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### 0. Introduction

Throughout this paper *uniformity* will mean separated diagonal uniformity and *proximity* will mean separated Efremovič proximity. If  $(X, \delta)$  is a proximity space, then  $\Pi(\delta)$  will denote the set of all uniformities on  $X$  which induce  $\delta$ , and we shall call  $(X, \delta)$  *completely uniformizable* when  $\Pi(\delta)$  contains a complete uniformity. Also the Smirnov compactification of  $(X, \delta)$  will be denoted by  $\delta X$ .

The purpose of this paper is to study properties of completely uniformizable proximity spaces. One known result [5, Theorem 2.2, p. 226] asserts that a completely uniformizable proximity space is  $Q$ -closed, but the converse of this assertion does not hold. In seeking a satisfactory characterization of completely uniformizable proximity spaces, one may consider the realcompact rich proximity spaces of [1]. A proximity space  $(X, \delta)$  is *rich* if each realcompactification of  $X$  contained in  $\delta X$  can be realized as the uniform completion of a member of  $\Pi(\delta)$ . Thus, every realcompact rich proximity space is completely uniformizable. In section 1 we shall show that when a proximity space  $(X, \delta)$  is completely uniformizable, every realcompactification of  $X$  contained in  $\delta X$  of the form  $X \cup K$ , where  $K$  is compact, can be obtained as the uniform completion of a member of  $\Pi(\delta)$ . The question of whether every completely uniformizable proximity space is rich remains unanswered.

Results on the cardinality of certain subsets of the outgrowths of Smirnov compactifications have appeared in [4], [5], and [6] where the notion of embedding uniformly discrete subspaces has played an important role. In section 2 we shall introduce a "local" version of this notion: compactifications with *locally  $\omega^*$ -embedded outgrowth*. We shall show that the Smirnov compactification of any completely uniformizable proximity space is of this type. Moreover, it will be shown that  $\delta X$  being a compactification of  $X$  with locally  $\omega^*$ -embedded outgrowth is not sufficient for  $(X, \delta)$  to be completely uniformizable.

The notion of locally  $\omega^*$ -embedded outgrowth will be applied in section 3 to show that the Smirnov compactification of a noncompact, completely uniformizable proximity space  $(X, \delta)$  contains as many nonrealcompact extensions of  $X$  as it does arbitrary extensions of  $X$ . This in turn provides a new result on the number of nonrealcompact extensions of a realcompact space contained in its Stone- $\check{C}$ ech compactification.

Given a uniform space  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  we shall let  $\mathcal{U}X$  denote the set of all minimal  $\mathcal{U}$ -Cauchy filters on  $X$ . For  $U \in \mathcal{U}$ , we set

$$U^* = \{(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}) \in \mathcal{U}X \times \mathcal{U}X: \text{for some } F \in \mathcal{F} \cap \mathcal{G}, \\ F \times F \subset U\},$$

and we let  $\mathcal{U}^*$  denote the uniformity on  $\mathcal{U}X$  generated by the uniform base  $\{U^*: U \in \mathcal{U}\}$ . When we identify the points of  $X$  with their neighborhood filters in  $X$ ,  $(\mathcal{U}X, \mathcal{U}^*)$  becomes the canonical uniform completion of  $(X, \mathcal{U})$ .

Given a proximity space  $(X, \delta)$  we shall let  $\delta X$  denote the set of all maximal  $\delta$ -round filters on  $X$ . For  $A \subset X$ , we set

$$O(A) = \{ \mathcal{F} \in \delta X : A \in \mathcal{F} \},$$

and we declare (for  $E_1, E_2 \subset \delta X$ )  $E_1 \overline{\delta^*} E_2$  if and only if there are  $A_1, A_2 \subset X$  with  $A_1 \overline{\delta} A_2$  and  $E_i \subset O(A_i)$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ). When we identify the points of  $X$  with their neighborhood filters in  $X$ ,  $(\delta X, \delta^*)$  becomes the canonical proximity space underlying the Smirnov compactification of  $(X, \delta)$ . Moreover, if  $\mathcal{U} \in \Pi(\delta)$ , then the minimal  $\mathcal{U}$ -Cauchy filters coincide with the  $\delta$ -round  $\mathcal{U}$ -Cauchy filters and every minimal  $\mathcal{U}$ -Cauchy filter is a maximal  $\delta$ -round filter. Thus,  $X \subset \mathcal{U}X \subset \delta X$ ; also the proximities  $\delta(\mathcal{U}^*)$  and  $\delta^*|_{\mathcal{U}X}$  agree (as do the topologies  $\tau(\mathcal{U}^*)$  and  $\tau(\delta^*)|_{\mathcal{U}X}$ ). We use  $\mathcal{U}_\delta$  to denote the totally bounded member of  $\Pi(\delta)$ .

If  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  are Hausdorff extensions of a Tychonoff space  $X$ , we write  $Z_1 \overset{=}{=} X Z_2$  to mean that  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  are homeomorphic by a homeomorphism which fixes the points of  $X$ . We use  $\beta X$  to denote the Stone-Ćech compactification of  $X$ .  $\omega$  will denote the countable cardinal (least infinite ordinal), and  $c$  will denote  $2^\omega$ .

Some of the notions discussed in this paper were initially developed in [2].

### 1. $\delta$ -completability

Rich proximity spaces were introduced in [1] as proximity spaces  $(X, \delta)$  for which each realcompactification of  $X$  contained in  $\delta X$ , the Smirnov compactification of  $X$ , can be realized as the uniform completion of a uniformity

on  $X$  belonging to  $\Pi(\delta)$ . More precisely, we have the following definition.

*Definition 1.1.* [1] Let  $\delta$  be a compatible proximity on a Tychonoff space  $X$ .

(a) We say that  $X$  is  $\delta$ -*completable* to a Tychonoff extension  $T$  of  $X$  if there is a compatible complete uniformity  $\mathcal{V}$  on  $T$  such that  $\delta(\mathcal{V}|_X) = \delta$ .

(b)  $(X, \delta)$  is a *rich* proximity space if  $X$  is  $\delta$ -completable to every realcompactification of  $X$  contained in  $\delta X$ .

The proximity space induced on a Tychonoff space  $X$  by its Stone-Ćech compactification  $\beta X$  is a rich proximity space. It is shown in [1] that there are realcompact, noncompact proximity spaces  $(X, \delta)$  which are rich where  $\delta$  is not induced by  $\beta X$ . However, the problem of finding an internal characterization of rich proximity spaces remains open.

It is clear that every realcompact rich proximity space must be completely uniformizable; so it is natural to ask if every completely uniformizable proximity space is rich. (Assuming the nonexistence of measurable cardinals, a completely uniformizable proximity space must be realcompact.) This is essentially a question about the realcompactifications to which a completely uniformizable proximity space  $(X, \delta)$  is  $\delta$ -completable.

*Definition 1.2.* Let  $T$  be a Tychonoff extension of a Tychonoff space  $X$ .

(a)  $T$  is a *finite-outgrowth (f.o.)* extension of  $X$  if  $T = X \cup F$  where  $F$  is finite.

(b)  $T$  is a *relatively-compact-outgrowth (r.c.o.)* extension of  $X$  if  $T = X \cup K$  where  $K$  is compact.

Note that in part (b) of the above definition the outgrowth  $T-X$  need not be compact.

It is shown in [6, Corollary 2.1.1, p. 32] that for a given uniform space  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  any maximal  $\delta(\mathcal{U})$ -round filter may be added to the set of  $\delta(\mathcal{U})$ -round  $\mathcal{U}$ -Cauchy filters to obtain the set of  $\delta(\mathcal{V})$ -round  $\mathcal{V}$ -Cauchy filters for a uniformity  $\mathcal{V}$  on  $X$  such that  $\mathcal{V} \subset \mathcal{U}$  and  $\delta(\mathcal{V}) = \delta(\mathcal{U})$ . This result yields the following theorem.

*Theorem 1.3.* Let  $(X, \delta)$  be a completely uniformizable proximity space. Then  $X$  is  $\delta$ -completable to every f.o. extension of  $X$  contained in  $\delta X$ .

*Proof.* For a compatible uniformity  $\mathcal{U}$  on  $X$ , the  $\delta(\mathcal{U})$ -round  $\mathcal{U}$ -Cauchy filters agree with the minimal  $\mathcal{U}$ -Cauchy filters. So the result follows from [1, Proposition 2.1, p. 322].

We now extend the above result to the r.c.o. extension case.

*Theorem 1.4.* Let  $(X, \delta)$  be a completely uniformizable proximity space. Then  $X$  is  $\delta$ -completable to every r.c.o. extension of  $X$  contained in  $\delta X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a complete member of  $\Pi(\delta)$  and let  $K$  be a compact subset of  $\delta X$ . Recall that the points of  $\delta X$  are the maximal  $\delta$ -round filters and that we identify the points of  $X$  with the fixed maximal  $\delta$ -round filters. Thus,  $X$  is the set of minimal  $\mathcal{U}$ -Cauchy filters. By [1, Proposition

2.1, p. 322] it suffices to find a uniformity  $\mathcal{V}$  on  $X$  for which  $\delta(\mathcal{V}) = \delta$  and  $X \cup K$  is the set of minimal  $\mathcal{V}$ -Cauchy filters.

Now we may write  $K$  as  $K = \{\mathcal{F}_i : i \in I\}$  where  $\mathcal{F}_i$  is a maximal  $\delta$ -round filter for each  $i \in I$ . For each  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  and  $F_i \in \mathcal{F}_i$  ( $i \in I$ ) set

$$B(U, \langle F_i \rangle_i) = U \cup \left( \bigcup_{i \in I} F_i \times F_i \right),$$

and let

$$\beta = \{B(U, \langle F_i \rangle_i) : U \in \mathcal{U}, F_i \in \mathcal{F}_i \text{ (} i \in I)\}.$$

We claim that  $\beta$  is a uniform base on  $X$ . As in the proof of [6, Theorem 2.1, p. 31], the only difficult verification is that of the "square root" axiom. Let  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  and  $F_i \in \mathcal{F}_i$  ( $i \in I$ ) and set  $B = B(U, \langle F_i \rangle_i)$ . We must find an entourage  $D \in \beta$  for which  $D \circ D \subset B$ . To this end let  $W_1 \in \mathcal{U}$  such that  $W_1 \circ W_1 \subset U$ . Now each  $\mathcal{F}_i \in K$  is  $\delta$ -round so that for  $i \in I$  we may choose  $G_i \in \mathcal{F}_i$  and  $V_i \in \mathcal{U}_\delta$  with  $V_i = V_i^{-1}$  and  $V_i[G_i] \subset F_i$ . (Recall that  $\mathcal{U}_\delta$  denotes the totally bounded member of  $\Pi(\delta)$ .) Thus,  $K \subset \bigcup_{i \in I} O(G_i)$ . Since  $K$  is compact, there are  $i_1, \dots, i_n \in I$  such that  $K \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^n O(G_{i_j})$ . I.e., if  $\mathcal{F} \in K$ , then for some  $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $G_{i_j} \in \mathcal{F}$ . Now for each  $i \in I$  choose  $\sigma(i) \in \{i_1, \dots, i_n\}$  such that  $G_{\sigma(i)} \in \mathcal{F}_i$ . Set  $W_2 = \bigcap_{j=1}^n V_{i_j}$ . Then  $W_2 \in \mathcal{U}_\delta$ . Now each  $\mathcal{F}_i \in K$  is  $\mathcal{U}_\delta$ -Cauchy. So for each  $i \in I$  there is  $H_i \in \mathcal{F}_i$  such that  $H_i \times H_i \subset W_2$ . Setting

$$D = B(W_1 \cap W_2, \langle G_{\sigma(i)} \cap H_i \rangle_i)$$

yields the desired entourage, as may be easily checked.

Now let  $\mathcal{V}$  be the uniformity on  $X$  generated by  $\beta$ . It is straightforward to verify that  $\mathcal{U}_\delta \subset \mathcal{V} \subset \mathcal{U}$ , so that  $\delta(\mathcal{V}) = \delta$ , and that each member of  $X \cup K$  is  $\mathcal{V}$ -Cauchy. It remains to show that if  $\mathcal{G} \in \delta X$  is  $\mathcal{V}$ -Cauchy, then  $\mathcal{G} \in X \cup K$ . Assume (by way of contradiction) that  $\mathcal{G} \notin X \cup K$ . Since  $K$  is compact, there is  $G \in \mathcal{G}$  with  $O(G) \cap K = \emptyset$ . I.e., for each  $i \in I$ ,  $G \notin \mathcal{F}_i$ . Let  $H \in \mathcal{G}$  such that  $H \bar{\delta} X - G$ . Since all members of  $K$  are maximal  $\delta$ -round filters, it follows that for all  $i \in I$ ,  $X - H \in \mathcal{F}_i$ . Now since  $\mathcal{G} \notin X$ ,  $\mathcal{G}$  is not  $\mathcal{U}$ -Cauchy. Thus, there is  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  such that whenever  $S \in \mathcal{G}$ ,  $S \times S \notin U$ .

Let  $V \in \mathcal{U}$  be symmetric with  $V \circ V \subset U$ . Now  $B = B(V, \langle X - H \rangle_i) \in \mathcal{V}$  and, since  $\mathcal{G}$  is  $\mathcal{V}$ -Cauchy, there is  $z \in X$  such that  $B[z] \in \mathcal{G}$ . If we set  $S = B[z] \cap H$ , then we may conclude that  $S \in \mathcal{G}$  and  $S \times S \subset U$ . This is the desired contradiction.

While the above result demonstrates that a completely uniformizable proximity space  $(X, \delta)$  is  $\delta$ -completable to many of its realcompactifications contained in its Smirnov compactification, the following question nevertheless remains unanswered: Do the completely uniformizable proximity spaces coincide with the realcompact rich proximity spaces?

## 2. Locally $\omega^*$ -embedded Outgrowth

If  $(X, \delta)$  is a proximity space and  $\mathcal{U}$  is a non-totally bounded member of  $\Pi(\delta)$ , then  $X$  must contain an infinite  $\mathcal{U}$ -uniformly discrete set (which is also an infinite  $\sigma$ -discrete subset of positive gauge for some pseudometric



$\sigma$  compatible with  $\delta$ ). Thus, [6, proof of Theorem 3.2, p. 33] or [5, Theorem 3.1, p. 226] yields the following theorem which first appeared in [4, Theorem 3.3, p. 157].

*Theorem 2.1.* If  $(X, \delta)$  is a noncompact completely uniformizable proximity space, then  $|\delta X - X| \geq 2^{\mathbb{C}}$ .

[4] provides the same lower bound for the cardinality of a nonempty closed  $G_\delta$ -subset of the Smirnov compactification  $\delta X$  of a completely uniformizable proximity space  $(X, \delta)$  when that subset is disjoint from  $X$ . Also, according to [5], even when  $(X, \delta)$  is not necessarily completely uniformizable,  $2^{\mathbb{C}}$  serves as a lower bound for the cardinality of any nonempty zero-set of  $\delta X$  disjoint from the realcompletion of  $X$ . We shall now extend the result in Theorem 2.1 to a "local" version. Let  $D(\omega)$  denote the discrete topological space of cardinality  $\omega$ , and let  $\omega^* = \beta D(\omega) - D(\omega)$ .

*Definition 2.2.* (a) If  $Z$  is a Hausdorff compactification of a Tychonoff space  $X$  and  $X \subset Y \subset Z$ , then  $Z$  is said to have *locally  $\omega^*$ -embedded outgrowth with respect to  $Y$*  if for each  $p \in Z - Y$  and each neighborhood  $H$  of  $p$  in  $Z$ , there is a closed discrete subspace  $S$  of  $X$  such that  $|S| = \omega$ ,  $\text{cl}_Z S = {}_S \beta S$ , and  $\text{cl}_Z S \subset H$ .

(b) A Hausdorff compactification  $Z$  of a Tychonoff space  $X$  has *locally  $\omega^*$ -embedded outgrowth* if  $Z$  has locally  $\omega^*$ -embedded outgrowth with respect to  $X$ .

Note that if  $Z$  is a Hausdorff compactification of  $X$  with locally  $\omega^*$ -embedded outgrowth, then every nonempty open subset of  $Z - X$  (with the relative topology induced by  $Z$ )

contains a copy of  $\omega^*$  and, hence, has cardinality of at least  $2^c$ .

*Theorem 2.3.* *If  $(X, \delta)$  is a proximity space and  $\mathcal{U} \in \Pi(\delta)$ , then the Smirnov compactification  $\delta X$  of  $X$  has locally  $\omega^*$ -embedded outgrowth with respect to  $\mathcal{U}X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $p \in \delta X - \mathcal{U}X$  and let  $H$  be an open subset of  $\delta X$  with  $p \in H$ . Let  $G$  be an open subset of  $\delta X$  with  $p \in G$  and  $\text{cl}_{\delta X} G \subset H$ , and set  $A = G \cap \mathcal{U}X$ . Then  $\text{cl}_{\delta X} A = \text{cl}_{\delta X} G \not\subset \mathcal{U}X$ , and so  $Y = \text{cl}_{\mathcal{U}X} A$  is not compact.

Now  $\mathcal{U}^*$  is a complete uniformity on  $\mathcal{U}X$  and  $\delta(\mathcal{U}^*) = \delta^*|_{\mathcal{U}X}$ . Also  $\mathcal{U}^*|_Y$  is complete (since  $Y$  is closed in  $\mathcal{U}X$ ) and non-totally bounded (since  $Y$  is not compact). Observing that  $Y \cap X$  is dense in  $Y$ , we conclude that  $\mathcal{U}|_{Y \cap X} = (\mathcal{U}^*|_Y)|_X$  is non-totally bounded. As in [6, proof of Theorem 3.2, p. 33], there is an entourage  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  and a countably infinite set  $S \subset Y \cap X$  such that

$$U \cap [(Y \cap X) \times (Y \cap X)] \cap (S \times S) = \\ U \cap (S \times S) = \Delta_S.$$

$\mathcal{U}|_S$  is the discrete uniformity on  $S$ , and  $\delta|_S = \delta(\mathcal{U}|_S)$  is the discrete proximity on  $S$ . Moreover,  $\text{cl}_{\delta X} S$  is the Smirnov compactification of  $(S, \delta|_S)$ , whence  $\text{cl}_{\delta X} S =_S \beta S$ , and certainly  $\text{cl}_{\delta X} S \subset H$ . Now if  $V$  is a symmetric entourage in  $\mathcal{U}$  such that  $V \circ V \subset U$  and  $y \in \mathcal{U}X$ , then  $|V^*[y] \cap S| \leq 1$ . Thus,  $S$  is closed and discrete in  $\mathcal{U}X$  (and, hence,  $S$  is a closed subset of  $X$  as well).

*Corollary 2.4.* *If  $(X, \delta)$  is a completely uniformizable proximity space, then  $\delta X$  is a Hausdorff compactification of  $X$  with locally  $\omega^*$ -embedded outgrowth.*

The proof of Theorem 2.3 also yields the following corollary.

*Corollary 2.5.* If  $(X, \delta)$  is a proximity space and  $\mathcal{U} \in \Pi(\delta)$ , then  $\delta X$  is a Hausdorff compactification of  $\mathcal{U}X$  with locally  $\omega^*$ -embedded outgrowth.

*Corollary 2.6.* If  $Z$  is a rich compactification of a Tychonoff space  $X$  and  $X \subset Y \subset Z$  where  $Y$  is realcompact, then  $Z$  has locally  $\omega^*$ -embedded outgrowth with respect to  $Y$ .

Note that the Stone-Ćech compactification  $\beta X$  of a Tychonoff space  $X$  has locally  $\omega^*$ -embedded outgrowth with respect to its Hewitt realcompactification  $\upsilon X$ . Thus, every  $\beta X$ -neighborhood of a point in  $\beta X - \upsilon X$  contains a copy of  $D(\omega)$  which is a subset of  $X$  and is  $C^*$ -embedded in  $\beta X$ . According to [3, 9D1, p. 136], such a copy of  $D(\omega)$  can be found which is actually  $C$ -embedded in  $X$ .

Also note that  $\delta X$  may fail to be a Hausdorff compactification of  $X$  with locally  $\omega^*$ -embedded outgrowth when  $(X, \delta)$  is not completely uniformizable. A trivial example is provided by the proximity induced on  $\mathbb{R}$ , the real numbers with the usual topology, by its one-point compactification. A nontrivial example, where  $\Pi(\delta)$  contains a non-totally bounded member, is given next.

*Example 2.7.* Let  $d$  denote the usual metric on the set  $\mathbb{Q}$  of rational numbers,  $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{U}(d)$ , and  $\delta = \delta(d)$ . Then  $\mathcal{U}$  is non-totally bounded. By [7, Theorem 21.26, p. 202], since  $\mathcal{U}$  is metrizable,  $\mathcal{U}$  is the largest uniformity inducing  $\delta$ , and since  $\mathcal{U}$  is not complete, no complete uniformity induces  $\delta$ .

Now  $\mathcal{U}Q =_{\mathbb{Q}} R$ , the real numbers with the usual topology, which is locally compact. So  $\mathcal{U}Q$  is an open subset of  $\delta Q$  and  $\mathcal{U}Q \cap (\delta Q - Q) \neq \phi$ . Since  $|\mathcal{U}Q| = |R| = c$ ,  $\mathcal{U}Q$  contains no copy of  $\beta D(\omega)$ .

We shall conclude this section with an example which demonstrates that a (noncompact and realcompact) proximity space  $(X, \delta)$  need not be completely uniformizable when  $\delta X$  is a Hausdorff compactification of  $X$  with locally  $\omega^*$ -embedded outgrowth.

*Example 2.8.* Let  $P$  denote the space of irrational numbers with the usual topology. Then  $P$  is noncompact, and every subspace of  $P$  is realcompact. Since  $P$  is a  $G_{\delta}$ -set in  $R$ , by [8, Theorem 24.12, p. 179] there is a compatible complete metric  $d$  on  $P$ . Let  $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{U}(d)$  and  $\gamma = \delta(d)$ . Then  $\mathcal{U}$  is a complete metrizable uniformity which induces  $\gamma$ , and so, by Corollary 2.4,  $\gamma P$  is a Hausdorff compactification of  $P$  with locally  $\omega^*$ -embedded outgrowth.

Now let  $X = P - \{\pi\}$  and  $\delta = \gamma|_X$ . Then  $X$  is a noncompact and realcompact space,  $\delta$  is a compatible proximity on  $X$ , and  $\delta X =_X \gamma P$ . Since  $\mathcal{U}|_X$  is a metrizable uniformity inducing  $\delta$ ,  $\mathcal{U}|_X$  is the largest uniformity inducing  $\delta$  by [7, Theorem 21.26, p. 202]. Since  $\mathcal{U}|_X$  is not complete, no complete uniformity can induce  $\delta$ .

Let  $H$  be an open subset of  $\gamma P$  (which we identify with  $\delta X$ ) such that  $H \cap (\gamma P - X) \neq \phi$ .  $H$  is not a subset of  $P$  since  $\text{int}_{\gamma P} P = \phi$ . So  $H \cap (\gamma P - P) \neq \phi$ . Thus, there is a countably infinite, closed, discrete subspace  $S$  of  $P$  such that  $\text{cl}_{\gamma P} S =_S \beta S$  and  $\text{cl}_{\gamma P} S \subset H$ . So  $K = S - \{\pi\}$  is a

countably infinite, closed, discrete subspace of  $X$ ,  $cl_{\gamma^P}K = (cl_{\gamma^P}S) - \{\pi\} =_K \beta K$ , and  $cl_{\gamma^P}K \subset H$ . So  $\gamma^P$  is a Hausdorff compactification of  $X$  with locally  $\omega^*$ -embedded outgrowth.

### 3. Nonrealcompact Extensions

In this section we shall determine the number of nonrealcompact extensions of a completely uniformizable proximity space contained in its Smirnov compactification.

*Theorem 3.1.* *Let  $X$  be a noncompact Tychonoff space. If  $Z$  is a Hausdorff compactification of  $X$  with locally  $\omega^*$ -embedded outgrowth, then there are exactly  $2^{|Z-X|}$  nonrealcompact extensions of  $X$  contained in  $Z$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $G$  be a nonempty open subset of  $Z - X$  (with the relative topology induced by  $Z$ ) such that

$$|(Z - X) - G| = |Z - X|,$$

and let  $H$  be an open subset of  $Z$  such that  $G = H \cap (Z - X)$ . Since  $Z$  is a Hausdorff compactification of  $X$  with locally  $\omega^*$ -embedded outgrowth, there is a countably infinite, closed, discrete subspace  $S$  of  $X$  such that  $cl_Z S =_S \beta S$  and  $cl_Z S \subset H$ . Thus, there is a nonrealcompact space  $T$  such that  $S \subset T \subset cl_Z S$ . For each  $A \subset (Z - X) - G$  set  $T_A = X \cup T \cup A$ .  $T_A$  is nonrealcompact since  $T = T_A \cap cl_Z S$  is a nonrealcompact closed subset of  $T_A$ . Also, if  $A_i \subset (Z - X) - G$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) and  $A_1 \neq A_2$ , then  $T_{A_1} \neq T_{A_2}$ . So there are at least

$$|\mathcal{P}((Z - X) - G)| = 2^{|(Z-X)-G|} = 2^{|Z-X|}$$

nonrealcompact extensions of  $X$  contained in  $Z$ . Since there

are exactly  $2^{|Z-X|}$  extensions of  $X$  contained in  $Z$ , the proof is complete.

The following corollary follows immediately from Corollary 2.4 and Theorem 3.1.

*Corollary 3.2.* If  $(X, \delta)$  is a noncompact completely uniformizable proximity space, then  $\delta X$  contains exactly  $2^{|\delta X - X|}$  nonrealcompact extensions of  $X$ .

[3, 9D2, p. 136] yields a method for constructing nonrealcompact extensions of a noncompact, realcompact space  $X$  contained in its Stone-Ćech compactification  $\beta X$ : in this case  $|\beta X - X| \geq 2^{\mathfrak{C}}$  and if  $\phi \neq S \subset \beta X - X$  with  $|S| < 2^{\mathfrak{C}}$ , then  $T = \beta X - S$  is such an extension. Assuming the generalized continuum hypothesis, this construction guarantees only  $2^{\mathfrak{C}}$  distinct such extensions when  $|\beta X - X| = 2^{\mathfrak{C}}$ . The following simple application of Corollary 3.2 guarantees that there are exactly  $2^{2^{\mathfrak{C}}}$  such extensions in this case.

*Corollary 3.3.* Let  $X$  be a noncompact, realcompact space. Then  $\beta X$  contains exactly  $2^{|\beta X - X|}$  nonrealcompact extensions of  $X$ .

*Proof.* The uniformity functionally determined on  $X$  by the real-valued continuous functions on  $X$  is a complete, compatible uniformity on  $X$  whose proximity is induced by  $\beta X$ .

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