

## A note on unibasic spaces and transitive quasi-proximities

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### ABSTRACT

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*In this paper we prove there is a bijection between the set of all annular bases of a topological spaces  $(X, \tau)$  and the set of all transitive quasi-proximities on  $X$  inducing  $\tau$ . We establish some properties of those topological spaces  $(X, \tau)$  which imply that  $\tau$  is the only annular basis*

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

W. J. Pervin showed in [9] that every topological spaces  $(X, \tau)$  has a quasi-proximity  $\delta$  which induces the original topology. In this paper we give conditions for a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  admits a unique compatible quasi-proximity in which the topology is the only annular basis.

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By a quasi-proximity (see [1]) on a set  $X$  we will mean a relation  $\delta$  between the family of subsets of  $X$  satisfying the following axioms:

- a)  $(X, \emptyset) \notin \delta$  and  $(\emptyset, X) \notin \delta$ ;
- b)  $(C, A \cup B) \in \delta$  if only if  $(C, A) \in \delta$  or  $(C, B) \in \delta$ ;
- c)  $(A \cup B, C) \in \delta$  if only if  $(A, C) \in \delta$  or  $(B, C) \in \delta$ ;
- d) For every  $x \in X$ ,  $(\{x\}, \{x\}) \in \delta$ ;
- e) If  $(A, B) \notin \delta$ , there exists a set  $C \subseteq X$  such that  $(A, C) \notin \delta$  and  $(X \setminus C, B) \notin \delta$ .

A quasi-proximity  $\delta$  on  $X$  is a *proximity* on  $X$  if  $\delta = \delta^{-1}$ , i.e.,  $(A, B) \in \delta$  iff  $(B, A) \in \delta$ .

For brevity, we write  $A\delta B$  instead of  $(A, B) \in \delta$  and  $A\bar{\delta}B$  instead of  $(A, B) \notin \delta$ .

Let  $\delta$  be a quasi-proximity on a set  $X$ . For each  $A \subseteq X$ , define  $\tilde{A} = \{x \in X : \{x\}\delta A\}$ . Then the assignment  $A \rightarrow \tilde{A}$  is a *Kuratowski-closure operator* on  $X$  and the corresponding topology on  $X$  is denoted as  $\tau_\delta$  (see [1]), 1.27).

H.-P. Künzi and M. J. Pérez-Peñalver in [6] prove some interesting results about the number of quasi-proximities that a topological spaces admits. H.-P. Künzi in [3] studies the number of quasi-uniformities belonging to the Pervin quasi-proximity class.

J. Ferrer in [2] trying to solve the question of whether every  $T_1$  topological space with a unique compatible quasi-proximity should be hereditarily compact, he shows that it is true for product spaces as well as for locally hereditarily Lindelöf spaces.

H.-P. Künzi and S. Watson in [7] construct a  $T_1$ -space  $X$  is not hereditarily compact, but each open subset of  $X$  is the intersection of two compact open sets. The construction is carried out in ZFC, but the cardinality of the space is very large.

## 2. UNIBASIC SPACES AND TRANSITIVE QUASI-PROXIMITIES

The main result of this section establishes a bijection between all annular bases of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  and all transitive quasi-proximities on  $X$  inducing  $\tau$ .

A basis  $\mathcal{B}$  for a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is *annular* if it satisfies the following conditions:

- i)  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{B}$  y  $X \in \mathcal{B}$ ;
- ii)  $B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{B}$  implies that  $B_1 \cap B_2 \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $B_1 \cup B_2 \in \mathcal{B}$ .

### Definition 2.1.

- (1) An open set  $V$  in  $(X, \tau)$  is *everywhere basic (e.b.)* if  $V$  belongs to every annular basis of  $X$ .
- (2) A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is *unibasic* if  $\tau$  is the only annular basis of  $X$ .
- (3)  $(X, \tau)$  is *minimally basic* if  $X$  has annular basis  $\mathcal{B}_0$  which is contained in every other annular basis  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $X$ .

*Remark 2.2.*

- i) Every element of a minimum annular basis  $\mathcal{B}_0$  of  $X$  is *e.b.* and every unibasic space is minimally basic.
- ii) Every open and compact subset of a topological space  $X$  is *e.b.*. Hence, every hereditarily compact space is unibasic.

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be an annular basis of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . Define  $A\bar{\delta}B$  iff  $A \cap H \neq \emptyset$  for every  $H \in C(\mathcal{B})$  which contains  $B$ . Then  $\delta$  is a transitive quasi-proximity on  $X$  which induces  $\tau$ .*

*Proof.* Clearly  $X\bar{\delta}\emptyset$  and  $\emptyset\bar{\delta}X$ . If  $(A \cup B)\bar{\delta}C$ , we must have  $A\bar{\delta}C$  or  $B\bar{\delta}C$ . Indeed,  $A\bar{\delta}C$  and  $B\bar{\delta}C$  imply the existence of  $H_1, H_2 \in C(\mathcal{B})$  such that  $H_1 \cap H_2 \supseteq C$ ,  $A \cap H_1 = \emptyset = B \cap H_2$ . Therefore  $(A \cup B) \cap H_1 \cap H_2 = \emptyset$  and  $H_1 \cap H_2$  is an element of  $C(\mathcal{B})$  containing  $C$ , that,  $(A \cup B)\bar{\delta}C$ , a contradiction. In a similar way one may prove that  $C\bar{\delta}(A \cup B)$  implies that  $C\bar{\delta}A$  or  $C\bar{\delta}B$ . It is obvious that  $\{x\}\bar{\delta}\{x\}$  for each  $x \in X$ . Finally, suppose that  $A\bar{\delta}B$ . Therefore, there exists an element  $H \in C(\mathcal{B})$  such that  $H \supseteq B$  and  $A \cap H = \emptyset$ . Therefore,  $A\bar{\delta}H$  and  $(X \setminus H)\bar{\delta}B$ .

Observe now that  $(X \setminus H)\bar{\delta}H$  for every  $H \in C(\mathcal{B})$  and  $T(X \setminus H, H) = X \times X \setminus [(X \setminus H) \times H] = (H \times X) \cup [X \times (X \setminus H)]$ . Hence, if  $A\bar{\delta}B$  and  $H \in C(\mathcal{B})$  satisfies  $B \subseteq H \subseteq X \setminus A$ , we have  $T(X \setminus H, H) \subseteq [(X \setminus A) \times X] \cup [X \times (X \setminus B)] = T(A, B)$ . This proves that the quasi-uniformity  $\mathcal{U}_\delta$  is transitive.

Finally, we must prove that  $\tau_\delta = \tau$ . For this, take any set  $C \subseteq X$  and consider the set  $C_1 = \{x \in X : \{x\}\bar{\delta}C\}$ . It is enough to prove that  $C_1 = \bar{C}$ . If  $x \in X \setminus \bar{C}$ , there exists a set  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $x \in B \subseteq X \setminus \bar{C}$ . Therefore,  $X \setminus B \in C(\mathcal{B})$  and  $X \setminus B \supseteq C$ , that is,  $\{x\}\bar{\delta}C$  and  $X \setminus \bar{C} \subseteq X \setminus C_1$ . On the other hand, if  $x \in X \setminus C_1$ , i.e., if  $\{x\}\bar{\delta}C$ , there exists a set  $H \in C(\mathcal{B})$  such that  $H \supseteq C$  y  $x \notin H$ . Therefore,  $x \in X \setminus \bar{C}$  and the proof is complete.  $\square$

A quasi-proximity  $\delta$  on a set  $X$  is:

- (1) *Point-symmetric* if  $A\bar{\delta}\{x\}$  implies  $\{x\}\bar{\delta}A$ . Equivalently,  $\delta$  is point-symmetric if  $\tau_\delta \subseteq \tau_{\delta^{-1}}$ .
- (2) *Locally-symmetric* if  $A\bar{\delta}G$  for every  $\tau$ -neighborhood  $G$  of  $x$  implies that  $\{x\}\bar{\delta}A$ .

*Notation 2.4.* If  $\mathcal{G}$  is a family of subsets of  $X$ , we define:  $C(\mathcal{G}) = \{H : X \setminus H \in \mathcal{G}\}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be an annular basis of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is:

- i) *Disjunctive* (or a *Wallman basis*) if whenever  $x \in B \in \mathcal{B}$ , there exists an element  $H_x \in C(\mathcal{B})$  such that  $x \in H_x \subseteq B$ .
- ii) *Regular* if whenever  $x \in B \in \mathcal{B}$ , there exists an element  $D \in \mathcal{B}$  and an element  $H \in C(\mathcal{B})$  such that  $x \in D \subseteq H \subseteq B$ .
- iii) *Normal* is for every pair  $H, K$  of disjoint elements of  $C(\mathcal{B})$ , there exists a pair  $B, D$  of disjoint elements of  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $H \subseteq B$  and  $K \subseteq D$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be an annular basis of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  and let  $\delta$  be the quasi-proximity on  $X$  associated to  $\mathcal{B}$ . Then:*

- i)  $\mathcal{B}$  is disjunctive iff  $\delta$  is point-symmetric.
- ii)  $\mathcal{B}$  is regular iff  $\delta$  is locally symmetric.
- iii)  $\mathcal{B}$  is normal iff  $\delta$  is of Wallman type<sup>1</sup>.

*Proof.* We prove only iii). Suppose  $\delta$  is of Wallman type and let  $H, K \in C(\mathcal{B})$  be disjoint. Since  $H$  and  $K$  are  $\delta$ -remote, there exists a neighborhood  $G$  of  $H$  such that  $H\bar{\delta}(X \setminus G)$  and  $K\bar{\delta}G$ . This last condition implies the existence of an element  $H_1 \in C(\mathcal{B})$  such that  $K \subseteq X \setminus H_1 \subseteq X \setminus G$ . The first condition implies the existence of an element  $K_1 \in C(\mathcal{B})$  such that  $X \setminus G \subseteq K_1 \subseteq X \setminus H$ . Hence,  $X \setminus K_1$  and  $X \setminus H_1$  are disjoint elements of  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  is normal.

Assume now that  $\mathcal{B}$  is normal. Let  $A, B$  be  $\delta$ -remote. Let  $H, K \in C(\mathcal{B})$  be disjoint sets such that  $A \subseteq H$  and  $B \subseteq K$ . Since  $\mathcal{B}$  is normal, there exist disjoint elements  $C, D \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $H \subseteq C$  and  $K \subseteq D$ . Defining  $G = C$ , we have  $H\bar{\delta}(X \setminus G)$  and  $K\bar{\delta}G$ , i.e.,  $\delta$  is of Wallman type.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.6.** *Every transitive point-symmetric quasi-proximity of Wallman type is locally symmetric and its induced topology is completely regular.*

**Lemma 2.7.** *Let  $\delta$  be a transitive quasi-proximity on a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  and suppose that  $\tau_\delta = \tau$ . Then  $\mathcal{B} = \{V \in \tau: V\bar{\delta}(X \setminus V)\}$  is an annular basis of  $(X, \tau)$ .*

*Proof.* Clearly  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $X \in \mathcal{B}$ . Suppose now that  $B_1, B_2$  both belong to  $\mathcal{B}$ . If  $B_1 \cup B_2 \notin \mathcal{B}$ , we would have  $(B_1 \cup B_2)\bar{\delta}(X \setminus (B_1 \cup B_2))$ . Therefore  $B_1\bar{\delta}(X \setminus (B_1 \cup B_2)) \cap (X \setminus B_2)$  or  $B_2\bar{\delta}(X \setminus (B_1 \cup B_2)) \cap (X \setminus B_1)$ . This would imply that  $B_1\bar{\delta}(X \setminus B_1)$  or  $B_2\bar{\delta}(X \setminus B_2)$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $B_1 \cup B_2 \in \mathcal{B}$ . In a similar fashion we prove that  $B_1 \cap B_2 \in \mathcal{B}$ . It remains to prove that  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis of  $(X, \tau)$ . Suppose then that  $x \in V \in \tau$ . Therefore  $\{x\}\bar{\delta}(X \setminus V)$  (recall  $\tau_\delta = \tau$ ). Let  $R \in \mathcal{U}_\delta$  be a transitive entourage contained in  $T(\{x\}, X \setminus V)$ . Let us prove that  $R(x) \subseteq V$ . If  $y \in R(x)$ , we have  $(x, y) \in R \subseteq T(\{x\}, X \setminus V) = [(X \setminus \{x\}) \times X] \cup [\{x\} \times V]$ . Therefore,  $(x, y) \in \{x\} \times V$ , that is,  $y \in V$ . Besides,  $R(x)\bar{\delta}(X \setminus R(x))$  because  $R(x)\bar{\delta}(X \setminus R(x))$  would imply that  $[R(x) \times (X \setminus R(x))] \cap S \neq \emptyset$  for every  $S \in \mathcal{U}_\delta$ , and, in particular,  $[R(x) \times (X \setminus R(x))] \cap R \neq \emptyset$ . But since  $R$  is transitive, this last statement is clearly false. Hence, we must have that  $R(x)\bar{\delta}(X \setminus R(x))$ . Since this implies that  $R(x) \cap \overline{(X \setminus R(x))} = \emptyset$ , we deduce that  $R(x)$  is open. Therefore,  $R(x) \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  is an annular basis of  $(X, \tau)$ .  $\square$

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space with topology  $\tau$ . for  $G \in \tau$  let  $S_G = (G \times G) \cup ((X \setminus G) \times X)$ . The filter generated by  $\{S_G: G \in \tau\}$  is a quasi-uniformity  $\mathcal{P}$  for  $X$  called *Pervin quasi-uniformity* (see [8]).

<sup>1</sup>Two sets  $A, B \subseteq X$  are said to be  $\delta$ -remote if there exist disjoint sets  $H, K \subseteq X$  such that  $A \subseteq H$ ,  $B \subseteq K$ ,  $(X \setminus H)\bar{\delta}H$  and  $(X \setminus K)\bar{\delta}K$ . A quasi-proximity  $\delta$  on a set  $X$  is of *Wallman type* if for every pair of  $\delta$ -remote sets  $A, B$ , there exists a neighborhood  $G$  of  $A$  such that  $A\bar{\delta}(X \setminus G)$  and  $B\bar{\delta}G$ .

**Theorem 2.8.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. Then there exists a bijective correspondence between the collection of annular bases of  $(X, \tau)$  and the collection of totally bounded transitive quasi-proximities on  $X$  which induce  $\tau$ . Hence,  $(X, \tau)$  is minimally basic iff the family of totally bounded transitive quasi-uniformities on  $X$  inducing  $\tau$  has a minimum element and  $(X, \tau)$  is unibasic iff  $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{U}_{\delta_0}$  is the only totally bounded transitive quasi-uniformity inducing  $\tau$ .*

**Theorem 2.9.** *Let  $B$  be an everywhere-basic set on a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  and suppose that  $B \neq X$ . If  $K \subseteq X$  is closed and  $K \subseteq B$ , then  $K$  is compact.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $K$  is not compact. Then there exists a family  $\mathcal{G} = \{B_i : i \in J\} \subseteq \tau$  such that  $K \subseteq \cup\{B_i : i \in J\} \subseteq B$ , but for each finite subset  $J_0 \subseteq J$ , we have  $K \setminus \cup\{B_i : i \in J_0\} \neq \emptyset$ . If  $\mathcal{B}' = \{L \in \tau : L \subseteq \cup\{B_i : i \in J_0\} \text{ for some } J_0 \subseteq J, \text{ finite}\}$  and let  $\mathcal{B}'' = \{L \in \tau : L \cap K = \emptyset\} \cup \{X\}$ , it is easy to check that  $\mathcal{B} = \{L_1 \cup L_2 : L_1 \in \mathcal{B}' \text{ and } L_2 \in \mathcal{B}''\}$  is an annular basis of  $(X, \tau)$ . But  $B \notin \mathcal{B}$ , contradicting the fact that  $B$  is everywhere basic. Hence,  $K$  must be compact.  $\square$

**Definition 2.10.** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\mathcal{R}_0$  if whenever  $x \in V \in \tau$  there exists a closed set  $H_x$  such that  $x \in H_x \subseteq V$  and  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\mathcal{R}_1$  if whenever  $x, y \in X$  and  $\{x\} \neq \{y\}$ , there exist disjoint open sets  $V, W$  such that  $x \in V$  and  $y \in W$ .

A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\mathcal{R}_0$  if only if  $\tau$  is a Wallman basis of  $(X, \tau)$ . Also  $(X, \tau)$  is regular if only if  $\tau$  admits a regular Wallman basis. It is also clear that every  $\mathcal{R}_1$  space is  $\mathcal{R}_0$  and every regular or Hausdorff space is  $\mathcal{R}_1$ .

**Theorem 2.11.** *Let  $B$  be an everywhere basic subset of an  $\mathcal{R}_1$  topological space  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $B \neq X$ . Then  $B$  is compact.*

*Proof.* According to Theorem (2.9), it is enough to prove that  $Fr(B) = \emptyset$ . Assume, on the contrary, there exists a point  $p \in Fr(B)$ . Define  $\mathcal{B}_1 = \{V \in \tau : p \notin \bar{V}\}$  and  $\mathcal{B}_2 = \{W \in \tau : p \in W\}$ . If  $\mathcal{B} = \{V \cup W : V \in \mathcal{B}_1 \text{ and } W \in \mathcal{B}_2\}$  it is clear that  $\mathcal{B}$  is an annular basis of  $(X, \tau)$ . Observe that for every  $T = V \cup W \in \mathcal{B}$ , we have  $p \notin Fr(T)$  (because  $Fr(T) \subseteq Fr(V) \cup Fr(W) \subseteq X \setminus \{p\}$ ). This implies that  $B \notin \mathcal{B}$ , contradicting the fact that  $B$  is everywhere basic.  $\square$

**Definition 2.12.** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is *irreducible* if every non-empty open set  $V \in \tau$  is dense in  $X$ . Equivalently,  $(X, \tau)$  is irreducible if every pair of non-empty open subsets of  $X$  have a non-empty intersection.

**Theorem 2.13.** *Let  $B \neq X$  be an everywhere basic subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . If  $X \setminus B$  is irreducible, then  $B$  is compact.*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be an open cover of  $B$ . Let  $\mathcal{B}'$  be the family of open sets  $L \in \tau$  which are contained in a finite union of members of  $\mathcal{U}$  and let  $\mathcal{B}'' = \{\emptyset\} \cup \{M \in \tau : M \setminus B \neq \emptyset\}$ . Clearly  $\mathcal{B} = \{L \cup M : L \in \mathcal{B}' \text{ y } M \in \mathcal{B}''\}$  is an annular basis of  $(X, \tau)$ . However,  $B \notin \mathcal{B}$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

Theorems (2.11) and (2.13) have the following consequences:

**Corollary 2.14.** *An  $\mathcal{R}_1$  topological spaces  $(X, \tau)$  is minimally basic iff  $(X, \tau)$  is locally compact and 0-dimensional.*

**Corollary 2.15.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an unibasic space and let  $x \in X$ . Then  $X \setminus \overline{\{x\}}$  is compact. Therefore, if  $X$  has a compact, closed and non-empty subspace, then  $X$  itself is compact.*

**Corollary 2.16.** *Every  $\mathcal{R}_1$  unibasic space  $(X, \tau)$  has a finite topology. In fact, for every  $x \in X$ ,  $\overline{\{x\}}$  is open and  $X$  is a finite union of point-closures.*

**Definition 2.17.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be an  $\mathcal{R}_0$  topological space.

- a)  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\mathcal{R}'_1$  if every compact open subset of  $X$  is closed.
- b)  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\mathcal{R}''_1$  every intersection of compact open subspaces of  $X$  is compact.

*Remark 2.18.*  $\mathcal{R}_1 \Rightarrow \mathcal{R}'_1 \Rightarrow \mathcal{R}''_1 \Rightarrow \mathcal{R}_0$ .

*Proof.* ( $\mathcal{R}_1 \Rightarrow \mathcal{R}'_1$ ) It enough to observe that if  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\mathcal{R}_1$ ,  $K \subseteq X$  is compact,  $V \subseteq X$  is open and  $K \subseteq V$ , then  $\overline{K} \subseteq V$ .  $\square$

A subset  $S$  of  $X$  is a *semi-block* of a entourage  $E$  of  $X$  if  $S \times S \subseteq E$ .

**Lemma 2.19.** *Let  $R$  be a transitive entourage of a set  $X$ ; let  $x \in X$  and let  $A \subseteq X$  be a semi-block of  $R$  intersecting  $R(x)$ . Then  $A \subseteq R(x)$ .*

*Proof.* Select a point  $y \in A \cap R(x)$  and let  $z \in A$ . Therefore,  $(x, y) \in R$  and  $(y, z) \in A \times A \subseteq R$ . Since  $R$  is transitive, we deduce that  $(x, z) \in R$ , i.e.,  $z \in R(x)$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.20.** Let  $\alpha$  be a cover of a set  $X$ . For  $x \in X$ , define  $Cost(x, \alpha) = \bigcap \{L: x \in L \in \alpha\}$ . The indexed cover  $\{Cost(x, \alpha): x \in X\}$  is denoted as  $\alpha^\nabla$  and is called the *cobaricentric cover* of  $\alpha$ . Let  $\alpha$  be any cover of a set  $X$ . Then the entourage  $E(\alpha^\nabla)$  of the cobaricentric cover  $\alpha^\nabla$  is a transitive entourage of  $X$ .

A cover  $\alpha$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is *interior-preserving* if for each  $x \in X$ ,  $Cost(x, \alpha)$  is a  $\tau$ -neighborhood of  $x$ .

**Lemma 2.21.** *Let  $R$  be a totally bounded transitive entourage on a set  $X$ . Then the family  $\{L: L = R(x) \text{ for some } x \in X\}$  is finite.*

*Proof.* Let  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$  be a finite cover of  $X$  consisting of semi-blocks of  $R$ . By Lemma (2.19), each  $R(x)$  is the union of the sets  $A_i$  which intersect  $R(x)$ . Hence the family  $\{L: L = R(x) \text{ for some } x \in X\}$  has at most  $2^n$  elements.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.22.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. Consider the following properties:*

- (1)  $\tau$  is finite.
- (2)  $\mathcal{P}$  is the only quasi-uniformity on  $X$  which induces  $\tau$ .
- (3) Every interior-preserving cover of  $X$  is finite.

- (4)  $(X, \tau)$  is hereditarily compact.
- (5)  $\delta_{\mathcal{P}}$  is the only quasi-proximity on  $X$  which induces  $\tau$ .
- (6)  $\delta_{\mathcal{P}}$  is the only transitive quasi-proximity on  $X$  which induces  $\tau$ .
- (7)  $(X, \tau)$  is unibasic.

Then  $1) \Rightarrow 2) \Rightarrow 3) \Rightarrow 4) \Rightarrow 5) \Rightarrow 6) \Rightarrow 7)$ ; if  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\mathcal{R}_1''$ ,  $7) \Rightarrow 4)$  and if  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\mathcal{R}_1'$ ,  $7) \Rightarrow 1)$ .

*Proof.* The proofs of the implications  $1) \Rightarrow 2) \Rightarrow 3) \Rightarrow 4) \Rightarrow 5)$  appear in ([1]). However, using Lemma (2.21) we obtain a quick proof of the implication  $2) \Rightarrow 3)$ . Assuming 2), we deduce that  $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{FT}$ . Hence, if  $\alpha$  is an interior-preserving cover of  $X$ , the entourage  $R = E(\alpha^\nabla)$  is totally bounded and transitive. Therefore, by Lemma (2.21), the family  $\{L: L = R(x) \text{ for some } x \in X\}$  is finite. This, in turn, implies that  $\alpha$  is finite. Indeed, consider the topology of  $X$  whose closed sets are arbitrary unions of arbitrary intersections of elements of  $\alpha$ . The point-closures in this topology are precisely the sets  $Cost(x, \alpha)$ , where  $x \in X$ . Since every closed set in this topology is finite we conclude that this topology is finite and hence,  $\alpha$  is finite. The implication  $5) \Rightarrow 6)$  is evident and  $6) \Rightarrow 7)$  is a consequence of Theorem (2.8). If  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\mathcal{R}_1''$  and  $V \in \tau$ ,  $V \neq X$ , clearly  $V$  is the intersection of all the compact open sets  $X \setminus \overline{\{x\}}$ , where  $x \in X \setminus V$ . By hypothesis,  $V$  must be compact. We have proved then that  $7) \Rightarrow 4)$  when  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\mathcal{R}_1''$ -space. Finally, if  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\mathcal{R}_1'$ , each set  $X \setminus \overline{\{x\}}$  is compact and open and, hence, it is also closed. Therefore, each point-closure is open. Since  $X$  is compact,  $X$  is the closure of a finite subset of  $X$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\mathcal{R}_0$ , the topology  $\tau$  must be finite.  $\square$

H.-P. Künzi has proved that properties 3), 4), 5), 6), 7) and

- 2')  $\mathcal{P}$  is the only totally bounded quasi-uniformity on  $X$  which induces  $\tau$  are equivalent (see [4]).

The validity of the implication  $7) \Rightarrow 2)$  is still open.

Typical examples of topological spaces admitting a unique totally bounded quasi-uniformity are the hereditarily compact spaces and set  $\omega_0$  equipped with the lower topology  $\{[0, n]: n \in \omega_0\} \cup \{\emptyset, \omega_0\}$ .

The space with carrier set  $\omega_0 + 2$  and topology  $\{[0, n]: n \in \omega_0\} \cup \{(\omega_0 + 2) \setminus \{\omega_0 + 1\}, \omega_0 + 2, (\omega_0 + 2) \setminus \{\omega_0\}, \emptyset\}$  admits a unique totally bounded quasi-uniformity, while this is not true for its subspace  $(\omega_0 + 2) \setminus \{\omega_0\}$  (see example page 148 [4]).

**Example 2.23** (see example 1 in [5]). Let  $N$  be the set of the positive integers equipped with the topology  $\tau = \{\{1, \dots, n\}: n \in N\} \cup \{\emptyset, N\}$ . Obviously, every proper open subset of  $N$  is compact, but  $N$  is not compact. This example shows that a topological space that admits a unique compatible quasi-proximity need not be compact.

*Question:* If  $(X, \tau)$  is an unibasic space is equivalently to say the  $\mathcal{P}$  is the only compatible quasi-uniformity?

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