

## Topologies on function spaces and hyperspaces

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ABSTRACT. Let  $Y$  and  $Z$  be two fixed topological spaces,  $\mathcal{O}(Z)$  the family of all open subsets of  $Z$ ,  $C(Y, Z)$  the set of all continuous maps from  $Y$  to  $Z$ , and  $\mathcal{O}_Z(Y)$  the set  $\{f^{-1}(U) : f \in C(Y, Z) \text{ and } U \in \mathcal{O}(Z)\}$ . In this paper, we give and study new topologies on the sets  $C(Y, Z)$  and  $\mathcal{O}_Z(Y)$  calling  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting and  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -admissible, where  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{A}_0$  families of spaces.

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### 1. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $Y$  and  $Z$  be two fixed topological spaces. By  $C(Y, Z)$  we denote the set of all continuous maps from  $Y$  to  $Z$ . If  $t$  is a topology on the set  $C(Y, Z)$ , then the corresponding topological space is denoted by  $C_t(Y, Z)$ .

Let  $X$  be a space. To each map  $g : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  which is continuous in  $y \in Y$  for each fixed  $x \in X$ , we associate the map  $g^* : X \rightarrow C(Y, Z)$  defined as follows: for every  $x \in X$ ,  $g^*(x)$  is the map from  $Y$  to  $Z$  such that  $g^*(x)(y) = g(x, y)$ ,  $y \in Y$ . Obviously, for a given map  $h : X \rightarrow C(Y, Z)$ , the map  $h^\diamond : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  defined by  $h^\diamond(x, y) = h(x)(y)$ ,  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ , satisfies  $(h^\diamond)^* = h$  and is continuous in  $y$  for each fixed  $x \in X$ . Thus, the above association (defined in [7]) between the mappings from  $X \times Y$  to  $Z$  that are continuous in  $y$  for each fixed  $x \in X$ , and the mappings from  $X$  to  $C(Y, Z)$  is one-to-one.

In 1946 R. Arens [1] introduced the notion of an admissible topology: a topology  $t$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  is called *admissible* if the map  $e : C_t(Y, Z) \times Y \rightarrow Z$ , called *evaluation map*, defined by  $e(f, y) = f(y)$ , is continuous.

In 1951 R. Arens and J. Dugundji [2] introduced the notion of a splitting topology: a topology  $t$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  is called *splitting* if for every space  $X$ , the continuity of a map  $g : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  implies the continuity of the map

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$g^* : X \rightarrow C_t(Y, Z)$ . On the set  $C(Y, Z)$  there exists the greatest splitting topology, denoted here by  $t_{gs}$  (see [2]). They also proved that a topology  $t$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  is admissible if and only if for every space  $X$ , the continuity of a map  $h : X \rightarrow C_t(Y, Z)$  implies that of the map  $h^\diamond : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$

If in the above definitions it is assumed that the space  $X$  belongs to a fixed class  $\mathcal{A}$  of topological spaces, then the topology  $t$  is called  $\mathcal{A}$ -*splitting* or  $\mathcal{A}$ -*admissible*, respectively (see [8]). In the case where  $\mathcal{A} = \{X\}$  we write  $X$ -*splitting* (respectively,  $X$ -*admissible*) instead of  $\{X\}$ -*splitting* (respectively,  $\{X\}$ -*admissible*).

Let  $X$  be a space. In what follows by  $\mathcal{O}(X)$  we denote the family of all open subsets of  $X$ . Also, for two fixed topological spaces  $Y$  and  $Z$  we denote by  $\mathcal{O}_Z(Y)$  the set  $\{f^{-1}(U) : f \in C(Y, Z) \text{ and } U \in \mathcal{O}(Z)\}$ .

The *Scott topology*  $\Omega(Y)$  on  $\mathcal{O}(Y)$  (see, for example, [11]) is defined as follows: a subset  $\mathcal{H}$  of  $\mathcal{O}(Y)$  belongs to  $\Omega(Y)$  if:

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

The *strong Scott topology*  $\Omega^s(Y)$  on  $\mathcal{O}(Y)$  (see [12]) is defined as follows: a subset  $\mathcal{H}$  of  $\mathcal{O}(Y)$  belongs to  $\Omega^s(Y)$  if:

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

The *Isbell topology*  $t_{Is}$  (respectively, *strong Isbell topology*  $t_{sIs}$ ) on  $C(Y, Z)$  (see, for example, [13] and [12]) is the topology, which has as a subbasis the family of all sets of the form:

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

where  $\mathcal{H} \in \Omega(Y)$  (respectively,  $\mathcal{H} \in \Omega^s(Y)$ ) and  $U \in \mathcal{O}(Z)$ .

The *compact open topology* (see [7]) on  $C(Y, Z)$ , denoted here by  $t_{co}$ , is the topology for which the family of all sets of the form

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

where  $K$  is a compact subset of  $Y$  and  $U$  is an open subset of  $Z$ , form a subbase. It is known that  $t_{co} \subseteq t_{Is}$  (see, for example, [13]).

A subset  $K$  of a space  $X$  is said to be *bounded* if every open cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover for  $K$  (see [12]).

A space  $X$  is called *corecompact* (see [11]) if for every  $x \in X$  and for every open neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$ , there exists an open neighborhood  $V$  of  $x$  such that the subset  $V$  is bounded in the space  $U$  (see [11]).

Below, we give some well known results:

- (1) The Isbell topology and, hence, the compact open topology, and the point open topology (denoted here by  $t_{po}$ ) on  $C(Y, Z)$  are always splitting (see, for example, [2], [3], and [13]).
- (2) The compact open topology on  $C(Y, Z)$  is admissible if  $Y$  is a regular locally compact space. In this case the compact open topology is also the greatest splitting topology (see [2]).
- (3) The Isbell topology on  $C(Y, Z)$  is admissible if  $Y$  is a corecompact space. In this case the Isbell topology is also the greatest splitting topology (see, for example, [12] and [14]).
- (4) A topology larger than a admissible topology is also admissible (see [2]).
- (5) A topology smaller than a splitting topology is also splitting (see [2]).
- (6) The strong Isbell topology on  $C(Y, Z)$  is admissible if  $Y$  is a locally bounded space (see [12]).

For a summary of all the above results and some open problems on function spaces see [10]. Also, [4] and [5] are other papers related to this area.

In what follows if  $\varphi : X \rightarrow Y$  is a map and  $X_0 \subseteq X$ , then by  $\varphi|_{X_0} : X_0 \rightarrow Y$  we denote the restriction of the map  $\varphi$  on the set  $X_0$ . Also, if  $h : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  is a map and  $X_0 \subseteq X$ , then by  $h|_{X_0 \times Y}$  we denote the restriction of the map  $h$  on the set  $X_0 \times Y$ .

In Sections 2 and 3 we give and study new topologies on the sets  $C(Y, Z)$  and  $\mathcal{O}_Z(Y)$  calling  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting and  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -admissible, where  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{A}_0$  families of spaces.

## 2. $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -SPLITTING AND $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -ADMISIBLE TOPOLOGIES ON THE SET $C(Y, Z)$

**Note 1.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a family of topological spaces. For every  $X \in \mathcal{A}$  we denote by  $X_0$  a subspace of  $X$  and by  $\mathcal{A}_0$  the family of all such subspaces  $X_0$ . In all paper by  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$  we denote the family of all pairs  $(X, X_0)$  such that  $X \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $X_0 \in \mathcal{A}_0$ , and  $X_0$  is a subspace of  $X$ .

**Definition 2.1.** A topology  $t$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  is called  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting if for every pair  $(X, X_0) \in (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ , the continuity of a map  $g : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  implies the continuity of the map  $g^*|_{X_0} : X_0 \rightarrow C_t(Y, Z)$ , where  $g^* : X \rightarrow C_t(Y, Z)$  the map which is defined in preliminaries.

A topology  $t$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  is called  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -admissible if for every pair  $(X, X_0) \in (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ , the continuity of a map  $h : X \rightarrow C_t(Y, Z)$  implies that of the map  $h^\diamond|_{X_0 \times Y} : X_0 \times Y \rightarrow Z$ , where  $h^\diamond : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  the map which is defined in preliminaries.

In the case where  $\mathcal{A} = \{X\}$  and  $\mathcal{A}_0 = \{X_0\}$ , where  $X_0$  is a subspace of  $X$ , we write  $(X, X_0)$ -splitting (respectively,  $(X, X_0)$ -admissible) instead of  $(\{X\}, \{X_0\})$ -splitting (respectively,  $(\{X\}, \{X_0\})$ -admissible).

Clearly, the following theorem is true.

**Theorem 2.2.** *The following statements are true:*

- (1) *Every splitting (respectively, admissible) topology on  $C(Y, Z)$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting (respectively,  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -admissible), where  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{A}_0$  are arbitrary families of spaces such that every element  $X_0 \in \mathcal{A}_0$  is a subspace of an element  $X \in \mathcal{A}$ .*
- (2) *Every  $\mathcal{A}$ -splitting (respectively,  $\mathcal{A}$ -admissible) topology on  $C(Y, Z)$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting (respectively,  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -admissible), where  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{A}_0$  are arbitrary families of spaces such that every element  $X_0 \in \mathcal{A}_0$  is a subspace of an element  $X \in \mathcal{A}$ .*

**Example 2.3.**

- (1) The point-open, the compact open, and the Isbell topologies are  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting, where  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{A}_0$  are arbitrary families of spaces such that every element  $X_0 \in \mathcal{A}_0$  is a subspace of an element  $X \in \mathcal{A}$ .
- (2) If  $Y$  is a regular locally compact space, then the compact-open topology is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -admissible, where  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{A}_0$  are arbitrary families of spaces such that every element  $X_0 \in \mathcal{A}_0$  is a subspace of an element  $X \in \mathcal{A}$ .
- (3) If  $Y$  is a corecompact space, then the Isbell topology is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -admissible, where  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{A}_0$  are arbitrary families of spaces such that every element  $X_0 \in \mathcal{A}_0$  is a subspace of an element  $X \in \mathcal{A}$ .
- (4) If  $Y$  is a locally bounded space, then the strong Isbell topology is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -admissible, where  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{A}_0$  are arbitrary families of spaces such that every element  $X_0 \in \mathcal{A}_0$  is a subspace of an element  $X \in \mathcal{A}$ .
- (5) Let  $X$  be a space,  $x_0 \in X$ ,  $X_0$  the subspace  $\{x_0\}$  of  $X$ , and  $t$  an arbitrary topology on  $C(Y, Z)$  which it is not  $X$ -splitting. Then, the topology  $t$  is  $(X, X_0)$ -splitting. It is clear that this topology  $t$  is not splitting.
- (6) Let  $X$  be a space,  $x_0 \in X$ ,  $X_0$  the subspace  $\{x_0\}$  of  $X$ , and  $t$  an arbitrary topology on  $C(Y, Z)$  which it is not  $X$ -admissible. Then, the topology  $t$  is  $(X, X_0)$ -admissible. It is clear that this topology  $t$  is not admissible.

**Theorem 2.4.** *The following statements are true:*

- (1) *A topology smaller than an  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting topology is also  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting.*
- (2) *A topology larger than an  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -admissible topology is also  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -admissible.*

*Proof.* We prove only the statement (1). The proof of (2) is similar. Let  $t_1$  be an  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting topology on  $C(Y, Z)$  and  $t_2$  a topology on  $C(Y, Z)$  such that  $t_2 \subseteq t_1$ . We prove that the topology  $t_2$  is a  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting topology. Indeed, let  $(X, X_0) \in (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$  and let  $g : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  be a continuous map. Since the topology  $t_1$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting, the map  $g^*|_{X_0} : X_0 \rightarrow C_{t_1}(Y, Z)$  is continuous. Also, since  $t_2 \subseteq t_1$ , the identical map  $id : C_{t_1}(Y, Z) \rightarrow C_{t_2}(Y, Z)$  is

continuous. So, the map  $g^*|_{X_0} : X_0 \rightarrow C_{t_2}(Y, Z)$  is continuous as a composition of continuous maps. Thus, the topology  $t_2$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting.  $\square$

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $(\mathcal{A}^1, \mathcal{A}_0^1)$  and  $(\mathcal{A}^2, \mathcal{A}_0^2)$  two pairs of spaces, where  $\mathcal{A}^1$  (respectively,  $\mathcal{A}^2$ ) and  $\mathcal{A}_0^1$  (respectively,  $\mathcal{A}_0^2$ ) are arbitrary families of spaces such that every element  $X_0 \in \mathcal{A}_0^1$  (respectively, every element  $X_0 \in \mathcal{A}_0^2$ ) is a subspace of an element  $X \in \mathcal{A}^1$  (respectively, of an element  $X \in \mathcal{A}^2$ ). We say that the pairs  $(\mathcal{A}^1, \mathcal{A}_0^1)$  and  $(\mathcal{A}^2, \mathcal{A}_0^2)$  are equivalent if a topology  $t$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  is  $(\mathcal{A}^1, \mathcal{A}_0^1)$ -splitting if and only if  $t$  is  $(\mathcal{A}^2, \mathcal{A}_0^2)$ -splitting, and  $t$  is  $(\mathcal{A}^1, \mathcal{A}_0^1)$ -admissible if and only if  $t$  is  $(\mathcal{A}^2, \mathcal{A}_0^2)$ -admissible. In this case we write

$$(\mathcal{A}^1, \mathcal{A}_0^1) \sim (\mathcal{A}^2, \mathcal{A}_0^2).$$

**Theorem 2.6.** For every pair  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ , where  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{A}_0$  are arbitrary families of spaces such that every element  $X_0 \in \mathcal{A}_0$  is a subspace of an element  $X \in \mathcal{A}$ , there exists a pair  $(X(\mathcal{A}), X(\mathcal{A}_0))$ , where  $X(\mathcal{A})$  is a space and  $X(\mathcal{A}_0)$  is a subspace of  $X(\mathcal{A})$  such that

$$(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0) \sim (X(\mathcal{A}), X(\mathcal{A}_0)).$$

*Proof.* Let  $T_{sp}^c$  be the set of all topologies on  $C(Y, Z)$  which are not  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting and let  $T_{ad}^c$  the set of all topologies on  $C(Y, Z)$  which are not  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -admissible. For each  $t \in T_{sp}^c$  there exists in  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$  a pair  $(X_t^{sp}, X_{t,0}^{sp})$  such that  $t$  is not  $(X_t^{sp}, X_{t,0}^{sp})$ -splitting. Similarly, for each  $t \in T_{ad}^c$  there exists in  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$  a pair  $(X_t^{ad}, X_{t,0}^{ad})$  such that  $t$  is not  $(X_t^{ad}, X_{t,0}^{ad})$ -admissible. Let

$$\mathcal{A}' = \{X_t^{sp} : t \in T_{sp}^c\} \cup \{X_t^{ad} : t \in T_{ad}^c\}$$

and

$$\mathcal{A}'_0 = \{X_{t,0}^{sp} : t \in T_{sp}^c\} \cup \{X_{t,0}^{ad} : t \in T_{ad}^c\}.$$

Of course, we can suppose that the spaces from  $\mathcal{A}'$  and  $\mathcal{A}'_0$  are pair-wise disjoint. Let  $X(\mathcal{A})$  and  $X(\mathcal{A}_0)$  be the free union of all the spaces from  $\mathcal{A}'$  and  $\mathcal{A}'_0$ , respectively. We prove that the pair  $(X(\mathcal{A}), X(\mathcal{A}_0))$  is the required pair.

Let  $t$  be an  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting topology on  $C(Y, Z)$ . We prove that this topology is  $(X(\mathcal{A}), X(\mathcal{A}_0))$ -splitting. Indeed, let  $g : X(\mathcal{A}) \times Y \rightarrow Z$  be a continuous map. It suffices to prove that the map

$$g^*|_{X(\mathcal{A}_0)} : X(\mathcal{A}_0) \rightarrow C_t(Y, Z)$$

is continuous. Let  $X \in \mathcal{A}' \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ . Then, the restriction  $g|_{X \times Y}$  of the map  $g$  on  $X \times Y \subseteq X(\mathcal{A}) \times Y$  is also a continuous map and, therefore, since the topology  $t$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting we have that the map  $(g|_{X \times Y})^*|_{X_0} : X_0 \rightarrow C_t(Y, Z)$  is continuous. Since  $X(\mathcal{A}_0)$  is the free union of all the spaces from  $\mathcal{A}'_0$  and  $(g|_{X \times Y})^*|_{X_0} = (g^*|_{X(\mathcal{A}_0)})|_{X_0}$ , it follows that the map  $g^*|_{X(\mathcal{A}_0)} : X(\mathcal{A}_0) \rightarrow C_t(Y, Z)$  is continuous. Thus, the topology  $t$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  is  $(X(\mathcal{A}), X(\mathcal{A}_0))$ -splitting.

Now, let  $t$  be an  $(X(\mathcal{A}), X(\mathcal{A}_0))$ -splitting topology on  $C(Y, Z)$ . We prove that  $t$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting. We suppose that  $t$  is not  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting. Then,  $t \in T_{sp}^c$  and, therefore,  $t$  is not  $(X_t^{sp}, X_{t,0}^{sp})$ -splitting for some pair  $(X_t^{sp}, X_{t,0}^{sp}) \in (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ . Thus, there exists a continuous map  $g : X_t^{sp} \times Y \rightarrow Z$  such that the

map  $g^*|_{X_{t,0}^{sp}} : X_{t,0}^{sp} \rightarrow C_t(Y, Z)$  is not continuous. Since the space  $X(\mathcal{A})$  is the free union of all the spaces from the family  $\mathcal{A}'$ , the map  $g$  can be extended to a continuous map  $g_1 : X(\mathcal{A}) \times Y \rightarrow Z$ . Since the map  $g^*|_{X_{t,0}^{sp}}$  is not continuous,  $X_{t,0}^{sp} \in \mathcal{A}'_0$ , and the space  $X(\mathcal{A}_0)$  is the free union of all spaces from  $\mathcal{A}'_0$  we have that the map

$$g^*|_{X(\mathcal{A}_0)} : X(\mathcal{A}_0) \rightarrow C_t(Y, Z)$$

is not continuous, which contradicts our assumption that  $t$  is a  $(X(\mathcal{A}), X(\mathcal{A}_0))$ -splitting topology. Thus, a topology  $t$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting if and only if it is  $(X(\mathcal{A}), X(\mathcal{A}_0))$ -splitting.

Similarly, a topology  $t$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -admissible if and only if it is  $(X(\mathcal{A}), X(\mathcal{A}_0))$ -admissible. Hence,

$$(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0) \sim (X(\mathcal{A}), X(\mathcal{A}_0)).$$

□

**Theorem 2.7.** *There exists the greatest  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting topology, where  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{A}_0$  are arbitrary families of spaces such that every element  $X_0 \in \mathcal{A}_0$  is a subspace of an element  $X \in \mathcal{A}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\{t_i : i \in I\}$  be the family of all  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting topologies on  $C(Y, Z)$ . We consider the topology  $t = \vee\{t_i : i \in I\}$ . Clearly,  $t$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting and  $t_i \subseteq t$ , for every  $i \in I$ . Thus,  $t$  is the greatest  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting topology. □

**Note 2.** *In what follows we denote by  $t(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$  the greatest  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting topology on  $C(Y, Z)$ ,*

**Theorem 2.8.** *The following statements are true:*

(1) *If  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0) = \cup\{(\mathcal{A}^i, \mathcal{A}_0^i) : i \in I\}$ , then*

$$t(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0) = \cap\{t(\mathcal{A}^i, \mathcal{A}_0^i) : i \in I\}.$$

(2)  *$t(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0) = \cap\{t(X, X_0) : (X, X_0) \in (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)\}$ .*

(3) *If  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0) = \cap\{(\mathcal{A}^i, \mathcal{A}_0^i) : i \in I\}$ , then*

$$\vee\{t(\mathcal{A}^i, \mathcal{A}_0^i) : i \in I\} \subseteq t(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0).$$

*Proof.* (1) Since  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0) = \cup\{(\mathcal{A}^i, \mathcal{A}_0^i) : i \in I\}$  we have that every topology which is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting is also  $(\mathcal{A}^i, \mathcal{A}_0^i)$ -splitting, for every  $i \in I$ . Thus, the topology  $t(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$  is  $(\mathcal{A}^i, \mathcal{A}_0^i)$ -splitting and, therefore,

$$t(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0) \subseteq t(\mathcal{A}^i, \mathcal{A}_0^i),$$

for every  $i \in I$ . So, we have

$$t(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0) \subseteq \cap\{t(\mathcal{A}^i, \mathcal{A}_0^i) : i \in I\}.$$

Now, we prove the converse relation, that is

$$\cap\{t(\mathcal{A}^i, \mathcal{A}_0^i) : i \in I\} \subseteq t(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0).$$

For the above relation it suffices to prove that the topology  $\cap\{t(\mathcal{A}^i, \mathcal{A}_0^i) : i \in I\}$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting. Let  $(X, X_0) \in (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$  and let  $g : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  be a continuous map. We prove that the map

$$g^*|_{X_0} : X_0 \rightarrow C_{\cap\{t(\mathcal{A}^i, \mathcal{A}_0^i) : i \in I\}}(Y, Z)$$

is continuous. Since  $(X, X_0) \in (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ , there exists  $i \in I$  such that  $(X, X_0) \in (\mathcal{A}^i, \mathcal{A}_0^i)$ . This means that the map

$$g^*|_{X_0} : X_0 \rightarrow C_{t(\mathcal{A}^i, \mathcal{A}_0^i)}(Y, Z)$$

is continuous. Also, since  $\cap\{t(\mathcal{A}^i, \mathcal{A}_0^i) : i \in I\} \subseteq t(\mathcal{A}^i, \mathcal{A}_0^i)$ , the identical map

$$id : C_{t(\mathcal{A}^i, \mathcal{A}_0^i)}(Y, Z) \rightarrow C_{\cap\{t(\mathcal{A}^i, \mathcal{A}_0^i) : i \in I\}}(Y, Z)$$

is continuous. So, the map

$$g^*|_{X_0} : X_0 \rightarrow C_{\cap\{t(\mathcal{A}^i, \mathcal{A}_0^i) : i \in I\}}(Y, Z)$$

is continuous as a composition of continuous maps. Thus, the topology

$$\cap\{t(\mathcal{A}^i, \mathcal{A}_0^i) : i \in I\}$$

is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting.

(2) The proof of this is a corollary of the statement (1).

(3) The proof of this follows by the fact that the topology

$$\vee\{t(\mathcal{A}^i, \mathcal{A}_0^i) : i \in I\}$$

is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting. □

**Theorem 2.9.** *Let  $t$  be an  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -admissible topology on  $C(Y, Z)$ . If*

$$(C_t(Y, Z), C_t(Y, Z)) \in (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0),$$

*then  $t$  is admissible and  $t(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0) \subseteq t$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $id \equiv h : C_t(Y, Z) \rightarrow C_t(Y, Z)$  be the identical map. Clearly, this map is continuous. Since

$$(C_t(Y, Z), C_t(Y, Z)) \in (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$$

and  $t$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -admissible, the map  $h^\diamond|_{C_t(Y, Z)} \equiv h^\diamond : C_t(Y, Z) \times Y \rightarrow Z$  is continuous. Hence, the topology  $t$  is admissible.

Now, since the map  $h^\diamond \equiv g : C_t(Y, Z) \times Y \rightarrow Z$  is continuous,

$$(C_t(Y, Z), C_t(Y, Z)) \in (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0),$$

and the topology  $t(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting, the map

$$g^*|_{C_t(Y, Z)} = id : C_t(Y, Z) \rightarrow C_{t(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)}(Y, Z)$$

is also continuous. Thus,  $t(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0) \subseteq t$ . □

**Corollary 2.10.** *Let  $t$  be an  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting and  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -admissible topology on  $C(Y, Z)$ . If  $(C_t(Y, Z), C_t(Y, Z)) \in (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ , then  $t(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0) = t$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 2.9,  $t(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0) \subseteq t$ . Also, since the topology  $t$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting,  $t \subseteq t(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ . Thus,  $t(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0) = t$ . □

**Theorem 2.11.** *Let  $Y$  be a regular locally compact space,  $\mathcal{A}$  the family of all  $T_i$ -spaces,  $i = 0, 1, 2, 3, 3\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_0$  an arbitrary family of spaces containing subspaces of spaces of  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $C_{t_{co}}(Y, Z) \in \mathcal{A}_0$ , and  $Z \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then, we have  $t(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0) = t_{co} = t_{I_s}$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $Y$  is a regular locally compact space, the compact open topology coincides with the Isbell topology on  $C(Y, Z)$  and it is admissible. Hence,  $t_{co}$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -admissible. Also, the topology  $t_{co}$  is splitting and, therefore,  $t_{co}$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting. Since  $Z \in \mathcal{A}$ , we have that  $C_{t_{co}}(Y, Z) \in \mathcal{A}$  (see preliminaries) and, therefore,  $(C_{t_{co}}(Y, Z), C_{t_{co}}(Y, Z)) \in (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ . Thus, by Corollary 2.10 we have that  $t(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0) = t_{co}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.12.** *Let  $Y$  be a regular locally compact space,  $\mathcal{A}$  the family of all topological spaces whose weight is not greater than a certain fixed infinite cardinal,  $\mathcal{A}_0$  an arbitrary family of spaces containing subspaces of spaces of  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $C_{t_{co}}(Y, Z) \in \mathcal{A}_0$ , and  $Y, Z \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then, we have  $t(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0) = t_{co} = t_{I_s}$ .*

*Proof.* The proof of this theorem is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.11 and follows by Corollary 2.10 and Theorem 3.4.16 of [6].  $\square$

**Theorem 2.13.** *Let  $Y$  be a regular second-countable locally compact space,  $\mathcal{A}$  the family of all metrizable spaces,  $\mathcal{A}_0$  an arbitrary family of spaces containing subspaces of spaces of  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $C_{t_{co}}(Y, Z) \in \mathcal{A}_0$ , and  $Z \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then, we have  $t(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0) = t_{co} = t_{I_s}$ .*

*Proof.* The proof of this theorem is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.11 and follows by Corollary 2.10 and Exercices 4.2.H and 3.4.E(c) of [6].  $\square$

**Theorem 2.14.** *Let  $Y$  be a regular locally compact Lindelöf space,  $\mathcal{A}$  the family of all completely metrizable spaces,  $\mathcal{A}_0$  an arbitrary family of spaces containing subspaces of spaces of  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $C_{t_{co}}(Y, Z) \in \mathcal{A}_0$ , and  $Z \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then, we have  $t(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0) = t_{co} = t_{I_s}$ .*

*Proof.* The proof of this theorem is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.11 and follows by Corollary 2.10 and Exercice 4.3.F(a) of [6].  $\square$

**Theorem 2.15.** *Let  $Y$  be a corecompact space,  $\mathcal{A}$  the family of all  $T_i$ -spaces, where  $i = 0, 1, 2$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_0$  an arbitrary family of spaces containing subspaces of spaces of  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $C_{t_{I_s}}(Y, Z) \in \mathcal{A}_0$ , and  $Z \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then, we have  $t(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0) = t_{I_s}$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $Y$  is corecompact, the Isbell topology  $t_{I_s}$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  is admissible. Hence the topology  $t_{I_s}$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -admissible. Also, the topology  $t_{I_s}$  is splitting and, therefore,  $t_{I_s}$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting. Since  $Z \in \mathcal{A}$ , we have that  $C_{t_{I_s}}(Y, Z) \in \mathcal{A}$  (see preliminaries) and, therefore,  $(C_{t_{I_s}}(Y, Z), C_{t_{I_s}}(Y, Z)) \in (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ . Thus, by Corollary 2.10 we have that  $t(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0) = t_{I_s}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.16.** *Let  $Y$  be a corecompact space,  $\mathcal{A}$  the family of all second-countable spaces,  $\mathcal{A}_0$  an arbitrary family of spaces containing subspaces of spaces of  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $C_{t_{I_s}}(Y, Z) \in \mathcal{A}_0$ , and  $Y, Z \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then, we have  $t(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0) = t_{I_s}$ .*



*Proof.* The proof of this theorem is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.15 and follows by Corollary 2.10 and the fact that  $C_{t_{I_s}}(Y, Z) \in \mathcal{A}$  (see [12]).  $\square$

### 3. ON DUAL TOPOLOGIES

**Note 3.** Let  $Y$  and  $Z$  be two fixed topological spaces. By  $\mathcal{O}_Z(Y)$  we denote the set

$$\{f^{-1}(U) : f \in C(Y, Z) \text{ and } U \in \mathcal{O}(Z)\}.$$

Let  $\mathbb{H} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_Z(Y)$ ,  $\mathcal{H} \subseteq C(Y, Z)$ , and  $U \in \mathcal{O}(Z)$ . We set

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

and

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

**Definition 3.1.** (See [9]) Let  $\tau$  be a topology on  $\mathcal{O}_Z(Y)$ . The topology on  $C(Y, Z)$ , for which the set

$$\{(\mathbb{H}, U) : \mathbb{H} \in \tau, U \in \mathcal{O}(Z)\}$$

is a subbasis, is called dual to  $\tau$  and is denoted by  $t(\tau)$ .

Now, let  $t$  be a topology on  $C(Y, Z)$ . The topology on  $\mathcal{O}_Z(Y)$ , for which the set

$$\{(\mathcal{H}, U) : \mathcal{H} \in t, U \in \mathcal{O}(Z)\}$$

is a subbasis, is called dual to  $t$  and is denoted by  $\tau(t)$ .

We observe that if  $\tau$  is a topology on  $\mathcal{O}_Z(Y)$  and  $\sigma$  a subbasis for  $\tau$ , then the set  $\{(\mathbb{H}, U) : \mathbb{H} \in \sigma, U \in \mathcal{O}(Z)\}$  is a subbasis for  $t(\tau)$  (see Lemma 2.5 in [9]). Also, if  $t$  is a topology on  $C(Y, Z)$  and  $s$  a subbasis for  $t$ , then the set  $\{(\mathcal{H}, U) : \mathcal{H} \in s, U \in \mathcal{O}(Z)\}$  is a subbasis for  $\tau(t)$  (see Lemma 2.6 in [9]).

**Note 4.** Let  $X$  be a space and  $g : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  a continuous map. If  $g_x : Y \rightarrow Z$  is the map for which  $g_x(y) = g(x, y)$ , for every  $y \in Y$ , then by  $\bar{g}$  we denote the map of  $X \times \mathcal{O}(Z)$  into  $\mathcal{O}_Z(Y)$ , for which  $\bar{g}(x, U) = g_x^{-1}(U)$  for every  $x \in X$  and  $U \in \mathcal{O}(Z)$ .

Now, let  $h : X \rightarrow C(Y, Z)$  be a map. By  $\bar{h}$  we denote the map of  $X \times \mathcal{O}(Z)$  into  $\mathcal{O}_Z(Y)$ , for which  $\bar{h}(x, U) = (h(x))^{-1}(U)$  for every  $x \in X$  and  $U \in \mathcal{O}(Z)$ .

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $\tau$  be a topology on  $\mathcal{O}_Z(Y)$ . We say that a map  $M : X \times \mathcal{O}(Z) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_Z(Y)$  is continuous with respect to the first variable if for every fixed element  $U$  of  $\mathcal{O}(Z)$ , the map  $M_U : X \rightarrow (\mathcal{O}_Z(Y), \tau)$ , for which  $M_U(x) = M(x, U)$  for every  $x \in X$ , is continuous.

**Definition 3.3.** A topology  $\tau$  on  $\mathcal{O}_Z(Y)$  is called  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting if for every  $(X, X_0) \in (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$  the continuity of a map  $g : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  implies the continuity with respect to the first variable of the map  $\bar{g}|_{X_0 \times \mathcal{O}(Z)} : X_0 \times \mathcal{O}(Z) \rightarrow (\mathcal{O}_Z(Y), \tau)$ .

A topology  $\tau$  on  $\mathcal{O}_Z(Y)$  is called  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -admissible if for every  $(X, X_0) \in (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$  and for every map  $h : X \rightarrow C(Y, Z)$  the continuity with respect to the first variable of the map  $\bar{h} : X \times \mathcal{O}(Z) \rightarrow (\mathcal{O}_Z(Y), \tau)$  implies the continuity of

the map  $h^\diamond|_{X_0 \times Y} : X_0 \times Y \rightarrow Z$  defined by  $h^\diamond|_{X_0 \times Y}(x, y) = h(x)(y)$ ,  $(x, y) \in X_0 \times Y$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** *A topology  $\tau$  on  $\mathcal{O}_Z(Y)$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting if and only if the topology  $t(\tau)$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting.*

*Proof.* Suppose that the topology  $\tau$  on  $\mathcal{O}_Z(Y)$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting, that is for every pair  $(X, X_0) \in (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$  the continuity of a map  $g : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  implies the continuity with respect to the first variable of the map

$$\bar{g}|_{X_0 \times \mathcal{O}(Z)} : X_0 \times \mathcal{O}(Z) \rightarrow (\mathcal{O}_Z(Y), \tau).$$

We prove that the topology  $t(\tau)$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting. Let  $(X, X_0) \in (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$  and  $g : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  be a continuous map. We need to prove that  $g^*|_{X_0} : X_0 \rightarrow C_{t(\tau)}(Y, Z)$  is a continuous map.

Let  $x \in X_0$  and  $(\mathbb{H}, U)$  be an open neighborhood of  $(g^*|_{X_0})(x)$  in  $C_{t(\tau)}(Y, Z)$ . We must find an open neighborhood  $V$  of  $x$  in  $X_0$  such that  $(g^*|_{X_0})(V) \subseteq (\mathbb{H}, U)$ . We have that  $((g^*|_{X_0})(x))^{-1}(U) \in \mathbb{H}$ . Since  $(g^*|_{X_0})(x) = g_x$ , we have  $g_x^{-1}(U) \in \mathbb{H}$ , that is,  $\bar{g}(x, U) \in \mathbb{H}$ . Since the map

$$\bar{g}|_{X_0 \times \mathcal{O}(Z)} : X_0 \times \mathcal{O}(Z) \rightarrow (\mathcal{O}_Z(Y), \tau).$$

is continuous with respect to the first variable, the map  $(\bar{g}|_{X_0 \times \mathcal{O}(Z)})_U : X_0 \rightarrow (\mathcal{O}_Z(Y), \tau)$  is continuous. Also,  $(\bar{g}|_{X_0 \times \mathcal{O}(Z)})_U(x) \in \mathbb{H}$ . Thus, there exists an open neighborhood  $V$  of  $x$  in  $X_0$  such that  $(\bar{g}|_{X_0 \times \mathcal{O}(Z)})_U(V) \subseteq \mathbb{H}$ .

Let  $x' \in V$ . Then,  $(\bar{g}|_{X_0 \times \mathcal{O}(Z)})_U(x') \in \mathbb{H}$ , that is,  $g_{x'}^{-1}(U) \in \mathbb{H}$  or  $(g^*|_{X_0})(x') \in (\mathbb{H}, U)$ . Thus,  $(g^*|_{X_0})(V) \subseteq (\mathbb{H}, U)$ , which means that the map  $g^*|_{X_0}$  is continuous.

Conversely, suppose that  $t(\tau)$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting. We prove that  $\tau$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting. Let  $(X, X_0)$  be an element of  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$  and  $g : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  a continuous map. It is sufficient to prove that  $\bar{g}|_{X_0 \times \mathcal{O}(Z)} : X_0 \times \mathcal{O}(Z) \rightarrow (\mathcal{O}_Z(Y), \tau)$  is continuous with respect to the first variable.

Let  $U$  be a fixed element of  $\mathcal{O}(Z)$ . Consider the map  $(\bar{g}|_{X_0 \times \mathcal{O}(Z)})_U : X_0 \rightarrow (\mathcal{O}_Z(Y), \tau)$ . Let  $x \in X_0$ ,  $\mathbb{H} \in \tau$ , and  $(\bar{g}|_{X_0 \times \mathcal{O}(Z)})_U(x) = g_x^{-1}(U) \in \mathbb{H}$ . We need to find an open neighborhood  $V$  of  $x$  in  $X_0$  such that  $(\bar{g}|_{X_0 \times \mathcal{O}(Z)})_U(V) \subseteq \mathbb{H}$ .

Consider the open set  $(\mathbb{H}, U)$  of the space  $C_{t(\tau)}(Y, Z)$ . Since

$$(\bar{g}|_{X_0 \times \mathcal{O}(Z)})_U(x) = g_x^{-1}(U) \in \mathbb{H},$$

we have  $g_x \in (\mathbb{H}, U)$ . Since  $t(\tau)$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting, the map  $g^*|_{X_0} : X_0 \rightarrow C_{t(\tau)}(Y, Z)$  is continuous. Hence, there exists an open neighborhood  $V$  of  $x$  in  $X_0$  such that  $(g^*|_{X_0})(V) \subseteq (\mathbb{H}, U)$ .

Let  $x' \in V$ . Then,  $(g^*|_{X_0})(x') = g_{x'} \in (\mathbb{H}, U)$ , that is,  $g_{x'}^{-1}(U) \in \mathbb{H}$  or  $(\bar{g}|_{X_0 \times \mathcal{O}(Z)})_U(x') \in \mathbb{H}$ . Thus,  $(\bar{g}|_{X_0 \times \mathcal{O}(Z)})_U(V) \subseteq \mathbb{H}$ , which means that the map  $(\bar{g}|_{X_0 \times \mathcal{O}(Z)})_U$  is continuous.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5.** *A topology  $t$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting if and only if the topology  $\tau(t)$  on  $\mathcal{O}_Z(Y)$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting.*

*Proof.* The proof of this theorem is similar to the proof of Theorem 3.4.  $\square$

**Example 3.6.**

- (1) The topologies  $\tau(t_{co})$  and  $\tau(t_{Is})$  are  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting for every pair  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ . This follows by the fact that the topologies  $t_{co}$  and  $t_{Is}$  are splitting and, therefore,  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting.
- (2) Let  $Z$  be the Sierpinski space,  $\Omega(Y)$  the Scott topology, and  $\Omega_Z(Y)$  the relative topology of  $\Omega(Y)$  on  $\mathcal{O}_Z(Y)$ . Then, the topology  $t(\Omega_Z(Y))$  coincides with the Isbell topology on  $C(Y, Z)$ . Hence, the topology  $t(\Omega_Z(Y))$  is splitting and, therefore,  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting. Thus, the topology  $\tau(t(\Omega_Z(Y)))$  on  $\mathcal{O}_Z(Y)$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting.

**Theorem 3.7.** *A topology  $\tau$  on  $\mathcal{O}_Z(Y)$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -admissible if and only if the topology  $t(\tau)$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -admissible.*

*Proof.* Suppose that the topology  $\tau$  on  $\mathcal{O}_Z(Y)$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -admissible, that is for every space  $(X, X_0) \in (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$  and for every map  $h : X \rightarrow C(Y, Z)$  the continuity with respect to the first variable of the map  $\bar{h} : X \times \mathcal{O}(Z) \rightarrow (\mathcal{O}_Z(Y), \tau)$  implies the continuity of the map  $h^\diamond|_{X_0 \times Y} : X_0 \times Y \rightarrow Z$ . We prove that  $t(\tau)$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -admissible. Let  $(X, X_0) \in (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$  and  $h : X \rightarrow C_{t(\tau)}(Y, Z)$  be a continuous map. It is sufficient to prove that the map  $h^\diamond|_{X_0 \times Y} : X_0 \times Y \rightarrow Z$  is continuous. Clearly, it suffices to prove that the map  $\bar{h} : X \times \mathcal{O}(Z) \rightarrow (\mathcal{O}_Z(Y), \tau)$  is continuous with respect to the first variable.

Let  $x \in X, U \in \mathcal{O}(Z)$  and  $\mathbb{H} \in \tau$  such that  $\bar{h}_U(x) = \bar{h}(x, U) = (h(x))^{-1}(U) \in \mathbb{H}$ . We prove that there exists an open neighborhood  $V$  of  $x$  in  $X$  such that  $\bar{h}_U(V) \subseteq \mathbb{H}$ . Consider the open set  $(\mathbb{H}, U)$  of the space  $C_{t(\tau)}(Y, Z)$ . Then,  $h(x) \in (\mathbb{H}, U)$ .

Since the map  $h : X \rightarrow C_{t(\tau)}(Y, Z)$  is continuous, there exists an open neighborhood  $V$  of  $x$  in  $X$  such that  $h(V) \subseteq (\mathbb{H}, U)$ .

Let  $x' \in V$ . Then  $h(x') \in (\mathbb{H}, U)$ , that is  $(h(x'))^{-1}(U) \in \mathbb{H}$  or  $\bar{h}_U(x') = \bar{h}(x', U) \in \mathbb{H}$ . Thus,  $\bar{h}_U(V) \subseteq \mathbb{H}$ , which means that  $\bar{h}_U$  is continuous.

Conversely, suppose that the topology  $t(\tau)$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -admissible. We prove that the topology  $\tau$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -admissible. Let  $(X, X_0)$  be a pair of  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$  and  $h : X \rightarrow C(Y, Z)$  a map such that  $\bar{h} : X \times \mathcal{O}(Z) \rightarrow (\mathcal{O}_Z(Y), \tau)$  is continuous with respect to the first variable. We need to prove that the map  $h^\diamond|_{X_0 \times Y} : X_0 \times Y \rightarrow Z$  is continuous.

Since  $t(\tau)$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -admissible, it is sufficient to prove that the map  $h : X \rightarrow C_{t(\tau)}(Y, Z)$  is continuous.

Let  $x \in X, U \in \mathcal{O}(Z)$ , and  $\mathbb{H} \in \tau$  such that  $h(x) \in (\mathbb{H}, U)$ . Then,  $(h(x))^{-1}(U) \in \mathbb{H}$ . Since the map  $\bar{h}_U : X \rightarrow (\mathcal{O}_Z(Y), \tau)$  is continuous, there exists an open neighborhood  $V$  of  $x$  in  $X$  such that  $\bar{h}_U(V) \subseteq \mathbb{H}$ .

Let  $x' \in V$ . Then,  $\bar{h}_U(x') = (h(x'))^{-1}(U) \in \mathbb{H}$  or  $h(x') \in (\mathbb{H}, U)$ . Thus,  $h(V) \subseteq (\mathbb{H}, U)$ , which means that the map  $h$  is continuous. □

**Theorem 3.8.** *A topology  $t$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -admissible if and only if the topology  $\tau(t)$  on  $\mathcal{O}_Z(Y)$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -admissible.*

*Proof.* The proof of this theorem is similar to the proof of Theorem 3.7. □

**Example 3.9.**

- (1) If  $Y$  is a regular locally compact space, then the topology  $\tau(t_{co})$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -admissible for every pair  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ .
- (2) If  $Y$  is a corecompact space, then the topology  $\tau(t_{Is})$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -admissible for every pair  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ .
- (3) If  $Y$  is a locally bounded space, then the topology  $\tau(t_{sIs})$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -admissible for every pair  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ .
- (4) Let  $\Omega(Y)$  be the Scott topology on  $\mathcal{O}(Y)$ . By  $\Omega_Z(Y)$  we denote the relative topology of  $\Omega(Y)$  on  $\Omega_Z(Y)$ . If  $Y$  is corecompact, then the topology  $\Omega_Z(Y)$  is admissible (see Corollary 3.12 of [9]) and, therefore, it is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -admissible. Thus, the topology  $t(\Omega_Z(Y))$  on  $C(Y, Z)$  is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -admissible.

**Theorem 3.10.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{A}_0$  be arbitrary families of spaces such that every element  $X_0 \in \mathcal{A}_0$  is a subspace of an element  $X \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then in the set  $\mathcal{O}_Z(Y)$  there exists the greatest  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting topology.*

*Proof.* Let  $\{\tau_i : i \in I\}$  be the set of all  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting topologies on  $\mathcal{O}_Z(Y)$ . We consider the topology

$$\tau = \vee \{\tau_i : i \in I\}.$$

It is not difficult to prove that this topology is  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting. By this fact we have that this topology is the required greatest  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}_0)$ -splitting topology.  $\square$

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