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THE COARSEST TOPOLOGY FOR I-APPROXIMATELY  
CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

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**Abstract:** In this paper we examine functions  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  which are I-approximately continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ . The topology, labelled the I-density topology  $\mathcal{T}_I$  has been presented in [2]. There has been shown that with respect to  $\mathcal{T}_I$  the I-approximately continuous functions are continuous. We shall define a completely regular topology  $\tau \in \mathcal{T}_I$  making all I-approximately continuous functions continuous.

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Throughout this paper,  $\mathcal{B}$  will denote the family of all subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  having the Baire property,  $I$  will denote the sigma ideal of sets of the first category. For  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$  we denote  $a \cdot A = \{ax : x \in A\}$  and  $A - a = \{x - a : x \in A\}$ . Recall [2] that 0 is an I-density point of a set  $A \in \mathcal{B}$  if and only if  $\chi_{n \cdot A \cap [-1, 1]} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{I} 1$ , i.e. if and only if for every increasing sequence  $\{n_m\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  of natural numbers there exists a subsequence  $\{n_{m_p}\}_{p \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that

$\chi_{n_{m_p} \cdot A \cap [-1, 1]} \xrightarrow[p \rightarrow \infty]{I} 1$ , except for a set belonging to  $I$ . A point  $x_0$

is an I-density point of  $A \in \mathcal{B}$  if and only if 0 is an I-density point of  $A - x_0$ . The set of all I-density points of  $A$  will be denoted by  $\mathcal{C}(A)$ . The notions of right-hand, left-hand I-density points and of I-dispersion points are defined in an obvious manner. The topology  $\mathcal{T}_I$  is the family of all sets  $A \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $A \subset \mathcal{C}(A)$ .

**Definition 1.** Let  $f$  be any function defined in some neighbourhood of  $x_0$  and having there the Baire property.  
 $I\text{-}\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \inf f(x) = \sup \{\alpha : \{x : f(x) < \alpha\} \text{ has } x_0 \text{ as an I-dispersion point}\},$

$I\text{-}\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \sup f(x) = \inf \{ \alpha : \{x : f(x) > \alpha\} \text{ has } x_0 \text{ as an I-dispersion point} \}$ .

We say that  $f$  is I-approximately continuous at  $x_0$  if and only if  $I\text{-}\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \inf f(x) = I\text{-}\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \sup f(x) = f(x_0)$ .

Throughout this paper  $\mathcal{T}$  will denote the natural topology,  $\text{cl}(A)$  ( $\text{int}(A)$ ) will denote closure (interior) of the set  $A$  with respect to  $\mathcal{T}$ .

**Definition 2.** For  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , by  $\mathcal{P}(x)$  we will define the family of all closed intervals  $[a, b]$  such that  $x \in (a, b)$  and of all interval sets  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_n, b_n] \cup \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} [c_n, d_n] \cup \{x\}$  where for all  $n$ ,  $b_{n-1} < a_n < b_n < x$  and  $x < c_n < d_n < c_{n-1}$ , and  $x \in \mathcal{P}(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_n, b_n] \cup \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} [c_n, d_n])$ .

It is obvious that if  $P \in \mathcal{P}(x)$  then  $P$  is perfect with respect to the natural topology.

**Lemma 1** [1]. Let  $G \subset \mathbb{R}$  be an open set with respect to  $\mathcal{T}$ . Then  $0$  is an I-dispersion point of  $G$  if and only if for every natural number  $n$ , there exist a natural number  $k$  and a real number  $\sigma > 0$  such that, for each  $h \in (0, \sigma)$  and for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  there exist two natural numbers  $j_r, j_l \in \{1, \dots, k\}$  such that

$$G \cap \left( \left( \frac{i-1}{n} + \frac{j_r-1}{n \cdot k} \right) h, \left( \frac{i-1}{n} + \frac{j_r}{n \cdot k} \right) h \right) = \emptyset$$

and

$$G \cap \left( - \left( \frac{i-1}{n} + \frac{j_l}{n \cdot k} \right) h, - \left( \frac{i-1}{n} + \frac{j_l-1}{n \cdot k} \right) h \right) = \emptyset.$$

We shall use the above lemma for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  by translating the set, if necessary.

**Definition 3.** Let  $\tau$  be the collection of all subsets  $U$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that

1.  $U \in \mathcal{T}_I$ ,
2. if  $U \neq \emptyset$  and  $x \in U$  then there exists the set  $P \in \mathcal{P}(x)$  such that  $P \subset \text{int } U \cup \{x\}$ .

**Theorem 1.**  $\tau$  is a topology on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathcal{T} \not\subseteq \tau \not\subseteq \mathcal{T}_I$ .

**Proof.** Let  $U_1, U_2 \in \tau$ . Then  $U_1, U_2 \in \mathcal{T}_I$  and  $U_1 \cap U_2 \in \mathcal{T}_I$ . Let  $U_1 \cap U_2 \neq \emptyset$  and  $x \in U_1 \cap U_2$ . Then there exist the sets  $P_1, P_2 \in \mathcal{P}(x)$

such that  $P_1 \subset \text{int } U_1 \cup \{x\}$  and  $P_2 \subset \text{int } U_2 \cup \{x\}$ . Since there exists  $P \subset P_1 \cap P_2$  such that  $P \in \mathcal{P}(x)$  and  $P_1 \cap P_2 \subset \text{int}(U_1 \cap U_2) \cup \{x\}$ , therefore  $U_1 \cap U_2 \in \tau$ .

Next, suppose that  $U_t \in \tau$  for each  $t \in T$  and  $U = \bigcup_{t \in T} U_t$ . Then  $\bigcup_{t \in T} U_t \in \mathcal{T}_I$  and for each  $x \in U$  there exists  $P \in \mathcal{P}(x)$ ,  $P \subset \text{int } U_{t_0} \cup \{x\}$  such that  $x \in U_{t_0}$ . Therefore  $P \subset \text{int } U \cup \{x\}$  and  $U \in \tau$ .

Since  $\emptyset$  and  $R$  belong to  $\tau$ , therefore  $\tau$  is a topology on  $R$  and  $\mathcal{T} \subset \tau \subset \mathcal{T}_I$ .

Let  $A$  be the set of all irrational numbers of  $R$ . Then  $A \in \mathcal{T}_I$  and  $A \notin \tau$ . Now, let  $G_1 = \bigcup_n (a_n, b_n)$ ,  $G_2 = \bigcup_n (c_n, d_n)$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = 0$ ,  $0 < a_n < b_n < a_{n-1}$  and  $c_n < d_n < c_{n+1} < 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $0$  is a right-hand and left-hand I-dispersion point of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , respectively (see [3]). Let

$$P = (R \setminus (G_1 \cup G_2)) \cap [c_1, b_1].$$

Then  $P \in \mathcal{P}(0)$ . Let  $G \in \mathcal{T}$  be such that

$$G = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{2b_{n+1} + a_{n+1}}{3}, \frac{2a_n + b_n}{3} \right) \cup (-\infty, 0), \text{ then } P \subset G \cup \{0\} \text{ and } 0 \notin G.$$

Then  $G \cup \{0\} \in \tau$  and  $G \cup \{0\} \notin \mathcal{T}$ . So the proof of Theorem is completed.

**Theorem 2.** If  $f$  is any I-approximately continuous function then  $f$  is a continuous function with respect to  $\tau$ .

**Proof.** In the first part of the proof we shall show that if  $0 \in \{x: f(x) > 0\}$  then there exists a set  $P \in \mathcal{P}(0)$  such that  $P \subset \text{int } \{x: f(x) > 0\} \cup \{0\}$ .

By assumption, there exists a natural number  $p$  such that  $f(0) > \frac{1}{p}$  and  $0 \in \mathcal{C}(\{x: f(x) > \frac{1}{p}\})$ . The set  $\{x: f(x) > \frac{1}{p}\} \in \mathcal{B}$  and therefore we have  $\{x: f(x) > \frac{1}{p}\} = F \Delta I_0$  where  $F$  is a closed set in the natural topology,  $I_0 \in I$  and  $0 \in \mathcal{C}(F)$ . Therefore it is nearly obvious (by Lemma 1) that, for a natural number  $n$ , there exist a natural number  $k$  and a real number  $\sigma > 0$  such that for each  $h \in (0, \sigma)$  and for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , there exists  $j(h, i) \in \{1, \dots, k\}$  such that

$$\left[ \frac{(i-1)k + j(h, i) - 1}{n \cdot k} \cdot h, \frac{(i-1)k + j(h, i)}{n \cdot k} \cdot h \right] \subset F.$$

Now, we shall define the family of sets  $\{P_m^{i,j}\}$  where  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  and  $j \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ . For each natural number  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  we shall say that  $h \in P_m^{ij}$  if and only if  $j$  is the above described natural number  $j(h, i)$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\left(\frac{(i-1)k+j-1}{(i-1)k+j}\right)^m \cdot \sigma \leq h < \left(\frac{(i-1)k+j-1}{(i-1)k+j}\right)^{m-1} \cdot \sigma.$$

Observe that the sets  $P_m^{ij}, m \in \mathbb{N}, i \in \{1, \dots, n\}, j \in \{1, \dots, k\}$  have the following properties:

(i)  $\bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{j=1}^k P_m^{ij} = (0, \sigma)$  for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,

(ii) if  $h_1, h_2 \in P_m^{ij}$  then

$$\left[\frac{(i-1)k+j-1}{n \cdot k} h_1, \frac{(j-1)k+j}{n \cdot k} h_1\right] \cap \left[\frac{(i-1)k+j-1}{n \cdot k} h_2, \frac{(i-1)k+j}{n \cdot k} h_2\right] \neq \emptyset,$$

(iii) if  $P_m^{ij} \neq \emptyset$  and  $a_m^{ij} = \inf P_m^{ij}, b_m^{ij} = \sup P_m^{ij}$  then

$$\text{cl}\left(\bigcup_{h \in P_m^{ij}} \left[\frac{(i-1)k+j-1}{n \cdot k} h, \frac{(i-1)k+j}{n \cdot k} h\right]\right) = \left[\frac{(i-1)k+j-1}{n \cdot k} a_m^{ij}, \frac{(i-1)k+j}{n \cdot k} b_m^{ij}\right],$$

(iv) for each  $x \in \left[\frac{(i-1)k+j-1}{n \cdot k} a_m^{ij}, \frac{(i-1)k+j}{n \cdot k} b_m^{ij}\right], f(x) \geq \frac{1}{p}$  where  $a_m^{ij}, b_m^{ij}$  are described above.

The statements (i) and (ii) are obvious. To prove the next statements let  $r = (i-1)k+j$ .

Let  $x \in \left(\frac{r-1}{n \cdot k} a_m^{ij}, \frac{r}{n \cdot k} b_m^{ij}\right)$  and  $r \neq 1$ . Then there exist  $h', h'' \in P_m^{ij}$  such that  $a_m^{ij} \leq h' \leq \min\left(\frac{n \cdot k}{r-1} x, b_m^{ij}\right)$  and  $\max\left(h', \frac{n \cdot k}{r} x\right) \leq h'' \leq b_m^{ij}$ . Therefore  $x \in \left[\frac{r-1}{n \cdot k} h', \frac{r}{n \cdot k} h''\right] = \left[\frac{r-1}{n \cdot k} h', \frac{r}{n \cdot k} h'\right] \cup \left[\frac{r-1}{n \cdot k} h'', \frac{r}{n \cdot k} h''\right]$ . If  $r=1$  then there exists  $h \in P_m^{ij}$  such that  $\frac{nkx}{r} \leq h \leq b_m^{ij}$  and  $x \in [0, \frac{r}{n \cdot k} h] = \left[\frac{r-1}{n \cdot k} h, \frac{r}{n \cdot k} h\right]$ . Let  $x = \frac{r-1}{n \cdot k} a_m^{ij}$ . Then there exists a sequence  $\{h_s\}_{s \in \mathbb{N}} \subset P_m^{ij}$  such that  $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} h_s = a_m^{ij}$  and for all  $s \in \mathbb{N}, h_s \geq a_m^{ij}$ . Therefore, for each  $s$ ,

$$\frac{r-1}{n \cdot k} h_s \in \bigcup_{h \in P_m^{ij}} \left[\frac{r-1}{n \cdot k} h, \frac{r}{n \cdot k} h\right] \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{r-1}{n \cdot k} a_m^{ij} \in \text{cl}\left(\bigcup_{h \in P_m^{ij}} \left[\frac{r-1}{n \cdot k} h, \frac{r}{n \cdot k} h\right]\right).$$

In a similar way we prove that  $\frac{r}{n \cdot k} b_m^{ij} \in \text{cl}\left(\bigcup_{h \in P_m^{ij}} \left[\frac{r-1}{n \cdot k} h, \frac{r}{n \cdot k} h\right]\right)$ .

Since it is obvious that  $\text{cl}(\bigcup_{h \in P_m^{ij}} [\frac{r-1}{n \cdot k} h, \frac{r}{n \cdot k} h]) \subset [\frac{r-1}{n \cdot k} a_m^{ij}, \frac{r}{n \cdot k} b_m^{ij}]$  the proof of (iii) is completed.

To prove the statement (iv) we observe that for all  $h \in P_m^{ij}$ ,  $[\frac{r-1}{n \cdot k} h, \frac{r}{n \cdot k} h] \subset F$  and  $[\frac{r-1}{n \cdot k} a_m^{ij}, \frac{r}{n \cdot k} b_m^{ij}] \subset F$ . By the above observation we have that  $[\frac{r-1}{n \cdot k} a_m^{ij}, \frac{r}{n \cdot k} b_m^{ij}] \setminus I_0 \subset F \setminus I_0 \subset \{x: f(x) > \frac{1}{p}\}$ .

Thus  $\{x: f(x) \leq \frac{1}{p}\} \cap [\frac{r-1}{n \cdot k} a_m^{ij}, \frac{r}{n \cdot k} b_m^{ij}] \in I$ . We suppose that there exists  $x_1 \in [\frac{r-1}{n \cdot k} a_m^{ij}, \frac{r}{n \cdot k} b_m^{ij}]$  such that  $f(x_1) < \frac{1}{p}$ . Then

$x_1 \in \mathcal{C}(\{x: f(x) < \frac{1}{p}\})$  and therefore  $\{x: f(x) < \frac{1}{p}\} \cap [\frac{r-1}{n \cdot k} a_m^{ij},$

$\frac{r}{n \cdot k} b_m^{ij}] \neq I$  which is impossible and for each  $x \in [\frac{r-1}{n \cdot k} a_m^{ij},$

$\frac{r}{n \cdot k} b_m^{ij}]$ ,  $f(x) \geq \frac{1}{p}$ . So we have proved that  $[\frac{r-1}{n \cdot k} a_m^{ij}, \frac{r}{n \cdot k} b_m^{ij}] \subset \{x: f(x) \geq \frac{1}{p}\} \subset \{x: f(x) > 0\}$ .

Let  $c_m^{ij} = \frac{r-1}{n \cdot k} a_m^{ij} + \frac{1}{3n \cdot k} a_m^{ij}$  and  $d_m^{ij} = \frac{r}{n \cdot k} b_m^{ij} - \frac{1}{3n \cdot k} b_m^{ij}$ .

Then  $[c_m^{ij}, d_m^{ij}] \subset (\frac{r-1}{n \cdot k} a_m^{ij}, \frac{r}{n \cdot k} b_m^{ij}) \subset \text{int}\{x: f(x) > 0\}$  and for each

$m, m' \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m \neq m'$ ,  $|m - m'| \neq 1$ ,  $[c_m^{ij}, d_m^{ij}] \cap [c_{m'}^{ij}, d_{m'}^{ij}] = \emptyset$ . For each

$i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  and  $j \in \{1, \dots, k\}$  let  $F_{ij} = \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} [c_m^{ij}, d_m^{ij}]$  and

$P^+ = \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} ([\frac{1}{m+1}, \frac{1}{m}] \cap \bigcup_{m=1}^m \bigcup_{i=1}^n \bigcup_{j=1}^k F_{ij}) \cup \{0\}$ .

We shall prove that 0 is a right-hand I-density point of  $P^+$

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . We choose  $k$  and  $\sigma' > 0$  for the set  $F$  by Lemma 1. Let  $\sigma'_1 = \min(\frac{1}{n}, \sigma')$  and  $k_0 = 3k$ . Then for each  $h \in (0, \sigma'_1)$ ,  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  and for  $j = j(h, i)$  there exists  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$(\frac{(i-1)k+j-1}{(i-1)k+j})^m \cdot \sigma' \leq h < (\frac{(i-1)k+j-1}{(i-1)k+j})^{m-1} \cdot \sigma'.$$

Then  $h \in P_m^{ij}$  and

$$[\frac{(i-1)k+j-1}{n \cdot k} \cdot h, \frac{(i-1)k+j}{n \cdot k} \cdot h] \subset [\frac{(i-1)k+j-1}{n \cdot k} a_m^{ij}, \frac{(i-1)k+j}{n \cdot k} b_m^{ij}]$$

where  $a_m^{ij} = \inf P_m^{ij}$  and  $b_m^{ij} = \sup P_m^{ij}$ . Therefore

$$\frac{(i-1)k+j-1}{n \cdot k} a_m^{ij} < \frac{(i-1)3k+3j-2}{3n \cdot k} a_m^{ij} \leq \frac{(i-1)3k+3j-2}{3n \cdot k} \cdot h$$

and

$$\frac{(i-1)k+j}{n \cdot k} b_m^{ij} > \frac{(i-1)3k+3j-1}{3n \cdot k} b_m^{ij} \geq \frac{(i-1)3k+3j-1}{3n \cdot k} \cdot h.$$

Thus

$$\left[ \frac{(i-1)3k+3j-2}{3n \cdot k} \cdot h, \frac{(i-1)3k+3j-1}{3n \cdot k} \cdot h \right] \subset [c_m^{ij}, d_m^{ij}] \subset F_{ij}.$$

We have shown that for each natural  $n$ , there exist  $\sigma'_1 > 0$  and  $k_0 = 3k$  such that, for each  $h \in (0, \sigma'_1)$  and for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , there exists  $j \in \{1, \dots, k_0\}$  such that

$$\left[ \frac{(i-1)k_0+j-1}{n \cdot k_0} \cdot h, \frac{(i-1)k_0+j}{n \cdot k_0} \cdot h \right] \subset P^+.$$

So 0 is a right-hand I-density point of  $P^+$ .

In a similar way we can find a set  $P^-$  such that 0 is a left-hand I-density point of  $P^-$ . Let  $P = P^+ \cup P^-$ .

We shall show that there exists  $P_1 \subset P$  such that  $P_1 \in \mathcal{P}(0)$  and  $P_1 \subset \text{int} \{x: f(x) > 0\} \cup \{0\}$ . Since  $F_{ij} = \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} [c_m^{ij}, d_m^{ij}]$  and for all  $m$ ,  $0 < c_{m+1}^{ij} < d_{m+1}^{ij} < c_{m-1}^{ij}$ , then for every natural number  $m$  the set  $A = \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{i=1}^n \bigcup_{j=1}^{k_0} F_{ij} \cap [\frac{1}{m+1}, \frac{1}{m}]$  includes a finite number of closed intervals. Therefore  $P^+$  is a closed interval or there exists the natural number  $n_0$  such that  $P^+ \cap [0, \frac{1}{n_0}]$  is a closed

interval or  $P^+ = \bigcup_{s=1}^{\infty} [c_s^*, d_s^*] \cup \{0\}$  where  $0 < c_s^* < d_s^* < c_{s-1}^*$  for each  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since the set  $P^-$  satisfies a similar property we can define a set  $P_1$  as follows:

1. if  $P^-$  and  $P^+$  are closed intervals, we define  $P_1 = P$ ,
2. if  $P^+ = \bigcup_{s=1}^{\infty} [c_s^*, d_s^*] \cup \{0\}$  and  $P^- = \bigcup_{s=1}^{\infty} [a_s^*, b_s^*] \cup \{0\}$  where for each  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $b_{s-1}^* < a_s^* < b_s^* < 0$  we define  $P_1 = P$ ,
3. if  $P^-$  is a closed interval and  $P^+ = \bigcup_{s=1}^{\infty} [c_s^*, d_s^*] \cup \{0\}$ , we define  $P_1 = P^+ \cup (P^- \cap P^*)$  where  $P^*$  is an arbitrary set belonging to  $\mathcal{P}(0)$ ,
4. if  $P^+$  is an interval and  $P^- = \bigcup_{s=1}^{\infty} [a_s^*, d_s^*] \cup \{0\}$  we define  $P_1 = P^- \cup (P^+ \cap P^{**})$  where  $P^{**}$  is an arbitrary set belonging to  $\mathcal{P}(0)$ .

Since  $P_1 \subset P$  therefore  $P_1 \subset \text{int} \{x: f(x) > 0\} \cup \{0\}$ .

Let  $x_0 \in \{x: f(x) > a\}$  where  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$0 \in \{x: f(x+x_0) - a > 0\}.$$

Since the function  $h(x) = f(x+x_0) - a$  is I-approximately continuous at 0 then there exists a set  $P \in \mathcal{P}(0)$  such that  $P \subset \text{int} \{x: f(x+x_0) - a > 0\} \cup \{0\}$ . It is obvious that the set  $P+x_0 \in \mathcal{P}(x_0)$  and  $P+x_0 \subset \text{int} \{x: f(x) > a\} \cup \{x_0\}$ . Therefore the proof of the theorem is completed.

Definition of  $\Delta(M)$ . Let  $M$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then  $x \in \Delta(M)$ , if and only if for every set  $P \in \mathcal{P}(x)$ ,  $\emptyset \neq P \cap M \neq \{x\}$ .

Lemma 2. Let  $M \subset \mathbb{R}$ . If  $U \in \tau$  and  $\Delta(M) \cap U \neq \emptyset$  then  $\text{int } U \cap M \neq \emptyset$ .

Proof. Let  $x_0 \in U \cap \Delta(M)$ . Then there exists a set  $P \in \mathcal{P}(x_0)$  such that  $P \subset \text{int } U \cup \{x_0\}$ . Since  $x_0 \in \Delta(M)$  therefore  $\emptyset \neq P \cap M \neq \{x_0\}$  and  $P \cap M \subset (\text{int } U \cup \{x_0\}) \cap M = (\text{int } U \cap M) \cup (\{x_0\} \cap M)$ . Thus  $\text{int } U \cap M \neq \emptyset$ .

Proposition 1. If  $M$  is a closed set in the natural topology, then  $\Delta(M) \subset M$ .

Proof follows from the fact that for each  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  the family  $\mathcal{P}(x)$  includes all closed intervals such that  $x$  belongs to their interior.

Theorem 3. Let  $X \subset \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\tau\text{-cl } X = X \cup \Delta(\text{cl } X) \subset \text{cl } X$ . Moreover,  $x$  is a limit point of  $X$  in the  $\tau$ -topology if and only if  $x \in \Delta(\text{cl } X)$ .

Proof. Let  $x_0 \in \Delta(\text{cl } X)$  and  $U \in \tau$  such that  $x_0 \in U$ . Then there exists a set  $P \in \mathcal{P}(x_0)$  such that  $P \subset \text{int } U \cup \{x_0\}$ . By the definition of  $\Delta(\text{cl } X)$  we have  $\emptyset \neq P \cap \text{cl } X \neq \{x_0\}$ . Let  $x_1 \in P \cap \text{cl } X \subset (\text{int } U \cup \{x_0\}) \cap \text{cl } X$  and  $x_1 \neq x_0$ . Then there exists  $x_2 \in \text{int } U \cap X \subset U \cap X \neq \emptyset$  and  $x_2 \neq x_0$ . Thus  $x_0 \in \tau\text{-cl } X$  and  $X \cup \Delta(\text{cl } X) \subset \tau\text{-cl } X$ . Now, we assume that  $x_0 \notin X$  and  $x_0 \notin \Delta(\text{cl } X)$ . We have that there exists a set  $P \in \mathcal{P}(x_0)$  such that  $P \cap \text{cl } X = \emptyset$  or  $P \cap \text{cl } X = \{x_0\}$ . If  $P \cap \text{cl } X = \emptyset$  then there exists an open set  $G$  (in the natural topology) such that  $P \subset G$  and  $G \cap \text{cl } X = \emptyset$ . Therefore  $G \cap X = \emptyset$ . Since  $x_0 \in P \subset G$  and  $\mathcal{T} \subset \tau$  we have  $x_0 \notin \tau\text{-cl } X$ . Let  $P \cap \text{cl } X = \{x_0\}$  and, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $S_{n+1} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}: \frac{1}{n+1} \leq |x-x_0| \leq \frac{1}{n}\}$  and  $S_1 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}: |x-x_0| \geq 1\}$ . Then for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $S_n \cap P$  is the closed set in the natural topology and  $S_n \cap P \cap \text{cl } X = \emptyset$ . Let  $G_n$ , for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , be an open set such that  $S_n \cap P \subset G_n$ ,  $x_0 \notin G_n$  and  $G_n \cap \text{cl } X = \emptyset$ . Then for  $U = \bigcup_n G_n \cup \{x_0\}$ ,  $P \subset U$ . Therefore  $U \in \tau$  and  $U \cap \text{cl } X = \{x_0\}$ . Hence



$x_0 \notin X$  implies  $U \cap X = \emptyset$ . We have shown that  $x_0 \notin \tau\text{-cl } X$  and the first part of the theorem is proved.

If  $x_0 \in R \setminus \Delta(\text{cl } X)$  then  $(R \setminus \text{cl } X) \cup \{x_0\} \in \tau$  and  $X \cap ((R \setminus \text{cl } X) \cup \{x_0\}) \subset \{x_0\}$ . Hence each point of  $R \setminus \Delta(\text{cl } X)$  is not a limit point of  $X$  in the  $\tau$ -topology. Let  $x_0 \in \Delta(\text{cl } X)$ . Then, by the first part of the proof, we know that  $x_0$  is a limit point in the  $\tau$ -topology.

Corollary. If  $X \subset R$  then  $\tau\text{-cl } X$  is a perfect set in the  $\tau$ -topology if and only if  $X \subset \Delta(\text{cl } X)$ .

Proof. If  $\tau\text{-cl } X$  is perfect in the  $\tau$ -topology, then by Theorem 3 we have

$$X \subset \tau\text{-cl } X = \Delta(\text{cl}(\tau\text{-cl } X)) \subset \Delta(\text{cl}(\text{cl } X)) = \Delta(\text{cl } X).$$

If  $X \subset \Delta(\text{cl } X)$  then by Theorem 3 we have

$$\tau\text{-cl } X = X \cup \Delta(\text{cl } X) = \Delta(\text{cl } X) \subset \Delta(\text{cl}(\tau\text{-cl } X)).$$

Since  $\tau\text{-cl } X$  is a closed set in the  $\tau$ -topology, the proof of the corollary is completed.

Let  $Z_0 = \{A \subset R : \Delta(\text{cl } A) = \emptyset\}$ .

Proposition 2. The family  $Z_0$  is an ideal and  $Z_0 \not\subseteq I$ .

Proposition 3. There exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that for all  $n$ ,  $0 < x_{n+1} < x_n$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0$  and  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \cup \{0\} \notin Z_0$ .

Proof. Let  $W = \{w_1, w_2, \dots\}$  be a set of all rational numbers from  $(\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ . For every natural  $n$  we define a sequence  $\{z_p^n\}_{p \geq 1}$  such that for each  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $z_p^n = \frac{1}{2^p} w_n$ . Then we observe that for each  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  and for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2^{p+1}} < z_p^n < \frac{1}{2^p}$ . Let  $A = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{z_p^n\}_{p \geq 1}$ . Since the set  $A$  is countable, we can define  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that  $A = \{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ . It is obvious that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0$ .

Now, we suppose that  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \cup \{0\} \in Z_0$ . Then, by definition of  $Z_0$ , we have  $\Delta(\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \cup \{0\}) = \emptyset$ . Therefore there exists a set  $P \in \mathcal{P}(0)$  such that  $P \cap (\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \cup \{0\}) = \{0\}$ . Let  $\{t_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  be an arbitrary subsequence of the sequence  $\{t_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  where, for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $t_k = 2^k$  and  $G = R \setminus P$ . We shall show that for each  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$\bigcup_{s=m}^{\infty} (t_{k_s} \cdot G \cap (\frac{1}{2}, 1))$  is a residual set in  $(\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ . Let  $(a, b) \cap (\frac{1}{2}, 1) \neq \emptyset$ . Then there exists  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $w_r \in (a, b) \cap (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ . Therefore, for each  $p \geq r$ ,  $z_p^r = \frac{1}{2^p} w_r \in \{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ . Let  $s_0 \geq m$  be a natural number such that  $k_{s_0} \geq r$ . Then  $z_{k_{s_0}}^r = \frac{1}{k_{s_0}} w_r \in \{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset G$  and  $\frac{1}{k_{s_0} + 1} < z_{k_{s_0}}^r < \frac{1}{k_{s_0}}$ .

Thus  $w_r = 2^{k_{s_0}} z_{k_{s_0}}^r \in 2^{k_{s_0}} \cdot G \cap (\frac{1}{2}, 1) = t_{k_{s_0}} \cdot G \cap (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$  and

$(a, b) \cap \bigcup_{s=m}^{\infty} (t_{k_s} \cdot G \cap (\frac{1}{2}, 1)) \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $G$  is open, the set

$\bigcap_{m=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{s=m}^{\infty} (t_{k_s} \cdot G \cap (\frac{1}{2}, 1))$  is residual in  $(\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ . Then, by definition

of I-dispersion point of an open set we know that  $0$  is not I-dispersion point of the set  $G$ . Therefore  $0$  is not I-density point of the set  $P$ , which is a contradiction.

Theorem 4.  $\tau = \{U \in \mathcal{T}_I : U = G \cup M \text{ where } G \in \mathcal{T}, M \cap \Delta(R \setminus G) = \emptyset\}$ .

Proof. Let  $U \in \mathcal{T}_I$  and  $U = G \cup M$  where  $G \in \mathcal{T}$  and  $M \cap \Delta(R \setminus G) = \emptyset$ . We suppose that there exists  $x_0 \in M$  such that  $x_0 \notin \tau\text{-int } U$ . Then, for each  $P \in \mathcal{P}(x_0)$ ,  $P \not\subset \text{int } U \cup \{x_0\}$ . Therefore  $P \not\subset G \cup \{x_0\}$ . Thus  $\emptyset \neq P \cap (R \setminus G) \neq \{x_0\}$  and  $x_0 \in \Delta(R \setminus G)$ , which is a contradiction.

Now, let  $U \in \tau$ ,  $G = \text{int } U$  and  $M = U \setminus \text{int } U$ . We suppose that there exists  $x_0 \in M \cap \Delta(R \setminus G)$ . Since  $x_0 \in \tau\text{-int } U$  then there exists  $P \in \mathcal{P}(x_0)$  such that  $P \subset \text{int } U \cup \{x_0\}$ . Therefore  $P \cap (R \setminus G) = \{x_0\}$ , which is a contradiction.

Theorem 5.  $\tau$  is a completely regular Hausdorff topology on  $R$ .

Proof. Since  $\mathcal{T} \subset \tau$ ,  $\tau$  is a Hausdorff topology. Let  $F$  be a closed set in the  $\tau$ -topology and  $x_0 \notin F$ . Since  $R \setminus F \in \tau$  then there exists the set  $P \in \mathcal{P}(x_0)$  such that  $P \subset \text{int}(R \setminus F) \cup \{x_0\}$ . Let  $G = \text{int}(R \setminus F)$  and

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x = x_0, \\ \frac{d(x, R \setminus G)}{d(x, R \setminus G) + d(x, P)} & x \neq x_0 \end{cases}$$

where  $d(x,A)$  is the distance from  $x$  to the set  $A$ . It is easily seen that  $f$  is continuous at each  $x \neq x_0$  and  $I$ -approximately continuous at  $x=x_0$ . Also  $f(x_0)=1$  and  $f(x)=0$  for all  $x \in F$ . Therefore the proof of the theorem is completed.

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