

UNIFIED APPROACH TO D-SETS IN TOPOLOGY

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Abstract

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Introduction

In this paper, a unified approach to the notion of D-sets in topological spaces is given. In fact new types of D-sets can be defined by replacing “open set” by a topological set. According to Tong, each pair (U,V) of open sets with $U \neq X$, contributes a D-set. Our aim is to introduce new types of D-sets by replacing either U or V by another type of topological sets namely ω -open, pre-open, semi-open, α -open, β -open, b-open pre- ω -open, semi- ω -open, α - ω -open, β - ω -open and b- ω -open sets. This paper is described with two sections. The notions of ωD , pre-D, semi-D, αD , βD , b-D sets are introduced and studied in the first section by replacing V by a pre-open, semi-open, α -open, β -open, b-open set respectively. The second section deals with pre- ωD , semi- ωD , α - ωD , β - ωD , b- ωD sets that are defined by replacing V by pre- ω -open, semi- ω -open, α - ω -open, β - ω -open, b- ω -open set respectively.

Throughout this paper, (X, τ) is a topological space, A and B are subsets of X. The following notations are used.

“ $A \subset B$ ” means A is a proper subset of B.

“ $A \supset B$ ” means A is a proper super set of B.

$\downarrow B$ = The down sets of B = The collection of all subsets of B = 2^B .

$\uparrow B$ = The up sets of B = The collection of all super sets of B.

Clearly $B \in \downarrow B$ and $B \in \uparrow B$.

“ $A \subseteq B$ ” means $A \subset B$ or $A = B$ and “ $A \supseteq B$ ” means $A \supset B$ or $A = B$

$A \in \downarrow B \Leftrightarrow A \subseteq B$ and $A \in \uparrow B \Leftrightarrow A \supseteq B$.

$\text{FCount}(X) = \{A \subseteq X: A \text{ is finite or countable}\}.$

$\text{UnCount}(X) = \{A \subseteq X: A \text{ is uncountable}\}.$

η -D-SETS where $\eta \in \{ \omega, \text{semi}, \text{pre}, \alpha, \beta, b \}$

Let B be a D -set in (X, τ) , determined by an ordered pair (U, V) of open sets with $U \neq X$. By varying the first coordinate U over τ and varying V over $\omega O(X, \tau)$, the notion of ω - D -set is introduced. Throughout this section $\eta \in \{ \omega, \text{semi}, \text{pre}, \alpha, \beta, b \}$ unless otherwise specified.

Definition 2.1.1 If $A = U \setminus V$, $U \neq X$, $U \in \tau$ and $V \in \omega O(X, \tau)$, then A is called an ω - D -set.

Remark 2.1.2 An ω - D -set $U \setminus V$ is determined by an ordered pair (U, V) where U is open, $U \neq X$ and V is ω -open.

Notations 2.1.3

- (i) $D(X, \tau)$ = the collection of all D -sets in (X, τ) .
- (ii) $\omega\text{-}D(X, \tau)$ = the collection of all ω - D -sets in (X, τ) .
- (iii) $L\omega C(X, \tau)$ = the collection of all locally ω -closed sets in (X, τ) .

Proposition 2.1.4

- (i) Every proper open set U is an ω - D -set.
- (ii) The whole set X is not an ω - D -set.
- (iii) Every D -set is an ω - D -set.
- (iv) Every ω - D -set is locally ω -closed.
- (v) The class $\omega\text{-}D(X, \tau)$ lies properly between τ and $L\omega C(X, \tau)$.

Proof. Let $U \in \tau$ with $U \neq X$. Since $U = U \setminus \emptyset$ and since $\emptyset$ is an ω -open set, it follows that U is an ω - D -set. This proves (i). As the whole set X can not be written as $X = U \setminus V$ with $U \neq X$, it is clear that X is not an ω - D -set. This proves (ii).

The set A is a D -set $\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$, $U \neq X$, $U \in \tau$, $V \in \tau$,

$\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$, $U \neq X$, $U \in \tau$, $V \in \tau_\omega$,

$\Rightarrow A$ is an ω - D -set. This proves (iii).

The set A is an ω - D -set $\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$, $U \neq X$, $U \in \tau$, $V \in \tau_\omega$,

$\Rightarrow A = U \cap (X \setminus V)$, $U \neq X$, $U \in \tau$, $V \in \tau_\omega$,

$\Rightarrow A = U \cap F$, $U \neq X$, $U \in \tau$, F is ω -closed,

$\Rightarrow A$ is locally ω -closed. This proves (iv).

In any topological space (X, τ) , X is locally ω -closed but not an ω - D -set. This together with (i) and (iv) proves (v). This completes the proof of the proposition.

The above proposition is illustrated in the next example.

Example 2.1.5 Let $X = \mathbb{R}$ and $\tau = \{ \emptyset, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R} \}$ where $\mathbb{R}$ is the set of all real numbers, $\mathbb{Q}$ is the set of all rational numbers and $\mathbb{Q}^c$ is the set of all irrational numbers.

The space $R(\mathbb{Q}) = (\mathbb{R}, \tau) = (\mathbb{R}, \{ \emptyset, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R} \})$. Let A be a subset of $\mathbb{R}$. The following results can be easily proved.

- No rational number is a condensation point of A .
- If A is finite or countable, then no irrational number is a condensation point of A .
- If A is finite or countable, then $\text{Cond}(A) = \emptyset$.
- If A is uncountable then $\text{Cond}(A) = \mathbb{Q}^c$.
- An uncountable set A is ω -closed $\Leftrightarrow A \supseteq \mathbb{Q}^c$.
- $\omega C(\mathbb{R}, \tau) = \{ A : A \text{ is a finite or countable subset of } \mathbb{R} \} \cup \{ B : B \supseteq \mathbb{Q}^c \}$.
- $= \{ A \subseteq \mathbb{R} : A \text{ is a finite or countable} \} \cup \uparrow \mathbb{Q}^c$.
- $\omega O(\mathbb{R}, \tau) = \{ A \subseteq \mathbb{R} : A \text{ is uncountable, } \mathbb{R} \setminus A \text{ is finite or countable} \} \cup 2\mathbb{Q}$.
- $= \{ A \subseteq \mathbb{R} : A \text{ is uncountable, } \mathbb{R} \setminus A \text{ is finite or countable} \} \cup \downarrow \mathbb{Q}$.
- Clearly $\mathbb{Q}$ and $\mathbb{Q}^c$ are both ω -open and ω -closed.
- Any subset of $\mathbb{Q}$ is both ω -open and ω -closed.
- Any super set of $\mathbb{Q}^c$ is both ω -open and ω -closed.
- $\{1, \sqrt{2}\}$ is ω -closed but not ω -open.
- $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{\sqrt{2}\}$ is ω -open but not ω -closed.

- $\{\sqrt{3}\}$ is ω -closed but not ω -open.
- $D(\mathbb{R}, \tau) = \{U \setminus V : U \in \tau \setminus \{\mathbb{R}\}, V \in \tau\} = \{\emptyset, \mathbb{Q}\}$
- $\omega\text{-}D(\mathbb{R}, \tau) = \{U \setminus V : U \in \tau \setminus \{\mathbb{R}\}, V \in \tau_\omega\}$
 $= \{\emptyset, \mathbb{Q}\} \cup \{\mathbb{Q} \setminus A : A \in \downarrow \mathbb{Q}\} \cup \{\mathbb{Q} \setminus A : A \in \text{Un Count}(\mathbb{R}, \tau), \mathbb{R} \setminus A \in \text{F Count}(\mathbb{R}, \tau)\}$
- $L\omega C(\mathbb{R}, \tau) = \omega C(\mathbb{R}, \tau) \cup \{\mathbb{Q} \cap A : A \in \text{F Count}(\mathbb{R}, \tau) \cup \uparrow \mathbb{Q}^c\}$

Proposition 2.1.6 If σ and τ are topologies on X such that σ is coarser than τ then $\omega\text{-}D(X, \sigma)$ is coarser than $\omega\text{-}D(X, \tau)$.

Proof. $B \in \omega\text{-}D(X, \sigma) \Rightarrow B = U \setminus V$ where $U \in \sigma, V \in \sigma_\omega$ with $U \neq X$
 $\Rightarrow B = U \setminus V$ where $U \in \tau, V \in \tau_\omega$ with $U \neq X$
 $\Rightarrow B \in \omega\text{-}D(X, \tau)$.

Proposition 2.1.7 If σ and τ are topologies on X such that σ is finer than τ_ω then $D(X, \tau) \subseteq \omega\text{-}D(X, \tau) \subseteq \omega\text{-}D(X, \tau_\omega) \subseteq D(X, \tau_\omega) \subseteq D(X, \sigma) \subseteq \omega\text{-}D(X, \sigma)$.

Proof. Let σ and τ be topologies on X such that σ is finer than τ_ω . Then $\tau \subseteq \tau_\omega \subseteq \sigma$.

By using Proposition 2.1.6 we have, $\omega\text{-}D(X, \tau) \subseteq \omega\text{-}D(X, \tau_\omega)$ (2.1.1)

Now using Proposition 2.1.4(iv) we have $D(X, \tau) \subseteq \omega\text{-}D(X, \tau)$ (2.1.2)

Now $A \in \omega\text{-}D(X, \tau_\omega) \Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \in \tau_\omega, V \in (\tau_\omega)_\omega$ with $U \neq X \Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \in \tau_\omega, V \in \tau_\omega$ with $U \neq X \Rightarrow A \in D(X, \tau_\omega)$. Therefore $\omega\text{-}D(X, \tau_\omega) \subseteq D(X, \tau_\omega)$ (2.1.3)

Again by using Proposition 2.1.6 and Proposition 2.1.4(iv) we have $D(X, \tau_\omega) \subseteq D(X, \sigma) \subseteq \omega\text{-}D(X, \sigma)$ (2.1.4)

Combining (2.1.1), (2.1.2), (2.1.3) and (2.1.4) we have $D(X, \tau) \subseteq \omega\text{-}D(X, \tau) \subseteq \omega\text{-}D(X, \tau_\omega) \subseteq D(X, \tau_\omega) \subseteq D(X, \sigma) \subseteq \omega\text{-}D(X, \sigma)$.

This proves the proposition.

Proposition 2.1.8

- (i) The intersection of two $\omega\text{-}D$ -sets is an $\omega\text{-}D$ -set.
- (ii) The union of two $\omega\text{-}D$ -sets is not an $\omega\text{-}D$ -set

Proof. Let $A = U_1 \setminus V_1$ and $B = U_2 \setminus V_2$ where U_1, U_2 are open and V_1, V_2 are ω -open in (X, τ) . $A \cap B = (U_1 \setminus V_1) \cap (U_2 \setminus V_2)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (U_1 \cap (X \setminus V_1)) \cap (U_2 \cap (X \setminus V_2)) \\ &= (U_1 \cap U_2) \cap (X \setminus V_1) \cap (X \setminus V_2) \\ &= (U_1 \cap U_2) \cap (X \setminus (V_1 \cup V_2)) \\ &= (U_1 \cap U_2) \setminus (V_1 \cup V_2). \end{aligned}$$

Here $U_1 \cap U_2$ is open and $V_1 \cup V_2$ is ω -open in (X, τ) . This shows $A \cap B$ is an $\omega\text{-}D$ -set. This proves (i).

The union of two $\omega\text{-}D$ -sets need not be an $\omega\text{-}D$ -set as shown below.

If A and B are the disjoint subsets of $\mathbb{R}$ such that $A \cup B = \mathbb{R}$ then $\{\emptyset, A, B, \mathbb{R}\}$ is a topology on $\mathbb{R}$. Clearly A and B are $\omega\text{-}D$ -sets in $\tau = (\mathbb{R}, \{\emptyset, A, B, \mathbb{R}\})$ but $A \cup B = \mathbb{R}$ is not an $\omega\text{-}D$ -set. In particular, we take $A = \mathbb{R}$ and $B = \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Z}$. Then it can be verified that $\omega O(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, A, B, \mathbb{R}\} \cup \downarrow \mathbb{Z} \cup \uparrow (\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Z}) \cup \{B; \mathbb{Q} \subseteq B \subseteq \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Z}\}$.

Since $\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z} \setminus \emptyset$ and $\mathbb{Q} \setminus \mathbb{Z} = (\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Z}) \setminus \mathbb{Q}^c$, $\mathbb{Z}$ and $\mathbb{Q} \setminus \mathbb{Z}$ are $\omega\text{-}D$ -sets but $\mathbb{Z} \cup (\mathbb{Q} \setminus \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Q}$ is not an $\omega\text{-}D$ -set. This proves (ii).

Corollary 2.1.9 The intersection of a D -set with an $\omega\text{-}D$ -set is an $\omega\text{-}D$ -set.

Proof. Follows Proposition 2.1.8 and from the fact that every D -set is an $\omega\text{-}D$ -set.

The next proposition shows that the union of two $\omega\text{-}D$ -sets is an $\omega\text{-}D$ -set under some specialized conditions.

Proposition 2.1.10 If A and B are $\omega\text{-}D$ -sets, determined by the ordered pairs (U_1, V_1) and (U_2, V_2) respectively such that $U_1 \cup U_2 \neq X$ then $A \cup B$ is an $\omega\text{-}D$ -set.

Proof. Let $A = U_1 \setminus V_1$ and $B = U_2 \setminus V_2$ where U_1, U_2 are open, $U_1 \cup U_2 \neq X$ and V_1, V_2 are ω -open in (X, τ) . Then $A \cup B = (U_1 \setminus V_1) \cup (U_2 \setminus V_2) = (U_1 \cup U_2) \setminus V$ where $V = (U_1 \cap V_1 \cap V_2) \cup (U_2 \cap V_1 \cap V_2)$.

Now $U_1 \cup U_2$ is open. Since the intersection of an open set with an ω -open set is ω -open, V is ω -open in (X, τ) . Then it follows that $A \cup B$ is an $\omega\text{-}D$ -set. This proves the proposition.

The next proposition shows that every element of an ω -open set contributes either a countable ω -D-set or a countable locally ω -closed set.

Proposition 2.1.11 Let V be an ω -open set in (X, τ) . Then for each x in V there is a countable ω -D-set B , determined by V , such that $x \notin B$ or X is the neighbourhood of x for which $X \setminus V$ is countable.

Proof. Let V be an ω -open set in (X, τ) and $x \in V$. Then there is an open set U such that $x \in U$ and $U \setminus V$ is countable. Then $U \subset X$ or $U = X$. If $U \neq X$ then $B = U \setminus V$ is a countable D-set with $x \notin B$. If $U = X$ then $U \setminus V = X \setminus V$ is a countable locally ω -closed set. This proves the proposition.

Let B be a D-set in (X, τ) , determined by a pair (U, V) of open sets with $U \neq X$. By varying the first coordinate U over τ and varying V over $\alpha O(X, \tau)$, $\beta O(X, \tau)$, $bO(X, \tau)$, $PO(X, \tau)$, $SO(X, \tau)$, the notions of α -D-set, β -D-set, b -D-set, pre-D-set and semi-D-set are introduced.

Definition 2.1.12 Let A be a subset of a topological space (X, τ) with $A = U \setminus V$, $U \neq X$, $U \in \tau$. Then A is called,

- (i) an α -D-set if V is α -open,
- (ii) a β -D-set if V is β -open,
- (iii) a b -D-set if V is b -open,
- (iv) a pre-D-set if V is pre-open,
- (v) a semi-D-set if V is semi-open.

Notations 2.1.13 η -D(X, τ) = the collection of all η -D-sets in (X, τ) .

$L\eta C(X, \tau)$ = the collection of all locally η -closed sets in (X, τ) .

Proposition 2.1.14 Let A be a subset of a topological space (X, τ) .

- (i) If A is an α -D-set then it is an α D-set.
- (ii) If A is a β -D-set then it is a β D-set.
- (iii) If A is a pre-D-set then it is a p D-set.
- (iv) If A is a semi-D-set then it is a s D-set.
- (v) If A is a b -D-set then it is a b D-set.

Proof. A is an α -D-set $\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \in \tau$ and $V \in \alpha O(X, \tau)$.

$\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \in \alpha O(X, \tau)$ and $V \in \alpha O(X, \tau)$.

$\Rightarrow A$ is an α D-set.

A is a β -D-set $\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \in \tau$ and $V \in \beta O(X, \tau)$.

$\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \in \beta O(X, \tau)$ and $V \in \beta O(X, \tau)$.

$\Rightarrow A$ is a β D-set.

A is a pre-D-set $\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \in \tau$ and $V \in PO(X, \tau)$.

$\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \in PO(X, \tau)$ and $V \in PO(X, \tau)$.

$\Rightarrow A$ is a p D-set.

A is a semi-D-set $\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \in \tau$ and $V \in SO(X, \tau)$.

$\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \in SO(X, \tau)$ and $V \in SO(X, \tau)$.

$\Rightarrow A$ is a s D-set.

A is a b -D-set $\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \in \tau$ and $V \in bO(X, \tau)$.

$\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \in bO(X, \tau)$ and $V \in bO(X, \tau)$.

$\Rightarrow A$ is a b D-set.

This proves the proposition.

The converses in the above proposition are not true as shown below.

Example 2.1.15 Consider the space $(\mathbb{R}, \{\emptyset, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}\})$ where $X = \mathbb{R}, \tau = \{\emptyset, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}\}$.

For any subset A of X we have the following equations.

$$Int A = \begin{cases} X & \text{if } A = X \\ \mathbb{Q} & \text{if } \mathbb{Q} \subseteq A \subset X, \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \text{ and } Cl A = \begin{cases} \emptyset & \text{if } A = \emptyset, \\ X \setminus \mathbb{Q} & \text{if } A \subseteq X \setminus \mathbb{Q}, \\ \mathbb{R} & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (2.1.5)$$

$$Cl Int A = \begin{cases} X & \text{if } \mathbb{Q} \subseteq A \subseteq X, \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \text{ and } Int Cl A = \begin{cases} \emptyset & \text{if } A \subseteq X \setminus \mathbb{Q}, \\ X & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (2.1.6)$$

$$IntClIntA = \begin{cases} X & \text{if } Q \subseteq A \subseteq X, \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad ClIntClA = \begin{cases} \emptyset & \text{if } A \subseteq X \setminus Q, \\ X & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (2.1.7)$$

From (2.1.6) we have $SO(X, \tau) = \uparrow Q \cup \{\emptyset\}$ and $PO(X, \tau) = (2^X \setminus 2^{X \setminus Q}) \cup \{\emptyset\} = bO(X, \tau)$.

From (2.1.7) we have $\alpha O(X, \tau) = \uparrow Q \cup \{\emptyset\}$ and $\beta O(X, \tau) = (2^X \setminus 2^{X \setminus Q}) \cup \{\emptyset\}$

Therefore $\alpha\text{-}D(X, \tau) = \{U \setminus V : U \in \tau \setminus \{X\}, V \in \alpha O(X, \tau)\}$

$$= \{\emptyset, Q\} \cup \{Q \setminus V : V \in \uparrow Q\}.$$

$$= \{\emptyset, Q\} \cup \{\emptyset\} = \{\emptyset, Q\} = \text{semi-}D(X, \tau).$$

$\alpha D(X, \tau) = \{U \setminus V : U \in \alpha O(X, \tau) \setminus \{X\}, V \in \alpha O(X, \tau)\}.$

$$= \{\emptyset\} \cup (\uparrow Q \setminus \{X\}) \cup \{U \setminus V : U \in \uparrow Q \setminus \{X\}, V \in \uparrow Q\}.$$

$$= sD(X, \tau).$$

Therefore $\text{semi-}D(X, \tau)$ is properly contained in $sD(X, \tau)$ and $\alpha\text{-}D(X, \tau)$ is properly contained in $\alpha D(X, \tau)$. Similarly we can prove that $\text{pre-}D(X, \tau)$ is properly contained in $pD(X, \tau)$, $b\text{-}D(X, \tau)$ is properly contained in $bD(X, \tau)$ and $\beta\text{-}D(X, \tau)$ is properly contained in $\beta D(X, \tau)$. In particular, $Q \cup \{\sqrt{2}\}$ is both an αD -set and a sD -set but it is neither an $\alpha\text{-}D$ -set nor a $\text{semi-}D$ -set. Also $Q^c \cup \{2\}$ is a pD -set, a bD -set and a βD -set. But it is not a $\text{pre-}D$ -set, not a $b\text{-}D$ -set and not a $\beta\text{-}D$ -set.

Example 2.1.16 Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{d\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, d\}, X\}$. Then the following can be proved.

(i) $\text{semi-}D(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, \{d\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, d\}\}$ and $sD(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}\}.$

Therefore the sets $\{c\}, \{d\}, \{c, d\}$ and $\{a, b, c\}$ are sD -sets but not $\text{semi-}D$ -sets.

(ii) $\text{pre-}D(X, \tau) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{d\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, d\}, \{a, b, d\}\} = b\text{-}D(X, \tau) = \beta\text{-}D(X, \tau)$ and $pD(X, \tau) = 2^X \setminus \{X\} = bD(X, \tau) = \beta D(X, \tau).$

This shows that $\{c\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, c, d\}$ and $\{b, c, d\}$ are all pD -sets, bD -sets and βD -sets but none of them is a $\text{pre-}D$ -set, a $b\text{-}D$ -set and a $\beta\text{-}D$ -set.

Proposition 2.1.17

- (i) Every proper open set U is an $\alpha\text{-}D$ -set.
- (ii) The whole set X is not an $\alpha\text{-}D$ -set.
- (iii) Every D -set is an $\alpha\text{-}D$ -set.
- (iv) Every $\alpha\text{-}D$ -set is locally α -closed.
- (v) The class $\alpha\text{-}D(X, \tau)$ properly lies between τ and $L\alpha C(X, \tau)$.

Proof. Let $U \in \tau$ with $U \neq X$. Since $U = U \setminus \emptyset$ and since $\emptyset$ is an α -open set, it follows that U is an $\alpha\text{-}D$ -set. This proves (i). As the whole set X can not be written as $X = U \setminus V$ with $U \neq X$, it is clear that X is not an $\alpha\text{-}D$ -set. This proves (ii).

A is a D -set $\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \in \tau, U \neq X$ and $V \in \tau$

$$\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V \text{ where } U \in \tau \text{ and } V \in \alpha O(X, \tau)$$

$\Rightarrow A$ is an $\alpha\text{-}D$ -set. This proves (iii).

A is an $\alpha\text{-}D$ -set $\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \in \tau, U \neq X$ and $V \in \alpha O(X, \tau)$

$$\Rightarrow A = U \cap (X \setminus V) \text{ where } U \in \tau \text{ and } X \setminus V \in \alpha C(X, \tau)$$

$\Rightarrow A$ is locally α -closed.

This proves (iv). The assertion (v) follows from (i) and (iv).

Proposition 2.1.18 (i) Every proper open set U is a $\text{pre-}D$ -set.

- (ii) The whole set X is not a $\text{pre-}D$ -set.
- (iii) Every $\alpha\text{-}D$ -set is a $\text{pre-}D$ -set.
- (iv) Every $\text{pre-}D$ -set is locally pre-closed .
- (v) The class $\text{pre-}D(X, \tau)$ lies between τ and $L\text{pre}C(X, \tau)$.

Proof. The assertions (i) and (ii) follow easily.

A is an $\alpha\text{-}D$ -set $\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \in \tau, U \neq X$ and $V \in \alpha O(X, \tau)$

$$\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V \text{ where } U \in \tau \text{ and } V \in PO(X, \tau)$$

$\Rightarrow A$ is a $\text{pre-}D$ -set. This proves (iii).

A is a $\text{pre-}D$ -set $\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \in \tau, U \neq X$ and $V \in PO(X, \tau)$

$\Rightarrow A = U \cap (X \setminus V)$ where $U \in \tau$ and $X \setminus V \in PC(X, \tau)$

$\Rightarrow A$ is locally pre-closed .

This proves (iv). The assertion (v) follows from (i) and (iv).

Proposition 2.1.19 (i) Every proper open set U is a semi-D-set.

(ii) The whole set X is not a semi-D-set.

(iii) Every α -D-set is a semi-D-set.

(iv) Every semi-D-set is locally semi-closed.

(v) The class $\text{semi-D}(X, \tau)$ lies between τ and $\text{LsemiC}(X, \tau)$.

Proof. Analogous to Proposition 2.1.18.

Proposition 2.1.20 (i) Every proper open set U is a b-D-set.

(ii) The whole set X is not a b-D-set.

(iii) Every pre-D-set is a b-D-set.

(iv) Every semi-D-set is a b-D-set.

(v) Every b-D-set is locally b-closed.

(vi) The class $\text{b-D}(X, \tau)$ lies between τ and $\text{LbC}(X, \tau)$.

Proof. The assertions (i) and (ii) follow easily.

A is a pre-D-set or semi-D-set $\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \in \tau$, $U \neq X$ and $V \in \text{PO}(X, \tau) \cup \text{SO}(X, \tau)$

$\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \in \tau$ and $V \in \text{bO}(X, \tau)$

$\Rightarrow A$ is a b-D-set. This proves (iii).and (iv)

A is a b-D-set $\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \in \tau$, $U \neq X$ and $V \in \text{bO}(X, \tau)$

$\Rightarrow A = U \cap (X \setminus V)$ where $U \in \tau$ and $X \setminus V \in \text{bC}(X, \tau)$

$\Rightarrow A$ is locally b-closed . This proves (v).

The assertion (vi) follows from (i) and (v).

Proposition 2.1.21 (i) Every proper open set U is a β -D-set.

(ii) The whole set X is not a β -D-set.

(iii) Every b-D-set is a β -D-set.

(iv) Every β -D-set is locally β -closed.

(v) The class $\beta\text{-D}(X, \tau)$ lies between τ and $\text{L}\beta\text{C}(X, \tau)$.

Proof. The assertions (i) and (ii) follow easily.

A is a b-D-set $\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \in \tau$, $U \neq X$ and $V \in \text{bO}(X, \tau)$

$\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \in \tau$ and $V \in \beta\text{O}(X, \tau)$

$\Rightarrow A$ is a β -D-set. This proves (iii).

A is a β -D-set $\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \in \tau$, $U \neq X$ and $V \in \beta\text{O}(X, \tau)$

$\Rightarrow A = U \cap (X \setminus V)$ where $U \in \tau$ and $X \setminus V \in \beta\text{C}(X, \tau)$

$\Rightarrow A$ is locally β -closed . This proves (iv).

The assertion (v) follows from (i) and (iv).

Remark 2.1.22 (i) The null set $\emptyset$ is an η -D-set in every topological space.

(ii) The null set $\emptyset$ is the only η -D-set in the indiscrete space.

(iii) Every proper subset of the discrete space is an η -D-set.

(iv) The whole set can never be an η -D-set in any topological space.

The discussion about D-sets in this section leads to following implications on various types of difference sets.

Diagram 2.1.23

$\text{D}(X, \tau)$

$\downarrow$

$\alpha\text{-D}(X, \tau)$

$\text{pre-D}(X, \tau) \downarrow \quad \downarrow \text{semi-D}(X, \tau)$

$\searrow \quad \swarrow$

$\text{b-D}(X, \tau)$

$\downarrow$

β -D(X, τ)

Proposition 2.1.24 The intersection of two η -D-sets is an η -D-set

Proof. Let $A = U_1 \setminus V_1$ and $B = U_2 \setminus V_2$ where U_1, U_2 are open and $V_1, V_2 \in \alpha O(X, \tau)$.

$$A \cap B = (U_1 \setminus V_1) \cap (U_2 \setminus V_2) = (U_1 \cap (X \setminus V_1)) \cap (U_2 \cap (X \setminus V_2)).$$

$$= (U_1 \cap U_2) \cap (X \setminus V_1) \cap (X \setminus V_2).$$

$$= (U_1 \cap U_2) \cap (X \setminus (V_1 \cup V_2)).$$

$$= (U_1 \cap U_2) \setminus (V_1 \cup V_2).$$

Here $U_1 \cap U_2$ is open and $V_1 \cup V_2$ is α -open in (X, τ) . This shows $A \cap B$ is an α -D-set. This proves the proposition for the case $\eta = \alpha$. The proof for the rest is analogous.

Corollary 2.1.25 The intersection of a D-set with an η -D-set is an η -D-set.

Proof. Follows from Proposition 2.1.24 and Diagram 2.1.23.

Proposition 2.1.26 If A and B are α -D-sets, determined by the ordered pairs (U_1, V_1) and (U_2, V_2) respectively such that $U_1 \cup U_2 \neq X$ then $A \cup B$ is an α -D-set.

Proof. Let $A = U_1 \setminus V_1$ and $B = U_2 \setminus V_2$ where U_1, U_2 are open, $U_1 \cup U_2 \neq X$ and V_1, V_2 are α -open in (X, τ) . Then $A \cup B = (U_1 \setminus V_1) \cup (U_2 \setminus V_2) = (U_1 \cup U_2) \setminus V$ where $V = (U_1 \cap V_1 \cap V_2) \cup (U_2 \cap V_1 \cap V_2)$.

Since $\alpha O(X, \tau)$ is a topology and since every open set is α -open, V is α -open. Also since $U_1 \cup U_2$ is open, $U_1 \cup U_2 \neq X$ and V is α -open in (X, τ) , it follows that $A \cup B$ is an α -D-set. This proves the proposition.

Proposition 2.1.27 If A and B are D-set and b-D-set, determined by the ordered pairs (U_1, V_1) and (U_2, V_2) respectively such that $U_1 \cup U_2 \neq X$ then $A \cup B$ is a b-D-set.

Proof. Since the intersection of an open set with a b-open set is b-open, the proof is analogous to Proposition 2.1.26.

The union of two η -D-sets, determined by a same η -open set is a η -D-set where $\eta \in \{\beta, \text{pre}, \text{semi}, b\}$ as shown in the next proposition.

Proposition 2.1.28 If A and B are η -D-sets, determined by the ordered pairs (U_1, V) and (U_2, V) respectively such that $U_1 \cup U_2 \neq X$ then $A \cup B$ is an η -D-set where $\eta \in \{\beta, b, \text{pre}, \text{semi}\}$.

Proof. Let $A = U_1 \setminus V$ and $B = U_2 \setminus V$ where U_1, U_2 are open and V is η -open in (X, τ) .

$$A \cup B = (U_1 \setminus V) \cup (U_2 \setminus V) = (U_1 \cap (X \setminus V)) \cup (U_2 \cap (X \setminus V)).$$

$$= (U_1 \cup U_2) \cap (X \setminus V).$$

$$= (U_1 \cup U_2) \setminus V$$

Here $U_1 \cup U_2$ is open and $V_1 \cup V_2$ is η -open in (X, τ) . This shows $A \cup B$ is a η -D-set. This proves the proposition.

Proposition 2.1.29 Suppose $\beta O(X, \tau)$, $bO(X, \tau)$, $PO(X, \tau)$ and $SO(X, \tau)$ are topologies on X . If A and B are η -D-sets, determined by the ordered pairs (U_1, V_1) and (U_2, V_2) respectively such that $U_1 \cup U_2 \neq X$ then $A \cup B$ is an η -D-set where $\eta \in \{\beta, b, \text{pre}, \text{semi}\}$.

Proof. Analogous to Proposition 2.1.26.

2.3 D- η -sets where $\eta \in \{\omega, \text{semi}, \text{pre}, \alpha, \beta, b\}$

Let B be a D-set in (X, τ) , determined by a pair (U, V) of open sets with $U \neq X$. By varying the second coordinate V over τ and varying U over $\omega O(X, \tau)$, the notion of a D- ω -set is introduced. Throughout this section $\eta \in \{\omega, \text{semi}, \text{pre}, \alpha, \beta, b\}$ unless otherwise specified.

Definition 2.3.1 Let A be a subset of a topological space (X, τ) with $A = U \setminus V$, $U \neq X$. Then A is called a D- ω -set if U is ω -open and V is open.

Notations 2.3.2 (i) $D-\omega(X, \tau)$ = the collection of all D- ω -sets in (X, τ) .

(ii) $\omega LC(X, \tau)$ = the collection of all ω -locally closed sets in (X, τ) .

Proposition 2.3.3 (i) Every proper ω -open set U is a D- ω -set.

(ii) The whole set X is not a D- ω -set.

(iii) Every D-set is a D- ω -set.

(iv) Every D- ω -set is ω -locally closed.

(v) The class $D-\omega(X, \tau)$ properly lies between τ_ω and $\omega LC(X, \tau)$.

Proof. The assertions (i) and (ii) can be proved easily.

The set A is a D -set $\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in \tau$ and $V \in \tau$.

$\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in \omega O(X, \tau)$ and $V \in \tau$.

$\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in \omega O(X, \tau)$ and $V \in \tau$.

$\Rightarrow A$ is a D - ω -set This proves (iii).

A is a D - ω -set $\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in \omega O(X, \tau)$ and $V \in \tau$.

$\Rightarrow A = U \cap (X \setminus V)$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in \omega O(X, \tau)$ and $X \setminus V$ is closed.

$\Rightarrow A$ is ω -locally closed. This proves (iv).

The assertion (v) follows from (i) and (iv).

Example 2.3.4 Consider the point inclusion topology on $\mathbb{R}$. The point may be taken as 2. Then $[0, 2]$ is open and $[-1, 1]$ is ω -open but not open. Therefore $[-1, 1] \setminus [0, 2] = [-1, 0]$ is a D - ω -set but not a D -set.

Proposition 2.3.5 If σ and τ are topologies on X such that σ is coarser than τ then $D-\omega(X, \sigma)$ is coarser than $D-\omega(X, \tau)$.

Proof. $B \in D-\omega(X, \sigma) \Rightarrow B = U \setminus V$ where $U \in \sigma_\omega$, $V \in \sigma$ with $U \neq X$.

$\Rightarrow B = U \setminus V$ where $U \in \tau_\omega$, $V \in \tau$ with $U \neq X$.

$\Rightarrow B \in D-\omega(X, \tau)$.

Proposition 2.3.6 If σ and τ are topologies on X such that σ is finer than τ_ω then $D(X, \tau) \subseteq D-\omega(X, \tau) \subseteq D-\omega(X, \tau_\omega) = D(X, \tau_\omega) \subseteq D-\omega(X, \sigma)$.

Proof. Let σ and τ be topologies on X such that σ is finer than τ_ω . Then $\tau \subseteq \tau_\omega \subseteq \sigma$.

By using Proposition 2.3.3 we have, $D-\omega(X, \tau) \subseteq D-\omega(X, \tau_\omega) = D(X, \tau_\omega)$ that implies $D(X, \tau) \subseteq D-\omega(X, \tau) \subseteq D-\omega(X, \tau_\omega) = D(X, \tau_\omega) \subseteq D(X, \sigma) \subseteq D-\omega(X, \sigma)$.

Let B be a D -set in (X, τ) , determined by a pair (U, V) of open sets with $U \neq X$. By varying the second coordinate V over τ and varying U over $\alpha O(X, \tau)$, $\beta O(X, \tau)$, $b O(X, \tau)$, $PO(X, \tau)$, $SO(X, \tau)$ the notions of D - α -set, D - β -set, D - b -set, D -pre-set, D -semi-set are introduced.

Definition 2.3.7 Let A be a subset of a topological space (X, τ) with $A = U \setminus V$, $U \neq X$. Then A is called a D - η -set if U is η -open and $V \in \tau$ where $\eta \in \{\alpha, \beta, \text{pre}, \text{semi}, b\}$

Notations 2.3.8 $D-\eta(X, \tau)$ = the collection of all D - η -sets in (X, τ) where $\eta \in \{\alpha, \beta, b, \text{pre}, \text{semi}\}$ η - $LC(X, \tau)$ = the collection of all η -locally closed sets in (X, τ) .

Proposition 2.3.9 (i) Every proper α -open set U is a D - α -set.

(ii) The whole set X is not a D - α -set.

(iii) Every D -set is a D - α -set.

(iv) Every D - α -set is α -locally closed.

(v) The class of all D - α -sets properly lies between $\alpha O(X, \tau)$ and α - $LC(X, \tau)$.

Proof. The first two assertions can be easily shown.

The set A is a D -set $\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in \tau$ and $V \in \tau$.

$\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in \alpha O(X, \tau)$ and $V \in \tau$.

$\Rightarrow A$ is a D - α -set. This proves (iii).

A is a D - α -set $\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in \alpha O(X, \tau)$ and $V \in \tau$.

$\Rightarrow A = U \cap (X \setminus V)$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in \alpha O(X, \tau)$ and $X \setminus V$ is closed.

$\Rightarrow A$ is α -locally closed. This proves (iv).

The assertion (v) follows from (i), (ii) and (iv).

Example 2.3.10 Consider the topology $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$ where $X = \{a, b, c\}$. Then it can be verified that $\{a, b\}$ is a D - α -set but not a D -set.

Proposition 2.3.11 A set B is a D - α -set $\Leftrightarrow$ it is an αD -set

Proof. The set B is a D - α -set $\Rightarrow B = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in \alpha O(X, \tau)$ and $V \in \tau$.

$\Rightarrow B = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in \alpha O(X, \tau)$ and $V \in \alpha O(X, \tau)$.

$\Rightarrow B$ is an αD -set.

Conversely let B be an αD -set. Then $B = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in \alpha O(X, \tau)$ and $V \in \alpha O(X, \tau)$.

Since V is α -open, $V \subseteq \text{Int Cl Int } V$. We take $W = \text{Int Cl Int } V$. Therefore $U \setminus W$ is a D - α -set.

$$\text{Clearly } U \setminus W = U \setminus \text{Int Cl Int } V \subseteq U \setminus V = B.$$

Now $B = U \setminus V = U \cap (X \setminus V)$. Since $X \setminus V$ is α -closed and since every α -closed set is semi-closed, we have $B = U \cap (X \setminus V) = U \cap \text{Int Cl } (X \setminus V) \subseteq U \cap \text{Cl Int Cl } (X \setminus V)$.

$$= U \cap (X \setminus \text{Int Cl Int } V).$$

$$= U \cap (X \setminus W) = U \setminus W.$$

This proves that $B = U \setminus W$ which is a D - α -set.

Corollary 2.3.12 Every α - D -set is a D - α -set.

Proof. The set A is an α - D -set $\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in \tau$ and $V \in \alpha O(X, \tau)$.

$\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in \alpha O(X, \tau)$ and $V \in \alpha O(X, \tau)$.

$\Rightarrow A$ is an α - D -set.

$\Rightarrow A$ is a D - α -set, by using Proposition 2.3.11.

The converse of the above proposition is not true as $\{a, c\}$ is a D - α -set in (X, τ) but not an α - D -set where $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$.

Proposition 2.3.13 (i) Every proper pre-open set U is a D -pre-set.

(ii) The whole set X is not a D -pre-set.

(iii) Every D -set is a D -pre-set.

(iv) Every D -pre-set is a pD -set.

(v) Every D - α -set is a D -pre-set.

(vi) Every D -pre-set is pre-locally closed.

(vii) The class of all D -pre-sets properly lies between $PO(X, \tau)$ and $\text{pre-LC}(X, \tau)$.

Proof. The first two assertions can be easily shown.

The set A is a D -set $\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in \tau$ and $V \in \tau$.

$\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in PO(X, \tau)$ and $V \in \tau$.

$\Rightarrow A$ is a D -pre-set. This proves (iii).

The set A is a D -pre-set $\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in PO(X, \tau)$ and $V \in \tau$.

$\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in PO(X, \tau)$ and $V \in PO(X, \tau)$.

$\Rightarrow A$ is an pD -set. This proves (iv).

A is a D - α -set $\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in \alpha O(X, \tau)$ and $V \in \tau$.

$\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in PO(X, \tau)$ and $V \in \tau$.

$\Rightarrow A$ is a D -pre-set. This proves (v).

A is a D -pre-set $\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in PO(X, \tau)$ and $V \in \tau$.

$\Rightarrow A = U \cap (X \setminus V)$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in PO(X, \tau)$ and $X \setminus V$ is closed.

$\Rightarrow A$ is pre-locally closed. This proves (vi).

The assertion (vii) follows from (i), (ii) and (vi).

Example 2.3.14 The set $\{a, d\}$ is a D -pre-set in (X, τ) but not a D -set where $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{d\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, d\}, X\}$.

Proposition 2.3.15 (i) Every proper semi-open set U is a D -semi-set.

(ii) The whole set X is not a D -semi-set.

(iii) Every D -set is a D -semi-set.

(iv) Every D -semi-set is a sD -set.

(v) Every D - α -set is a D -semi-set.

(vi) Every D -semi-set is semi-locally closed.

(vii) The class of all D -semi-sets lies between $SO(X, \tau)$ and $\text{semi-LC}(X, \tau)$.

Proof. Analogous to Proposition 2.3.13.

Proposition 2.3.16 (i) Every proper b -open set U is a D - b -set.

(ii) The whole set X is not a D - b -set.

(iii) Every D -set is a D - b -set

(iv) Every D - b -set is a bD -set.

(v) Every D -pre-set or D -semi-set is a D - b -set.

- (vi) Every D-b-set is b-locally closed.
- (vii) The class of all D-b-sets properly lies between $bO(X, \tau)$ and $b-LC(X, \tau)$.

Proof. The first two assertions can be easily shown.

The set A is a D-set $\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in \tau$ and $V \in \tau$.

$\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in bO(X, \tau)$ and $V \in \tau$.

$\Rightarrow A$ is a D-b-set. This proves (iii).

The set A is a D-b-set $\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in bO(X, \tau)$ and $V \in \tau$.

$\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in bO(X, \tau)$ and $V \in bO(X, \tau)$.

$\Rightarrow A$ is an bD -set. This proves (iv).

A is a D-pre-set or D-semi-set $\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in PO(X, \tau) \cup SO(X, \tau)$ and $V \in \tau$.

$\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in bO(X, \tau)$ and $V \in \tau$.

$\Rightarrow A$ is a D-b-set. This proves (v).

A is a D-b-set $\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in bO(X, \tau)$ and $V \in \tau$.

$\Rightarrow A = U \cap (X \setminus V)$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in bO(X, \tau)$ and $X \setminus V$ is closed.

$\Rightarrow A$ is b-locally closed. This proves (vi). The assertion (vii) follows from (i), (ii) and (vi).

Proposition 2.3.17 (i) Every proper β -open set U is a D- β -set.

(ii) The whole set X is not a D- β -set.

(iii) Every D-set is a D- β -set

(iv) Every D- β -set is a βD -set.

(v) Every D-b-set is a D- β -set

(vi) Every D- β -set is β -locally closed.

(vii) The class of all D- β -sets properly lies between $\beta O(X, \tau)$ and $\beta-LC(X, \tau)$.

Proof. The first two assertions can be easily shown.

The set A is a D-set $\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in \tau$ and $V \in \tau$.

$\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in \beta O(X, \tau)$ and $V \in \tau$.

$\Rightarrow A$ is a D- β -set. This proves (iii).

The set A is a D- β -set $\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in \beta O(X, \tau)$ and $V \in \tau$.

$\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in \beta O(X, \tau)$ and $V \in \beta O(X, \tau)$.

$\Rightarrow A$ is an βD -set. This proves (iv).

A is a D-b-set $\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in bO(X, \tau)$ and $V \in \tau$.

$\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in \beta O(X, \tau)$ and $V \in \tau$.

$\Rightarrow A$ is a D- β -set. This proves (v).

A is a D- β -set $\Rightarrow A = U \setminus V$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in \beta O(X, \tau)$ and $V \in \tau$.

$\Rightarrow A = U \cap (X \setminus V)$ where $U \neq X$, $U \in \beta O(X, \tau)$ and $X \setminus V$ is closed.

$\Rightarrow A$ is β -locally closed. This proves (vi).

The assertion (vii) follows from (i), (ii) and (vi).

Remark 2.3.18 (i) The null set $\emptyset$ is a D- η -set in every topological space.

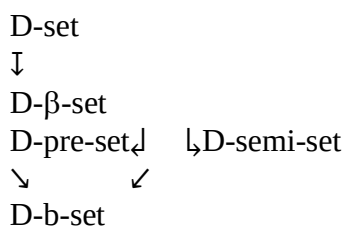
(ii) The null set $\emptyset$ is the only D- η -set in the indiscrete space.

(iii) Every proper subset of the discrete space is a D- η -set.

(iv) The whole set can never be a D- η -set in any topological space.

The discussion in this section leads to following implications on various types of difference sets

Diagram 2.3.19



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D- β -set

Proposition 2.3.20 Let $\eta \in \{\omega, \alpha, \beta, \text{pre}, \text{semi}, b\}$.

(i) If $U \setminus V$ with $V \neq X$ is an η -D-set then $V \setminus U$ is a D- η -set.

(ii) If $U \setminus V$ with $V \neq X$ is a D- η -set then $V \setminus U$ is an η -D-set.

Proof. Let (U, V) be a pair of proper subsets of X .

Suppose $A = U \setminus V$ is an ω -D-set. Then $U \in \tau$ and $V \in \omega O(X, \tau)$

Therefore $B = V \setminus U$ is D- ω -set. The converse is also true. This proves the proposition for the case $\eta = \omega$. The other cases can analogously be discussed.

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