

## ON QUASI-UNIFORMITIES IN HYPERSPACES

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**ABSTRACT.** Quasi-uniformities in spaces of subsets are investigated. It is shown, by means of examples, how quasi-uniformities can play a unifying role in the study of topological structures in hyperspaces. The main application is the following result: an infinite product of upper semicontinuous multi-valued mappings, with compact sets as values, is again upper semicontinuous.

**1. Introduction.** If  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is a topological space, we denote the *upper* (resp. *lower*) *semifinite topology* induced by  $\mathcal{T}$  on  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  by  $\mathcal{T}^*$  (resp.  $\mathcal{T}_*$ ). The *finite* (Vietoris) *topology* will be denoted by  $\mathcal{T}^\sim$ . In the appendix to his basic paper [6], E. Michael apologizes to the reader for originally not having been aware of the fact that  $\mathcal{T}^\sim$  can be expressed as the join of two hyperspace topologies, viz.  $\mathcal{T}^*$  and  $\mathcal{T}_*$ . He also mentions that, if  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  is a uniform space, then the (Bourbaki) uniformity induced by  $\mathcal{U}$  on  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  can also be expressed as the join of two uniformities.

In fact, as noted by N. Levine and W. J. Stager in [5], these two structures are only *quasi-uniformities*, i.e. they do not necessarily satisfy the symmetry axiom (for basic definitions and results on quasi-uniform spaces, see [7]). On the other hand, they can be defined even if  $\mathcal{U}$  itself is only assumed to be a quasi-uniformity. Indeed, as  $U$  runs through the set of entourages  $\mathcal{U}$ , the sets

$$U^* = \{(A, B) \in \mathcal{P}(X) \times \mathcal{P}(X) : B \subset U(A)\}$$

form a base for a quasi-uniformity  $\mathcal{U}^*$  on  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ , while the sets

$$U_* = \{(A, B) \in \mathcal{P}(X) \times \mathcal{P}(X) : A \subset U^{-1}(B)\}$$

form a base for a quasi-uniformity  $\mathcal{U}_*$  on  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ . We call  $\mathcal{U}^*$  (resp.  $\mathcal{U}_*$ ) the *upper* (resp. *lower*) *quasi-uniformity* induced by  $\mathcal{U}$  on  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ . Finally, the sets  $U = U^* \cap U_*$  form a base for a quasi-uniformity  $\mathcal{U}^\sim$  on  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ , which is the join of  $\mathcal{U}^*$  and  $\mathcal{U}_*$ , and which we call the *Bourbaki quasi-uniformity* induced by  $\mathcal{U}$  on  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ . If  $\mathcal{U}$  is itself a uniformity, then  $\mathcal{U}^*$  and  $\mathcal{U}_*$  are conjugate quasi-uniformities, and  $\mathcal{U}^\sim$  is nothing but the usual Bourbaki uniformity.

The aim of this paper is to study these hyperspace quasi-uniformities. In §2, we investigate some of their basic properties, including the relationships between quasi-uniformities and topologies. One of our results can be paraphrased as follows: a precompact union of precompact sets is precom-

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pact. The aim of §3 is to show, by means of two examples (one of them deals with separation, the other concerns the closure mapping), how quasi-uniformities can be used to give a common proof of different results about topological structures in hyperspaces. This is done with the use of Pervin's quasi-uniformity. We pursue that line of thought in §4, and show how this approach leads us to the following new result: an arbitrary (not necessarily finite!) product of upper semicontinuous multi-valued mappings, with compact sets as values, is again upper semicontinuous.

If  $X$  is a topological space,  $\mathcal{F}(X)$  will denote the set of all closed subsets of  $X$ , and  $\mathcal{K}(X)$  the set of all compact subsets of  $X$ . We also write  $\mathcal{P}_0(X)$  (resp.  $\mathcal{K}_0(X)$ ) for the set of all nonempty sets in  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  (resp.  $\mathcal{K}(X)$ ).

Standard references on hyperspaces are [3] and [6].

**2. Properties of quasi-uniformities in hyperspaces.** Perhaps the most important result of [6] concerning uniform spaces is that "a compact union of closed sets is closed" (Theorem 2.5.1, p. 157). The following generalization to quasi-uniform spaces can be proved in the same way.

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  be a quasi-uniform space, and suppose that  $\mathcal{Q}$  is a compact subset of  $(\mathcal{P}(X), (\mathcal{U}^{-1})^*)$ . If each set of  $\mathcal{Q}$  is closed in  $(X, \mathcal{U})$ , then the union of the sets of  $\mathcal{Q}$  is also closed.*

The following result, which is new even in the case of uniform spaces, deals with precompactness.

**THEOREM 2.2.** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  be a quasi-uniform space, and suppose that  $\mathcal{Q}$  is a precompact subset of  $(\mathcal{P}(X), \mathcal{U}^*)$ . If each set of  $\mathcal{Q}$  is precompact in  $(X, \mathcal{U})$ , then the union of the sets of  $\mathcal{Q}$  is also precompact.*

**PROOF.** Let  $A_0$  be the union of the sets of  $\mathcal{Q}$ , and let  $U$  be any entourage in  $\mathcal{U}$ . Now there exists an entourage  $V$  in  $\mathcal{U}$  with  $V^2 \subset U$ . Since  $\mathcal{Q}$  is precompact, there exists a finite subset  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $\mathcal{Q}$  such that  $\mathcal{Q} \subset V^*(\mathcal{B})$ . Now each set  $B$  in  $\mathcal{B}$  is precompact, and so there exists a finite subset  $F_B$  of  $B$  such that  $B \subset V(F_B)$ . Then, the union  $F$  of the family of sets  $(F_B)_{B \in \mathcal{B}}$  is a finite subset of  $A_0$ . Moreover, we claim that  $A_0 \subset U(F)$ . Indeed, for each set  $A$  in  $\mathcal{Q}$  there exists a set  $B$  in  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $A \in V^*(B)$ , and so

$$A \subset V(B) \subset V(V(F_B)) \subset V^2(F) \subset U(F).$$

Thus,  $A_0 \subset U(F)$ , showing that  $A_0$  is precompact.

A multi-valued mapping  $\Gamma$  of a topological space  $(X_1, \mathcal{T}_1)$  into a topological space  $(X_2, \mathcal{T}_2)$  is well known to be *upper semicontinuous* (abbr. u.s.c.) if and only if the (single-valued) mapping  $x \mapsto \Gamma(x)$  of  $(X_1, \mathcal{T}_1)$  into  $(\mathcal{P}(X_2), \mathcal{T}_2^*)$  is continuous. Similarly, we say that a multi-valued mapping  $\Gamma$  of a quasi-uniform space  $(X_1, \mathcal{U}_1)$  into a quasi-uniform space  $(X_2, \mathcal{U}_2)$  is *quasi-uniformly upper semicontinuous* (abbr. q.-u. u.s.c.) if the mapping  $x \mapsto \Gamma(x)$  of  $(X_1, \mathcal{U}_1)$  into  $(\mathcal{P}(X_2), \mathcal{U}_2^*)$  is quasi-uniformly continuous (abbr. q.-u. continuous).

Since precompactness is preserved under quasi-uniform continuity, we obtain, as a direct consequence of Theorem 2.2:

**COROLLARY 2.3.** *Let  $\Gamma$  be a q.u. u.s.c. multi-valued mapping of a quasi-uniform space  $(X_1, \mathcal{U}_1)$  into a quasi-uniform space  $(X_2, \mathcal{U}_2)$ . If  $A$  is a precompact subset of  $(X_1, \mathcal{U}_1)$ , and if  $\Gamma(x)$  is precompact in  $(X_2, \mathcal{U}_2)$  for each  $x \in A$ , then  $\Gamma(A)$  is also precompact.*

As far as the relations between the various hyperspace structures considered above are concerned, Lemma 3.2 of [6, p. 159] now takes the following form (if  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  is a quasi-uniform space, we denote by  $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{U})$  the topology induced by  $\mathcal{U}$  on  $X$ ):

**LEMMA 2.4.** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  be a quasi-uniform space.*

(a) *The topology  $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{U}^*)$  is coarser than  $(\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{U}))^*$ . Conversely, in order that every  $(\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{U}))^*$ - (resp.  $(\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{U}))^\sim$ -) neighbourhood of a point  $A_0$  in  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  contains a  $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{U}^*)$ - (resp.  $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{U})^\sim$ -) neighbourhood of  $A_0$ , it is necessary and sufficient that the sets  $U(A_0)$  form a base of neighbourhoods of  $A_0$  in  $X$ , as  $U$  runs through  $\mathcal{U}$ .*

(b) *The topology  $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{U}_*)$  is finer than  $(\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{U}))_*$ . Conversely, in order that every  $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{U}_*)$ - (resp.  $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{U})^\sim$ -) neighbourhood of a point  $A_0$  in  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  contains a  $(\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{U}))_*$ - (resp.  $(\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{U}))^\sim$ -) neighbourhood of  $A_0$ , it is necessary and sufficient that  $A_0$  be a precompact subset of  $(X, \mathcal{U}^{-1})$ .*

Note that, if one further assumes  $X$  to be a  $T_1$ -space, then this result can also be formulated and proved for the space  $\mathcal{F}(X)$ , instead of  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ .

We draw the following conclusion from Lemma 2.4:

**THEOREM 2.5.**

(a) *The topology  $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{U}^*)$  coincides with  $(\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{U}))^*$  on  $\mathcal{K}(X)$ .*  
 (b) *If  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  is a uniform space, then, on  $\mathcal{K}(X)$ , the topologies  $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{U}_*)$  and  $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{U}^\sim)$  also coincide with  $(\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{U}))_*$  and  $(\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{U}))^\sim$ , respectively.*

Perhaps it is worth mentioning at this point that the Hausdorff metric on the space of all nonempty, closed, bounded subsets of a metric space can also be “split up” in two. More generally, if  $(X, d)$  is a quasi-pseudometric space ( $d$  does not necessarily satisfy the symmetry axiom), then the mapping  $d^*$  of  $\mathcal{P}(X) \times \mathcal{P}(X)$  into  $[0, \infty]$ , defined by

$$d^*(A, B) = \sup_{y \in B} d(A, y)$$

for each  $A, B \in \mathcal{P}(X)$  (with  $d^*(A, \emptyset) = 0$ ), is easily verified to be a quasi-pseudometric on  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ . Similarly for the mapping  $d_*$ , defined by

$$d_*(A, B) = \sup_{x \in A} d(x, B)$$

for each  $A, B \in \mathcal{P}(X)$  (with  $d_*(\emptyset, B) = 0$ ). The join  $d^*$  of  $d^*$  and  $d_*$  is nothing but the Hausdorff pseudometric, in the case where  $d$  is itself a pseudometric. Also, denoting by  $\mathcal{U}(d)$  the quasi-uniformity induced by a

quasi-pseudometric  $d$ , we have  $(\mathcal{U}(d))^* = \mathcal{U}(d^*)$ ,  $(\mathcal{U}(d))_* = \mathcal{U}(d_*)$  and  $(\mathcal{U}(d))\tilde{=} \mathcal{U}(d)$ .

**3. Pervin's quasi-uniformity and hyperspaces.** In this section, we intend to show how quasi-uniformities can play a unifying role in the study of topological structures in hyperspaces.

The first step in this direction is to note that every topological space is quasi-uniformizable. W. J. Pervin has shown in [8] that every topology  $\mathcal{T}$  on a set  $X$  induces a quasi-uniformity  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T})$  on  $X$  with the property that the topology induced by  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T})$  is equal to  $\mathcal{T}$  itself. We shall refer to  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T})$  as *Pervin's quasi-uniformity* induced by  $\mathcal{T}$  on  $X$ . For convenience, we recall how  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T})$  is constructed. If  $X$  is a set, we write

$$U_X(A) = (A \times A) \cup ((X \setminus A) \times X)$$

for each subset  $A$  of  $X$ . If  $\mathcal{T}$  is a topology on  $X$ , then the sets  $U_X(G)$ , with  $G$  running through  $\mathcal{T}$ , generate  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T})$ . If we only let  $G$  run through a subbase of  $\mathcal{T}$ , the sets  $U_X(G)$  still generate  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T})$ . If  $\mathcal{T}'$  is also a topology on  $X$ , then it is easy to see that

$$\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T} \vee \mathcal{T}') = \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}) \vee \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}'),$$

a useful property of Pervin's quasi-uniformity (we use the symbol “ $\vee$ ” to denote the join of two topologies or two quasi-uniformities). In particular, it follows that  $\mathcal{T}$  is finer than  $\mathcal{T}'$  if and only if  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T})$  is finer than  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}')$ .

As far as hyperspaces are concerned, the most useful property of Pervin's quasi-uniformity is that it is compatible with the formation of quasi-uniformities in hyperspaces, in the following sense:

**LEMMA 3.1.** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space. Then we have:*

- (a)  $(\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}))^* = \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}^*)$ .
- (b)  $(\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}))_* = \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}_*)$ .
- (c)  $(\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}))\tilde{=} \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T})$ .

**PROOF.** N. Levine and W. J. Stager have shown that the sets  $(U_X(G))^*$ , with  $G$  running through  $\mathcal{T}$ , generate  $(\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}))^*$ , and that  $(U_X(G))_* = U_{\mathcal{P}(X)}(\mathcal{P}(G))$  [5, pp. 104–105, Theorems 2.1.2 and 2.1.3]. This proves part (a). Part (b) can be proved in a similar way. Using this, we then have

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}))\tilde{=} & (\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}))^* \vee (\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}))_* = \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}^*) \vee \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}_*) \\ & = \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}^* \vee \mathcal{T}_*) = \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}), \end{aligned}$$

proving part (c).

As a direct consequence of this lemma, we have:

**THEOREM 3.2.** *The topologies induced by  $(\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}))^*$ ,  $(\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}))_*$  and  $(\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}))\tilde{=}$  are equal to  $\mathcal{T}^*$ ,  $\mathcal{T}_*$  and  $\mathcal{T}$ , respectively.*

We now give an example of the use of this result, and show how the following two known propositions can be deduced from a single one about

quasi-uniform spaces:

- I. Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space. Then the topological space  $(\mathcal{F}(X), \mathcal{T}_*)$  is a  $T_0$ -space [6, p. 163, Theorem 4.9.1].
- II. Let  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  be a uniform space. Then the uniform space  $(\mathcal{F}(X), \mathcal{U}^\sim)$  is Hausdorff [2, p. 208, Exercise 6].

In order to carry this out, we use the fact that, in quasi-uniform spaces, the  $T_0$  separation axiom can be characterized in terms of entourages only: a quasi-uniform space  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  with base  $\mathcal{B}$  for its set of entourages  $\mathcal{U}$  is a  $T_0$ -space if and only if the intersection of the sets of  $\mathcal{B}$  is an anti-symmetric set [7, p. 35, Theorem 3.1]. We now prove:

**THEOREM 3.3.** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  be a quasi-uniform space. Then the quasi-uniform space  $(\mathcal{F}(X), \mathcal{U}_*)$  is a  $T_0$ -space.*

**PROOF.** We show that the intersection  $\mathcal{Q}$  of the sets  $U_* \cap (\mathcal{F}(X) \times \mathcal{F}(X))$ , where  $U$  runs through  $\mathcal{U}$ , is anti-symmetric. Now, because of the relation  $(U_*)^{-1} = (U^{-1})^*$ , the set  $\mathcal{Q}^{-1}$  is nothing but the intersection of the sets  $(U^{-1})^* \cap (\mathcal{F}(X) \times \mathcal{F}(X))$ . Thus, if  $(A, B) \in \mathcal{Q} \cap \mathcal{Q}^{-1}$ , then

$$A \subset \bigcap_U U^{-1}(B) = B \quad \text{and} \quad B \subset \bigcap_U U^{-1}(A) = A,$$

so that  $A = B$ , as desired.

**PROOF OF I.** By Theorem 3.3, the quasi-uniform space  $(\mathcal{F}(X), (\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}))_*)$  is a  $T_0$ -space ( $\mathcal{F}(X)$  is unambiguously defined, since the topology induced by  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T})$  is equal to  $\mathcal{T}$  itself). Since the topology induced by  $(\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}))_*$  is equal to  $\mathcal{T}_*$ , the result follows.

**PROOF OF II.** Since  $\mathcal{U}_*$  is coarser than  $\mathcal{U}^\sim$ , the conclusion of Theorem 3.3 holds with  $\mathcal{U}^\sim$  in place of  $\mathcal{U}_*$ . Thus, the uniform space  $(\mathcal{F}(X), \mathcal{U}^\sim)$  is a  $T_0$ -space, hence it is Hausdorff.

Pervin's quasi-uniformity enables us to consider topological spaces as a subclass of the class of quasi-uniform spaces. In fact, it does much more than that: it transforms the morphisms of topological spaces into those of the associated quasi-uniform spaces. More precisely, we have the following result, which is Theorem 4.1 of [4, p. 101].

**THEOREM 3.4.** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  and  $(X', \mathcal{T}')$  be topological spaces. Then a mapping  $f: X \rightarrow X'$  is  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}')$ -continuous if and only if it is  $(\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}), \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}'))$ -q.u. continuous.*

**COROLLARY 3.5.** *A sufficient condition for  $\mathcal{T}$  to be the inverse image of  $\mathcal{T}'$  under  $f$  is that  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T})$  be the inverse image of  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}')$  under  $f$ .*

**PROOF.** Suppose that  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T})$  is the inverse image of  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}')$  under  $f$ . Then  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}), \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}'))$ -q.u. continuous, hence it is  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}')$ -continuous. Now suppose  $\mathcal{T}''$  is a topology on  $X$  which is such that  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{T}'', \mathcal{T}')$ -continuous. Then  $f$  is  $(\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}''), \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}'))$ -q.u. continuous, and so  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}'')$  is finer than  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T})$ . It follows that  $\mathcal{T}''$  is finer than  $\mathcal{T}$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{T}$  is the inverse image of  $\mathcal{T}'$  under  $f$ .

In fact, the condition stated in the above result is also necessary (cf. [4, p. 102, Theorem 4.6]).

As an example of the usefulness of Corollary 3.5, we consider the mapping  $A \mapsto \bar{A}$  of  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  into itself. More generally:

**THEOREM 3.6.** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  be a quasi-uniform space, and let  $f: \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  be any mapping such that  $A \subset f(A) \subset \bar{A}$  for each  $A \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ . Then the quasi-uniformity  $\mathcal{U}_*$  of  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  is the inverse image of itself under the mapping  $f$ .*

**PROOF.** The result will follow if we can show that

$$\mathcal{U}_* \subset (f \times f)^{-1}((U \circ U)_*) \quad \text{and} \quad (f \times f)^{-1}(\mathcal{U}_*) \subset (U \circ U)_*$$

for each entourage  $U$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ , i.e. that the implications

$$A \subset U^{-1}(B) \Rightarrow f(A) \subset (U \circ U)^{-1}(f(B))$$

and

$$f(A) \subset U^{-1}(f(B)) \Rightarrow A \subset (U \circ U)^{-1}(B)$$

hold. Now, if  $A \subset U^{-1}(B)$ , then

$$f(A) \subset \bar{A} \subset U^{-1}(A) \subset U^{-1}(U^{-1}(B)) \subset U^{-1}(U^{-1}(f(B))),$$

while if  $f(A) \subset U^{-1}(f(B))$ , then

$$A \subset f(A) \subset U^{-1}(f(B)) \subset U^{-1}(\bar{B}) \subset U^{-1}(U^{-1}(B)).$$

Hence the result.

With  $f$  defined as in Theorem 3.6, we can now deduce:

**COROLLARY 3.7.** *Let  $(X, \mathfrak{T})$  be a topological space. Then the topology  $\mathfrak{T}_*$  of  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  is the inverse image of itself under the mapping  $f$ .*

**PROOF.** By Theorem 3.6, the quasi-uniformity  $(\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{T}))_*$  is the inverse image of itself under  $f$ . Since  $(\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{T}))_* = \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{T}_*)$ , the result follows by using Corollary 3.5.

**COROLLARY 3.8.** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  be a uniform space. Then each of the quasi-uniformities  $\mathcal{U}^*$ ,  $\mathcal{U}_*$  and  $\mathcal{U}^\sim$  of  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  is the inverse image of itself under the mapping  $f$ .*

**PROOF.** Since the result holds for  $\mathcal{U}_*$  by Theorem 3.6, and since  $\mathcal{U}^*$  and  $\mathcal{U}_*$  are conjugate, the result also holds for  $\mathcal{U}^*$ . It then follows that the result holds for the join  $\mathcal{U}^\sim$  of  $\mathcal{U}^*$  and  $\mathcal{U}_*$ .

**4. Upper semicontinuity of infinite products.** As a final example of the use of quasi-uniformities in hyperspaces, we consider products. Let us first make some notational remarks. If  $(X_i, \mathcal{U}_i)_{i \in I}$  is a family of quasi-uniform spaces, we denote the product quasi-uniformity on  $\times_{i \in I} X_i$  by  $\times_{i \in I} \mathcal{U}_i$ . Adopting a similar notation for product topologies, we have

$$\mathfrak{T}\left(\bigtimes_{i \in I} \mathcal{U}_i\right) = \bigtimes_{i \in I} \mathfrak{T}(\mathcal{U}_i).$$

**THEOREM 4.1.** *Let  $(X_i, \mathcal{U}_i)_{i \in I}$  be a family of quasi-uniform spaces, and let  $F$  be the mapping  $(A_i)_{i \in I} \mapsto \bigtimes_{i \in I} A_i$  of  $\bigtimes_{i \in I} \mathcal{P}(X_i)$  into  $\mathcal{P}(\bigtimes_{i \in I} X_i)$ . Then  $F$  induces a quasi-uniform isomorphism of  $(\bigtimes_{i \in I} \mathcal{P}_0(X_i), \bigtimes_{i \in I} \mathcal{U}_i^*)$  onto a subspace of  $(\mathcal{P}_0(\bigtimes_{i \in I} X_i), (\bigtimes_{i \in I} \mathcal{U}_i)^*)$ .*

**PROOF.** First of all, it is clear that  $F$  induces a bijection of  $\bigtimes_{i \in I} \mathcal{P}_0(X_i)$  onto a subset of  $\mathcal{P}_0(\bigtimes_{i \in I} X_i)$ . Now put  $G = F \times F$ . For each  $j \in I$ , let

$$p_j: \bigtimes_{i \in I} X_i \rightarrow X_j \quad \text{and} \quad P_j: \bigtimes_{i \in I} \mathcal{P}(X_i) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X_j)$$

be the projections, and put  $g_j = p_j \times p_j$  and  $G_j = P_j \times P_j$ .

For each  $i \in I$ , the sets  $U_i^*$  form a base for  $\mathcal{U}_i^*$ , as  $U_i$  runs through  $\mathcal{U}_i$ . Thus, if  $\mathcal{Q}$  is the set of all sets of the form  $G_i^{-1}(U_i^*)$ , where  $i \in I$  and  $U_i \in \mathcal{U}_i$ , then the set of all finite intersections

$$W^*(U_{i_1}, \dots, U_{i_n}) = G_{i_1}^{-1}(U_{i_1}^*) \cap \dots \cap G_{i_n}^{-1}(U_{i_n}^*)$$

of sets of  $\mathcal{Q}$  is a base of  $\bigtimes_{i \in I} \mathcal{U}_i^*$ .

On the other hand, let  $\mathcal{B}$  be the set of all sets of the form  $g_i^{-1}(U_i)$ , where  $i \in I$  and  $U_i \in \mathcal{U}_i$ . Then the set of all finite intersections

$$W(U_{i_1}, \dots, U_{i_n}) = g_{i_1}^{-1}(U_{i_1}) \cap \dots \cap g_{i_n}^{-1}(U_{i_n})$$

of sets of  $\mathcal{B}$  is a base for  $\bigtimes_{i \in I} \mathcal{U}_i$ . It follows that the sets  $(W(U_{i_1}, \dots, U_{i_n}))^*$  form a base for  $(\bigtimes_{i \in I} \mathcal{U}_i)^*$ .

Putting  $Y = \bigtimes_{i \in I} \mathcal{P}_0(X_i)$ , the result will thus follow if we can show that

$$G^{-1}((W(U_{i_1}, \dots, U_{i_n}))^*) \cap (Y \times Y) = W^*(U_{i_1}, \dots, U_{i_n}) \cap (Y \times Y).$$

Now, for each  $((A_i)_{i \in I}, (B_i)_{i \in I}) \in Y \times Y$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} ((A_i)_{i \in I}, (B_i)_{i \in I}) &\in G^{-1}((W(U_{i_1}, \dots, U_{i_n}))^*) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \left( \bigtimes_{i \in I} A_i, \bigtimes_{i \in I} B_i \right) \in (W(U_{i_1}, \dots, U_{i_n}))^* \\ &\Leftrightarrow \bigtimes_{i \in I} B_i \subset W(U_{i_1}, \dots, U_{i_n}) \left( \bigtimes_{i \in I} A_i \right) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \forall (y_i)_{i \in I} \in \bigtimes_{i \in I} B_i \ \exists (x_i)_{i \in I} \in \bigtimes_{i \in I} A_i \end{aligned}$$

such that  $(x_{i_k}, y_{i_k}) \in U_{i_k} \ \forall k = 1, \dots, n$ , whereas

$$\begin{aligned} ((A_i)_{i \in I}, (B_i)_{i \in I}) &\in W^*(U_{i_1}, \dots, U_{i_n}) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (A_{i_k}, B_{i_k}) \in U_{i_k}^* \ \forall k = 1, \dots, n \\ &\Leftrightarrow B_{i_k} \subset U_{i_k}(A_{i_k}) \ \forall k = 1, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

Since the sets  $A_i$  and  $B_i$  are all nonempty, the result follows.

It is clear that this theorem remains true if upper quasi-uniformities are replaced everywhere by the corresponding lower or Bourbaki quasi-uniformities.

We now turn to topological spaces. Part (a) of the following theorem is a proposition of structural character which we state for its own sake. Part (b) is

the formulation we need to obtain the corollary that follows.

**THEOREM 4.2.** *Let  $(X_i, \mathcal{T}_i)_{i \in I}$  be a family of topological spaces, and let  $F$  be the mapping*

$$(A_i)_{i \in I} \mapsto \bigtimes_{i \in I} A_i$$

*of  $(\bigtimes_{i \in I} \mathcal{P}_0(X_i), \bigtimes_{i \in I} \mathcal{T}_i^*)$  into  $(\mathcal{P}_0(\bigtimes_{i \in I} X_i), (\bigtimes_{i \in I} \mathcal{T}_i)^*)$ .*

*(a)  $F$  induces a homeomorphism of  $\bigtimes_{i \in I} \mathcal{K}_0(X_i)$  onto a subspace of  $\mathcal{K}_0(\bigtimes_{i \in I} X_i)$ .*

*(b)  $F$  is continuous at every  $(A_i)_{i \in I} \in \bigtimes_{i \in I} \mathcal{K}_0(X_i)$ .*

**PROOF.** By Theorem 4.1, the mapping  $F$  induces a quasi-uniform isomorphism, and hence a homeomorphism, of the space

$$\left( \bigtimes_{i \in I} \mathcal{P}_0(X_i), \bigtimes_{i \in I} (\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}_i))^* \right)$$

onto a subspace of  $(\mathcal{P}_0(\bigtimes_{i \in I} X_i), (\bigtimes_{i \in I} \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}_i))^*)$ . Now

$$\mathcal{T}\left(\bigtimes_{i \in I} (\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}_i))^*\right) = \bigtimes_{i \in I} \mathcal{T}((\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}_i))^*) = \bigtimes_{i \in I} \mathcal{T}_i^*$$

by Theorem 3.2, while, by Theorem 2.5,

$$\mathcal{T}\left(\left(\bigtimes_{i \in I} \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}_i)\right)^*\right) = \left(\mathcal{T}\left(\bigtimes_{i \in I} \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}_i)\right)\right)^* = \left(\bigtimes_{i \in I} \mathcal{T}_i\right)^*$$

on the set  $\mathcal{K}_0(\bigtimes_{i \in I} X_i)$ , so that part (a) is proved.

To prove (b), note that, if  $\bigtimes_{i \in I} A_i$  is compact, then every  $(\bigtimes_{i \in I} \mathcal{T}_i)^*$ -neighbourhood of  $\bigtimes_{i \in I} A_i$  in  $\mathcal{P}_0(\bigtimes_{i \in I} X_i)$  contains a  $\mathcal{T}((\bigtimes_{i \in I} \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{T}_i))^*)$ -neighbourhood of  $\bigtimes_{i \in I} A_i$ , by Lemma 2.4.

**COROLLARY 4.3.** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  be a topological space, and let  $(X_i, \mathcal{T}_i)_{i \in I}$  be a family of topological spaces. For each  $i \in I$ , let  $\Gamma_i$  be a multi-valued mapping of  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  into  $(X_i, \mathcal{T}_i)$  such that  $\Gamma_i(x) \neq \emptyset$  for each  $x \in X$ . Let  $\Gamma$  be the Cartesian product of the family  $(\Gamma_i)_{i \in I}$ , and let  $x_0 \in X$ . Suppose that, for each  $i \in I$ ,  $\Gamma_i$  is u.s.c. at  $x_0$  and  $\Gamma_i(x_0)$  is compact. Then  $\Gamma$  is u.s.c. at  $x_0$ .*

This is an advance over previous results, where the proof rests heavily on the finiteness of the index set  $I$  (cf. [1, p. 114, Theorem 4']). Also note that Corollary 4.3 remains true without the assumption that the sets  $\Gamma_i(x)$  be nonempty, as one easily verifies.

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