

## A REMARK ON EXTREMALLY $\mu$ -DISCONNECTED GENERALIZED TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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*Abstract.* A more general definition of extremally  $\mu$ -disconnected generalized topological space [3] is introduced and its properties are studied. We have further improved the definitions of generalized open sets [1] and upper(lower) semi-continuous functions defined for a generalized topological space in [5]. In this generalized framework we obtain the analogues of results in [1, 3, 5]. Examples of extremally  $\mu$ -disconnected generalized topological spaces are given.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Extremally disconnected topological spaces defined by Stone [6] turned out to be non-trivial generalization of the class of discrete spaces. A topological space is said to be extremally disconnected if the closure of every open set is open. The same definition is adapted by Császár [3] in generalized topological spaces as follows: Let  $X$  be a set and  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  be the power set of  $X$ . A subset  $\mu$  of  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  is called generalized topology (GT) on  $X$  if  $\mu$  is closed under arbitrary unions and, in that case,  $(X, \mu)$  is called a generalized topological space (GTS). The elements of  $\mu$  are called  $\mu$ -open sets and their complements are called  $\mu$ -closed sets. The closure of a set  $A$ , denoted by  $c_\mu A$ , is the intersection of  $\mu$ -closed sets containing  $A$ . A GTS  $(X, \mu)$  is called extremally  $\mu$ -disconnected if  $c_\mu U \in \mu$  for each  $\mu$ -open set  $U$ . Our main argument on which this entire paper is based is that  $c_\mu U$ , for any  $U \in \mu$ , is never in  $\mu$  unless  $X \in \mu$ . Therefore, if  $(X, \mu)$  is not strong, that is,  $X \notin \mu$ , then  $(X, \mu)$  is not extremally  $\mu$ -disconnected since  $c_\mu \emptyset = X - M_\mu$  where  $M_\mu = \cup\{U : U \in \mu\}$  is not  $\mu$ -open. Hence, the notion of extremally  $\mu$ -disconnectedness does not act as a classification device in the class of non strong generalized topological spaces. This does not seem to be a very satisfactory situation. To rectify the situation, we have modified the above definition as follows: A GTS  $(X, \mu)$  is said to be extremally  $\mu$ -disconnected if  $c_\mu U \cap M_\mu \in \mu$  for each  $\mu$ -open set  $U$ . This definition of course reduces to the standard one if  $\mu$  is a topology on  $X$ . The present paper discusses analogues of various properties of extremally  $\mu$ -disconnected generalized topological spaces.

There is another direction in which this paper achieves further generalizations. In a GTS  $(X, \mu)$ , a subset  $A$  of  $X$  is called  $\mu$ -semi-open if  $A \subseteq c_\mu i_\mu A$ ,  $\mu$ -preopen if

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$A \subseteq i_\mu c_\mu A$ ,  $\mu$ - $\alpha$ -open if  $A \subseteq i_\mu c_\mu i_\mu A$ , and  $\mu$ - $\lambda$ -open if  $A \subseteq c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu A$  [1] : here,  $i_\mu A$ , the interior of  $A$ , is the union of all  $\mu$ -open sets contained in  $A$ . In a topological space, the union of open sets, semi-open sets, preopen sets,  $\alpha$ -open sets, and  $\lambda$ -open sets is the same set, which is equal to  $X$ . If a GTS  $(X, \mu)$  is not strong, the union of  $\mu$ -open sets is  $M_\mu \neq X$  whereas, since  $X$  is  $\mu$ -semi-open, the union of  $\mu$ -semi-open sets is  $X$ . The situation for the class of  $\mu$ - $\lambda$ -open sets will be similar. Consequently, we modify the definition of a  $\mu$ -semi-open set  $A$  as follows:  $A \subseteq c_\mu i_\mu A \cap M_\mu$  [8] and that of a  $\mu$ - $\lambda$ -open set as follows :  $A \subseteq c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu A \cap M_\mu$ . Note that, if a GT space is strong, the newly defined notions coincide with the corresponding notion defined above. In this more general framework, we have obtained every result in Sharma [5] and related results in Császár [1, 3].

There is a third direction in which further generalization is achieved. Sharma [5] has defined generalized upper semi-continuous(lower semi-continuous) function from a GTS  $(X, \mu)$  to the real line  $\mathbb{R}$  and gave an example showing that these two notions together cannot be equivalent to the notion of generalized continuity [2]. We have replaced the real line  $\mathbb{R}$  with a generalized topological space  $(R, \tau[a, b])$ , where  $R$  denotes the set of real numbers,  $a, b \in R$  and  $\tau[a, b]$  is the GT generated by the generalized basis  $\mathcal{B}$  that consist of left open rays  $[a, c)$  and right open rays  $(c, b]$ ,  $a < c < b$ . This GT is appropriate to obtain the above equivalence. This also ensures that, in an extremally  $\mu$ -disconnected GTS  $(X, \mu)$ , there is a rich supply of  $\mu$ -upper(lower) semi-continuous functions.

The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 contains basic notions and notation used in the paper. In Section 3, we obtain equivalences shown in [5]. Section 4 deals with the  $\mu$ -upper( $\mu$ -lower) semi-continuous functions. Section 5 provides examples of extremally  $\mu$ -disconnected generalized topological spaces.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $X$  be a set. A subset  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  is called a *generalized basis* for  $X$  [4]. The collection  $\mu$  of all unions of elements of  $\mathcal{B}$  is a GT on  $X$  called the *generalized topology* generated by  $\mathcal{B}$ .  $(X, \mu)$  shall be used generically to denote a generalized topological space.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a GT-space and  $A, B \subseteq X$ . Then, the following statements hold.*

- (i)  $x \in c_\mu A$  if and only if  $x \in U \in \mu$  implies  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$ .
- (ii) If  $U, V \in \mu$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ , then  $c_\mu U \cap V = \emptyset$  and  $U \cap c_\mu V = \emptyset$ .
- (iii)  $c_\mu A = X - i_\mu(X - A)$  for any  $A \subseteq X$ .
- (iv)  $c_\mu A = c_\mu(A \cap M_\mu)$ .
- (v) For any set  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $i_\mu c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu A = i_\mu c_\mu A$  and  $c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu i_\mu A = c_\mu i_\mu A$ .

Recall that a set  $A$  is said to be  $\mu$ -semi-open if  $A \subseteq c_\mu i_\mu A \cap M_\mu$ ,  $\mu$ -preopen if  $A \subseteq i_\mu c_\mu A$ ,  $\mu$ - $\alpha$ -open if  $A \subseteq i_\mu c_\mu i_\mu A$  and  $\mu$ - $\beta$ -open if  $A \subseteq c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu A \cap M_\mu$ . The collection of all  $\mu$ -semi-open ( $\mu$ -preopen,  $\mu$ - $\alpha$ -open,  $\mu$ - $\beta$ -open) sets are denoted by  $s_\mu, (\pi_\mu, \alpha_\mu, \beta_\mu)$ . These sets are GT's on  $X$  and the following inclusions hold.

- Theorem 2.2.**
- (i)  $\mu \subseteq \alpha_\mu \subseteq s_\mu \subseteq \beta_\mu$ .
  - (ii)  $\alpha_\mu \subseteq \pi_\mu \subseteq \beta_\mu$ .

The sets  $U$  and  $V$  in a GT space  $(X, \mu)$  are said to be  $\mu$ -separated if  $c_\mu U \cap V = \emptyset$  and  $U \cap c_\mu V = \emptyset$ .

A subset  $S$  in a GT-space  $(X, \mu)$  is said to be  $\mu$ -connected [7] if  $S \cap M_\mu = U \cup V$  where  $U$  and  $V$  are  $\mu$ -separated sets implies  $U = \emptyset$  or  $V = \emptyset$ .  $(X, \mu)$  is said to be  $\mu$ -connected if it is a  $\mu$ -connected subset of itself.

The following lemmas are immediate.

**Lemma 2.3.** *If  $\mu$  and  $\mu'$  are GTs on a set  $X$ , then  $\mu \subseteq \mu'$  implies  $c_{\mu'} A \subseteq c_\mu A$  for all  $A \subseteq X$ .*

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $\mu$  and  $\mu'$  be GTs on a set  $X$  and  $\mu \subseteq \mu'$ . If  $U$  and  $V$  are  $\mu$ -separated, then  $U$  and  $V$  are  $\mu'$ -separated.*

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $\mu$  and  $\mu'$  be GTs on a set  $X$  with  $\mu \subseteq \mu'$ . Then, a  $\mu'$ -connected set is  $\mu$ -connected.*

**Theorem 2.6** ([7]). *The following statements are equivalent.*

- (i)  $(X, \mu)$  is  $\mu$ -connected.
- (ii) If  $M_\mu = G \cup G'$ ,  $G, G' \in \mu$ ,  $G \cap G' = \emptyset$ , then  $G = \emptyset$  or  $G' = \emptyset$ .

A GT-space  $(X, \mu)$  is called  $\mu$ -irreducible [5] if, for each non-empty pair of  $\mu$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$ ,  $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ .

In view of 2.5, the following implications are immediate.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \beta_\mu\text{-connectedness} & \Rightarrow & \pi_\mu\text{-connectedness} \\
 \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\
 s_\mu\text{-connectedness} & \Rightarrow & \mu\text{-connectedness} \\
 & & \Updownarrow \\
 & & \alpha_\mu\text{-connectedness}
 \end{array}$$

**Theorem 2.7.**  $\pi_{\beta_\mu} = \beta_{\beta_\mu} = \beta_\mu$ .

*Proof.* Since  $A \subseteq c_\mu A$ ,  $c_{\beta_\mu} A \subseteq c_{\beta_\mu} c_\mu A \subseteq c_\mu c_\mu A = c_\mu A$  by Lemma 2.3. If  $B \in \beta_\mu$  and  $B \subseteq c_{\beta_\mu} A$ , then  $B \subseteq c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu B \cap M_\mu$  and  $B \subseteq c_\mu A$ . So that  $B \subseteq c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu c_\mu A \cap M_\mu = c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu A \cap M_\mu$ . Hence,  $i_{\beta_\mu} c_{\beta_\mu} A \subseteq c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu A \cap M_\mu$ . On the other hand  $X - c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu A \subseteq X - i_\mu c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu A = c_\mu (X - c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu A) = c_\mu i_\mu (X - i_\mu c_\mu A) = c_\mu i_\mu (X - i_\mu c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu A) = c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu (X - c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu A)$ . Since  $X - c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu A \subseteq M_\mu$ ,  $X - c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu A \in \beta_\mu$ . This together with  $i_{\beta_\mu} c_{\beta_\mu} A \subseteq c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu A \cap M_\mu$  gives the inclusion  $c_{\beta_\mu} i_{\beta_\mu} c_{\beta_\mu} A \subseteq c_{\beta_\mu} (c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu A \cap M_\mu) \subseteq c_{\beta_\mu} (c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu A) = c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu A$ , that is,  $\beta_{\beta_\mu} \subseteq \beta_\mu$ . Also  $\beta_\mu \subseteq \pi_{\beta_\mu} \subseteq \beta_{\beta_\mu} \subseteq \beta_\mu$  by 2.2.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.8.**  $\alpha_{\beta_\mu} = s_{\beta_\mu} = \beta_\mu$ .

*Proof.*  $\beta_\mu \subseteq \alpha_{\beta_\mu} \subseteq s_{\beta_\mu} \subseteq \beta_{\beta_\mu} = \beta_\mu$  by 2.2 and 2.7.  $\square$

### 3. EXTREMALLY $\mu$ -DISCONNECTED GENERALIZED TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

**Definition 3.1.** A GTS  $(X, \mu)$  is called *extremally  $\mu$ -disconnected* if  $c_\mu U \cap M_\mu \in \mu$  for every  $U \in \mu$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** *A GTS  $(X, \mu)$  is extremally  $\mu$ -disconnected if and only if, for any disjoint  $\mu$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$ ,  $c_\mu U \cap c_\mu V \cap M_\mu = \emptyset$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \mu)$  be extremally  $\mu$ -disconnected and  $U$  and  $V$  be disjoint  $\mu$ -open sets. Thus,  $c_\mu U \cap V = \emptyset$  and  $U \cap c_\mu V = \emptyset$ . Then,  $c_\mu U \cap M_\mu \cap V = \emptyset$  and  $U \cap c_\mu V \cap M_\mu = \emptyset$ . Since  $c_\mu U \cap M_\mu \in \mu$ , it follows that  $c_\mu U \cap c_\mu V \cap M_\mu = \emptyset$ . Conversely, assume that  $c_\mu U \cap c_\mu V \cap M_\mu = \emptyset$ . Let  $W \in \mu$ . If  $c_\mu W = X - M_\mu$  then  $c_\mu W \cap M_\mu = \emptyset \in \mu$ . Now  $W$  and  $X - c_\mu W$  are disjoint so that  $c_\mu W \cap c_\mu(X - c_\mu W) \cap M_\mu = \emptyset$ . Hence,  $c_\mu W \cap M_\mu \subseteq X - c_\mu(X - c_\mu W) = i_\mu c_\mu W$ . Since  $i_\mu c_\mu W \subseteq c_\mu W \cap M_\mu$ ,  $c_\mu W \cap M_\mu \in \mu$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** *A GTS  $(X, \mu)$  is extremally  $\mu$ -disconnected if and only if, for each  $U \in \mu$  and  $\mu$ -closed set  $F$  such that  $U \subseteq F$ , there exist a  $V_1 \in \mu$  and a  $\mu$ -closed set  $F_1$  such that  $U \subseteq F_1 \cap M_\mu \subseteq V_1 \subseteq F$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \mu)$  be extremally  $\mu$ -disconnected. Let  $U \in \mu$  and  $F$  be a  $\mu$ -closed set with  $U \subseteq F$ . Then,  $U \cap (X - F) = \emptyset$  and, by 3.2  $c_\mu U \cap c_\mu(X - F) \cap M_\mu = \emptyset$ , that is,  $c_\mu U \cap M_\mu \subseteq X - c_\mu(X - F)$ . Since  $i_\mu F = X - c_\mu(X - F) \subseteq F$ ,  $U \subseteq c_\mu U \cap M_\mu \subseteq i_\mu F \subseteq F$ . Conversely, let  $U$  and  $V$  be disjoint  $\mu$ -open sets. Then,  $U \subseteq X - V$ . Then, by our assumption, there exist a  $V_1 \in \mu$  and a  $\mu$ -closed set  $F$  such that  $U \subseteq F_1 \cap M_\mu \subseteq V_1 \subseteq (X - V)$ . Then, it follows that  $c_\mu U \cap c_\mu V \cap M_\mu = \emptyset$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** *If  $(X, \mu)$  is an extremally  $\mu$ -disconnected GTS, then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $(X, \pi_\mu)$  is  $\pi_\mu$ -connected.
- (ii)  $(X, \beta_\mu)$  is  $\beta_\mu$ -connected.
- (iii)  $(X, s_{\beta_\mu})$  is  $s_{\beta_\mu}$ -connected.
- (iv)  $(X, \beta_\mu)$  is  $\beta_\mu$ -irreducible.

*Proof.* (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii) Suppose that  $(X, \beta_\mu)$  is not  $\beta_\mu$ -connected. Then, by 2.6, there are disjoint non-empty  $\beta_\mu$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $M_{\beta_\mu} = U \cup V$ . Then,  $U \subseteq c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu U \cap M_\mu$  and  $V \subseteq c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu V \cap M_\mu$ . Since  $(X, \mu)$  is extremally  $\mu$ -disconnected,  $i_\mu(c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu U \cap M_\mu) = c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu U \cap M_\mu$  and  $i_\mu(c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu V \cap M_\mu) = c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu V \cap M_\mu$ . Therefore,  $U \subseteq i_\mu c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu U = i_\mu c_\mu U$ . Similarly,  $V \subseteq i_\mu c_\mu U$ . So  $U$  and  $V$  are  $\pi_\mu$ -open, which means that  $(X, \pi_\mu)$  is not  $\pi_\mu$ -connected.

(ii) $\Leftrightarrow$ (iii) holds because  $s_{\beta_\mu} = \beta_\mu$  by 2.8.

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iv) Suppose that  $(X, \beta_\mu)$  is not  $\beta_\mu$ -irreducible. Then, there are non-empty disjoint  $\beta_\mu$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$ . Let  $P = c_\mu U \cap M_\mu$  and  $Q = X - c_\mu U$ . Since  $U \subseteq c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu U \cap M_\mu$ ,  $c_\mu U \subseteq c_\mu(c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu U \cap M_\mu) = c_\mu c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu U = c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu U = c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu(c_\mu U) = c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu(c_\mu U \cap M_\mu)$  by 2.1. Therefore,  $c_\mu U \cap M_\mu \subseteq c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu(c_\mu U \cap M_\mu) \cap M_\mu$ . Consequently,  $P \in \beta_\mu$ . Since  $\mu \subseteq \beta_\mu$ ,  $Q \in \beta_\mu$ . Since  $M_\mu = M_{\beta_\mu}$ ,  $M_{\beta_\mu} = P \cup Q$ . So,  $(X, \beta_\mu)$  is not  $\beta_\mu$ -connected.

(iv) $\Rightarrow$ (i) holds because  $\pi_\mu \subseteq \beta_\mu$  by 2.2.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5.** *In an extremally  $\mu$ -disconnected GTS  $(X, \mu)$ , the following statements hold:*

- (i)  $\beta_\mu = \pi_\mu$ .
- (ii)  $s_\mu = \alpha_\mu$ .
- (iii)  $s_\mu \subseteq \pi_\mu$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\pi_\mu \subseteq \beta_\mu$  by 2.2. Let  $A \in \beta_\mu$ . Then,  $A \subseteq c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu A \cap M_\mu$ . Since  $X$  is extremally  $\mu$ -disconnected,  $c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu A \cap M_\mu \in \mu$ . Therefore,  $i_\mu(c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu A \cap M_\mu) = c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu A \cap M_\mu$ . Thus,  $A \subseteq i_\mu c_\mu i_\mu c_\mu A = i_\mu c_\mu A$ .  
(ii)  $\alpha_\mu \subseteq s_\mu$  by 2.2. So, we will prove that  $s_\mu \subseteq \alpha_\mu$ .  $A \in s_\mu$  implies  $A \subseteq c_\mu i_\mu A \cap M_\mu \in \mu$ . Therefore,  $A \subseteq i_\mu(c_\mu i_\mu A \cap M_\mu) \subseteq i_\mu c_\mu i_\mu A$ .  
(iii) holds by (i) and 2.2. □

**Corollary 3.6.** *For an extremally  $\mu$ -disconnected GTS  $(X, \mu)$ , the following three conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $(X, \pi_\mu)$  is irreducible,
- (ii)  $(X, \beta_\mu)$  is  $\beta_\mu$ -irreducible,
- (iii)  $(X, \beta_\mu)$  is  $\beta_\mu$ -connected.

A point  $x \in X$  of a GTS  $(X, \mu)$  is a *point of extremal  $\mu$ -disconnectedness* of  $X$  if there are no disjoint  $\mu$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in c_\mu U \cap c_\mu V \cap M_\mu$ . Observe that every point in  $X - M_\mu$  is a point of extremal  $\mu$ -disconnectedness.

**Theorem 3.7.** *A GTS  $(X, \mu)$  is extremally  $\mu$ -disconnected space if and only if every point of  $X$  is a point of extremal  $\mu$ -disconnectedness.*

**Theorem 3.8.** *An extremally  $\mu$ -disconnected GTS  $(X, \mu)$  is  $\mu$ -connected if and only if  $M, N \in \mu, M \neq \emptyset, N \neq \emptyset$  imply  $M \cap N \neq \emptyset$ .*

*Proof.* The condition is clearly sufficient in view of 2.6 and the property of extremal  $\mu$ -disconnectedness is not required here. Conversely, we assume that  $U, V \in \mu, U \neq \emptyset, V \neq \emptyset$  imply  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . Then,  $\emptyset \neq U \subseteq c_\mu U \cap M_\mu \subseteq (X - V) \cap M_\mu \neq M_\mu$  and  $c_\mu U \cap M_\mu \in \mu$  because  $(X, \mu)$  is extremally  $\mu$ -disconnected GTS. So that  $M_\mu = (c_\mu U \cap M_\mu) \cup (X - c_\mu U)$  which contradicts the  $\mu$ -connectedness of  $(X, \mu)$ . □

#### 4. $(\mu, \tau)$ -UPPER (LOWER) SEMI-CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a GTS and  $R$  be the set of real numbers with GT  $\tau[a, b]$ ,  $a, b \in R$ , generated by the generalized basis  $\mathcal{B}$  consisting of left open rays  $[a, c)$  and right open rays  $(c, b]$ ,  $a < c < b$ . A function  $f : (X, \mu) \rightarrow (R, \tau[a, b])$  is called  $(\mu, \tau)$ -upper semi-continuous ( $(\mu, \tau)$ -lower semi-continuous) if  $f^{-1}([a, c))(f^{-1}((c, b])$  is  $\mu$ -open for every  $c$  with  $a < c < b$ .

Let  $(X, \mu)$  and  $(Y, \tau)$  be GTSs. A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be  $(\mu, \tau)$ -continuous ([2]) if  $f^{-1}(U)$  is  $\mu$ -open for each  $\tau$ -open set  $U \subseteq Y$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** *A function  $f : (X, \mu) \rightarrow (R, \tau[a, b])$  is  $(\mu, \tau)$ -continuous if and only if  $f$  is both  $(\mu, \tau)$ -upper semi-continuous and  $(\mu, \tau)$ -lower semi-continuous.*

*Proof.* Let  $G$  be  $\tau$ -open. Then,  $G$  is a union of  $\mu$ -open sets in  $\mathcal{B}$ . Since  $f$  is both  $(\mu, \tau)$ -upper semi-continuous and  $(\mu, \tau)$ -lower semi-continuous, the inverses of these  $\mu$ -open sets in  $\mathcal{B}$  are  $\mu$ -open. Hence,  $f^{-1}(G)$  is  $\mu$ -open and so  $f$  is  $(\mu, \tau)$ -continuous. The converse is obvious. □

**Theorem 4.3.** *A function  $f : (X, \mu) \rightarrow (R, \tau[a, b])$  is  $(\mu, \tau)$ -upper semi-continuous if and only if  $cf : (X, \mu) \rightarrow (R, \tau[ca, cb])$  ( $cf : (X, \mu) \rightarrow (R, \tau[cb, ca])$ ) is  $(\mu, \tau)$ -upper (lower) semi-continuous for every  $c > 0$  ( $c < 0$ ).*

**Theorem 4.4.** *A function  $f : (X, \mu) \rightarrow (R, \tau[a, b])$  is  $(\mu, \tau)$ - lower semi-continuous if and only if  $cf : (X, \mu) \rightarrow (R, \tau[ca, cb])$  ( $cf : (X, \mu) \rightarrow (R, \tau[cb, ca])$ ) is  $(\mu, \tau)$ -lower (upper) semi-continuous for every  $c > 0$  ( $c < 0$ ).*

**Theorem 4.5.** *A function  $f : (X, \mu) \rightarrow (R, \tau)[a, b]$  is  $(\mu, \tau)$ - upper (lower) semi-continuous if and only if  $f + t : (X, \mu) \rightarrow (R, \tau[a + t, b + t])$  is  $(\mu, \tau)$ -upper (lower) semi-continuous for every  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .*

In the following theorem, the condition of strong GTS is not required, thereby, improving Theorem 2.5 [5].

**Theorem 4.6.** *Let  $(X, \mu)$  be GTS. Then, a subset  $A \subseteq X$  is  $\mu$ -open ( $\mu$ -closed) if and only if its characteristic function  $\chi_A : (X, \mu) \rightarrow (R, \tau[0, 1])$  is  $(\mu, \tau)$ -lower semi-continuous ( $(\mu, \tau)$ -upper semi-continuous).*

**Theorem 4.7.** *Let  $(X, \mu)$  be an extremally  $\mu$ -disconnected GTS. Let  $U$  and  $V$  be two disjoint  $\mu$ -open sets. Then, there exists a  $(\mu, \tau)$ -upper semi-continuous function  $f : (X, \mu) \rightarrow (R, \tau[0, 1])$  such that  $f(U) = \{0\}$  and  $f(V) = \{1\}$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $U \subseteq X - V$ , by 3.3, there exist a  $G_{1/2} \in \mu$  and a  $\mu$ -closed set  $F_{1/2}$  such that  $U \subseteq F_{1/2} \cap M_\mu \subseteq G_{1/2} \subseteq X - V$

Again, since  $U \subseteq F_{1/2}$  and  $G_{1/2} \subseteq X - V$ , there exist  $\mu$ -open sets  $G_{1/4}, G_{3/4}$  and  $\mu$ -closed sets  $F_{1/4}, F_{3/4}$  such that

$$U \subseteq F_{1/4} \cap M_\mu \subseteq G_{1/4} \subseteq F_{1/2} \text{ and } G_{1/2} \subseteq F_{3/4} \cap M_\mu \subseteq G_{3/4} \subseteq X - V$$

Thus,

$$U \subseteq F_{1/4} \cap M_\mu \subseteq G_{1/4} \subseteq F_{1/2} \cap M_\mu \subseteq G_{1/2} \subseteq F_{3/4} \cap M_\mu \subseteq G_{3/4} \subseteq X - V$$

By induction, for each dyadic rational number of the form  $t = \frac{m}{2^n}, n = 1, 2, \dots$

and  $m = 1, 2, \dots, 2^n - 1$ , we may show that, for  $t_1 < t_2$ , there are  $\mu$ -open sets  $G_{t_1}$  and  $G_{t_2}$  and  $\mu$ -closed sets  $F_{t_1}$  and  $F_{t_2}$  such that

$$U \subseteq F_{t_1} \cap M_\mu \subseteq G_{t_1} \subseteq F_{t_2} \cap M_\mu \subseteq G_{t_2} \subseteq X - V$$

Now we define a function  $f : (X, \mu) \rightarrow (R, \tau[0, 1])$  as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \in G_t \text{ for all } t, \\ \sup \{t : x \notin G_t\}, & \text{if } x \in M_\mu - \cap_t G_t, \\ \alpha \in R - [0, 1], & \text{if } x \in X - M_\mu. \end{cases}$$

Then,  $f(U) = 0$  and  $f(V) = 1$ . We will show that  $f$  is  $(\mu, \tau)$ -upper semi-continuous, that is,  $f^{-1}([0, a]), 0 < a < 1$ , is  $\mu$ -open. Now  $x \in f^{-1}([0, a])$  implies  $f(x) < a$ . So, there must be a dyadic rational  $t < a$  such that  $x \in G_t$ . Thus,  $f^{-1}([0, a]) \subseteq \cup_{t < a} G_t$ . On the other hand, if  $x \in \cup_{t < a} G_t$ , then  $x \in G_{t_0}$  for some  $t_0 < a$ ,  $f(x) \leq t_0 < a$ . So,  $x \in f^{-1}([0, a])$ . Therefore,  $f$  is  $(\mu, \tau)$ -upper semi-continuous.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.8.** *Let  $(X, \mu)$  be an extremally  $\mu$ -disconnected GTS. Let  $U$  and  $V$  be two disjoint  $\mu$ -open sets. Then, there exists a  $(\mu, \tau)$ -lower semi-continuous function  $f : (X, \mu) \rightarrow (R, \tau[0, 1])$  such that  $f(U) = \{0\}$  and  $f(V) = \{1\}$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 4.7, there exists a  $(\mu, \tau)$ -upper semi-continuous function  $f$  such that  $f(U) = \{1\}$  and  $f(V) = \{0\}$ . Thus  $-f + 1$  is  $(\mu, \tau)$ -lower semi-continuous and  $(-f + 1)(U) = \{0\}$  and  $(-f + 1)(V) = \{1\}$ .  $\square$

5. EXAMPLES OF EXTREMALLY  $\mu$ -DISCONNECTED GENERALIZED TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

For every set  $X$ , let us denote by  $\Gamma_X$  the collection of all *monotone mappings*, i.e., mappings  $\gamma : \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  such that  $A \subseteq B$  implies  $\gamma A \subseteq \gamma B$ . A mapping  $\gamma : \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is said to be *enlarging* if  $A \subseteq \gamma A$  for each  $A$  in  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ . If  $\gamma \in \Gamma_X$ , the collection of the sets  $A$  satisfying  $A \subseteq \gamma A$  constitutes a GT on  $X$  denoted by  $\lambda_\gamma$  in [1]. We denote this GT just by  $\gamma$  itself. Any set  $A \in \gamma$  is called  $\gamma$ -open and its complement is called  $\gamma$ -closed. For  $\gamma$  and  $\gamma'$  in  $\Gamma_X$ , we denote the composition  $\gamma \circ \gamma'$ , which is in  $\Gamma_X$ , by  $\gamma\gamma'$ . Thus,  $\gamma\gamma' = \{A \subseteq X : A \subseteq \gamma\gamma'A\}$  is a GT on  $X$ .

For the purpose of the next three results, we denote, for a GTS  $(X, \mu)$ , the interior  $i_\mu$  and the closure  $c_\mu$  by  $i$  and  $k$ , respectively. Of course, both  $i$  and  $k$  are elements of  $\Gamma_X$  and  $ki\gamma \in \Gamma_X$  is enlarging whenever  $\gamma : \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is enlarging.

**Lemma 5.1.** *If  $(X, \mu)$  is a GTS and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  is enlarging, then  $\mu \subseteq \nu = ki\gamma$ .*

*Proof.* See 2.1 of [3]. □

**Theorem 5.2.** *For an arbitrary GTS  $(X, \mu)$ , if  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  is enlarging, then  $(X, \nu)$  is extremally  $\nu$ -disconnected GTS for  $\nu = ki\gamma$ .*

*Proof.* If  $A$  is  $\nu$ -open, then  $A \subseteq ki\gamma A$  and the set  $ki\gamma A$  is  $\nu$ -closed by 5.1. Hence,  $c_\nu A \cap M_\mu \subseteq ki\gamma A \subseteq ki\gamma(c_\nu A \cap M_\nu)$  since  $A \subseteq c_\nu A \cap M_\nu$ . □

**Theorem 5.3.** *For a GTS  $(X, \mu)$*

- (i)  *$(X, s_\mu)$  is extremally  $s_\mu$ -disconnected.*
- (ii)  *$(X, \beta_\mu)$  is extremally  $\beta_\mu$ -disconnected.*

*Proof.* Apply 5.2 to  $\gamma = id$ , the identity mapping and  $\gamma = k$ , respectively. □

A GTS  $(X, \mu)$  is said to be  $\mu$ -discrete if  $x \in M_\mu$  implies that  $\{x\}$  is  $\mu$ -open.

**Theorem 5.4.** *If  $(X, \mu)$  is  $\mu$ -discrete, then  $(X, \mu)$  is extremally  $\mu$ -disconnected.*

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