

## A STUDY ON $\kappa$ -AP, $\kappa$ -WAP SPACES AND THEIR RELATED SPACES

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**Abstract.** In this paper we define  $AP_c$  and  $AP_{cc}$  spaces which are stronger than the property of approximation by points (AP). We investigate operations on their subspaces and study function theorems on  $AP_c$  and  $AP_{cc}$  spaces. Using those results, we prove that every continuous image of a countably compact Hausdorff space with AP is AP. Finally, we prove a theorem that every compact  $\kappa$ -WAP space is  $\kappa$ -pseudoradial, and prove a theorem that the product of a compact  $\kappa$ -radial space and a compact  $\kappa$ -WAP space is a  $\kappa$ -WAP space.

### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, all spaces are assumed as Hausdorff, the cardinality of any set  $X$  is denoted by  $|X|$ .  $\aleph_0$  is the first countably infinite cardinal and  $\aleph_1$  is the first uncountable cardinal. Undefined notions and terminologies can be found in [4].

Approximation by points (AP) and weak approximation by points (WAP) were introduced by A. Pultr and A. Tozzi in 1993 ([7]) and studied by A. Bella ([1]) and P. Simon ([8]) etc.

A space  $X$  is said to have the property of *Approximation by Points* ([7]), for short, *AP*, if for every non-closed subset  $A$  of  $X$  and for every point  $x \in \overline{A} \setminus A$ , there exists a subset  $F$  of  $A$  such that  $\overline{F} = F \cup \{x\}$ . A space  $X$  is said to have the property of *Weak Approximation by Points*, for short, *WAP*, if for every non-closed subset  $A$  of  $X$ , there exist a point  $x \in \overline{A} \setminus A$  and a subset  $F$  of  $A$  such that  $\overline{F} = F \cup \{x\}$ . Such a

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set  $F$  is said to be *almost closed*. In a space with a unique non-isolated point, any non-closed set is almost closed. So any space with a unique non-isolated point is AP.

W. Hong ([5]) introduced many properties by generalizing AP and WAP. Specially, he defined approximation by countable points (ACP) and countably approximation by points, for short, countably AP.

Here, we state the well-known classical definitions concerned with AP and WAP. A space  $X$  is called *compact* (resp. *countably compact*) if every (resp. countable) open cover  $X$  has a finite subcover. A space  $X$  is called *Fréchet-Urysohn* if for any subset  $A$  of  $X$  and any  $x \in \overline{A}$  there is a sequence  $S$  in  $A$  which converges to  $x$ . A space  $X$  is called *sequential* if for any non-closed subset  $A$  of  $X$  there is a sequence  $S$  in  $A$  which converges to some  $x \in \overline{A} \setminus A$ . We say that a space  $X$  has *countable tightness*, i.e.,  $t(X) \leq \aleph_0$ , if whenever  $A \subseteq X$  and  $x \in \overline{A}$ , there exists a countable subset  $B$  of  $A$  such that  $x \in \overline{B}$ .

A. Bella and J. Gerlits ([2]) studied radiality, pseudoradiality, and semiradiality, which are some kind of approximations by points defined in view of convergence of transfinite sequences. The definitions are as follows. A space  $X$  is said to be *radial* if for every non-closed subset  $A$  of  $X$  and for every point  $x \in \overline{A} \setminus A$ , there exists a transfinite sequence which converges to  $x$ . A space  $X$  is said to be *pseudoradial* if for every non-closed subset  $A$  of  $X$ , there exist a point  $x \in \overline{A} \setminus A$  and a transfinite sequence which converges to  $x$ . We say that a subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is  $\kappa$ -*closed* whenever  $B \subseteq A$  and  $|B| \leq \kappa$  imply  $\overline{B} \subseteq A$ . A space  $X$  is said to be *semiradial* if for every non- $\kappa$ -closed subset  $A$  of  $X$ , there exists a transfinite sequence  $S$  in  $A$  which converges to a point outside  $A$  and satisfies  $|S| \leq \kappa$ .

The relations Fréchet-Urysohn  $\rightarrow$  radial  $\rightarrow$  semiradial  $\rightarrow$  pseudoradial always hold. But in general the arrows cannot be reversed even for compact spaces. For more details on pseudoradial and related spaces, see [6]. AP and WAP spaces are closely related to radial and pseudoradial spaces. Likewise, it will be turned out that  $\kappa$ -AP and  $\kappa$ -WAP spaces are closely related to  $\kappa$ -radial and  $\kappa$ -pseudoradial spaces.

This paper is organized as follows: This section is to provide some notions and definitions which we will need afterwards. In section 2, we define  $AP_c$  and  $AP_{cc}$  spaces which are stronger than the property of approximation by points (AP). We investigate operations on their subspaces and we also study function theorems on  $AP_c$  and  $AP_{cc}$  spaces. Using those results, we prove that every continuous image of a countably compact Hausdorff space with AP is AP.

Section 3 is devoted to studying  $\kappa$ -radiality and  $\kappa$ -pseudoradiality which streng-then radiality and pseudoradiality. We modify a theorem by A. Bella ([1]) that every compact WAP space is pseudoradial to get a theorem [Theorem 3.4] that every compact  $\kappa$ -WAP space is  $\kappa$ -pseudoradial. We also modify a theorem by A. Bella ([1]) that the product of a compact semiradial space and a compact WAP space is a WAP space to get a theorem [Theorem 3.9] that the product of a compact  $\kappa$ -radial space and a compact  $\kappa$ -WAP space is a  $\kappa$ -WAP space.

### 2. $AP_c$ and $AP_{cc}$ Spaces

A space  $X$  is said to be  $\kappa$ -AP ([3]) if for every non-closed subset  $A$  of  $X$  and for every point  $x \in \overline{A} \setminus A$ , there exists a subset  $F$  of  $A$  such that  $\overline{F} = F \cup \{x\}$  and  $|F| \leq \kappa$ . Such a set  $F$  is called  $\kappa$ -almost closed.

A space  $X$  is said to be  $\kappa$ -WAP ([3]) if for every non-closed subset  $A$  of  $X$ , there exist a point  $x \in \overline{A} \setminus A$  and a subset  $F$  of  $A$  such that  $\overline{F} = F \cup \{x\}$  and  $|F| \leq \kappa$ .

We say that a subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is  $\kappa$ -AP-closed if for every  $F \subseteq A$  with  $|F| \leq \kappa$  the relation  $|\overline{F} \setminus A| \neq 1$  holds. It is clear that  $X$  is a  $\kappa$ -WAP space if and only if every  $\kappa$ -AP-closed subset of  $X$  is closed. Recall that a subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is  $\kappa$ -closed if whenever  $B \subseteq A$  and  $|B| \leq \kappa$  imply  $\overline{B} \subseteq A$ .

**Definition 2.1.** A space  $X$  is said to be  $AP_c$  provided that for any non-closed subset  $A$  of  $X$  and  $x \in \overline{A} \setminus A$ , there exists a subset  $F$  of  $A$  such that  $\overline{F} = F \cup \{x\}$  and  $\overline{F}$  is compact.

**Definition 2.2.** A space  $X$  is said to be  $AP_{cc}$  provided that for any non-closed subset  $A$  of  $X$  and  $x \in \overline{A} \setminus A$ , there exists a subset  $F$  of  $A$  such that  $\overline{F} = F \cup \{x\}$  and  $\overline{F}$  is countably compact.

**Theorem 2.3.** *The following statements hold:*

- (1) every subspace of an  $AP_c$  space is an  $AP_c$  space;
- (2) every subspace of an  $AP_{cc}$  space is an  $AP_{cc}$  space;
- (3) every Fréchet-Urysohn space is an  $AP_c$  space;
- (4) every  $AP_c$  space is an  $AP_{cc}$  space; and
- (5) every  $AP_{cc}$  space is an  $AP$  space.

*Proof.* (1) Let  $Y$  be a subspace of an  $AP_c$  space  $X$  and let  $A$  be a non-closed subset of  $Y$ . If  $x \in \overline{A}^Y \setminus A$ , then there exists a subset  $F$  of

$A$  such that  $\overline{F} = F \cup \{x\}$  and  $\overline{F}$  is compact since  $X$  is  $AP_c$ . Then it follows from  $x \in Y$  that  $\overline{F}^Y = \overline{F}$ . Therefore  $\overline{F}^Y$  is compact.

(2) It can be proved similarly.

(3) Let  $A$  be a non-closed subset of a Fréchet-Urysohn space  $X$  and let  $x \in \overline{A} \setminus A$ . Since  $X$  is Fréchet-Urysohn, there exists a sequence  $S$  in  $A$  which converges to the point  $x$ . Then the subspace  $S \cup \{x\}$  is compact. Therefore the space  $X$  is  $AP_c$ .

(4) and (5) They are immediate from the definitions.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4.** *The following are equivalent for a Hausdorff space  $X$ :*

- (1)  $X$  is Fréchet-Urysohn;
- (2)  $X$  is  $AP_c$ ; and
- (3)  $X$  is  $AP_{cc}$ .

*Proof.* It is enough to show the implication (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) to complete the proof.

Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $x \in \overline{A} \setminus A$ . Since  $X$  is  $AP_{cc}$ , there exists a subset  $F$  of  $A$  such that  $\overline{F} = F \cup \{x\}$  and  $\overline{F}$  is countably compact. Since every subspace of an AP space is AP [10, Proposition 2.1 (1)], the subspace  $\overline{F}$  is AP. Since every countably compact AP space is Fréchet-Urysohn [10, Theorem 2.2],  $\overline{F}$  is Fréchet-Urysohn. So there exists a sequence  $S$  in  $F$  (hence in  $A$ ) which converges to  $x$ . Therefore  $X$  is Fréchet-Urysohn.  $\square$

When  $X$  is a sequential Hausdorff space, the following statements are equivalent ([5], Corollary 2.4):

$X$  is Fréchet-Urysohn  $\Leftrightarrow X$  is ACP  $\Leftrightarrow X$  is countably AP.

Therefore we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.5.** *Let  $X$  be a sequential Hausdorff space. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $X$  is Fréchet-Urysohn;
- (2)  $X$  is  $AP_c$ ;
- (3)  $X$  is  $AP_{cc}$ ;
- (4)  $X$  is ACP; and
- (5)  $X$  is countably AP.

V. V. Tkachuk and I. V. Yaschenko ([10]) have proved that every countably compact Hausdorff space with AP is Fréchet-Urysohn. So we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.6.** *Every countably compact Hausdorff space with AP is  $AP_c$  and  $AP_{cc}$ .*

The following is an improvement of the result in [10] that every closed continuous image of an AP space is AP.

**Theorem 2.7.** *The following statements hold:*

- (1) every continuous image of an  $AP_c$  space is  $AP_c$ ; and
- (2) every continuous image of an  $AP_{cc}$  space is  $AP_{cc}$ .

*Proof.* (1) Suppose that  $X$  is an  $AP_c$  space and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a continuous onto map. Let  $A \subseteq Y$  and  $y \in \overline{A} \setminus A$ . Take  $B = f^{-1}(A)$ . Since  $f^{-1}(y) \cap \overline{B} \neq \emptyset$ ,  $B$  is a non-closed subset of  $X$ . Hence for some  $x \in f^{-1}(y)$ , there exists a subset  $C$  of  $B$  such that  $\overline{C} = C \cup \{x\}$  and  $\overline{C}$  is compact. Let  $F = f(C)$ . Then  $\overline{F} = F \cup \{y\}$ . Furthermore,  $\overline{F}$  is compact because  $\overline{F} = f(\overline{C})$  and  $f$  is continuous.

(2) can be proved similarly. □

**Remark 2.8.** Notice that there exists an AP space whose continuous image is not AP. The space  $X = \omega_1 + 1$  with interval topology is not AP, and it is a continuous image of a discrete space  $D$  of cardinality  $\omega_1$  which is AP ([9]).

However we have the following.

**Theorem 2.9.** *Every continuous image of a countably compact Hausdorff space with AP is AP.*

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be a countably compact Hausdorff space with AP, and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous map from the space  $X$  onto a space  $Y$ . Then, by Corollary 2.6,  $X$  is  $AP_c$ . Theorem 2.7 implies that  $Y$  is  $AP_c$ , and hence it is AP. □

### 3. $\kappa$ -Radial and $\kappa$ -Pseudoradial spaces

A space  $X$  is called  $\kappa$ -radial ([3]) if for every non-closed subset  $A$  of  $X$  and for every point  $p \in \overline{A} \setminus A$ , there exists a transfinite sequence  $\{x_\alpha \in A : \alpha < \kappa\}$  which converges to  $p$ .

A space  $X$  is called  $\kappa$ -pseudoradial ([3]) if for every non-closed subset  $A$  of  $X$ , there exist a point  $p \in \overline{A} \setminus A$  and a transfinite sequence  $\{x_\alpha \in A : \alpha < \kappa\}$  which converges to  $p$ .

By definitions, we have the following diagram.

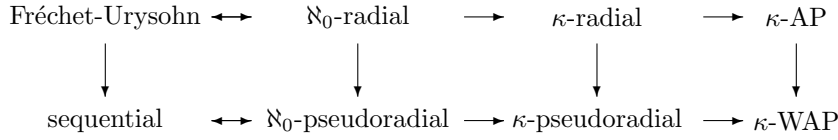


Diagram 1.  $\kappa$  is an infinite cardinal

We introduce a definition which is an extension of sequential compactness: a space  $X$  is called  $\kappa$ -sequentially compact if every transfinite sequence has a convergent transfinite subsequence with length  $\leq \kappa$ .

**Theorem 3.1** ([1]). *Every compact WAP space is pseudoradial.*

**Theorem 3.2** ([1]). *Every compact AP space is radial.*

**Theorem 3.3** ([3]). *Every countably compact  $\kappa$ -WAP space is  $\kappa$ -sequentially compact.*

We have two improvements of the above theorems as follows:

**Theorem 3.4.** *Every compact  $\kappa$ -WAP space is  $\kappa$ -pseudoradial.*

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be a compact  $\kappa$ -WAP space and let  $A$  be a non-closed subset of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is  $\kappa$ -WAP, there exist  $B \subseteq A$  and  $x \in X \setminus A$  such that  $\overline{B} \setminus A = \{x\}$  and  $|B| \leq \kappa$ . Select a minimal family  $\{U_\xi : \xi \in \kappa_0\}$  ( $\kappa_0 \leq \kappa$ ) of open subsets in the subspace  $\overline{B}$  satisfying  $\bigcap_{\xi \in \kappa_0} \overline{U}_\xi = \{x\}$ . By the minimality,  $\bigcap_{\nu \in \xi} \overline{U}_\nu \setminus \{x\} \neq \emptyset$  for every  $\xi \in \kappa_0$ . Choose a point  $x_\xi \in \bigcap_{\nu \in \xi} \overline{U}_\nu \setminus \{x\}$ . Since  $\overline{B}$  is compact, it is easy to check that the well-ordered net  $\langle x_\xi : \xi \in \kappa_0 \rangle$  so obtained converges to  $x$ . By construction, the set  $F = \{x_\xi : \xi \in \kappa_0\}$  is a subset of  $A$ . So the proof is complete.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5.** *Every compact  $\kappa$ -AP space is  $\kappa$ -radial.*

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be a compact  $\kappa$ -AP space. Let  $A$  be a non-closed subset of  $X$  and  $x \in \overline{A} \setminus A$ . Then there exists  $B \subseteq A$  such that  $\overline{B} \setminus A = \{x\}$  and  $|B| \leq \kappa$ . With a similar argument in Theorem 3.4, there exists a well-ordered net  $\langle x_\xi : \xi \in \kappa_0 \rangle$ ,  $\kappa_0 \leq \kappa$ , of  $A$  which converges to  $x$ . Hence  $X$  is  $\kappa$ -radial.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.6** ([1]). *Every compact scattered AP space is Fréchet-Urysohn.*

**Corollary 3.7.** *For every infinite cardinal  $\kappa$ , every compact scattered  $\kappa$ -AP space is  $\aleph_0$ -radial.*

*Proof.* It follows from Theorem 3.6. □

**Theorem 3.8** ([1]). *The product of compact semiradial space and compact WAP space is a WAP space.*

Finally, we prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.9.** *The product of compact  $\kappa$ -radial space and compact  $\kappa$ -WAP space is a  $\kappa$ -WAP space.*

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be a compact  $\kappa$ -radial space and let  $Y$  be a compact  $\kappa$ -WAP space. By way of contradiction, assume that  $X \times Y$  is not  $\kappa$ -WAP. Then there exists a non-closed subset  $A$  of  $X \times Y$  such that for every  $(x, y) \in \overline{A} \setminus A$  and for every subset  $F$  of  $A$  with  $|F| \leq \kappa$ ,  $\overline{F} \neq F \cup \{(x, y)\}$ , i.e., there is a  $\kappa$ -AP-closed set  $A \subseteq X \times Y$  which is not closed. Let  $\kappa$  be the minimal cardinal such that the set  $A$  is not  $\kappa$ -closed and choose a set  $B \subseteq A$  satisfying  $|B| = \kappa$  and  $\overline{B} \setminus A \neq \emptyset$ . Select a point  $(x, y) \in \overline{B} \setminus A$ . Since  $\{x\} \times Y$  is  $\kappa$ -WAP and  $A \cap (\{x\} \times Y)$  is  $\kappa$ -AP-closed (and hence it is closed in  $\{x\} \times Y$ ), there exists a closed neighbourhood  $V$  of  $(x, y)$  in  $X \times Y$  such that  $V \cap [A \cap (\{x\} \times Y)] = \emptyset$  (because of  $(x, y) \notin A \cap (\{x\} \times Y)$ ). Let  $\pi_X : X \times Y \rightarrow X$  be a projection map on  $X$ . Since  $\pi_X^{-1}(x) = \{x\} \times Y$  and  $(x, y) \in V$ ,  $V \cap \pi_X^{-1}(x) \neq \emptyset$ . Hence  $A \cap (\{x\} \times Y) = \emptyset$ , i.e.,  $A \cap \pi_X^{-1}(x) = \emptyset$ . Thus  $\pi_X^{-1}(x) \not\subseteq A$  and so  $x \notin \pi_X(A)$ . Since  $(x, y) \in \overline{B} \setminus A$ , it follows from the continuity of  $\pi_X$  that  $x \in \overline{\pi_X(B)}$ . Hence  $x \in \pi_X(B) \setminus \pi_X(A)$ . Also since  $|B| = \kappa$ ,  $|\pi_X(B)| \leq |B| = \kappa$ . Hence  $\pi_X(A)$  is not  $\kappa$ -closed.

Now since  $X$  is  $\kappa$ -radial, there exists a transfinite sequence  $\{x_\alpha : \alpha \in \kappa\}$  in  $\pi_X(A)$  which converges to a point  $\hat{x} \in X \setminus \pi_X(A)$ . For each  $\alpha \in \kappa$ , choose  $y_\alpha \in Y$  such that  $(x_\alpha, y_\alpha) \in A$ . Since  $Y$  is compact and the set  $\{y_\alpha : \alpha \in \kappa\}$  is infinite, there exists a complete accumulation point  $p$  of  $\{y_\alpha : \alpha \in \kappa\}$  in  $Y$ . Since the point  $(\hat{x}, p) \notin A$ , we get  $p \notin \pi_Y(A)$  as before. For any  $\alpha \in \kappa$ , we denote  $C_\alpha = \{y_\beta : \beta \in \alpha\}$  and put  $C = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \kappa} C_\alpha$ . Since  $\pi_Y(A)$  is  $\kappa$ -closed,  $\{y_\beta : \beta \in \alpha\} \subseteq \pi_Y(A)$ , and  $|\{y_\beta : \beta \in \alpha\}| < \kappa$ , we have  $\overline{\{y_\beta : \beta \in \alpha\}} \subseteq \pi_Y(A)$ , i.e.,  $C_\alpha \subseteq \pi_Y(A)$  for every  $\alpha \in \kappa$ . Hence  $C = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \kappa} C_\alpha \subseteq \pi_Y(A)$ . Moreover, since  $p \in \overline{C} \setminus \pi_Y(A)$ ,  $p \in \overline{C} \setminus C$  and thus  $C$  is not closed in  $Y$ . Hence by  $\kappa$ -WAP of  $Y$ , there exist a point  $\hat{y} \in \overline{C} \setminus C$  and a subset  $D$  of  $C$  such that  $\overline{D} = D \cup \{\hat{y}\}$  and  $|D| \leq \kappa$ . Clearly, we can write  $\overline{D} = \{\hat{y}\} \cup (\bigcup_{\alpha \in \kappa} \overline{D} \cap C_\alpha)$ . Since  $\hat{y} \notin C$ ,  $\hat{y} \notin C_\alpha$  for every  $\alpha \in \kappa$ . So for each  $\alpha \in \kappa$ ,  $\hat{y} \notin \overline{D} \cap C_\alpha$  and  $\overline{D} \cap C_\alpha$  is closed in  $Y$ . Hence for each  $\alpha \in \kappa$ , choose a closed neighborhood  $U_\alpha$  of  $\hat{y}$  in the subspace  $\overline{D}$  satisfying  $U_\alpha \cap \overline{D} \cap C_\alpha = \emptyset$  and let  $V_\alpha = \bigcap_{\beta \in \alpha} U_\beta$ . Since the subspace  $\overline{D}$  is compact and  $\overline{D} \setminus \{\hat{y}\}$  is  $\kappa$ -closed, it follows that every

$V_\alpha \setminus \{\hat{y}\}$  is not empty. (If  $V_\alpha \setminus \{\hat{y}\} = \emptyset$  for some  $\alpha \in \kappa$ , then  $V_\alpha = \{\hat{y}\}$  and so  $\bigcap_{\beta \in \alpha} U_\beta = \{\hat{y}\}$ . By  $\kappa$ -closedness of  $\overline{D} \setminus \{y\}$ ,  $\bigcap_{\beta \in \alpha} U_\beta \setminus \{\hat{y}\} \neq \emptyset$  for every  $\beta \in \alpha$ . Picking a point  $y_\beta \in \bigcap_{\beta \in \alpha} U_\beta \setminus \{\hat{y}\}$  and taking into account the compactness of  $\overline{D}$ , it is easy to check that the transfinite sequence so obtained converges to  $\hat{y}$ . Hence  $\hat{y} \in \overline{D} \subseteq C$ . This is a contradiction.) Now picking a point  $y'_\alpha \in V_\alpha \setminus \{\hat{y}\}$  for every  $\alpha \in \kappa$ , we obtain a transfinite sequence converging to  $\hat{y}$ . Next, fix a function  $f : \kappa \rightarrow \kappa$  such that  $y'_\alpha \in \{y_\beta : \alpha \in \beta \in f(\alpha)\}$  for any  $\alpha \in \kappa$ . Using the fact that  $A$  is  $< \kappa$ -closed, we can select a point  $x'_\alpha \in \overline{\{x_\beta : \alpha \in \beta \in f(\alpha)\}}$  in such way that  $(x', y') \in A$  for any  $\alpha \in \kappa$ . To finish, observe that the transfinite sequence  $F = \{(x'_\alpha, y'_\alpha) : \alpha \in \kappa\}$  must converges to the point  $(\hat{x}, \hat{y}) \notin A$ . Every point in the closure of  $F$  and distinct from  $(\hat{x}, \hat{y})$  is actually in the closure of an initial segment of  $F$  and hence in  $A$ . Thus we have  $\overline{F} \setminus A = (\hat{x}, \hat{y})$  and  $|F| \leq \kappa$ , in contradiction with the fact that  $A$  is  $\kappa$ -AP-closed.  $\square$

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