

t-symmetrizable quasi-uniformities

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Definition 1 *Let X be a set and let $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a function mapping into the set $[0, \infty)$ of the nonnegative reals. Then d is called a quasi-pseudometric on X if*

- (a) $d(x, x) = 0$ whenever $x \in X$,*
- (b) $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$ whenever $x, y, z \in X$.*

We shall say that d is a T_0 -quasi-(pseudo)metric provided that d also satisfies the following condition: For each $x, y \in X$,

$d(x, y) = 0 = d(y, x)$ implies that $x = y$.

For each positive ϵ we shall set $U_{d,\epsilon} := \{(x, y) \in X \times X : d(x, y) < \epsilon\}$.

The *quasi-pseudometric quasi-uniformity induced by d on X* will be denoted by \mathcal{U}_d .

As usual, we say that a topological space (X, τ) has a compatible quasi-uniformity if there is a quasi-uniformity \mathcal{U} on X such that $\tau = \tau_{\mathcal{U}}$, where by $\tau_{\mathcal{U}}$ we denote the topology induced by \mathcal{U} , and we say that (X, τ) has a compatible quasi-pseudometric if there is a quasi-pseudometric d on X such that $\tau = \tau_{\mathcal{U}_d}$.

Remark 1 *Let d be a quasi-pseudometric on a set X , then $d^{-1} : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ defined by $d^{-1}(x, y) = d(y, x)$ whenever $x, y \in X$ is also a quasi-pseudometric, called the conjugate quasi-pseudometric of d .*

As usual, a quasi-pseudometric d on X such that $d = d^{-1}$ is called a pseudometric.

Note that for any (T_0) -quasi-pseudometric d , $d^s = \sup\{d, d^{-1}\} = d \vee d^{-1}$ is a pseudometric (metric).

According to Matthews a quasi-pseudometric q on a set X is called *weightable* provided that there is a function $|\cdot| : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ such that

$$q(x, y) + |x| = q(y, x) + |y|$$

whenever $x, y \in X$.

The function $|\cdot|$ will be called a *weight* for q .

More generally we shall call a quasi-uniformity \mathcal{U} on a set X *weightable* if $\mathcal{U} = \bigvee_{d \in \mathcal{E}} \mathcal{U}_d$ where \mathcal{E} is a family of weightable quasi-pseudometrics on X .

We shall call a quasi-uniform space (X, \mathcal{U}) *weightable* if \mathcal{U} is a weightable quasi-uniformity on X .

For later use, we recall that a quasi-uniformity \mathcal{U} is called *precompact* provided that for each $U \in \mathcal{U}$ there is a finite $F \subseteq X$ such that $U(F) = X$.

Furthermore a quasi-uniformity \mathcal{U} is called *totally bounded* provided that the uniformity $\mathcal{U}^s = \mathcal{U} \vee \mathcal{U}^{-1}$ is precompact.

A quasi-uniform space (X, \mathcal{U}) is said to be *hereditarily precompact* provided that each subspace of (X, \mathcal{U}) is precompact.

For any quasi-uniformity \mathcal{U} , by \mathcal{U}_ω we shall denote the finest totally bounded quasi-uniformity coarser than \mathcal{U} .

A quasi-uniformity is called *transitive* provided that it has a base consisting of transitive entourages.

Throughout \mathcal{D} will denote the discrete uniformity on a set X .

Moreover for two real numbers a, b we shall set $a \dot{-} b = \max\{a - b, 0\}$.

Example 1 Equip the set $[0, \infty)$ with the quasi-pseudometric $u(x, y) = y \dot{-} x$ whenever $x, y \in [0, \infty)$, and set $|x| = x$ whenever $x \in [0, \infty)$. Then u is a T_0 -quasi-pseudometric on $[0, \infty)$ that is weighted by the usual norm $|\cdot|$ on \mathbb{R} restricted to $[0, \infty)$.

Furthermore the quasi-uniformity \mathcal{U}_{u-1} is not weightable.

Example 2 *The fine quasi-uniformity \mathcal{F} of the topological space of the rationals \mathbb{Q} (equipped with its usual topology) is not weightable.*

Proposition 1 *A topological space has a compatible weightable quasi-pseudometric if and only if it has a compatible weightable quasi-uniformity with a countable base.*

Proposition 2 *Let (X, \mathcal{U}) be a T_0 -quasi-uniform space. Then its bi-completion $(\tilde{X}, \tilde{\mathcal{U}})$ is a weightable T_0 -quasi-uniform space, too.*

In the following we discuss some analogues of uniform hyperspaces which yield some important examples of weightable quasi-uniformities.

Let (X, d) be a quasi-pseudometric space and let $\mathcal{P}_0(X)$ be the set of nonempty subsets of X . Moreover let $A, B \in \mathcal{P}_0(X)$. We set

$$H_d^+(A, B) = \sup_{b \in B} d(A, b)$$

and

$$H_d^-(A, B) = \sup_{a \in A} d(a, B).$$

(As usual, here for instance $d(A, b) = \inf\{d(a, b) : a \in A\}$.)

Furthermore

$$H_d(A, B) = H_d^+(A, B) \vee H_d^-(A, B).$$

Then H_d^+ is the extended *upper Hausdorff quasi-pseudometric*, H_d^- is the extended *lower Hausdorff quasi-pseudometric* and H_d is the extended *Hausdorff quasi-pseudometric* on $\mathcal{P}_0(X)$.

Similarly for each $x \in X$, set

$$(W_d^+)_x(A, B) = d(A, x) \dot{-} d(B, x)$$

and

$$(W_d^-)_x(A, B) = d(x, B) \dot{-} d(x, A).$$

Moreover for each $x \in X$, let

$$(W_d)_x(A, B) = (W_d^+)_x(A, B) \vee (W_d^-)_x(A, B).$$

Then for each $x \in X$, $(W_d^+)_x$ is the *upper Wijsman quasi-pseudometric at x* , $(W_d^-)_x$ is the *lower Wijsman quasi-pseudometric at x* , and $(W_d)_x$ is the *Wijsman quasi-pseudometric at x* .

For each $x \in X$, $(W_d^-)_x$ is a weightable quasi-pseudometric with weight $(w_d^-)_x(A) = d(x, A)$ whenever $A \in \mathcal{P}_0(X)$.

Let $A, B \in \mathcal{P}_0(X)$. It is known that

$$H_d^+(A, B) = \sup_{x \in X} (W_d^+)_x(A, B) = \sup_{x \in X} (d(A, x) - d(B, x)).$$

Similarly we have

$$H_d^-(A, B) = \sup_{x \in X} (W_d^-)_x(A, B) = \sup_{x \in X} (d(x, B) - d(x, A)).$$

Hence also $H_d(A, B) = \sup_{x \in X} (W_d)_x(A, B)$.

Proposition 3 *Each totally bounded quasi-uniformity \mathcal{U} on a set X is weightable.*

Given any quasi-pseudometric space (X, d) , we can define quasi-uniformities

$$\mathcal{U}_{W_d^+} = \bigvee_{x \in X} \mathcal{U}_{(W_d^+)_x}$$

and similarly

$$\mathcal{U}_{W_d^-} = \bigvee_{x \in X} \mathcal{U}_{(W_d^-)_x}$$

and

$$\mathcal{U}_{W_d} = \bigvee_{x \in X} \mathcal{U}_{(W_d)_x}$$

on $\mathcal{P}_0(X)$.

Corollary 1 *Let (X, d) be a quasi-pseudometric space. When restricting the Wijsman quasi-uniformities to X (where we identify the points with singletons), we have*

$$\mathcal{U}_{W_d^+} \subseteq \mathcal{U}_d$$

and

$$\mathcal{U}_{W_d^-} \subseteq \mathcal{U}_d;$$

consequently

$$\mathcal{U}_{W_d} \subseteq \mathcal{U}_d.$$

Equality holds in the three inclusions provided that \mathcal{U}_d is totally bounded.

Remark 2 *There are obvious connections between the upper resp. lower constructions considered above and the operation of conjugation.*

For instance, for any quasi-pseudometric d on a set X we have that for any $x \in X$,

$$((W_{d^{-1}}^+)x)^{-1} = (W_d^-)x,$$

and thus

$$(\mathcal{U}_{W_{d^{-1}}^+})^{-1} = \mathcal{U}_{W_d^-}$$

on $\mathcal{P}_0(X)$.

Proposition 4 *Let d be a totally bounded quasi-pseudometric on a set X . Then*

$$\mathcal{U}_{W_d^+} = \mathcal{U}_{H_d^+},$$

$$\mathcal{U}_{W_d^-} = \mathcal{U}_{H_d^-}$$

and

$$\mathcal{U}_{W_d} = \mathcal{U}_{H_d}$$

on $\mathcal{P}_0(X)$.

Given a quasi-pseudometric space (X, d) ,
for each $x \in X$ set

$$r_x(a) = d(a, x)$$

and

$$l_x(a) = d(x, a)$$

whenever $a \in X$.

Similarly let us define for each $x \in X$,

$$R_x(A) = d(A, x)$$

and

$$L_x(A) = d(x, A)$$

whenever $A \in \mathcal{P}_0(X)$.

The following definition is well known.

A quasi-pseudometric d on a set X is called *bounded* provided that there is a constant $M > 0$ such that $d(x, y) \leq M$ whenever $x, y \in X$.

Let us observe that for any $x \in X$, r_x is bounded on X if and only if R_x is bounded on $\mathcal{P}_0(X)$.

Analogously for any $x \in X$, l_x is bounded on X if and only if L_x is bounded on $\mathcal{P}_0(X)$.

Lemma 1 *A quasi-pseudometric d on a set X is bounded if and only if there is an $x \in X$ such that both r_x and l_x are bounded.*

Boundedness conditions imply hereditary precompactness properties of Wijsman type quasi-uniformities:

Remark 3 *The quasi-uniformity \mathcal{U}_{u-1} is hereditarily precompact on $[0, \infty)$. Hence given any set X , for any function $f : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$, the initial quasi-uniformity $(f \times f)^{-1}\mathcal{U}_{u-1}$ is hereditarily precompact.*

Suppose now that d is a quasi-pseudometric on X . Observe that on $\mathcal{P}_0(X)$ we have

$$\mathcal{U}_{(W_d^+)_x} = (R_x \times R_x)^{-1} \mathcal{U}_{u^{-1}}$$

and

$$\mathcal{U}_{(W_d^-)_x} = (L_x \times L_x)^{-1} \mathcal{U}_u$$

whenever $x \in X$. Therefore for any quasi-pseudometric space (X, d) and $x \in X$, $\mathcal{U}_{(W_d^+)_x}$ is hereditarily precompact on $\mathcal{P}_0(X)$ and $(\mathcal{U}_{(W_d^-)_x})^{-1}$ is hereditarily precompact on $\mathcal{P}_0(X)$.

Consequently $\mathcal{U}_{W_d^+}$ and $(\mathcal{U}_{W_d^-})^{-1}$ are hereditarily precompact on $\mathcal{P}_0(X)$, since hereditary precompactness is preserved under arbitrary suprema of quasi-uniformities.

Given $x \in X$, r_x is bounded on X if and only if $\mathcal{U}_{(W_d^+)_x}$ is totally bounded on $\mathcal{P}_0(X)$.

Similarly, given $x \in X$, l_x is bounded on X if and only if $\mathcal{U}_{(W_d^-)_x}$ is totally bounded on $\mathcal{P}_0(X)$.

Given $x \in X$, $\mathcal{U}_{(W_d)_x}$ is totally bounded on $\mathcal{P}_0(X)$ if and only if d is bounded on X .

Corollary 2 *Let (X, d) be a quasi-pseudometric space.*

Then $\mathcal{U}_{W_d^+}$ is totally bounded on $\mathcal{P}_0(X)$ if and only if for each $x \in X$, r_x is bounded on X .

Similarly $\mathcal{U}_{W_d^-}$ is totally bounded on $\mathcal{P}_0(X)$ if and only if for each $x \in X$, l_x is bounded on X .

Finally \mathcal{U}_{W_d} is totally bounded on $\mathcal{P}_0(X)$ if and only if d is bounded on X .

Proposition 5 *Let q be a weightable quasi-pseudometric with weight function f on a set X . Then*

$$[(f \times f)^{-1}\mathcal{U}_u] \subseteq \mathcal{U}_q$$

and

$$\mathcal{U}_q \subseteq [(f \times f)^{-1}\mathcal{U}_u] \vee \mathcal{U}_{q^{-1}}.$$

In the following we replace the quasi-metric theory of weightability by a quasi-uniform approach to weightability.

Let \mathcal{U} be a quasi-uniformity on a set X . Then \mathcal{U} contains a finest symmetric quasi-uniformity coarser than \mathcal{U} , namely $\mathcal{U} \wedge \mathcal{U}^{-1}$, and \mathcal{U} is contained in a coarsest symmetric quasi-uniformity finer than \mathcal{U} , namely \mathcal{U}^s .

A quasi-uniformity \mathcal{A} on X will be called a *symmetrizer* of \mathcal{U} provided that

$$\mathcal{U} \vee \mathcal{A}$$

is symmetric, that is, $\mathcal{U} \vee \mathcal{A}$ is a uniformity.

A symmetrizer \mathcal{A} of \mathcal{U} will be called *adequate* provided that $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{U}^{-1}$.

Example 3 Let \mathcal{U} and \mathcal{Z} be quasi-uniformities on a set X . Then \mathcal{Z} satisfies both $\mathcal{Z} \subseteq \mathcal{U}^{-1}$ and $\mathcal{U}^{-1} \subseteq \mathcal{U} \vee \mathcal{Z}$ if and only if \mathcal{Z} on X is an adequate symmetrizer of \mathcal{U} .

Remark 4 *Let d be a weightable quasi-pseudometric with weight function f on a set X . We set $\mathcal{A} = (f \times f)^{-1}(\mathcal{U}_{u-1})$.*

We have $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{U}_{d-1}$ and $\mathcal{U}_{d-1} \subseteq \mathcal{U}_d \vee \mathcal{A}$.

Hence \mathcal{A} is an adequate symmetrizer for \mathcal{U}_d . It follows that

$$\mathcal{U}_d^s = \mathcal{U}_d \vee \mathcal{A}.$$

For any weight f , \mathcal{A} is hereditarily precompact, since f is bounded below by 0.

For any weight f , \mathcal{A}^s is preLindelöf.

For a bounded weight f , \mathcal{A} is totally bounded.

If \mathcal{A} is a(n adequate) symmetrizer for a quasi-uniformity \mathcal{U} , then \mathcal{A}^{-1} is a(n adequate) symmetrizer for \mathcal{U}^{-1} .

For each quasi-uniformity \mathcal{U} , the conjugate quasi-uniformity \mathcal{U}^{-1} is an adequate symmetrizer of \mathcal{U} .

Consider a quasi-uniformity \mathcal{U}_T generated by a partial order T on a set X (that is, \mathcal{U}_T has the base $\{T\}$) and let L be a linear extension of T on X .

Then in general the quasi-uniformity $\mathcal{U}_{L^{-1}}$ generated by L^{-1} is strictly coarser than the quasi-uniformity $\mathcal{U}_{T^{-1}}$ generated by T^{-1} on X , but obviously both are adequate symmetrizers of \mathcal{U}_T .

For each uniformity \mathcal{U} , any quasi-uniformity coarser than \mathcal{U} is an adequate symmetrizer of \mathcal{U} .

Trivially, each totally bounded quasi-uniformity \mathcal{U} on a set X can be made transitive by taking the supremum with the finest possible (transitive) totally bounded quasi-uniformity \mathcal{D}_ω on X .

On the other hand there are quasi-uniformities that cannot be made transitive by taking the supremum with any totally bounded quasi-uniformity.

Similarly there are quasi-uniformities that cannot be made symmetric by taking the supremum with any totally bounded quasi-uniformity.

Obviously each quasi-uniformity on a set X can be made symmetric by taking the supremum with the discrete uniformity \mathcal{D} on X .

Lemma 2 *Suppose that \mathcal{U} is a quasi-uniformity on a set X . Let $\{A_i : i = 1, \dots, n\}$ be a finite cover of X and let $V \in \mathcal{U}$.*

Then

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^n (V^{-1}(A_i) \times V(A_i))$$

belongs to \mathcal{U}_ω .

Theorem 1 *Let \mathcal{U} and \mathcal{V} be quasi-uniformities on a set X such that there is a totally bounded quasi-uniformity \mathcal{Z} on X with*

$$\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{V} \vee \mathcal{Z}.$$

Then

$$\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{V} \vee (\mathcal{U} \vee \mathcal{V}^{-1})_\omega.$$

Let us call a quasi-uniformity \mathcal{U} on a set X *t-symmetrizable* provided that there is a totally bounded quasi-uniformity \mathcal{Z} on X such that $\mathcal{U} \vee \mathcal{Z}$ is a uniformity, that is, \mathcal{U} possesses a totally bounded symmetrizer \mathcal{Z} .

Remark 5 (a) *The supremum of any family of t -symmetrizable quasi-uniformities on a set X is t -symmetrizable.*

(b) *The conjugate of a t -symmetrizable quasi-uniformity is t -symmetrizable.*

(c) *Each totally bounded quasi-uniformity is t -symmetrizable.*

(d) *The restriction to a subspace of a t -symmetrizable quasi-uniformity is t -symmetrizable.*

(e) *The product quasi-uniformity of any family of t -symmetrizable quasi-uniformities is t -symmetrizable.*

Corollary 3 (a) *Let $(q_i)_{i \in I}$ be a family of quasi-pseudometrics on a set X where q_i is weightable by a bounded weight f_i ($i \in I$). Then $\bigvee_{i \in I} \mathcal{U}_{q_i}$ is t -symmetrizable.*

(b) *Each weightable quasi-uniformity inducing a countably compact topology is t -symmetrizable.*

Proposition 6 *Let \mathcal{U} be a t -symmetrizable quasi-uniformity on a set X . Then \mathcal{U} can be adequately symmetrized by $(\mathcal{U}^{-1})_\omega$ to \mathcal{U}^s .*

Corollary 4 *The following statements for a quasi-uniformity \mathcal{U} on a set X are equivalent:*

(a) \mathcal{U} is t -symmetrizable.

(b) \mathcal{U} has a totally bounded adequate symmetrizer.

Remark 6 *Let \mathcal{U} be a quasi-uniformity on a set X . Note that the existence of a quasi-uniformity \mathcal{Z} on X such that $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{U}^{-1} \vee \mathcal{Z}$ implies that $\mathcal{U}^s = \mathcal{U}^{-1} \vee \mathcal{Z} = \mathcal{U}$, hence that \mathcal{U} is a uniformity.*

Let \mathcal{U} be a t -symmetrizable quasi-uniformity.

Then according to the preceding results \mathcal{U}^s is clearly the smallest uniformity that we can obtain by t -symmetrization of \mathcal{U} .

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{U}^s \vee \mathcal{D}_\omega &= \\ \mathcal{U} \vee (\mathcal{U}^{-1})_\omega \vee \mathcal{D}_\omega &= \mathcal{U} \vee \mathcal{D}_\omega\end{aligned}$$

is obviously the finest uniformity that we can reach by t -symmetrization of \mathcal{U} .

Indeed each uniformity in between these two extreme cases can be obtained by t -symmetrization of \mathcal{U} :

Proposition 7 *Let \mathcal{U} be a t -symmetrizable quasi-uniformity on a set X . Then any uniformity \mathcal{V} on X such that $\mathcal{U}^s \subseteq \mathcal{V} \subseteq \mathcal{U}^s \vee \mathcal{D}_\omega$ satisfies $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{U} \vee \mathcal{V}_\omega$.*

Remark 7 *Suppose that \mathcal{U} is a quasi-uniformity on a set X that has a countable base and is t -symmetrizable. Then \mathcal{U} can be symmetrized by some totally bounded quasi-uniformity on X having a countable base.*

Theorem 2 *Let \mathcal{U} be a t -symmetrizable quasi-uniformity on a set X . Then \mathcal{U} can be written as the supremum of a family of quasi-pseudometric quasi-uniformities \mathcal{U}_q where q is a quasi-pseudometric on X such that the quasi-uniformity \mathcal{U}_q is t -symmetrizable.*

A quasi-uniformity \mathcal{U} on a set X is called *proximally symmetric* provided that the finest totally bounded quasi-uniformity \mathcal{U}_ω coarser than \mathcal{U} is a uniformity on X .

Proposition 8 *Each t -symmetrizable proximally symmetric quasi-uniformity \mathcal{U} on a set X is a uniformity.*

Proposition 9 *Each t -symmetrizable quasi-uniformity \mathcal{U} on a set X satisfies $(\mathcal{U}^s)_\omega = (\mathcal{U}^{-1})_\omega \vee \mathcal{U}_\omega$.*

Several results that were originally proved for weightable quasi-pseudometrics (with bounded weights) indeed hold for t -symmetrizable quasi-uniformities: In our next result $|X|$ will denote the (infinite) cardinality of a set X .

Proposition 10 *For each t -symmetrizable quasi-uniformity \mathcal{U} on a set X , if D is an infinite \mathcal{U}^s -discrete subset of X , then there is $B \subseteq D$ such that $|B| = |D|$ and B is \mathcal{U} -discrete.*

A base \mathcal{B} is a θ -base for a topological space X if \mathcal{B} can be written as $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{B}_n$ in such a way that given any open set U of X and any point $x \in U$ there is $n_x \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\text{ord}(x, \mathcal{B}_{n_x})$ (that is, the order of \mathcal{B}_{n_x} at x) is finite and some member B of \mathcal{B}_{n_x} has $x \in B \subseteq U$.

It is known that a topological space has a θ -base if and only if it is quasi-developable.

The following result generalizes the fact that for each weightable quasi-pseudometric d on a set X the topology $\tau_{\mathcal{U}_d}$ has a θ -base.

Proposition 11 *Let \mathcal{U} be a quasi-uniformity with a countable base on a set X possessing the property that $\mathcal{U}^s = \mathcal{U} \vee \mathcal{A}$ where \mathcal{A} is a quasi-uniformity on X such that \mathcal{A}^s is preLindelöf.*

Then $\tau_{\mathcal{U}}$ has a θ -base.

A quasi-uniformity \mathcal{U} on a set X is called *Smyth completable* provided that each left K -Cauchy filter on (X, \mathcal{U}) is a \mathcal{U}^s -Cauchy filter.

A filter \mathcal{F} on a quasi-uniform space (X, \mathcal{U}) is called a *left K -Cauchy filter* (resp. *right K -Cauchy filter*) provided that for each $U \in \mathcal{U}$ there is $\mathcal{F}_U \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $U(x) \in \mathcal{F}$ (resp. $U^{-1}(x) \in \mathcal{F}$) whenever $x \in \mathcal{F}_U$.

A filter \mathcal{F} on a quasi-uniform space (X, \mathcal{U}) is called *\mathcal{U} -stable* provided that for each $U \in \mathcal{U}$ we have that

$$\bigcap_{F \in \mathcal{F}} U(F) \in \mathcal{F}.$$

Remark 8 *Let (X, \mathcal{U}) be a quasi-uniform space such that each left K -Cauchy filter on (X, \mathcal{U}) is contained in a \mathcal{U}^s -Cauchy filter. Then each left K -Cauchy filter \mathcal{F} on X is in fact a \mathcal{U}^s -Cauchy filter.*

The following result generalizes the fact that for each weightable quasi-pseudometric d on a set X with a weight $|\cdot|$ the quasi-uniformity \mathcal{U}_d is Smyth completable.

Proposition 12 *Each quasi-uniformity \mathcal{U} on a set X possessing an adequate symmetrizer \mathcal{A} where \mathcal{A} is hereditarily precompact is Smyth completable.*

Problem 1 *Let q be a quasi-pseudometric on a set X such that the quasi-uniformity \mathcal{U}_q is t -symmetrizable.*

Is $\mathcal{U}_q = \mathcal{U}_d$ where d is a quasi-pseudometric on X that is weightable by a bounded weight?

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