

# Variations on selective separability

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Let  $\mathcal{D}$  denote the family of dense subspaces of a topological space  $X$ , the selection principles

$S_{fin}(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D})$  is called **selective separability** =  $M$ -separability

$S_1(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D})$  =  $R$ -separability

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If  $X$  contains a countable  $\theta$ -dense subset, the  $X$  is said to be  $\theta$ -separable.  $\mathcal{D}_\theta$  denote the family of all  $\theta$ -dense sets in a space  $X$ .

A space  $X$  is said to be:

- *selectively  $\theta$ -separable* or  *$M_\theta$ -separable* if  $X$  satisfies  $S_{fin}(\mathcal{D}_\theta, \mathcal{D}_\theta)$ ;
- *strongly selectively  $\theta$ -separable* or  *$R_\theta$ -separable* if  $X$  satisfies  $S_1(\mathcal{D}_\theta, \mathcal{D}_\theta)$ ;
- *$GN_\theta$ -separable* if  $X$  satisfies  $S_1(\mathcal{D}_\theta, \mathcal{D}_\theta^{gp})$ , where  $A \in \mathcal{D}_\theta$  is in  $\mathcal{D}_\theta^{gp}$  if it can be written as a union of finite sets  $B_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $\forall U$  open,  $\overline{U} \cap B_n \neq \emptyset$  for all but finitely many  $n$ .

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- Let  $X = \mathbb{R} \cup \{p\}$ , where  $p \notin \mathbb{R}$  endowed with topology  $\mathcal{T}$ : a set  $U \in \mathcal{T}$  if either  $U = V \setminus C$  with  $V$  open in the usual topology on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $C$  countable in  $\mathbb{R}$ , or  $p \in U$  and  $X \setminus U$  is countable. It satisfies  $S_{fin}(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}_\theta)$  but not neither  $S_{fin}(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D})$  nor  $S_{fin}(\mathcal{D}_\theta, \mathcal{D})$ .

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- The product  $X \times Y$  of a space  $X$  satisfying  $S_{fin}(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}_\theta)$  and a space  $Y$  having a countable  $\pi_\theta$ -base satisfies also  $S_{fin}(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}_\theta)$ .

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The Alexandroff duplicate  $AD(X)$  of a space  $X$  is  $M_\theta$ -separable if and only if  $X$  is  $M_\theta$ -separable

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Let  $X$  be a Urysohn space such that for each  $A \subset X$  and each  $x \in X$ ,  $x \in \text{Cl}_\theta(A \setminus \{x\})$ . If  $X$  is  $\theta$ -separable and  $\theta$ -Fréchet-Urysohn, then  $X$  is  $M_\theta$ -separable.

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## Game $G_1(\mathcal{A}; \mathcal{B})$

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