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## STRONGLY $\delta$ -CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS AND TOPOLOGIES ON FUNCTION SPACES

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**Abstract.** In this paper we study the function space of strongly  $\delta$ -continuous functions and have generalised some basic results of R. Arens and J. Dugundji.

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### Introduction

The concept of ‘proper’ and ‘admissible’ topology in function space were first introduced by Arens and Dugundji in [1]. These terminologies subsequently changed to ‘splitting’ and ‘conjoining’ respectively. In [4] we introduced the notion of strongly  $\delta$ -continuous function and the concepts of  $\delta$ -splitting and  $\delta$ -conjoining topology . Here we introduce strong  $\delta$ -splitting topology and strong  $\delta$ -conjoining topology and obtain some of its properties. We also introduce the notion of ‘strong  $\delta^*$ ’ by slightly changing the definition of ‘strong  $\delta$ ’ and try to find its behaviour in relation to the notion of ‘strong  $\delta$ ’. We also construct some examples of strongly  $\delta$ -splitting topology and try to find the behaviour of  $N - R$  topology [3] on the set of  $\delta$ -continuous functions and also on the set of strong  $\delta$ -continuous functions. Lastly, we have defined the  $\delta$ -upper limit of a net and have investigated the relations between different types of convergence through it.

### §1. Prerequisites, Definitions & Theorems

**Definition 1.1 [5] :** Let  $X$  be a topological space . A set  $S$  in  $X$  is said to be regular open ( respectively regular closed ) if  $Int.(cl.S) = S$  ( respectively  $Cl.(int.S) = S$  ). A point  $x \in S$  is said to be a  $\delta$ -cluster point of  $S$  if  $S \cap U \neq \emptyset$  , for every regular open set  $U$  containing  $x$ . The set of all  $\delta$ -cluster points of  $S$  is called the  $\delta$ -closure of  $S$  and is denoted by  $[S]_\delta$ . If  $[S]_\delta = S$ , then  $S$  is said to be  $\delta$ -closed . The complement of a  $\delta$ -closed set is called a  $\delta$ -open set .

For every topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , the collection of all  $\delta$ -open sets forms a topology for  $X$ , which is weaker than  $\tau$ . This topology  $\tau^*$  has a base consisting of all regular open sets in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Definition 1.2 [5]** : A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called a  $\delta$ -continuous function iff for every regular open set  $V$  of  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $\delta$ -open in  $X$ . This can be alternatively defined as follows : a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\delta$ -continuous at a point  $x \in X$  iff for every regular open nbd.  $V$  of  $f(x)$  in  $Y$ ,  $\exists$  a  $\delta$ -open nbd.  $U$  of  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .

**Definition 1.3 [4]**: A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous at a point  $x \in X$  iff for any open nbd.  $V$  of  $f(x)$  in  $Y$ ,  $\exists$  a  $\delta$ -open nbd.  $U$  of  $x$  in  $X$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ ; instead of taking an arbitrary nbd. of  $f(x)$  we could take a sub-basic open set containing  $f(x)$  as well.

The set of all strongly  $\delta$ -continuous functions would be denoted by  $SD(X, Y)$ , whereas  $D(X, Y)$  would denote the set of all  $\delta$ -continuous functions from  $X$  to  $Y$ .

Obviously every strongly  $\delta$ -continuous function is always continuous and the converse does also hold if  $X$  is regular.

**Definition 1.4 [2]** : A set  $A \subset (X, \tau)$  is said to be  $N$ -closed in  $X$  or simply  $N$ -closed, if for any cover of  $A$  by  $\tau$ -open sets, there exists a finite sub-collection the interiors of the closures of which cover  $A$ ; interiors and closures are of course w.r.t  $\tau$ . A space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be nearly compact iff  $X$  is  $N$ -closed in  $X$ .

**Definition 1.5 [3]** : The  $N - R$  topology on  $D(X, Y)$  ( or  $SD(X, Y)$  ) is generated by the sets of the form

$$\{T(C, U) : C \text{ is } N\text{-closed in } X \text{ and } U \text{ regular open in } Y\},$$

where  $T(C, U) = \{f \in D(X, Y) : f(C) \subseteq U\}$ .

**Definition 1.6 [5]** : A net  $\{x_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  in  $(X, \tau)$  is said to  $\delta$ -converge to a point  $x \in X$  iff every regular open nbd. of  $x$  contains the net eventually ; we write  $x_\lambda \xrightarrow{\delta} x$ .

**Theorem 1.7 [5]**. A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\delta$ -continuous iff  $\{f(x_\lambda)\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$   $\delta$ -converges to  $f(x)$  for each  $x \in X$  and for each net  $\{x_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$   $\delta$ -converging to  $x$ .

**Theorem 1.8 [4]**. A net  $\{f_\mu : \mu \in M\}$  in  $D(X, Y)$  is said to be  $\delta$ -continuously convergent to  $f \in D(X, Y)$ , if for any net  $\{x_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  in  $X$  such that  $x_\lambda \xrightarrow{\delta} x$ , the net  $f_\mu(x_\lambda) \xrightarrow{\delta} f(x)$ .

**Notation 1.9** : By  $C_\delta$  we denote the class of all pairs  $(\{f_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}, f)$  where  $\{f_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  is a net in  $D(X, Y)$  which  $\delta$ -continuously converges to  $f \in D(X, Y)$ . If  $\tau$  is a topology on  $D(X, Y)$  then by  $(C(\tau))_\delta$ , we denote the class of all pairs  $(\{f_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}, f)$ , where  $\{f_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  is a net in  $D(X, Y)$  which  $\delta$ -converges to  $f$  in the  $\tau$ -topology.

**Definition 1.10** [4] ; Given three spaces  $X, Y, Z$  a function  $\alpha(x, y) = z$  can be regarded as a map from  $X \times Y$  to  $Z$  or as a family of maps  $Y \rightarrow Z$  with  $X$  a parametric space .

For notation let  $\alpha : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  be  $\delta$ -continuous at  $y \in Y$  for each fixed  $x \in X$ , the formula  $[\tilde{\alpha}(x)](y) = \alpha(x, y) \cdot \dots (1)$  defines  $\tilde{\alpha}(x) : Y \rightarrow Z$  which is  $\delta$ -continuous i.e.,  $\tilde{\alpha}(x) \in D(Y, Z)$  . So  $\tilde{\alpha} : X \rightarrow D(Y, Z)$  is generated from the original mapping  $\alpha : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  as given .

Conversely given an  $\tilde{\alpha} : X \rightarrow D(Y, Z)$ , the formula (1) defines an  $\alpha : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  which is  $\delta$ -continuous at  $y \in Y$  for each fixed  $x \in X$  . Two maps  $\alpha : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  and  $\tilde{\alpha} : x \rightarrow D(Y, Z)$  related by the formula (1) are called associates.

**Definition 1.11** : A topology  $\tau$  on  $D(Y, Z)$  is called  $\delta$ -splitting iff for every space  $X$  the  $\delta$ -continuity of a map  $\alpha : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  implies the  $\delta$ -continuity of the map  $\tilde{\alpha} : X \rightarrow D(Y, Z)$ .

**Definition 1.12** : A topology  $\tau$  on  $D(Y, Z)$  is called  $\delta$ -conjoining iff for every space  $X$  the  $\delta$ -continuity of a map  $\tilde{\alpha} : X \rightarrow D(Y, Z)$  implies the  $\delta$ -continuity of the map  $\alpha : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$ .

**Theorem 1.13.** A topology  $\tau$  on  $D(Y, Z)$  is  $\delta$ -conjoining iff the evaluation map  $P : D(Y, Z) \times Y \rightarrow Z$  defined by  $P(f, y) = f(y)$  is  $\delta$ -continuous.

**Proof :** It suffices to observe that  $\alpha = P \circ (\tilde{\alpha} \times 1)$  , where 1 is the identity function in  $Y$ . Moreover the evaluation function i.e. is the associate of the identity mapping on  $D(Y, Z)$ .

**Theorem 1.14** [4]: A topology  $\tau$  on  $D(Y, Z)$  is  $\delta$ -splitting iff  $C_\delta \subseteq (C(\tau))_\delta$

**Theorem 1.15** [4] : A topology  $\tau$  on  $D(Y, Z)$  is  $\delta$ -conjoining iff  $(C(\tau))_\delta \subseteq C_\delta$ .

## §2. Strong $\delta$ -notions

We have already defined strong  $\delta$ -continuity of a function in 1.3.

**Definition 2.1** : A net  $\{f_\mu : \mu \in M\}$  in  $SD(X, Y)$  is said to be strongly  $\delta$ -continuously convergent to  $f \in SD(X, Y)$  , iff for any net  $\{x_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  in  $X$  which  $\delta$ -converges to  $x \in X$  , we have the net  $\{f_\mu(x_\lambda) : (\lambda, \mu) \in \Lambda \times M\}$  converging to  $f(x)$  in  $Y$ .

**Theorem 2.2** [4]. A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous at a point  $x \in X$  iff for every net  $\{x_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  in  $X$  for which  $x_\lambda \xrightarrow{\delta} x$ , we have  $f(x_\lambda) \rightarrow f(x)$  in  $Y$ .

**Notation 2.3** : By  $C_\delta^*$  we denote the class of all pairs  $(\{f_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}, f)$  where  $\{f_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  is a net in  $SD(Y, Z)$  which strongly  $\delta$ -continuously converges to  $f \in SD(Y, Z)$ . If  $\tau$  is a topology on  $SD(Y, Z)$  then by  $(C^*(\tau))_\delta$ , we denote the class of all pairs  $(\{f_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}, f)$ , where  $\{f_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  is a net in  $SD(Y, Z)$  which converges to  $f \in SD(Y, Z)$  in the  $\tau$ -topology.

**Definition 2.4 :** A topology  $\tau$  on  $SD(Y, Z)$  is called strongly  $\delta$ -splitting iff for every space  $X$  the strong  $\delta$ -continuity of a map  $\alpha : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  implies the strong  $\delta$ -continuity of the map  $\tilde{\alpha} : X \rightarrow SD(Y, Z)$ .

**Definition 2.5 :** A topology  $\tau$  on  $SD(Y, Z)$  is called strongly  $\delta$ -conjoining iff for every space  $X$  the strong  $\delta$ -continuity of a map  $\tilde{\alpha} : X \rightarrow SD(Y, Z)$  implies the strong  $\delta$ -continuity of the map  $\alpha : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** *A topology  $\tau$  on  $SD(Y, Z)$  is strongly  $\delta$ -conjoining iff the evaluation map  $P : SD(Y, Z) \times Y \rightarrow Z$  defined by  $P(f, y) = f(y)$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous. The proof is straight forward in view of theorem 1.13 and with the fact that the composition of two strongly  $\delta$ -continuous function is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous.*

**Lemma 2.7 [4] :** If  $X$  and  $Y$  are topological spaces &  $A, B$  are N-closed sets in  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively . If  $W$  is a  $\delta$ -open set containing  $A \times B$  in the product space  $X \times Y$ , then there are  $\delta$ -open sets  $U$  &  $V$  respectively such that  $A \subset U$  ,  $B \subset V$  ,  $U \times V \subset W$ .

**Notation 2.8 :** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a family of spaces . A topology  $\tau$  on  $SD(Y, Z)$  is called strongly  $\delta_{\mathcal{A}}$ -splitting ( respectively strongly  $\delta_{\mathcal{A}}$ -conjoining) iff for an element  $X$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  , the strong  $\delta$ -continuity of a map  $\alpha : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  (respectively a map  $\beta : X \rightarrow SD(Y, Z)$ ) implies the strong  $\delta$ -continuity of the map  $\tilde{\alpha} : X \rightarrow SD(Y, Z)$  (respectively  $\beta : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$ )

**Note 2.9 :** If  $\mathcal{A}$  is the family of all spaces the notions of strongly  $\delta_{\mathcal{A}}$ -splitting and strongly  $\delta_{\mathcal{A}}$ -conjoining coincides with the notions of strongly  $\delta$ -splitting and strongly  $\delta$ -conjoining,

**Theorem 2.10.** *A topology  $\tau$  on  $SD(Y, Z)$  is strongly  $\delta$ -splitting iff  $C_{\delta}^* \subseteq (C^*(\tau))_{\delta}$ .*

**Proof :** Let  $\tau$  be a strongly  $\delta$ -splitting topology on  $SD(Y, Z)$  and let  $(\{f_{\lambda} : \lambda \in \Lambda\}, f) \in C_{\delta}^*$ . We prove that  $\{f_{\lambda} : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  converges to  $f$  in the  $\tau$  topology.  $\Lambda$  is a directed set and let us add a point  $\infty$  to  $\Lambda$  such that  $\infty \notin \Lambda$ ; to ascertain the natural order relations between  $\infty$  and members of  $\Lambda$ , let us take  $\infty \geq \lambda \forall \lambda \in \Lambda$ . We then topologize  $X = \Lambda \cup \{\infty\}$  defining any singleton  $\{\lambda\}$  ,  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  to be open and nbds. of  $\infty$  the sets  $\{\lambda \in X : \lambda \geq \lambda_0 \text{ for some } \lambda_0 \in \Lambda\}$ . Let  $\alpha : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  be a map for which  $\alpha(\lambda, y) = f_{\lambda}(y)$ ,  $\lambda \neq \infty$  and  $\alpha(\infty, y) = f(y)$  for every  $y \in Y$ . The map  $\alpha$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous. Obviously  $\tilde{\alpha}(\lambda) = f_{\lambda}$  and  $\tilde{\alpha}(\infty) = f$ . Since the topology  $\tau$  is strongly  $\delta$ -splitting , the map  $\tilde{\alpha} : X \rightarrow SD(Y, Z)$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous.

By strong  $\delta$ -continuity of  $\tilde{\alpha}$ , we have that for every open nbd.  $U$  of  $f$  in  $SD(Y, Z)$ , there exists a  $\delta$ -open nbd.  $V$  of  $\infty$  in  $X$  such that  $\tilde{\alpha}(V) \subseteq U$ .

By definition of the topology of  $X \exists$  an element  $\lambda_0 \in \Lambda$  such that  $\lambda \in V \forall \lambda \in \Lambda$  with  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$ . Hence  $f_{\lambda} \in U \forall \lambda \in \Lambda$  with  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$  i.e., the net  $\{f_{\lambda} : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  converges to  $f$  in the  $\tau$  topology. Thus  $C_{\delta}^* \subseteq (C^*(\tau))_{\delta}$ .

Conversely let  $\tau$  be a topology on  $SD(Y, Z)$  such that  $C_\delta^* \subseteq (C^*(\tau))_\delta$ . We have to prove that  $\tau$  is strongly  $\delta$ -splitting. Let  $X$  be an arbitrary space and let  $\alpha : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  be a strongly  $\delta$ -continuous map. Consider the map  $\tilde{\alpha} : X \rightarrow SD(Y, Z)$  ( $SD(Y, Z)$  is endowed with the  $\tau$  topology). We have to prove that  $\tilde{\alpha}$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous. Let  $\{x_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be a net in  $X$  which  $\delta$ -converges to  $x$ . We prove that the net  $\tilde{\alpha}(x_\lambda)$  converges to  $\tilde{\alpha}(x)$ .

Let  $\{y_\mu : \mu \in M\}$  be a net in  $Y$  which  $\delta$ -converges to  $y$  in  $Y$ . Since the map  $\alpha$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous and the net  $\{(x_\lambda, y_\mu) : (\lambda, \mu) \in \Lambda \times M\}$  of  $X \times Y$   $\delta$ -converges to  $(x, y)$  in  $X \times Y$ , we have  $\alpha(x_\lambda, y_\mu) \rightarrow \alpha(x, y)$ . This means that  $\alpha_{x_\lambda}(y_\mu) \rightarrow \alpha_x(y)$ . Thus the net  $\{\tilde{\alpha}(x_\lambda) : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  converges to  $\tilde{\alpha}(x)$ . Thus the map  $\tilde{\alpha}$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous and hence  $\tau$  is strongly  $\delta$ -splitting.

**Theorem 2.11.** *A topology  $\tau$  on  $SD(Y, Z)$  is strongly  $\delta$ -conjoining if and only if  $(C^*(\tau))_\delta \subseteq C_\delta^*$*

**Proof:** Let  $\tau$  be a strongly  $\delta$ -conjoining topology. Let  $X$  be the space as in the theorem of 2.10. Let  $(\{f_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}, f) \in (C^*(\tau))_\delta$ . Clearly the map  $\alpha : X \rightarrow SD(Y, Z)$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous where  $\alpha(\lambda) = f_\lambda$  and  $\alpha(\infty) = f$ . Then the map  $\tilde{\alpha} : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous. We have to prove that  $(\{f_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}, f) \in C_\delta^*$ . Then it is sufficient to prove that if  $\{y_\mu : \mu \in M\}$  is a net in  $Y$  which  $\delta$ -converge to  $y$  in  $Y$ , then the net  $\{f_\lambda(y_\mu) : (\lambda, \mu) \in \Lambda \times M\}$  converges to  $f(y)$ . But the net  $\{\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  in  $X$   $\delta$ -converges to  $\infty$  in  $X$ . Hence the net  $\{(\lambda, y_\mu) : (\lambda, \mu) \in \Lambda \times M\}$  in  $X \times Y$   $\delta$ -converges to  $(\infty, y)$  in  $X \times Y$ . Since the map  $\tilde{\alpha}$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous, the net  $\{\tilde{\alpha}(\lambda, y_\mu) \equiv \alpha(\lambda)(y_\mu) \equiv f_\lambda(y_\mu), (\lambda, \mu) \in \Lambda \times M\}$  converges to  $\tilde{\alpha}(\infty, y) \equiv f(y)$ .

Conversely, let  $\tau$  be a topology on  $SD(Y, Z)$  such that  $(C^*(\tau))_\delta \subseteq C_\delta^*$ .

We prove that the topology  $\tau$  is strongly  $\delta$ -conjoining. Let  $X$  be an arbitrary space and let  $\alpha : X \rightarrow SD(Y, Z)$  ( $SD(Y, Z)$  be endowed with the  $\tau$  topology) be a strongly  $\delta$ -continuous map. We prove that the map  $\tilde{\alpha} : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous. Let  $\{(x_\lambda, y_\mu) : (\lambda, \mu) \in \Lambda \times M\}$  be a net in  $X \times Y$  which  $\delta$ -converge to  $(x, y)$ . We prove that the net  $\{\tilde{\alpha}(x_\lambda, y_\mu) : (\lambda, \mu) \in \Lambda \times M\}$  in  $Z$  converges to  $\tilde{\alpha}(x, y)$ .

Since the net  $\{x_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$   $\delta$ -converges to  $x$  in  $X$  and the map  $\alpha$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous, the net  $\{\alpha(x_\lambda) : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  converges to  $\alpha(x)$ . Thus by assumption the net  $\{\alpha(x_\lambda) : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  strongly  $\delta$ -continuously converges to  $\alpha(x)$ . Now since the net  $\{y_\mu : \mu \in M\}$   $\delta$ -converges to  $y$ , the net  $\{\alpha(x_\lambda)(y_\mu) \equiv \tilde{\alpha}(x_\lambda, y_\mu) : (\lambda, \mu) \in \Lambda \times M\}$  converges to  $\alpha(x)(y) = \tilde{\alpha}(x, y)$ . Hence the topology  $\tau$  is strongly  $\delta$ -conjoining.

**Theorem 2.12.** *A topology  $\tau$  on  $SD(Y, Z)$  is simultaneously strongly  $\delta$ -splitting and strongly  $\delta$ -conjoining iff  $C_\delta^* = (C^*(\tau))_\delta$ . The proof of this theorem follows from theorems 2.10 & 2.11.*

**Theorem 2.13.** *A topology  $\tau$  on  $SD(Y, Z)$  is strongly  $\delta$ -splitting iff is strongly  $\delta_{\mathcal{A}}$ -splitting , where  $\mathcal{A}$  is the family of all spaces having exactly one non-isolated point.*

**Proof :** It is enough to prove that if  $\tau$  is strongly  $\delta_{\mathcal{A}}$ -splitting , where  $\mathcal{A}$  is the family of all spaces having exactly one non-isolated point, then the topology  $\tau$  is strongly  $\delta$ -splitting.

Let  $(\{f_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}, f) \in C_\delta^*$ . We have to prove that  $(\{f_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  converges to  $f$  in the  $\tau$  topology.

Let  $X = \Lambda \cup \{\infty\}$ , where  $\infty$  is a symbol such that  $\infty \geq \lambda$  for every  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ . Then we topologize  $X = \Lambda \cup \{\infty\}$  by defining any singleton  $\{\lambda\}, \lambda \in \Lambda$  to be open and nbds. of  $\infty$  the sets  $\{\lambda \in X : \lambda \geq \lambda_0 \text{ for some } \lambda_0 \in \Lambda\}$ . Clearly the element  $\infty$  is the unique non-isolated point of the space  $X$  and thus  $X \in \mathcal{A}$ .

We consider the map  $\alpha : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  by setting  $\alpha(\lambda, y) = f_\lambda(y)$  &  $\alpha(\infty, y) = f(y)$ . Obviously the map  $\alpha$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous . Now we prove that  $\{f_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  converges to  $f$  in the  $\tau$  topology.

Let  $U \in \tau$  be an open nbd. of  $f$ . Now the topology  $\tau$  is strongly  $\delta_{\mathcal{A}}$ -splitting . Hence the map  $\tilde{\alpha} : X \rightarrow SD(Y, Z)$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous . Also  $\tilde{\alpha}(\infty) = f$  &  $\tilde{\alpha}(\lambda) = f_\lambda, \lambda \neq \infty$ . Thus  $\exists$  a  $\delta$ -open nbd.  $V$  of  $\infty$  such that  $\tilde{\alpha}(V) \subseteq U$ .

Since the set  $V$  is an  $\delta$ -open nbd. of  $\infty$  in  $X$   $\exists$  an element  $\lambda_0 \in \Lambda$  such that  $\lambda \in V, \forall \lambda \geq \lambda_0$ . Hence  $\tilde{\alpha}(\lambda) = f_\lambda \in U \forall \lambda \in \Lambda$  with  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$ . Thus the net  $\tilde{\alpha}(\lambda) = \{f_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  converges to  $f$  in the  $\tau$  topology and hence  $\tau$  is strongly  $\delta$ -splitting.

**Theorem 2.14.** *A topology  $\tau$  on  $SD(Y, Z)$  is strongly  $\delta$ -conjoining iff is strongly  $\delta_{\mathcal{A}}$ -conjoining , where  $\mathcal{A}$  is the family of all spaces having exactly one non-isolated point.*

The proof is similar to theorem 2.13.

### §3. Strong $\delta^*$ notions on function space

**Definition 3.1 :** A topology  $\tau$  on  $SD(Y, Z)$  is called strongly  $\delta^*$ -splitting iff for every space  $X$ , the strong  $\delta$ -continuity of a map  $\alpha : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  implies the  $\delta$ -continuity of the map  $\tilde{\alpha} : X \rightarrow SD(Y, Z)$ .

**Definition 3.2 :** A topology  $\tau$  on  $SD(Y, Z)$  is called strongly  $\delta^*$ -conjoining iff for every space  $X$ , the  $\delta$ -continuity of a map  $\tilde{\alpha} : X \rightarrow SD(Y, Z)$  implies the strong  $\delta$ -continuity of the map  $\alpha : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** *The following propositions are true :*

- (1) *Let  $\tau$  be a strongly  $\delta$ -splitting topology on  $SD(Y, Z)$ . Then the topology  $\tau$  is strongly  $\delta^*$ -splitting.*
- (2) *Let  $\tau$  be a strongly  $\delta$ -conjoining topology on  $SD(Y, Z)$ . Then the topology  $\tau$  is strongly  $\delta^*$ -conjoining.*

The proof of the theorem is clear.

**Theorem 3.4.** *A topology  $\tau$  on  $SD(Y, Z)$  is strongly  $\delta^*$ -conjoining iff the evaluation map  $P : SD(Y, Z) \rightarrow Z$  defined by  $P(f, y) = f(y)$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous.*

**Proof :** Clearly , the identity map  $\tilde{\alpha} \equiv 1 : SD(Y, Z) \rightarrow SD(Y, Z)$ , where  $SD(Y, Z)$  is endowed with  $\tau$  topology is  $\delta$ -continuous , since  $\tau$  is strongly  $\delta^*$ -conjoining the map  $\alpha \equiv P : SD(Y, Z) \times Z$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous.

Conversely , let  $X$  be a space ,  $\tilde{\alpha} : X \rightarrow SD(Y, Z)$  be a  $\delta$ -continuous map and  $1 : Y \rightarrow Y$  be the identity map . Clearly the map  $\tilde{\alpha} \times 1 : X \times Y \rightarrow SD(Y, Z) \times Y$  is also  $\delta$ -continuous in the product space. Also it is given that the evaluation map  $P : SD(Y, Z) \times Y \rightarrow Z$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous . Then the composition map  $P \circ (\tilde{\alpha} \times 1) : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous and  $\alpha = P \circ (\tilde{\alpha} \times 1)$ . Thus the topology  $\tau$  is strongly  $\delta^*$ -conjoining.

#### §4. Examples of strongly $\delta$ -splitting topology

**Example 4.1:** The trivial topology on  $SD(Y, Z)$  is clearly strongly  $\delta$ -splitting.

**Example 4.2 :** The pointwise topology  $\tau_p$  on  $SD(Y, Z)$  is strongly  $\delta$ -splitting.

Indeed, let  $X$  be any arbitrary space and let  $\alpha : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  be a strongly  $\delta$ -continuous map. We have to show that  $\tilde{\alpha} : X \rightarrow SD(Y, Z)$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous. Let  $x \in X$  and let  $\tilde{\alpha}(x) \in T(\{y\}, U)$ , where  $y \in Y$  and  $U$  be an open set of  $Z$ . Then we have  $\tilde{\alpha}(x)(y) = \alpha(x, y) \in U$ . Since  $\alpha$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous so  $\exists$   $\delta$ -open nbds.  $W_1$  &  $W_2$  of  $x$  &  $y$  respectively such that  $\alpha(W_1 \times W_2) \subseteq U$ . Which implies that  $\tilde{\alpha}(W_1) \in T(\{y\}, U)$  and thus the map  $\tilde{\alpha}$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous.

**Lemma 4.3 :** Let  $\alpha : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  be a strongly  $\delta$ -continuous map,  $O$  be an open set of  $Z$ ,  $K$  be a compact subset of  $Y$  and  $x \in X$  be such that  $\{x\} \times K \subseteq \alpha^{-1}(O)$ . Then  $\exists$  a  $\delta$ -open nbd.  $V_x$  of  $x$  such that  $V_x \times K \subseteq \alpha^{-1}(O)$ .

**Proof :** Let  $y \in K$ . Then  $(x, y) \in \alpha^{-1}(O)$  which implies  $\alpha(x, y) \in O$ . Since  $\alpha$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous so  $\exists$  a  $\delta$ -open nbd.  $V_x^y$  of  $x$  and an open nbd.  $V_y$  of  $y$  such that  $V_x^y \times Int.cl.(V_y) \subseteq \alpha^{-1}(O)$ . Also we have  $K \subseteq \cup\{V_y : y \in K\}$ . Since  $K$  is compact so  $\exists$  open sets  $V_{y_1}, \dots, V_{y_k}$  such that  $K \subseteq V_{y_1} \cup \dots \cup V_{y_k}$ .

Let  $V_x = V_x^{y_1} \cap V_x^{y_2} \cap \dots \cap V_x^{y_k}$  &  $V_y' = V_{y_1} \cup \dots, \cup V_{y_k}$ . Then  $V_x$  is a  $\delta$ -open nbd. of  $x$  ( since intersection of finite number of  $\delta$ -open set is  $\delta$ -open). We prove that  $V_x \times K \subseteq \alpha^{-1}(O)$ .

let  $(x_1, y_1) \in V_x \times K \subseteq V_x \times Int.cl.(V_y')$ . Then  $x_1 \in V_x^{y_i}$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$  and  $y_1 \in V_{y_j}$  for some  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . Thus  $(x_1, y_1) \in V_x^{y_j} \times V_{y_j}$  for

$1 \leq p \leq k$ . Which is a subset of  $\alpha^{-1}(O)$ . Hence  $V_x \times K \subseteq \alpha^{-1}(O)$ .

**Example 4.4 :** The compact open topology  $\tau_c$  on  $SD(Y, Z)$  is strongly  $\delta$ -splitting.

Let  $X$  be an arbitrary topological space and let  $\alpha : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  be a strongly  $\delta$ -continuous map. We have to show that  $\tilde{\alpha} : X \rightarrow SD(Y, Z)$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous. Let  $x \in X$  and let  $\tilde{\alpha}(x) \in T(K, U)$  where  $K$  is a compact subset of  $Y$  and  $U$  be an open set in  $Z$ . We prove that  $\exists \delta$ -open set  $W$  containing  $x$  in  $X$  such that  $\tilde{\alpha}(W) \subseteq T(K, U)$ . We have  $\{x\} \times K \subseteq \alpha^{-1}(U)$ . By the above lemma 4.3  $\exists \delta$ -open nbd.  $W$  of  $x$  such that  $W \times K \subseteq \alpha^{-1}(U)$ . Thus  $\alpha(W \times K) \subseteq U$  and hence  $\tilde{\alpha}(W) \subseteq T(K, U)$ . Hence  $\tilde{\alpha}$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous.

**Example 4.5 :** A topology  $\tau$  on  $SD(Y, Z)$  is generated by the sets of the form  $\{P(C, U) : C \text{ is a N-closed subset of } Y \text{ \& } U \text{ be an open set in } Z\}$  where  $P(C, U) = \{f \in SD(Y, Z) : f(C) \subseteq U\}$ . This topology  $\tau$  on  $SD(Y, Z)$  is strongly  $\delta$ -splitting. To this end we first show that for a strongly  $\delta$ -continuous map  $\alpha : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$ , if  $U$  be an open set in  $Z$  and  $C$  be a N-closed subset of  $Y$  and  $x \in X$  be such that  $\{x\} \times C \subseteq \alpha^{-1}(U)$ , then  $\exists$  a  $\delta$ -open nbd.  $V_x$  of  $x$  such that  $V_x \times C \subseteq \alpha^{-1}(U)$ .

Indeed for every  $y \in C$ , we have  $(x, y) \in \alpha^{-1}(U)$  and therefore  $\alpha(x, y) \in U$ . Since  $\alpha$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous  $\exists \delta$ -open nbds.  $V_x^y$  &  $V_y$  of  $x$  &  $y$  respectively such that  $V_x^y \times V_y \subseteq \alpha^{-1}(U)$ . Also we have  $C \subseteq \cup\{V_y : y \in C\}$ . Since  $C$  is N-closed,  $\exists \delta$ -open sets  $V_{y_1}, \dots, V_{y_n}$  such that  $C \subseteq V_{y_1} \cup \dots \cup V_{y_n}$ .

Let  $V_x = V_x^{y_1} \cap \dots \cap V_x^{y_n}$  &  $V_y' = V_{y_1} \cup \dots \cup V_{y_n}$ . We prove that  $V_x \times C \subseteq \alpha^{-1}(U)$ . Let  $(x_1, y_1) \in V_x \times C \subseteq V_x \times V_y'$ . Then  $x_1 \in V_x^{y_i}$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . &  $y_1 \in V_{y_j}$  for some  $j = 1, \dots, n$ . Thus  $(x_1, y_1) \in V_x^{y_p} \times V_{y_p}$  for some  $p$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq n$ . Which is a subset of  $\alpha^{-1}(U)$ . Thus  $V_x \times C \subseteq \alpha^{-1}(U)$ .

Now we prove that  $\tau$  is strongly  $\delta$ -splitting. Let  $X$  be any arbitrary space and let  $\alpha : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  be a strongly  $\delta$ -continuous map. We have to show that the map  $\tilde{\alpha} : X \rightarrow SD(Y, Z)$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous. Let  $x \in X$  and let  $\tilde{\alpha}(x) \in P(C, U)$ , where  $C$  is N-closed set in  $Y$  and  $U$  an open set in  $Z$ . We have  $\{x\} \times C \subseteq \alpha^{-1}(U)$ . Then what we have just proved above,  $\exists$  a  $\delta$ -open nbd.  $W$  of  $x$  such that  $W \times C \subseteq \alpha^{-1}(U)$ . Thus  $\alpha(W \times C) \subseteq U$  and so  $\tilde{\alpha}(W) \subseteq P(C, U)$ . Thus the map  $\tilde{\alpha}$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous.

**Remarks 4.6 :** All examples that we have discussed above remain valid for the case of strongly  $\delta^*$ -notions.

### §5. Splittingness & conjoiningness of N-R-Topology

One natural question may come up, is there exists any topology on  $SD(Y, Z)$  which is strongly  $\delta$ -splitting as well as strongly  $\delta$ -conjoining.

**Theorem 5.1.** *The N-R topology on  $SD(Y, Z)$  is strongly  $\delta$ -splitting.*



**Proof :** The N-R topology  $\tau$  on  $SD(Y, Z)$  is generated by the sets of the form  $T(C, U) = \{f \in SD(Y, Z) : f(C) \subseteq U\}$ , where  $C$  is a N-closed subset in  $Y$  and  $U$  be regular open in  $Z$ . Since regular open sets are  $\delta$ -open so in the subbasic open set of the N-R topology we can take  $U$  to be a  $\delta$ -open subset of  $Z$ .

For this we first prove that for a strongly  $\delta$ -continuous map  $\alpha : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$ , if  $U$  be an  $\delta$ -open set in  $Z$  and  $C$  be a N-closed subset of  $Y$  and  $x \in X$  be such that  $\{x\} \times C \subseteq \alpha^{-1}(U)$ , then  $\exists$  a  $\delta$ -open nbd.  $V_x$  of  $x$  such that  $V_x \times C \subseteq \alpha^{-1}(U)$ .

Now for every  $y \in C$ , we have  $(x, y) \in \alpha^{-1}(U)$  and hence  $\alpha(x, y) \in U$ . Since  $\alpha$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous  $\exists$   $\delta$ -open nbds.  $V_x^y$  &  $V_y$  of  $x$  &  $y$  respectively such that  $V_x^y \times V_y \subseteq \alpha^{-1}(U)$ , since  $\delta$ -open sets are open sets. Also we have  $C \subseteq \cup\{V_y : y \in C\}$ . Since  $C$  is N-closed,  $\exists$   $\delta$ -open sets  $V_{y_1}, \dots, V_{y_n}$  such that  $C \subseteq V_{y_1} \cup \dots \cup V_{y_n}$ .

Let  $V_x = V_x^{y_1} \cap \dots \cap V_x^{y_n}$  &  $V_y' = V_{y_1} \cup \dots \cup V_{y_n}$ . We prove that  $V_x \times C \subseteq \alpha^{-1}(U)$ . Let  $(x_1, y_1) \in V_x \times C \subseteq V_x \times V_y'$ . Then  $x_1 \in V_x^{y_i}$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . &  $y_1 \in V_{y_j}$  for some  $j = 1, \dots, n$ . Thus  $(x_1, y_1) \in V_x^{y_p} \times V_{y_p}$  for some  $p$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq n$ , which is a subset of  $\alpha^{-1}(U)$ . Thus  $V_x \times C \subseteq \alpha^{-1}(U)$ .

Next we show that the N-R topology is strongly  $\delta$ -splitting. Let  $X$  be any arbitrary space and let  $\alpha : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  be a strongly  $\delta$ -continuous map. We have to show that the map  $\tilde{\alpha} : X \rightarrow SD(Y, Z)$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous. Let  $x \in X$  and let  $\tilde{\alpha}(x) \in T(C, U)$ , where  $C$  is N-closed set in  $Y$  and  $U$  a  $\delta$ -open set in  $Z$ . We have  $\{x\} \times C \subseteq \alpha^{-1}(U)$ . Then by above,  $\exists$  a  $\delta$ -open nbd.  $W$  of  $x$  such that  $W \times C \subseteq \alpha^{-1}(U)$ . Thus  $\alpha(W \times C) \subseteq U$  and so  $\tilde{\alpha}(W) \subseteq T(C, U)$ . Thus the map  $\tilde{\alpha}$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous.

**Theorem 5.2.** *On the set  $SD(Y, Z)$  there exists the greatest strongly  $\delta$ -splitting topology.*

**Proof :** Let  $\{T_\alpha\}$  be the set of all strongly  $\delta$ -splitting topologies on the set  $SD(Y, Z)$ . Let  $\tau$  be the topology having the members of  $\cup_\alpha T_\alpha$  as subbasis. We prove that  $\tau$  is the greatest strongly  $\delta$ -splitting topology. Then it is enough to prove that  $\tau$  is strongly  $\delta$ -splitting topology. Let  $X$  be any arbitrary space and let  $\alpha : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  be a strongly  $\delta$ -continuous map. We have to show that the map  $\tilde{\alpha} : X \rightarrow SD(Y, Z)$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous. ( $SD(Y, Z)$  is endowed with the  $\tau$  topology). Since any subbasic open set  $U \in \tau$  belongs to some strongly  $\delta$ -splitting topology  $T_\alpha$ , we must have  $\tilde{\alpha}^{-1}(U)$  is  $\delta$ -open in  $X$  and hence  $\tilde{\alpha} : X \rightarrow SD(Y, Z)$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous.

**Theorem 5.3. a)** *A topology larger than a strongly  $\delta$ -conjoining topology is also strongly  $\delta$ -conjoining.*

**b)** *A topology smaller than a strongly  $\delta$ -splitting topology is also strongly*

$\delta$ -splitting.

**Proof :** Let  $\tau$  be a strongly  $\delta$ -conjoining topology and  $\tau \subset \sigma$ . Since the identity map  $1 : SD_\sigma(Y, Z) \rightarrow SD_\tau(Y, Z)$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous and the strongly  $\delta$ -conjoining property of  $\tau$  gives that the map  $P : SD_\tau(Y, Z) \times Y \rightarrow Z$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous. So we get  $SD_\sigma(Y, Z) \times Y \rightarrow Z$  is also strongly  $\delta$ -continuous. Thus  $\sigma$  is strongly  $\delta$ -conjoining. The proof of (b) is similar.

**Theorem 5.4.** *Any strongly  $\delta$ -conjoining topology is larger than any strongly  $\delta$ -splitting topology.*

**Proof :** Let  $\tau$  be a strongly  $\delta$ -conjoining and  $\sigma$  be a strongly  $\delta$ -splitting topology on  $SD(Y, Z)$ . Then for any arbitrary space  $X$ , the strong  $\delta$ -continuity of the map  $\tilde{\alpha} : X \rightarrow SD_\tau(Y, Z)$  implies  $\alpha : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous ( as  $\tau$  is strongly  $\delta$ -conjoining ) which implies  $\tilde{\alpha} : X \rightarrow SD_\sigma(Y, Z)$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous ( as  $\sigma$  is strongly  $\delta$ -splitting). Thus we find that  $1 : SD_\tau(Y, Z) \rightarrow SD_\sigma(Y, Z)$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous. Which shows that  $\sigma \subset \tau$ .

**Theorem 5.5.** *On the set  $SD(Y, Z)$ , the N-R topology is the smallest strongly  $\delta$ -conjoining topology if  $Y$  is locally nearly compact  $T_2$  &  $Z$  is semiregular.*

**Proof :** First we show that the N-R topology is strongly  $\delta$ -conjoining. Any sub-basic open set of the N-R topology on  $SD(Y, Z)$  is

$$T(C, U) = \{f \in SD(Y, Z) : f(C) \subseteq U\}$$

where  $C$  is a N-closed set in  $Y$  &  $U$  regular open in  $Z$ .

Let  $X$  be an arbitrary topological space and it is given that the map  $\tilde{\alpha} : X \rightarrow SD(Y, Z)$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous. We have to show that  $\alpha : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous.

Let  $V$  be a sub-basic open set in  $Z$ . Let  $y \in Y$  and  $P'$  be a regular open nbd. of  $y$  in  $Y$ . Since  $Y$  is locally nearly compact  $T_2$  so  $\exists$  an open set  $M$  containing  $y$  such that  $\bar{M} \subset P'$  with  $\bar{M}$  N-closed. Then  $T(\bar{M}, V)$  is a sub-basic open set in N-R topology on  $SD(Y, Z)$ . Since  $\tilde{\alpha}$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous so there exists a regular open set  $W$  in  $X$  such that  $\tilde{\alpha}(W) \subset T(\bar{M}, V)$ . Then for any  $x \in W$ ,  $\tilde{\alpha}(x) \in T(\bar{M}, V) \Rightarrow \tilde{\alpha}(x)(y) \in V$  ( as  $y \in \bar{M}$  )  $\Rightarrow \alpha(x, y) \in V$ . Thus  $\alpha(W \times \bar{M}) \subset V$ . So for any sub-basic open set  $V$  of  $Z$ ,  $\exists$  a regular open nbd.  $W \times \bar{M}$  of  $(x, y)$  in the product space  $X \times Y$  such that  $\alpha(W \times \bar{M}) \subset V$ . Hence  $\alpha$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous.

Now we show that it is the smallest among all the strongly  $\delta$ -conjoining topology that can be given on  $SD(Y, Z)$ .

Let  $\sigma$  be a topology on  $SD(Y, Z)$  which is strongly  $\delta$ -conjoining. We show that  $T(C, U)$  is  $\sigma$ -open in order to show that the N-R topology is the smallest one. Now in view of theorem 2.6 the map  $P : SD(Y, Z) \times Y \rightarrow Z$  defined by  $P(f, y) = f(y)$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous. Then the set  $V' =$

$(SD(Y, Z) \times Y) \cap P^{-1}(U)$  is  $\delta$ -open in  $SD(Y, Z) \times Y$ . If  $f \in T(C, U)$  then  $f(C) \subset U$  i.e.,  $\{f\} \times C \subset P^{-1}(U)$  i.e.,  $\{f\} \times C \subset V'$ . Now  $\{f\}$  is N-closed in  $SD(Y, Z)$  &  $C$  is so in  $Y$  so by lemma 2.7,  $\exists$   $\delta$ -open sets  $N$  of  $f$  in  $\sigma$ -topology such that  $N \times C \subset P^{-1}(U)$ . So for each  $f \in N$ ,  $f(C) \subset U \Rightarrow N \subset T(C, U)$  and so  $f \in N \subset T(C, U)$ . Thus  $T(C, U)$  is  $\sigma$ -open. As a partial converse of Theorem 5.5 we can now state and prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 5.6.** *Let  $X$  be a non-regular  $T_2$  topological space in which for every  $\delta$ -open set  $U$  and a point  $p \in U$ ,  $\exists$  a strongly  $\delta$ -continuous function  $f : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that  $f(p) = \{1\}$  &  $f(X \setminus U) = \{0\}$ ; if  $SD(X, [0, 1])$  be endowed with N-R topology  $\mathfrak{S}$  then  $X$  must be locally nearly compact if  $P : SD(X, [0, 1]) \times X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is strongly  $\delta$ -continuous.*

**Proof :** Let  $F : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be defined by  $F(x) = 0 \forall x \in X$ . Then obviously  $F \in SD(X, [0, 1])$ . Let  $W_0$  be a nbd. of 0 in  $[0, 1]$  which does not contain 1. By the strong  $\delta$ -continuity of  $F$ ,  $\exists$  a  $\mathfrak{S}$  nbd.  $U$  of  $F$  and a nbd.  $V$  of  $x$  in  $X$  such that  $y \in Int.(cl.V)$  &  $g \in Int.(cl.U)$  imply  $g(y) \in W_0 \cdots (1)$ . We show that  $\bar{V}$  is N-closed.

Suppose  $\mathcal{U}$  is a  $\delta$ -open covering of  $\bar{V}$ ; since  $\bar{V}$  is the closure of an open set it is regularly closed and hence  $\delta$ -closed; thus  $X \setminus \bar{V}$  is  $\delta$ -open and  $\mathcal{U} \cup \{X \setminus \bar{V}\}$  is a  $\delta$ -open cover of  $X$ .

Since  $U$  is a  $\mathfrak{S}$ -nbd. of  $F$ ,  $\exists A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  N-closed in  $X$  &  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n$  regular open in  $[0, 1]$  such that  $F \in T(A_1, U_1) \cap \dots \cap T(A_n, U_n) \subset U$ .

Let  $G = Int.\bar{V} \setminus (A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n)$ . Obviously  $A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n$  is N-closed in  $X$  and hence  $\delta$ -closed and let if possible  $p \in G$  then  $\exists$  a strongly  $\delta$ -continuous function  $r : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that  $r(p) = \{1\}$  &  $r(X \setminus G) = \{0\}$ . Now  $r \in SD(X, [0, 1])$ ; also  $A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n \subset X \setminus G$  and thus  $r(A_1) = \dots = r(A_n) = \{0\}$ . Since  $F(A_1) = \dots = F(A_n) = \{0\}$ ,  $0 \in U$ ; for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and as such  $r \in T(A_1, U_1) \cap \dots \cap T(A_n, U_n) \subset U$ . But  $r(p) = \{1\}$  &  $1 \notin W_0$ , where as  $r \in U \subset Int.(cl.U)$  &  $p \in Int.(cl.V)$  should imply  $r(p) \in W_0$  ( from (1) ).

Thus we arrive at a contradiction; this contradiction shows that  $G = \emptyset$ . For  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , now  $Int.\bar{V} \subseteq A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n$ . But  $A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n$  is a closed set and thus  $\bar{V} \subseteq A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n$ . Now  $\mathcal{U} \cup \{X \setminus \bar{V}\}$  is a  $\delta$ -open cover of  $A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n$ ; since each  $A_i$  is N-closed,  $A_i \subseteq W_{i_1} \cup \dots \cup W_{i_{m_i}}$  where each  $W_{i_{m_i}}$  is chosen from  $\mathcal{U} \cup \{X \setminus \bar{V}\}$ .

Thus  $\bar{V}$  has a finite subcovering from  $\mathcal{U}$  ( in fact  $X \setminus \bar{V}$  adjoined to  $\mathcal{U}$  need not occur among the members of the finite subcovering ). Thus  $\bar{V}$  is N-closed.

**Note 5.7 :**  $X$  with the properties stated in the theorem does exist; infact  $[0, 1]$  with the countable complement extension topology [6] satisfies this condition.

**Conclusion 5.8 :** Now we are in a position to give answer to our question that we bring at beginning of this article. In viewing the above results we can conclude that the N-R topology on  $SD(Y, Z)$  is the smallest strongly  $\delta$ -conjoining and the largest strongly  $\delta$ -splitting topology provided  $Y$  a locally nearly compact  $T_2$  space and  $Z$  a semiregular space.

### §6. $\delta$ -upper limit of a net

**Definition 6.1 :** With  $P(X)$ – the power set of a topological space  $X$  and  $\mathcal{A}' = \{A_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\} \subset P(X)$ , where  $\Lambda$  is a directed set , we define the  $\delta$ -upper limit for  $\mathcal{A}'$  as the set of all points  $x \in X$  such that for every  $\lambda_0 \in \Lambda$  and every  $\delta$ -open nbd.  $U$  of  $x$  in  $X \exists$  an element  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  for which  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$  &  $A_\lambda \cap U \neq \emptyset$ . We denote the  $\delta$ -upper limit for  $\mathcal{A}'$  by  $\delta - \overline{\lim}_\Lambda(A_\lambda)$ .

**Theorem 6.2[4].** A net  $\{f_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  on  $D(X, Y)$   $\delta$ -continuously converges to  $f \in D(X, Y)$  iff  $\delta - \overline{\lim}_\Lambda(f_\lambda^{-1}(K)) \subseteq f^{-1}(K)$ , for every  $\delta$ -closed subset  $K$  of  $Y$ .

**Definition 6.3 :** Let  $\mathcal{O}(Y)$  be the family of all  $\delta$ -open sets of the space  $Y$  and let  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{O}(Y)$ .

We define  $C_\delta^*(\mathcal{A})$  on the set  $D(X, Y)$  as follows : a pair  $(\{f_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}, f) \in C_\delta^*(\mathcal{A})$ , where  $\{f_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  is a net in  $D(X, Y)$  &  $f \in D(X, Y)$  if

$$f^{-1}(U) \subseteq X \setminus \delta - \overline{\lim}_\Lambda(X \setminus f_\lambda^{-1}(U))$$

or equivalently

$$\delta - \overline{\lim}_\Lambda f_\lambda^{-1}(K) \subseteq f^{-1}(K)$$

where  $K = Y \setminus U$ , for every  $U \in \mathcal{A}$ . Obviously if  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{O}(Y)$  , then  $C_\delta^*(\mathcal{A}) = C_\delta$

**Lemma 6.4 :** Let  $\mathcal{K}(Y)$  be the family of all  $\delta$ -closed subset of the space  $Y$  and let  $\{f_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be a net in  $D(X, Y)$ . Then the following are true.

(1)  $\delta - \overline{\lim}_\Lambda(\cup\{f_\lambda^{-1}(K_i) : i = 1, \dots, n\}) = \cup\{\delta - \overline{\lim}_\Lambda f_\lambda^{-1}(K_i) : i = 1, \dots, n\}$ , where  $K_i \in \mathcal{K}(Y)$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

(2)  $\delta - \overline{\lim}_\Lambda(\cap\{f_\lambda^{-1}(K_i) : i \in I\}) \subseteq \cap\{\delta - \overline{\lim}_\Lambda f_\lambda^{-1}(K_i) : i \in I\}$ , where  $K_i \in \mathcal{K}(Y)$  for every  $i \in I$ .

**Proof.** (1) It is easy to see that

$$\cup\{\delta - \overline{\lim}_\Lambda f_\lambda^{-1}(K_i) : i = 1, \dots, n\} \subseteq \delta - \overline{\lim}_\Lambda(\cup\{f_\lambda^{-1}(K_i) : i = 1, \dots, n\})$$

We prove the reverse inclusion .

Let  $x \in \delta - \overline{\lim}_\Lambda(\cup\{f_\lambda^{-1}(K_i) : i = 1, \dots, n\})$ . Then for every  $\lambda_0 \in \Lambda$  and for every  $\delta$ -open nbd.  $U_x$  of  $x \exists \lambda \in \Lambda, \lambda \geq \lambda_0$  such that

$$U_x \cap (\cup\{f_\lambda^{-1}(K_i) : i = 1, \dots, n\}) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \cup\{U_x \cap f_\lambda^{-1}(K_i) : i = 1, \dots, n\} \neq \emptyset$$

Let  $x \notin \cup \{\delta - \overline{\lim}_{\Lambda}(f_{\lambda}^{-1}(K_i)) : i = 1, \dots, n\}$ . Then  $x \notin \delta - \overline{\lim}_{\Lambda}(f_{\lambda}^{-1}(K_i))$  for every  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . This means that for every  $i = 1, \dots, n \exists \lambda_0^i \in \Lambda$  and a  $\delta$ -open nbd.  $U_x^i$  of  $x$  such that  $U_x^i \cap f_{\lambda}^{-1}(K_i) = \emptyset$  for every  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  with  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0^i$ . Let  $\lambda_0 \in \Lambda$  be such that  $\lambda_0 \geq \lambda_0^i$  for every  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , and let  $U_x = \cap_{i=1}^n U_x^i$ . Then for every  $\lambda \in \Lambda, \lambda \geq \lambda_0$ , we have

$$\cup\{U_x \cap f_{\lambda}^{-1}(K_i), i = 1, \dots, n\} = \emptyset.$$

which is a contradiction and thus  $x \in \{\delta - \overline{\lim}_{\Lambda}(f_{\lambda}^{-1}(K_i)) : i = 1, \dots, n\}$ .

(2) The proof is immediate.

**Theorem 6.5.** *The following propositions are true :*

(1)  $C_{\delta} \subseteq C_{\delta}^*(\mathcal{A})$

(2) Let  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{A}' \subseteq \mathcal{O}(Y)$ . Then  $C_{\delta}^*(\mathcal{A}') \subseteq C_{\delta}^*(\mathcal{A})$ .

(3) Let  $\mathcal{A}_i \subseteq \mathcal{O}(Y), i \in I$ . Then  $\cap\{C_{\delta}^*(\mathcal{A}_i) : i \in I\} = C_{\delta}^*(\cup\{\mathcal{A}_i : i \in I\})$ .

(4) Let  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}' \subseteq \mathcal{O}(Y)$ . Let every element of  $\mathcal{A}'$  is the intersection of finitely many elements of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then  $C_{\delta}^*(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq C_{\delta}^*(\mathcal{A}')$

**Proof.** The proof of (1),(2)& (3) are clear from the definition .To prove (4), let  $(\{f_{\lambda}, \lambda \in \Lambda\}, f) \in C_{\delta}^*(\mathcal{A})$  and let  $U \in \mathcal{A}'$ . We have to prove that  $\delta - \overline{\lim}_{\Lambda} f_{\lambda}^{-1}(K) \subseteq f^{-1}(K)$ , where  $K = Y \setminus U$

$$\text{i.e., } f^{-1}(U) \subseteq X \setminus \delta - \overline{\lim}_{\Lambda}(X \setminus f_{\lambda}^{-1}(U))$$

Now every element of  $\mathcal{A}'$  is the intersection of finitely many elements of  $\mathcal{A}$ , so  $\exists U_1, \dots, U_n \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $U = \cap\{U_i : i = 1, \dots, n\}$  and  $f^{-1}(U_i) \subseteq X \setminus \delta - \overline{\lim}_{\Lambda}(X \setminus f_{\lambda}^{-1}(U_i))$ , for every  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Hence we have  $f^{-1}(U) = f^{-1}(\cap\{U_i : i = 1, \dots, n\}) = \cap\{f^{-1}(U_i) : i = 1, \dots, n\} \subseteq \cap\{X \setminus \delta - \overline{\lim}_{\Lambda}(X \setminus f_{\lambda}^{-1}(U_i)) : i = 1, \dots, n\} = X \setminus \cup\{\delta - \overline{\lim}_{\Lambda}(X \setminus f_{\lambda}^{-1}(U_i)) : i = 1, \dots, n\} = X \setminus \delta - \overline{\lim}_{\Lambda}(\cup\{X \setminus f_{\lambda}^{-1}(U_i) : i = 1, \dots, n\})$  (by lemma 6.4)  $= X \setminus \delta - \overline{\lim}_{\Lambda}(X \setminus \cap\{f_{\lambda}^{-1}(U_i) : i = 1, \dots, n\}) = X \setminus \delta - \overline{\lim}_{\Lambda}(X \setminus f_{\lambda}^{-1}(\cap\{U_i : i = 1, \dots, n\})) = X \setminus \delta - \overline{\lim}_{\Lambda}(X \setminus f_{\lambda}^{-1}(U))$

**Theorem 6.6.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}' \subseteq \mathcal{O}(Y)$  and let every elements of  $\mathcal{A}'$  is the union of elements of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then  $C_{\delta}^*(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq C_{\delta}^*(\mathcal{A}')$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $(\{f_{\lambda}, \lambda \in \Lambda\}, f) \in C_{\delta}^*(\mathcal{A})$  and let  $V \in \mathcal{A}'$ . We have to prove that

$$f^{-1}(V) \subseteq X \setminus \delta - \overline{\lim}_{\Lambda}(X \setminus f_{\lambda}^{-1}(V))$$

Now from the given condition  $\exists V_i \in \mathcal{A}, i \in I$  such that  $V = \cup\{V_i : i = 1, \dots, n\}$  and  $f^{-1}(V_i) \subseteq X \setminus \delta - \overline{\lim}_{\Lambda}(X \setminus f_{\lambda}^{-1}(V_i))$  for every  $i \in I$ . Hence we

have

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(V) &= f^{-1}(\cup\{V_i : i \in I\}) \\ &= \cup\{f^{-1}(V_i) : i \in I\} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

$$\subseteq \cup\{X \setminus \delta - \overline{\lim}_{\Lambda}(X \setminus f_{\lambda}^{-1}(V_i)) : i \in I\} \quad (2)$$

$$= X \setminus \cap\{\delta - \overline{\lim}_{\Lambda}(X \setminus f_{\lambda}^{-1}(V_i)) : i \in I\} \quad (3)$$

$$\subseteq X \setminus \delta - \overline{\lim}_{\Lambda}(\cap\{X \setminus f_{\lambda}^{-1}(V_i) : i \in I\}) \quad (\text{by lemma 6.4}) \quad (4)$$

$$= X \setminus \delta - \overline{\lim}_{\Lambda}(X \setminus \cup\{f_{\lambda}^{-1}(V_i) : i \in I\}) \quad (5)$$

$$= X \setminus \delta - \overline{\lim}_{\Lambda}(X \setminus f_{\lambda}^{-1}(\cup\{V_i : i \in I\})) \quad (6)$$

$$= X \setminus \delta - \overline{\lim}_{\Lambda}(X \setminus f_{\lambda}^{-1}(V)) \quad (7)$$

**Theorem 6.7 :** Let  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{O}(Y)$  and let  $\mathcal{A}'$  be the family of all  $\delta$ -open sets for which every element is the union of elements  $\mathcal{A}_i$ ;  $i \in I$  such that every  $\mathcal{A}_i$ ,  $i \in I$  is the intersection of finitely many elements of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then  $C_{\delta}^*(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq C_{\delta}^*(\mathcal{A}')$

**Proof :** Let  $(\{f_{\lambda} : \lambda \in \Lambda\}, f) \in C_{\delta}^*(\mathcal{A})$  and let  $V \in \mathcal{A}'$ . We have to prove that

$$f^{-1}(V) \subseteq X \setminus \delta - \overline{\lim}_{\Lambda}(X \setminus f_{\lambda}^{-1}(V)).$$

By assumption  $\exists V_1^i, \dots, V_{m(i)}^i \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $i \in I$  such that  $\mathcal{A}_i = \cap\{V_k^i : k = 1, \dots, m(i)\}$ ,  $V = \cup\{\cap\{V_k^i : k = 1, \dots, m(i)\} : i \in I\}$ ,  $f^{-1}(V_k^i) \subseteq X \setminus \delta - \overline{\lim}_{\Lambda}(X \setminus f_{\lambda}^{-1}(V_k^i))$  for every  $i \in I$  &  $k = 1, \dots, m(i)$ . Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(V) &= f^{-1}(\cup\{\cap\{V_k^i : k = 1, \dots, m(i)\} : i \in I\}) \\ &= \cup\{f^{-1}(\cap\{V_k^i : k = 1, \dots, m(i)\}) : i \in I\} \\ &= \cup\{\cap\{f^{-1}(V_k^i) : k = 1, \dots, m(i)\} : i \in I\} \\ &\subseteq \cup\{\cap\{X \setminus \delta - \overline{\lim}_{\Lambda}(X \setminus f_{\lambda}^{-1}(V_k^i)) : k = 1, \dots, m(i)\} : i \in I\} \\ &= \cup\{X \setminus \cup\{\delta - \overline{\lim}_{\Lambda}(X \setminus f_{\lambda}^{-1}(V_k^i)) : k = 1, \dots, m(i)\} : i \in I\} \\ &= \cup\{X \setminus \delta - \overline{\lim}_{\Lambda}(\cup\{X \setminus f_{\lambda}^{-1}(V_k^i) : k = 1, \dots, m(i)\}) : i \in I\} \\ &= \cup\{X \setminus \delta - \overline{\lim}_{\Lambda}(X \setminus \cap\{f_{\lambda}^{-1}(V_k^i) : k = 1, \dots, m(i)\}) : i \in I\} \\ &= \cup\{X \setminus \delta - \overline{\lim}_{\Lambda}(X \setminus f_{\lambda}^{-1}\{\cap(V_k^i) : k = 1, \dots, m(i)\}) : i \in I\} \\ &= X \setminus \cap\{\delta - \overline{\lim}_{\Lambda}(X \setminus f_{\lambda}^{-1}(\cap\{V_k^i : k = 1, \dots, m(i)\})) : i \in I\} \\ &\subseteq X \setminus \delta - \overline{\lim}_{\Lambda}\{\cap(X \setminus \{f_{\lambda}^{-1}(\cap\{V_k^i : k = 1, \dots, m(i)\})) : i \in I\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= X \setminus \delta - \overline{\lim}_{\Lambda} (X \setminus \cup \{f_{\lambda}^{-1}(\cap \{V_k^i : k = 1, \dots, m(i)\})\} : i \in I) \\
&= X \setminus \delta - \overline{\lim}_{\Lambda} (X \setminus f_{\lambda}^{-1} \{ \cup (\cap \{V_k^i : k = 1, \dots, m(i)\}) : i \in I \}) \\
&= X \setminus \delta - \overline{\lim}_{\Lambda} (X \setminus f_{\lambda}^{-1}(V)).
\end{aligned}$$

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