

## $T_0$ -IDENTIFICATION SPACES AND $R_1$ SPACES

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### 1. Introduction

The  $R_1$  axiom was introduced in 1961 by A.S. Davis [1]. In 1975 William Dunham [2] further investigated the  $R_1$  axiom and proved that  $R_1$  spaces, which are weaker than  $T_2$  and regular spaces, preserve many of the properties of  $T_2$  and regular spaces. In this paper  $T_0$ -identification spaces are further investigated, induced maps are introduced and investigated, and the results are used to obtain additional properties of  $R_1$  spaces.

Listed below are definitions and theorems that will be utilized in this paper.

DEFINITION 1.1. A space  $(X, T)$  is  $R_1$  iff for  $x, y \in X$  such that  $\overline{\{x\}} \neq \overline{\{y\}}$ , there exist disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $\overline{\{x\}} \subset U$  and  $\overline{\{y\}} \subset V$  [1].

THEOREM 1.1. A space  $(X, T)$  is  $T_2$  iff it is  $T_1$  and  $R_1$  [1].

DEFINITION 1.2. Let  $R$  be the equivalence relation on the space  $(X, T)$  defined by  $xRy$  iff  $\overline{\{x\}} = \overline{\{y\}}$ . Then the  $T_0$ -identification space of  $(X, T)$  is  $(X_0, Q(T))$ , where  $X_0$  is the set of equivalence classes of  $R$  and  $Q(T)$  is the decomposition topology on  $X_0$ , which is  $T_0$ . Let  $P_X: (X, T) \rightarrow (X_0, Q(T))$  be the natural map [3].

THEOREM 1.2. A space  $(X, T)$  is  $R_1$  iff  $(X_0, Q(T))$  is  $T_2$  [2].

THEOREM 1.3. If  $(X, T)$  is locally compact  $R_1$ , then  $(X, T)$  is completely regular [2]

### 2. $T_0$ -identification spaces and induced maps

THEOREM 2.1. The natural map  $P_X: (X, T) \rightarrow (X_0, Q(T))$  is continuous, closed, open, onto,  $P_X^{-1}(P_X(O)) = O$  for all  $O \in T$ ,  $P_X^{-1}(\text{Fr}(\mathcal{O})) = \text{Fr}(P_X^{-1}(\mathcal{O}))$  for all  $\mathcal{O} \in Q(T)$ , and  $P_X^{-1}(\mathcal{C})$  is compact or connected iff  $\mathcal{C}$  is compact or connected, respectively.

PROOF. For each  $z \in X$ , let  $C_z$  be the equivalence class of  $R$  containing  $z$ .

Let  $O \in T$  and let  $x \in P_X^{-1}(P_X(O))$ . Then there exists  $y \in O$  such that  $C_x = C_y$ . Thus  $\overline{\{x\}} = \overline{\{y\}}$  and  $O \in T$  such that  $y \in O$ , which implies  $x \in O$ . Hence,  $P_X^{-1}(P_X(O)) \subset O$ , which implies  $O = P_X^{-1}(P_X(O))$ . If  $O \in T$ , then  $P_X^{-1}(P_X(O)) = O \in T$ , which implies  $P_X(O) \in Q(T)$  and  $P_X$  is open. If  $C$  is closed, then  $P_X(C) = X_0 \setminus P_X(X \setminus C)$ , which is closed, which implies  $P_X$  is closed. Since  $P_X$  is closed and  $P_X^{-1}(P_X(C)) = C$  for all closed subsets  $C$  of  $X$ , then  $\overline{P_X^{-1}(\mathcal{O})} = P_X^{-1}(\overline{\mathcal{O}})$  for all  $\mathcal{O} \in Q(T)$ . If  $\mathcal{O} \in Q(T)$ , then  $P_X^{-1}(\mathcal{O}) \cup \text{Fr}(P_X^{-1}(\mathcal{O})) = P_X^{-1}(\mathcal{O}) \cup P_X^{-1}(\text{Fr}(\mathcal{O}))$ , which implies  $\text{Fr}(P_X^{-1}(\mathcal{O})) = P_X^{-1}(\text{Fr}(\mathcal{O}))$ . Since  $P_X$  is continuous, onto, and  $P_X^{-1}(P_X(O)) = O$  for all  $O \in T$ , then  $P_X^{-1}(\mathcal{E})$  is compact iff  $\mathcal{E}$  is compact and since  $P_X$  is continuous, onto, closed, and  $P_X^{-1}(P_X(C)) = C$  for all closed subsets  $C$  of  $X$ , then  $P_X^{-1}(\mathcal{E})$  is connected iff  $\mathcal{E}$  is connected.

**THEOREM 2.2.** *If  $f$  is a continuous function from the space  $(X, T)$  onto the space  $(Y, S)$ , then the relation  $f^* = \{(C_x, C_{f(x)}) \mid C_x \in X_0\}$  is a continuous function from  $(X_0, Q(T))$  onto  $(Y_0, Q(S))$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $C_{x_1}, C_{x_2} \in X_0$  such that  $C_{x_1} = C_{x_2}$ . Then  $C_{f(x_1)} = C_{f(x_2)}$ , for suppose not. Then  $\overline{\{f(x_1)\}} \neq \overline{\{f(x_2)\}}$ , which implies  $f(x_1) \notin \overline{\{f(x_2)\}}$  or  $f(x_2) \notin \overline{\{f(x_1)\}}$ , say  $f(x_1) \notin \overline{\{f(x_2)\}}$ . Then  $f(x_1) \in Y \setminus \overline{\{f(x_2)\}}$ ,  $x_1 \in f^{-1}(Y \setminus \overline{\{f(x_2)\}}) \in T$ , and  $x_2 \notin f^{-1}(Y \setminus \overline{\{f(x_2)\}})$ . Since  $C_{x_1} = C_{x_2}$ , then  $\overline{\{x_1\}} = \overline{\{x_2\}}$  and since  $x_1 \in f^{-1}(Y \setminus \overline{\{f(x_2)\}}) \in T$ , then  $x_2 \in f^{-1}(Y \setminus \overline{\{f(x_2)\}})$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $f^*$  is a function. Since  $f$  is onto, then  $f^*$  is onto and since  $P_X$  is open,  $f$  and  $P_Y$  are continuous, and  $(f^*)^{-1}(\mathcal{O}) = P_X(f^{-1}(P_Y^{-1}(\mathcal{O})))$  for all  $\mathcal{O} \in Q(S)$ , then  $f^*$  is continuous.

**DEFINITION 2.1.** If  $f$  is a continuous function from a space  $(X, T)$  onto a space  $(Y, S)$ , then the function  $f^* : (X_0, Q(T)) \rightarrow (Y_0, Q(S))$  defined by  $f^*(C_x) = C_{f(x)}$  is the *induced map from  $(X_0, Q(T))$  onto  $(Y_0, Q(S))$  determined by  $f$ .*

**THEOREM 2.3.** *Let  $f$  be a continuous function from  $(X, T)$  onto  $(Y, S)$ . If  $f$  is open (closed), then  $f^*$  is open (closed).*

**PROOF.** Suppose  $f$  is open. Since  $P_Y$  and  $f$  are open, then  $f^*(\mathcal{O}) = P_Y(f(P_X^{-1}(\mathcal{O}))) \in Q(S)$  for all  $\mathcal{O} \in Q(T)$ , which implies  $f^*$  is open.

Suppose  $f$  is closed. Since  $P_Y$  and  $f$  are closed, then  $f^*(\mathcal{C}) = P_Y(f(P_X^{-1}(\mathcal{C})))$  is closed for all closed subsets  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $X_0$ , which implies  $f^*$  is closed.

The converse of Theorem 2.3 is false even if  $f$  is 1-1.

### 3. $R_1$ spaces

**THEOREM 3.1.** *A space  $(X, T)$  is  $T_2$  iff  $(X, T)$  is  $R_1$  and every topology on  $X$  finer than  $T$  is  $R_1$ .*

**PROOF.** Suppose  $(X, T)$  is  $T_2$ . Then every topology on  $X$  finer than  $T$  is  $T_2$  and since every  $T_2$  space is  $R_1$ , then  $(X, T)$  is  $R_1$  and every topology on  $X$  finer than  $T$  is  $R_1$ .

Conversely, suppose  $(X, T)$  is  $R_1$  and every topology on  $X$  finer than  $T$  is  $R_1$ . Then  $(X, T)$  is  $T_1$ , for suppose not. Then there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $\overline{\{x\}} \neq \{x\}$ . Let  $S = T \cup \{O \cup \{x\} \mid O \in T\}$ . Then  $S$  is a topology on  $X$  and  $T \subset S$ , which implies  $(X, S)$  is  $R_1$ . Let  $y$  be a point in the  $T$ -closure of  $\{x\}$  such that  $x \neq y$ . Then  $x, y \in X$  such that  $\overline{\{x\}}_{(X, S)} \neq \overline{\{y\}}_{(X, S)}$ , which implies there exist  $U, V \in S$  such that  $\overline{\{x\}}_{(X, S)} \subset U$ ,  $\overline{\{y\}}_{(X, S)} \subset V$ , and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . Since  $V \in S$  and  $x \notin V$ , then  $V \in T$ . Thus there exists  $V \in T$  such that  $y \in V$  and  $x \notin V$ , which contradicts  $y \in \overline{\{x\}}_{(X, T)}$ . Hence,  $(X, T)$  is  $R_1$  and  $T_1$ , which implies  $(X, T)$  is  $T_2$ .

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $(X, T)$  be compact  $R_1$  and let  $x \in X$ . Then the component  $A_x$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  equals the quasicomponent  $B_x$  of  $X$  containing  $x$ .*

**PROOF.** Since  $(X, T)$  is compact  $R_1$ , then  $(X_0, Q(T))$  is compact  $T_2$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}_{c_x}$  and  $\mathcal{B}_{c_x}$  denote the component and quasicomponent of  $X_0$  containing  $C_x$ , respectively. Then  $\mathcal{A}_{c_x} = \mathcal{B}_{c_x}$ . Since  $\{O \subset X_0 \mid C_x \in O \text{ and } O \text{ is closed open in } X_0\} = \{P_X(O) \mid x \in O \text{ and } O \text{ is closed open in } X\}$ , then  $\mathcal{B}_{c_x} = \bigcap \{P_X(O) \mid x \in O \text{ and } O \text{ is closed open in } X\} = P_X(\bigcap \{O \subset X \mid x \in O \text{ and } O \text{ is closed open in } X\}) = P_X(B_x)$  and since  $\mathcal{B}_{c_x}$  is connected and  $B_x$  is closed, then  $B_x = P_X^{-1}(\mathcal{B}_{c_x})$ , which is connected. Hence  $B_x \subset A_x$ , which implies  $B_x = A_x$ .

**THEOREM 3.3.** *Let  $(X, T)$  be compact  $R_1$ , let  $D$  be a closed subset of  $X$ , let  $C$  be a component of  $D$ , and let  $U$  be open such that  $C \subset U$ . Then there exists an open set  $V$  such that  $C \subset V \subset U$  and  $\text{Fr}(V) \cap D = \emptyset$ .*

**PROOF.** Since  $P_X(D)$  is a closed subset of the compact  $T_2$  space  $(X_0, Q(T))$ ,

$P_X(C)$  is a component of  $P_X(D)$ , and  $P_X(U)$  is open in  $X_0$  such that  $P_X(C) \subset P_X(U)$ , then there exists an open set  $\mathcal{V}$  in  $X_0$  such that  $P_X(C) \subset \mathcal{V} \subset P_X(U)$ , and  $\text{Fr}(\mathcal{V}) \cap P_X(D) = \phi$ . Thus  $P_X^{-1}(\mathcal{V})$  is open in  $X$ ,  $C \subset P_X^{-1}(\mathcal{V}) \subset U$ , and  $\text{Fr}(P_X^{-1}(\mathcal{V})) \cap D = P_X^{-1}(\text{Fr}(\mathcal{V})) \cap D = \phi$ .

The next two theorems can be proven by an argument similar to that for Theorem 3.3.

**THEOREM 3.4.** *If  $(X, T)$  is compact connected  $R_1$  and  $C$  is a component of  $\bar{G}$ , where  $G \in T$  and  $\bar{G} \subsetneq X$ , then  $C \cap \text{Fr}(G) \neq \phi$ .*

**THEOREM 3.5.** *If  $(X, T)$  is compact connected  $R_1$  and  $C$  is a proper closed connected subset of  $X$ , then there exists a closed connected subset  $K$  of  $X$  such that  $C \subsetneq K \subsetneq X$ .*

**THEOREM 3.6.** *Let  $(X, T)$  be locally compact  $R_1$ , let  $D$  be a closed subset of  $X$  with compact component  $C$ , and let  $U \in T$  such that  $C \subset U$ . Then there exists  $V \in T$  such that  $\bar{V}$  is compact,  $C \subset V \subset \bar{V} \subset U$ , and  $\text{Fr}(V) \cap D = \phi$ .*

**PROOF.** By Theorem 1.3  $(X, T)$  is regular. For each  $x \in C$ , let  $W_x \in T$  such that  $\bar{W}_x$  is compact and  $x \in W_x \subset \bar{W}_x \subset U$ . Then  $\{W_x\}_{x \in C}$  is an open cover of  $C$  and there exists a finite subcover  $\{W_{x_i}\}_{i=1}^n$ . Let  $Y = \bigcup_{i=1}^n \bar{W}_{x_i}$ . Then  $C$  is a component of  $D \cap Y$ , which is a closed subset of the compact  $R_1$  space  $(Y, T_Y)$ , and  $C \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n W_{x_i} \in T_Y$ . Thus by Theorem 3.3, there exists  $V \in T_Y$  such that  $C \subset V \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n W_{x_i}$  and  $\text{Fr}_Y(V) \cap (D \cap Y) = \phi$ . Then  $C \subset V \in T$ ,  $\bar{V}$  is compact, and  $\text{Fr}(V) \cap D = \phi$ .

**THEOREM 3.7.** *Let  $(X, T)$  be  $R_1$ , let  $A$  be a closed compact subset of  $X$ , let  $C$  be a component of  $A$ , and let  $U \in T$  such that  $C \subset U$ . Then there exists  $W \in T$  such that  $C \subset W \subset U$  and  $\text{Fr}(W) \cap A = \phi$ .*

**PROOF.** Since  $A$  is a closed subset of the compact  $R_1$  space  $(A, T_A)$ ,  $C$  is a component of  $A$ , and  $C \subset U \cap A \in T_A$ , then by Theorem 3.3, there exists  $V \in T_A$  such that  $C \subset V \subset U \cap A$  and  $\text{Fr}_A(V) \cap A = \phi$ . Then  $V$  is closed open in  $A$  and  $V = O \cap A$ , where  $O \in T$  and  $O \subset U$ . If  $\text{Fr}(O) \cap A = \phi$ , then  $O \in T$  such that  $C \subset O \subset U$  and  $\text{Fr}(O) \cap A = \phi$ . Thus consider the case that  $\text{Fr}(O) \cap A \neq \phi$ . If  $x \in \text{Fr}(O) \cap A$ ,

then  $x \notin V$  and since  $(X, T)$  is  $R_1$  and  $V$  is closed compact, then there exists  $O_x \in T$  such that  $x \in O_x \subset \bar{O}_x \subset X \setminus V$ . For each  $x \in \text{Fr}(O) \cap A$ , let  $O_x \in T$  such that  $x \in O_x \subset \bar{O}_x \subset X \setminus V$ . Then  $\{O_x\}_{x \in \text{Fr}(O) \cap A}$  is an open cover of  $\text{Fr}(O) \cap A$  and there exists a finite subcover  $\{O_{x_i}\}_{i=1}^n$ . Let  $W = O \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^n \bar{O}_{x_i} \in T$ . Then  $C \subset W \subset U$  and  $\text{Fr}(W) \cap A = \phi$ .

**THEOREM 3.8.** *If  $(\mathcal{D}, Q)$  is an upper semi-continuous decomposition of a locally compact  $R_1$  space  $(X, T)$  into closed subsets of  $X$  with compact components,  $\mathcal{C} = \{C \mid C \text{ is a component of } D, D \in \mathcal{D}\}$ , and  $Q_1$  is the decomposition topology on  $\mathcal{C}$ , then  $(\mathcal{C}, Q_1)$  is an upper semicontinuous decomposition of  $X$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $C \in \mathcal{C}$  and let  $U \in T$  such that  $C \subset U$ . Then there exists  $D \in \mathcal{D}$  such that  $C$  is a component of  $D$ . By Theorem 3.6, there exists  $V \in T$  such that  $C \subset V \subset U$  and  $\text{Fr}(V) \cap D = \phi$ . Then  $D \in \mathcal{D}$  and  $X \setminus \text{Fr}(V) \in T$  such that  $D \subset X \setminus \text{Fr}(V)$ , which implies there exists  $W \in T$  such that  $D \subset W \subset X \setminus \text{Fr}(V)$  and such that if  $D_1 \in \mathcal{D}$  and  $D_1 \cap W \neq \phi$ , then  $D_1 \subset X \setminus \text{Fr}(V)$ . Then  $V \cap W \in T$  such that  $C \subset V \cap W \subset U$  and such that if  $B_1 \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $B_1 \cap (V \cap W) \neq \phi$ , then  $B_1 \subset V \subset U$ . Hence,  $(\mathcal{C}, Q_1)$  is an upper semi-continuous decomposition of  $(X, T)$ .

The next theorem follows from Theorem 3.7 and an argument similar to that for Theorem 3.8.

**THEOREM 3.9.** *If  $(\mathcal{D}, Q)$  is an upper semi-continuous decomposition of an  $R_1$  space  $(X, T)$  into closed compact subset of  $X$ ,  $\mathcal{C} = \{C \mid C \text{ is a component of } D, D \in \mathcal{D}\}$ , and  $Q_1$  is the decomposition topology on  $\mathcal{C}$ , then  $(\mathcal{C}, Q_1)$  is an upper semicontinuous decomposition of  $(X, T)$ .*

#### 4. Continuous images of $R_1$ spaces

Example 13.9 (b) in Willard's book [3] show that if  $f$  is a continuous open function from a  $R_1$  space  $(X, T)$  onto a space  $(Y, S)$  such that  $f^{-1}(y)$  is closed compact for all  $y \in Y$ , then  $(Y, S)$  need not be  $R_1$ .

**THEOREM 4.1.** *If  $f$  is a continuous open function from  $(X, T)$  onto  $(Y, S)$ , then  $(Y, S)$  is  $R_1$  iff  $\{(x_1, x_2) \mid \overline{\{f(x_1)\}} = \overline{\{f(x_2)\}}\}$  is a closed subset of  $X \times X$ .*

**PROOF.** Suppose  $(Y, S)$  is  $R_1$ . Then  $f^*$  is a continuous function from  $(X_0, Q(T))$  onto the  $T_2$  space  $(Y_0, Q(S))$ , which implies  $\mathcal{C} = \{(C_{x_1}, C_{x_2}) \mid f^*(C_{x_1}) = f^*(C_{x_2})\}$

$\{C_{x_2}\}$  is closed in  $X_0 \times X_0$ . Since  $\mathcal{E}$  is closed in  $X_0 \times X_0$ , then  $\{(x_1, x_2) \mid \overline{\{f(x_1)\}} = \overline{\{f(x_2)\}}\}$  is closed in  $X \times X$ .

Conversely, suppose  $\{(x_1, x_2) \mid \overline{\{f(x_1)\}} = \overline{\{f(x_2)\}}\}$  is a closed subset of  $X \times X$ . Then  $\mathcal{E} = \{(C_{x_1}, C_{x_2}) \mid f^*(C_{x_1}) = f^*(C_{x_2})\}$  is closed in  $X_0 \times X_0$  and since  $f^*$  is a continuous open function from  $(X_0, Q(T))$  onto  $(Y_0, Q(S))$  such that  $\mathcal{E}$  is closed in  $X_0 \times X_0$ , then  $(Y_0, Q(S))$  is  $T_2$ , which implies  $(Y, S)$  is  $R_1$ .

Example 13.9 (a) of Willard's book [3] shows that the continuous closed image of an  $R_1$  space need not be  $R_1$ .

**THEOREM 4.2.** *If  $f$  is a continuous closed function from an  $R_1$  space  $(X, T)$  onto a space  $(Y, S)$  such that  $f^{-1}(y)$  is compact for all  $y \in Y$ , then  $(Y, S)$  is  $R_1$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $\mathcal{D} = \{f^{-1}(y) \mid y \in Y\}$  and let  $Q$  be the decomposition topology on  $\mathcal{D}$ . Then  $(\mathcal{D}, Q)$  is an upper semicontinuous decomposition of  $X$  into compact sets. Let  $P$  be a natural map from  $(X, T)$  onto  $(\mathcal{D}, Q)$ . Let  $C_1, C_2 \in \mathcal{D}$  such that  $\overline{C_1} \neq \overline{C_2}$ . Then  $C_1 \notin \overline{C_2}$  or  $C_2 \notin \overline{C_1}$ , say  $C_1 \notin \overline{C_2}$ . Let  $x \in C_1$ . If  $y \in C_2$ , then  $\overline{\{x\}} \neq \overline{\{y\}}$  and there exist disjoint open sets  $U_y$  and  $V_y$  such that  $x \in U_y$  and  $y \in V_y$ . For each  $y \in C_2$ , let  $U_y$  and  $V_y$  be disjoint open sets such that  $x \in U_y$  and  $y \in V_y$ . Then  $\{V_y\}_{y \in C_2}$  is an open cover of  $C_2$  and there exists a finite subcover  $\{V_{y_i}\}_{i=1}^n$ . Thus

$$x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n U_{y_i} \in T, C_2 \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_{y_i} \in T, \text{ and } \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n U_{y_i}\right) \cap \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n V_{y_i}\right) = \phi.$$

For each  $x \in C_1$ , let  $U_x$  and  $V_x$  be disjoint open sets such that  $x \in U_x$  and  $C_2 \subset V_x$ . Then  $\{U_x\}_{x \in C_1}$  is an open cover of  $C_1$  and there exists a finite subcover  $\{U_{x_i}\}_{i=1}^m$ . Thus,

$$C_1 \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^m U_{x_i} = U_1 \in T, C_2 \subset \bigcap_{i=1}^m V_{x_i} = U_2 \in T, \text{ and } U_1 \cap U_2 = \phi.$$

Then  $C_1 \in \mathcal{U}_1 = \{D \in \mathcal{D} \mid D \subset U_1\} \in Q$ ,  $C_2 \in \mathcal{U}_2 = \{D \in \mathcal{D} \mid D \subset U_2\} \in Q$ , and  $\mathcal{U}_1 \cap \mathcal{U}_2 = \phi$ . If  $z \in C_1$ , then  $z \in P^{-1}(\mathcal{U}_1) \in T$ , which implies  $\overline{\{z\}} \subset P^{-1}(\mathcal{U}_1)$ , and since  $P$  is closed, then  $\overline{C_1} \subset P(\overline{\{z\}}) \subset \mathcal{U}_1$ . By a similar argument,  $\overline{C_2} \subset \mathcal{U}_2$ . Hence,  $(\mathcal{D}, Q)$  is  $R_1$ , which implies  $(Y, S)$  is  $R_1$ .

**THEOREM 4.3.** *If  $f$  is a continuous closed function from an  $R_1$  space  $(X, T)$  onto a space  $(Y, S)$  such that  $f^{-1}(y)$  is closed compact for all  $y \in Y$ , then  $(Y, S)$*

is  $T_2$ .

PROOF. Let  $\mathcal{D} = \{f^{-1}(y) | y \in Y\}$  and let  $Q$  be the decomposition topology on  $\mathcal{D}$ . Then  $(\mathcal{D}, Q)$  is an  $R_1$  upper semicontinuous decomposition of  $X$  into closed sets. If  $C_1, C_2 \in \mathcal{D}$  such that  $C_1 \neq C_2$ , then  $C_1 \in \mathcal{U} = \{D \in \mathcal{D} | D \subset X \setminus C_2\} \in Q$  and  $C_2 \notin \mathcal{U}$ , which implies  $(\mathcal{D}, Q)$  is  $T_1$ . Hence,  $(\mathcal{D}, Q)$  is  $T_2$ , which implies  $(Y, S)$  is  $T_2$ .

THEOREM 4.4. *If  $f$  is a continuous function from a compact  $R_1$  space  $(X, T)$  onto a  $T_0$  space  $(Y, S)$ , then  $(Y, S)$  is  $T_2$  iff  $f$  is closed.*

PROOF. Suppose  $f$  is closed. If  $O \in S, y \in O$ , and  $y = f(x)$ , then  $x \in f^{-1}(O) \in T$ , which implies  $\overline{\{x\}} \subset f^{-1}(O)$  and  $\overline{\{y\}} \subset f(\overline{\{x\}}) \subset O$ . If  $y \in Y$ , then  $\overline{\{y\}} = \{y\}$ , for suppose not. Then there exists  $y \in Y$  such that  $\{y\} \subsetneq \overline{\{y\}}$ . Let  $z \in \overline{\{y\}} \setminus \{y\}$ . Since  $(Y, S)$  is  $T_0$ , then  $y \notin \overline{\{z\}}$ . Thus  $y \in Y \setminus \overline{\{z\}} \in S$ , which implies  $\overline{\{y\}} \subset Y \setminus \{z\}$ , which is a contradiction. Hence,  $(Y, S)$  is  $T_1$  and  $f^{-1}(y)$  is compact closed for all  $y \in Y$ , which implies  $(Y, S)$  is  $T_2$ .

The straightforward proof of the converse is omitted.

THEOREM 4.5. *If  $f$  is a continuous closed open function from a regular space  $(X, T)$  onto a space  $(Y, S)$ , then  $(Y, S)$  is  $R_1$ .*

PROOF. Since  $f$  is continuous closed open, then  $f^*$  is continuous closed open; since  $(X, T)$  is regular, then  $(X, T)$  is  $R_1$  and  $(X_0, Q(T))$  is  $T_2$ ; and since  $(X_0, Q(T))$  is an upper semi-continuous decomposition of the regular space  $(X, T)$  into compact sets, then  $(X_0, Q(T))$  is regular. Thus  $f^*$  is a continuous closed open function from the  $T_3$  space  $(X_0, Q(T))$  onto  $(Y_0, Q(S))$ , which implies  $(Y_0, Q(S))$  is  $T_2$ . Hence,  $(Y, S)$  is  $R_1$ .

THEOREM 4.6. *If  $f$  is a continuous closed function from a compact  $R_1$  space  $(X, T)$  onto a  $T_0$  space  $(Y, S)$ , then  $f = g \circ h$ , where  $h$  is monotone and  $g$  is light.*

PROOF. By Theorem 4.4.  $(Y, S)$  is  $T_2$ . Let  $\mathcal{D} = \{f^{-1}(y) | y \in Y\}$ , let  $Q$  be the decomposition topology on  $\mathcal{D}$ , let  $\mathcal{C} = \{C | C \text{ is a component of } D, D \in \mathcal{D}\}$ , and let  $Q_1$  be the decomposition topology on  $\mathcal{C}$ . By Theorem 3.9  $(\mathcal{C}, Q_1)$  is an upper semi-continuous decomposition of  $X$ . Let  $h$  be the natural map from  $(X, T)$  onto  $(\mathcal{C}, Q_1)$ . Then  $h$  is closed monotone and by Theorem 4.3  $(\mathcal{C}, Q_1)$  is compact  $T_2$ . Let  $g : (\mathcal{C}, Q_1) \rightarrow (Y, S)$  defined by  $g(C) = y$  iff  $C$  is a component

of  $f^{-1}(y)$ . Since  $h^{-1}(g^{-1}(O)) = f^{-1}(O) \in T$  for all  $O \in S$ , then  $g$  is continuous. Let  $y \in Y$ , let  $C_1 \in g^{-1}(y)$ , and let  $C_2 \in g^{-1}(y)$  such that  $C_2 \neq C_1$ . Then there exist disjoint open sets  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  such that  $C_1 \subset U_1$  and  $C_2 \subset U_2$ . By Theorem 3.3 there exists  $V \in T$  such that  $C_1 \subset V \subset U_1$  and  $\text{Fr}(V) \cap f^{-1}(y) = \emptyset$ . Then  $C_1 \in \mathcal{V} = g^{-1}(y) \cap \{C \in \mathcal{C} \mid C \subset V\} = g^{-1}(y) \cap h(\bar{V})$ , which is closed open in  $g^{-1}(y)$ , and  $C_2 \notin \mathcal{V}$ . Thus the component of  $g^{-1}(y)$  containing  $C_1$  is  $\{C_1\}$ . Hence,  $g^{-1}(y)$  is totally disconnected for each  $y \in Y$ , which implies  $g$  is light.

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