

ON PAIRWISE FEEBLY  $R_0$ -SPACES

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## Introduction

In a topological space  $X$  a set  $A$  is *semiopen* [3] if for some open set  $O$ ,  $O \subset A \subset clO$ , where  $clO$  denotes the closure of  $O$  in  $X$ . Complement of a semi open set is *semiclosed*. The intersection of all the semi closed sets containing a set  $A$  is called the *semiclosure* [1] of  $A$  and denote it by  $sclA$ . In a topological space  $X$  a set  $A$  is termed *feebly open* [4] if for some open set  $O$ ,  $O \subset A \subset sclO$ . Every open set is feebly open and every feebly open set is semiopen but the converses may be false [4]. Any union of feebly open sets is feebly open [4]. The complement of a feebly open set is *feebly closed* [4]. The intersection of all the feebly closed sets containing a set  $A$  is the *feebly closure* [4] of  $A$ . Denote it by  $fclA$ . It is always feebly closed. Further [4]  $A$  is feebly closed iff  $A = fclA$ ;  $A \subset fclA \subset clA$ ;  $A \subset B$  implies  $fclA \subset fclB$ ; and  $p \in fclA$  iff each feebly open set containing  $p$  meets  $A$ .

The theory of bitopological spaces was first developed by Kelly [2] in 1963. A bitopological space  $(X, P_1, P_2)$  is a nonempty set  $X$  equipped with two topologies  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ . The axioms of pairwise feebly  $T_0$  and pairwise feebly  $T_1$  (stated below) are strictly weaker than pairwise  $T_0$  and pairwise  $T_1$  respectively [6].

**Definition** [5]. A bitopological space  $(X, P_1, P_2)$  is *pairwise feebly  $T_0$*  (resp. *pairwise feebly  $T_1$* ) if for each pair of distinct points  $x, y$  of  $X$  there exists a  $P_1$ -feebly open set containing  $x$  but not  $y$  or (resp. and) a  $P_2$ -feebly open set containing  $y$  but not  $x$ .

The aim of this paper is to investigate and study an axiom which is independent of both these axioms and that pairwise feebly  $T_0$  implies

pairwise feebly  $T_1$ . At the same time it also presents the role of feebly open sets in topology.

Throughout the paper  $X \setminus A$  denotes the complement of  $A$  in  $X$  and  $i, j = 1, 2$  such that  $i \neq j$ .

**Definition 1.** A bitopological space  $(X, P_1, P_2)$  is *pairwise feebly  $R_0$* , if for every  $P_i$ -feebly open set  $G$ ,  $x \in G$  implies that  $P_j\text{-fcl}\{x\} \subset G$ .

*Remark 1.* Pairwise feebly  $R_0$  is independent of both pairwise feebly  $T_1$  and pairwise feebly  $T_0$ , as shown by the following examples;

**Example 1.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $P_1 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$  and  $P_2 =$  the discrete topology on  $X$ . Then  $(X, P_1, P_2)$  is pairwise feebly  $T_1$  and consequently pairwise feebly  $T_0$  also but it is not pairwise feebly  $R_0$ .

**Example 2.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $P_1 = P_2 = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . Then  $(X, P_1, P_2)$  is pairwise feebly  $R_0$  but it is not pairwise feebly  $T_0$  and so it is not pairwise feebly  $T_1$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Every pairwise feebly  $T_0$  pairwise feebly  $R_0$  space  $(X, P_1, P_2)$  is pairwise feebly  $T_1$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x, y \in X$  and  $x \neq y$ . Since  $X$  is pairwise feebly  $T_0$ , there is a set which is either  $P_1$ -feebly open or  $P_2$ -feebly open containing one of the points but not the other. Let  $G$  be  $P_1$ -feebly open and  $x \in G$  but  $y \notin G$ . Since  $X$  is pairwise feebly  $R_0$ ,  $P_2\text{-fcl}\{x\} \subset G$ . Then  $X \setminus P_2\text{-fcl}\{x\}$  is a  $P_2$ -feebly open set containing the point  $y$  but not  $x$ . Consequently  $X$  is pairwise feebly  $T_1$ .

**Definition 2.** In a bitopological space  $(X, P_1, P_2)$ , for any  $x \in X$ ,  $bi\text{-fcl}\{x\} = P_1\text{-fcl}\{x\} \cap P_2\text{-fcl}\{x\}$  and  $bi\text{-fker}\{x\} = P_1\text{-fker}\{x\} \cap P_2\text{-fker}\{x\}$ .

The following theorem gives several characterizations of pairwise feebly  $R_0$ -spaces.

**Theorem 2.** *In a bitopological space  $(X, P_1, P_2)$  the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (a)  $(X, P_1, P_2)$  is pairwise feebly  $R_0$ .
- (b) If  $x \in X$ ,  $P_i\text{-fcl}\{x\} \subset P_j\text{-fker}\{x\}$ .
- (c) If  $x, y \in X$ ,  $y \in P_i\text{-fker}\{x\}$  if and only if  $x \in P_j\text{-fker}\{y\}$ .
- (d) If  $x, y \in X$ ,  $y \in P_i\text{-fcl}\{x\}$  if and only if  $x \in P_j\text{-fcl}\{y\}$ .
- (e) If  $F$  is  $P_i$ -feebly closed and  $x \notin F$  then there exists a  $P_j$ -feebly open

set  $G$  such that  $x \notin G$  and  $F \subset G$ .

(f) If  $F$  is  $P_i$ -feebly closed, then  $F = \cap\{G \mid G \text{ is } P_j\text{-feebly open and } F \subset G\}$ .

(g) If  $G$  is  $P_i$ -feebly open then  $G = \cup\{F \mid F \text{ is } P_j\text{-feebly closed, } F \subset G\}$ .

(h) If  $F$  is  $P_i$ -feebly closed and  $x \notin F$  then  $P_j\text{-fcl}\{x\} \cap F = \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* (a) $\implies$ (b). For any  $x \in X$ , we have  $P_j\text{-fker}\{x\} = \cap\{P_j\text{-feebly open set } G \mid x \in G\}$ . By (a), each  $P_j$ -feebly open set  $G$  containing  $x$  contains  $P_i\text{-fcl}\{x\}$ . Hence,  $P_i\text{-fcl}\{x\} \subset P_j\text{-fker}\{x\}$ .

(b) $\implies$ (c). For any  $x, y \in X$ , if  $y \in P_i\text{-fker}\{x\}$  then  $x \in P_i\text{-fcl}\{y\}$ . Now by (b),  $x \in P_j\text{-fker}\{y\}$ . Similarly if  $x \in P_j\text{-fker}\{y\}$ , then  $y \in P_i\text{-fker}\{x\}$ .

(c) $\implies$ (d). For any  $x, y \in X$ , if  $y \in P_i\text{-fcl}\{x\}$  then  $x \in P_i\text{-fker}\{y\}$ . By (c),  $x \in P_j\text{-fcl}\{y\}$ . Similarly if  $x \in P_j\text{-fcl}\{y\}$ , then  $y \in P_i\text{-fcl}\{x\}$ .

(d) $\implies$ (e). Let  $F$  be a  $P_i$ -feebly closed set and  $x \notin F$ . Then for any point  $y \in F$  implies  $P_i\text{-fcl}\{y\} \subset F$  implies  $x \notin P_i\text{-fcl}\{y\}$ . Now by (d),  $x \notin P_i\text{-fcl}\{y\}$  implies  $y \notin P_j\text{-fcl}\{x\}$ . That is there exists a  $P_j$ -feebly open set  $G_y$  such that  $y \in G_y$  and  $x \notin G_y$ . Let,  $G = \cup_{y \in F}\{G_y \mid G_y \text{ is } P_j\text{-feebly open, } y \in G_y \text{ and } x \notin G_y\}$ . Then  $G$  is  $P_j$ -feebly open such that  $F \subset G$  and  $x \notin G$ .

(e) $\implies$ (f). Let  $F$  be a  $P_i$ -feebly closed set and suppose that  $H = \cap\{P_j\text{-feebly open set } G \mid F \subset G\}$ . Clearly,  $F \subset H$ . Let  $x \notin F$  then by (e) there exists a  $P_j$ -feebly open set  $G$  such that  $x \notin G$  and  $F \subset G$ . Hence,  $x \notin H$ . And so,  $F = H$ .

(f) $\implies$ (g). Evident.

(g) $\implies$ (h). Let  $F$  be a  $P_i$ -feebly closed set and  $x \notin F$ . Then  $X \setminus F = G$  (say) is a  $P_i$ -feebly open set containing  $x$ . By (g), there exists a  $P_j$ -feebly closed set  $H$  such that  $x \in H \subset G$ . Therefore,  $P_j\text{-fcl}\{x\} \subset G$ . Hence  $P_j\text{-fcl}\{x\} \cap F = \emptyset$ .

(h) $\implies$ (a). Let  $G$  be  $P_i$ -feebly open and  $x \in G$ . Then  $x \notin X \setminus G$  which is  $P_i$ -feebly closed. By (h),  $P_j\text{-fcl}\{x\} \cap (X \setminus G) = \emptyset$ . This implies that  $P_j\text{-fcl}\{x\} \subset G$ . Thus (a) holds.

**Theorem 3.** *If  $(X, P_1, P_2)$  is pairwise feebly  $R_0$  and  $x, y \in X$ , then either  $bi\text{-fcl}\{x\}$  equals  $bi\text{-fcl}\{y\}$  or they are disjoint.*

*Proof.* Suppose that,  $(bi\text{-fcl}\{x\}) \cap (bi\text{-fcl}\{y\}) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $p \in P_1\text{-fcl}\{x\} \cap P_2\text{-fcl}\{x\} \cap P_1\text{-fcl}\{y\} \cap P_2\text{-fcl}\{y\}$ . Then  $P_1\text{-fcl}\{p\} \subset P_1\text{-fcl}\{x\} \cap P_1\text{-fcl}\{y\}$  and  $P_2\text{-fcl}\{p\} \subset P_2\text{-fcl}\{x\} \cap P_2\text{-fcl}\{y\}$ . Now by (d) in Theorem 2, we get  $p \in P_1\text{-fcl}\{x\} \Rightarrow x \in P_2\text{-fcl}\{p\} \Rightarrow P_2\text{-fcl}\{x\} \subset P_2\text{-fcl}\{p\} \subset P_2\text{-fcl}\{y\}$ . And so,  $p \in P_1\text{-fcl}\{x\} \Rightarrow P_2\text{-fcl}\{x\} \subset P_2\text{-fcl}\{y\}$ .

Similarly,  $p \in P_2\text{-fcl}\{x\} \Rightarrow P_1\text{-fcl}\{x\} \subset P_1\text{-fcl}\{y\}$ .  $p \in P_1\text{-fcl}\{y\} \Rightarrow P_2\text{-fcl}\{y\} \subset P_2\text{-fcl}\{x\}$  and  $p \in P_2\text{-fcl}\{y\} \Rightarrow P_1\text{-fcl}\{y\} \subset P_1\text{-fcl}\{x\}$ . Consequently,  $bi\text{-fcl}\{x\} = bi\text{-fcl}\{y\}$ .

**Theorem 4.** *If  $(X, P_1, P_2)$  is pairwise feebly  $R_0$  and  $x, y \in X$  then either  $bi - fker\{x\}$  equals  $bi - fker\{y\}$  or they are disjoint.*

In view of (c) in Theorem 2, this follows as Theorem 3.

**Theorem 5.** *Every biopen subspace of a pairwise feebly  $R_0$  space  $(X, P_1, P_2)$  is pairwise feebly  $R_0$ .*

The proof requires the following lemmas :

**Lemma 1 [4].** *Let  $Y$  be a subspace of a topological space. If  $O$  is feebly open in  $Y$  and  $Y$  is open in  $X$  then  $O$  is feebly open in  $X$ .*

**Lemma 2 [4].** *If  $U$  is open and  $V$  feebly open in a topological space  $X$  then  $U \cap V$  is feebly open in  $U$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $(Y, T_1, T_2)$  be a biopen subspace of  $(X, P_1, P_2)$ . Let  $A$  be  $T_i$ -feebly closed and  $x \in Y, x \notin A$ . Then  $Y \setminus A$  is  $T_i$ -feebly open. So  $Y \setminus A$  is  $P_i$ -feebly open by Lemma 1. Now  $X \setminus (Y \setminus A) = (X \setminus Y) \cup A$ , is  $P_i$ -feebly closed and  $x$  does not belong to it. Therefore, by (e) in Theorem 2 there is a  $P_j$ -feebly open set  $G$  such that  $x \notin G$ , and  $(X \setminus Y) \cup A \subset G$ . Since  $Y$  is  $P_j$ -open and  $G$  is  $P_j$ -feebly open, it follows by Lemma 2. that  $Y \cap G$  is  $T_j$ -feebly open and it contains  $A$  and  $x \notin Y \cap G$ . Hence by (e) of Theorem 2, it results that  $(Y, T_1, T_2)$  is pairwise feebly  $R_0$ .

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