

Definition 0.4.1 *Let \mathcal{U} be a non-empty finite set of objects called the universe and R be an equivalence relation on \mathcal{U} named as the indiscernibility relation. Elements belonging to the same equivalence class are said to be indiscernible with one another. The pair (\mathcal{U}, R) is said to be the approximation space. Let $X \subseteq \mathcal{U}$.*

- (i) The lower approximation[57] of X with respect to R is the set of all objects, which can be for certain classified as X with respect to R and it is denoted by $L_R(X)$. That is, $L_R(X) = \bigcup_{x \in \mathcal{U}} \{R(x) : R(x) \subseteq X\}$, where $R(x)$ denotes the equivalence class determined by x .

(ii) The upper approximation [57] of X with respect to R is the set of all objects, which can be possibly classified as X with respect to R and it is denoted by $U_R(X)$. That is, $U_R(X) = \bigcup_{x \in \mathcal{U}} \{R(x) : R(x) \cap X \neq \phi\}$

(iii) The boundary region[57] of X with respect to R is the set of all objects, which can be classified neither as X nor as not- X with respect to R and it is denoted by $B_R(X)$. That is, $B_R(X) = U_R(X) - L_R(X)$.

Remark 0.4.2 [57] *If (\mathcal{U}, R) is an approximation space and $X, Y \subseteq \mathcal{U}$, then*

$$(i) \ L_R(X) \subseteq X \subseteq U_R(X).$$

$$(ii) \ L_R(\phi) = U_R(\phi) = \phi \text{ and } L_R(\mathcal{U}) = U_R(\mathcal{U}) = \mathcal{U}$$

$$(iii) \quad U_R(X \cup Y) = U_R(X) \cup U_R(Y)$$

$$(iv) \quad U_R(X \cap Y) \subseteq U_R(X) \cap U_R(Y)$$

$$(v) \quad L_R(X \cup Y) \supseteq L_R(X) \cup L_R(Y)$$

$$(vi) \quad L_R(X \cap Y) = L_R(X) \cap L_R(Y)$$

$$(vii) \quad L_R(X) \subseteq L_R(Y) \text{ and } U_R(X) \subseteq U_R(Y) \text{ whenever } X \subseteq Y$$

$$(viii) \quad U_R(X^C) = [L_R(X)]^C \text{ and } L_R(X^C) = [U_R(X)]^C$$

$$(ix) \quad U_R U_R(X) = L_R U_R(X) = U_R(X)$$

$$(x) \quad L_R L_R(X) = U_R L_R(X) = L_R(X)$$

Remark 1.1.1 Let \mathcal{U} be an universe of objects and R be an equivalence relation on \mathcal{U} . For $X \subseteq \mathcal{U}$, let $\tau_R(X) = \{\mathcal{U}, \phi, L_R(X), U_R(X), B_R(X)\}$. We note that \mathcal{U} and $\phi \in \tau_R(X)$. Since $L_R(X) \subseteq U_R(X)$, $L_R(X) \cup U_R(X) = U_R(X) \in \tau_R(X)$. Also, $U_R(X) \cup B_R(X) = U_R(X) \in \tau_R(X)$ and $L_R(X) \cup B_R(X) = U_R(X) \in \tau_R(X)$. Also, $L_R(X) \cap U_R(X) = L_R(X) \in \tau_R(X)$; $U_R(X) \cap B_R(X) = B_R(X) \in \tau_R(X)$ and $L_R(X) \cap B_R(X) = \phi \in \tau_R(X)$.

Definition 1.1.2 Let \mathcal{U} be an universe, R be an equivalence relation on \mathcal{U} and $\tau_R(X) = \{\mathcal{U}, \phi, L_R(X), U_R(X), B_R(X)\}$ where $X \subseteq \mathcal{U}$. $\tau_R(X)$ satisfies the following axioms:

- (i) \mathcal{U} and $\phi \in \tau_R(X)$.
- (ii) The union of the elements of any sub-collection of $\tau_R(X)$ is in $\tau_R(X)$.
- (iii) The intersection of the elements of any finite sub-collection of $\tau_R(X)$ is in $\tau_R(X)$.

That is, $\tau_R(X)$ forms a topology on \mathcal{U} called the nano topology on \mathcal{U} with respect to X . We call $(\mathcal{U}, \tau_R(X))$ as the nano topological space. The elements of $\tau_R(X)$ are called nano-open sets.

Example 1.1.3 Let $\mathcal{U} = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$, $\mathcal{U}/R = \{\{a, b\}, \{c, d\}, \{e\}\}$, the family of equivalence classes of \mathcal{U} by an equivalence relation R and $X = \{a, c, d\}$. Then $U_R(X) = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $L_R(X) = \{c, d\}$ and $B_R(X) = \{a, b\}$. Therefore the nano topology, $\tau_R(X) = \{\mathcal{U}, \phi, \{a, b, c, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, b\}\}$.

Proposition 1.1.5 *If $\tau_R(X)$ is the nano topology on \mathcal{U} with respect to X , then the set $B = \{\mathcal{U}, L_R(X), B_R(X)\}$ is the basis for $\tau_R(X)$.*

Proof:

(i) $\bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{B}} A = \mathcal{U}.$

(ii) Consider \mathcal{U} and $L_R(X)$ from \mathcal{B} . Let $W = L_R(X)$. Since $\mathcal{U} \cap L_R(X) = L_R(X)$, $W \subset \mathcal{U} \cap L_R(X)$ and every x in $\mathcal{U} \cap L_R(X)$ belongs to W . If we consider \mathcal{U} and $B_R(X)$ from \mathcal{B} , taking $W = B_R(X)$, $W \subset \mathcal{U} \cap B_R(X)$ and every x in $\mathcal{U} \cap B_R(X)$ belongs to W , since $\mathcal{U} \cap B_R(X) = B_R(X)$. And when we consider $L_R(X)$ and $B_R(X)$, $L_R(X) \cap B_R(X) = \phi$. Thus, \mathcal{B} is a basis for $\tau_R(X)$.

Proposition 1.1.6 *Let \mathcal{U} be a non-empty finite universe and $X \subseteq \mathcal{U}$.*

(i) If $L_R(X) = \phi$ and $U_R(X) = \mathcal{U}$, then $\tau_R(X) = \{\mathcal{U}, \phi\}$, the indiscrete nano topology on \mathcal{U} .

(ii) If $L_R(X) = U_R(X) = X$, then the nano topology, $\tau_R(X) = \{\mathcal{U}, \phi, L_R(X)\}$.

(iii) If $L_R(X) = \phi$ and $U_R(X) \neq \mathcal{U}$, then $\tau_R(X) = \{\mathcal{U}, \phi, U_R(X)\}$.

(iv) If $L_R(X) \neq \phi$ and $U_R(X) = \mathcal{U}$, then $\tau_R(X) = \{\mathcal{U}, \phi, L_R(X), B_R(X)\}$.

(v) If $L_R(X) \neq U_R(X)$ where $L_R(X) \neq \phi$ and $U_R(X) \neq \mathcal{U}$, then $\tau_R(X) = \{\mathcal{U}, \phi, L_R(X), U_R(X), B_R(X)\}$ is the discrete nano topology on \mathcal{U} .