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A new diagonal separation and its relations with the Hausdorff property. (English)

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From the facts that the Hausdorff property of a topological space X is characterized by the closedness of the diagonal in $X \times X$ and the strong Hausdorff axiom in the category of locales (introduced by *J. R. Isbell* [Math. Scand. 31, 5–32 (1972; Zbl 0246.54028)]), the authors introduce the following interesting and useful criterion for separation: “Let \mathcal{P} be a property of subobjects relevant in a category \mathcal{C} . An object $X \in \mathcal{C}$ is \mathcal{P} -separated if the diagonal in $X \times X$ has \mathcal{P} ”.

Using this idea, the authors study the locales (frames) in which the diagonal is fitted (i.e., an intersection of open sublocales – they speak about \mathcal{F} -separated locales). Since the intersection of open sublocales is an operation of closure type, it is natural to ask about fitted diagonals; i.e, the property $\mathcal{F}\text{sep}$ or of the \mathcal{F} -separated locales (frames). The study of this property is the main topic of this paper.

On the other hand, taking into account that a well-known property of a locale (frame) is fitness [*J. R. Isbell*, Math. Scand. 31, 5–32 (1972; Zbl 0246.54028)], that a locale is *fit* if each of its sublocales is fitted, and that fitness is preserved under products and sublocales, the authors make an immediate observation that *fit* implies $\mathcal{F}\text{sep}$. Hence the first question one may ask is whether this implication can be reversed (it cannot; $\mathcal{F}\text{sep}$ is strictly weaker than fitness, which is one of the results of this paper).

Later, the authors prove the Dowker-Strauss type characterization of the strong Hausdorff property, and finally, they prove that $\mathcal{F}\text{sep}$ is strictly weaker than fitness, and that it does not coincide with any of the three standard axioms weaker than fitness: subfitness, weak subfitness and prefitness.

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