

TOPOLOGIES BETWEEN COMPACT AND UNIFORM CONVERGENCE ON FUNCTION SPACES

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ABSTRACT. This paper studies two topologies on the set of all continuous real-valued functions on a Tychonoff space which lie between the topologies of compact convergence and uniform convergence.

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0. INTRODUCTION.

The set $C(X)$ of all continuous real-valued functions on a Tychonoff space X has a number of natural topologies. Two commonly used topologies are the compact-open topology and the topology of uniform convergence. The latter topology has been used for more than a century as the proper setting to study uniform convergence of sequences of functions. The compact-open topology made its appearance in 1945 in a paper by Fox [3], and soon after was developed by Arens in [1] and Arens and Dugundji in [2]. This topology was shown in [6] to be the proper setting to study sequences of functions which converge uniformly on compact subsets. One of the distinguishing features of this topology is that whenever X is locally compact the compact-open topology on $C(X)$ is the coarsest topology making the evaluation map $e: X \times C(X) \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$ continuous (where $e(x, f) = f(x)$).

The compact-open topology and the topology of uniform convergence are equal if and only if X is compact. Because compactness is such a strong condition, there is a considerable gap between these two topologies. This gap was especially felt in [8] while studying the completeness of a normed linear space of continuous linear functionals on $C(X)$ with the compact-open topology. Because of this, a new class of topologies was introduced in [7] on $C^*(X)$ to bridge the gap, where $C^*(X)$ is the set of bounded functions in $C(X)$. This also generalized the σ -compact-open topology

on $C^*(X)$ which was studied in [5]. The purpose of this present work is to extend these ideas to two natural topologies on $C(X)$, to study the properties of these topologies, and to relate these topologies to the compact-open topology and the topology of uniform convergence.

Let $C_k(X)$ and $C_u(X)$ denote $C(X)$ with the compact-open topology and the topology of uniform convergence, respectively. The definitions of the other two topologies that we study here are based on the fact that $C_k(X)$ can be viewed in two different ways. First we can view the compact-open topology as a "set-open topology," where a subbasic open set looks like

$$[K, V] = \{f \in C(X) : f(K) \subseteq V\},$$

where K is a compact subset of X and V is an open subset of the reals. Note that V can always be taken as a bounded open interval. The second way that we can view the compact-open topology is as a "uniform topology." This approach is developed in the next section.

Throughout the rest of the paper, we use the following conventions. All spaces are Tychonoff spaces. If X and Y are any two spaces with the same underlying set, then we use $X = Y$, $X \leq Y$ and $X < Y$ to indicate, respectively, that X and Y have the same topology, that the topology on Y is finer than or equal to the topology on X , and that the topology on Y is strictly finer than the topology on X . The symbols \mathfrak{R} and \mathfrak{N} denote the spaces of real number and natural numbers, respectively. Finally, the constant zero-function in $C(X)$ is denoted by f_0 .

1. TOPOLOGIES OF UNIFORM CONVERGENCE.

In this first section we look at "uniform topologies" on $C(X)$ in a general setting. This is done in terms of certain pseudo-seminorms on $C(X)$. By a *pseudo-seminorm* on a real linear space E is meant a real-valued function p on E such that

- (1) $p(0) = 0$,
- (2) $p(x) = p(-x)$ for all $x \in E$, and
- (3) $p(x+y) \leq p(x) + p(y)$ for all $x, y \in E$.

Note that it immediately follows that $p(x) \geq 0$ and $|p(x) - p(y)| \leq p(x - y)$ for all $x, y \in E$.

A pseudo-seminorm p is called a *seminorm* if the following additional condition holds.

- (4) $p(tx) = |t|p(x)$ for all $x \in E$ and $t \in \mathfrak{R}$.

Of course a seminorm p is a *norm* if $p(x) \neq 0$ whenever $x \neq 0$.

Let α be any family of subsets of X satisfying the condition:

$$\text{if } A, B \in \alpha, \text{ then there exists a } C \in \alpha \text{ such that } A \cup B \subseteq C.$$

For each $A \in \alpha$ and $\epsilon > 0$, let

$$A_\epsilon = \{(f, g) \in C(X) \times C(X) : |f(x) - g(x)| < \epsilon \text{ for all } x \in A\}.$$

Then it can be easily verified that the collection $\{A_\epsilon : A \in \alpha, \epsilon > 0\}$ is a base for some uniformity on $C(X)$. We denote the space $C(X)$ with the topology induced by this uniformity by $C_{\alpha, u}(X)$. This topology is called the *topology of uniform convergence on α* . For each $f \in C(X)$, $A \in \alpha$ and $\epsilon > 0$, let

$$\langle f, A, \epsilon \rangle = \{g \in C(X) : |f(x) - g(x)| < \epsilon \text{ for all } x \in A\}.$$

Then for each $f \in C(X)$, the collection $\{\langle f, A, \epsilon \rangle : A \in \alpha, \epsilon > 0\}$ forms a neighborhood base at f in $C_{\alpha, u}(X)$. Since the topology comes from a uniformity, then $C_{\alpha, u}(X)$ is completely regular. If α covers X , then $C_{\alpha, u}(X)$ is a Tychonoff space. When $\alpha = \{X\}$, we get the *topology of uniform convergence*, denoted by $C_u(X)$. It is clear that for any α , $C_{\alpha, u}(X) \leq C_u(X)$.

Now for each $A \in \alpha$, define the pseudo-seminorm p_A on $C(X)$ by

$$p_A(f) = \min\{1, \sup\{|f(x)| : x \in A\}\}.$$

Also for each $A \in \alpha$ and $\varepsilon > 0$, let

$$V_{A,\varepsilon} = \{f \in C(X) : p_A(f) < \varepsilon\}.$$

Let

$$\mathfrak{V} = \{V_{A,\varepsilon} : A \in \alpha, \varepsilon > 0\}.$$

It can be easily shown that for each $f \in C(X)$, $f + \mathfrak{V} \equiv \{f + V : V \in \mathfrak{V}\}$ forms a neighborhood base at f . We say that this topology is generated by the collection of pseudo-seminorms $\{p_A : A \in \alpha\}$. Note that if we choose $0 < \varepsilon < 1$, then for each $f \in C(X)$, we have

$$f + V_{A,\varepsilon} \subseteq \langle f, A, \varepsilon \rangle$$

and

$$\langle f, A, \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \rangle \subseteq f + V_{A,\varepsilon}$$

for all $A \in \alpha$. This shows that the topology of uniform convergence on α is the same as the topology generated by the collection of pseudo-seminorms $\{p_A : A \in \alpha\}$. We see from this point of view that $C_{\alpha,u}(X)$ is a topological group with respect to addition.

Observe that for $C^*(X)$ we can actually use the seminorms p_A defined by

$$p_A(f) = \sup\{|f(x)| : x \in A\}.$$

Consequently, $C_{\alpha,u}^*(X)$ is a locally convex topological vector space. One might wonder when $C_{\alpha,u}(X)$ is a topological vector space. This is answered by the following theorem. In this theorem the term "bounded" refers to a subset of a space such that each restriction of a continuous real-valued function on the space to this subset is a bounded function.

THEOREM 1.1. The space $C_{\alpha,u}(X)$ is a linear topological space if and only if every element of α is bounded.

PROOF. If every element of α is bounded, then as in the case of $C_{\alpha,u}^*(X)$, we can actually use seminorms for p_A when $A \in \alpha$.

For the converse, suppose that there is an $A \in \alpha$ which is not bounded. Then there is an $f \in C(X)$ and $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq A$ such that $f(x_n) \geq n$ for each n . To show that scalar multiplication cannot be continuous in $C_{\alpha,u}(X)$, let T be the scalar multiplication operator defined by $T(t, g) = tg$ for $t \in \mathfrak{K}$ and $g \in C_{\alpha,u}(X)$. We show that T is not continuous at $(0, f)$. Let $V_{A,\varepsilon}$ be a neighborhood of $f_0 = T((0, f))$ in $C_{\alpha,u}(X)$, where $A \in \alpha$ and $0 < \varepsilon < 1$. Then for any neighborhood U of 0 in \mathfrak{K} , there exists an $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\frac{1}{n} \in U$. But $\frac{1}{n}f(x_n) \geq 1 > \varepsilon$, so that $T((\frac{1}{n}, f)) = \frac{1}{n}f \notin V_{A,\varepsilon}$.

As a consequence of Theorem 1.1, if every element of α is pseudocompact (a space is pseudocompact if every continuous real-valued function on the space is bounded), then $C_{\alpha,u}(X)$ is a locally convex topological vector space. Conversely, if every element of α is C -embedded in X (that is, every continuous real-valued function on the subspace has a continuous extension to X) and if $C_{\alpha,u}(X)$ is a topological vector space, then every element of α is pseudocompact.

For the rest of the paper, we are interested in the particular topology where α is the set of σ -compact (countable union of compact) subsets of X . In this case, we denote the space $C_{\alpha,u}(X)$ by $C_{\sigma,u}(X)$. This is called the *topology of uniform convergence on σ -compact sets*. Note that we get the

same topology if we take the members of α to be the closures of the σ -compact subsets of X .

2. THE σ -COMPACT-OPEN TOPOLOGY.

For any subset A of X and any open subset V of \mathfrak{R} , define

$$[A, V] = \{f \in C(X) : \overline{f(A)} \subseteq V\}.$$

This agrees with the usual "set-open" terminology for the compact-open topology because A is compact in this case. Now let $\sigma(X)$ be the set of σ -compact subsets of X , and let \mathfrak{B} be the set of bounded open intervals in \mathfrak{R} . For the σ -compact-open topology on $C(X)$, we take as subbase, the family

$$\{[A, B] : A \in \sigma(X), B \in \mathfrak{B}\};$$

and we denote this space by $C_\sigma(X)$. Note that the same topology is obtained by using $[\overline{A}, B]$, where $A \in \sigma(X)$ and $B \in \mathfrak{B}$. This is because for each $f \in C(X)$, $f(\overline{A}) \subseteq \overline{f(A)}$; so that $\overline{f(\overline{A})} = \overline{f(A)}$. The fact that $C_\sigma(X)$ is a Tychonoff space can be proved in a manner similar to the proof of Lemma 5.1 in [9].

It is useful to relate basic open sets in $C_\sigma(X)$ to basic open sets in $C_{\sigma, u}(X)$, which is done in the following two lemmas.

LEMMA 2.1. Let $W = \cap_{i=1}^n [A_i, V_i]$ be a basic neighborhood of f in $C_\sigma(X)$. Then there exists an $\epsilon > 0$ such that $\langle f, A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n, \epsilon \rangle \subseteq W$.

PROOF. For each i , since $\overline{f(A_i)}$ is compact, there is an $\epsilon_i > 0$ such that the ϵ_i -neighborhood of $\overline{f(A_i)}$ is contained in V_i . The conclusion now follows by taking $\epsilon = \min\{\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n\}$.

LEMMA 2.2. Let $A \in \sigma(X)$, and let $f \in C(X)$ be such that $f(A)$ is bounded. Then for each $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a basic open set W in $C_\sigma(X)$ such that $f \in W \subseteq \langle f, A, \epsilon \rangle$.

PROOF. Since $f(A)$ is bounded, there are open intervals V_1, \dots, V_n of length $\frac{\epsilon}{2}$ such that $\overline{f(A)} \subseteq \cup_{i=1}^n V_i$. For each i , let $A_i = A \cap f^{-1}(\overline{V_i})$, and let W_i be the $\frac{\epsilon}{4}$ -neighborhood of V_i in \mathfrak{R} . Then each $A_i \in \sigma(X)$, and each W_i is an open interval of length ϵ . So define $W = \cap_{i=1}^n [A_i, W_i]$, which is basic neighborhood of f in $C_\sigma(X)$. It is straightforward to check that $W \subseteq \langle f, A, \epsilon \rangle$.

Lemma 2.1 tells us that the σ -compact-open topology is coarser than or equal to the topology of uniform convergence on σ -compact sets. On the other hand, it is clear from definitions that the σ -compact-open topology is finer than or equal to the compact-open topology. Therefore we have the following general comparisons.

THEOREM 2.3. For every space $X, C_k(X) \leq C_\sigma(X) \leq C_{\sigma, u}(X) \leq C_u(X)$.

It is well-known that $C^*(X)$ is dense in $C_k(X)$. The same is true for $C_\sigma(X)$, as we see in the next result.

THEOREM 2.4. For every space $X, C^*(X)$ is dense in $C_\sigma(X)$.

PROOF. If $\cap_{i=1}^n [A_i, V_i]$ is a basic open set in $C_\sigma(X)$ containing f , then $\cup_{i=1}^n V_i$ is contained in some interval (a, b) . Then if g is defined by $g(x) = f(x)$ if $a \leq f(x) \leq b, g(x) = a$ if $f(x) < a$ and $g(x) = b$ if $b < f(x)$, we have that

$$g \in C^*(X) \cap (\cap_{i=1}^n [A_i, V_i])$$

as desired.

Even though $C^*(X)$ is dense in $C_\sigma(X)$, the members of $C^*(X)$ play a special role in $C_\sigma(X)$ in the following sense. For each $f \in C(X)$, let $T_f: C_\sigma(X) \rightarrow C_\sigma(X)$ be the translation operator defined by $T_f(g) = f + g$ for all $g \in C_\sigma(X)$.

THEOREM 2.5. Let $f \in C(X)$. Then $T_f: C_\sigma(X) \rightarrow C_\sigma(X)$ is continuous if and only if $f \in C^*(X)$.

PROOF. For the sufficiency, suppose that $f \in C^*(X)$ and that $[A, V]$ is a subbasic neighborhood of $T_f(g)$ in $C_\sigma(X)$ for some $g \in C_\sigma(X)$. Then by Lemma 2.1, there exists an $\varepsilon > 0$ such that

$$\langle T_f(g), A, \varepsilon \rangle \subseteq [A, V].$$

Now $(f + g)(A) = T_f(g)(A)$ is bounded. Since $f \in C^*(X)$, $g(A) = (f + g)(A) - f(A)$ is bounded. So by Lemma 2.2, there exists a basic open set W in $C_\sigma(X)$ such that $g \in W \subseteq \langle g, A, \varepsilon \rangle$. We see that

$$T_f(W) \subseteq T_f(\langle g, A, \varepsilon \rangle) \subseteq \langle T_f(g), A, \varepsilon \rangle \subseteq [A, V],$$

and thus T_f must be continuous at g .

For the necessity, suppose that $f \notin C^*(X)$. Then f is unbounded on some $A \in \sigma(X)$. Now $[A, (-1, 1)]$ is a neighborhood of $f_0 = T_f(-f)$ in $C_\sigma(X)$. Suppose, by way of contradiction, that T_f is continuous at $-f$. Then there would be a basic neighborhood $\cap_{i=1}^n [A, V_i]$ of $-f$ in $C_\sigma(X)$ such that

$$T_f(\cap_{i=1}^n [A, V_i]) \subseteq [A, (-1, 1)].$$

Since $-f$ would be bounded on $\cup_{i=1}^n A_i$, so would f . Therefore there would exist some $x \in A \setminus \overline{\cup_{i=1}^n A_i}$. Then let $\phi \in C(X)$ be such that $\phi(x) = 1$ and $\phi(y) = 0$ for all $y \in \overline{\cup_{i=1}^n A_i}$, and define $h = \phi - f$. Clearly $h \in \cap_{i=1}^n [A, V_i]$, so that $f + h = T_f(h) \in [A, (-1, 1)]$. But then $1 = (f + h)(x) \in (-1, 1)$, which is a contradiction. Therefore T_f is not continuous at $-f$.

COROLLARY 2.6. The following are equivalent.

- (1) $C_\sigma(X)$ is a topological vector space.
- (2) $C_\sigma(X)$ is a topological semigroup under addition.
- (3) $C_\sigma(X) = C_\sigma^*(X)$.
- (4) X is pseudocompact.

When studying function spaces, it is sometimes useful to use induced functions. That is, if $\phi: X \rightarrow Y$ is a continuous function, define $\phi^*: C(Y) \rightarrow C(X)$ by $\phi^*(g) = g \circ \phi$ for all $g \in C(Y)$. We can establish the following theorem much like the corresponding theorem for the compact-open topology (cf. [10]). In this theorem, the definition of $\phi: X \rightarrow Y$ being a σ -compact-covering map is that each σ -compact subset of Y is contained in the image of some σ -compact subset of X under ϕ .

THEOREM 2.7. If $\phi: X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous, then $\phi^*: C_\sigma(Y) \rightarrow C_\sigma(X)$ is continuous. Furthermore, if ϕ is a σ -compact-covering map, then ϕ^* is an embedding.

3. COMPARISON OF TOPOLOGIES.

We have already seen that

$$C_k(X) \leq C_\sigma(X) \leq C_{\sigma,u}(X) \leq C_u(X).$$

In this section we determine when then inequalities are equalities and give examples to illustrate the differences.

THEOREM 3.1. For every space $X, C_k(X) = C_\sigma(X)$ if and only if the closure of each σ -compact subset of X is compact.

PROOF. The sufficiency is straightforward. For the necessity, suppose that $C_k(X) = C_\sigma(X)$ and let $A \in \sigma(X)$. Then there exist a compact set K in X and an open set V in \mathfrak{K} such that

$$f_0 \in [K, V] \subseteq [A, \mathfrak{K} \setminus \{1\}].$$

Suppose, by way of contradiction, that there exists an $x \in \bar{A} \setminus K$. Then there would be some $f \in C(X)$ such that $f(x) = 1$ and $f(y) = 0$ for all $y \in K$. But then

$$f \in [K, V] \setminus [A, \mathfrak{K} \setminus \{1\}],$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore $\bar{A} \subseteq K$, so that \bar{A} is compact.

COROLLARY 3.2. If $C_k(X) = C_\sigma(X)$, then X is countably compact.

THEOREM 3.3. For every space X , $C_\sigma(X) = C_{\sigma,u}(X)$ if and only if X is pseudocompact.

PROOF. If X is pseudocompact, then for each $A \in \sigma(X)$ and $f \in C(X)$, $f(A)$ is bounded. Therefore by Lemma 2.2, we have that $C_\sigma(X) = C_{\sigma,u}(X)$.

For the converse, suppose that X is not pseudocompact. Then there is some $f \in C(X)$ and $A \in \sigma(X)$ such that $f(A)$ is unbounded. Now for any $\varepsilon > 0$, $\langle f, A, \varepsilon \rangle$ cannot be a neighborhood of f in $C_\sigma(X)$. This is because for arbitrary open W in $C_\sigma(X)$ there is some $g \in W \cap C^*(X)$ by Theorem 2.4; but $g \notin \langle f, A, \varepsilon \rangle$. It follows that $C_\sigma(X) < C_{\sigma,u}(X)$.

COROLLARY 3.4. If every σ -compact subset of X has compact closure, then $C_k(X) = C_{\sigma,u}(X)$.

THEOREM 3.5. For every space X , $C_{\sigma,u}(X) = C_u(X)$ if and only if X contains a dense σ -compact subset.

PROOF. Suppose that X contains an $A \in \sigma(X)$ which is dense. Then for each $f \in C(X)$ and $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\langle f, A, \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \rangle \subseteq \langle f, X, \varepsilon \rangle.$$

Thus $\langle f, X, \varepsilon \rangle$ is a neighborhood of f in $C_{\sigma,u}(X)$, so that $C_{\sigma,u}(X) = C_u(X)$.

Conversely, let $C_{\sigma,u}(X) = C_u(X)$, and consider $\langle f_0, X, \varepsilon \rangle$ where $0 < \varepsilon < 1$. Then there exists an $A \in \sigma(X)$ and $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\langle f_0, A, \delta \rangle \subseteq \langle f_0, X, \varepsilon \rangle,$$

Suppose, by way of contradiction, that there is an $x \in X \setminus \bar{A}$. Then there would be some $f \in C(X)$ with $f(x) = 1$ and $f(y) = 0$ for all $y \in \bar{A}$. But this would mean that

$$f \in \langle f_0, A, \delta \rangle \setminus \langle f_0, X, \varepsilon \rangle$$

which is a contradiction. It follows that $X = \bar{A}$.

COROLLARY 3.6. If X is separable, then $C_{\sigma,u}(X) = C_u(X)$.

We end this section by looking at some examples which illustrate all possible inequalities between these function spaces.

EXAMPLE 3.7. If X is any compact space, then

$$C_k(X) = C_\sigma(X) = C_{\sigma,u}(X) = C_u(X).$$

EXAMPLE 3.8. If X is an uncountable discrete space, then

$$C_k(X) < C_\sigma(X) < C_{\sigma,u}(X) < C_u(X).$$

EXAMPLE 3.9. If $X = \mathbb{N}$ or $X = \mathfrak{R}$, then

$$C_k(X) < C_\sigma(X) < C_{\sigma,u}(X) = C_u(X).$$

EXAMPLE 3.10. Let X be the space of countable ordinals with the order topology. Then each σ -compact subset of X has compact closure, but X does not contain a dense σ -compact subset. Therefore

$$C_k(X) = C_\sigma(X) = C_{\sigma,u}(X) < C_u(X).$$

EXAMPLE 3.11. Let $\mathbb{N}^* = \beta\mathbb{N} \setminus \mathbb{N}$, where $\beta\mathbb{N}$ is the Stone-Ćech compactification of \mathbb{N} . Let p be a point of \mathbb{N}^* which is not a P -point (cf. [11]). Define X to be $\mathbb{N}^* \setminus \{p\}$. Then X is countably compact, but does not have a dense σ -compact subset (since points are not G_δ -sets). Also since p is not a P -point, there is some σ -compact subset of X which has non-compact closure. Therefore

$$C_k(X) < C_\sigma(X) = C_{\sigma,u}(X) < C_u(X).$$

EXAMPLE 3.12. Let $X = \beta\mathbb{N} \setminus \{p\}$, where $p \in \mathbb{N}^*$ (see Example 3.11). Then X is countably compact and separable, but not compact. Therefore

$$C_k(X) < C_\sigma(X) = C_{\sigma,u}(X) = C_u(X).$$

Note that this shows that the converse of Corollary 3.2 is not true. An example of a space which is not countably compact but which has these same function space relations is the space Ψ in 5I of [4].

4. ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES.

Theorem 3.5 can be expanded to include some additional properties of the spaces $C_\sigma(X)$ and $C_{\sigma,u}(X)$.

THEOREM 4.1. The following are equivalent.

- (1) $C_{\sigma,u}(X)$ is (completely) metrizable.
- (2) $C_{\sigma,u}(X)$ is first countable.
- (3) $\{f_0\}$ is a G_δ -set in $C_{\sigma,u}(X)$.
- (4) $C_\sigma(X)$ is submetrizable.
- (5) $C_\sigma(X)$ is first countable.
- (6) $\{f_0\}$ is a G_δ -set in $C_\sigma(X)$.
- (7) X contains a dense σ -compact subset.

PROOF. That (7) implies (1) follows from Theorem 3.5 since $C_u(X)$ is always completely metrizable.

To prove that (3) implies (7), suppose that X does not contain a dense σ -compact subset. Now a G_δ -set is a subset which can be written as a countable intersection of open subsets. So for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $\langle f_0, A_n, \epsilon_n \rangle$ be any basic neighborhood of f_0 in $C_{\sigma,u}(X)$. We know that there is some $x \in X \setminus \overline{\bigcup_{n=1}^\infty A_n}$. Let $f \in C(X)$ be such that $f(x) = 1$ and $f(y) = 0$ for all $y \in \overline{\bigcup_{n=1}^\infty A_n}$. Then

$$f \in \bigcap_{n=1}^\infty \langle f_0, A_n, \epsilon_n \rangle.$$

But since $f \neq f_0$, we see that $\{f_0\}$ is not a G_δ -set in $C_{\sigma,u}(X)$.

Since (6) implies (3), it remains only to show that (7) implies (4) and (5). Suppose that X contains a dense σ -compact subset D . Let f be any element of $C_\sigma(X)$. We need to demonstrate that f has a countable base in $C_\sigma(X)$. We may take for \mathfrak{B} the family of bounded open intervals in \mathfrak{R} with rational endpoints. Also let \mathfrak{C} be the closures of the members of \mathfrak{B} . Then define

$$\mathcal{A} = \{f^{-1}(C) \cap D : C \in \mathfrak{C}\}.$$

Since D is σ -compact, \mathcal{A} is a countable subfamily of $\sigma(X)$. Since \mathfrak{B} is also countable, it now suffices to show that for each subbasic neighborhood $[S, V]$ of f in $C_\sigma(X)$, there is an $A \in \mathcal{A}$ and $B \in \mathfrak{B}$ such that $f \in [A, B] \subseteq [S, V]$.

If $f \in [S, V]$, then $\overline{f(S)} \subseteq V$. Hence since $\overline{f(S)}$ is compact, there exist $C \in \mathfrak{C}$ and $B \in \mathfrak{B}$ such that

$$\overline{f(S)} \subseteq \text{int } C \subseteq C \subseteq B \subseteq V.$$

Therefore if we define $A = f^{-1}(C) \cap D$, then we have

$$\overline{f(A)} \subseteq \overline{f(f^{-1}(C) \cap f(D))} \subseteq C \cap \overline{f(D)} \subseteq B.$$

This means that $f \in [A, B]$. To show that $[A, B] \subseteq [S, V]$, let $g \in [A, B]$ and let $t \in \overline{g(S)}$. If W is a neighborhood of t , then $g^{-1}(W) \cap S \neq \emptyset$. Since

$$S \subseteq f^{-1}(\overline{f(S)}) \subseteq f^{-1}(\text{int } C),$$

then $g^{-1}(W) \cap f^{-1}(\text{int } C) \neq \emptyset$. But then

$$g^{-1}(W) \cap f^{-1}(\text{int } C) \cap D \neq \emptyset.$$

so that $g^{-1}(W) \cap A \neq \emptyset$. Therefore $W \cap g(A) \neq \emptyset$, and thus $t \in \overline{g(A)} \subseteq B$. It follows that $g \in [S, V]$, so that $f \in [A, B] \subseteq [S, V]$. We can now conclude that f has a countable base in $C_\sigma(X)$.

Finally, to show that (7) implies (4), write the dense set $D = \cup_{n=1}^\infty A_n$, where each A_n is a compact subset of X . A submetrizable space is one which can be mapped into a metric space by a continuous injection. (Note that singleton sets are G_δ -sets in a submetrizable space.) Define Y to be the disjoint topological sum $\sum_{n=1}^\infty A_n$, and let $\phi: Y \rightarrow X$ be the natural map. Then the induced function $\phi^*: C_\sigma(X) \rightarrow C_\sigma(Y)$ is continuous by Theorem 2.7. Since $\phi(Y)$ is dense in X , ϕ^* is an injection. Now the sum map

$$S: C_\sigma(\sum_{n=1}^\infty A_n) \rightarrow \prod_{n=1}^\infty C_\sigma(A_n) = \prod_{n=1}^\infty C_k(A_n)$$

is a continuous bijection, since it is a homeomorphism when defined on $C_k(\sum_{n=1}^\infty A_n)$ (cf. [6]). Therefore $S \circ \phi^*$ is a continuous injection from $C_\sigma(X)$ into the metrizable space $\prod_{n=1}^\infty C_k(A_n)$, which makes $C_\sigma(X)$ submetrizable.

For our last topic, we consider the separability of $C_\sigma(X)$, and the weaker property of having the countable chain condition (i.e., every pairwise disjoint family of nonempty open subsets is countable). We see from the following theorem and Theorem 3.3 that $C_{\sigma, u}(X)$ is separable (has ccc) if and only if $C_\sigma(X)$ is separable (has ccc).

THEOREM 4.2. If $C_\sigma(X)$ has the countable chain condition, then X is pseudocompact.

PROOF. Suppose that X is not pseudocompact. Then there is a closed C -embedding $\phi: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X$. So by Theorem 2.7, the induced function $\phi^*: C_\sigma(X) \rightarrow C_\sigma(\mathbb{N})$ is continuous. Since the embedding is a C -embedding, ϕ^* is a surjection.

We show that $C_\sigma(\mathbb{N})$ does not have the countable chain condition. Then since ϕ^* is a continuous surjection, $C_\sigma(X)$ will also not have the countable chain condition. Let $U = (0, 1)$ and $V = (1, 2)$, and for each A in the power set $\mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{N})$ of \mathbb{N} , define

$$S_A = [A, U] \cap [\mathbb{N} \setminus A, V].$$

Then S_A is a nonempty basic open set in $C_\sigma(\mathbb{N})$. Suppose that $A, B \in \mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{N})$ with $A \neq B$. Without loss of generality, say there is some $x \in A \setminus B$. If $f \in S_A$, then $f(x) \in U$; but if $f \in S_B$, then $f(x) \in V$. Since $U \cap V = \emptyset$, $S_A \cap S_B = \emptyset$. Therefore $\{S_A: A \in \mathfrak{P}(\mathbb{N})\}$ is an uncountable pairwise disjoint family of nonempty open subsets of $C_\sigma(\mathbb{N})$.

To complete the characterization of $C_\sigma(X)$ being separable, we need the following lemma. It is a consequence of Theorem 8.17 in [4]; however, we give a simple direct proof.

LEMMA 4.3. Every pseudocompact submetrizable (Tychonoff) space is compact and metrizable.

PROOF. Suppose topological space (X, τ) is pseudocompact and has a metric d which generates a strictly coarser topology τ_d on X . Then there exists an $x \in U \in \tau \setminus \tau_d$ and sequence (x_n) of distinct points of $X \setminus U$ such that (x_n) converges to x in τ_d . For each n , let B_n be an open neighborhood of x_n in τ_d having diameter less than $\frac{1}{n}$ and such that $B_i \cap B_j = \emptyset$ for $i \neq j$. Now let $V \in \tau$ be a neighborhood of x whose closure, \bar{V} , in τ is contained in U . For each n , define $V_n = B_n \setminus \bar{V}$, which is a neighborhood of x_n in τ . Note that $\{V_n: n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is a discrete family in τ . For each n , choose $f_n \in C(X)$ such that $f_n(x_n) = n$ and $f(y) = 0$ for all $y \in X \setminus V_n$. Define $f \in C(X)$ by $f(y) = f_n(y)$ if $y \in V_n$ and $f(y) = 0$ otherwise. Since f is unbounded, this contradicts (X, τ) being pseudocompact.

THEOREM 4.4. The space $C_\sigma(X)$ is separable if and only if X is compact and metrizable.

PROOF. If $C_\sigma(X)$ is separable, then the smaller space $C_k(X)$ is separable. This means that X is submetrizable. The result now follows from Theorem 4.2 and Lemma 4.3.

QUESTION 4.5. When is $C_\sigma(X)$ metrizable? In particular, is $C_\sigma(\mathbb{N})$ metrizable or even normal?

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