## On the Uniform Topology of Bicompactifications.

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In this note we shall characterise the uniform space, which is a uniform subspace of its bicompactification  $\beta(R)$  or  $w(R)^{(1)}$ , by introducing the notion of u-normality. Then we shall study some properties of u-normal spaces. We denote by R a uniform space having uniformity  $\{\mathfrak{M}_x \mid \mathfrak{X}\}$ .

Let A and B be subsets of R and  $A \cap B = \phi$ . When there exists  $\mathfrak{M}_x \in \{\mathfrak{M}_x\}$  such that  $S(A, \mathfrak{M}_x) \cap B = \phi$ , we say that A and B are *u*-separated. It is easy to see that A and B are *u*-separated, when and only when there exists a uniformly continuous function  $\varphi$  such that

$$\varphi(a) = 0 \ (a \in A)$$
,  
 $0 \leq \varphi(a) \leq 1.$   
 $\varphi(a) = 1 \ (a \in B)$ ,

A uniform space R is called a *Čech u-normal space*, when any disjoint completely closed sets<sup>2)</sup> of R are u-separated, and is called a *u-normal space*, when any disjoint closed sets of R are u-separated.

**Lemma 1.** In order that R is Čech u-normal, it is necessary and sufficient that every bounded continuous functions of R are uniformly continuous.

*Proof.* Since for any disjoint completely closed sets F and G, there exists a bounded continuous function  $\varphi$  such that

 $\varphi\left(a\right) = 0 \ \left(a \in F\right)$ ,

 $0 \leq \varphi(a) \leq 1.$ 

 $\varphi\left(a\right)=1\ \left(a\in G\right)$  ,

the sufficiency of the condition is obvious.

Conversely let R be Čech u-normal, then any finite open covering  $\mathfrak{N} = \{N_i \mid i = 1, ..., n\}$  is an element of  $\{\mathfrak{M}_x\}$ , if every  $N_i^c$  are completely closed.<sup>3)</sup>

For put  $N_i^c = F_i$ , then  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n F_i = \phi$  or  $F_1 \frown (F_2 \frown \cdots \frown F_n) = \phi$ , where  $F_1$  and  $F_2 \frown \cdots \frown F_n$  are completely closed. Hence there exists