

Topological approach to "nontopological" ultrafilters.

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I -ultrafilters (J. E. Baumgartner 1995)

Let I be a family of "small" subsets of some set X , i.e. I is closed for taking subsets and all finite subsets of X belong to I . We say that an ultrafilter u (on ω) is an I -ultrafilter if for each function $f : \omega \rightarrow X$ there exists a set $U \in u$ such that $f[U] \in I$.

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Take ω and \mathbb{A} - a MAD on ω . We define topology on $X_1 = \omega \cup \mathbb{A}$ by the base of neighborhoods in each point. If $x \in \omega$ then $\{x\}$ is open, if $x \in \mathbb{A}$ then a neighborhood of x is x with any co-finite set on $x \subset \omega$. This is sequential, T_2 and non C-C space, which by the previous Theorem may be extend to CNS.

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