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COMPACTNESS AND STABILITY IN DIFRAMES

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ABSTRACT. The concept of diframe was introduced as a generalization of ditopological texture spaces. The purpose of this paper is to present the results of a study on the concepts of compactness and stability in the setting of diframes. Further, the bitopological concepts of locally compactness and locally stability are extended to diframes.

1. INTRODUCTION

The theory of bitopological spaces is based on the notion of open sets, and the closed sets can be obtained easily by using the set complementation. As distinct from bitopologies, a ditopological texture space is defined on a suitable subfamily of subsets, which is not necessarily complemented. It can be considered as a structure in which the open and closed sets play an equal role. Difframes were defined in [1] as a generalization of ditopological texture spaces. Briefly, it is a 3-tuple L = (L_e, L_{fr}, L_{cf}) , where L_e is both a frame and a coframe, $L_{fr} \subseteq L_e$ is a subset closed under arbitrary joins and finite meets and $L_{cf} \subseteq L_e$ is a subset closed under arbitrary meets and finite joins. As is well known, point-free topology has a wide range of applications, including logic, topos theory and theoretical computer science. The motivation behind the notion of difframe is to provide a point-free perspective on the theory of ditopological texture spaces. We obtained a larger family of lattices by weakening the property of complete distributivity. This paper is self-contained but may also be considered as a continuation of the article [2], in which we developed the difframe versions of the separation axioms and relations between these axioms. In this study, we are interested in the notions of compactness, stability, local compactness, local stability and their duals in difframes.

The present paper is divided into 5 sections. In Section 2, we present some necessary preliminaries including the concept of compactness in ditopological texture spaces and the separation axioms in difframes. Section 3 is devoted to the study

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of compactness and stability in difframes. The questions of whether these properties are hereditary, and whether they are preserved by any reasonable kind of homomorphisms are discussed. As will be seen in the sequel, stability is a property relating the frame L_{fr} and the coframe L_{cf} . Hence we replace compactness by stability to obtain difframe versions of topological results relating separation axioms and compactness. In this section, we also give a generalization of Alexander subbase theorem. In section 4, we define the concepts of locally compactness and locally stability in terms of suitable binary relations. For bitopological versions of these concepts, we refer the reader to the comprehensive paper of Kopperman [3]. As expected, the approach of Kopperman is based on the notion of neighbourhood and hence it is dependent on points. Some of our results are parallel to those in [3] but sometimes we need to impose some extra conditions. Finally, in Section 5, we conclude the paper and discuss our future work.

2. Preliminaries

In this section, we briefly recall some definitions and results of ditopological texture spaces, (co)frames and difframes which will be used throughout the paper. We refer the reader to [4, 10] for details concerning lattice and frame theory and [6, 7, 8] for details concerning ditopological texture spaces.

Ditopological Texture Spaces: Let S be a set and S be a subset of the powerset $\mathcal{P}(S)$ with the following properties:

- (1) (S, \subseteq) is a complete, completely distributive lattice containing S as a top element and \emptyset as a bottom element.
- (2) S is point separating.
- (3) Arbitrary meet coincides with intersection and finite joins coincide with union in this lattice.

The pair (S, S) is known as a *texture space*.

A dichotomous topology, (briefly, ditopology) on a texture (S, S) is a pair (τ, κ) of generally unrelated subsets of S satisfying

- $(T_1) \ S, \emptyset \in \tau,$
- (T_2) $G_1, G_2 \in \tau \Rightarrow G_1 \cap G_2 \in \tau,$
- $(T_3) \ G_i \in \tau, i \in I \Rightarrow \bigvee_i G_i \in \tau,$
- $(CT_1) \ S, \emptyset \in \kappa,$
- (CT_2) $K_1, K_2 \in \kappa \Rightarrow K_1 \cup K_2 \in \kappa,$
- (CT_3) $K_i \in \kappa, i \in I \Rightarrow \bigcap_i K_i \in \kappa.$

Loosely speaking, a ditopology is a structure in which the open and closed sets play an equal role.

Galois Adjunctions: A pair of monotone functions $f : L \to M$, $g : M \to L$ between partially ordered sets is called Galois adjoint if the following condition is satisfied for all $x \in L$ and $y \in M : f(x) \leq y \Leftrightarrow x \leq g(y)$. This fact is referred to by saying that f is a left adjoint to g, or g is a right adjoint to f. Our notation for the adjoints is that of [10], that is, we will denote this adjunction by $f = g^*$ or $g = f_*$.

One can show that a suprema (resp., infima) preserving map between complete lattices has a right (resp., left) adjoint.

Let (f, g) be a Galois adjunction.

- (1) If L and M are complete lattices, then f preserves finite joins and g preserves finite meets.
- (2) f is one-one if and only if g is onto.
- (3) If f is onto, then fg = id, and if f is one-one, then gf = id.

Frames and coFrames A frame (resp., a coframe) is a complete lattice with the property that binary meet (resp., join) distributes over arbitrary join (resp., meet) and a frame (resp., a coframe) homomorphism is a function between frames (resp., a coframes) preserving arbitrary joins (resp., meets) and finite meets (resp., joins).

Denote by **Frm** the category of frames, and by **Loc** its opposite category. The regular subobjects of objects of **Loc**, sublocales, have various kinds of characterizations. Here we just recall two of them that we shall exploit in the sequel.

Let L be a frame and let $S \subseteq L$ be a subset closed under arbitrary meets. Then S is called a *sublocale* of L provided that $(x \to s) \in S$ for all $s \in S$ and $x \in L$. Similarly, if M is a coframe and $S \subseteq M$ is a subset closed under arbitrary joins then S is called a *subcolocale* of M if $(s \leftarrow x) \in S$ for all $s \in S$ and $x \in M$. Here, " \rightarrow " and " \leftarrow " denote the Heyting and co- Heyting algebra operation, respectively.

A sublocale can also be represented by a nucleus which is a monotone, idempotent, inflationary map preserving finite meets. Note that these two characterizations of a sublocale are equivalent. According to [4], a sublocale S is said to be *flat* if it is closed under finite joins, or equivalently, if v_S preserves finite joins.

Dually, a conucleus $t: M \to M$ on a coframe M is a monotone, idempotent map preserving finite joins and satisfying $t(x) \leq x$ for all $x \in M$. One can easily show that for a given subcolocale $S \subseteq M$, $t_S(a) = \bigvee \{s \in S : s \leq a\}$ is a conucleus, and conversely, for every conucleus $t: M \to M$, t(M) is a subcolocale.

Diframes: A diframe is a 3-tuple $L = (L_e, L_{fr}, L_{cf})$ with the following conditions: (1) L_e is a complete lattice satisfying

$$x \land (\bigvee Y) = \bigvee \{x \land y : y \in Y\} \text{ and } x \lor (\bigwedge Y) = \bigwedge \{x \lor y : y \in Y\}$$

for any $x \in L_e$ and any subset $Y \subseteq L_e$.

(2) $L_{fr} \subseteq L_e$ is closed under arbitrary joins and finite meets.

(3) $L_{cf} \subseteq L_e$ is closed under arbitrary meets and finite joins.

Notice that L_e is both a frame and a coframe, L_{fr} is a frame, and L_{cf} is a coframe.

Example 2.1. Consider the family $\Omega_{\text{reg}}(\mathbb{R})$ of regular open sets of (\mathbb{R}, τ_s) , where τ_s is the usual topology on \mathbb{R} . If $L_{fr} = \{(-\infty, a) : a \in \mathbb{R}\} \cup \{\emptyset, \mathbb{R}\}$ and $L_e = L_{cf} = \Omega_{\text{reg}}(\mathbb{R})$ then $L = (L_e, L_{fr}, L_{cf})$ is a difframe.

Let $\varphi : L_e \to M_e$ be a map preserving arbitrary join and finite meets and satisfying $\varphi[L_{fr}] \subseteq M_{fr}$, and let $\psi : L_e \to M_e$ be a map preserving arbitrary meets and finite joins and satisfying $\psi[L_{cf}] \subseteq M_{cf}$. Then the pair (φ, ψ) is called a *diframe homomorphism*.

Diframes and diframe homomorphisms form a category **diFrm**. The dual category of **diFrm** is denoted by **diLoc**, and the objects of **diLoc** are referred to as *dilocales*.

By a base of a difframe, we mean a subset $\beta \subseteq L_{fr}$ such that for every $a \in L_{fr}$ there exists a $\beta_a \subseteq \beta$ with $a = \bigvee \beta_a$. Dually, a *cobase* is a subset $\beta \subseteq L_{cf}$ such that every $k \in L_{cf}$ can be expressed as a meet of some elements of β .

A subset $\delta \subseteq L_{fr}$ (resp., $\delta \subseteq L_{cf}$) is called a *subbase* (resp., subcobase) of L if the set of finite meets (resp., joins) of δ is a base (resp., cobase) of L.

A difframe homomorphism $(\varphi, \psi) : (L_e, L_{fr}, L_{cf}) \to (M_e, M_{fr}, M_{cf})$ is called

- (1) onto (resp., one-one) if both φ and ψ are onto (resp., one-one),
- (2) open (resp., co- open) if $\psi^*(a) \in L_{fr}$ (resp., $\varphi_*(a) \in L_{fr}$) for all $a \in M_{fr}$,
- (3) closed (resp., co- closed) if $\psi^*(k) \in L_{cf}$ (resp., $\varphi_*(k) \in L_{cf}$) for all $k \in M_{cf}$.

Let us recall the non-full subcategory **hdiFrm** of **diFrm** introduced in [1]. The objects of **hdiFrm** are difframes, and the morphisms are mappings $\varphi : (L_e, L_{fr}, L_{cf}) \rightarrow (M_e, M_{fr}, M_{cf})$ preserving arbitrary meets and joins, and satisfying the properties $\varphi[L_{fr}] \subseteq M_{fr}, \varphi[L_{cf}] \subseteq M_{cf}.$

If φ is one-one and onto then the concept of openness (resp., closedness) coincides with the concept of co- openness (resp., co- closedness). A **hdiFrm** isomorphism is an open, closed, one-one and onto **hdiFrm** morphism.

Recall that by a subdilocale of a difframe L, we mean a triple $S = (S_e, S_{fr}, S_{cf})$ where $S_e \subseteq L_e$ is both a sublocale and a subcolocale of L_e , $S_{fr} = v_{S_e}(L_{fr}) \subseteq S_e$ and $S_{cf} = t_{S_e}(L_{cf}) \subseteq S_e$.

Note that $S_e \subseteq L_e$ is obviously a flat sublocale, and hence the nucleus v_{S_e} preserves finite joins. Similarly, by defining a co- flat subcolocale as subcolocale closed under finite meets, we obtain that the co- nucleus t_{S_e} preserves finite meets.

In a difframe $L = (L_e, L_{fr}, L_{cf})$, we have the closure and interior of $a \in L_e$ given by the formulas $[a] = \bigwedge \{c \in L_{cf} : a \leq c\}$ and $]a[= \bigvee \{b \in L_{fr} : b \leq a\}$, respectively.

Now, we briefly present the separation axioms in difframes. A comprehensive discussion on their basic properties, characterizations and the implications between them can be found in our previous work [2].

A difframe $L = (L_e, L_{fr}, L_{cf})$ is called

- (1) T_0 if given $a \in L_e$, there exist $c_i^j \in L_{fr} \cup L_{cf}$, $i \in I$, $j \in J$ such that $a = \bigvee_{i \in J} \bigwedge_{i \in I} c_i^j$,
- (2) $co T_0$ if given $a \in L_e$, there exist $c_i^j \in L_{fr} \cup L_{cf}$, $i \in I$, $j \in J$ such that $a = \bigwedge_{i \in J} \bigvee_{i \in I} c_i^j$,
- (3) R_0 if every element of L_{fr} can be written as a supremum of some elements of L_{cf} ,

- (4) $co R_0$ if every element of L_{cf} can be written as a infimum of some elements of L_{fr} ,
- (5) R_1 if for all $a \in L_{fr}$, $a = \bigvee_{j \in J} \bigwedge_{i \in I} c_i^j = \bigvee_{j \in J} \bigwedge_{i \in I} [c_i^j]$ where $c_i^j \in L_{fr}$,
- (6) co- R_1 if for all $a \in L_{cf}$, $a = \bigwedge_{j \in J} \bigvee_{i \in I} k_i^j = \bigwedge_{j \in J} \bigvee_{i \in I} [k_i^j] k_i^j$ where $k_i^j \in L_{cf}$.

Recall the following relations defined on L_e . Let $D = \{k/2^n : k, n \in \mathbb{N}, k = 0, \dots 2^n\}$ denote the set of dyadic rationals.

- (1) $a \prec_{fr} b$, if $a, b \in L_{fr}$ and if there exists $c \in L_{cf}$ such that $a \leq c \leq b$.
- (2) $f \prec_{cf} k$, if $f, k \in L_{cf}$ and if there exists $a \in L_{fr}$ such that $f \leq a \leq k$.
- (3) $a \prec_{fr} b$ if $a, b \in L_{fr}$ and if there exists $a_q \in L_{fr}$ with $q \in D$ and satisfying

$$a_0 = a, a_1 = b, and a_q \prec_{fr} a_r \text{ if } q < r.$$

(4) $k \prec_{cf} f$ if $k, f \in L_{cf}$ and if there exist $k_q \in L_{cf}$ with $q \in D$ and satisfying

 $k_0 = k$, $k_1 = f$, and $k_q \prec_{cf} k_r$ if q < r.

A difframe $L = (L_e, L_{fr}, L_{cf})$ is called

- (1) regular if $a = \bigvee \{x \in L_{fr} : x \prec_{fr} a\}$ for all $a \in L_{fr}$,
- (2) co- regular if $c = \bigwedge \{x \in L_{cf} : c \prec_{cf} x\}$ for all $c \in L_{cf}$,
- (3) completely regular if $a = \bigvee \{x \in L_{fr} : x \prec _{fr} a\}$ for all $a \in L_{fr}$,
- (4) completely co-regular if $c = \bigwedge \{x \in L_{cf} : c \prec_{cf} x\}$ for all $c \in L_{cf}$,
- (5) normal if for any $c \in L_{cf}$ and $a \in L_{fr}$ such that $c \leq a$ there exists $b \in L_{fr}$ with $c \leq b \leq [b] \leq a$.

Finally, we recall the definition of a Urysohn relation given in [9]: A Urysohn relation on a partially ordered set (L, \leq) is a binary relation \triangleleft satisfying

- (U1) If $a \triangleleft b$ then $a \leq b$,
- $(U2) \ a \le b \lhd c \le d \text{ implies } a \lhd d ,$
- (U3) $a \triangleleft b$ implies the existence of $c \in L$ with $a \triangleleft c \triangleleft b$.

As was shown in [2], a difframe is completely regular if and only if there exists a Urysohn relation \triangleleft on L_e with the following conditions:

- (1) $a \triangleleft b$ implies $[a] \leq b[,$
- (2) $a = \bigvee \{ x \in L_{fr} : x \triangleleft a \}$ for every $a \in L_{fr}$.

3. Compactness and Stability in Diframes

The notion of compactness for bitopological spaces has several versions in the literature. By adopting the definiton of Kopperman [3], Brown and Diker [6] generalized the notion of compactness to ditopological texture spaces. It was also studied by Brown and Gohar [7]. Here, we extend this concept to a broader setting.

Definition 3.1. Let $L = (L_e, L_{fr}, L_{cf})$ be a difframe and $a \in L_e$. Then a subset $G \subseteq L_{fr}$ is called a *cover of a* if $a \leq \bigvee G$. A subset K of L_{cf} is said to be a *co-cover of a* if $\bigwedge K \leq a$.

Definition 3.2. Let $L = (L_e, L_{fr}, L_{cf})$ be a difframe and $a \in L_e$.

- (1) a is called *compact* (resp., Lindelöf) if for every cover G of a, there is a finite (resp., countable) $H \subseteq G$ such that $a \leq \bigvee H$.
- (2) a is called *co- compact* (resp., co- Lindelöf) if for every co- cover K of a, there is a finite (resp., countable) $F \subseteq K$ such that $\bigwedge F \leq a$.
- (3) L is compact if the top element $1 \in L_e$ is compact, and it is Lindelöf if $1 \in L_e$ is Lindelöf.
- (4) L is co- compact if the bottom element $0 \in L_e$ is co- compact, and it is called co- Lindelöf if $0 \in L_e$ is co- Lindelöf.

Note that for each property P, $L = (L_e, L_{fr}, L_{cf})$ is said to be bi- P if it is P and co-P.

Remark 3.3. Obviously, (co-)compact implies (co-)Lindelöf but the reverse implication is not necessarily true. If X is a countable set, $L_e = L_{fr} = \mathcal{P}(X)$ and $L_{cf} = \{X, \emptyset\}$ then the difframe $L = (L_e, L_{fr}, L_{cf})$ is Lindelöf but not compact.

Proposition 3.4. Every subdilocale of a compact (resp., co- compact) difframe is compact (resp., co- compact).

Proof. It is clear since $1_{S_e} = 1_{L_e}$ and $S_e \subseteq L_e$ is closed under arbitrary suprema. \Box

Lemma 3.5. Let $L = (L_e, L_{fr}, L_{cf})$, $M = (M_e, M_{fr}, M_{cf})$ be difframes, and let $(\varphi, \psi) : L \to M$ be a one-one, onto difframe homomorphism. Then the following statements hold:

- (1) If (φ, ψ) is an open (resp., co- open) homomorphism, then for all $b \in M_{fr}$ there exists $a \in L_{fr}$ such that $\psi(a) = b$ (resp., $\varphi(a) = b$).
- (2) If (φ, ψ) is a closed (resp., co- closed) homomorphism, then for all $k \in M_{cf}$ there exists $f \in L_{cf}$ such that $\psi(f) = k$ (resp., $\varphi(f) = k$).

Proof. (1) Suppose that $(\varphi, \psi) : L_e \to M_e$ is a one-one, onto, open difframe homomorphism and $b \in M_{fr}$. Since ψ is onto, there is an $a \in L_e$ with $\psi(a) = b$. On the other hand, ψ being one-one yields $\psi^*\psi = 1_{L_e}$, and hence $\psi^*\psi(a) = a = \psi^*(b)$. Since (φ, ψ) is open, $a = \psi^*(b) \in L_{fr}$.

The remaining assertions can be proved similarly.

Proposition 3.6. Suppose $L = (L_e, L_{fr}, L_{cf})$ and $M = (M_e, M_{fr}, M_{cf})$ are difframes and $(\varphi, \psi) : L \to M$ is a one-one, onto difframe homomorphism.

- (1) If $(\varphi, \psi) : L \to M$ is co- open then L is compact iff M is compact.
- (2) If $(\varphi, \psi) : L \to M$ is closed then L is co- compact iff M is co- compact.

Proof. (1) Let L be a compact difframe and $B \subseteq M_{fr}$ be a cover of 1_{M_e} . By Lemma 3.5, for each $b_i \in B$, there is an $a_i \in L_{fr}$ with $\varphi(a_i) = b_i$. Since $\varphi(1_{L_e}) = 1_{M_e} = \bigvee_{i \in I} \varphi(a_i) = \varphi(\bigvee_{i \in I} a_i)$ and φ is one-one, we have $1_{L_e} = \bigvee_{i \in I} a_i$. Now, compactness of L gives $k_1, \ldots, k_n \in I$ such that $1_{L_e} = \bigvee_{k=1}^n a_{i_k}$. Applying the map

 φ to both sides of the equation gives

$$1_{M_e} = \varphi(1_{L_e}) = \varphi(\bigvee_{k=1}^n a_{i_k}) = \bigvee_{k=1}^n \varphi(a_{i_k}) = \bigvee_{k=1}^n b_{i_k}$$

and hence M is compact.

Conversely, suppose M is compact and $A = \{a_i : i \in I\} \subseteq L_{fr}$ is a cover of 1_{L_e} , that is, $1_{L_e} = \bigvee_{i \in I} a_i$. Since φ preserves arbitrary joins, we have $\varphi(1_{L_e}) = 1_{M_e} = \varphi(\bigvee_{i \in I} a_i) = \bigvee_{i \in I} \varphi(a_i)$. Then, by compactness of M, there is a finite subset $\{a_{i_k} : k = 1, \ldots, n\}$ of A such that

$$\varphi(1_{L_e}) = 1_{M_e} = \bigvee_{k=1}^n \varphi(a_{i_k}) = \varphi(\bigvee_{k=1}^n a_{i_k}).$$

Thus, φ being one-one implies $1_{L_e} = \bigvee_{k=1}^n a_{i_k}$, and hence L is compact.

We now give a generalization of Alexander subbase theorem, the proof of which runs as the same as the one given in [7].

Theorem 3.7. Let $L = (L_e, L_{fr}, L_{cf})$ be a difframe and δ be a subbase (resp., subcobase) of L. Then L is compact (resp., co- compact) if and only if for every cover (resp., co- cover) $A \subseteq \delta$ there exists a finite cover (resp., co- cover) $B \subseteq A$.

Proof. We just give the sketch of the proof. As we mentioned before, the idea repeats that of [7, Theorem 2.14].

The implication " \Rightarrow " is clear by definition of compactness. For the reverse implication, assume that $A \subseteq L_{fr}$ is a subset such that no finite subset of A covers 1. We claim that A is not a cover of 1. Now let G be the collection of all subsets $B \subseteq L_{fr}$ such that $A \subseteq B$, and B has no finite subset covering 1. Then (G, \subseteq) is a poset and it has a maximal element H by Zorn's Lemma. Moreover, H satisfies the properties given below:

- (1) Given any $a \in L_{fr}$ with $a \notin H$, there exists $\{a_i : 1 \le i \le n\} \subseteq H$ such that $a \lor (\bigvee_{i=1}^n a_i) = 1$.
- (2) For every subset $\{a_i : a_i \notin H, 1 \leq i \leq n\} \subseteq L_{fr}$ we have $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n a_i \notin H$.
- (3) For every subset $C = \{a_i : 1 \le i \le n\}$ of L_{fr} and every $b \in H$ with $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n a_i \le b$, there exists an $a_j \in C$ such that $a_j \in H$.

We also know that no finite subset of $\delta \cap H$ covers 1 since $\delta \cap H \subseteq H$. By using the properties (1) - (3), we see that $\bigvee H = \bigvee (\delta \cap H)$. Now, if H is a cover of 1 then $\bigvee (\delta \cap H) = 1$, which contradicts with the assumption. Thus H, and hence A, is not a cover of 1.

As can be easily seen from the definitions, (co-) compactness is not a property relating L_{fr} and L_{cf} . Thus we need the following concepts that relate the frame L_{fr} and the coframe L_{cf} .

Definition 3.8. Let $L = (L_e, L_{fr}, L_{cf})$ be a difframe. Then L is called

- (1) stable if every element of L_{cf} other than 1 is compact,
- (2) co- stable if every $0 \neq a \in L_{fr}$ is co- compact,

Example 3.9. Consider the difframe $L = (L_e, L_{fr}, L_{cf})$ of Example 2.1.

- (1) L is not compact since the cover $\{(-\infty, a+n) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ of \mathbb{R} does not have a finite subset covering \mathbb{R} . Further, L is not co- compact. Indeed, the cocover $\{(a - \frac{1}{n}, a + \frac{1}{n}) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ of $0_{L_e} = \emptyset$ proves our claim.
- (2) L is not co-stable. Indeed, for any $(-\infty, b) \in L_{fr}$, we have

$$\bigwedge_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (a, b + \frac{1}{n}) = int\left(\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (a, b + \frac{1}{n})\right) = int(a, b] = (a, b) \subseteq (-\infty, b)$$

but there is no finite $F \subseteq \{(a, b + \frac{1}{n}) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ such that $\bigwedge F \subseteq (-\infty, b)$. (Here, "int" denotes the interior operator.) Moreover, one can easily show that L is not stable.

The following example shows that compactness does not imply stability, and vice versa.

- **Example 3.10.** (1) Let $\Omega(\mathbb{R})$ be the open set lattice of countable complement topology on \mathbb{R} . If $L_e = \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$, $L_{fr} = \Omega(\mathbb{R})$ and $L_{cf} = \{\emptyset, \mathbb{R}\}$ then (L_e, L_{fr}, L_{cf}) is a stable, non-compact difframe.
 - (2) Let \mathbb{I} be the unit interval equipped with the usual topology. If $L_{fr} = \Omega(\mathbb{I})$ and $L_{cf} = \{\emptyset, [0, \frac{1}{2}), \mathbb{I}\}$, then the difframe $(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{I}), L_{fr}, L_{cf})$ is obviously compact. But it is not stable since the element $[0, \frac{1}{2}) \in L_{cf}$ is not compact. Indeed, the cover $\{[0, \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{n}) : n \geq 2, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ proves our claim.

The bitopological version of the next proposition was proved in [3]. In our case, we shall impose a stronger condition on difframe L' because of the lack of complete distributivity in difframes. We replace the property of being R_0 by that of being regular. Here, it is worth reminding the reader that our R_0 and R_1 are given, respectively, as pseudo-Hausdorff (pH) and weak symmetry (ws) in [3].

Proposition 3.11. If $L = (L_e, L_{fr}, L_{cf})$ is a co- R_0 , stable difframe and $L' = (L_e, L_{fr}, L_{cf}')$ is regular, then $L_{cf} \subseteq L_{cf}'$. Dually, if $L = (L_e, L_{fr}, L_{cf})$ is R_0 , co-stable and $L' = (L_e, L_{fr}', L_{cf})$ is co- regular then $L_{fr} \subseteq L_{fr}'$.

Proof. Let $k \in L_{cf}$. The case k = 1 being obvious, we assume $k \neq 1$. Since L is co- R_0 , there exist $a_i \in L_{fr}$ such that $k = \bigwedge_{i \in I} a_i$. By regularity of L', $a_i = \bigvee_{j \in J} \{x_{ij} \in L_{fr} : x_{ij} \prec_{fr} a_i\}$. Moreover, $x_{ij} \prec_{fr} a_i$ implies the existence of $k_{ij} \in L_{cf}'$ such that $x_{ij} \leq k_{ij} \leq a_i$. Now we have $k \leq \bigvee_{j \in J} x_{ij}$ for all $i \in I$, and hence by stability of L, there is a finite $J_0 \subseteq J$ with $k \leq \bigvee_{j \in J_0} x_{ij} \leq \bigvee_{j \in J_0} k_{ij}$. Thus,

$$k \le \bigwedge_{i \in I} \bigvee_{j \in J_0} k_{ij} \le \bigwedge_{i \in I} a_i \le k$$

and hence $k = \bigwedge_{i \in I} \bigvee_{j \in J_0} k_{ij} \in L_{cf}'$.

The dual statement can be proved in a dual manner.

The property of being R_0 (resp., co- R_0) is generally not inherited by subdilocales but it is hereditary if the difframe is co- stable (resp., stable):

Proposition 3.12. Every subdilocale of a (co-)stable difframe is (co-)stable.

Proof. Obvious, since the joins in S coincide with the joins in L.

The following two propositions establish the connection between (co-)stability and separation axioms.

Proposition 3.13. Every stable regular diframe is normal. Dually, every co- stable co- regular diframe is normal.

Proof. Let $c \leq a$ for some $c \in L_{cf}$, $a \in L_{fr}$. We assume $a \neq 1$ since the case a = 1 is trivial. By regularity, $c \leq a = \bigvee_{i \in I} \{x_i \in L_{fr} : x_i \prec_{fr} a\}$. Since $1 \neq c \in L_{cf}$ is a compact element by stability of L, we have $c \leq \bigvee_{i=1}^{n} \{x_i \in L_{fr} : x_i \prec_{fr} a\}$. If $x_i \prec_{fr} a$ there exists a $k_i \in L_{cf}$ such that $x_i \leq k_i \leq a$. Thus, by setting $b = \bigvee_{i=1}^{n} [k_i]$ we obtain

$$c \leq \bigvee_{i=1}^{n} x_i \leq b \text{ and } [b] = \left[\bigvee_{i=1}^{n} k_i\right] \leq \left[\bigvee_{i=1}^{n} k_i\right] \leq \bigvee_{i=1}^{n} k_i \leq a.$$

Proposition 3.14. (1) $A R_1$ co- stable difframe is regular. (2) A co- R_1 stable difframe is co- regular.

Proof. (1) Suppose that L is a R_1 , co- stable difframe, and take any $a \in L_{fr}$. The case a = 0 is trivial, so let $a \neq 0$. By R_1 , $a \in L_{fr}$ can be expressed as $a = \bigvee_{i \in I} \bigwedge_{j \in J} c_i^j = \bigvee_{i \in I} \bigwedge_{j \in J} [c_i^j]$ for $c_i^j \in L_{fr}$. Since, for all i, $\bigwedge_{j \in J} [c_i^j] \leq a$ and L is co- stable, there is a finite subset $J_0 \subseteq J$ of indices such that $\bigwedge_{j \in J_0} [c_i^j] \leq a$. Set $x_i = \bigwedge_{j \in J_0} c_i^j$ for all $i \in I$. Then $\bigwedge_{j \in J_0} c_i^j \leq \bigwedge_{j \in J_0} [c_i^j] \leq a$ and $\bigwedge_{j \in J_0} [c_i^j] \in L_{cf}$, and hence $x_i \prec_{fr} a$ for all $i \in I$. Therefore,

$$\bigvee_{i \in I} \bigwedge_{j \in J_0} c_i^j \le a \le \bigvee_{i \in I} \bigwedge_{j \in J} c_i^j \le \bigvee_{i \in I} \bigwedge_{j \in J_0} c_i^j$$

that is, $a = \bigvee_{i \in I} \{x_i \in L_{fr} : x_i \prec_{fr} a\}$, which shows that L is regular. The proof of (2) can be done similarly.

Corollary 3.15. Every R_1 (resp., co- R_1) bi- stable (i.e., stable and co- stable) difframe is normal.

Proof. L is regular by Proposition 3.14 and hence the statement follows from Proposition 3.13. \Box

We end this section by discussing the preservation of (co-)stability under certain morphisms.

Proposition 3.16. Let $(\varphi, \psi) : (L_e, L_{fr}, L_{cf}) \to (M_e, M_{fr}, M_{cf})$ be an onto, oneone difframe homomorphism.

- (1) If (φ, ψ) is a co- open, co- closed homomorphism and L is stable then M is stable.
- (2) If (φ, ψ) is an open, closed homomorphism and L is co-stable then M is co-stable.

Proof. Suppose that L is stable, $1_{M_e} \neq k \in M_{cf}$ and $\{b_i : i \in I\} \subseteq M_{fr}$ is a cover of k. By Lemma 3.5, there exists $1_{L_e} \neq f \in L_{cf}$ with $\varphi(f) = k$ and $a_i \in L_{fr}$ with $\varphi(a_i) = b_i$ for all $i \in I$. Then we have $\varphi(f) \leq \bigvee_{i \in I} \varphi(a_i) = \varphi(\bigvee_{i \in I} a_i)$, and hence $\varphi_*\varphi(f) \leq \varphi_*\varphi(\bigvee_{i \in I} a_i)$ since φ_* is an order preserving map. Now, φ being onto implies $\varphi_*\varphi(f) = id$, and hence, by stability of L, we have $f \leq \bigvee_{k=1}^n a_{i_k}$. Thus we obtain

$$\varphi(f) \le \varphi(\bigvee_{k=1}^n a_{i_k}) = \bigvee_{k=1}^n \varphi(a_{i_k}) = \bigvee_{k=1}^n b_{i_k}$$

which shows that M is stable.

Proposition 3.17. Let M be a stable (resp., co- stable) difframe and $\varphi : L \to M$ be a one-one hdiFrm morphism. Then L is a stable (resp., co- stable) difframe.

Proof. Suppose that M is stable. Take any element $1_{L_e} \neq f \in L_{cf}$ and any cover $\{a_i \in L_{fr} : i \in I\}$ of f. Then $\varphi(f) \leq \varphi(\bigvee_{i \in I} a_i) = \bigvee_{i \in I} \varphi(a_i)$. Since $1_{M_e} \neq \varphi(f) \in M_{cf}$ and $\varphi(a_i) \in M_{fr}$ for all $i \in I$, stability of M gives $\varphi(f) \leq \bigvee_{k=1}^n \varphi(a_{i_k}) = \varphi(\bigvee_{k=1}^n a_{i_k})$. Thus, applying φ_* on both sides we obtain $f \leq \bigvee_{k=1}^n a_{i_k}$. \Box

4. LOCALLY COMPACT DIFRAMES

In this section, we introduce two main concepts, that of locally compactness and locally stability in difframes. As pointed out in the introduction, their bitopological versions use the notion of neighbourhood which is a point-based structure. Hence, we first define the following binary relations on L_e .

Definition 4.1. Let $L = (L_e, L_{fr}, L_{cf})$ be a difframe and $x, y \in L_e$. Then,

- (1) $x \ll_c y$ iff there exists a compact $k \in L_e$ with $x \leq k \leq y$.
- (2) $x \ll_{cc} y$ iff there exists a co- compact $a \in L_e$ with $x \leq a \leq y$.
- (3) $x \ll_s y$ iff there exists a compact $k \in L_{cf}$ with $x \leq k \leq y$.
- (4) $x \ll_{cs} y$ iff there exists a co- compact $a \in L_{fr}$ with $x \leq a \leq y$.

Remark 4.2. It is an immediate consequence of the definitions that $x \ll_s y$ implies $x \ll_c y$ for $x, y \in L_e$ and $x \ll_s y$ implies $x \prec_{fr} y$ for $x, y \in L_{fr}$. On the other hand, it is obvious that $x \in L_e$ is compact (resp., co- compact) iff $x \ll_c x$ (resp., $x \ll_{cc} x$), and in particular, L is compact (resp., co- compact) iff $1 \ll_c 1$ (resp., $0 \ll_{cc} 0$).

Note that the following concepts have no counterparts in the theory of ditopological texture spaces. **Definition 4.3.** A difframe *L* is called

- (1) locally compact if $a = \bigvee \{x \in L_{fr} : x \ll_c a\}$ for all $a \in L_{fr}$,
- (2) locally co- compact if $k = \bigwedge \{x \in L_{cf} : k \ll_{cc} x\}$ for all $k \in L_{cf}$,
- (3) locally stable if $a = \bigvee \{x \in L_{fr} : x \ll_s a\}$ for all $a \in L_{fr}$,
- (4) locally co-stable if $k = \bigwedge \{x \in L_{cf} : k \ll_{cs} x\}$ for all $k \in L_{cf}$.

Example 4.4. The difframe in Example 2.1 is neither locally compact nor locally co-compact.

Proposition 4.5. Each subdilocale of a locally (co-) compact difframe is locally (co-) compact.

Proof. Let S be a subdilocale of a locally compact difframe L and let $a \in S_{fr}$. Then, $a = \bigvee \{x \in L_{fr} : x \ll_c a\}$. If $x \ll_c a$, then there is a compact $k \in L_e$ satisfying $x \leq k \leq a$, and then $v_{S_e}(x) \leq v_{S_e}(k) \leq v_{S_e}(a) = a$ by monotonicity of v_{S_e} . Thus, it suffices to show that $v_{S_e}(k)$ is compact, which yields

$$a = \bigvee \{ v_{S_e}(x) \in S_{fr} : v_{S_e}(x) \ll_c a \}$$

and completes the proof.

Let $\{b_i \in S_{fr} : i \in I\}$ be a cover of $v_{S_e}(k)$, that is, $k \leq v_{S_e}(k) \leq \bigvee_{i \in I} b_i$. By compactness of k, we obtain a finite $I_0 \subseteq I$ with $k \leq \bigvee_{i \in I_0} b_i$. Hence, applying the nucleus v_{S_e} and using the fact that S_e is a flat sublocale yield

$$v_{S_e}(k) \le v_{S_e}(\bigvee_{i \in I_0} b_i) = \bigvee_{i \in I_0} v_{S_e}(b_i) = \bigvee_{i \in I_0} b_i$$

Thus, $v_{S_e}(k)$ is compact.

Proposition 4.6. A (co-)regular, (co-)stable, (co-)compact difframe is locally (co-) stable.

Proof. Let $a \in L_{fr}$. The case a = 1 is clear by compactness of L. So, assume that $a \neq 1$. Then, by regularity, $a \in L_{fr}$ can be written as $a = \bigvee \{x \in L_{fr} : x \prec_{fr} a\}$. If $x \prec_{fr} a$ then there exists a $k \in L_{cf}$ with $x \leq k \leq a$. Moreover, $k \neq 1$ since $k \leq a$ and $a \neq 1$. Hence, k is compact since L is a stable difframe. Thus we obtain $x \ll_s a$ and

$$a \leq \bigvee \{x \in L_{fr} : x \prec_{fr} a\} \leq \bigvee \{x \in L_{fr} : x \ll_s a\} \leq a$$

which shows that L is locally stable.

The dual proof is analogous.

Proposition 4.7. Let L be a diframe.

- (1) L is locally stable iff it is regular and locally compact.
- (2) L is locally co- stable iff it is co- regular and locally co- compact.

Proof. (1) The sufficiency is immediate by Remark 4.2. Thus, we only prove the necessity.

Suppose that L is a regular and locally compact difframe and take an arbitrary $a \in L_{fr}$. Then $a \in L_{fr}$ can be expressed as $a = \bigvee \{x \in L_{fr} : x \ll_c a\}$. Further, if $x \ll_c a$ then there exists a compact $k \in L_e$ such that $x \leq k \leq a$. Claim 1: $[k] \leq a$.

By regularity of L, we have $k \leq a = \bigvee_{i \in I} \{x_i \in L_{fr} : x_i \prec_{fr} a\}$. If $x_i \prec_{fr} a$, then there is an $f_i \in L_{cf}$ such that $x_i \leq f_i \leq a$. Hence, there exists a finite $I_0 \subseteq I$ with $k \leq \bigvee_{i \in I_0} x_i \leq \bigvee_{i \in I_0} f_i \leq a$ by compactness of k. Thus, we obtain

$$[k] \leq [\bigvee_{i \in I_0} f_i] = \bigvee_{i \in I_0} [f_i] = \bigvee_{i \in I_0} f_i \leq a$$

Claim 2: $[k] \in L_{cf}$ is a compact element.

Let $\{a_i \in L_{fr} : i \in I\}$ be a cover of [k]. By regularity of L, each a_i can be expressed as $a_i = \bigvee_{j \in I} \{x_{ij} \in L_{fr} : x_{ij} \prec_{fr} a_i\}$. If $x_{ij} \prec_{fr} a_i$ then there is an $f_{ij} \in L_{cf}$ with $x_{ij} \leq f_{ij} \leq a_i$. Moreover, the expression $k \leq \bigvee_{i \in I} a_i = \bigvee_{i \in I} \bigvee_{j \in I} x_{ij}$, together with the fact that k is compact, implies the existence of finite subsets $I_0 \subseteq I$ and $J_0 \subseteq J$ such that $k \leq \bigvee_{i \in I_0} \bigvee_{j \in J_0} x_{ij}$. Therefore,

$$[k] \le \bigvee_{i \in I_0} \bigvee_{j \in J_0} [x_{ij}] \le \bigvee_{i \in I_0} \bigvee_{j \in J_0} f_{ij} \le \bigvee_{i \in I_0} a_i$$

and hence [k] is compact.

Now we can conclude that, in a regular difframe, $x \leq k \leq a$ and k being compact imply $x \leq [k] \leq a$ and [k] is compact. Thus,

$$a = \bigvee \{x \in L_{fr} : x \ll_c a\} = \bigvee \{x \in L_{fr} : x \ll_s a\}$$

and hence L is locally stable.

Proposition 4.8. Every locally (co-)stable diframe is completely (co-)regular.

Proof. Let L be a locally stable difframe. We claim that the relation

 $a \triangleleft b$ if there exists a compact $k \in L_e$ such that $[a] \leq k \leq b$

is a Urysohn relation satisfying the following properties:

(1) $a \triangleleft b$ implies $[a] \leq b[$,

(2) for every $a \in L_{fr}$, $a = \bigvee \{x \in L_{fr} : x \triangleleft a\}$.

(U1) and (U2) are obvious by definition of the given relation.

For (U3), let $a \triangleleft b$. Then there exists a compact $k \in L_e$ with $[a] \leq k \leq b[$ and further, by locally stability of L, $]b[=\bigvee_{i\in I} \{c_i \in L_{fr} : c_i \ll_s]b[\}$. But then there exists a finite subset $I_0 \subseteq I$ of indices such that $k \leq \bigvee_{i\in I_0} c_i$ since k is compact. Moreover, $c_i \ll_s b[$ implies that there exists a compact $k_i \in L_{cf}$ with $c_i \leq k_i \leq b[$.

Now set $d = \bigvee_{i \in I_0} [c_i]$. We have,

$$[a] \le k \le \bigvee_{i \in I_0} c_i \le \left] \bigvee_{i \in I_0} c_i \left[\le \right] \bigvee_{i \in I_0} [c_i] \left[= \right] d[$$

and hence $a \triangleleft d$. On the other hand,

$$[d] = \bigvee_{i \in I_0} [c_i] \le \bigvee_{i \in I_0} k_i \le]b[$$

and $\bigvee_{i \in I_0} k_i$ is compact since k_i is compact for all $i \in I_0$. Hence we have $d \triangleleft b$.

Now it remains to show the properties (1) and (2). The first one is clear by definition. For (2), let $a \in L_{fr}$. Then by locally stability of L, it can be written as $a = \bigvee \{x \in L_{fr} : x \ll_s a\}$. If $x \ll_s a$ then there is a compact $k \in L_{cf}$ with $x \leq k \leq a$ and hence $[x] \leq k \leq a =]a[$. Thus,

$$a = \bigvee \{ x \in L_{fr} : x \ll_s a \} \le \bigvee \{ x \in L_{fr} : x \triangleleft a \} \le a$$

that is, $a = \bigvee \{ x \in L_{fr} : x \triangleleft a \}.$

Proposition 4.9. Let $L = (L_e, L_{fr}, L_{cf})$, $M = (M_e, M_{fr}, M_{cf})$ be difframes and $(\varphi, \psi) : L \to M$ be a one-one, onto difframe homomorphism. Then the following statements hold:

- (1) If (φ, ψ) is co- open then L is locally compact iff M is locally compact.
- (2) If (φ, ψ) is closed then L is locally co- compact iff M is locally co- compact.

Proof. (1) Suppose that L is locally compact and take any $b \in M_{fr}$. First, by Lemma 3.5, there is an $a \in L_{fr}$ such that $\varphi(a) = b$ and it can be expressed as $a = \bigvee \{x \in L_{fr} : x \ll_c a\}$ by locally compactness of L. If $x \ll_c a$ then there exist a compact $k \in L_e$ with $x \leq k \leq a$. Then, $\varphi(x) \leq \varphi(k) \leq \varphi(a) = b$ since φ preserves order.

Now we claim that $\varphi(k)$ is compact. Let $\{b_i \in M_{fr} : i \in I\}$ be an arbitrary cover of $\varphi(k)$. Then, for every $i \in I$ there exists $a_i \in L_{fr}$ such that $\varphi(a_i) = b_i$, and hence

$$\varphi(k) \leq \bigvee_{i \in I} b_i = \bigvee_{i \in I} \varphi(a_i) = \varphi(\bigvee_{i \in I} a_i).$$

Applying the map φ_* and then using the compactness of k, we get $k \leq \bigvee_{k=1}^n a_{i_k}$. Thus,

$$\varphi(k) \le \varphi(\bigvee_{k=1}^n a_{i_k}) = \bigvee_{k=1}^n \varphi(a_{i_k}) = \bigvee_{k=1}^n b_{i_k}$$

and hence $\varphi(k)$ is compact.

Now, using the claim it is easy to see that

$$b = \varphi(a) = \bigvee \{ \varphi(x) \in M_{fr} : \varphi(x) \ll_c b \}$$

which means that M is locally compact.

Conversely, assume that M is locally compact. Given any $a \in L_{fr}$, $\varphi(a) \in M_{fr}$ and hence we have $\varphi(a) = \bigvee \{ y \in M_{fr} : y \ll_c \varphi(a) \}$. Moreover, for each $y \in M_{fr}$, there is an $x \in L_{fr}$ such that $\varphi(x) = y$. If $\varphi(x) \ll_c \varphi(a)$ then there exists a compact $k \in M_e$ with $\varphi(x) \leq k \leq \varphi(a)$. Now we obtain $x \leq \varphi_*(k) \leq a$. We can easily show that $\varphi_*(k)$ is compact. Thus $a = \bigvee \{ x \in L_{fr} : x \ll_c a \}$.

The second one can be proved in a similar manner.

Proposition 4.10. Let $(\varphi, \psi) : (L_e, L_{fr}, L_{cf}) \to (M_e, M_{fr}, M_{cf})$ be an onto, oneone difframe homomorphism.

- (1) If (φ, ψ) is a co- open, co- closed difframe homomorphism and M is locally stable then L is locally stable.
- (2) If (φ, ψ) is an open, closed difframe homomorphism and M is locally costable then L is locally co-stable.

Proof. (2) Assume that M is locally co- stable and take an arbitrary $f \in L_{cf}$. Then we have $\psi(f) \in M_{cf}$ and it can be written as $\psi(f) = \bigwedge \{y \in M_{cf} : \psi(f) \ll_{cs} y\}$. For all y, there is an $x \in L_{cf}$ with $\psi(x) = y$, and if $\psi(f) \ll_{cs} \psi(x)$ then we have a co- compact $b \in M_{fr}$ such that $\psi(f) \leq b \leq \psi(x)$. Moreover, for $b \in M_{fr}$, there is an $a \in L_{fr}$ with $\psi(a) = b$. As in the previous proof, one can see that $a \in L_{fr}$ is co- compact. Thus, we obtain $f = \bigwedge \{x \in L_{cf} : f \ll_{cs} x\}$, which completes the proof.

Proposition 4.11. The image of a locally stable (resp., locally co- stable) diframe under a one-one, onto, open (resp., closed) hdiFrm morphism is locally stable (resp., locally co- stable).

Proof. This can be proved easily in a similar way used in the proof of the previous propositions. \Box

5. Conclusion

In this paper we have introduced the concept of compactness in difframes. Then we have defined stable, locally compact and locally stable difframes and investigated the relations between separation axioms and these properties. As a future work, other topological and bitopological structures such as paracompactness, connectedness and uniformities etc. can be constructed on difframes.

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