

# A STUDY ON SEPARATION AXIOMS

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## ABSTRACT:

Topology is a beautiful science and forms a bridge between geometry and algebra. Topology means (Topo-place,logy-study) i.e.,study of place. One of the most widely used mathematical concepts in the study of place, optimization of any machinery parts such as mobiles, cycles, computers, cars, buses, trains and airplanes, etc. In this paper, the concept of a separation axioms is considered. The separation axioms are only in the sense that when defining the notation of topological space. The separation axioms are denoted with the letter "T" after the German Trennungsaxiom, which means "Separation Axioms". In this paper proposed  $T_0, T_1, T_2, T_3$  and  $T_4$  axioms with examples.

## KEYWORDS:

Open set, Closed set, Normal Space, Regular Space, Topological Space.

## 1. INTRODUCTION:

Separation axioms are statements about the richness of a topology. We will see that the higher separation axioms have other interesting characteristics as well. We denote these conditions by  $T_0, T_1, T_2, T_3$  and  $T_4$  as increasing the order of richness.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES:

### DEFINITION 2.1:

Let  $X$  be a non-empty set and  $\mathfrak{S}$  be the collection of subsets of  $X$ . Then  $\mathfrak{S}$  is "topology" for  $X$ , if the following properties are satisfied.

- I.  $X \in \mathfrak{T}$  and  $\emptyset \in \mathfrak{T}$ .
- II. It is closed under the operation of finite intersection.
- III. It is closed under the operation of arbitrary union.

The members of  $\mathfrak{T}$  are called open sets of the topology  $\mathfrak{T}$  and the pair  $(X, \mathfrak{T})$  is called a “topological spaces”.

**DEFINITION 2.2:**

Let  $X$  be a non-empty set and  $\mathfrak{T}$  is a topology on  $X$  then every member of  $\mathfrak{T}$  is called an “open sets”.

**DEFINITION 2.3:**

Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T})$  be a topological space. Then  $(X, \mathfrak{T})$  is said to be “regular space” if given an element  $x \in X$  and closed set  $F \subset X$  such that

$$x \notin F$$

There exist disjoint open sets  $G, H \subset X$  such that

$$x \in G, F \subset H.$$

**DEFINITION 2.4:**

Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T})$  be a topological space. Then  $(X, \mathfrak{T})$  is said to be “normal space” if for every pair of disjoint closed sets  $F_1, F_2 \subset X$ . This implies there exist  $\mathfrak{T}$ -open sets  $G$  and  $H$  such that

$$F_1 \subset G, F_2 \subset H$$

$$G \cap H = \emptyset$$

**3.T<sub>0</sub>-SPACE:**

**DEFINITION 3.1:**

Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T})$  be a topological space. Then  $(X, \mathfrak{T})$  is said to be  $T_0$ -space if and only if for distinct points  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in  $X$  there exist a  $\mathfrak{T}$ -open set  $G$  such that

$$x_1 \in G \text{ and } x_2 \notin G$$

or

$$x_2 \in G \text{ and } x_1 \notin G.$$

### EXAMPLE 3.2:

Let  $X = \{a,b,c\}$  and  $\mathfrak{S} = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a,b\}\}$ . To show that  $(X, \mathfrak{S})$  is a  $T_0$ -space.

### SOLUTION:

Given that  $X = \{a,b,c\}$

$$\mathfrak{S} = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a,b\}\}$$

Using the definition of  $T_0$ -space,

For distinct element  $a$  and  $b$  there exist a  $\mathfrak{S}$ -open set  $\{a\}$  (or)  $\{b\}$  such that

$$a \in \{a\} \text{ and } b \notin \{a\}$$

or

$$b \in \{b\} \text{ and } a \notin \{b\}$$

Hence  $(X, \mathfrak{S})$  is a  $T_0$ -space.

### 4.T<sub>1</sub>-SPACE:

#### DEFINITION 4.1:

A topological space  $(X, \mathfrak{S})$  is said to be  $T_1$ -space if each singleton is closed.

Or

Let  $(X, \mathfrak{S})$  be a topological space. Then  $(X, \mathfrak{S})$  is said to be  $T_1$ -space if for each distinct pair  $x, y$  then there exist two open sets  $G$  and  $H$  such that

$$x \in G \text{ but } y \notin G$$

and

$y \in H$  but  $x \notin H$ .

**EXAMPLE 4.2:**

Let  $X = \{1,2,3\}$  and  $\mathfrak{T} = \{X, \emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1,2\}\}$ . To show that  $(X, \mathfrak{T})$  is a  $T_1$ -space.

**SOLUTION:**

Given that  $X = \{1,2,3\}$  and

$\mathfrak{T} = \{X, \emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1,2\}\}$

Here 1 and 2 are two distinct pairs of  $X$  then there exist two open set  $\{1\}$  and  $\{2\}$  such that

$$1 \in \{1\}, 2 \notin \{1\}$$

and

$$2 \in \{2\}, 1 \notin \{2\}$$

Hence  $(X, \mathfrak{T})$  is a  $T_1$ -space.

**5.  $T_2$ -SPACE:**

**DEFINITION 5.1:**

Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T})$  be a topological space. Then  $(X, \mathfrak{T})$  is said to be a  $T_2$ -space if for each distinct pair of element  $x$  and  $y$  there exist neighbourhood  $N$  and  $M$  such that

$$x \in N, y \in M \text{ and } N \cap M = \emptyset.$$

**EXAMPLE 5.2:**

Let  $X = \{1,2,3\}$  and  $\mathfrak{T} = \{X, \emptyset, \{1,2\}, \{3\}\}$ . Then show that  $(X, \mathfrak{T})$  is not a Hausdorff space.

**SOLUTION:**

Given that  $X=\{1,2,3\}$  and

$$\mathfrak{S}=\{X,\varphi,\{1,2\},\{3\}\}.$$

For  $a,b$  distinct elements of  $X$  there are no disjoint neighbourhoods.

Hence, the given  $(X,\mathfrak{S})$  is not a Hausdorff space.

## 6.T<sub>3</sub>-SPACE:

### DEFINITION 6.1:

A regular  $T_1$ -space is known as  $T_3$ -space.

### RESULT 6.2:

Every  $T_3$ -space is  $T_2$ -space.

### PROOF:

We know that a regular  $T_1$ -space is called a  $T_3$ -space.

Let  $(X,\mathfrak{S})$  be a  $T_3$ -space.

Let  $x,y$  be any two distinct points of  $X$ .

Using the definition of  $T_3$ -space,

This implies  $X$  is also a  $T_1$ -space and so  $\{x\}$  is a closed set.

Also  $y \notin \{x\}$ .

Since  $X$  is a regular space.

This implies there exist open sets  $G$  and  $H$  such that

$$\{x\} \subset G, y \in H \text{ and}$$

$$G \cap H = \varphi.$$

Also

$\Rightarrow x,y$  belong respectively two disjoint open sets  $G$  and  $H$ .

$\Rightarrow x \in G, y \in H, x \notin H, y \notin G$

And  $G \cap H = \varphi$

i.e., given space is  $T_2$ -space.

## 7. $T_4$ -SPACE:

### DEFINITION 7.1:

A normal  $T_1$ -space is known as  $T_4$ -space.

### RESULT 7.2:

Let  $(X, \mathfrak{S})$  be a topological space. If  $(X, \mathfrak{S})$  is a  $T_4$ -space then it is also  $T_2$ -space.

### PROOF:

Let  $(X, \mathfrak{S})$  be a  $T_4$ -space i.e.,

1.  $X$  is  $T_1$ -space and

2.  $X$  is normal space.

To show that  $X$  is  $T_2$ -space.

Let  $x, y \in X$  be arbitrary such that  $x \neq y$ . Because  $X$  is  $T_1$ -space.

$\Rightarrow \{x\}$  and  $\{y\}$  are disjoint closed sets in  $X$ .

Also  $X$  is normal space.

$\Rightarrow$  given a pair of disjoint closed sets  $\{x\}, \{y\} \subset X$ .

There exist disjoint open sets  $G$  and  $H \in \mathfrak{S}$  such that

$\{x\} \subset G, \{y\} \subset H$

$x \in G, y \in H$ .

i.e., space is  $T_2$ -space.

Hence,  $T_4$ -space is also  $T_2$ -space.

## 8. CONCLUSION:

We conclude that  $T_0, T_1, T_2$  are axioms that tells how well the open set can be separate points from each other.  $T_3$  describes the ability of the open sets to separate points from closed sets.  $T_4$  is the ability of the open sets to separate disjoint closed sets.

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