

On The Greatest Splitting Topology

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ABSTRACT

It is well known that (see, for example, [H. Render, Nonstandard topology on function spaces with applications to hyperspaces, Trans. Amer. Math. Soc. 336 (1) (1993) 101–119; M. Escardo, J. Lawson, A. Simpson, Comparing cartesian closed categories of (core) compactly generated spaces, Topology Appl. 143 (2004) 105–145; D.N. Georgiou, S.D. Iliadis, F. Mynard, in: Elliott Pearl (Ed.), Function Space Topologies, Open Problems in Topology, vol. 2, Elsevier, 2007, pp. 15–22]) the intersection of all admissible topologies on the set $C(Y, Z)$ of all continuous maps of an arbitrary space Y into an arbitrary space Z , is always the greatest splitting topology. However, this intersection maybe not admissible. In the case, where Y is a locally compact Hausdorff space the compact-open topology on the set $C(Y, Z)$ is splitting and admissible (see [R.H. Fox, On topologies for function spaces, Bull. Amer. Math. Soc. 51 (1945) 429–432; R. Arens, A topology for spaces of transformations, Ann. of Math. 47 (1946) 480–495; R. Arens, J. Dugundji, Topologies for function spaces, Pacific J. Math. 1 (1951) 5–31]), which means that the intersection of all admissible topologies on $C(Y, Z)$ is admissible. In [R. Arens, J. Dugundji, Topologies for function spaces, Pacific J. Math. 1 (1951) 5–31] an example of a non-locally compact Hausdorff space Y is given having the same property for the case, where $Z = [0,1]$, that is on the set $C(Y, [0,1])$ the compact-open topology is splitting and admissible. This space Y is the set $[0,1]$ with a topology τ , whose semi-regular reduction coincides with the usual topology on $[0,1]$. Also, in [R. Arens, J. Dugundji, Topologies for function spaces, Pacific J. Math. 1 (1951) 5–31, Theorem 5.3] another example of a non-locally compact space Y is given such that the compact-open topology on the set $C(Y, [0,1])$ is distinct from the greatest splitting topology.

In this paper first we construct non-locally compact Hausdorff spaces Y such that the intersection of all admissible topologies on the set $C(Y, Z)$, where Z is an arbitrary regular space, is admissible. Furthermore, for a Hausdorff splitting topology t on $C(Y, Z)$ we find sufficient conditions in order that t to be distinct from the greatest splitting topology. Using this result, we construct some concrete non-locally compact spaces Y such that the compact-open topology on $C(Y, Z)$, where Z is a Hausdorff space, is distinct from the greatest splitting topology. Finally, we give some open problems.

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I. PRELIMINARIES

Let Y and Z be two spaces. If t is a topology on the set $C(Y, Z)$ of all continuous maps of Y into Z , then the corresponding space is denoted by $C_t(Y, Z)$. A topology t on $C(Y, Z)$ is called *splitting* if for every space X , the continuity of a map $g : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$ implies that of the map $g : X \rightarrow C_t(Y, Z)$ defined

by relation $g(x)(y) = g(x, y)$ for every $x \in X$ and $y \in Y$. A topology t on $C(Y, Z)$ is called *admissible* if for every space X , the continuity of a map $f : X \rightarrow C_t(Y, Z)$ implies that of the map $f : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$ defined by relation $\{ \quad \in \}$ for every $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ (see [1,6,2]).

Let t be a topology on $C(Y, Z)$. If a net $f_{\mu, \mu \in M}$ of $C(Y, Z)$ converges topologically to an element f of $C(Y, Z)$, then we write $\{f_{\mu, \mu \in M}\} \rightarrow f$. (If M is the set ω of all non-negative integers, then the net is called a sequence.)

A net $\{f_{\mu, \mu \in M}\}$ of the set $C(Y, Z)$ converges continuously to $f \in C(Y, Z)$ (see [7] and [12]) if and only if for every $y \in Y$ and for every open neighborhood W of $f(y)$ in Z there exists an element $\mu_0 \in M$ and an open neighborhood V of y in Y such that for every $\mu \geq \mu_0, f_{\mu}(V) \subseteq W$.

A subset B of a space X is called *bounded* (see, for example, [14]) if every open cover of X contains a finite subcover of B . A space X is called *corecompact* (see, for example, [10]) if for every open neighborhood U of a point $x \in X$ there exists an open neighborhood $V \subseteq U$ of x such that V is bounded in the space U .

In 1972, D. Scott defined a topology on a partially ordered set L which is known as the Scott topology (see, for example, [10]). If L is the set $O(Y)$ of all open sets of the space Y partially ordered by inclusion, then the Scott topology coincides with a topology defined in 1970 by B.J. Day and G.M. Kelly (see [3]): a subset H of $O(Y)$ is an element of this topology (that is, the Scott topology) if and only if: (α) the conditions $U \in H, V \in O(Y)$, and $U \subseteq V$ imply $V \in H$, and (β) for every collection of open sets of Y , whose union belongs to H , there are finitely many elements of this collection whose union also belongs to H .

The *Isbell topology* on $C(Y, Z)$, denoted here by t_{Is} , was defined by J.R. Isbell in 1975 (see [11,15,10]): a subbasis for t_{Is} is the family of all sets of the form

$$\{\mathbb{H}, U\} = \{f \in C(Y, Z): f^{-1}(U) \in \mathbb{H}\},$$

where H is an element of the Scott topology on $O(Y)$ and U is an open subset of Z (see [13]). It is well known that:

- (1) A topology t on $C(Y, Z)$ is splitting if and only if each net of elements of $C(Y, Z)$ converging continuously to an element of $C(Y, Z)$ converges also topologically to this element (see [2]).
- (2) On the set $C(Y, Z)$ there exists the greatest splitting topology (see [2]).

- (3) The intersection of all admissible topologies coincides with the greatest splitting topology (see, for example, [17,5,8]).
- (4) The compact-open topology, denoted here by t_{co} , is always splitting (see [1] and [6]) and, in general, does not coincide with the greatest splitting topology (see [2]). For a regular locally compact space Y the topology t_{co} is always admissible and, therefore, coincides with the greatest splitting topology (see [6,1,2]).
- (5) The Isbell topology is always splitting (see, for example, [15,14,18]) and, in general, does not coincide with the greatest splitting topology (see [5] and [9]). For a corecompact space Y (see, for example, [10]) the topology t_{Is} is always admissible and, therefore, coincides with the greatest splitting topology (see [14] and [18]).
- (6) If Z is a Hausdorff space, then the topologies t_{co} and t_{Is} are Hausdorff (see [4] and [15]).

A space Y is called *Z-harmonic* if the compact-open topology coincides with the greatest splitting topology on $C(Y, Z)$. If Y is *Z-harmonic* for every space Z , then Y is called *harmonic* (see [8]).

A space Y is called *Z-concordant* if the Isbell topology coincides with the greatest splitting topology on $C(Y, Z)$. If Y is *Z-concordant* for every space Z , then Y is called *concordant* (see [8]). Let (Y, τ) be a space. Consider the subset $b \equiv \{\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(U)): U \in \tau\}$ of τ . The set b is a base for a topology on Y , denoted here by τ_{sr} . The space (Y, τ_{sr}) is called *semi-regular reduction* of (Y, τ) . Obviously, $\tau_{sr} \subseteq \tau$. A topology τ is called *semi-regular* if $\tau = \tau_{sr}$. Therefore, a topology τ is semi-regular if and only if there exists a base for the topology τ such that $U = \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(U))$ for every element U of this base. It is easy to verify that: (α) τ_{sr} is a semi-regular topology and (β) any regular topology is semi-regular. We say that two spaces (Y, τ^0) and (Y, τ^1) have the same *semi-regular reduction* if.

$$\tau_{sr}^0 = \tau_{sr}^1$$

In this paper first we construct non-locally compact Hausdorff spaces Y such that the intersection of all admissible topologies on the set

$C(Y, Z)$, where Z is an arbitrary regular space, is admissible. Furthermore, for a Hausdorff splitting topology t on $C(Y, Z)$ we find sufficient conditions in order that t to be distinct from the greatest splitting topology. Using this result, we construct some concrete non-locally compact spaces Y such that the compact-open topology on $C(Y, Z)$, where Z is a Hausdorff space, is distinct from the greatest splitting topology. Finally, we give some open problems.

II. THE GREATEST SPLITTING AND ADMISSIBLE TOPOLOGIES

The following proposition is easily proved.

Proposition 2.1. *Let (Y, τ^0) , (Y, τ^1) , and Z be spaces such that*

$$C((Y, \tau^0), Z) = C((Y, \tau^1), Z)$$

and for every space X ,

$$C(X \times (Y, \tau^0), Z) = C(X \times (Y, \tau^1), Z).$$

Then, a topology t on $C((Y, \tau^0), Z)$ is splitting (respectively, admissible) if and only if t is splitting (respectively, admissible) on $C((Y, \tau^1), Z)$.

Proposition 2.2. *(See [16, p. 85].) Let (Y, τ^0) , (Y, τ^1) be two spaces with the same semi-regular reduction and Z a regular space. Then,*

$C((Y, \tau^0), Z) = C((Y, \tau^1), Z)$ and, therefore, for every space x ,

$$C(X \times (Y, \tau^0), Z) = C(X \times (Y, \tau^1), Z).$$

Propositions 2.1 and 2.2 imply the following consequence.

Corollary 2.3. *Let (Y, τ^0) , (Y, τ^1) be two spaces with the same semi-regular reduction and Z a regular space. Then, a topology t on*

$C((Y, \tau^0), Z)$ is splitting (respectively, admissible) if and only if t is splitting (respectively, admissible) on $C((Y, \tau^1), Z)$. Therefore, the intersection of all admissible topologies on $C((Y, \tau^0), Z)$ is admissible if and only if the intersection of all admissible topologies on $C((Y, \tau^1), Z)$ is admissible.

Proposition 2.4. *Let Y be a space whose semi-regular reduction coincides with the semi-regular*

reduction of a regular locally compact space and Z an arbitrary regular space. Then, the intersection of all admissible topologies on $C(Y, Z)$ is admissible and, therefore, the greatest splitting topology is admissible.

Proof. It suffices to find a topology on $C(Y, Z)$ which is simultaneously splitting and admissible. Let Y^{rlc} be the regular locally compact space whose semi-regular reduction coincides with the semi-regular reduction of Y . By Proposition 2.2 we have $C(Y^{rlc}, Z) = C(Y, Z)$. On the set $C(Y^{rlc}, Z)$ the compact-open topology t_{co} is splitting (since the compact-open topology is always splitting) and admissible (since Y^{rlc} is a regular locally compact space). By Corollary 2.3 the compact-open topology on $C(Y, Z)$ is also splitting and admissible proving the proposition. The following proposition is a generalization of Proposition 2.4.

Proposition 2.5. *Let Y be a space whose semi-regular reduction coincides with the semi-regular reduction of a core compact space and Z an arbitrary regular space. Then, the intersection of all admissible topologies on $C(Y, Z)$ is admissible and, therefore, the greatest splitting topology is admissible.*

Proof. As in the proof of the preceding proposition, it suffices to find a topology on $C(Y, Z)$ which is simultaneously splitting and admissible. Let Y^{cs} be the core compact space whose semi-regular reduction coincides with the semi-regular reduction of Y . By Proposition 2.2 we have $C(Y^{cs}, Z) = C(Y, Z)$. On the set $C(Y^{cs}, Z)$ the Isbell topology is splitting (since the Isbell topology is always splitting) and admissible (since Y^{cs} is a corecompact space). By Corollary 2.3 the Isbell topology on $C(Y, Z)$ is also splitting and admissible proving the proposition.

Similarly to the above two propositions we can prove the following propositions.

Proposition 2.6. *Let Y be a space whose semi-regular reduction coincides with the semi-regular reduction of a harmonic space Y^h and Z an arbitrary regular space (and, therefore, $C(Y, Z) =$*

$C(Y^h, Z)$). Then, the greatest splitting topology on $C(Y, Z)$ is the compact open topology on $C(Y^h, Z)$.

Proposition 2.7. Let Y be a space whose semi-regular reduction coincides with the semi-regular reduction of a concordant space Y^{con} and Z an arbitrary regular space (and, therefore, $C(Y, Z) = C(Y^{con}, Z)$). Then, the greatest splitting topology on $C(Y, Z)$ is the Isbell topology on $C(Y^{con}, Z)$.

Example 2.8.

- (1) Let $[0, 1]$ be the closed interval of the real line and let $M = \{1/n : n \in \omega\}$. Denote by Y the closed interval $[0, 1]$ with the topology τ^1 for which the family $\tau^0 \cup \{Y \setminus M\}$, where τ^0 is the usual topology of $[0, 1]$, compose a subbase. Obviously, the semi-regular reduction of the space $([0, 1], \tau^1)$ is the space (regular compact space) $([0, 1], \tau^0)$. By Proposition 2.4, the greatest splitting topology on the set $C(Y, [0, 1])$ is admissible (see also Theorem 6.21 of [2]).
- (2) Let (Y, τ^0) be an arbitrary space and M a subset of Y with the property that $Cl(Y \setminus M) = Y$. On the set Y we consider the topology τ^1 for which the family $\tau^0 \cup \{Y \setminus M\}$ compose a subbase. It is easy to see that the spaces (Y, τ^0) and (Y, τ^1) have the same semi-regular reduction. By Proposition 2.5, for every corecompact space (Y, τ^0) and an arbitrary regular space Z , the greatest splitting topology on the set $C((Y, \tau^1), Z)$ is admissible. We note that the semi-regular reduction (X, τ_{sr}) of a corecompact space (X, τ) in general does not coincide with (X, τ) .

III. ON THE SPLITTING TOPOLOGIES

Definition 3.1. We say that a net $\{f_\mu : \mu \in M\}$ in $C(Y, Z)$ has $f \in C(Y, Z)$ as *continuous cluster point* if for each $y \in Y$ and each neighborhood W of $f(y)$ in Z there is a neighborhood V of y in Y such that for each $\mu \in M$ there is $\mu_0 \in M$ with $\mu_0 \geq \mu$ such that $f_{\mu_0}(V) \subseteq W$.

Of course, if $\{f_\mu : \mu \in M\}$ continuously converges to f , then f is a continuous cluster point of $\{f_\mu : \mu \in M\}$.

Proposition 3.2. Let t be a splitting Hausdorff topology on $C(Y, Z)$, where Y and Z are arbitrary spaces. If t is the greatest splitting topology, then every sequence $\{f_i : i \in \omega\}$ in $C(Y, Z)$ which topologically converges to $f_\infty \in C(Y, Z)$, has f_∞ as a continuous cluster point.

Proof. Suppose that there exist a sequence $\{f_i : i \in \omega\}$ of elements of $C(Y, Z)$ and an element f_∞ of $C(Y, Z)$ such that:

- (a) $\{f_i : i \in \omega\} \xrightarrow{t} f_\infty$ and
- (b) neighborhood f_∞ is not a continuous cluster point of the sequence W_0 of $f_\infty(y_0)$ in Z such that for every open neighborhood $\{f_i : i \in \omega\}$, that is there exist a point U of y_0 in Y there exists $y_0^i(U) \in \omega$ of Y and an open U' for which $f_i(U') \not\subseteq W_0$ for every $i \geq i(U')$.

To prove the proposition it suffices to show that t is not the greatest splitting topology.

We note that the set $F = \{f_i : i \in \omega\}$ is infinite. Indeed, in the opposite case, there exists $k \in \omega$ such that $f_i = f_k$ for all elements i of an infinite subset ω' of ω . Since t is a Hausdorff topology and $\{f_i : i \in \omega'\} \xrightarrow{t} f_\infty$ we have that $f_\infty = f_i$ for every $i \in \omega'$. This fact contradicts the above condition

(b). Therefore, the set F is infinite and, without loss of generality, we can suppose that $f_\infty \neq f_i$ for every $i \in \omega$.

We put $b = t \cup \{U \cap G : U \in t\}$, where $G = C(Y, Z) \setminus F$. It is easy to see that the intersection of two elements of b is an element of b . Let $t_+ \in b$ be the topology on $C(Y, Z)$ for which the set b is a base. Clearly, $t \subseteq t_+$. Since $\{f_i\}$, the set: $i \in \omega\} \xrightarrow{t_+} f_\infty$ is closed and $\inf_{i \in \omega} C_{t_+}(f_i, f_\infty)$ (for every Z). Therefore, $i \in \omega$, the set $t_+ \cap F$ is not closed in $C_t(Y, Z)$. On the other hand, by the definition of t

To prove that t is not the greatest splitting topology it suffices to show that the topology t_+ is splitting. Let $\{g_\mu, \mu \in M\}$ be a net in $C(Y, Z)$ converging continuously to an element g of $C(Y, Z)$. We need to prove that $\{g_\mu, \mu \in M\} \xrightarrow{t_+} g$, that is for every open neighborhood V of g in the space $C_{t_+}(Y, Z)$ there exists an element $\mu' \in M$ such that $g_\mu \in V$ for every $\mu \geq \mu'$. Note that, since t is splitting, $\{g_\mu, \mu \in M\} \xrightarrow{t} g$.

First, we consider the case $gf \mu' \in V$ such that $g_\mu \in V$ for every $\mu \geq \mu'$. Therefore, we can suppose that ω .

Let $V \in b$ be an neighborhood of $V = gV \cap CGt+$, where (Y, Z) . If $V \in t$. In this case, t , then there exists $g \in F \cup \{f_\infty\}$.

Since $\{f_i: i \in \omega\} \rightarrow f_\infty$ and the space $C_t(Y, Z)$ is Hausdorff there exists an open neighborhood V_g of g such that $V_g \cap (F \cup \{f_\infty\}) = \emptyset$ and, therefore, $V_g \subseteq G$. Then,

$$V_g \cap V = V_g \cap V' \cap G = V_g \cap V' \in t.$$

Therefore, there exists $\mu' \in M$ such that $g_\mu \in V_g \cap V' \subseteq V$ for all $\mu \geq \mu'$

Now, we consider the case $g = f_\infty$. Suppose that the net $\{g_\mu, \mu \in M\}$ does not converge to g in the space $C_{t+}(Y, Z)$. Then, there exists $V \in b$ such that $g \in V$ and for every $\mu' \in M$ there exists $\mu \geq \mu'$ with $g_\mu \notin V$. This fact implies that V is not an element of t and, therefore, $V = V \cap G$ where $V \in t$. Without loss of generality, we can suppose that $g_\mu \notin V$ and $g_\mu \in V$ for every $\mu \in M$, which means that $\{g_\mu: \mu \in M\} \subseteq C(Y, Z) \setminus G = F$.

Therefore, there is a map $\sigma: M \rightarrow \omega$ such that $g_\mu = f_{\sigma(\mu)}, \mu \in M$.

Let W_0 be the open neighborhood of $f_\infty(y_0)$ considered in the above condition (b). Since the net $\{g_\mu, \mu \in M\}$ continuously converges to f_∞ there exist an open neighborhood U_0 of y_0 in Y and an element $\mu_0 \in M$ such that $g_\mu(U_0) \subseteq W_0$ for every $\mu \geq \mu_0$. On the other hand, by condition (b), for the set U_0 there exists $i(U_0) = i_0 \in \omega$ such that $f_i(U_0) \not\subseteq W_0$ for every $i < i_0$. This fact implies that $\sigma(\mu) < i_0$ for every $\mu \geq \mu_0$.

Let V_0 be an open neighborhood of f_∞ in $C_t(Y, Z)$ such that $f_i \notin V_0$ for every $i < i_0$. Then, $g_\mu = f_{\sigma(\mu)} \in V_0$ for every $\mu \geq \mu_0$ and, therefore, the net $\{g_\mu: \mu \geq \mu_0\}$ does not converge to $f_\infty = g$ in the space $C_t(Y, Z)$ which is a contradiction

proving that the net $\{g_\mu, \mu \in M\}$ converges to g in the space $C_{t+}(Y, Z)$.

Thus, the topology $t+$ is splitting completing the proof of the proposition.74

Corollary 3.3. *Let Y be an arbitrary space. If there exist a Hausdorff space Z and a sequence $\{f_i: i \in \omega\}$ of elements of $C_{ico}(Y, Z)$ which converges to $f_\infty \in$*

$C_{ico}(Y, Z)$ such that f_∞ is not a continuous cluster point, then Y is not harmonic.

Corollary 3.4. *Let Y be an arbitrary space. If there exist a Hausdorff space Z and a sequence $\{f_i: i \in \omega\}$ of elements of $C_{ils}(Y, Z)$ which converges to $f_\infty \in C_{ils}(Y, Z)$ such that f_∞ is not a continuous cluster point, then Y is not concordant.*

The following example gives a method of construction of nonharmonic spaces.

Example 3.5. Let $\{Y_i, i \in \omega\}$ be a family of mutually disjoint Hausdorff spaces. Suppose that for every $i \in \omega$ there exists a filter F_i of non-empty open sets of Y_i with the property that $Y_i \setminus K \in F_i$ for every compact subset K of Y_i . On the set

$$Y = \left(\bigcup \{Y_i: i \in \omega\} \right) \cup \{\infty\},$$

where ∞ is a symbol, we consider a topology for which a subset V of Y is open if and only if:

- (a) $V \cap Y_i$ is open in Y_i for all $i \in \omega$, and
- (b) in the case where $\infty \in V$, there exists a finite subset s of ω such that

- (1) Y_i is simultaneously open and closed subspace of Y .
- (2) If K is a compact subset of Y , then there exists a finite subset s of ω such that $K \subseteq \bigcup \{Y_i: i \in s\} \cup \{\infty\}$.

We shall prove that Y is not harmonic. Let Z be an arbitrary Hausdorff space containing two distinct points a and b .

Consider the sequence $\{f_i, i \in \omega\}$ of maps of Y into Z for which $f_i(y) = b$ if $y \in Y_i$ and $f_i(y) = a$ if $y \in Y \setminus Y_i$. Let also f_∞ be the element of $C(Y, Z)$ defined by condition $f_\infty(y) = a$ for all $y \in Y$. Using the above properties (1) and (2) one can prove that the maps f_i are elements of $C(Y, Z)$ and the sequence $\{f_i, i \in \omega\}$ converges to f_∞ in the compact-open topology. By Corollary 3.3 it suffices to prove that f_∞ is not a continuous cluster point of the sequence $\{f_i, i \in \omega\}$. Let W_0 be an open neighborhood of a which does not contain the point b . Consider an arbitrary open neighborhood U' of ∞ in Y . Then, there exists a finite subset s of ω such that $U \cap Y_i = \emptyset$ for every $i \in \omega \setminus s$. Setting $i(U') = \max\{i: i \in s\}$ we have that $f_{i(U')}(U') \not\subseteq W_0$ for

every $i \in U'$ proving that f_∞ is not a continuous cluster point.

Remark 3.6. The above example can be considered as a generalization of the space Y considered in Theorem 5.3 of [2].

IV. SOME OPEN PROBLEMS

Problem 4.1. Let P be a class of spaces Y having the same semi-regular reduction and Z a regular space. By Proposition 2.2 and Corollary 2.3 the set $C(Y, Z)$ and the greatest splitting topology on this set are independent of the elements Y of P .

- (1) Is the compact-open topology on $C(Y, Z)$ independent of the elements Y of P ?
- (2) Is the Isbell topology on $C(Y, Z)$ independent of the elements Y of P ?
- (3) Suppose that P contains an element which is Z -harmonic (respectively, harmonic). Is any element of P Z -harmonic (respectively, harmonic)?
- (4) Suppose that P contains an element which is Z -concordant (respectively, concordant). Is any element of P Z -concordant (respectively, concordant)?

Problem 4.2. It is known that the compact-open topology does not coincide with the greatest splitting topology on the set $C(N^\omega, N)$ (see [5]), as well as, on the set $C(R^\omega, R)$ (see [9]), where N is the set of natural numbers with the discrete topology and R is the set of real numbers with the usual topology.

- (1) Suppose that the space Z is the space N or the space R . Can we find a sequence $\{f_i : i \in \omega\}$ of elements of $C(Z^\omega, Z)$ converges in the compact-open topology to an element $f_\infty \in C(Z^\omega, Z)$ such that f_∞ is not a continuous cluster point?
- (2) Let Y and Z be two spaces such that the compact-open (respectively, the Isbell) topology on $C(Y, Z)$ is not the greatest splitting topology. Under what (internal) conditions on Y and Z are the conditions of Corollary 3.3 (respectively, Corollary 3.4) satisfied?

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