

THE TOPOLOGIES OF PARTIALLY ORDERED SET WITH FINITE WIDTH

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1. Introduction

Recently, E. S. Wolk [1] has introduced the concept of *order-compatible* topology for partially ordered sets (poset), and has proved the following theorem:

If P is a poset of finite width, then P possesses a unique order-compatible topology. Furthermore, with respect to this topology, P is a Hausdorff space.

In this paper, we shall introduce the new simple topology for poset which we call *C-topology* and compare with certain topologies and with order-compatible topology (=OCT) on the same poset P .

Let us introduce, first, the following definition.

DEFINITION. Let M be a subset of P , we shall say that a is *C-limiting point* of M if and only if there is such a chain C containing no a that C is included in M and $\bigwedge C = a$, or $\bigvee C = a$ in P

And let $\bar{M} = M \cup M'$ (M' is the set of all *C-limiting point* of M), we call \bar{M} the *closure* of M . Also define a subset M of poset P to be *closed* in the *C-topology* if and only if $\bar{M} = M$, let *CT* denote the *C-topology*.

To this end, let us call a subset S of P *up-direct* (*down-direct*) if and only if for all $x \in S$, and $y \in S$, there exists $z \in S$ with $z \geq x$, $z \geq y$ ($z \leq x$, $z \leq y$) [1].

Also we shall call a subset K of P *Dedekind-closed* if and only if whenever S is an up direct subset of K and $y = \bigvee S$, or S is a down direct of K and $y = \bigwedge S$, we have $y \in K$.

We define that two elements x and y are *incomparable* if and only if neither $x \leq y$ nor $x > y$, and we denote $x \# y$.

Let us say a subset D of P *diverse* if and only if $x \in D$, $y \in D$ and $x \neq y$ imply $x \# y$. And define the *width* of P to be the l. u. b. of the set $\{k \mid k \text{ is the cardinal number of a diverse subset of } P\}$.

In § 3, We shall then prove that in a poset of finite width the interval topology and C -topology are equivalent. And we shall see, by lemma 1, the interval topology, any compatible topology, Dedekind topology, order topology and C -topology are all equivalent.

Finally, we shall give some corollaries.

2. Definitions and Notations.

Let $\{x_\alpha\}$ be any direct set in a subset X of a poset P . We define x_α order-converges to a to mean $a = \bigvee_\alpha \{\bigwedge_{\beta \geq \alpha} x_\beta\} = \bigwedge_\alpha \{\bigvee_{\beta \geq \alpha} x_\beta\}$ in the completion of P by cuts. As usual, we define a subset X of a poset to be *closed* in the order-topology, denotes OT , if and only if $\{x_\alpha\} \subseteq X$ and x_α order-converges to a implies $a \in X$.

In P , we write

$$M(x) = \{a \mid x \leq a\}, \quad L(x) = \{a \mid a \leq x\} \text{ for each } x \in P.$$

The interval topology [2] is that topology generated by taking all of the set $\{M(x), L(x) \mid x \in P\}$ as a subbasis for the closed sets. Let us denote IT . It is well-known that the topology IT is weaker than the topology OT , and every poset P is Hausdorff space in topology OT .

If R_1 and R_2 are any topologies on P , we define $R_1 \leq R_2$ to mean that every R_1 -closed set is R_2 -closed. It is then easy that $OT \leq CT$, in fact, let subset of X of P be a closed set in OT . If the point a is a C -limiting point of X , then there exists chain $C = \{c_\alpha\}$ in X such that $\bigwedge c_\alpha = a$, or $\bigvee c_\alpha = a$. Assume $\bigwedge c_\alpha = a$, where $c_\alpha \geq c_\beta$ in P if and only if $\alpha \leq \beta$ in a chain directed indices class Γ , then $a = \bigwedge_\alpha \{\bigvee_{\beta \geq \alpha} c_\beta\} = \bigvee_\alpha \{\bigwedge_{\beta \geq \alpha} c_\beta\}$ in completion of P by cuts.

We define a topology DT on P whose closed sets are precisely the Dedekind closed subsets of P . Then we see that $DT \leq CT$. In fact, let subset X of P be a closed set in DT , Then X is Dedekind closed. If the point a is a C -limiting point of X such that $\bigwedge C = a$ (or $\bigvee C = a$) for

a chain $C \subseteq X$, since chain C is an upper direct set, then $a \in X$. Similarly, for $\bigvee C = a$. By the lemma in [1], $IT \leq OCT \leq DT$.

Hence, we have the following lemma

LEMMA 1. $IT \leq OCT \leq DT \leq CT$ and $IT \leq OT \leq CT$

3. The principal theorems

The author has proved the following theorem [3]

A necessary and sufficient condition for an element a of a poset P to be isolated to subset X in IT is that, for the element a there exist the finite subsets A and B of P such that

- (i) $A = \{x \mid x \# a, \text{ or } x > a\}$, $B = \{y \mid y \# a, \text{ or } y < a\}$,
- (ii) $(M(x))_{x \in A}$, $(L(y))_{y \in B}$ are a covering of $X - a$ (i.e., Union of the collection includes $X - a$)

And we now prove the following

THEOREM 1. *Let P be a poset of finite width, then a necessary and sufficient condition for an element a to be isolated to subset X in CT is that, for the element a there exist the finite subsets A and B of P satisfying (i) and (ii).*

PROOF In view of the above theorem and lemma, we need only to prove the necessary.

Let $S = \{x \mid x \in X - a \text{ and } x > a\}$, Let k be width of P . The number of all the least elements $l_i \in S$ of a maximal chain of S are k at most, let $E = \{l_1, l_2, \dots, l_m\}$.

Let C be arbitrary maximal chain containing no the least element in S if exist. There exists at least one point $x \in P - S$ with $a < x < c$ for all $c \in C$. In fact, let us suppose that our requirement is false, then $\bigwedge C = a$, i.e., a is a C -limiting point of X which is contrary.

Let C_i be a maximal chain of S containing no the least element in S , and let x_i be the point of $P - S$ such that $a < x_i < c$ for all $c \in C_i$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots$). If $x_1 > x_2 > x_3 > \dots$ and when there exists the point $c_i \in C_i$

with $c_2 \in M(x_{z-1})$, then such x_z s are at most k . In fact, since $c_2 \in M(x_1)$, there exists at least one $y_1 \in C_1$ with $c_2 \# z_1$ for all $z_1 \leq y_1$ in C_1 . Otherwise, $c_2 \leq c$ for all $c \in C_1$, but $c_2 \in C_1$, hence we have contradiction to the maximality of C_1 . Similarly, for $c_3 \in M(x_2)$, we have $y_2 \in C_2$ with $c_3 \# z_2$ for all $z_2 \leq y_2$, in C_2 . And since $c_3 \in M(x_1)$, we have also $y_{13} \in C_1$ with $c_3 \# z_{13}$ for all $z_{13} \leq y_{13}$ in C_1 . If now $c_2 \leq y_2$ in C_2 and $y_{13} \leq y_1$ in C_1 , then $\{y_{13}, c_2, c_3\}$ is diverse set. If $y_1 < y_{13}$ in C_1 , then $\{y_1, c_2, c_3\}$ is diverse set.

If $c_2 > y_2$ in C_2 , we can see easily that $y_2 \in M(x_1)$ and we have $y_{12} \in C_1$ with $y_2 \# z_{12}$ for all $z_{12} \leq y_{12}$ in C_1 . And if $y_{12} \leq y_{13}$ in C_1 , we have $\{y_{12}, y_2, c_3\}$ is diverse set. If $y_{13} < y_{12}$ in C_1 , $\{y_{13}, y_2, c_3\}$ is diverse set. Hence for any case, we have a diverse set of three elements, if exist the three maximal chains with the above properties. Therefore, relative comparable x_z s are at most k , since if there exist more than k elements x_z , then continuing the above construction leads to a diverse set with more than k elements.

Let $F = \{m_1, \dots, m_p\}$ be the set of all the minimal elements of relative comparable x_z s. Clearly, F is a finite set, ($p \leq k$). Thus we have $\bigcup_{x \in E \cup F} M(x) \supseteq S$.

Let $S' = \{y \mid y \in X - a, \text{ and } y < a\}$. Dually, we have the finite subsets $G = \{g_1, \dots, g_n\}$, $H = \{n_1, \dots, n_q\}$ of P such that $\bigcup_{y \in G \cup H} L(y) \supseteq S'$. And let $N = \{a, u_1, \dots, u_l\}$ be a maximal diverse set containing a . It is clear that if put $A = E \cup F \cup (N - a)$, $B = G \cup H \cup (N - a)$, then

$$(\bigcup_{x \in A} M(x)) \cup (\bigcup_{y \in B} L(y)) \supseteq X - a.$$

Hence the proof is complete.

If P be a poset of finite width, a point a is isolated to a subset M of P in CT if and only if a is also isolated to M in IT . That is, a point b is a limiting point of M in IT if and only if b is also a limiting point of M in CT .

Thus, by lemma, we have

THEOREM 2. *If P is a poset of finite width, then topologies IT , any OCT , DT , OT , and CT are all equivalent.*

In the special case when P is a lattice, we have conversely the following.

LEMMA 2 *Let P be a lattice. If topology IT and topology CT are equivalent, then P has no infinite diverse set.*

In fact, let us suppose that the lemma is false, and let D be an infinite diverse set, then D is clearly closed set in CT . Hence, by Hypotheses, D is also a closed set in IT . Since P is a lattice, we may find the finite closed intervals I_1, I_2, \dots, I_n such that $D = I_1 \cup I_2 \cup \dots \cup I_n$ [4]. But there is no such finite closed interval in infinite diverse set D .

We now have the following theorem

THEOREM 3. *Let P be a lattice with least and greatest elements. P has no infinite diverse set if and only if topology IT and topology CT are equivalent.*

COROLLARY 1. *Let P be a poset of finite width, then P possesses a unique ordered-compatible topology. Furthermore, with respect to this topology, P is a Hausdorff space. (This theorem has already been solved by E. S. Wolk [1]).*

In fact, topology OT is Hausdorff, and OT and OCT are equivalent.

COROLLARY 2. *Let P be a poset of finite width and let $\{x_\alpha\}$ be a direct set such that $a = \bigwedge_{\alpha} \{ \bigvee_{\beta \geq \alpha} x_\beta \} = \bigvee_{\alpha} \{ \bigwedge_{\beta \geq \alpha} x_\beta \}$, then there exists a chain $C \subseteq \{x_\alpha\}$ such that $\bigwedge C = a$, or $\bigvee C = a$.*

COROLLARY 3, *Let P be a complete lattice with no infinite diverse set, then P is compact Hausdorff space in topologies IT , OCT , DT , OT , CT .*

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