

# On the matheron theorem for topological spaces

Dau The Cap<sup>1,\*</sup>, Bui Dinh Thang<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>*Hochiminh city University of Pedagogy, 280 An Duong Vuong, Dist 5, Hochiminh city, Vietnam*

<sup>2</sup>*Saigon University, 273 An Duong Vuong, Dist 5, Hochiminh city, Vietnam*

Received 15 September 2007; received in revised form 1 November 2007

**Abstract.** In this paper we study the extending of the Matheron theorem for general topological spaces. We also show some examples about the spaces  $\mathcal{F}$  such that the miss-and-hit topology on those spaces are unseparated or non-Hausdorff.

## 1. Introduction

The Choquet theorem (see [1, 2]) plays very importance role in theory of random sets. The proof of this theorem is based on the Matheron theorem and especially, the locally compact property of the space  $\mathcal{F}$ , where  $\mathcal{F}$  is a space of all close subsets of a given space  $E$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  is equipped with the miss-and-hit topology (see [1]). The Matheron theorem is stated as follows.

**Theorem.** *Let  $E$  be a complete, separable and locally compact metric space. Then the miss-and-hit topology on  $\mathcal{F}$  space of all closed subsets of  $E$  is compact, separable and Hausdorff.*

Note that the natural domain of the probability theory is a Polish space, which is, in general, not locally compact. So in [3], the authors extended the Matheron theorem for general metric space. They showed that if  $E$  is a separable metric space, then the miss-and-hit topology on space  $\mathcal{F}$  is separable and compact. And if  $E$  has a non-locally compact point, then the miss-and-hit topology on space  $\mathcal{F}$  is not Hausdorff. Now we extend the Matheron theorem for general topological space.

Let  $E$  be a topological space. Denote  $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{K}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  the families of all close, compact and open subsets of  $E$  respectively.

For every  $A \subset E$ , we denote

$$\mathcal{F}_A = \{F : F \in \mathcal{F}, F \cap A \neq \emptyset\}; \mathcal{F}^A = \{F : F \in \mathcal{F}, F \cap A = \emptyset\}.$$

For every  $K \in \mathcal{K}$  and a finite family of sets  $G_1, \dots, G_n \in \mathcal{G}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we put

$$\mathcal{F}_{G_1, \dots, G_n}^K = \mathcal{F}^K \cap \mathcal{F}_{G_1} \dots \cap \mathcal{F}_{G_n}.$$

Then

$$\{\mathcal{F}_{G_1, \dots, G_n}^K : K \in \mathcal{K}, G_1, \dots, G_n \in \mathcal{G}, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

is a base of topology on  $\mathcal{F}$ . Which is called a *miss-and-hit topology* on  $\mathcal{F}$ .

We have

\* Corresponding author. E-mail: dauthecap@yahoo.com

### Main theorem

- i) If  $E$  is a separable and Hausdorff topological space, then the miss-and-hit topology on space  $\mathcal{F}$  is separable.
- ii) Let  $E$  be a topological space. Then the miss-and-hit topology on space  $\mathcal{F}$  is compact.
- iii) Let  $E$  be a topological space.
  - i) Then the space  $\mathcal{F}$  with the miss-and-hit topology is a  $T_1$ -space.
  - ii) If  $E$  is a  $T_1$ -space and has a non-locally compact point, then the miss-and-hit topology on space  $\mathcal{F}$  is not Hausdorff.
- iv) If  $E$  is an uncountable set with Zariski topology, then the miss-and-hit topology on space  $\mathcal{F}$  is Hausdorff and unseparated.
- v) There exists a topology on the set of all natural numbers  $\mathbb{N}$  such that this topology space is a compact and  $T_1$ -space. Moreover, space  $\mathcal{F}$  with the miss-and-hit topology is non-Hausdorff space.

The paper is organized as follows. In section 2 we will prove some results on the extending of Matheron theorem for topological space. In Section 3 we will show some examples about the spaces  $\mathcal{F}$  which are unseparated or non-Hausdorff for the miss-and-hit topology.

## 2. On the Matheron theorem

**Theorem 2.1.** *If  $E$  is a separable and Hausdorff topological space, then the miss-and-hit topology on space  $\mathcal{F}$  is separable.*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a countable and dense subset in  $E$ . For every  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ , suppose that  $\mathcal{F}_{G_1, \dots, G_n}^K$  is a neighborhood of  $F$ . Then  $G_i \setminus K$  are open and non-empty, so we can choose  $x_i \in A \cap (G_i \setminus K)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . We obtain

$$\{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \cap K = \emptyset \text{ and } \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \cap G_i \neq \emptyset$$

for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

Thus,

$$\{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \in \mathcal{F}_{G_1, \dots, G_n}^K.$$

Since the class of finite subsets of  $A$  is countable, we conclude that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a separable space.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $E$  be a topological space. Then the miss-and-hit topology on space  $\mathcal{F}$  is compact.*

*Proof.* By Alexandroff theorem, in order to prove that the miss-and-hit topology on space  $\mathcal{F}$  is compact, it is sufficient to show that if

$$\{\mathcal{F}^{K_i} : K_i \in \mathcal{K}, i \in I\} \cup \{\mathcal{F}_{G_j} : G_j \in \mathcal{G}, j \in J\}$$

is a cover of  $\mathcal{F}$ , then it has a finite subcover. Put  $\Omega = \bigcup_{j \in J} G_j$ , then  $\Omega$  is an open set. Since

$$\mathcal{F} = \left( \bigcup_{i \in I} \mathcal{F}^{K_i} \right) \cup \left( \bigcup_{j \in J} \mathcal{F}_{G_j} \right),$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \emptyset &= \left(\bigcap_{i \in I} (\mathcal{F} \setminus \mathcal{F}^{K_i})\right) \cap \left(\bigcap_{j \in J} (\mathcal{F} \setminus \mathcal{F}^{G_j})\right) \\ &= \left(\bigcap_{i \in I} \mathcal{F}^{K_i}\right) \cap \left(\bigcap_{j \in J} \mathcal{F}^{G_j}\right) \\ &= \left(\bigcap_{i \in I} \mathcal{F}^{K_i}\right) \cap \mathcal{F}^\Omega \\ &= \bigcap_{i \in I} \mathcal{F}^{K_i}. \end{aligned}$$

From the later there is an index  $i_0 \in I$  such that  $K_{i_0} \subset \Omega$ .

Indeed, assume on the contrary that  $K_i \cap (E \setminus \Omega) \neq \emptyset$  for every  $i \in I$ . Then  $\emptyset \neq E \setminus \Omega \in \bigcap_{i \in I} \mathcal{F}^{K_i}$  is a contradiction. Since  $K_{i_0}$  is a compact set, there is a set  $\{j_1, \dots, j_n\} \subset J$  such that  $\{G_{j_1}, \dots, G_{j_n}\}$  is a cover of  $K_{i_0}$ . Let  $F$  be an arbitrary closed subset of  $E$ . Then either  $F \cap K_{i_0} = \emptyset$  or  $F \cap G_{j_k} \neq \emptyset$  for some  $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ . Therefore

$$F \in \mathcal{F}^{K_{i_0}} \cup \mathcal{F}_{G_{j_1}} \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{F}_{G_{j_n}}.$$

The theorem is proved.

**Remark.** The proofs of Theorem 2.1 and 2.2 are analogous as the proof of the Main theorem in [3]. In [3], the authors showed that if  $E$  is a separable metric space and has at least a non-locally compact point, then the miss-and-hit topology on space  $\mathcal{F}$  is not Hausdorff.

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $E$  be a topological space. Then*

- i) the miss-and-hit topology on space  $\mathcal{F}$  is a  $T_1$ -space.*
- ii) if  $E$  is a  $T_1$ -space and has a non-locally compact point, then the miss-and-hit topology on space  $\mathcal{F}$  is not Hausdorff.*

*Proof.* i) Take  $F_1, F_2 \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $F_2 \neq F_1$ . If there is a point  $x \in F_2 \setminus F_1$ , then  $F_1 \in \mathcal{F}_E^{(x)}$  and  $F_2 \notin \mathcal{F}_E^{(x)}$ . Otherwise,  $F_1 \in \mathcal{F}_{E \setminus F_2}^\emptyset$  and  $F_2 \notin \mathcal{F}_{E \setminus F_2}^\emptyset$ . It implies that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a  $T_1$ -space with the miss-and-hit topology.

ii) Let  $x_0 \in E$  is a point which has not any compact neighborhood. Take  $x_1 \in E \setminus \{x_0\}$  and put  $F = \{x_0, x_1\}$ ,  $F' = \{x_1\}$ . We will show that  $U_F \cap U_{F'} \neq \emptyset$  for any neighborhoods  $U_F = \mathcal{F}_{G_1, \dots, G_n}^K$  of  $F$  and  $U_{F'} = \mathcal{F}_{G'_1, \dots, G'_m}^{K'}$  of  $F'$ .

Put

$$I_0 = \{i : 1 \leq i \leq n, x_0 \in G_i\}.$$

If  $I_0 = \emptyset$  then  $F' \in U_F \cap U_{F'}$ . And if  $I_0 \neq \emptyset$ , put  $G = \bigcap_{i \in I_0} G_i$ . Then there exists  $x_2 \in G \setminus (K \cup K')$ .

In fact, if it is not the case, then  $G \subset (K \cup K')$ . Hence  $K \cup K'$  is a compact neighborhood of  $x_0$ . It contradicts to  $x_0$  is a non-locally compact point.

Put  $F'' = \{x_1, x_2\}$ , then  $F'' \in \mathcal{F}^{K \cup K'}$  and  $F'' \cap G'_i \neq \emptyset$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . Therefore,  $F'' \in U_{F'}$ . Since  $G = \bigcap_{i=1}^n G_i$  contains  $x_1$  or  $x_2$ ,  $F'' \cap G_i \neq \emptyset$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . It implies  $F'' \in U_F$ .

Hence,

$$F'' \in U_F \cap U_{F'}.$$

The proof is completed.

### 3. Some examples

For a given set  $E$ , we say that  $\tau$  is the Zariski topology on  $E$  if  $\tau$  contains  $\emptyset$  and for every  $\emptyset \neq U \subset E$ ,  $U \in \tau$  then  $E \setminus U$  is a finite set.

**Theorem 3.1.** *If  $E$  is an uncountable set with Zariski topology, then the miss-and-hit topology on  $\mathcal{F}$  is Hausdorff and unseparated.*

*Proof.* Let  $\Delta$  be an arbitrary countable subset of  $\mathcal{F}$ . We will show that  $\Delta$  is not dense in  $\mathcal{F}$ . In fact, put

$$\mathcal{R} = \bigcup \{F : F \in \Delta, F \neq E\}.$$

For each  $F \in \Delta$ ,  $F \neq E$ , then  $F$  is a finite set. It implies that  $\mathcal{R}$  is a countable set. Hence, there exists  $x \in E \setminus \mathcal{R}$ . It is easy to see that every subset of  $E$  is compact. Then  $\mathcal{F}_E^{\mathcal{R}}$  is a neighborhood of  $\{x\}$  and

$$\Delta \cap \mathcal{F}_E^{\mathcal{R}} = \emptyset.$$

Therefore  $\Delta$  is not dense in  $\mathcal{F}$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{F}$  is unseparated.

Now we show that  $\mathcal{F}$  is Hausdorff space. Let  $F, F' \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $F \neq F'$ .

If  $F \subset F'$ , we put

$$K = G' = E \setminus F, K' = E \setminus F', G = E,$$

and if  $F \not\subset F'$  and  $F' \not\subset F$ , we put

$$K = E \setminus F, K' = G = E \setminus F', G' = E.$$

Then we have

$$F \in \mathcal{F}_G^K, F' \in \mathcal{F}_{G'}^{K'} \text{ and } \mathcal{F}_G^K \cap \mathcal{F}_{G'}^{K'} = \emptyset.$$

It implies that  $\mathcal{F}$  is Hausdorff space.

**Remark.** The space  $E$  in Theorem 3.1 is separable and non-Hausdorff. But the miss-and-hit topology on  $\mathcal{F}$  is Hausdorff and not separable. Hence the assumption that  $E$  is Hausdorff in Theorem 2.1 is only a sufficient condition.

Denote  $\mathbb{N}$  a set of all natural numbers, put  $X = \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $\Phi$  be a family consisting of  $\emptyset$ ,  $X$  and all of subsets  $A \subset X$  which satisfies the condition: There exists a finite subset  $\alpha$  of  $A$  such that for every  $a \in A$ ,  $a$  can be represented in the form  $a = mp$ , where  $m \in \alpha$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{P} \cup \{1\}$  ( $\mathbb{P}$  is the set of all prime numbers). We say that  $\alpha$  is a *finite generating set* of  $A$  [4, 5].

**Theorem 3.2.** *Assume that  $\Phi$  and  $X$  are defined as above. Then  $\Phi$  is the family of close subsets of a topology on  $X$  and  $X$  with this topology is a compact and  $T_1$ -space. Moreover, the miss-and-hit topology on  $\Phi$  is not Hausdorff.*

*Proof.* It is easy to see that if  $A$  is a finite subset of  $X$  then  $A \in \Phi$ , and if  $A, B \in \Phi$  then  $A \cup B \in \Phi$ . Therefore, to show that  $\Phi$  is the family of close subsets for a topology in  $X$ , it is sufficient to show that for every family of  $\{A_i\}_{i \in I} \subset \Phi$ , we have  $\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i \in \Phi$ .

Let  $\alpha_i$  be the finite generating set of  $A_i$ ,  $i \in I$ . Take an arbitrary  $\alpha_{i_1}$ ,  $i_1 \in I$ , choose  $i_2 \in I$  such that

$$\emptyset \neq \alpha_{i_1} \cap \alpha_{i_2} \neq \alpha_{i_1}.$$

Next, choose  $i_3 \in I$  such that

$$\emptyset \neq \alpha_{i_1} \cap \alpha_{i_2} \cap \alpha_{i_3} \neq \alpha_{i_1} \cap \alpha_{i_2}$$

and go on. Then we have  $\alpha_{i_1}, \alpha_{i_1} \cap \alpha_{i_2}, \dots$  is a decreasing sequence of finite sets. So, after  $k$  steps, it will happen one of following two cases.

*Case 1.*  $\alpha_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap \alpha_{i_k} \neq \emptyset$  and for every  $i \notin \{i_1, \dots, i_k\}$  we have

$$\alpha_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap \alpha_{i_k} \subset \alpha_i.$$

*Case 2.*  $\alpha_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap \alpha_{i_k} \neq \emptyset$  and there exists  $i \in I$  such that  $\alpha_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap \alpha_{i_k} \cap \alpha_i = \emptyset$ .

Suppose that the first case happens. Put  $\alpha_0 = \bigcup_{j=1}^k \alpha_{i_j}$  and

$$B = \{mp : m \in \alpha_0, p \in \{1\} \cup \mathbb{P}, p \nmid m \text{ for some } a \in \alpha_0\}.$$

Then  $B$  is a finite set.

For any  $a \in (\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i) \setminus B$  we have

$$a = m_1 p_1 = \dots = m_k p_k,$$

where  $m_j \in \alpha_{i_j}, p_j$  are primer numbers and  $p_s$  is not a divisor of  $m_t$  if  $t \neq s$ . Hence  $p_1 = p_2 = \dots = p_k = p$  and  $m_1 = m_2 = \dots = m_k = m \in \bigcap_{j=1}^k \alpha_{i_j}$ . So  $\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i$  has a finite generating set which is

$$(B \cap (\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i)) \cup (\bigcap_{j=1}^k \alpha_{i_j}).$$

Now suppose that the second case happens. Denote  $B$  as in the first case. Then for every  $a \in (\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i) \setminus B$ , we have  $a = mp = nq$ , where  $m \in \bigcap_{j=1}^k \alpha_{i_j}, n \in \alpha_i, p, q$  are prime numbers. Since  $p \neq q, p$  is divisor of  $n$ . On the other hand,  $\alpha_i$  and  $B$  are finite sets. Hence  $(\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i) \setminus B$  is a finite set. So  $\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i$  is a finite set. Therefore  $\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i \in \Phi$ . Thus, every finite set of  $X$  is closed, in particular,  $X$  is a  $T_1$ -space.

Now we will prove that  $X$  is a compact space. In fact, suppose that  $\{G_i\}_{i \in I}$  is an arbitrary open cover of  $X$ . For every  $i \in I$ , put  $A_i = X \setminus G_i$  and  $\alpha_i$  is the finite generating set of  $A_i$ . Then  $\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i \neq \emptyset$ .

If  $\bigcap_{i \in I} \alpha_i \neq \emptyset$ , then we have a contradiction to the fact that  $\{G_i\}_{i \in I}$  is an open cover of  $X$ .

Therefore,  $\bigcap_{i \in I} \alpha_i = \emptyset$ . Since  $\alpha_i$  is a finite set, there exists  $\{i_1, \dots, i_k\} \subset I$  such that  $\bigcap_{j=1}^k \alpha_{i_j} = \emptyset$ .

According to the second case, the set  $\bigcap_{j=1}^k A_{i_j} = X \setminus \bigcup_{j=1}^k G_{i_j}$  is finite. Thus,  $\{G_i\}_{i \in I}$  has a finite subcover.

To complete the proof, we will show that  $\Phi$  is a non-Hausdorff space. First, we invoke two following facts

1. For every compact set  $K \neq X$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $x \notin K$  such that  $\tau(x) > k$ , where  $\tau(x)$  is a number of divisors of  $x$ .

Indeed, choose  $x \notin K$  and denote  $i$ th prime number by  $p_i$ . Put

$$A_i = \{xp : p \geq p_i, p \in \mathbb{P}\}.$$

Then  $\{x\} \cup A_i$  is closed in  $X$  and  $x$  is a finite generating set of it. Therefore  $A_i \cap K$  is closed in  $K$ . If  $A_i \subset K$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , we receive a contradiction because  $\{A_i\}$  has finite intersection property but their intersection is empty. Hence, there exists  $q_1 \in \mathbb{P}$  such that  $xq_1 \notin K$ . Going on this processing, replacing  $x$  by  $xq_1$  and considering  $A_i$  for  $p_i > q_1$ , we find out  $q_2 \in \mathbb{P}$  such that  $xq_1q_2 \notin K$ ,  $q_1 < q_2$ . By induction we have  $q_1, \dots, q_k \in \mathbb{P}$ ,  $q_1 < \dots < q_k$  such that  $z = xq_1 \dots q_k \notin K$ . It is clear that  $\tau(z) > k$ .

2. For every closed subset  $A \neq X$ , there exists  $k_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\tau(x) \leq k_0$  for all  $x \in A$ .

Indeed, let  $\alpha$  be a finite generating set of  $A$ . Put

$$k_0 = 2 \max \{\tau(x) : x \in \alpha\}.$$

Then  $k_0$  is the needed number.

Now we will prove that space  $\Phi$  is a non-Hausdorff space.

Let  $F = \{1, 2\}$  and  $F' = \{1\} \in \Phi$ . Assume that

$$\mathcal{F}_{G_1, \dots, G_n}^K \text{ and } \mathcal{F}_{G'_1, \dots, G'_m}^{K'}$$

are arbitrary neighborhoods of  $F, F'$  respectively. We have to show that

$$\mathcal{F}_{G_1, \dots, G_n}^K \cap \mathcal{F}_{G'_1, \dots, G'_m}^{K'} \neq \emptyset.$$

Indeed, it is clear that  $X \setminus G_i$  and  $X \setminus G'_j$  are closed sets which are different from  $X$ . According to 2), there exists  $k_0$  such that  $\tau(x) \leq k_0$  for all  $x \in X \setminus G_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and  $\tau(y) \leq k_0$  for all  $y \in X \setminus G'_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, m$ . Since  $K \cup K'$  is a compact set which is different from  $X$ , according to 1) there exists  $x_0 \notin K \cup K'$  such that  $\tau(x_0) \geq k_0$ . We have  $x_0 \notin X \setminus G_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and  $x_0 \notin X \setminus G'_j$  for  $j = 1, \dots, m$ . Consequently,  $x_0 \in G_i$ ,  $x_0 \in G'_j$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, m$ . Hence

$$\{x_0\} \in \mathcal{F}_{G_1, \dots, G_n}^K \cap \mathcal{F}_{G'_1, \dots, G'_m}^{K'}.$$

The proof is completed.

**Acknowledgements.** The authors would like to thank Nguyen Nhuy of Vietnam National University, Hanoi for his helpful encouragement during the preparation of this paper.

## References

- [1] G. Matheron, *Random Set and Integral Geometry*, John Wiley and Sons, New York, 1975.
- [2] M. Marinacci, *Choquet Theorem for the Hausdorff Metric*, preprint, 1998.
- [3] Nguyen Nhuy, Vu Hong Thanh, On Matheron Theorem for Non-locally Compact metric Spaces. *Vietnam J. Math.* 27 (1999) 115.
- [4] N. Bourbaki, *Algebre*, Paris, 1995.
- [5] J. L. Kelley, *General Topology*, Van Nostrand, Princeton, N. J. 1955.