

## PRE-CONVERGENCE OF $p$ -STACKS ON TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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**ABSTRACT.** We introduce the notion of pre-convergence of  $p$ -stacks and characterize the pre-interior, pre-closure, separation axioms and pre-continuity on a topological space by using pre-convergence of  $p$ -stacks. We also introduce the notion of  $p$ -precompactness and investigate its properties in terms of pre-convergence of  $p$ -stacks.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Mashhour *et. al.* [5] introduced the concepts of preopen sets and pre-continuity on a topological space and obtained many significant properties. Reilly and Vamanamurthy [12] introduced the concept of preirresolute function on a topological space and investigated some its properties. In [1, 2, 3, 10] the new separation axioms were defined by preopen sets. In [8], the author introduced the notion of pre-convergence of filters and characterized pre-continuity and pre-irresolute function in terms of pre-convergence of filters. In [4], Kent and the author introduced  $p$ -stacks which are more general than filters and showed some their properties.

In this paper, we introduce the notion of pre-convergence of  $p$ -stacks and characterize the pre-interior, pre-closure, separation axioms and pre-continuity on a topological space by using pre-convergence of  $p$ -stacks. We also introduce the notion of  $p$ -precompactness and investigate its properties in terms of pre-convergence of  $p$ -stacks.

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## 2. PRELEMINARIES

In the present paper we denote  $X$  and  $Y$  topological spaces. Let  $S$  be a subset of  $X$ . Then the closure (resp. interior) of  $S$  will be denoted by  $clS$  (resp.  $intS$ ). A subset  $S$  of  $X$  is said to be *preopen* [5] if  $S \subset int(cl(S))$ . The complement of a preopen set is said to be *preclosed*. The family of all preopen sets in  $X$  will be denoted by  $PO(X)$ . A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be *pre-continuous* [5] (resp. *preirresolute* [7, 12]) if  $f^{-1}(V) \in PO(X)$  for each open (resp. preopen) set  $V$  of  $Y$ . A subset  $P(x)$  of  $X$  is called a *pre-neighborhood* of a point  $x \in X$  [9, 11] if there exists a preopen set  $S$  such that  $x \in S \subset P(x)$ .

Given a set  $X$ , a collection  $\mathbf{C}$  of subsets of  $X$  is called a *stack* if  $A \in \mathbf{C}$  whenever  $B \in \mathbf{C}$  and  $B \subset A$ . A stack  $\mathbf{H}$  on a set  $X$  is called a *p-stack* [1] if it satisfies the following condition:

(p)  $A, B \in \mathbf{H}$  implies  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ .

Condition (p) is called the *pairwise intersection property* (PIP). A collection  $B$  of subsets of  $X$  with the PIP is called a *p-stack base*. For any collection  $\mathbf{B}$ , we denote by  $\langle \mathbf{B} \rangle = \{A \subset X : \text{there exists } B \in \mathbf{B} \text{ such that } B \subset A\}$  the stack generated by  $\mathbf{B}$ , and if  $\{B\}$  is a *p-stack base*, then  $\langle \{B\} \rangle$  is a *p-stack*. We will denote simply  $\langle \{B\} \rangle = \langle B \rangle$ . In case  $x \in X$  and  $B = \{x\}$ ,  $\langle B \rangle$  is usually denoted by  $\dot{x}$ . Let  $pS(X)$  denote the collection of all *p-stacks* on  $X$ , partially ordered by inclusion. The maximal elements in  $pS(X)$  are called *ultrapstacks* [4]. It is obvious that every ultrafilter is an ultrastack, and that every *p-stack* is contained in an ultrastack. For a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $\mathbf{H} \in pS(X)$ , the image *p-stack*  $f(\mathbf{H})$  in  $pS(Y)$  has *p-stack base*  $\{f(H) : H \in \mathbf{H}\}$ . Likewise, if  $\mathbf{G} \in pS(Y)$ ,  $f^{-1}(\mathbf{G})$  denotes the *p-stack* on  $X$  generated by  $\{f^{-1}(G) : G \in \mathbf{G}\}$ .

**Definition 2.1** ([1, 2, 3, 10]). Let  $A$  be a subset in  $X$ .

- (1)  $pint(A) = \cup\{U \in PO(X) : U \subset A\}$ ;
- (2)  $pcl(A) = \cap\{F \subset X : A \subset F \text{ and } X - F \in PO(X)\}$ ;
- (3)  $X$  is *pre- $T_1$*  if for every two distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ , there exist two preopen sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$ ,  $y \notin U$  and  $y \in V$ ,  $x \notin V$ ;
- (4)  $X$  is *pre- $T_2$*  if for every two distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ , there exist two disjoint preopen sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \in V$ ;
- (5)  $X$  is *pre-regular* if for preclosed set  $H$  and  $x \notin H$ , there exist two disjoint preopen sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $H \subset U$  and  $x \in V$ ;

(6)  $X$  is *precompact* if each cover of  $X$  by preopen sets has a finite subcover.

**Lemma 2.2** ([4]). *For  $\mathbf{H} \in pS(X)$ , the following are equivalent;*

- (1)  $\mathbf{H}$  is an *ultrapstack*;
- (2) If  $A \cap H \neq \emptyset$  for all  $H \in \mathbf{H}$ , then  $A \in \mathbf{H}$ ;
- (3)  $B \notin \mathbf{H}$  implies  $X - B \in \mathbf{H}$ .

**Theorem 2.3** ([4]). *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function and  $\mathbf{H} \in pS(X)$ . If  $\mathbf{H}$  is an *ultrapstack*, so is  $f(\mathbf{H})$ .*

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $\mathbf{P}_x = \{V \subset X : V \text{ is a pre-neighborhood of } x\}$  for  $x \in X$ . Then we call the family  $\mathbf{P}_x$  the *pre-neighborhood stack* at  $x$ .

**Definition 3.2.** For  $x \in X$  and  $\mathbf{F} \in pS(X)$ . A  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$  on  $X$  *pre-converges* to  $x$  if  $\mathbf{P}_x \subset \mathbf{F}$ .

From Definition 3.2, we get the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.3.** *For  $x \in X$ , the following are valid:*

- (1)  $\dot{x}$  *pre-converges* to  $x$ ;
- (2) For  $\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G} \in pS(X)$  if  $\mathbf{F}$  *pre-converges* to  $x$  and  $\mathbf{F} \subset \mathbf{G}$ , then  $\mathbf{G}$  *pre-converges* to  $x$ ;
- (3) If both  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{G}$  are  $p$ -stacks *pre-converging* to  $x$ , then  $\mathbf{F} \cap \mathbf{G}$  *pre-converges* to  $x$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $A$  be a subset in  $X$ . Then  $x \in pcl(A)$  for  $x \in X$  if and only if there is  $\mathbf{F} \in pS(X)$  such that  $A \in \mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{F}$  *pre-converges* to  $x$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x$  be an element in  $pcl(A)$ ; then  $\mathbf{P}_x \cup \langle A \rangle = \langle \{U \cap V : U \in \mathbf{P}_x, V \in \langle A \rangle\} \rangle$  is a  $p$ -stack which *pre-converges* to  $x$  and contains  $A$ .

For the converse, let  $\mathbf{F}$  be a  $p$ -stack *pre-converging* to  $x$  and  $A \in \mathbf{F}$ ; then  $\mathbf{P}_x \subset \mathbf{F}$ , so it follows that  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for all  $U \in \mathbf{P}_x$ . □

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $A$  be a subset  $X$ . Then  $x \in pint(A)$  for  $x \in X$  if and only if for every  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$  *pre-converging* to  $x$ ,  $A \in \mathbf{F}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x$  be an element in  $pint(A)$  and let  $\mathbf{F}$  be a  $p$ -stack *pre-converging* to  $x$ ; then there is a preopen subset  $U$  such that  $x \in U \subset A$ , so by definition of *pre-convergence* of  $p$ -stacks, we can say  $A \in \mathbf{F}$ .

Conversely, suppose that for every  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$  pre-converging to  $x$ ,  $A \in \mathbf{F}$ . Since the pre-neighborhood stack  $\mathbf{P}_x$  pre-converges to  $x$ , by hypothesis  $A \in \mathbf{P}_x$ , so  $x \in \text{pint}(A)$ .  $\square$

Now using pre-convergence of  $p$ -stacks, we characterize separation axioms defined by preopen sets on a topological space.

**Theorem 3.6.** *The following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $(X, \mu)$  is pre- $T_1$ ;
- (2)  $\cap \mathbf{P}_x = \{x\}$  for  $x \in X$ ;
- (3) If  $\dot{x}$  pre-converges to  $y$ , then  $x = y$ .

*Proof.*

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) It is obvious.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Let  $\dot{x}$  pre-converge to  $y$ ; then  $x$  is an element in  $\cap \mathbf{P}_y$ . Thus  $x = y$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Suppose that  $X$  is not pre- $T_1$ . Then there are distinct elements  $x$  and  $y$  such that every preopen neighborhood of  $x$  contains  $y$ . Thus  $\mathbf{P}_x \subset \dot{y}$  and  $\dot{y}$  pre-converges to  $x$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.7.**  *$X$  is pre- $T_2$  if and only if every pre-convergent  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$  on  $X$  pre-converges to exactly one point.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $X$  is pre- $T_2$  and a  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$  pre-converges to  $x$ . For any  $y \neq x$ , there are disjoint preopen sets  $U(x)$  and  $U(y)$  containing  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively. Since  $\mathbf{F}$  is a  $p$ -stack pre-converging to  $x$ , both  $U(x)$  and  $X - U(y)$  are elements of  $\mathbf{F}$ . Thus  $\mathbf{F}$  doesn't pre-converge to  $y$ .

Conversely suppose that  $X$  is not pre- $T_2$ . Then there must exist  $x, y$  such that  $U(x) \cap U(y) \neq \emptyset$  for every preopen sets  $U(x)$  and  $U(y)$  of  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively. Let  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{P}_x \cup \mathbf{P}_y$  be a  $p$ -stack; then  $\mathbf{F}$  is finer than  $\mathbf{P}_x$  and  $\mathbf{P}_y$ , so the  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$  pre-converges to both  $x$  and  $y$ .

Let  $\mathbf{F} \in pS(X)$ ; then  $\mathbf{B} = \{pcl(F) : F \in \mathbf{F}\}$  is a  $p$ -stack base on  $X$ . The  $p$ -stack generated by  $\mathbf{B}$  is denoted by  $pcl(\mathbf{F})$  and the  $p$ -stack  $pcl(\mathbf{F})$  is called the *pre-closure  $p$ -stack* of  $\mathbf{F}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.8.** *The following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $X$  is pre-regular;
- (2) For every  $x$  in  $X$ ,  $\mathbf{P}_x = pcl(\mathbf{P}_x)$ ;
- (3) If a  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$  pre-converges to  $x$ , then the pre-closure  $p$ -stack  $pcl(\mathbf{F})$  pre-converges to  $x$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $F$  be an element in  $\mathbf{P}_x$ ; then there exists a preopen neighborhood  $U(x)$  such that  $U(x) \subset F$ . By hypothesis, there is a preopen neighborhood  $W(x)$  of  $x$  such that  $W(x) \subset pcl(W(x)) \subset U(x) \subset F$  so  $F \in pcl(\mathbf{P}_x)$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) It is obvious.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $U$  be a preopen set containing  $x \in X$ ; then from (3), it follows  $U \in pcl(\mathbf{P}_x)$ . Thus there is a preopen neighborhood  $V$  of  $x$  such that  $V \subset pcl(V) \subset U$ .  $\square$

We know that a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is preirresolute if and only if for each  $x$  in  $X$  and each pre-neighborhood  $U$  of  $f(x)$ , there is a pre-neighborhood  $V$  of  $x$  such that  $f(V) \subset U$ .

Now we get another characterization of preirresolute functions on topological spaces by using  $p$ -stacks.

**Theorem 3.9.** *If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a function, then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $f$  is preirresolute;
- (2)  $\mathbf{P}_{f(x)} \subset f(\mathbf{P}_x)$ , for all  $x \in X$ ;
- (3) If a  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$  pre-converges to  $x$ , then the image  $p$ -stack  $f(\mathbf{F})$  pre-converges to  $f(x)$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $V \in \mathbf{P}_{f(x)}$  in  $Y$ ; then there exists a preopen neighborhood  $U \in \mathbf{P}_x$  such that  $f(U) \subset W \subset V$ , thus  $V \in f(\mathbf{P}_x)$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) It is obvious.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) If  $f$  is not preirresolute, then for some  $x \in X$  there is a preopen neighborhood  $V \in \mathbf{P}_{f(x)}$  such that for all preopen neighborhood  $U \in \mathbf{P}_x$ ,  $f(U)$  is not included in  $V$ . For all  $U \in \mathbf{P}_x$ , we get a  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{G} = f(\mathbf{P}_x) \cup \langle Y - V \rangle$  and also get a  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{P}_x \cup \langle f^{-1}(Y - V) \rangle$  which pre-converges to  $x$ . But since  $f(\mathbf{F})$  is a  $p$ -stack which is finer than  $\mathbf{G}$  and  $f^{-1}(Y - V) \in \mathbf{G}$ ,  $f(\mathbf{F})$  can not pre-converge to  $f(x)$ .  $\square$

Now we introduce the concept of  $p$ -precompactness and investigate its properties by using  $p$ -stacks.

**Definition 3.10.** A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is said to be  $p$ -precompact if every ultrapstack containing  $A$  pre-converges to a point in  $A$ . A space  $X$  is  $p$ -precompact if  $X$  is  $p$ -precompact.

**Example 3.11.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. In case  $\tau$  is the discrete topology,  $\tau = PO(X)$ . Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an ultrapstack containing a  $p$ -stack

$\mathbf{F}$  generated by  $\{\{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}\}$ ; then it does not pre-converge to any point in  $X$ . Thus however  $X$  is finite, it is not  $p$ -precompact. In case  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ ,  $PO(X) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ . The following pre-neighborhood stacks are obtained:  $\mathbf{P}_\tau(a) = \{\{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, X\}$ ,  $\mathbf{P}_\tau(b) = \{\{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $\mathbf{P}_\tau(c) = \{\{a, c\}, X\}$ . Since every ultrapstack pre-converges to a point in  $X$ ,  $X$  is  $p$ -precompact.

**Theorem 3.12.** *If  $X$  is  $p$ -precompact and  $A \subset X$  is preclosed, then  $A$  is  $p$ -precompact.*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbf{F}$  be an ultrapstack containing  $A$ ; then from Definition 3.10, there is  $x \in X$  such that  $\mathbf{F}$  pre-converges to  $x$ . From Theorem 3.4, it follows  $x \in pcl(A)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.13.** *Let a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be preirresolute. If  $A$  is a  $p$ -precompact set in  $X$ , so is  $f(A)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an ultrapstack containing  $f(A)$  and let  $\mathbf{G}$  be an ultrapstack containing the  $p$ -stack base  $\{f^{-1}(H) : H \in \mathbf{H}\} \cup \langle A \rangle$ ; then  $\mathbf{G}$  pre-converges to  $x$  for some  $x \in A$ , and  $\mathbf{H} = f(\mathbf{G})$  pre-converges to  $f(x)$  by Theorem 2.3 and Theorem 3.9. Thus  $f(A)$  is  $p$ -precompact.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.14.**  *$X$  is  $p$ -precompact if and only if each preopen cover of  $X$  has a two-element subcover.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $\mathbf{H}$  is an ultrapstack in  $X$  such that it does not pre-converge to any point in  $X$ . Then for each  $x \in X$ , there is a preopen subset  $U_x \in \mathbf{P}_x$  such that  $U_x \notin \mathbf{H}$ . By Lemma 2.2,  $X - U_x \in \mathbf{H}$ , for all  $x \in X$ . Thus  $\mathbf{U} = \{U_x : x \in X\}$  is a preopen cover of  $X$ . But  $\mathbf{U}$  has no a two-element subcover of  $X$ , for if  $U, V \in \mathbf{U}$  and  $X \subset U \cup V$ , then  $(X - U) \cap (X - V) = X - (U \cup V) = \emptyset$ , contradicting the assumption that  $\mathbf{H}$  is a  $p$ -stack.

Conversely, let  $\mathbf{U}$  be a preopen cover of  $X$  with no two-element subcover of  $X$ . Then  $\mathbf{B} = \{X - U : U \in \mathbf{U}\}$  is a  $p$ -stack base, and any ultrapstack containing  $\mathbf{B}$  can not pre-converge to any point in  $X$ .  $\square$

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