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## DOUBLE CONNECTED SPACES

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**Abstract** — In this paper, we introduce new types of double connected topological spaces. The first one depends on the separated double sets and the other one depends on the quasi-coincident separated double sets. The properties and the relation between them have investigated. Also, we defined and study the component of each type and the properties of these types of component have obtained.

**Keywords** — Separated double sets,  $q$ -separated double sets, double connected,  $q$ -double connected,  $DC_1$ -connected, strongly double connected, strongly  $q$ -double connected, double components,  $q$ -double components and  $q$ -hyperconnected in double topological spaces.

## 1 Introduction

Atanassov [1, 2, 3, 4] introduced the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy sets as a generalization of fuzzy sets. Coker [5] generalized topological structures in intuitionistic fuzzy case. The concept of intuitionistic sets and the topology on intuitionistic sets was first given by Coker [7, 6].

In 2005, the suggestion of J. G. Garcia et al. [8] that double set is a more appropriate name than flou (intuitionistic) set, and double topology for the flou (intuitionistic) topology. In 2007, Kandil et al. [10] proved the 1 – 1 correspondence mapping  $f$  between the set of all double sets and the set of all intuitionistic sets defined as:  $f(A_1, A_2) = (A_1, A_2^c)$ ,  $A_2^c$  is the complement of  $A_2$ . Kandil et al. [9, 10] introduced the concept of double sets, (D-set, for short), double topological spaces,

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(DTS, for short), continuous functions between these spaces and the concept of double point, (D-point, for short).

In this paper, we define (q-)separated double sets, (q)double connected,  $DC_1$ -connected, strongly double connected, (q)double components and quasi-hyperconnected in double topological spaces. Moreover, we give some related results to these notions.

## 2 Preliminary

In this section, we collect some definitions and theorems which will be needed in the sequel. For more details see [9, 10].

**Definition 2.1.** [10] Let  $X$  be a non-empty set.

1. A D-set  $\underline{A}$  is an ordered pair  $(A_1, A_2) \in P(X) \hat{\times} P(X)$  such that  $A_1 \subseteq A_2$ .
2.  $D(X) = \{(A_1, A_2) \in P(X) \hat{\times} P(X), A_1 \subseteq A_2\}$  is the family of all D-sets on  $X$ .
3. Let  $\eta_1, \eta_2 \subseteq P(X)$ . The product of  $\eta_1$  and  $\eta_2$ , denoted by  $\eta_1 \times \eta_2$ , defined by:  $\eta_1 \hat{\times} \eta_2 = \{(A_1, A_2) : A_1 \in \eta_1, A_2 \in \eta_2, A_1 \subseteq A_2\}$ .
4. The D-set  $\underline{X} = (X, X)$  is called the universal D-set.
5. The D-set  $\underline{\emptyset} = (\emptyset, \emptyset)$  is called the empty D-set.

**Definition 2.2.** [10] Let  $\underline{A} = (A_1, A_2)$ ,  $\underline{B} = (B_1, B_2)$  and  $\underline{C} = (C_1, C_2) \in D(X)$ .

1.  $\underline{A} = \underline{B} \Leftrightarrow A_1 = B_1, A_2 = B_2$ .
2.  $\underline{A} \subseteq \underline{B} \Leftrightarrow A_1 \subseteq B_1, A_2 \subseteq B_2$ .
3.  $\underline{A} \cup \underline{B} = (A_1 \cup B_1, A_2 \cup B_2)$ .
4.  $\underline{A} \cap \underline{B} = (A_1 \cap B_1, A_2 \cap B_2)$ .
5.  $\underline{A}^c = (A_2^c, A_1^c)$ , where  $\underline{A}^c$  is the complement of  $\underline{A}$ .
6.  $\underline{A} \setminus \underline{B} = (A_1 \setminus B_2, A_2 \setminus B_1)$ .
7.  $\underline{A} \cap (\underline{B} \cup \underline{C}) = (\underline{A} \cap \underline{B}) \cup (\underline{A} \cap \underline{C})$ .
8. Let  $x \in X$ . Then, the D-sets  $\underline{x}_1 = (\{x\}, \{x\})$  and  $\underline{x}_{\frac{1}{2}} = (\emptyset, \{x\})$  are said to be D-points in  $X$ . The family of all D-points, denoted by  $DP(X)$ , i.e.,  $DP(X) = \{\underline{x}_t : x \in X, t \in \{\frac{1}{2}, 1\}\}$ .
9.  $\underline{x}_1 \subseteq \underline{A} \Leftrightarrow x \in A_1$  and  $\underline{x}_{\frac{1}{2}} \subseteq \underline{A} \Leftrightarrow x \in A_2$ .

**Definition 2.3.** [9] Two D-sets  $\underline{A}$  and  $\underline{B}$  are said to be a quasi-coincident, denoted by  $\underline{A}q\underline{B}$ , if  $A_1 \cap B_2 \neq \emptyset$  or  $A_2 \cap B_1 \neq \emptyset$ .  $\underline{A}$  is not quasi-coincident with  $\underline{B}$ , denoted by  $\underline{A} \not q \underline{B}$ , if  $A_1 \cap B_2 = \emptyset$  and  $A_2 \cap B_1 = \emptyset$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** [9] Let  $\underline{A}, \underline{B}, \underline{C} \in D(X)$  and  $\underline{x}_t \in DP(X)$ . Then,

1.  $\underline{A} \not\subseteq \underline{B} \Leftrightarrow \underline{A} \subseteq \underline{B}^c$ .
2.  $\underline{A} \not\subseteq \underline{B}, \underline{C} \subseteq \underline{B} \Rightarrow \underline{A} \not\subseteq \underline{C}$ .

**Definition 2.5.** [10] Let  $X$  be a non-empty set. The family  $\eta$  of D-sets in  $X$  is called a double topology on  $X$  if it satisfies the following axioms:

1.  $\emptyset, X \in \eta$ ,
2. If  $\underline{A}, \underline{B} \in \eta$ , then  $\underline{A} \cap \underline{B} \in \eta$ ,
3. If  $\{\underline{A}_s : s \in S\} \subseteq \eta$ , then  $\bigcup_{s \in S} \underline{A}_s \in \eta$ .

The pair  $(X, \eta)$  is called a *DTS*. Each element of  $\eta$  is called an open D-set in  $X$ . The complement of open D-set is called closed D-set.

**Definition 2.6.** [10] Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a *DTS* and  $\underline{A} \in D(X)$ . The double closure of  $\underline{A}$ , denoted by  $cl_\eta(\underline{A})$  or  $\overline{\underline{A}}$ , defined by:  $cl_\eta(\underline{A}) = \bigcap \{\underline{B} : \underline{B} \in \eta^c \text{ and } \underline{A} \subseteq \underline{B}\}$ .

**Theorem 2.7.** [10] Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a *DTS* and let  $\underline{A}, \underline{B}, \underline{C} \in D(X)$ . Then,

1.  $cl_\eta(\underline{A})$  is the smallest closed D-set containing  $\underline{A}$ .
2.  $cl_\eta(\underline{A} \cap \underline{B}) \subseteq cl_\eta(\underline{A}) \cap cl_\eta(\underline{B})$ .
3.  $\underline{A} \not\subseteq \underline{C} \Leftrightarrow cl_\eta(\underline{A}) \not\subseteq cl_\eta(\underline{C}), \underline{C} \in \eta$ .

**Definition 2.8.** [10] Let  $X$  be a non-empty set. The family  $\tau$  of D-sets in  $X$  is called a stratified double topology on  $X$  if it satisfies the following axioms:

1.  $\emptyset \in \tau, X \in \tau$  and  $(\emptyset, X) \in \tau$ ,
2. If  $\underline{A}, \underline{B} \in \tau$ , then  $\underline{A} \cap \underline{B} \in \tau$ ,
3. If  $\{\underline{A}_s : s \in S\} \subseteq \tau$ , then  $\bigcup_{s \in S} \underline{A}_s \in \tau$ .

The pair  $(X, \tau)$  is called a stratified *DTS*.

**Definition 2.9.** [10] Let  $X$  be a non-empty set.

1.  $I(X) = \{\emptyset, X\}$  is a *DTS*, which is called indiscrete *DTS*.
2.  $i(X) \hat{\times} i(X) = \{\emptyset, X, (\emptyset, X)\}$  is a *DTS*, which is called indiscrete stratified *DTS*,  $i(X)$  is the indiscrete topology on  $X$ .
3.  $D(X) = P(X) \hat{\times} P(X)$  is a *DTS*, which is called discrete *DTS*.

**Theorem 2.10.** [10] Let  $\eta$  be a double topology on  $X$ . Then, the following collections are ordinary topologies on  $X$  :

1.  $\pi_1 = \{A_1 : \underline{A} \in \eta\}$ .

$$2. \pi_2 = \{A_2 : \underline{A} \in \eta\}.$$

**Definition 2.11.** [10] Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a *DTS* and  $Y$  be a non-empty subset of  $X$ . Then,  $\eta_Y = \{\underline{A} \cap \underline{Y} : \underline{A} \in \eta \text{ and } \underline{Y} = (Y, Y)\}$  is a double topology on  $Y$ . The *DTS*  $(Y, \eta_Y)$  is called a double topological subspace of  $(X, \eta)$  (*DT*-subspace, for short).

**Definition 2.12.** [10] Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a *DTS*,  $\underline{F} \in D(X)$  and  $Y$  be a non-empty subset of  $X$ . Then, the *D*-subset over  $Y$ , denoted by  $F^Y$ , defined by:  $F^Y = \underline{F} \cap \underline{Y}$ .

**Definition 2.13.** [10] Consider two ordinary sets  $X$  and  $Y$ . Let  $f$  be a mapping from  $X$  into  $Y$ . The image of a *D*-set  $\underline{A}$  in  $D(X)$  defined by:  $f(\underline{A}) = (f(A_1), f(A_2))$ . Also the inverse image of a *D*-set  $\underline{B} \in D(Y)$  defined by:  $f^{-1}(\underline{B}) = (f^{-1}(B_1), f^{-1}(B_2))$ .

**Definition 2.14.** [10] Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping and let  $(X, \eta)$  and  $(Y, \eta^*)$  be *DTS*. Then,  $f$  is called a *D*-continuous if  $f^{-1}(\underline{B}) \in \eta$ , whenever  $\underline{B} \in \eta^*$ .

**Theorem 2.15.** [10] Let  $(X, \eta)$  and  $(Y, \eta^*)$  be two *DTS* and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping,  $\underline{A} \in D(X)$  and  $\underline{B} \in D(Y)$ . Then, the following conditions are equivalent:

1.  $f$  is a *D*-continuous,
2.  $f^{-1}(\underline{B}) \in \eta^c, \forall \underline{B} \in \eta^{*c}$ ,
3.  $f(cl_\eta(\underline{A})) \subseteq cl_{\eta^*}(f(\underline{A})), \forall \underline{A} \in D(X)$ ,
4.  $cl_\eta(f^{-1}(\underline{B})) \subseteq f^{-1}(cl_{\eta^*}(\underline{B})), \forall \underline{B} \in D(Y)$ ,
5.  $f^{-1}(int_{\eta^*}(\underline{B})) \subseteq int_\eta(f^{-1}(\underline{B})), \forall \underline{B} \in D(Y)$ .

**Definition 2.16.** [10] Let  $(X, \eta)$  and  $(Y, \eta^*)$  be two *DTS* and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping and  $\underline{A} \in D(X)$ .

1.  $f$  is called *D*-open if  $f(\underline{A}) \in \eta^*, \forall \underline{A} \in \eta$ .
2.  $f$  is called *D*-closed if  $f(\underline{A}) \in \eta^{*c}, \forall \underline{A} \in \eta^c$

**Theorem 2.17.** [10] Let  $(X, \eta)$  and  $(Y, \eta^*)$  be two *DTS* and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping and  $\underline{A} \in D(X)$ .  $f$  is *D*-closed iff  $cl_{\eta^*}(f(\underline{A})) \subseteq f(cl_\eta(\underline{A})), \forall \underline{A} \in D(X)$ .

**Definition 2.18.** [9] Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a *DTS*. and let  $\underline{A} \in D(X)$ .  $\underline{A}$  is said to be:

1. *D*-dense if  $cl_\eta(\underline{A}) = \underline{X}$ .
2. *D*-nowhere dense if  $int_\eta(cl_\eta(\underline{A})) = \underline{\emptyset}$ .

### 3 Connectedness in $DTS$

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a  $DTS$  and let  $\underline{A}, \underline{B} \in D(X)$ .

1.  $\underline{A}, \underline{B}$  are said to be separated double sets (separated D-sets, for short) if  $cl_\eta(\underline{A}) \cap \underline{B} = \underline{\emptyset}$  and  $\underline{A} \cap cl_\eta(\underline{B}) = \underline{\emptyset}$ .
2.  $\underline{A}, \underline{B}$  are said to be quasi-coincident separated double sets (q-separated D-sets, for short) if  $cl_\eta(\underline{A}) \not\subseteq \underline{B}$  and  $\underline{A} \not\subseteq cl_\eta(\underline{B})$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a  $DTS$  and let  $\underline{A}, \underline{B} \in D(X)$ . Then, if  $\underline{A}, \underline{B}$  are separated D-sets, then  $\underline{A} \cap \underline{B} = \underline{\emptyset}$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $\underline{A}, \underline{B}$  are separated D-sets, then  $cl_\eta(\underline{A}) \cap \underline{B} = \underline{\emptyset}$  and  $\underline{A} \cap cl_\eta(\underline{B}) = \underline{\emptyset}$ . But  $\underline{A} \subseteq cl_\eta(\underline{A})$ , then  $\underline{A} \cap \underline{B} = \underline{\emptyset}$ . Hence, the result.

The following example shows that the converse of Proposition 3.2 is not true in general.

**Example 3.3.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\eta = \{\underline{\emptyset}, \underline{X}, (\{a\}, \{a, b\}), (\emptyset, \{a, b\}), (\{b, c, d\}, X)\}$  and  $\eta^c = \{\underline{\emptyset}, \underline{X}, (\{c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}), (\{c, d\}, X), (\emptyset, \{a\})\}$ . Then,  $(X, \eta)$  is a  $DTS$ . Now,  $(\{a\}, \{a, b\}) \cap (\{c\}, \{c, d\}) = \underline{\emptyset}$ , but  $\underline{X} = cl_\eta(\{a\}, \{a, b\}) \cap (\{c\}, \{c, d\}) = (\{c\}, \{c, d\}) \neq \underline{\emptyset}$ .

**Proposition 3.4.** Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a  $DTS$  and let  $\underline{A}, \underline{B} \in D(X)$ . Then, if  $\underline{A}, \underline{B}$  are q-separated D-sets, then  $\underline{A} \not\subseteq \underline{B}$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $\underline{A}, \underline{B}$  are q-separated D-sets, then  $cl_\eta(\underline{A}) \not\subseteq \underline{B}$  and  $\underline{A} \not\subseteq cl_\eta(\underline{B})$ . But  $\underline{A} \subseteq cl_\eta(\underline{A})$ , then  $\underline{A} \not\subseteq \underline{B}$ . Hence, the result.

The following example shows that the converse of Proposition 3.4 is not true in general.

**Example 3.5.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\eta = \{\underline{\emptyset}, \underline{X}, (\emptyset, \{a\}), (\emptyset, \{b\}), (\emptyset, \{a, b\})\}$ . Then,  $\exists(\{a\}, \{a\}), (\{b\}, \{b\}) \in D(X)$  such that  $(\{a\}, \{a\}) \not\subseteq (\{b\}, \{b\})$ . But,  $cl_\eta(\{a\}, \{a\}) = (\{a, c\}, X) \not\subseteq (\{b\}, \{b\})$  and  $cl_\eta(\{b\}, \{b\}) = (\{b, c\}, X) \not\subseteq (\{a\}, \{a\})$ .

**Proposition 3.6.** Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a  $DTS$  and let  $\underline{A}, \underline{B} \in D(X)$ . Then, if  $\underline{A} \cap \underline{B} = \underline{\emptyset}$ , then  $\underline{A} \not\subseteq \underline{B}$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $(A_1, A_2) = \underline{A} \cap \underline{B} = (B_1, B_2) = \underline{\emptyset}$ , then  $A_1 \cap B_1 = \emptyset$  and  $A_2 \cap B_2 = \emptyset$ , but  $A_1 \subseteq A_2, B_1 \subseteq B_2$ , then  $A_1 \cap B_2 = \emptyset$  and  $A_2 \cap B_1 = \emptyset$ . Therefore,  $\underline{A} \not\subseteq \underline{B}$ .

The following example shows that the converse of Proposition 3.6 is not true in general.

**Example 3.7.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  and  $\eta = \{\underline{\emptyset}, \underline{X}, (\{a\}, \{a\}), (\emptyset, \{b\}), (\{a\}, X)\}$ . Then,  $(\emptyset, \{b\}) \not\subseteq (\{a\}, X)$ , but  $(\emptyset, \{b\}) \cap (\{a\}, X) = (\emptyset, \{b\}) \neq \underline{\emptyset}$ .

**Proposition 3.8.** Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a  $DTS$  and let  $\underline{A}, \underline{B} \in D(X)$ . Then, if  $\underline{A}, \underline{B}$  are separated D-sets, then  $\underline{A}, \underline{B}$  are q-separated D-sets.

*Proof.* Straightforward.

The following example shows that the converse of Proposition 3.8 is not true in general.

**Example 3.9.** In Example 3.7, we see that:  $(\emptyset, \{b\}) \not\sqsubseteq cl_\eta(\{a\}, X) = (\{a\}, X)$  and  $cl_\eta(\emptyset, \{b\}) = (\emptyset, \{b\}) \not\sqsubseteq (\{a\}, X)$ , but  $(\emptyset, \{b\}) = cl_\eta(\emptyset, \{b\}) \sqcap (\{a\}, X) = (\emptyset, \{b\}) \neq \underline{\emptyset}$ .

**Remark 3.10.**  $\underline{A} \sqcap \underline{B} = \underline{\emptyset} \not\Leftrightarrow cl_\eta(\underline{A}) \not\sqsubseteq \underline{B}$  and  $\underline{A} \not\sqsubseteq cl_\eta(\underline{B})$ .

**Example 3.11.** 1. In Example 3.3, we see that:  $(\{a\}, \{a, b\}) \sqcap (\{c\}, \{c, d\}) = \underline{\emptyset}$ , but  $\underline{X} = cl_\eta(\{a\}, \{a, b\}) \not\sqsubseteq (\{c\}, \{c, d\})$ .

2. In Example 3.7, we see that:  $(\emptyset, \{b\}) \not\sqsubseteq cl_\eta(\{a\}, X) = (\{a\}, X)$  and  $cl_\eta(\emptyset, \{b\}) = (\emptyset, \{b\}) \not\sqsubseteq (\{a\}, X)$ , but  $(\emptyset, \{b\}) \sqcap (\{a\}, X) = (\emptyset, \{b\}) \neq \underline{\emptyset}$ .

**Theorem 3.12.** Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a DTS and let  $\underline{A}, \underline{B}, \underline{C}, \underline{D} \in D(X)$  such that  $\underline{C} \subseteq \underline{A}$  and  $\underline{D} \subseteq \underline{B}$ . Then, if  $\underline{A}, \underline{B}$  are separated D-sets, then  $\underline{C}, \underline{D}$  are separated D-sets.

*Proof.* Suppose  $\underline{A}, \underline{B}$  are separated D-sets, then  $cl_\eta(\underline{A}) \sqcap \underline{B} = \underline{\emptyset}$  and  $\underline{A} \sqcap cl_\eta(\underline{B}) = \underline{\emptyset}$ . Since  $\underline{C} \subseteq \underline{A}$  and  $\underline{D} \subseteq \underline{B}$ , then  $cl_\eta(\underline{C}) \subseteq cl_\eta(\underline{A})$  and  $cl_\eta(\underline{D}) \subseteq cl_\eta(\underline{B})$ . Implies,  $\underline{D} \sqcap cl_\eta(\underline{C}) = \underline{\emptyset}$  and  $cl_\eta(\underline{D}) \sqcap \underline{C} = \underline{\emptyset}$ . Hence,  $\underline{C}, \underline{D}$  are separated D-sets.

**Theorem 3.13.** Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a DTS and let  $\underline{A}, \underline{B}, \underline{C}, \underline{D} \in D(X)$  such that  $\underline{C} \subseteq \underline{A}$  and  $\underline{D} \subseteq \underline{B}$ . Then, if  $\underline{A}, \underline{B}$  are q-separated D-sets, then  $\underline{C}, \underline{D}$  are q-separated D-sets.

*Proof.* Suppose  $\underline{A}, \underline{B}$  are q-separated D-sets, then  $cl_\eta(\underline{A}) \not\sqsubseteq \underline{B}$  and  $\underline{A} \not\sqsubseteq cl_\eta(\underline{B})$ . Since  $\underline{C} \subseteq \underline{A}$  and  $\underline{D} \subseteq \underline{B}$ , then  $cl_\eta(\underline{C}) \subseteq cl_\eta(\underline{A})$  and  $cl_\eta(\underline{D}) \subseteq cl_\eta(\underline{B})$ . Implies,  $\underline{D} \not\sqsubseteq cl_\eta(\underline{C})$  and  $\underline{C} \not\sqsubseteq cl_\eta(\underline{D})$  [by Theorem 2.4]. Hence,  $\underline{C}, \underline{D}$  are q-separated D-sets.

**Definition 3.14.** Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a DTS, and let  $E$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$ .

1. If there exist two non-empty separated D-sets  $\underline{A}, \underline{B} \in D(X)$  such that  $\underline{A} \sqcup \underline{B} = \underline{E}$ , then the D-sets  $\underline{A}$  and  $\underline{B}$  form a D-separation of  $E$  and it is said to be double disconnected set (D-disconnected set, for short). Otherwise,  $E$  is said to be double connected set (D-connected set, for short).
2. If there exist two non-empty q-separated D-sets  $\underline{A}, \underline{B} \in D(X)$  such that  $\underline{A} \sqcup \underline{B} = \underline{E}$ , then the D-sets  $\underline{A}$  and  $\underline{B}$  form a  $qD$ -separation of  $E$  and it is said to be quasi-coincident double disconnected set ( $qD$ -disconnected set, for short). Otherwise,  $E$  is said to be quasi-coincident double connected set ( $qD$ -connected set, for short).

**Remark 3.15.** The D-point  $\underline{x}_t$  in any DTS  $(X, \eta)$  is a  $qD$ -connected set, provided that  $\underline{x}_{\frac{1}{2}} \not\sqsubseteq cl_\eta(\underline{x}_{\frac{1}{2}})$ .

**Example 3.16.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\eta = \{\emptyset, \underline{X}, (\emptyset, \{a\}), (\{b\}, X)\}$  and  $\eta^c = \{\underline{\emptyset}, \underline{X}, (\emptyset, \{a\}), (\{b\}, X)\}$ . Then,

1.  $(\emptyset, \{a\}) = cl(\emptyset, \{a\}) \not\sqsubseteq (\emptyset, \{a\})$  and  $(\emptyset, \{a\}) \sqcup (\emptyset, \{a\}) = (\emptyset, \{a\})$ . Therefore,  $(\emptyset, \{a\})$  is not  $qD$ -connected set.

2.  $(\{b\}, X) = cl(\emptyset, \{b\}) \ q (\emptyset, \{b\})$  and  $(\emptyset, \{b\}) \sqcup (\emptyset, \{b\}) = (\emptyset, \{b\})$ . Therefore,  $(\emptyset, \{b\})$  is  $qD$ -connected set.

**Definition 3.17.** Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a *DTS*.

1. If there exist two non-empty separated D-sets  $\underline{A}, \underline{B} \in D(X)$  such that  $\underline{A} \sqcup \underline{B} = \underline{X}$ , then  $\underline{A}$  and  $\underline{B}$  are said to be double division (D-division, for short) for *DTS*  $(X, \eta)$ .  $(X, \eta)$  is said to be double disconnected space (D-disconnected space, for short), if  $(X, \eta)$  has a D-division. Otherwise,  $(X, \eta)$  is said to be double connected space (D-connected space, for short).
2. If there exist two non-empty q-separated D-sets  $\underline{A}, \underline{B} \in D(X)$  such that  $\underline{A} \sqcup \underline{B} = \underline{X}$ , then  $\underline{A}$  and  $\underline{B}$  are said to be a double quasi division ( $qD$ -division, for short) for *DTS*  $(X, \eta)$ .  $(X, \eta)$  is said to be quasi-coincident double disconnected space ( $qD$ -disconnected space, for short), if  $(X, \eta)$  has a  $qD$ -division. Otherwise,  $(X, \eta)$  is said to be quasi-coincident double connected space ( $qD$ -connected space, for short).

**Corollary 3.18.** 1. Each indiscrete (stratified) *DTS* is D-connected ( $qD$ -connected).

2. Each discrete *DTS* is D-disconnected ( $qD$ -disconnected).

*Proof.* 1. It is obvious.

2. Suppose that  $(X, \eta)$  is a discrete *DTS*, then  $\underline{x}_1 \in DP(X)$ . Implies,  $\underline{X} = \underline{x}_1 \sqcup \underline{x}_1^c$ ,  $\underline{x}_1 = cl_\eta(\underline{x}_1) \sqcap \underline{x}_1^c = \emptyset$  and  $\underline{x}_1^c = cl_\eta(\underline{x}_1^c) \sqcap \underline{x}_1 = \emptyset$ . Therefore,  $(X, \eta)$  is a D-disconnected. Similarly,  $(X, \eta)$  is a  $qD$ -disconnected.

**Theorem 3.19.** Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a *DTS*. Then, the following are equivalent:

1.  $(X, \eta)$  has a D-division,
2. There exist two disjoint closed D-sets  $\underline{A}$  and  $\underline{B}$  such that  $\underline{A} \sqcup \underline{B} = \underline{X}$ ,
3. There exist two disjoint open D-sets  $\underline{A}$  and  $\underline{B}$  such that  $\underline{A} \sqcup \underline{B} = \underline{X}$ .

*Proof.* (1  $\rightarrow$  2) Suppose that  $(X, \eta)$  has a D-division  $\underline{A}$  and  $\underline{B}$ , then  $\underline{A} \sqcup \underline{B} = \underline{X}$  and  $cl_\eta(\underline{A}) \sqcap \underline{B} = \emptyset$ . Implies,  $cl_\eta(\underline{A}) \subseteq \underline{B}^c = \underline{X} \setminus \underline{B} \subseteq \underline{A}$ , but  $\underline{A} \subseteq cl_\eta(\underline{A})$ , so that  $\underline{A} = cl_\eta(\underline{A})$ . Therefore,  $\underline{A}$  is a closed D-set. Similarly, we can see that  $\underline{B}$  is also a closed D-set. Since  $\underline{A} = cl_\eta(\underline{A})$ ,  $cl_\eta(\underline{A}) \sqcap \underline{B} = \emptyset$ , then  $\underline{A} \sqcap \underline{B} = \emptyset$ . Hence, the result.

(2  $\rightarrow$  3) Suppose that  $(X, \eta)$  has a D-division  $\underline{A}$  and  $\underline{B}$  such that  $\underline{A}$  and  $\underline{B}$  are closed D-sets, then  $\underline{A}^c$  and  $\underline{B}^c$  are open D-sets,  $\underline{A} = \underline{B}^c$  and  $\underline{B} = \underline{A}^c$ . Therefore,  $\underline{A}^c \sqcup \underline{B}^c = \underline{X}$  and  $\underline{A}^c \sqcap \underline{B}^c = \emptyset$ . Hence, the result.

(3  $\rightarrow$  1) Since  $\underline{X} = \underline{A} \sqcup \underline{B}$  such that  $\underline{A} \sqcap \underline{B} = \emptyset$  and  $\underline{A}, \underline{B}$  are open D-sets, then  $\underline{A}^c$  and  $\underline{B}^c$  are closed D-sets,  $\underline{A} = \underline{B}^c$  and  $\underline{B} = \underline{A}^c$ . This implies that,  $\underline{A} = cl_\eta(\underline{A})$ . Therefore,  $cl_\eta(\underline{A}) \sqcap \underline{B} = \emptyset$ . Similarly, we have  $\underline{A} \sqcap cl_\eta(\underline{B}) = \emptyset$ . Hence,  $(X, \eta)$  has a D-division.

**Theorem 3.20.** Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a *DTS*. Then, the following are equivalent:

1.  $(X, \eta)$  has a  $qD$ -division,

2. There exist two non quasi-coincident closed D-sets  $\underline{A}$  and  $\underline{B}$  such that  $\underline{A} \cup \underline{B} = \underline{X}$ ,
3. There exist two non quasi-coincident open D-sets  $\underline{A}$  and  $\underline{B}$  such that  $\underline{A} \cup \underline{B} = \underline{X}$ .

*Proof.* (1  $\rightarrow$  2) Suppose that  $(X, \eta)$  has a  $qD$ -division  $\underline{A}$  and  $\underline{B}$ , then  $\underline{A} \cup \underline{B} = \underline{X}$  and  $cl_\eta(\underline{A}) \not\subseteq \underline{B}$ , Implies,  $cl_\eta(\underline{A}) \subseteq \underline{B}^c = \underline{X} \setminus \underline{B} \subseteq \underline{A}$ . but  $\underline{A} \subseteq cl_\eta(\underline{A})$ , so that  $\underline{A} = cl_\eta(\underline{A})$ . Therefore,  $\underline{A}$  is a closed D-set. Similarly, we can see that  $\underline{B}$  is also a closed D-set and  $\underline{A} \not\subseteq \underline{B}$  [by theorem 3.4]. Hence, the result.

(2  $\rightarrow$  3) Suppose that  $(X, \eta)$  has a  $qD$ -division  $\underline{A}$  and  $\underline{B}$  such that  $\underline{A}$  and  $\underline{B}$  are closed D-sets, then  $\underline{A}^c$  and  $\underline{B}^c$  are open D-sets,  $\underline{A} = \underline{B}^c$  and  $\underline{B} = \underline{A}^c$ . Therefore,  $\underline{A}^c \cup \underline{B}^c = \underline{X}$  and  $\underline{A}^c \not\subseteq \underline{B}^c$ . Hence, the result.

(3  $\rightarrow$  1) Since  $\underline{X} = \underline{A} \cup \underline{B}$  such that  $\underline{A} \not\subseteq \underline{B}$  and  $\underline{A}, \underline{B}$  are open D-sets, then  $\underline{A} \subseteq \underline{X} \setminus \underline{B}$ . This implies that,  $cl_\eta(\underline{A}) \subseteq \underline{X} \setminus \underline{B}$ . Therefore,  $cl_\eta(\underline{A}) \not\subseteq \underline{B}$ . Similarly, we have  $\underline{A} \not\subseteq cl_\eta(\underline{B})$ . Hence,  $(X, \eta)$  has a  $qD$ -division.

**Theorem 3.21.** Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a *DTS*. Then, the following are equivalent:

1.  $(X, \eta)$  is D-connected,
2.  $\underline{X}$  cannot be written as the union of two disjoint non-empty closed D-subsets,
3.  $\underline{X}$  cannot be written as the union of two disjoint non-empty open D-subsets.

*Proof.* It follows from Theorem 3.19.

**Theorem 3.22.** Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a *DTS*. Then, the following are equivalent:

1.  $(X, \eta)$  is  $qD$ -connected,
2.  $\underline{X}$  cannot be written as the union of two non quasi-coincident closed D-subsets,
3.  $\underline{X}$  cannot be written as the union of two non quasi-coincident open D-subsets.

*Proof.* It follows from Theorem 3.20.

**Theorem 3.23.** Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a *DTS* and let  $Y$  be a non-empty subset of  $X$ . Then, if  $\underline{A}$  and  $\underline{B}$  are D-sets in  $Y$ , then  $\underline{A}$  and  $\underline{B}$  are separated D-sets in  $Y$  if and only if  $\underline{A}$  and  $\underline{B}$  are separated D-sets in  $X$ .

*Proof.*  $cl_\eta(\underline{A}) \cap \underline{B} = \underline{Y} \cap cl_\eta(\underline{A}) \cap \underline{B}$ ,  $\underline{B} \subseteq \underline{Y}$   
 $= \underline{Y} \cap \underline{B} \cap cl_\eta(\underline{A})$   
 $= \underline{B} \cap \underline{Y} \cap cl_\eta(\underline{A})$   
 $= \underline{B} \cap cl_{\eta_Y}(\underline{A})$   
 $= \emptyset$ .

Similarly, we have:  $cl_\eta(\underline{B}) \cap \underline{A} = \emptyset$ .



Conversely,  $cl_{\eta_Y}(\underline{A}) \cap \underline{B} = \underline{Y} \cap cl_{\eta}(\underline{A}) \cap \underline{B} = \underline{Y} \cap (cl_{\eta}(\underline{A}) \cap \underline{B}) = \underline{Y} \cap \underline{\emptyset} = \underline{\emptyset}$ .

Similarly, we have:  $cl_{\eta_Y}(\underline{B}) \cap \underline{A} = \underline{\emptyset}$ . Hence, the result.

**Theorem 3.24.** Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a *DTS* and let  $Y$  be a non-empty subset of  $X$ . Then, if  $\underline{A}$  and  $\underline{B}$  are D-sets in  $Y$ , then  $\underline{A}$  and  $\underline{B}$  are q-separated D-sets in  $Y$  if  $\underline{A}$  and  $\underline{B}$  are q-separated D-sets in  $X$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\underline{A}$  and  $\underline{B}$  are *qSD*-sets in  $Y$ , then  $cl_{\eta}(\underline{A}) \not\subseteq \underline{B}$  and  $cl_{\eta}(\underline{B}) \not\subseteq \underline{A}$ . So that,  $cl_{\eta}(\underline{A}) \subseteq \underline{B}^c$ . Thus,  $\underline{Y} \cap cl_{\eta}(\underline{A}) \subseteq \underline{Y} \cap \underline{B}^c$ . It follows that,  $cl_{\eta_Y}(\underline{A}) \subseteq \underline{B}^c$ .

Therefore,  $cl_{\eta_Y}(\underline{A}) \not\subseteq \underline{B}$ .

Similarly, we have:  $cl_{\eta_Y}(\underline{B}) \not\subseteq \underline{A}$ . Hence, the result.

**Lemma 3.25.** Let  $(Y, \eta_Y)$  be a *DT*-subspace of a *DTS*  $(X, \eta)$ . Then, if  $(Y, \eta_Y)$  is a D-connected, then for every pair  $\underline{A}$  and  $\underline{B}$  of a separated D-subsets of  $\underline{X}$  such that  $\underline{Y} = \underline{A} \cup \underline{B}$ , we have either  $\underline{A} = \underline{\emptyset}$  or  $\underline{B} = \underline{\emptyset}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\underline{A} \neq \underline{\emptyset} \neq \underline{B}$  and  $\underline{Y} = \underline{A} \cup \underline{B}$ . Since  $\underline{A}, \underline{B} \subseteq \underline{Y}$  and separated D-sets in  $X$ , then they are separated D-sets in  $Y$  [by Theorem 3.23]. This implies that,  $(Y, \eta_Y)$  is D-disconnected, which a contradiction. Hence, the result.

**Lemma 3.26.** Let  $(Y, \eta_Y)$  be a *DT*-subspace of a *DTS*  $(X, \eta)$ . Then, if  $(Y, \eta_Y)$  is a *qD*-connected, then for every pair  $\underline{A}$  and  $\underline{B}$  of a q-separated D-subsets of  $\underline{X}$  such that  $\underline{Y} = \underline{A} \cup \underline{B}$ , we have either  $\underline{A} = \underline{\emptyset}$  or  $\underline{B} = \underline{\emptyset}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\underline{A} \neq \underline{\emptyset} \neq \underline{B}$  and  $\underline{Y} = \underline{A} \cup \underline{B}$ . Since  $\underline{A}, \underline{B} \subseteq \underline{Y}$  and q-separated D-sets in  $X$ , then they are q-separated D-sets in  $Y$  [by Theorem 3.24] This implies that,  $(Y, \eta_Y)$  is *qD*-disconnected, which a contradiction. Hence, the result.

**Theorem 3.27.** Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a *DTS* and let  $Y$  be a non-empty subset of  $X$  such that  $(Y, \eta_Y)$  is D-connected. Then, if  $\underline{A}$  and  $\underline{B}$  are separated D-subsets of  $X$  such that  $\underline{Y} \subseteq \underline{A} \cup \underline{B}$ , then  $\underline{Y} \subseteq \underline{A}$  or  $\underline{Y} \subseteq \underline{B}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\underline{Y} \subseteq \underline{A} \cup \underline{B}$ , then  $\underline{Y} = \underline{Y} \cap (\underline{A} \cup \underline{B}) = (\underline{Y} \cap \underline{A}) \cup (\underline{Y} \cap \underline{B})$ . By Theorem 3.23,  $\underline{Y} \cap \underline{A}$  and  $\underline{Y} \cap \underline{B}$  are separated D-sets of  $Y$ . Since  $(Y, \eta_Y)$  is D-connected, then  $\underline{Y} \cap \underline{A} = \underline{\emptyset}$  or  $\underline{Y} \cap \underline{B} = \underline{\emptyset}$  [by Lemma 3.25]. Therefore,  $\underline{Y} \subseteq \underline{A}$  or  $\underline{Y} \subseteq \underline{B}$ .

**Theorem 3.28.** Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a *DTS* and let  $Y$  be a non-empty subset of  $X$  such that  $(Y, \eta_Y)$  is *qD*-connected. Then, if  $\underline{A}$  and  $\underline{B}$  are q-separated D-subsets of  $X$  such that  $\underline{Y} \subseteq \underline{A} \cup \underline{B}$ , then  $\underline{Y} \subseteq \underline{A}$  or  $\underline{Y} \subseteq \underline{B}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\underline{Y} \subseteq \underline{A} \cup \underline{B}$ , then  $\underline{Y} = \underline{Y} \cap (\underline{A} \cup \underline{B}) = (\underline{Y} \cap \underline{A}) \cup (\underline{Y} \cap \underline{B})$ . By Theorem 3.24 and Theorem 2.4,  $\underline{Y} \cap \underline{A}$  and  $\underline{Y} \cap \underline{B}$  are q-separated D-sets of  $Y$ . Since  $(Y, \eta_Y)$  is *qD*-connected, then  $\underline{Y} \cap \underline{A} = \underline{\emptyset}$  or  $\underline{Y} \cap \underline{B} = \underline{\emptyset}$  [by Lemma 3.26]. Therefore,  $\underline{Y} \subseteq \underline{A}$  or  $\underline{Y} \subseteq \underline{B}$ .

**Theorem 3.29.** Let  $\{(X_{\alpha}, \eta_{X_{\alpha}}) : \alpha \in J\}$  be a family of non-empty D-connected subspaces of *DTS*  $(X, \eta)$ . Then, if  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in J} X_{\alpha} \neq \underline{\emptyset}$ , then  $(\bigcup_{\alpha \in J} X_{\alpha}, \eta_{\bigcup_{\alpha \in J} X_{\alpha}})$  is D-connected subspace of a  $(X, \eta)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $Y = \bigcup_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha$ . Choose a D-point  $\underline{x}_t \in \underline{Y}$ . Let  $\underline{A}$  and  $\underline{B}$  be D-division of  $(\bigcup_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha, \eta_{\bigcup_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha})$ . Then,  $\underline{x}_t \in \underline{A}$  or  $\underline{x}_t \in \underline{B}$  without loss of generality, we may assume that  $\underline{x}_t \in \underline{A}$ . For each  $\alpha \in J$ , since  $(X_\alpha, \eta_{X_\alpha})$  is D-connected. It follows from Theorem 3.27 that,  $\underline{X}_\alpha \subseteq \underline{A}$  or  $\underline{X}_\alpha \subseteq \underline{B}$ . Therefore, we have  $\underline{Y} \subseteq \underline{A}$ , since  $\underline{x}_t \in \underline{A}$ , and then  $\underline{B} = \emptyset$ , which a contradiction. Hence,  $(\bigcup_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha, \eta_{\bigcup_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha})$  is a D-connected subspace of the  $DTS (X, \eta)$ .

**Theorem 3.30.** Let  $\{(X_\alpha, \eta_{X_\alpha}) : \alpha \in J\}$  be a family of non-empty  $qD$ -connected subspaces of  $DTS (X, \eta)$ . Then, if  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha \neq \emptyset$ , then  $(\bigcup_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha, \eta_{\bigcup_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha})$  is  $qD$ -connected subspace of a  $(X, \eta)$ .

*Proof.* Straightforward.

**Theorem 3.31.** Let  $\{(X_\alpha, \eta_{X_\alpha}) : \alpha \in J\}$  be a family of non-empty D-connected subspaces of  $DTS (X, \eta)$ . Then, if  $X_\alpha \cap X_\beta \neq \emptyset$  for arbitrary  $\alpha, \beta \in J$ , then  $(\bigcup_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha, \eta_{\bigcup_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha})$  is D-connected subspace of a  $(X, \eta)$ .

*Proof.* Fix an  $\alpha_o \in J$ . For arbitrary  $\beta \in J$ , put  $A_\beta = X_{\alpha_o} \cup X_\beta$ . By Theorem 3.29, each  $(A_\beta, \eta_{A_\beta})$  is D-connected. Then,  $\{(A_\beta, \eta_{A_\beta}) : \beta \in J\}$  is a family non-empty D-connected subspaces of  $DTS (X, \eta)$  and  $\bigcap_{\beta \in J} A_\beta = X_{\alpha_o} \neq \emptyset$ . Obvious, we have  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha = \bigcup_{\beta \in J} A_\beta$ . It follows from Theorem 3.29 that,  $(\bigcup_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha, \eta_{\bigcup_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha})$  is D-connected subspace of the  $DTS (X, \eta)$ .

**Theorem 3.32.** Let  $\{(X_\alpha, \eta_{X_\alpha}) : \alpha \in J\}$  be a family of non-empty  $qD$ -connected subspaces of  $DTS (X, \eta)$ . Then, if  $X_\alpha \cap X_\beta \neq \emptyset$  for arbitrary  $\alpha, \beta \in J$ , then  $(\bigcup_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha, \eta_{\bigcup_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha})$  is  $qD$ -connected subspace of a  $(X, \eta)$ .

*Proof.* Straightforward.

**Theorem 3.33.** Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a  $DTS$  and let  $Y$  be a non-empty subset of  $X$  such that  $(Y, \eta_Y)$  is D-connected. Then, if  $\underline{Y} \subseteq \underline{A} \subseteq cl_\eta(\underline{Y})$ , then  $(A, \eta_A)$  is a D-connected subspace of  $(X, \eta)$ . In particular,  $(cl_\eta(\underline{Y}), \eta_{cl_\eta(\underline{Y})})$  is a D-connected subspace of  $(X, \eta)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $(A, \eta_A)$  is a D-disconnected subspace of  $(X, \eta)$ , then  $\underline{A}$  has a D-separation  $\underline{F}$  and  $\underline{G}$  Implies,  $\underline{Y} \subseteq \underline{F}$  or  $\underline{Y} \subseteq \underline{G}$  [by Theorem 3.27]. Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $\underline{Y} \subseteq \underline{F}$ , so  $cl_\eta(\underline{Y}) \subseteq cl_\eta(\underline{F}), cl_\eta(\underline{F}) \cap \underline{G} = \emptyset$ . Thus,  $cl_\eta(\underline{Y}) \cap \underline{G} = \emptyset$ . Otherwise,  $\underline{G} \subseteq \underline{A} \subseteq cl_\eta(\underline{Y})$ . Therefore,  $(cl_\eta(\underline{Y}))^c \cap \underline{G} = \emptyset$ , which a contradiction with  $cl_\eta(\underline{Y}) \cap \underline{G} = \emptyset$ . Also,  $\underline{Y} \subseteq cl_\eta(\underline{Y}) \subseteq cl_\eta(\underline{Y})$ . This complete the proof.

**Theorem 3.34.** Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a  $DTS$  and let  $Y$  be a non-empty subset of  $X$  such that  $(Y, \eta_Y)$  is  $qD$ -connected. Then, if  $\underline{Y} \subseteq \underline{A} \subseteq cl_\eta(\underline{Y})$ , then  $(A, \eta_A)$  is a  $qD$ -connected subspace of  $(X, \eta)$ . In particular,  $(cl_\eta(\underline{Y}), \eta_{cl_\eta(\underline{Y})})$  is a  $qD$ -connected subspace of  $(X, \eta)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $(A, \eta_A)$  is a  $qD$ -disconnected subspace of  $(X, \eta)$ , then  $\underline{A}$  has a  $qD$ -separation  $\underline{F}$  and  $\underline{G}$ . Implies,  $\underline{Y} \subseteq \underline{F}$  or  $\underline{Y} \subseteq \underline{G}$  [by Theorem 3.28]. Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $\underline{Y} \subseteq \underline{F}$ , so  $cl_\eta(\underline{Y}) \subseteq cl_\eta(\underline{F}), cl_\eta(\underline{F}) \not\subseteq \underline{G}$ . Thus  $cl_\eta(\underline{Y}) \not\subseteq \underline{G}$ . Otherwise,  $\underline{G} \subseteq \underline{A} \subseteq cl_\eta(\underline{Y})$ , Therefore,  $(cl_\eta(\underline{Y}))^c \not\subseteq \underline{G}$ , which a contradiction with  $cl_\eta(\underline{Y}) \not\subseteq \underline{G}$ . Also,  $\underline{Y} \subseteq cl_\eta(\underline{Y}) \subseteq cl_\eta(\underline{Y})$ . This complete the proof.

**Theorem 3.35.** The image of D-connected under a D-continuous map are D-connected.

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \eta)$  and  $(Y, \tau)$  be two DTS, where  $(X, \eta)$  is a D-connected and let  $f$  be a D-continuous from  $X$  onto  $Y$ .

Suppose that  $(Y, \tau)$  is a D-disconnected space, then  $\exists \underline{A}, \underline{B} \in \tau$  such that  $\underline{A} \cap \underline{B} = \emptyset$  and  $\underline{A} \cup \underline{B} = \underline{Y}$ . Implies  $\underline{A} \subseteq \underline{B}^c$ , thus  $f^{-1}(\underline{A}) \subseteq f^{-1}(\underline{B}^c) = (f^{-1}(\underline{B}))^c$ . So that,  $f^{-1}(\underline{A}) \cap f^{-1}(\underline{B}) = \emptyset$  and  $f^{-1}(\underline{A} \cup \underline{B}) = f^{-1}(\underline{Y})$ . It follows that  $f^{-1}(\underline{A}) \cup f^{-1}(\underline{B}) = \underline{X}$ , i.e.,  $(X, \eta)$  is a D-disconnected, which a contradiction. Hence,  $(Y, \tau)$  is a D-connected.

**Theorem 3.36.** The image of  $qD$ -connected under a D-continuous map are  $qD$ -connected.

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \eta)$  and  $(Y, \tau)$  be two DTS, where  $(X, \eta)$  is a  $qD$ -connected and let  $f$  be a D-continuous from  $X$  onto  $Y$ .

Suppose that  $(Y, \tau)$  is a  $qD$ -disconnected space, then  $\exists \underline{A}, \underline{B} \in \tau$  such that  $\underline{A} \not\subseteq \underline{B}$  and  $\underline{A} \cup \underline{B} = \underline{Y}$ . Implies,  $\underline{A} \subseteq \underline{B}^c$ , thus  $f^{-1}(\underline{A}) \subseteq f^{-1}(\underline{B}^c) = (f^{-1}(\underline{B}))^c$ . So that,  $f^{-1}(\underline{A}) \not\subseteq f^{-1}(\underline{B})$  and  $f^{-1}(\underline{A} \cup \underline{B}) = f^{-1}(\underline{Y})$ . It follows that  $f^{-1}(\underline{A}) \cup f^{-1}(\underline{B}) = \underline{X}$ , i.e.,  $(X, \eta)$  is a  $qD$ -disconnected, which a contradiction. Hence,  $(Y, \tau)$  is a  $qD$ -connected.

**Theorem 3.37.** Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a DTS. Then, if  $(X, \eta)$  is a D-disconnected space, then  $(X, \pi_i)$ ,  $(i = 1, 2)$  are disconnected spaces.

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a D-disconnected. Then,  $\exists \underline{A}, \underline{B} \in \eta$  such that  $(A_1, A_2) = \underline{A} \cap \underline{B} = (B_1, B_2) = \emptyset$  and  $\underline{A} \cup \underline{B} = \underline{X}$ . Thus,  $A_1 \cap B_1 = \emptyset, A_2 \cap B_2 = \emptyset, A_1 \cup B_1 = X$  and  $A_2 \cup B_2 = X$ . Therefore,  $A_i \cap B_i = \emptyset, A_i \cup B_i = X$  and  $A_i, B_i \in \pi_i$ ,  $(i = 1, 2)$ . Hence,  $(X, \pi_1)$  and  $(X, \pi_2)$  are disconnected spaces.

The following Example shows that the converse of Theorem 3.37 is not true in general.

**Example 3.38.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\pi_1 = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ ,  $\pi_2 = \{\emptyset, X, \{b\}, \{a, c\}\}$ . Then,  $(X, \pi_1)$  and  $(X, \pi_2)$  are topological spaces and disconnected spaces. Since  $\eta = (\pi_1, \pi_2) = \{\emptyset, \underline{X}, (\emptyset, \{b\}), (\emptyset, X), (\emptyset, \{a, c\}), (\{a\}, \{a, c\}), (\{b, c\}, X), (\{a\}, X)\}$ , then  $(X, \eta)$  is not D-disconnected.

**Theorem 3.39.** Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a DTS. Then, if  $(X, \eta)$  is a  $qD$ -disconnected space, then  $(X, \pi_1)$  is disconnected space.

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a  $qD$ -disconnected space. Then,  $\exists \underline{A}, \underline{B} \in \eta$  such that  $(A_1, A_2) = \underline{A} \not\subseteq \underline{B} = (B_1, B_2)$  and  $\underline{A} \cup \underline{B} = \underline{X}$ . Thus,  $A_1 \cap B_2 = \emptyset$  and  $A_1 \cup B_1 = X, B_1 \subseteq B_2$ . So that  $A_1 \cap B_1 = \emptyset$  and  $A_1 \cup B_1 = X, A_1, B_1 \in \pi_1$ . Hence,  $(X, \pi_1)$  is a disconnected.

The following Example shows that the converse of Theorem 3.39 is not true in general.

**Example 3.40.** In Example 3.38, we see that:  $(X, \pi_1)$  is topological space and disconnected. But,  $(X, \eta)$  is not  $qD$ -disconnected.

**Theorem 3.41.** Let  $(X, \eta), (X, \eta^*)$  be two  $DTS$ . Then, if  $(X, \eta)$  is  $D$ -connected and  $\eta^* \leq \eta$ , then  $(X, \eta^*)$  is also  $D$ -connected.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $(X, \eta^*)$  is a  $D$ -disconnected and  $\eta^* \leq \eta$ , then  $\exists \underline{A}, \underline{B} \in \eta^*$  such that  $\underline{A} \cap \underline{B} = \emptyset$  and  $\underline{A} \cup \underline{B} = \underline{X}$ . Implies,  $\underline{A}, \underline{B} \in \eta, \underline{A} \cap \underline{B} = \emptyset$  and  $\underline{A} \cup \underline{B} = \underline{X}$ . Therefore,  $(X, \eta)$  is a  $D$ -disconnected, which a contradiction. Hence,  $(X, \eta^*)$  is  $D$ -connected.

**Theorem 3.42.** Let  $(X, \eta), (X, \eta^*)$  be two  $DTS$ . Then, if  $(X, \eta)$  is  $qD$ -connected and  $\eta^* \leq \eta$ , then  $(X, \eta^*)$  is also  $qD$ -connected.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $(X, \eta^*)$  is a  $qD$ -disconnected and  $\eta^* \leq \eta$ , then  $\exists \underline{A}, \underline{B} \in \eta^*$  such that  $\underline{A} \not\sqsubset \underline{B}$  and  $\underline{A} \cup \underline{B} = \underline{X}$ . Implies,  $\underline{A}, \underline{B} \in \eta, \underline{A} \not\sqsubset \underline{B}$  and  $\underline{A} \cup \underline{B} = \underline{X}$ . Therefore,  $(X, \eta)$  is a  $qD$ -disconnected, which a contradiction. Hence,  $(X, \eta^*)$  is  $qD$ -connected.

**Theorem 3.43.** Every  $qD$ -connected space is  $D$ -connected.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $(X, \eta)$  is a  $D$ -disconnected space, then  $\exists \underline{A}, \underline{B} \in D(X)$  such that  $cl_\eta(\underline{A}) \cap \underline{B} = \emptyset, \underline{A} \cap cl_\eta(\underline{B}) = \emptyset$  and  $\underline{A} \cup \underline{B} = \underline{X}$ . It follows from Proposition 3.6 that  $cl_\eta(\underline{A}) \not\sqsubset \underline{B}, \underline{A} \not\sqsubset cl_\eta(\underline{B})$  and  $\underline{A} \cup \underline{B} = \underline{X}$ . Therefore,  $(X, \eta)$  is a  $qD$ -disconnected space, which a contradiction. Hence,  $(X, \eta)$  is  $D$ -connected space.

**Definition 3.44.** The  $DTS (X, \eta)$  is said to be:

1.  $DC_1$ -disconnected, if  $(X, \eta)$  has a proper open and closed  $D$ -set in  $X$ .
2.  $DC_1$ -connected, if  $(X, \eta)$  is not  $DC_1$ -disconnected.

**Corollary 3.45.** Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a  $DTS$  or stratified  $DTS$ . Then, if the only open and closed  $D$ -sets are  $\emptyset, \underline{X}$  in  $(X, \eta)$  and  $\emptyset, \underline{X}$  and  $(\emptyset, X)$  in stratified  $DTS$ , then  $(X, \eta)$  is  $qD$ -connected.

**Proposition 3.46.** Every  $DC_1$ -connected space is  $qD$ -connected.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $(X, \eta)$  is a  $qD$ -disconnected space, then  $\exists \underline{A} \neq \emptyset, \underline{B} \neq \emptyset \in \eta$  such that  $\underline{A} \not\sqsubset \underline{B}$  and  $\underline{A} \cup \underline{B} = \underline{X}$ . Implies  $\underline{A} \subseteq \underline{B}^c$  and  $\underline{B}^c \subseteq \underline{A}$ , so that  $\underline{A} = \underline{B}^c$ . Therefore,  $\underline{A}$  is a proper open and closed  $D$ -set in  $X$ . Thus,  $(X, \eta)$  be a  $DC_1$ -disconnected, which a contradiction. Hence,  $(X, \eta)$  is  $DC_1$ -connected.

The converse of Proposition 3.46 is not true in general.

**Example 3.47.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\eta = \{\emptyset, \underline{X}, (\emptyset, \{b\}), (\{a\}, \{a\}), (\{a\}, \{a, b\}), (\{c\}, \{c\}), (\{c\}, \{b, c\}), (\{a, c\}, \{a, c\}), (\{a, c\}, X)\}, \eta^c = \{\emptyset, \underline{X}, (\{a, c\}, X), (\{b, c\}, \{b, c\}), (\{c\}, \{b, c\}), (\{a, b\}, \{a, b\}), (\{a\}, \{a, b\}), (\{b\}, \{b\}), (\emptyset, \{b\})\}$ . Then,  $(X, \eta)$  is a  $DTS$  and  $qD$ -connected space. But,  $(X, \eta)$  is not  $DC_1$ -connected because,  $\exists (\emptyset, \{b\}), (\{a\}, \{a, b\}), (\{c\}, \{b, c\})$  and  $(\{a, c\}, X)$  are open and closed  $D$ -sets.

**Example 3.48.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\eta = \{\emptyset, \underline{X}, (\emptyset, \{a\}), (\emptyset, \{b\}), (\emptyset, \{c\}), (\emptyset, \{a, b\}), (\emptyset, \{a, c\}), (\emptyset, \{b, c\}), (\emptyset, X), (\{a\}, \{a\}), (\{a\}, \{a, b\}), (\{a\}, \{a, c\}), (\{a\}, X), (\{b\}, \{b\}), (\{b\}, \{a, b\}), (\{b\}, \{b, c\}), (\{b\}, X), (\{a, b\}, \{a, b\}), (\{a, b\}, X)\}$ ,

$\eta^c = \{\emptyset, \underline{X}, (\{b, c\}, X), (\{a, c\}, X), (\{a, b\}, X), (\{c\}, X), (\{b\}, X), (\{a\}, X), (\emptyset, X), (\{b, c\}, \{b, c\}), (\{c\}, \{b, c\}), (\{b\}, \{b, c\}), (\emptyset, \{b, c\}), (\{a, c\}, \{a, c\}), (\{c\}, \{a, c\}), (\{a\}, \{a, c\}), (\emptyset, \{a, c\}), (\{c\}, \{c\}), (\emptyset, \{c\})\}$ .

Then,  $(X, \eta)$  is stratified *DTS* and *qD*-connected space. But,  $(X, \eta)$  is not *DC*<sub>1</sub>-connected because,  $\exists (\emptyset, \{c\}), (\{a\}, X), (\{a\}, \{a, c\}), (\emptyset, \{a, c\}), (\emptyset, \{b, c\}), (\{b\}, \{b, c\}), (\{b\}, X)$ , and  $(\{a, b\}, X)$  are open and closed D-sets.

**Example 3.49.** From Example 3.48  $(X, \eta)$  is stratified *DTS* and *qD*-connected, but  $\exists (\emptyset, \{c\}), (\{a\}, X), (\{a\}, \{a, c\}), (\emptyset, \{a, c\}), (\emptyset, \{b, c\}), (\{b\}, \{b, c\}), (\{b\}, X)$ , and  $(\{a, b\}, X)$ , are open and closed D-sets.

**Corollary 3.50.** For a *DTS*  $(X, \eta)$  we have the following implication:  
*DC*<sub>1</sub>-connected  $\rightarrow$  *qD*-connected  $\rightarrow$  D-connected.

**Definition 3.51.** The *DTS*  $(X, \eta)$  is said to be:

1. Strongly double connected (strongly *SD*-connected, for short), if there exist no non-empty closed D-sets  $\underline{A}, \underline{B} \in X$  such that  $\underline{A} \cap \underline{B} = \emptyset$ .
2. Strongly *SD*-disconnected, if  $(X, \eta)$  is not strongly *SD*-connected.

**Proposition 3.52.**  $(X, \eta)$  is strongly *SD*-connected if and only if there exist no open D-sets  $\underline{A}, \underline{B}$  in  $X$  such that  $\underline{A} \neq \underline{X} \neq \underline{B}$  and  $\underline{A} \cup \underline{B} = \underline{X}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\underline{A}, \underline{B}$  be open D-sets in  $X$  such that  $\underline{A} \neq \underline{X} \neq \underline{B}$ . If we take  $\underline{C} = \underline{A}^c$  and  $\underline{D} = \underline{B}^c$ , then  $\underline{C}$  and  $\underline{D}$  become closed D-sets in  $X$  and  $\underline{C} \neq \emptyset \neq \underline{D}$ ,  $\underline{C} \cap \underline{D} = \emptyset$ , which a contradiction.

Conversely, it is obvious.

**Proposition 3.53.** Strongly *SD*-connectedness does not imply *DC*<sub>1</sub>-connectedness, and *DC*<sub>1</sub>-connectedness does not imply *StD*-connectedness.

**Example 3.54.** In Example3.7, we see that:  $(X, \eta)$  is strongly *SD*-connected, but it is not *DC*<sub>1</sub>-connected, for  $\exists (\emptyset, \{b\})$  is both open and closed D-set.

**Example 3.55.** In Example3.3, we see that:  $(X, \eta)$  is *DC*<sub>1</sub>-connected, but it is not strongly *SD*-connected, for

$$\exists (\{a\}, \{a, b\}), (\{b, c, d\}, X) \in \eta \text{ and } (\{a\}, \{a, b\}) \cup (\{b, c, d\}, X) = \underline{X}.$$

**Definition 3.56.** Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a *DTS* and  $\underline{Y} \subseteq \underline{X}$  with  $\underline{x}_t \in DP(Y)$ . The union of all D-connected subsets of  $\underline{Y}$  containing the D-point  $\underline{x}_t$  is called double component (D-component, for short) of  $Y$  with respect to  $\underline{x}_t$ , denoted by  $\underline{C}(\underline{Y}, \underline{x}_t)$ , i.e.,  $\underline{C}(\underline{Y}, \underline{x}_t) = \cup \{ \underline{A} \subseteq \underline{Y} : \underline{x}_t \in \underline{A} \text{ and } \underline{A} \text{ is a D-connected set} \}$ .

**Remark 3.57.** The D-component  $\underline{C}(\underline{Y}, \underline{x}_t)$  is the largest D-connected subset of  $Y$  containing  $\underline{x}_t$ .

**Definition 3.58.** Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a DTS and  $\underline{Y} \subseteq \underline{X}$  with  $\underline{x}_t \in DP(Y)$ ,  $\underline{x}_t \in q\text{cl}_\eta(\underline{x}_t)$ . Then, the union of all  $qD$ -connected subsets of  $\underline{Y}$  containing the D-point  $\underline{x}_t$  is called quasi-coincident double component ( $qD$ -component, for short) of  $Y$  with respect to  $\underline{x}_t$ , denoted by  $\underline{Cq}(\underline{Y}, \underline{x}_t)$ , i.e.,  $\underline{Cq}(\underline{Y}, \underline{x}_t) = \bigcup \{ \underline{A} \subseteq \underline{Y} : \underline{x}_t \in \underline{A} \text{ and } \underline{A} \text{ is a } qD\text{-connected set} \}$ .

**Remark 3.59.** The  $qD$ -component  $\underline{Cq}(\underline{Y}, \underline{x}_t)$  is the largest  $qD$ -connected subset of  $Y$  containing  $\underline{x}_t$ .

**Theorem 3.60.** Every D-component of a DTS is a closed D-set.

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a DTS and let  $\underline{C}(\underline{Y}, \underline{x}_t)$  be a D-component of the DTS  $(X, \eta)$  with respect to an arbitrary D-point  $\underline{x}_t \in DP(X)$ . Then,  $\underline{C}(\underline{Y}, \underline{x}_t)$  is a D-connected subset of  $X$  [Theorem 3.29]. Also, by Theorem 3.33  $cl_\eta(\underline{C}(\underline{Y}, \underline{x}_t))$  is D-connected subset of  $\underline{X}$  containing  $\underline{x}_t$ , then  $cl_\eta(\underline{C}(\underline{Y}, \underline{x}_t)) \subseteq \underline{C}(\underline{Y}, \underline{x}_t)$ . But,  $\underline{C}(\underline{Y}, \underline{x}_t) \subseteq cl_\eta(\underline{C}(\underline{Y}, \underline{x}_t))$ . Hence,  $\underline{C}(\underline{Y}, \underline{x}_t) = cl_\eta(\underline{C}(\underline{Y}, \underline{x}_t))$ , which shows that the D-component  $\underline{C}(\underline{Y}, \underline{x}_t)$  is a closed D-set.

**Theorem 3.61.** Every  $qD$ -component of a DTS is a closed D-set.

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a DTS and let  $\underline{Cq}(\underline{Y}, \underline{x}_t)$  be a  $qD$ -component of the DTS  $(X, \eta)$  with respect to an arbitrary D-point  $\underline{x}_t \in DP(X)$ . Then,  $\underline{Cq}(\underline{Y}, \underline{x}_t)$  is a  $qD$ -connected subset of  $X$  [Theorem 3.30]. Also, by Theorem 3.34  $cl_\eta(\underline{Cq}(\underline{Y}, \underline{x}_t))$  is  $qD$ -connected subset of  $\underline{X}$  containing  $\underline{x}_t$ , then  $cl_\eta(\underline{Cq}(\underline{Y}, \underline{x}_t)) \subseteq \underline{Cq}(\underline{Y}, \underline{x}_t)$ . But,  $\underline{Cq}(\underline{Y}, \underline{x}_t) \subseteq cl_\eta(\underline{Cq}(\underline{Y}, \underline{x}_t))$ . Hence,  $\underline{Cq}(\underline{Y}, \underline{x}_t) = cl_\eta(\underline{Cq}(\underline{Y}, \underline{x}_t))$ , which shows that the  $qD$ -component  $\underline{Cq}(\underline{Y}, \underline{x}_t)$  is a closed D-set.

**Theorem 3.62.** Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a DTS. Then, each D-point in  $X$  is contained in exactly one D-component of  $X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\underline{x}_t \in X$  and consider the collection:  
 $\underline{C} = \{ \underline{Y} \subseteq \underline{X} : \underline{x}_t \in \underline{Y} \text{ and } \underline{Y} \text{ is a } D\text{-connected set} \}$ .  
 Then, we have:

1.  $\underline{C} \neq \emptyset$ , for the D-point  $\underline{x}_t$  is a D-connected subset of  $X$ . Then,  $\underline{x}_t \in \underline{C}$ .
2.  $\bigcap \{ \underline{Y} \subseteq \underline{X} : \underline{x}_t \in \underline{Y} \text{ and } \underline{Y} \text{ is a } D\text{-connected set} \} \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $\underline{x}_t \in \underline{Y}$ ,  $\forall \underline{Y} \in \underline{C}$ .
3.  $\bigcup \{ \underline{Y} \subseteq \underline{X} : \underline{x}_t \in \underline{Y} \text{ and } \underline{Y} \text{ is a } D\text{-connected set} \}$ , having non null double intersection, is D-connected subset of  $X$  containing  $\underline{x}_t$ .
4.  $\bigcup \{ \underline{Y} \subseteq \underline{X} : \underline{x}_t \in \underline{Y} \text{ and } \underline{Y} \text{ is a } D\text{-connected set} \}$  is the largest D-connected subset of  $\underline{X}$  containing  $\underline{x}_t$ , which is the D-component  $\underline{C}(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t)$  of  $X$  with respect to  $\underline{x}_t$  and containing  $\underline{x}_t$  from Definition 3.56.

Now, suppose that  $\underline{C}^*(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t)$  be another D-component containing  $\underline{x}_t$ , then  $\underline{C}^*(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t)$  is D-connected subset of  $X$  containing  $\underline{x}_t$ . Since  $\underline{C}(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t)$  is D-component containing  $\underline{x}_t$ , then  $\underline{C}^*(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t) \subseteq \underline{C}(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t)$ . Again, since  $\underline{C}^*(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t)$  is D-component containing  $\underline{x}_t$ , then  $\underline{C}(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t) \subseteq \underline{C}^*(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t)$ . Therefore,  $\underline{C}(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t) = \underline{C}^*(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t)$ . Hence,  $\underline{x}_t$  is contained in exactly one D-component of  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.63.** Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a DTS. Then, each D-point in  $X$ ,  $\underline{x}_{\frac{1}{2}} \ q \ cl_{\eta}(\underline{x}_{\frac{1}{2}})$ , is contained in exactly one  $qD$ -component of  $X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\underline{x}_t \in \underline{X}$  and consider the collection:

$$Cq = \{ \underline{Y} \subseteq \underline{X} : \underline{x}_t \in \underline{Y} \text{ and } \underline{Y} \text{ is a } qD \text{ - connected set} \}.$$

Then, we have:

1.  $Cq \neq \emptyset$ , for the D-point  $\underline{x}_t$  is a  $qD$ -connected subset of  $X$ ,  $\underline{x}_{\frac{1}{2}} \ q \ cl_{\eta}(\underline{x}_{\frac{1}{2}})$ . Then,  $\underline{x}_t \in \underline{Cq}$ .
2.  $\underline{\cap} \{ \underline{Y} \subseteq \underline{X} : \underline{x}_t \in \underline{Y} \text{ and } \underline{Y} \text{ is a } qD \text{ - connected set} \} \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $\underline{x}_t \in \underline{Y}$ ,  $\forall \underline{Y} \in \underline{C}$ .
3.  $\underline{\cup} \{ \underline{Y} \subseteq \underline{X} : \underline{x}_t \in \underline{Y} \text{ and } \underline{Y} \text{ is a } qD \text{ - connected set} \}$ , having non null double intersection, is  $qD$ -connected subset of  $X$  containing  $\underline{x}_t$ .
4.  $\underline{\cup} \{ \underline{Y} \subseteq \underline{X} : \underline{x}_t \in \underline{Y} \text{ and } \underline{Y} \text{ is a } qD \text{ - connected set} \}$  is the largest  $qD$ -connected subset of  $\underline{X}$  containing  $\underline{x}_t$ , which is the  $qD$ -component  $\underline{Cq}(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t)$  of  $X$  with respect to  $\underline{x}_t$  and containing  $\underline{x}_t$  from Definition 3.58.

Now, suppose that  $\underline{Cq}^*(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t)$  be another  $qD$ -component containing  $\underline{x}_t$ , thus  $\underline{Cq}^*(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t)$  is  $qD$ -connected subset of  $X$  containing  $\underline{x}_t$ . Since  $\underline{Cq}(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t)$  is  $qD$ -component containing  $\underline{x}_t$ , then  $\underline{Cq}^*(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t) \subseteq \underline{Cq}(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t)$ . Again, since  $\underline{Cq}^*(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t)$  is  $qD$ -component containing  $\underline{x}_t$ , then  $\underline{Cq}(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t) \subseteq \underline{Cq}^*(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t)$ . Therefore,  $\underline{Cq}(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t) = \underline{Cq}^*(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t)$ . Hence,  $\underline{x}_t$  is contained in exactly one  $qD$ -component of  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.64.** Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a DTS. Then, any two D-components with respect to two disjoint D-points in  $X$  are either disjoint or identical.

*Proof.* Let  $\underline{C}(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t)$  and  $\underline{C}(\underline{X}, \underline{y}_r)$  be two D-components of the DTS  $(X, \eta)$  with respect to the D-points  $\underline{x}_t, \underline{y}_r$  in  $\underline{X}$ . and  $\underline{x}_t \cap \underline{y}_r = \emptyset$ . Then, if  $\underline{C}(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t) \cap \underline{C}(\underline{X}, \underline{y}_r) = \emptyset$ , then we are done. So let  $\underline{C}(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t) \cap \underline{C}(\underline{X}, \underline{y}_r) \neq \emptyset$ . We may choose  $\underline{z}_s \in \underline{C}(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t) \cap \underline{C}(\underline{X}, \underline{y}_r)$ . Clearly,  $\underline{z}_s \in \underline{C}(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t)$  and  $\underline{z}_s \in \underline{C}(\underline{X}, \underline{y}_r)$ . Thus,  $\underline{C}(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t) = \underline{C}(\underline{X}, \underline{y}_r)$  [from Theorem 3.62]. Therefore,  $\underline{C}(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t)$  and  $\underline{C}(\underline{X}, \underline{y}_r)$  are identical. This completes the proof.

**Theorem 3.65.** Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a DTS. Then, any two  $qD$ -components with respect to two disjoint D-points in  $X$  are either not quasi-coincident or identical.

*Proof.* Let  $\underline{Cq}(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t)$  and  $\underline{Cq}(\underline{X}, \underline{y}_r)$  be two  $qD$ -components of the DTS  $(X, \eta)$  with respect to the D-points  $\underline{x}_t, \underline{y}_r$  in  $\underline{X}$ ,  $\underline{x}_{\frac{1}{2}} \ q \ cl_{\eta}(\underline{x}_{\frac{1}{2}})$ ,  $\underline{y}_{\frac{1}{2}} \ q \ cl_{\eta}(\underline{y}_{\frac{1}{2}})$  and  $\underline{x}_t \cap \underline{y}_r = \emptyset$ . Then, if  $\underline{Cq}(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t) \not\cap \underline{Cq}(\underline{X}, \underline{y}_r)$ , then we are done. So let  $\underline{Cq}(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t) \cap \underline{Cq}(\underline{X}, \underline{y}_r) \neq \emptyset$ . We may choose  $\underline{z}_s \in \underline{Cq}(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t) \cap \underline{Cq}(\underline{X}, \underline{y}_r)$ . Clearly,  $\underline{z}_s \in \underline{Cq}(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t)$  and  $\underline{z}_s \in \underline{Cq}(\underline{X}, \underline{y}_r)$ , thus  $\underline{Cq}(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t) = \underline{Cq}(\underline{X}, \underline{y}_r)$  [from Theorem 3.63]. Therefore,  $\underline{Cq}(\underline{X}, \underline{x}_t)$  and  $\underline{Cq}(\underline{X}, \underline{y}_r)$  are identical. This completes the proof.

**Definition 3.66.** A *DTS*  $(X, \eta)$  is said to be a quasi-coincident hyperconnected (q-hyperconnected, for short) if every pair of non null proper open D-sets  $\underline{A}$  and  $\underline{B}$  are quasi-coincident, i. e.,

$(X, \eta)$  is said to be q-hyperconnected if  $\forall \underline{A}, \underline{B} \in \eta$ , we have  $\underline{A} q \underline{B}$ .

**Theorem 3.67.** Every q-hyperconnected *DTS* is  $qD$ -connected.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $(X, \eta)$  is  $qD$ -disconnected, then there exist two open D-sets  $\underline{A}$  and  $\underline{B}$  such that  $\underline{A} \not q \underline{B}$  [Theorem 3.20]. Hence,  $(X, \eta)$  is not q-hyperconnected *DTS*, which a contradiction. Thus,  $(X, \eta)$  is  $qD$ -connected.

**Remark 3.68.** The converse of Theorem 3.67 is not true in general, as shown in the following Examples.

**Example 3.69.** In Example 3.7, we see that: The *DTS*  $(X, \eta)$  is a  $qD$ -connected, but it is not a q-hyperconnected, for  $(\{a\}, \{a\}) \not q (\emptyset, \{b\})$ .

**Example 3.70.** Let  $X = \{a, b\}$  and  $\eta = \{\emptyset, \underline{X}, (\emptyset, \{a\}), (\emptyset, \{b\}), (\emptyset, X)\}$ . Then,  $\eta$  defines a stratified double topology on  $X$ . Hence, the *DTS*  $(X, \eta)$  is  $qD$ -connected, but it is not q-hyperconnected, for  $(\emptyset, \{a\}) \not q (\emptyset, \{b\})$ .

**Theorem 3.71.** Let  $(X, \eta)$  be a *DTS*. Then, the following are equivalent:

1.  $(X, \eta)$  is q-hyperconnected,
2.  $\underline{A}$  is D-dense,  $\forall \underline{A} \in \eta$ ,
3.  $\underline{A}$  is D-dense or D-nowhere dense,  $\forall \underline{A} \in D(X)$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\rightarrow$  (2) Suppose that  $\exists \underline{B} \in \eta$  such that  $\underline{B}$  is not D-dense in  $X$ , thus  $cl_\eta(\underline{B}) \neq \underline{X}$ . Hence,  $\underline{X} \setminus cl_\eta(\underline{B})$  and  $\underline{B}$  are not quasi-coincident [by Proposition 3.3], which a contradiction with q-hyperconnected of  $(X, \eta)$ .

(2)  $\rightarrow$  (3) Suppose that  $\underline{B}$  is not D-nowhere dense, then  $int_\eta(cl_\eta(\underline{B})) \neq \emptyset$ . So by (2),  $cl_\eta(int_\eta(cl_\eta(\underline{B}))) = \underline{X}$ . Since  $cl_\eta(int_\eta(cl_\eta(\underline{B}))) \subseteq cl_\eta(\underline{B})$ , then  $cl_\eta(\underline{B}) = \underline{X}$ . Hence,  $\underline{B}$  is D-dense.

(3)  $\rightarrow$  (1) Suppose that  $\underline{A} \not q \underline{B}$ , for some non-empty open D-subsets  $\underline{A}, \underline{B}$  of  $X$ , then  $cl_\eta(\underline{A}) \not q \underline{B}$  [by Theorem 2.7], and  $\underline{A}$  is not D-dense. Since  $\underline{A} \in \eta$ , then  $\emptyset \neq \underline{A} \subseteq int_\eta(cl_\eta(\underline{A}))$ , which a contradiction with (3). Hence, the result.

**Remark 3.72.** If the *DTS*  $(X, \eta)$  is a stratified, then the Theorems 3.19, 3.20, ..., 3.71 and Propositions 3.2, ..., 3.53 are satisfied.

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