

## $n$ -Tuple relations and topologies on function spaces

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**ABSTRACT.** In [7] some results concerning  $\mathbf{S}$ -splitting,  $\mathbf{S}$ -jointly continuous,  $\mathbf{D}$ -splitting and  $\mathbf{D}$ -jointly continuous topologies are considered, where  $\mathbf{S}$  and  $\mathbf{D}$  are the Sierpinski space and the double-point space, respectively. Here we generalize these results replacing the spaces  $\mathbf{S}$  and  $\mathbf{D}$  by any finite space.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION.

By  $Y$  and  $Z$  we denote two fixed topological spaces and by  $t_Z$  the topology of  $Z$ . By  $C(Y, Z)$  we denote the set of all continuous maps of  $Y$  into  $Z$ . If  $\tau$  is a topology on the set  $C(Y, Z)$ , then the corresponding topological space is denoted by  $C_\tau(Y, Z)$ .

Let  $X$  be a space and  $F : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  be a continuous map. By  $F_x$ , where  $x \in X$ , we denote the continuous map of  $Y$  into  $Z$ , for which  $F_x(y) = F(x, y)$ , for every  $y \in Y$ . By  $\widehat{F}$  we denote the map of  $X$  into the set  $C(Y, Z)$ , for which  $\widehat{F}(x) = F_x$  for every  $x \in X$ .

Let  $G$  be a map of the space  $X$  into the set  $C(Y, Z)$ . By  $\widetilde{G}$  we denote the map of the space  $X \times Y$  into the space  $Z$ , for which  $\widetilde{G}(x, y) = G(x)(y)$  for every  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ .

A topology  $t$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  is called *splitting* if for every space  $X$ , the continuity of a map  $F : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  implies that of the map  $\widehat{F} : X \rightarrow C_t(Y, Z)$ . A topology  $t$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  is called *jointly continuous* if for every space  $X$ , the continuity of a map  $G : X \rightarrow C_t(Y, Z)$  implies that of the map  $\widetilde{G} : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  (see [5], [1], [2] and [3]).

If in the above definitions it is assumed that the space  $X$  belongs to a given family  $\mathcal{A}$  of spaces, then the topology  $\tau$  is called  $\mathcal{A}$ -*splitting* (respectively,

$\mathcal{A}$ -jointly continuous) (see [6]). In the present paper we shall consider only the case  $\mathcal{A} = \{\mathbf{F}\}$ , where  $\mathbf{F}$  is a space, and instead of  $\mathcal{A}$ -splitting and  $\mathcal{A}$ -jointly continuous we write  $\mathbf{F}$ -splitting and  $\mathbf{F}$ -jointly continuous.

Let  $X$  be a space with a topology  $\tau$ . We denote (see, for example, [8]) by  $\leq^\tau$  (respectively, by  $\sim^\tau$ ) a preorder (respectively, an equivalence relation) on  $X$  defined as follows: if  $x, y \in X$ , then we write  $x \leq^\tau y$  (respectively,  $x \sim^\tau y$ ) if and only if  $x \in \text{Cl}_X(\{y\})$  (respectively,  $x \in \text{Cl}_X(\{y\})$  and  $y \in \text{Cl}_X(\{x\})$ ). (By  $\text{Cl}_X(Q)$  we denote the closure of a set  $Q$  in the space  $X$ ).

On the set  $C(Y, Z)$  we denote a preorder  $\leq$  (respectively, an equivalence relation  $\sim$ ) as follows: if  $g, f \in C(Y, Z)$ , then we write  $g \leq f$  (respectively,  $g \sim f$ ) if  $g(y) \leq^{\tau_Z} f(y)$  (respectively,  $g(y) \sim^{\tau_Z} f(y)$ ) for every  $y \in Y$  (see, for example, [7]).

By  $\mathbf{S}$  we denote the Sierpinski space, that is, the set  $\{0, 1\}$  equipped with the topology  $\tau(\mathbf{S}) \equiv \{\emptyset, \{0, 1\}, \{1\}\}$ , and by  $\mathbf{D}$  the set  $\{0, 1\}$  with the trivial topology. In [7] the notions of  $\mathbf{S}$ -splitting and  $\mathbf{S}$ -jointly continuous (respectively,  $\mathbf{D}$ -splitting and  $\mathbf{D}$ -jointly continuous) topologies are characterized by the above preorders (respectively, equivalence relations) on  $C(Y, Z)$ . By the trivial topology on a set  $X$  we mean the topology  $\{\emptyset, X\}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a quasi-uniformity on the space  $Z$  (see, for example, [4]). This quasi-uniformity defines on the set  $C(Y, Z)$  a quasi-uniformity  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathcal{U})$  as follows (see [11]): the set of all subsets of  $C(Y, Z)$  of the form

$$(Y, U) = \{(f, g) \in C(Y, Z) \times C(Y, Z) : (f(y), g(y)) \in U, \text{ for every } y \in Y\},$$

where  $U \in \mathcal{U}$ , is a basis for the quasi-uniformity  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathcal{U})$ . We denote by  $\tau_{\mathcal{Q}(\mathcal{U})}$  (see [11]) the topology on  $C(Y, Z)$ , which is defined by the quasi-uniformity  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathcal{U})$ , that is: the subbasic neighborhoods of an arbitrary element  $f \in C(Y, Z)$  in  $\tau_{\mathcal{Q}(\mathcal{U})}$  are of the form:  $(Y, U)[f] = \{g \in C(Y, Z) : (f, g) \in (Y, U)\}$ , where  $U \in \mathcal{U}$ . In this case we shall say also that  $\tau_{\mathcal{Q}(\mathcal{U})}$  is generated by the quasi-uniformity  $\mathcal{U}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}(Y)$  be the family of all open sets of the space  $Y$ . The *Scott topology* on  $\mathcal{O}(Y)$  (see, for example, [8]) is defined as follows: a subset  $\mathcal{H}$  of  $\mathcal{O}(Y)$  is open if:

- ( $\alpha$ ) the conditions  $U \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $V \in \mathcal{O}(Y)$ , and  $U \subseteq V$  imply  $V \in \mathcal{H}$ , and
- ( $\beta$ ) for every collection of open sets of  $Y$ , whose union belongs to  $\mathcal{H}$ , there are finitely many elements of this collection whose union also belongs to  $\mathcal{H}$ .

The *Isbell topology*  $\tau_{is}$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  (see [9] and [10]) is the topology for which the family of all sets of the form

$$(\mathcal{H}, U) = \{f \in C(Y, Z) : f^{-1}(U) \in \mathcal{H}\},$$

where  $\mathcal{H}$  is Scott open in  $\mathcal{O}(Y)$  and  $U \in \mathcal{O}(Z)$ , is a subbasis.

The *pointwise topology* (see, for example, [3])  $\tau_p$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  is the topology for which the family of all sets of the form

$$(\{y\}, U) = \{f \in C(Y, Z) : f(y) \in U\},$$

where  $y \in Y$  and  $U \in \mathcal{O}(Z)$ , is a subbasis.

The *compact open* (see [5]) topology  $\tau_c$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  is the topology for which the family of all sets of the form

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

where  $K$  is a compact subset of  $Y$  and  $U \in \mathcal{O}(Z)$ , is a subbasis.

Below, we recall some well known results:

(1) The pointwise topology, the compact open topology and the Isbell topology on  $C(Y, Z)$  are always splitting (see, for example, [1], [2], [3], [5], [9] and [10]).

(2) The compact open topology on  $C(Y, Z)$  is jointly continuous if  $Y$  is locally compact (see [5] and [2]).

(3) The Isbell topology on  $C(Y, Z)$  is jointly continuous if  $Y$  is corecompact (see, for example, [9]).

(4) The topology  $\tau_{\mathcal{Q}(U)}$  is jointly continuous (see [11]).

## 2. $\mathbf{F}$ -SPLITTING AND $\mathbf{F}$ -JOINTLY CONTINUOUS TOPOLOGIES.

In the paper we denote by  $\mathbf{F}$  a non-discrete space which is the set  $\{0, 1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $n > 0$ , equipped with an arbitrary fixed topology. By  $\mathbf{U}_j$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ , we denote the intersection of all open neighborhoods of  $j$  in  $\mathbf{F}$ .

It is clear that if  $\mathbf{F}$  is the discrete space, then every topology  $\tau$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  is  $\mathbf{F}$ -splitting and  $\mathbf{F}$ -jointly continuous.

**Theorem 2.1.** *The trivial topology and, hence, every topology on the set  $C(Y, Z)$  is  $\mathbf{F}$ -jointly continuous if and only if the topology of  $Z$  is trivial.*

*Proof.* Suppose that the topology of  $Z$  is trivial. Then for any topology  $\tau$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  and any continuous map  $G : \mathbf{F} \rightarrow C_\tau(Y, Z)$ , the map  $\tilde{G} : \mathbf{F} \times Y \rightarrow Z$  is trivially continuous, that is  $\tau$  is  $\mathbf{F}$ -jointly continuous.

Conversely, suppose that the trivial topology  $\tau$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  is  $\mathbf{F}$ -jointly continuous. We prove that the topology of  $Z$  is trivial. Indeed, in the opposite case, there exist two distinct elements  $z_1, z_2$  of  $Z$  and an open subset  $U$  of  $Z$  such that  $z_1 \in U$  and  $z_2 \notin U$ . We consider the maps  $f, g \in C(Y, Z)$  such that  $f(Y) = \{z_1\}$  and  $g(Y) = \{z_2\}$ . Denote by  $i$ , the element of  $\mathbf{F}$  such that  $\mathbf{U}_i \neq \{i\}$ . Let  $G : \mathbf{F} \rightarrow C_\tau(Y, Z)$  be a map such that  $G(i) = f$  and  $G(j) = g$ , for every  $j \in \mathbf{F} \setminus \{i\}$ . Since  $\tau$  is trivial, the map  $G$  is continuous. Since  $\tau$  is  $\mathbf{F}$ -jointly continuous, the map  $\tilde{G} : \mathbf{F} \times Y \rightarrow Z$  is also continuous. By the definition of  $\tilde{G}$ ,  $\tilde{G}(i, y) = G(i)(y) = f(y) = z_1 \in U$ ,  $y \in Y$ . Therefore for a fixed  $y \in Y$  there exists an open neighborhood  $V_y$  such that  $\tilde{G}(\mathbf{U}_i \times V_y) \subseteq U$ . Let  $j \in \mathbf{U}_i \setminus \{i\}$ . Then, we have  $\tilde{G}(j, y) = G(j)(y) = g(y) = z_2 \notin U$  which is a contradiction. Thus the topology of  $Z$  is trivial.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.** *If the discrete topology, and hence, every topology on  $C(Y, Z)$  is  $\mathbf{F}$ -splitting, then  $Z$  is a  $T_0$  space.*

*Proof.* Suppose that the discrete topology  $\tau$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  is  $\mathbf{F}$ -splitting and  $Z$  is not  $T_0$  space. We shall construct a continuous map  $F : \mathbf{F} \times Y \rightarrow Z$  such that  $\widehat{F}$  is not continuous, which will be a contradiction.

There exist two distinct elements  $z_1, z_2$  of  $Z$  such that either  $z_1, z_2 \in V$  or  $z_1, z_2 \notin V$  for every open subset  $V$  of  $Z$ . Let  $i$  be an element of  $\mathbf{F}$  such that  $\mathbf{U}_i \neq \{i\}$ . We consider the map  $F : \mathbf{F} \times Y \rightarrow Z$  such that  $F(i, y) = z_1$  for every  $y \in Y$ , and  $F(j, y) = z_2$  for every  $j \in \mathbf{F} \setminus \{i\}$  and  $y \in Y$ . Let  $V$  be an open subset of  $Z$ . Then, either  $F^{-1}(V) = \mathbf{F} \times Y$  or  $F^{-1}(V) = \emptyset$ , which means that  $F$  is continuous.

By the definition of  $\widehat{F} : \mathbf{F} \rightarrow C_\tau(Y, Z)$  we have  $\widehat{F}(i)(Y) = \{z_1\}$ , and  $\widehat{F}(j)(Y) = \{z_2\}$  for every  $j \in \mathbf{F} \setminus \{i\}$ . Let  $j \in \mathbf{U}_i \setminus \{i\}$ . Then  $\widehat{F}(j) \notin \{\widehat{F}(i)\}$ , that is,  $\widehat{F}(\mathbf{U}_i) \not\subseteq \{\widehat{F}(i)\}$ , which means that  $\widehat{F}$  is not continuous.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $Z$  be a  $T_1$  space. Then, the discrete topology, and hence, every topology on  $C(Y, Z)$  is  $\mathbf{F}$ -splitting.*

*Proof.* Let  $\tau$  be the discrete topology on  $C(Y, Z)$  and  $F : \mathbf{F} \times Y \rightarrow Z$  a continuous map. We prove that the map  $\widehat{F} : \mathbf{F} \rightarrow C_\tau(Y, Z)$  is continuous.

Let  $i \in \mathbf{F}$  and  $\widehat{F}(i) = f$ . Then  $f \in \{f\} \in \tau$ . It suffices to prove that  $\widehat{F}(\mathbf{U}_i) \subseteq \{f\}$ , that is,  $\widehat{F}(j) = f$  for every  $j \in \mathbf{U}_i$ . Let  $j \in \mathbf{U}_i$  and  $y$  be an arbitrary point of  $Y$ . We need to prove that  $\widehat{F}(j)(y) = f(y)$ . Let  $U$  be an arbitrary open neighborhood of  $f(y) = \widehat{F}(i)(y) = F(i, y)$  in  $Z$ . Since the map  $F$  is continuous there exists an open neighborhood  $V_y$  of  $y$  in  $Y$  such that  $F(\mathbf{U}_i \times V_y) \subseteq U$ . Therefore,  $F(j, y) = \widehat{F}(j)(y) \in U$ , which means that  $f(y) \in \text{Cl}_Z(\{\widehat{F}(j)(y)\})$ . Since  $Z$  is a  $T_1$  space,  $f(y) = \widehat{F}(j)(y)$ . Hence,  $\widehat{F}(j) = f$ . Thus, the map  $\widehat{F} : \mathbf{F} \rightarrow C_\tau(Y, Z)$  is continuous and therefore the topology  $\tau$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  is  $\mathbf{F}$ -splitting.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4.** *The pointwise topology  $\tau_p$ , the compact-open topology  $\tau_c$ , and the Isbell topology  $\tau_{is}$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  are  $\mathbf{F}$ -splitting and  $\mathbf{F}$ -jointly continuous.*

*Proof.* First, we prove that  $\tau_p$  is  $\mathbf{F}$ -jointly continuous. Let  $G : \mathbf{F} \rightarrow C_{\tau_p}(Y, Z)$  be a continuous map. We need to prove that the map  $\widetilde{G} : \mathbf{F} \times Y \rightarrow Z$  is continuous.

Let  $(i, y) \in \mathbf{F} \times Y$  and  $U$  be an arbitrary open neighborhood of  $\widetilde{G}(i, y) = G(i)(y)$  in  $Z$ . Then  $G(i) \in (\{y\}, U)$ . Since  $G$  is continuous,  $G(\mathbf{U}_i) \subseteq (\{y\}, U)$ . Also, since the map  $G(j)$ ,  $j \in \mathbf{U}_i$ , is continuous and  $G(j)(y) \in U$  there exists an open neighborhood  $V_y^j$  of  $y$  in  $Y$  such that  $G(j)(V_y^j) \subseteq U$ . Let  $V_y = \bigcap \{V_y^j : j \in \mathbf{U}_i\}$ . Then,  $\widetilde{G}(\mathbf{U}_i \times V_y) \subseteq U$ . Thus, the map  $\widetilde{G}$  is continuous and therefore the topology  $\tau_p$  is  $\mathbf{F}$ -jointly continuous.

Since  $\tau_p \subseteq \tau_c$  and  $\tau_p \subseteq \tau_{is}$  (see [10]) the topologies  $\tau_c$  and  $\tau_{is}$  are also  $\mathbf{F}$ -jointly continuous.

Finally, since the topologies  $\tau_p$ ,  $\tau_c$  and  $\tau_{is}$  are splitting, they are also  $\mathbf{F}$ -splitting.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.5.** *The topology  $\tau_{\mathcal{Q}(\mathcal{U})}$  on the set  $C(Y, Z)$  generated by a quasi-uniformity  $\mathcal{U}$  on the space  $Z$  is  $\mathbf{F}$ -splitting and  $\mathbf{F}$ -jointly continuous.*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a quasi-uniformity on the space  $Z$ . Since  $\tau_{\mathcal{Q}(\mathcal{U})}$  is jointly continuous (see [11]), this topology is also  $\mathbf{F}$ -jointly continuous.

We prove that  $\tau_{\mathcal{Q}(\mathcal{U})}$  is  $\mathbf{F}$ -splitting. Let  $F : \mathbf{F} \times Y \rightarrow Z$  be a continuous map. We need to prove that  $\widehat{F} : \mathbf{F} \rightarrow C_{\tau_{\mathcal{Q}(\mathcal{U})}}(Y, Z)$  is continuous. Let  $i \in \mathbf{F}$  and  $\widehat{F}(i) = f_i$ . The set  $(Y, U)[f_i] = \{h \in C(Y, Z) : (f_i, h) \in (Y, U)\}$ , where  $U$  is an element of  $\mathcal{U}$ , is an open neighborhood of  $f_i$  in  $C_{\tau_{\mathcal{Q}(\mathcal{U})}}(Y, Z)$ . We prove that  $\widehat{F}(\mathbf{U}_i) \subseteq (Y, U)[f_i]$ . Let  $j \in \mathbf{U}_i$ . It suffices to prove that  $\widehat{F}(j) = f_j \in (Y, U)[f_i]$ , that is  $f_j \in (Y, U)[f_i]$  or  $(f_i(y), f_j(y)) \in U$  for every  $y \in Y$ . Let  $y \in Y$  and  $U[f_i(y)] = \{z \in Z : (f_i(y), z) \in U\}$ . Since  $F$  is continuous there exists an open neighborhood  $V_y$  of  $y$  in  $Y$  such that  $F(\mathbf{U}_i \times V_y) \subseteq U[f_i(y)]$ . So, for the element  $(j, y)$  of  $\mathbf{U}_i \times V_y$  we have  $F(j, y) = f_j(y) \in U[f_i(y)]$  or  $(f_i(y), f_j(y)) \in U$ . Thus, the map  $\widehat{F}$  is continuous and therefore the topology  $\tau_{\mathcal{Q}(\mathcal{U})}$  is  $\mathbf{F}$ -splitting.  $\square$

**Definition 2.6.** For every space  $X$  with a topology  $t$  we define an  $(n + 1)$ -tuple relation denoted by  $R^t$  in  $X$  as follows: an  $(n + 1)$ -tuple  $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$  of elements of  $X$  belongs to  $R^t$  if for every  $i, j \in \mathbf{F}$ ,  $x_i \in \text{Cl}_X(\{x_j\})$  provided that  $i \in \text{Cl}_{\mathbf{F}}(\{j\})$ .

We observe that if  $t_1, t_2$  are two topologies on a set  $X$  such that  $t_1 \subseteq t_2$ , then  $R^{t_2} \subseteq R^{t_1}$ .

**Definition 2.7.** On the set  $C(Y, Z)$  we define an  $(n + 1)$ -tuple relation denoted by  $R$  as follows: an  $(n + 1)$ -tuple  $(f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n)$  of elements of  $C(Y, Z)$  belongs to  $R$  if  $(f_0(y), f_1(y), \dots, f_n(y)) \in R^{t_z}$  for every  $y \in Y$ .

Below we give necessary and sufficient conditions for an arbitrary topology  $\tau$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  to be  $\mathbf{F}$ -splitting or  $\mathbf{F}$ -jointly continuous.

**Theorem 2.8.** *A topology  $\tau$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  is  $\mathbf{F}$ -splitting if and only if  $R \subseteq R^\tau$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\tau$  be an  $\mathbf{F}$ -splitting topology on  $C(Y, Z)$ . Suppose that  $(f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n) \in R$ . We need to prove that  $(f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n) \in R^\tau$ .

Let  $F : \mathbf{F} \times Y \rightarrow Z$  be a map for which  $F(i, y) = f_i(y)$ , for every  $i \in \mathbf{F}$  and  $y \in Y$ . This map is continuous. Indeed, let  $U$  be an open neighborhood of  $f_i(y)$  in  $Z$ . Since  $f_i$  is continuous, the set  $f_i^{-1}(U)$  is open neighborhood of  $y$  in  $Y$ . Therefore it is sufficient to prove that:

$$F(\mathbf{U}_i \times f_i^{-1}(U)) \subseteq U.$$

Let  $(j, y') \in \mathbf{U}_i \times f_i^{-1}(U)$ . By the definition of  $F$ ,  $F(j, y') = f_j(y')$ . Since  $j \in \mathbf{U}_i$  we have  $i \in \text{Cl}_{\mathbf{F}}(\{j\})$ . Also, by the definition of the  $(n + 1)$ -tuple relation  $R$  we have  $f_i(y') \in \text{Cl}_Z(f_j(y'))$ . Since  $f_i(y') \in U$  we have  $f_j(y') \in U$ . Thus,  $F(\mathbf{U}_i \times f_i^{-1}(U)) \subseteq U$ , that is  $F$  is continuous.

Furthermore, since  $\tau$  is  $\mathbf{F}$ -splitting, the map  $\widehat{F} : \mathbf{F} \rightarrow C_\tau(Y, Z)$  is continuous.

Now, we prove that  $(f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n) \in R^\tau$ . Let  $i, j \in \mathbf{F}$  such that  $i \in \text{Cl}_{\mathbf{F}}(\{j\})$ . We need to prove that  $f_i \in \text{Cl}_{C_\tau(Y, Z)}(\{f_j\})$ . Let  $W$  be an open neighborhood of  $f_i$  in  $C_\tau(Y, Z)$ . Then,  $\widehat{F}^{-1}(W)$  is an open neighborhood of  $i$  in  $\mathbf{F}$  and therefore  $j \in \widehat{F}^{-1}(W)$ . This means that  $\widehat{F}(j) = f_j \in W$  and therefore  $f_i \in \text{Cl}_{C_\tau(Y, Z)}(\{f_j\})$ . Hence,  $(f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n) \in R^\tau$ .

Conversely, let  $\tau$  be a topology on  $C(Y, Z)$  such that the condition  $(f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n) \in R$  implies  $(f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n) \in R^\tau$ . We prove that  $\tau$  is  $\mathbf{F}$ -splitting.

Let  $F : \mathbf{F} \times Y \rightarrow Z$  be a continuous map. Consider the map  $\widehat{F} : \mathbf{F} \rightarrow C_\tau(Y, Z)$  and let  $\widehat{F}(i) = f_i$ ,  $i \in \mathbf{F}$ . First, we prove that  $(f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n) \in R$ . Indeed, let  $y \in Y$ . Consider the  $(n+1)$ -tuple  $(f_0(y), f_1(y), \dots, f_n(y))$  and suppose that  $i \in \text{Cl}_{\mathbf{F}}(\{j\})$ . Let  $U$  be an open neighborhood of  $f_i(y)$  in  $Z$ . Since  $F(i, y) = f_i(y)$  and  $F$  is continuous, the set  $F^{-1}(U)$  is an open neighborhood of  $(i, y)$  in  $\mathbf{F} \times Y$ . Therefore there exist open sets  $V$  and  $W$  of  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $Y$ , respectively, such that  $(i, y) \in V \times W \subseteq F^{-1}(U)$ . This means that  $j \in V$  and  $F(j, y) = f_j(y) \in U$  and therefore  $f_i(y) \in \text{Cl}_Z(\{f_j(y)\})$ , that is  $(f_0(y), f_1(y), \dots, f_n(y)) \in R^{tz}$ . Hence  $(f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n) \in R$ . By the assumption,  $(f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n) \in R^\tau$ .

Now, we prove that  $\widehat{F}$  is continuous. Let  $\widehat{F}(i) = f_i$  and  $H$  be an open neighborhood of  $f_i$  in  $C_\tau(Y, Z)$ . It suffices to prove that

$$\widehat{F}(\mathbf{U}_i) \subseteq H.$$

Let  $j \in \mathbf{U}_i$ . Then  $i \in \text{Cl}_{\mathbf{F}}(\{j\})$ . Since  $(f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n) \in R$  we have  $(f_0(y), f_1(y), \dots, f_n(y)) \in R^{tz}$  for every  $y \in Y$ . Therefore  $f_i(y) \in \text{Cl}_Z(\{f_j(y)\})$  for every  $y \in Y$ , that is  $f_i \in \text{Cl}_{C_\tau(Y, Z)}(\{f_j\})$  which means that  $\widehat{F}(j) = f_j \in H$ .

Hence the map  $\widehat{F}$  is continuous and the topology  $\tau$  is  $\mathbf{F}$ -splitting.  $\square$

The next corollary follows by the fact that for  $\mathbf{F}=\mathbf{S}$  (respectively, for  $\mathbf{F}=\mathbf{D}$ ) then the 2-tuple relations  $R$  and  $R^\tau$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  coincide with the relations  $\leq$  and  $\overset{\tau}{\leq}$  (respectively, with the relations  $\sim$  and  $\overset{\tau}{\sim}$ ).

**Corollary 2.9.** *The following (see [7]) are true:*

(1) *A topology  $\tau$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  is  $\mathbf{S}$ -splitting if and only if the condition  $f \leq g$  implies  $f \overset{\tau}{\leq} g$ .*

(2) *A topology  $\tau$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  is  $\mathbf{D}$ -splitting if and only if the condition  $f \sim g$  implies  $f \overset{\tau}{\sim} g$ .*

**Theorem 2.10.** *A topology  $\tau$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  is  $\mathbf{F}$ -jointly continuous if and only if  $R^\tau \subseteq R$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\tau$  be an  $\mathbf{F}$ -jointly continuous topology on  $C(Y, Z)$ . Suppose that  $(f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n) \in R^\tau$ . We need to prove that  $(f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n) \in R$ .

Let  $G : \mathbf{F} \rightarrow C_\tau(Y, Z)$  be a map for which  $G(i) = f_i$  for every  $i \in \mathbf{F}$ . We prove that  $G$  is continuous. Let  $H$  be an open subset of  $C_\tau(Y, Z)$  such that  $f_i \in H$ . It suffices to prove that  $G(\mathbf{U}_i) \subseteq H$ . Let  $j \in \mathbf{U}_i$ . Since,  $i \in \text{Cl}_{\mathbf{F}}(\{j\})$ . and  $(f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n) \in R^\tau$  we have  $f_i \in \text{Cl}_{C_\tau(Y, Z)}(\{f_j\})$ . Therefore  $G(j) = f_j \in H$ , that is the map  $G$  is continuous.

Moreover, since  $\tau$  is  $\mathbf{F}$ -jointly continuous, the map  $\tilde{G} : \mathbf{F} \times Y \rightarrow Z$  is also continuous.

Now, we prove that  $(f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n) \in R$ . Let  $y \in Y$ . Consider the  $(n+1)$ -tuple  $(f_0(y), f_1(y), \dots, f_n(y))$  and let  $i \in \text{Cl}_{\mathbf{F}}(\{j\})$ . It suffices to prove that  $f_i(y) \in \text{Cl}_Z(\{f_j(y)\})$ . Let  $U$  be an open neighborhood of  $f_i(y)$  in  $Z$ . Since  $\tilde{G}(i, y) = f_i(y)$  we have  $\tilde{G}^{-1}(U)$  is an open subset of  $\mathbf{F} \times Y$  containing the point  $(i, y)$ . There exist an open neighborhood  $V$  of  $i$  in  $\mathbf{F}$  and an open neighborhood  $W$  of  $y$  in  $Y$  such that  $V \times W \subseteq \tilde{G}^{-1}(U)$ . Since  $i \in \text{Cl}_{\mathbf{F}}(\{j\})$  we have that  $j \in V$  and therefore  $(j, y) \in \tilde{G}^{-1}(U)$ , which means that  $\tilde{G}(j, y) = f_j(y) \in U$ . Thus,  $f_i(y) \in \text{Cl}_Z(\{f_j(y)\})$ . Hence,  $(f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n) \in R$ .

Conversely, let  $\tau$  be a topology on  $C(Y, Z)$  such that the condition  $(f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n) \in R^\tau$  implies  $(f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n) \in R$ . We prove that  $\tau$  is  $\mathbf{F}$ -jointly continuous.

Let  $G : \mathbf{F} \rightarrow C_\tau(Y, Z)$  be a continuous map such that  $G(i) = f_i$  for every  $i \in \mathbf{F}$ . Then the  $(n+1)$ -tuple  $(f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n)$  belongs to  $R^\tau$ . Indeed, let  $i \in \text{Cl}_{\mathbf{F}}(\{j\})$  and  $H$  be an open neighborhood of  $f_i$  in  $C_\tau(Y, Z)$ . Since  $G$  is continuous, the set  $G^{-1}(H)$  is an open subset of  $\mathbf{F}$  containing the point  $i$ . Hence,  $j \in G^{-1}(H)$  and, therefore,  $G(j) = f_j \in H$ , which means that  $f_i \in \text{Cl}_{C_\tau(Y, Z)}(\{f_j\})$ . Thus,  $(f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n) \in R^\tau$ .

Now, we consider the map  $\tilde{G} : \mathbf{F} \times Y \rightarrow Z$  and prove that this map is continuous. Let  $(i, y) \in \mathbf{F} \times Y$ . Suppose that  $U$  is an open subset of  $Z$  such that  $\tilde{G}(i, y) = G(i)(y) = f_i(y) \in U$ . Since the map  $f_i$  is continuous and  $f_i(y) \in U$ , there exists an open neighborhood  $W$  of  $y$  in  $Y$  such that  $f_i(W) \subseteq U$ . To prove that  $\tilde{G}$  is continuous it suffices to prove that

$$\tilde{G}(\mathbf{U}_i \times W) \subseteq U.$$

Indeed, let  $(j, y') \in \mathbf{U}_i \times W$ . Then  $j \in \mathbf{U}_i$ , that is  $i \in \text{Cl}_{\mathbf{F}}(\{j\})$ . By the above  $f_i \in \text{Cl}_{C_\tau(Y, Z)}(\{f_j\})$ . Since  $(f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n) \in R^\tau$ , by assumption we have  $(f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n) \in R$ . Thus  $f_i(y) \in \text{Cl}_Z(\{f_j(y)\})$  for every  $y \in Y$  and therefore  $f_i(y') \in \text{Cl}_Z(\{f_j(y')\})$ . Hence  $\tilde{G}(j, y') = G(j)(y') = f_j(y') \in U$ .

Thus,  $\tilde{G}$  is continuous and therefore  $\tau$  is an  $\mathbf{F}$ -jointly continuous topology.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.11.** *The following (see [7]) are true:*

- (1) *A topology  $\tau$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  is  $\mathbf{S}$ -jointly continuous if and only if the condition  $g \stackrel{\tau}{\leq} f$  implies  $g \leq f$ .*
- (2) *A topology  $\tau$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  is  $\mathbf{D}$ -jointly continuous if and only if the condition  $f \stackrel{\tau}{\sim} g$  implies  $f \sim g$ .*

**Remark 2.12.** The first five Theorems of this paper can be obtained by the last two Theorems provided that:

- (1) For the trivial topology, and hence, for every topology  $\tau$  on the set  $C(Y, Z)$  we have  $R^\tau \subseteq R$  if and only if the topology of  $Z$  is trivial.
- (2) If for the discrete topology, and hence, for every topology  $\tau$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  we have  $R \subseteq R^\tau$ , then  $Z$  is  $T_0$  space.

(3) Let  $Z$  be a  $T_1$  space. Then, for the discrete topology, and hence, for every topology  $\tau$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  we have  $R \subseteq R^\tau$ .

(4) For the pointwise topology, for the compact open topology, and for the Isbell topology  $\tau$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  we have  $R^\tau = R$ .

(5) For the topology  $\tau_{\mathcal{Q}(\mathcal{U})}$  on the set  $C(Y, Z)$  which generated by a quasi-uniformity  $\mathcal{U}$  we have  $R = R^{\tau_{\mathcal{Q}(\mathcal{U})}}$ .

The above statements can be easily proved.

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