

# On Minimal Hyperconnectedness

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## Abstract

We introduce and study new a type of hyperconnectedness namely, minimal hyperconnectedness( $m$ -hyperconnectednes). Several characterizations of minimal hyperconnected spaces and conditions under which  $m$  - hyperconnectedness is preserved are provided.

**Key words:** minimal space,  $m$  - hyperconnectedness,  $m$  – dense ,  $m$ -nowhere dense

## I. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

Popa and Noiri[1] introduce the notion of minimal space . Noiri [2, 3] studied hyperconnected spaces. Ekici [4] introduced and studied hyperconnectedness in generalized topological spaces which is also studied in [5]. The purpose of the present paper is to introduce and study the notion of  $m$  - hyperconnectedness in minimal spaces.

Characterizations and properties of  $m$ - hyperconnectedness are investigated. Some preservation theorems are given.

**Definition 1.1.** [1] Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. A subset  $M \subset P(X)$  is called minimal structure if  $X, \phi \in M$  . The pair  $(X, M)$  is called minimal space ( $m$ - space). The members of  $M$  are called  $m$ -open sets and the complement of  $m$  - open set is  $m$  - closed set. The collection of all  $m$ - closed sets will be denoted by  $M^c$  .

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . The closure and the interior of  $A$  will be denoted by  $cl(A)$  and  $int(A)$ . A set  $A$  is called  $\alpha$  - open[6] (resp. preopen[7], semi- open[8],  $b$ - open[9],  $\beta$  - open[10]) if  $A \subset int(cl(int(A)))$  (resp.  $A \subset int(cl(A))$ ,  $A \subset cl(int(A))$ ,  $A \subset int(cl(A)) \cup cl(int(A))$ ,  $A \subset cl(int(cl(A)))$ ). The complement of the each set are called it respective closed set.

The family of all  $\alpha$  - open (resp. pre- open, semi-open,  $b$ - open,  $\beta$  -open) sets are denoted by  $\alpha(X)$  ,  $PO(X)$ ,  $SO(X)$ ,  $BO(X)$  and  $\beta O(X)$  respectively,  $P(X)$  is the power set of  $X$ , for a nonempty set  $X$ .

**Remark 1.3.** The collections  $\tau$  ,  $\alpha O(X)$ ,  $PO(X)$ ,  $SO(X)$ ,  $BO(X)$  and  $\beta O(X)$  are minimal structure.

**Definition 1.4** [1]. Let  $(X, M)$  be an  $m$ - space and  $A$  is a subset of  $X$ , then the  $m$ -interior and  $m$ -closure of  $A$  are defined respectively as follows,

- (1)  $int^m(A) = \bigcup \{U \in M : U \subseteq A\}$  .
- (2)  $cl^m(A) = \bigcap \{F \in M^c : A \subseteq F\}$  .

**Theorem 1.5** [11] Let  $(X, M)$  be a  $m$ -space and  $A \subset X$  , then

- (1)  $int^m(A) \subseteq A$  .
- (2)  $int^m(A) = A$  if  $A \in M$  .
- (3)  $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow int^m(A) \subseteq int^m(B)$  .
- (4)  $A \subseteq cl^m(A)$  .
- (5) If  $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow cl^m(A) \subseteq cl^m(B)$
- (6)  $cl^m(A) = A$  if  $A$  is  $m$ - closed.
- (7)  $x \in cl^m(A)$  if and only if every  $m$ - open set  $U_x$  containing  $x$ ,  $U_x \cap A \neq \phi$ .
- (8)  $cl^m(A^c) = (int^m(A))^c$  and  $int^m(A^c) = (cl^m(A))^c$  .

Now, we give the following definition.

**Definition 1.6.** A subset  $A$  of a  $m$ -space  $(X, M)$  is said to be

- (1)  $\alpha_m$ -open if  $A \subset \text{int}^m(\text{cl}^m(\text{int}^m(A)))$ .
- (2)  $pre_m$ -open (briefly  $p_m$ -open) if  $A \subset \text{int}^m(\text{cl}^m(A))$ .
- (3)  $semi_m$ -open (briefly  $s_m$ -open) if  $A \subset \text{cl}^m(\text{int}^m(A))$ .
- (4)  $b_m$ -open if  $A \subset \text{cl}^m(\text{int}^m(A)) \cup \text{int}^m(\text{cl}^m(A))$ .
- (5)  $\beta_m$ -open if  $A \subset \text{cl}^m(\text{int}^m(\text{cl}^m(A)))$ .
- (6)  $r_m$ -open if  $A = \text{int}^m(\text{cl}^m(A))$ .

The set of all  $\alpha_m$ -open (resp.  $p_m$ -open,  $s_m$ -open,  $b_m$ -open,  $\beta_m$ -open,  $r_m$ -open) sets is denoted by  $m\alpha O(X)$  (resp.  $mPO(X)$ ,  $mSO(X)$ ,  $mBO(X)$ ,  $m\beta O(X)$ ,  $mRO(X)$ ). The complement of each of the above sets is its respective closed set.

From Definition 1.6 we can prove that,

**Proposition 1.7.**

$$m\text{-open} \Rightarrow \alpha_m\text{-open} \Rightarrow s_m\text{-open} \Rightarrow b_m\text{-open} \Rightarrow \beta_m\text{-open} \quad \text{and} \\ \alpha_m\text{-open} \Rightarrow p_m\text{-open} \Rightarrow b_m\text{-open} \Rightarrow \beta_m\text{-open}$$

## II. M-HYPERCONNECTED SPACES

In this section we introduce the notion of  $m$ -Hyperconnectedness. Some properties and characterizations are investigated.

**Definition 2.1.** A subset  $A$  of a  $m$ -space  $(X, M)$  is said to be

- (1)  $m$ -dense if  $\text{cl}^m(A) = X$ .
- (2)  $m$ -nowhere dense if  $\text{int}^m(\text{cl}^m(A)) = \phi$ .

**Definition 2.2.** An  $m$ -space  $(X, M)$  is said to be

- (i) *Hyperconnected* (equivalently  $X$  is  $m$ -hyperconnected) if  $A$  is  $m$ -dense for every subset  $A \neq \phi$  of  $X$ .
- (ii) *Connected* (equivalently  $X$  is  $m$ -connected) if  $X$  cannot be written as a union of nonempty and disjoint  $m$ -open sets.

**Remark 2.3.** From Definitions 2.2 we have the following relation.

$$m\text{-hyperconnectedness} \Rightarrow m\text{-connectedness}$$

The converse of this implication is not true in general as shown by the following example,

**Example 2.4.**  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $M = \{X, \phi, \{c\}, \{b\}, \{c, b\}\}$ . Then  $(X, M)$  is  $m$ -connected but not  $m$ -hyperconnected.

**Notation 2.5.** We say that  $(X, M)$  satisfies property  $(U)$  if  $M$  is closed under arbitrary union.

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $(X, M)$  be an  $m$ -space with property  $(U)$  and  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . Then the following are equivalent.

- (1)  $(X, M)$  is hyperconnected.
- (2)  $A$  is  $m$ -dense or  $m$ -nowhere dense, for every subset  $A$  of  $X$ .
- (3)  $A \cap B \neq \phi$ , for every nonempty  $m$ -open subset  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $(X, M)$  be a hyperconnected and  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . Suppose that  $A$  is not  $m$ -nowhere dense. Then  $cl^m(X \setminus cl^m(A)) = X \setminus int^m(cl^m(A)) \neq X$ . Since  $int^m(cl^m(A)) \neq \phi$ , so by (1),  $cl^m(int^m(cl^m(A))) = X$ . Since  $cl^m(int^m(cl^m(A))) = X \subset cl^m(A)$ . Then  $cl^m(A) = X$ . Hence  $A$  is  $m$ -dense.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Suppose that  $A \cap B = \phi$  for some nonempty  $m$ -open subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$ .

Then  $cl^m(A) \cap B = \phi$  and  $A$  is not  $m$ -dense. Since  $A$  is  $m$ -open, so  $\phi \neq A \subset int^m(cl^m(A))$ . Hence  $A$  is not  $m$ -nowhere dense. This is a contradiction.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $A \cap B \neq \phi$  for every nonempty  $m$ -open subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$ . Suppose that  $(X, M)$  is not hyperconnected. Then there is a nonempty  $m$ -open subset  $U$  of  $X$  such that  $U$  is not  $m$ -dense in  $X$ , thus  $cl^m(U) \neq X$ . Hence  $X \setminus cl^m(U)$  and  $U$  are disjoint nonempty  $m$ -open subsets of  $X$ . This is a contradiction. Hence  $(X, M)$  is hyperconnected.

**Definition 2.7.** The  $m$ -semi-closure (resp.  $m$ -pre-closure,  $m$ - $\beta$ -closure) of a subset  $A$  of a minimal space  $(X, M)$ , denoted by  $c_m^s(A)$  ( resp.  $c_m^p(A)$ ,  $c_m^\beta(A)$ ) is the intersection of all  $s_m$ -closed ( resp.  $p_m$ -closed,  $\beta_m$ -closed ) sets of  $X$  containing  $A$ .

The following Lemma is easy to prove.

**Theorem 2.8.** If  $(X, M)$  is a minimal space with property  $(U)$ , then the following are equivalent.

- (1)  $(X, M)$  is hyperconnected.
- (2)  $A$  is  $m$ -dense for every  $\beta_m$ -open subset  $\phi \neq A \subset X$ .
- (3)  $A$  is  $m$ -dense for every  $b_m$ -open subset  $\phi \neq A \subset X$ .
- (4)  $A$  is  $m$ -dense for every  $p_m$ -open subset  $\phi \neq A \subset X$ .
- (5)  $c_m^s(A) = X$  for every  $p_m$ -open subset  $\phi \neq A \subset X$ .
- (6)  $c_m^p(A) = X$  for every  $s_m$ -open subset  $\phi \neq A \subset X$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Suppose that  $A$  is a nonempty  $\beta_m$ -open subset of  $X$ . Hence

$int_m(cl_m(A)) \neq \phi$ . Then  $cl_m(A) = cl_m(int_m(cl_m(A))) = X$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Since every  $b_m$ -open is  $\beta_m$ -open, we have (3).

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): Since every  $p_m$ -open is  $b_m$ -open, we have (4).

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5): Suppose that  $A \neq \phi$  is a  $p_m$ -open set such that  $c_m^s(A) \neq X$ . Then there is a nonempty  $s_m$ -open set  $U$  such that  $U \cap A = \phi$ . Hence  $int_m(U) \cap A = \phi$ . Then, by (4),  $\phi = int_m(U) \cap cl_m(A) = int_m(U)$  which is a contradiction.

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (6): Suppose that there is a nonempty  $s_m$ -open set  $A$  such that  $c_m^p(A) \neq X$ . Hence there is a  $p_m$ -open set  $U \neq \phi$  such that  $U \cap A = \phi$ . So  $U \cap int_m(A) = \phi$ . Hence, by (5),  $int_m(A) = c_m^s(U) \cap int_m(A) \subset cl_m(U) \cap int_m(A) = \phi$ . This is a contradiction.

(6)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $A$  be a nonempty  $m$ -open subset of  $X$ . So  $A$  is  $s_m$ -open. Hence by (6),  $c_m^p(A) = X$ . Since  $c_m^p(A) \subset cl_m(A)$ . Then  $cl_m(A) = X$ . So  $(X, M)$  is hyperconnected.

**Corollary 2.9.** Let  $(X, M)$  be an  $m$ -space with property  $(U)$ . Then the following are equivalent.

- (1)  $(X, M)$  is hyperconnected.  
 (2)  $A \cap B \neq \phi$  for every nonempty  $s_m$ -open set A and nonempty  $p_m$ -open set B.  
 (3)  $A \cap B \neq \phi$  for every nonempty  $s_m$ -open sets A and B.

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Assume that X is hyperconnected. Let A be a nonempty  $s_m$ -open set and B be a nonempty  $p_m$ -open set such that  $A \cap B = \phi$ . Then by Theorem 2.8(6),  $c_m^s(B) = X$ . But  $X = c_m^s(B) \subset c_m^s(X - A) = X - A$ . Hence  $A = \phi$ , this is a contradiction.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Suppose that A and B are any two nonempty  $m$ -open subsets of X. Hence, by (2),  $A \cap B \neq \phi$ , by Theorem 2.6, X is hyperconnected.

Similarly we can prove that (1) is equivalent to (3).

### III. PRESERVATION THEOREMS

In this section, we introduce some types of functions under which  $m$ -hyperconnectedness is preserved and some related properties are given.

**Definition 3.1.** The  $m$ -semi-interior of a subset A of an  $m$ -space X denoted by  $i_m^s(A)$  is the union of all  $s_m$ -open sets of X contained in A.

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $(X, M_1)$  and  $(Y, M_2)$  be two  $m$ -spaces. A function  $f : (X, M_1) \rightarrow (Y, M_2)$  is called  $rs$ -continuous if for each nonempty  $r_{m_2}$ -open set V of Y,  $f^{-1}(V) \neq \phi$  implies  $i_{m_1}^s(f^{-1}(V)) \neq \phi$ .

**Definition 3.3.** A function  $f : (X, M_1) \rightarrow (Y, M_2)$  is called  $m$ -semi-continuous function if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $s_{m_1}$ -open in X for each  $m_2$ -open set V of Y.

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $f : (X, M_1) \rightarrow (Y, M_2)$  be an  $m$ -semi-continuous function and  $M_2$  satisfies property  $(U)$ , then f is  $rs$ -continuous function.

**Proof.** Suppose that V is an  $r_{m_2}$ -open subset of Y such that  $f^{-1}(V) \neq \phi$ . Since every  $r_{m_2}$ -open set is  $m_2$ -open and f is  $m$ -semi-continuous. So  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a nonempty  $s_{m_1}$ -open in X. Hence  $f^{-1}(V) = i_{m_1}^s(f^{-1}(V))$  and  $i_{m_1}^s(f^{-1}(V)) \neq \phi$ . Thus  $f : (X, M_1) \rightarrow (Y, M_2)$  is  $rs$ -continuous.

**Theorem 3.5.** If  $f : (X, M_1) \rightarrow (Y, M_2)$  is an  $rs$ -continuous surjection and  $(X, M_1)$  is hyperconnected with property  $(U)$ , then  $(Y, M_2)$  is hyperconnected.

**Proof.** Assume that  $(Y, M_2)$  is not hyperconnected. Then there are disjoint  $m_2$ -open sets A and B. Put  $U = \text{int}_{m_2}(cl_{m_2}(A))$  and  $V = \text{int}_{m_2}(cl_{m_2}(B))$ . Hence  $U = \text{int}_{m_2}(cl_{m_2}(U))$  and  $V = \text{int}_{m_2}(cl_{m_2}(V))$ . Thus U and V are disjoint nonempty  $r_{m_2}$ -open sets. Hence  $i_{m_1}^s(f^{-1}(U)) \cap i_{m_1}^s(f^{-1}(V)) \subset f^{-1}(U) \cap f^{-1}(V) = \phi$ . Since  $f : (X, M_1) \rightarrow (Y, M_2)$  is an  $rs$ -continuous surjection, then  $i_{m_1}^s(f^{-1}(U)) \neq \phi$  and  $i_{m_1}^s(f^{-1}(V)) \neq \phi$ . Hence, by Corollary 2.9, thus  $(X, M_1)$  is not a hyperconnected. This is a contradiction.

Combining Theorem 3.4 and Theorem 3.5, we get the following result.

**Corollary 3.6.** If  $f : (X, M_1) \rightarrow (Y, M_2)$  is  $m$ -semi-continuous surjection and  $(X, M_1)$  is hyperconnected with property  $(U)$ , then  $(Y, M_2)$  is hyperconnected.

**Definition 3.7.** A function  $f : (X, M_1) \rightarrow (Y, M_2)$  is called  $m$ -continuous function if  $f^{-1}(V) \in M_1$  for every  $V \in M_2$ .

**Remark 3.8.** It is clear that every  $m$ -continuous function is  $m$ -semi-continuous but not conversely as shown by the following example.

**Example 3.9.** Let  $X=Y= \{a,b,c,d\}$  and  $M_1 = M_2 = \{X, \phi, \{b\}, \{d\}, \{b, d\}\}$ . Define  $f : (X, M_1) \rightarrow (Y, M_2)$  as follows,  $f(a)= a, f(b)= d, f(c)= d, f(d)= b$ . Then  $f$  is  $m$ -semi-continuous but not  $m$ -continuous.

From Theorem 3.4 and Remark 3.8 we have the following implications.

**Remark 3.10.**  $m$ -continuous  $\Rightarrow$   $m$ -semi-continuous  $\Rightarrow$   $rs$ -continuous.

From Theorem 3.5 and Remark 3.10 we obtained the following result.

**Corollary 3.11.** If  $f : (X, M_1) \rightarrow (Y, M_2)$  is  $m$ -continuous surjection and  $(X, M_1)$  is hyperconnected with property  $(U)$ , then  $(Y, M_2)$  is hyperconnected.

## V. CONCLUSIONS

Hyperconnectedness is an important property depends on the classes of open and dense sets. In this work we study hyperconnectedness in minimal topological spaces. Several characterizations of minimal hyperconnectedness are provided, preservation theorems are given. This work help researchers to study hyperconnectedness in many types of topological spaces.

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