MONOCOREFLECTIVE SUBCATEGORIES IN GENERAL TOPOLOGY

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1. Introduction. Let \mathscr{P} be a full subcategory of a category \mathscr{C} . \mathscr{P} is said to be *coreflective* in \mathscr{C} if for each object X in \mathscr{C} there exists an object $\mathscr{P}X$ in \mathscr{P} and a morphism $\sigma_{\mathscr{P}X}:\mathscr{P}X\to X$ such that for each object P in \mathscr{P} and each morphism $f: P \to X$ there exists a unique morphism $g: P \to \mathscr{P}X$ such that $f = \sigma_{\mathscr{P}_X} \circ g$. The morphism $\sigma_{\mathscr{P}_X}$ is called the *coreflection morphism* from \mathscr{P}_X to X, and $\mathscr{P}X$ is called the *coreflection* of X (in \mathscr{P}). If each coreflection morphism is a monomorphism then \mathscr{P} is said to be a monocoreflective subcategory of \mathscr{C} . We shall denote this by writing $\mathscr{P} < \mathscr{C}$. In this paper we study monocoreflective subcategories of the category \mathcal{T} of topological spaces and the category \mathscr{H} of Hausdorff spaces. Much is already known about such subcategories; see for instance the papers of Kennison [5] and Herrlich and Strecker [4]. Chapter 10 of Walker [9], especially Problems 10B and 10C, provides a succinct summary of the elementary properties of monocoreflective subcategories of \mathcal{T} . In contrast to this earlier work, however, our chief interest will be in the interaction of pairs of monocoreflective subcategories of \mathcal{T} and of \mathcal{H} . Thus many of our results will be dual-like analogues of theorems appearing in [10], and for this reason some familiarity with the contents of [10] will be helpful (though not essential) to the reader.

The basic themes of this paper are as follows. First, we show that discrete spaces play a role in monocoreflective subcategories of \mathscr{T} and \mathscr{H} that is analogous to the role played by compact Hausdorff spaces in epireflective subcategories of the category of Tychonoff spaces and the category of zerodimensional Hausdorff spaces. Second, we introduce the concept of \mathscr{P} -pseudodiscreteness that is analogous to the concept of \mathscr{P} -pseudocompactness defined in [10], and use it to analyze the relation between pairs of monocoreflective subcategories of \mathscr{T} and of \mathscr{H} .

It should be noted that out "dual-like analogues" of theorems in [10] are not categorical duals in the strict technical sense described, for example, on page 31 of [6].

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We shall henceforth assume that all hypothesized subcategories of \mathscr{T} are full and replete; thus if \mathscr{C} is a subcategory of \mathscr{T} , the objects of \mathscr{C} will be the class of all topological spaces possessing some given topological property and the morphisms of \mathscr{C} will be the continuous functions between these objects. Hence a subcategory \mathscr{C} of \mathscr{T} will be specified by describing what class of topological spaces comprises its objects. A map will be a continuous function. If we wish to specify explicitly the topology τ of an object of \mathscr{T} , we shall write that object as (X, τ) . A discussion of the categorical concepts used in this paper may be found in [4], [6], and in Chapter 10 of [9]. We make no assumptions that our topological spaces satisfy any separation axioms unless those axioms are explicitly stated.

We denote the category of zero-dimensional Hausdorff spaces by \mathcal{H}_0 (a space is *zero-dimensional* if its open-and-closed (clopen) subsets form a base for the open sets of the space). The category of Tychonoff (i.e. completely regular Hausdorff) spaces is denoted by \mathcal{T} ych. If \mathscr{A} and \mathscr{B} are topological properties we shall use the notation $\mathscr{A} \subseteq \mathscr{B}, \mathscr{A} \cap \mathscr{B}$, and $X \in \mathscr{A}$ to mean respectively: each space in \mathscr{A} is in \mathscr{B} , the class of all spaces in both \mathscr{A} and \mathscr{B} , and X is a space in the class \mathscr{A} . If \mathscr{A} is a topological property, we denote by \mathscr{A}_0 the class of zero-dimensional spaces with \mathscr{A} .

In any topological category containing the space with one point a map is a monomorphism if and only if it is one-to-one; see Proposition 10.17 of [9]. In \mathscr{T} a map is an epimorphism if and only if it is onto; however, in \mathscr{H} a map is an epimorphism if and only if the image of the domain is a dense subspace of the range. An examination of the proof of this proposition (see page 255 of [9], for example) reveals that the following proposition is in fact proved:

- 1.1. PROPOSITION. Let \mathscr{C} be a subcategory of \mathscr{H} with the following properties:
- (i) If Y_1 and Y_2 are objects of \mathscr{C} , so is their free union $Y_1 \cup Y_2$.
- (ii) If Y is an object of C and there is a closed finite-to-one mapping from Y onto a (necessarily Hausdorff) space Z, then Z is an object of C.

Then epimorphisms in $\mathscr C$ are mappings onto dense subspaces of the range.

It is straightforward to verify that the categories \mathscr{H}_0 and \mathscr{T} ych satisfy the hypotheses on \mathscr{C} in 1.1.

To motivate the investigation we shall undertake, we give a brief discussion of the concept of an epireflective subcategory of a given category. A full subcategory \mathscr{A} of a category \mathscr{C} is said to be *reflective* in \mathscr{C} if for each object X in \mathscr{C} there exists an object $\mathscr{A}X$ in \mathscr{A} and a morphism $e_{\mathscr{A}X} : X \to \mathscr{A}X$ such that for each object A of \mathscr{A} and each morphism $f : X \to A$, there exists a unique morphism $f' : \mathscr{A}X \to A$ such that $f = f' \circ e_{\mathscr{A}X}$. This notion is the categorical dual to the concept of coreflection. If $e_{\mathscr{A}X}$ is an epimorphism for each object X of C then \mathscr{A} is said to be an *epireflective subcategory* of \mathscr{C} . Epireflective subcategories of certain topological categories have been intensively studied. For example the category of compact Hausdorff spaces is an epireflective subcategory of the category of Tychonoff spaces; the epireflection morphism embeds each Tychonoff space X in its Stone-Čech compactification βX . Realcompact spaces, via the Hewitt realcompactification, form another epire-flective subcategory of Tychonoff spaces. Many other examples are discussed in [10].

In [10] we studied epireflective subcategories \mathscr{P} of topological categories \mathscr{C} subject to the following conditions: (1) \mathscr{C} is closed under the formation of product spaces and subspaces. (2) The epireflection $\mathscr{C}_{\mathscr{P}X} : X \to \mathscr{P}X$ embeds X as a dense subspace of $\mathscr{P}X$. (3) Each compact Hausdorff object in \mathscr{C} is in \mathscr{P} and each object in \mathscr{C} has a Hausdorff compactification in \mathscr{C} . These conditions imply that each object of \mathscr{C} be Tychonoff; in practice \mathscr{C} was either \mathscr{T} ych of \mathscr{H}_0 . We called an object X of $\mathscr{C} \mathscr{P}$ -pseudocompact if its \mathscr{P} -epireflection $\mathscr{P}X$ were compact. We systematically studied the relationship between two such epireflective subcategories of \mathscr{C} by using the concept of \mathscr{P} -pseudocompactness. In this paper we investigate the analogous concept for monocoreflective subcategories of \mathscr{T} or \mathscr{H} rather than just of \mathscr{T} ych or \mathscr{H}_0 ; namely our theorems are sometimes not as strong as their epireflective analogues.

We now discuss some well-known theorems and examples concerning monocoreflective subcategories. According to a theorem of Kennison, quoted as Theorem 4 of [4], all coreflective subcategories of \mathcal{T} and of \mathcal{H} are monocoreflective, so no greater generality is obtained by studying coreflective subcategories of \mathcal{T} or \mathcal{H} .

The following is Theorem 12 of [4]; part of it also appears in [5].

1.2. THEOREM. Let \mathcal{P} be a topological property. Then \mathcal{P} (respectively $\mathcal{P} \cap \mathcal{H}$) is a monocoreflective subcategory of \mathcal{T} (respectively \mathcal{H}) if and only if \mathcal{P} is closed under the formation of free unions and quotient images (respectively, Hausdorff quotient images).

It follows that if \mathscr{P} is any topological property, then the class $\mathscr{M}(\mathscr{P})$ of spaces that are quotient images of free unions of members of \mathscr{P} (respectively $\mathscr{P} \cap \mathscr{H}$) forms a monocoreflective subcategory of \mathscr{T} (respectively \mathscr{H}), the smallest monocoreflective subcategory containing \mathscr{P} . In special cases the monocoreflection in $\mathscr{M}(\mathscr{P})$ of an object X in \mathscr{T} or \mathscr{H} can be described explicitly. The following is Theorem 15 of [4].

1.3. THEOREM. Let \mathscr{P} be a topological property such that continuous images of spaces with \mathscr{P} have \mathscr{P} . Then the monocoreflection in $\mathscr{M}(\mathscr{P})$ of a space (X, τ) is the space (X, τ') , where $V \in \tau'$ if and only if $V \cap P$ is open in P for each subspace P of (X, τ) such that P has \mathscr{P} . The identity map on the set X is the coreflection morphism from (X, τ') to (X, τ) .

As examples (mentioned in [4]), if \mathscr{P} is the class of compact spaces, $\mathscr{M}(\mathscr{P})$ is the class of k-spaces; if \mathscr{P} contains one space, namely the one-point compactification \overline{N}^* of the countable discrete space \overline{N} , then $\mathscr{M}(\mathscr{P})$ is the class of

sequential spaces (see 10B of [9]). The class of sequential spaces is also identical with $\mathscr{M}(\{\bar{2}^{\omega}\})$, where $\bar{2}^{\omega}$ is the Cantor space.

Another important example of a monocoreflective subcategory of \mathscr{T} (respectively \mathscr{H}) is the category of (Hausdorff) *P*-spaces. Recall that a space (X, τ) is a *P*-space if its G_{δ} -sets are open (note that no separation axioms are assumed here). If \mathscr{P} denotes the category of \mathscr{P} -spaces then $\mathscr{P} < \mathscr{T}$; $\mathscr{P}(X, \tau)$ is the topological space whose underlying set is X and whose topology τ' is the topology for which the G_{δ} -sets of (X, τ) form an open base. See [3] or [9] for a discussion of *P*-spaces. Similarly $\mathscr{P} \cap \mathscr{H} < \mathscr{H}$.

2. \mathscr{P} -pseudodiscrete spaces. As mentioned in Section 1 \mathscr{P} -pseudocompact spaces play an important role in studying the interrelation between pairs of epireflective subcategories of \mathscr{H}_0 or \mathscr{T} ych. To find a concept for monocoreflective subcategories of \mathscr{T} or \mathscr{H} that is analogous to \mathscr{P} -pseudocompactness in the category of (zero-dimensional) Tychonoff spaces, we first must find an analogue for the concept of compactness. To help us do this, we first give a category-theoretic characterization of the compact objects of the category of (zero-dimensional) Tychonoff spaces. Recall that in topological categories, "isomorphism" means "homeomorphism".

2.1. LEMMA. Let \mathscr{C} be either \mathscr{T} ych or \mathscr{H}_0 . The following conditions on an object X of \mathscr{C} are equivalent.

- (i) X is compact.
- (ii) If Y is an object of \mathscr{C} and if $f: X \to Y$ is both a monomorphism and an epimorphism, then f is an isomorphism.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii): By assumption f[X] is a compact dense subspace of Y; thus as Y is Hausdorff, f[X] = Y. As X is compact, f is closed; as f is also one-to-one and continuous, f is a homeomorphism from X onto Y.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i): If X were not compact, the embedding of X in its Stone-Čech compactification (or its maximal zero-dimensional compactification if $\mathscr{C} = \mathscr{H}_0$; see [10]) is both a monomorphism and an epimorphism but not an isomorphism.

The "dual-like analogue" to 2.1, where \mathscr{C} is now either \mathscr{H} or \mathscr{T} , is given in 2.2 below. Note that statement 2.2 (ii) would be the categorical dual of 2.1 (ii) if \mathscr{C} were the same category in 2.1 and 2.2. This is part of our justification for claiming that discrete spaces play a dual-like role in \mathscr{H} or \mathscr{T} to that which compact spaces play in \mathscr{H}_0 or \mathscr{T} ych.

2.2. LEMMA. Let \mathscr{C} be either \mathscr{H} or \mathscr{T} . The following conditions on an object X of \mathscr{C} are equivalent.

- (i) X is discrete.
- (ii) If Y is an object of \mathscr{C} and if $f: Y \to X$ is both a monomorphism and an epimorphism, then f is an isomorphism.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii). By assumption f is a one-to-one continuous function from

Y onto the discrete space X. It follows immediately that Y is discrete and that f is a homeomorphism.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i). Suppose X were not discrete. Let Y be the discrete space of the same cardinality as X, and let f be any one-to-one function from Y onto X. Then f is continuous, a monomorphism and an epimorphism, but is not a homeomorphism.

Motivated by this analogy between compactness and discreteness, and by the definition of \mathscr{P} -pseudocompactness appearing in [10], we introduce the concept of \mathscr{P} -pseudodiscreteness as follows. Recall that $\mathscr{P} < \mathscr{C}$ means \mathscr{P} is a monocoreflective subcategory of \mathscr{C} .

2.3. Definition. Let \mathscr{C} be \mathscr{T} or \mathscr{H} and let $\mathscr{P} < \mathscr{C}$. An object X of \mathscr{C} is \mathscr{P} -pseudodiscrete if $\mathscr{P}X$ is discrete. The class of \mathscr{P} -pseudodiscrete spaces will be denoted by \mathscr{P}^* .

We now develop the properties of \mathscr{P} -pseudodiscreteness. We begin with a preliminary lemma.

2.4. LEMMA. Let \mathscr{C} be \mathscr{T} or \mathscr{H} , let $\mathscr{P} < \mathscr{C}$, and let X be an object of \mathscr{C} . If A is a clopen subset of X then $\sigma_{\mathscr{P}X} \subset [A] = \mathscr{P}A$ and $\sigma_{\mathscr{P}X} \mid \sigma_{\mathscr{P}X} \subset [A] = \sigma_{\mathscr{P}A}$.

Proof. By the corollary of Proposition 3 of $[\mathbf{4}] \sigma_{\mathscr{P}X} \subset [A] \in \mathscr{P}$ and $\sigma_{\mathscr{P}X} | \sigma_{\mathscr{P}X} \subset [A]$ is a monomorphism from $\sigma_{\mathscr{P}X} \subset [A]$ onto A. Let $Y \in \mathscr{P}$ and let $f: Y \to A$ be continuous. Let i_A be the embedding of A in X. Then $i_A \circ f: Y \to X$ so there exists a unique map $g: Y \to \mathscr{P}X$ such that $\sigma_{\mathscr{P}X} \circ g = i_A \circ f$. If $y \in Y$ then $\sigma_{\mathscr{P}X}(g(y)) = f(y) \in A$ so g maps Y into $\sigma_{\mathscr{P}X} \subset [A]$. The lemma follows.

The elementary properties of the class \mathscr{P}^* are summarized in the following lemma.

2.5. LEMMA. Let $\mathcal{P} < \mathcal{T}$. Then

(1) If $Y \in \mathscr{P}^*$ and $f: X \to Y$ is a monomorphism then $X \in \mathscr{P}^*$.

(2) If $\mathscr{P} < \mathscr{T}$ and $\mathscr{Q} < \mathscr{T}$ and $\mathscr{P} \subseteq \mathscr{Q}$ then $\mathscr{Q}^* \subseteq \mathscr{P}^*$.

(3) The product of finitely many members of \mathscr{P}^* is in \mathscr{P}^* .

(4) The free union of arbitrarily many members of \mathcal{P}^* is in \mathcal{P}^* .

Proof. (1) The map $f \circ \sigma_{\mathscr{P}X}$ is a monomorphism from $\mathscr{P}X$ to Y. By definition of $\mathscr{P}Y$ there is a unique map $g: \mathscr{P}X \to \mathscr{P}Y$ such that $\sigma_{\mathscr{P}Y} \circ g = f \circ \sigma_{\mathscr{P}X}$. As $f \circ \sigma_{\mathscr{P}X}$ is a monomorphism so is g. As $\mathscr{P}Y$ is discrete this implies that $\mathscr{P}X$ is discrete.

(2) If $X \in \mathcal{Q}^*$ then $\mathcal{Q}X$ is discrete. As $\mathcal{P}X \in \mathcal{Q}$ there is a unique map $f: \mathcal{P}X \to \mathcal{Q}X$ such that $\sigma_{\mathcal{P}X} = \sigma_{\mathcal{Q}X} \circ f$. Thus f is a monomorphism as $\sigma_{\mathcal{P}X}$ is; so $\mathcal{P}X$ is discrete, i.e. $X \in \mathcal{P}^*$.

(3) Let $X_1, \ldots, X_n \in \mathscr{P}^*$, put $X = \prod_{j=1}^n X_j$, and let $p_j : X \to X_j$ be the *j*th projection map. Then $p_j \circ \sigma_{\mathscr{P}X}$ maps $\mathscr{P}X$ to X_j so there exists a unique map $k_j : \mathscr{P}X \to \mathscr{P}X_j$ such that $\sigma_{\mathscr{P}X_j} \circ k_j = p_j \circ \sigma_{\mathscr{P}X}(j = 1 \text{ to } n)$. Define $k : \mathscr{P}X \to \prod_{j=1}^n \mathscr{P}X_j$ by $q_j \circ k = k_j$, where $q_j : \prod_{i=1}^n \mathscr{P}X_i \to \mathscr{P}X_j$ is the *j*th

projection map. Then k is continuous. Also k is one-to-one for if k(x) = k(y)then $k_j(x) = k_j(y)$ for j = 1 to n; thus $p_j \circ \sigma_{\mathscr{P}X}(x) = p_j \circ \sigma_{\mathscr{P}X}(y)$ for j = 1to n, so $\sigma_{\mathscr{P}X}(x) = \sigma_{\mathscr{P}X}(y)$. As $\sigma_{\mathscr{P}X}$ is one-to-one, x = y so k is one-to-one. By hypothesis $\prod_{j=1}^{n} \mathscr{P}X_j$ is discrete so $\mathscr{P}X$ is discrete, i.e. $X \in \mathscr{P}^*$.

(4) Let $X = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Sigma} X_{\alpha}$ where $X_{\alpha} \in \mathscr{P}^*$. By Lemma 2.4 $\sigma_{\mathscr{P}X} \in [X_{\alpha}] = \mathscr{P}X_{\alpha}$ for each $\alpha \in \Sigma$. Thus $\mathscr{P}X$ is a free union of discrete spaces, and so $X \in \mathscr{P}^*$.

It is worth noting that while the analogues of (1), (2) and (3) of 2.5- respectively 2.2 (a) and (c), 2.2 (e), and 2.2 (b) of [10] – are true for \mathscr{P} -pseudocompact spaces, the analogue of 2.5 (4) is not true, for if \mathscr{P} is realcompactness, the product of just two \mathscr{P} -pseudocompact (i.e. pseudocompact) spaces need not be pseudocompact (see 9.15 of [3]).

We can now prove the first of our main theorems.

2.6. THEOREM. Let $\mathscr{P} < \mathscr{T}$ and $\mathscr{Q} < \mathscr{T}$. If $X \in \mathscr{T}$ put

 $S_{\mathscr{P}}X = \{ p \in X : \sigma_{\mathscr{P}X} \leftarrow (p) \text{ is not isolated in } \mathscr{P}X \}.$

The following are equivalent.

(a) $\mathscr{P}^* \cap \mathscr{T}_0 = \mathscr{Q}^* \cap \mathscr{T}_0.$

(b) For each $X \in \mathcal{T}_0$ each of $S_{\mathscr{P}}X$ and $S_{\mathscr{Q}}X$ is dense in $S_{\mathscr{P}}X \cup S_{\mathscr{Q}}X$.

Proof. (a) \Rightarrow (b): Let $X \in \mathscr{T}_0$, let $p \in S_{\mathscr{P}}X$, and let A be a clopen set of X with $p \in A$. As $p \in S_{\mathscr{P}}X$, $\sigma_{\mathscr{P}X} \in [A]$ is not discrete, so by 2.4 $A \notin \mathscr{P}^*$. As $A \in \mathscr{T}_0$ it follows that $A \notin \mathscr{Q}^*$. Thus by 2.4 $\sigma_{\mathscr{Q}X} \in [A]$ is not discrete, so $A \cap S_{\mathscr{Q}}X \neq \emptyset$.

(b) \Rightarrow (a). Suppose (a) fails and $X \in (\mathscr{P}^* \cap \mathscr{T}_0) - (\mathscr{Q}^* \cap \mathscr{T}_0)$. Thus $\mathscr{P}X$ is discrete and $\mathscr{Q}X$ is not discrete. In other words $S_{\mathscr{P}}X = \emptyset$ and $S_{\mathscr{Q}}X \neq \emptyset$, so (b) fails.

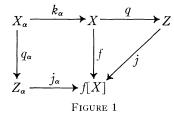
The above theorem is analogous to Theorem 2.6 of [9]. To prove that there exist distinct monocoreflective subcategories \mathscr{P} and \mathscr{Q} of \mathscr{T} such that $\mathscr{P}^* = \mathscr{Q}^*$, we next prove an analogue of Theorem 3.9 of [9] (Theorem 2.10 below). Roughly speaking this will show that given a monocoreflective subcategory \mathscr{P} of \mathscr{T} , there exists a "largest" monocoreflective subcategory \mathscr{Q} of \mathscr{T} such that $\mathscr{P}^* = \mathscr{Q}^*$. Some preliminaries are necessary. Theorem 2.7 below is analogous to (a generalization of) Theorem 3.6 of [9].

2.7 THEOREM. Let \mathscr{A} be any topological property. Let \mathscr{A} be the class of (Hausdorff) topological spaces X satisfying the following condition: if $f: X \to Y$ is continuous and $Y \in \mathscr{A}$ (respectively $Y \in \mathscr{A} \cap \mathscr{H}$) then f[X], equipped with the quotient topology induced on it by f, is discrete. Then $\mathscr{A} < \mathscr{T}$ (respectively $\mathscr{A} < \mathscr{H}$).

Proof. By 1.2 it suffices to show that $\hat{\mathscr{A}}$ is closed under the formation of free unions and quotient images.

Let $(X_{\alpha})_{\alpha \in \Sigma}$ be a set of spaces in \mathscr{A} and let X be their free union. Let $k_{\alpha} : X_{\alpha} \to X$ be the canonical embedding of X_{α} into X. Let $f : X \to Y$ be continuous,

 $Y \in \mathscr{A}$, and let Z denote the space f[X] with the quotient topology induced on it by f. Thus f can be factored as $j \circ q$ where q is a quotient map from X onto Z and j is a one-to-one onto map from Z onto f[X]. Similarly for each $\alpha \in \Sigma$ let Z_{α} denote the space $f \circ k_{\alpha}[X_{\alpha}]$ with the quotient topology induced on it by $f \circ k_{\alpha}$. Then $f \circ k_{\alpha}$ can be written as $j_{\alpha} \circ q_{\alpha}$ where q_{α} is $f \circ k_{\alpha}$ regarded as a quotient map from X_{α} onto Z_{α} and j_{α} is a one-to-one map from Z_{α} into f[X](see Figure 1).



Let $p \in Z$. Let $\Lambda = \{\alpha \in \Sigma : j(p) \in f \text{ o } k_{\alpha}[X_{\alpha}]\}$; note that $\Lambda \neq \emptyset$. If $\alpha \in \Lambda$ then since $X_{\alpha} \in \hat{\mathscr{A}}, Z_{\alpha}$ is discrete so $j_{\alpha}^{\leftarrow}(j(p))$ is open in Z_{α} . Thus $q_{\alpha}^{\leftarrow}[j_{\alpha}^{\leftarrow}(j(p))]$ is open in X_{α} , i.e. $k_{\alpha}^{\leftarrow}[f^{\leftarrow}(j(p))]$ is open in X_{α} . As each such k_{α} embeds X_{α} as an open subset of $X, \bigcup \{f^{\leftarrow}(j(p)) \cap k_{\alpha}[X_{\alpha}] : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$ is open in X, i.e. $f^{\leftarrow}(j(p))$ is open in X. As j is one-to-one, $f^{\leftarrow}(j(p)) = q^{\leftarrow}(p)$. As q is quotient, this implies that $\{p\}$ is open in Z. Thus Z is discrete and $X \in \hat{\mathscr{A}}$.

If $X \in \mathscr{A}$ and $q: X \to Y$ is quotient map, let $f: Y \to Z$ be continuous and $Z \in \mathscr{A}$. If S denotes f[Y] equipped with the quotient topology induced by f, $f \circ q$ is a quotient map from X onto S, and S maps into Z. Thus as $X \in \mathscr{A}$, S is discrete. Hence $Y \in \mathscr{A}$ and the theorem follows.

The following properties of the ^ operator are stated without proof.

2.8. PROPOSITION. Let \mathscr{A} and \mathscr{B} be topological properties. If $\mathscr{A} \subset \mathscr{B}$ then $\hat{\mathscr{B}} \subset \hat{\mathscr{A}}$.

2.9. PROPOSITION. Let \mathscr{A} be a topological property such that if $Y \in \mathscr{A}$ and $j: X \to Y$ is a monomorphism then $X \in \mathscr{A}$. Then $X \in \widehat{\mathscr{A}}$ if and only if quotient images of X in \mathscr{A} are discrete.

2.10. THEOREM. Let $\mathscr{P} < \mathscr{T}$. Then:

(1)
$$(\widehat{\mathscr{P}^*}) < \mathscr{T}$$
.
(2) $((\widehat{\mathscr{P}^*}))^* = \mathscr{P}^*$.
(3) If $\mathscr{Q} < \mathscr{T}$ and $\mathscr{P}^* = \mathscr{Q}^*$ then $\mathscr{Q} \subset (\widehat{\mathscr{P}^*})$.

Proof. (1) is a special case of 2.7.

To prove (3) let $X \in \mathcal{Q}$ and let $f: X \to Y$ be continuous, where $Y \in \mathscr{P}^*$. As in 2.7 factor f into $j \circ q$ where q is quotient and j is one-to-one. Let Z denote the quotient image of X under q. As $Y \in \mathscr{P}^*$ by 2.5 (1) $Z \in \mathscr{P}^*$. Thus by hypothesis $Z \in \mathscr{Q}^*$. As $X \in \mathscr{Q}$ by 1.2 $Z \in \mathscr{Q}$. Thus $\mathscr{Q}Z = Z$ so Z is discrete. Thus $X \in (\mathscr{P}^*)$. To prove (2) note that by (3) and 2.5 (2) $(\widehat{\mathscr{P}^*})^* \subset \mathscr{P}^*$. Conversely let $X \in \mathscr{P}^*$. By 2.5 (1) $\widehat{\mathscr{P}^*} X \in \mathscr{P}^*$. Let Z denote the set X with the quotient topology induced on it by $\sigma_{\widehat{\mathscr{P}^*}X}$. As $X \in \mathscr{P}^*$, Z is discrete. As $\sigma_{\widehat{\mathscr{P}^*}X}$ is one-to-one it follows that $\widehat{\mathscr{P}^*} X$ is discrete so $X \in (\widehat{\mathscr{P}^*})^*$.

We now consider some examples.

2.11. Examples. (a) Let \mathscr{P} denote the class of P-spaces (described in Section 1); then \mathscr{P}^* is the class of spaces whose singleton sets are G_{δ} -sets. By 2.9 a space X is in (\mathscr{P}^*) if and only if, whenever Y is a quotient image of X and each singleton set of Y is a G_{δ} -set, Y is discrete. Obviously all first countable T_1 spaces are in \mathscr{P}^* , while $\beta \overline{N} \cdot \overline{N}$ is a compact space that is not in \mathscr{P}^* . It is easy to verify that $X \in (\mathscr{P}^*)$ if and only if given a partition \mathscr{D} of X such that each member of \mathscr{D} is the intersection of countably many \mathscr{D} -saturated open subsets of X, then each member of \mathscr{D} is open in X. If (X, τ) is a topological space and τ when ordered by inclusion is a chain, then $(X, \tau) \in (\mathscr{P}^*)$. In particular let ω denote the least infinite ordinal, and consider the set $\omega + 1$ of ordinals no greater than ω with the topology $\tau = \{\omega + 1 - \{0, \ldots, n\} : n < \omega\}$. Then $(\omega + 1, \tau) \in (\mathscr{P}^*)$ but $(\omega + 1, \tau) \notin \mathscr{P}$; thus $\mathscr{P} \neq (\mathscr{P}^*)$.

(b) Let \mathscr{C} be a topological property closed under the formation of continuous images. Using 1.3 it is easily seen that $X \in [\mathscr{M}(\mathscr{C})]^*$ if and only if the only subspaces of X having \mathscr{C} are discrete; one direction is obvious, and if C is a non-discrete subspace of X with \mathscr{C} , find $p \in C$ such that $\{p\}$ is not open in \mathscr{C} ; then by 1.3 $\sigma_{\mathscr{M}(\mathscr{C})X}(p)$ is not open in $\mathscr{M}(\mathscr{C})X$ and so $X \notin [\mathscr{M}(\mathscr{C})]^*$. In particular if \mathscr{C} is the class of compact spaces, then $\mathscr{M}(\mathscr{C})$ is the category \mathscr{K} of k-spaces and \mathscr{K}^* is the class of spaces whose compact subspaces are finite. It is known that all Tychonoff P-spaces are in \mathscr{K}^* ; see 4K of [3] or 1.65 of [9]. More generally, it is easy to see that each countable subset of a T_1 P-space is closed and discrete, so if \mathscr{T}_1 denotes the category of T_1 -spaces then $\mathscr{P} \cap \mathscr{T}_1$ $\subseteq \mathscr{K}^* \cap \mathscr{T}_1$. An example of a Tychonoff member of \mathscr{K}^* that is not a P-space may be found in 3.5 of [7].

As another example if $\mathscr{C} = \{\overline{N}^*\}$ then $\mathscr{M}(\mathscr{C})$ is the class of sequential spaces (as remarked earlier) and $[\mathscr{M}(\mathscr{C})]^*$ is the class of spaces containing no convergent sequences.

We now give an analogue of Theorem 2.3 of [10]. Let us call a topological space X fully disconnected if each singleton set is the intersection of the clopen sets that contain it. Let \mathcal{T}_F denote the category of fully disconnected spaces.

2.12. THEOREM. Let $\mathscr{P} < \mathscr{T}$ and $\mathscr{Q} < \mathscr{T}$. If x is a point of a space X, put $\mathscr{N}_{\mathscr{P}}(x) = \{V \subseteq X : \sigma_{\mathscr{P}X}^{\leftarrow}[V] \text{ is a } \mathscr{P}X\text{-neighborhood of } \sigma_{\mathscr{P}X}^{\leftarrow}(x)\}$. If $\mathscr{Q} \cap \mathscr{T}_F \subseteq \mathscr{P}^* \cap \mathscr{T}_F$, then for each $X \in \mathscr{T}_0 \cap \mathscr{T}_F$, $\{x \in X : \mathscr{N}_2(x) - \mathscr{N}_{\mathscr{P}}(x) \neq \emptyset\}$ is dense in $\{x \in X : \mathscr{N}_2(x) - \mathscr{N}_{\mathscr{P}}(x) \neq \emptyset\} \cup \{x \in X : \sigma_{\mathscr{P}X}^{\leftarrow}(x) \text{ is not isolated in } \mathscr{P}X\}$.

Proof. We prove the contrapositive. Suppose $X \in \mathcal{T}_0 \cap \mathcal{T}_F$ and there is a clopen subset A of X such that $A \subseteq \{x \in X : \mathcal{N}_2(x) \subseteq \mathcal{N}_{\mathscr{P}}(x)\}$ and there exists $x_0 \in A$ such that $\sigma_{\mathscr{P}X}^{\leftarrow}(x_0)$ is not isolated in $\mathscr{P}X$. Now $\sigma_{\mathscr{P}X}^{\leftarrow}[A] = \mathscr{P}A$ by 2.4 so $\mathscr{P}A \notin \mathscr{P}^*$. As $A \subseteq \{x \in X : \mathcal{N}_2(x) \subseteq \mathcal{N}_{\mathscr{P}}(x)\}$ the function $\sigma_{\mathscr{Q}X}^{\leftarrow} \circ \sigma_{\mathscr{P}A}$ from $\mathscr{P}A$ onto $\sigma_{\mathscr{Q}X}^{\leftarrow}[A] (= \mathscr{Q}A)$ is continuous and one-to-one. As $X \in \mathcal{T}_F$, $\mathscr{Q}A \in \mathscr{Q} \cap \mathscr{T}_F$. Also $\mathscr{Q}A \notin \mathscr{P}^*$, for if $\mathscr{Q}A \in \mathscr{P}^*$ by 2.5(1) $\mathscr{P}A \in \mathscr{P}^*$. The theorem follows.

2.12. Example. Let \mathscr{P} be the category of P-spaces and let \mathscr{K} be the category of k-spaces. Since $\mathscr{T}_F \subseteq \mathscr{T}_1$, it follows from 2.11(a) that $\mathscr{P} \cap \mathscr{T}_F \subseteq \mathscr{K}^* \cap \mathscr{T}_F$. Hence 2.12 says that if X is a fully disconnected zero-dimensional space (e.g. a zero-dimensional Hausdorff space) and x_0 is a limit point of some compact subset of X, then if V is a neighborhood of x_0 there exists a point $y \in V$, a G_δ -set G, and a compact subset K of X such that $y \in G$ and $G \cap K$ is not open in K.

We next derive an analogue of Theorem 2.8 of [10] (see Theorem 2.16 below). Some preliminaries are necessary.

2.14. LEMMA. Let $(\tau_{\alpha})_{\alpha \in \Sigma}$ be a set of topologies on a set X and let $\mathscr{P} < \mathscr{T}$. If $\tau = \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Sigma} \tau_{\alpha}$ and $(X, \tau_{\alpha}) \in \mathscr{P}$ for each α , then $(X, \tau) \in \mathscr{P}$.

Proof. Let Y be the free union of the spaces $\{(X, \tau_{\alpha}) : \alpha \in \Sigma\}$ and let $k_{\alpha} : (X, \tau_{\alpha}) \to Y$ be the canonical embedding. Let $q : Y \to (X, \tau)$ be the map induced by the identity functions $(X, \tau_{\alpha}) \to (X, \tau)$. If $V \subset X$ then $q^{\leftarrow}[V]$ is open in Y if and only if $q^{\leftarrow}[V] \cap (X, \tau_{\alpha}) \in \tau_{\alpha}$ for $\alpha \in \Sigma$, i.e. if and only if $V \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Sigma} \tau_{\alpha} = \tau$. Thus q is a quotient map and $(X, \tau) \in \mathscr{P}$.

Let us call a topology τ on a set X almost discrete if the only topology on X that properly contains τ is the discrete topology (this is the dual-like analogue to the concept of almost compact spaces discussed in Problem 6J of [3]). The almost discrete spaces are identical to the "ultraspaces" discussed by Steiner in [8]. In [2] Fröhlich proves Theorem 2.15 below; see Steiner [8] for a discussion of these results.

2.15. THEOREM. Let X be a set, $p \in X$, and \mathcal{U} an ultrafilter on X. Put $\mathcal{G}(p, \mathcal{U}) = \{A \subset X : p \notin A\} \cup \mathcal{U}$. Then

- (a) $\mathscr{G}(p, \mathscr{U})$ is a topology on X.
- (b) If τ is a topology on X then (X, τ) is almost discrete if and only if $\tau = \mathscr{G}(p, \mathscr{U})$ for some choice of p and \mathscr{U} as described above.
- (c) If τ is any topology on X then τ is the intersection of all topologies on X containing τ and of the form G(p, U).

2.16. THEOREM. Let $\mathscr{P} < \mathscr{T}$ and $\mathscr{Q} < \mathscr{T}$. If $\mathscr{P}^* \subset \mathscr{Q}$ then either $\mathscr{P} = \mathscr{T}$ or $\mathscr{Q} = \mathscr{T}$.

Proof. Suppose $\mathscr{P} \neq \mathscr{T}$ and $\mathscr{Q} \neq \mathscr{T}$. By 2.15(c) and 2.14 there exist almost discrete spaces X_1 and X_2 such that $X_1 \notin \mathscr{P}$ and $X_2 \notin \mathscr{Q}$. By 2.15(b) the

topology on X_i is of the form $\mathscr{G}(x_i, \mathscr{U}_i)$ (i = 1, 2). Put

 $\mathscr{F} = \{A_1 \times A_2 : A_i \in \mathscr{U}_i\}.$

Then \mathscr{F} is a filterbase on $X_1 \times X_2$. Let \mathscr{U} be any ultrafilter on $X_1 \times X_2$ such that $\mathscr{F} \subset \mathscr{U}$ and let X denote the topological space $(X_1 \times X_2, \mathscr{G}((x_1, x_2), \mathscr{U}))$. Consider the projection map $q: X \to X_1$. We claim this is a quotient map. If $V \subset X_1$ then $x_1 \notin V$ if and only if $(x_1, x_2) \notin q^{\leftarrow}[V]$. Further, if $V \in \mathscr{U}_1$ then $q^{\leftarrow}[V] = V \times X_2 \in \mathscr{F} \subset \mathscr{U}$, while if $V \notin \mathscr{U}_1$ then $X_1 - V \in \mathscr{U}_1$ and so $(X_1 - V) \times X_2 \in \mathscr{F} \subset \mathscr{U}$, so $V \times X_2 \notin \mathscr{U}$. Thus q is a quotient map.

As X is almost discrete, either $X \in \mathscr{P}$ or $X \in \mathscr{P}^*$. If $X \in \mathscr{P}$ by 1.2 its quotient image $X_1 \in \mathscr{P}$, in contradiction to hypothesis. Thus $X \in \mathscr{P}^*$. But X_2 is also a quotient image of X, so $X \notin \mathscr{Q}$ as $X_2 \notin \mathscr{Q}$. Thus $X \in \mathscr{P}^* - \mathscr{Q}$.

2.17. *Example*. No proper monocoreflective subcategory of \mathscr{T} contains all spaces whose singletons are G_{δ} -sets.

In 2.9 of [10] we divided topological extension properties into two classes; those that contain spaces containing a closed copy of the countably infinite discrete space \overline{N} (and hence contain all \overline{N} -compact spaces), and those that do not (and hence are contained in the class of countably compact spaces). We showed in 4.5 of [10] that any extension property in the latter class must be contained in α -compactness for some free ultrafilter α on \overline{N} (if we regard α as a point of $\beta \overline{N} \cdot \overline{N}$, a space X is α -compact if each map from \overline{N} into X can be continuously extended to $\overline{N} \cup \{\alpha\}$; see [1] and [10] for details). It is known (see 3.3-3.5 of [1]) that a completely regular Hausdorff space X is α -compact for each $\alpha \in \beta \overline{N} \cdot \overline{N}$ if and only if it is ω -bounded (i.e. each countable subset of X has compact X-closure). We derive analogues of these results for monocoreflective subcategories of \mathcal{T} and \mathcal{H} although in this case the analogues differ greatly from their epireflective models.

If we regard \overline{N} as the smallest "non-trivial" free union (i.e. coproduct in \mathcal{T} or \mathscr{H}) of topological spaces, it is evident that its dual-like analogue should be the smallest "non-trivial" product of topological spaces in \mathcal{T} or \mathscr{H} , namely the Cantor space $\overline{2}^{\omega}$. A space X contains no closed copy of \overline{N} if and only if there is no extremal monomorphism in \mathscr{H} or \mathscr{T} ych (i.e. no closed embedding; see 10.19 of [9]) from \overline{N} into X; a space X satisfies the analogue of this property if and only if there is no extremal epimorphism in \mathscr{H} or \mathscr{T} from X to $\overline{2}^{\omega}$; i.e. if there is no quotient map from X onto $\overline{2}^{\omega}$ (see 10C.2 of [9]). The class \mathscr{C} defined in 2.18 below is, by 2.19, precisely this class.

Let Σ denote the set of subspaces of $\overline{2}^{\omega}$ that are homeomorphic to the onepoint compactification of \overline{N} . If $\sigma \in \Sigma$ let $p(\sigma)$ denote the nonisolated point of σ . If τ is a topology on $\overline{2}^{\omega}$ that strictly contains the product topology, it is easily seen that there exists $\sigma \in \Sigma$ such that $V(\sigma) = (\overline{2}^{\omega} - \sigma) \cup \{p(\sigma)\} \in \tau$. Let $C(\sigma)$ denote $\overline{2}^{\omega}$ equipped with the topology generated by the product topology together with $V(\sigma)$, and let i_{σ} be the obvious canonical map from $C(\sigma)$ to $\overline{2}^{\omega}$.

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The set Σ plays a role analogous to that played by the set $\beta \overline{N} \cdot \overline{N}$ of free ultrafilters on \overline{N} , and $C(\sigma)$ is the analogue of the space $\overline{N} \cup \{\alpha\}$ (for $\alpha \in \beta \overline{N} \cdot \overline{N}$). The analogy breaks down in one important way: since $|\beta \overline{N} \cdot \overline{N}| = 2^{2^{\omega}}$ and there are only 2^{ω} maps from \overline{N} to itself, there is a set of $2^{2^{\omega}}$ pairwise nonhomeomorphic spaces of the form $\overline{N} \cup \{\alpha\}$. However:

2.18. LEMMA. If σ and δ are in Σ then $C(\sigma)$ and $C(\delta)$ are homeomorphic.

Proof. It obviously suffices to exhibit a homeomorphism h from $\overline{2}^{\omega}$ to itself such that $h[\sigma] = \delta$. Let $U(\sigma) = \overline{2}^{\omega} - \sigma$. Evidently the one-point compactification $U(\sigma)^*$ of $U(\sigma)$ is a compact totally disconnected metric space without isolated points and hence is homeomorphic to $\overline{2}^{\omega}$. As $\overline{2}^{\omega}$ is homogeneous it follows that there is a homeomorphism g from $U(\sigma)$ onto $U(\delta)$. Let k be a homeomorphism from σ onto δ . Then $g \cup k$ is the desired h.

2.19. Definition. A topological space X is countably discrete if given a map $f: X \to \overline{2}^{\omega}$ there is $\sigma \in \Sigma$ and a map $f_{\sigma}: X \to C(\sigma)$ such that $i_{\sigma} \circ f_{\sigma} = f$. Let \mathscr{C} denote the class of countably discrete spaces.

By 2.18 it does not matter which σ we use in definition 2.19; either no member of Σ satisfies the condition therein, or else they all do. Theorem 2.20 (b) below demonstrates that \mathscr{C} is analogous (in the sense described above) to the class of countably compact spaces; hence our choice of terminology.

2.20. Theorem. (a) $\mathscr{C} < \mathscr{T}$.

- (b) \mathscr{C} is the largest monocoreflective subcategory of \mathscr{T} that does not contain the class of sequential spaces.
- (c) $X \in C$ if and only if each countable collection of clopen sets of X has an open intersection.
- (d) A zero-dimensional Hausdorff space is in \mathcal{C} if and only if it is a P-space.

Proof. (a) Let $(X_{\alpha})_{\alpha \in A}$ be a set of spaces in \mathscr{C} and let X be their free union. Let $f: X \to \overline{2}^{\alpha}$ be a map, and let $\sigma \in \Sigma$. By hypothesis for each $\alpha \in A$ there exists a map $g_{\alpha}: X_{\alpha} \to C(\sigma)$ such that $i_{\sigma} \circ g_{\alpha} = f|X_{\alpha}$. Let $g = \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} g_{\alpha}$; then g maps X to $C(\sigma)$ and $i_{\sigma} \circ g = f$. Thus $X \in \mathscr{C}$.

If $X \in \mathscr{C}$ and $g: X \to Y$ is a quotient map onto Y, let f map Y to $\overline{2}^{\omega}$. As $X \in \mathscr{C}$ there is a map $k: X \to C(\sigma)$ such that $i_{\sigma} \circ k = f \circ q$. As i_{σ} is one-to-one, k is constant on preimages under q of points of Y. Thus one can unambiguously define $j: Y \to C(\sigma)$ such that $j \circ q = k$. As q is quotient j is continuous and $i_{\sigma} \circ j = f$. Thus $Y \in \mathscr{C}$. By 1.2 $\mathscr{C} < \mathscr{T}$.

(b) Obviously $\overline{2}^{\omega} \notin \mathscr{C}$. Conversely if $X \notin \mathscr{C}$ then for each $\sigma \in \Sigma$ there is a map $g_{\sigma} : X \to \overline{2}^{\omega}$ such that g_{σ} cannot be factored through $C(\sigma)$. Let X_{σ} be a homeomorphic copy of X (for each $\sigma \in \Sigma$), put $Y = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Sigma} X_{\alpha}$, and define $g : Y \to \overline{2}^{\omega}$ by $g|X_{\sigma} = g_{\sigma}$. Obviously g is continuous. If V is not open in the product topology on $\overline{2}^{\omega}$ there exists $\sigma \in \Sigma$ such that the topology on $C(\sigma)$ is contained in the topology generated on $\overline{2}^{\omega}$ by V and the product topology. Thus $g_{\sigma} \leftarrow [V]$ is not open in X_{σ} and so $g \leftarrow [V]$ is not open in Y. Thus g is a quotient map.

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Since $\mathscr{M}(\{\bar{2}^{\omega}\})$ is the class of sequential spaces, it follows from 1.2 that any monocoreflective subcategory of \mathscr{T} not contained in \mathscr{C} will contain the class of sequential spaces.

(c) Suppose $X \in \mathscr{C}$. Let $(A_n)_{n \leq \omega}$ be a countable set of clopen subsets of X. For $n < \omega$ define $j_n : X \to \overline{2}$ (the two-point discrete space) by $j_n^{\leftarrow}(1) = A_n$. Define $j : X \to \overline{2}^{\omega}$ by putting $\pi_n \circ j = j_n$. For each $n \leq \omega$ let $q_n \in \overline{2}^{\omega}$ be defined by $\pi_j(q_n) = 1$ if and only if j < n. Thus $(q_n)_{n \leq \omega} \in \Sigma$; let $(q_n)_{n \leq \omega} = \sigma$. By hypothesis j factors through $C(\sigma)$, so $j^{\leftarrow}\{q_n : n < \omega\}$ is closed in X. But $j^{\leftarrow}\{q_n : n < \omega\} = X - \bigcap_{n \leq \omega} A_n$.

Conversely suppose each countable collection of clopen sets of X has an open intersection and let $f \max X$ to $\overline{2}^{\omega}$. If $\sigma \in \Sigma$ then $\{p(\sigma)\}$ is the intersection of countably many clopen subsets of $\overline{2}^{\omega}$ so $f^{\leftarrow}(p(\sigma))$ is open in X. It follows that f factors through $C(\sigma)$ and so $X \in \mathscr{C}$.

(d) This follows immediately from (c).

Since \mathscr{C} is the analogue of the class of countably compact (Hausdorff) spaces, 2.20 (d) leads us to regard the zero-dimensional Hausdorff *P*-spaces as the analogue of the completely regular Hausdorff ω -bounded spaces.

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