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## FUNCTIONALLY COUNTABLE SPACES AND BAIRE FUNCTIONS

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**ABSTRACT.** The concept of the distinguished sets is applied to the investigation of the functionally countable spaces. It is proved that every Baire function on a functionally countable space has a countable image. This is a positive answer to a question of R. Levy and W. D. Rice.

**0. Introduction.** The present work deals with the properties of distinguished subsets in Tychonov spaces and spaces of functions.

Section 1 presents the basic definitions and notions used in this paper. In Section 2 we discuss the concept of a distinguished subset. Every Baire set is a distinguished set. In Section 3 a factorization theorem for measurable mappings into a separable metric space is proved. For Baire measurable mappings more general results were obtained in [2]. Section 4 contains a positive answer to the question posed by R. Levy and M. D. Rice [11]. The extensions of measurable mappings are studied in Sections 5 and 6. Section 7 presents some results on extensions of zero-sets.

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**1. Preliminary results, definitions and notations.** We consider only Tychonov spaces. We shall use the notations and terminology from [4]. In particular,  $\beta X$  is the Stone-Ćech compactification of the space  $X$ ,  $cl_X H$  or  $cl H$  denotes the closure of a set  $H$  in  $X$ ,  $|X|$  is the cardinality of  $X$ ,  $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ , the symbol  $\mathbb{R}$  will denote the topological field of real numbers.

Fix a space  $X$ . By  $C(X)$  we denote the space of all continuous real-valued functions on  $X$ . Let  $B_0(X) = C(X)$  and inductively define the  $\alpha$  Baire class  $B_\alpha(X)$  for each ordinal  $\alpha \leq \Omega$  ( $\Omega$  denotes the first uncountable ordinal) to be the space of pointwise limits of sequences of functions in  $\cup\{B_\beta(X) : \beta < \alpha\}$ . For every function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  we denote  $Z(f) = f^{-1}(0)$  and  $CZ(f) = X \setminus Z(f)$ . We put  $Z_\alpha(X) = \{Z(f) : f \in B_\alpha(X)\} = \{f^{-1}F : F \text{ is a closed subset of } \mathbb{R}\}$ ,  $CZ_\alpha(X) = \{CZ(f) : f \in B_\alpha(X)\}$ ,  $Z_\alpha(X) \cap CZ_\alpha(X) = A_\alpha(X)$ . The class  $Z_\alpha(X)$  (class  $CZ_\alpha(X)$ ) is a multiplicative (additive) class  $\alpha$  of Baire sets of the space  $X$ . The sets  $A_\alpha(X)$  are called the sets of ambiguous Baire class  $\alpha$ .

Let  $PX$  be the set  $X$  with the topology generated by the  $G_\delta$ -sets in the space  $X$ . The topology of the space  $PX$  is called the Baire topology of the space  $X$ . For every  $\alpha \geq 0$  the classes  $Z_\alpha(X)$ ,  $CZ_{1+\alpha}(X)$ ,  $A_{1+\alpha}(X)$  are open bases of the space  $PX$ .

A space  $X$  is called a  $P$ -space if  $X = PX$ .

A space is realcompact if it is homeomorphic to a closed subspace of a product of real lines. Denote by  $\nu X$  the Hewitt real-compactification of the space  $X$ . From [4, Theorem 3.11.10] we have  $\nu X = \cap\{U \in CZ_0(\beta X) : X \subseteq U\} = \cap\{Y \subseteq \beta X : X \subseteq Y \text{ and } Y \text{ is a realcompact subspace}\} = \beta X \setminus \cup\{H \in Z_0(\beta \mathbb{R}) : X \cap H = \emptyset\}$ .

The discrete space of cardinality  $c = 2^{\aleph_0}$  will be denoted by  $D(c)$ . We consider that  $D(c) = P\mathbb{R}$ .

**Lemma 1.1.** *Let  $X$  be a realcompact space. Then  $PX$  is homeomorphic to a closed subspace of the Cartesian product  $D(c)^{C(X)}$ .*

*Proof.* For every  $f \in C(X)$  the mapping  $f : PX \rightarrow P\mathbb{R} = D(c)$  is continuous. The mapping  $\varphi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{C(X)}$ , where  $\varphi(x) = \{f(x) : f \in C(X)\}$  is an embedding and  $X = \varphi(X)$  is a closed subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{C(X)}$ . The mapping  $\varphi : PX \rightarrow (P\mathbb{R})^{C(X)} = D(c)^{C(X)}$  is an embedding. Hence  $PX = \varphi(PX)$  is a closed subspace of  $D(c)^{C(X)}$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 1.2.** *Let  $X$  be a realcompact space. Then  $PX$  is realcompact.*

**Lemma 1.3.**  $Z_\alpha(X) = \{X \cap H : H \in Z_\alpha(\beta(X))\}$  and  $CZ_\alpha(X) = \{X \cap H : H \in CZ_\alpha(\beta X)\}$  for all  $\alpha \leq \Omega$  and every space  $X$ .

*Proof.* Follows from equality  $Z_0(X) = \{X \cap H : H \in Z_0(\beta X)\}$ .  $\square$

**2. On distinguished subsets.** A subset  $H$  of a space  $X$  is called distinguished if there exist a separable metric space  $Y$  and a continuous mapping  $h : X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $H = h^{-1}(h(H))$ .

By  $D(X)$  we denote the class of all distinguished subsets of a space  $X$ .

Let  $2^{\mathbb{N}}$  be the family of all subsets of the set  $\mathbb{N}$ . Fix a subset  $B \subseteq 2^{\mathbb{N}}$ . For every sequence  $\{H_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of subsets of  $X$  we define

$$\Psi_B\{H_n\} = \cup\{(\cap\{H_n : n \in \xi\}) \cap (\cap\{X \setminus H_n : n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \xi\}) : \xi \in B\},$$

$$\Phi_B\{H_n\} = \cup\{\cap\{H_n : n \in \xi\} : \xi \in B\}.$$

The operation  $\Psi_B$  is called a  $ts$ -operation with a base  $B$  and  $\Phi_B$  is called a  $\delta s$ -operation with a base  $B$ .

If  $B \subseteq 2^{\mathbb{N}}$  and  $A = \{\xi \subseteq \mathbb{N} : \eta \subseteq \xi \text{ for some } \eta \in B\}$ , then  $\Psi_A\{H_n\} = \Phi_A\{H_n\} = \Phi_B\{H_n\}$  for every sequence  $\{H_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of subsets of  $X$ . Hence every  $\delta s$ -operation is a  $ts$ -operation (see [6, 9, 8, 3]).

For every  $ts$ -operation  $\Psi$  and family  $L$  of subsets of a space  $X$  we put  $\Psi(L) = \{\Psi\{E_n\} : \{E_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq L\}$ .

Let  $\Psi(X) = \Psi(Z_0(X))$  for every space  $X$ .

**Lemma 2.1.**  $\Psi_B(D(X)) \subseteq D(X)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\{H_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq D(X)$ . For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  fix a separable metric space  $Y_n$  and a continuous mapping  $f_n : X \rightarrow Y_n$  such that  $H_n = f_n^{-1}(f_n(H_n))$ . Consider the continuous mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y = \prod\{Y_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , where  $f(x) = \{f_n(x) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  for every  $x \in X$ . By construction  $f^{-1}(f(H_n)) = H_n$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(f(\Psi_B\{H_n\})) = \Psi_B\{H_n\}$  and  $f(\Psi_B\{H_n\}) = \Psi_B\{f(H_n)\}$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.2.**  $\Psi_B(X) \subseteq D(X)$ .

**Corollary 2.3.**  $D(X)$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra of open and closed subsets of the space  $PX$ .

**Corollary 2.4.** Let  $\{H_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq \Psi_B(X)$ . Then there exist a separable metric space  $Y$  and a continuous mapping  $h : X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $h(H_n) \in \Psi_B(Y)$  and  $H_n = h^{-1}(h(H_n))$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Corollary 2.5.**  $Z_\Omega(X) \subseteq D(X)$  for every space  $X$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $X$  be a space and  $H \in D(X)$ . Then there exists a unique subset  $\nu H \in D(\nu X)$  such that:

1.  $\nu H \cap X = H$ .

2. If  $U$  is open in  $P\nu X$  and  $U \cap X = H$ , then  $U \subseteq \nu H$ .
3. If  $U$  is open and closed in  $P\nu X$  and  $U \cap X = H$ , then  $U = \nu H$ .
4. If  $B \subseteq 2^N$  and  $H \in \Psi_B(X)$ , then  $\nu H \in \Psi_B(\nu X)$ .
5. If  $H \in Z_\alpha(X)$ , then  $\nu H \in Z_\alpha(\nu X)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous mapping onto a separable metric space  $Y$  and  $f^{-1}(f(H)) = H$ . There exists a continuous extension  $\nu f : \nu X \rightarrow Y$  of the mapping  $f$  on  $\nu X$ . Let  $\nu H = \nu f^{-1}(\nu f(H))$ . By construction  $\nu H \cap X = H$  and  $\nu H \in D(\nu X)$ .

Let  $U$  be open in  $P\nu X$  and  $U \cap X = H$ . If  $x \in U \setminus \nu H$ , then  $U \setminus \nu H$  is open in  $P\nu X$  and there exists a subset  $V \in Z_0(\nu X)$  such that  $x \in V \subseteq U \setminus \nu H$ . By construction,  $V \cap X = \emptyset$ . Hence  $U$  is a subset of the set  $\nu H$ .

Let  $U$  be closed in  $P\nu X$  and  $U \cap X = H$ . Then  $F = \nu H \setminus U$  is open in  $P\nu X$  and  $F \cap X = \emptyset$ . Hence  $F = \emptyset$  and  $\nu H \subseteq U$ . The assertions 1, 2 and 3 are proved. The assertions 4 and 5 follow from Corollary 2.4. The proof is complete.  $\square$

### 3. Factorization theorem for measurable mappings.

**Definition 3.1.** A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called:

- $B$ -measurable of class  $\alpha$  if  $f^{-1}(Z_0(Y)) \subseteq Z_\alpha(X)$ ;
- $D$ -measurable if  $f^{-1}(Z_0(Y)) \subseteq D(X)$ .

Every  $B$ -measurable mapping is  $D$ -measurable.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a  $D$ -measurable mapping of the space  $X$  onto a separable metric space  $Y$ . Then there exist a separable metric space  $Z$ , a continuous mapping  $g : X \rightarrow Z$  and a  $D$ -measurable mapping  $h : Z \rightarrow Y$  such that  $f = h \circ g$ . In particular, if  $f$  is  $B$ -measurable of class  $\alpha$ , then  $h$  is  $B$ -measurable of class  $\alpha$  as well.

**Proof.** Let  $\{H_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a closed base of the space  $Y$ . Then there exist a separable metric space  $Z$  and a continuous mapping  $g : X \rightarrow Z$  such that:

1.  $g^{-1}(g(H_n)) = H_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ;
2. if  $f^{-1}(H_n) \in Z_\alpha(X)$ , then  $g(f^{-1}(H_n)) \in Z_\alpha(Z)$ .

Let  $h(z) = f(g^{-1}(z))$  for every  $z \in Z$ . Then  $h(h^{-1}(H_n)) = H_n$  and  $h^{-1}(H_n) = g(f^{-1}(H_n))$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence  $h : Z \rightarrow Y$  is a single-valued mapping. Every mapping of a separable metric space is  $D$ -measurable. Therefore, the mapping  $h$  is  $D$ -measurable. If  $f$  is  $B$ -measurable of class  $\alpha$ , then  $\{h^{-1}(H_n) : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq B_\alpha(Z)$  and  $h$  is  $B$ -measurable of class  $\alpha$ . The proof is complete.  $\square$

**4. On functionally countable spaces.** A space  $X$  is functionally countable if the set  $f(X)$  is countable for each function  $f \in C(X)$  (see [11]).

R. Levy and N. D. Rice [11] have posed the following question: Let  $X$  be a Lindelöf functionally countable space. Does every Baire function on  $X$  have a countable image?

The next theorem contains a positive answer to the R. Levy and H. D. Rice question.

**Theorem 4.1.** *For every space  $X$  the following statements are equivalent:*

1.  $X$  is functionally countable.
2. Every Baire function on  $X$  has a countable image.
3. For every continuous mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  into a metric space  $Y$  the image  $f(X)$  is countable.
4. For every  $B$ -measurable mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  into a metric space  $Y$  the image  $f(X)$  is countable.
5. For every  $D$ -measurable mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  into a metric space  $Y$  the image  $f(X)$  is countable.
6. Every  $D$ -measurable image of  $X$  is functionally countable.

**Proof.** A metric space is functionally countable if and only if it is countable. Hence, the implications  $6 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 1$ ,  $1 \rightarrow 3$  and  $4 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1$  are immediate.

Let  $X$  be a functionally countable space and  $\varphi : X \xrightarrow{\text{onto}} Y$  be a  $D$ -measurable mapping. Fix a continuous function  $g \in C(Y)$ . The mapping  $\psi = g \circ \varphi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is  $D$ -measurable. By virtue of Theorem 3.2, there exist a separable metric space  $Z$ , a continuous mapping  $h : X \rightarrow Z$  and a mapping  $f : Z \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\psi = h \circ f$ .

By implication  $1 \rightarrow 3$ , the image  $h(X)$  is countable. Hence the set  $g(Y) = \psi(X) = f(h(X))$  is countable. This proves the implication  $1 \rightarrow 6$ . The proof is complete.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.2.** *A  $B$ -measurable image of a functionally countable space is functionally countable.*

**Proposition 4.3.** *A space  $X$  is functionally countable if and only if the space  $\nu X$  is functionally countable.*

**Proof.** If  $f : \nu X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a continuous function, then  $f(\nu X) = f(X)$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Proposition 4.4.** *If  $PX$  is a Lindelöf space, then  $X$  and  $PX$  are functionally countable spaces.*

*Proof.* Let  $f \in C(X)$ . Then  $f : PX \rightarrow P\mathbb{R}$  is continuous and  $\gamma = \{f^{-1}(x) : x \in f(X)\}$  is a discrete open cover of  $PX$ . Hence  $\gamma$  is a countable cover and the image  $f(X)$  is countable. The proof is complete.  $\square$

A space is scattered if every non-empty subspace contains an isolated point. A compact space is functionally countable if and only if it is scattered (see [7, 11, 12, 13]).

**Proposition 4.5.** *For a space  $X$  the following statements are equivalent:*

1.  $X$  is functionally countable and pseudocompact.
2.  $\beta X$  is functionally countable.
3.  $\beta X$  is scattered.
4.  $Z_\Omega(X) = D(X)$  and  $X$  is pseudocompact.
5.  $Z_1(X) = D(X)$  and  $X$  is pseudocompact.

*Proof.* The implications  $2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2$  are proved in [11, 12, 13].

Let  $X$  be a functionally countable pseudocompact space. Fix a continuous mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  onto a metric space  $Y$ . Then  $Y$  is a compact space and, by virtue of Theorem 4.1,  $Y$  is countable. Hence  $f^{-1}H \in Z_1(X)$  for every  $H \subseteq Y$ . Therefore,  $D(X) \subseteq Z_1(X)$  and the implication  $1 \rightarrow 5$  is proved.

The implication  $5 \rightarrow 4$  is obvious.

Let  $X$  be a pseudocompact space,  $f \in C(X)$  and  $Y = f(X)$  be uncountable. Then there exists some subset  $H \notin Z_\Omega(Y)$ . In [1, Theorem 3.4] it is proved:  $L \in Z_\Omega(Y)$  if and only if  $f^{-1}(H) \in Z_\Omega(X)$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(H) \in D(X) \setminus Z_\Omega(X)$ . This proves the implication  $4 \rightarrow 1$ . The proof is complete.  $\square$

**Question 4.6.** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be functionally countable spaces. Is  $X \times Y$  functionally countable?*

## 5. Extension of mappings.

**Theorem 5.1.** *Let  $\varphi, \psi : P\nu X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous mappings into a space  $Y$ . If  $\varphi|_X = \psi|_X$ , then  $\varphi = \psi$ .*

*Proof.* The set  $X$  is dense in  $P\nu X$ . Theorem 2.1.9 [4] completes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 5.2.** *Let  $\varphi, \psi : \nu X \rightarrow Y$  be  $D$ -measurable or  $B$ -measurable mappings. If  $\varphi|_X = \psi|_X$ , then  $\varphi = \psi$ .*

**Theorem 5.3.** *Let  $\varphi : X \rightarrow Y$  be a  $D$ -measurable mapping. Then there exists a unique  $D$ -measurable mapping  $\nu\varphi : \nu X \rightarrow \nu Y$  such that:*

1.  $\varphi = \nu\varphi|_X$ .

2. *If  $\varphi$  is a  $B$ -measurable mapping of class  $\alpha \leq \Omega$ , then  $\nu\varphi$  is a  $B$ -measurable mapping of class  $\alpha$  as well.*

3. *If  $Y$  is a complete separable metric space, then there exists a  $D$ -measurable mapping  $\beta\varphi : \beta X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $\varphi = \beta\varphi|_X$ .*

4. *If  $Y$  is a complete separable metric space and  $\varphi$  is a  $B$ -measurable mapping of class  $\alpha \leq \Omega$ , then there exist an ordinal number  $\zeta < \Omega$ , a set  $X_\varphi \in Z_{\zeta+1}(\beta X)$  and a  $B$ -measurable mapping  $b\varphi : X_\varphi \rightarrow Y$  of class  $\zeta$  such that  $\zeta \leq \alpha$  and  $\varphi = b\varphi|_X$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $Y$  is a separable metric space. By Theorem 3.2 there exist a separable metric space  $Z$ , a continuous mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Z$  and a mapping  $g : Z \rightarrow Y$  such that  $\varphi = g \circ f$  and if  $\varphi$  is a Baire measurable mapping of class  $\alpha$ , then  $g$  is a Baire measurable mapping of class  $\alpha$ , too. Let  $\nu f : \nu X \rightarrow Z$  be a continuous extension of  $f$ . Then  $\nu\varphi = g \circ \nu f$ .

Let  $bZ$  be a metrizable compactification of a space  $Z$  and  $\beta f : \beta X \rightarrow bZ$  be a continuous extension of  $f$ .

Let  $Y$  be a complete separable metric space and  $\rho$  be a complete metric on  $Y$ . We fix a family  $\{F_{nm} : m, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of closed subsets of  $Y$  such that:

1.  $Y = \cup\{F_{nm} : m \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .

2.  $\text{diam } F_{nm} < 2^{-n}$ .

Let  $H_{nm} = F_{nm} \setminus \cup\{F_{ni} : i < m\}$ . Fix the sets  $\{W_{nm} \in D(\beta X) : n, m \in \mathbb{N}\}$  with the properties:

3.  $W_{nm} \cap X = \varphi^{-1}(H_{nm})$ .

4.  $W_{nm} \cap W_{nk} = \emptyset$  if  $m < k$ .

5.  $W_n = \cup\{W_{nm} : m \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq \cup\{W_{km} : m \in \mathbb{N}\}$  if  $k < n$ .

By construction,  $W = \cap\{W_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \in D(\beta X)$ . Let  $x \in W$ . Then there exists a unique sequence  $m(x) = \{m_n(x) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  such that  $x \in \cap\{W_{nm_n(x)} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . We put  $\beta\varphi(x) = \cap\{F_{nm_n(x)} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . The mapping  $\beta\varphi : W \rightarrow Y$  is  $D$ -measurable and  $\varphi = \beta\varphi|_X$ . Fix a point  $b \in Y$ . We put  $\beta\varphi(x) = b$  for all  $x \in \beta X \setminus W$ . Then the mapping  $\beta\varphi : \beta X \rightarrow Y$  is  $D$ -measurable.

Let  $Y$  be a complete separable metric space and  $\varphi$  be a  $B$ -measurable mapping of class  $\alpha$ . Then for some  $\zeta \leq \alpha$ ,  $\varphi$  is a  $B$ -measurable mapping of class  $\zeta$  and  $\zeta < \Omega$ . By virtue of the K. Kuratowski theorem [10, 35, Section VI] there exist a Baire set  $H \in Z_{\zeta+1}(bZ)$  and a  $B$ -measurable mapping  $\psi : H \rightarrow Y$  of class



$\zeta$  such that  $Z \subseteq H$  and  $g = \psi|_Z$ . We put  $X_\varphi = \beta f^{-1}(H)$  and  $\beta\varphi(x) = \psi(\beta f(x))$  for every  $x \in X_\varphi$ .

The assertions 3 and 4 are proved.

The mapping  $\varphi : PX \rightarrow Y$  is continuous. For every  $f \in C(Y)$  there exists a unique  $D$ -measurable mapping  $\nu_X f : \nu X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\nu_X f(x) = f(\varphi(x))$  for every  $x \in X$  and  $\nu_X f(\nu X) = f(Y)$ . If  $\varphi$  is a  $B$ -measurable mapping of class  $\alpha$ , then  $\nu_X f \in B_\alpha(\nu X)$ . Fix a pair  $F_1, F_2$  of disjoint closed subsets of  $\beta Y$ . There exists a continuous function  $g : \beta Y \rightarrow [0, 1]$ , such that  $F_1 \subseteq g^{-1}(0)$  and  $F_2 \subseteq g^{-1}(1)$ . Let  $f = g|_Y$  and  $h$  be a continuous extension of the function  $\nu_X f$  over  $\beta P\nu X$ . Then  $\varphi^{-1}(F_1) \subseteq h^{-1}(0)$  and  $\varphi^{-1}(F_2) \subseteq h^{-1}(1)$ . By virtue of the A. D. Taimanov theorem [10, Theorem 3.2.1], there exists a unique continuous mapping  $\psi : \beta P\nu X \rightarrow \beta Y$  such that  $\varphi = \psi|_X$ . Let  $y \in \beta Y \setminus Y$ . Then there exists a set  $H \in Z_0(\beta Y)$  such that  $y \in H \subseteq \beta Y \setminus Y$ . By construction,  $\psi^{-1}(H) \subseteq Z_0(\beta P\nu X)$  and  $\psi^{-1}(H) \cap X = \emptyset$ . Hence  $\psi^{-1}(H) \cap P\nu X = \emptyset$  and  $\psi^{-1}(\nu Y) \subseteq P\nu X$ . Therefore  $\nu\varphi = \psi|_{P\nu X} : P\nu X \rightarrow \nu Y$  is a continuous extension of the mapping  $\varphi : PX \rightarrow Y$ . If  $h \in C(\nu Y)$  and  $f = h|_Y$ , then  $\nu_X f(x) = h(\nu\varphi(x))$  for every  $x \in \nu X$ . Hence  $\nu\varphi^{-1}(h^{-1}(0)) = \nu_X f^{-1}(0)$ . In particular: if  $\varphi$  is  $D$ -measurable, then  $\nu\varphi$  is also  $D$ -measurable; if  $\varphi$  is  $B$ -measurable of class  $\alpha$ , then  $\nu\varphi$  is  $B$ -measurable of class  $\alpha$ , too. The proof is complete.  $\square$

**Corollary 5.4** (P. R. Mayer [7, Theorem 7]). *Every  $f \in B_\alpha(X)$  has a unique extension to an  $\nu f \in B_\alpha(\nu X)$ .*

**Remark 5.5.** For a paracompact  $X$  the assertion 4 of a Theorem 5.3 was proved in [5].

## 6. Extension of zero-sets.

**Theorem 6.1.** *Let  $X$  be a dense subspace of a realcompact space  $Y$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

1.  $Y = \nu X$ .
2. For every  $H \in Z_0(X)$  there exists a unique  $\Phi \in Z_0(Y)$  such that  $\Phi \cap X = H$ .
3. For every  $H \in Z_0(X)$  there exists a unique  $\Phi \in D(Y)$  such that  $\Phi \cap X = H$ .
4. For every  $H \in B_\Omega(X)$  there exists a unique  $\Phi \in B_\Omega(Y)$  such that  $\Phi \cap X = H$ .
5. For every  $H \in D(X)$  there exists a unique  $\Phi \in D(Y)$  such that  $\Phi \cap X = H$ .

6. For every  $f \in C(X)$  there exists a unique  $D$ -measurable extension  $g : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

Proof. The implication  $1 \rightarrow 6$  follows from Theorem 5.3.

Let  $H \in D(X)$ ,  $L, \Phi \in D(Y)$  and  $H = L \cap X = \Phi \cap X$ . Consider the functions  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\varphi, \psi : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , where  $f^{-1}(0) = H$ ,  $f^{-1}(1) = X \setminus H$ ,  $\varphi^{-1}(0) = L$ ,  $\varphi^{-1}(1) = Y \setminus L$ ,  $\psi^{-1}(1) = Y \setminus \Phi$  and  $\psi^{-1}(0) = \Phi$ . Then  $\psi|_X = \varphi|_X = f$  and  $f, \varphi, \psi$  are  $D$ -measurable functions. This proves the implications  $6 \rightarrow 5$ ,  $6 \rightarrow 4$ ,  $6 \rightarrow 3$  and  $6 \rightarrow 2$ .

Suppose that for every  $H \in Z_0(X)$  there exists a unique  $\Phi \in Z_0(Y)$  such that  $\Phi \cap X = H$ . There exists a continuous mapping  $h : \beta X \rightarrow \beta Y$  such that  $h(x) = x$  for every  $x \in X$ . Let  $y \in Y$ ,  $x_1, x_2 \in h^{-1}(y)$  and  $x_1 \neq x_2$ . There exist closed subsets  $H_1, H_2 \in Z_0(\beta X)$  and open subsets  $V_1, V_2$  of  $\beta X$  such that  $H_1 \cap H_2 = \emptyset$ ,  $x_1 \in V_1 \subseteq H_1$  and  $x_2 \in V_2 \subseteq H_2$ . Let  $\Phi_1, \Phi_2 \in Z_0(\beta Y)$  and  $\Phi_1 \cap X = H_1 \cap X$ ,  $\Phi_2 \cap X = H_2 \cap X$ . By construction,  $h(H_1) \subseteq \Phi_1$ ,  $h(H_2) \subseteq \Phi_2$ ,  $y \in \Phi_1 \cap \Phi_2 \in Z_0(\beta Y)$  and  $\Phi \cap X = \emptyset$ . Hence  $\emptyset \cap X = \Phi \cap X = \emptyset \in Z_0(Y)$  and  $\emptyset \neq \Phi$ . Therefore the mapping  $h$  is one-to-one,  $Y \subseteq \beta X = \beta Y$  and  $Y = \beta X \setminus \cup\{H \in Z_0(\beta X) : H \cap X = \emptyset\} = \nu X$ . The proof is complete.  $\square$

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