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A uniform space is called \aleph_0 -measurable if the pointwise limit of any sequence of uniformly continuous functions (real valued) is uniformly continuous. A uniform space is called measurable if the pointwise limit of any sequence of uniformly continuous mappings into any metric space is uniformly continuous.

It is shown that measurable spaces are just metric-fine spaces with the property that the cozero sets form a σ -algebra, or just hereditarily metric-fine spaces.

Metric-fine spaces seem to form a very useful class of spaces; they were introduced by Hager [5], and studied recently by Rice [7] and the author [2], [3]. Separable measurable spaces are studied in Hager [6].

The notation and terminology of Čech [1] is used throughout; for very special terms see Frolik [2]. The main result of the author's [3] is assumed, and [4] may help to understand the motivation.

If X is a uniform space we denote by $\cos X$, zX or BaX accordingly the cozero sets in X (i.e., the sets $\cos f = \{x \mid fx \neq 0\}$ where f is a uniformly continuous function), or the zero sets in X (i.e., the complements of the cozero sets), or the smallest σ -algebra which contains $\cos X$ (equivalently: zX). Since any uniform cover is realized by a mapping into a metric space, the completely coz-additive uniform covers form a basis for the uniformity. Completely coz-additive means that the union of each subfamily is a cozero set.

If X is a uniform space then eX is the set X endowed with the uniformity having the countable uniform covers of X for a basis of uniform covers; eX is a reflection of X in the class of separable uniform spaces (i.e., in spaces Y with eY = Y).

We denote by α the usual coreflection into fine uniform spaces. Recall that αX is the set X endowed with the finest uniformity which is topologically equivalent to the uniformity of X. The first theorem is a version of a simple classical result on measurable functions. The equivalence of Conditions 1-5 appears in Hager [6]. This theorem is repeatedly used in the sequel, and therefore an economical proof is furnished.

THEOREM 1. Each of the following conditions is necessary and sufficient for a uniform space X to be \aleph_0 -measurable.

1. eX is \aleph_0 -measurable.

2. $\operatorname{coz} X = zX = BaX$, and every countable partition ranging in BaX is a uniform cover.

3. Each countable partition ranging in BaX is uniform.

4. The countable partitions ranging in BaX form a basis for uniform covers of eX.

5. A function $f: X \to R$ is uniformly continuous if (and only if) the preimages of open sets are the Baire sets in X.

Proof. It follows immediately from the definition that Condition 1 is necessary and sufficient. Condition 5 implies that X is \aleph_0 -measurable by the classical result that measurable functions are closed under the operation of taking pointwise limits of sequences ("only if" in Condition 5 is always satisfied). We shall check that each of the Conditions 1-4 implies the subsequent one. Two implications are almost self-evident; namely 2 implies 3, and for 3 implies 4 we must just recall that eX always has a basis consisting of countable covers ranging in $\operatorname{coz} X(BaX)$.

Condition 4 implies Condition 5, because if f is Baire measurable, and if \mathscr{U} is any countable open cover of R, then $f^{-1}[\mathscr{U}]$ is refined by a countable partition ranging in BaX.

It remains to show that Condition 1 implies Condition 2. Assume 1. If G is a cozero set, and if $f \ge 0$ is a uniformly continuous function with $G = \cos f$, then the characteristic (=indicator) function g of G is a pointwise limit of the uniformly continuous functions

$$f_n = \min\left(1, \, m \cdot f\right) \,,$$

and hence g is uniformly continuous by 1. Hence $\cos X = zX$, and hence $\cos X$ is a σ -algebra, and hence $\cos X = BaX$. Now let $\{B_n\}$ be a partition ranging in BaX. Let f_n be the n multiple of the characteristic function of B_n . The limit g of uniformly continuous functions $\sum \{f_n \mid n \leq k\}$ realizes $\{B_n\}$ in the sense that $\{B_n\} = g^{-1}[U]$ for some uniform cover U of R. This concludes the proof.

THEOREM 2. For each uniform space X let $M_{\aleph_0}X$ be the underlying set of X endowed with the uniformity having for a basis of uniform covers the covers of the following form:

$$(*) \qquad \qquad \{B_n \cap U_a \mid n \in N, a \in A\}$$

where $\{U_a\}$ is a uniform cover of X, and $\{B_n\}$ is a partition of X ranging in BaX.

Then:

1. $eM_{\mathbf{x}_0}X$ has for a basis of uniform covers the countable partitions ranging in BaX.

2. $M_{\aleph_0}X$ is the meet of X and $M_{\aleph_0}eX$.

3. $M_{\aleph_0}X$ is a coreflection of X in the category of \aleph_0 -measurable spaces.

Proof. 1. The partitions $\{B_n\}$ are uniform because the cover (*) refines $\{B_n\}$. If $\{V_k\}$ is a countable uniform cover of $M_{\aleph_0}X$, take a cover of the form (*) which refines $\{V_k\}$; we may and shall assume that the union of any subfamily of $\{U_a\}$ belongs to $\operatorname{coz} X$. Put

$$C_{kn} = \bigcup \{B_n \cap U_a \mid B_n \cap U_a \subset V_k\}$$

= $B_n \cap \bigcup \{U_a \mid B_n \cap U_a \subset V_k\}$.

Clearly $\{C_{kn}\}$ is a countable cover which ranges in BaX and refines $\{V_k\}$. Now take any partition which refines $\{C_{nk}\}$. This concludes the proof of 1.

- 2. The assertion 2 follows from 1.
- 3. Every $M_{\aleph_0}X$ is \aleph_0 -measurable by Theorem 1 because obviously

$$BaM_{lpha_0}X = \operatorname{coz} M_{lpha_0}X = BaX$$
.

Let f be a uniformly continuous mapping of an \aleph_0 -measurable space Y into X. We must show that the mapping $f: Y \to M_{\aleph_0}X$ is uniformly continuous. Taking in account the description of $M^{\aleph_0}X$, it is enough to show that the preimage under f of any partition $\{B_n\}$ ranging in BaX is a uniform cover of Y, and this follows from Theorem 1 because $f: Y \to X$ is self-evidently "Baire measurable".

THEOREM 3. The sums, quotients and subspaces of \aleph_0 -measurable spaces are \aleph_0 -measurable.

Proof. This follows immediately from Theorem 1.

REMARK. Theorem 3 implies by a purely categorical argument that \aleph_0 -measurable spaces form a coreflective category, and also the coreflectivity of \aleph_0 -measurable spaces (established in Theorem 2) implies that the sums and the quotients of \aleph_0 -measurable spaces are \aleph_0 measurable, again by a purely categorial argument.

For separable uniform spaces the next theorem is Hager [6, 6.5].

THEOREM 4. Each of the following two conditions is necessary and sufficient for a uniform space X to be \aleph_0 -measurable:

(1) Every uniformly continuous function on X factorizes through $M_{\aleph_0}R$.

(2) Every uniformly continuous mapping of X into a separable metrizable space S factorizes through $M_{\varkappa_0}S$.

Proof. Since M_{\aleph_0} is a functor Condition (2) is necessary, and clearly (2) implies (1). Condition (1) implies immediately that the pointwise limit of uniformly continuous functions is uniformly continuous.

For the next result we need to recall further definitions. A uniform space X is called metric-fine if for every uniformly continuous mapping f of X into a metric space M the mapping $f: X \to \alpha M$ (see introduction) is uniformly continuous. A uniform space is called (separable metric)-fine if the condition is fulfilled for f's into separable M's. For properties of metric-fine and (separable metric)-fine spaces we refer to Frolik [3]; Hager [5] is a good reference, but it is not enough for our purpose. We need the following description of the coreflections $m_{\aleph_0}X$ and mX of a uniform space X in (separable metric)fine or metric-fine spaces respectively (see Frolik [3, Theorems 1 and 3]:

The covers of the form

$$\{U_a \cap B_n \mid a \in A, n \in N\}$$

form a basis for $m_{\aleph_0}X$, and the covers

$$\{U_a^n \cap B_n \mid n \in N, a \in A_n\}$$

form a basis for the uniform covers of mX, where $\{U_a \mid a \in A\}$, $\{U_a^n \mid a \in A_n\}$ are uniform covers of X, and $\{B_n\}$ is a cover of X by elements of $\cos X$; in addition we may assume that all covers are completely $\cos X$ -additive.

We also need to know that

$$emX = em_{oldsymbol{lpha}_0}X = meX = m_{oldsymbol{lpha}_0}eX$$
 .

A uniform space X is called inversion-closed if the set U(X) of all uniformly continuous functions is inversion-closed, and this means, that if $f \in U(X)$ and $fx \neq 0$ for all $x \in X$, then 1/f is uniformly continuous.

If X is (separable metric)-fine then X is inversion-closed; this is obvious.

LEMMA 1. Let Y be an inversion-closed subspace of a uniform space X. For each zero set $Z \subset X - Y$ there exists a zero set $Z' \supset Y$ such that $Z' \cap Z = \phi$. Hence, if Y is a cozero set in X, then Y is a zero set.

Proof. Take a nonnegative function f in U(X) such that $Z = \{x \mid fx = 0\}$, and let g be the inversion of the restriction of f to Y. Take a uniformly continuous pseudometric d on Y such that f is uniformly continuous on $\langle X, d \rangle$, and g is uniformly continuous on the

subspace Y of $\langle X, d \rangle$. The function g extends to a uniformly continuous function g' on the closure Z' of X in $\langle X, d \rangle$; Z' is a zero set in $\langle X, d \rangle$, hence in X. We shall check that $Z' \cap Z = \phi$; if $z \in Z' \cap Z$, then fz = 0, and a sequence $\{y_n\}$ in Y converges to z; in $\langle X, d \rangle$, since fz = 0 necessarily $fy_n \to 0$; hence the value of the extended g should be $\infty \notin R$, and this contradiction proves the lemma.

REMARK. In the proof of Lemma 1 we used the following simple but useful proposition:

If $Y \subset X$, M is metric, and $g: Y \to M$ is uniformly continuous, then there is a uniformly continuous pseudometric d on X(X!) such that g is uniformly continuous on $\langle Y, d \rangle$. (*Proof.* For each n, let u_n be a uniform cover of X such that the trace of u_n on Y refines the inverse image under g of the 1/n-cover of M. Arrange it so that u_{n+1} star-refines u_n for each n, and let d be the pseudometric associated with the sequence $\{u_n\}$.) The existence of the d in the proof of Lemma 1 now follows. We note that the proposition implies that if $Y \subset X$ and $g: Y \to R$ is uniformly continuous, then g has a continuous extension over X: Choose d as above, extend g over the d-closure of Y by uniform continuity, then over all a X by the Tietze-Urysohn Theorem. (If g is bounded, there is a uniformly continuous extension by Katětov's well known theorem.)

THEOREM 5. The following properties of a uniform space X are equivalent:

1. X is \aleph_0 -measurable.

2. X is hereditarily (separable metric)-fine.

3. X is (separable metric)-fine, and each subspace is inversionclosed.

4. X is (separable metric)-fine, and each cozero subspace of X is inversion-closed.

Proof. Since \mathbf{x}_0 -measurable is hereditary and implies (separable metric)-fine, Condition 1 implies Condition 2. Next (separable metric)-fine implies inversion-closed, and hence Condition 2 implies Condition 3. Self-evidently Condition 3 implies Condition 4. It remains to show that Condition 4 implies Condition 1. Assume 4. By Lemma 1 we get $\cos X = zX$, hence $\cos X = BaX$. As is noted above, since X is (separable metric)-fine, this implies that X is \mathbf{x}_0 -measurable.

REMARK. For separable spaces, the equivalence of 1 and 2 in Theorem 5 is in Hager [5, 4.2]. We are in a good position to derive several results which are not needed in the sequel, but may help the reader to get better understanding of the spaces used. Again for separable

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spaces, Propositions 1, 2, 3 and the corollaries appear in Hager [5].

PROPOSITION 1. The following properties of a subspace Y of a (separable metric)-fine space X are equivalent:

- 1. Y is inversion-closed.
- 2. Y is (separable metric)-fine.
- 3. If $G \supset Y$ is a cozero set, then $Y \subset Z \subset G$ for some zero set Z.

Proof. By Lemma 1 Condition 1 implies Condition 3, and obviously Condition 2 implies Condition 1. The remaining implication is obtained as follows: If $\{U_n\}$ is a countable cover of Y by cozero sets in Y, then we can take cozero sets G_n in X such that $G_n \cap Y = U_n$, and apply Lemma 1 to Y, the complement Z of $\bigcup \{G_n\}$, and to X. Let G' be the complement of Z'. Clearly all G_n together with G' form a countable cover of X, which consists of cozero sets in X, hence form a uniform cover of X. The $\{U_n\}$ is just the trace of the cover on Y.

COROLLARY. If $Y \subset X$, then $m_{\mathbf{x}_0} Y$ is a subspace of $m_{\mathbf{x}_0} X$ if and only if Condition 3 of Proposition 1 holds.

The following Proposition 2 is a corollary to Corollary.

PROPOSITION 2. Let Y be a dense subspace of a uniform space X. Then $m_{\aleph_0} Y$ is a subspace of $m_{\aleph_0} X$ if and only if Y is $G_{\mathfrak{s}}$ -dense in X (i.e., X - Y contains no nonvoid $G_{\mathfrak{s}}$ -set, or equivalently, no nonvoid zero set).

Finally:

PROPOSITION 3. Let K be a compactification of a topological space X (completely regular). The following properties are equivalent:

1. K is the Samuel compactification of some metric-fine uniformity on X.

2. K is the Samuel compactification of some inversion-closed uniformity on X.

3. If G is a cozero set in K, $X \subset G \subset K$, then K is a Cech-Stone compactification of G.

Proof. Since every metric-fine uniformity is inversion-closed, Condition 1 implies Condition 2. Assume Condition 2, and let g be a bounded continuous function on $G \supset X$, G being a cozero set in K. Pick up a bounded nonnegative continuous function f on K such that $G = \cos f$. The function $f \cdot g$ on G extends to a continuous function hon K; indeed, put hx = 0 for x in K - G. Thus the restriction of g to X is the ration of two uniformly continuous functions, namely

$$gx = hx/fx$$
,

hence is uniformly continuous, and hence extends to K.

Assume Condition 3, and let us consider the (separable metric)-fine coreflection of the relativization of the uniformity of K to X. We must show that every uniformly continuous bounded function f extends to K, and in view of Condition 3, it is enough to extend f to a cozero set $G \supset X$. Take a countable base $\{U_n\}$ for R and extend each U_n to a cozero set G_n in R; let G be the union of all G_n . Clearly f is uniformly continuous with respect to the relativization of the fine uniformity of G to X, and hence f extends to a continuous function on G. This completes the proof.

COROLLARY. The Samuel compactification of a uniform space Xenjoys the properties in Proposition 3 if and only if mX is proximally equivalent to X.

For more results on rings of uniformly continuous functions we refer to Hager [5].

Now we proceed to measurable spaces which seem to be quite interesting. The first result is a characterization of measurable spaces which will be used to describe the coreflection into measurable spaces, and which connects immediately the theory of measurable spaces with the theory of metric-fine spaces.

THEOREM 6. A uniform space X is measurable if and only if for any sequence $\{\{U_a^n | a \in A_n\}\}$ of uniform covers of X, and for any partition $\{B_n\}$ of X ranging in BaX the cover

 $(*) \qquad \{B_n \cap U_a^n \mid n \in N, a \in A_n\}$

is uniform.

Proof. First assume that X is measurable, and let (*) be given. We shall realize (*) by a uniformly continuous mapping g into a metric space Y.

Since X is \aleph_0 -measurable, for each n the cover

$$\mathscr{V}_n = \{B_k \cap U_a^n \mid k \in N, a \in A_n\}$$

is uniform, and hence there exists a uniformly continuous mapping f of X into a metric space $\langle M, d \rangle$, which realizes all \mathscr{V}_n . We may and shall assume that $d \leq 1$, and the preimage of the 1/n-cover of

 $\langle M, d \rangle$ under f refines \mathscr{V}_k for $k \leq n$. In particular, the preimage of the 1-cover of M, d refines $\{B_k\}$. Hence $C_k = f[B_k]$ form a uniformly discrete partition of $\langle M, d \rangle$. Now let Y be the set $N \times M$ endowed with a metric D defined as follows:

$$egin{aligned} D\langle\langle n,\,y
angle,\,\langle m,\,z
angle
angle =1 & ext{if} \ n
eq m \ ,\ &=\min\left(1,\,n.d\langle y,\,z
angle
ight) & ext{if} \ n=m \ . \end{aligned}$$

If we put $d_n = \min(1, n.d)$, then d_n is a metric for M uniformly equivalent to d, and

$$J_n = \{ y \longrightarrow \langle n, y \rangle \} \colon \langle M, d_n \rangle \longrightarrow \langle Y, D \rangle$$

is metric preserving (hence uniform embedding).

Define a sequence $\{h_n\}$ of uniformly continuous mappings of M into Y, and a mapping $h: M \to Y$ (which will not be uniformly continuous in general) as follows:

The mappings $g_n: M \to Y$ are uniformly continuous, because

$$g_n = J_k$$
 on B_k with $k < n$
 $g_n = J_n$ on $\bigcup \{B_k \mid k \ge n\}$.

For each y in M the sequence $\{g_ny\}$ is eventually constant and converges to gy, namely if $y \in C_k$ then $g_ny = gy$ for $n \ge k$.

Now let $h = g \circ f$, $h_n = g_n \circ f$. The mappings h_n are uniformly continuous, and hence h is uniformly continuous because $\{h_n\}$ converges pointwise to h and X is measurable.

It is easy to check that the preimage of the 1-cover \mathcal{U} of Y under h refines our given cover (*). Indeed,

$$h^{-1}[n imes M] = f^{-1}[C_n] = B_n$$
 ,

and if U is the open sphere of radius 1 centered at a point $\langle n, y \rangle$, then $U \subset n \times M$ and $V = J_n^{-1}[U]$ is the open sphere of radius 1 in $\langle M, d_n \rangle$ centered at y, and hence V is the sphere of radius 1/n in $\langle M, d \rangle$ centered at y, and hence $f^{-1}[V]$ is contained in some U_a^n . Thus

$$h^{-1}[U] = f^{-1}[J_n^{-1}[U]]$$

is contained in U_a^n , and since $U \subset n \times M$,

$$h^{\scriptscriptstyle -1}[U] \subset B_n \cap U^n_a$$
 .

This concludes the proof.

Now assume the condition, and let $\{f_n\}$ be a sequence of uniformly continuous mappings of X into a metric space M, which pointwise converges to a mapping $f: X \to M$. We must show that $f: X \to M$ is uniformly continuous. For each positive number r, and for each n consider the set

$$B_n^r = \{x \mid d \langle f_k x, f_l x \rangle \leq r \text{ for } k, h \geq n\}.$$

Thus $d \langle fx, f_l x \rangle \leq r$ for $x \in B_n^r$, $l \geq n$. Clearly the union of the sequence $\{B_n^r\}$ is X for each r, and each B_n^r belongs to BaX. Now given any positive number ε choose a uniform cover $\{U_a^n \mid a \in A_n\}$ such that the diameter of $f_n[U_a^n]$ is less than $1/3 \cdot \varepsilon$ for each a in A_n . Finally put

$$B_n = B_n^r - B_{n-1}^r$$

with $r = 1/3\varepsilon$. Clearly the diameter of each $f[B_n \cap U_a^n]$ is at most ε . By our assumption $\{B_n \cap U_a^n\}$ is a uniform cover, and hence f is uniformly continuous. This concludes the proof.

THEOREM 7. The sums, subspaces and quotients of measurable spaces are measurable.

Proof. By a routine argument from Theorem 6.

THEOREM 8. The following conditions on a uniform space X are equivalent:

1. X is measurable.

2. X is \aleph_0 -measurable and metric-fine.

3. X is hereditarily (separable-metric)-fine and metric-fine.

4. X is hereditarily metric-fine (i.e., each subspace of X is metric-fine).

Proof. If we compare the characterization of metric-fine spaces recalled above and Theorem 6 we see that Conditions 1 and 2 are equivalent. Conditions 2 and 3 are equivalent by Theorem 5. Finally, obviously Condition 4 implies Condition 3, and is implied by Condition 1 because measurable spaces are hereditary.

It follows from Theorem 7 that measurable spaces are coreflective. Now we shall describe a coreflection measurable spaces and get as a byproduct that measurable spaces are coreflective.

THEOREM 8. For every uniform space X let MX be the set X endowed with the uniformity having for a basis of uniform covers the covers of the form described in Theorem 6. Then:

1. eMX has for a basis of uniform covers the countable partitions ranging in BaX, and hence eMX is \Re_0 -measurable, and BaX = BaMX.

2. $eMX = eM_{\aleph_0}X = MeX = M_{\aleph_0}eX$.

3. MX is a coreflection of X in measurable spaces.

Proof. Let $\{W_k\}$ be a countable cover of MX, and let

 $\{U_a^n \cap B_n \mid n \in N, a \in A_n\}$

be a defining cover which refines $\{W_k\}$. We may and shall assume that $\{U_a^n \mid a \in A_n\}$ are completely coz-additive (such covers form a basis for every uniform space). Put

$$egin{aligned} C_{kn} &= igcup \left\{ U_a^n \cap B_n \mid U_a^n \cap B_n \subset W_k
ight\} \ &= B_n \cap igcup \left\{ U_a^n \mid U_a^n \cap B_n \subset W_k
ight\} \,, \end{aligned}$$

It is easily seen that $\{C_{kn}\}$ is a countable cover which ranges in BaX, and $\{C_{kn}\}$ refines $\{W_k\}$. Thus the countable partitions ranging in BaX form a basis for uniform covers of eMX, hence $BaX = \cos MX = BaMX$, hence eMX is \aleph_0 -measurable. This proves 1.

It follows from 1 and Theorem 2 that $eMX = eM_{\aleph_0}X$, again by Theorem 2 we have $eM_{\aleph_0}X = M_{\aleph_0}eM$. If X is separable then clearly MX is separable (we may take all $\{U_a^n\}$ in the basis consisting of countable uniform covers, and then the defining covers are countable), and hence $M_{\aleph_0}eX = MeX$. This concludes the proof of 2.

Every space MX is measurable, because it follows from the definition of MX and from 1 that MMX = MX, and by Theorem 6 X is measurable if and only if MX = X. It remains to show that if $f: Z \to X$ is uniformly continuous and if Z is measurable then $f: Z \to$ MX are measurable. This follows from Theorem 6, and the definition of MX. This concludes the proof.

The next result says that the functor M is metrically determined.

THEOREM 9. MX is projectively generated by mappings $f: MX \rightarrow MP$ where f are uniformly continuous mappings of X into metric spaces P. A uniform space X is measurable if and only if for each uniformly continuous mapping f of X into a metric space P the mapping $f: X \rightarrow MP$ is uniformly continuous.

Proof. The second assertion follows immediately from the first one. The first assertion follows from Theorem 8, because any sequence of uniform covers, and a sequence of Baire sets may be realized in a metric space by a uniformly continuous mapping. To be sure we formulate the fact about the realization of Baire sets in a lemma.

LEMMA 2. Let $\{B_n\}$ be a sequence of Baire sets in a uniform

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space X. Then there exists a uniformly continuous mapping f into a separable metric space S, and a sequence $\{C_n\}$ of Baire sets in S such that $f^{-1}[C_n] = B_n$ for each n.

Proof. Take a countable collection $\{U_a \mid a \in A\}$ of cozero sets in X such that all B_n belong to the smallest σ -algebra containing all U_a . We may and shall assume that A = N. Take uniformly continuous functions f_n such that

$$U_n = \operatorname{coz} f_n$$
 ,

and $0 \leq f_n \leq 1/2^n$. Then f_n are uniformly continuous, and

$$f: X \longrightarrow R^{N}$$

has the required properties, where f is the reduced product of $\{f_n\}$, i.e., $fx = \{f_nx\}$. This concludes the proof.

The next result describes a nice basis for MX.

THEOREM 10. The space MX has for a basis of uniform covers the collection of all σ -uniformly discrete (in X) partitions of bounded class in BaX.

COROLLARY. A space X is measurable if and only if each σ uniformly discrete partition of bounded class in BaX is a uniform cover of X.

We must explain the notion "of bounded class in BaX". We know that BaX is the smallest σ -algebra which contains $\cos X$ (or equivalently, zX). It follows that

$$egin{aligned} BaX &= igcup \left\{ \mathscr{B}_lpha \, | \, lpha < \omega_{ ext{i}}
ight\} \ &= igcup \left\{ \mathscr{B}_lpha^{ ext{i}} \, | \, lpha < \omega_{ ext{i}}
ight\} \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathscr{B}_0 = \operatorname{coz} X$, $\mathscr{B}_0^1 = zX$, and by induction $\mathscr{B}_{\alpha} (\mathscr{B}_{\alpha}^1, \operatorname{resp.})$ is obtained from $\bigcup \{\mathscr{B}_{\beta} \mid \beta < \alpha\}(\bigcup \{\mathscr{B}_{\beta}^1 \mid \beta < \alpha\})$ by taking all countable intersections (countable unions) or countable unions (countable intersections) according to as α is odd or even.

DEFINITION. A family $\{X_a\}$ is of bounded class in BaX if $\{X_a\}$ ranges in some $\mathscr{B}_{\alpha} \cup \mathscr{B}_{\alpha}^{1}$; the smallest α is called the class of $\{X_a\}$.

Proof of Theorem 10. Let $\{X_a^n \mid n \in N, a \in A\}$ be a σ -discrete partition of bounded class, say α , in BaX. Put $B_n = \bigcup \{X_a^n \mid a \in A_n\}$. The sets B_n are of class at most $\alpha + 1$ because $\{X_a^n \mid a \in A_n\}$ are uniformly discrete. The sets X_a^n are cozero sets in B_n , and they form a uniform cover of the subspace B_n of X. By Theorem 6, $\{X_a^n\}$ is a uniform cover of MX.

It remains to show that these covers form a basis. By A. H. Stone Theorem every uniform cover \mathscr{U} of every uniform space X has a uniformly σ -discrete refinement $\mathscr{V} = \bigcup \{V_k\}$; \mathscr{V} is not necessarily uniform, but it is a uniform cover of MX by Theorem 6 (in fact it is a uniform cover of mX, which is the coreflection in metric-fine spaces); indeed put $C_n = \bigcup \{\mathscr{V}_n\}, B_n = C_n - \bigcup \{C_k \mid k < n\}$. Now if $\{U_a^n \cap B_n\}$ is a typical defining cover of MX, we may replace each cover $\{U_a^n \mid a \in A\}$ by a uniformly (in X) σ -discrete cover $\{V_k^n \mid k \in N\}$, and put $B_{nk} = B_n \cap V_n^k$. Then $\bigcup \{B_{nk} \cap [\mathscr{V}_k^n]\}$ is a uniformly (in X) σ discrete cover of a bounded class which refines $\{U_a^n \cap B_n\}$. We need a partition; well order $\{(n, k)\}$ according to ω_0 , and take the differences as above. This concludes the proof.

In conclusion we show that for mappings of metric-fine (and hence of measurable) spaces uniform continuity depends on two data only: Cozero sets and " σ -discreteness". I do not know whether this property characterizes metric-fine spaces. Recall (we shall not use it) that just metric-fine proximally fine spaces are completely determined by cozero sets, see Frolík [3, Theorem 4]. First let us stress that the only distinction between metric-fine spaces and measurable ones is in cozero sets.

THEOREM 11. A uniform space X is measurable if and only if $\cos X = BaX$, and X is metric-fine.

Proof. This follows immediately from Theorems 1 and 7.

THEOREM 12. Assume that X is metric-fine. A mapping f of X into a uniform space Y is uniformly continuous if (and obviously, only if) it enjoys the following properties:

A. The preimages of cozero sets are cozero sets.

B. The preimages of uniformly σ -discrete families are uniformly σ -discrete.

Proof. Assume that X is metric-fine, and that $f: X \to Y$ satisfies Conditions A and B. To prove that $f: X \to Y$ is uniformly continuous it is enough to show that

$$h = g \circ f \colon X \longrightarrow Z$$

is uniformly continuous for every uniformly continuous mapping g of Y into a metrizable space Z. If \mathscr{U} is any uniform cover of Z, then by the A. H. Stone Theorem we can take a uniformly σ -discrete open

refinement $\mathscr{V} = \bigcup \{ \mathscr{V}_n \}$ (not necessarily uniform), and the preimage of \mathscr{V} under h is, in view of Conditions A and B, uniform by Theorem 2 in Frolik [3], which was recalled just after Theorem 5.

REMARK. M. Rice [7] proved independently that a space X is hereditarily metric-fine if and only if the condition in Theorem 6 is satisfied.

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