

On the space of closed subsets of a uniform space

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1. The family X of closed nonempty subsets of a metric space E can be made into a metric space. When E is complete, so is X . If E is totally bounded then so is X (III. § 15, § 29). If E compact then X is compact (II. § 28).

In a similar way, the family $X(Y)$ of the nonempty closed subsets of $E(F)$ relative to the Hausdorff uniform topology for $E(F)$ can be made into a Hausdorff uniformity for X . Robertson (IV) proved that the space of X consisting all the nonempty compact subsets in E is always complete provided that E is complete in the Hausdorff uniform space.

In this Hausdorff uniform space, the first result of this paper shows that if E is totally bounded then X is totally bounded. The second result is that if F is a closed subspace of E then Y is a closed subspace of X . And the third result is that X is compact if E is compact.

2. **Lemma 1**

A uniform space is compact iff it is totally bounded and complete (I. 6. 32)

Suppose that E be a uniform Hausdorff space and u be a base for the uniformity for E and that X be the family of all closed subsets of E relative to the uniform topology for E . Let v be the family of all sets of the form

$$W_U = \{(A, B) : A \subset U(B), \\ B \subset U(A) \text{ in } X \text{ for each } U \text{ in } u\}$$

then each member of v contains the diagonal. Since each member of v is symmetric if $W_U \in v$ then the inverse of W_U contains a member of v . Let V be a member of u such that $V \subset U$ then $W_V \subset W_U$. Therefore if $W_U \in v$ then there exists W_V such that $W_V \subset W_U$ for some W_V in v . If $W \subset U \cap V$ then $W \subset W_U \cap W_V$, therefore the intersection of two member of v contains a member of v . And if $\bigcap \{U : U \in u\}$ is the diagonal then $\bigcap \{W_U : W_U \in v\}$ is also diagonal. Consequently X is a uniform Hausdorff space.

Theorem 1

If uniform Hausdorff space (E, u) is totally bounded then the uniform Hausdorff space (X, v) of closed nonempty subsets of E is also totally bounded.

(Proof) Since E is totally bounded, for each U in u there is a finite subset F of E such that $E \subset U(F)$. Let H be the family of all subsets of F then H is a finite subfamily of X . Let A be a closed subset of E and U be a symmetric member of u then for each element x of A there is a member x_n of F such that $x \in U\{x_n\}$ and $x_n \in U\{x\}$ and hence $x_n \in U\{A\}$.

Let $B_i = \{x_n : x_n \in U\{A\}, x_n \in F\}$ then B_i is a member of H and B_i is nonempty. It follows that $B_i \subset U\{A\}$ and if $x \in A$ then

$$x \in U\{x_n\} \subset U\{B_i\} \text{ and hence } A \subset U\{B_i\}.$$

This fact implies that $(A_i, B_i) \in W_U$ and $A \subset$

$W_U(H)$ Therefore $X=W_U(H)$ is totally bounded.

Theorem 2

If F is a closed subspace of E then Y is a closed subspace of X

(*proof*) If $B \in \bar{Y}$ then each neighborhood of B intersection with Y is nonempty, that is for all U in \mathcal{u} $W_U(B) \cap Y \neq \emptyset$. Hence there is an element A of Y which is closed subset of F and such that $A \in W_U(B)$. It follows that $B \subset U(A)$ and hence $B \subset U(F)$ for all U in \mathcal{u} . Therefore $B \subset \bigcap \{U(F) : U \in \mathcal{u}\} = F$. Since B is a closed subset of F , B belongs to Y . consequently $\bar{Y} = Y$, that is, Y is closed subspace of X .

Theorem 3 (Robertson [N])

Let E be a complete uniform Hausdorff space X be the space of closed nonempty subsets of E under the Hausdorff uniform structure then nonempty compact subsets of X form a complete subspace of X .

Theorem 4:

If Hausdorff uniform space is compact then X is compact

(*proof*) Since closed subset of compact space is compact if E is compact then the family of all nonempty compact subsets of E is just X . Therefore by theorem 3, X is complete. And according to Lemm 1, if E is compact then E is totally bounded. Hence by Lemma 1, X is complete and totally bounded iff X is Compact.

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