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## REMARK ON LOCALLY FINE SPACES

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**Abstract:** Locally fine coreflection is constructed in [I] by an iterative method. The first locally fine approximation  $M(\mathcal{U})$  of a uniform space  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  is defined as follows:  $M(\mathcal{U}) = \{ \{Q_i \cap P_{\alpha}^i\}_{i \in \mathcal{U}} \mid \{Q_i\} \in \mathcal{U} \text{ and } \{P_{\alpha}^i\} \in \mathcal{U} \text{ for each } i \}$ . The first locally fine approximation will be called a derivative in the present remark. It is shown that a derivative of uniformity need not be a uniformity.

**Key words:** Uniform spaces, locally fine coreflection, point-finite base.

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**Introduction:** It is one of unsolved problems of [I] whether a derivative of each uniform space forms a uniformity. Some answers are given in [I], e.g. a derivative of a uniform space with a point-finite (or  $\mathcal{C}$ -disjoint) base forms a uniformity. A derivative was used in [I] for the construction of locally fine coreflection. Because of difficulties with the proof that the derivative is a uniformity, the notion of a quasiuniformity was introduced. Hence we are going to show that it was necessary to do it. Our main proposition is:  $X$  is a uniform space. A derivative of  $X^m$  is a uniformity for each cardinal  $m$  iff  $X$  has a point-finite base. This assertion is not useless as we believe that examples of uniform spaces without point-finite base are given in [P].

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**Definition:** Let  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  be a uniform space. Morita's derivative  $M(\mathcal{U})$  of  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  is defined as follows:  
 $M(\mathcal{U}) = \{ \{ O_\alpha \cap P_\alpha^\beta \}_{\alpha, \beta} \mid \{ O_\alpha \} \in \mathcal{U}, \forall \alpha : \{ P_\alpha^\beta \} \in \mathcal{U} \}$ .

**Proposition:**  $(X, M(\mathcal{U}))$  is a uniform space. The following conditions are equivalent:

- 1)  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  has a base of point-finite covers.
- 2)  $\forall \mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{U} \exists f: X \rightarrow \mathcal{P} : (f(x) \ni x \text{ for each } x)$   
 $\exists Q \in \mathcal{U} \forall R < Q, R \in \mathcal{U} \forall R \in \mathcal{R} :$   
 $:\text{card } f(R) < \omega_0 .$

**Remark.** 2) is stated in [P] in fact.

**Proof:**  $1 \Rightarrow 2$ .  $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{U}$ . Take any  $\mathcal{S} \in \mathcal{U}$  which is uniformly locally finite and refines  $\mathcal{P}$  (it is possible, see [I]). Suppose that  $\mathcal{S}$  is well-ordered. Define  $f': X \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$  by  $f'(x) = \min \{ S \in \mathcal{S} \mid x \in S \}$ . Choose a mapping  $\varphi : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}$  such that  $\varphi(S) \supset S$  for each  $S \in \mathcal{S}$ . Define  $f = \varphi \circ f'$ . Any uniform cover, each member of which meets only a finite number of members of  $\mathcal{S}$ , can play the role of  $Q$  from 2).

$2 \Rightarrow 1$ . It is sufficient to prove this implication for metric spaces only. Choose  $\varepsilon > 0$ . By the assumption, there is a partition  $\mathcal{D}$  of  $X$  such that all classes of  $\mathcal{D}$  have a diameter less than  $\frac{\varepsilon}{3}$  and there is  $\sigma, \frac{\varepsilon}{6} > \sigma > 0$  such that  $B_\sigma(x)$  intersects only finitely many classes of

$\mathcal{D}$  for each  $x \in X$ .  $B_\sigma(x)$  is  $\sigma$ -ball with a center in  $x \in X$ ;  $B_\sigma(Z) = \cup \{B_\sigma(x) \mid x \in Z\}$  for  $Z \subset X$ . It means that the cover  $\{B_\sigma(D)\}_{D \in \mathcal{D}}$  is point-finite. Clearly,  $\text{diam } B_\sigma(D) < \varepsilon$  for each  $D \in \mathcal{D}$ . Hence  $\{B_\sigma(D)\}_{D \in \mathcal{D}} < \{B_\varepsilon(x)\}_{x \in X}$ . QED.

**Theorem.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  be a uniform space that has not any base of point-finite covers. Let  $m$  be a cardinal greater than cardinality of any uniform cover of  $\mathcal{U}$ . Then a derivative of  $(X, \mathcal{U})^m$  is not a uniformity.

**Proof:** By Proposition,  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  satisfies:  $\exists \mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{U} \forall f: X \rightarrow \mathcal{P} : f(x) \ni x \forall Q \in \mathcal{U} \exists \mathcal{R} < Q$ ,

$$\mathcal{R} \in \mathcal{U} \exists R \in \mathcal{R} : \text{card } f(R) \geq \omega_0.$$

Take such a wild  $\mathcal{P}$ . Choose  $i_0 \in m$ . Take some one-to-one mapping  $K: \mathcal{P} \rightarrow m - \{i_0\}$ . We are going to define a cover  $\mathcal{X}$  of a derivative of  $X^m$ :  $\mathcal{X} = \{\pi_{i_0}^{-1}(P) \cap \pi_{K(P)}^{-1}(Q) \mid P, Q \in \mathcal{P}\}$ . To spare space denote  $[Z] = P$  for  $Z \in \mathcal{X}$  with  $Z = \pi_{i_0}^{-1}(P) \cap \pi_{K(P)}^{-1}(Q)$ .

Suppose there is  $\mathcal{W} \in M(\mathcal{U}^m)$  such that  $\mathcal{W}^* \leq \mathcal{X}$ . We may suppose that  $\mathcal{W}$  is of the form:

$$\mathcal{W} = \{\pi_{i_0}^{-1}(R) \cap \bigcap_{T_i \in \mathcal{I}^R} \pi_{i_0}^{-1}(T_i) \mid R \in \mathcal{R} \in \mathcal{U}, \mathcal{I}^R \in \mathcal{U}\}$$

for each  $R \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $I_R$  is a finite subset of  $m$ .

Choose a mapping  $F: X^m \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$  such that  $\text{st}(y, \mathcal{W}) \subset F(y)$  for each  $y \in X$ . Let us observe that  $I_R \supset \{K([F(y)]) \mid y \in \pi_{i_0}^{-1}(R)\}$  for each  $R \in \mathcal{R}$ .

Define  $f: X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}$  by  $f(x) = [F(\xi_x)]$ ,  $\pi_{i_0}^{-1}(\xi_x) = x$  for each  $i \in m$ .

There is  $R_0 \in \mathcal{R}$  such that  $\text{card } f(R_0) \geq \omega_0$ . As  $K$  is one-to-one, it holds:  $\text{card}\{K([F(y)]) \mid y \in \pi_2^{-1}(R_0)\} \geq \text{card}\{K(f(x)) \mid x \in R_0\} \geq \omega_0$ .

Hence we have found even two infinite subsets of the finite set  $I_{R_0}$  which is a contradiction.

Corollary 1.  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  has a point-finite base iff a derivative of  $(X, \mathcal{U})^m$  is a uniformity for each cardinal  $m$ .

Proof: For "if only" part see [I].

Corollary 2. If  $\mathcal{K}$  is a productive class of uniform spaces such that a derivative of each member of  $\mathcal{K}$  is a uniformity, then each member of  $\mathcal{K}$  has a point-finite base.

Corollary 3. Let  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  be a uniform space. If  $X$  has a  $\mathcal{C}$ -disjoint base, then  $X$  has a point-finite base as well.

Proof: A derivative of any uniform space with  $\mathcal{C}$ -disjoint base forms a uniformity (see [I], p. 142).

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