

## THE FINITE SQUARE SEMI-UNIFORMITY

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### 1. Introduction.

Let  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  be a topological space and define  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{F})$  to be  $\{S : S = O_1 \times O_1 \cup O_2 \times O_2 \text{ where } O_i \in \mathcal{F} \text{ and } X = O_1 \cup O_2\}$  and let  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$  be the semi-uniformity for  $X$  generated by  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{F})$  as subbase.

In this paper an attempt is made to get relationships between  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$ .  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F}))$  will denote  $\{O^* : x \in O^* \text{ implies that there exists a } U \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F}) \text{ such that } U[x] \subset O^*\}$ .

**THEOREM 1.1**  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})) \subset \mathcal{F}$ .

**PROOF.** Let  $x \in O^* \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F}))$ . There exists then a  $U \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$  such that  $U[x] \subset O^*$ . But  $U \supset S_1 \cap \dots \cap S_n$  where  $S_i \in \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{F})$ . Thus  $x \in S_1[x] \cap \dots \cap S_n[x] \subset U[x] \subset O^*$  and each  $S_i[x] \in \mathcal{F}$ . Thus  $O^* \in \mathcal{F}$ .

In theorem 3.1, a necessary and sufficient condition is given for  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F}))$ .

Let  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{F}) = \{B : B = O_1 \times O_1 \cup \dots \cup O_n \times O_n \text{ where } O_i \in \mathcal{F} \text{ and } X = O_1 \cup \dots \cup O_n\}$ .

**THEOREM 1.2**  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{F})$  is a base for  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$ .

**PROOF.** We first show that  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{F}) \subset \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$ . Let  $X = O_1 \cup \dots \cup O_n$ ,  $O_i \in \mathcal{F}$ . For each  $\sigma \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$ , let  $G\sigma = \bigcup \{O_i : i \in \sigma\}$ . Then  $O_1 \times O_1 \cup \dots \cup O_n \times O_n \supset \bigcap \{G\sigma \times G\sigma \cup G_{G\sigma} \times G_{G\sigma} : \sigma \subset \{1, \dots, n\}\} \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$ . Thus  $O_1 \times O_1 \cup \dots \cup O_n \times O_n \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$ . Let  $X = O_i \cup U_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , where  $O_i \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $U_i \in \mathcal{F}$ . For each  $\sigma \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$ , let  $G\sigma = \bigcap \{O_i : i \in \sigma\}$  and  $H\sigma = \bigcap \{U_i : i \in \sigma\}$ . Then  $\bigcap \{O_i \times O_i \cup U_i \times U_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \supset \{G\sigma \cap H\sigma \times G\sigma \cap H\sigma : \sigma \subset \{1, \dots, n\}\} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{F})$ . Hence  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{F})$  has the base property.

**COROLLARY 1.3**  $\Delta \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$  iff  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  is finite and discrete,  $\Delta$  denoting the diagonal in  $X \times X$ .

**PROOF.** If  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  is finite and discrete, then  $\Delta = \bigcup \{\{x\} \times \{x\} : x \in X\} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{F})$ .

Conversely, let  $\Delta \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$ . Then  $\Delta \supset O_1 \times O_1 \cup \dots \cup O_n \times O_n$  where  $O_i \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $X = \bigcup \{O_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . Then each  $O_i$  is a singleton or is empty. Thus  $X$  is finite and  $\mathcal{F}$  is discrete.

**THEOREM 1.4** *A topology  $\mathcal{F}$  is a chain (linearly ordered by inclusion) iff  $\mathcal{U}(Y \cap \mathcal{F}) = \{Y \times Y\}$  for all  $Y \subset X$ .*

**PROOF.** Let be  $\mathcal{F}$  a chain and suppose that  $Y \subset X$ . Suppose further that  $Y = (Y \cap O_1) \cup (Y \cap O_2)$  with  $O_i \in \mathcal{F}$ . We may assume that  $O_1 \subset O_2$ . It follows then that  $(O_1 \cap Y) \times (O_1 \cap Y) \cup (O_2 \cap Y) \times (O_2 \cap Y) = Y \times Y$  and hence  $\mathcal{U}(Y \cap \mathcal{F}) = \{Y \times Y\}$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $\mathcal{U}(Y \cap \mathcal{F}) = \{Y \times Y\}$  for all  $Y \subset X$ . If  $\mathcal{F}$  is not a chain, there exist  $O_i$  in  $\mathcal{F}$  such that  $O_1 \not\subset O_2$  and  $O_2 \not\subset O_1$ ; let  $Y = O_1 \cup O_2$ . Then  $O_i \in Y \cap \mathcal{F}$ , but  $O_1 \times O_1 \cup O_2 \times O_2 \neq Y \times Y$  and hence  $\mathcal{U}(Y \cap \mathcal{F}) \neq \{Y \times Y\}$ , a contradiction.

**THEOREM 1.5**  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F}) = \{X \times X\}$  iff  $X = O_1 \cup O_2$ ,  $O_i \in \mathcal{F}$  implies that  $X = O_1$  or  $X = O_2$ .

**PROOF.** Suppose that  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F}) = \{X \times X\}$  and that  $X = O_1 \cup O_2$ ,  $O_i \in \mathcal{F}$ . If  $O_i \neq X$  for  $i=1, 2$ , then  $O_1 \times O_1 \cup O_2 \times O_2 \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$ , but  $O_1 \times O_1 \cup O_2 \times O_2 \neq X \times X$ .

The converse is clear.

**THEOREM 1.6**  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  is connected iff  $X \times X$  is the only equivalence relation in  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$ .

**PROOF.** If  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  is not connected, there exist  $O_1, O_2$  disjoint, nonempty open sets such that  $X = O_1 \cup O_2$ . Then  $O_1 \times O_1 \cup O_2 \times O_2$  is an equivalence relation in  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$  which is different from  $X \times X$ .

Conversely, suppose  $E$  is an equivalence relation in  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$  which is different from  $X \times X$ . By theorem 1.2, there exist open sets  $O_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$  such that  $X = O_1 \cup \dots \cup O_n$  and  $E \supset O_1 \times O_1 \cup \dots \cup O_n \times O_n$ . Take  $x \in X$ ; let  $A = \bigcup \{O_i : O_i \cap E[x] \neq \emptyset\}$  and let  $B = \bigcup \{O_i : O_i \cap E[x] = \emptyset\}$ . Note firstly that if  $O_i \cap E[x] \neq \emptyset$ , then  $O_i \cap E[x]$ . To see this, let  $y \in O_i \cap E[x]$ . Then  $E[x] = E[y] \supset (O_1 \times O_1 \cup \dots \cup O_n \times O_n)[y] \supset O_i$ . It follows then that  $\emptyset \neq A \subset E[x]$  and  $A$  is open. Hence  $\emptyset \neq B \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ ,  $X = A \cup B$ . Thus  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  is disconnected.

**THEOREM 1.7** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  be a topological space and  $Y \subset X$ . Then (i)  $Y \times Y \cap \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F}) \subset \mathcal{U}(Y \cap \mathcal{F})$  and (ii) if  $Y$  is closed, then equality holds.*

PROOF. (i) Let  $U \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$ ; by theorem 1.2,  $U \supset O_1 \times O_1 \cup \dots \cup O_n \times O_n$  where  $O_i \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $X = O_1 \cup \dots \cup O_n$ . Then  $Y \times Y \cap U \supset (Y \cap O_1) \times (Y \cap O_1) \cup \dots \cup (Y \cap O_n) \times (Y \cap O_n)$  and  $Y \times Y \cap U \in \mathcal{U}(Y \cap \mathcal{F})$ . (ii) Let  $Y$  be closed and suppose  $Y = (Y \cap O_1) \cup (Y \cap O_2)$  where  $O_i \in \mathcal{F}$ . Then  $(Y \cap O_1) \times (Y \cap O_1) \cup (Y \cap O_2) \times (Y \cap O_2) \supset Y \times Y \cap (O_1 \times O_1 \cup O_2 \times O_2) \cup \mathcal{E}Y \times \mathcal{E}Y \in Y \times Y \cap \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$ .

## 2. Separation Properties.

THEOREM 2.1  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  is a  $T_1$ -space iff  $\bigcap \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F}) = \Delta$ .

PROOF. Suppose that  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  is a  $T_1$ -space and  $x \neq y$ . Then  $(x, y) \notin \mathcal{E}\{x\} \times \mathcal{E}\{x\} \cup \mathcal{E}\{y\} \times \mathcal{E}\{y\} \in \delta(\mathcal{F}) \subset \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$  and  $\Delta = \bigcap \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $\Delta = \bigcap \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$ . We will show that  $\mathcal{E}\{x\} \in \mathcal{F}$  for each  $x$ . Let  $y \in \mathcal{E}\{x\}$ ; then  $x \neq y$  and hence there exist open sets  $O_i$  such that  $X = O_1 \cup O_2$  and  $(x, y) \notin O_1 \times O_1 \cup O_2 \times O_2$ . If  $x \in O_1$ , then  $y \notin O_1$  and  $y \in O_2 \subset \mathcal{E}\{x\}$ ; if  $x \notin O_1$ , then  $x \in O_2$  and  $y \notin O_2$  and  $y \in O_1 \subset \mathcal{E}\{x\}$ .

A space  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  is called a  $T_{2.5}$ -space iff  $x \neq y$  implies that there exist open sets  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  such that  $x \in O_1$ ,  $y \in O_2$  and  $c(O_1) \cap c(O_2) = \phi$ ,  $c$  denoting the closure operator.

THEOREM 2.2 A space  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  is a  $T_{2.5}$ -space iff  $\Delta = \bigcap \{cU : U \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})\}$ .

PROOF. Suppose that  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  is a  $T_{2.5}$ -space and  $x \neq y$ . There exist then open sets  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  such that  $x \in O_1$ ,  $y \in O_2$  and  $cO_1 \cap cO_2 = \phi$ . Then  $X = \mathcal{E}cO_1 \cup \mathcal{E}cO_2$ , but  $(x, y) \notin \mathcal{E}cO_1 \times \mathcal{E}cO_1 \cup \mathcal{E}cO_2 \times \mathcal{E}cO_2$  since  $y \notin \mathcal{E}cO_2$  and  $x \notin \mathcal{E}cO_1$ . Thus  $(x, y) \notin \bigcap \{cU : U \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})\}$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $\Delta = \bigcap \{cU : U \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})\}$  and  $x \neq y$ . Then  $(x, y) \notin cU$  for some  $U \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$ . Then by theorem 2.1,  $U \supset O_1 \times O_1 \cup \dots \cup O_n \times O_n$  where  $O_i \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $X = O_1 \cup \dots \cup O_n$ . Hence  $(x, y) \in A \times B \subset \mathcal{E}cU \subset \mathcal{E}(O_1 \times O_1 \cup \dots \cup O_n \times O_n) \subset \mathcal{E}\Delta$  where  $A$  and  $B$  are in  $\mathcal{F}$ . Then  $cA \times cB \subset \mathcal{E}\Delta$  and hence  $cA \cap cB = \phi$ . It follows then that  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  is a  $T_{2.5}$ -space.

THEOREM 2.3 A space  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  is normal iff  $\{cU : U \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})\}$  is a base for  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$ .

PROOF Let  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  be normal and suppose that  $V \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$ . Then  $V \supset O_1 \times O_1 \cup \dots \cup O_n \times O_n$  where  $O_i \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $X = O_1 \cup \dots \cup O_n$ . Since  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  is normal, there exist open sets  $O_1^* \dots, O_n^*$  which cover  $X$  and  $cO_i^* \subset O_i$ . Thus letting  $U = O_1^* \times O_1^* \cup \dots \cup O_n^* \times O_n^*$ , it follows that  $V \supset cU$  and  $U \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$ .



Conversely, let  $\{cU : U \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})\}$  be a base for  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$ . To show that  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  is normal, let  $X = O_1 \cup O_2$  where  $O_i \in \mathcal{F}$ . It suffices to find closed sets  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  which cover  $X$  and for which  $E_i \subset O_i$ . Now  $O_1 \times O_1 \cup O_2 \times O_2 \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$  and hence contains  $cO_1^* \times cO_1^* \cup \dots \cup cO_n^* \times cO_n^*$  for some open cover  $O_1^*, \dots, O_n^*$  of  $X$ . It is clear that  $cO_i^* \times cO_i^* \subset O_1 \times O_1$  or  $cO_i^* \times cO_i^* \subset O_2 \times O_2$  for each  $i$ . Let  $E_1 = \cup \{cO_i^* : cO_i^* \times cO_i^* \subset O_1 \times O_1\}$  and  $E_2 = \cup \{cO_i^* : cO_i^* \times cO_i^* \subset O_2 \times O_2\}$ . It is clear that  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are the required sets.

### 3. $R_0$ -spaces.

A space  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  is called an  $R_0$ -space iff  $x \in O \in \mathcal{F}$  implies that  $c(x) \subset O$ .

**THEOREM 3.1** A space  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  is an  $R_0$ -space iff  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})) = \mathcal{F}$ .

**PROOF.** Suppose that  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  is an  $R_0$  space. By theorem 1.1, it suffices to show that  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F}))$ ; let  $x \in O \in \mathcal{F}$ . Then  $c(x) \subset O$  and  $X = O \cup \mathcal{C}c(x)$ . Hence  $O \times O \cup \mathcal{C}c(x) \times \mathcal{C}c(x) \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$  and  $(O \times O \cup \mathcal{C}c(x) \times \mathcal{C}c(x))[x] = O$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F}))$  and let  $x \in O \in \mathcal{F}$ . Let  $y \in c(x)$ ; we will show that  $y \in O$ . There exists a  $U \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$  such that  $U[x] \subset O$ . By theorem 1.2, there exists a symmetric open set  $G$  which contains the diagonal and is contained in  $U$ . Then  $G[y]$  is open and hence  $G[y] \cap \{x\} \neq \emptyset$ . Thus  $y \in G[x] \subset U[x] \subset O$ .

**THEOREM 3.2** Suppose that  $\mathcal{F}_1$  and  $\mathcal{F}_2$  are topologies for  $X$ . Then (1) if  $\mathcal{F}_1 \subset \mathcal{F}_2$ , then  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F}_1) \subset \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F}_2)$  and (2) if  $\mathcal{F}_1$  is  $R_0$  and  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F}_1) \subset \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F}_2)$ , then  $\mathcal{F}_1 \subset \mathcal{F}_2$ .

**PROOF.** (1) is clear. (2) Let  $x \in O \in \mathcal{F}_1$ . Then  $c_1(x) \subset O$ ,  $c_1$  denoting the closure operator relative to  $\mathcal{F}_1$ . Then  $O \times O \cup \mathcal{C}c_1(x) \times \mathcal{C}c_1(x) \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F}_1) \subset \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F}_2)$ . Hence there exists a  $G \in \mathcal{F}_2 \times \mathcal{F}_2$  such that  $O \times O \cup \mathcal{C}c_1(x) \times \mathcal{C}c_1(x) \supset G \supset \Delta$ . Thus  $O = (O \times O \cup \mathcal{C}c_1(x) \times \mathcal{C}c_1(x))[x] \supset G[x] \supset \{x\}$ . But  $G[x] \in \mathcal{F}_2$  and  $x \in G[x] \subset O$ . It follows then that  $O \in \mathcal{F}_2$ .

**COROLLARY 3.3** Let  $\mathcal{F}_1$  and  $\mathcal{F}_2$  be  $R_0$ -topologies for  $X$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}_1 = \mathcal{F}_2$  iff  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F}_1) = \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F}_2)$ .

**THEOREM 3.4** Let  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  be an  $R_0$ -space. Then  $\mathcal{F} = \{\emptyset, X\}$  iff  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F}) = \{X \times X\}$ .

**PROOF.** If  $\mathcal{F} = \{\emptyset, X\}$ , then clearly  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F}) = \{X \times X\}$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F}) = \{X \times X\}$  and that  $\emptyset \neq O \in \mathcal{F}$ ; let  $x \in X$ . It

follows then that  $X \times X = O \times O \cup \mathcal{E}c(x) \times \mathcal{E}c(x)$  and hence  $X = (O \times O \cup \mathcal{E}c(x) \times \mathcal{E}c(x)) [x] = O$ .

#### 4. Countability.

**THEOREM 4.1**  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$  has a countable base if  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  is compact and second axiom.

**PROOF.** Let  $\{O_i : i \in P\}$  be a countable base for  $\mathcal{F}$  and suppose that  $X = O \cup G$ ,  $O \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ . Then  $X = \bigcup \{O_i : O_i \subset O \text{ or } O_i \subset G\}$  and since  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  is compact, there exist  $O_{i_j}$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$  such that  $X = \bigcup \{O_{i_j} : 1 \leq j \leq n\}$  and  $O_{i_j} \subset O$  or  $O_{i_j} \subset G$ . Hence  $O \times O \cup G \times G \supset \bigcup \{O_{i_j} \times O_{i_j} : 1 \leq j \leq n\} \supset \Delta$ . Thus  $\{\bigcup \{O_i \times O_i : i \in P^* \subset P, P^* \text{ finite}, X = \bigcup \{O_i : i \in P^*\}\}\}$  is a countable base for  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$ .

**THEOREM 4.2**  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  is a second axiom space if  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$  has a countable base and  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  is an  $R_0$ -space.

**PROOF.** Let  $\{U_i : i \in P\}$  be a countable base for  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$ . By theorem 1.2, for each integer  $i$ , there exist open sets  $O_j^i$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n_i$  such that  $U_i \supset \bigcup \{O_j^i \times O_j^i : 1 \leq j \leq n_i\} \supset \Delta$ . Then  $\{O_j^i : 1 \leq j \leq n_i, i \in P\}$  is a countable base for  $\mathcal{F}$ . To see this, let  $x \in O \in \mathcal{F}$ . Then for some integer  $i$ ,  $O \times O \cup \mathcal{E}c(x) \times \mathcal{E}c(x) \supset U_i \supset \bigcup \{O_j^i \times O_j^i : 1 \leq j \leq n_i\}$ . Then  $x \in O_j^i$  for some  $j$  and  $x \in O_j^i \subset O$ .

#### 5. $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$ a uniformity generated by equivalence relations.

**LEMMA 5.1** Suppose that  $A_1 \times A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n \times A_n \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$ ,  $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$  when  $i \neq j$  and that  $X = A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n$ . Then each  $A_i$  is open and closed.

**PROOF.** It suffices to show that each  $A_i$  is open. By theorem 1.2,  $A_1 \times A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n \times A_n \supset O_1 \times O_1 \cup \dots \cup O_m \times O_m \supset \Delta$  where  $O_i \in \mathcal{F}$ . Let  $x \in A_i$ . Then  $x \in O_j$  for some  $j$ . Thus  $A_i = (A_1 \times A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n \times A_n) [x] \supset (O_j \times O_j) [x] = O_j \supset \{x\}$ .

An equivalence relation  $E$  on a set  $X$  is termed of *finite character* iff  $\{E[x] : x \in X\}$  is finite.

**THEOREM 5.2**  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{F})$  has a base of equivalence relations of finite character iff for each closed set  $E$  and each open set  $O$  for which  $E \subset O$ , there exists a clopen set  $C$  such that  $E \subset C \subset O$ .

**PROOF.** Sufficiency. Let  $X = O_1 \cup O_2$ ,  $O_i$  being open. Then  $\mathcal{E}O_2 \subset O_1$  and hence  $\mathcal{E}O_2 \subset C \subset O_1$  for some clopen set  $C$ . Hence  $O_1 \times O_1 \cup O_2 \times O_2 \supset C \times C \cup \mathcal{E}C \times \mathcal{E}C \in \mathcal{U}$

( $\mathcal{J}$ ). It follows then that each  $U \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{J})$  contains a finite intersection of sets of the form  $C \times C \cup \mathcal{C}C \times \mathcal{C}C$ . Such finite intersections are equivalence relations of finite character.

Necessity. Let  $E \subset O$ ,  $E$  being closed and  $O$  being open. Then  $O \times O \cup \mathcal{C}E \times \mathcal{C}E \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{J})$  and hence  $O \times O \cup \mathcal{C}E \times \mathcal{C}E \supset A_1 \times A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n \times A_n$  where  $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$  when  $i \neq j$  and  $A_1 \times A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n \times A_n \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{J})$ . By lemma 5.1, each  $A_i$  is clopen. Let  $O^* = \bigcup \{A_i : A_i \subset O\}$ .  $O^*$  is clearly clopen; it suffices to show that  $E \subset O^*$ . Let  $x \in E$ ; then  $x \in A_i$  for some  $i$ . It suffices to show that  $A_i \subset O$ . Suppose  $A_i \not\subset O$ ; take  $a \in A_i - O$ . Then  $(x, a) \in A_i \times A_i \subset O \times O \cup \mathcal{C}E \times \mathcal{C}E$ . But  $(x, a) \notin O \times O \cup \mathcal{C}E \times \mathcal{C}E$ , a contradiction.

**COROLLARY 5.3** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{J})$  be compact and zero dimensional. Then  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{J})$  has a base of equivalence relations of finite character.*

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