

# I-FAVORABLE SPACES AND INVERSE SYSTEMS.

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ABSTRACT. It is showed that any compact space  $X$  is I-favorable if, and only if  $X$  can be representing as a limit of  $\sigma$ -complete inverse system of compact metrizable spaces with skeletal bonding maps.

## [Compact openly generated spaces.]

In several papers [13], [14] and [15], E.V. Shchepin considered a few classes of compact spaces. Among others, he introduced the class of compact openly generated spaces. A compact space  $X$  is called *openly generated*, whenever  $X$  is a limit of a  $\sigma$ -complete inverse system of metrizable spaces with open bonding maps. Since Ivanov's result [9]: *A compact space  $X$  is openly generated if, and only if its superextension is a Dugundji space*; Shchepin established that the classes of openly generated compact spaces and of  $\kappa$ -metrizable spaces are the same, see Theorem 21 in [15].

## [Limits of inverse systems with skeletal bonding maps.]

We consider the class of topological (compact) spaces which widen openly generated spaces. Our's class consists of limits of  $\sigma$ -complete inverse systems of compact metrizable spaces with skeletal bonding maps. It occurs that compact spaces from this class are the same as I-favorable spaces, Theorems 1 and 3. Any continuous and open map is skeletal, hence every compact openly generated space has to be I-favorable.

**[The converse is not true.]**

There are extremally disconnected and I-favorable spaces. For instance  $\beta\mathbb{N}$ , i.e. the Čech-Stone compactification of positive integers with the discrete topology, is I-favorable and extremally disconnected, but  $\beta\mathbb{N}$  is not openly generated, since any compact extremally disconnected and openly generated space has to be discrete, see Theorem 11 in [13].

**[Connections with Boolean algebras.]**

A Boolean algebra  $\mathbb{B}$  is semi-Cohen (regularly filtered) if, and only if  $[\mathbb{B}]^\omega$  has a closed unbounded set of countable regular subalgebras, in other words  $[\mathbb{B}]^\omega$  contains a club filter. The Stone space of a semi-Cohen algebras is I-favorable, compare [2] and [7]. Thus our's results develop facts on semi-Cohen algebras, compare Theorem 4.3 in [2].

**[Sketch of results.]**

We modify quotient topologies and quotient maps. We introduce and consider identification topologies and identification maps. We extract conditions  $(\mathcal{W}^\mathcal{T})$  from properties of cozero sets. Frink's theorem is used to show that  $X/\mathcal{T}$  is completely regular, whenever  $\mathcal{T}$  is a ring of subsets of  $X$  and each  $W \in \mathcal{T}$  fulfills  $(\mathcal{W}^\mathcal{T})$ . We introduce skeletal families to modify the essential property of club filters, in particular the condition  $(\mathcal{S})$ . Representations of I-favorable compact spaces as limits of  $\sigma$ -complete inverse systems of compact metrizable spaces with skeletal bonding maps are our's main result.

[Main results.]

Representations of I-favorable compact spaces as limits of  $\sigma$ -complete inverse systems of compact metrizable spaces with skeletal bonding maps are our's main result. These results are similar to Shchepin's theory of openly generated spaces.

**Theorem 1.** *If  $X$  is a I-favorable compact space, then*

$$X = \varprojlim \{X_\sigma, \pi_\sigma^\sigma, \Sigma\},$$

*where  $\{X_\sigma, \pi_\sigma^\sigma, \Sigma\}$  is a  $\sigma$ -complete inverse system, all spaces  $X_\sigma$  are compact and metrizable, and all bonding maps  $\pi_\sigma^\sigma$  are skeletal.*

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $\{X_\sigma, \pi_\sigma^\sigma, \Sigma\}$  be a  $\sigma$ -complete inverse system with all bonding maps skeletal. If all spaces  $X_\sigma$  are metrizable and separable, then the limit*

$$X = \varprojlim \{X_\sigma, \pi_\sigma^\sigma, \Sigma\}$$

*is I-favorable.*

[Inverse systems:  $\sigma$ -complete.]

A directed set  $\Sigma$  is said to be  $\sigma$ -complete if any countable chain of its elements has least upper bound in  $\Sigma$ . An inverse system  $\{X_\sigma, \pi_\sigma^\sigma, \Sigma\}$  is said to be a  $\sigma$ -complete, whenever  $\Sigma$  is  $\sigma$ -complete and for every chain  $\{\sigma_n : n \in \omega\} \subseteq \Sigma$ , such that  $\sigma = \sup\{\sigma_n : n \in \omega\} \in \Sigma$ , there holds

$$X_\sigma = \varprojlim \{X_{\sigma_n}, \pi_{\sigma_n}^{\sigma_{n+1}}, \Sigma\},$$

compare E.V. Shchepin [15] (1981). For other details see R. Engelking [5] (1977), pages 135 - 144.

**[Skeletal functions.]**

A continuous function is called *skeletal* whenever for any non-empty open sets  $U \subseteq X$  the closure of  $f[U]$  has non-empty interior. If  $X$  is a compact space and  $Y$  Hausdorff, then a continuous  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is skeletal if, and only if  $\text{Int } f[U] \neq \emptyset$ , for every open  $U \neq \emptyset$ . In the literature one can find equivalent notions: *almost-open or semi-open*; see A. Arhangel'skii [1] (1962), and H. Herrlich and G.E. Strecker [8] (1968). We call such maps skeletal following J. Mioduszewski and L. Rudolf [11] (1969).

**[Remainder of  $\beta N$ .]**

There exist topological spaces with no skeletal map onto a dense in itself metrizable space. For example, the remainder of the Čech-Stone compactification  $\beta N$ . In fact, any space such that every decreasing sequence of open nonempty subsets has the intersection with non-empty interior has no skeletal map onto a dense in itself and Hausdorff space.

**[Souslin lines, density topologies.]**

If  $I$  is a compact segment of connected Souslin line and  $X$  is metrizable, then each skeletal map  $f : I \rightarrow X$  has to be constant. Indeed, let  $Q$  be a countable and dense subset of  $f[I] \subseteq X$ . Suppose a skeletal map  $f : I \rightarrow X$  is non constant. Then the preimage  $f^{-1}(Q)$  is nowhere dense in  $I$  as countable union of nowhere dense subset of a Souslin line. So, for each open set  $V \subseteq I \setminus f^{-1}(Q)$  there holds  $\text{Int } f[V] = \emptyset$ , a contradiction. Another example is a regular Baire space  $X$  with a category measure  $\mu$  such that  $\mu(X) = 1$ , for a definition of this space see [12, pp. 86 - 91].

**[Independent example.]**

In [3] A. Błaszczyk and S. Shelah considered separable extremally disconnected spaces without skeletal map onto a dense in itself metrizable space. Theirs result is stated in terms of Boolean algebra: *There is a nowhere dense ultrafilter on  $\omega$  if, and only if there is a complete, atomless,  $\sigma$ -centered Boolean algebra which contains no regular, atomless, countable subalgebra.*

**[Open-open game.]**

Players are playing with a topological space  $X$  in the open-open game. Player I chooses a non-empty open subset  $A_0 \subseteq X$  at the beginning. Then Player II chooses a non-empty open subsets  $B_0 \subseteq A_0$ . Player I chooses a non-empty open subset  $A_n \subseteq X$  at the  $n$ -th round, and then Player II chooses a non-empty open subset  $B_n \subseteq A_n$ . Player I wins, whenever the union  $B_0 \cup B_1 \cup \dots \subseteq X$  is dense. One can assume that Player II wins for other cases. The space  $X$  is called *I-favorable* whenever Player I can be insured that he wins no matter how Player II plays. In other words, Player I has a winning strategy. For more details about the open-open game see P. Daniels, K. Kunen and H. Zhou [4] (1994).

**[Club filter.]**

Fix a  $\pi$ -base  $\mathcal{Q}$  for a space  $X$ . Following [4], compare [10], any family  $\mathcal{C} \subset [\mathcal{Q}]^\omega$  is called a *club filter* whenever:

The family  $\mathcal{C}$  is closed under  $\omega$ -chains with respect to inclusion;

For any countable subfamily  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$ , where  $\mathcal{Q}$  is the  $\pi$ -base fixed above, there exists  $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{C}$  such that  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{P}$ ; and

( $\mathcal{S}$ ). For any non-empty open set  $V$  and each  $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{C}$  there is  $W \in \mathcal{P}$  such that if  $U \in \mathcal{P}$  and  $U \subseteq W$ , then  $U$  meets  $V$ , i.e.  $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ .

[Known characterization.]

There holds, see [4] Theorem 1.6, compare [10] Lemmas 3 and 4: *A topological space has a club filter if, and only if it is I-favorable.* In the next part we modify a little the definition of club filters.

[Skeletal families.]

Any  $\mathcal{P}$  closed under a winning strategy for Player I fulfills  $(\mathcal{S})$ , hence the condition  $(\mathcal{S})$  gives reasons to look into I-favorable spaces with respect to skeletal families. A family  $\mathcal{P}$  of open subsets of a space  $X$  is called *skeletal family*, whenever for every non-empty open set  $V \subseteq X$  there exists  $W \in \mathcal{P}$  such that  $U \subseteq W$  and  $\emptyset \neq U \in \mathcal{P}$  implies  $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ .

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous function and let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a  $\pi$ -base for  $Y$ . The family  $\{f^{-1}(V) : V \in \mathcal{B}\}$  is skeletal if, and only if  $f$  is a skeletal map.*

[Identification maps, topologies.]

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a family of subsets of  $X$ . We say that  $y \in [x]_{\mathcal{P}}$ , whenever for every  $V \in \mathcal{P}$  there holds  $x \in V$  if, and only if  $y \in V$ . The family of all classes  $[x]_{\mathcal{P}}$  is denoted  $X/\mathcal{P}$ . Put  $q(x) = [x]_{\mathcal{P}}$ . The function  $q : X \rightarrow X/\mathcal{P}$  is called an *identification map*. The minimal topology on  $X/\mathcal{P}$ , containing images  $q[V] = \{[x]_{\mathcal{P}} : x \in V\}$  for  $V \in \mathcal{P}$ , is called an *identification topology*. If  $X$  is a compact space and  $X/\mathcal{P}$  is Hausdorff, then the identification map  $q : X \rightarrow X/\mathcal{P}$  is the natural quotient mapping. Also, the identification topology coincides with the quotient topology, compare [5] p. 124.

**Corollary 4.** *Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a family of open subsets of  $X$ . If  $X = \bigcup \mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{P}$  is closed under finite intersections, then the identification map  $q : X \rightarrow X/\mathcal{P}$  is continuous. Moreover, the family  $\{[V] : V \in \mathcal{P}\}$  is a base for the identification topology on  $X/\mathcal{P}$ .*

[Property of cozero sets.]

$(\mathcal{W}^T)$ : There exist sets  $\{U_n : n \in \omega\} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$  and  $\{V_n : n \in \omega\} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$  such that  $U_k \subseteq (X \setminus V_k) \subseteq U_{k+1}$ , for any  $k \in \omega$ , and  $\bigcup \{U_n : n \in \omega\} = W$ .

[ $T_2$  and  $T_3$  spaces.]

**Lemma 5.** *If  $\mathcal{T}$  is a family of sets such that each  $W \in \mathcal{T}$  fulfills  $(\mathcal{W}^T)$ , then  $X/\mathcal{T}$  is Hausdorff.*

**Lemma 6.** *Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a family of sets such that each  $W \in \mathcal{T}$  fulfills  $(\mathcal{W}^T)$ . If  $\mathcal{T}$  is closed under finite intersections, then  $X/\mathcal{T}$  is regular.*

[Completely regular spaces.]

To get that  $X/\mathcal{P}$  is completely regular we should apply the Frink's theorem, see [6] or [5] p. 72. Recall a reformulation of this theorem.

**Theorem** [O. Frink (1964)]. *A  $T_1$ -space  $X$  is completely regular if, and only if there exists a base  $\mathcal{B}$  satisfying:*

(1) *If  $x \in U \in \mathcal{B}$ , then there exists  $V \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $x \notin V$  and  $U \cup V = X$ ;*

(2) *If  $U, V \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $U \cup V = X$ , then there exists disjoint sets  $M, N \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $X \setminus U \subseteq M$  and  $X \setminus V \subseteq N$ . ☕*

**Theorem 7.** *If  $\mathcal{T}$  be a ring of subsets of  $X$  such that each  $W \in \mathcal{T}$  fulfills the conditions  $(\mathcal{W}^T)$ , then  $X/\mathcal{T}$  is a completely regular space.*

[Identification maps are skeletal.]

Suppose that, each  $W \in \mathcal{T}$  fulfills  $(\mathcal{W}^{\mathcal{T}})$ . If  $\mathcal{T}$  is finite, then  $X/\mathcal{T}$  is discrete, as a finite Hausdorff space. Whenever  $\mathcal{T}$  is countable and closed under finite intersections, then  $X/\mathcal{T}$  is a Hausdorff and regular space with a countable base. Then it is a metrizable separable space.

**Theorem 8.** *If a ring  $\mathcal{P}$  of open subsets of  $X$  is closed under a winning strategy and each  $W \in \mathcal{P}$  fulfills  $(\mathcal{W}^{\mathcal{P}})$ , then  $X/\mathcal{P}$  with the identification topology is completely regular and the identification map  $q : X \rightarrow X/\mathcal{P}$  is skeletal.*

[ $\mathcal{T}$ -clubs.]

We introduce  $\mathcal{T}$ -clubs, i.e. club filters with some additional properties. Consider a collection  $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{Q}) : \mathcal{Q} \in [\mathcal{T}]^{\omega}\}$  such that each  $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{C}$  is countable and closed under a winning strategy for Player I and all strategies  $\sigma_k^*$ : i.e. any  $W \in \mathcal{P}$  fulfills  $(\mathcal{W}^{\mathcal{P}})$ ; and closed under finite intersections and finite unions. Then, the family  $\mathcal{C}$  is called  $\mathcal{T}$ -club.

[Properties of  $\mathcal{T}$ -clubs.]

Any  $\mathcal{T}$ -club  $\mathcal{C}$  is closed under  $\omega$ -chains with respect to the inclusion and each  $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{C}$  is a ring of sets. Each  $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{C}$  fulfills  $(\mathcal{W}^{\mathcal{P}})$ . Additionally, any  $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{C}$  is closed under a winning strategy for Player I, hence for each  $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{C}$  the identification map  $q_{\mathcal{P}} : X \rightarrow X/\mathcal{P}$  is skeletal and onto a metrizable separable space. These properties suffice to build an inverse system with skeletal bonding maps onto metrizable separable spaces.



[ $\mathcal{T}$ -clubs and inverse systems.]

Any  $\mathcal{T}$ -club  $\mathcal{C}$  is directed by the inclusion. For each  $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{C}$  it is assigned the identification space  $X/\mathcal{P}$  and the skeletal function  $q_{\mathcal{P}} : X \rightarrow X/\mathcal{P}$ . If  $\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{R} \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{P} \subseteq \mathcal{R}$ , then put  $q_{\mathcal{P}}^{\mathcal{R}}([x]_{\mathcal{R}}) = [x]_{\mathcal{P}}$ . Thus, we have defined the inverse system  $\{X/\mathcal{R}, q_{\mathcal{P}}^{\mathcal{R}}, \mathcal{C}\}$ . In this inverse system spaces  $X/\mathcal{R}$  are metrizable and separable, bonding maps  $q_{\mathcal{P}}^{\mathcal{R}}$  are skeletal and the directed set  $\mathcal{C}$  is  $\sigma$ -complete.

[Completely regular cases.]

**Lemma 9.** *Let  $X$  be a  $I$ -favorable completely regular space. If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a  $\mathcal{T}$ -club, then  $Y = \varprojlim \{X/\mathcal{R}, q_{\mathcal{P}}^{\mathcal{R}}, \mathcal{C}\}$  contains a dense subspace homeomorphic with  $X$ .*

Back to the main results.

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