

## ON FRÉCHET-URYSOHN EXPANSIONS

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**ABSTRACT** In this paper we study on Fréchet-Urysohn expansions of topological spaces, countable Fréchet-Urysohn spaces and Hausdorff Fréchet-Urysohn spaces.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$  be a topological space endowed with a topology  $\mathcal{T}_c$  and let  $c$  denote the closure operator on  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$ . Let  $\mathbb{N}$  denote the set of all natural numbers and  $(x_n | n \in \mathbb{N})$  (briefly  $(x_n)$ ) a sequence of points in a set.

A function  $[\cdot]_{seq}$  of the power set  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  of  $X$  to  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  itself defined by for each subset  $A \subset X$ ,  $[A]_{seq} = \{x \in X | (x_n) \text{ converges to } x \text{ in } (X, \mathcal{T}_c) \text{ for some sequence } (x_n) \text{ of points in } A\}$  is called the *sequential closure operator* on  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$ . It is well known that for each subset  $A \subset X$ ,  $[A]_{seq} \subset c(A)$  and  $[\cdot]_{seq}$  satisfies the Kuratowski closure axioms except for idempotent (see [1]).

Let us recall definitions in a topological space  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$ .

(a) *Fréchet-Urysohn* [1] (also called *Fréchet* [2, 3]): for each subset  $A \subset X$ ,  $c(A) \subset [A]_{seq}$ .

(b) *countable Fréchet-Urysohn*: for each countable subset  $A \subset X$ ,  $c(A) \subset [A]_{seq}$ .

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From the definitions and the following example, we have that the following implication holds, but the converse does not hold:

Fréchet-Urysohn  $\Rightarrow$  countable Fréchet-Urysohn.

EXAMPLE. *The space of ordinals  $X = [0, \omega_1]$ , where  $\omega_1$  is the first uncountable ordinal, is a compact Hausdorff space all of whose countable subsets are metrizable. Note that the point  $\omega_1$  is not a cluster point of each countable subset of  $X$  not containing  $\omega_1$ . Hence we see that the space  $X$  is countable Fréchet-Urysohn, but it is not Fréchet-Urysohn (see [3, p.125, Remark]).*

Let  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$  be a topological space. If  $\mathcal{T}_c \subset \mathcal{T}$  and  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is Fréchet-Urysohn, we call  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  a *Fréchet-Urysohn expansion* of  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$ .

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Standard notations, not explained below, is the same as in [1].

## 2. Results

Let  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$  be a topological space and  $\mathcal{A}$  a family of subsets of  $X$ . The expansion of  $\mathcal{T}_c$  by  $\mathcal{A}$  denoted by  $\mathcal{T}_c(\mathcal{A})$  is the topology on  $X$  with  $\mathcal{T}_c \cup \mathcal{A}$  as subbase.

We recall that a family  $\mathcal{A}$  of subsets of  $X$  is *point finite* [5] if and only if each  $x \in X$  belongs to only finitely many  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ .

THEOREM 1 *Let  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$  be a topological space and let*

$$\mathcal{A} = \{c(A) - [A]_{seq} \mid A \subset X \text{ and } c(A) - [A]_{seq} \neq \emptyset\}.$$

*If  $\mathcal{A}$  is point finite, then  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c(\mathcal{A}))$  is a Fréchet-Urysohn expansion of  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$ .*

PROOF If  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$  is a Fréchet-Urysohn space, then clearly  $\mathcal{A} = \emptyset$ , and so  $\mathcal{T}_c(\mathcal{A}) = \mathcal{T}_c$ . Hence, it remains to prove the case that  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$  is not Fréchet-Urysohn. Let  $Y \subset X$  and  $p \in c_{\mathcal{T}_c(\mathcal{A})}(Y) - Y$ , where  $c_{\mathcal{T}_c(\mathcal{A})}$  is the topological closure operator on  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c(\mathcal{A}))$ . Since  $\mathcal{A}$  is

point finite,  $\{A \in \mathcal{A} | p \in A\}$  is finite, say  $\{K_1, K_2, \dots, K_n\}$ . Let  $M = \bigcap \{K_i | i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Then, clearly,  $Y \cap M \neq \emptyset$  since  $M$  is a basic open set in  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c(\mathcal{A}))$  containing  $p$ . We first show that  $p \in c_{\mathcal{T}_c(\mathcal{A})}(Y \cap M)$ . Since  $\mathcal{T}_c \cup \mathcal{A}$  is a subbase for  $\mathcal{T}_c(\mathcal{A})$ , by the definition of  $M$ , we have that for each basic open set  $U$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c(\mathcal{A}))$  containing  $p$ ,  $(\bigcap \{V_j | j \in J\}) \cap M \subset U$  for some finite family  $\{V_j | j \in J \text{ and } J \text{ is finite}\}$  of open sets  $V_j$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$  containing  $p$ , and so  $V \cap M \subset U$  for some open set  $V$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$  containing  $p$ . Hence, it is sufficient to show that for each open set  $V$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$  containing  $p$ ,  $(Y \cap M) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ . Suppose on the contrary that there exists an open set  $V$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$  containing  $p$  such that  $(Y \cap M) \cap V = \emptyset$ . Then, since  $M \cap V$  is a basic open set in  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c(\mathcal{A}))$  containing  $p$  and since  $p \in c_{\mathcal{T}_c(\mathcal{A})}(Y)$ ,  $Y \cap (M \cap V) \neq \emptyset$ , which is a contradiction. It is easy to see that for each subset  $Z$  of  $X$ ,  $c_{\mathcal{T}_c(\mathcal{A})}(Z) \subset [Z]_{seq} \subset c(Z)$ . Hence, we have that there exists a sequence  $(x_n)$  of points in  $Y \cap M$  such that  $(x_n)$  converges to  $p$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$ . To end the proof, we claim that  $(x_n)$  converges to  $p$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c(\mathcal{A}))$ . Suppose that it is not. Then there exists a basic open set  $U$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c(\mathcal{A}))$  containing  $p$  such that  $(x_n)$  is not eventually in  $U$ . We have already known that  $V \cap M \subset U$  for some open set  $V$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$  containing  $p$ . It follows that there is an open set  $V$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$  containing  $p$  such that  $(x_n)$  is not eventually in  $V \cap M$ , and hence  $(x_n)$  is also not eventually in  $V$  because  $(x_n)$  is a sequence of points in  $M$ , which is a contradiction.

Now we study on Fréchet-Urysohn expansions of countable Fréchet-Urysohn spaces.

**THEOREM 2** *If  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$  is a countable Fréchet-Urysohn space, then  $(X, \mathcal{T}_{[\ ]_{seq}})$  is a Fréchet-Urysohn expansion of  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$  and moreover, for each sequence  $(x_n)$  of points in  $X$  and each  $p \in X$ ,  $(x_n)$  converges to  $p$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$  if and only if  $(x_n)$  converges to  $p$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T}_{[\ ]_{seq}})$ .*

**PROOF** First we show that  $[[A]_{seq}]_{seq} \subset [A]_{seq}$  for each subset  $A \subset X$ . Let  $x \in [[A]_{seq}]_{seq}$ . Then, by the definition of  $[\cdot]_{seq}$ ,  $(x_n)$  converges to  $x$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$  for some sequence  $(x_n)$  of points in  $[A]_{seq}$ . And since  $x_n \in [A]_{seq}$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists a sequence  $(x_{nm})$  converges to  $x_n$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$ . So,  $x \in c(\{x_{nm} | n, m \in \mathbb{N}\})$ . Since  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$  is a countable

Fréchet-Urysohn space and  $\{x_{nm} | n, m \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a countable subset of  $A$ ,

$$c(\{x_{nm} | n, m \in \mathbb{N}\}) \subset [\{x_{nm} | n, m \in \mathbb{N}\}]_{seq}$$

and hence

$$x \in [\{x_{nm} | n, m \in \mathbb{N}\}]_{seq} \in [A]_{seq}.$$

Thus we have that  $(X, \mathcal{T}_{[\cdot]_{seq}})$  is a topological space with the closure operator  $[\cdot]_{seq}$ .

Next we show that for each sequence  $(x_n)$  of points in  $X$  and  $x \in X$ ,  $(x_n)$  converges to  $x$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$  if and only if  $(x_n)$  converges to  $x$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T}_{[\cdot]_{seq}})$ . Since  $[A]_{seq} \subset c(A)$  for each subset  $A \subset X$ , it is clear that the topology  $\mathcal{T}_{[\cdot]_{seq}}$  on  $X$  induced by  $[\cdot]_{seq}$  is finer than the topology  $\mathcal{T}_c$  and hence we have that if  $(x_n)$  converges to  $x$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T}_{[\cdot]_{seq}})$ , then  $(x_n)$  converges to  $x$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$ .

Conversely, if  $(x_n)$  does not converge to  $x$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T}_{[\cdot]_{seq}})$ , then  $(x_n)$  is not eventually in some neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T}_{[\cdot]_{seq}})$ . It is obvious that there exists a subsequence  $(x_{\phi(n)})$  of  $(x_n)$  such that the range  $\{x_{\phi(n)} | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of  $(x_{\phi(n)})$  and  $U$  are disjoint. Hence  $x \notin [\{x_{\phi(n)} | n \in \mathbb{N}\}]_{seq}$  and so, by the definition of  $[\cdot]_{seq}$ ,  $(x_{\phi(n)})$  does not converge to  $x$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$ . Note that if  $(x_n)$  converges to  $x$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$ , then  $(x_{\phi(n)})$  converges to  $x$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$ . Thus, by the contraposition of above fact,  $(x_n)$  does not converge to  $x$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$ .

Finally we show that  $(X, \mathcal{T}_{[\cdot]_{seq}})$  is a Fréchet-Urysohn space. Let  $A \subset X$  and  $x \in [A]_{seq}$ . Then, by the definition of  $[A]_{seq}$ ,  $(x_n)$  converges to  $x$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$  for some sequence  $(x_n)$  of points in  $A$ . By the above fact that  $(x_n)$  converges to  $x$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$  if and only if  $(x_n)$  converges to  $x$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T}_{[\cdot]_{seq}})$ ,  $(x_n)$  converges to  $x$  in  $(X, \mathcal{T}_{[\cdot]_{seq}})$  and thus it holds.

The proof is complete.

**REMARK** *It is clear that if  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$  is not a Fréchet-Urysohn space, then  $\mathcal{T}_c \subsetneq \mathcal{T}_{[\cdot]_{seq}}$ .*

We finally introduce some results of J. A. Narvarte and J. A. Guthrie for Fréchet-Urysohn expansions of Hausdorff Fréchet-Urysohn spaces.

**THEOREM 3[4]** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$  be a Hausdorff Fréchet-Urysohn space and  $A \subset X$ . Then  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c(\{A\}))$  is a Fréchet-Urysohn expansion of  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$ .*

THEOREM 4[4]. *Let  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$  be a Hausdorff Fréchet-Urysohn space and  $\mathcal{A}$  a family of subsets of  $X$ . If  $\mathcal{A}$  is point finite, then  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c(\mathcal{A}))$  is a Fréchet-Urysohn expansion of  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$ .*

According to Theorem 2, we immediately have the following corollary and hence we omit the proof.

COROLLARY 5. *If  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$  is a Fréchet-Urysohn space, then  $(X, \mathcal{T}_{\{1\}_{seq}})$  is a Fréchet-Urysohn expansion of  $(X, \mathcal{T}_c)$ .*

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