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For a topological Hausdorff space  $X$  we study the hyperspaces  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ ,  $2^X$  and  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  of all closed subsets, all non-empty closed subsets and all non-empty compact subsets endowed with the convergence of sets. In this paper we shall work with the filter description of this convergence, as defined by Choquet [2], which however is equivalent to the topological convergence of nets of sets as defined by Frolík and Mrówka. We shall study the relation between properties of  $X$  and properties of the spaces  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ ,  $2^X$  and  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  such as compactness, local compactness, regularity and the topological and pretopological character.

**1. Introduction.** The aim of this paper is to study properties of the convergence of closed or compact sets of a Hausdorff topological space. The class  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  of all closed subsets of a Hausdorff topological space  $X$ , will be endowed with the natural pseudotopological structure of closed convergence. On  $2^X$ , the collection of non-empty closed subsets of  $X$  and on  $\mathcal{C}(X)$ , the collection of non-empty compact subsets of  $X$ , we consider the induced pseudotopological structures. The main purpose is to investigate under what conditions on  $X$ , the spaces  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ ,  $2^X$  and  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  are compact, locally compact, regular, topological or pretopological. The pseudotopological structure of closed convergence has been defined by Choquet in [2, p. 87] using the supremum (Sup) and the infimum (Inf) of filters on  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ . If  $\chi$  is a filter on  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  and  $p \in X$  we have  $p \in \text{Sup } \chi$  if and only if for each neighborhood  $V$  of  $p$  and for each  $\mathcal{A} \in \chi$  there exists an  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $A \cap V \neq \emptyset$ . Analogously  $p \in \text{Inf } \chi$  if and only if for each neighborhood  $V$  of  $p$  there exists an  $\mathcal{A} \in \chi$  such that for each  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $A \cap V \neq \emptyset$ . A filter  $\chi$  is said to converge to some  $A \in \mathcal{P}(X)$  if and only if  $\text{Sup } \chi = \text{Inf } \chi = A$ .

This structure has been studied in this form or in an equivalent form for net convergence in [2], [4], [5], [10], [11]. It generalizes the notion of closed convergence of sequences introduced by Hausdorff [6].

For all notational conventions and definitions on convergence spaces we refer to [1], [2], [3], [8]. We recall some definitions and notations that will be used frequently.

Let  $X$  be a topological space. A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is *relatively compact* if and only if every ultrafilter containing  $A$  has a limit in  $X$ . A subset of  $X$

which has a compact closure is relatively compact. The converse holds for regular spaces but not in general [1, p. 98]. A topological space is said to be *locally relatively compact* if and only if every point has a relatively compact neighborhood.

In a pseudotopological space  $X$  the *closure* of a set  $A$  is denoted by  $\bar{A}$ . For  $x \in X$  we have  $x \in \bar{A}$  if and only if there exists a filter  $\mathcal{F}$  containing  $A$  and converging to  $x$ .  $A$  is said to be *dense* if  $\bar{A} = X$ , *closed* if  $\bar{A} = A$  and *open* if  $A^c$  is closed. Then also  $A$  is open if and only if every filter converging to some point of  $A$  contains  $A$ .

The *adherence* of a filter  $\mathcal{F}$  is denoted by  $\alpha\mathcal{F}$  and it is the set of limits of the filters finer than  $\mathcal{F}$ .

For each  $x \in X$  the *neighborhoodfilter*  $\mathfrak{B}(x)$  is the intersection of all filters converging to  $x$ . We have  $\mathfrak{B}(x) = \{A \mid x \notin \overline{X \setminus A}\}$ .  $\mathfrak{B}(x)$  converges to  $x$  for every  $x \in X$  if and only if  $X$  is *pretopological*. If in addition  $\mathfrak{B}(x)$  has an open base for every  $x \in X$  then  $X$  is topological. A pseudotopological space is *Hausdorff* if every filter has at most one limit and *regular* if  $\overline{\mathcal{F}}$  converges to  $x$  whenever  $\mathcal{F}$  converges to  $x$ , where  $\overline{\mathcal{F}} = [\{\bar{F} \mid F \in \mathcal{F}\}]$ . The space is *compact* if every ultrafilter has a limit and it is *locally compact* if every convergent filter contains a compact set. In the sequel  $X$  will be a *Hausdorff topological space containing at least two points*.

**2. The space  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ .** For a filter  $\chi$  on  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  let  $\text{Sup } \chi$  and  $\text{Inf } \chi$  be defined as in the previous section. Another characterization of  $\text{Sup } \chi$  will be useful. If  $\mathcal{Q} \in \chi$  then we define  $E_{\mathcal{Q}} = \cup \{A \mid A \in \mathcal{Q}\}$ . In [2, p. 61] it is shown that  $\text{Sup } \chi = \cap \{\bar{E}_{\mathcal{Q}} \mid \mathcal{Q} \in \chi\}$ . If  $\chi \neq \emptyset$  then  $\{E_{\mathcal{Q}} \mid \mathcal{Q} \in \chi\}$  is a filterbase on  $X$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}(\chi)$  be the filter generated. Then we have  $\text{Sup } \chi = \alpha_{X\mathcal{F}(\chi)}$ . For any filter  $\chi$  on  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  we have  $\text{Inf } \chi \subset \text{Sup } \chi$ . For ultrafilters  $\chi$  we have  $\text{Inf } \chi = \text{Sup } \chi$  [2, p. 62]. Now let  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  be endowed with the Choquet structure.

Identifying  $x$  and  $\{x\}$ ,  $X$  can be considered a subspace of  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ . The space  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  is known to be a compact Hausdorff pseudotopology which is topological if and only if  $X$  is locally compact [4], [11].

**THEOREM (2.1).** *The following properties are equivalent:*

- (1)  $X$  is locally compact,
- (2)  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  is topological,
- (3)  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  is regular,
- (4)  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  is pretopological.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) follows from the results of [4] and [11].

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) follows from the compactness of  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) follows from the theorem that every regular compact Hausdorff pseudotopology is topological. [12, p. 572]

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Suppose  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  is pretopological. It is sufficient to prove that  $X$  is locally relatively compact and regular. If  $X$  is not locally relatively compact then there is an  $x \in X$  such that the neighborhoodfilter  $\mathcal{V}(x)$  of  $x$  does not contain a relatively compact set. For each  $V \in \mathcal{V}(x)$  we choose an ultrafilter  $\mathcal{U}_V$  containing  $V$  and having no limit in  $X$ . Let  $\mathcal{W}$  be an ultrafilter finer than  $\mathcal{V}(x) \vee \bigcap \{\mathcal{U}_V \mid V \in \mathcal{V}(x)\}$ . Now let's consider  $X$  as a subspace of  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ . Then  $\mathcal{W}$  generates a filter  $[\mathcal{W}]$  on  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  converging to  $\{x\}$  and for any  $V \in \mathcal{V}(x)$ ,  $\mathcal{U}_V$  generates a filter  $[\mathcal{U}_V]$  converging to  $\emptyset$ . Since  $[\mathcal{W}] \supset \bigcap \{[\mathcal{U}_V] \mid V \in \mathcal{V}(x)\}$  it follows that the neighborhoodfilter of  $\emptyset$  in  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  will not converge to  $\emptyset$ . Hence  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  is not pretopological.

If  $X$  is not regular then let  $E$  be a non-empty closed subset of  $X$  such that  $E \neq \bigcap \{\bar{V} \mid V \in \mathcal{V}(E)\}$  where  $\mathcal{V}(E)$  is the neighborhoodfilter of  $E$  in  $X$ . Let  $f_E: X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  be the function mapping  $x$  on  $\{x\} \cup E$ . For any  $x \in E$  the filter  $f_E(\mathcal{V}(x))$  converges to  $E$  in  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  because  $\mathcal{F}(f_E(\mathcal{V}(x))) = \mathcal{V}(x) \cap [E]$  and thus  $\text{Sup } f_E(\mathcal{V}(x)) = E$ . Clearly we also have  $E \subset \text{Inf } f_E(\mathcal{V}(x))$ . We have  $f_E(\mathcal{V}(E)) = \bigcap_{x \in E} f_E(\mathcal{V}(x))$  and  $\mathcal{F}(f_E(\mathcal{V}(E))) = \mathcal{V}(E) \cap [E]$ . Hence  $\text{Sup } f_E(\mathcal{V}(E)) \neq E$  and so  $f_E(\mathcal{V}(E))$  does not converge to  $E$ . It follows that  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  is not pretopological.

**3. The space  $2^X$ .** Now we consider the collection  $2^X$  of all non-empty closed subsets of  $X$  with the convergence induced by  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ .  $2^X$  is an open subspace of  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  and clearly  $2^X$  is closed in  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  if and only if  $X$  is compact. So  $2^X$  is compact if and only if  $X$  is compact as was stated by Choquet [2, p. 88].

If  $X$  is locally compact then  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  is a compact topological space and so the open subspace  $2^X$  is a locally compact topological space [2, p. 88], [10, p. 241]. Mrówka has shown that if  $X$  is regular and  $2^X$  is topological then  $X$  is locally compact [10, p. 242]. We show the stronger result that even without the regularity assumption the local compactness of  $X$  follows from the pretopological character of  $2^X$ .

**THEOREM (3.1).** *Each of the following properties of  $2^X$  are equivalent to the local compactness of  $X$ :*

- (1)  $2^X$  is pretopological,
- (2)  $2^X$  is topological,
- (3)  $2^X$  is locally compact,
- (4)  $2^X$  is regular.

*Proof.* That the local compactness of  $X$  implies (1), (2), (3) and (4), was explained in the previous remarks. We now prove the other implications.

(1)  $\Rightarrow X$  is locally compact: Suppose  $2^X$  is pretopological. We shall prove that  $\mathfrak{P}(X)$  is also pretopological. Then  $X$  is locally compact as was shown in the previous theorem.

Let  $A \in \mathfrak{P}(X)$  and let  $(\chi_j)_{j \in J}$  be a family of filters on  $\mathfrak{P}(X)$  converging to  $A$ . If  $A \neq \emptyset$  then for each  $j \in J$  we have  $\text{Inf } \chi_j \neq \emptyset$  and hence  $2^X \in \chi_j$ . So  $2^X \in \bigcap_{j \in J} \chi_j$  and therefore  $\bigcap_{j \in J} (\chi_j / 2^X)$  converges to  $A$  in  $2^X$ . It follows that  $\bigcap_{j \in J} \chi_j$  converges to  $A$  in  $\mathfrak{P}(X)$ . If  $A = \emptyset$  then  $\text{Sup } \chi_j = \emptyset$  for every  $j \in J$ . We may assume that  $\chi_j \neq \emptyset$  for each  $j \in J$ . Let  $\mathfrak{F}_j = \mathfrak{F}(\chi_j)$ , let  $\chi = \bigcap_{j \in J} \chi_j$  and  $\mathfrak{F}(\chi) = \mathfrak{F}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{F} = \bigcap_{j \in J} \mathfrak{F}_j$ .

Now take any non-empty closed subset  $E$  of  $X$  and consider the associated map  $f_E: X \rightarrow 2^X$  as in Theorem 2.1. Then the filters  $f_E(\mathfrak{F}_j)$  all converge to  $E$  in  $2^X$ . Since  $2^X$  is pretopological we have that  $f_E(\mathfrak{F}) = \bigcap_{j \in J} f_E(\mathfrak{F}_j)$  converges to  $E$ . But then we have  $\text{Sup } f_E(\mathfrak{F}) = \alpha_X \mathfrak{F} \cup E = E$  so that  $\alpha_X \mathfrak{F} \subset E$ . Since this is true for any choice of a non-empty closed set  $E$  we have  $\alpha_X \mathfrak{F} = \emptyset$  and  $\chi$  converges to  $\emptyset$  in  $\mathfrak{P}(X)$ . It follows that  $\mathfrak{P}(X)$  is pretopological.

(2)  $\Rightarrow X$  is locally compact follows at once from the previous result.

(3)  $\Rightarrow X$  is locally compact: Suppose  $2^X$  is locally compact. We first show that  $X$  always is a closed subset of  $2^X$  (cfr. [9, Prop. 1.8]). Let  $\chi$  be a filter on  $2^X$  converging to some  $E \in 2^X$  and containing  $X$ . If  $E$  contains more than one element choose  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in  $E$ ,  $x_1 \neq x_2$ . Let  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  be disjoint neighborhoods of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ . Let  $\mathcal{Q}_1 \in \chi$  (and  $\mathcal{Q}_2 \in \chi$ ) have the property that for any  $A \in \mathcal{Q}_1$  ( $A \in \mathcal{Q}_2$ ),  $V_1 \cap A \neq \emptyset$  ( $V_2 \cap A \neq \emptyset$ ). Then  $\mathcal{Q}_1 \cap \mathcal{Q}_2 \cap X \neq \emptyset$  which is impossible. Now since  $X$  is closed in  $2^X$ , using the closed hereditary of local compactness [8] it follows that  $X$  is locally compact.

(4)  $\Rightarrow X$  is locally compact: Suppose that  $2^X$  is regular. Then since  $X$  is a subspace it is also regular. Therefore it is sufficient to show that  $X$  is locally relatively compact. Suppose on the contrary that  $X$  is not locally relatively compact. As in Theorem 2.1 let  $x$  be a point of  $X$  such that  $\mathfrak{V}(x)$  does not contain a relatively compact set. As in Theorem 2.1 we construct the family  $(\mathcal{U}_V)_{V \in \mathfrak{V}(x)}$  and  $\mathcal{W} \supset \mathfrak{V}(x) \vee \bigcap \{\mathcal{U}_V \mid V \in \mathfrak{V}(x)\}$ . We take  $E$  closed and non-empty and not containing  $x$  and we consider the associated map  $f_E$ . For any  $V \in \mathfrak{V}(x)$  the filter  $f_E(\mathcal{U}_V)$  converges to  $E$  and  $f_E(\mathcal{W})$  converges to  $E \cup \{x\}$  in  $2^X$ . Since  $f_E(\mathcal{W}) \supset \bigcap_{V \in \mathfrak{V}(x)} f_E(\mathcal{U}_V)$  we have  $E \supset \overline{f_E(\mathcal{W})}$  and hence  $\overline{f_E(\mathcal{W})}$  does not converge to  $E \cup \{x\}$ . This is a contradiction.

**4. The space  $\mathcal{C}(X)$ .** Now we consider the collection  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  of all non-empty compact subsets of  $X$  with the convergence induced by  $2^X$ .  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  is a dense subspace of  $2^X$  as follows from the fact that the collection of non-empty finite subsets of  $X$  is already dense in  $2^X$  [9, Prop. 1.8].

**THEOREM 4.1.** *The following properties are equivalent:*

- (1)  $X$  is compact,
- (2)  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  is compact,
- (3)  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  is locally compact,
- (4)  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  is open in  $2^X$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): If  $X$  is compact then  $\mathcal{C}(X) = 2^X$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) is trivial.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): If  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  is locally compact then  $X$  is locally compact since it is a closed subspace (cfr. Theorem 3.1).

It follows that  $2^X$  and  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  are topologies and that  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  is locally closed in  $2^X$  [1, p. 103]. But  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  is dense in  $2^X$  so  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  must be open in  $2^X$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Suppose  $X$  is not compact and let  $\mathcal{U}$  be an ultrafilter on  $X$  with an empty adherence. Let  $K$  be a compact non-empty subset of  $X$  and put  $\mathcal{F} = \overline{\mathcal{U}} \cap [K]$ . Then we have  $\alpha_X \mathcal{F} = K$ . For  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  let  $\mathcal{Q}_F = \{E \in 2^X \mid E \subset F\}$ . Then  $\{\mathcal{Q}_F \mid F \in \mathcal{F}\}$  is a filterbase on  $2^X$ . Let  $\Gamma(\mathcal{F})$  be the filter generated. Then  $\Gamma(\mathcal{F}) \vee \mathcal{C}(X)^c$  exists because for each  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  we have an  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  with  $\overline{U} \cup K \subset F$  and so  $\overline{U} \in \mathcal{Q}_F \cap \mathcal{C}(X)^c$ . We first show that there exists an ultrafilter  $\chi$  on  $2^X$  finer than  $\Gamma(\mathcal{F}) \vee \mathcal{C}(X)^c$  and such that  $\mathcal{F}(\chi) \subset \mathcal{F}$ . Suppose on the contrary that for any ultrafilter  $\chi \supset \Gamma(\mathcal{F}) \vee \mathcal{C}(X)^c$  we have  $\mathcal{F}(\chi) \not\subset \mathcal{F}$ . Then for any ultrafilter  $\chi \supset \Gamma(\mathcal{F}) \vee \mathcal{C}(X)^c$ , choose  $\mathcal{Q}(\chi) \in \chi$  such that  $E_{\mathcal{Q}(\chi)} \notin \mathcal{F}$ . Then we can find a finite number of these ultrafilters, say  $\chi_1, \dots, \chi_n$  such that  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n \mathcal{Q}(\chi_i) \in \Gamma(\mathcal{F}) \vee \mathcal{C}(X)^c$ . Otherwise the collection  $\Gamma(\mathcal{F}) \vee \mathcal{C}(X)^c$  together with all the  $\mathcal{Q}(\chi)^c$  would generate a filter which is impossible. Now let  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  be such that for  $F = \overline{U} \cup K$  we have  $\mathcal{Q}_F \cap \mathcal{C}(X)^c \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n \mathcal{Q}(\chi_i)$ . Since  $E_{\mathcal{Q}(\chi_i)} \not\subset F$  for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , choose  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ ,  $x_i \in F$  and such that  $x_i \notin E_{\mathcal{Q}(\chi_i)}$  for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ . Since  $F$  is closed we have  $F \in \mathcal{Q}_F \cap \mathcal{C}(X)^c$  so there exists a  $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  with  $F \in \mathcal{Q}(\chi_j)$ . Since  $x_j \in F$  we would have  $x_j \in E_{\mathcal{Q}(\chi_j)}$  which is a contradiction. Now let  $\chi$  be an ultrafilter finer than  $\Gamma(\mathcal{F}) \vee \mathcal{C}(X)^c$  and such that  $\mathcal{F}(\chi) \subset \mathcal{F}$ . Then clearly we have  $\mathcal{F}(\chi) = \mathcal{F}$  and hence  $\chi$  converges to  $K$  in  $2^X$ . Since  $\mathcal{C}(X)^c \in \chi$  we have that  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  is not open.

**THEOREM 4.2.**  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  is pretopological if and only if  $X$  is locally relatively compact.

*Proof.* Suppose  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  is pretopological. We again use the technique of proof of the case  $A = \emptyset$  in (1) Theorem (3.1). We choose  $E$  to be a non-empty compact subset of  $X$  in order to show that the neighborhood-filter of  $\emptyset$  in  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  converges to  $\emptyset$ . This implies that  $X$  is locally relatively compact as was shown in the first part of the proof of Theorem 2.1.

For the converse suppose  $X$  is locally relatively compact. Let  $(\chi_j)_{j \in J}$  be a family of filters on  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  converging to some  $E \in \mathcal{C}(X)$ . Let  $\chi = \bigcap_{j \in J} \chi_j$ . We show that  $\chi$  converges to  $E$  in  $\mathcal{C}(X)$ . We have  $\text{Inf } \chi = \bigcap_{j \in J} \text{Inf } \chi_j$  [2, p. 62] and so  $\text{Inf } \chi = E$ .

We prove that  $\text{sup } \chi \subset E$ . Take  $x \in \text{Sup } \chi$  and let  $\mathcal{U}$  be an ultrafilter,  $\mathcal{U} \supset \mathcal{V}(x) \vee \mathcal{F}(\chi)$ . Then we have  $X \mid E \notin \mathcal{U}$ . Because if we would have  $X \mid E \in \mathcal{U}$  then we could find a  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  such that  $\bar{U} \subset X \mid E$ . Take a relatively compact set  $R$  contained in  $U$  and belonging to  $\mathcal{U}$  then  $\bar{R} \subset X \mid E$ . For  $j \in J$  let  $\mathcal{F}(\chi_j) = \bigcap_{i \in I_j} \mathcal{U}_i^j$  for some index set  $I_j$  and some family of ultrafilters  $(\mathcal{U}_i^j)_{i \in I_j}$ . Then we have

$$\mathcal{F}(\chi) = \bigcap_{j \in J} \mathcal{F}(\chi_j) = \bigcap_{j \in J} \bigcap_{i \in I_j} \mathcal{U}_i^j \subset \mathcal{U}.$$

Using [7, Prop. 2] it follows that there exist  $j_0 \in J$  and  $i_0 \in I_{j_0}$  such that  $R \in \mathcal{U}_{i_0}^{j_0}$ . Hence  $\mathcal{U}_{i_0}^{j_0}$  converges to some  $y \in X \mid E$ . But on the other hand  $y \in \text{Sup } \mathcal{F}(\chi_{j_0}) = E$  which is a contradiction. Now since  $X \mid E \notin \mathcal{U}$  we have that the collection  $\{\bar{U} \cap E \mid U \in \mathcal{U}\}$  has the finite intersection property. Since  $E$  is compact we have  $\bigcap_{U \in \mathcal{U}} \bar{U} \cap E = E \cap \alpha_X \mathcal{U} = E \cap \{x\} \neq \emptyset$  and thus  $x \in E$ .

**THEOREM 4.3.** *The following properties are equivalent:*

- (1)  $X$  is locally compact,
- (2)  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  is regular,
- (3)  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  is topological.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2): If  $X$  is locally compact then  $2^X$  is regular (3.1) and so is its subspace  $\mathcal{C}(X)$ . Conversely if  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  is regular then its subspace  $X$  is regular and it only remains to be shown that  $X$  is locally relatively compact. The proof is completely analogous to the proof of (4) in Theorem (3.1) now choosing for  $E$  a non-empty compact subset of  $X$  not containing  $x$ .

(1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3): If  $X$  is locally compact then we already know that  $2^X$  is topological. Then so is its subspace  $\mathcal{C}(X)$ .

For the converse suppose  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  is topological. From the previous theorem we know that  $X$  is locally relatively compact. Since  $X$  is Hausdorff and contains more than one point, for any  $x \in X$  we can find a relatively compact neighborhood  $R$  of  $x$ , such that  $\bar{R} \neq X$ . Lets consider the collections

$$\mathcal{C}_R = \{K \mid K \in \mathcal{C}(X), K \cap R \neq \emptyset\}$$

and

$$\mathcal{C}_{\bar{R}} = \{K \mid K \in \mathcal{C}(X), K \cap \bar{R} \neq \emptyset\}.$$

We shall show that  $\mathcal{C}_{\bar{R}}$  is closed. For this purpose we first prove that  $\mathcal{C}_{\bar{R}} = \bar{\mathcal{C}}_R$ . If  $K \in \mathcal{C}_{\bar{R}}$  then let  $y \in K \cap \bar{R}$  and let  $\mathcal{U}$  be an ultrafilter converging to  $y$  and containing  $R$ . Consider the function  $f_K: X \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(X)$  mapping  $z$  to  $\{z\} \cup K$ . Then  $f_K(\mathcal{U})$  converges to  $K$  in  $\mathcal{C}(X)$ . Since  $f_K(R) \subset \mathcal{C}_R$  we have  $K \in \bar{\mathcal{C}}_R$ . For the other inclusion let  $K \in \bar{\mathcal{C}}_R$  and let  $\chi$  be a filter on  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  converging to  $K$  and containing  $\mathcal{C}_R$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}(\chi) \vee R$  exists since for  $\mathcal{A} \in \chi$  we have  $\mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{C}_R \neq \emptyset$  and hence  $E_{\mathcal{A}} \cap R \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be an ultrafilter finer than  $\mathcal{F}(\chi) \vee R$ . Since  $R$  is relatively compact  $\mathcal{U}$  converges to some  $y \in \bar{R}$ . But  $\mathcal{U} \supset \mathcal{F}(\chi)$  so we have  $y \in K$  and therefore  $K \in \mathcal{C}_{\bar{R}}$ . Since  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  is supposed to be topological its closure operator is idempotent and so  $\bar{\mathcal{C}}_R$  is closed. Hence we also have that  $\mathcal{C}_{\bar{R}}$  is closed. From this we show that  $\bar{R}$  is compact. Suppose  $\bar{R}$  is not compact. Let  $\mathcal{W}$  be an ultrafilter containing  $\bar{R}$  and such that  $\alpha_X \mathcal{W} = \emptyset$ . Since  $\bar{R} \neq X$  we can choose a compact set  $K$  such that  $K \cap \bar{R} = \emptyset$ . Consider the associated function  $f_K$  and the ultrafilter  $f_K(\mathcal{W})$  on  $\mathcal{C}(X)$ . Then  $f_K(\mathcal{W})$  converges to  $K$  in  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  and  $\mathcal{C}_{\bar{R}} \in f_K(\mathcal{W})$ . Hence we have  $K \in \bar{\mathcal{C}}_R = \mathcal{C}_{\bar{R}}$ . This is a contradiction. Now since  $\bar{R}$  is compact we have that  $x$  has a compact neighborhood which proves that  $X$  is locally compact.

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