

## A CONNECTED TYCHONOFF IRRESOLVABLE SPACE AND RESOLVABILITY CONDITIONS

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**ABSTRACT.** We show that the Niemytzki plane, which is connected Tychonoff, is not resolvable. This addresses a question raised by Comfort as to whether a concrete example of an irresolvable connected Tychonoff without isolated points exists. To demonstrate the case we present the following results: (a) A resolvable Cech-complete contains a dense Cech-complete subspace whose complement is dense. (b) A resolvable space contains some infinite subsets whose derived sets are not empty. (c) Necessary and sufficient conditions of resolvability and irresolvability are also given.

**1 INTRODUCTION** Hewitt[7] called a topological space  $X = (X, T)$  resolvable if there is a subset  $A$  of  $X$  such that both  $A$  and its complement  $(X-A)$  are dense in  $X$ . Clearly every resolvable space  $X$  is dense-in-itself, i.e., no point of  $X$  is isolated in  $X$ . Resolvable spaces have been studied extensively in the literature beginning with Hewitt[7]. Related results were proved by Padmavally[8], Comfort and Li Feng[2], Comfort et al[4] and Anderson[1]. Pavlov proved in[9] that a resolvable Baire space contains a dense Baire subspace whose complement is dense. Comfort showed in[3] that regular countably compact spaces are resolvable. In this paper, we prove that a resolvable Cech-complete space contains a dense Cech-complete subspace whose complement is dense. We display an example of a connected Tychonoff space which is not resolvable answering the question raised by Comfort and Garcia[3], whether every connected Tychonoff space without isolated points is resolvable, in the negative. Although the direct reverse of Comfort result (Every regular countably compact is resolvable) in[3] is not true; We prove necessary and sufficient conditions of resolvability and irresolvability in terms of filterbases.

### 2 Resolvable, Cech-complete and countably compact properties .

**Lemma 1:** A Resolvable Cech-complete space contains a dense Cech-complete subspace whose complement is dense.

**Proof:** Let  $(X, T)$  be a Cech-complete space and resolvable, i.e., there exists a subset  $A$  of  $X$  such that  $\text{cl}A = X$  and  $\text{cl}(X-A) = X$ . Assume that for every closed subset  $F$  of  $X$ ,  $F \cap A$  and  $F \cap (X-A)$  are not Cech-complete. Thus there are closed subsets  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  such that  $F_1 \cap A$  and  $F_2 \cap (X-A)$  each contains a union of countably many nowhere-dense sets whose complements are not dense. Then there is a closed subset  $F^1$  of  $X$  ( $F^1 = (X - G_1) \cap (X - G_2)$ ,  $F_1 = F \cap (X - G_1)$  and  $F_2 = F \cap (X - G_2)$  where  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are open subsets) in which there is a union of countably many nowhere-dense sets whose complement is not dense. This is a contradiction. Since  $X$  is Cech-complete and Cech-completeness is hereditary with respect to closedness, there is a  $\pi$ -base  $\mathfrak{S}$  of closed subsets of  $X$  such that for every  $F \in \mathfrak{S}$  either  $F \cap A$  or  $F \cap (X - A)$  is Cech-complete. Let  $\nu$  be disjoint subfamily of  $\mathfrak{S}$  whose union is dense in  $X$ . For every  $F \in \nu$ , pick the Cech-complete one from  $\{F \cap A, F \cap (X - A)\}$ , say

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$F \cap A$  and denote it by  $X(F)$ . Then the set  $\cup \{X(F) : F \in \nu\}$  is dense Cech-complete whose complement is dense.  $\square$

**Note:**  $Int(A) = \emptyset \Rightarrow \emptyset = int(F) \cap int(A) \Rightarrow$   
 $\Rightarrow (X - cl(X - F \cap A) = \emptyset \Rightarrow cl(X - F \cap A) = X.$

**Example:** The example which will be displayed is the known Niemytzki plane as in Steen[10] and Engelking[5].

Niemytzki plane is the space  $X = P \cup L$ , where  $P = \{(x, y) : x, y \in R, y \gg 0\}$  is the open upper half-plane with the Euclidean topology  $\tau$ , and  $L$  is the real axis. The topology generated on  $X = P \cup L$  is by adding to  $\tau$  all sets of the form  $\{x\} \cup D$ , where  $x \in L$  and  $D$  is an open disk in  $P$  which is tangant to  $L$  at the point  $x$ .

Facts about Niemytzki plane  $X$ , see[5]:

- 1-  $X$  is Cech-complete.
- 2-  $P$  is dense Cech-complete whose complement is not dense.
- 3- every closed subset of  $X$  is  $G_\delta$ .
- 4-  $X$  is a connected Tychonoff space without isolated points.

**Corollary 2:** The Niemytzki plane  $X$  is irresolvable.

**Proof:** If the Niemytzki plane  $X$  is resolvable, then there is a dense Cech- -complete subspace whose complement is dense. From the above facts about the Niemytzki plane,  $P$  is dense Cech-complete whose complement is not dense in  $X$ . Assume there is a subset  $A$  of  $X$  other than the  $P$  which is dense Cech- complete and whose complement is dense.i.e., $clA = X$  and  $cl(X-A) = X$ . Let  $B = \cup A_i$ , where  $A_i$  are nowhere dense in  $A$ , then  $cl(X-A) \subset cl(X-B) = clA = X$ . This is a contradiction.  $\square$

In the following result we assume the space  $X$  is Hausdorff and without isolated points.

**Lemma 3:** If  $X$  is resolvable, then for some infinite subsets  $B \subset X$ ,  $accB \neq \emptyset$ .

**Proof:** Assume  $X$  is resolvable,i.e., there is  $A \subset X$  such that  $clA = X$ ,  $cl(X - A) = X$  and  $X = A \cup (X - A)$ . Suppose for every infinite  $B \subset X$ ,  $accB = \emptyset$ , then such a  $B$  is closed.

(  $X$  is countably compact if every infinite  $A \subset X$  satisfies  $accA \neq \emptyset$ ).

We study the following cases : (i)  $B \subset A$ , we use the fact that if every subset of  $A$  is closed then  $accA = \emptyset \Rightarrow clA = A \subset X$ .

(ii)  $B \subset (X-A)$ , by the above argument, then  $cl(X-A) \subset X$ .

(iii)  $B = B_1 \cup B_2$ , where  $B_1 \subset A$ , and  $B_2 \subset (X-A)$ , if  $accB = \emptyset$ , then  $clA \subset X$ , and  $cl(X-A) \subset X$ . This is a contradiction.  $\square$

The above result cannot be generalized to every infinite subset of  $X$ , since there are many examples, in the literature, of resolvable spaces which are not countably compact, and the reverse of Comfort[3] is not true.

Filterbases have been used by Ganster[6] for results equivalent to irresolvability in the context of dense subsets. We generalize the result of Comfort[3] using filterbases, as shown in the following theorem:

**Theorem 4:**(a) A space  $X$  is irresolvable iff  $\{(X - clA) : intA = \emptyset\}$  is a filterbase on  $X$ .

(b) A space  $X$  is resolvable iff  $\{accA : intA = \emptyset\}$  is a filterbase on  $X$ .

**Proof** of (a):(i) $\Rightarrow$  Let  $X$  be irresolvable, then for no  $A \subset X$ ,  $(X - clA) \neq \emptyset$  with  $intA = \emptyset$ . Suppose  $\{(X - clA) : intA = \emptyset\} = \zeta$  is not a filterbase, then for no  $C_3 \subset$

$C_1 \cap C_2, C_3 \in \zeta$ . Let  $C_1, C_2 \in \zeta$  and  $C_3 \subset C_1 \cap C_2$ , then  $\emptyset \subset C_3 \subset C_1 \cap C_2 \Rightarrow \text{int}C_3 \subset \text{int}(C_1 \cap C_2) = \text{int}(C_1 \cap C_2) = \emptyset$ . That implies  $C_3 \in \zeta$  and this is a contradiction.

(ii) $\Leftarrow$  Let  $\{(X - clA) : \text{int}A = \emptyset\} = \zeta$  be a filterbase on  $X$  and  $X$  is resolvable, then  $(X - clA) = \emptyset, \emptyset \in \zeta$ . This is a contradiction.  $\square$

**Proof** of (b): (i) $\Rightarrow$  Let  $X$  be resolvable, then by lemma 3  $accA \neq \emptyset$ , and  $\text{int}A = \emptyset$ . Suppose  $\{accA : \text{int}A = \emptyset\} = \zeta$  is not a filterbase, then for any  $C_3 \subset C_1 \cap C_2 \Rightarrow \text{int}C_3 = \emptyset$ . This is a contradiction.

(ii) $\Leftarrow$   $\{accA : \text{int}A = \emptyset\} = \zeta$  is a filterbase on  $X$  and  $X$  is irresolvable, then  $accA = \emptyset$ .  $\square$

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