

# A CORRECT SYSTEM OF AXIOMS FOR A SYMMETRIC GENERALIZED UNIFORM SPACE

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Let  $X$  be a set with power set  $P(X)$ . In [2] *M. W. Lodato* gives the following axioms for a symmetric generalized proximity  $\mathfrak{P}$  on  $X$ : (where  $\mathfrak{P}$  is a subset of  $P(X) \times P(X)$ )

- $L_1$ :  $(A, B) \notin \mathfrak{P}$  implies  $(B, A) \notin \mathfrak{P}$ ;
- $L_2$ :  $(A, B) \notin \mathfrak{P}$  implies  $A \cap B = \phi$ ;
- $L_3$ :  $(A, B) \notin \mathfrak{P}$  and  $(A, C) \notin \mathfrak{P}$  implies  $(A, (B \cup C)) \notin \mathfrak{P}$ ;
- $L_4$ :  $(A, B) \in \mathfrak{P}$  implies  $A \neq \phi$  and  $B \neq \phi$ ;
- $L_5$ :  $(A, B) \in \mathfrak{P}$  and  $(\{b\}, C) \in \mathfrak{P}$  for all  $b$  in  $B$  implies that  $(A, C) \in \mathfrak{P}$ .

He also shows (in [2]) that a topology  $\mathfrak{T}(\mathfrak{P})$  (called the proximity topology) on  $X$  can be defined:  $x \in \bar{A}$  iff  $(\{x\}, A) \in \mathfrak{P}$ . Also, if  $(X, \mathfrak{T})$  is a topological space then  $\mathfrak{T}$  is the proximity topology for some proximity  $\mathfrak{P}$  on  $X$  iff  $\mathfrak{T}$  is symmetric (i.e.  $x \in \bar{y}$  implies  $y \in \bar{x}$  for all  $x, y$  in  $X$ )

Let  $P(X \times X)$  denote the power set of  $(X \times X)$ .

**Definition 1.** A subset  $\mathfrak{U}$  of  $P(X \times X)$  is a *generalized uniformity on  $X$*  iff for every  $U$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$   $U^{-1}$  contains a member of  $\mathfrak{U}$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{U}$  be a generalized uniformity on  $X$ . Consider the following axioms:

- $B_1$ : For every  $U$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$   $U \supseteq \Delta$ ;
- $B_2$ : For every  $A$  in  $P(X)$  and  $U, V$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$  there is a  $W$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$  such that  $W[A] \subseteq U[A] \cap V[A]$ ;
- $B_3$ : For every  $A, B$  in  $P(X)$  and  $U$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$   $V[A] \cap B \neq \phi$  for all  $V$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$  implies there exists  $x$  in  $B$  and there exists a  $W$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$  such that  $W[x] \subseteq U[A]$ .

**Theorem 1.** Suppose  $\mathfrak{P}$  and  $\mathfrak{U}$  satisfy the relation:  $(A, B)$  in  $\mathfrak{P}$  iff for every  $U$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$   $U[A] \cap B \neq \phi$ . Then  $\mathfrak{P}$  satisfies  $L_1, L_2, L_3, L_4$  and  $L_5$  iff  $\mathfrak{U}$  satisfies  $B_1, B_2$  and  $B_3$ .

**Proof.** We first show that if  $\mathfrak{U}$  satisfies  $B_1, B_2$  and  $B_3$ , then  $\mathfrak{B}$  satisfies  $L_1, L_2, L_3, L_4$  and  $L_5$ .

$L_1$ : Suppose  $(A, B) \notin \mathfrak{B}$ . There exists (by hypothesis) a  $U$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$  such that  $U[A] \cap B = \phi$ . Suppose  $U^{-1}[B] \cap A \neq \phi$ . Let  $x_0 \in U^{-1}[B] \cap A$ . Then  $x_0 \in U^{-1}[B]$ ; so that there exists  $y_0 \in B$  such that  $(y_0, x_0) \in U^{-1}$  implies (by definition) that  $(x_0, y_0) \in U$ ; so that  $y_0 \in U[A] \cap B$  which is a contradiction. Hence  $U^{-1}[B] \cap A = \phi$ . But  $U^{-1} \supseteq V$  where  $V \in \mathfrak{U}$ , and  $V[B] \cap A = \phi$ . Hence  $(B, A) \notin \mathfrak{B}$ .

$L_2$ : Suppose  $A \cap B \neq \phi$ ; (by  $B_1$ ) for all  $U$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$   $U[A] \cap B \neq \phi$ ; so that  $(A, B) \in \mathfrak{B}$ .

$L_3$ : Suppose  $(A, B) \notin \mathfrak{B}$  and  $(A, C) \notin \mathfrak{B}$ . Then there exists  $U, V$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$  such that  $U[A] \cap B = \phi$ , and  $V[A] \cap C = \phi$ . There exists (by  $B_2$ ) a  $W$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$  such that  $W[A] \subseteq U[A] \cap V[A]$ ; so that  $W[A] \cap (B \cup C) = \phi$ ; so that  $(A, (B \cup C)) \notin \mathfrak{B}$ .

$L_4$ : Immediate from the definition of  $\mathfrak{B}$  and the fact that the members of  $\mathfrak{U}$  are nonempty (by  $B_1$ ).

$L_5$ : To prove this it is sufficient to show that  $(A, -B) \notin \mathfrak{B}$  and  $(A, C) \in \mathfrak{B}$  implies there exists  $x$  in  $C$  such that  $(\{x\}, -B) \notin \mathfrak{B}$ .  $(A, -B) \notin \mathfrak{B}$  implies that there exists  $U$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$  such that  $U[A] \cap (-B) = \phi$ ; so that  $U[A] \subseteq B$ . Since  $(A, C) \in \mathfrak{B}$  we have that  $V[A] \cap C \neq \phi$  for all  $V$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$ ; so that (by  $B_3$ ) there exists  $X \in C$  and there exists  $W$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$  such that  $W[X] \subseteq U[A] \subseteq B$ ; so that  $W[X] \cap (-B) = \phi$ ; so that  $(\{x\}, -B) \notin \mathfrak{B}$ .

To prove the converse we now show that if  $\mathfrak{B}$  satisfies  $L_1, L_2, L_3, L_4$  and  $L_5$  then  $\mathfrak{U}$  satisfies  $B_1, B_2$ , and  $B_3$ .

$B_1$ : Let  $x \in X$ . Let  $U \in \mathfrak{U}$ .  $\{x\} \cap \{x\} \neq \phi$  implies (by  $L_2$ ) that  $(\{x\}, \{x\}) \in \mathfrak{B}$ ; so that  $U[\{x\}] \cap \{x\} \neq \phi$ ; so that  $(x, x) \in U$ . Hence  $U \supseteq \Delta$ .

$B_2$ : Suppose not true. Then there exists  $A$  in  $P(X)$  and  $U$  and  $V$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$  such that for every  $W$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$  there exists  $x \in W[A]$  such that  $x \notin U[A] \cap V[A]$ . For each  $W$  we define  $M_w = \{x \mid x \in W[A] \text{ and } x \notin U[A] \cap V[A]\}$ . Let  $M$  be the union of all  $M_w$ . Suppose there exists  $U_1$  such that  $U_1[A] \cap M = \phi$ . Then  $U_1[A] \subseteq U[A] \cap V[A]$ ; but by assumption this is not possible. Hence (by definition)  $(A, M) \in \mathfrak{B}$ . Put  $M_{w_1} = \cup \{x \mid x \in W[A] \text{ and } x \notin U[A]\}$ ,  $M_{w_2} = \cup \{x \mid x \in W[A] \text{ and } x \notin V[A]\}$ ,  $M_1 = \cup M_{w_1}$  and  $M_2 = \cup M_{w_2}$ . Then  $M = M_1 \cup M_2$  (possible that  $M_1 \cap M_2 \neq \phi$ ) and  $U[A] \cap M_1 = \phi$  and  $V[A] \cap M_2 = \phi$ ; so that  $(A, M) \notin \mathfrak{B}$  which is a contradiction.

$B_3$ :  $L_5$  is equivalent to the statement:  $(A, -B) \notin \mathfrak{B}$  and  $(A, C) \in \mathfrak{B}$  implies there exists  $x$  in  $C$  such that  $(x, -B) \notin \mathfrak{B}$ .  $U[A] \cap (-U[A]) = \phi$  implies  $(A, -U[A]) \notin \mathfrak{B}$ . But  $V[A] \cap B \neq \phi$  for all  $V$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$  implies that  $(A, B) \in \mathfrak{B}$ ; so that (by  $L_5$ ) there exists  $x \in B$  such that  $(x, \sim U[A]) \notin \mathfrak{B}$  implies there exists  $W \in \mathfrak{U}$  such that  $W[x] \cap (\sim U[A]) = \phi$ ; so that  $W[x] \subseteq U[A]$ .

**Definition 2.** A non-void subset  $\mathfrak{U}$  of  $P(X \times X)$  is a *symmetric generalized uniformity on  $X$*  iff the following axioms are satisfied;

- $M_1$ : For every  $U$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$   $U \supseteq \Delta$ ;
- $M_2$ : If  $U$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$ , then  $U = U^{-1}$ ;
- $M_3$ : For every  $A$  in  $P(X)$  and  $U, V$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$  there exists a  $W$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$  such that  $W[A] \subseteq U[A] \cap V[A]$ ;
- $M_4$ : For every  $A, B$  in  $P(X)$  and  $U$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$ :  $V[A] \cap B \neq \phi$  for all  $V$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$  implies there exists an  $x$  in  $B$  and there exists a  $W$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$  such that  $W[x] \subseteq U[A]$ ;
- $M_5$ : If  $U$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$  and  $U \subseteq V$  (symmetric)  $\subseteq (X \times X)$  then  $V$  is in  $\mathfrak{U}$ .

Clearly (by theorem 1) corresponding to any symmetric generalized uniform space  $(X, \mathfrak{U})$  there exists a symmetric generalized proximity space  $(X, \mathfrak{P}(\mathfrak{U}))$  where  $(A, B) \in \mathfrak{P}(\mathfrak{U})$  iff  $U[A] \cap B \neq \phi$  for all  $U$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let  $(X, \mathfrak{U})$  be a symmetric generalized uniform space. The function  $g: P(X)$  into  $P(X)$  defined by  $x \in g(A)$  iff  $U[x] \cap A \neq \phi$  for all  $U$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$  is a Kuratowski closure function.

The proof is straightforward.

**Definition 3.** The topology induced on  $X$  by the Kuratowski closure function  $g$  in theorem 2 is called the uniform topology on  $X$  induced by  $\mathfrak{U}$  (notation:  $\mathfrak{T}(\mathfrak{U})$ ).

**Theorem 3.** Let  $(X, \mathfrak{U})$  be a symmetric generalized uniform space. Then  $\mathfrak{T}(\mathfrak{U}) = \mathfrak{T}(\mathfrak{P}(\mathfrak{U}))$ .

**Proof.**  $U[x] \cap A \neq \phi$  for every  $U$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$  iff  $(\{x\}, A) \in \mathfrak{P}(\mathfrak{U})$  (by definition)

**Theorem 4.** Let  $(X, \mathfrak{U})$  be a symmetric generalized uniform space. Then

1.  $A$  is in  $\mathfrak{T}(\mathfrak{U})$  iff for every  $x$  in  $A$  there exists  $U$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$  such that  $U[x] \subseteq A$ ;
2. For every  $A$  in  $P(X)$  we have that  $A^\circ = \{x \mid U[x] \subseteq A \text{ for some } U \text{ in } \mathfrak{U}\}$ ;
3. For every  $A$  in  $P(X)$  we have that  $\bar{A} = \bigcap \{U[A] \mid U \in \mathfrak{U}\}$ ;
4.  $\mathfrak{T}(\mathfrak{U})$  is  $T_0$  iff  $\bigcap \{U \mid U \in \mathfrak{U}\} = \Delta$ ;
5.  $(X, \mathfrak{U})$  has a closed base implies  $\mathfrak{T}(\mathfrak{U})$  is regular.

The proof is straightforward.

**Definition 4.**  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a base for some symmetric generalized uniformity on  $X$  iff

1.  $V$  in  $\mathfrak{B}$  implies  $V = V^{-1}$
2.  $\mathfrak{U} = \{U \mid U = U^{-1} \text{ and } U \supseteq V \text{ for some } V \text{ in } \mathfrak{B}\}$  is a symmetric generalized uniformity on  $X$ .

**Theorem 5.**  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a base for some symmetric generalized uniformity on  $X$  iff  $\mathfrak{B}$  satisfies  $M_1, M_2, M_3$  and  $M_4$ .

The proof is straightforward.

**Theorem 6.** *A topology  $\mathfrak{T}$  on  $X$  is the uniform topology for some symmetric generalized uniformity on  $X$  iff  $\mathfrak{T}$  is symmetric (i. e.  $x \in \bar{y}$  implies  $y \in \bar{x}$  for all  $x, y$  in  $X$ ).*

**Proof.** Suppose  $\mathfrak{T} = \mathfrak{T}(\mathfrak{U})$  where  $\mathfrak{U}$  is some symmetric generalized uniformity on  $X$ . Let  $x \in \bar{y}$ . Then  $U[x] \cap \{y\} \neq \emptyset$  for all  $U$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$ . But since  $U$  is symmetric, we have that  $U[y] \cap \{x\} \neq \emptyset$  for all  $U$  in  $\mathfrak{U}$ ; so that  $y \in \bar{x}$ .

By theorem 2.3 in [1] page 418 and by theorem 3 to prove the converse it is sufficient to prove the following

**Lemma** *For every symmetric generalized proximity space,  $(X, \mathfrak{P})$  there exists a symmetric generalized uniform space,  $(X, \mathfrak{U}(\mathfrak{P})_1)$ , such that  $\mathfrak{P}(\mathfrak{U}(\mathfrak{P})_1) = \mathfrak{P}$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $X$  be a set with power set  $P(X)$ . For every  $A, B$  in  $P(X)$  let  $U_{A,B}$  equal  $(X \times X) - ((A \times B) \cup (B \times A))$ . Let  $\mathfrak{B} = \{U_{A,B} \mid (A, B) \in \mathfrak{P}\}$ . Clearly,  $\mathfrak{B}$  satisfies  $M_2$ . Suppose  $A \bar{\mathfrak{P}} B$ . Then  $U_{A,B}[A] \cap B = \emptyset$ . Conversely suppose there exists  $C, D$  such that  $C \bar{\mathfrak{P}} D$  and  $U_{C,D}[A] \cap B = \emptyset$ . Then it is easily shown that  $(A \subseteq C$  and  $B \subseteq D)$  or  $(A \subseteq D$  and  $B \subseteq C)$ . Hence  $A \bar{\mathfrak{P}} B$ . So that by theorem 1 we have that  $\mathfrak{B}$  satisfies  $M_1, M_3$ , and  $M_4$ . Let  $\mathfrak{U}(\mathfrak{P})_1 = \{U \mid U = U^{-1} \text{ and } U \supseteq V \text{ for some } V \text{ in } \mathfrak{B}\}$ .  $\mathfrak{U}(\mathfrak{P})_1$  (by theorem 5) is a symmetric generalized uniformity on  $X$ . It is easy to show that  $\mathfrak{P}(\mathfrak{U}(\mathfrak{P})_1) = \mathfrak{P}$ . (c. f. [5] page 194).

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