

Ideal quasi-normal convergence and related notions

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 - If $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\omega)$ is an ideal then $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{I}$ is a **base** of \mathcal{I} if for any $A \in \mathcal{I}$ there is $B \in \mathcal{B}$ such that $A \subseteq B$. We recall a folklore fact: the family of all finite intersections of elements of a family $\mathcal{A} \subseteq [\omega]^\omega$ is a base of some filter if and only if \mathcal{A} has the **finite intersection property**, shortly **f.i.p.**

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- ***P-ideal*:** An ideal \mathcal{I} is said to be a **P-ideal**, if for any countable $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{I}$ there exists a set $B \in \mathcal{I}$ such that $A \subseteq^* B$ for each $A \in \mathcal{A}$. Some authors say that \mathcal{I} satisfies the property (AP). If $A \subseteq \omega$ is such that $\omega \setminus A$ is infinite, then

$$\langle A \rangle^* = \{B \subseteq \omega : B \subseteq^* A\}$$

is a P-ideal with a countable base.

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- **Tall ideal:** An ideal \mathcal{I} is **tall**, if for any $B \in [\omega]^\omega$, there exists an $A \in \mathcal{I}$ such that $A \cap B$ is infinite. Thus, an ideal \mathcal{I} has a pseudounion if and only if \mathcal{I} is not tall.

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- An ideal \mathcal{I} with a countable base can be constructed with a pseudounion such that no pseudounion of \mathcal{I} belongs to \mathcal{I} and such that \mathcal{I} is not a P-ideal. Assuming $p > \aleph_1$, one can construct a P-ideal \mathcal{I} with an uncountable base of cardinality $< p$ such that no pseudounion of \mathcal{I} belongs to \mathcal{I} .

- Ideal convergence:** A sequence $\langle x_n : n \in \omega \rangle$ of elements of a topological space X **\mathcal{I} -converges** to $x \in X$, written $x_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} x$, if for each neighborhood U of x , the set $\{n \in \omega : x_n \notin U\} \in \mathcal{I}$, i.e., if the function $\langle x_n : n \in \omega \rangle$ from ω into X converges modulo filter \mathcal{I}^d to x in the sense of H. Cartan.

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 - By function f , we always mean a **real function** defined on X . A sequence of real functions $\langle f_n : n \in \omega \rangle$ **\mathcal{I} -converges to a real function f** on X , written $f_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} f$, if $f_n(x) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}} f(x)$ for each $x \in X$.

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- strongly \mathcal{I} -quasi-normal convergence:** We say that a sequence **strongly \mathcal{I} -quasi-normally converges** to f if the control sequence is $\langle 2^{-n} : n \in \omega \rangle$. We write $f_n \xrightarrow{s\mathcal{I}\text{QN}} f$. In fact one can replace the sequence $\langle 2^{-n} : n \in \omega \rangle$ by any sequence $\langle \varepsilon_n : n \in \omega \rangle$ of positive reals such that $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \varepsilon_n < \infty$.

- **\mathcal{I} - Uniform Convergence** A sequence of real functions $\langle f_n : n \in \omega \rangle$ on X **\mathcal{I} -uniformly converges** to a real function f , shortly $f_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{I}\text{-u}} f$, if there exists a set $A \in \mathcal{I}$ such that $\{n \in \omega : |f_n(x) - f(x)| \geq \varepsilon\} \subseteq A$ for any $\varepsilon > 0$ and any $x \in X$.

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 - Evidently the notion of \mathcal{I} - Uniform Convergence is stronger than the notion of \mathcal{I} - Quasinormal convergence which is again stronger than the notion of \mathcal{I} - pointwise convergence. Examples have been constructed in this respect.

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- (i) $\text{cof}(\mathcal{I}) = \kappa$.
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- (i) *The set C is a pseudounion of the ideal \mathcal{I} .*
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- If the sequence $\langle f_n : n \in \omega \rangle$ is decreasing we obtain the notions of an $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})\text{mQN-space}$ and an $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})\text{wmQN-space}$.

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- b) If \mathcal{J} has a pseudounion, then every $\mathcal{J}\text{QN}$ -space is a QN -space and every $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})\text{wQN}$ -space is an $(\mathcal{I}, \text{Fin})\text{wQN}$ -space.

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Corollary

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- J. Šupina has very recently showed that assuming $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{c}$, for a γ -space X which is not a QN-space (the existence of such space was proved by Bukovski et al) there exists a tall ideal \mathcal{I} , not containing an isomorphic copy of $\text{Fin} \times \text{Fin}$, such that X is an $\mathcal{I}\text{QN}$ -space. We can even assume that \mathcal{I} is a maximal ideal. Anyway, that is only very partial answer to our Problem 5.

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- For two families \mathcal{A} , \mathcal{B} of sequences of subsets of X , we introduce similarly as M. Scheepers did, the property $S_1(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ as follows: for every sequence $\langle \langle U_{n,m} : m \in \omega \rangle : n \in \omega \rangle$ of sequences from \mathcal{A} , there exists a sequence $\langle m_n : n \in \omega \rangle$ of natural numbers such that $\langle U_{n,m_n} : n \in \omega \rangle \in \mathcal{B}$. If a topological space X possesses the property $S_1(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ we shall say that X is an $S_1(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ -space.

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- As above, one can easily show that if X is an $S_1(\mathcal{I}\text{-}\Gamma, \mathcal{J}\text{-}\Gamma)$ -space, then for every sequence $\langle \langle U_{n,m} : m \in \omega \rangle : n \in \omega \rangle$ of sequences of \mathcal{I} - γ -covers there exists a sequence $\langle m_n : n \in \omega \rangle$ of natural numbers such that $m_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{J}} \infty$ and $\langle U_{n,m_n} : n \in \omega \rangle$ is a \mathcal{J} - γ -cover.

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