence  $X$  is a semi- $T_0$  space.

**Theorem 2.** Semi- $D_1 \Leftrightarrow$  semi- $D_2$ .

**Proof:** We need only to show that semi- $D_1 \Rightarrow$  semi- $D_2$ .

Let  $X$  be a semi- $D_1$  space. Let  $x, y$  be two distinct points of  $X$ . There exist two SD-sets  $S_1, S_2$  such that  $x \in S_1, y \notin S_1$  and  $y \in S_2, x \notin S_2$ . Let  $S_1 = U_1 \setminus U_2$  and  $S_2 = V_1 \setminus V_2$ . From  $x \notin S_2$  we have either  $x \notin V_1$  or  $x \in V_1$  and  $x \in V_2$ . Now, for  $x \notin V_1$ , we have two cases from  $y \notin S_1$ :

- (i)  $y \notin U_1$  from  $x \in S_1 = U_1 \setminus U_2$ , we have  
 $x \in U_1 \setminus (U_2 \cup V_1)$  from  $y \in V_1 \setminus V_2$  we have  $y \in V_1 \setminus (U_1 \cup V_2)$

Clearly,  $[U_1 \setminus (U_2 \cup V_1)] \cap [V_1 \setminus (U_1 \cup V_2)] = \phi$ .

- (ii)  $y \in U_1$  and  $y \in U_2$  we have  $x \in U_1 \setminus U_2$ ,  $y \in U_2$  and  $(U_1 \setminus U_2) \cap U_2 = \phi$ .  
 For  $x \in V_1$  and  $x \in V_2$ . We have  $y \in V_1 \setminus V_2$ ,  $x \in V_2$  and  $(V_1 \setminus V_2) \cap V_2 = \phi$ .  
 Thus  $X$  is a semi- $D_2$  space.

**Theorem 3.** Semi- $T_1 \Rightarrow$  semi- $D_1 \Rightarrow$  semi- $T_0$ .

**Proof:** Obvious.

Converse implications in the above Theorem are not true. Following are examples:

**Example 1.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $T = \{x, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ . Then  $(X, T)$  is semi- $T_0$  but not semi- $D_1$ , since there is no SD-set containing  $c$ .

**Example 2.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $T = \{X, \phi, \{a\}, \{a, b\}\}$ .  
 Then  $(X, T)$  is semi- $D_1$  but not semi- $T_1$ .

**Definition 3.** [1] let  $X$  be a topological space and  $x \in X$ . A set  $S$  is said to be a semi-neighbourhood of  $x$  if there exists a semi-open set  $M$  such that  $x \in M \subseteq S$ .

**Definition 4.** Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $x \in X$ . If  $x$  has no semi-open neighbourhood other than  $X$ , then call  $x$  a C.SC. point (common to all semi-closed sets).

**Theorem 4.** A semi- $T_0$  space  $X$  is semi- $D_1$  if and only if  $X$  has no C.SC. point.

**Proof:** Necessity. Suppose  $X$  is a semi- $D_1$  space. Then every point  $x$  of  $X$  belongs to an SD-set.

Let  $S = U \setminus V$ , where  $U, V$  are semi-open sets and  $U \neq X$ . Then  $x \in U$  and  $U \neq X$ . Hence  $x$  is not a C.SC. point.

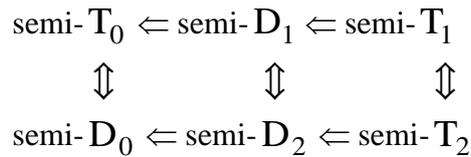
**Sufficiency:** Let  $X$  be a semi- $T_0$  space. Then for any pair of distinct points  $x, y$  of  $X$ , there is a semi-neighbourhood  $U$  of one of them, say  $x$ , such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \notin U$ ,  $U \neq X$  is an SD-set.

Since  $X$  has no C.SC. points, therefore  $y$  is not a C.SC. point and so there is a semi-neighbourhood  $V$  of  $y$  such that  $V \neq X$ . Now,  $y \in V \setminus U$  and  $V \setminus U$  is an SD-set. Thus  $X$  is semi- $D_1$ .

**Theorem 5.** A semi- $T_0$  space is semi- $D_1$  if and only if  $X$  has a unique C.S.C. point.

**Proof:** We need only to show the uniqueness of the C.S.C. point. Let  $x, y$  be two C.S.C. points in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is semi- $T_0$ , therefore one of them say  $x$  has a semi-neighbourhood  $U$  such that  $x \in U, y \notin U$ . Clearly,  $U \neq X$  and  $x$  is not a C.S.C. point, a contradiction.

Following diagram indicates relationships among different spaces considered in this paper.



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