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## On a class of homeomorphisms of function spaces preserving the Lindelöf number of domains

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**Abstract.** We consider the class of all homeomorphisms between the function spaces of the form  $C_p(X)$ ,  $C_p(Y)$  such that the images of  $Y$  and  $X$  under their dual and, respectively, inverse dual mappings consist of finitely supported functionals. We prove that if a homeomorphism belongs to this class, then Lindelöf numbers  $l(X)$  and  $l(Y)$  are equal. This result generalizes the known theorem of A. Bouziad for linear homeomorphisms of function spaces.

**Keywords:** Lindelöf number, function space, pointwise convergence topology, finite support property

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## Об одном классе гомеоморфизмов пространств функций, сохраняющем число Линделёфа областей определения

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**Аннотация.** А. Бузиад доказал, что если пространства непрерывных функций  $C_p(X)$ ,  $C_p(Y)$  линейно гомеоморфны, то числа Линделёфа пространств  $X$ ,  $Y$  равны. В данной статье этот результат распространяется на более широкий класс гомеоморфизмов пространств функций. Для этого вводятся в рассмотрение специальные подпространства в пространствах функционалов с конечным носителем, которые тем не менее строго шире пространств линейных непрерывных функционалов. Далее рассматривается класс таких гомеоморфизмов  $h$  пространств  $C_p(X)$ ,  $C_p(Y)$ , что образ  $Y$  при сопряженном к  $h$  отображении и образ  $X$  при отображении, сопряженном к отображению  $h^{-1}$ , содержатся в рассмотренных подпространствах функционалов. Учитывая, что эти подпространства строго шире пространства линейных непрерывных функционалов, приходим к заключению, что введенный класс гомеоморфизмов строго шире класса линейных гомеоморфизмов. Доказано, что техника А. Бузиада может быть применена к этому классу гомеоморфизмов. Таким образом, установле-

но, что если пространства  $C_p(X)$ ,  $C_p(Y)$  гомеоморфны, и гомеоморфизм принадлежит к рассматриваемому классу, то числа Линделёфа пространств  $X$ ,  $Y$  равны.

**Ключевые слова:** число Линделёфа, пространство функций, топология поточечной сходимости, свойство конечного носителя

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## Introduction

We assume all topological spaces under consideration to be Tychonoff and call them simply “spaces.” For each space  $X$ , let  $C_p(X)$  be the set of continuous real-valued functions on  $X$  with the topology of pointwise convergence. It means that a basic neighborhood  $W(\varphi, K, \varepsilon)$  of any function  $\varphi \in C_p(X)$  consists of functions  $\psi \in C_p(X)$  such that  $|\varphi(x) - \psi(x)| < \varepsilon$  for each point  $x$  of a finite subset  $K \subset X$ .

A. Bouziad proved [1] that if two function spaces  $C_p(X)$ ,  $C_p(Y)$  are linearly homeomorphic, then the Lindelöf numbers  $l(X)$ ,  $l(Y)$  of  $X$ ,  $Y$  are equal. For the prehistory of this result, the reader may refer to the rather complete survey in the same article [1]. In addition, we just note the interesting partial results of A.V. Arbit [2, 3], concerning uniform homeomorphisms of function spaces.

In this paper, we describe some class  $\mathcal{H}$  of homeomorphisms  $h: C_p(X) \rightarrow C_p(Y)$  such that  $l(X) = l(Y)$  whenever  $h \in \mathcal{H}$ . This class  $\mathcal{H}$ , by its definition, is wider than the class of linear homeomorphisms. Hence we obtain a generalization of the above-mentioned result of A. Bouziad.

We denote by  $C_p^0 C_p(X)$  the subspace in  $C_p(C_p(X))$  consisting of all continuous functions  $f: C_p(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(0^X) = 0$ , where  $0^X$  is zero-function on  $X$ . In what follows, we identify each space  $X$  with its image under natural homeomorphic embedding  $\theta: X \rightarrow C_p^0 C_p(X)$  defined by the rule  $\theta(x)(\varphi) = \varphi(x)$ , where  $x \in X$ ,  $\varphi \in C_p(X)$ . Recall that for each continuous mapping  $h: C_p(X) \rightarrow C_p(Y)$  such that  $h(0^X) = 0^Y$  its dual mapping  $h^*: C_p^0 C_p(Y) \rightarrow C_p^0 C_p(X)$  is defined by the rule  $h^*(f)(\varphi) = (f \circ h)(\varphi) = f(h(\varphi))$ .

## 1. Finitely supported functionals on $C_p(X)$

**Definition 1.1.** A function  $f \in C_p^0 C_p(X)$  is said to be a finitely supported functional (briefly, FSF) if there exists a finite (may be empty) subset  $K \subset X$  such that the pair  $(f, K)$  satisfies the following two conditions:

(i) For each  $\varepsilon > 0$  and each  $\varphi \in C_p(X)$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$f(W(\varphi, K, \delta)) \subset (f(\varphi) - \varepsilon; f(\varphi) + \varepsilon);$$

(ii) There exists  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  such that for each  $x \in K$  and for each its open neighborhood  $U_x$  one can find functions  $\varphi_x, \psi_x \in C_p(X)$  which coincide out of  $U_x$  but  $|f(\varphi_x) - f(\psi_x)| > \varepsilon_0$ .

If conditions (i), (ii) hold then we say that  $K$  is the (finite) support of  $f$  and we write  $K = \text{supp } f$ .

**Definition 1.2.** We write  $f \in \hat{L}_p(X)$  if  $f$  is an FSF with the following additional properties:

(iii) If  $f(\varphi) \neq 0$ , then there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all integer  $n \geq n_0$  holds  $|f(n \cdot \varphi)| \geq 1$ ;

(iv) If  $|f(n \cdot \varphi)| \geq 1$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  then  $f(\varphi) \neq 0$ .

**Remark 1.3.** The denotation  $\hat{L}_p(X)$  is motivated by the fact that each linear continuous functional  $f = \lambda_1 x_1 + \dots + \lambda_{n(f)} x_{n(f)} \in L_p(X)$  satisfies mentioned conditions (i) – (iv) with  $K = \{x_1, \dots, x_{n(f)}\}$ .

**Proposition 1.4.** (a)  $\text{supp } f = \emptyset$  iff  $f = 0^{C_p(X)}$ ;

(b) The set  $\text{supp } f$  is unique for each FSF  $f$ ;

(c) If  $\varphi, \psi \in C_p(X)$  and  $\varphi(x) = \psi(x)$  for each  $x \in \text{supp } f$  then  $f(\varphi) = f(\psi)$ ;

(d) The mapping  $s : \hat{L}_p(X) \rightarrow X$ ,  $s(f) = \text{supp } f$  is a well-defined finite-valued lower semicontinuous function.

Proof. We obviously have (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (a), (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (c).

(b) Let  $f \in C_p^0 C_p(X)$ ,  $f \neq 0^{C_p(X)}$  and there exist two different finite subsets  $K, M$  in  $X$  satisfying conditions (i) and (ii). Let, for example,  $x_0 \in K \setminus M$ . Take any neighborhood  $U_0$  of  $x_0$  with  $U_0 \cap ((K \cup M) \setminus \{x_0\}) = \emptyset$ . Since  $K = \text{supp } f$ , by (ii) there exist two functions  $\varphi_0, \psi_0 \in C_p(X)$  coinciding out of  $U_0$  such that  $|f(\varphi_0) - f(\psi_0)| > \varepsilon_0 > 0$ . At the same time,  $M = \text{supp } f$  as well,  $\varphi_0$  coincides with  $\psi_0$  on  $M$ , and now (c) implies  $f(\varphi_0) = f(\psi_0)$ , a contradiction.

(d) Evidently only the lower semicontinuity needs to be proved. Take an arbitrary open set  $G \subset X$  and let  $\text{supp } f \cap G \neq \emptyset$  for some FSF  $f$ . Choose a disjoint family of neighborhoods  $U_x$  of points  $x \in \text{supp } f$  such that  $U_x \subset G$  for each  $x \in \text{supp } f$ . Fix the functions  $\varphi_x, \psi_x$  existing by (ii) for each point  $x \in \text{supp } f$  and its neighborhood  $U_x$ . Put

$$W = \bigcap_{x \in \text{supp } f} \{g \in \hat{L}_p(X) : |g(\varphi_x) - g(\psi_x)| > \varepsilon_0\}. \quad (1)$$

It is easy to prove that  $W$  is open set in  $\hat{L}_p(X)$ , containing  $f$ . Moreover, if  $g$  is FSF and  $\text{supp } g \cap G = \emptyset$ , then for any  $x \in \text{supp } f$  and for all  $z \in \text{supp } g$  we have  $\varphi_x(z) = \psi_x(z) = 0$ . Hence  $g(\varphi_x) = g(\psi_x) = 0$  and  $g \notin W$ . Thus  $f \in W \subset \{g : \text{supp } g \cap G \neq \emptyset\}$ . ■

**Remark 1.5.** Formula (2.2) in [4] is incorrect. It must be in form (1).

## 2. Main result

At first let us define the class  $\mathcal{H}$  of homeomorphisms, mentioned in the introduction.

**Definition 2.1.** Define the class  $\mathcal{H}$  to be consisting of all homeomorphisms  $h : C_p(X) \rightarrow C_p(Y)$  such that  $h(0^X) = 0^Y$  and for all  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$  their images  $(h^{-1})^*(x)$  and  $h^*(y)$  are in  $\hat{L}_p(Y)$  and  $\hat{L}_p(X)$ , respectively.

**Remark 2.2.** It follows from Theorem 3.1 in [5] that, in particular, there exists a homeomorphism  $h : C_p([1, \omega]) \rightarrow C_p([1, \omega^\omega])$ ,  $h \in \mathcal{H}$ , but these function spaces are not linearly homeomorphic (see [6]).

Our main result is

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $h : C_p(X) \rightarrow C_p(Y)$ ,  $h \in \mathcal{H}$ . Then  $l(X) = l(Y)$ .

A.V. Osipov in [7] gave such a characterization of the Lindelöf property.

**Theorem 2.4.** ([7], Theorem 3.7) A space  $X$  is Lindelöf iff the function space  $C_p(X)$  has the following property:

Each 1-dense set in  $C_p(X)$  contains a countable 1-dense subset. (2)

Recall that a set  $A \subset C_p(X)$  is said to be 1-dense if  $A \cap W(f, \{x\}, \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$  for each  $f \in C_p(X)$ , each  $x \in X$ , and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . By Theorem 2.3 we have such

**Corollary 2.5.** Let  $h : C_p(X) \rightarrow C_p(Y)$ ,  $h \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $C_p(X)$  satisfies (2). Then  $C_p(Y)$  satisfies (2) as well.

To prove the Theorem 2.3 it certainly suffices to establish only the following

**Lemma 2.6.** Let  $\tau$  be an (infinite) cardinal, a homeomorphism  $h : C_p(X) \rightarrow C_p(Y)$  belongs to  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $l(Y) \leq \tau$ . Then  $l(X) \leq \tau$ .

We prove this Lemma following the same pattern as in [1], but we shall need a new definition of extractor.

For an arbitrary homeomorphism  $h : C_p(X) \rightarrow C_p(Y)$ ,  $h \in \mathcal{H}$ , define the mappings

$s : Y \rightarrow 2^X$ ,  $s' : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  by the rules  $s(y) = \text{supp}(h^*(y))$ ,  $s'(x) = \text{supp}\left(\left(h^{-1}\right)^*(x)\right)$ .

First, we prove the surjectivity of  $s$ .

**Proposition 2.7.** The mapping  $s$  is a well-defined finite-valued lower semicontinuous surjective function.

Proof. All the statements are evident but surjectivity. Assume that there is a point  $x_0 \in X \setminus s(Y)$ . Consequently,  $x_0 \notin S = \bigcup \left\{ \text{supp} \left( h^*(y) \right) : y \in \text{supp} \left( \left( h^{-1} \right)^* (x_0) \right) \right\}$ . Choose a function  $\varphi_0 \in C_p(X)$  with  $\varphi_0|_S \equiv 0$ ,  $\varphi_0(x_0) = 1$ . By item (c) of Proposition 1.4 we have  $h^*(y)(\varphi_0) = h(\varphi_0)(y) = 0$  for each  $y \in \text{supp} \left( \left( h^{-1} \right)^* (x_0) \right)$ . Applying (c) again, we obtain

$$\left( \left( h^{-1} \right)^* (x_0) \right) \left( h(\varphi_0) \right) = x_0 \left( h^{-1} \left( h(\varphi_0) \right) \right) = x_0(\varphi_0) = \varphi_0(x_0) = 0,$$

a contradiction. ■

Let the symbol  $\tau_X$  denote the topology of the space  $X$ . For each  $y \in Y$  and each  $V \in \tau_X$  put  $r_V(y) = \left| h^*(y)(\varphi_y^V) \right|$ , where  $\varphi_y^V \in C_p(X)$ ,  $\varphi_y^V(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \in V \cap s(y) \\ 1, & x \notin V \end{cases}$ . Also put  $G : \tau_X \rightarrow 2^Y$ ,  $G(V) = \left\{ y \in Y : r_V(y) = \left| h^*(y)(\varphi_y^V) \right| = 0 \right\}$ .

Recall the basic definition from [1]:

**Definition 2.8.** Given multivalued lower semicontinuous function  $\eta : Y \rightarrow 2^X$ , any mapping  $G : \tau_X \rightarrow 2^Y$  is said to be  $\eta$ -extractor if the following three conditions hold:

- (e1) For each open  $U \subset X$  we have  $\eta^*(U) = \{ y \in Y : \eta(y) \subset U \} \subset G(U)$ ;
- (e2) If  $U, V \in \tau_X$ ,  $U \subset V$ , and  $y \in G(V) \setminus G(U)$  then  $\eta(y) \cap (V \setminus U) \neq \emptyset$ ;
- (e3) If a sequence  $(U_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \tau_X$ ,  $U_n \subset U_{n+1}$  is such that  $Y \subset \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (\bigcap_{m \geq n} G(U_m))$

then  $X \subset \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} U_n$ .

So, we now must check the conditions (e1), (e2), (e3) for  $\eta = s$ .

**Proposition 2.9.** The function  $s$  and mapping  $G$  satisfy conditions (e1), (e2), (e3).

Proof. Let  $V$  be an open subset in  $X$  and  $y \in Y$  is such that  $s(y) \subset V$  (i.e.,  $y \in s^*(V)$ ). Then  $\varphi_y^V(s(y)) = \{0\}$ . Consequently, by 1.4 (c),  $h^*(y)(\varphi_y^V) = 0$ , i.e.,  $y \in G(V)$  and (e1) holds.

Now take any  $U, V \in \tau_X$ , such that  $U \subset V$  and  $y \in G(V) \setminus G(U)$ . Since  $y \notin G(U)$  then  $h^*(y)(\varphi_y^U) \neq 0$  and we have  $s(y) \not\subset U$  by definition of the function  $\varphi_y^U$ . The assumption  $s(y) \cap V = \emptyset$  implies  $\varphi_y^V|_{s(y)} \equiv 1 \equiv \varphi_y^U|_{s(y)}$ . Therefore, by 1.4 (c) again,  $h^*(y)(\varphi_y^V) = h^*(y)(\varphi_y^U) \neq 0$ , a contradiction with  $y \in G(V)$ . The item (e2) is proved.

Let us verify (e3). Let us suppose that (e3) is not true and  $x_0 \in X \setminus (\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} U_n)$ . Inclusion  $Y \subset \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (\bigcap_{m \geq n} G(U_m))$  implies that there exists some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$s'(x_0) \subset G(U_k)$ . Hence,  $h^*(y)(\varphi_y^{U_k}) = 0$  for each  $y \in s'(x_0)$ . Consider the function  $\varphi \in C_p(X)$ ,  $\varphi(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \in X \setminus U_k \\ 0, & x \in s(s'(x_0)) \cap U_k \end{cases}$ . Evidently we have  $\varphi(x_0) = 1$  and  $\varphi|_{s(y)} \equiv \varphi_y^{U_k}|_{s(y)}$  for any  $y \in s'(x_0)$ . It follows from this that  $h^*(y)(\varphi_y^{U_k}) = h^*(y)(\varphi) = h(\varphi)(y) = 0$ . It means that  $h(\varphi)|_{s'(x_0)} \equiv 0$  and therefore  $(h^{-1})^*(x_0)(h(\varphi)) = \varphi(x_0) = 0$ . This contradiction finishes the proof. ■

We need the next two lemmas to show, using the terminology of [1], that the  $s$ -extractor  $G$  is synchronized with the Lindelöf number of  $Y$ . The Lemmas 10 and 11 below are an adaptation of the lemmas 6 and 7 from [1] to our nonlinear situation.

Recall that an open subset  $V \subset X$  is said to be adequate (see [1]) if some its decomposition  $V = \cup \{F_k : k \in \mathbb{N}\}$  in increasing sequence of zero-sets  $F_k$  has the property that for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  there exist  $y_k \in Y$  with  $s(y_k) \subset V$  and  $s(y_k) \setminus F_k \neq \emptyset$ .

**Lemma 2.10.** Let  $I$  be an infinite set of cardinality  $|I| = \tau \geq \aleph_0$ , and let  $\gamma = \{V_i : i \in I\}$  be some family of adequate open subsets in  $X$ , which is stable under taking finite unions. Put  $V = \cup \gamma$ . Then  $F(V)$  is a  $F_\tau$ -set in  $Y$ .

Proof. For each  $V_i \in \gamma$  fix its decomposition  $(F_k^i)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  and for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  fix a function  $\eta_k^i \in C_p(X)$ , which is equal to zero on  $F_k^i$  and equal to  $k$  out of  $V_i$ . If  $y \in Y$ ,  $s(y) \subset V_i$ , and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  then put

$$U_k^i(y) = \bigcap_{j \leq k} \left\{ y' \in Y : \left| h \left( \eta_{j+k_y^i}^i \right) (y') \right| < 1 \right\},$$

where  $k_y^i = \min \{k : s(y) \subset F_k^i\}$ . Of course,  $U_k^i(y)$  is open neighborhood of  $y$  because the functions  $h \left( \eta_{j+k_y^i}^i \right)$  are continuous on  $Y$  and are equal to zero at  $y$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ).

Put

$$A_i = \bigcap_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup \left\{ U_k^i(y) : s(y) \subset V_i \right\}, \quad B_i = \{y \in Y : s(y) \cap (V \setminus V_i) \neq \emptyset\}, \quad A = \bigcap_{i \in I} (A_i \cup B_i).$$

All sets  $A_i$  clearly are  $G_\delta$ -sets. All sets  $B_i$  are  $G_\delta$ -sets as well. Indeed, since the mapping  $s$  is finite-valued and lower semicontinuous, then we have  $B_i = \bigcap_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \left\{ y \in Y : s(y) \cap (V \setminus F_k^i) \neq \emptyset \right\}$ . Let us show that  $F(V) = Y \setminus A$ .

Take any  $y \in F(V)$ . It means that  $h^*(y)(\varphi_y^V) \neq 0$ . In addition, since the set  $s(y)$  is finite, there exists  $i \in I$  such that  $s(y) \cap V \subset V_i$ . Therefore,  $y \notin B_i$ . Moreover, ap-

plying the item (iii) from Definition 1.2, one can find a  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $s(y) \cap V \subset F_n^i \subset V_i$  and  $\left| h^*(y) \left( n \cdot \varphi_y^V \right) \right| > 1$  for all  $n \geq k$ . Let us note that in this case we have  $\left( n \cdot \varphi_y^V \right) \Big|_{s(y)} \equiv \eta_n^i \Big|_{s(y)}$  for all  $n \geq k$ . By item (c) of Proposition 1.4 we conclude that  $h^*(y) \left( n \cdot \varphi_y^V \right) = h^*(y) \left( \eta_n^i \right)$  for all  $n \geq k$ . We are going to show that  $y \notin \bigcup \left\{ U_k^i(z) : s(z) \subset V_i \right\}$ .

Let  $s(z) \subset V_i$ . Then we have by item (iii) from Definition 1.2 that  $h^*(y) \left( \eta_{k+n_z^i}^i \right) = h^*(y) \left( (k+n_z^i) \cdot \varphi_y^V \right) \geq 1$ . This inequality means that  $y \notin U_k^i(z)$ . Therefore,  $y \notin A_i$  and, consequently,  $y \notin A$ . The inclusion  $F(V) \subset Y \setminus A$  is true.

Let us check the inverse inclusion. Take  $y \notin A$  and let  $i \in I$  be such that  $y \notin A_i \cup B_i$ . We can suppose by adequateness of  $V_i$  that for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists  $y_k \in Y$  such that  $s(y_k) \subset V_i$  and  $s(y_k) \setminus F_k^i \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $y \notin B_i$ , then  $s(y) \cap V \subset V_i$ . Fix any  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $s(y) \cap V \subset F_p^i \subset V_i$ . Since  $y \notin A_i$ , there exists  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $y \notin \bigcup \left\{ U_m^i(z) : s(z) \subset V_i \right\}$ . Choose  $z$  such that  $s(z) \setminus F_p^i \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $n_z^i > p$  and there exists  $l \leq m$  such that  $\left| h \left( \eta_{l+n_z^i}^i \right) (y) \right| = \left| h^*(y) \left( \eta_{l+n_z^i}^i \right) \right| \geq 1$ .

It follows from the definition of the functions  $\eta_{l+n_z^i}^i$ ,  $\varphi_y^V$  and from inclusions  $s(y) \cap V \subset F_p^i \subset F_{l+n_z^i}^i \subset V_i$  that  $\left( (l+n_z^i) \cdot \varphi_y^V \right) \Big|_{s(y)} \equiv \eta_{l+n_z^i}^i \Big|_{s(y)}$ . Therefore, using again the item (c) of Proposition 1.4, we obtain  $1 \leq \left| h^*(y) \left( \eta_{l+n_z^i}^i \right) \right| = \left| h^*(y) \left( (l+n_z^i) \cdot \varphi_y^V \right) \right|$ . Now we can conclude by item (iv) from Definition 1.2 that  $h^*(y) \left( \varphi_y^V \right) \neq 0$  and  $y \in F(V)$ . ■

For an arbitrary family  $\mathcal{U}$  of sets, we denote by  $\mathcal{U}'$  the family of unions of all at most countable subfamilies of  $\mathcal{U}$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{L}$  the family of all  $F_\tau$ -subsets of  $Y$ , and let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a base of topology of  $X$  consisting of cozero-sets.

The proof of the next lemma is the same as in [1], Lemma 7, and by this reason we omit it.

**Lemma 2.11.** Let  $\tau$  be an infinite cardinal,  $\mathcal{U} \subset \mathcal{B}$  be an open non  $\tau$ -trivial cover of  $X$ . Then, for any subfamily  $\gamma \subset \mathcal{U}$  with  $|\gamma| \leq \tau$ , there exists a subfamily  $\gamma' \subset \mathcal{U}'$  which is stable under finite unions, consisting of adequate sets, has a cardinality  $|\gamma'| \leq \tau$ , and satisfies  $\cup \gamma \subset \cup \gamma'$ .

Proof of Lemma 2.6. If  $l(Y) \leq \tau$ , then, certainly,  $l(Z) \leq \tau$  for each  $Z = Z_1 \cap \dots \cap Z_n$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $Z_1, \dots, Z_n \in \mathcal{L}$ . Now, combining Lemma 2.11 and Lemma 2.10, we can conclude that for each open non  $\tau$ -trivial cover  $\mathcal{U} \subset \mathcal{B}$  of  $X$  and for each subfamily  $\gamma \subset \mathcal{U}$  with  $|\gamma| \leq \tau$  there exists a subfamily  $\mu \subset \mathcal{U}$  with  $|\mu| \leq \tau$  such that  $\cup \gamma \subset \cup \mu$  and  $F(\cup \mu) \in \mathcal{L}$ . Indeed, apply Lemma 2.10 to the family  $\mu$  of elements of  $\mathcal{U}$ , which belong to at most countable subfamilies of  $\mathcal{U}$  forming elements of the family  $\gamma'$  from Lemma 2.11.

By Proposition 2.7, we have a finite-valued lower semicontinuous mapping  $s: Y \rightarrow 2^X$  with nonempty values  $s(y)$  (see 1.4, (a)). Thus, all conditions of Proposition 3 from [1] holds. Consequently,  $l(X) \leq \tau$ . ■

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