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## SEPARATION PSEUDOCHARACTER AND THE CARDINALITY OF TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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### Abstract

We investigate the relation between the cardinality of a topological space and various types of pseudocharacters. In this paper, using Hausdorff pseudocharacter  $H\psi(X)$  we strengthen a result of Gryzlov and Stavrova [6] concerning Lindelöf degree with respect to a selected subset and obtain  $|X \setminus X_o| \leq \text{exp}L(X, X_o) \cdot H\psi(X)$  for a Hausdorff space  $X$  and its subset  $X_o$ . We also introduce a cardinal invariant, Urysohn pseudocharacter  $U\psi(X)$  for a Uryshon space  $X$ , and prove that  $|X| \leq \text{exp}(aL(X) \cdot U\psi(X))$  for a Uryshon space  $X$ , which strengthens a result of Bella and Cammaroto [3].

### 1. Introduction

Standard notations from [5] and [8] will be used. Let us remind that  $\mathcal{O}(X)$  will stand for the set of all open subsets of a given topological space  $X$ .

It is well known that in  $T_1$  - topological space  $X$  a cardinal invariant called pseudocharacter can be introduced in a natural way - we say that  $\psi(X) \leq \tau$  iff for every  $x \in X$  there is a neighborhood system  $\mathcal{H}(x) = \{U_\alpha(x) : \alpha \in \tau\}$  such that  $\{x\} = \cap \mathcal{H}(x)$  for every  $x \in X$ .

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In [7] Richard Hodel introduced a similar invariant for Hausdorff space  $X$  - we say that the Hausdorff pseudocharacter  $H\psi(X) \leq \tau$  iff for every  $x \in X$  there is a neighborhood system  $\mathcal{H}(x) = \{U_\alpha(x) : \alpha \in \tau\}$  such that for every two points  $x \neq y$  there are  $U_\alpha(x) \in \mathcal{H}(x)$  and  $U_\beta(y) \in \mathcal{H}(y)$  such that  $U_\alpha(x) \cap U_\beta(y) = \emptyset$ . He also proved that  $\psi(X) \leq H\psi(X) \leq \chi(X)$  and gave examples that these inequalities can be strict. He strenghtens the main theorems in the theory of cardinal invariants for topological spaces by replacing  $\chi(X)$  with  $H\psi(X)$  in Hausdorff cases.

In the present paper we use this invariant to strenghten a result of A.Gryzlov and D.Stavrova [6] concerning Lindelöf degree with respect to a selected subset (sometimes called relative Lindelöf number of the space) (Theorem 2). In [6] it was proved that for a given subset  $X_o$  of a Hausdorff space we have that  $|X \setminus X_o| \leq \exp L(X, X_o) \cdot \psi_c(X) \cdot t(X)$  where  $L(X, X_o) = \omega \cdot \min\{\tau : \text{for every open cover } \gamma \text{ of } X \text{ there is a } \gamma_1 \subseteq \gamma \text{ of cardinality at most } \tau \text{ such that } X \setminus X_o \subseteq \cup \gamma_1\}$ . Theorem 2 replaces local invariants in this inequality by  $H\psi(X)$ .

Also in this paper we introduce a similar invariant in an Urysohn space  $X$  depending on this separation axiom - we say that the Urysohn pseudocharacter of  $X$  -  $U\psi(X) \leq \tau$  iff for every  $x \in X$  there is a neighborhood system  $\mathcal{H}(x) = \{U_\alpha(x) : \alpha \in \tau\}$  such that for every two points  $x \neq y$  there are  $U_\alpha(x) \in \mathcal{H}(x)$  and  $U_\beta(y) \in \mathcal{H}(y)$  such that  $Cl(U_\alpha(x)) \cap Cl(U_\beta(y)) = \emptyset$ .

In [4] U.N.B.Dissanayeke and S.Willard introduced the almost Lindelöf number for a topological space  $X$  as  $aL(X) = \omega \cdot \min\{\tau : \text{for every open cover } \gamma \text{ of } X \text{ there is a } \gamma_1 \subseteq \gamma \text{ with cardinality at most } \tau \text{ such that } \cup\{Cl(U) : U \in \gamma_1\} = X\}$ . In [3] A.Bella and F.Cammaroto proved that for Urysohn spaces we have that  $|X| \leq \exp(aL(X) \cdot \chi(X))$ . We strenghten this result by replacing  $\chi(X)$  with  $U\psi(X)$ .

Let us note that :

**Lemma 1.** *If  $X$  is Urysohn then  $U\psi(X) \leq \chi(X)$ .*

## 2. Cardinality of Urysohn spaces

**Theorem 1.** *If  $X$  is an Urysohn space then*

$$|X| \leq \exp(aL(X) \cdot U\psi(X)).$$

Before presenting the proof of Theorem 1 we need some more notations and results:

**Definition 1.** For every  $A \subseteq X$  we define the so called  $\theta$  - closure of  $A$  , namely  $Cl_\theta(A) = \{x \in X : Cl(U) \cap A \neq \emptyset \text{ for every open } U \ni x\}$ .

We obviously have  $A \subseteq Cl(A) \subseteq Cl_\theta(A)$ .

**Definition 2.** Let for every  $x \in X$  (which is an Urysohn space) we have a family of neighborhoods  $\mathcal{H}(x)$  that is closed under finite intersection,  $\{x\} = \bigcap \mathcal{H}(x)$  and if  $x \neq y$  then there exist  $U_x \in \mathcal{H}(x)$  and  $U_y \in \mathcal{H}(y)$  such that  $Cl(U_x) \cap Cl(U_y) = \emptyset$ . In that case we say that the family  $\{\mathcal{H}(x) : x \in X\}$  realizes the Urysohn property on  $X$ .

**Definition 3.** Let  $\mathcal{H} = \{\mathcal{H}(x) : x \in X\}$  realizes the Urysohn separation property on  $X$  and for every  $x \in X$  let  $\mathcal{H}(x) = \{U_\alpha(x) : \alpha \in \tau\}$ . Then we say that  $\mathcal{H}$  realizes  $U\psi(X) \leq \tau$ .

**Definition 4.** Define  $Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(A) = \{x \in X : Cl(U_\alpha(x)) \cap A \neq \emptyset \text{ for every } \alpha \in \tau\}$ .

We have that  $A \subseteq Cl(A) \subseteq Cl_\theta(A) \subseteq Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(A)$  .

**Lemma 2.** *If  $X$  is an Urysohn space,  $U\psi(X) \leq \tau$  and  $\mathcal{H}$  realizes it then  $|Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(A)| \leq |A|^\tau$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x \in Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(A)$ .

Let  $A_x = \{a(\alpha, x) \in Cl(U_\alpha(x)) \cap A : \alpha \in \tau\}$ . We have that  $x \in Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(A_x)$ . Moreover  $x \in Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(Cl(U_\alpha(x)) \cap A_x)$  for every  $\alpha \in \tau$  - indeed let  $U_\beta(x) \in \mathcal{H}(x)$ . Since  $\mathcal{H}(x)$  is closed under finite intersections there is  $\gamma \in \tau$  such that  $U_\gamma(x) = U_\beta(x) \cap U_\alpha(x)$ . From  $x \in Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(A_x)$  it follows that  $Cl(U_\gamma(x)) \cap A_x \neq \emptyset$  i.e.,  $\emptyset \neq Cl(U_\gamma(x)) \cap A_x = Cl(U_\beta(x) \cap U_\alpha(x)) \cap A_x \subseteq Cl(U_\beta(x)) \cap (Cl(U_\alpha(x)) \cap A_x)$ . Moreover  $Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(Cl(U_\alpha(x)) \cap A_x) \subseteq Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(Cl(U_\alpha(x)))$  and  $\{x\} = \cap\{Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(Cl(U_\alpha(x))) : \alpha \in \tau\}$  - indeed, we saw that  $x \in Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(Cl(U_\alpha(x)))$  for every  $\alpha \in \tau$ . Let now  $x \neq y$ . By  $U\psi(x) \leq \tau$  and the fact that  $\mathcal{H}$  realizes it we have that there exist  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2 \in \tau$  such that  $Cl(U_{\alpha_1}(x)) \cap Cl(U_{\alpha_2}(y)) = \emptyset$  i.e.,  $y \notin Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(Cl(U_{\alpha_1}(x)))$ . Hence  $\{x\} = \cap\{Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(Cl(U_\alpha(x))) : \alpha \in \tau\}$  and from here it follows that  $\{x\} = \cap\{Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(Cl(U_\alpha(x)) \cap A_x) : \alpha \in \tau\}$ . We have that  $A_x \in [A]^{\leq \tau}$ , so  $Cl(U_\alpha(x)) \cap A_x \subseteq A_x \in [A]^{\leq \tau}$  for every  $\alpha \in \tau$ . Let  $\Gamma_x = \{Cl(U_\alpha(x)) \cap A_x : \alpha \in \tau\}$ . Then  $\Gamma_x \in [[A]^{\leq \tau}]^{\leq \tau}$ . Hence  $x \rightarrow \Gamma_x$  is one-to-one mapping, hence  $|Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(A)| \leq |A|^\tau$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.** *If  $X$  is an Urysohn space,  $\mathcal{H}$  realizes  $U\psi(X) \leq \tau$  and  $\mathcal{H}(x)$  is closed under finite intersections for every  $x \in X$  then there is a special family  $\mathcal{L} \subseteq expX$  each element of which has cardinality at most  $2^\tau$  such that whenever  $M \subseteq X$  is of cardinality at most  $2^\tau$  then there is an element  $L \in \mathcal{L}$  such that  $M \subseteq L$ . We shall call such family a  $2^\tau$  - dominating family in  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $|A| \leq 2^\tau$  and  $A \subseteq X$ . We shall construct  $\tilde{A} \subseteq X, A \subseteq \tilde{A}$  and  $|\tilde{A}| \leq 2^\tau$ .

Let  $A_o = A$ . Let  $A_1 = Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(A_o)$ . Let  $\alpha \in \tau^+$  and  $\{A_\beta : \beta \in \alpha\}$  be already defined such that - (1) for  $\beta \in \beta' \in \alpha$  we have that  $A_\beta \subseteq Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(A_\beta) \subseteq A_{\beta'}$ . Define  $A_\alpha = Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(\cup\{A_\beta : \beta \in \alpha\}) \supseteq \cup\{Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(A_\beta) : \beta \in \alpha\} \supseteq \cup\{A_\beta : \beta \in \alpha\} \supseteq A_o = A$ . For  $\alpha \in \alpha' \in \tau^+$  we obviously have that  $A_\alpha \subseteq Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(A_\alpha) \subseteq A_{\alpha'} \subseteq Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(A_{\alpha'})$  and from here we obtain - (2)  $Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(A_\alpha)) \subseteq Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(A_{\alpha'})$ .

In that way we have defined  $\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \tau^+\}$  beginning with  $A$ . Let then  $\tilde{A} = A_\theta^{\mathcal{H}} = Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(\cup\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \tau^+\})$ . From Lemma 2 and the construction we have that  $|A_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}| \leq 2^\tau$ . We also have that  $A_\theta^{\mathcal{H}} = \cup\{Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(A_\alpha) : \alpha \in \tau^+\}$ . Indeed let  $x \in Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(\cup\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \tau^+\})$ . For every  $\gamma \in \tau$  choose  $a(\gamma, x) \in Cl(U_\gamma(x)) \cap (\cup\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \tau^+\})$ . Let  $A_x = \{a(\gamma, x) : \gamma \in \tau\}$ . Then  $A_x$  is a subset of cardinality  $\leq \tau$  of the increasing union  $-\cup\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \tau^+\}$  and by the regularity of  $\tau^+$  we have that there is an  $\alpha \in \tau^+$  such that  $A_x \subseteq A_\alpha$ . Then  $x \in Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(A_x) \subseteq Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(A_\alpha) \subseteq \cup\{Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(A_\alpha) : \alpha \in \tau^+\}$ . i.e.,  $A_\theta^{\mathcal{H}} = \cup\{Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(A_\alpha) : \alpha \in \tau^+\}$  i.e.  $A_\theta^{\mathcal{H}} = Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(\cup\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in \tau^+\}) = \cup\{Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(A_\alpha) : \alpha \in \tau^+\}$  and the latter two unions are increasing unions. Let  $\mathcal{L} = \{A_\theta^{\mathcal{H}} : A \subseteq X, |A| \leq 2^\tau\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{L}$  is a  $2^\tau$ -dominating family in  $X$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $\mathcal{L} = \{A_\theta^{\mathcal{H}} : A \subseteq X, |A| \leq 2^\tau\}$  and  $Y$  is an increasing union of  $\tau^+$  elements of  $\mathcal{L}$  (in that case we shall call  $Y - \mathcal{L}(\tau^+)$  - inductive. Then  $Y = Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(Y)$  and  $Y_\theta^{\mathcal{H}} = Y$ . (The notations are from the proof of the previous Lemma).*

*Proof.* Let  $Y = \cup\{Y_\alpha : \alpha \in \tau^+\}$  be  $\mathcal{L}(\tau^+)$  - inductive and  $Y_\alpha = (A_\alpha)_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}$  for every  $\alpha \in \tau^+$ . Let  $x \in Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(Y)$ . Then for every  $\gamma \in \tau$  let us choose  $a(\gamma, x) \in Cl(U_\gamma(x)) \cap Y$  and let  $Y' = \{a(\gamma, x) : \gamma \in \tau\} \in [Y]^{\leq \tau}$ . By the regularity of  $\tau^+$  there exists  $\alpha \in \tau^+$  such that  $Y' \subseteq Y_\alpha$ . Then  $Y' \subseteq Y_\alpha = (A_\alpha)_\theta^{\mathcal{H}} = \cup\{Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(A_\alpha^\beta) : \beta \in \tau^+\}$  i.e.,  $Y' \in [\cup\{Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(A_\alpha^\beta) : \beta \in \tau^+\}]^{\leq \tau}$ . Hence there is  $\beta \in \tau^+$  such that  $Y' \subseteq Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(Y') \subseteq Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(A_\alpha^\beta)) \subseteq Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(A_\alpha^{\beta+1}) \subseteq Y_\alpha \subseteq Y$  i.e.,  $x \in Y$ . Hence  $Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(Y) = Y$ . Moreover we have that  $Y_\theta^{\mathcal{H}} = Y$ . Remind from Lemma 3 that  $Y_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}$  was constructed in the way that  $Y_\theta^{\mathcal{H}} = Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(\cup\{Y_\alpha : \alpha \in \tau^+\}) = \cup\{Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(Y_\alpha) : \alpha \in \tau^+\}$  where  $Y_1 = Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(Y) = Y$ ; so by induction if for some  $\alpha \in \tau^+$  we suppose that  $Y_\beta = Y$  for  $\beta \in \alpha$  then  $\cup\{Y_\beta : \beta \in \alpha\} = Y$  and  $Y_\alpha = Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(Y) = Y$ .  $\square$

Proof of Theorem 1. We shall use Theorem 1 from [12]. Let  $\tau = \lambda = aL(X) \cdot U\psi(X)$ ; for a family  $\gamma \subseteq \text{exp}X$  let  $p(\gamma) = \cup\{Cl(U) : U \in \gamma\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{H} = \cup\{\mathcal{H}(x) : x \in X\}$  realizes  $U\psi(X) \leq \tau$  (in particular that means that  $\mathcal{H}(x)$  is closed under finite intersections). Let  $\mathcal{L} = \{A_\theta^{\mathcal{H}} : A \subseteq X, |A| \leq 2^\tau\}$ . By Lemma 3,  $\mathcal{L}$  is  $2^\tau$ -dominating in  $X$ . By Lemma 4 for each  $Y$  which is  $\mathcal{L}(\tau^+)$ -inductive we have that  $Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(Y) = Y$  and  $Y_\theta^{\mathcal{H}} = Y$ . Let us check the requirements of Theorem 1, [12]: Let  $Y$  be  $\mathcal{L}(\tau^+)$ -inductive and  $q \in X \setminus Y$ . For each  $x \in X \setminus Y$  there is an  $\alpha(x) \in \tau$  such that  $Cl(U_{\alpha(x)}(x)) \cap Y = \emptyset$  (because  $x \notin Cl_\theta^{\mathcal{H}}(Y) = Y$ ). For each  $y \in Y$  there is  $\alpha(y) \in \tau$  such that  $q \notin Cl(U_{\alpha(y)}(y))$ . Let  $\mathcal{W} = \{U_{\alpha(x)}(x), U_{\alpha(y)}(y) : x \in X \setminus Y, y \in Y\}$ . By  $aL(X) \leq \tau$  there are  $\mathcal{W}', \mathcal{W}'' \in [\mathcal{W}]^{\leq \tau}$  such that  $X = \cup\{Cl(U) : U \in \mathcal{W}'\} \cup \cup\{Cl(U) : U \in \mathcal{W}''\}$  and  $\mathcal{W}' \in [\{U_{\alpha(x)}(x) : x \in X \setminus Y\}]^{\leq \tau}$ ,  $\mathcal{W}'' \in [\{U_{\alpha(y)}(y) : y \in Y\}]^{\leq \tau}$ . But  $(\cup\{Cl(U) : U \in \mathcal{W}'\}) \cap Y = \emptyset$ . Hence  $Y \subseteq \cup\{Cl(U) : U \in \mathcal{W}''\} = p(\mathcal{W}'')$  and  $q \notin p(\mathcal{W}'')$ . By Theorem 1, [12] we have that  $|X| \leq 2^\tau$ .

### 3. Cardinality of Hausdorff Spaces with a Selected Subset

**Theorem 2.** *If  $X$  is a Hausdorff space,  $X_o \subseteq X$  then*

$$|X \setminus X_o| \leq \text{exp}L(X, X_o) \cdot H\psi(X).$$

Before proving Theorem 2 let us make some preliminary notes and remarks. The definition of  $L(X, X_o)$  came as a common view point to the notion of relative Lindelöfness (introduced in [2] - we say that  $X_o \subseteq X$  is Lindelöf in  $X$  if from every open cover  $\gamma$  of  $X$  a countable  $\gamma' \subseteq \gamma$  can be found that covers  $X_o$ ). From the other side in [10] the following invariant is introduced -  $kL(X) = \omega \cdot \min\{\tau : \text{there is an } A \subseteq X, |A| \leq 2^\tau \text{ such that } (*) \text{ for each open cover } \gamma \text{ of } X \text{ there are } \gamma' \in [\gamma]^{\leq \tau} \text{ and } B \in [A]^{\leq \tau} \text{ such that } X = \cup\gamma' \cup Cl(B)\}$  and it was observed that

$kL(X) \leq \min\{d(X), L(X), s(X)\}$ . It was also shown that for Hausdorff spaces  $|X| \leq \exp kL(X) \cdot \psi_c(X) \cdot t(X)$ . Figuratively speaking this notion shows that we can have some “bad” part of a certain space but if the cardinality of this part is not “too big” we still can get a result about the cardinality of the main space. In [6] it is shown that similar results can be obtained by using  $L(X, X_o)$  and we can look at it as a generalization of  $kL(X)$  in the sense that if  $kL(X) \leq \tau$  then we can find  $X_o \subseteq X$  such that  $L(X, X_o) \leq \tau$ . It can also be easily seen that  $L(X, \emptyset) = L(X)$ ,  $L(X, X_o) \leq L(X)$ ,  $L(X, X_o) \leq L(X \setminus X_o) \leq hL(X)$ ,  $L(X) \leq L(X_o) \cdot L(X, X_o)$  and if  $X \setminus X_o$  is Lindelöf in  $X$  then  $L(X, X_o) \leq \omega$ . As in section 2 we shall need some more technical definitions :

**Definition 5.** Let  $H\psi(X) \leq \tau$ . The family  $\mathcal{U} = \{\mathcal{U}_x : x \in X\} \subseteq \mathcal{O}(X)$  such that - for every  $p \in X$  we have that  $p \in \bigcap \mathcal{U}_p$ ,  $|\mathcal{U}_p| \leq \tau$  and if  $p \neq q$  there exist  $A \in \mathcal{U}_p$  and  $B \in \mathcal{U}_q$  such that  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  then the family  $\mathcal{U}$  will be said to be a realizing family for  $H\psi(X) \leq \tau$ .

It is easy to be noticed that if  $\mathcal{U}$  is a realizing family for  $H\psi(X) \leq \tau$  then the family  $\mathcal{V} = \{\mathcal{V}_x : x \in X\}$  where  $\mathcal{V}_x$  consists of all finite intersections of members of  $\mathcal{U}_x$  will also be a realizing family for  $H\psi(X) \leq \tau$ .

**Definition 6.** The family  $\mathcal{U} = \{\mathcal{U}_x : x \in X\}$  will be called canonically realizing  $H\psi(X) \leq \tau$  if the following holds : 1)  $\mathcal{U}_x$  is closed under finite intersections. 2) For every  $p \in X$  we have  $|\mathcal{U}_p| \leq \tau$ . 3)  $p \in \bigcap \mathcal{U}_p$  for every  $p \in X$ . 4)  $\mathcal{U}_p \subseteq \mathcal{O}(X)$  for every  $p \in X$ . 5) Whenever  $p \neq q$  there exist  $A \in \mathcal{U}_p$  and  $B \in \mathcal{U}_q$  such that  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .

**Definition 7.** Having a family  $\mathcal{U} = \{\mathcal{U}_x : x \in X\}$  satisfying 3) and 4) from Definition 6 we define an operator  $(\ )_{\mathcal{U}} : \exp X \rightarrow \exp X$  as follows : if  $A \subseteq X$  then  $A_{\mathcal{U}} = \{x \in X : U \cap A \neq \emptyset \text{ for every } U \in \mathcal{U}_x\}$ . We shall say that the family  $\mathcal{U} = \{\mathcal{U}_x : x \in X\}$  generates the operator  $(\ )_{\mathcal{U}}$ .



This operator is defined by Hodel,[7] and for every  $A \subseteq X$  we have that  $A \subseteq Cl(A) \subseteq (A)_{\mathcal{U}}$ . We shall use the following two results proved in [7] :

**Lemma 5.** *If  $X$  is a Hausdorff topological space and  $\mathcal{U} = \{\mathcal{U}_x : x \in X\}$  is canonically realizing  $H\psi(X) \leq \tau$  and  $A \in [X]^{\leq \tau}$  then  $(A)_{\mathcal{U}} \in [X]^{\leq \tau}$ .*

**Lemma 6.** *If  $\mathcal{U} = \{\mathcal{U}_x : x \in X\}$  generates the operator  $(\ )_{\mathcal{U}}$  and  $A = \cup\{(A_{\alpha})_{\mathcal{U}} : \alpha \in \tau^+\} \subseteq expX$  is such that for every  $\alpha \in \tau^+$  we have that  $\cup\{(A_{\beta})_{\mathcal{U}} : \beta \in \alpha\} \subseteq A_{\alpha}$  then  $A_{\mathcal{U}} = A$ .*

Proof of Theorem 2:

Let  $L(X, X_o) \cdot H\psi(X) \leq \tau$  and let  $\mathcal{W} = \{\mathcal{W}(x) : x \in X\}$  is canonically realizing  $H\psi(X) \leq \tau$ . By transfinite induction we shall define two families -  $\{H_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \tau^+\} \subseteq X \setminus X_o$  and  $\{\mathcal{B}_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \tau^+\} \subseteq \mathcal{O}(X)$  such that :

- 1)  $H_{\alpha} \subseteq X \setminus X_o$  for every  $\alpha \in \tau^+$ .
- 2)  $|H_{\alpha}| \leq 2^{\tau}$  for every  $\alpha \in \tau^+$ .
- 3)  $(\cup\{(H_{\beta})_{\mathcal{W}} : \beta \in \alpha\}) \cap (X \setminus X_o) \subseteq H_{\alpha}$  for every  $\alpha \in \tau^+$ .
- 4) If  $\alpha \in \tau^+$  and  $\{H_{\beta} : \beta \in \alpha\}$  are already defined then  $\mathcal{B}_{\alpha} = \cup\{\mathcal{W}(x) : x \in \cup\{(H_{\beta})_{\mathcal{W}} : \beta \in \alpha\}\}$ .
- 5) If  $\mathcal{V} \in [\mathcal{B}_{\alpha}]^{\leq \tau}$  and  $X \setminus (\cup\mathcal{V} \cup X_o) \neq \emptyset$  then  $H_{\alpha} \setminus (\cup\mathcal{V} \cup X_o) \neq \emptyset$ .

Let  $\alpha \in \tau^+$  and  $\{H_{\beta} : \beta \in \alpha\}$  and  $\{\mathcal{B}_{\beta} : \beta \in \alpha\}$  be already defined with properties 1) - 5).

Let  $\mathcal{E}_{\alpha} = \{\mathcal{V} : \mathcal{V} \in [\mathcal{B}_{\alpha}]^{\leq \tau} \text{ and } X \setminus (\cup\mathcal{V} \cup X_o) \neq \emptyset\}$ . For every  $\mathcal{V} \in \mathcal{E}_{\alpha}$  we choose a point  $\phi(\mathcal{V}) \in X \setminus (\cup\mathcal{V} \cup X_o) \neq \emptyset$  and let  $C_{\alpha} = \{\phi(\mathcal{V}) : \mathcal{V} \in \mathcal{E}_{\alpha}\}$ . Since  $|\mathcal{E}_{\alpha}| \leq 2^{\tau}$  we have that  $|C_{\alpha}| \leq 2^{\tau}$ . Finally we put  $H_{\alpha} = (X \setminus X_o) \cap ((C_{\alpha})_{\mathcal{W}} \cup \cup\{(H_{\beta})_{\mathcal{W}} : \beta \in \alpha\})$ . We obviously have that  $\cup\{H_{\beta} : \beta \in \alpha\} \subseteq H_{\alpha}$ . Using Lemma 6 we obtain that  $|H_{\alpha}| \leq 2^{\tau}$ . It can be easily seen that the conditions 1) - 5) are satisfied.

Let  $H = \cup\{H_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \tau^+\}$ . We have that  $(H)_{\mathcal{W}} = \cup\{(H_{\alpha})_{\mathcal{W}} : \alpha \in \tau^+\}$  - in order to prove this let  $X \in (H)_{\mathcal{W}}$ . Then  $W_x \cap H \neq \emptyset$  for every  $W_x \in \mathcal{W}(x)$ . Let us choose a

point  $a(W_x) \in W_x \cap H$  for every  $W_x \in \mathcal{W}(x)$  and let  $B_x = \{a(W_x) : x \in W_x \in \mathcal{W}(x)\} \in [H]^\tau$ . Therefore there is an  $\alpha \in \tau^+$  such that  $B_x \subseteq H_\alpha$ . Then  $x \in (B_x)_\mathcal{W} \subseteq (H_\alpha)_\mathcal{W}$ . The converse inclusion is obvious.

We also have that  $(H)_\mathcal{W} \cap (X \setminus X_o) = H$ .

Let us show that  $X \setminus X_o = H$ . Suppose there is a  $q \in X \setminus H \setminus X_o$ . Then  $q \notin (H)_\mathcal{W}$  (because if we suppose that  $q \in (H)_\mathcal{W}$  we shall have that  $q \in (X \setminus X_o) \cap (H)_\mathcal{W} = H$  - a contradiction). Hence for every  $p \in (H)_\mathcal{W}$  we can choose  $V_p \in \mathcal{W}(p)$  such that  $q \notin V_p$ . From the other side for every  $z \in X \setminus (H)_\mathcal{W}$  because of  $z \notin (H)_\mathcal{W}$  we have  $U_z \in \mathcal{W}(z)$  such that  $U_z \cap H = \emptyset$ . Let  $\mu = \{V_p, U_z : p \in (H)_\mathcal{W}, z \in X \setminus (H)_\mathcal{W}\}$ . We have that  $\cup \mu \supseteq X$  and from  $L(X, X_o) \leq \tau$  we can choose  $\mu_o \in [\mu]^\tau$  such that  $H \subseteq X \setminus X_o \subseteq \cup \mu_o$ . Let us consider  $\mu' = \{U \in \mu_o : U \cap H \neq \emptyset\}$ . Therefore  $H \subseteq \cup \mu'$  and  $\mu' = \{V_p : p \in H' \in [(H)_\mathcal{W}]^\tau\}$ . By the regularity of  $\tau^+$  it follows that there is  $\alpha_o \in \tau^+$  such that  $H' \subseteq (H_\alpha)_\mathcal{W}$  i.e.,  $|\mu'| \leq \tau, \mu' \subseteq B_{\alpha_o}$  and  $q \notin \cup \mu' \cup X_o$ . Then we have already chosen a point  $\phi(\mu') \supseteq H$  - a contradiction.

From Theorem 2 (as well as from Theorem 1) we can obtain several known inequalities :

**Corollary 1.** *For every Hausdorff topological space  $X$  we have that*

$$|X| \leq \exp L(X) \cdot \chi(X).$$

This is a result first obtained in [1] for countable case.

**Corollary 2.** *For every regular topological space  $X$  we have that*

$$|X| \leq \exp kL(X) \cdot \chi(X).$$

This is a result first obtained in [9].

**Corollary 3.** *For every Hausdorff topological space  $X$  we have that*

$$|X \setminus X_o| \leq \exp kL(X, X_o) \cdot \chi(X).$$

This is a result first obtained in [6] for  $X_o \neq \emptyset$  and for  $X_o = \emptyset$  first obtained in [10].

**Corollary 4.** *For every Hausdorff topological space  $X$  we have that*

$$|X \setminus X_o| \leq \exp L(X, X_o) \cdot \chi(X).$$

This is a result first obtained in [6].

**Corollary 5.** *For every Hausdorff topological space  $X$  we have that*

$$|X| \leq \exp L(X) \cdot H\psi(X).$$

This is a result first obtained in [7].

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