



## RELATIVE PROPERTIES AND FUNCTION SPACES

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### Abstract

We investigate duality between (covering) properties in topological spaces and the closure-type properties of mappings. We give a version of the Pytkeev property for continuous mappings.

### 1. Introduction

In this paper all the spaces are Tychonoff. The notation and terminology we follow are standard [6]. Let  $X$  be a topological space. Then

- (1) the symbol  $\mathcal{O}$  denotes the collection of open covers of  $X$ ;
- (2) the symbol  $\Omega$  denotes the collection of  $\omega$ -covers of  $X$ . An open cover  $\mathcal{U}$  of a space  $X$  is called an  $\omega$ -cover if  $X$  is not a member of  $\mathcal{U}$  and every finite subset of  $X$  is contained in a member of  $\mathcal{U}$  [7];
- (3) the symbol  $\mathcal{K}$  denotes the collection of  $k$ -covers of  $X$ . An open cover  $\mathcal{U}$  of a space  $X$  is called a  $k$ -cover if  $X$  is not a member of  $\mathcal{U}$  and

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every compact subset of  $X$  is contained in a member of  $\mathcal{U}$  [5].

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  be collections of subsets of a topological space  $X$ . Then

(a) the symbol  $S_1(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  denotes the selection principle: For each sequence  $(A_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of elements of  $\mathcal{A}$  there exists a sequence  $(b_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  such that for each  $n$   $b_n \in A_n$  and  $\{b_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is an element of  $\mathcal{B}$ ;

(b) the symbol  $S_{fin}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  denotes the selection principle: For each sequence  $(A_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of elements of  $\mathcal{A}$  there exists a sequence  $(B_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  such that for each  $n$   $B_n$  is a finite subset of  $A_n$  and  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} B_n$  is an element of  $\mathcal{B}$ .

For a space  $X$  by  $C_p(X)$  we denote the space of all continuous real-valued functions on  $X$  in the pointwise convergence topology. For a function  $f \in C_p(X)$ , a finite set  $F$  in  $X$  and a positive real number  $\varepsilon$  we let

$$W(f; F; \varepsilon) = \{g \in C_p(X) : |f(x) - g(x)| < \varepsilon, \forall x \in F\}.$$

The standard local base of a point  $f \in C_p(X)$  consists of the sets  $W(f; F; \varepsilon)$ , where  $F$  is a finite subset of  $X$  and  $\varepsilon$  is a positive real number.

By  $C_k(X)$  we denote the space of all continuous real-valued functions on a space  $X$  endowed with the compact-open topology. For a function  $f \in C_k(X)$ , a compact set  $K \subset X$  and a positive real number  $\varepsilon$  we let

$$W(f; K; \varepsilon) = \{g \in C_k(X) : |f(x) - g(x)| < \varepsilon, \forall x \in K\}.$$

The standard local base of a point  $f \in C_k(X)$  consists of the sets  $W(f; K; \varepsilon)$ , where  $K$  is a compact subset in  $X$  and  $\varepsilon$  is a positive real number.

The symbol  $\underline{0}$  denotes the constantly zero function in  $C_p(X)$  and in  $C_k(X)$ . Since  $C_p(X)$  and  $C_k(X)$  are homogenous spaces we may consider the point  $\underline{0}$  when studying local properties of them.

In [1] Arhangel'skiĭ considered the mapping  $\pi$  from  $C_p(X)$  (resp.

$C_k(X)$ ) into  $C_p(Y)$  (resp.  $C_k(Y)$ ) defined by  $\pi(f) = f|_Y$ , for each  $f \in C_p(X)$  (resp.  $f \in C_k(X)$ ).

Some results in the literature show that there is a duality between relative covering properties of a subspace  $Y$  of a Tychonoff space  $X$  and the closure-type properties of the mapping  $\pi$ . This sort of duality was documented by Gordienko for the Lindelöf property [8], by Kočinac and Babinkostova for the Menger property and for the Rothberger property [13], by Guido and Kočinac for the Hurewicz property [9] and by Babinkostova et al. for the  $\gamma$ -sets [2].

This investigation is a part of general idea to transfer properties of topological spaces to continuous mappings [3] and [4].

## 2. The Countable (Strong) Fan Tightness

For a space  $X$  and a point  $x \in X$ , the symbol  $\Omega_x$  denotes the set  $\{A \subset X \setminus \{x\} : x \in \overline{A}\}$ .

Let  $Y$  be a subspace of a space  $X$ . We denote by  $\Omega_X(\mathcal{K}_X)$  the collection of  $\omega$ -cover ( $k$ -cover) of  $X$  and by  $\Omega_Y(\mathcal{K}_Y)$  the collection of  $\omega$ -cover ( $k$ -cover) of  $Y$ , by sets open in  $X$ .

A space  $X$  has *countable fan tightness* [1] if for each  $x \in X$  and each sequence  $(A_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of elements of  $\Omega_x$  there is a sequence  $(B_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of finite sets such that, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $B_n \subset A_n$  and  $x \in \overline{\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} B_n}$ , i.e., if  $S_{fin}(\Omega_x, \Omega_x)$  holds for each  $x \in X$ .

A space  $X$  has *countable strong fan tightness* [21] if for each  $x \in X$  the selection principle  $S_1(\Omega_x, \Omega_x)$  holds.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $f$  be a continuous mapping from  $X$  to  $Y$ . Then

(1)  $f$  has *countable fan tightness* [13] if for each  $x \in X$  and each sequence  $(A_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of elements of  $\Omega_x$  there is a sequence  $(B_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of finite sets such that, for each  $n$ ,  $B_n \subset A_n$  and  $f(x) \in \overline{\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f(B_n)}$ .

(2)  $f$  has *countable strong fan tightness* [13] if for each sequence  $(A_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of elements of  $\Omega_x$  there exists a sequence  $(x_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  such that  $x_n \in A_n$ , for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $f(x) \in \overline{\{f(x_n) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}}$ .

In the paper [13] it was shown the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.1.** *For a subspace  $Y$  of a space  $X$ , the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $S_1(\Omega_X, \Omega_Y)$  holds;
- (2)  $\pi : C_p(X) \rightarrow C_p(Y)$  has countable strong fan tightness.

We show

**Theorem 2.2.** *For a subspace  $Y$  of a space  $X$ , the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $S_1(\mathcal{K}_X, \mathcal{K}_Y)$  holds;
- (2)  $\pi : C_k(X) \rightarrow C_k(Y)$  has countable strong fan tightness.

**Proof.** (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $\{U_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a sequence of  $k$ -covers of  $X$ . For each  $n$  and a compact subset  $K$  of  $X$  we denote by  $\mathcal{U}_{n,K}$  the set  $\{U \in \mathcal{U}_n : K \subset U\}$ . If  $U \in \mathcal{U}_{n,K}$ , let  $f_{U,K} : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a continuous function satisfying  $f_{U,K}(K) = 0$ ,  $f_{U,K}(X \setminus U) = 1$ . Let, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $A_n = \{f_{U,K} : U \in \mathcal{U}_{n,K}, K \text{ compact}\}$ . Then  $\underline{0}$  is in the closure of  $A_n$ , for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $W(\underline{0}, K, \varepsilon)$  is a neighborhood of  $\underline{0}$  and  $U \in \mathcal{U}_{n,K}$ , then the function  $f_{U,K}$  belongs to  $A_n \cap W(\underline{0}, K, \varepsilon)$ , for each  $n$ . Since  $\pi : C_k(X) \rightarrow C_k(Y)$  has the countable strong fan tightness, there exists a sequence  $(f_{K_n, U_n} : n \in \mathbb{N})$  such that, for each  $n$ ,  $f_{K_n, U_n} \in A_n$  and  $\pi(\underline{0})$  belongs to the closure of  $\{\pi(f_{K_n, U_n}) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Consider the sets  $U_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . We claim that the sequence  $(U_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  witnesses that  $S_1(\mathcal{K}_X, \mathcal{K}_Y)$  holds. Let  $T$  be a compact subset of  $Y$ . From  $\pi(\underline{0}) \in \overline{\{\pi(f_{K_n, U_n}) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}}$  it follows that there is an  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $W(\pi(\underline{0}), T, 1)$  contains the function  $\pi(f_{K_i, U_i})$ . Then  $T \subset U_i$ . Otherwise, for some  $x \in T$  one has that  $x \notin U_i$ , so that

$\pi(f_{K_i, U_i})(x) = f_{K_i, U_i}(x) = 1$  which contradicts the fact  $\pi(f_{K_i, U_i}) \in W(\pi(\underline{0}), T, 1)$ .

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $(A_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  be a sequence of subsets of  $C_k(X)$  the closures of which contain  $\underline{0}$ . Fix  $n$ . For every compact set  $K \subset X$  the neighborhood  $W\left(\underline{0}, K, \frac{1}{n}\right)$  of  $\underline{0}$  intersects  $A_n$ , so there exists a continuous function  $f_{K,n} \in A_n$  such that  $|f_{K,n}(x)| < \frac{1}{n}$ , for each  $x \in K$ . Since  $f_{K,n}$  is a continuous function there are neighborhoods  $U_x$  of  $x$ ,  $x \in K$ , such that, for  $U_{K,n} = \bigcup_{x \in K} U_x \supset K$ , we have  $f_{K,n}(U_{K,n}) \subset \left(-\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}\right)$ . Let  $\mathcal{U}_n = \{U_{K,n} : K \text{ compact subset of } X\}$ . For each  $n$ ,  $\mathcal{U}_n$  is a  $k$ -cover of  $X$ . By the condition 2 one can find a sequence  $(U_{K,n} : n \geq m)$  such that, for each  $n$ ,  $U_{K,n} \in \mathcal{U}_n$  and  $\{U_{K,n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a  $k$ -cover for  $Y$ . Consider the corresponding functions  $f_{K,n}$  in  $A_n$ . We verify that the sequence  $\{f_{K,n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  witnesses for  $(A_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  that  $\pi$  has the countable strong fan tightness. Let  $W(\pi(\underline{0}), T, \varepsilon)$  be a neighborhood of  $\pi(\underline{0})$  in  $C_k(Y)$  and let  $m$  be a natural number such that  $\frac{1}{m} < \varepsilon$ . Since  $T$  is a compact subset of  $Y$  and  $S_1(\mathcal{K}_X, \mathcal{K}_Y)$  holds, there is an  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n_0 \geq m$ , such that one can find a  $U_{K,n_0} \in \mathcal{U}_{n_0}$  with  $T \subset U_{K,n_0}$ . We have

$$\pi(f_{K,n_0})(T) = f_{K,n_0}(T) \subset f_{K,n_0}(U_{K,n_0}) \subset \left(-\frac{1}{n_0}, \frac{1}{n_0}\right) \subset \left(-\frac{1}{m}, \frac{1}{m}\right) \subset (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon),$$

i.e.,  $\pi(f_{K,n_0}) \in W(\pi(\underline{0}), T, \varepsilon)$ .

In a similar way one can prove:

**Theorem 2.3.** *For a subspace  $Y$  of a space  $X$ , the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $S_{fin}(\mathcal{K}_X, \mathcal{K}_Y)$  holds;
- (2)  $\pi : C_k(X) \rightarrow C_k(Y)$  has countable fan tightness.

### 3. The Pytkeev Property of Continuous Mappings

For a space  $X$  and  $x \in X$  a family  $\mathcal{F}$  of subsets of  $X$  is called  *$\pi$ -network at  $x$*  if every neighborhood of  $x$  contains an element of  $\mathcal{F}$ .

A space  $X$  is called a *Pytkeev space* [16] if  $x \in \overline{A} \setminus A$  and  $A \subset X$  implies the existence of a countable  $\pi$ -network at  $x$  consisting of infinite subsets of  $A$ .

Now we transfer this property to the mapping as follows.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous mapping.  $f$  has the *Pytkeev property at  $x \in X$*  if for each  $A \subset X$  and every  $x \in X$  such that  $x \in \overline{A} \setminus A$  there is a sequence  $(B_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of infinite subsets of  $A$  such that  $(f(B_n) : n \in \mathbb{N})$  is  $\pi$ -network at  $f(x)$ .

If  $f$  has this property at all points  $x \in X$  we shall say that  $f$  has the *Pytkeev property*.

**Remark 3.1.** Observe that if either  $X$  or  $Y$  has the Pytkeev property, then  $f$  has that property.

In [19] Sakai gave a characterization of the Pytkeev property in the function spaces  $C_p(X)$  in terms of shrinkable  $\omega$ -covers. For a similar investigation see also [17].

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $Y$  be a subspace of a space  $X$ . An open  $\omega$ -cover ( $k$ -cover)  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $X$  is said to be *relatively  $\omega$ -shrinkable (relatively  $k$ -shrinkable) with respect to  $Y$*  if for each  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  there is a closed set  $C(U)$  of  $X$  such that  $C(U) \subset U$  and  $\{C(U) : U \in \mathcal{U}\}$  is an  $\omega$ -cover ( $k$ -cover) of  $Y$ .

We prove

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $Y$  be a subspace of a space  $X$ . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $\pi : C_p(X) \rightarrow C_p(Y)$  has the Pytkeev property;
- (2) if  $\mathcal{U}$  is an  $\omega$ -cover of  $X$  relatively  $\omega$ -shrinkable with respect to  $Y$ ,

then there is a sequence  $\{\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of subfamilies of  $\mathcal{U}$  such that, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $|\mathcal{U}_n| = \omega$  and  $\{\bigcap \mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is an  $\omega$ -cover of  $Y$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be an  $\omega$ -cover relatively  $\omega$ -shrinkable with respect to  $Y$ . For each  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  we choose a closed set  $C(U)$  of  $X$  such that  $C(U) \subset U$  and  $\{C(U) : U \in \mathcal{U}\}$  is a  $k$ -cover of  $Y$ . So we can take in  $X$ , for each  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  a zero-set  $Z(U)$  and a cozero-set  $V(U)$  such that  $C(U) \subset Z(U) \subset V(U) \subset U$ . Without loss in generality, we may assume that for distinct,  $U'$  and  $U''$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ ,  $Z(U')$  and  $Z(U'')$  are distinct.

For a compact subset  $K$  of  $X$  let  $\mathcal{U}_K = \{U \in \mathcal{U} : K \subset U\}$ . For each  $U \in \mathcal{U}$ , let  $f_{K,U}$  be a continuous map from  $X$  to  $[0, 1]$  such that  $f_{K,U}^{-1}(0) = Z(U)$  and  $f_{K,U}^{-1}(1) = X \setminus V(U)$ . Let  $A = \{f_{K,U} : K \text{ compact subset of } X, U \in \mathcal{U}_K\}$ . Note that for distinct  $U'$  and  $U'' \in \mathcal{U}$ ,  $f_{K,U'}$  and  $f_{K,U''}$  are distinct, and obviously  $\underline{0} \in \overline{A} \setminus A$ . By the condition 1 there exists a sequence  $(B_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  such that  $B_n$  is infinite subset of  $A$  and  $(\pi(B_n) : n \in \mathbb{N})$  is a  $\pi$ -network at  $\pi(\underline{0})$ . For each  $n$  let  $\mathcal{U}_n$  be a subfamily of  $\mathcal{U}$  such that  $|\mathcal{U}_n| = \omega$  and  $B_n = \{f_U : U \in \mathcal{U}_n\}$ . We claim that  $(\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  witnesses that  $\mathcal{U}$  satisfies the condition 2. Let  $K$  be a compact subset of  $Y$  and consider the neighborhood  $W(\pi(\underline{0}), K, 1)$  of  $\pi(\underline{0})$ . Then there is an  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\pi(B_{n_0}) \subset W(\pi(\underline{0}), K, 1)$ . This means that  $K \subset \bigcap \{V(W) : W \in \mathcal{W}_n\} \subset \{U : U \in \mathcal{U}_n\}$ . Thus  $\{\bigcap \mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a  $k$ -cover of  $Y$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $\pi : C_k(X) \rightarrow C_k(Y)$  and let  $A$  be a subset of  $C_k(X)$  such that  $\underline{0} \in \overline{A} \setminus A$ . For each compact set  $K$  of  $X$  the neighborhood  $W\left(\underline{0}, K, \frac{1}{n}\right)$  in  $C_k(X)$  of  $\underline{0}$  intersects  $A$ . So that there exists a continuous map  $f_K \in A$  such that  $|f_K(x)| < \frac{1}{n}$ , for each  $x \in K$ . Let  $U(f_K) = \left\{x \in X : |f_K(x)| < \frac{1}{n}\right\}$  and  $\mathcal{U} = \{U(f_K) : f_K \in A\}$ . We see that  $\mathcal{U}$  is a  $k$ -cover of  $X$  relative  $k$ -shrinkable with respect to  $Y$ . Indeed for each

$f_K \in A$  let  $Z(f_k) = \left\{ x \in X : |f_K(x)| \leq \frac{1}{2n} \right\}$ . Obviously  $Z(f_k)$  is closed in  $X$ ,  $U(f_k) \subset Z(f_k)$  and  $K \subset Z(f_k)$ . Apply the condition 2 to  $\mathcal{U}$  there exists a sequence  $(\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  such that, for each  $n$ ,  $\mathcal{U}_n$  is subfamily of  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\{\cap \mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a  $k$ -cover of  $Y$ . Then there is a sequence  $(B_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  such that, for each  $n$ ,  $B_n$  is an infinite subset of  $A$  and  $\mathcal{U}_n = \{U(f_K) : f_K \in B_n\}$ . It easy to show that the family  $(\pi(B_n) : n \in \mathbb{N})$  is a  $\pi$ -network at  $\pi(\underline{0})$ . In fact let  $W(\pi(\underline{0}), K, \varepsilon)$  be a neighborhood of  $\pi(\underline{0})$  in  $C_k(Y)$  and  $m$  be a natural number such that  $\frac{1}{m} < \varepsilon$ . Since  $K$  is a compact subset of  $Y$  there is a  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $j \geq m$ , such that  $K \subset \cap U_j$ . Then

$$\pi(f_K(K)) = f_K(K) \subset f_K(\cap \mathcal{U}_j) \subset \left( \frac{-1}{j}, \frac{1}{j} \right) \subset \left( \frac{-1}{m}, \frac{1}{m} \right),$$

i.e.,  $\pi(f_K) \in W(\pi(\underline{0}), K, \varepsilon)$  and  $B_j \subset W(\underline{0}, K, \varepsilon)$ .  $\square$

In a similar way one can show that

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $Y$  be a subspace of a space  $X$ . The following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $\pi : C_k(X) \rightarrow C_k(Y)$  has the Pytkeev property;
- (2) if  $\mathcal{U}$  is a  $k$ -cover of  $X$  relatively  $k$ -shrinkable with respect to  $Y$ , then there is a sequence  $\{\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of subfamilies of  $\mathcal{U}$  such that, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $|\mathcal{U}_n| = \omega$  and  $\{\cap \mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a  $k$ -cover of  $Y$ .

The selectively Pytkeev property was studied in [12] (in hyperspaces) and in [17] (in function spaces).

**Definition 3.3** [12]. Let  $X$  be a topological space. We say that  $X$  is a *selectively Pytkeev space* if for each sequence  $(A_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of elements of  $\Omega_x$  there is a sequence  $(B_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  such that  $B_n$  is an infinite subsets of  $A_n$ , for each  $n$ , and  $(B_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  is  $\pi$ -network at  $x$ .

If  $X$  has this property at all points  $x \in X$  we shall say that  $X$  is a *selectively Pytkeev space*.



We introduce the following definition to transfer this property to continuous mappings.

**Definition 3.4.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous mapping and let  $x \in X$ . We say that  $f$  has the *selectively Pytkeev property at  $x$*  if for each sequence  $(A_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of elements of  $\Omega_x$  there is a sequence  $(B_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  such that  $B_n$  is an infinite subsets of  $A_n$  for each  $n$  and  $(f(B_n) : n \in \mathbb{N})$  is  $\pi$ -network at  $f(x)$ .

If  $f$  has this property at all points  $x \in X$ , then we shall say that  $f$  has the *selectively Pytkeev property*.

With small modifications in the proof of Theorem 3.1 one can prove the following two theorems.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $Y$  be a subspace of a space  $X$ . The following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $\pi : C_p(X) \rightarrow C_p(Y)$  has the Pytkeev property;
- (2) if  $(\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  is a sequence of  $\omega$ -covers of  $X$  relatively  $\omega$ -shrinkable with respect to  $Y$ , then there is a sequence  $(\mathcal{V}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  such that, for each  $n$ ,  $\mathcal{V}_n$  is an infinitely countable subset of  $\mathcal{U}_n$  and  $\{\bigcap \mathcal{V}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is an  $\omega$ -cover of  $Y$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $Y$  be a subspace of a space  $X$ . The following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $\pi : C_k(X) \rightarrow C_k(Y)$  has the selectively Pytkeev property;
- (2) if  $(\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  is a sequence of  $k$ -covers of  $X$  relatively  $k$ -shrinkable with respect to  $Y$ , then there is a sequence  $(\mathcal{V}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  such that, for each  $n$ ,  $\mathcal{V}_n$  is an infinitely countable subset of  $\mathcal{U}_n$  and  $\{\bigcap \mathcal{V}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a  $k$ -cover of  $Y$ .

#### 4. The Reznichenko Property of Continuous Mappings

According to [14] we have the following notions.

**Definition 4.1.** For a space  $X$  and an element  $x \in X$  we have:

(1) An  $\omega$ -cover (a  $k$ -cover)  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $X$  called *groupable* [14] if there is a partition  $(\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of  $\mathcal{U}$  into pairwise disjoint finite sets such that for each finite (compact) subset  $F$  of  $X$ , for all but finitely many  $n$ , there is a  $U \in \mathcal{U}_n$  such that  $F \subset U$ .

(2) An element  $A$  of  $\Omega_x$  is groupable [14] if there is a partition  $(A_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of  $A$  into pairwise disjoint finite sets such that each neighborhood of  $x$  has nonempty intersection with all but finitely many elements  $A_n$ .

We use the following notation:

$\Omega^{gp}$  -the collection of all groupable  $\omega$ -covers of  $X$ ;

$K^{gp}$  -the collection of all groupable  $k$ -covers of a space;

$(\Omega_x)^{gp}$  -the collection of all groupable elements of  $\Omega_x$ .

A space  $X$  is said to have the  *$\omega$ -grouping property* [15] if each countable  $\omega$ -cover  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $X$  is groupable.

We give now the following.

**Definition 4.2.** Let  $Y$  be a subset of a space  $X$ .  $Y$  is said to have the *relative  $\omega$ -grouping property* in  $X$  if for each  $\omega$ -cover  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $X$  there is a sequence  $(\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of pairwise disjoint finite subfamilies of  $\mathcal{U}$  such that each finite subset  $F$  of  $Y$  is contained in some  $U \in \mathcal{U}_n$  for all but finitely many  $n$ .

In 1996 Reznichenko introduced the following property: Each countable element of  $\Omega_x$  is a member of  $(\Omega_x)^{gp}$ . In [14], the authors defined the *selectively Reznichenko property*:  $X$  has selectively Reznichenko property if  $S_{fin}(\Omega_x, (\Omega_x)^{gp})$  holds for each  $x \in X$ .

In [9] the authors transfer this property to mappings and introduce the following definitions.

**Definition 4.3.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous mapping and let  $x \in X$ . We say that  $f$  has the *selectively Reznichenko property at  $x$*  if for each sequence  $(A_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of elements of  $\Omega_x$  there is a collection  $\{B_n :$

$n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  such that, for each  $n$ ,  $B_n$  is a finite subset of  $A_n$  and for each neighborhood  $V$  of  $f(x)$ , for all but finitely many  $n$ ,  $V \cap f(B_n) \neq \emptyset$ .

If  $f$  has this property at all points  $x \in X$ , then we shall say that  $f$  has the *selectively Reznichenko property*.

**Definition 4.4.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous mapping and let  $x \in X$ . We say that  $f$  has the *Reznichenko property at  $x$*  if for each  $A$  of elements of  $\Omega_x$  there is a collection  $\{B_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of finite subset of  $A$  and for each neighborhood  $V$  of  $f(x)$ , for all but finitely many  $n$ ,  $V \cap f(B_n) \neq \emptyset$ .

If  $f$  has this property at all points  $x \in X$ , then we shall say that  $f$  has the *Reznichenko property*.

**Remark 4.1.** Observe that if either  $X$  or  $Y$  has the (selectively) Reznichenko property, then  $f$  has that property.

Improving a result from [9] and following [19], we prove that

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $Y$  be a subspace of a space  $X$ . The following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $\pi : C_p(X) \rightarrow C_p(Y)$  has the Reznichenko property;
- (2) if  $\mathcal{U}$  is an  $\omega$ -cover of  $X$  relatively  $\omega$ -shrinkable with respect to  $Y$ , then there is a sequence  $(\mathcal{V}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of pairwise disjoint finite subsets of  $\mathcal{U}$  such that, for each finite set  $F$  of  $Y$ , the set  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : F \subset U \text{ for some } U \in \mathcal{V}_n\}$  is cofinite in  $\mathbb{N}$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be an  $\omega$ -cover of  $X$  relatively  $\omega$ -shrinkable with respect to  $Y$ . For each  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  we can take a continuous function  $f_U : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that  $f_U^{-1}(0) = U$ ,  $X \setminus U \subset f_U^{-1}(1)$  and  $\{f_U^{-1}(0) : U \in \mathcal{U}\}$  is an  $\omega$ -cover of  $X$ . Since  $\{f_U^{-1}(0) : U \in \mathcal{U}\}$  is an  $\omega$ -cover of  $X$ , we can assume that for distinct  $U, U' \in \mathcal{U}$ ,  $f_U$  and  $f_{U'}$  are distinct. Let  $A = \{f_U : U \in \mathcal{U}\}$ . Obviously  $\underline{0} \in \overline{A} \setminus A$ . Since  $\pi$  has the Reznichenko property there is a family  $\mathcal{F}$  of pairwise disjoint finite subsets of  $A$  such that, for each neighborhood  $W$  of  $\pi(\underline{0})$ , the family  $\{\pi(A_n) : \pi(A_n) \cap W = \emptyset\}$  is finite,

where  $A_n = \{f_U : U \in \mathcal{U}_n\}$ . It is easy to show that the sequence  $(\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  is a desired one.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $A$  be a subset of  $C_p(X)$  and  $\underline{0} \in \overline{A} \setminus A$ . For each  $f \in A$  let  $U_n(f) = \left\{x \in X : |f(x)| < \frac{1}{n}\right\}$  and  $\mathcal{U} = \{U_n(f) : f \in A\}$ . It is easy to prove that  $\mathcal{U}$  is an  $\omega$ -cover of  $X$  relatively  $\omega$ -shrinkable with respect to  $Y$ . Then there is a sequence  $(\mathcal{V}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of pairwise disjoint finite subsets of  $\mathcal{U}$  and for each  $F$  finite subset of  $Y$  the family  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : F \subset U \text{ for some } U \in \mathcal{V}_n\}$  is cofinite in  $\mathbb{N}$ . For each  $n$ , we set  $\mathcal{V}_n = \{U_n(f) : f \in S_n\}$ , where  $S_n$  is a finite subset of  $A$ . Then the family  $(S_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  is disjoint and for each finite subset  $F$  of  $Y$  the set  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : W(\pi(\underline{0}), F, 1) \cap \pi(S_n) = \emptyset\}$  is cofinite in  $\mathbb{N}$ .

We set  $S = \bigcup\{\pi(S_n) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ,  $L_0 = \bigcup\{\pi(S_{2n}) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and  $L_1 = \bigcup\{\pi(S_{2n+1}) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Obviously  $\pi(\underline{0}) \in \overline{L_0 \cup (\pi(A) \setminus \pi(S))}$  or  $\pi(\underline{0}) \in \overline{L_1 \cup (\pi(A) \setminus \pi(S))}$ . Let  $\pi(\underline{0}) \in \overline{L_1 \cup (\pi(A) \setminus \pi(S))}$ , and enumerate as  $\{S_{2n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\} = \{\pi(A_{1n}) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Since  $\mathcal{U}'_n = \{U_n(f) : f \in L_1 \cup (\pi(A) \setminus \pi(S))\}$  is an  $\omega$ -cover of  $X$  relatively  $\omega$ -shrinkable with respect to  $Y$  by the same procedure as above, there exists a disjoint family  $\{\pi(A_{2n}) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of finite subset of  $L_1 \cup (\pi(A) \setminus \pi(S))$  and for each finite subset  $F$  of  $Y$  the set  $\left\{n \in \mathbb{N} : W\left(\pi(\underline{0}), F, \frac{1}{2}\right) \cap \pi(A_{2n}) = \emptyset\right\}$  is cofinite in  $\mathbb{N}$ . Then  $\pi(\underline{0}) \in \overline{\pi(A) \setminus \bigcup\{\pi(A_{mn}) : n \in \mathbb{N}, m = 1, 2\}}$ . By repeating this operation, we have a disjoint family  $\{A_{mn} : m \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of finite subsets of  $A$  such that for each  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and each  $F$  finite in  $Y$  the set  $\left\{n \in \mathbb{N} : W\left(\pi(\underline{0}), F, \frac{1}{m}\right) \cap \pi(A_{mn}) = \emptyset\right\}$  is cofinite in  $\mathbb{N}$ . Now let  $A_n = \{A_{ij} : i + j = n\}$ . It is not difficult to see that  $\{A_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is desired one.

In a similar way one can prove the following assertions.

**Theorem 4.2.** *For a subset  $Y$  of a space  $X$  the following are equivalent:*

(1)  $\pi : C_k(X) \rightarrow C_k(Y)$  has the Reznichenko property;

(2) if  $\mathcal{U}$  is a  $k$ -cover of  $X$  relatively  $k$ -shrinkable with respect to  $Y$ , then there is a sequence  $(\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of pairwise disjoint finite subsets of  $\mathcal{U}$  such that, for each compact  $K$  of  $Y$ , the set  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : K \subset U \text{ for some } U \in \mathcal{U}_n\}$  is cofinite in  $\mathbb{N}$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $Y$  be a subspace of a space  $X$ . The following are equivalent:

(1)  $\pi : C_p(X) \rightarrow C_p(Y)$  has the selectively Reznichenko property;

(2) if  $(\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  is a sequence of  $\omega$ -covers of  $X$  relatively  $\omega$ -shrinkable with respect to  $Y$ , then there is a sequence  $(\mathcal{V}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of pairwise disjoint sets such that, for each  $n$ ,  $\mathcal{V}_n$  is a finite subsets of  $\mathcal{U}_n$  and for each finite set  $F$  of  $Y$ , the set  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : F \subset U \text{ for some } U \in \mathcal{V}_n\}$  is cofinite in  $\mathbb{N}$ .

**Theorem 4.4.** Let  $Y$  be a subspace of a space  $X$ . The following are equivalent:

(1)  $\pi : C_k(X) \rightarrow C_k(Y)$  has the selectively Reznichenko property;

(2) if  $(\mathcal{U}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  is a sequence of  $k$ -covers of  $X$  relative  $k$ -shrinkable with respect to  $Y$ , then there is a sequence  $(\mathcal{V}_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of pairwise disjoint such that, for each  $n$ ,  $\mathcal{V}_n$  is a finite subset of  $\mathcal{U}_n$  such that, for each compact set  $K$  of  $Y$ , the set  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : K \subset U \text{ for some } U \in \mathcal{V}_n\}$  is cofinite in  $\mathbb{N}$ .

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