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## SOME PROPERTIES OF TANGENCY RELATIONS

The relation  $T_l(a, b, k, p)$  of the tangency of the sets in a metric space  $(E, \rho)$  is dependent on a real non-negative functions  $a$  and  $b$ . The paper gives a certain conditions towards to the real non-negative functions  $a$  and  $b$  if relation of the tangency of sets  $T_l(a, b, k, p)$  is non-empty.

Let  $(E, \rho)$  be an arbitrary metric space. For any set  $A \subset E$ , we denote  $r$ -neighbourhood

$$(1.1) \quad A_r = \bigcup_{p \in A} K(p, r) \quad \text{for } r > 0,$$

or

$$(1.2) \quad A_r = A \quad \text{for } r = 0.$$

The  $K(p, r)$  ( $S(p, r)$ ) denotes the open ball (sphere) with the center at the point  $p$  and the radius  $r$ .

Let  $a$  and  $b$  be any non-negative real functions defined in a certain right-hand side neighbourhood of 0 such that

$$(2) \quad a(r) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{and} \quad b(r) \rightarrow 0 \text{ for } r \rightarrow 0^+.$$

A pair  $(A, B)$  of subsets of  $E$  will be called  $(a, b)$ -clustered at the  $p$  if 0 is a cluster point of the set  $Q$  of all real numbers  $r > 0$  such that the sets

$$A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)} \quad \text{and} \quad B \cap S(p, r)_{b(r)}$$

are non-empty.

Here  $S(p, r)_{a(r)}$  is an  $a(r)$ -neighbourhood of the set  $S(p, r)$ , (1.1) and (1.2).

Let  $l$  be a real non-negative function defined on the Cartesian product  $E_0 \times E_0$ , where  $E_0$  is a family of all non empty subsets of the set  $E$ , satisfying the condition

$$(3) \quad l(\{x\}, \{y\}) = \rho(x, y) \quad \text{for } x, y \in E.$$

The set  $A$  is  $(a, b)$ -tangent of order  $k$  at the point  $p \in E$  to the set  $B$  if the pair  $(A, B)$  is  $(a, b)$ -clustered at the point  $p$  of the space  $(E, \rho)$  and

$$(4) \quad \frac{1}{r^k} l(A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}, B \cap S(p, r)_{b(r)}) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for } r \rightarrow 0^+,$$

where  $k$  is an arbitrary positive real number.

Let

$$(5) \quad T_l(a, b, k, p) = \left\{ (A, B) : A \cup B \subset E \text{ and } (A, B) \text{ is } (a, b)\text{-clustered at the point } p \text{ of the space } (E, \rho) \text{ and} \right. \\ \left. \frac{1}{r^k} l(A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}, B \cap S(p, r)_{b(r)}) \xrightarrow[r \rightarrow 0^+]{} 0 \right\}.$$

The relation (5) will be called the relation of the  $(a, b)$ -tangency of order  $k$  at the point  $p$  (or shortly relation of the tangency) of the sets in the metric space  $(E, \rho)$ .

The metric  $\rho$  induces some functions  $l_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, 6$ ) defined by

$$(6.1) \quad l_1(A, B) = \inf \{ \inf \{ \rho(x, y) : y \in B \} : x \in A \},$$

$$(6.2) \quad l_2(A, B) = \sup \{ \inf \{ \rho(x, y) : y \in B \} : x \in A \},$$

$$(6.3) \quad l_3(A, B) = \inf \{ \sup \{ \rho(x, y) : y \in B \} : x \in A \},$$

$$(6.4) \quad l_4(A, B) = \sup \{ \sup \{ \rho(x, y) : y \in B \} : x \in A \},$$

$$(6.5) \quad l_5(A, B) = \max \{ l_2(A, B), l_2(B, A) \},$$

$$(6.6) \quad l_6(A, B) = \max \{ l_3(A, B), l_3(B, A) \},$$

for  $A, B \in E_0$ .

Let  $(E, \rho)$  be a metric space. We denote

$$(7) \quad Q_p(A) = \{ r > 0 : A \cap S(p, r) \neq \emptyset \},$$

where  $\emptyset \neq A \subset E$  and  $p \in E$ .

LEMMA 1. *If the set  $Q_p(A)$  is dense in the  $(0, s)$ , for some number  $s > 0$ , then*

$$\sup \{ \rho(p, x) : x \in A \cap S(p, r)_t \} = r + t$$

and

$$\inf \{ \rho(p, x) : x \in A \cap S(p, r)_t \} = \max \{ 0, r - t \},$$

for  $r + t < s$ .

Proof. Let  $x \in A \cap S(p, r)_t$ . Then there exists  $q \in S(p, r)$  such that  $x \in K(q, t)$ . From the triangle inequality we obtain

$$r - t < \rho(p, x) < r + t.$$

Consequently

$$\sup \{ \rho(p, x) : x \in A \cap S(p, r)_t \} \leq r + t$$

and

$$\inf\{\rho(p, x) : x \in A \cap S(p, r)_t\} \geq \max\{0, r - t\}$$

The set  $Q_p(A)$  is dense in the  $(0, s)$  and

$$(\max\{0, r - t\}, r + t) \subset (0, s).$$

Hence

$$\sup\{\rho(p, x) : x \in A \cap S(p, r)_t\} = r + t$$

and

$$\inf\{\rho(p, x) : x \in A \cap S(p, r)_t\} = \max\{0, r - t\}.$$

We suppose that

$$\sup\{\rho(p, x) : x \in A \cap S(p, r)_t\} = u < t + r.$$

Then for an arbitrary  $x \in A \cap S(p, r)_t$  we obtain  $\rho(p, x) \leq u < r + t$ , hence it follows that there exists a number  $v \in (u, r + t)$  and certain a neighbourhood  $U$  such that  $Q_p(A) \cap U = \emptyset$ . That is contradictory. This ends the proof.

**THEOREM 1.** *If sets  $Q_p(A)$ ,  $Q_p(B)$  are dense in the  $(0, s)$  for some number  $s$  and non-negative real functions  $a$  and  $b$  defined in the  $(0, s)$  satisfying the conditions (2) and*

$$(*) \quad \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \sup \frac{r - a(r)}{r^k} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \sup \frac{r - b(r)}{r^k} = 0,$$

*the pair  $(A, B)$  is  $(a, b)$ -clustered at the point  $p$ , then  $(A, B) \in T_{l_1}(a, b, k, p)$  and  $(A, B) \notin T_{l_4}(a, b, k, p)$ , for arbitrary number  $k > 0$ .*

**P r o o f.** Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . From  $(*)$  and from 2 it follows that there exists a real number  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$r - a(r) < \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon r^k \quad \text{and} \quad r - b(r) < \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon r^k$$

for  $r \in (0, \min\{\delta, s\})$ . There exists points  $x \in A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}$  and  $y \in B \cap S(p, r)_{b(r)}$  such that

$$r - a(r) < \rho(p, x) < \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon r^k \quad \text{and} \quad r - b(r) < \rho(p, y) < \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon r^k.$$

Hence and from the triangle inequality we have

$$\rho(x, y) < \rho(p, x) + \rho(p, y) < \varepsilon r^k.$$

Therefore

$$\inf\{\inf\{\rho(x, y) : y \in B \cap S(p, r)_{b(r)}\} : x \in A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}\} < \varepsilon r^k,$$

then  $(A, B) \in T_{l_1}(a, b, k, p)$ .

Let  $\varepsilon \in (0, s)$  and  $\varepsilon < 1$ . There exists number  $0 < \delta < \varepsilon$  such that  $r - a(r) < \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon r^k$ ,  $r - b(r) < \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon r^k$ ,  $r + a(r) < \varepsilon$  and  $r + b(r) < \varepsilon$  for  $r \in (0, \delta)$ . From the triangle inequality, we obtain

$$|\rho(p, x) - \rho(p, y)| \leq \rho(x, y),$$

for  $x \in A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}$ ,  $y \in B \cap S(p, r)_{b(r)}$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \sup\{\rho(p, x) : x \in A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}\} - \inf\{\rho(p, y) : y \in B \cap S(p, r)_{b(r)}\} &\leq \\ \leq \sup\{\sup\{\rho(x, y) : y \in B \cap S(p, r)_{b(r)}\} : x \in A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence and from Lemma 1 and (6.6) we obtain

$$a(r) + b(r) \leq l_4(A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}, B \cap S(p, r)_{b(r)})$$

or else

$$r + a(r) \leq l_4(A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}, B \cap S(p, r)_{b(r)}).$$

Therefore

$$\frac{2}{r^{k-1}} - \varepsilon \leq \frac{1}{r^k} l_4(A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}, B \cap S(p, r)_{b(r)}).$$

Because  $\frac{2}{r^{k-1}} - \varepsilon > \frac{2}{r^{k-1}} - 1 > 1$ , then

$$\frac{1}{r^k} l_4(A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}, B \cap S(p, r)_{b(r)}) > 1.$$

Consequently  $(A, B) \notin T_{l_4}(a, b, k, p)$ . This ends the proof.

LEMMA 2. If set  $Q_p(A)$  is dense in the  $(0, s)$  for some real number  $s > 0$  and

$$\frac{1}{r^k} l_4(A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}, A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}) \rightarrow 0 \text{ and}$$

$$a(r) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for } r \rightarrow 0^+, \text{ then}$$

$$\frac{a(r)}{r^k} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for } r \rightarrow 0^+.$$

Proof. There exists  $\delta \in (0, \frac{1}{2}s)$  such that  $a(r) < \frac{1}{2}s$  for  $r \in (0, \delta)$  and  $r + a(r) < s$ . Hence and from Lemma 1

$$\sup\{\rho(p, x) : x \in A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}\} = r + a(r)$$

and

$$\inf\{\rho(p, x) : x \in A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}\} = \max\{0, r - a(r)\}$$

for  $r \in (0, \delta)$ .

Let  $x, y \in A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}$ , from the triangle inequality we obtain

$$|\rho(p, x) - \rho(p, y)| \leq \rho(x, y).$$

Therefore

$$\sup\{\rho(p, x) : x \in A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}\} - \inf\{\rho(p, y) : y \in A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}\} \leq l_4(A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}, A \cap S(p, r)_{b(r)}).$$

Hence and from Lemma 1 we obtain

$$2a(r) \leq l_4(A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}, A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}) \quad \text{for } r - a(r) \geq 0.$$

Consequently

$$0 \leq \frac{a(r)}{r^k} \leq \frac{1}{r^k} l_4(A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}, A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}).$$

Hence  $\frac{a(r)}{r^k} \rightarrow 0$  for  $r \rightarrow 0^+$ . This end the proof.

If the set  $Q_p(A)$  is not dense set in any right-hand side neighbourhood of 0 then Lemma 2 may be not true.

**Example.** Let  $A$  be a subset of  $E$  and let  $p$  be a cluster point in a metric space  $(E, \rho)$ . The point  $p \in A$  is not a cluster point of set  $A$ . There exists number  $t > 0$  such that  $A \cap K(p, t) = \{p\}$ . Let  $a(r) \geq r$  in a certain right-hand side neighbourhood of 0 and  $a(r) \rightarrow 0$  for  $r \rightarrow 0^+$ . There exists the number  $\delta \in (0, \frac{1}{2}t)$  such that  $r + a(r) < t$  for  $r \in (0, \delta)$ . Therefore  $S(p, r)_{a(r)} \subset K(p, t)$ . Hence  $A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)} = \{p\}$  for  $r \in (0\delta)$ , then

$$l_4(A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}, A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}) = 0$$

and

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \sup \frac{a(r)}{r^k} \geq 1 \quad \text{for } k \geq 1.$$

**THEOREM 2.** If there exists two dense sets  $Q_p(A), Q_p(B)$  in a interval  $(0, s)$  for some real number  $s > 0$  and  $(A, B) \in T_{l_4}(a, b, k, p)$ , then

$$\frac{a(r)}{r^k} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{b(r)}{r^k} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for } r \rightarrow 0^+.$$

**Proof.** From the triangle inequality and from properties of supremum and infimum we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} l_4(A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}, A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}) &\leq 2l_4(A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}, B \cap S(p, r)_{b(r)}), \\ l_4(B \cap S(p, r)_{b(r)}, B \cap S(p, r)_{b(r)}) &\leq 2l_4(A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}, B \cap S(p, r)_{b(r)}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence and from Lemma 2 we obtain

$$\frac{a(r)}{r^k} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{b(r)}{r^k} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for } r \rightarrow 0^+.$$

This ends the proof.

Analogously we prove the following theorems:

**THEOREM 3.** *If there exists the pair  $(A, B) \in T_{l_2}(a, b, k, p)$  and two sets  $Q_p(A)$  and  $Q_p(B)$  are dense in the interval  $(0, s)$ , for some  $s > 0$ , and  $\frac{b(r)}{r^k} \xrightarrow[r \rightarrow 0^+]{} 0$ , then  $\frac{a(r)}{r^k} \rightarrow 0$  for  $r \rightarrow 0^+$ .*

**THEOREM 4.** *If there exists the pair  $(A, B) \in T_{l_3}(a, b, k, p)$  and the set  $Q_p(A)$  is dense in the interval  $(0, s)$ , for some real number  $s > 0$ , then*

$$\frac{b(r)}{r^k} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for } r \rightarrow 0^+.$$

**THEOREM 5.** *If there exists the pair  $(A, B) \in T_{l_6}(a, b, k, p)$  and sets  $Q_p(A)$  and  $Q_p(B)$  are dense sets in the interval  $(0, s)$ , for some  $s > 0$ , then*

$$\frac{a(r)}{r^k} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{b(r)}{r^k} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for } r \rightarrow 0^+$$

**THEOREM 6.** *If there exists the pair  $(A, B) \in T_{l_5}(a, b, k, p)$  and sets  $Q_p(A)$  and  $Q_p(B)$  are dense in the interval  $(0, s)$  for some  $s > 0$ , then*

$$\frac{|a(r) - b(r)|}{r^k} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for } r \rightarrow 0^+.$$

**Proof.** Let  $\varepsilon \in (0, \frac{1}{2}s)$ . Then there exists a number  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$l_5(A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}, B \cap S(p, r)_{b(r)}) < \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon r^k,$$

$$b(r) < \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon r^k < \frac{1}{2}s \quad \text{and} \quad a(r) < \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon r^k < \frac{1}{2}s$$

for  $r \in (0, \min\{\delta, \frac{1}{2}s\})$ .

From definitions (6.2) and (6.5) we obtain  $l_2(A, B) \leq l_5(A, B)$  for  $A, B \in E_0$ .

Hence and from inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \sup\{\rho(p, x) : x \in A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}\} &\leq \sup\{\rho(p, y) : y \in B \cap S(p, r)_{b(r)}\} + \\ &\quad + l_2(A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}, B \cap S(p, r)_{b(r)}) \end{aligned}$$

and symmetry of function  $l_5$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |\sup\{\rho(p, x) : x \in A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}\} - \sup\{\rho(p, y) : y \in B \cap S(p, r)_{b(r)}\}| &\leq \\ &\leq l_5(A \cap S(p, r)_{a(r)}, B \cap S(p, r)_{b(r)}) < \varepsilon r^k. \end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 1 we have  $|a(r) - b(r)| < \varepsilon r^k$ . Therefore

$$\frac{|a(r) - b(r)|}{r^k} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for } r \rightarrow 0^+.$$

This ends the proof.

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