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## COUNTABLY COMPACTNESS AND BAIRE SPACE PROPERTY

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ABSTRACT. In the present article  $\tau$ -bounded spaces are investigated. It is shown that for every infinite cardinal  $\tau$  there exists a meager Hausdorff  $\tau$ -bounded space.

**1. Introduction.** All spaces are assumed to be Hausdorff spaces. We shall use the terminology from [4, 10, 11] which contain a survey of results. Denote by  $|X|$  the cardinality of a space  $X$ , by  $wX$  the weight of  $X$ , by  $\beta X$  the Stone-Čech compactification of a Tychonoff space  $X$ . A space is called a Baire space, if the intersection of every countable family of open dense subsets is a dense subset. A space is called a meager space or a first category space, if it is a union of a countable family of nowhere dense subsets.

Our main interest is the following question posed by W. Roelcke: Is there a Hausdorff  $\omega$ -bounded space which is not Baire?

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In 1972, Z. Frolik [6] constructed an example of a meager countably compact space. Then in 1996, J. R. Porter [8] constructed an example of a countably compact, separable and meager space. We show that for every infinite cardinal  $\tau$ , there exists a  $\tau$ -bounded meager space. However, the following problems remain unsolved:

**Question 1.1.** *Is there a countably compact or an  $\omega$ -bounded  $k$ -space which is not Baire?*

**Question 1.2** (W. Roelcke). *Is there a sequentially compact space which is not Baire? Is there a sequentially compact  $\omega$ -bounded space which is not Baire?*

A subset  $Z$  of a topological space  $X$  is called bounded in  $X$  if for any locally finite family  $\gamma$  of open subsets of  $X$  the set  $\{U \in \gamma: Z \cap U \neq \emptyset\}$  is finite. A space  $X$  is called feebly compact if the set  $X$  is bounded in the space  $X$ .

Any countably compact space is feebly compact. A completely regular space is feebly compact if and only if it is pseudocompact.

**Theorem 1.3.** *Let  $Z$  be a bounded  $G_\delta$ -subset of a regular space  $X$ . Then:*

1. *The subspace  $Z$  is a Baire space.*
2. *If  $Z \subset Y \subset \text{cl}_X Z$ , then  $Y$  is a Baire space.*

**Proof.** Obviously, the assertion 2 follows from the assertion 1. Assertion 1 follows from Theorem 5.1.  $\square$

**2.  $\tau$ -bounded sets.** Fix an infinite cardinal  $\tau$ .

**Definition 2.1.** *A subset  $Z$  of a topological space  $X$  is called:*

- (a)  *$\tau$ -bounded in  $X$ , if the closure  $\text{cl}_X L$  in  $X$  of every subset  $L \subseteq Z$  of cardinality  $|L| \leq \tau$  is compact;*
- (b) *weakly  $\tau$ -bounded in  $X$ , if for every subset  $A$  of  $Z$  there exists a subset  $L$  of  $A$  such that  $|L| \geq \min\{\tau, |A|\}$  and  $\text{cl}_X L$  is compact;*
- (c)  *$\sigma_\tau$ -compact, if  $Z$  is a union of  $\tau$  compact subsets of  $X$ ;*
- (d) *countably compact in  $X$  if any infinity countable subset of  $Z$  has an accumulation point in  $X$ .*

**Definition 2.2** (see [10, 11]). *A space  $X$  is called:*

- (a)  *$\tau$ -bounded, if  $X$  is  $\tau$ -bounded in  $X$ ;*
- (b) *totally  $\tau$ -compact, if  $X$  is weakly  $\tau$ -bounded in  $X$ ;*
- (c) *initially  $\tau$ -compact, if every open cover of  $X$  of cardinality  $\leq \tau$  contains a finite subcover.*

For  $\tau = \omega$ , i.e. for countable  $\tau$ , we say that  $X$  is  $\omega$ -bounded, or totally countably compact, or countably compact, respectively.

**Definition 2.3** (see [1]). For any subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  the set  $\tau\text{-cl}_X A = \bigcup\{\text{cl} B: B \subseteq A, |B| \leq \tau\}$  is called the  $\tau$ -closure of  $A$  in  $X$ . The set  $A$  is called  $\tau$ -closed, if  $A = \tau\text{-cl} A$ .

The  $\tau$ -closure of a set is  $\tau$ -closed (see [1]).

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $Z$  be a subset of a space  $X$ . The following assertions are equivalent:

1. The subset  $Z$  is  $\tau$ -bounded in  $X$ .
2.  $\tau\text{-cl}_X Z$  is  $\tau$ -bounded space.

**Proof.** The implication  $2 \rightarrow 1$  is obvious. Suppose that  $Z$  is  $\tau$ -bounded in  $X$  and  $Y = \tau\text{-cl}_X Z$ . Let  $L \subseteq Y$  and  $|L| \leq \tau$ . For every point  $y \in L$ , there exists a subset  $Z(y)$  of  $Z$  such that  $y \in \text{cl}_X Z(y)$  and  $|Z(y)| \leq \tau$ . Put  $Z(L) = \cup\{Z(y): y \in L\}$ . By construction,  $L \subseteq \text{cl}_X Z(L) \subseteq Y$ ,  $|Z(L)| \leq \tau$  and  $\text{cl}_X Z(L)$  is compact. Hence  $\text{cl}_Y L = \text{cl}_X L$  is compact.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.5.** A space  $X$  contains a subset which is dense  $\tau$ -bounded in  $X$ , if and only if  $X$  contains a dense  $\tau$ -bounded subspace.

**Corollary 2.6.** Let  $L \subseteq H \subseteq \tau\text{-cl}_X L \subseteq X$ . The set  $L$  is  $\tau$ -bounded in  $X$ , if and only if  $H$  is  $\tau$ -bounded in  $X$ .

**Corollary 2.7.** Every  $\tau$ -closed subset of a  $\tau$ -bounded space is a  $\tau$ -bounded space.

**Example 2.8** (see [4, Exercise 3.6.I]). Fix a maximal uncountable family  $\{N_\alpha: \alpha \in A\}$  of almost disjoint infinite subsets of the set  $\omega = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ . Let  $A \cap \omega = \emptyset$  and  $X = A \cup \omega$ . Points in  $\omega$  are declared to be isolated. For each  $a \in A$  and every finite subset  $F$  of  $\omega$  a set  $V(a, F) = \{a\} \cup (N_a \setminus F)$  is a basic neighborhood of  $a$  in  $X$ . Then:

1. The set  $\omega$  is weakly  $\omega$ -bounded in  $X$ .
2.  $X$  does not contain a dense countably compact subspace.

**3. The examples of Frolik and Porter.** Because in our constructions we use some ideas from the Frolik's and Porter's construction, we present succinctly these examples.

**Construction 3.1.** Let  $\{X_i: i \in \omega\}$  be a sequence of pairwise disjoint subspaces of a space  $X$ . Consider the subspaces  $Y_0 = X, \dots, Y_{n+1} = \cup\{X_i: i \geq n\}, \dots$ . Denote by  $Y = X_{(X_0, X_1, \dots)}$  the set  $X$  with the topology defined as follows:

$U$  is open in  $Y$ , if and only if  $U = \cup\{U_i: i \in \omega\}$ , where  $U_i$  is an open set in the subspace  $Y_i$  of the space  $X$ . The system  $\{Y_i: i \in \omega\} \cup \{U \subseteq X: U \text{ is open in } X\}$  is a subbase of the space  $Y$ . It is easy to check that:

$a^\circ$ . The topologies of  $X$  and  $Y$  coincide on each  $X_i$  and on  $X \setminus Y_1$ .

$b^\circ$ . The set  $Y_i$  is dense in  $Y$ , if and only if it is dense in  $X$ .

$c^\circ$ . If  $X$  is a Hausdorff space, then  $Y$  is a Hausdorff space too.

$d^\circ$ . A point  $x \in X_n$  is an accumulation (complete accumulation) point of a set  $L \subseteq Y_{n+1}$  in the topology of the space  $X$ , if and only if  $x$  is an accumulation (complete accumulation) point of  $L$  in the topology of the space  $Y$ .

$e^\circ$ . If  $X_0, X_1, \dots$  are dense subspaces of the space  $X$ , then  $Y$  is a meager space.

If  $X_0 = Z$  and  $X_i = \emptyset$  for all  $i \geq 1$ , then we write  $X_Z = X_{(X_0, X_1, \dots)}$ . In this case,  $Z$  is an open subspace of the space  $X_Z$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** *If  $Z$  is a dense subspace of a space  $X$ , then:*

1.  $X_Z$  is a Baire space, if and only if  $Z$  is a Baire space.
2.  $X_Z$  is a meager space, if and only if  $Z$  is a meager space.

*Proof.* Obvious.  $\square$

**Example 3.3** (Z. Frolik [6]). Let  $X = \omega^* = \beta\omega \setminus \omega$ , where  $\omega$  is the discrete space of natural numbers. By Theorem 2.7 in [5], there exists a disjoint sequence  $\{X_n: n \in \omega\}$  of countably compact dense subsets of  $X$  such that  $|X_n| \leq \exp(\omega) = 2^\omega$  for all  $n$ . Put  $Y = X_{(X_0, X_1, \dots)}$ . Since  $X_n$  are dense subsets of the space  $\omega^*$ ,  $Y$  is a meager space. As the cardinality of each infinite closed subset of  $X$  is  $\exp(\exp(\omega))$ , each infinite subset of  $Y$  has an accumulation point in  $K = Y \setminus (\bigcup\{X_n: n \in \omega\})$ . Hence  $Y$  is a countably compact meager space.

For every infinite subset  $L$  of  $X_0$  the set  $F = \text{cl}_Y L$  is not a compact subset of  $Y$ . Suppose that  $F$  is compact. Since  $X_0$  is countably compact, then there exists an accumulation point  $x \in X_0 \cap F$  of the set  $L$ . Take a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x$  in  $F$  for which  $\text{cl}_F U \subseteq Y_1 \cap F$  (the set  $Y_1 \cap F$  is open in  $F$ ), Hence  $F \cap \text{cl}_F U$  is an infinite compact subset of  $Y_1$  of cardinality  $\leq \exp(\omega)$ , contradiction. Therefore  $Y$  is not totally countably compact.

**Example 3.4** (J. R. Porter [8]). Since  $\omega^*$  contains every separable extremally disconnected space,  $\omega^*$  contains a countable dense-in-itself subset  $S$  (see [7, Theorem 1.8.3], [9, Exercise 6Q2]). Consider the subspace  $X = \text{cl}_{\beta\omega} S$  of  $\omega^*$ . The space  $Y = X_S$  is a countably compact meager space. Since  $Y$  is separable and not compact,  $Y$  is not an  $\omega$ -bounded space. We show that  $Y$  is totally countably compact. If  $D$  is any countable subset of  $X$ , there is a countable family of

continuous functions  $\{f_n: X \rightarrow [0, 1]: n \in \omega\}$  which separates the points of  $D$ . The diagonal product  $f = \Delta\{f_n: n \in \omega\}: X \rightarrow [0, 1]^\omega$  is a continuous mapping which separates the points of  $D$ .

Let  $L$  be an infinity countable subset of  $Y$ . Since  $X$  is compact there is a continuous mapping  $g: X \rightarrow Z$  onto a metrizable compact space  $Z$  which separates the points of  $L \cup S$ . The set  $g(L)$  contains an infinite convergent sequence  $H$  with a limit  $c \in Z$ . Put  $A = L \cap g^{-1}(H)$ . Then  $A$  is a discrete subspace of the spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ , the set  $B = \text{cl}_X A \setminus A \subseteq g^{-1}(c)$  is uncountable and  $|S \cap B| \leq 1$ . Therefore there exist a point  $b \in B \setminus S$  and an open set  $U$  of  $X$  such that  $b \in U$  and  $\text{cl}_X U \cap B \cap S = \emptyset$ . The set  $E = U \cap A$  is infinite and discrete in  $X$  and  $Y$ . Since  $\text{cl}_X E \subseteq \text{cl}_X U$ , we obtain that  $(\text{cl}_X E \setminus E) \cap S = \emptyset$ ,  $\text{cl}_X E$  is a compact subset of  $X$  and the topologies of the spaces  $X$  and  $Y$  coincide on  $\text{cl}_X E$ . We have constructed an infinite subset  $E$  of  $L$  for which  $\text{cl}_Y E$  is compact. Hence  $Y$  is totally countably compact.

The following assertion is obvious.

**Proposition 3.5.** *If a subset  $Z$  is countably compact in a space  $X$ , then the set  $Z$  is bounded in  $X$ .*

**Example 3.6.** Let  $\mathbb{Q}_0$  be the set of rational numbers of the segment  $[0, 1]$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{T}$  the usual Euclidean topology on  $[0, 1]$ . By  $X$  we denote the set  $[0, 1]$  with the topology  $\mathcal{T}_1$  generated by the open base  $\mathcal{T} \cup \{U \cap \mathbb{Q}_0: U \in \mathcal{T}\}$ . The space  $X$  has the following properties:

- $\mathbb{Q}_0$  is an open dense subspace of the space  $X$ ;
- the set  $D = [0, 1] \setminus \mathbb{Q}_0$  is closed, discrete and nowhere dense in  $X$ ;
- $X$  is not a countably compact space;
- the set  $\mathbb{Q}_0$  is countably compact in the space  $X$ ;
- $X$  is a Hausdorff feebly compact first countable space;
- $X$  is a meager space.

**Example 3.7.** Let  $S$  be a Hausdorff dense-in-itself separable countably compact first countable space with the topology  $\mathcal{T}$ . Fix a dense countable set  $Y$  in  $S$ . By  $X$  we denote the set  $S$  with the topology  $\mathcal{T}_1$  generated by the open base  $\mathcal{T} \cup \{U \cap Y: U \in \mathcal{T}\}$ . The space  $X$  has the following properties:

- $Y$  is an open dense subspace of the space  $X$ ;
- the set  $D = S \setminus Y$  is closed, discrete and nowhere dense in  $X$ ;
- $X$  is not a countably compact space;
- $X$  is a Hausdorff feebly compact first countable space;
- $X$  is a meager space.

**4. Construction of meager  $\tau$ -bounded spaces.** Let  $\tau$  be an infinite cardinal and by  $\tau^+$  denote the smallest cardinal greater than  $\tau$ .

For every Tychonoff space  $X$  denote  $\tau\text{-}\beta X = \tau\text{-cl}_{\beta X} X$  and  $b(X, \tau) = \{\text{cl}_{\beta X} L : L \subseteq X, |L| \leq \tau\}$ . The space  $\tau\text{-}\beta X$  is the largest  $\tau$ -bounded extension of the space  $X$ . Every continuous mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  into a  $\tau$ -bounded space  $Y$  admits a continuous extension on  $\tau\text{-}\beta X$ . Now put  $\tau\text{-}\theta X = (\tau\text{-}\beta X)_X$  in the sense of Construction 3.1 and  $X^* = \tau\text{-}\beta X \setminus X$ . Let  $\tau\text{-}\eta X$  be the set  $\tau\text{-}\beta X$  with the topology defined as follows: the space  $X$  is an open subspace of the space  $\tau\text{-}\eta X$ ; a set  $V$  is a neighborhood of a point  $x \in X^*$ , if and only if  $x \in V$ ,  $V \cap X$  is open in  $X$  and  $V \cap F$  is open in  $F$  for all  $F \in b(X, \tau)$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** *If  $X$  is a Tychonoff space then:*

1.  $X$  is an open dense subspace of the spaces  $\tau\text{-}\theta X$  and  $\tau\text{-}\eta X$ .
2. If  $X$  is a meager space, then  $\tau\text{-}\theta X$  and  $\tau\text{-}\eta X$  are meager spaces, too.
3. The topologies of the spaces  $\tau\text{-}\theta X$  and  $\tau\text{-}\eta X$  coincide on each  $F \in b(X, \tau)$ .
4. The space  $\tau\text{-}\theta X$  is  $\tau$ -bounded, if and only if the space  $\tau\text{-}\eta X$  is  $\tau$ -bounded.
5. If every subset of  $X$  of cardinality  $\leq \tau$  is closed in  $X$ , then  $\tau\text{-}\theta X$  and  $\tau\text{-}\eta X$  are  $\tau$ -bounded spaces and  $F \in b(X, \tau)$  are compact subsets.

**Proof.** Obvious.  $\square$

**Definition 4.2** (W. Roelcke). *A space is called a  $\sigma cc^*$ -space, if the closure of each  $\sigma$ -compact subset is compact.*

We say that a space is a  $\sigma_\tau cc^*$ -space, if the closure of every  $\sigma_\tau$ -compact subset is compact. Every  $\sigma_\tau cc^*$ -space is  $\tau$ -bounded.

**Lemma 4.3.** *Let  $X$  be a normal space and every subset of  $X$  of cardinality  $\leq \tau$  be closed in  $X$ . Then:*

1.  $X \bigcup F$  is open in  $\tau\text{-}\eta X$  for each  $F \in b(X, \tau)$ .
2. If  $K$  is a compact subset of  $\tau\text{-}\eta X$  then  $K \subseteq F$  for some  $F \in b(X, \tau)$ .
3.  $\tau\text{-}\eta X$  is a  $\sigma_\tau cc^*$ -space.

**Proof.** The subspaces of  $X$  of cardinality  $\leq \tau$  are closed and discrete subspaces of  $X$ . Hence, if  $F, E \in b(X, \tau)$  and  $F \subseteq E$ , then  $F$  is a closed and open subset of  $E$ . This proves assertion 1. Let  $K$  be a compact subset of  $\tau\text{-}\eta X$  and  $K^\circ = K \setminus X$ . Suppose that  $K^\circ \setminus F$  is non-empty for every  $F \in b(X, \tau)$ . Then there exist a disjoint family  $\{L_\alpha : \alpha < \tau^+, \alpha \text{ is ordinal}\}$  of subsets of  $X$  of cardinality  $\leq \tau$  and a set  $B = \{b_\alpha \in K^\circ : \alpha < \tau^+\}$  such that  $b_\alpha \in F_\alpha = \text{cl } L_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha < \tau^+$ . For that fix a point  $b_1 \in K^\circ$  and a set  $L_1 \subseteq X$  of cardinality  $\leq \tau$

such that  $b_1 \in \text{cl } L_1$ . If  $\alpha > 1$  and  $\{b_\beta, L_\beta : \beta < \alpha\}$  we have constructed, then we put  $\Phi_\alpha = \text{cl}(\cup\{L_\beta : \beta < \alpha\})$ , fix a point  $b_\alpha \in K^\circ \setminus \Phi_\alpha$  and a set  $L \subseteq X$  of cardinality  $\leq \tau$  such that  $b_\alpha \in \text{cl } L$ . Because  $\Phi_\alpha$  is open  $\Phi_{\alpha+1} = \text{cl}(L \cup \Phi_\alpha)$ , then for  $L_\alpha = L \setminus \Phi_\alpha$  we have  $b_\alpha \in \text{cl } L_\alpha$ . The set  $U_\beta = X \bigcup \text{cl}(\cup\{L_\alpha : \alpha < \beta\})$  is open for each  $\beta < \tau^+$ . Hence  $K_\beta = K^\circ \setminus U_\beta$  are non-empty compact subsets. Fix a complete accumulation point  $x$  of the set  $B$ . Since  $|B \cap U_\beta| \leq \tau$  for all  $\beta < \tau^+$ , we have  $x \in C = \cap\{K_\beta : \beta < \tau^+\}$ . By construction,  $x \in F$  for some  $F \in b(X, \tau)$ . If  $E = (F \cap X) \setminus \cup\{L_\beta : \beta < \tau^+\}$ , then  $x \in \text{cl } E$ . Hence  $x$  is not an accumulation point of the set  $B$ . That is a contradiction. Therefore  $K^\circ \subseteq \text{cl } H$  for some subset  $H$  of  $X$  of cardinality  $\leq \tau$ . In this case the set  $K \setminus \text{cl } H$  is a finite set. Assertion 2 is proved. Assertion 3 follows from assertion 2.  $\square$

**Remark 4.4.** Let  $X$  be a normal space in which all countable subsets are closed. Denote by  $T_0$  the topology on the space  $\tau$ - $\beta X$ , by  $T_1$  the topology on  $\tau$ - $\theta X$  and by  $T_2$  the topology on  $\tau$ - $\eta X$ . Then:

1.  $T_0 \subseteq T_1 \subseteq T_2$ .
2. All non-isolated points of  $X$  are points of non-regularity of the space  $\tau$ - $\theta X$ . Hence  $T_0 = T_1$ , if and only if  $X$  is a discrete space.
3. Every point of  $X^*$  is a point of regularity of  $\tau$ - $\theta X$ . If  $L$  is an infinite set of non-isolated points of the space  $X$ ,  $|L| = \omega$  and  $x \in \text{cl } L$ , then the space  $\tau$ - $\eta X$  is not regular at the point  $x$ . Hence  $T_1 = T_2$ , if and only if the set of non-isolated points of the space  $X$  is finite. The system  $T_1 \cup \{X \cup F : F \in b(X, \tau)\}$  is a subbase of the topology  $T_2$  provided that the subsets of  $X$  of cardinality  $\leq \tau$  are closed in  $X$ .
4. If  $|X| = \tau^+$ ,  $X$  is a normal space and all subsets of  $X$  of cardinality  $\leq \tau$  are closed in  $X$ , then there exists a perfect continuous mapping of the subspace  $X^*$  of the space  $\tau$ - $\eta X$  onto the space of ordinals  $W(\tau^+) = \{\beta : \beta < \tau^+\}$ .

A space  $X$  is called a  $P_\tau$ -space, if the intersection of all  $\tau$  open sets is open. A  $P_\omega$ -space is called a  $P$ -space.

From Lemma 4.3 follows

**Corollary 4.5.** *If  $X$  is a normal  $P_\tau$ -space, then  $\tau$ - $\theta X$  is a  $\tau$ -bounded space and  $\tau$ - $\eta X$  is a  $\sigma_\tau cc^*$ -space.*

**Proposition 4.6.** *For every infinite cardinal  $\tau$  there exists a meager hereditarily paracompact  $P_\tau$ -space  $S_\tau$  with the properties:*

1.  $S_\tau$  is a commutative topological group.
2.  $\chi(S_\tau) = w(S_\tau) = |S_\tau| = \tau^+$ .

**Proof.** Let  $D = \{0, 1\}$  be the discrete group with the neutral element



0. Denote by  $X$  the set  $D^{\tau^+}$ . For every point  $x = (x_\alpha: \alpha < \tau^+) \in X$  and all  $\beta < \tau^+$  we put  $V(x, \beta) = \{y = (y_\alpha) \in X: x_\alpha = y_\alpha \text{ for all } \alpha < \beta\}$ . Consider on  $X$  the topology with the base  $B = \{V(x, \beta): x \in X, \beta < \tau^+\}$ . The system  $B$  is of the rank 1, i.e. for all  $U, V \in B$  we have  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ , or  $U \subseteq V$ , or  $V \subseteq U$ . Because a space with a base of rank 1 is paracompact (see [2, Corollary 1]),  $X$  is a hereditarily paracompact topological group. By construction,  $X$  is a  $P_\tau$ -space and  $\chi(X) = \tau^+$ . For every  $n \in \omega$  we put  $X_n = \{x = (x_\alpha): |\alpha: x_\alpha \neq 0| \leq n\}$  and  $S_\tau = \cup\{X_n: n \in \omega\}$ . Every set  $X_n$  is nowhere dense in  $S_\tau$  and  $|S_\tau| = |X_n| = \tau^+$ .  $\square$

From Lemma 4.1, Corollary 4.5 and Proposition 4.6 follows.

**Corollary 4.7.**  $B_\tau = \tau\text{-}\theta S_\tau$  is a meager  $\tau$ -bounded Hausdorff space.

**Corollary 4.8.**  $H_\tau = \tau\text{-}\eta S_\tau$  is a meager Hausdorff  $\sigma_\tau cc^*$ -space.

**5.  $W_\delta$ -sets.** Let  $X$  be a space,  $Z$  be a subspace of  $X$ ,  $\gamma = \{\gamma_n = \{U_\alpha: \alpha \in A_n\}: n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a sequence of families of open non-empty subsets of the space  $X$ , and let  $\pi = \{\pi_n: A_{n+1} \rightarrow A_n: n \in \omega\}$  be a sequence of single-valued mappings. A sequence  $\alpha = \{\alpha_n: n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is called a *spectral sequence* if  $\alpha_n \in A_n$  and  $\pi_n(\alpha_{n+1}) = \alpha_n$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Consider the following conditions:

(SC1)  $Z \subset \cup\{U_\beta: \beta \in A_n\}$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

(SC2) For each spectral sequence  $\alpha = \{\alpha_n: n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  the set  $H(\gamma, \pi, \alpha) = \cap\{U_{\alpha_n}: n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a subset of the subspace  $Z$ .

(SC3)  $\cup\{U_\beta: \beta \in \pi_n^{-1}(\alpha)\} \subset U_\alpha$  and  $\cup\{U_\beta \cap Z: \beta \in \pi_n^{-1}(\alpha)\} = U_\alpha \cap Z$  for all  $\alpha \in A_n$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

(SC4) For all  $\alpha \in A_n$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have  $\cup\{U_\beta: \beta \in \pi_n^{-1}(\alpha)\} \subset U_\alpha$  and the set  $\cup\{U_\beta \cap Z: \beta \in \pi_n^{-1}(\alpha)\}$  is a dense subset of the subspace  $U_\alpha \cap Z$ .

The sequences  $\gamma$  and  $\pi$  are called a *sieve* of  $Z$  in  $X$  if they are Properties (SC1), (SC2) and (SC3).

The sequences  $\gamma$  and  $\pi$  are called a *dense sieve* of  $Z$  in  $X$  if they are Properties (SC1), (SC2) and (SC4).

The sequences  $\gamma$  and  $\pi$  are called a *pseudosieve* in  $X$  if for all  $\alpha \in A_n$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  the set  $\cup\{U_\beta: \beta \in \pi_n^{-1}(\alpha)\}$  is a subset of the subspace  $U_\alpha$ .

Let  $\gamma = \{\gamma_n = \{U_\alpha: \alpha \in A_n\}: n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and  $\pi = \{\pi_n: A_{n+1} \rightarrow A_n: n \in \omega\}$  be a pseudosieve in  $X$ . The set  $\cup\{H(\gamma, \pi, \alpha): \alpha \text{ is a spectral sequence}\}$  is called the limit of the pseudosieve  $(\gamma, \pi)$  and is noted by  $\lim_X(\gamma, \pi)$ .

If  $(\gamma, \pi)$  is a sieve of  $Z$  in  $X$ , then  $\lim_X(\gamma, \pi) = Z$ . If  $(\gamma, \pi)$  is a dense sieve of  $Z$  in  $X$ , then  $\lim_X(\gamma, \pi) \subset Z$ .

A set  $Z$  is called a  $W_\delta$ -subset of a space  $X$  if there exists a sieve  $(\gamma, \pi)$  of  $Z$  in  $X$  such that  $\lim_X(\gamma, \pi) = Z$ . Any  $G_\delta$ -subset is a  $W_\delta$ -subset.

A space  $X$  is called *sieve-complete* if  $X$  is an open continuous image of some Čech-complete space (see [3]). A regular space  $X$  is sieve-complete if and only if  $X$  is a  $W_\delta$ -subset of the Wallman compactification  $\omega X$  of the space  $X$ .

**Theorem 5.1.**  *$Z$  is a bounded  $W_\delta$ -subset of a regular space  $X$ , then  $Z$  is a Baire space.*

**Proof.** Let  $\gamma = \{\gamma_n = \{U_\alpha : \alpha \in A_n\} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and  $\pi = \{\pi_n : A_{n+1} \rightarrow A_n : n \in \omega\}$  be a sieve of  $Z$  in  $X$ . Suppose that  $Z$  is not a Baire space. Then there exists a sequence  $\{V_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of open subsets of the space  $X$  such that:

- $V_{n+1} \subset V_n$  and the set  $V_n \cap Z$  is dense in  $Z$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$
- the set  $V = \bigcap \{V_n \cap Z : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is not dense in  $Z$ .

Obviously,  $V \subset Z$ . There exists an open subset  $W$  of  $X$  such that  $W \cap Z \neq \emptyset$  and  $W \cap V = \emptyset$ . Then there exists a sequence  $\{W_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of open subsets of the space  $X$  and a spectral sequence  $\alpha = \{\alpha_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  such that  $\text{cl}_X W_{n+1} \subset W_n \cap W \cap U_{\alpha_{n+1}} \cap V_n$  and the set  $H_n = (W_n \cap Z) \setminus \text{cl}_X W_{n+1}$  is non-empty for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $\bigcap \{W_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is the empty set, the family  $\{H_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is locally finite in  $X$  and the set  $H_n \cap Z$  is non-empty for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , a contradiction. The proof is complete.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.2.** *If  $Z$  is a Baire subspace of a space  $X$ , then for any dense sieve  $(\gamma, \pi)$  of  $Z$  in  $X$  the set  $\lim_X(\gamma, \pi)$  is dense in  $Z$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\gamma = \{\gamma_n = \{U_\alpha : \alpha \in A_n\} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and  $\pi = \{\pi_n : A_{n+1} \rightarrow A_n : n \in \omega\}$  be a dense sieve of  $Z$  in  $X$ . We consider that the sets  $A_n$  are well-ordered and for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in A_{n+1}$  from  $\alpha \leq \beta$  it follows that  $\pi_n(\alpha) \leq \pi_n(\beta)$ . For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and each  $\alpha \in A_{n+1}$  we put  $V_\alpha = (U_\alpha \cap Z) \setminus \text{cl}_Z \{U_\beta \cap Z : \beta \in A_n, \beta < \alpha\}$  and  $V_n = \bigcup \{V_\alpha : \alpha \in A_n\}$ . The sets  $V_n$  are open and dense in  $Z$ . Hence  $V = \bigcap \{V_n \cap Z : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a dense subset of  $Z$ . By construction,  $V \subset \lim_X(\gamma, \pi)$ . The proof is complete.  $\square$

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