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Connector theory is a generalization of topology and uniformity. Each reflexive binary relation U of a space S induces a mapping from S to 2^S wherein $x \in S \to xU = \{y\colon (x,y)\in U\}\in 2^S$. This mapping is called a connector. A uniformity on S is a set of connectors which meets certain conditions. The results in this paper include a necessary-sufficient condition for a connector-set to induce a unique topology, generalizations of continuous mappings and uniformly continuous mappings and characterizations of the connector-sets which correspond to a specific type of topology, for instance, a compact topology, a pseudo-compact topology.

If $\mathfrak A$ is a connector-set on S, let $\mathfrak A^*$ denote the connector-set, $\{U\colon \text{for each }x\in S, \text{ there is }V(x)\in \mathfrak A \text{ such that }xU=xV(x)\}.$ The following types of connector-sets are defined.

Cone: $U \leq V$ and $U \in \mathfrak{A} \Rightarrow V \in \mathfrak{A}$.

Net: $U, V \in \mathfrak{A} \Rightarrow W \leq U \cap V$ for some $W \in \mathfrak{A}$.

Filter: Cone and net.

Sharp: For each $U \in \mathfrak{A}^*$, there is $V \in \mathfrak{A}$ such that $V \leq U$.

Prenet: \mathfrak{A}^* is a net.

Topological: For each $U \in \mathfrak{A}$ and for each $x \in S$, there is $V \in \mathfrak{A}$ such that $xV^2 \subseteq xU$.

Topology: Topological sharp filter.

Pretopology: \mathfrak{A}^* is a topological net.

Uniform: For each $U \in \mathfrak{A}$, there is $V \in \mathfrak{A}$ such that $VV^{-1} \leq U$.

Uniformity: Uniform filter.

Totally bounded: For each $U \in \mathfrak{A}$, there are $x_i \in S$, $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m$ such that $S \subset \bigcup x_i U$.

Bounded: For each $U \in \mathfrak{A}$, there are $x_i \in S$, $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m$ and a positive integer n such that $S \subseteq \bigcup x_i U^n$.

Absolutely bounded: For each $U \in \mathfrak{A}$ and for each $X \subseteq S$, there are $x_i \in X$ $(i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m)$, and a positive integer n such that $X \subseteq \bigcup x_i U^n$.

A prenet $\mathfrak A$ induces a topology $\mathcal T(\mathfrak A)$ (in the usual sense) which will be called an *open*-topology. The interior theorem states that $\mathfrak A$ is a pretopology if and only if x is an interior point of xU for every $U \in \mathfrak A$. A topology corresponds uniquely to an open-topology and vice versa (The topology theorem). A topology $\mathfrak T$ induces a compact open-topology if and only if $\mathfrak T$ is totally bounded. The compact topology theorem states that compactness of $\mathcal T(\mathfrak A)$ for a uniformity $\mathfrak A$ implies that $\mathfrak A$ is the strongest uniformity included in $\mathfrak A^{\#}$.

Suppose $\mathfrak A$ is a connector-set on S and $\mathfrak D$ is a connector set on S. Let S denote the image of S by a mapping S. Each S induces the connector S by S and S by S and S by S and S induces the connector S by S and S by S and S belongs to the sharp filter hull of S. S is uniformly S-continuous if they belong to the filter hull of S. The continuity theorem states that the definition is compatible with the continuity (in the usual sense) of S on the topological space S and S is a prenet. The kernel theorem is: S is the strongest uniformity included in a topology S and S is a uniform net, then S-continuity implies uniform S-continuity. The strongest uniformity included in a topology S is bounded if and only if every S-continuous real-valued function is bounded (The pseudo-compact theorem).

Connector systems. Let S be a space on which we develop generalized structures of topology and uniformity. A mapping U from S to 2^{S} is called a *connector* on S if each x of S belongs to its $U^{\scriptscriptstyle -1}$ inverse of Umapping: xU. The is a $S \rightarrow \{y : x \in yU\}$. Let U and V be connectors. We write $U \leq V$ if $xU \subset xV$ for every x of S. The connector UV (the product of U and V) is defined by $x \in S \to \bigcup \{yV: y \in xU\}$. UV is denoted by U^2 if U = V. An intersection of connectors $\{U_{\lambda} : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ is the connector defined by $x \in S \to \bigcap \{xU_{\lambda} : \lambda \in \Lambda\} \in 2^{S}$ and it is denoted by $\bigcap U_{\lambda}$. A non-empty set of connectors is called a connector system.

A connector system $\mathfrak A$ on S is called a *cone* if $V \in \mathfrak A$ whenever $U \leq V$ and $U \in \mathfrak A$. Let $\mathfrak A^{<} = \{U \colon V \leq U \text{ for some } V \in \mathfrak A\}$. $\mathfrak A^{<}$ is a cone, and $\mathfrak A^{<} \subset \mathfrak B$ if $\mathfrak B$ is a cone and $\mathfrak A \subset \mathfrak B$.

- (1.1) \mathfrak{A} is a cone if and only if $\mathfrak{A}^{<} = \mathfrak{A}$.
- (1.2) $\mathfrak{A} \subseteq \mathfrak{A}^{<}$.

- $(1.3) \quad \mathfrak{A}^{<} = \mathfrak{A}^{<} (\mathfrak{A}^{<} = (\mathfrak{A}^{<})^{<}).$
- (1.4) $\mathfrak{A} \subseteq \mathfrak{B}$ implies $\mathfrak{A}^{<} \subset \mathfrak{B}^{<}$.
- $(1.5) \quad (\cup \mathfrak{A}_{\lambda})^{<} = \cup \mathfrak{A}_{\lambda}^{<}.$

A connector system $\mathfrak A$ is called a *net* if for $U, V \in \mathfrak A$, there is $W \in \mathfrak A$ such that $W \subseteq U \cap V$. Let $\mathfrak A^{\times}$ denote the set of all finite intersections of connectors of $\mathfrak A$. Then $\mathfrak A^{\times}$ is a net.

- (1.6) $\mathfrak{A} \subseteq \mathfrak{A}^{\times}$.
- $(1.7) \quad \mathfrak{A}^{\times\times} = \mathfrak{A}^{\times}.$
- $(1.8) \quad \mathfrak{A} \subseteq \mathfrak{B} \text{ implies } \mathfrak{A}^{\times} \subseteq \mathfrak{B}^{\times}.$
- $(1.9) \quad (\cup \mathfrak{A}_{\lambda})^{\times} = (\cup \mathfrak{A}_{\lambda}^{\times})^{\times}.$
- (1.10) \mathfrak{A} is a net if and only if $\mathfrak{A}^{\times} \subset \mathfrak{A}^{<}$.
- $(1.11) \quad \mathfrak{A}^{\times <} = \mathfrak{A}^{<\times}.$

Proof. It is obvious that $\mathfrak{A}^{\times\times}\subseteq\mathfrak{A}^{\times\times}$. Thus, by (1.6), (1.4) and (1.8), we obtain $\mathfrak{A}^{\times\times}\subseteq(\mathfrak{A}^{\times})^{\times\times}\subseteq\mathfrak{A}^{\times\times}$. On the other hand, for each $U\in\mathfrak{A}^{\times\times}$, there are $U_i\in\mathfrak{A}$, $i=1,2,3,\cdots,n$ such that $\cap\{U_i\colon i=1,2,3,\cdots n\}\leq U$. Let V_i denote a connector: $x\in S\to(xU_i)\cup(xU)$. Then $U_i\leq V_i$, $i=1,2,3,\cdots n$ and $U=\cap\{V_i\colon i=1,2,3,\cdots n\}$.

 $(1.12) \quad A^{\times \times \times} = \mathfrak{A}^{\times \times}.$

Proof. Refer to (1.3), (1.7) and (1.11).

A connector system is called a *filter* if it is a cone and a net. Every finite intersection of connectors of a filter belongs to the filter. Therefore, a filter $\mathfrak A$ is a connector system which satisfies the following conditions.

- (1) If $U \in \mathfrak{A}$ and $U \leq V$ then $V \in \mathfrak{A}$.
- (2) If $U, V \in \mathfrak{A}$ then $U \cap V \in \mathfrak{A}$.
- (1.13) \mathfrak{A} is a filter if and only if $\mathfrak{A} = \mathfrak{A}^{\times} = \mathfrak{A}^{<}$.
- (1.14) \mathfrak{A} is a filter if and only if $\mathfrak{A} = \mathfrak{A}^{\times <}$.
- (1.15) $\mathfrak{A}^{<}$ is a filter if and only if \mathfrak{A} is a net.

 $\mathfrak{A}^{\times <}$ is a filter and $\mathfrak{B} \supseteq \mathfrak{A}^{\times <}$ if \mathfrak{B} is a filter and $\mathfrak{B} \supseteq \mathfrak{A}$. Therefore, $\mathfrak{A}^{\times <}$ is called the *filter hull* of \mathfrak{A} .

(1.16) $\mathfrak{A}^{\times \times} = \mathfrak{A}^{\times}$ if and only if \mathfrak{A} is a net.

A connector system \mathfrak{A} is called *sharp* if for each connector system, $\{U(x) \in \mathfrak{A}: x \in S\}$, there is $V \in \mathfrak{A}$ such that $xV \subseteq xU(x)$ for every $x \in S$. Let $\mathfrak{A}^* = \{U: \text{ for each } x \in S, \text{ there is } V(x) \in \mathfrak{A} \text{ such that } xU = xV(x)\}$. The connector system \mathfrak{A}^* is sharp.

- (1.17) \mathfrak{A} is sharp if and only if $\mathfrak{A}^{\#} \subset \mathfrak{A}^{<}$.
- (1.18) \mathfrak{A} is sharp if and only if $\mathfrak{A}^{\#<} = \mathfrak{A}^{<}$.

Proof. (1.3) and (1.4) $\Rightarrow \mathfrak{A}^* \subseteq \mathfrak{A}^<$ if and only if $\mathfrak{A}^{*<} = \mathfrak{A}^<$.

- (1.19) $\mathfrak{A} \subseteq \mathfrak{A}^*$.
- (1.20) $\mathfrak{A}^{\#\#} = \mathfrak{A}^{\#}$.
- $(1.21) \quad \mathfrak{A} \subseteq \mathfrak{B} \text{ implies } \mathfrak{A}^{\#} \subseteq \mathfrak{B}^{\#}.$
- (1.22) $(\cup \mathfrak{A}_{\lambda})^{\#} = (\cup \mathfrak{A}_{\lambda}^{\#})^{\#}.$

A connector system is called a *prenet* if for $U, V \in \mathbb{X}$ and for each $x \in S$, there is $W \in \mathbb{X}$ such that $xW \subseteq xU \cap xV$. Every net is a prenet.

- (1.23) $\mathfrak{A}^{\#}$ is a net if and only if \mathfrak{A} is a prenet.
- (1.24) Every sharp prenet is a net.

Proof. (1.10) and (1.23) $\Rightarrow \mathfrak{A}^{\times} \subseteq \mathfrak{A}^{\#\times} \subseteq \mathfrak{A}^{\#\times}$ if \mathfrak{A} is a prenet. (1.4) and (1.10) $\Rightarrow \mathfrak{A}^{\#\times} \subseteq \mathfrak{A}^{\ll} = \mathfrak{A}^{\ll}$ if \mathfrak{A} is sharp. Hence, \mathfrak{A} is a net if \mathfrak{A} is a sharp prenet.

(1.25)
$$\mathfrak{A}^{\#<} = \mathfrak{A}^{<\#}$$
.

Proof. Let $\{V(x): x \in S\}$ be a connector system of $\mathfrak{A}^<$. There is $W(x) \in \mathfrak{A}$ for each V(x) such that $W(x) \leq V(x)$. If W and U are defined respectively, by $W: x \in S \to xW(x)$ and $U: x \in S \to xV(x)$, then, $W \leq U$ and $W \in \mathfrak{A}^*$. Hence, U belongs to $\mathfrak{A}^{*<}$ if $U \in \mathfrak{A}^{<*}$. Conversely let U be a connector of $\mathfrak{A}^{*<}$. The connector U(x) is defined, for each $x \in S$, by $U(x): y \in S \to yU(x) = xU$ if y = x and yU(x) = S otherwise. Then, xU = xU(x) for every $x \in S$, and every U(x), $(x \in S)$, belongs to $\mathfrak{A}^<$.

(1.26)
$$\mathfrak{A}^{**} \subseteq \mathfrak{A}^{**}$$
.

Proof. Each $U \in \mathfrak{A}^{\#\times}$ is a finite intersection of connectors $\{W_i \colon i=1,2,3,\cdots,n\}$ of $\mathfrak{A}^{\#}$. There are $U_i \in \mathfrak{A}$ for each $x \in S$, such that $xW_i = xU_i$, $i=1,2,\cdots,n$. $xU = \cap \{xW_i \colon i=1,2,3,\cdots,n\} = \cap \{xU_i \colon i=1,2,3,\cdots,n\} = x(\cap U_i)$, hence U belongs to $\mathfrak{A}^{\times\#}$.

$$(1.27) \quad \mathfrak{A}^{\#\times\#} = \mathfrak{A}^{\times\#}.$$

Proof. Refer to (1.19), (1.8), (1.21), (1.26) and (1.20) in order. (1.28) $\mathfrak{A}^{*\#*} = \mathfrak{A}^{*\#}$.

Proof. Refer to (1.6), (1.26) and (1.7). (1.29) $\mathfrak{A}^{*\#*\#} = \mathfrak{A}^{*\#*\#} = \mathfrak{A}^{*\#}$.

Proof. Refer to (1.27) and (1.28).

 $(1.30) \quad \mathfrak{A}^{\times \# <} = \mathfrak{A}^{\times \# < \times \# <}.$

Proof. $\mathfrak{A}^{\times\#<\times\#<} = \mathfrak{A}^{\times\#\times<\#<}$ by (1.11), and $\mathfrak{A}^{\times\#\times<\#<} = \mathfrak{A}^{\times\#\times\#\ll}$ by

- (1.25). (1.29) and (1.13) $\Rightarrow \mathfrak{A}^{*****} = \mathfrak{A}^{***}$. Hence, $\mathfrak{A}^{******} = \mathfrak{A}^{***}$. (1.31) \mathfrak{A} is a sharp filter if and only if $\mathfrak{A} = \mathfrak{A}^{***}$.
- *Proof.* An implication of (1.13) and (1.18) is the following. $\mathfrak A$ is a sharp filter if and only if $\mathfrak A=\mathfrak A^{\times}=\mathfrak A^{<}=\mathfrak A^{\#}$. Therefore, $\mathfrak A=\mathfrak A^{\times\#<}$ if $\mathfrak A$ is a sharp filter. Conversely, $\mathfrak A=\mathfrak A^{\times\#<}$ implies $\mathfrak A^{\times}\subseteq\mathfrak A^{\times\#<}=\mathfrak A\subseteq\mathfrak A^{\times}$, thus $\mathfrak A=\mathfrak A^{\times}$. $\mathfrak A=\mathfrak A^{\#}$ and $\mathfrak A=\mathfrak A^{<}$ can be proved similarly.

 \mathfrak{A}^{***} is a sharp filter and $\mathfrak{A}^{***} \subseteq \mathfrak{B}$ if \mathfrak{B} is a sharp filter and $\mathfrak{A} \subset \mathfrak{B}$. Therefore, \mathfrak{A}^{***} is called the *sharp filter hull* of \mathfrak{A} .

(1.32) \mathfrak{A} is a prenet if and only if $\mathfrak{A}^{***} = \mathfrak{A}^{**}$.

Proof. $\mathfrak A$ is a prenet if and only if $\mathfrak A^*$ is a net. $\mathfrak A^*$ is a net if and only if $\mathfrak A^{**<}=\mathfrak A^{*<}$. The last relation implies $\mathfrak A^{**<*}=\mathfrak A^{**<}=\mathfrak A^{**<}=\mathfrak A^{**<}=\mathfrak A^{**<}$. On the other hand, $\mathfrak A^{**<*}=\mathfrak A^{**<}$ implies $\mathfrak A^{**}\subseteq\mathfrak A^{**<}\subseteq\mathfrak A^{**<}=\mathfrak A^{**<}$, thus $\mathfrak A^{**<}=\mathfrak A^{**<}$. $\mathfrak A^{**<*}=\mathfrak A^{**<}$ by (1.25) and (1.27).

(1.33) \mathfrak{A} is a sharp prenet if and only if $\mathfrak{A}^{\times \# <} = \mathfrak{A}^{<}$.

Proof. If $\mathfrak A$ is a sharp prenet then, by (1.32) and (1.18), $\mathfrak A^{\times\#<}=\mathfrak A^{*<}=\mathfrak A^{*<}$. $\mathfrak A^{*<}\subseteq\mathfrak A^{**<}$, thus, $\mathfrak A^{\times\#<}=\mathfrak A^{*}$ implies $\mathfrak A^{*}=\mathfrak A^{**}$.

(1.34) $\mathfrak{A}^{**} = \mathfrak{A}^*$ if \mathfrak{A} is a filter.

Proof. Refer to (1.14), (1.25) and (1.31).

- **2.** Base of filters. A connector system $\mathfrak A$ is called *stronger* than a connector system $\mathfrak B$ (or $\mathfrak B$ is *weaker* than $\mathfrak A$) if $\mathfrak B \subseteq \mathfrak A^{\times <}$.
 - (2.1) $\mathfrak A$ is a net. $\mathfrak A$ is stronger than $\mathfrak B$ if and only if $\mathfrak B \subseteq \mathfrak A^{<}$.
- (2.2) $\mathfrak A$ is stronger and also weaker than $\mathfrak B$ if and only if $\mathfrak A^{\times <} = \mathfrak B^{\times <}$.

A connector system \mathfrak{A} is called *finer* than a connector system \mathfrak{B} if $\mathfrak{B} \subseteq \mathfrak{A}^{**}$. (1.28), (1.19), (1.32) and (1.33) imply (2.3), (2.4), (2.5) and (2.6) respectively.

- (2.3) \mathfrak{A} is finer than \mathfrak{B} if and only if \mathfrak{A}^{**} is stronger than \mathfrak{B} .
- (2.4) \mathfrak{A} is finer than \mathfrak{B} if \mathfrak{A} is stronger than \mathfrak{B} .
- (2.5) $\mathfrak A$ is a prenet. $\mathfrak A$ is finer than $\mathfrak B$ if and only if $\mathfrak B \subseteq \mathfrak A^{\#<}$.
- (2.6) If ${\mathfrak A}$ is a sharp prenet and finer than ${\mathfrak B}$ then ${\mathfrak A}$ is stronger than ${\mathfrak B}$.

Let \mathfrak{F} be a filter on S. A connector system $\mathfrak{A} \subseteq \mathfrak{F}$ is called a *basis* of \mathfrak{F} if for each $U \in \mathfrak{F}$, there is $V \in \mathfrak{A}$ such that $V \subseteq U$.

- (2.7) \mathfrak{A} is a basis of \mathfrak{F} if and only if $\mathfrak{F} = \mathfrak{A}^{<}$.
- (2.8) The following two statements are equivalent.
- (1) \mathfrak{A} is a basis of \mathfrak{F} .
- (2) $\mathfrak A$ is a net, and $\mathfrak A$ is stronger and weaker than $\mathfrak F$.

Proof. The statement (2) is, by (1.16) and (2.27), equivalent to $\mathfrak{A}^{<} = \mathfrak{A}^{<<} = \mathfrak{F}^{<<}$. These relations follow if $\mathfrak{F} = \mathfrak{A}^{<}$ and $\mathfrak{F} = \mathfrak{F}^{<<}$, hence, the statement (1) implies the statement (2). The converse is obvious.

(2.9) \mathfrak{A} is a basis of $\mathfrak{A}^{<}$ if \mathfrak{A} is a net.

Proof. Refer to (1.15) and (2.7).

(2.10) Every basis of a sharp filter is sharp.

Proof. If \mathfrak{A} is a basis of a sharp filter \mathfrak{F} then, since (1.31) and (2.7) imply $\mathfrak{F} = \mathfrak{F}^*$ and $\mathfrak{A}^< = \mathfrak{F}$ respectively, $\mathfrak{A}^{*<} = \mathfrak{A}^{<*} = \mathfrak{F}^* = \mathfrak{F} = \mathfrak{A}^<$. Hence, by (1.18), \mathfrak{A} is sharp.

A connector system $\mathfrak A$ is called a *prebasis* of a filter $\mathfrak F$ if $\mathfrak A^*$ is a basis of $\mathfrak F$.

- (2.11) \mathfrak{A} is a prebasis of \mathfrak{F} if and only if $\mathfrak{A}^{\#<} = \mathfrak{F}$.
- (2.12) A filter \mathfrak{F} is sharp if there is a prebasis.
- (2.13) Every basis of \Re is a prebasis if \Re is a sharp filter.
- (2.14) Every prebasis is a prenet.

Proof. Refer to (1.23) and (2.8).

(2.15) $\mathfrak B$ is a prebasis of $\mathfrak A^{\times\#<}$ if and only if $\mathfrak B$ is a prenet and $\mathfrak A^{\times\#<}=\mathfrak B^{\times\#<}$.

Proof. An implication of (2.11) is the following. $\mathfrak B$ is a prebasis of $\mathfrak A^{**<}$ if and only if $\mathfrak A^{**<} = \mathfrak B^{*<}$. (1.32) states that $\mathfrak B$ is a prenet if and only if $\mathfrak B^{**<} = \mathfrak B^{*<}$. $\mathfrak A^{**<} = \mathfrak A^{**<} = \mathfrak A^{**<}$ and $\mathfrak B^{**<} \subseteq \mathfrak B^{**<}$ and $\mathfrak B^{**<} \subseteq \mathfrak B^{**<}$ and $\mathfrak B^{**<} \subseteq \mathfrak B^{**<}$ and $\mathfrak A^{**<} = \mathfrak A^{**<}$ and $\mathfrak A^{**<} = \mathfrak A^{**<}$ and $\mathfrak A^{**<} = \mathfrak A^{**<}$.

(2.16) \mathfrak{F} is a sharp filter. A connector system $\mathfrak{A} \subseteq \mathfrak{F}$ is a prebasis of \mathfrak{F} if and only if \mathfrak{A} is a prenet and finer than \mathfrak{F} .

The following two statements are equivalent if \mathfrak{F} and \mathfrak{G} are filters.

- (1) is stronger than .
- (2) $\mathfrak{F} \supseteq \mathfrak{G}$.

An intersection of filters is a filter. Therefore, for each set of filters $\{\mathfrak{F}_{\lambda} : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$, there exists the strongest filter among the filters weaker than all \mathfrak{F}_{λ} , $\lambda \in \Lambda$. Likewise, there exists the weakest filter among the filters stronger than all \mathfrak{F}_{λ} , $\lambda \in \Lambda$. The two filters are respectively denoted by $\wedge \mathfrak{F}_{\lambda}$ and $\vee \mathfrak{F}_{\lambda}$.

(2.19) If \mathfrak{A}_{λ} is a basis of \mathfrak{F}_{λ} for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$ then $(\cup \mathfrak{A}_{\lambda})^{\times}$ is a basis of $\vee \mathfrak{F}_{\lambda}$.

Proof. The following relations are implied respectively by (1.3), (1.11), (1.5), (2.7) and (2.17). $(\cup \mathfrak{A}_{\lambda})^{\times <} = (\cup \mathfrak{A}_{\lambda}$

 $(2.20) \quad (\vee \mathfrak{F}_{\lambda})^{*} = (\cup \mathfrak{F}_{\lambda})^{\times *}.$

(2.21) if \mathfrak{A}_{λ} is a prebasis of \mathfrak{F}_{λ} for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$, then $(\cup \mathfrak{A}_{\lambda})^{\times}$ is a prebasis of $(\vee \mathfrak{F}_{\lambda})^{*}$.

Proof. $\mathfrak{F}_{\lambda} = \mathfrak{A}^{*}_{\lambda}, \ \lambda \in \Lambda \text{ and } (\vee \mathfrak{F}_{\lambda})^{*} = (\cup \mathfrak{F}_{\lambda})^{**} \text{ by (2.11) and (2.20).}$ (1.22) and (1.27) \Rightarrow ($\cup \mathfrak{A}^{*}_{\lambda}$)** = ($\cup \mathfrak{A}_{\lambda}$)**. Therefore,

$$(\vee \mathfrak{F}_{\lambda})^{\#} = (\cup \mathfrak{A}^{\#<}_{\lambda})^{\times \#<} = (\cup \mathfrak{A}^{\#}_{\lambda})^{<\times \#<} = (\cup \mathfrak{A}^{\#}_{\lambda})^{\times \#$$

- $(2.22) \quad (\vee \mathfrak{F}_{\lambda})^{\#} = (\vee \mathfrak{F}_{\lambda}^{\#})^{\#}.$
- (2.22) is a generalization of Theorem 5 in §28 of [1].
- **3. Topologies.** A connector system \mathfrak{A} is called *topological* if for each $U \in \mathfrak{A}$ and for each $x \in S$, there is $V \in \mathfrak{A}$ such that $xV^2 \subset xU$.
 - (3.1) If \mathfrak{A} is topological then $\mathfrak{A}^{<}$, \mathfrak{A}^{\times} and $\mathfrak{A}^{\#}$ are topological.
 - (3.2) If \mathfrak{A}_{λ} , $\lambda \in \Lambda$ are all topological then $\cup \mathfrak{A}_{\lambda}$ is topological.

A topological sharp filter is called a *topology*; i.e., a topology \mathcal{I} on S is a connector system which satisfies the following conditions:

- (1) If $U, V \in \mathcal{I}$ then $U \cap V \in \mathcal{I}$.
- (2) If $U \le V$ and $U \in \mathcal{I}$ then $V \in \mathcal{I}$.
- (3) For each system $\{U(x) \in \mathcal{I} : x \in S\}$, there exists $U \in \mathcal{I}$ such that xU = xU(x) for every $x \in S$.
- (4) For each $U \in \mathcal{I}$ and for each $x \in S$, there exists $V \in \mathcal{I}$ such that $xV^2 \subset xU$.

The use of the word "topology" is not conventional. Compatibility of the terminology is cleared in the following section. Topologies are filters, hence, a topology is stronger than another if and only if the former includes the latter. A topology hull of a connector system $\mathfrak A$ is the weakest topology among the topologies stronger than $\mathfrak A$. A topology hull is unique if it exists.

(3.3) \mathfrak{A}^{***} is the topology hull of \mathfrak{A} if \mathfrak{A} is topological.

Proof. Refer to (1.31) and (3.1).

(3.4) If one of \mathfrak{A} , \mathfrak{A}^{\times} , $\mathfrak{A}^{<}$ and \mathfrak{A}^{*} has a topology hull, then all of them have the same topology hull.

Proof. If \mathcal{I} is a topology and \mathcal{I} includes \mathfrak{A} then \mathcal{I} includes all $\mathfrak{A}^{<}$, \mathfrak{A}^{\times} and $\mathfrak{A}^{\#}$ because $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{I}^{\times \# <}$. If \mathcal{I} includes one of $\mathfrak{A}^{<}$, \mathfrak{A}^{\times} and $\mathfrak{A}^{\#}$ then \mathcal{I} includes \mathfrak{A} , thus \mathcal{I} includes the other two.

(3.5) \mathfrak{A}^* is the topology hull of \mathfrak{A} if \mathfrak{A} is a topological filter.

Proof. Refer to (1.34) and (3.3).

(3.6) $\mathfrak{A}^{<}$ is the topology hull of \mathfrak{A} if and only if \mathfrak{A} is topological sharp prenet.

Proof. Refer to (3.3) and (1.33).

(3.7) If $\mathfrak A$ is a topological prenet, then $\mathfrak A^{*<}$ is the topology hull of $\mathfrak A$.

Proof. Refer to (3.3) and (1.32).

(3.8) Every basis of a topology ${\mathfrak T}$ is a topological sharp prenet, and ${\mathfrak T}$ is its topology hull.

Proof. $\mathcal{I} = \mathfrak{A}^{<} \Rightarrow \mathfrak{A}^{***} = \mathfrak{A}^{<***} = \mathcal{I}^{****} = \mathcal{I} = \mathfrak{A}^{<}$. A basis of a topology is topological, hence, \mathcal{I} is the topology hull of \mathfrak{A} .

- (3.9) A topology \mathfrak{T} is the topology hull of every prebasis of \mathfrak{T} .
- (3.10) If \mathcal{I}_{λ} is the topology hull of \mathfrak{A}_{λ} for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$ then $(\vee \mathcal{I}_{\lambda})^{\#}$ is the topology hull of $\cup \mathfrak{A}_{\lambda}$.

Proof. $(\vee \mathcal{I}_{\lambda})^{*}$ is the topology hull of $\cup \mathcal{I}_{\lambda}$ by (3.2), (3.3) and (2.20). If \mathcal{I} is a topology which includes all \mathfrak{A}_{λ} , $\lambda \in \Lambda$ then \mathcal{I} includes all \mathcal{I}_{λ} , $\lambda \in \Lambda$. Hence the both unions have the same topology hull.

A connector system \mathfrak{A} is called a *pretopology* if \mathfrak{A}^* is a topological net. Every topology is, by (3.1), a pretopology.

- (3.11) Every pretopology is a prenet.
- (3.12) Every topological prenet is a pretopology.
- (3.13) If $\mathfrak A$ is a pretopology then $\mathfrak A^{*<}$ is the topology hull of $\mathfrak A$ and $\mathfrak A$ is a prebasis of $\mathfrak A^{*<}$.
- *Proof.* (1.27) and (3.1) $\Rightarrow \mathfrak{A}^{**}$ is topological if \mathfrak{A} is a pretopology. Then, \mathfrak{A}^{**} is the topology hull of \mathfrak{A} . $\mathfrak{A}^{**} = \mathfrak{A}^{**}$ by (3.11) and (1.32), hence, \mathfrak{A}^{**} is the topology hull of \mathfrak{A} .
- (3.14) If every \mathfrak{A}_{λ} , $\lambda \in \Lambda$ is a pretopology then $(\cup \mathfrak{A}_{\lambda})^{\times}$ is a pretopology.

Proof. (1.27) and (1.22) \Rightarrow ($\cup \mathfrak{A}_{\lambda}$)** = ($\cup \mathfrak{A}_{\lambda}^{*}$)***, and (3.1) and (3.2) \Rightarrow ($\cup \mathfrak{A}_{\lambda}^{*}$)*** is topological if $\mathfrak{A}_{\lambda}^{*}$, $\lambda \in \Lambda$ are topological. ($\cup \mathfrak{A}_{\lambda}$)** is a net because ($\cup \mathfrak{A}_{\lambda}$)** = ($\cup \mathfrak{A}_{\lambda}$)***. Hence, ($\cup \mathfrak{A}_{\lambda}$)* is a pretopology.

- **4. Open sets.** The word 'topology' has been already used for a connector system. To avoid confusion, a topology in usual sense is called an *open*-topology. An open-topology \mathcal{T} is a family of subsets of S and
 - (1) $X_{\lambda} \in \mathcal{T}, \ \lambda \in \Lambda \Rightarrow \bigcup X_{\lambda} \in \mathcal{T},$
 - (2) $X, Y \in \mathcal{T} \Rightarrow X \cap Y \in \mathcal{T}$,
 - (3) \emptyset , $S \in \mathcal{T}$.

Each prenet $\mathfrak A$ on S induces an open-topology in the following way. A set X of S is an open set if for each $x \in X$, there is $U \in \mathfrak A$ such that $xU \subseteq X$. This open-topology is denoted by $\mathcal T(\mathfrak A)$.

- (4.1) $\mathfrak A$ and $\mathfrak B$ are prenets. Then $\mathcal T(\mathfrak B)\subseteq\mathcal T(\mathfrak A)$ if $\mathfrak A$ is finer than $\mathfrak B$, and $\mathcal T(\mathfrak A)=\mathcal T(\mathfrak B)$ if $\mathfrak A^{*<}=\mathfrak B^{*<}$.
- **Proof.** (2.5) states that $\mathfrak{B} \subseteq \mathfrak{A}^{*<}$ if a prenet \mathfrak{A} is finer than \mathfrak{B} . Thus, for each $U \in \mathfrak{B}$ and for each $x \in S$, there is $V \in \mathfrak{A}$ such that $xV \subseteq xU$. Hence, $\mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{B}) \subseteq \mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{A})$. If $\mathfrak{A}^{*<} = \mathfrak{B}^{*<}$ then $\mathfrak{A} \subseteq \mathfrak{B}^{*<}$ and $\mathfrak{B} \subseteq \mathfrak{A}^{*<}$, thus, $\mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{A}) = \mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{B})$.
 - $(4.2) \quad \mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{A}) = \mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{A}^{<}) = \mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{A}^{\times}) = \mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{A}^{*}).$

A connector U is called \mathfrak{A} -open if $xU \in \mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{A})$ for every $x \in S$.

- (4.3) If a connector is \mathfrak{A} -open then the connector belongs to $\mathfrak{A}^{\#<}$.
- \mathfrak{A} -Int X denotes the interior of a set $X\subseteq S$, relative to the open-topology $\mathscr{T}(\mathfrak{A})$, i.e., A-Int $X=\cup\{Y\in\mathscr{T}(\mathfrak{A})\colon Y\subseteq X\}$.
- (4.4) \mathfrak{A} -Int $X = \mathfrak{B}$ -Int X for every $X \subseteq S$ if and only if $\mathcal{F}(A) = \mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{B})$.

INTERIOR THEOREM. The following statements are equivalent.

- (1) \mathfrak{A} is a pretopology.
- (2) \mathfrak{A} -Int $X = \{x : xU \subseteq X \text{ for some } U \in \mathfrak{A}\}$ for every subset $X \subseteq S$.
- (3) If $U \in \mathfrak{A}$ then x belongs to the \mathfrak{A} -interior of xU for every $x \in S$.
- Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2). Let $X \subseteq S$ and let $Y \approx \{x \in S : xV \subseteq X \text{ for some } V \in \mathfrak{A}^*\}$. $xV \subseteq X$ for some $V \in \mathfrak{A}^*$ if and only if $xU \subseteq X$ for some $U \in \mathfrak{A}$. Therefore, $Y = \{x \in S : xU \subseteq X \text{ for some } U \in \mathfrak{A}\}$. We show Y is the \mathfrak{A}^* -interior of X. If $xV \subseteq X$ for some $V \in \mathfrak{A}^*$, then, since \mathfrak{A}^* is topological, there is $W \in \mathfrak{A}^*$ such that $yW \subseteq xV \subseteq X$ for every $y \in xW$. Therefore $xW \subseteq Y$ for some $W \in \mathfrak{A}^*$ if $x \in Y$. This implies $Y \in \mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{A}^*)$. If $Z \subseteq X$ and $Z \in \mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{A}^*)$ then $Z \subseteq Y$, hence, Y is the \mathfrak{A}^* -interior of X. \mathfrak{A} -Int $X = \mathfrak{A}^*$ -Int X by (4.2) and (4.4), thus \mathfrak{A} -Int $X = \{x \in S : xU \subseteq X \text{ for some } U \in \mathfrak{A}\}$. (2) obviously implies (3). (3) \Rightarrow (1): If \mathfrak{A} is a prenet then \mathfrak{A}^* is a net. Therefore, it is sufficient to show that \mathfrak{A}^* is topological. If $x \in S$ and $U \in \mathfrak{A}^*$ then, since $x \in \mathfrak{A}$ -Int (xU), there exists $Y \in \mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{A})$ such that $x \in Y \subseteq xU$. For each $y \in Y$, there is $U(y) \in \mathfrak{A}$ such that $yU(y) \subseteq Y$. Define V by V = yU(y) if $V \in Y$ and $V \in Y$ otherwise. Then $V \in \mathcal{A}^*$ and $V \in \mathcal{A}^*$ is topological.
- (4.5) If $\mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{B}) \subseteq \mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{A})$ and \mathfrak{B} is a pretopology then \mathfrak{A} is finer than \mathfrak{B} .
- **Proof.** If $U \in \mathfrak{B}$ then, by the interior theorem, the connector $V: x \to \mathfrak{B}$ -Int(xU) is a \mathfrak{B} -open connector. V is also \mathfrak{A} -open because $\mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{B}) \subseteq \mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{A})$. $V \subseteq U$ and $V \in \mathfrak{A}^{*<}$, hence $U \in \mathfrak{A}^{*<}$.

BASIS THEOREM. \mathcal{I} is a topology. Then, the set of all \mathcal{I} -open connectors is a basis of \mathcal{I} .

Proof. A mapping $V: x \in S \to \mathcal{T}\text{-Int}(xU)$ is a connector if $U \in \mathcal{T}$. V is \mathcal{T} -open and $V \subseteq U$. (4.3) implies $V \in \mathcal{T}$. Hence, the set of all \mathcal{T} -open connectors is a basis of \mathcal{T} .

Comparison Theorem. $\mathfrak A$ and $\mathfrak B$ are topologies. $\mathfrak B\subseteq\mathfrak A$ if and only if $\mathcal T(\mathfrak B)\subseteq\mathcal T(\mathfrak A)$.

Proof. \mathfrak{A} is finer than \mathfrak{B} if and only if $\mathfrak{B} \subseteq \mathfrak{A}$. Hence, (4.1) implies the one direction and (4.5) implies the other.

TOPOLOGY THEOREM. \mathcal{T} is an open topology on S. There is a unique topology \mathcal{T} such that $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{T})$.

Proof. Let $\mathfrak{A} = \{U; xU \in \mathcal{T} \text{ for every } x \in S\}$. U is a connector and $x \in S$. Define V by yV = xU if $y \in xU$ and yV = S otherwise. Then, $xV^2 = xU$ and V belongs to \mathfrak{A} if U does. Therefore, \mathfrak{A} is topological. \mathfrak{A} is a sharp net because $\mathfrak{A} = \mathfrak{A}^\times = \mathfrak{A}^*$. Let $\mathfrak{T} = \mathfrak{A}^<$. Then $\mathfrak{T}(\mathfrak{T}) = \mathfrak{T}(\mathfrak{A})$ and \mathfrak{T} is, by (3.6), the topology hull of \mathfrak{A} . $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{A})$ is clear by the definition of \mathfrak{A} , hence, $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{T})$. The comparison theorem implies the uniqueness.

- **5.** Uniformities. A connector system $\mathfrak A$ is called *uniform* if for each $U \in \mathfrak A$, there is $V \in \mathfrak A$ such that $VV^{-1} \leq U$. If $\mathfrak A$ is uniform, then for each $U \in \mathfrak A$, there are $V, W \in \mathfrak A$ such that $WW^{-1} \leq V$ and $VV^{-1} \leq U$. $W^{-1} \leq V$ implies $W \leq V^{-1}$, thus $W^2 \leq VV^{-1} \leq U$.
 - (5.1) Every uniform system is topological.
 - (5.2) If $\mathfrak A$ is uniform, then $\mathfrak A^<$ and $\mathfrak A^\times$ are uniform.
 - (5.3) If \mathfrak{A}_{λ} , $\lambda \in \Lambda$ are uniform then $\cup \mathfrak{A}_{\lambda}$ is uniform.

A uniformity is a filter which is uniform. ([1], [2]). If $\mathfrak U$ is the weakest among the uniformities stronger than $\mathfrak U$, then $\mathfrak U$ is called the uniformity hull of $\mathfrak U$.

- (5.4) The filter hull $\mathfrak{A}^{\times <}$ is the uniformity hull of \mathfrak{A} if \mathfrak{A} is uniform.
- (5.5) It is a uniformity. Then, a basis $\mathfrak B$ of It is a uniform net and It is the uniformity hull of $\mathfrak B$.
- (5.6) If $\mathfrak A$ is a uniform net then $\mathfrak A^<$ is the uniformity hull and $\mathfrak A$ is a basis of $\mathfrak A^<$.

Proof. Refer to (1.16), (5.4) and (2.7).

(5.7) If \mathfrak{U}_{λ} is the uniformity hull of \mathfrak{A}_{λ} , $\lambda \in \Lambda$, then $\vee \mathfrak{U}_{\lambda}$ is the uniformity-hull of $\cup \mathfrak{A}_{\lambda}$.

Proof. (5.3) and (5.4) $\Rightarrow \vee \mathfrak{U}_{\lambda}$ is a uniformity. If \mathfrak{U} is a uniformity and \mathfrak{U} includes all \mathfrak{U}_{λ} , $\lambda \in \Lambda$ then \mathfrak{U} includes all \mathfrak{U}_{λ} , $\lambda \in \Lambda$ and $\mathfrak{U} = \mathfrak{U}^{\times}$. Hence, \mathfrak{U} includes $(\cup \mathfrak{U}_{\lambda})^{\times} = \vee \mathfrak{U}_{\lambda}$.

 $\mathfrak A$ is a connector system. If there is a uniformity which is the strongest among the uniformities weaker than $\mathfrak A$ then the uniformity is called the *uniformity kernel* of $\mathfrak A$. A uniformity kernel is unique if it exists.

(5.8) Every filter has a uniformity kernel.

Proof. Every filter includes the uniformity which contains the only connector, $x \in S \to S$ (for every $\cdot x \in S$). Let $\{\mathfrak{U} : \mathfrak{U} \subseteq \mathfrak{F}\}$ denote the collection of uniformities weaker than a filter \mathfrak{F} . $(5.7) \Rightarrow \mathbb{V}\{\mathfrak{U} : \mathfrak{U} \subseteq \mathfrak{F}\}$ is a uniformity. (2.17) states $\mathbb{V}\{\mathfrak{U} : \mathfrak{U} \subseteq \mathfrak{F}\} = (\mathbb{V}\{\mathfrak{U} : \mathfrak{U} \subseteq \mathfrak{F}\})^{\times <} \subseteq \mathfrak{F}^{\times <} = \mathfrak{F}$. Therefore, the uniformity is included in \mathfrak{F} and the strongest among $\{\mathfrak{U} : \mathfrak{U} \subseteq \mathfrak{F}\}$.

The topology hull of a uniformity $\mathfrak U$ is $\mathfrak U^*$ because $\mathfrak U$ is a topological filter. $\mathscr T(\mathfrak U^*)$ is a uniform topology (called the induced topology in [1] and [2]). Therefore, a topology $\mathfrak T$ corresponds to a uniform topology if and only if there is a uniformity $\mathfrak U$ such that $\mathfrak T=\mathfrak U^*$.

(5.9) \mathfrak{T} is a topology. There is a uniformity \mathfrak{U} such that $\mathfrak{T} = \mathfrak{U}^*$ if and only if \mathfrak{T} is the topology hull of its uniformity kernel.

Proof. Since a topology is a filter, a topology $\mathfrak T$ has the uniform kernel $\mathfrak V$. If $\mathfrak T=\mathfrak U^*$ for some uniformity $\mathfrak U$ then $\mathfrak U\subseteq \mathfrak V\subseteq \mathfrak T$. Hence $\mathfrak T=\mathfrak V^*$.

(5.10) \mathcal{I}_{λ} , $\lambda \in \Lambda$ are topologies and \mathcal{I}_{λ} , $\lambda \in \Lambda$ are uniformities. If $\mathcal{I}_{\lambda} = \mathcal{I}\mathcal{I}_{\lambda}^{\#}$ for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$, then there is a uniformity $\mathcal{I}\mathcal{I}$ such that $(\vee \mathcal{I}_{\lambda})^{\#} = \mathcal{I}\mathcal{I}^{\#}$.

Proof. $(\vee \mathfrak{ll}_{\lambda})^{\#} = (\vee \mathfrak{ll}_{\lambda}^{\#})^{\#} = (\vee \mathfrak{T}_{\lambda})^{\#}$ by (2.22). $\vee \mathfrak{ll}_{\lambda}$ is a uniformity by (5.7).

- **6. Mappings.** Let R be a space and let U be a connector on R. M is a mapping from a space S to R. xM and (xM)U denote the image of x by M and the image of $xM \in R$ by U respectively. Define a connector on S by corresponding x of S to the set $\{y \in S: yM \in (xM)U\}$. This connector is denoted by MUM^{-1} . $x(MUM^{-1})$ is the image of x by MUM^{-1} . The following formulas are found in [2].
 - (6.1) $M(U \cap V)M^{-1} = MUM^{-1} \cap MVM^{-1}$.
 - (6.2) $U \leq V$ implies $MUM^{-1} \leq MVM^{-1}$.
 - (6.3) $(MUM^{-1})^{-1} = M(U^{-1})M^{-1}$.
 - (6.4) $(MUM^{-1}) (MVM^{-1}) \le MUVM^{-1}$.

Each connector system \mathfrak{D} on R can be used to construct a connector system on S by a transfer of each $U \in \mathfrak{D}$ to the connector MUM^{-1} on S. $M\mathfrak{D}M^{-1}$ denotes the connector system $\{MUM^{-1}: U \in \mathfrak{D}\}$. The following propositions are proved by referring to (6.1), (6.2), (6.3) and (6.4).

- (6.5) $M \mathfrak{D}^{<} M^{-1} \subseteq (M \mathfrak{D} M^{-1})^{<} \text{ and } (M \mathfrak{D}^{<} M^{-1})^{<} = (M \mathfrak{D} M^{-1})^{<}.$
- (6.6) $M \mathfrak{D}^* M^{-1} \subseteq (M \mathfrak{D} M^{-1})^*$ and $(M \mathfrak{D}^* M^{-1})^* = (M \mathfrak{D} M^{-1})^*$.
- (6.7) $M \mathfrak{D}^{\times} M^{-1} = (M \mathfrak{D} M^{-1})^{\times}$.
- (6.8) If \mathfrak{D} is a net, then $M\mathfrak{D}M^{-1}$ is a net.
- (6.9) If \mathfrak{D} is a prenet, then $M\mathfrak{D}M^{-1}$ is a prenet.

Proof. Refer to (6.6), (1.23) and (6.8).

- (6.10) If \mathfrak{D} is topological then $M\mathfrak{D}M^{-1}$ is topological.
- (6.11) If \mathfrak{D} is uniform then $M\mathfrak{D}M^{-1}$ is uniform.
- (6.12) If \mathfrak{D} is a pretopology then $M\mathfrak{D}M^{-1}$ is a pretopology.

Proof. $(M\mathfrak{D}^*M^{-1})^*$ is a topological net by (6.8), (6.10), (1.23) and (3.1), if \mathfrak{D} is a pretopology. Hence, by (6.6), $(M\mathfrak{D}M^{-1})^*$ is a topological net.

- (6.13) \mathfrak{D} and \mathfrak{E} are connector systems on R. $M\mathfrak{D}M^{-1}$ is stronger than $M\mathfrak{E}M^{-1}$ if \mathfrak{D} is stronger than \mathfrak{E} .
 - (6.14) $M\mathfrak{D}M^{-1}$ is finer than $M\mathfrak{G}M^{-1}$ if \mathfrak{D} is finer than \mathfrak{G} .

 YM^{-1} denotes the inverse image of a set $Y \subset R$ by a mapping M.

- (6.15) \mathfrak{D} is a prenet on R and $\mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{D})$ is the open-topology induced by \mathfrak{D} . $\mathcal{F}(M\mathfrak{D}M^{-1})$ is the open-topology on S induced by $M\mathfrak{D}M^{-1}$. Then, $\{YM^{-1}\colon Y\in\mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{D})\}\subseteq\mathcal{F}(M\mathfrak{D}M^{-1})$.
 - (6.16) $\{YM^{-1}: Y \in \mathcal{F}(D)\} = \mathcal{F}(M\mathfrak{D}M^{-1})$ if \mathfrak{D} is a pretopology.

Proof. If $X \in \mathcal{T}(M\mathfrak{D}M^{-1})$ and $x \in X$, then there is $U(x) \in \mathfrak{D}$ such that $x(MU(x)M^{-1}) \subseteq X$. According to the interior theorem, since \mathfrak{D} is a pretopology, y = xM belongs to \mathfrak{D} -Int $(yU(x)) \in \mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{D})$, and \mathfrak{D} -Int $(yU(x)) \subseteq yU(x)$. Let $Y = \bigcup \{\mathfrak{D}$ -Int (yU(x)): y = xM, $x \in X\}$. Then $Y \in \mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{D})$ and $X \subseteq YM^{-1} \subseteq \bigcup \{(yU(x))M^{-1}: y = xM, x \in X\} \subseteq X$. Hence, $X = YM^{-1}$.

 $\mathfrak A$ is a connector system on S and $\mathfrak D$ is a connector system on S. A mapping S from S to S is called $\mathfrak A$ -continuous w.r.t. $\mathfrak D$ if $\mathfrak A$ is finer than S to S is a generalization of continuity. Neither connector system needs to be a topology.

- (6.17) M is \mathfrak{A} -continuous w.r.t. \mathfrak{D} if and only if for each $U \in \mathfrak{D}$ and for each $x \in S$, there are $V_i \in \mathfrak{A}$, $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ such that $\bigcap \{xV_i : i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n\} \subseteq x(MUM^{-1})$.
- (6.18) $\mathfrak A$ is a prenet. M is $\mathfrak A$ -continuous w.r.t. $\mathfrak D$ if and only if for each $U \in \mathfrak D$ and for each $x \in S$, there is $V \in \mathfrak A$ such that $(xV)M \subseteq (xU)M$.

CONTINUITY THEOREM. $\mathfrak A$ and $\mathfrak D$ are connector systems on S and R respectively. $\mathfrak A$ is a prenet and $\mathfrak D$ is a pretopology. M is a mapping from S to R. M is $\mathfrak A$ -continuous w.r.t. $\mathfrak D$ if and only if $\{YM^{-1}: Y \in \mathcal F(\mathfrak D)\} \subseteq \mathcal F(\mathfrak A)$.

Proof. $M\mathfrak{D}M^{-1}$ is a pretopology if \mathfrak{D} is a pretopology. (4.1) and (4.5) \Rightarrow a prenet \mathfrak{A} is finer than a pretopology $M\mathfrak{D}M^{-1}$ if and only if $\mathcal{F}(M\mathfrak{D}M^{-1})\subseteq \mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{A})$. Hence, by (6.16), \mathfrak{A} is finer than $M\mathfrak{D}M^{-1}$ if and only if $\{YM^{-1}: Y \in \mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{D})\}\subseteq \mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{A})$.

Comment on the continuity theorem: An implication of the theorem is a compatibility of continuous mappings and continuous functions from a topological space $(S, \mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{A}))$ to a topological space $(R, \mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{D}))$. The theorem states that if \mathfrak{A} is a prenet and \mathfrak{D} is a pretopology, then a continuous mapping is topologically continuous and vice versa.

 $\mathfrak A$ is a connector system on S and $\mathfrak D$ is a connector system on R. A mapping M from S to R is called *uniformly* $\mathfrak A$ -continuous w.r.t. $\mathfrak D$ if $\mathfrak A$ is stronger than $M\mathfrak DM^{-1}$. $\mathfrak A$ is stronger, then $\mathfrak A$ is finer, therefore, M is $\mathfrak A$ -continuous if M is uniformly $\mathfrak A$ -continuous. (2.6) implies the converse if $\mathfrak A$ is a sharp prenet.

- (6.19) M is uniformly \mathfrak{A} -continuous w.r.t. \mathfrak{D} if and only if for each $U \in \mathfrak{D}$, there are $V_i \in \mathfrak{A}$, $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$, such that $\cap V_i \subseteq MUM^{-1}$.
- (6.20) $\mathfrak A$ is a sharp prenet. M is $\mathfrak A$ -continuous w.r.t. $\mathfrak D$ if and only if M is uniformly $\mathfrak A$ -continuous w.r.t. $\mathfrak D$.

KERNEL THEOREM. \mathfrak{T} is a topology on S, \mathfrak{U} is the uniformity kernel of \mathfrak{T} and \mathfrak{D} is a uniform net on R. If a mapping M from S to R is \mathfrak{T} -continuous w.r.t. \mathfrak{D} , then M is uniformly \mathfrak{U} -continuous w.r.t. \mathfrak{D} .

Proof. The continunity of M implies $M\mathfrak{D}M^{-1} \subseteq \mathfrak{T}$. $M\mathfrak{D}M^{-1}$ is a uniform net by (6.8) and (6.11), if \mathfrak{D} is a uniform net. Then, $(M\mathfrak{D}M^{-1})^<$ is the uniformity hull of $M\mathfrak{D}M^{-1}$, and $M\mathfrak{D}M^{-1} \subseteq (M\mathfrak{D}M^{-1})^< \subseteq \mathfrak{U} \subseteq \mathfrak{T}$. Hence, M is uniformly \mathfrak{U} -continuous w.r.t. \mathfrak{D} .

Comment on the kernel theorem: A uniform net is a pretopology by (3.12) and (5.1), and a topology is a prenet. Therefore, by the continuity theorem, the kernel theorem can be applied to a continuous function from a topological space $(S, \mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{T}))$ to a topological space $(R, \mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{D}))$. (5.6) states that $\mathfrak{D}^<$ is the uniformity hull of a uniform net \mathfrak{D} . Since $\mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{D}) = \mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{D}^<)$, $\mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{D})$ is a topology induced by a uniformity. The kernel theorem presents an answer to the following question in a generalized form. If S is a topological space and R is a uniform-topological space, then what is a uniformity on S, for which every continuous function from S to R is uniformly continuous?

- 7. **Mappings.** Let R_{λ} , $\lambda \in \Lambda$ be a system of spaces and let \mathfrak{D}_{λ} be a connector system on R_{λ} for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$. If a topology hull \mathfrak{T} of $\bigcup \{M_{\lambda} \mathfrak{D}_{\lambda} M_{\lambda}^{-1} : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ exists, then \mathfrak{T} is called the weak topology on S by $\{M_{\lambda} : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$, w.r.t. $\{\mathfrak{D}_{\lambda} : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$. \mathfrak{T} is the weakest topology among those for which M_{λ} , $\lambda \in \Lambda$ are continuous.
- (7.1) \mathfrak{T} is the weak topology by $\{M_{\lambda} : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$, w.r.t. $\{\mathfrak{D}_{\lambda} : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$. If $\mathfrak{D}_{\lambda} \subseteq \mathfrak{G}_{\lambda} \subseteq \mathfrak{D}_{\lambda}^{**}$ for every $\lambda \in \Lambda$, then \mathfrak{T} is the weak topology by those mappings w.r.t. $\{\mathfrak{E}_{\lambda} : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$.

Proof. Refer to (1.5), (1.9), (1.22), (6.5), (6.6) and (6.7).

(7.2) If \mathfrak{D}_{λ} , $\lambda \in \Lambda$ are all topological or all of them are pretopologies, then there exists a weak topology by every system of mappings, w.r.t. those connector systems.

Proof. Refer to (6.10), (6.12), (3.3) and (3.13).

WEAK TOPOLOGY THEOREM. \mathcal{Z} is a topology on S. \mathfrak{D}_{λ} is a connector system on R_{λ} and M_{λ} is a \mathcal{Z} -continuous mapping, w.r.t. \mathfrak{D}_{λ} from S to R_{λ} , for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$. \mathcal{Z} is the weak topology on S by those mappings, w.r.t. the given connector systems if for each $U \in \mathcal{Z}$ and for each $x \in S$, there is $\lambda \in \Lambda$ and $V \in \mathfrak{D}_{\lambda}$ such that $x(M_{\lambda}VM_{\lambda}^{-1}) \subseteq xU$.

Proof. The hypotheses are: $M_{\lambda} \mathfrak{D}_{\lambda} M_{\lambda}^{-1} \subseteq \mathfrak{T}$ for every $\lambda \in \Lambda$ and

$$\mathfrak{T} \subseteq (\bigcup M_{\lambda} \mathfrak{D}_{\lambda} M_{\lambda}^{-1})^{*<}.$$

$$(\bigcup M_{\lambda} \mathfrak{D}_{\lambda} M_{\lambda}^{-1})^{*<} \subset (\bigcup M_{\lambda} \mathfrak{D}_{\lambda} M_{\lambda}^{-1})^{\times *<} \subseteq \mathfrak{T}^{\times *<} = \mathfrak{T}.$$

Hence, \mathcal{Z} is the topology hull of $\bigcup M_{\lambda} \mathfrak{D}_{\lambda} M_{\lambda}^{-1}$.

If there exists a uniformity hull of $\bigcup M_{\lambda} \mathfrak{D}_{\lambda} M_{\lambda}^{-1}$, then the uniformity hull is called the *weak uniformity* by those mappings, w.r.t. the given connector systems. A weak uniformity is the weakest uniformity among those for which each M_{λ} is uniformly continuous w.r.t. \mathfrak{D}_{λ} .

(7.3) It is a weak uniformity w.r.t. $\{\mathfrak{D}_{\lambda} : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$. If $\mathfrak{D}_{\lambda} \subseteq \mathfrak{E}_{\lambda} \subseteq \mathfrak{D}_{\lambda}^{\times}$ for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$, then it is the weak uniformity by the same mappings, w.r.t. $\{\mathfrak{E}_{\lambda} : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$.

WEAK UNIFORMITY THEOREM. \mathfrak{D}_{λ} is a unifrom connector system on R_{λ} and $M\lambda$ is a mapping from S to R_{λ} for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$. Then there exists a weak uniformity \mathfrak{U} by $\{M_{\lambda} : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$, w.r.t. $\{\mathfrak{D}_{\lambda} : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$, and the topology hull of \mathfrak{U} is the weak topology by those mappings, w.r.t. the given connector systems.

Proof. Let $\mathfrak{V} = \bigcup M_{\lambda} \mathfrak{D}_{\lambda} M_{\lambda}^{-1}$ and let $\mathfrak{U} = \mathfrak{V}^{\times <}$. \mathfrak{V} is uniform and \mathfrak{U} is the uniformity hull by (6.11), (5.3) and (5.4). $\mathfrak{U}^{\times \# <}$ is the topology hull of \mathfrak{V} by (3.3) and (3.4), as well as that of \mathfrak{U} . Hence the topology hull of \mathfrak{U} is the weak topology by $\{M_{\lambda} : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$.

Let M_{λ} , $\lambda \in \Lambda$ be mapping from S to R and let U be a connector on R. Let $\bigcap M_{\lambda}UM_{\lambda}^{-1}$ denote the connector, $x \in S \to \bigcap \{(yU)M_{\lambda}^{-1}: y = xM_{\lambda}, \lambda \in \Lambda\}$.

- (7.4) U and V are connectors on R and W is the product of $\bigcap M_{\lambda}UM_{\lambda}^{-1}$ and $\bigcap M_{\lambda}VM_{\lambda}^{-1}$. Then $W \subseteq \bigcap M_{\lambda}UVM_{\lambda}^{-1}$.
 - $(7.5) \quad \{ \cap M_{\lambda}UM_{\lambda}^{-1} \colon U \in \mathfrak{D}^{<} \} \subseteq \{ \cap M_{\lambda}UM_{\lambda}^{-1} \colon U \in \mathfrak{D} \}^{<}.$
 - $(7.6) \quad \{ \cap M_{\lambda}UM_{\lambda}^{-1} \colon U \in \mathfrak{D}^{\times} \} = \{ \cap M_{\lambda}UM_{\lambda}^{-1} \colon U \in \mathfrak{D} \}^{\times}.$
 - (7.7) If \mathfrak{D} is topological then $\{ \cap M_{\lambda}UM_{\lambda}^{-1} : U \in \mathfrak{D} \}$ is topological.
 - (7.8) If \mathfrak{D} is uniform then $\{ \cap M_{\lambda}UM_{\lambda}^{-1} : U \in \mathfrak{D} \}$ is uniform.

 \mathfrak{A} is a connector system on S and \mathfrak{D} is a connector system on R. A system of mappings M_{λ} , $\lambda \in \Lambda$ from S to R is called \mathfrak{A} -equi-continuous w.r.t. \mathfrak{D} if \mathfrak{A} is finer than $\{\cap M_{\lambda}UM_{\lambda}^{-1}\colon U\in \mathfrak{D}\}$, i.e., the latter is included in \mathfrak{A}^{***} . The mappings are called *uniformly* \mathfrak{A} -equi-continuous if \mathfrak{A} is stronger than $\{\cap M_{\lambda}UM_{\lambda}^{-1}\colon U\in \mathfrak{D}\}$, i.e., the latter is included in \mathfrak{A}^{**} . The uniformly equi-continuity implies uniform continuity of each mapping in the system. If there exists a topology hull of $\{\cap M_{\lambda}UM_{\lambda}^{-1}\colon U\in \mathfrak{D}\}$ then the topology hull is called the equi-topology by $\{M_{\lambda}\colon \lambda\in \Lambda\}$.

- (7.9) $\mathfrak D$ and $\mathfrak E$ are connector systems on R and $\mathfrak D \subseteq \mathfrak E \subseteq \mathfrak D^{\times <}$. If $\mathfrak T$ is an equi-topology by a system of mappings to R, w.r.t. $\mathfrak D$ then $\mathfrak T$ is the equi-topology by the same mappings, w.r.t. $\mathfrak E$.
- (7.10) $\{ \cap M_{\lambda}UM_{\lambda}^{-1} : U \in \mathfrak{D} \}^{\times \# <}$ is the equi-topology by $\{M_{\lambda} : \lambda \in \Lambda \}$, w.r.t. \mathfrak{D} if \mathfrak{D} is topological.

Proof. Refer to (7.7) and (3.3).

If there exists a uniformity hull of $\{ \cap M_{\lambda}UM_{\lambda}^{-1} : U \in \mathfrak{D} \}$ then the uniformity hull is called the *equi-uniformity* by $\{M_{\lambda} : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$, w.r.t. \mathfrak{D} , i.e., it is the weakest uniformity for which the mappings are uniformly equi-continuous.

- (7.11) $\mathfrak D$ and $\mathfrak E$ are connector systems on R and $\mathfrak D \subseteq \mathfrak E \subseteq \mathfrak D^{\times <}$. If $\mathfrak l\mathfrak l$ is an equi-uniformity by a system of mappings w.r.t. $\mathfrak D$, then $\mathfrak l\mathfrak l$ is the equi-uniformity by the same mappings w.r.t. $\mathfrak E$.
- (7.12) If \mathfrak{D} is uniform then $\{ \cap M_{\lambda}UM_{\lambda}^{-1} \colon U \in \mathfrak{D} \}^{\times <}$ is the equiuniformity by $\{M_{\lambda} \colon \lambda \in \Lambda\}$, w.r.t. \mathfrak{D} and the equi-topology is the topology hull of the equi-uniformity.

Proof. Refer to (7.8), (5.4), (3.5) and (7.10).

8. Uniformalizable topologies. The set of all real numbers is denoted by $(-\infty,\infty)$. For each positive ϵ , let $U(\epsilon)$ denote the connector on $(-\infty,\infty)$ such that $xU(\epsilon) = \{y : |x-y| \le \epsilon\}$ for every $x \in (-\infty,\infty)$. Then the connector system $\{U(\epsilon) : 0 < \epsilon\}$ is a uniform net. This is the only connector system, in this paper, we deal with for the real numbers. $\mathcal{U}[a,b]$ denotes the connector system $\mathcal{U}(-\infty,\infty)$ if each connector is restricted on a closed interval [a,b].

f is a function from a space S to $(-\infty, \infty)$. We write $a \le f \le b$ if the image of f is bounded by a and b. A topology $\mathfrak T$ on S is called completely regular if for each $U \in \mathfrak T$ and for each $x \in S$, there is a $\mathfrak T$ -continuous function f from S to [0,1], w.r.t. $\mathfrak U[0,1]$ such that xf=1 and yf=0 if y does not belong to xU.

The above definition is obviously compatible with the definition of a completely regular topology on the topological space $(S, \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{Z}))$.

(8.1) If $\mathfrak T$ is completely regular then $\mathfrak T$ is a weak topology by a system of functions.

Proof. Refer to the weak topology theorem in §7.

(8.2) A weak topology by functions, w.r.t. $\mathfrak{U}(-\infty,\infty)$ is completely regular.

Uniformalization Theorem. A topology is the topology hull of a uniformity if and only if it is completely regular.

- **Proof.** If \mathcal{F} is completely regular then \mathcal{F} is a weak topology and by the weak uniformity theorem in §7, \mathcal{F} is the topology hull of the weak uniformity by the same functions which induce the weak topology. Conversely, if \mathcal{F} is the topology hull of a uniformity l1 then, since $\mathcal{F} = 11^*$, for each $U \in \mathcal{F}$ and for each $x \in S$, there is $V \in 11$ such that xU = xV. Theorem 5 in §31 of [1] and Theorem 19.1 of [2] state that there is a uniformly continuous function f such that $0 \le f \le 1$, xf = 1 and yf = 0 if y does not belong to xV.
- **9. Bounded connectors.** A connector U on a space S is called *bounded* if there are $x_i \in S$, $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ such that $S = \bigcup \{x_i U : i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$. A connector U is called *absolutely bounded* if for each nonempty set $X \subseteq S$, there are $x_i \in X$, $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ such that $X \subseteq \bigcup \{x_i U : i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$. If $U \subseteq V$ and U is bounded or absolutely bounded, then V is bounded or absolutely bounded respectively.

A connector system $\mathfrak A$ on S is called *totally bounded* if every connector in $\mathfrak A$ is bounded. This is a generalization of totally bounded uniformities.

(9.1) If a connector system \mathfrak{A} is uniform and totally bounded then every connector in \mathfrak{A} is absolutely bounded.

Proof. For each $U \in \mathbb{N}$, since \mathbb{N} is uniform, there is $V \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $V^{-1}V \subseteq U$. Let X be a nonempty subset of S. There are $x_i \in S$, $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ such that X is included in the union of x_iV , $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ and $X \cap x_iV$ is nonempty for every $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$. If $y_i \in X \cap x_iV$, $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$, then, $x_iV \subseteq y_iV^{-1}V \subseteq y_iU$ thus X is included in the union of y_iU , $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ and each y_i belongs to X. Hence, \mathbb{N} is absolutely bounded.

A topology \mathcal{F} on S is called *compact* if the open-topology $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{F})$ is compact (in usual sense), i.e., every open covering of S has a finite subcovering.

(9.2) A topology \mathcal{F} is compact if and only if \mathcal{F} is totally bounded.

Proof. The basis theorem in §4 states that there is an open connector $V \in \mathcal{I}$ for each $U \in \mathcal{I}$, such that $V \subseteq U$. If \mathcal{I} is compact then, since all xV are \mathcal{I} -open, V is bounded. Hence, \mathcal{I} is totally bounded if \mathcal{I} is compact. Conversly, suppose $S = \bigcup \{X_{\lambda} : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ for some $X_{\lambda} \in \mathcal{I}(\mathcal{I})$, $\lambda \in \Lambda$. Correspond each $x \in S$ to one of these X_{λ} which contains X_{λ} which contains x and define a connector U. Then U is \mathcal{I} -open and $U \in \mathcal{I}^{*<} = \mathcal{I}$. U is bounded if \mathcal{I} is totally bounded. Therefore, there are $x_i \in S$, $i = 1, 2, 3, \cdots, n$ such that S is the union of x_iU , $i = 1, 2, 3, \cdots, n$, which is a finite union of some X_{λ} , $\lambda \in \Lambda$.

Comment on (9.2). (9.2) is a generalization of a theorem on uniform spaces. The open-topology $\mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{T})$ in (9.2) is not necessarily a uniform topology. In fact, the theorem is a characterization of the compact topologies because each open-topology is induced by a topology.

COMPACT TOPOLOGY THEOREM. If the topology hull ll* of a uniformity ll is compact then ll is the uniformity kernel of ll*.

Proof. First, we prove that a real valued II-continuous function on S is uniformly continuous if \mathbb{I}^* is compact. By the definition of continuity, for each positive ϵ and $x \in S$, there is $U \in \mathbb{I}$ 1 such that $|xf - yf| < \epsilon/2$ if $y \in xU$. There is $V \in U$ such that $V^2 \subseteq U$, and $|xf - yf| < \epsilon/2$ if $y \in xV^2$. By corresponding xV to x, we obtain a connector $W \in \mathbb{I}^*$. Since \mathbb{I}^* is totally bounded by (9.2), there are $x_i \in S$, $i = 1, 2, 3, \cdots, n$ such that S is included in the union of x_iW , $i = 1, 2, 3, \cdots, n$. By the definition of W, there are corresponding $V_i \in \mathbb{I}$ 1, $i = 1, 2, 3, \cdots, n$ such that $x_iW = x_iV_i$, and $|x_if - yf| < \epsilon/2$ if

 $y \in x_i V_i^2$. Let $V = \cap V_i$. Then $|xf - yf| < \epsilon$ whenever $y \in xV$. Hence, f is uniformly \mathbb{I} -continuous. Let \mathfrak{V} be the uniformity kernel of \mathbb{I}^* . \mathbb{I}^* is totally bounded and $\mathfrak{V} \subseteq \mathbb{I}^*$, thus \mathfrak{V} is totally bounded. Every uniformly \mathfrak{V} -continuous function is \mathbb{I} -continuous, thus it is uniformly \mathbb{I} -continuous. Therefore, $\mathfrak{V} \subseteq \mathbb{I}$ by Theorem 6 in §33 of [1]. $\mathbb{I} \subseteq \mathfrak{V}$ always holds because \mathfrak{V} is the strongest uniformity included in \mathbb{I}^* . Hence, \mathbb{I} is the uniformity kernel of \mathbb{I}^* .

10. Semi-bounded connectors. A connector U on a space S is called *semi-bounded* if there is a positive integer n such that U^n is bounded. U^n is defined by induction, i.e., $U^n = U^{n-1}U$. A connector U is called *absolutely semi-bounded* if for each nonempty set $X \subseteq S$, there are $x_i \in X$, $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m$ and a positive integer n such that $X \subseteq \bigcup \{x_i U^n : i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m\}$. If $U \subseteq V$ and U is semi-bounded or absolutely semi-bounded, then V is semi-bounded or absolutely semi-bounded respectively.

A connector system $\mathfrak A$ is called bounded if every connector in $\mathfrak A$ is semi-bounded.

(10.1) A uniformity ll is bounded if and only if every uniformly ll-continuous function is bounded.

Proof. Refer to Theorem 2 in §32 of [1].

A connector system $\mathfrak A$ is called absolutely bounded if every connector in $\mathfrak A$ is absolutely semi-bounded.

(10.2) A uniformity ll is absolutely bounded if and only if ll is totally bounded.

Proof. Refer to Theorem 2 in §33 of [1].

A topology \mathcal{I} on a space S is called *pseudo-compact* if every \mathcal{I} -continuous function (real-valued) is bounded.

PSEUDO-COMPACT TOPOLOGY THEOREM. A topology $\mathfrak T$ is pseudocompact if and only if the uniformity kernel $\mathfrak U$ of $\mathfrak T$ is bounded.

Proof. If ll is bounded then, since every \mathcal{F} -continuous function is uniformly ll-continuous by the kernel theorem in §6, \mathcal{F} is pseudocompact. On the other hand, every uniformly ll-continuous function is \mathcal{F} -continuous because $ll \subseteq \mathcal{F}$. Hence, every uniformly ll-continuous function is bounded if \mathcal{F} is pseudo-compact. By (10.1), ll is bounded.

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