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## ON THE AXIOMS PRESERVED BY MODIFICATIONS OF TOPOLOGIES WITHOUT AXIOMS

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**Abstract.** Under a topology on a set  $P$  we understand a topology without axioms on  $P$ , i.e. a mapping  $u: \exp P \rightarrow \exp P$ . If  $u$  and  $v$  are two topologies on  $P$ , then  $u$  is called finer (coarser) than  $v$  if  $uX \subseteq vX$  ( $vX \subseteq uX$ ) holds for every subset  $X \subseteq P$ . Let  $f$  be a topological property. Then a topology possessing  $f$  is said to be an  $f$ -topology. The coarsest (finest) of all  $f$ -topologies on  $P$  which are finer (coarser) than a given topology  $u$  on  $P$  is called the lower (upper)  $f$ -modification of  $u$ . We consider the topological properties  $f$  given by means of the well-known axioms  $O, I, M, A, U, K, B^*, B, S$ . In the present paper the axioms are determined which are preserved by the individual  $f$ -modifications.

**Key words.** Topology (without axioms),  $O, I, M, A, U, K, B^*, B, S$ -axioms, lower modification of a topology, upper modification of a topology.

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### INTRODUCTION

If  $P$  is a set and  $u: \exp P \rightarrow \exp P$  a mapping fulfilling the following three axioms (1)  $u\emptyset = \emptyset$ , (2)  $X \subseteq P \Rightarrow X \subseteq uX$ , (3)  $X \subseteq Y \subseteq P \Rightarrow uX \subseteq uY$ , then  $u$  is called a Čech topology on  $P$ . Some modifications of Čech topologies are studied in [2], [3], [4], and the axioms preserved by these modifications are fully dealt in [5]. We shall consider the topologies obtained by omitting all three axioms in the definition of Čech topologies. Some modifications of these generalized topologies are investigated in [6]. The present paper completes [6] by determining the axioms preserved by the modifications described in [6]. The results of both these papers generalize certain results of [3], [4], [5] and have many applications because generalized topologies occur in various branches of mathematics (see [6]).

A topology without axioms (briefly a topology)  $u$  on a set  $P$  is a mapping  $u: \exp P \rightarrow \exp P$ . A set  $P$  provided with a topology  $u$  on  $P$  is called a topological space and denoted by  $(P, u)$ . We consider the following axioms for topologies  $u$  on a given set  $P$ :

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| 1. $u\emptyset = \emptyset$   | <i>O</i> -axiom,  |
| 2. $X \subseteq P \Rightarrow X \subseteq uX$                                       | <i>I</i> -axiom,  |
| 3. $X \subseteq Y \subseteq P \Rightarrow uX \subseteq uY$                          | <i>M</i> -axiom,  |
| 4. $X, Y \subseteq P \Rightarrow u(X \cup Y) \subseteq uX \cup uY$                  | <i>A</i> -axiom,  |
| 5. $X \subseteq P \Rightarrow uuX \subseteq uX$                                     | <i>U</i> -axiom,  |
| 6. $x, y \in P, x \in u\{y\}, y \in u\{x\} \Rightarrow x = y$                       | <i>K</i> -axiom,  |
| 7. $x, y \in P, x \in u\{y\} \Rightarrow y \in u\{x\}$                              | <i>B*</i> -axiom, |
| 8. $x \in P \Rightarrow u\{x\} \subseteq \{x\}$                                     | <i>B</i> -axiom,  |
| 9. $\emptyset \neq X \subseteq P \Rightarrow uX \subseteq \bigcup_{x \in X} u\{x\}$ | <i>S</i> -axiom.  |

Let  $f \in \{O, I, M, A, U, K, B^*, B, S\}$ . If a topology  $u$  fulfils the  $f$ -axiom, then it is called an  $f$ -topology. We talk about an  $fg$ -topology  $u$  if  $u$  is an  $f$ -topology and  $g$ -topology simultaneously. Analogously  $fgh$ -topology etc. can be defined. For a topology  $u$  on a set  $P$ , the *lower  $f$ -modification*  $u_f$  of  $u$  (i.e. the coarsest  $f$ -topology on  $P$  which is finer than  $u$ ) and the *upper  $f$ -modification*  $u^f$  of  $u$  (i.e. the finest  $f$ -topology on  $P$  which is coarser than  $u$ ) are studied in [6]. Of course, for given topologies  $u$  and  $v$  on a set  $P$  we say that  $u$  is *finer* than  $v$  or that  $v$  is *coarser* than  $u$  when  $X \subseteq P \Rightarrow uX \subseteq vX$ .

### 1. O-MODIFICATION

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $(P, u)$  be a topological space, let  $f \in \{O, I, M, A, U, K, B^*, B, S\}$ , and let  $u$  be an  $f$ -topology. Then it holds:*

- a)  $u_0$  is an  $f$ -topology.
- b) If  $u^0$  exists, then it is an  $f$ -topology.

*Proof.* a) According to [6], Theorem 1, a),  $u_0$  always exists and it is defined by:

$$\emptyset \neq X \subseteq P \Rightarrow u_0X = uX,$$

$$u_0\emptyset = \emptyset.$$

Let us suppose that  $u$  is an  $f$ -topology. For  $f = O$  the assertion is obvious, and for  $f = I$  its proof is trivial.

$f = M$ : Let  $X \subseteq Y \subseteq P$  be subsets. If  $X \neq \emptyset$ , then  $u_0X = uX \subseteq uY = u_0Y$ . Otherwise, supposing  $X = \emptyset$  we have  $u_0X = \emptyset \subseteq u_0Y$ . Thus,  $u_0$  is an  $M$ -topology.

$f = A$ : Let  $X, Y \subseteq P$  be subsets. If  $X \neq \emptyset \neq Y$ , then  $u_0(X \cup Y) = u(X \cup Y) \subseteq uX \cup uY = u_0X \cup u_0Y$ . If one of the sets  $X, Y$  is non-empty and the other is empty, then clearly  $u_0(X \cup Y) \subseteq u_0X \cup u_0Y$ . Finally, let  $X = Y = \emptyset$ . Then  $u_0(X \cup Y) = u_0\emptyset = \emptyset \subseteq u_0X \cup u_0Y$ . Thus  $u_0$  is an  $A$ -topology.

$f = U$ : Let  $X \subseteq P$  be a subset and suppose  $X \neq \emptyset$ . Consequently,  $u_0u_0X = u_0uX$ . Now, if  $uX \neq \emptyset$ , then  $u_0uX = uuX \subseteq uX = u_0X$ , and if  $uX = \emptyset$ , then

$u_0 uX = u_0 \emptyset = \emptyset \subseteq u_0 X$ . Otherwise, supposing  $X = \emptyset$  we have  $u_0 u_0 X = \emptyset \subseteq u_0 X$ . Thus  $u_0$  is a  $U$ -topology.

$f \in \{K, B^*, B\}$ : In these cases the assertion follows from the fact that  $u_0 \{x\} = u\{x\}$  for every  $x \in P$ .

$f = S$ : As evident,  $u_0$  is an  $S$ -topology.

b) According to [6], Theorem 1, b),  $u^0$  exists iff  $u$  is an  $O$ -topology, and then  $u^0 = u$ .

## 2. I-MODIFICATION

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $(P, u)$  be a topological space. Then it holds:*

a) *If  $f \in \{O, I, M, A, U, K, B^*, B, S\}$  and  $u$  is a  $f$ -topology and if  $u^I$  exists, then  $u^I$  is an  $f$ -topology.*

b) *If  $f \in \{O, I, M, A, AU, K, B^*, B, S\}$  and  $u$  is an  $f$ -topology, then  $u^I$  is an  $f$ -topology.*

*Proof.* a) According to [6], Theorem 2, a),  $u^I$  exists iff  $u$  is an  $I$ -topology, and then  $u^I = u$ .

b) According to the same Theorem, b),  $u^I$  always exists and it is defined by:

$$X \subseteq P \Rightarrow u^I X = uX \cup X.$$

Let us suppose that  $u$  is an  $f$ -topology. For  $f = O$  the proof is trivial, and for  $f = I$  the assertion is obvious.

$f = M$ : Let  $X \subseteq Y \subseteq P$  be subsets. Then  $u^I X = uX \cup X \subseteq uY \cup Y = u^I Y$ , and thus  $u^I$  is an  $M$ -topology.

$f = A$ : Let  $X, Y \subseteq P$  be subsets. Then  $u^I(X \cup Y) = u(X \cup Y) \cup X \cup Y \subseteq uX \cup X \cup uY \cup Y = u^I X \cup u^I Y$ . Hence  $u^I$  is an  $A$ -topology.

$f = AU$ : Let  $X \subseteq P$  be a subset. Then  $u^I u^I X = u^I(uX \cup X) = uX \cup X \cup u(uX \cup X) \subseteq uX \cup X \cup uuX \cup uX = uX \cup X = u^I X$ . Thus  $u^I$  is a  $U$ -topology and, according to the previous part of the proof,  $u^I$  is an  $AU$ -topology.

$f = K$ : Let  $x, y \in P$  be points,  $x \in u^I \{y\}$ ,  $y \in u^I \{x\}$ . Then  $x \in u\{y\}$  or  $x = y$ , and  $y \in u\{x\}$  or  $x = y$ . Consequently,  $x = y$  and  $u^I$  is a  $K$ -topology.

$f = B^*$ : Let  $x, y \in P$  be points,  $x \in u^I \{y\}$ . Then  $x \in u\{y\}$  or  $x = y$  and therefore  $y \in u\{x\}$  or  $y = x$ , i.e.  $y \in u^I \{x\}$ . Hence,  $u^I$  is a  $B^*$ -topology.

$f = B$ : In this case the assertion is proved already since  $u$  is a  $B$ -topology iff it is a  $KB^*$ -topology.

$f = S$ : Let  $\emptyset \neq X \subseteq P$  be a subset. Then  $u^I X = uX \cup X = \bigcup_{x \in X} u\{x\} \cup \bigcup_{x \in X} \{x\} = \bigcup_{x \in X} (u\{x\} \cup \{x\}) = \bigcup_{x \in X} u^I \{x\}$ , and thus  $u^I$  is an  $S$ -topology.

**Remark 1.** The upper  $I$ -modification of a  $U$ -topology need not be a  $U$ -topology in general — see the following example: Let  $P = \{x, y, z\}$  and put  $uX = X$  for any

subset  $X \subseteq P$  fulfilling  $\{x\} \neq X \neq \{x, y\}$ ,  $u\{x\} = \{y\}$ ,  $u\{x, y\} = P$ . Then clearly  $u$  is a  $U$ -topology (but not an  $A$ -topology) on  $P$ . It is  $u^I u^I \{x\} = u(u\{x\} \cup \{x\}) \cup u\{x\} \cup \{x\} = P$  while  $u^I \{x\} = u\{x\} \cup \{x\} = \{x, y\}$ . Therefore  $u^I$  is not a  $U$ -topology.

### 3. $M$ -MODIFICATION

**Theorem 3.** Let  $(P, u)$  be a topological space. Then it holds:

- a) If  $f \in \{O, I, M, A, U, K, B, S\}$  and  $u$  is an  $f$ -topology, then  $u_M$  is an  $f$ -topology.
- b) If  $f \in \{O, I, M, A, OK, IK, OB^*, IB^*, OB, IB, S\}$  and  $u$  is an  $f$ -topology, then  $u^M$  is an  $f$ -topology.

**Proof.** a) According to [6], Theorem 3, a),  $u_M$  always exists and it is defined by:

$$X \subseteq P \Rightarrow u_M X = \bigcap_{X \subseteq Z \subseteq P} uZ.$$

Let us suppose that  $u$  is an  $f$ -topology. For  $f = O$  the proof is trivial.

$f = I$ : Let  $X \subseteq P$  be a subset. Since  $X \subseteq Z \subseteq P \Rightarrow X \subseteq uZ$  for any set  $Z$ , we have  $X \subseteq \bigcap_{X \subseteq Z \subseteq P} uZ = u_M X$ . Thus,  $u_M$  is an  $I$ -topology.

$f = M$ : Obviously,  $u_M$  is an  $M$ -topology.

$f = A$ : Let  $X, Y \subseteq P$  be subsets,  $z \in u_M(X \cup Y)$  a point. Then  $z \in uZ$  for any set  $Z$  with  $X \cup Y \subseteq Z \subseteq P$ . Suppose  $z \notin u_M X \cup u_M Y$ . Consequently, there exist sets  $X', Y'$  with  $X \subseteq X' \subseteq P$ ,  $Y \subseteq Y' \subseteq P$  such that  $z \notin uX'$  and  $z \notin uY'$ . Thus,  $z \notin uX' \cup uY'$ , and we have  $z \notin u(X' \cup Y')$  since  $u(X' \cup Y') \subseteq uX' \cup uY'$ . But this is a contradiction because  $X \cup Y \subseteq X' \cup Y' \subseteq P$ . Therefore  $z \in u_M X \cup u_M Y$ , and the inclusion  $u_M(X \cup Y) \subseteq u_M X \cup u_M Y$  is proved. Hence,  $u_M$  is an  $A$ -topology.

$f = U$ : Let  $X \subseteq P$  be a subset,  $x \in u_M u_M X$  a point. Since  $u_M u_M X = \bigcap_{X \subseteq Z \subseteq P} \bigcap_{uZ \subseteq Y \subseteq P} uY$ , we have  $x \in uY$  for each set  $Y$  fulfilling  $\bigcap_{X \subseteq Z \subseteq P} uZ \subseteq Y \subseteq P$ . Now, let  $V$  be a set with  $X \subseteq V \subseteq P$ . Then  $\bigcap_{X \subseteq Y \subseteq P} uY \subseteq uV \subseteq P$ , and thus  $x \in uuV \subseteq uV$ . Therefore  $x \in \bigcap_{X \subseteq V \subseteq P} uV = u_M X$ . Consequently,  $u_M u_M X \subseteq u_M X$ . Hence,  $u_M$  is a  $U$ -topology.

$f = K$ : Let  $x, y \in P$  be points,  $x \in u_M \{y\}$ ,  $y \in u_M \{x\}$ . Then  $x \in u\{y\}$ ,  $y \in u\{x\}$ , and therefore  $x = y$ . Thus  $u_M$  is a  $K$ -topology.

$f = B$ : Let  $x \in P$  be a point. Then  $u_M \{x\} = \bigcap_{x \in Z \subseteq P} uZ \subseteq u\{x\} \subseteq \{x\}$ , so that  $u_M$  is a  $B$ -topology.

$f = S$ : Let  $X \subseteq P$  be a subset,  $y \in u_M X$  a point. Then  $y \in uZ$  for any set  $Z$  with  $X \subseteq Z \subseteq P$ . Suppose  $z \notin \bigcup_{x \in X} u_M \{x\}$ . Consequently, for any point  $x \in X$  there exists a set  $Y_x$  with  $x \in Y_x \subseteq P$  such that  $y \notin uY_x$ . Thus,  $y \notin \bigcup_{x \in X} uY_x$ , and we have  $y \notin$

$\notin u \bigcup_{x \in X} Y_x$ , since  $u \bigcup_{x \in X} Y_x \subseteq \bigcup_{x \in X} uY_x$  follows immediately from the  $S$ -axiom. But this is a contradiction because  $X \subseteq \bigcup_{x \in X} Y_x \subseteq P$ . Therefore  $z \in \bigcup_{x \in X} u_M\{x\}$ , and the inclusion  $u_M X \subseteq \bigcup_{x \in X} u_M\{x\}$  is proved. Hence,  $u_M$  is an  $A$ -topology.

b) According to [6], Theorem 3, b),  $u^M$  always exists and it is defined by:

$$X \subseteq P \Rightarrow u^M X = \bigcup_{Z \subseteq X} uZ.$$

Let us suppose that  $u$  is an  $f$ -topology. For  $f = O$  the proof is trivial.

$f = I$ : Let  $X \subseteq P$  be a set. Then  $X = \bigcup_{Z \subseteq X} Z \subseteq \bigcup_{Z \subseteq X} uZ = u^M X$ . Therefore  $u^M$  is an  $I$ -topology.

$f = M$ : Obviously,  $u^M$  is an  $M$ -topology.

$f = A$ : Let  $X, Y \subseteq P$  be subsets. Then  $u^M(X \cup Y) = \bigcup_{Z \subseteq X \cup Y} uZ$ . But for every subset  $Z \subseteq X \cup Y$  some subsets  $X' \subseteq X$  and  $Y' \subseteq Y$  ( $X' = X \cap Z$ ,  $Y' = Y \cap Z$ ) exist fulfilling  $Z = X' \cup Y'$  and consequently,  $uZ \subseteq uX' \cup uY'$ . This implies  $\bigcup_{Z \subseteq X \cup Y} uZ \subseteq \bigcup_{X' \subseteq X} uX' \cup \bigcup_{Y' \subseteq Y} uY' = u^M X \cup u^M Y$ . Thus  $u^M$  is an  $A$ -topology.

$f \in \{OK, IK\}$ : Let  $x, y \in P$  be points,  $x \in u^M\{y\}$ ,  $y \in u^M\{x\}$ . Then  $x \in u\emptyset \cup u\{y\} = u\{y\}$  and  $y \in u\emptyset \cup u\{x\} = u\{x\}$ . Therefore  $x = y$ , and  $u^M$  is a  $K$ -topology. Hence,  $u^M$  is an  $OK$ -topology for  $f = OK$ , and it is an  $IK$ -topology for  $f = IK$ .

$f \in \{OB^*, IB^*\}$ : Let  $x, y \in P$  be points,  $x \in u^M\{y\}$ . Then  $x \in u\emptyset \cup u\{y\} = u\{y\} \Rightarrow y \in u\{x\} = u\emptyset \cup u\{x\} = u^M\{x\}$ . Therefore,  $u^M$  is a  $B^*$ -topology. Thus,  $u^M$  is an  $OB^*$ -topology for  $f = OB^*$ , and it is an  $IB^*$ -topology for  $f = IB^*$ .

$f \in \{OB, IB\}$ : As  $u$  is a  $B$ -topology iff it is a  $KB^*$ -topology, the assertion is proved in these cases already.

$f = S$ : Let  $\emptyset \neq X \subseteq P$  be a subset. Then  $u^M X = \bigcup_{Z \subseteq X} uZ = u\emptyset \cup \bigcup_{\emptyset \neq Z \subseteq X} uZ \subseteq u\emptyset \cup \bigcup_{\emptyset \neq Z \subseteq X} \bigcup_{x \in Z} u\{x\} = u\emptyset \cup \bigcup_{x \in X} u\{x\} = \bigcup_{x \in X} (u\emptyset \cup u\{x\}) = \bigcup_{x \in X} u^M\{x\}$ . Hence,  $u^M$  is an  $S$ -topology.

**Remark 2.** a) The lower  $M$ -modification of a  $B^*$ -topology need not be a  $B^*$ -topology in general – see the following example: Let  $P = \{x, y\}$ ,  $u\emptyset = \emptyset$ ,  $u\{x\} = \{y\}$ ,  $u\{y\} = \{x\}$ ,  $uP = \{y\}$ . Then  $u$  is a  $B^*$ -topology and  $u_M\{x\} = \{y\}$  while  $u_M\{y\} = \emptyset$ . Thus,  $u_M$  is not a  $B^*$ -topology.

b) The next example shows that the upper  $M$ -modification of a  $U$ -topology need not be a  $U$ -topology in general: Let  $P = \{x, y, z\}$ ,  $u\emptyset = u\{y\} = u\{z\} = u\{y, z\} = uP = \emptyset$ ,  $u\{x\} = \{x\}$ ,  $u\{x, y\} = \{z\}$ ,  $u\{x, z\} = \{y\}$ . Then  $u$  is a  $U$ -topology, and  $u^M\{x, y\} = \{x, z\}$  while  $u^M u^M\{x, y\} = u^M\{x, z\} = \{x, y\}$ . Therefore  $u^M$  is not a  $U$ -topology.

But, if a  $U$ -topology  $u$  on a set  $P$  fulfils  $uZ \subseteq Z$  for any subset  $Z \subseteq P$ , then  $u^M$

is a  $U$ -topology. Namely,  $Z \subseteq P, uZ \subseteq Z \Rightarrow u^M u^M X = \bigcup_{Y \subseteq u^M X} uY = \bigcup_{\substack{Y \subseteq U \\ Z \subseteq X}} uY \subseteq \bigcup_{\substack{Y \subseteq U \\ Z \subseteq X}} uY = \bigcup_{Y \subseteq X} uY = u^M X$  for any subset  $X \subseteq P$ . Especially, if a  $U$ -topology  $u$  is moreover a  $BS$ -topology, then  $u^M$  is a  $U$ -topology.

Now we shall show that the assertion  $b$ ) of Theorem 3 does not hold for any  $f \in \{K, B^*, B\}$  in general. On that account, let  $P = \{x, y, z\}, u\emptyset = \{y, z\}, u\{x\} = \{x\}, u\{y\} = u\{z\} = \emptyset, u\{x, y\} = u\{x, z\} = u\{y, z\} = uP = P$ . Then  $u$  is a  $B$ -topology, i.e. a  $KB^*$ -topology. Since  $u^M\{x\} = P$  and  $u^M\{y\} = u^M\{z\} = \{y, z\}$ ,  $u^M$  is neither  $K$ -topology nor  $B^*$ -topology. Consequently,  $u^M$  is not a  $B$ -topology.

#### 4. A-MODIFICATION

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $(P, u)$  be a topological space. Then it holds:*

*a) If  $f \in \{O, I, M, A, MU, K, B^*, B, S\}$  and  $u$  is an  $f$ -topology, then  $u_A$  is an  $f$ -topology.*

*b) If  $f \in \{O, I, M, A, U, K, B^*, B, S\}$  and  $u$  is an  $f$ -topology and if  $u^A$  exists, then  $u^A$  is an  $f$ -topology.*

**Proof.** *a)* According to [6], Theorem 4,  $a$ ),  $u_A$  always exists and it is defined by:

$$X \subseteq P \Rightarrow u_A X = \bigcap \{Z \subseteq P \mid Z = \bigcup_{i=1}^m uX_i, \bigcup_{i=1}^m X_i = X, m \in \mathbb{N}\},$$

where  $\mathbb{N}$  denotes the set of all positive integers. Let us suppose that  $u$  is an  $f$ -topology. For  $f = O$  the proof is trivial.

$f = I$ : Let  $X \subseteq P$  be a subset,  $x \in X$  a point. Then for any system of sets  $\{X_i \mid i = 1, \dots, m\}$  ( $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ) fulfilling  $\bigcup_{i=1}^m X_i = X$ , there exists an index  $i_0 \in \{1, \dots, m\}$

such that  $x \in X_{i_0}$ . This implies  $x \in uX_{i_0}$  and consequently,  $x \in \bigcup_{i=1}^m uX_i$ . Therefore  $x \in u_A X$  which yields  $X \subseteq u_A X$ . Thus  $u_A$  is an  $I$ -topology.

$f = M$ : Let  $X \subseteq Y \subseteq P$  be subsets,  $x \in u_A X$  a point. Let  $\{Y_i \mid i = 1, \dots, m\}$  ( $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ) be a system of sets such that  $\bigcup_{i=1}^m Y_i = Y$ . Put  $X_i = Y_i \cap X$  for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ . Then  $\bigcup_{i=1}^m X_i = X$  and thus  $x \in \bigcup_{i=1}^m uX_i \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^m uY_i$ . Consequently,  $x \in u_A Y$ . Therefore  $u_A X \subseteq u_A Y$ , i.e.  $u_A$  is an  $M$ -topology.

$f = A$ : The assertion is obvious.

$f = MU$ : Let  $X \subseteq P$  be a subset,  $x \in u_A u_A X$  a point. Then  $x \in \bigcup_{i=1}^n uY_i$  for any

system of sets  $\{Y_i | i = 1, \dots, n\}$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) fulfilling  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n Y_i = u_A X$ . Let  $\{X_i | i = 1, \dots, m\}$  ( $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ) be a system of sets such that  $\bigcup_{i=1}^m X_i = X$ . Put  $Y_i = u_A X_i$  for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ . Since  $u_A$  is an  $MA$ -topology, we have  $\bigcup_{i=1}^m Y_i = \bigcup_{i=1}^m u_A X_i = u_A \bigcup_{i=1}^m X_i = u_A X$ . Therefore  $x \in \bigcup_{i=1}^m u Y_i = \bigcup_{i=1}^m u u_A X_i \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^m u u X_i \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^m u X_i$ . Consequently  $x \in u_A X$  which implies  $u_A u_A X \subseteq u_A X$ . Thus  $u_A$  is a  $U$ -topology and hence an  $MU$ -topology.

$f \in \{K, B^*, B, S\}$ : Clearly, for any point  $x \in P$  it holds  $u_A \{x\} = u \{x\}$ , and from this the assertion follows in these cases.

b) According to [6], Theorem 4,  $b, u^A$  exists iff  $u$  is an  $A$ -topology, and then  $u^A = u$ .

**Remark 3.** The lower  $A$ -modification of a  $U$ -topology need not be a  $U$ -topology in general – see the following example: Let  $P = \{x, y, z\}$ ,  $u\emptyset = \{y\}$ ,  $u\{x, y\} = \{z\}$ ,  $uX = X$  for any subset  $X \subseteq P$  fulfilling  $\emptyset \neq X \neq \{x, y\}$ . Then  $u$  is a  $U$ -topology, and  $u_A \{x, y\} = \{y, z\} \cap \{z\} \cap \{x, y\} = \emptyset$  while  $u_A u_A \{x, y\} = u_A \emptyset = \{y\}$ . Thus  $u_A$  is not a  $U$ -topology.

## 5. U-MODIFICATION

**Theorem 5.** Let  $(P, u)$  be a topological space. Then it holds:

a) If  $f \in \{M, OM, IM, MA, MU, MK, MB^*, MB, MS\}$  and  $u$  is an  $f$ -topology and if  $u_U$  exists, then  $u_U$  is an  $f$ -topology.

b) If  $f \in \{M, OM, IM, MA, MU, MB, MS\}$  and  $u$  is an  $f$ -topology, then  $u^U$  is an  $f$ -topology.

**Proof.** a) According to [6], Theorem 5, a), if  $u$  is an  $M$ -topology, then  $u_U$  exists iff  $u$  is an  $U$ -topology, and then  $u_U = u$ .

b) According to the same Theorem, b), if  $u$  is an  $M$ -topology, then  $u^U$  exists and it is defined by:

$$X \subseteq P \Rightarrow u^U X = \bigcap \{Z \subseteq P | uX \subseteq Z, uZ \subseteq Z\}.$$

Let us suppose that  $u$  is an  $f$ -topology.

$f = M$ : Let  $X \subseteq Y \subseteq P$  be subsets,  $x \in u^U X$  a point. Then  $x \in Z$  for every set  $Z \subseteq P$  fulfilling  $uX \subseteq Z$  and  $uZ \subseteq Z$ . Let  $T \subseteq P$  be a set with  $uY \subseteq T$  and  $uT \subseteq T$ . Then  $uX \subseteq uY \subseteq T$ , and thus  $x \in T$ . Therefore  $x \in u^U Y$ , and we have proved the inclusion  $u^U X \subseteq u^U Y$ . So that  $u^U$  is an  $M$ -topology.

$f \in \{OM, IM\}$ : The proof is trivial in these cases.



$f = MA$ : Let  $X, Y \subseteq P$  be subsets,  $x \in u^U(X \cup Y)$  a point. Then  $x \in Z$  for every set  $Z \subseteq P$  fulfilling  $u(X \cup Y) \subseteq Z$  and  $uZ \subseteq Z$ . Thus,  $x \in Z$  for each set  $Z \subseteq P$  with  $uX \cup uY \subseteq Z$  and  $uZ \subseteq Z$ . Let  $T, U \subseteq P$  be subsets fulfilling  $uX \subseteq T$ ,  $uT \subseteq T$ ,  $uY \subseteq U$ ,  $uU \subseteq U$ . Then  $uX \cup uY \subseteq T \cup U$ , and  $u(T \cup U) \subseteq uT \cup uU \subseteq T \cup U$ . Therefore,  $x \in T \cup U$ , i.e.  $x \in T$  or  $x \in U$ . Consequently,  $x \in u^U X$  or  $x \in u^U Y$ . From this  $x \in u^U X \cup u^U Y$ , and we have proved the inclusion  $u^U(X \cup Y) \subseteq u^U X \cup u^U Y$ . So that  $u^U$  is an  $A$ -topology and hence an  $MA$ -topology.

$f \in \{MU, MB\}$ : The proof is trivial in these cases.

$f = MS$ : Let  $\emptyset \neq X \subseteq P$  be a subset,  $z \in u^U X$  a point. Then  $z \in Z$  for every set  $Z \subseteq P$  fulfilling  $uX \subseteq Z$  and  $uZ \subseteq Z$ . Thus,  $z \in Z$  for any set  $Z \subseteq P$  with  $\bigcup_{x \in X} u\{x\} \subseteq Z$  and  $uZ \subseteq Z$ . Let  $\{Y_x \subseteq P | x \in X\}$  be an arbitrary system of sets such that  $u\{x\} \subseteq Y_x$  and  $uY_x \subseteq Y_x$  for each  $x \in X$ . Then  $\bigcup_{x \in X} u\{x\} \subseteq \bigcup_{x \in X} Y_x$  and since  $u$  is an  $S$ -topology, we have  $u \bigcup_{x \in X} Y_x \subseteq \bigcup_{x \in X} uY_x \subseteq \bigcup_{x \in X} Y_x$ . Therefore  $z \in \bigcup_{x \in X} Y_x$  and consequently, a point  $x_0 \in X$  exists such that  $z \in Y_{x_0}$  for any above defined system of sets. Hence  $z \in u^U\{x_0\} \subseteq \bigcup_{x \in X} u^U\{x\}$ , and the inclusion  $u^U X \subseteq \bigcup_{x \in X} u^U\{x\}$  is proved. So,  $u^U$  is an  $S$ -topology, and thus an  $MS$ -topology.

**Remark 4.** From [5], 2.10, it follows, that the assertion  $b)$  of Theorem 5 does not hold for any  $f \in \{MK, MB^*\}$  in general.

## 6. $K$ -MODIFICATION

**Theorem 6.** Let  $(P, u)$  be a topological space. Then it holds: If  $f \in \{O, I, M, A, U, K, B^*, B, S\}$  and  $u$  is an  $f$ -topology and if  $u_K$  or  $u^K$  respectively exists, then  $u_K$  or  $u^K$  respectively is an  $f$ -topology.

**Proof.** According to [6], Theorem 6,  $u_K$  or  $u^K$  respectively exists iff  $u$  is a  $K$ -topology, and then  $u_K = u$  or  $u^K = u$  respectively.

## 7. $B^*$ -MODIFICATION

**Theorem 7.** Let  $(P, u)$  be a topological space. Then it holds:

*a)* If  $f \in \{O, I, M, K, B^*, B\}$  and  $u$  is an  $f$ -topology, then  $u_{B^*}$  is an  $f$ -topology.

*b)* If  $f \in \{O, I, A, B^*, B, S\}$  and  $u$  is an  $f$ -topology, then  $u^{B^*}$  is an  $f$ -topology.

**Proof.** *a)* According to [6], Theorem 7, *a)*,  $u_{B^*}$  always exists and it is defined by:

$$X \subseteq P \text{ is no one-point set} \Rightarrow u_{B^*} X = uX,$$

$$x \in P \Rightarrow u_{B^*}\{x\} = u\{x\} \cap \{z \in P | x \in u\{z\}\}.$$

Let us suppose that  $u$  is an  $f$ -topology. For  $f \in \{O, I\}$  the proof is trivial.

$f = M$ : Let  $X \subseteq Y \subseteq P$  be subsets. If both  $X$  and  $Y$  are no one-point sets,

then  $u_{B^*}X \subseteq u_{B^*}Y$  holds trivially. Let  $X = \{x\}$ . If  $Y$  is a one-point set, then  $X = Y$  so that  $u_{B^*}X \subseteq u_{B^*}Y$  is true. Otherwise, let  $Y$  be no one-point set. Let  $y \in u_{B^*}X = u_{B^*}\{x\}$  be a point. Then  $y \in u\{x\} = uX$  and consequently,  $y \in uY = u_{B^*}Y$ . Thus, in each case the inclusion  $u_{B^*}X \subseteq u_{B^*}Y$  is valid. Therefore,  $u_{B^*}$  is an  $M$ -topology.

$f = K$ : Let  $x, y \in P$  be points,  $x \in u_{B^*}\{y\}$ ,  $y \in u_{B^*}\{x\}$ . Then  $x \in u\{y\}$ ,  $y \in u\{x\}$ , and this yields  $x = y$ . Hence,  $u_{B^*}$  is a  $K$ -topology.

For  $f = B^*$  and, since  $\bar{B}$ -axiom  $\Rightarrow B^*$ -axiom, for  $f = B$  as well, the assertion is obvious.

b) According to [6], Theorem 7, b),  $u^{B^*}$  always exists and it is defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} X \subseteq P \text{ is no one-point set} &\Rightarrow u^{B^*}X = uX, \\ x \in P &\Rightarrow u^{B^*}\{x\} = u\{x\} \cup \{z \in P \mid x \in u\{z\}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let us suppose that  $u$  is an  $f$ -topology. For  $f \in \{O, I\}$  the proof is trivial.

$f = A$ : Let  $X, Y \subseteq P$  be subsets. If  $X = Y$  or if at least one of the sets  $X, Y$  is empty, then  $u^{B^*}(X \cup Y) \subseteq u^{B^*}X \cup u^{B^*}Y$  holds trivially. Otherwise, let  $X \neq Y$ ,  $X \neq \emptyset \neq Y$ . Then  $X \cup Y$  is no one-point set, and therefore  $u^{B^*}(X \cup Y) = u(X \cup Y) \subseteq uX \cup uY \subseteq u^{B^*}X \cup u^{B^*}Y$ . Thus,  $u^{B^*}$  is an  $A$ -topology.

$f \in \{B^*, B\}$ : The assertion is obvious.

$f = S$ : Let  $\emptyset \neq X \subseteq P$  be a subset. Supposing  $X$  is a one-point set, we have  $u^{B^*}X \subseteq \bigcup_{x \in X} u^{B^*}\{x\}$  trivially. Let us admit that  $X$  is no one-point set. Then  $u^{B^*}X = uX \subseteq \bigcup_{x \in X} u\{x\} \subseteq \bigcup_{x \in X} u^{B^*}\{x\}$ . Therefore,  $u^{B^*}$  is an  $S$ -topology.

**Remark 5.** a) The assertion a) of Theorem 7 does not hold for any  $f \in \{A, U, S\}$  in general—for  $f \in \{A, S\}$  see the example (26) and for  $f = A$  the example (27) of [5].

b) We shall give some examples showing that the upper  $B^*$ -modification of an  $f$ -topology  $u$  need not be an  $f$ -topology for any  $f \in \{M, U, K\}$  in general.

$f = M$ : Let  $P = \{x, y, z\}$ ,  $u\emptyset = \emptyset$ ,  $u\{x\} = \{x\}$ ,  $u\{y\} = \{x, y\}$ ,  $u\{z\} = P$ ,  $u\{x, y\} = \{x, y\}$ ,  $u\{x, z\} = u\{y, z\} = uP = P$ . Then  $u$  is an  $OIM$ -topology (i.e. a Čech topology), and  $u^{B^*}\{x\} = \{x\} \cup \{y, z\} = P$  while  $u^{B^*}\{x, y\} = u\{x, y\} = \{x, y\}$ . Hence  $u^{B^*}$  is not an  $M$ -topology. This example confirms the following fact introduced in Remark 4 of [6]: The upper  $B^*$ -modification of a Čech topology defined in [4], 2.5., is generally different from the upper  $B^*$ -modification of a topology (without axioms) defined in Theorem 7, b), of [6].

$f = U$ : Let  $P = \{x, y, z\}$ ,  $u\{x\} = \{x\}$ ,  $u\{y\} = \{y\}$ ,  $uX = P$  for any subset  $X \subseteq P$  with  $\{x\} \neq X \neq \{y\}$ . Then  $u$  is a  $U$ -topology, and  $u^{B^*}\{x\} = \{x, z\}$  while  $u^{B^*}u^{B^*}\{x\} = u^{B^*}\{x, z\} = P$ . Hence  $u^{B^*}$  is not a  $U$ -topology.

$f = K$ : Let  $P = \{x, y\}$ ,  $u\{x\} = \{x\}$ ,  $u\emptyset = u\{y\} = uP = P$ . Then  $u$  is a  $K$ -topology, and  $u^{B^*}\{x\} = \{x, y\} = u^{B^*}\{y\}$ . Therefore  $u^{B^*}$  is not a  $K$ -topology.

8. B-MODIFICATION

**Theorem 8.** Let  $(P, u)$  be a topological space. Then it holds:

a) If  $f \in \{O, I, OM, OU, K, B^*, B\}$  and  $u$  is an  $f$ -topology, then  $u_B$  is an  $f$ -topology.

b) If  $f \in \{O, I, M, A, U, K, B^*, B, S\}$  and  $u$  is an  $f$ -topology and if  $u^B$  exists, then  $u^B$  is an  $f$ -topology.

**Proof.** a) According to [6], Theorem 8, a),  $u_B$  always exists and it is defined by:

$$X \subseteq P \text{ is no one-point set} \Rightarrow u_B X = uX,$$

$$x \in P \Rightarrow u_B \{x\} = \begin{cases} \{x\} & \text{for } x \in u\{x\}, \\ \emptyset & \text{for } x \notin u\{x\}. \end{cases}$$

Let us suppose that  $u$  is an  $f$ -topology. For  $f \in \{O, I\}$  the proof is trivial.

$f = OM$ : Let  $X \subseteq Y \subseteq P$  be subsets. If both  $X$  and  $Y$  are no one-point sets, then  $u_B X \subseteq u_B Y$  holds trivially. Thus, let  $X = \{x\}$  and let us admit that  $Y$  is no one-point set. If  $x \in u\{x\}$ , then  $u_B X = u_B \{x\} = \{x\} \subseteq u\{x\} = uX \subseteq uY = u_B Y$ . Otherwise, if  $x \notin u\{x\}$ , then  $u_B X = u_B \{x\} = \emptyset \subseteq u_B Y$ . Next, let us suppose that  $X$  is no one-point set and let  $Y$  be a one-point set. Then  $X = \emptyset$  and consequently  $u_B X = u_B \emptyset = u\emptyset = \emptyset \subseteq u_B Y$ . Finally, suppose both  $X$  and  $Y$  are one-point sets. Then  $X = Y$  so that  $u_B X \subseteq u_B Y$  is true. Thus the inclusion  $u_B X \subseteq u_B Y$  holds in every case. Therefore  $u_B$  is an  $M$ -topology, and hence an  $OM$ -topology.

$f = OU$ : Let  $X \subseteq P$  be a subset. Let us admit that  $X$  is no one-point set. Then  $u_B u_B X = u_B uX$ . If  $uX$  is not a one-point set, then  $u_B uX = uuX \subseteq uX = u_B X$ . Otherwise, let  $uX = \{x\}$ . Now, if  $x \in u\{x\}$ , then  $u_B uX = u_B \{x\} = \{x\} = uX = u_B X$ , and if  $x \notin u\{x\}$ , then  $u_B uX = u_B \{x\} = \emptyset \subseteq u_B X$ . Thus, for any not-one-point subset  $X \subseteq P$  we have  $u_B u_B X \subseteq u_B X$ . Next, suppose  $X$  is a one-point set,  $X = \{y\}$ . If  $y \in u\{y\}$ , then  $u_B u_B X = u_B u_B \{y\} = u_B \{y\} = u_B X$ . Otherwise, if  $y \notin u\{y\}$ , then  $u_B u_B X = u_B u_B \{y\} = u_B \emptyset = u\emptyset = \emptyset \subseteq u_B X$ . Thus, for every subset  $X \subseteq P$  the inclusion  $u_B u_B X \subseteq u_B X$  holds. Therefore  $u_B$  is a  $U$ -topology, and hence an  $OU$ -topology.

$f \in \{K, B^*\}$ : The proof is trivial in these cases.

$f = B$ : The assertion is obvious.

b) According to [6], Theorem 8, b),  $u^B$  exists iff  $u$  is a  $B$ -topology, and then  $u^B = u$ .

**Remark 6.** The following examples show that the assertion a) of Theorem 8 does not hold for any  $f \in \{M, A, U, S\}$  in general.

$f = M$ : Let  $P = \{x, y\}$ ,  $u\emptyset = u\{x\} = \{x\}$ ,  $u\{y\} = uP = P$ . Then  $u$  is an  $M$ -topology, and  $u_B \emptyset = \{x\}$  while  $u_B \{y\} = \{y\}$ . Thus  $u_B$  is not an  $M$ -topology.

$f \in \{A, S\}$ : Let  $P = \{x, y, z\}$ ,  $u\{x\} = \{x, y\}$ ,  $u\{x, z\} = P$ ,  $uX = X$  for any subset  $X \subseteq P$  for which  $\{x\} \neq X \neq \{x, z\}$ . Then  $u$  is an  $AS$ -topology, and

$u_B\{x, z\} = P$  while  $u_B\{x\} \cup u_B\{z\} = \{x, z\}$ . Hence,  $u_B$  is neither  $A$ -topology nor  $S$ -topology.

$f = U$ : Let  $P = \{x, y\}$ ,  $uX = \{x\}$  for any subset  $X \subseteq P$ . Then  $u$  is a  $U$ -topology, and  $u_B\{y\} = \emptyset$  while  $u_B u_B\{y\} = \{x\}$ . Therefore  $u_B$  is not a  $U$ -topology.

### 9. S-MODIFICATION

**Theorem 9.** *Let  $(P, u)$  be a topological space. Then it holds:*

a) *If  $f \in \{M, OM, IM, MA, MU, MK, MB^*, MB, MS\}$  and  $u$  is an  $f$ -topology, then  $u_s$  is an  $f$ -topology.*

b) *If  $f \in \{M, OM, IM, MA, MU, MK, MB^*, MB, MS\}$  and  $u$  is an  $f$ -topology and if  $u^s$  exists, then  $u^s$  is an  $f$ -topology.*

*Proof.* a) According to [6], Theorem 9, a), if  $u$  is an  $M$ -topology, then  $u_s$  exists and it is defined by:

$$u_s \emptyset = u \emptyset,$$

$$\emptyset \neq X \subseteq P \Rightarrow u_s X = \bigcup_{x \in X} u\{x\}.$$

Let us suppose that  $u$  is an  $f$ -topology.

$f = M$ : Let  $X \subseteq Y \subseteq P$  be subsets. For  $X = \emptyset = Y$  the inclusion  $u_s X \subseteq u_s Y$  holds trivially. Suppose  $X = \emptyset$ ,  $Y \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $u_s X = uX = u\emptyset \subseteq \bigcup_{x \in Y} u\{x\} = u_s Y$ , since  $u\emptyset \subseteq u\{x\}$  holds for any point  $x \in Y$ . Finally, suppose  $X \neq \emptyset \neq Y$ . Then  $u_s X = \bigcup_{x \in X} u\{x\} \subseteq \bigcup_{x \in Y} u\{x\} = u_s Y$ . Therefore  $u_s$  is an  $M$ -topology.

$f = OM$ : The proof is trivial.

$f = IM$ : Let  $X \subseteq P$  be a subset. If  $X = \emptyset$ , then  $X \subseteq u_s X$  holds trivially. Suppose  $X \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $X = \bigcup_{x \in X} \{x\} \subseteq \bigcup_{x \in X} u\{x\} = u_s X$ . Therefore  $u_s$  is an  $I$ -topology, and hence an  $IM$ -topology.

$f = MA$ : Let  $X, Y \subseteq P$  be subsets. If at least one of the sets  $X$  and  $Y$  is empty, then  $u_s(X \cup Y) \subseteq u_s X \cup u_s Y$  holds trivially. Suppose  $X \neq \emptyset \neq Y$ . Then  $u_s(X \cup Y) = \bigcup_{x \in X \cup Y} u\{x\} = \bigcup_{x \in X} u\{x\} \cup \bigcup_{x \in Y} u\{x\} = u_s X \cup u_s Y$ . Thus,  $u_s$  is an  $A$ -topology, and hence an  $MA$ -topology.

$f = MU$ : Let  $X \subseteq P$  be a subset. Suppose  $X = \emptyset$ . Then  $u_s u_s X = u_s uX$ . If  $uX = \emptyset$ , then  $u_s u_s X = uuX \subseteq uX = u_s X$ . Otherwise, let  $uX \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $u_s u_s X = \bigcup_{x \in uX} u\{x\} \subseteq uX = u_s X$ , since  $x \in uX \Rightarrow u\{x\} \subseteq uuX \subseteq uX$ . Thus, for the empty set  $X$  we have  $u_s u_s X \subseteq u_s X$ . Next, suppose  $X \neq \emptyset$ . If  $u_s X = \emptyset$ , then we have  $u_s u_s X = u_s \emptyset \subseteq u_s X$  (since  $u_s$  is an  $M$ -topology according to the first part of the proof). Otherwise, let  $u_s X \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $u_s u_s X = \bigcup_{x \in u_s X} u\{x\} = \bigcup_{x \in \bigcup_{y \in X} u\{y\}} u\{x\} = \bigcup_{\substack{y \in X \\ u\{y\} \neq \emptyset}} \bigcup_{x \in u\{y\}} u\{x\} =$

$= \bigcup_{\substack{y \in X \\ u\{y\} \neq \emptyset}} u, u\{y\} \subseteq \bigcup_{\substack{y \in X \\ u\{y\} \neq \emptyset}} uu\{y\} \subseteq \bigcup_{\substack{y \in X \\ u\{y\} \neq \emptyset}} u\{y\} = \bigcup_{y \in X} u\{y\} = u, X$ . Thus, for every subset  $X \subseteq P$  the inclusion  $u, u, X \subseteq u, X$  holds. Therefore,  $u,$  is a  $U$ -topology, and hence an  $MU$ -topology.

$f \in \{MK, MB^*, MB\}$ : In these cases the assertion follows from the fact that  $u, \{x\} = u\{x\}$  for each point  $x \in P$ .

$f = S$ : The assertion is obvious.

b) According to [6], Theorem 9, b), if  $u$  is an  $M$ -topology, then  $u^f$  exists iff  $u$  is an  $S$ -topology, and then  $u^f = u$ .

**Remark 7.** From the Theorems proved in the present paper and the corresponding ones proved in [6] some results attained in [1], [3] and [4] follow. So, Theorems 4 imply 3.1. and 3.2. of [3], Theorems 5 imply 3.7. and 3.8. of [3], Theorems 6 imply 4.3. and 4.4. of [4], Theorems 7, a), imply 2.4. of [4], Theorems 8 imply 3.3. and 3.4. of [3], Theorems 9, a), imply 26.A.4. of [1]. Many results of [5] follow from those of this note, too.

**Remark 8.** Let  $f, g \in \{O, I, M, A, U, K, B^*, B, S\}$ . According to [5], we say that the lower  $f$ -modifying and the lower  $g$ -modifying are commutative if for each topology  $u$  it holds  $(u_f)_g = (u_g)_f$ , provided that  $u_f, u_g, (u_f)_g, (u_g)_f$  exist. The commutativity of the upper modifying is defined analogically. Although the modifying of Čech topologies only is dealt in [5], all considerations contained in the first paragraph of [5] are valid for the modifying of topologies without axioms, too. Particularly, the statement (7) of [5] implies:

A sufficient (necessary) condition for the lower  $f$ -modifying and the lower  $g$ -modifying to be commutative is that for each topology  $u$  for which  $u_f, u_g, (u_f)_g, (u_g)_f$  exist, the following two conditions hold:

- (1) If  $u$  is a  $g$ -topology, then  $u_f$  is a  $g$ -topology.
- (2) If  $u$  is an  $f$ -topology, then  $u_g$  is an  $f$ -topology.

For the upper modifying the analogical assertion is valid.

Thus, the results attained in the present article solve the problem, under which conditions the lower (upper) modifying of topologies without axioms is commutative.

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