

## SEMI-CONVERGENCE OF $p$ -STACKS

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ABSTRACT. We introduce the notion of semi-convergence of  $p$ -stacks and by using that notion we characterize the semi-interior, semi-closure, separation axioms and semi-continuity on a topological space. Also we introduce a new notion of  $p$ -semicompactness and investigate its properties in terms of semi-convergence of  $p$ -stacks.

### 1. Introduction

Levin introduced the concepts of semi-open sets and semi-continuity on a topological space and obtained many significant properties in [5]. Crossley and Hilderbrnd [2] introduced the concept of irresolute function on a topological space and investigated some its properties. Maheshwari and Prasad [6] studied the new separation axioms defined by semi-open and semi-closed sets. In 1993, Latif characterized the semi-continuity and irresolute function in terms of semi-neighborhoods. Also he studied semi-convergence of filters and tried to characterize semi-continuity and irresolute function in terms of semi-convergence of filters. Recently in [1], D. C. Kent and author introduced the notion of neighborhood structures and neighborhood spaces. In order to describe a convergence theory in neighborhood spaces, we introduced “ $p$ -stacks” which are more general than filters and showed a satisfactory convergence theory can be obtained for neighborhood spaces using the more general notion of a “ $p$ -stack”.

In this paper, by using the notion of semi-convergence of  $p$ -stacks, we will characterize the semi-interior, semi-closure, separation axioms,

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semi-continuity on topological spaces. Also we will introduce a new notion of  $p$ -semicompactness and investigate its properties.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  be topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless explicitly stated. Let  $S$  be a subset of  $X$ . The closure (resp. interior) of  $S$  will be denoted by  $clS$  (resp.  $intS$ ). A subset  $S$  of  $X$  is called semi-open set [2] if  $S \subset cl(intS)$ . The complement of a semi-open set is called semi-closed set. The family of all semi-open sets in  $X$  will be denoted by  $SO(X)$ . A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called irresolute [2] if  $f^{-1}(V) \in SO(X)$  for each semi-open set  $V$  of  $Y$ . A subset  $M(x)$  of a space  $X$  is called a semi-neighborhood of a point  $x \in X$  if there exists a semi-open set  $S$  such that  $x \in S \subset M(x)$  [3].

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 (P.I.P). A collection  $\mathbf{B}$  of subsets of  $X$  with the P.I.P 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  $B = \{x\}$ ,  $\langle x \rangle$  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. It is obvious that every ultrafilter is an ultrapstack, and that every  $p$ -stack is contained in an ultrapstack. For a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $\mathbf{H} \in pS(X)$ , the image 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 ([3], [6]). Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $A \subset X$ .

- (1)  $sint(A) = \cup\{U \in SO(X) : U \subset A\}$ ;
- (2)  $scl(A) = \cap\{F \subset X : A \subset F \text{ and } X - F \in SO(X)\}$ ;
- (3)  $X$  is *semi* -  $T_1$  if for every two distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ , there exist two semi-open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U, y \notin U$  and  $y \in V, x \notin V$ ;
- (4)  $X$  is *semi* -  $T_2$  if for every two distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ ,

there exist two disjoint semi-open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \in V$ ;

- (5)  $X$  is *semi-regular* if for semi-closed set  $H$  and  $x \notin H$ , there exist two disjoint semi-open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $H \subset U$  and  $x \in V$ ;
- (6)  $X$  is *semi-compact* if each cover of  $X$  by semi-open sets has a finite subcover.

LEMMA 2.2 [1]. 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)  $B \in \mathbf{H}$  implies  $X - B \in \mathbf{H}$ .

THEOREM 2.3 [1]. Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function and  $\mathbf{H} \in pS(X)$ . Then

- (1) If  $\mathbf{H}$  is a *filter*, so is  $f(\mathbf{H})$ ;
- (2) If  $\mathbf{H}$  is an *ultrafilter*, so is  $f(\mathbf{H})$ ;
- (3) If  $\mathbf{H}$  is an *ultrapstack*, so is  $f(\mathbf{H})$ .

### 3. Main results

DEFINITION 3.1. Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a topological space,  $x \in X$  and let  $\mathbf{S}_\mu(x) = \{V \subset X : V \text{ is a semi-neighborhood of } x\}$ . Then we call the family  $\mathbf{S}_\mu(x)$  the *semi-neighborhood stack* at  $x$ .

DEFINITION 3.2. Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a topological space,  $x \in X$ , and  $\mathbf{F} \in pS(X)$ . A  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$  on  $X$  *semi-converges* to  $x$  if  $\mathbf{S}_\mu(x) \subset \mathbf{F}$ .

From Definition 3.2, we get the following theorem.

THEOREM 3.3. Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a topological space.

- (1)  $x$  *semi-converges* to  $x$ , for all  $x \in X$ ;
- (2) If  $\mathbf{F}$  *semi-converges* to  $x$  and  $\mathbf{F} \subset \mathbf{G}$  for  $\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G} \in pS(X)$ , then  $\mathbf{G}$  *semi-converges* to  $x$ ;
- (3) If both  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{G}$  are  $p$ -stacks *semi-converging* to  $x$ , then  $\mathbf{F} \cap \mathbf{G}$  *semi-converges* to  $x$ ;
- (4) If  $p$ -stacks  $\mathbf{F}_i$  *semi-converge* to  $x$  for all  $i \in J$ , then  $\cap \mathbf{F}_i$  *semi-converges* to  $x$ .

**THEOREM 3.4.** *Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a topological space and  $A \subset X$ . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $x \in scl(A)$ ;
- (2) There is  $\mathbf{F} \in pS(X)$  such that  $A \in \mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{F}$  semi-converges to  $x$ ;
- (3) For all  $V \in \mathbf{S}_\mu(x)$ ,  $A \cap V \neq \emptyset$ .

**PROOF.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $x$  be an element in  $scl(A)$ , then  $U(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for each semi-open  $U(x)$  of  $x$ . Let  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{S}_\mu(x) \cup \langle A \rangle$ . Then the  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$  semi-converges to  $x$  and  $A \in \mathbf{F}$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Let  $\mathbf{F}$  be a  $p$ -stack and  $A \in \mathbf{F}$  and  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$  semi-converge to  $x$ . Then  $\mathbf{S}_\mu(x) \subset \mathbf{F}$ . Thus since  $\mathbf{S}_\mu(x)$  is a  $p$ -stack, we get  $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for all  $U \in \mathbf{S}_\mu(x)$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) It is obvious. □

**THEOREM 3.5.** *Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a topological space,  $A \subset X$ . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $x \in sint(A)$ ;
- (2) For every  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$  semi-converging to  $x$ ,  $A \in \mathbf{F}$ ;
- (3)  $A \in \mathbf{S}_\mu(x)$ .

**PROOF.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $x$  be an element in  $sint(A)$  and let  $\mathbf{F}$  be a  $p$ -stack semi-converging to  $x$ . Since  $x \in sint(A)$ , there is a semi-open subset  $U$  such that  $x \in U \subset A$ , so  $A \in \mathbf{S}_\mu$ . Thus by the definition of semi-convergence of  $p$ -stack, we can say  $A \in \mathbf{F}$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) The semi-neighborhood stack  $\mathbf{S}_\mu(x)$  is always semi-converges to  $x$ . Thus by the condition (2),  $A \in \mathbf{S}_\mu(x)$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) It is obvious. □

Now by using semi-convergence of  $p$ -stacks, we characterize the properties of *semi* -  $T_1$ , *semi* -  $T_2$  and *semi*-regular induced by semi-open subsets on a topological space.

**THEOREM 3.6.** *Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a topological space. Then the following are equivalent:*

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

PROOF. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $y$  be an element in  $\cap \mathbf{S}_\mu(x)$ , then  $y \in U$  for each semi-open neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$ . Since  $X$  is *semi* -  $T_1$ , we get  $y = x$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Let  $\dot{x}$  semi-converge to  $y$ . Since  $\mathbf{S}_\mu(y) \subset \dot{x}$ ,  $x$  is an element in  $\cap \mathbf{S}_\mu(y)$ . Thus  $x = y$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Suppose that  $X$  is not *semi* -  $T_1$ , then there are distinct  $x$  and  $y$  such that every semi-open neighborhood of  $x$  contains  $y$ . Thus  $\mathbf{S}_\mu(x) \subset \dot{y}$  and  $\dot{y}$  semi-converges to  $x$ . This contradicts the hypothesis.  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.7.** *Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a topological space. Then the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $(X, \mu)$  is *semi* -  $T_2$ ;
- (2) Every semi-convergent  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$  on  $X$  semi-converges to exactly one point;
- (3) Every semi-convergent ultrapstack  $\mathbf{F}$  on  $X$  semi-converges to exactly one point.

PROOF. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Suppose that  $X$  is *semi* -  $T_2$  and a  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$  semi-converges to  $x$ . For any  $y \neq x$ , there are disjoint semi-open sets  $U(x)$  and  $U(y)$  containing  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively. Since  $\mathbf{S}_\mu(x) \subset \mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{F}$  is a  $p$ -stack, both  $U(x)$  and  $X - U(y)$  are elements of  $\mathbf{F}$ . Thus  $\mathbf{F}$  is not finer than  $\mathbf{S}_\mu(y)$ , so  $\mathbf{F}$  doesn't semi-converge to  $y$ .

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

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Suppose that  $X$  is not *semi* -  $T_2$ . Then there must exist  $x, y$  such that  $U(x) \cap U(y) \neq \emptyset$  for every semi-open sets  $U(x)$  and  $U(y)$  of  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively. Let  $\mathbf{F}$  be a ultrapstack finer than a  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{S}_\mu(x) \cup \mathbf{S}_\mu(y)$ . Then  $\mathbf{F}$  is finer than  $\mathbf{S}_\mu(x)$  and  $\mathbf{S}_\mu(y)$ , so the ultrapstack  $\mathbf{F}$  semi-converges to both  $x$  and  $y$ . This contradicts (2).  $\square$

If  $(X, \mu)$  is a topological space and  $\mathbf{F} \in pS(X)$ , then  $\mathbf{B} = \{scl(F) : F \in \mathbf{F}\}$  is a  $p$ -stack base on  $X$ , and the semi-closure  $p$ -stack generated by  $\mathbf{B}$  is denoted by  $scl(\mathbf{F})$ .

**THEOREM 3.8.** *Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a topological space. Then the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $(X, \mu)$  is *semi-regular*;
- (2) For every  $x$  in  $X$ ,  $\mathbf{S}_\mu(x) = scl(\mathbf{S}_\mu(x))$ ;
- (3) If a  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$  semi-converges to  $x$ , then the semi-closure  $p$ -stack  $scl(\mathbf{F})$  semi-converges to  $x$ .

PROOF. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $F$  be an element in  $\mathbf{S}_\mu(x)$ . There exists a semi-open neighborhood  $U(x)$  such that  $U(x) \subset F$ . Since  $X$  is semi-regular, there is a semi-open neighborhood  $W(x)$  of  $x$  such that  $W(x) \subset scl(W(x)) \subset U(x) \subset F$ . Since  $scl(W(x)) \in scl(\mathbf{S}_\mu(x))$  and  $scl(\mathbf{S}_\mu(x))$  is a  $p$ -stack,  $F \in scl(\mathbf{S}_\mu(x))$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Let a  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$  semi-converge to  $x$ . Then  $\mathbf{S}_\mu(x) \subset \mathbf{F}$ , and so  $scl(\mathbf{S}_\mu(x)) \subset scl(\mathbf{F})$ . By the condition (2), we get that  $scl(\mathbf{F})$  semi-converges to  $x$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $U$  be a semi-open set containing  $x \in X$ . Since  $\mathbf{S}_\mu(x)$  semi-converges to  $x$ , by (3)  $scl(\mathbf{S}_\mu(x))$  semi-converges to  $x$ , and so  $U \in scl(\mathbf{S}_\mu(x))$ . Then by the definition of the semi-closure of  $p$ -stacks, we can get a semi-open neighborhood  $V$  of  $x$  such that  $V \subset scl(V) \subset U$ .  $\square$

Latif [4] showed the following : Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces. Then a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is irresolute if and only if for each  $x$  in  $X$  and each semi-neighborhood  $U$  of  $f(x)$ , there is a semi-neighborhood  $V$  of  $x$  such that  $f(V) \subset U$ .

Now we get another characterization of the irresolute function on a topological space using the notion of  $p$ -stacks.

**THEOREM 3.9.** *Let  $(X, \mu)$  and  $(Y, \nu)$  be topological spaces. If  $f : (X, \mu) \rightarrow (Y, \nu)$  is a function, then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $f$  is irresolute;
- (2)  $\mathbf{S}_\nu(f(x)) \subset f(\mathbf{S}_\mu(x))$  for all  $x \in X$ ;
- (3) If a  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$  semi-converges to  $x$ , then the image  $p$ -stack  $f(\mathbf{F})$  semi-converges to  $f(x)$ .

PROOF. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $V$  be any member of  $\mathbf{S}_\nu(f(x))$  in  $Y$ . Then there is a semi-open set  $W$  such that  $W \subset V$ . Since  $f$  is irresolute, there exists a semi-open neighborhood  $U \in \mathbf{S}_\mu(x)$  such that  $f(U) \subset W \subset V$ , thus  $V \in f(\mathbf{S}_\mu(x))$ .

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

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) If  $f$  is not irresolute, then for some  $x \in X$ , there is a semi-open neighborhood  $V \in \mathbf{S}_\nu(f(x))$  such that for all semi-open neighborhood  $U \in \mathbf{S}_\mu(x)$ ,  $f(U)$  is not included in  $V$ . For all  $U \in \mathbf{S}_\mu(x)$ , since  $f(U) \cap (Y - V) \neq \emptyset$ , we get a  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F} = f(\mathbf{S}_\mu(x)) \cup (Y - V)$ . And since  $U \cap f^{-1}(Y - V) \neq \emptyset$ , also we get a  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{S}_\mu(x) \cup \langle f^{-1}(Y - V) \rangle$  which semi-converges to  $x$ . But since  $f(\mathbf{G})$  is a finer  $p$ -stack than  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $Y - V \in \mathbf{F}$ ,  $f(\mathbf{G})$  can't semi-converge to  $f(x)$ , contradicting to (3).  $\square$

Now we introduce a new notion of  $p$ -semicompactness by  $p$ -stacks and investigate the related properties.

**DEFINITION 3.10.** Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a topological space and  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $(X, \mu)$  is  $p$ -semicompact if every ultrapstack containing  $A$  semi-converges to a point in  $A$ . A space  $(X, \mu)$  is  $p$ -semicompact if  $X$  is  $p$ -semicompact.

**EXAMPLE 3.11.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ . In case  $\tau$  is the discrete topology, let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an ultrapstack containing a  $p$ -stack  $\mathbf{F}$  generated by  $\{\{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, c\}\}$ . Then it doesn't semi-converge to any point in  $X$ . Thus the topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is not  $p$ -semicompact. But in case  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ , the topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $p$ -semicompact.

**THEOREM 3.12.** *If a topological space  $(X, \mu)$  is  $p$ -semicompact and  $A \subset X$  is semi-closed, then  $A$  is  $p$ -semicompact.*

**PROOF.** Let  $\mathbf{F}$  be an ultrapstack containing  $A$ . From Definition 3.10, there is  $x \in X$  such that  $\mathbf{F}$  semi-converges to  $x$ . Thus  $\mathbf{S}_\mu(x) \subset \mathbf{F}$ , and since  $A \in \mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{F}$  is a  $p$ -stack,  $A \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for all  $V \in \mathbf{S}_\mu(x)$ . So by Theorem 3.4, we can say  $x \in scl(A) = A$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.13.** *The irresolute image of a  $p$ -semicompact set is  $p$ -semicompact.*

**PROOF.** Let a function  $f : (X, \mu) \rightarrow (Y, \nu)$  be irresolute, let  $A \subset X$  be  $p$ -semicompact, and let  $\mathbf{H}$  be an ultrapstack containing  $f(A)$ . If  $\mathbf{G}$  is an ultrapstack containing the  $p$ -stack base  $\{f^{-1}(H) : H \in \mathbf{H}\} \cup \{A\}$ , then for some  $x \in A$ ,  $\mathbf{G}$  semi-converges to  $x$ , and  $\mathbf{H} = f(\mathbf{G})$  semi-converges to  $f(x)$ . Thus  $f(A)$  is  $p$ -semicompact.  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.14.** *A topological space  $(X, \mu)$  is  $p$ -semicompact if and only if each semi-open cover of  $X$  has a two-element subcover.*

**PROOF.** Suppose  $\mathbf{H}$  is an ultrapstack in  $X$  such that it doesn't semi-converge to any point in  $X$ . Then for each  $x \in X$ , there is a semi-open subset  $U_x \in \mathbf{S}_\mu(x)$  such that  $U_x \notin \mathbf{H}$ . By Lemma 2.2(3),  $X - U_x \in \mathbf{H}$ , for all  $x \in X$ . Thus  $\mathbf{U} = \{U_x : x \in X\}$  is a semi-open cover of  $X$ . But  $\mathbf{U}$  has no 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 semi-open cover of  $X$  with no two-element subcover of  $X$ . Then  $\mathbf{B} = \{X - U : U \in \mathbf{U}\}$  is  $p$ -stack base, and any ultrapstack containing  $\mathbf{B}$  cannot semi-converge to any point in  $X$ .  $\square$

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