

# Closure Operators for Semitopogenous Spaces

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- 4 as an analog of the kernel of  $A = \bigcap \{U : A \subset U, U \text{ open}\}$ ,  
 $c \sqsubset A = \bigcap \{U : A \sqsubset U\}$ .

We provide a systematic comparison of these closure operators. Examples are presented to show their relative dependence and independence.

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Every (semi-)topogenous order  $\sqsubset$  has a **complementary order**  $\sqsubset^c$ :

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If it also satisfies

*additive*:  $cl(A \cup B) = clA \cup clB$  for all  $A, B \subseteq X$ , and

*idempotent*:  $cl(cl(A)) = clA$  for all  $A \subseteq X$

then it is a *Kuratowski closure operator*.

Recall that Kuratowski closure operators  $cl$  on a set  $X$  are just those closure operators that are associated with topologies  $\tau$  on  $X$ .



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(4) If  $\sqsubset$  satisfies (S1), (S3), and (S4- $\cap$ ), then

$$\mathcal{T}_{\sqsubset} = \{U \subseteq X : x \in U \Rightarrow x \sqsubset U\}$$

is a topology on  $X$ .

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The associated Kuratowski closure operator is denoted  $cl_{\mathcal{T}_{\sqsubset}}$ , and this is simply the topological closure from  $\mathcal{T}_{\sqsubset}$ .

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## Proof.

We will now show  $\mathcal{T}_\square \subseteq \mathcal{CF}_C$ . Suppose  $U \in \mathcal{T}_\square$ . We want to show  $X - U = cl_C(X - U)$ . Suppose  $y \in cl_C(X - U)$  and  $y \in U$ . Now  $U \in \mathcal{T}_\square$  implies  $y \sqsubset U$ . By the definition of  $cl_C$ ,  $y \in cl_C(X - U)$  and  $y \sqsubset U$  implies  $U \cap (X - U) \neq \emptyset$ , which is a contradiction. Thus,  $y \in cl_C(X - U)$  implies  $y \in X - U$  so  $X - U$  is  $cl_C$ -closed. Thus,  $\mathcal{T}_\square \subseteq \mathcal{CF}_C$ .

Now we will show that  $cl_C(A) \subseteq cl_{\mathcal{T}_\square}(A)$ . From  $\mathcal{CT}_\square \subseteq \mathcal{F}_C$  and the fact that  $cl_{\mathcal{T}_\square}$  is idempotent, we have  $cl_{\mathcal{T}_\square}(A) \in \mathcal{CT}_\square \subseteq \mathcal{F}_C$ .  $A \subseteq cl_{\mathcal{T}_\square}(A) \in \mathcal{CT}_\square \subseteq \mathcal{F}_C$  so  $cl_C(A) \subseteq cl_C(cl_{\mathcal{T}_\square}(A)) = cl_{\mathcal{T}_\square}(A)$ , as needed. □

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*These are the only relations which always hold.*

## A semitopogenous order $\sqsubset_p$ from a closure operator $p$

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*Suppose  $p : \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is grounded, extensive, and monotone. For  $A, B \subseteq X$ , define  $A \sqsubset_p B$  if and only if  $p(A) \subseteq B$ .*

- (a)  $\sqsubset_p$  is a coperfect semitopogenous order. In particular,  $\mathcal{T}_{\sqsubset_p}$  is an Alexandroff topology.*
- (b)  $\sqsubset_p$  satisfies (S4- $\cup$ ) if and only if  $p$  is additive.*
- (c)  $\sqsubset_p$  satisfies (S5) if and only if  $p$  is idempotent.*
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Since  $\sqsubset_\varepsilon$  has form  $\sqsubset_p$  for the closure operator  $p(A) = A_\varepsilon$ ,  
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