

# F-n-resolvable spaces and compactifications

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#### Abstract

A topological space is said to be resolvable if it is a union of two disjoint dense subsets. More generally it is called *n*-resolvable if it is a union of *n* pairwise disjoint dense subsets. In this paper, we characterize topological spaces such that their reflections (resp., compactifications) are *n*-resolvable (resp., exactly-*n*-resolvable, strongly-exactly-*n*-resolvable), for some particular cases of reflections and compactifications.

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## INTRODUCTION

Let n > 1 be an integer. Generalizing the concept of resolvable spaces introduced by Hewitt in [16], Ceder in [6] defined a topological space X to be *n*-resolvable space if it has a family of *n* pairwise disjoints dense subsets. The latter is called exactly *n*-resolvable if it is *n*-resolvable but not (n + 1)resolvable and it is called strongly exactly *n*-resolvable denoted by  $SE_nR$  if it is *n*-resolvable and no empty subset of X is (n + 1)-resolvable.  $SE_1R$  space is commonly said strongly irresolvable space (abbreviated as SI-space) or hereditarily irresolvable (see [7] and [13]).

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The theory of categories and functors play an enigmatic role in topology, specially the notion of reflective subcategories. Recently, some authors have been interested by particular functors like  $T_0$ , S,  $\rho$  and FH.

In [10], [11] and [8], the authors have characterized topological spaces whose F-reflections are door, submaximal, nodec and resolvable.

Some papers, as [5] and [3] were interested in spaces such that their compactifications are submaximal, door and nodec. Specially in [2], K. Belaid and M. Al-Hajri have characterized topological spaces such that their one point compactifications (resp., Wallman compactifications) are resolvable.

In the first section of this paper, we characterize topological spaces such that their  $T_0$ -reflections are *n*-resolvable (resp., exactly *n*-resolvable, strongly exactly n-resolvable).

In the second section, topological spaces, such that their Tychonoff reflections and functionally Hausdorff reflections are *n*-resolvable (resp., exactly *n*resolvable), have been characterized.

The third section of this paper is devoted to a characterization of topological spaces such that their one point compactifications (resp., Wallman compactifications) are *n*-resolvable (resp., exactly *n*-resolvable, strongly exactly *n*-resolvable).

## 1. $T_0$ -n-resolvable spaces, $T_0$ -exactly-n-resolvable spaces and $T_0$ -STRONGLY-EXACTLY-*n*-RESOLVABLE SPACES.

Let X be a topological space. The  $\mathbf{T}_0$ -reflection of X denoted by  $\mathbf{T}_0(X)$  is defined as follow.

Consider the equivalence relation  $\sim$  on X by:  $x \sim y$  if and only if  $\overline{\{x\}} = \overline{\{y\}}$ , for  $x, y \in X$ . Then the resulting quotient space  $\mathbf{T}_0(X) := X/\sim$  is a Kolmogroff space called the  $\mathbf{T}_0$ -reflection of X.

Recall that a continuous map  $q: X \longrightarrow Y$  is said to be a quasihomeomorphism if  $U \longmapsto q^{-1}(U)$  (resp.,  $C \longmapsto q^{-1}(C)$ ) defines a bijection  $\mathcal{O}(Y) \longrightarrow$  $\mathcal{O}(X)$  (resp.,  $\mathcal{F}(Y) \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}(X)$ ), where  $\mathcal{O}(X)$  (resp.,  $\mathcal{F}(X)$ ) is the collection of all open sets (resp., closed sets) of X )[15].

In particular the canonical surjection  $\mu_X : X \longrightarrow \mathbf{T}_0(X)$  is an onto quasihome*omorphism* and consequently a closed (resp., open) map, (see [4]).

In order to give the main result of this section we recall the following results introduced in [10].

Notation 1.1 ([10, Notations 2.2]). Let X be a topological space,  $a \in X$  and  $A \subseteq X$ . We denote by:

- (1)  $d_0(a) := \{x \in X : \overline{\{x\}} = \overline{\{a\}}\}.$ (2)  $d_0(A) = \cup [d_0(a); a \in A].$

*Remark* 1.2 ([10, Remarks 2.3]). Let X be a topological space and A be a subset of X. The following properties hold.

(i)  $d_0(A) = \mu_X^{-1}(\mu_X(A)).$ 

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- (ii)  $d_0(d_0(A)) = d_0(A)$ .
- (iii)  $A \subseteq d_0(A) \subseteq \overline{A}$  and consequently  $d_0(A) = \overline{A}$ .
- (iv) In particular if A is open (resp., closed ), then  $d_0(A) = A$ .

The following definitions are natural.

**Definition 1.3.** A topological space X is called  $T_0$ -*n*-resolvable (resp.,  $T_0$ -exactly-*n*-resolvable,  $T_0$ -strongly-exactly-*n*-resolvable) if its  $T_0$ -reflection is *n*-resolvable (resp., exactly-*n*-resolvable, strongly-exactly-*n*-resolvable).

Before giving the characterization of  $T_0$ -*n*-resolvable spaces, let us introduce the following definition.

**Definition 1.4.** A family  $\{A_i : i \in I\}$  of subsets of a topological space X is called pairwise  $d_0$ -disjoint if and only if  $d_0(A_i) \cap d_0(A_j) = \emptyset$ , for any  $i \neq j \in I$ .

By Remarks 1.2 (*iii*), a pairwise  $d_0$ -disjoint family is a pairwise disjoint family.

The following result characterise  $T_0$ -*n*-resolvable spaces.

**Theorem 1.5.** Let X be a topological space. Then the following statements are equivalent:

(1) X is a  $T_0$ -n-resolvable space;

(2) X have a dense pairwise  $d_0$ -disjoint family with cardinality n.

Proof.  $(1) \Longrightarrow (2)$ 

Suppose that X is a  $T_0$ -n-resolvable space. Then  $T_0(X)$  has a dense pairwise disjoint family  $\{\mu_X(A_i); 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ , where  $A_1,..., A_n$  are subsets in X. So applying  $\mu_X^{-1}$ , one can see easily that  $\{d_0(A_i) : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  is a family of pairwise disjoint subsets of X.

Now since  $\mu_x$  is an onto quasihomeomorphism then, by [10, Lemma 2.16], we have:

$$\forall 1 \le i \le n \ X = \mu_x^{-1}(\mathbf{T}_0(X)) = \mu_x^{-1}\left(\overline{\mu_x(A_i)}\right) = \overline{\mu_x^{-1}(\mu_x(A_i))} = \overline{d_0(A_i)}.$$

Therefore  $\{A_i; 1 \le i \le n\}$  is a dense pairwise  $d_0$ -disjoint family of X. (2) $\Longrightarrow$ (1)

Suppose that X has a dense pairwise  $d_0$ -disjoint family  $\{A_i; 1 \le i \le n\}$  with cardinality n. Then, for any  $1 \le i \ne j \le n$ , the condition  $d_0(A_i) \cap d_0(A_j) = \emptyset$  implies immediately that  $\mu_X(A_i) \cap \mu_X(A_j) = \emptyset$ .

Now, let  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . The density of  $d_0(A_i)$  in X shows that:

$$T_0(X) = \mu_X(X) = \mu_X(\overline{d_0(A_i)}) = \mu_X(\overline{\mu_X^{-1}(\mu_X(A_i))}) = \mu_X(\mu_X^{-1}\left(\overline{\mu_X(A_i)}\right)) = \overline{\mu_X(A_i)}$$

Therefore,  $\{\mu_X(A_i) : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  is a dense pairwise disjoint family of subsets of  $T_0(X)$ .

*Remark* 1.6. Clearly every  $T_0$ -*n*-resolvable space is a *n*-resolvable space. The converse does not hold, indeed:

Let X be a subset of cardinality n (n > 1) equipped with the indiscreet topology. Clearly the family  $\{\{x\}; x \in X\}$  is composed by disjoint dense subsets of X and thus X is n-resolvable. But  $T_0(X)$  is a one point which is not 2-resolvable. Remark that in this case  $d_0(\{x\}) = X$ , for any  $x \in X$  and consequently,  $d_0(A) = X$  for any subset A of X, therefore there is no  $d_0$ -disjoint family of X with cardinality greater or equal to 2.

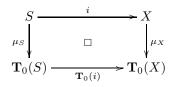
The following result is an immediate consequence of the previous theorem.

**Corollary 1.7.** Let X be a topological space. X is a  $T_0$ -exactly-n-resolvable space if and only if  $\max\{|\mathcal{F}| | \mathcal{F} \text{ is a dense } d_0 - \text{disjoint family of } X\} = n$ .

Before giving a characterization of a  $T_0$ -strongly-exactly-*n*-resolvable space we need the following lemma.

**Lemma 1.8.** Let X be a topological space and S a subset of X. Then  $\mu_X(S) \simeq \mu_S(S)$ .

*Proof.* S is a subset of X then, the following diagram is commutative.



-  $T_0(\mathbf{i}) : T_0(S) \longrightarrow T_0(\mathbf{i})(T_0(S))$  is bijective. In fact it is enough to show that  $T_0(\mathbf{i})$  is one-to-one.

Let x, y two elements of S such that  $T_0(\mathbf{i})(\mu_S(x)) = T_0(\mathbf{i})(\mu_S(y))$ . Then,  $\mu_X(\mathbf{i}(x)) = \mu_X(\mathbf{i}(y))$  and thus  $\mu_X(x) = \mu_X(y)$ . Hence, we get  $\overline{\{x\}}^S = \overline{\{x\}} \cap S = \overline{\{y\}} \cap S = \overline{\{y\}}^S$ , as desired.

-  $T_0(\mathbf{i})$  is an open map. Indeed, let  $\widetilde{U}$  be an open set of  $T_0(S)$ . Then, there exists V an open set of X such that  $\mu_S^{-1}(\widetilde{U}) = V \cap S$ . Thus

$$T_0(\mathbf{i})(\overline{U}) = T_0(\mathbf{i})(\mu_S(V \cap S))$$
  
=  $\mu_X(\mathbf{i}(V \cap S))$   
=  $\mu_X(V \cap S)$ 

So, let us show that  $\mu_X(V \cap S) = \mu_X(V) \cap T_0(\mathbf{i})(T_0(S))$ . Indeed:

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
\mu_X(V \cap S) &\subseteq & \mu_X(V) \cap \mu_X(S) \\
&= & \mu_X(V) \cap \mu_X(\mathbf{i}(S)) \\
&= & \mu_X(V) \cap T_0(\mathbf{i})(\mu_S(S)) \\
&= & \mu_X(V) \cap T_0(\mathbf{i})(T_0(S))
\end{array}$$

Which gives the first inclusion.

Conversely, let  $x \in \mu_X(V) \cap T_0(\mathbf{i})(T_0(S))$ . Then there exist  $y \in V$  and  $t \in S$  such that  $\mu_X(y) = x = T_0(\mathbf{i})(\mu_S(t)) = \mu_X(\mathbf{i}(t)) = \mu_X(t)$ . Thus,  $\overline{\{y\}} = \overline{\{t\}}$ .

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Since  $y \in V$ , then  $V \cap \{t\} \neq \emptyset$ . So,  $x = \mu_X(t) \in \mu_X(V \cap S)$  which proves that  $\mu_X(V) \cap T_0(\mathbf{i})(T_0(S)) \subseteq \mu_X(V \cap S)$  which gives the second inclusion as desired. -  $\mu_X(S) \simeq \mu_S(S)$ .

According to the above, we conclude that  $T_0(\mathbf{i})$  is an homeomorphism from  $T_0(S)$  to  $T_0(\mathbf{i})(T_0(S))$ . Then,  $\mu_X(S) = \mu_X(\mathbf{i}(S)) = T_0(i)(\mu_S(S)) = T_0(i)(T_0(S))$  $\simeq T_0(S) = \mu_S(S)$ .

**Theorem 1.9.** Let X be a topological space. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) X is a  $T_0$ -strongly-exactly-n-resolvable space.
- (2) X is  $T_0$ -n-resolvable and for any subset S of X, S is not  $T_0$ -(n + 1)-resolvable.

*Proof.*  $(1) \Longrightarrow (2)$ 

Let S be a subset of X. Since X is  $T_0$ -strongly-exactly-n-resolvable,  $\mu_X(S)$  is not (n + 1)-resolvable. Then, by Lemma 1.8,  $\mu_S(S) = T_0(S)$  is not (n + 1)-resolvable. Therefore, X is a  $T_0$ -n-resolvable space in which every subset S of X, is not  $T_0$ -(n + 1)-resolvable.

 $(2) \Longrightarrow (1)$ 

Let  $\mu_X(S)$  be a subset of  $T_0(X)$ , where S be a subset of X. By hypothesis, S is not  $T_0 - (n + 1)$ -resolvable that is  $T_0(S) = \mu_S(S)$  is not (n + 1)-resolvable. Using Lemma 1.8,  $\mu_X(S)$  is not (n + 1)-resolvable. So that every subset  $\mu_X(S)$  of  $T_0(X)$  is not (n + 1)-resolvable and thus  $T_0(X)$  is strongly-exactly-n-resolvable.

### 2. $\rho$ -n-resolvable spaces and FH-n-resolvable spaces

Recall that a  $T_1$  topological space X is called Tychonoff if for any closed subset F of X and for any  $x \in X$  not in F there exists a real continuous map f from X to  $\mathbb{R}$  (we write  $f \in \mathbf{C}(X)$ ) such that f(x) = 0 and  $f(F) = \{1\}$ . We say that F and x are completely separated. In particular two distinct points in a given Tychonoff space X are said to be completely separated if x and  $\{y\}$ are completely separated.

A  $T_1$  topological space in which every two distinct points are completely separated, is called functionally Hausdorff space.

Give a topological space X. We define the equivalence relation  $\sim$  on X by  $x \sim y$  if and only if f(x) = f(y) for all  $f \in \mathbf{C}(X)$ .

On the one hand, the set of equivalence classes  $X/\sim$  equipped with the quotient topology, is a functionally Hausdorff space called the **FH**-reflection of X.

On the other hand, consider  $\rho_X$  the canonical surjection map from X to  $X/\sim$ . Then for any continuous map  $f_\alpha$  from X to  $\mathbb{R}$ , there exists a unique map  $\rho(f_\alpha)$  from  $X/\sim$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying  $\rho(f_\alpha)(\rho_X(x)) = f(x)$ , for any  $x \in X$ . So,  $X/\sim$  equipped with the the topology whose closed sets are of the form  $\cap[\rho(f_\alpha)^{-1}(F_\alpha): \alpha \in I]$ , where  $f_\alpha: X \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (resp.,  $F_\alpha$ ) is a continuous map (resp., a closed subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ ), is a a Tychonoff space (see for instance [22]) called the  $\rho$ -reflection of X.

We need to introduce and recall some definitions, notations and results.

Notation 2.1 ([10, Notation 3.1]). Let X be a topological space,  $a \in X$  and A a subset of X. We denote by:

 $\begin{array}{ll} (1) \ d_{\pmb{\rho}}(a) := \cap [f^{-1}(f(\{a\})): \ f \in {\bf C}(X)]. \\ (2) \ d_{\pmb{\rho}}(A) := \cup [d_{\pmb{\rho}}(a): a \in A]. \end{array}$ 

**Definition 2.2.** Let X be a topological space. X is called:

- (1)  $\rho$ -*n*-resolvable (resp., **FH**-*n*-resolvable) space if its  $\rho$ -reflection (resp., **FH**-reflection) is a *n*-resolvable space.
- (2)  $\rho$ -exactly-n-resolvable (resp., **FH**-exactly-n-resolvable) space if its  $\rho$ reflection (resp., **FH**-reflection) is an exactly-*n*-resolvable space.
- (3)  $\rho$ -strongly-exactly-n-resolvable (resp., **FH**-strongly-exactly-n-resolvable) space if its  $\rho$ -reflection (resp., **FH**-reflection ) is a strongly-exactly-*n*resolvable space.

Recall that for a given topological space X and  $A \subseteq X$ , A is called a zeroset if there exists  $f \in C(X)$  such that  $A = f^{-1}(\{0\})$ . The complement of a zero-set is called a cozero-set.

A space is Tychonoff if and only if the family of zero-sets of the space is a base for the closed sets (equivalently, the family of cozero-sets of the space is a base for the open sets) (see [22, Proposition 1.7]). In [10] it is showen that a closed (resp., open) subset of  $\rho(X)$  is of the form  $\cap[\rho(f)^{-1}(\{0\}) : f \in H]$ (resp.,  $\cup [\rho(f)^{-1}(\mathbb{R}^*) : f \in H]$ ), where H is a collection of continuous maps from X to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Definition 2.3** ([10, Definition 3.14]). Let X be a topological space, a subset V of X is called:

- (i) a functionally open subset of X (for short F-open ) if and only if  $d_{\rho}(V)$ is open in X.
- (ii) a functionally dense subset of X (for short F-dense) if and only if for any F-open subset W of X,  $d_{\rho}(V)$  meets  $d_{\rho}(W)$ .
- (iii)  $\rho$ -dense, if  $q(V) \neq \{0\}$  for every nonzero continuous map q from X to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Definition 2.4.** Let X be a topological space and  $\{A_i : i \in I\}$  be a family of subsets of X. We say that this family is pairwise  $d_{\rho}$ -disjoint if and only if  $d_{\rho}(A_i) \cap d_{\rho}(A_i) = \emptyset$ , for any  $i \neq j \in I$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** Let X be a topological space. Then the following statements are equivalent:

(i) X is **FH**-n-resolvable.

(ii) X have a F-dense pairwise  $d_{\rho}$ -disjoint family with cardinality n.

*Proof.*  $(i) \Longrightarrow (ii)$ 

Suppose that X is an **FH**-*n*-resolvable space. Then, there exists a family  $\{\rho_X(A_1), \dots, \rho_X(A_n)\}$  of dense pairwise disjoint subsets of  $\mathbf{FH}(X)$ .

Now, applying  $\rho_X^{-1}$ , we see easily that the family  $\{A_1, \ldots, A_n\}$  is pairwise  $d_{\rho}$ -disjoint. Finally, the equality  $\overline{\rho_X(A_i)} = \mathbf{FH}(X)$  means that  $A_i$  is a *F*-dense subset of *X*. Therefore,  $\{A_1, \ldots, A_n\}$  is pairwise  $d_{\rho}$ -disjoint family of *X* with cardinality *n*.

 $(ii) \Longrightarrow (i)$ 

Conversely, let  $\{A_i : 1 \le i \le n\}$  be a family of *F*-dense pairwise  $d_{\rho}$ -disjoint subsets of *X*. Then on the one hand, for every  $1 \le i \le n$ ,  $\rho_X(A_i)$  is a dense subset of **FH**(*X*) and on the other hand,  $\forall 1 \le i \ne j \le n$ , we have

$$d_{\boldsymbol{\rho}}(A_i) \cap d_{\boldsymbol{\rho}}(A_j)) = \boldsymbol{\rho}_X^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\rho}_X(A_1)) \cap \boldsymbol{\rho}_X^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\rho}_X(A_j))) = \boldsymbol{\rho}_X^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\rho}_X(A_i) \cap \boldsymbol{\rho}_X(A_j))) = \varnothing$$

Therefore,  $\{\rho_X(A_1), ..., \rho_X(A_n)\}$  is a family of dense pairwise disjoint subsets of **FH**(X).

By the same way as in Theorem 2.5, the following result is immediate.

**Theorem 2.6.** Let X be a topological space. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) X is  $\rho$ -n-resolvable.
- (ii) X have a  $\rho$ -dense and pairwise  $d_{\rho}$ -disjoint family of cardinality n.

*Remark* 2.7. Since every *F*-dense subset is a  $\rho$ -dense subset (see [10, Remarks 3.15]), then by Theorem 2.6, every **FH**-*n*-resolvable space is  $\rho$ -*n*-resolvable.

The following results are immediate.

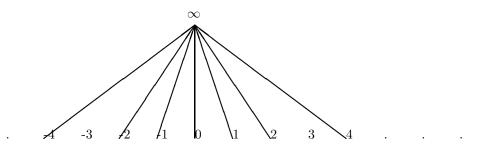
**Corollary 2.8.** Let X be a topological space. X is a **FH**-exactly-n-resolvable space if and only if  $\max\{|\mathcal{F}| | \mathcal{F} \text{ is } F\text{-dense and } d_{\rho}\text{-disjoint family of } X\} = n$ .

**Corollary 2.9.** Let X be a topological space. X is a  $\rho$ -exactly-n-resolvable space if and only if max{ $| \mathcal{F} | \mathcal{F} | \mathcal{F}$ is  $\rho$ -dense and  $d_{\rho}$ -disjoint family of X} = n.

*Remark* 2.10. Regarding Lemma 1.8, this result does not subsist in the case of the functors FH and  $\rho$  as showing by the following example.

Consider the Alexandroff space  $X = \mathbb{Z} \cup \{\infty\}$  such that  $\overline{\{n\}} = \{n\}$ , for every  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\overline{\{\infty\}} = X$ . It is clear that every real continuous map from X is constant and thus  $FH(X) = \rho(X)$  is a one point space. Now, consider  $S = \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $FH(S) = \rho(S) = S$ , but  $\rho_X(S)$  is a one point. One can illustrates this situation by the following picture.

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**Question 2.11.** The Theorem 1.9 is an immediate consequence of Lemma 1.8 which is not valuable in the case of the functors FH and  $\rho$  as showing by Remark 2.10. Hence the following question is immediate. Are **FH**-strongly-exactly-n-resolvable (resp.,  $\rho$ -strongly-exactly-n-resolvable) spaces equivalent to FH-n-resolvable (resp.,  $\rho$ -n-resolvable) in which every subset S of X, is not FH-(n + 1)-resolvable (resp.,  $\rho$ -(n + 1)-resolvable)?

3. *n*-resolvable spaces and compactifications

**Definition 3.1.** A compactification of a topological space X is a pair (K(X), e) where K(X) is a compact space and e an embedding of X as a dense subset of K(X).

Remark 3.2. In many cases, e will be an inclusion map, so that  $X \subseteq K(X)$ . In other cases, we can agree to write X when mean e(X), so that we can again write  $X \subseteq K(X)$ . Whenever one of this situations occurs we say simply that K(X) is a compactification of X, and think of K(X) as containing X as a dense subspace.

**Lemma 3.3** ([2, Lemma 2.1]). Let X be a topological space and K(X) be a compactification of X and A be a subset of K(X). If X is an open set of K(X) Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) A is a dense subset of K(X).
- (2)  $A \cap X$  is a dense subset of X.

Using Lemma 3.3, the following proposition is immediate.

**Proposition 3.4.** Let X be a topological space and K(X) be a compactification of X. If X is an open set of K(X) Then the following statements are equivalent:

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- (1) X is *n*-resolvable.
- (2) K(X) is n-resolvable.

Recall that for a topological space X, the set  $\widetilde{X} = X \cup \{\infty\}$  with the topology whose members are the open sets of X and all subsets U of  $\widetilde{X}$  such that  $\widetilde{X} \setminus U$ is a closed compact subset of X, is called the Alexandroff extension of X ( or the one-point compactification of X ).

Now, regarding Proposition 3.4, we get immediately the following result.

**Corollary 3.5.** Let X be a non compact topological space Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) The one point compactification  $\widetilde{X}$  of X is n-resolvable.
- (2) X is *n*-resolvable.

We turn our attention to spaces such that their Wallman compactifications are *n*-resolvable spaces.

First, let us recall the construction of Wallman compactification of  $T_1$ -space (a concept introduced, in 1938, by Wallman [23]).

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a class of subsets of a topological space X wich is closed under fnite intersections and finite unions.

A  $\mathcal P\text{-filter}$  on X is a collection  $\mathcal F$  of nonempty elements of  $\mathcal P$  with the properties:

(a)  $P_1, P_2 \in \mathcal{F}$  implies  $P_1 \cap P_2 \in \mathcal{F}$ .

(b)  $P_1 \in \mathcal{F} P_1 \subseteq P_2$  implies  $P_2 \in \mathcal{F}$ .

A  $\mathcal{P}$ -ultrafilter is a maximal  $\mathcal{P}$ -filter. When  $\mathcal{P}$  is the class of closed sets of X, then the  $\mathcal{P}$ -filters are called closed filters.

The points of the Wallman compactification wX of a space X are the closed ultrafilters on X. For each closed set  $D \subseteq X$ , define  $D^*$  to be the set  $D^* = \{A \in wX : D \in A\}$ , if  $D \neq \emptyset$  and  $\emptyset^* = \emptyset$ . Thus  $\mathcal{C} = \{D^* : D \text{ is a closed set} of X\}$  is a base for the closed sets of a topology on wX.

Let U be an open subset of X. We define  $U^* = \{A \in wX : F \subseteq U \text{ for some } F \text{ in } A\}$ . It is easily seen that the class  $\{U^* : U \text{ is an open set of } X\}$  is a base for the open sets of the topology of wX. The following properties of wX are frequently useful:

**Proposition 3.6.** For  $x \in X$ , let  $w_x(x) = \{A \mid A \text{ is a closed set of } X \text{ and } x \in A\}$ . Then  $w_X$  is an embedding of X into wX. Thus, if  $x \in X$ , then  $w_x(x)$  will be identified to x.

**Proposition 3.7.** If  $U \subset X$  is open, then  $wX \setminus U^* = (X \setminus U)^*$ .

**Proposition 3.8.** If  $D \subset X$  is closed, then  $wX \setminus D^* = (X \setminus D)^*$ .

**Proposition 3.9.** If  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  are open in X, then  $(U_1 \cap U_2)^* = U_1^* \cap U_2^*$ and  $(U_1 \cup U_2)^* = U_1^* \cup U_2^*$ .

In [19], Kovar has characterized space with finite Wallman compactification remainder as following:

**Proposition 3.10.** Let X be a  $T_1$ -space, wX the Wallman compactification of X and k a finite number. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) Card(wX X) = k.
- (2) There exists a collection of k pairwise disjoint non compact closed sets of X and every family of non compact pairwise disjoint closed sets of X contain at most k elements.

The following proposition follows immediately from Proposition 3.10.

**Proposition 3.11.** Let X be a  $T_1$ -space and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that every family of non compact pairwise disjoint closed sets of X contain at most k elements. Then X is n-resolvable if and only if wX is n-resolvable.

**Corollary 3.12** ([2, corollary 3.5]). Let X be a  $T_1$ -space, wX be the Wallman compactification of X and U be an open set of X. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $U \subsetneq U^*$ .
- (2) There exists a non compact closed set F of X such that  $F \subseteq U$ .

**Definition 3.13.** Let X be a  $T_1$ -topological space. Then X is said to be w-n-resolvable, if its Wallman compactification is n-resolvable.

Before characterizing w-n-resolvable spaces, let us introduce the useful definition.

**Definition 3.14.** We said that a finite family of subsets  $\{D_i, i \in I\}$  of a topological space  $(X, \mathcal{O}(X))$  satisfies the property  $(\mathcal{P})$  if:

for every  $(i, O) \in J = I \times \{O \in \mathcal{O}(X) : O \cap D_i = \emptyset\}$ , there exists a non compact closed subset  $F_{O,i} \subset O$  with  $\{F_{O,i} : (i, O) \in J\}$  is a family of pairwise disjoint subsets of X.

Now, let us give one of the main result of this section.

**Theorem 3.15.** Let X be a  $T_1$ - topological space, Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) X is w-n-resolvable.
- (2) X is a partition of a family of n subsets satisfying  $(\mathcal{P})$ .

*Proof.* Let X be a *w*-*n*-resolvable space. Then there exist n pairwise disjoint dense subsets  $A_1, A_2, ..., A_n$  of wX such that  $wX = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup ... \cup A_n$ . We denote  $D_i = A_i \cap X$ . It is clear that the family  $\{D_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  is a partition of X.

Let O be a nonempty open subset of X such that  $O \cap D_i = \emptyset$ . The density of  $A_i$  in wX gives an element  $\mathfrak{F}_i \in O^* \cap A_i$ . By Corollary 3.12, there exists a non compact closed subset  $G_{(i,O)} \subset O$  such that  $G_{(i,O)} \in \mathfrak{F}_i$ .

Now, if i' is distinct from i and O' is a given nonempty open subset of X such that  $O' \cap D_{i'} = \emptyset$ , by the same way, there exists an element  $\mathcal{F}_{i'} \in O'^* \cap A_{i'}$  and consequently there exists a non compact closed subset  $G_{(i',O')} \subset O'$  such that  $G_{(i',O')} \in \mathcal{F}_{i'}$ . Since  $A_i \cap A_{i'} = \emptyset$ , then  $\mathcal{F}_i \neq \mathcal{F}_{i'}$ . Thus, there exist a

closed subsets  $F_i \in \mathcal{F}_i$  and  $F_{i'} \in \mathcal{F}_{i'}$  such that  $F_i \cap F_{i'} = \emptyset$ . Let  $F_{(i,O)} = G_{(i,O)} \cap F_i$  and  $F_{(i',O')} = G_{(i',O')} \cap F'_i$ . It is clear that  $F_{(i,O)} \in \mathcal{F}_i \in wX \setminus X$  and  $F_{(i',O')} \in \mathcal{F}_{i'} \in wX \setminus X$ . Hence,  $F_{(i,O)}$  and  $F_{(i',O')}$  are non compact closed subsets (see [2, Lemma 3.4]), which are disjoint.

Conversely, let  $\{D_i; 1 \le i \le n\}$  be a partition of X by n subsets satisfying ( $\mathcal{P}$ ). For every  $1 \le i \le n$ , set  $A_i = D_i \cup \{\mathcal{F} \in wX - X : F_{(i,O)} \in \mathcal{F}\}$ , where O is an open subset of X such that  $O \cap D_i = \emptyset$  (it is clearly seen that if  $A_i = D_i$ , then  $D_i$  is dense in wX). Clearly, by construction,  $A_i$  is a dense subset of wX for every  $1 \le i \le n$ .

To finish, let us show that the family  $\{A_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  are pairwise disjoint. So, suppose the existence of  $1 \leq i \neq j \leq n$  such that  $A_i \cap A_j \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $D_i \cap D_j = \emptyset$ , then  $A_i \cap A_j \cap (wX - X) \neq \emptyset$ . By construction of  $A_i$  and  $A_j$ , there exist an ultrafilter  $\mathcal{F}_i \in A_i$  and  $\mathcal{F}_j \in A_j$  such that  $\mathcal{F}_i = \mathcal{F}_j$ . Furthermore, there exist open subsets O, O' and non compact closed subsets  $F_{(i,O)} \in \mathcal{F}_i$  and  $F_{(j,O')} \in \mathcal{F}_j$  such that  $O \cap D_i = \emptyset$ ,  $O' \cap D_j = \emptyset$ ,  $F_{(i,O)} \subset O$  and  $F_{(j,O')} \subset O'$ . Hence, by the property  $(\mathcal{P})$ ,  $F_{(i,O)} \cap F_{(j,O')} = \emptyset$  and consequently  $\mathcal{F}_i \neq \mathcal{F}_j$ , which leads to a contradiction.

As an immediate consequence of Theorem 3.15, for the particular case when n = 2, we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.16** ([2, Theorem 3.6]). Let X be a  $T_1$ - topological space, Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) X is w-resolvable.
- (2) X is a partition of two subsets  $\{D_1, D_2\}$  and for each nonempty open subset  $O \subseteq D_i$  ( $i \in \{1, 2\}$ ), there exists a non compact closed subset F such that  $F \subseteq O$ .

To close this section the following result is immediate.

**Corollary 3.17.** Let X be a  $T_1$ -topological space. X is w-exactly-n-resolvable if and only if

 $\max\{|\mathcal{F}|; \mathcal{F} \text{ is a partition of } X, \text{ of } n \text{ dense subsets satisfying } (\mathcal{P})\} = n.$ 

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