

28. On the Simple Extension of a Space with Respect to a Uniformity. II.

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The present note is a continuation of our previous study concerning the simple extension of a space with respect to a uniformity¹⁾. As an application we deduce Shanin's theory on the bicomact extensions of topological spaces²⁾. We use the same terminologies and notations as in the first note which will be cited with I.

§ 1. A characterization of the simple extension. Let R^* be the simple extension of a space R with respect to a uniformity $\{\mathfrak{U}_\alpha; \alpha \in \Omega\}$ ³⁾. Then we have

Lemma 1. *For an open set G of R it holds that $G^* = R^* - \overline{R - G}$, where the bar indicates the closure operation in R^* .*

Proof. Since $(R - G) \cdot G^* = 0$ by I, Lemma 5, we have $R - G \subset R^* - G^*$ and hence $\overline{R - G} \subset R^* - G^*$. On the other hand, if $x \in R^* - G^*$, then, for any open set H of R such that $x \in H^*$, we have $H^*(R^* - G^*) \neq 0$, and hence $H^*(R - G) \neq 0$; this shows that $R^* - G^* \subset \overline{R - G}$.

Theorem 1. *The simple extension R^* of a space R with respect to a uniformity $\{\mathfrak{U}_\alpha; \alpha \in \Omega\}$ is characterized as a space S with the following properties (i.e. such a space S is mapped on R^* by a homeomorphism which leaves each point of R invariant):*

- (1) R is a subspace of S .
- (2) $\{S - \overline{R - G}; G \text{ open in } R\}$ is a basis of open sets of S .
- (3) Each point of $S - R$ is closed.
- (4) $\mathfrak{B}_\alpha = \{S - \overline{R - U}; U \in \mathfrak{U}_\alpha\}$ is an open covering of S .
- (5) $\{S(x, \mathfrak{B}_\alpha); \alpha \in \Omega\}$ is a basis of neighbourhoods at the point x of $S - R$.
- (6) For any point x of $S - R$ there exists a vanishing Cauchy family $\{X_\lambda\}$ of R (with respect to $\{\mathfrak{U}_\alpha\}$) such that $x = \Pi \overline{X}_\lambda$ in S , and

1) K. Morita: On the simple extension of a space with respect to a uniformity, I, the Proc. **27**, No. 2 (1951).

2) N. A. Shanin: Doklady URSS, **38** (1943), pp. 3-6; pp. 110-113; pp. 154-156. These papers are not yet accessible to us; we knew the results only by Math. Reviews.

3) Cf. I, §§1 and 3. It is to be noted that a space means here a neighbourhood space such that the family of all open sets containing a point p forms a basis of neighbourhoods of p .

for any vanishing Cauchy family $\{P_\mu\}$ of R we have $II\bar{P}_\mu \neq 0$ in S . Here the bar indicates the closure operation in S .

Proof. By virtue of Lemma 1 and I, Lemmas 8-11 we see that R^* has these properties (1)-(6). Let S be another space with the properties (1)-(6). For a vanishing Cauchy family $\{X_\lambda\}$ of the class x which is a point of R^*-R we have $II\bar{X}_\lambda \neq 0$ in S by (6). If $y, z \in II\bar{X}_\lambda$, then $y \in IIS(z, \mathfrak{B}_\alpha) \cdot (S-R)$, since $S(\bar{X}_\lambda, \mathfrak{U}_\beta) \subset U_\alpha$ implies $X_\lambda \subset S(X_\lambda, \mathfrak{B}_\beta) \subset S-\bar{R}-\bar{U}_\alpha$ where $U_\alpha \in \mathfrak{U}_\alpha$; and therefore we have $y = z$ by (3) and (5). If $\{Y_\mu\}$ is another Cauchy family of the class x , then for any $\beta \in \mathcal{Q}$ and $X_\lambda \in \{X_\lambda\}$ there exist $Y_\mu \in \{Y_\mu\}$ and $\gamma \in \mathcal{Q}$ such that $S(Y_\mu, \mathfrak{U}_\gamma) \subset S(X_\lambda, \mathfrak{U}_\beta)$. Hence, if $S(X_\lambda, \mathfrak{U}_\beta) \subset U_\alpha$, we have $\bar{Y}_\mu \subset S(Y_\mu, \mathfrak{B}_\gamma) \subset S-\bar{R}-\bar{U}_\alpha$ and consequently $II\bar{X}_\lambda = II\bar{Y}_\mu$. Therefore we can define a mapping f of R^* into S by putting $f(x) = x$ for $x \in R$ and $f(x) = II\bar{X}_\lambda$ for $x \in R^*-R$. By (6) we see that f maps R^* on the whole of S and $f(R^*-R) = S-R$. Let G be an open set of R and x any point of G^*-G . Then for a Cauchy family $\{X_\lambda\}$ of the class x there exist $X_\lambda \in \{X_\lambda\}$ and $\alpha \in \mathcal{Q}$ such that $S(X_\lambda, \mathfrak{U}_\alpha) \subset G$; the latter relation implies $f(x) \in \bar{X}_\lambda \subset S(X_\lambda, \mathfrak{B}_\alpha) \subset S-\bar{R}-\bar{G}$. Conversely, if $f(x) = II\bar{X}_\lambda \in (S-\bar{R}-\bar{G})-R$, then by (5) there exists $\alpha \in \mathcal{Q}$ such that $S(f(x), \mathfrak{B}_\alpha) \subset S-\bar{R}-\bar{G}$. Suppose that $S(X_\lambda, \mathfrak{U}_\beta) \subset U_\alpha$, $U_\alpha \in \mathfrak{U}_\alpha$. Then $S-\bar{R}-\bar{U}_\alpha \subset S(f(x), \mathfrak{B}_\alpha) \subset S-\bar{R}-\bar{G}$ and hence $U_\alpha \subset G$. This shows that $S(X_\lambda, \mathfrak{U}_\beta) \subset G$, that is, $x \in G^*$. Thus f is a topological mapping of R^* onto S .

§ 2. **A theorem concerning R^* .** In this section we shall denote by \bar{A} the closure of A in the space R^* , where R^* is the simple extension of a space R with respect to a uniformity $\{\mathfrak{U}_\alpha; \alpha \in \mathcal{Q}\}$.

Lemma 2. For a closed set F of R it holds that

$$\bar{F} = F + [IIS(F, \mathfrak{U}_\alpha^*)] \cdot (R^*-R).$$

Proof. Since it is clear that $\bar{F}-F \subset R^*-R$, we have only to prove that a point x of R^*-R belongs to $\bar{F}-F$ if and only if $x \in IIS(F, \mathfrak{U}_\alpha^*)$. This follows immediately from the fact that $\{S(x, \mathfrak{U}_\alpha^*); \alpha \in \mathcal{Q}\}$ is a basis of neighbourhoods of x (cf. I, Lemma 9).

Now we can establish the following theorem, which is of importance in applications.

Theorem 2. Let $G_\lambda, \lambda \in \wedge$ be open sets of R . Suppose that for any $\alpha \in \mathcal{Q}$ there exists some $\beta \in \mathcal{Q}$ such that \mathfrak{U}_β is a refinement of the covering \mathfrak{B}_α , where $\mathfrak{B}_\alpha = \{G_\lambda; \lambda \in \wedge\} + \{U; U(R-\sum G_\lambda) \neq 0, U \in \mathfrak{U}_\alpha\}$. Then the relation

$$(\sum G_\lambda)^* = \sum G_\lambda^*$$

holds in the space R^* .

Proof. Let us put $L = S(R - \sum G_\lambda, \mathfrak{U}_\alpha^*)$. From the hypothesis of the theorem it follows that $\sum G_\lambda^* + L = R^*$, and hence we have $R^* - \sum G_\lambda^* \subset \overline{HS(R - \sum G_\lambda, \mathfrak{U}_\alpha^*)}$. Therefore we have, by Lemma 2, $(R^* - \sum G_\lambda^*)(R^* - R) \subset \overline{R - \sum G_\lambda} - (R - \sum G_\lambda)$, and consequently $R^* - \sum G_\lambda^* \subset \overline{R - \sum G_\lambda}$, since $(R^* - \sum G_\lambda^*) \cdot R = R - \sum G_\lambda$. Thus we have, by Lemma 1, $(\sum G_\lambda)^* \subset \sum G_\lambda^*$. Since the converse relation $\sum G_\lambda^* \subset (\sum G_\lambda)^*$ holds clearly, the proof of Theorem 2 is completed.

Remark. In case R^* is bicomact and $\{\mathfrak{U}_\alpha\}$ is a T-uniformity agreeing with the topology, the converse of Theorem 2 holds.

§ 3. Uniformly continuous mappings.

Theorem 3. *Let f be a uniformly continuous mapping of a space R with a uniformity $\{\mathfrak{U}_\lambda\}$ into a T_1 -space S with a regular uniformity $\{\mathfrak{B}_\alpha\}$ agreeing with the topology. Then f can be extended to a uniformly continuous mapping f^* of R^* into S^* . Here R^* or S^* is the simple extension of R or S with respect to the uniformity $\{\mathfrak{U}_\lambda\}$ or $\{\mathfrak{B}_\alpha\}$ and a uniformly continuous mapping is defined as such a mapping φ that for any $\mathfrak{B}_\alpha \in \{\mathfrak{B}_\alpha\}$ there exists a refinement $\mathfrak{U}_\lambda \in \{\mathfrak{U}_\lambda\}$ of the covering $\varphi^{-1}(\mathfrak{B}_\alpha)$.*

Proof. Let x be a point of $R^* - R$ and $\{X_\sigma\}$ a vanishing Cauchy family of the class x . Then $\{f(X_\sigma)\}$ is clearly a Cauchy family of S with respect to the uniformity $\{\mathfrak{B}_\alpha\}$ and if $\{X_\sigma\} \sim \{Y_\tau\}$, then $\{f(X_\sigma)\} \sim \{f(Y_\tau)\}$. Hence if we put

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(x) &= \overline{f(X_\sigma)}, \quad \text{for } x \in R^* - R, \\ f^*(x) &= f(x), \quad \text{for } x \in R, \end{aligned}$$

where the bar indicates the closure operation in S^* , f^* defines a one-valued mapping of R^* into S^* .

Let \mathfrak{B}_α be any covering of $\{\mathfrak{B}_\alpha\}$. Then if we take a covering $\mathfrak{B}_{\lambda(\alpha)}$ with the property mentioned in the condition (C) of the first note I, § 1 and determine a covering $\mathfrak{U}_\mu \in \{\mathfrak{U}_\lambda\}$ such that \mathfrak{U}_μ is a refinement of $f^{-1}(\mathfrak{B}_{\lambda(\alpha)})$, we can easily verify that \mathfrak{U}_μ^* is a refinement of $(f^*)^{-1}(\mathfrak{B}_\alpha)$.

§ 4. Shanin's theory. Let \mathfrak{G} be a basis of open sets of a space R such that \mathfrak{G} contains R . Throughout this section we denote by $\{\mathfrak{U}_\alpha\}$ the family of all the finite open coverings \mathfrak{U}_α which consist of a finite number of sets belonging to \mathfrak{G} ; $\{\mathfrak{U}_\alpha\}$ is not empty, since $\{R\}$ can be regarded as such a covering.

Theorem 4. *The simple extension R^* of R with respect to the uniformity $\{\mathfrak{U}_\alpha\}$ defined above is bicomact.*

Proof. As is shown in the remark at the end of § 3 in I, $\mathfrak{G}^* = \{G^*; G \in \mathfrak{G}\}$ is a basis of open sets of R^* . Hence we have

4) $\varphi^{-1}(\mathfrak{B}_\alpha)$ means a covering of R which consists of $\varphi^{-1}(V)$, $V \in \mathfrak{B}_\alpha$.

only to prove that any open covering \mathfrak{M} of R^* consisting of sets $G_\lambda^*(\lambda \in \wedge)$ of \mathfrak{G}^* has a finite subcovering. We put $\mathfrak{F} = \{F; R-F \in \mathfrak{G}\}$ and denote by $\mathcal{A}\mathfrak{F}$ the family of all the finite intersections of sets of \mathfrak{F} . Suppose that $\mathfrak{M} = \{G_\lambda^*; \lambda \in \wedge\}$ has no finite subcovering. Then $\{R-G_\lambda; \lambda \in \wedge\}$ has the finite intersection property, and there exists a maximal family $\{X_\tau\}$ of sets of $\mathcal{A}\mathfrak{F}$ which contains $\{R-G_\lambda; \lambda \in \wedge\}$ and has the finite intersection property. Let $\mathfrak{U}_\alpha = \{G_1, \dots, G_m\}$ be any covering of $\{\mathfrak{U}_\alpha\}$. Then by the maximality of $\{X_\tau\}$ we have $X_\tau \cdot (R-G_j) = 0$ for some $X_\tau \in \{X_\tau\}$ and some j . Since $X_\tau \in \mathcal{A}\mathfrak{F}$, X_τ is expressed as $\prod_{i=1}^n (R-H_i)$ with $H_i \in \mathfrak{G}$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$). Then $\{G_j, H_1, \dots, H_n\}$ is a covering of R and hence it is equal to some $\mathfrak{U}_\beta \in \{\mathfrak{U}_\alpha\}$, and we have $S(X_\tau, \mathfrak{U}_\beta) \subset G_j$. This shows that $\{X_\tau\}$ is a Cauchy family in R with respect to $\{\mathfrak{U}_\alpha\}$. Hence we have $\prod X_\tau \neq 0$ in R^* and therefore $\overline{\prod R-G_\lambda} \neq 0$. The last relation contradicts the assumption that $\{G_\lambda^*\}$ is a covering of R^* .

Next we shall show that the simple extension R^* in the present case is characterized as a *bicompact* space S with the properties:

- 1) R is a subspace of S .
- 2) $\{S-\overline{R-G}; G \in \mathfrak{G}\}$ is a basis of open sets of S .
- 3) Each point of $S-R$ is closed.
- 4) For any finite number of sets G_1, \dots, G_m of \mathfrak{G} , $G_1 + \dots + G_m = R$ implies $\sum_{i=1}^m (S-\overline{R-G_i}) = S$.

Here the bar indicates the closure operation in S .

In view of Theorem 1 it is sufficient to prove that the conditions (5) and (6) in Theorem 1 follow from 1)-4) and the bicompactness of S , since it is clear that (1)-(4) are implied by 1)-4).

Let $x \in S-R$. Then there exist $F_\lambda(\lambda \in \wedge)$ such that $x = \prod F_\lambda$ and $R-F_\lambda \in \mathfrak{G}$, since x is closed by 3). If $x \in S-\overline{R-U_\alpha}$ for some $U_\alpha \in \mathfrak{U}_\alpha$ there exist a finite number of sets $F_{\lambda_i}, \lambda_i \in \wedge, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ such that $\prod F_{\lambda_i} \subset S-\overline{R-U_\alpha}$, since S is bicompact. This shows that $S(\prod F_{\lambda_i}, \mathfrak{U}_\beta) \subset U_\alpha$, where $\mathfrak{U}_\beta = \{U_\alpha, R-F_{\lambda_1}, \dots, R-F_{\lambda_n}\}$. Therefore $\{\prod F_{\nu_i}; \nu_i \in \wedge, m = 1, 2, \dots\}$ is a vanishing Cauchy family in R with respect to $\{\mathfrak{U}_\alpha\}$, and we have $S(x, \mathfrak{V}_\beta) \subset S-\overline{R-U_\alpha}$. Combining this result with the bicompactness of S we see that (5) and (6) hold. Thus we obtain

Theorem 5. *Let \mathfrak{G} be a basis of open sets of a space R such that \mathfrak{G} contains R as an element. Then there exists a bicompact space S with the properties 1)-4). Moreover such a space S is essentially unique in the sense that any space S with these properties is mapped on the simple extension R^* of R (with respect to $\{\mathfrak{U}_\alpha\}$ defined above) by a homeomorphism which fixes each point of R .*

The space S in Theorem 5 is called *the bicomact extension of R with respect to an open basis \mathfrak{G}* .

Supplement to Theorem 5. For the space S in Theorem 5 we have

$$5) \quad \overline{S - R - \sum_{i=1}^m G_i} = \sum_{i=1}^m (S - \overline{R - G_i}),$$

where G_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, m$) are any finite number of sets of \mathfrak{G} ⁵⁾.

Proof. The relation follows immediately from Theorems 2 and 5.

Now let us assume that R is a T-space and an open basis \mathfrak{G} satisfies the further condition :

$$\beta) \quad G, H \in \mathfrak{G} \text{ implies } G \cdot H \in \mathfrak{G}.$$

Then the uniformity $\{\mathfrak{U}_\alpha\}$, which consists of all the finite open coverings with sets of \mathfrak{G} as elements, is a T-uniformity. Hence the simple extension R^* of R with respect to this uniformity is a T-space by I, Theorem 5. If we put $\mathfrak{F} = \{F; R - F \in \mathfrak{G}\}$, the condition $\beta)$ is transformed into the following condition :

$$\beta)' \quad F, K \in \mathfrak{F} \text{ implies } F + K \in \mathfrak{F}$$

and Theorem 5 may be stated as follows.

Theorem 6. Let \mathfrak{F} be a basis of closed sets of a T-space R such that the empty set belongs to \mathfrak{F} and \mathfrak{F} satisfies the condition $\beta)'$. Then there exists a bicomact T-space S with the following properties :

1)' R is a subspace of S .

2)' $\{\bar{F}; F \in \mathfrak{F}\}$ is a basis of closed sets of S .

3)' Each point of $S - R$ is closed.

4)' For any finite number of sets F_1, \dots, F_m of \mathfrak{F} , $F_1 F_2 \dots F_m = 0$ implies $\bar{F}_1 \cdot \bar{F}_2 \dots \bar{F}_m = 0$.

Here the bar indicates the closure operation in S . Moreover such a space S is essentially unique.

Supplement to Theorem 5 we may replace the condition 4)' by the stronger condition :

$$5)' \quad \overline{F_1 \cdot F_2 \dots F_m} = \bar{F}_1 \cdot \bar{F}_2 \dots \bar{F}_m \text{ for any finite number of sets } F_1, F_2, \dots, F_m \text{ of } \mathfrak{F}.$$

Theorem 6 with the conditions 1)', 2)', 3)', 5)' is established by N. A. Shanin⁶⁾. We call S in Theorem 6 *the bicomact extension of R with respect to a closed basis \mathfrak{F}* . N. A. Shanin called S the (ω, \mathfrak{F}) -extension.

5) The condition 4) is implied by 5).

6) Loc. cit., 2). Shanin's proof is not known to us. We remark here that a generalization of Wallman's famous procedure gives a direct proof of this theorem.

The condition of Shanin :

$\alpha)$ For any point $x \in R$ and $F \in \mathfrak{F}$ such that $x \in R - F$ there exist $F_i \in \mathfrak{F}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ with the properties: $x \in \prod_{i=1}^m F_i$ and $(\prod_{i=1}^m F_i) \cdot F = 0$,

is stated in terms of \mathfrak{G} as follows.

$\alpha)$ For any $x \in R$ and $G \in \mathfrak{G}$ such that $x \in G$ there exist $G_i \in \mathfrak{G}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ with the properties: $x \in R - \sum_{i=1}^m G_i$, $G + \sum_{i=1}^m G_i = R$.

This condition is equivalent to the condition that the *uniformity* $\{\mathfrak{U}_\alpha\}$ agrees with the topology of R . Another condition of Shanin :

$\delta)$ For $F_1, F_2 \in \mathfrak{F}$ such that $F_1 \cdot F_2 = 0$ there exist $K_1, K_2 \in \mathfrak{F}$ such that $F_i K_i = 0$, $i = 1, 2$ and $K_1 + K_2 = R$, is expressed in terms of \mathfrak{G} as follows.

$\delta)$ For $G_1, G_2 \in \mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{G}$ such that $G_1 + G_2 = R$ there exist $H_1, H_2 \in \mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{G}$ such that $G_i + H_i = R$, $i = 1, 2$ and $H_1 \cdot H_2 = 0$ ⁷⁾.

We shall prove that the condition $\delta)$ is equivalent to the condition that $\{\mathfrak{U}_\alpha\}$ is a completely regular uniformity (in case $\beta)$ holds).

Suppose that $\delta)$ holds. For any covering $\mathfrak{U}_\alpha = \{G_1, \dots, G_m\} \in \{\mathfrak{U}_\alpha\}$ we can determine a finite number of sets $L_\nu, H_\nu (\nu = 1, 2, \dots, i)$ of $\mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{G}$ such that

$$L_\nu \subset R - H_\nu \subset G_\nu, \quad \nu = 1, 2, \dots, i,$$

$$L_1 + \dots + L_i + G_{i+1} + \dots + G_m = R,$$

by applying the condition $\delta)$ successively to the case $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$. We have then $G_i + H_i = R$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ and $H_1 \cdot H_2 \dots H_m = 0$. If we express H_i as $H_{i1} + H_{i2} + \dots + H_{ir_i}$ with $H_{ij} \in \mathfrak{G}$, and construct the intersection \mathfrak{M} of the coverings $\{G_i, H_{i1}, H_{i2}, \dots, H_{ir_i}\}$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, m$), it is easily seen that \mathfrak{M} is a Δ -refinement⁹⁾ of \mathfrak{U}_α and \mathfrak{M} is equal to some $\mathfrak{U}_\tau \in \{\mathfrak{U}_\alpha\}$. Therefore the uniformity $\{\mathfrak{U}_\alpha\}$ is completely regular.

Conversely, if $\{\mathfrak{U}_\alpha\}$ is completely regular, the condition $\delta)$ holds, because for $G_1, G_2 \in \mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{G}$ such that $G_1 + G_2 = R$ there exists a Δ -refinement \mathfrak{U}_τ of \mathfrak{M} , where $G_i = G_{i1} + \dots + G_{ir_i}$, $i = 1, 2$ with $G_{ij} \in \mathfrak{G}$ and $\mathfrak{M} = \{G_{ij}; j=1, 2, \dots, r_i, i=1, 2\}$, and hence the sets $H_i = \prod_{j=1}^{r_i} S(R - G_{ij}, \mathfrak{U}_\tau)$, $i = 1, 2$ satisfy the condition $\delta)$.

Summarizing these results we obtain the following theorem of Shanin by virtue of I, Theorems 6 and 7.

7) Cf. The beginning of this section.

8) Here $\mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{G}$ means the family of all the finite sums of sets of \mathfrak{G} . Cf. loc. cit., 2).

9) Cf. J. W. Tukey, Convergence and uniformity in topology, Princeton, 1940, Chap. V.

Theorem 7. *The bicomact extension of a T -space R with respect to an open basis \mathfrak{G} (a closed basis \mathfrak{F}) is a T_1 -space or a completely regular T -space according as R is a T_1 -space and \mathfrak{G} (\mathfrak{F}) satisfies the conditions α , β (α' , β') or R is a completely regular T -space and \mathfrak{G} (\mathfrak{F}) satisfies α , β , δ (α' , β' , δ').*

We can also establish the following theorem.

Theorem 8. *Let \mathfrak{G} and \mathfrak{H} be two bases of open sets of a space R such that \mathfrak{H} as well as \mathfrak{G} contains R as an element. In order that the bicomact extension of R with respect to \mathfrak{G} coincides with the bicomact extension of R with respect to \mathfrak{H} it is necessary and sufficient that for any finite number of sets G_1, \dots, G_m of \mathfrak{G} with the property $G_1 + \dots + G_m = R$ there exist sets H_1, \dots, H_n of \mathfrak{H} such that $H_1 + \dots + H_n = R$ and each H_i is contained in some G_j and conversely for any finite number of sets H_1, \dots, H_n of \mathfrak{H} with $H_1 + \dots + H_n = R$ there exist sets G_1, \dots, G_m of \mathfrak{G} such that $G_1 + \dots + G_m = R$ and each G_j is contained in some H_i .*

The condition of Theorem 8 states that the uniformity $\{u_\alpha\}$ and $\{\mathfrak{B}_\lambda\}$ are equivalent (cf. I, § 1), where $\{\mathfrak{B}_\lambda\}$ means the family of all the finite open coverings composed of sets of \mathfrak{H} . Hence Theorem 8 can be proved easily.

It is a simple matter to establish an analogous theorem for the case of bicomact extensions with respect to closed bases, and so it is omitted here.

§ 5. **Wallman's and Čech's bicomactifications.** Let R be a space. We denote by $w(R)$ the simple extension of R with respect to the uniformity consisting of all the finite open coverings. It is clear by Theorems 5 and 7 that $w(R)$ is bicomact and $w(R)$ coincides with Wallman's bicomactification in case R is a T_1 -space. In the case when R is completely regular we can construct the simple extension of R with respect to the uniformity which consists of all the finite *normal*¹⁰⁾ coverings. We denote this space by $\beta(R)$. Since this uniformity is a completely regular uniformity agreeing with the topology, $\beta(R)$ is completely regular and bicomact. It is easily seen by Theorem 3 that a bounded continuous real-valued function on R can be extended to a continuous function on $\beta(R)$. Hence $\beta(R)$ coincides with Čech's bicomactification if R is a T_1 -space. In case R is a completely regular T -space it is clear that $w(R)$ coincides with $\beta(R)$ if and only if every finite open covering of R is normal. It is proved independently by Tukey

10) Cf. Tukey, loc. cit., p. 46.

and the present author that the latter condition holds if and only if R is normal¹¹⁾.

In case R is a completely regular T -space we can prove that $\beta(R)$ is defined as the bicomact extension of R with respect to an open basis \mathfrak{G} which consists of all the open sets G such that $G = \{x; f(x) > 0\}$ for a non-negative bounded continuous function $f(x)$ on R ¹²⁾.

We shall remark finally that any bounded real-valued continuous function on a space R can be extended to a continuous function on $w(R)$; this is an immediate consequence of Theorem 3¹³⁾.

11) Tukey, loc. cit., p. 47; K. Morita, On uniform spaces and the dimension of compact spaces, Proc. Phys-Math. Soc. Japan **23** (1940), p. 969; Star-finite coverings and the star-finite property, Math. Japonicae, **1** (1948), pp. 60-68.

12) We do not know whether Shanin has constructed $\beta(R)$ in this way or not.

13) This fact was pointed out first by J. Nagata for the case that R is a T_1 -space. A direct proof is given in K. Morita, Shijo-Danwakai, 2nd ser. No. 15 (1949), p. 547.