

ON THE EXISTENCE OF PARTITIONS OF UNITY FOR PROXIMITY SPACES

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Abstract: In the present paper it has been shown that if (X, δ) is a separated proximity space with a finite open covering u , then there exists a partition of unity dominated by u .

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1. Introduction and Preliminaries

As proximity is a structural layer distinct from and between topological structure and uniform structure, all proximity invariants are topological invariants, but some uniform invariants are not proximity invariants.

Proximity structure on a non-empty set X are defined in two ways. We can either specify when two sets are “close to one other” ($A\delta B$) or when a set B is a proximal (also called uniform) neighbourhood of A ($B \gg A$). These two concepts are related by $A \delta B$ if and only if $A \ll X - B$.

In this paper preliminaries regarding proximity spaces and topological spaces can be found into [3,4,6]. However, few definitions and results that we need, are presented here for ready references.

Throughout the work, by a proximity space (X, δ) we shall mean a separated proximity space.

Let (X, δ) be a proximity space, For subsets A and B of X , we have

$$A \ll B \Rightarrow A \ll B^i, \quad (B^i - \text{interior of } B)$$

and $A \ll B \Rightarrow \bar{A} \ll B, \quad (\bar{A} - \text{closure of } A).$

Lemma 1.1[5] (Proximal Urysohn lemma). Let (X, δ) be a proximity space. Let A, B be subsets of X such that $A \delta B$, then there exists a bounded proximally continuous map f such that $f(A) = \{0\}$ and $f(B) = \{1\}$.