

## QUASI-METRIZABLE SPACES

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**A construction is given which yields to any quasi-metrizable not non-archimedeanly quasi-metrizable space another quasi-metrizable space which is not  $\sigma$ -orthocompact. It is shown that  $(\sigma)$ -orthocompactness does not imply non-archimedean quasi-metrizability and is neither summable nor multiplicative nor (CH) hereditary in completely regular quasi-metric spaces.**

**It is proved that quasi-metric spaces are preserved under perfect mappings.**

O. Let  $T$  be the completely regular quasi-metric space without any  $\sigma$ -interior preserving base presented in [8].  $T$  has been invented to show that a sufficient condition for quasi-metrizability due to S. Nedev ([12]) and to P. Fletcher and W. F. Lindgren ([3]), namely the existence of a  $\sigma$ -interior preserving base, is not necessary. In §1 of the present paper some further analogs of well known metric theorems are proved to be false. A general construction on quasi-metric spaces is given, which when applied to the space  $T$  yields a (completely regular perfect subparacompact submetrizable) quasi-metric non- $\sigma$ -orthocompact extension  $T^\sim$ , while  $T$  is shown to be hereditarily orthocompact.  $T^\sim$  supplies i.a. an answer to a question of P. Fletcher concerning the  $\sigma$ -orthocompactness of quasi-metric spaces [private communication].

It is shown further that  $(\sigma)$ -orthocompactness is neither multiplicative nor summable in completely regular quasi-metric spaces. In fact, the product of the space  $T$  with the Sorgenfrey line is shown to be non- $\sigma$ -orthocompact, and  $T^\sim$  is shown to be the union of an open set homeomorphic to  $T$  and a discrete set of cardinality of the continuum. Together with the continuum hypothesis the above construction provides an example of a regular Lindelöf quasi-metric space that is not hereditarily  $\sigma$ -orthocompact.

In §2<sup>1</sup> it is shown that a perfect image of quasi-metrizable space is quasi-metrizable, in analogy to the metric case. This result answers a question posed first by S. Nedev and M. M. Čoban ([13]). It is further proved that non-archimedean quasi-metric spaces are preserved under perfect mappings. In [13] S. Nedev and M. M. Čoban have proved the same result for  $\gamma$ -spaces. Hence each of the three increasing classes of spaces, namely non-archimedean quasi-metric spaces, quasimetric spaces and  $\gamma$ -spaces, is preserved under perfect mappings.

<sup>1</sup> The results of §2 had been included in [9].

All spaces below are  $T_1$ .  $D$  denotes the set  $\{0\} \cup \{1/j: j = 1, 2, \dots\}$ .

1. A generalized metric  $d$  on a space  $X$  is a *quasi-metric (non-archimedean quasi-metric)* provided that always  $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$  ( $d(x, z) \leq \max\{d(x, y), d(y, z)\}$ ).

A collection  $\alpha$  of subsets of a space  $X$  is *interior preserving* provided that  $\text{int} \cap \{A: A \in \alpha'\} = \bigcap \{\text{int } A: A \in \alpha'\}$  for every  $\alpha' \subset \alpha$ , and it is  *$\sigma$ -interior preserving* provided that  $\alpha$  is countable union of interior preserving collections. A space is *non-archimedeanly quasi-metrizable* iff it has a  $\sigma$ -interior preserving base ([8], [3]). A space is *( $\sigma$ -)orthocompact* provided that every open cover has a ( $\sigma$ -)interior preserving open refinement ([14], [2]). A space  $X$  is *perfect*, provided that any open set of  $X$  is  $F_\sigma$  and *subparacompact* provided that every cover of  $X$  has a  $\sigma$ -discrete closed refinement. A space  $X$  is *submetrizable* provided that there exists a metrizable topology which is coarser than that of  $X$ .

The space  $T$  has the complex plane as its underlying set. A base of neighborhoods in a point  $t \in T$  consists of the sets  $C(t, r) = \{t\} \cup \{t': |t' - (t + ri)| < r\}$ ,  $r > 0$ , i.e.,  $C(t, r)$  is an open circle with radius  $r$  together with its "southern pole"  $t$ . It is shown in [8] that the space  $T$  is submetrizable, quasi-metrizable via a quasi-metric which is continuous in the second variable, but not non-archimedeanly quasi-metrizable. Moreover, the same arguments as in [8] prove the following lemma.

LEMMA. Let  $T_0$  be a subset of the second category in the plane topology and let  $\mathcal{C} = \{U(t): t \in T_0\}$  be a collection of subsets of  $T$  such that for each  $t \in T_0$ ,  $U(t)$  is a  $T$ -neighborhood of  $t$  contained in  $C(t, r_t)$ . Then  $\mathcal{C}$  is not  $\sigma$ -interior preserving in  $T$  and  $\{U(t) \cap T_0: t \in T_0\}$  is not  $\sigma$ -interior preserving in the subspace  $T_0$  of  $T$ .

PROPOSITION 1.  $T$  is a perfect, subparacompact and hereditarily orthocompact space<sup>2</sup>.

*Proof.* Let us show that any open cover  $\zeta$  of an open set  $V$  has a closed  $\sigma$ -discrete refinement in  $T$ , so that  $T$  is perfect and subparacompact.

For each  $G \in \zeta$  let  $G^0$  denote the interior of  $G$  in the plane topology. Set  $\zeta^0 = \{G^0: G \in \zeta\}$  and set  $V' = \bigcup \zeta^0$ . Note that  $\zeta^0$  has a closed  $\sigma$ -discrete refinement even in the plane topology. Set  $F = V - V'$  and set  $F_n = \{t \in F: C(t, 1/n) \subset G \text{ for some } G \in \zeta\}$ . We have  $F = \bigcup F_n$ . Let us show that any  $F_n$  is  $\sigma$ -discrete.

For  $t \in T$ ,  $r > 0$  set  $C^{-1}(t, r) = \{t': t \in C(t', r)\}$ . Note that  $C^{-1}(t, r)$

<sup>2</sup> After this result was obtained, I learned from H. Junnila that he also has proved that the space  $T$  is orthocompact in a different way.

is an open circle with radius  $r$  together with its "northern pole"  $t$ . Set  $S(t, r) = C(t, r) \cup C^{-1}(t, r)$ . The space  $X$  with the plane as its underlying set with the basic neighborhoods  $S(x, r)$  is semimetrizable ([6], [7]) and its topology is coarser than that of  $T$  yet finer than the plane topology. Now for any  $t \in F_n$  we have  $S(t, 1/n) \cap F_n = \{t\}$ . Otherwise pick some  $t' \in S(t, 1/n) \cap F_n, t' \neq t$ . Then  $t' \in C(t, 1/n)$  or  $t' \in C^{-1}(t, 1/n)$  and  $t \in C(t', 1/n)$ . In the first case, for instance,  $t' \in C(t, 1/n) - \{t\} \subset G^0 \in \zeta^0$ , and  $t' \in V'$  and this contradicts  $t' \in F$ . Hence for every  $t \in F_n$  the trace of  $S(t, 1/n)$  on  $F_n$  is  $\{t\}$ .

Since the open collection  $\{S(t, 1/n): t \in F_n\}$  in the semi-metrizable space  $X$  has a closed  $\sigma$ -discrete refinement,  $F_n$  is a union of countably many sets that are closed and discrete in  $X$ , and hence in  $T$ .

We have proved that  $\zeta$  has a  $\sigma$ -discrete closed refinement. Thus  $T$  is perfect and subparacompact. A perfect space is hereditarily orthocompact if it is  $\sigma$ -orthocompact ([2]). Let  $\eta$  be an open cover of  $T$ . For each  $H \in \eta$  let  $H^0$  denote the interior of  $H$  in the plane topology. Set  $\eta^0 = \{H^0: H \in \eta\}$  and set  $T_0 = \bigcup \eta^0$ . Note  $\eta^0$  has a  $\sigma$ -locally finite open refinement even in the plane topology. Let  $E = T - T_0, E_n = \{t \in E: C(t, 1/n) \in H \text{ for some } H \in \eta\}$ . We have  $E = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n$ . We shall construct for every  $E_n$  an open interior preserving collection which refines  $\{C(t, 1/n): t \in E_n\}$  and covers  $E_n$ .

Let  $\beta$  be a base of the plane topology,  $\beta = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \beta_k$ , where  $\beta_k$  are point finite and for every  $U \in \beta_k$   $\text{diam } U = \sup \{|t - t'|: t, t' \in U\} < 1/k$ .

For  $t \in E_n, t' \in C(t, 1/2n)$  let  $k(t, t')$  be the smallest  $k$  such that there exists  $U \in \beta_k$  with  $t' \in U \subset C(t, 1/n)$ , and let  $U(t, t')$  be such a  $U$ . Let us note that if one has sequences  $t_j \in E_n, t'_j \in C(t, 1/2n), t_j \neq t'_j$ , then (1)  $k(t_j, t'_j) \rightarrow \infty \implies |t_j - t'_j| \rightarrow 0$ .

We put  $U(t) = \bigcup \{U(t, t'): t' \in C(t, 1/2n)\} \cup \{t\}$ . Obviously,  $U(t) \subset C(t, 1/n)$ .

The collection  $\{U(t): t \in E_n\}$  is interior preserving. Otherwise pick some  $t_0 \in T$  such that  $\bigcap \{U(t): t_0 \in U(t)\}$  is not a neighborhood of  $t_0$ . Since any  $U(t)$  is an union of some  $U(t, t') \in \beta_{k(t, t')}$  and any  $\beta_k$  is interior preserving, there exist sequences  $t_j \in E_n$  and  $t'_j \in C(t_j, 1/2n)$  such that (2)  $t_0 \in U(t_j, t'_j)$  for any  $j = 1, 2, \dots$  and (3)  $k(t_j, t'_j) \rightarrow \infty$ . From (3) and (1) it follows that  $|t_j - t'_j| \rightarrow 0$ , from (2) and from the definitions of  $U(t, t')$  and  $\beta_k$  it follows that  $|t'_j - t_0| < \text{diam } U(t_j, t'_j) < 1/k(t_j, t'_j) \rightarrow 0$ , so  $|t_0 - t_j| \rightarrow 0$  and since all  $t_j \in E$  and  $E$  is closed in the plane topology we have  $t_0 \in E$ . However, for some  $t_j$  we have  $t_0 \neq t_j$ , and  $t_0 \in U(t_j) - \{t_j\} \subset C(t_j, 1/n) - \{t_j\} \subset H^0 \in \eta^0$ , hence  $t_0 \in T_0$ . Thus  $t_0 \in T_0 \cap E - a$  contradiction.

We have proved that  $\eta$  has a  $\sigma$ -interior preserving refinement. Hence  $T$  is  $\sigma$ -orthocompact, and therefore, as mentioned above, it is hereditary orthocompact.

REMARK. By the same arguments it can be proved that the space  $X$  of H. W. Martin's Example 3 of [11] is orthocompact; this answers Question 1 of [11].

Let  $(X, d)$  be a quasi-metric space,  $B(x, r)$  be a  $d$ -sphere, and set  $X^\sim = X \times D$ . We define a generalized metric  $d^\sim$  on  $X^\sim$  such that for  $r \leq 1$  the  $d^\sim$ -spheres  $B^\sim(\langle x, 1/j \rangle, r) = B(x, r/j) \times \{1/j\}$  and  $B^\sim(\langle x, 0 \rangle, r) = \bigcup_{1/j < r} B^\sim(\langle x, 1/j \rangle, r) \cup \{\langle x, 0 \rangle\}$ . For  $r > 1$  we put all  $d^\sim$ -spheres  $B^\sim(\langle x, y \rangle, r) = X^\sim$ . It follows that  $d^\sim$  is a quasi-metric and that if  $X$  is Hausdorff that so is  $X^\sim$ .

THEOREM 1. (i)  $X^\sim$  is a union of countably many disjoint clopen subspaces homeomorphic to  $X$  and a discrete subspace of the same cardinality as that of  $X$ .

(ii) If  $d$  is continuous in the second variable then so is  $d^\sim$ .

(iii) If  $X$  is perfect (subparacompact, submetrizable) then so is  $X^\sim$ .

(iv) If  $X$  is not non-archimedeanly quasi-metrizable then  $X^\sim$  is not  $\sigma$ -orthocompact.<sup>3</sup>

*Proof.* (i) is obvious. (ii) follows from the following criterion due to R. Stoltenberg [15]: a quasi-metric  $d$  is continuous in the second variable iff for every  $x \in X$ ,  $0 < r < r'$  one has  $\text{cl } B(x, r) \subset B(x, r')$ . (iii) The topology of the product of  $X$  with the metric space  $D$  is coarser than that of  $X^\sim$ , hence  $X^\sim$  is submetrizable if  $X$  is. The rest follows from (i). (iv) Let  $\zeta$  be a  $\sigma$ -interior preserving refinement of the open cover  $\{B^\sim(\langle x, 0 \rangle, 1) : x \in X\}$ , and let  $\pi_j : X \rightarrow X^\sim$  be defined by  $\pi_j(x) = \langle x, 1/j \rangle$ . Then  $\{\pi_j^{-1}G : G \in \zeta, j = 1, 2, \dots\}$  is a  $\sigma$ -interior preserving open collection in  $X$ . It is also a base in  $X$  because if  $U$  is a neighborhood of  $x \in X$ ,  $B(x, 1/j) \subset U$  and  $\langle x, 0 \rangle \in G \in \zeta$ , where  $G \subset B^\sim(\langle x, 0 \rangle, 1)$ , then one has  $x \in \pi_j^{-1}(G) \subset \pi_j^{-1}(B^\sim(\langle x, 0 \rangle, 1)) = B(x, 1/j) \subset U$ ,  $\pi_j^{-1}(G) \in \pi_j^{-1}(\zeta)$ . This completes the proof.

The following proposition is a consequence of Proposition 1 and Theorem 1.

PROPOSITION 2. The space  $T^\sim$  is perfect, subparacompact, submetrizable, quasi-metrizable via a quasi-metric which is continuous in the second variable, but is not  $\sigma$ -orthocompact.

The notion of neighbornet due to H. Junnila ([5]) helps to unify some definitions.

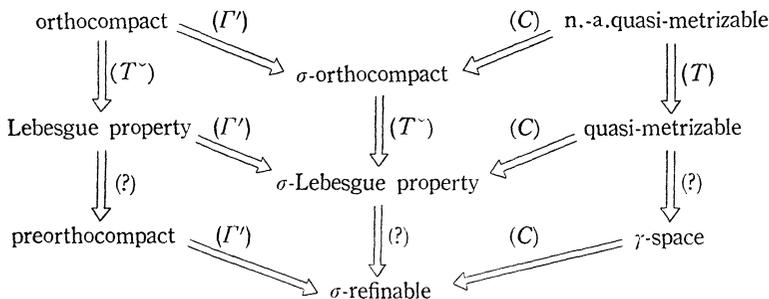
A reflexive binary relation  $U$  on a space  $X$  is a *neighbornet* provided that for any  $x \in X$  the set  $U(x)$  is a neighborhood of  $x$ . A sequence  $\langle U_n \rangle$  of neighbornets is *basic* provided that for any

<sup>3</sup> Some constructions non-orthocompact non-quasi-metrizable spaces based on quite a different idea have been given in [4].

$x \in X$  the sequence  $\langle U_n(x) \rangle$  is a base of neighborhoods of  $x$  ([5]). A neighbornet  $U$  (a sequence of neighbornets  $\langle U_n \rangle$ ) *refines* a cover  $\zeta$  of  $X$  provided that for any  $x \in X$  there exists some  $G \in \zeta$  such that  $U(x) \subset G$  ( $U_n(x) \subset G$  for some  $n$ ). A neighbornet  $U_0$  is *double (normal)* provided that there exists another neighbornet  $U_1$  (a sequence of neighbornets  $U_1, U_2, \dots$ ) such that  $U_0 \supset U_1^2$  ( $U_n \supset U_{n+1}^2$  any  $n \geq 0$ ). A space  $X$  is *orthocompact* (has the *Lebesgue property*, is *pre-orthocompact*) iff for any open cover  $\zeta$  of  $X$  there exists a transitive (normal, double) neighbornet which refines  $\zeta$ , *countably orthocompact (countably preorthocompact)* iff for any countably open cover  $\zeta$  of  $X$  there exists a transitive (double) neighbornet which refines  $\zeta$ ;  $\sigma$ -orthocompact (has the  $\sigma$ -Lebesgue property, is  $\sigma$ -refinable) iff for any open cover  $\zeta$  of  $X$  there exists a sequence of transitive (normal, double) neighbornets which refines  $\zeta$ , and non-archimedeanly quasi-metrizable (quasi-metrizable, a  $\gamma$ -space) iff there exists a basic sequence transitive (normal, double) neighbornets ([5], [2], [3], [8]).

REMARKS. H. Junnila mentioned in a letter to the author that the  $\sim$ -construction preserves the Lebesgue property, any since  $T$  is orthocompact and therefore has the Lebesgue property,  $T^\sim$  is an example of a quasi-metric space with the Lebesgue property which is not  $\sigma$ -orthocompact.

We note that  $\sigma$ -orthocompactness does not imply the orthocompactness in quasi-metric spaces. A  $\sigma$ -orthocompact non-orthocompact quasi-metric space was found by P. Fletcher. E. K. van Douwen and H. H. Wicke [1] have constructed an example of a regular non-archimedeanly quasi-metrizable space  $I'$  which is not countably orthocompact. Moreover, it can be shown that  $I'$  is not even countably preorthocompact.



Let us consider the following diagram:

All implications of the diagram are obvious. Those marked with  $T, T^\sim, \Gamma'$ , and  $C$  are irreversible by the counterexamples indicated, where  $C$  is an arbitrary compact nonmetrizable space. The problem

of the reversibility of the other implications is open.

**PROPOSITION 3.** *( $\sigma$ -orthocompactness is not summable in quasi-metric spaces, namely,  $T^\vee$  is a sum of an open set homeomorphic to  $T$  and a discrete subspace.*

*Proof.* Since  $T$  is the countable union of disjoint open and closed mutually homeomorphic subsets, the desired result follows from Theorem 1.

**PROPOSITION 4.** *( $\sigma$ -orthocompactness is not multiplicative, namely the product of the space  $T$  with the Sorgenfrey line  $Z$  is not  $\sigma$ -orthocompact; neither is  $T \times T$ .*

*Proof.*  $Z$  is homeomorphic to closed subspace of  $T$ , hence it is enough to show that  $T \times Z$  is not  $\sigma$ -orthocompact. Let  $t \in T, z \in Z, a = \langle t, z \rangle \in T \times Z$ . The sets  $S(a, r) = C(t, r) \times [z, z + r), r > 0$  form a base of neighborhoods of  $a$ . The set  $\{t\} \times [z, z + r)$  will be called  $I(a, r)$ .

The underlying set of  $T$  is a plane. Any line parallel to  $x$ -axis is a discrete set in  $T$ . Hence the plane  $P_1 = \{\langle x, y, z \rangle : y + z = 0, \langle x, y \rangle \in T, z \in Z\}$  is a discrete set in  $T \times Z$  while any subspace of  $T \times Z$  whose underlying set is a plane  $P$  parallel to  $P_2 = \{\langle x, y, z \rangle : y - z = 0, \langle x, y \rangle \in T, z \in Z\}$  is homeomorphic to  $T$ , and the orthogonal projection  $\pi : P \rightarrow T$  is a homeomorphism.

Let us show that the open cover  $\zeta = \{S(a, 1) : a \in P_1\}$  of a clopen set  $F = U\zeta$  has no  $\sigma$ -interior preserving refinement  $\eta$ . Otherwise let  $S(a)$  be some member of  $\eta$  containing  $a \in P_1$ . One has  $S(a) \subset S(a, 1)$ . For some  $k$  the subset  $P_1(k) = \{a \in P_1 : S(a, 1/k) \subset S(a)\}$  is of the second category in the plane topology of  $P_1$ . Since the sets  $I(a, 1/k)$  with  $a \in P_1(k)$  have the same "height", hence the intersection of  $\cup \{I(a, 1/k) : a \in P_1(k)\}$  with some plane  $P$  parallel to  $P_2$  denoted by  $P_0$  is of the second category in the plane topology of  $P$ . Therefore the set  $T_0 = \pi(P_0)$  with  $T_0 \subset T$  is of the second category in the plane topology. Let  $t \in T_0, t = \pi(b)$  and  $\{b\} = I(a, 1/k) \cap P$ . The set  $\pi(S(a) \cap P)$  will be called  $U(t)$ . Since  $t \in \pi(I(a, 1/k) \cap P) \subset \pi(S(a, 1/k) \cap P) \subset U(t)$  hence  $U(t)$  is a neighborhood of  $t$  in  $T$ . Since the collection of all  $S(a)$  is  $\sigma$ -interior preserving in  $T \times Z$ , hence the collection of all  $S(a) \cap P$  is  $\sigma$ -interior preserving in the subspace  $P$  of  $T \times Z$ , and since  $\pi$  is a homeomorphism, we get that the collection of all  $U(t)$ , where  $t \in T_0$ , is  $\sigma$ -interior preserving. We also have  $U(t) = \pi(S(a) \cap P) \subset \pi(S(a, 1) \cap P) \subset 0(t, 1)$ , and since  $T_0$  is of the second category in the plane topology, we get a contradiction to the lemma. Hence  $\zeta$  has no  $\sigma$ -interior preserving refinement and  $T \times Z$  is not  $\sigma$ -orthocompact.

PROPOSITION 5. (CH) *The  $(\sigma)$ -orthocompactness is not hereditary in quasi-metric spaces, namely there exists a regular Lindelöf non-archimedean quasi-metric space  $T^\perp$  which is not hereditary  $\sigma$ -orthocompact.*

*Proof.* If the continuum hypothesis is valid, then there exists an uncountable subspace  $T_0$  of  $T$  such that the trace of  $T_0$  on each nowhere dense subset in the plane topology is countable ([10]). Note that  $T - T_0$  is dense.  $T_0$  is of the second category in the plane topology, and the subspace  $T_0$  of  $T$  is Lindelöf. Indeed, if  $\zeta$  is an open cover of  $T_0$  and  $\zeta'$  is a subcollection of  $\zeta$  which covers some dense set in  $T$ , then the complement of  $U\zeta'$  in  $T_0$  is countable by the definition of  $T_0$ . The same arguments imply that the spaces obtained from the plane by scattering the points of  $T_0$  is also Lindelöf.

Let  $B(t, r)(B_0(t, r))$  be spheres of some quasi-metric of the plane (of the subspace  $T_0$  of  $T$ ) and  $B(t, r) \subset B_0(t, r)$  for  $t \in T_0$ . We define a space  $T^\perp$  with the underlying set  $(T_0 \times D) \cup (S - T_0) \times \{0\}$ , and with the generalized metric  $d^\perp$  on  $T^\perp$  such that for  $r \leq 1$   $d^\perp$ -spheres  $B^\perp(\langle t, 0 \rangle, r) = B((t, r) \times [0, r]) \cap T^\perp$  for  $t \in S - T_0$  and,  $B^\perp(\langle t, x \rangle, r) = B_0^\perp(\langle t, x \rangle, r)$  for  $t \in T_0$ . For  $r > 1$  all  $B^\perp(\langle t, x \rangle, r) = T^\perp$ . It follows that the subspace  $T_0 \times D$  of  $T^\perp$  is isometric to  $T_0^\perp$ ,  $d^\perp$  is a quasi-metric and  $T^\perp$  is regular. Since  $T_0$  is of the second category in the plane topology, it follows from the lemma that  $T_0$  is not non-archimedeanly quasi-metrizable and  $T_0^\perp$  is not  $\sigma$ -orthocompact, neither is the subspace  $T_0 \times D$  of  $T^\perp$ . Since  $S \times \{0\}$  is Lindelöf and for each  $x \in D - \{0\}$ ,  $T_0 \times \{x\}$  is Lindelöf, the desired space  $T^\perp$  is Lindelöf.

2. A quasi-uniformity on  $X$  is *transitive* provided that it has a base consisting of transitive binary relations ([3]).

THEOREM 2. *Let  $f$  be a perfect map from  $X$  onto  $Y$ . If the space  $X$  is quasi-uniformizable via a (transitive) quasi-uniformity with a base of cardinality  $\leq m$ , then so is  $Y$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a quasi-uniformity on  $X$  with a base  $\mathcal{B}$  of cardinality  $\leq m$ . For any  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  the binary relation  $U^Y = \{(y, y') \in Y \times Y : U(f^{-1}(y)) \supset f^{-1}(y')\}$  is reflexive in  $Y$ . If  $U_1 \subset U_2$  then  $U_1^Y \subset U_2^Y$ . If  $U_1 \circ U_1 \subset U_2$ , then  $U_1^Y \circ U_1^Y \subset U_2^Y$ . Thus  $\{U^Y | U \in \mathcal{B}\}$  is a base of cardinality  $\leq m$  for a quasi-uniformity  $\mathcal{U}^Y$  on  $Y$  which is transitive if  $\mathcal{U}$  is transitive.

We shall show that  $\mathcal{U}^Y$  is compatible with the topology of  $Y$ , i.e., for any  $y \in Y, E \subset Y$  one has that  $y \in \text{cl } E$  if, and only if, for each  $U \in \mathcal{U}$ ,  $U^Y(y) \cap E \neq \emptyset$ .

For  $U \in \mathcal{U}, y \in Y$  define  $U_Y(y) = f(U(f^{-1}(y)))$ . As  $U^Y(y) = Y -$

$f(X - U(f^{-1}(y)))$  and  $f$  is a surjection, we obtain  $U^V(y) \subset U_Y(y)$ .

If now  $U^V(y) \cap E \neq \emptyset$  for every  $U \in \mathcal{U}$ , then also  $U_Y(y) \cap E \neq \emptyset$  and  $A(U) = \{z \in f^{-1}(y) : U(z) \cap f^{-1}(E) \neq \emptyset\} \neq \emptyset$ .

Since  $A(U_1) \subset A(U_2)$ , whenever  $U_1 \subset U_2$ , it follows that  $\{A(U) \mid U \in \mathcal{U}\}$  is a filter base on the compact set  $f^{-1}(y)$  with a limit point  $x \in f^{-1}(y)$ .

For any  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  let  $U' \in \mathcal{U}$ ,  $U' \circ U' \subset U$  and let  $z \in U'(x) \cap A(U')$ . One obtains  $U'(z) \cap f^{-1}(E) \neq \emptyset$  and  $U(x) \cap f^{-1}(E) \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $\mathcal{U}$  is compatible with the topology of  $X$ ,  $x \in \text{cl } f^{-1}(E)$ , and since  $f$  is continuous,  $y = f(x) \in \text{cl } f f^{-1}(E) = \text{cl } E$ .

Let now  $y \in \text{cl } E$  and let  $U \in \mathcal{U}$ . Then  $U^V(y) \cap E \neq \emptyset$ . Indeed,  $(f^{-1}(y))$  is a neighborhood of  $f^{-1}(y)$ , i.e.,  $f^{-1}(y) \subset \text{int } U(f^{-1}(y))$ . Thus  $E \not\subset f(X - U(f^{-1}(y)))$ . Otherwise  $E \subset f(X - \text{int } U(f^{-1}(y)))$  and since  $f$  is closed,  $\text{cl } E \subset f(X - \text{int } (f^{-1}(y))) \subset f(X - f^{-1}(y)) = Y - \{y\}$ .

Therefore,  $\emptyset = E \cap (Y - f(X - U(f^{-1}(y))))$  and as it was mentioned above,  $Y - f(X - U(f^{-1}(y))) = U^V(y)$ , so that  $\emptyset \neq E \cap U^V(y)$ . The theorem is proved.

Since a space is (non-archimedeanly) quasi-metrizable iff it is uniformizable via a (transitive) quasi-uniformity with a countable base, the two following corollaries are valid.

**COROLLARY 1.** *A perfect image of a quasi-metrizable space is quasi-metrizable.*

**COROLLARY 2.** *A perfect image of a non-archimedeanly quasi-metrizable space is non-archimedeanly quasi-metrizable.*

**REMARK.** A direct proof of the last result is given by the author in [9]<sup>4</sup>.

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