

LOW SEPARATION AXIOMS IN MINIMAL STRUCTURES

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Abstract: In this work we generalize some separation notions between T_0 and T_1 to m -spaces. In addition, we study the inclusion relations between the corresponding spaces and prove that the resultant diagram is different from the one in the topological case. Finally, we use the concepts of m -kernel, m -shell, m -derived and m -closure to characterize the new separation notions.

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1. Introduction

Separation axioms constitute a classical topic in General Topology. Its systematic study began with the works of Urysohn in 1925 ([8]). Van Est and Freudenthal ([9]) studied in more detail some axioms stronger than T_1 .

The development of the separation axioms between T_0 and T_1 started with the work of Young in 1943 ([11]). Later in 1961, Aull and Thron ([1]) introduced new axioms and found that they all can be described in terms of the derived set of singletons.

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The study of more general concepts than the topological structure has taken several directions over the past fifteen years. Maki in 1996 ([4]), studied *minimal structures* (or *m-structures*) on a set X , that is, collections of subsets of X containing the empty set and X , with no other restriction. On the other hand, Császár since 1997 has studied topological notions in collections which are closed under unions ([3]). They constitute the well-known *generalized topologies*.

Many classical topological notions have been studied in m -spaces and generalized topologies (see [5], [6], [2], [7], [10] and the literature quoted therein). However, the study of separation axioms have been limited to T_0 , T_1 and stronger conditions. This paper is, nevertheless, devoted to the study of some low separation axioms between $m-T_0$ and $m-T_1$.

In Section 1 we present the most important separation axioms between T_0 and T_1 studied in [1] and some basic concepts of m -spaces. Following [1], in Section 2 we define some separation notions between $m-T_0$ and $m-T_1$ and study the inclusion relations between the corresponding spaces. Finally, in Section 3, we use the concepts of m -kernel, m -shell, m -derived and m -closure to characterize the new separation notions.

2. Preliminaries

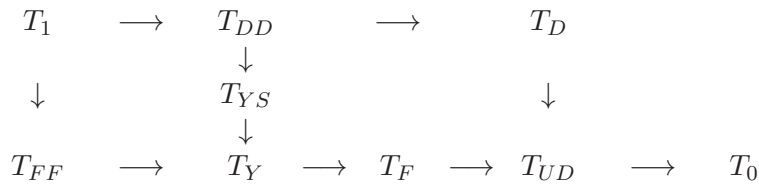
In this work we will use the classical notations for the derived and the closure of a set. We start with the well known axioms between T_0 and T_1 defined in [1]. We shall simply x to denote the singleton $\{x\}$. In addition, we use the notation $A \vdash B$ to indicate that there exists an open set G such that $A \subseteq G$ and $G \cap B = \emptyset$. Moreover, the derived set and the closure set of A will be denoted by $Der(A)$ and $Cl(A)$ respectively.

Definition 1. The topological space (X, τ) is called:

1. T_0 if for each $p, q \in X$ ($p \neq q$), there exists an open set G such that $p \in G$, $q \notin G$ or $q \in G$, $p \notin G$.
2. T_1 if for each $p, q \in X$ ($p \neq q$), there exist open sets G, H such that $p \in G, q \notin G$ and $q \in H, p \notin H$.
3. T_D if for each $x \in X$, $Der(x)$ is closed.
4. T_{UD} if for each $x \in X$, $Der(x)$ is the union of disjoint closed sets.
5. T_{DD} if it is T_D and for each $x, y \in X$ ($x \neq y$), $Der(x) \cap Der(y) = \emptyset$.

- 6. T_F if for any point x and any finite subset F of X such that $x \notin F$, either $x \vdash F$ or $F \vdash x$.
- 7. T_{FF} if for any two finite subsets F_1 and F_2 of X with $F_1 \cap F_2 = \emptyset$, either $F_1 \vdash F_2$ or $F_2 \vdash F_1$.
- 8. T_Y if for each $x, y \in X$ ($x \neq y$), $Cl(x) \cap Cl(y)$ is either a singleton or the empty set.
- 9. T_{YS} if for each $x, y \in X$ ($x \neq y$), $Cl(x) \cap Cl(y)$ is either \emptyset or x or y .

From the notions defined above it is obtained the following diagram of strict implications ([1]).



The above axioms can be characterized in terms of the derived, the closure, the shell and the kernel of singletons ([1]). The kernel of $A \subseteq X$, denoted by \widehat{A} , is defined as the intersection of the open sets containing A and the shell of A , denoted by \widehat{A} , as $\widehat{A} \setminus A$.

Definition 2. A minimal structure or an m -structure on the nonempty set X , is a class m of subsets of X such that $\emptyset, X \in m$.

For a nonempty set X and an m -structure m on X , the pair (X, m) is called m -space. Each element of m is said to be m -open set and the complement of an m -open set is an m -closed set. Note that the union and intersection of m -open sets are not generally m -open sets; thus each topological space is an m -space and it is easy to see that there exist m -spaces that are not topological spaces.

As in the topological case, if X is an m -space and $A \subseteq X$ the m -closure of A ($m - Cl(A)$) is the intersection of all m -closed sets containing A . It is clear that if A is m -closed then $m - Cl(A) = A$ but the converse is not true in general. We will say that the collection m satisfies the Maki's condition ([4]) if m is closed under unions. Thus under the Maki's condition the intersection of m -closed sets is an m -closed and hence also the m -closure of any subset.

The m -derived set ($m - Der$) is defined similarly to the topological case and it is proved that $m - Cl(A) = A \cup m - Der(A)$ for any $A \subseteq X$.

We finish this section with some special classes of sets, which we will use to characterize some separation axioms in m -spaces.

Definition 3. Let X be an m -space and $A \subseteq X$. Then:

1. The m -kernel of A is $m - \widehat{A} = \bigcap \{G \subseteq X : G \in m, A \subseteq G\}$.
2. The m -shell of A is $m - \widehat{A} = m - \widehat{A} \setminus A$.
3. $m - \langle A \rangle = m - Cl(A) \cap m - \widehat{A}$.

The following properties of the notions defined above will be used in the final section.

Proposition 4. Let X be an m -space and $x, y \in X$. The following statements hold:

1. If $y \in m - \widehat{x}$, then $m - \widehat{y} \subseteq m - \widehat{x}$.
2. $y \in m - \widehat{x}$ iff $x \in m - Cl(y)$.
3. $y \in m - \widehat{x}$ iff $x \in m - Der(y)$.
4. For each $p \in X$, $m - \widehat{p}$ is either the empty set or a singleton iff for each $x, y \in X$ ($x \neq y$), $m - Der(x) \cap m - Der(y) = \emptyset$.
5. If $y \in m - \langle x \rangle$, then $m - \langle y \rangle = m - \langle x \rangle$.
6. For each $x, y \in X$, either $m - \langle x \rangle \cap m - \langle y \rangle = \emptyset$ or $m - \langle x \rangle = m - \langle y \rangle$.

3. Some Low Separation Axioms in m -Spaces

Inspired by [1] we define some classes of m -spaces, which are related to $m - T_0$ and $m - T_1$ spaces. We recall that the m -space X is called $m - T_0$ if for each $x, y \in X$, ($x \neq y$) either $x \vdash y$ or $y \vdash x$; and it is said to be $m - T_1$ if for each $x, y \in X$, ($x \neq y$) one has that $x \vdash y$ and $y \vdash x$.

Definition 5. The m -space X is called:

1. $m - T_D$ if for each $x \in X$, $m - Der(x)$ is m -closed.

2. $m - T_{UD}$ if for each $x \in X$, $m - Der(x)$ is the union of disjoint m -closed sets.
3. $m - T_{DD}$ if it is $m - T_D$ and for each $x, y \in X$ ($x \neq y$), $m - Der(x) \cap m - Der(y) = \emptyset$.
4. $m - T_F$ if for any point x and any finite subset F of X such that $x \notin F$, either $x \vdash F$ or $F \vdash x$.
5. $m - T_{FF}$ if for any two finite subsets F_1 and F_2 of X with $F_1 \cap F_2 = \emptyset$, either $F_1 \vdash F_2$ or $F_2 \vdash F_1$.
6. $m - T_Y$ if for each $x, y \in X$ ($x \neq y$), $m - Cl(x) \cap m - Cl(y)$ is either a singleton or the empty set.
7. $m - T_{YS}$ if for each $x, y \in X$ ($x \neq y$), $m - Cl(x) \cap m - Cl(y)$ is either \emptyset or x or y .
8. $m - T(\alpha)$ if for each $y \in X$, $x \in m - Der(y)$ implies $m - Der(x) = \emptyset$.

In the following we will determine the relationship between the classes of m -spaces defined above. Note first that the implications $m - T_1 \rightarrow m - T_{DD}$, $m - T_D \rightarrow m - T_{UD}$ and $m - T_{DD} \rightarrow m - T_{YS}$ are evident.

Proposition 6. *The following affirmations hold:*

1. Every $m - T_{UD}$ space is $m - T_0$.
2. Every $m - T_{FF}$ space is $m - T_Y$.
3. Every $m - T_F$ space is $m - T(\alpha)$.
4. Every $m - T(\alpha)$ space is $m - T_0$.
5. Every $m - T_Y$ space is $m - T(\alpha)$.

Proof. 1. For $x, y \in X$ ($x \neq y$) if $y \in m - Der(x)$, then there exists an m -closed set H such that $x \in H^c$ and $y \notin H^c$. Since the other case is evident we conclude that X is $m - T_0$.

2. If there exist $x, y \in X$ ($x \neq y$) such that the set $m - Cl(x) \cap m - Cl(y)$ is neither \emptyset nor a singleton, then there exist $p, q \in X$ ($p \neq q$) such that $p, q \in m - Cl(x) \cap m - Cl(y)$. If $\{p, q\} \cap \{x, y\} = \emptyset$ then for $F_1 = \{p, x\}$ and $F_2 = \{q, y\}$ we have that $F_1 \not\vdash F_2$ and $F_2 \not\vdash F_1$, a contradiction. If $p = x$ and $q \neq y$ then for $F_1 = \{x\}$, $F_2 = \{q, y\}$ is again obtained a contradiction. Finally, since the

other cases are impossible, we conclude that $m - Cl(x) \cap m - Cl(y)$ is either \emptyset or a singleton, that is, X is $m - T_Y$.

3. Let $y \in X$ and $x \in m - Der(y)$. If $p \in m - Der(x)$ and $p = y$, then $F = \{y\} \nmid x$ and $x \nmid F$ which is a contradiction. The case $p \in m - Der(x)$ and $p \neq y$ also leads to a contradiction. Hence $m - Der(x) = \emptyset$ and thus X is $m - T(\alpha)$.

4. Let $x, y \in X$ with $x \neq y$. If $x \in m - Der(y)$, then by assumption $y \notin m - Der(x)$ and the result follows. The other case is analogous, so that X is $m - T_0$.

5. Let $y \in X$ and $x \in m - Der(y)$. If $p \in m - Der(x)$ and $p = y$, then $\{x, y\} \subseteq m - Cl(x) \cap m - Cl(y)$ which is a contradiction. Analogously the case $p \neq y$ leads to a contradiction. Hence $m - Der(x) = \emptyset$ and thus X is $m - T(\alpha)$. \square

The topological version of the $m - T(\alpha)$ notion was introduced in [1] (Theorem 3.2). However, it is equivalent to the notion T_F , which is not true in m -spaces (Example 7 (2)).

In the topological case the implications $T_1 \rightarrow T_{FF}$, $T_Y \rightarrow T_F$, $T_Y \rightarrow T_{UD}$, $T_F \rightarrow T_{UD}$ hold. However, these implications are not true in general in m -spaces, as we show in the following example.

Example 7. 1. Consider \mathbb{R} and $m = \{\emptyset, \mathbb{R}\} \cup \{\mathbb{R} - \{x\} : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$. It is clear that this space is $m - T_1$. Let $F_1 = \{0, 1\}$, $F_2 = \{2, 3\}$. The m -open sets containing F_1 have the form $\mathbb{R} - \{z\}$ with $z \neq 0, 1$. If $z \neq 2, 3$ then $\mathbb{R} - \{z\} \cap F_2 = F_2$ and so $F_1 \nmid F_2$. If either $z = 2$ or 3 then $\mathbb{R} - \{z\} \cap F_2 = F_2 - \{z\}$ and $F_1 \nmid F_2$. Analogously $F_2 \nmid F_1$ and so this space is not $m - T_{FF}$. In conclusion $m - T_1 \not\rightarrow m - T_{FF}$.

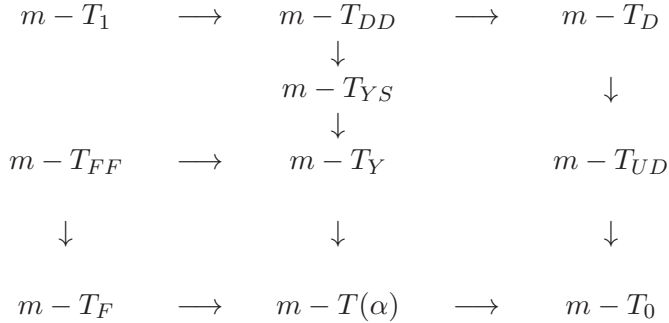
2. Let $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $m = \{\emptyset, X, \{1\}, \{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}, \{3\}\}$. Since for each $x \in X$, $m - Der(x) = \emptyset$ then this space is $m - T_Y$. For $2 \in X$ and $F = \{1, 3\}$ we have that $\{2\} \nmid F$ and $F \nmid \{2\}$, so this space is not $m - T_F$. This example shows that $m - T_Y \not\rightarrow m - T_F$ and $m - T(\alpha) \not\rightarrow m - T_F$.

3. Consider \mathbb{R} and $m = \{\emptyset, \mathbb{R}\} \cup \{A \subseteq \mathbb{R} : 0 \notin A, A \text{ is finite}\}$. If $x \neq 0$ then $m - Der(x) = \{0\}$ and if $x = 0$ then $m - Der(0) = \emptyset$, so this space is $m - T_Y$. Since the nonempty m -closed sets are infinite, the set $m - Der(x) = \{0\}$ can not be expressed as a union of disjoint m -closed sets. Then this space is not $m - T_{UD}$ and thus $m - T_Y \not\rightarrow m - T_{UD}$.

4. Let X be an infinite set, $p \in X$ a fixed element and $m = \{\emptyset, X\} \cup \{A \subseteq X : p \in A, |A| \geq 3 \text{ and } A \text{ is finite}\}$. Let $x \in X$ and F a finite subset of X with $x \notin F$. If $x = p$ then $p \vdash F$. If $x \neq p$ and $p \in F$ then $F \vdash x$ and if $p \notin F$ then $x \vdash F$. Hence this space is $m - T_F$. Since the set $m - Der(p) = X - \{p\}$

can not be expressed as a union of disjoint m -closed sets we conclude that X is not $m - T_{UD}$. Thus, $m - T_F \not\rightarrow m - T_{UD}$ and $m - T(\alpha) \not\rightarrow m - T_{UD}$.

In conclusion we obtain the following diagram of implications.



Since each topological space is in particular an m -space the implications $m - T_1 \rightarrow m - T_{DD} \rightarrow m - T_D \rightarrow m - T_{UD} \rightarrow m - T_0$, $m - T_{DD} \rightarrow m - T_{YS} \rightarrow m - T_Y$ and $m - T_{FF} \rightarrow m - T_Y$ are strict. Moreover, since each $m - T_Y$ space is $m - T(\alpha)$ (Proposition 6 (5)) the Example 7 (2) shows that $m - T(\alpha) \not\rightarrow m - T_F$. The remaining implications are also strict as we show below.

Example 8. 1. For $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and $m = \{\emptyset, X, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 4\}\}$ we have that $m - Der(1) = m - Der(2) = \{3, 4\}$ and $m - Der(3) = m - Der(4) = \emptyset$. So, this space is $m - T(\alpha)$. Moreover, $m - Cl(1) \cap m - Cl(2) = \{3, 4\}$, that is, X is not $m - T_Y$. Then $m - T(\alpha) \not\rightarrow m - T_Y$.

2. Consider \mathbb{R} with $m = \{\emptyset, \mathbb{R}\} \cup \{[x, \infty) : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$. It is clear that this space is $m - T_0$ and it is not $m - T(\alpha)$. Thus, $m - T_0 \not\rightarrow m - T(\alpha)$.

3. Let X be a set such that $|X| \geq 4$ and $m = \{\emptyset, X\} \cup \{\{x\} : x \in X\}$. For different elements $a, b, c, d \in X$ one has that $F_1 = \{a, b\} \not\vee F_2 = \{c, d\}$ and $F_2 \not\vee F_1$. So, this space is not $m - T_{FF}$ but it is $m - T_F$. Hence $m - T_F \not\rightarrow m - T_{FF}$.

Finally, it is easy to see that each topological space T_i is an $m - T_i$ space and this implication is strict. Therefore, the class of topological spaces T_i is strictly contained in the class of $m - T_i$ spaces.

4. Characterizations

In what follows, we use the concepts of m -derived, m -closure, m -shell and m -kernel to characterize some low separation axioms in m -spaces. We start with several characterizations of the $m - T_0$ spaces. This result extends the

Theorem 2.3 of [1], the proof follows of the definitions and the application of Proposition 4.

Theorem 9. *Let X be an m -space. The following conditions are equivalent:*

1. X is m - T_0 .
2. If $y \in m - Cl(x)$ with $y \neq x$, then $x \notin m - Cl(y)$.
3. If $y \in m - Der(x)$, then $m - Cl(y) \subseteq m - Der(x)$.
4. If $y \in m - \hat{x}$, then $m - \hat{y} \subseteq m - \hat{x}$.
5. For each $x \in X$, $m - Der(x) \cap m - \hat{x} = \emptyset$.
6. For each $x \in X$, $m - \langle x \rangle = x$.

In a similar way it can be obtained the following characterizations of the $m - T_1$ spaces. This result extends Theorem 2.4 of [1].

Theorem 10. *Let X be an m -space. The following conditions are equivalent:*

1. X is m - T_1 .
2. For each $x \in X$, $m - Cl(x) = x$.
3. For each $x \in X$, $m - Der(x) = \emptyset$.
4. For each $x \in X$, $m - \hat{x} = x$.
5. For each $x \in X$, $m - \hat{x} = \emptyset$.
6. For each $x, y \in X$ with $x \neq y$, $m - Cl(x) \cap m - Cl(y) = \emptyset$.
7. For each $x, y \in X$ with $x \neq y$, $m - \hat{x} \cap m - \hat{y} = \emptyset$.
8. $m - N_D = X$, where $m - N_D = \{x \in X : m - Der(x) = \emptyset\}$.
9. $m - N_S = X$, where $m - N_S = \{x \in X : m - \hat{x} = \emptyset\}$.

It is well known that the topological spaces T_D are characterized as those where each singleton is the intersection of a closed set with an open set ([1], Theorem 3.1). However, in the m -spaces this property is not true in general but if the Maki's condition is satisfied then the result is verified.

Theorem 11. *If X is $m-T_D$, then each singleton is the intersection of an m -open set with the m -closure of some subset of X . The converse is true if m satisfies the Maki's condition.*

Proof. For each $x \in X$ we have that $(m - Der(x))^c \cap (m - Cl(x)) = x$ and so the result follows.

Conversely, if for each $x \in X$, $x = G_x \cap m - Cl(A_x)$ where G_x is an m -open and $A_x \subseteq X$, then $x = G_x \cap m - Cl(x)$ and so $m - Der(x) = m - Cl(x) \cap G_x^c$. Thus by the Maki's condition we obtain that $m - Der(x)$ is m -closed. \square

In m -spaces the $m - T(\alpha)$ notion can be used to characterize the $m - T_Y$ axiom. This situation is analogous to the topological case where the T_F notion is used ([1], Theorem 3.6).

Theorem 12. *Let X be an m -space. The following conditions are equivalent:*

1. X is $m - T_Y$.
2. X is $m - T(\alpha)$ and for each $x, y \in X$ with $x \neq y$ the set $m - Der(x) \cap m - Der(y)$ is either empty or a singleton.
3. X is $m - T(\alpha)$ and for each $x, y \in X$ with $x \neq y$ the set $m - \hat{x} \cap m - \hat{y}$ is either empty or a singleton.
4. For each $x, y \in X$ with $x \neq y$ the set $m - \hat{x} \cap m - \hat{y}$ is either empty or a singleton.

Proof. The first implication is evident. For the remaining it is enough to reason by contradiction and to apply 3 and 4 of Proposition 4. \square

Similar to the last theorem the $m - T(\alpha)$ notion can be used to characterize the $m - T_{YS}$ axiom.

Theorem 13. *X is $m - T_{YS}$ iff X is $m - T(\alpha)$ and for each $x, y \in X$ with $x \neq y$, $m - Der(x) \cap m - Der(y) = \emptyset$.*

Proof. It is clear that X is $m - T(\alpha)$. If for each $x, y \in X$ ($x \neq y$) there exists $p \in m - Der(x) \cap m - Der(y)$, then $p \in m - Cl(x) \cap m - Cl(y)$, which is false. So the result follows.

Conversely, for each $x, y \in X$ ($x \neq y$) we have that $m - Cl(x) \cap m - Cl(y) = (x \cap m - Der(y)) \cup (y \cap m - Der(x))$. Since X is $m - T(\alpha)$, that union of sets is necessarily different from $\{x, y\}$. Thus X is $m - T_{YS}$. \square

Theorem 14. *Let X be an m -space. If for each $x, y \in X$ ($x \neq y$), $m - Der(x) \vdash m - Der(y)$ or $m - Der(y) \vdash m - Der(x)$, then X is $m - T_{YS}$. The converse is true if for each $x \in X$, $m - Cl(x)$ is m -closed.*

Proof. If there exist $x, y \in X$ ($x \neq y$) and p different from x and y such that $p \in m - Cl(x) \cap m - Cl(y)$, then $p \in m - Der(x)$ and $p \in m - Der(y)$. Thus we obtain a contradiction $m - Der(x) \not\vdash m - Der(y)$ and $m - Der(y) \not\vdash m - Der(x)$.

Conversely, if $m - Cl(x) \cap m - Cl(y) = \emptyset$ for $x \neq y$ then $m - Der(y) \vdash m - Der(x)$ with the m -open set $(m - Cl(x))^c$. If $m - Cl(x) \cap m - Cl(y) = x$, then $m - Der(x) \vdash m - Der(y)$ with the m -open set $(m - Cl(y))^c$. Since the other case is analogous we obtain the result. \square

Note that the previous result suggests the existence of a new separation notion between $m - T_{DD}$ and $m - T_{YS}$, since in each $m - T_{DD}$ space for each $x \neq y$ one has that $m - Der(x) \vdash m - Der(y)$ and $m - Der(y) \vdash m - Der(x)$.

We finish this work with the characterization of the $m - T(\alpha)$ notion, which extends Theorem 3.4 of [1] to m -spaces.

Theorem 15. *Let X be an m -space. The following conditions are equivalent:*

1. X is $m - T(\alpha)$.
2. For each $x, y \in X$ ($x \neq y$), $m - Der(x) \cap m - \hat{y} = \emptyset$.
3. $N_S \cup N_D = X$.
4. For each $x \in X$, $y \in m - \hat{x}$ implies $m - \hat{y} = \emptyset$.

Proof. $1 \Rightarrow 2$. If $p \in m - Der(x) \cap m - \hat{y}$ for $x \neq y$, then we would have $p \in m - Der(x)$ and $y \in m - Der(p)$ (Proposition 4 (4)), which contradicts 1. Thus 2 follows.

$2 \Rightarrow 3$. If there exists $x \in X$ such that $m - Der(x) \neq \emptyset$ and $m - \hat{x} \neq \emptyset$, then there exist $p, q \in X$ ($p \neq q$) such that $x \in m - \hat{p} \cap m - Der(q)$ (Proposition 4 (4)), which contradicts 2. Hence $N_S \cup N_D = X$.

$3 \Rightarrow 4$. If $y \in m - \hat{x}$ and $m - \hat{y} \neq \emptyset$, then $x \in m - Der(y)$ (Proposition 4 (4)) and by 3 $m - Der(y) = \emptyset$, which is a contradiction. Then 4 follows.

$4 \Rightarrow 1$. If $x \in m - Der(y)$ and $m - Der(x) \neq \emptyset$, then we would have $y \in m - \hat{x}$ and $x \in m - \hat{p}$ for some $p \in X$ (Proposition 4 (4)), which contradicts 4. It follows that X is $m - T(\alpha)$. \square

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