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## Equivalent definitions [\[edit\]](#)

### Definition 2 [\[edit\]](#)

A space  $X$  is called monotonically normal if it is  $T_1$  and for each pair of disjoint closed subsets  $A, B$  there is an open set  $G(A, B)$  with the properties

1.  $A \subseteq G(A, B) \subseteq G(A, B)^- \subseteq X \setminus B$  and
2.  $G(A, B) \subseteq G(A', B')$ , whenever  $A \subseteq A'$  and  $B' \subseteq B$ .

This operator  $G$  is called **monotone normality operator**.

Note that if  $G$  is a monotone normality operator, then  $\tilde{G}$  defined by  $\tilde{G}(A, B) = G(A, B) \setminus G(B, A)^-$  is also a monotone normality operator; and  $\tilde{G}$  satisfies

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For this reason we some time take the monotone normality operator so as to satisfy the above requirement; and that facilitates the proof of some theorems and of the equivalence of the definitions as well.

## Properties [\[edit\]](#)

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An important example of these spaces would be, assuming Axiom of Choice, the linearly ordered spaces; however, it really needs [axiom of choice](#) for an arbitrary linear order to be [normal](#) (see van Douwen's paper). Any [generalised metric](#) is monotonically normal even without choice. An important property of monotonically normal spaces is that any two separated subsets are strongly separated there. Monotone normality is hereditary property and a monotonically normal space is always normal by the first condition of the second equivalent definition.

We list up some of the properties :

1. A [closed map](#) preserves monotone normality.
2. A monotonically normal space is hereditarily [collectionwise normal](#).
3. Elastic spaces are monotonically normal.

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A  **$T_4$  space** is a  **$T_1$  space**  $X$  that is normal; this is equivalent to  $X$  being **Hausdorff** and normal.

A **completely normal space** or a **hereditarily normal space** is a topological space  $X$  such that every **subspace** of  $X$  with subspace topology is a normal space. It turns out that  $X$  is completely normal if and only if every two **separated sets** can be separated by neighbourhoods.

A **completely  $T_4$  space**, or  **$T_5$  space** is a completely normal Hausdorff topological space  $X$ ; equivalently, every subspace of  $X$  must be a  $T_4$  space.



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- Normality is a well-established topic in Pointfree Topology. What about monotone normality?  
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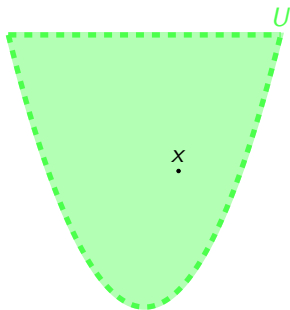
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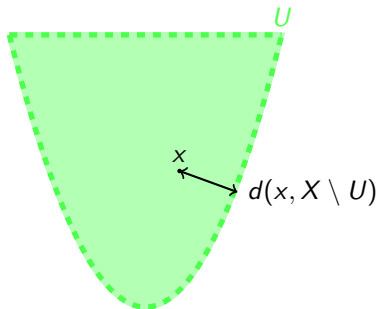
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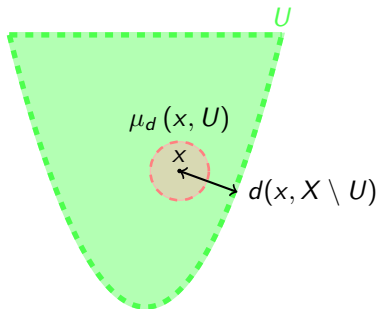
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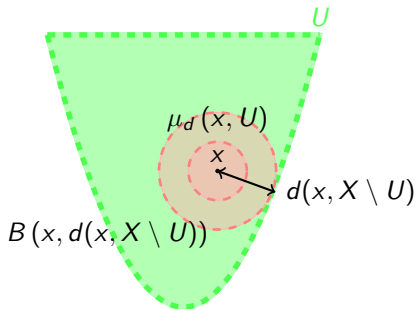
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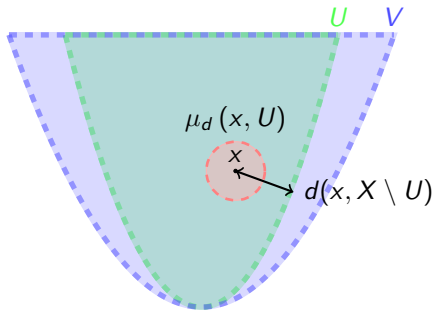
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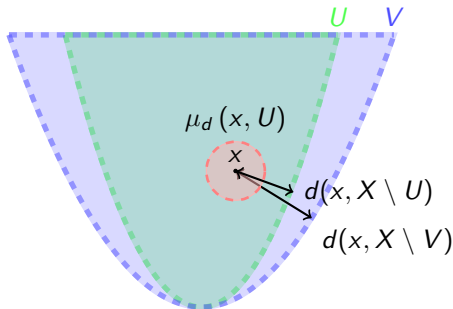
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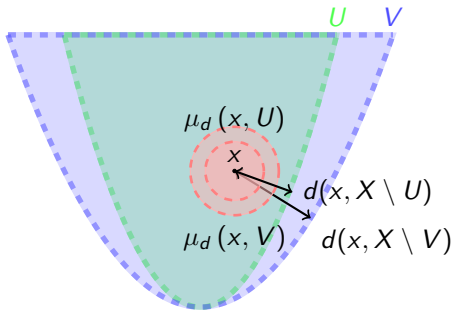
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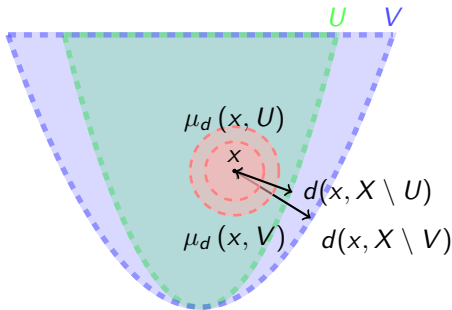
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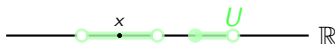
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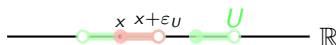
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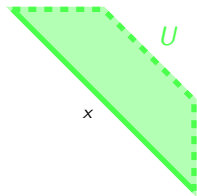
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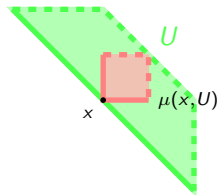
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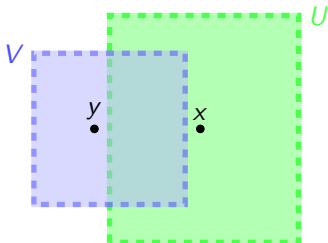
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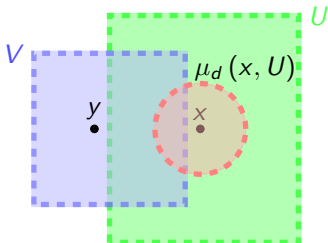
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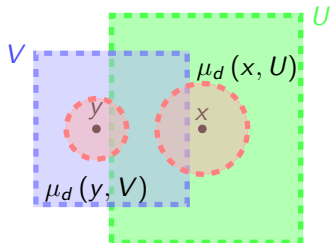
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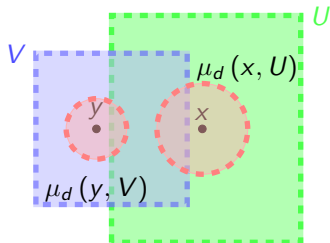
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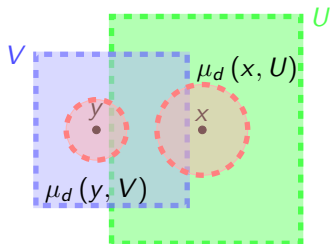
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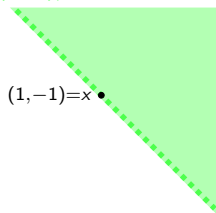
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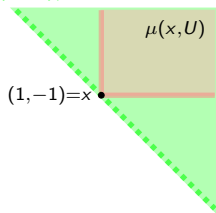
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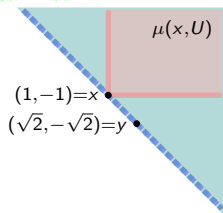
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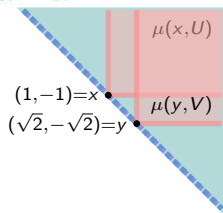
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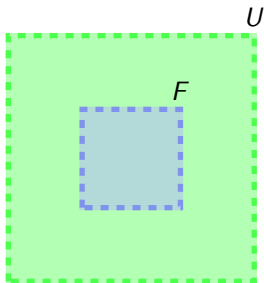
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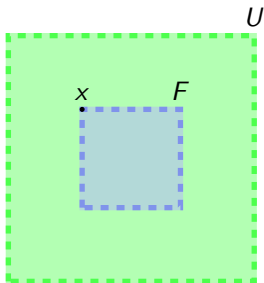
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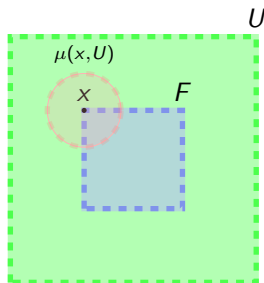
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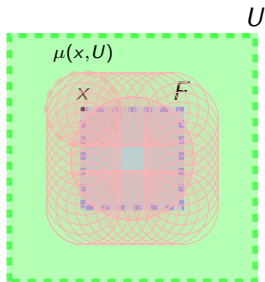
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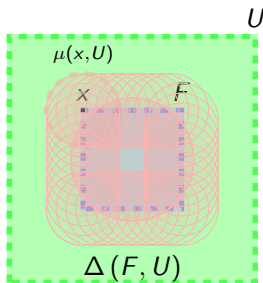
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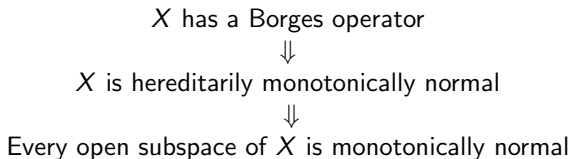
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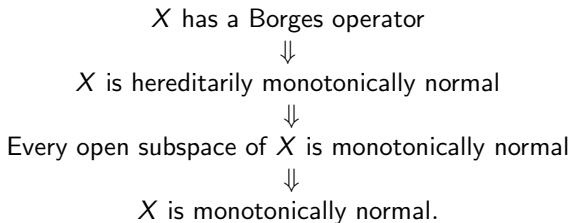
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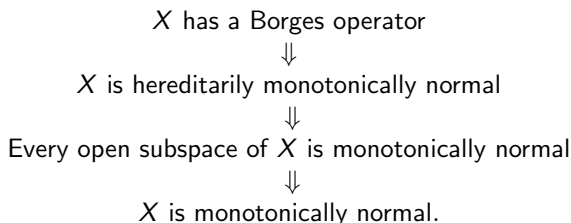
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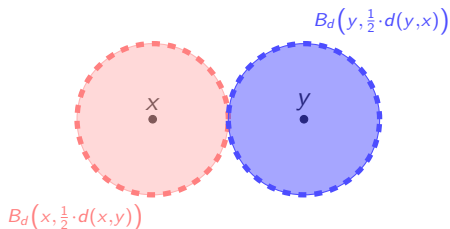
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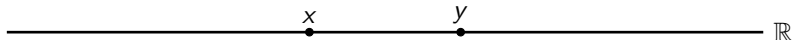
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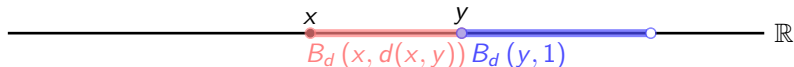
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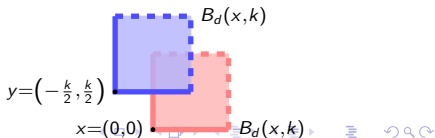
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### Lemma

Let  $X$  be a  $T_0$  normal space. Then:

$$X \text{ is } T_2 \iff X \text{ is } T_1 \iff X \text{ is weakly regular} \iff X \text{ is subfit.}$$

### Proposition

Let  $X$  be a subfit topological space. The following are equivalent:

- (1)  $X$  is monotonically normal.
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