Aposyndesis and cut points which are related to refinable maps

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1. Results. We shall fix a refinable map  $r: X \to Y$  between continua (compact connected metric spaces). Let y be a point of Y. There is a (1/n)-refinement  $r_n$  of r for each positive integer n such that  $\left\{r_n^{-1}(y)\right\}$  converges to some point  $\hat{Y}$  of X (see [1]).

Theorem 1. If X is aposyndetic (resp. semi-aposyndetic, mutually aposyndetic, semi-locally connected, locally remotely connected) at  $\hat{y}$ , then so is Y at y.

A closed subset F of a space M is said to separate (resp. weakly separate) M if M - F is not connected (not continuumwise connected). When F consists of only one point,  $F = \{p\}$ , then p is said to be a cut point (a weak cut point) of M provided that  $\{p\}$  separates (weakly separates) M.

Theorem 2. (i) A point y of Y is a weak cut point of Y if and only if  $r^{-1}(y)$  weakly separates X.

- (ii) If Y is semi-locally connected at y, then y is a cut point of Y if and only if  $r^{-1}(y)$  separates X.
- 2. Proof of Theorem 1. This Theorem is a pointwise version of the results in [2] except for the last case.

First let us assume that X is mutually aposyndetic at  $\hat{y}$ .

Let z be a point of Y - {y}. We may assume that  $\left\{r_n^{-1}(z)\right\}$  converges to some point  $\widehat{z}$  of X. Since  $\widehat{y} \neq \widehat{z}$ , there are disjoint continuum neighborhoods H and K of  $\widehat{y}$  and  $\widehat{z}$  in X respectively. Choose an integer n so that  $r_n^{-1}(y) \subset \operatorname{int}(H)$  and  $r_n^{-1}(z) \subset \operatorname{int}(K)$ . Then  $r_n(H)$  and  $r_n(K)$  are disjoint continuum neighborhoods of y and z in Y respectively. Therefore Y is mutually aposyndetic at y.

Secand let us assume that X is locally remotely connected at  $\hat{y}$  (i.e. each neighborhood of  $\hat{y}$  contains an open neighborhood of  $\hat{y}$  whose complement is connected). Let U be a given neighborhood of y in Y and let V be an open neighborhood of y such that  $\overline{V} \subset U$ . Since  $r^{-1}(V)$  is a neighborhood of  $\hat{y}$ , there is an open neighborhood  $V_0$  of  $\hat{y}$  in  $r^{-1}(V)$  such that  $X - V_0$  is connected. Choose an integer n so large that it satisfies  $r_n^{-1}(y) \subset V_0$  and  $1/n < d(Y - U, \overline{V})$ . Then  $U_0 = Y - r_n(X - V_0)$  is an open neighborhood of y in U such that  $Y - U_0$  is connected.

The remaining cases can be proved by slight modifications of the proof of the case of mutual aposyndesis.

- 3. Proof of Theorem 2. (i). Let us assume that y is not a weak cut point of Y. Then there is a sequence  $\{K_m\}$  of subcontinua of Y such that  $K_1 \subset K_2 \subset \ldots$ , and  $Y \{y\} = \bigcup_{m=1}^\infty K_m$ . Inductively we can choose a sequence of subsequences  $\{r_m, n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ ,  $m=1, 2, \ldots$ , of  $\{r_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  such that
  - (1)  $\left\{r_{m+1,n}\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a subsequence of  $\left\{r_{m,n}\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$

(2)  $\left\{r_{m,n}^{-1}(K_m)\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to some continuum  $\widehat{K}_m$  for  $m=1,\ 2,\ldots$ 

The sequence  $\{\widehat{K}_m\}_{m=1}$  is increasing and satisfies  $X - r^{-1}(y) = \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} K_m$ . Hence  $r^{-1}(y)$  does not weakly separates X.

(ii). Assume that y is not a cut point of Y. Since Y is semi-locally connected at y, Whyburn's Theorem implies that y is not a weak cut point. Hence Y is locally remotely connected at y. Suppose that  $r^{-1}(y)$  separates a from b in X. There are open neighborhoods  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  of y such that  $\overline{V}_2 \subset V_1$ ,  $\overline{V}_1 \subset Y - \left\{r(a), r(b)\right\}$ , and that  $Y - V_1$  is connected. We may assume that  $\left\{r_n^{-1}(\overline{V}_1)\right\}$  and  $\left\{r_n^{-1}(\overline{V}_2)\right\}$  converge to some closed sets  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  respectively. Since  $\inf(K_2)$  separates a from b in X, there is a separation  $X - \inf(K_2) = A \cup B$ , where  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ . Choose an integer n so that  $1/n < \min\left\{d(A, B), d(\overline{V}_2, Y - V_1), d(r(a), \overline{V}_1), d(r(b), \overline{V}_1)\right\}$ . It is easy to see that  $Y - V_1 = (r_n(A) - V_1) \cup (r_n(B) - V_1)$  is a separation of  $Y - V_1$ . This contradiction implies that  $r^{-1}(y)$  does not separate X.

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