

3. Uniform Extension of Uniformly Continuous Functions

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In this note, a space is uniform and a function is, unless otherwise specified, real valued and uniformly continuous.

Katětov proved [3, Theorem 3] that, if A is an arbitrary uniform subspace of a space S , then any bounded function on A can be uniformly extended to S . In this note, we are going to find conditions under which the same kind of extension holds for not necessarily bounded functions. In other words, when we say that a space S has a *property E* if any function on an arbitrary uniform subspace of S can be uniformly extended to S , then we shall see in the following some conditions of S in order to have the property E . A space is said to be *uc* if every real valued continuous function on the space is uniformly continuous. Some characterisations for a space to be *uc* are known [1]. When S is normal and *uc*, then S has the property E , this is a trivial sufficient condition. Another sufficient condition is well known [2, Theorem 4.12], which is however not necessary even in a metric space. Theorem 2 gives a necessary and sufficient condition in a pseudo-metric space, and it also induces a necessary and sufficient condition of a space to have a restricted property E .

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The following theorem is a corollary to the Katětov's theorem [3, Theorem 3], which however gives a sufficient condition for the property E which does not induce the local fineness [2].

Theorem 1. *Let $\{f^\alpha\}$ be a uniformly equicontinuous family of functions f^α on a uniform subspace A of a space S into closed intervals $[a^\alpha, b^\alpha]$, $0 < b^\alpha - a^\alpha = c^\alpha < c < \infty$, then there is a uniformly equicontinuous family of uniform extensions of f^α to S .*

Proof. Let S' be the union of disjoint copies S^α of S for all α , then the family of unions V_β^α of disjoint copies V_β^α of all entourages V_β in S generates a uniform structure in S' , and f defined by $f^\alpha - c^\alpha$ is uniformly continuous on $\bigcup A^\alpha$, A^α copies of A , to $[0, c]$. By the Katětov's theorem, there is a uniform extension g of f to S' . $g^\alpha + c^\alpha$ is desired extension of f^α .

We can prove, in an elementary way similar to the well-known proof of the Urysohn's extension theorem in normal spaces, that the