

HAUSDORFF AND H-COMPACT ARE NOT COMPLEMENTARY

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In a talk to the American Mathematical Society in 1973, R. E. Larson [3] introduced the concept of complementary topological properties and exhibited several examples (If P and Q are topological properties such that P is preserved under strengthening and Q is preserved under weakening, then P and Q are *complementary* if a topology is minimal P if and only if it is maximal Q). Larson conjectured that Hausdorff and H -compact are complementary.

A topological space is H -compact if the following conditions hold:

H(i) Every open filter has a cluster point;

H(ii) If an open filter has a unique cluster point, then it converges.

Hausdorff is preserved by strengthening and H -compact is preserved by weakening [3].

It is well known that a Hausdorff space is minimal Hausdorff if and only if it is H -compact [1], and Larson [3] has shown that minimal Hausdorff spaces are maximal H -compact. In this paper we shall give an example of a maximal H -compact space which is not Hausdorff and thus show that Larson's conjecture is false. The example we use was first exhibited by H. Tong [7] as an example of a maximal compact space which is not Hausdorff.

Let $X = \{a, b\} \cup N \times N$ where N is the set of natural numbers, E be the set of even natural numbers and $O = N - E$. The topology τ on X consists of those sets U such that

(1) $a \notin U$ and $b \notin U$,

(2) $a \in U$ implies there is a family of finite subsets $A_m \subseteq N$ for $m \in E$ such that $\bigcup \{\{m\} \times (N - A_m) : m \in E\} \subseteq U$,

and

(3) $b \in U$ implies there is a family of finite subsets $B_m \subseteq N$ for $m \in O$ such that $\bigcup \{\{m\} \times (N - B_m) : m \in O\} \subseteq U$, and there is a finite subset $B \subseteq N$ such that $(N - B) \times N \subseteq U$.

Since the space (X, τ) is compact, it is H(i) and H(ii) [5]; and thus H -compact.

Since (X, τ) is maximal compact, every compact set is closed [6]. Thus for $\tau' \supset \tau$, there is $G \in \tau' - \tau$ such that $G' = X - G$ is not com-

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pact. Since $G \notin \tau$, either $a \in G$ or $b \in G$. If $a \in G$ and G does not contain any τ -neighborhood of a , then G' contains an infinite number of points A in some even column. A is τ -open and τ' -open and discrete and not H(i). Thus there is a τ -open filter F with a as the unique τ -cluster point but no τ' -cluster points; so (X, τ') is not H(i).

If $b \in G$ and G does not contain any τ -neighborhood of b , then there are an infinite number of columns with at least one point in G' or an odd column which has an infinite number of points in G' . This set B of points is not H(i) and, as for a , there is a τ -open filter F' with b as the unique τ -cluster point, but no τ' -cluster point. Therefore (X, τ) is maximal H(i) and thus maximal H -compact but not Hausdorff, and Larson's conjecture is false.

Since a Hausdorff space is minimal Hausdorff if and only if it is H(ii) [1], the question to be asked is "Are Hausdorff and H(ii) complementary?" H(ii) is preserved under weakening [3]. The question is answered negatively by using the preceding example and showing that (X, τ) is maximal H(ii).

If $\tau' \supset \tau$, then (X, τ') is not H(i), and so there is a τ' -open filter \mathcal{O} with no τ' -cluster points. For $(m, n) \in X$,

$\mathcal{O}^* = \{(m, n)\} \cup \{O \mid O \in \mathcal{O}\}$ is a τ' -open filter with unique cluster point (m, n) and does not converge since $\{(m, n)\} \notin \mathcal{O}^*$. Thus (X, τ) is maximal H(ii) and not Hausdorff.

The question concerning the existence of a complementary property for Hausdorff is therefore unanswered. It has been shown [4] that Hausdorff spaces which are maximal H(i) (i.e., maximal H -closed spaces) are H -closed spaces that are r.o. maximal (called submaximal in [2]); however, maximal H(i) spaces which are not Hausdorff have not been characterized.

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