

# Combinatorial properties and n-ary topology on product of power sets

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**Abstract-** Nithyanantha Jothi and Thangavelu studied the properties of the product of two power sets and introduced the concept of binary topology. In this paper, properties of the product of arbitrarily n-power sets are discussed where  $n > 2$ . Further an n-ary topology on the product of power sets similar to binary topology is introduced and studied.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The concept of a binary topology was introduced and studied by Nithyanantha Jothi and Thangavelu [4-9] in 2011. Recently Lellish Thivagar et.al.[3] extended this notion to supra topology, Jamal Mustafa[2] to generalized topology and Benchalli et.al.[1] to soft topology. Nithyanantha Jothi and Thangavelu[9] extended the concepts of regular open and semiopen sets in point set topology to binary topology. The authors[10] studied the notion of nearly binary open sets in binary topological spaces. In this paper, the notion of n-ary topology is introduced and its properties are discussed. Section 1 deals with basic properties of the product of power sets and section 2 deals with n-ary topology with sufficient examples and some basic results.

## II. PRODUCT OF POWER SETS

Let  $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n$  be the non empty sets. Then  $P(X_i)$  denotes the collection of all subsets of  $X$ , called the power set of  $X_i$ .  $P(X_1) \times P(X_2) \times \dots \times P(X_n)$  is the cartesian product of the power sets  $P(X_1), P(X_2), \dots, P(X_n)$ . Examples can be constructed to show that the two notions 'product of power sets' and 'power set of the products' are different. When  $|X_1|=|X_2|=2$ , it is noteworthy to see that  $|P(X_1 \times X_2)| = |P(X_1) \times P(X_2)| = 16$ . But this is not always true as shown in the next proposition .

### 2.1. Proposition-

Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are finite non empty sets satisfying one of the conditions (i).  $n > 2$ ,  $|X_i| > 1$  for each  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ; (ii).  $n=2$ ,  $|X_1| > 2$ ,  $|X_2| \geq 2$ ; (iii).  $n=2$ ,  $|X_2| > 2$ ,  $|X_1| \geq 2$ . Then  $|P(X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n)| > |P(X_1) \times P(X_2) \times \dots \times P(X_n)|$ .

Proof: Suppose  $X_i$  has  $m_i$  elements for each  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Then each  $P(X_i)$  has  $2^{m_i}$  members. Therefore  $X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n$  has  $m_1 \times m_2 \times \dots \times m_n$  elements that implies  $P(X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n)$  has  $2^{m_1 \times m_2 \times \dots \times m_n}$  elements where as  $P(X_1) \times P(X_2) \times \dots \times P(X_n)$  has  $2^{m_1} \cdot 2^{m_2} \dots 2^{m_n}$  members. That is  $P(X_1) \times P(X_2) \times \dots \times P(X_n)$  has  $2^{m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_n}$  members. Under the conditions on  $n$  and  $|X_i|$  it follows that  $2^{m_1 \times m_2 \times \dots \times m_n} > 2^{m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_n}$ . This shows that  $|P(X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n)| > |P(X_1) \times P(X_2) \times \dots \times P(X_n)|$ .

### 2.2. Proposition-

Let  $N$  be the set of all natural numbers and  $a, b, c, d, e \in N$ .

(i). The equation  $ab = a + b$  has exactly one solution in  $N$ .

(ii). The equation  $abc = a + b + c$  has at exactly six solutions in  $N$ .

Proof: Solutions can be found by inspection method. If  $a=1$  then  $ab = a + b$  gives  $b = 1 + b$  that implies  $(a=1, b \geq 1)$  cannot be a solution for (i). Clearly  $(a=2, b=1)$  is not a solution for (i). But  $(a=2, b=2)$  is a solution for (i). Now suppose  $(a, b)$  is a solution for (i) in  $N$ . Then  $ab = a + b$  that implies  $a$  divides  $a + b$ . Since  $a$  divides itself it follows that  $a$  divides  $b$ . Similarly  $b$  divides  $a$  that implies  $a = b$  from which it follows that  $a^2 = 2a$ . This proves that  $a = b = 2$ . Therefore  $(2, 2)$  is the only solution of (i) in  $N$ . This proves (i).

Now for the equation (ii), suppose  $a=1$ , we get  $bc = 1 + b + c$ . 'b=1' is not possible. If  $b=2$  then  $2c = 1 + 1 + c = 2 + c$  that implies  $c=2$ . Therefore  $(a, b, c) = (1, 2, 3)$  is a solution for (ii). The other solutions are  $(1, 3, 2), (2, 3, 1), (2, 1, 3), (3, 1, 2),$

(3,2,1). Hence the equation  $abc=a+b+c$  has at least six solutions in  $N$ . Now suppose  $(a,b,c)$  is any solution in  $N$  for (ii). Then no two of  $a,b,c$  are equal to 1. For, suppose  $a=b=1$ . Then from (ii),  $c=2+c$  that is not possible. No two of  $a,b,c$  are equal. For, if  $a=b$  then  $a2c=2a+c$  that implies  $c$  divides  $2a$ . Therefore  $2a=kc$  for some natural number  $k$ . Then using this in  $a2c=2a+c$  we get  $a2=k+1$ . Therefore  $2a=kc=(a2-1)c$  which implies  $c=2a/(a2-1)$ . Since  $a>1$  and since  $a<(a2-1)$  we see that  $c<2$  that implies  $c=1$ . Then using  $c=1$  and  $a=b$  in (ii) we get  $a2=2a+1$  which has no solution for  $a$  in  $N$ . Hence we conclude that  $a,b,c$  are all distinct. We assume that  $a<b<c$ . If  $a=1$  then  $bc=1+b+c$  that implies  $b=2$  and  $c=3$ . If  $a=k>1$ ,  $b\geq k+1$  and  $c\geq k+2$  then  $abc\geq k(k+1)(k+2)>(k+1)(k+2)>6$  and  $a+b+c\geq 3k+3>6$ . Therefore any solution other than the permutations of  $(1,2,3)$  must satisfy  $a+b+c=abc>6$ . This shows that the equation (ii) has exactly six solutions in  $N$ .

2.3. Proposition-

For any integer  $k>2$ , the equation  $a1+a2+...+ak = a1.a2....ak$  has at least  $k(k-1)$  solutions in  $N$ .

Proof: Let  $(a1,a2,...,ak)$  be a positive integral solution for the equation

$$a1+a2+...+ak = a1.a2....ak. \tag{Eqn.1}$$

Then it is not possible to have  $a1=a2=...=ak=1$ . For if  $a1=a2=...=ak=1$  then  $k=1$ . Again if  $a1=a2=...=ak-1=1$  and  $ak>1$  then  $k-1+ak = ak$  that implies  $k=1$ .

Suppose  $a1=a2=...=ak-2=1$ ,  $ak-1>1$  and  $ak>1$ . Then  $k-2+ak-1+ak = ak-1.ak$ .

Let  $ak-1=r>1$ . Then  $r.ak = k+r-2+ak$  that implies

$$ak = \frac{k+r-2}{r-1} = 1 + \frac{k-1}{r-1}. \tag{Eqn.2}$$

If  $r>k$  then  $\frac{k-1}{r-1}$  is a proper fraction that implies  $ak$  is not an integer. Therefore we have  $2\leq r\leq k$ . If  $r=2$  then  $ak=k$  and if  $r=k$  then  $ak=k$ . Therefore if

$a1=a2=...=ak-2=1$ ,  $ak-1=2$  and  $ak=k$  then  $(a1,a2,...,ak)$  is a solution of (Eqn.1)

This shows that  $(a1,a2,...,ak) = (1,1,...,1,2, k)$  is a solution for (Eqn.1). Clearly any permutation of  $(1,1,...,1,2, k)$  is also a solution for (Eqn.1).

Therefore the number of such solutions is  $\frac{k!}{(k-2)!} = (k-1)k$ . Depending upon the values of  $k$ , (Eqn.1) may have other solutions. For take  $k=5$ . Then

The equation  $abcde = a+b+c+d+e$  has at least 20 solutions in  $N$  which may be got by taking  $r=2$  in (Eqn.2). If we put  $r=3$  in (Eqn.2) we get  $e=3$  that implies  $(1,1,1,3,3)$  is also a solution for  $abcde = a+b+c+d+e$ . Therefore for  $k>2$ , (Eqn.1) has at least  $k(k-1)$  solutions in  $N$ .

$$\frac{k-1}{r-1}$$

The following proposition can be established by choosing  $r$  in Eqn.2 such that  $\frac{k-1}{r-1}$  is a positive integer.

2.4. Proposition-

- (i).If  $k=5, 10$  then (Eqn.1) has at least  $3k(k-1)/2$  solutions in  $N$ .
- (ii).If  $k=7, 9,11$  then (Eqn.1) has at least  $2k(k-1)$  solutions in  $N$ .
- (iii).If  $k=13$  then (Eqn.1) has at least  $3k(k-1)$  solutions in  $N$ .

From the above discussion, the following lemma can be easily established.

2.5 Proposition-

For any integer  $k>1$ , each of the strict in equations  $a1+a2+...+ak < a1.a2....ak$  and  $a1+a2+...+ak > a1.a2....ak$  has at least one solution in  $N$ .

The above discussions lead to the following proposition.

2.6. Proposition-

Let  $|Xi| = mi$  for each  $i \in \{1,2,3,...,k\}$ . Then

$|P(X1 \times X2 \times \dots \times Xk)| = |P(X1) \times P(X2) \times \dots \times P(Xn)|$ ,  $|P(X1 \times X2 \times \dots \times Xk)| > |P(X1) \times P(X2) \times \dots \times P(Xn)|$  and  $|P(X1 \times X2 \times \dots \times Xk)| < |P(X1) \times P(X2) \times \dots \times P(Xn)|$  according as  $(m1,m2,...,mk)$  is a solution of  $a1+a2+...+ak = a1.a2....ak$ ,  $a1+a2+...+ak < a1.a2....ak$  and  $a1+a2+...+ak > a1.a2....ak$  respectively.

Any typical element in  $P(X_1) \times P(X_2) \times \dots \times P(X_n)$  is of the form  $(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$  where  $A_i \subseteq X_i$  for  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Suppose  $(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$  and  $(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n)$  are any two members in  $P(X_1) \times P(X_2) \times \dots \times P(X_n)$ . Throughout this chapter we use the following notations and terminologies.

$(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  is an  $n$ -ary absolute set and  $(\emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset, \dots, \emptyset)$  is an  $n$ -ary null set or void set or empty set in  $P(X_1) \times P(X_2) \times \dots \times P(X_n)$ .  $(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n) \subseteq (B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n)$  if  $A_i \subseteq B_i$  for every  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and  $(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n) \neq (B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n)$  if  $A_i \neq B_i$  for some  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Equivalently  $(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n) = (B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n)$  if  $A_i = B_i$  for every  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . If  $A_i \neq B_i$  for each  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  then we say  $(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$  is absolutely not equal to  $(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n)$  which is denoted as  $(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n) \neq (B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n)$ . Let  $x_i \in X_i$  and  $A_i \subseteq X_i$  for every  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Then  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in (A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$  if  $x_i \in A_i$  for every  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

### 2.7. Definition-

Let  $X_i$  be an infinite set for every  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

$(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$  is finite if  $A_i$  is finite for every  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and is infinite if  $A_i$  is infinite for some  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

### 2.8. Definition-

Let  $X_i$  be an uncountable set for every  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ,

$(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$  is countable if  $A_i$  is countable for every  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and is uncountable if  $A_i$  is uncountable for some  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

### 2.9. Proposition-

$(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in (A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$  iff  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n$ .

The notions of  $n$ -ary union,  $n$ -ary intersection,  $n$ -ary complement and  $n$ -ary difference of  $n$ -ary sets are defined component wise. Two  $n$ -ary sets are said to be  $n$ -ary disjoint if the sets in the corresponding positions are disjoint and  $(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$  is a somewhat empty  $n$ -ary set if  $A_i \neq \emptyset$  for at least one  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and  $A_j = \emptyset$  for at least one  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

Let  $S$  denote the collection of all somewhat empty  $n$ -ary sets in  $P(X_1) \times P(X_2) \times \dots \times P(X_n)$ . Let  $N = P(X_1) \times P(X_2) \times \dots \times P(X_n) \setminus S$ , the collection of all  $n$ -ary sets other than somewhat empty  $n$ -ary sets. The next proposition shows that  $N$  can be considered as a proper subset of  $P(X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n)$ .

### 2.10. Proposition-

Let  $\phi: N \rightarrow P(X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n)$  be defined by  $\phi(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n) = A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n$  for each element  $(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$  in  $P(X_1) \times P(X_2) \times \dots \times P(X_n)$ . Then  $\phi$  is injective but not surjective.

Proof: Suppose  $(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$  and  $(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n)$  are any two distinct members of  $M$ . Then  $A_i \neq B_i$  for some  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  that implies  $A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n \neq B_1 \times B_2 \times \dots \times B_n$ . Therefore

$\phi(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n) \neq \phi(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n)$  that implies  $\phi$  is injective. Further  $\phi$  is not surjective as shown below.

$X_1 = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $X_2 = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $A_1 \subseteq X_1$  and  $A_2 \subseteq X_2$ . Let  $S = \{(a, 1), (b, 2)\} \subseteq X_1 \times X_2$ . It can be seen that there is no  $(A_1, A_2) \in P(X_1 \times X_2)$  such that  $A_1 \times A_2 = S$ .

### 2.11. Remark-

The function  $\phi$ , defined above is not injective if we replace  $M$  by  $P(X_1) \times P(X_2) \times \dots \times P(X_n)$ .

Let  $f: Y \rightarrow X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n$  be a single valued function. Then it induces a function

$f^{-1}: P(X_1) \times P(X_2) \times \dots \times P(X_n) \rightarrow P(Y)$  that is an  $n$ -ary set to set valued function defined by  $f^{-1}((A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)) = \{y: f(y) \in (A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)\} = \{y: \pi_i(f(y)) \in A_i \text{ for each } i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}\}$  where each  $\pi_i$  is a projection of  $X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n$  onto  $X_i$ .

### 2.12. Proposition-

Let  $f: Y \rightarrow X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n$  be a single valued function. Then

$f^{-1}((A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)) = f^{-1}(A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n)$  for every  $(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n) \in M$ .

Proof:  $f^{-1}((A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)) = \{y: f(y) \in (A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)\}$

$= \{y: \pi_i(f(y)) \in A_i \text{ for each } i \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}\} = \{y: f(y) \in A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n\}$

$$= f^{-1}(A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n).$$

2.13. Proposition-

Let  $f: Y \rightarrow X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n$  be a single valued function. Then  $f^{-1}$  preserves  $n$ -ary union and  $n$ -ary intersection.

2.14. Proposition-

$P(X_1) \times P(X_2) \times \dots \times P(X_n)$  is a complete distributive lattice under  $n$ -ary set inclusion relation.

III. N-ARY TOPOLOGY-

Let  $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n$  be the non empty sets. Let  $T \subseteq P(X_1) \times P(X_2) \times \dots \times P(X_n)$ .

3.1. Definition-

$T$  is an  $n$ -ary topology on  $(X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n)$  if the following axioms are satisfied.

- (i).  $(\emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset, \dots, \emptyset) \in T$
- (ii).  $(X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n) \in T$
- (iii) If  $(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n), (B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n) \in T$  then  $(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n) \cap (B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n) \in T$

$$\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Omega} (A_{1\alpha}, A_{2\alpha}, \dots, A_{n\alpha})$$

- (iv) If  $(A_{1\alpha}, A_{2\alpha}, \dots, A_{n\alpha}) \in T$  for each  $\alpha \in \Omega$  then  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Omega} (A_{1\alpha}, A_{2\alpha}, \dots, A_{n\alpha}) \in T$ .

If  $T$  is an  $n$ -ary topology then the pair  $(X, T)$  is called an  $n$ -ary topological space. The elements  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n$  are called the  $n$ -ary points of  $(X, T)$  and the members  $(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$  of  $P(X_1) \times P(X_2) \times \dots \times P(X_n)$  are called the  $n$ -ary sets of  $(X, T)$ . The members of  $T$  are called the  $n$ -ary open sets in  $(X, T)$ . It is noteworthy to see that product topology on  $X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n$  and  $n$ -ary topology on  $(X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n)$  are independent concepts as any open set in product topology is a subset of  $X_1 \times X_2 \times X_3 \times \dots \times X_n$  and an open set in an  $n$ -ary topology is a member of  $P(X_1) \times P(X_2) \times \dots \times P(X_n)$ .

3.2. Examples-

- (i).  $I = \{ (\emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset, \dots, \emptyset), (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) \}$  is an  $n$ -ary topology, called indiscrete  $n$ -ary topology .
- (ii).  $D = P(X_1) \times P(X_2) \times \dots \times P(X_n)$  is an  $n$ -ary topology, called discrete  $n$ -ary topology .
- (iii).  $\{ (\emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset, \dots, \emptyset) \} \cup \{ A : a = (a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n) \in (A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n) \}$  is an  $n$ -ary topology, called  $n$ -ary point inclusion  $n$ -ary topology.
- (iv).  $\{ (\emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset, \dots, \emptyset) \} \cup \{ A : B \subseteq A \}$  is an  $n$ -ary topology, called  $n$ -ary set inclusion  $n$ -ary topology.
- (v).  $\{ (\emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset, \dots, \emptyset), (A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n), (X_1 \setminus A_1, X_2 \setminus A_2, \dots, X_n \setminus A_n), X \}$  is an  $n$ -ary topology .
- (vi). If  $B \subseteq A$  then  $\{ (\emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset, \dots, \emptyset), B, A, (X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n) \}$  is an  $n$ -ary topology.
- (vii). If  $\{ (\emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset, \dots, \emptyset), A, (X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n) \}$  is an  $n$ -ary topology.
- (viii).  $\text{Diag}(X) = \{ \{ (A_1, A_1, \dots, A_1) : A_1 \subseteq X_1 \}$  is an  $n$ -ary topology .
- (ix).  $F = \{ (\emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset, \dots, \emptyset) \} \cup \{ A : (X_1 \setminus A_1, X_2 \setminus A_2, \dots, X_n \setminus A_n), \text{ is finite} \}$  is an  $n$ -ary topology called co-finite  $n$ -ary topology.
- (x).  $C = \{ (\emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset, \dots, \emptyset) \} \cup \{ A : (X_1 \setminus A_1, X_2 \setminus A_2, \dots, X_n \setminus A_n), \text{ is countable} \}$  is an  $n$ -ary topology called co-countable  $n$ -ary topology.
- (xi).  $\{ X \} \cup \{ A : (a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n) \notin A \}$  is an  $n$ -ary topology, called  $n$ -ary point exclusion  $n$ -ary topology.
- (xii). Let  $R =$  the set of all real numbers and  $R^n =$  the Cartesian product of  $n$ -copies of  $R$ . Let  $a = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in (R, R, \dots, R)$ . Then for each  $r = (r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n) > 0$ . Let  $S(a, r) = (S(a_1, r_1), \dots, S(a_n, r_n))$  where  $S(a_i, r_i) = \{ x_i : |x_i - a_i| < r_i \}$  for  $i \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ . Let  $E =$  the set of all  $n$ -ary sets  $(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n) \in P(R) \times P(R) \times \dots \times P(R)$  such that for every  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in (A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$  there exists  $(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n) > 0$  such that  $S(a_i, r_i) \subseteq A_i$  for  $i \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ . Then  $E$  is an  $n$ -ary topology, called  $n$ -ary Euclidean topology over  $R$ . The next proposition is easy to establish.

3.3. Proposition-

Let  $f: Y \rightarrow X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n$  be a single valued function. Let  $T$  be an  $n$ -ary topology on  $X$ . Then  $f^{-1}(T) = \{ f^{-1}((A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n)) : (A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n) \in T \}$  is a topology on  $Y$ .

3.4. Proposition-

Let  $f_i: Y \rightarrow X_i$  be a single valued function for every  $i \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ . Let  $f = (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n): Y \rightarrow X_1 \times X_2 \times \dots \times X_n$  be defined by  $f(y) = (f_1(y), f_2(y), \dots, f_n(y))$  for every  $y \in Y$  where  $f_i(y) = \pi_i(f(y))$  for every  $y \in Y$ . Let  $\tau$  be a topology on  $Y$ . Then if  $f$  is a bijection then  $\{f(A): A \in \tau\}$  is an  $n$ -ary topology on  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ .

Proof: Let  $A$  be a subset of  $Y$  and  $y \in A$  with  $f(y) \in f(A)$ . Then

$f(y) = (f_1(y), f_2(y), \dots, f_n(y)) \in (f_1(A), f_2(A), \dots, f_n(A))$ . Conversely let

$(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in (f_1(A), f_2(A), \dots, f_n(A))$  that implies  $x_i = f_i(y) = \pi_i(f(y))$  for some  $y \in A$ ,  $i \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ . That is  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in f(A)$ . Therefore  $f(A) = (f_1(A), f_2(A), \dots, f_n(A)) \in P(X_1) \times P(X_2) \times \dots \times P(X_n)$ . Since  $f$  is a bijection, each  $f_i$  is also a bijection. Therefore it is easy to verify that  $\{f(A): A \in \tau\}$  is an  $n$ -ary topology on  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ .

### 3.5. Proposition-

Let  $p$  be a permutation of  $(1, 2, \dots, n)$  defined by  $p(i) = \pi_i$ ,  $i \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ . Let  $T$  be an  $n$ -ary topology on  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ .  $p(T) = \{(A_{p(1)}, A_{p(2)}, \dots, A_{p(n)}): (A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n) \in T\}$  is an  $n$ -ary topology on  $(X_{p(1)}, X_{p(2)}, \dots, X_{p(n)})$ .

Proof: Follows from the fact that  $(A_{p(1)}, A_{p(2)}, \dots, A_{p(n)}) \in P(X_{p(1)}) \times P(X_{p(2)}) \times \dots \times P(X_{p(n)})$  iff  $(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n) \in P(X_1) \times P(X_2) \times \dots \times P(X_n)$ .

The next two propositions can be proved easily.

### 3.6. Proposition-

Let  $T$  be an  $n$ -ary topology on  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ .  $T_1 = \{A_1: (A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n) \in T\}$  and  $T_2, T_3, \dots, T_n$  can be similarly defined. Then  $T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n$  are topologies on  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  respectively.

### 3.7. Proposition-

Let  $\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_n$  be the topologies on  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  respectively. Let  $T = \tau_1 \times \tau_2 \times \dots \times \tau_n = \{(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n): A_i \in \tau_i\}$ . Then  $T$  is an  $n$ -ary topology on  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ . Moreover  $T_i = \tau_i$  for every  $i \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ .

## IV. CONCLUSION-

The concept of binary topology has been extended to  $n$ -ary topology for  $n > 1$  sets. The basic properties have been discussed. In particular it is observed that the notions of product topology and  $n$ -ary topology are different. Moreover the connection between the product topology and an  $n$ -ary topology is studied.

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