

ON Λ_b -SETS AND THE ASSOCIATED TOPOLOGY $\tau^{\Lambda_b^*}$

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Abstract

In this paper we define the concept of Λ_b -sets (resp. V_b -sets) of a topological space, i.e., the intersection of b -open (resp. the union of b -closed) sets. We study the fundamental property of Λ_b -sets (resp. V_b -sets) and investigate the topologies defined by these families of sets.

1 Introduction

In 1996, Andrijević [2] introduced a new class of generalized open sets called b -open sets into the field of topology. This class is a subset of the class of semi-preopen sets [3], i.e. a subset of a topological space which is contained in the closure of the interior of its closure. Also the class of b -open sets is a superset of the class of semi-open sets [7], i.e. a set which is contained in the closure of its interior, and the class of locally dense sets [5] or preopen sets

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[11], i.e. a set which is contained in the interior of its closure. Andrijević studied several fundamental and interesting properties of b -open sets. Among others, he showed that a rare b -open set is preopen [[2], Proposition 2.2]. Recall that a rare set [4] is a set with no interior points. It is well-known that for a topological space X , every rare b -open set is semi-open if and only if the interior of a dense subset is dense.

Throughout the present paper, the space (X, τ) always means a topological space on which no separation axioms are assumed unless explicitly stated. Let $A \subseteq X$, then A is said to be b -open [2] if $A \subseteq Cl(Int(A)) \cup Int(Cl(A))$, where $Cl(A)$ and $Int(A)$ denotes the closure and the interior of A in (X, τ) , respectively. The complement A^c of a b -open set A is called b -closed and the b -closure of a set A , denoted by $Cl_b(A)$, is the intersection of all b -closed sets containing A . The b -interior of a set A denoted by $Int_b(A)$, is the union of all b -open sets contained in A .

The family of all b -open (resp. b -closed) sets in (X, τ) will be denoted by $BO(X, \tau)$ (resp. $BC(X, \tau)$).

PROPOSITION 1.1 (*Andrijević [2]*) (a) The union of any family of b -open sets is b -open.
 (b) The intersection of an open and a b -open set is a b -open set.

LEMMA 1.2 The b -closure $Cl_b(A)$, is the set of all $x \in X$ such that $O \cap A \neq \emptyset$ for every $O \in BO(X, x)$, where $BO(X, x) = \{U \mid x \in U, U \in BO(X, \tau)\}$.

It is the aim of this paper to introduce the concept of Λ_b -sets (resp. V_b -sets) which is the intersection of b -open (resp. the union of b -closed) sets. We also investigate the notions of generalized Λ_b -sets and generalized V_b -sets in a topological space (X, τ) . Moreover, we present a new topology τ^{Λ_b} on (X, τ) by utilizing the notions of Λ_b -sets and V_b -sets. In this connection, we examine some of the properties of this new topology.

2 Λ_b -sets and V_b -sets

DEFINITION 1 Let B be a subset of a topological space (X, τ) . We define the subsets B^{Λ_b} and B^{V_b} as follows:

$$B^{\Lambda_b} = \bigcap \{O/O \supseteq B, O \in BO(X, \tau)\} \text{ and } B^{V_b} = \bigcup \{F/F \subseteq B, F^c \in BO(X, \tau)\}.$$

PROPOSITION 2.1 Let A, B and $\{B_\lambda: \lambda \in \Omega\}$ be subsets of a topological space (X, τ) . Then the following properties are valid:

- (a) $B \subseteq B^{\Lambda_b}$;
- (b) If $A \subseteq B$, then $A^{\Lambda_b} \subseteq B^{\Lambda_b}$;
- (c) $(B^{\Lambda_b})^{\Lambda_b} = B^{\Lambda_b}$;
- (d) $[\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Omega} B_\lambda]^{\Lambda_b} = \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Omega} B_\lambda^{\Lambda_b}$;
- (e) If $A \in BO(X, \tau)$, then $A = A^{\Lambda_b}$;
- (f) $(B^c)^{\Lambda_b} = (B^{V_b})^c$;
- (g) $B^{V_b} \subseteq B$;
- (h) If $B \in BC(X, \tau)$, then $B = B^{V_b}$;
- (i) $[\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Omega} B_\lambda]^{\Lambda_b} \subseteq \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Omega} B_\lambda^{\Lambda_b}$;
- (j) $[\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Omega} B_\lambda]^{V_b} \supseteq \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Omega} B_\lambda^{V_b}$.

PROOF. (a) Clear by Definition 1.

(b) Suppose that $x \notin B^{\Lambda_b}$. Then there exists a subset $O \in BO(X, \tau)$ such that $O \supseteq B$ with $x \notin O$. Since $B \supseteq A$, then $x \notin A^{\Lambda_b}$ and thus $A^{\Lambda_b} \subseteq B^{\Lambda_b}$.

(c) Follows from (a) and Definition 1.

(d) Suppose that there exists a point x such that $x \notin [\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Omega} B_\lambda]^{\Lambda_b}$. Then, there exists a subset $O \in BO(X, \tau)$ such that $\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Omega} B_\lambda \subseteq O$ and $x \notin O$. Thus, for each $\lambda \in \Omega$ we have $x \notin B_\lambda^{\Lambda_b}$. This implies that $x \notin \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Omega} B_\lambda^{\Lambda_b}$. Conversely, suppose that there exists a point $x \in X$ such that $x \notin \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Omega} B_\lambda^{\Lambda_b}$. Then by Definition 1, there exist subsets $O_\lambda \in BO(X, \tau)$ (for each $\lambda \in \Omega$) such that $x \notin O_\lambda$, $B_\lambda \subseteq O_\lambda$. Let $O = \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Omega} O_\lambda$. Then we have that $x \notin \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Omega} O_\lambda$, $\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Omega} B_\lambda \subseteq O$ and $O \in BO(X, \tau)$. This implies that $x \notin [\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Omega} B_\lambda]^{\Lambda_b}$. Thus, the proof of (d) is completed.

(e) By Definition 1 and since $A \in BO(X, \tau)$, we have $A^{\Lambda_b} \subseteq A$. By (a) we have that $A^{\Lambda_b} = A$.

(f) $(B^{V_b})^c = \bigcap \{F^c / F^c \supseteq B^c, F^c \in BO(X, \tau)\} = (B^c)^{\Lambda_b}$.

(g) Clear by Definition 1.

(h) If $B \in BC(X, \tau)$, then $B^c \in BO(X, \tau)$. By (e) and (f): $B^c = (B^c)^{\Lambda_b} = (B^{V_b})^c$. Hence $B = B^{V_b}$.

(i) Suppose that there exists a point x such that $x \notin \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Omega} B_\lambda^{\Lambda_b}$. Then, there exists $\lambda \in \Omega$ such that $x \notin B_\lambda^{\Lambda_b}$. Hence there exists $O \in BO(X, \tau)$ such that $O \supseteq B_\lambda$ and $x \notin O$. Thus $x \notin [\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Omega} B_\lambda]^{\Lambda_b}$.

(j) $[\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Omega} B_\lambda]^{V_b} = [((\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Omega} B_\lambda)^c)^{\Lambda_b}]^c = [(\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Omega} B_\lambda^c)^{\Lambda_b}]^c \supseteq [\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Omega} (B_\lambda^c)^{\Lambda_b}]^c = [\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Omega} (B_\lambda^{V_b})^c]^c = \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Omega} B_\lambda^{V_b}$
(by (f) and (i)). \square

REMARK 2.2 In general $(B_1 \cap B_2)^{\Lambda_b} \neq B_1^{\Lambda_b} \cap B_2^{\Lambda_b}$, as the following example shows.

EXAMPLE 2.3 Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$. Let $B_1 = \{b\}$ and $B_2 = \{c\}$. Then we have $(B_1 \cap B_2)^{\Lambda_b} = \emptyset$ but $B_1^{\Lambda_b} \cap B_2^{\Lambda_b} = \{a\}$.

DEFINITION 2 In a topological space (X, τ) , a subset B is a Λ_b -set (resp. V_b -set) of (X, τ) if $B = B^{\Lambda_b}$ (resp. $B = B^{V_b}$). By Λ_b (resp. V_b), we denote the family of all Λ_b -sets (resp. V_b -sets) of (X, τ) .

REMARK 2.4 By Proposition 2.1 (e) and (h) we have that:

- (a) If $B \in BO(X, \tau)$, then B is a Λ_b -set.
- (b) If $B \in BC(X, \tau)$, then B is a V_b -set.

THEOREM 2.5 (a) The subsets \emptyset and X are Λ_b -sets and V_b -sets.

- (b) Every union of Λ_b -sets (resp. V_b -sets) is a Λ_b -set (resp. V_b -set).
- (c) Every intersection of Λ_b -sets (resp. V_b -sets) is a Λ_b -set (resp. V_b -set).
- (d) A subset B is a Λ_b -set if and only if B^c is a V_b -set.

PROOF. (a) and (d) are obvious.

(b) Let $\{B_\lambda : \lambda \in \Omega\}$ be a family of Λ_b -sets in a topological space (X, τ) . Then by Definition 2 and Proposition 2.1 (d), $\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Omega} B_\lambda = \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Omega} B_\lambda^{\Lambda_b} = [\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Omega} B_\lambda]^{\Lambda_b}$.

(c) Let $\{B_\lambda : \lambda \in \Omega\}$ be a family of Λ_b -sets in (X, τ) . Then by Proposition 2.1 (h) and Definition 2 $[\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Omega} B_\lambda]^{\Lambda_b} \subseteq \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Omega} B_\lambda^{\Lambda_b} = \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Omega} B_\lambda$. Hence by Proposition 2.1 (a) $\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Omega} B_\lambda = [\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Omega} B_\lambda]^{\Lambda_b}$. \square

REMARK 2.6 *By Theorem 2.5, Λ_b (resp. V_b) is a topology on X containing all b -open (resp. b -closed) sets. Clearly (X, Λ_b) and (X, V_b) are Alexandroff spaces [1], i.e. arbitrary intersections of open sets are open.*

A topological space (X, τ) is said to be b - T_1 if for each pair of distinct points x and y of X , there exist a b -open set U_x containing x but not y and a b -open set U_y containing y but not x . It is obvious that (X, τ) is b - T_1 if and only if for each $x \in X$, the singleton $\{x\}$ is b -closed.

THEOREM 2.7 *For a topological space (X, τ) , the following properties are equivalent:*

- (a) (X, τ) is b - T_1 ;
- (b) Every subset of X is a Λ_b -set;
- (c) Every subset of X is a V_b -set.

PROOF. It is obvious that (b) \Leftrightarrow (c).

(a) \Rightarrow (c): Let A be any subset of X . Since $A = \bigcup \{\{x\} \mid x \in A\}$, A is the union of b -closed sets, hence a V_b -set.

(c) \Rightarrow (a): Since by (c), we have that every singleton is an union of b -closed sets, i.e. it is b -closed, then (X, τ) is an b - T_1 space. \square

Recall that a subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is said to be generalized closed (briefly g -closed) [8] if $Cl(A) \subset U$ whenever $A \subset U$ and $U \in \tau$. A topological space (X, τ) is said to be $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ if every g -closed subset of X is closed. Dunham [6] pointed out that (X, τ) is $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ if and only if for each $x \in X$ the singleton $\{x\}$ is open or closed.

THEOREM 2.8 For a topological space (X, τ) , the following properties hold:

- (a) (X, Λ_b) and (X, V_b) are $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$,
- (b) If (X, τ) is $b-T_1$, then both (X, Λ_b) and (X, V_b) are discrete spaces.

PROOF. (a) Let $x \in X$. Then $\{x\}$ is either preclosed or open and hence $\{x\}$ is either b -open or b -closed. If $\{x\}$ is b -open, $\{x\} \in \Lambda_b$. If $\{x\}$ is b -closed in (X, τ) , then $X \setminus \{x\}$ is b -open and hence $X \setminus \{x\} \in \Lambda_b$. Therefore $\{x\}$ is closed in (X, Λ_b) . Hence (X, Λ_b) and (X, V_b) are $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ spaces.

(b) This follows from Theorem 2.7. \square

3 $G.\Lambda_b$ -sets and $g.V_b$ -sets

In this section, by using the Λ_b -operator and V_b -operator, we introduce the classes of generalized Λ_b -sets ($= g.\Lambda_b$ -sets) and generalized V_b -sets ($= g.V_b$ -sets) as an analogy of the sets introduced by Maki [9].

DEFINITION 3 In a topological space (X, τ) , a subset B is called a $g.\Lambda_b$ -set of (X, τ) if $B^{\Lambda_b} \subseteq F$ whenever $B \subseteq F$ and F is b -closed.

DEFINITION 4 In a topological space (X, τ) , a subset B is called a $g.V_b$ -set of (X, τ) if B^c is a $g.\Lambda_b$ -set of (X, τ) .

REMARK 3.1 We shall see, however, that we obtain nothing new according to the following results.

PROPOSITION 3.2 For a subset B of a topological space (X, τ) , the following properties hold:

- (a) B is a $g.\Lambda_b$ -set if and only if B is a Λ_b -set,
- (b) B is a $g.V_b$ -set if and only if B is a V_b -set.

PROOF. (a) Every Λ_b -set is a $g.\Lambda_b$ -set. Now, let B be a $g.\Lambda_b$ -set. Suppose that $x \in \Lambda_b(B) \setminus B$. It follows from theorems 2.24 and 2.27 of [10] that for each $x \in X$, the singleton $\{x\}$ is preopen or preclosed. If $\{x\}$ is preopen, then $\{x\}$ is b -open and hence $X \setminus \{x\}$ is b -closed. Since $B \subset X \setminus \{x\}$, we have $B^{\Lambda_b} \subset X \setminus \{x\}$ which is a contradiction. If $\{x\}$ is preclosed, $X \setminus \{x\}$ is b -open and $B \subset X \setminus \{x\}$. Therefore, we have $B^{\Lambda_b} \subset X \setminus \{x\}$. This is a contradiction. Hence $B^{\Lambda_b} = B$ and B is a Λ_b -set.

(b) This is proved in a similar way. \square

4 The associated topology τ^{Λ_b}

In this section, we define a closure operator C^{Λ_b} and the associated topology τ^{Λ_b} on the topological spaces (X, τ) by using the family of Λ_b -sets.

DEFINITION 5 For any subset B of a topological space (X, τ) , define $C^{\Lambda_b}(B) = \bigcap \{U : B \subseteq U, U \in \Lambda_b\}$ and $Int^{V_b}(B) = \bigcup \{F : B \supseteq F, F \in V_b\}$.

PROPOSITION 4.1 For any subset B of a topological space (X, τ) ,

- (a) $B \subseteq C^{\Lambda_b}(B)$.
- (b) $C^{\Lambda_b}(B^c) = (Int^{V_b}(B))^c$.
- (c) $C^{\Lambda_b}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$.
- (d) Let $\{B_\lambda : \lambda \in \Omega\}$ be a family of (X, τ) . Then $\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Omega} C^{\Lambda_b}(B_\lambda) = C^{\Lambda_b}(\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Omega} B_\lambda)$.
- (e) $C^{\Lambda_b}(C^{\Lambda_b}(B)) = C^{\Lambda_b}(B)$.
- (f) If $A \subseteq B$ then $C^{\Lambda_b}(A) \subseteq C^{\Lambda_b}(B)$.
- (g) If B is a Λ_b -set then $C^{\Lambda_b}(B) = B$.
- (h) If B is a V_b -set then $Int^{V_b}(B) = B$.

Proof. (a), (b) and (c): Clear.

(d) Suppose that there exists a point x such that $x \notin C^{\Lambda_b}(\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Omega} B_\lambda)$. Then, there exists a subset $U \in \Lambda_b$ such that $\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Omega} B_\lambda \subseteq U$ and $x \notin U$. Thus, for each $\lambda \in \Omega$ we have $x \notin C^{\Lambda_b}(B_\lambda)$. This implies that $x \notin \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Omega} C^{\Lambda_b}(B_\lambda)$.

Conversely we suppose that there exists a point $x \in X$ such that $x \notin \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Omega} C^{\Lambda_b}(B_\lambda)$. Then, there exist subsets $U_\lambda \in \Lambda_b$ for all $\lambda \in \Omega$, such that $x \notin U_\lambda$, $B_\lambda \subseteq U_\lambda$. Let $U = \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Omega} U_\lambda$. From this and Proposition 2.1(c) we have that $x \notin U$, $\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Omega} B_\lambda \subseteq U$ and $U \in \Lambda_b$. Thus, $x \notin C^{\Lambda_b}(\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Omega} B_\lambda)$.

(e) Suppose that there exists a point $x \in X$ such that $x \notin C^{\Lambda_b}(B)$. Then there exists a subset $U \in \Lambda_b$ such that $x \notin U$ and $U \supseteq B$. Since $U \in \Lambda_b$ we have $C^{\Lambda_b}(B) \subseteq U$. Thus we have $x \notin C^{\Lambda_b}(C^{\Lambda_b}(B))$. Therefore $C^{\Lambda_b}(C^{\Lambda_b}(B)) \subseteq C^{\Lambda_b}(B)$. The converse containment relation is clear by (a).

(f) Clear.

(g) By (a) and Definition 5, the proof is clear.

(h) By Definition 5, by (g) and (b). \square

Then we have the following :

THEOREM 4.2 C^{Λ_b} is a Kuratowski closure operator on X .

DEFINITION 6 Let τ^{Λ_b} be the topology on X generated by C^{Λ_b} in the usual manner, i.e., $\tau^{\Lambda_b} = \{B : B \subseteq X, C^{\Lambda_b}(B^c) = B^c\}$.

We define a family ρ^{Λ_b} , by $\rho^{\Lambda_b} = \{B : B \subseteq X, C^{\Lambda_b}(B) = B\}$

By Definition 6, $\rho^{\Lambda_b} = \{B : B \subseteq X, B^c \in \tau^{\Lambda_b}\}$.

PROPOSITION 4.3 Let (X, τ) be a topological space. Then ,

(a) $\tau^{\Lambda_b} = \{B : B \subseteq X, Int^{V_b}(B) = B\}$.

(b) $\Lambda_b = \rho^{\Lambda_b}$.

(c) $V_b = \tau^{\Lambda_b}$.

(d) If $BC(X, \tau) = \tau^{\Lambda_b}$ then every Λ_b -set of (X, τ) is b -open (i.e., $BO(X, \tau) = \Lambda_b$).

(e) If every Λ_b -set of (X, τ) is b -open (i.e., $\Lambda_b \subseteq BO(X, \tau)$), then

$\tau^{\Lambda_b} = \{B : B \subseteq X, B = B^{V_b}\}$.

(f) If every Λ_b -set of (X, τ) is b -closed (i.e., $\Lambda_b \subseteq BC(X, \tau)$), then $BO(X, \tau) = \tau^{\Lambda_b}$.

Proof. (a) By Definition 6 and Proposition 4.1(b) we have, if $A \subset X$ then $A \in \tau^{\Lambda_b}$ if and only if $C^{\Lambda_b}(A^c) = A^c$, if and only if $(Int^{V_b}(A))^c = A^c$, if and only if $Int^{V_b}(A) = A$ if and only if, $A \in \{B : B \subset X, Int^{V_b}(B) = B\}$.

(b) Let B be a subset of X . By Proposition 2.1(e) $BO(X, \tau) \subset \Lambda_b$ and $C^{\Lambda_b}(B) = \bigcap \{U \mid B \subset U, U \in \Lambda_b\} \subset \bigcap \{U \mid B \subset U, U \in BO(X, \tau)\} = B^{\Lambda_b}$. Therefore, we have $C^{\Lambda_b}(B) \subset B^{\Lambda_b}$. Now suppose that $x \notin C^{\Lambda_b}(B)$. There exists $U \in \Lambda_b$ such that $B \subset U$ and $x \notin U$. Since $U \in \Lambda_b$, $U = U^{\Lambda_b} = \{V \mid U \subset V \in BO(X, \tau)\}$ and hence there exists $V \in BO(X, \tau)$ such that $U \subset V$ and $x \notin V$. Thus, $x \notin V$ and $B \subset V \in BO(X, \tau)$. This shows that $x \notin B^{\Lambda_b}$. Therefore, $B^{\Lambda_b} \subset C^{\Lambda_b}(B)$ and hence $B^{\Lambda_b} = C^{\Lambda_b}(B)$ for any subset B of X . By the definitions of Λ_b and ρ^{Λ_b} , we obtain $\Lambda_b = \rho^{\Lambda_b}$.

(c) Let $B \in \tau^{\Lambda_b}$. Then $C^{\Lambda_b}(B^c) = B^c$ and $B^c \in \rho^{\Lambda_b}$. By (b), $B^c \in \Lambda_b$ and $B^c = (B^c)^{\Lambda_b}$. Therefore, by Proposition 2.1(f) $B^c = (B^{V_b})^c$ and $B = B^{V_b}$. This shows that $B \in V_b$. Consequently, we obtain $\tau^{\Lambda_b} \subset V_b$. Quite similarly, we obtain $\tau^{\Lambda_b} \supset V_b$ and hence $V_b = \tau^{\Lambda_b}$.

(d) Let B be any Λ_b -set i.e., $B \in \Lambda_b$. By (b), $B \in \rho^{\Lambda_b}$ thus, $B^c \in \tau^{\Lambda_b}$. From the assumption we have $B^c \in BC(X, \tau)$ and hence $B \in BO(X, \tau)$.

(e) Let $A \subseteq X$ and $A \in \tau^{\Lambda_b}$. Then by Definitions 5 and 6

$$A^c = C^{\Lambda_b}(A^c) = \bigcap \{U : U \supseteq A^c, U \in \Lambda_b\} = \bigcap \{U : U \supseteq A^c, U \in BO(X, \tau)\} = (A^c)^{\Lambda_b}.$$

Using Proposition 2.1(f) we have $A = A^{V_b}$, i.e., $A \in \{B : B \subseteq X, B = B^{V_b}\}$.

Conversely, if $A \in \{B : B \subseteq X, B = B^{V_b}\}$ then by Proposition 3.2(b)) A is a $g.V_b$ -set. Thus $A \in V_b$. By using (c) $A \in \tau^{\Lambda_b}$.

(f) Let $A \subseteq X$ and $A \in \tau^{\Lambda_b}$. Then

$$A = (C^{\Lambda_b}(A^c))^c = (\bigcap \{U : A^c \subseteq U, U \in \Lambda_b\})^c = \bigcup \{U^c : U^c \subseteq A, U \in \Lambda_b\}.$$

Conversely, if $A \in BO(X, \tau)$ then by (b) $A \in \Lambda_b$. By assumption $A \in BC(X, \tau)$. By using (c) $A \in \tau^{\Lambda_b}$. \square

PROPOSITION 4.4 If $BO(X, \tau) = \tau^{\Lambda_b}$, then (X, τ^{Λ_b}) is a discrete space.

Proof. Suppose that $\{x\}$ is not b -open in (X, τ) . Then $\{x\}$ is b -closed in (X, τ) . Thus $\{x\} \in \tau^{\Lambda_b}$ by Proposition 4.3 (c). Suppose that $\{x\}$ is b -open in (X, τ) , then $\{x\} \in BO(X, \tau) = \tau^{\Lambda_b}$. Therefore, every singleton $\{x\}$ is τ^{Λ_b} -open and hence every subset of X is τ^{Λ_b} -open. \square

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