

# ASCOLI'S THEOREM IN ALMOST QUIET QUASI-UNIFORM SPACE

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper we have generalized Ascoli's theorem on almost quiet quasi-uniform space. We have also discussed some properties of the collection of all  $\delta$ -continuous functions and the collection of all  $\delta$ -equicontinuous functions.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

In [1] it is shown that Doitchinov's concept of quietness is sufficient to extend some classical results regarding uniform spaces to the much broader setting of quasi-uniform spaces. In [2] almost quiet quasi-uniform space has been introduced and it has been shown that a topological space is almost quiet quasi uniformizable if and only if it is almost regular.

In this paper, endeavour has been made to generalize Ascoli's theorem in almost quiet quasi-uniform spaces.

Throughout this paper, for  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$  where  $A \subset X$  (where  $X$  is a topological space), we shall use the notation  $\overset{\cdot}{A}$ .

A quasi-uniformity on a set  $X$  is a filter  $\mathcal{U}$  on  $X \times X$  such that (a) each member of  $\mathcal{U}$  contains the diagonal of  $X \times X$  and (b) if  $U \in \mathcal{U}$ , then  $V \circ V \subset U$  for some  $V \in \mathcal{U}$ . The pair  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  is called a quasi-uniform space.  $\mathcal{U}$

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generates a topology  $\tau(\mathcal{U})$  containing all subsets  $G$  of  $X$  such that for each  $x \in G$ , there exists  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  such that  $U[x] \subset G$ .

**Definition 1.1.** [2] A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be almost quiet quasi-uniformizable iff there exists a compatible quasi-uniformity  $\mathcal{U}$  with the following properties: for  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  and  $x \in X$ , there exists  $V_x \in \mathcal{U}$  for which the following conditions hold: if  $\{x_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$  &  $\{y_\beta : \beta \in B\}$  be two nets such that  $(x, x_\alpha) \in V_x$  for  $\alpha \in A$ ,  $(y_\beta, y) \in V_x$  (for some  $y \in X$ ), for  $\beta \in B$ , and  $(y_\beta, x_\alpha) \rightarrow 0$  ( i.e., for any  $V \in \mathcal{U}$ ,  $\exists \beta_V$  &  $\alpha_V$  belonging to  $B$  and  $A$  respectively such that  $(y_\beta, x_\alpha) \in V$  for  $\beta \geq \beta_V$  &  $\alpha \geq \alpha_V$ ), then  $y \in \overline{U[x]}$ , where the closure and the interior of  $U[x]$  and  $\overline{U[x]}$  respectively are taken under the topology  $\tau$ ; we call  $V_x$  subordinated to  $U$  with respect to  $x$ .

**Definition 1.2.** [6] A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is almost regular if for every point  $x \in X$  and each neighbourhood  $M$  of  $x$ , there exists an open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U \subset \overline{U} \subset \overset{\circ}{\overline{M}}$ , where  $\overline{M} = \text{cl}(M)$  and  $\overset{\circ}{\overline{M}} = \text{int}(\text{cl } M)$ .

**Definition 1.3.** [5] Let  $X$  be a topological space. A subset  $S \subset X$  is said to be regular open (respectively, regular closed) if  $\text{int}(\text{cl } S) = S$  (respectively,  $\text{cl}(\text{int } S) = S$ ). A point  $x \in S$  is said to be a  $\delta$ -cluster point of  $S$  if  $S \cap U \neq \emptyset$ , for every regular open set  $U$  containing  $x$ . The set of all  $\delta$ -cluster points of  $S$  is called the  $\delta$ -closure of  $S$  and is denoted by  $[S]_\delta$ . If  $[S]_\delta = S$ , then  $S$  is said to be  $\delta$ -closed. The complement of a  $\delta$ -closed set is called a  $\delta$ -open set.

For every topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , the collection of all  $\delta$ -open sets forms a topology for  $X$ , which is weaker than  $\tau$ . This topology  $\tau^*$  has a base consisting of all regular open sets in  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Definition 1.4.** [5] A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be  $\delta$ -continuous at a point  $x \in X$ , if for every regular open neighbourhood  $V$  of  $f(x)$  in  $Y$ ,  $\exists$  a  $\delta$ -open neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .

The collection of all  $\delta$ -continuous functions from  $X$  to  $Y$  is denoted by  $D(X, Y)$ .

**Definition 1.5.** [2] Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a family of functions from a topological space  $X$  to a quasi-uniform space  $(Y, \mathcal{U})$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}$  is called  $\delta$ -equicontinuous at  $x \in X$ , if for  $V \in \mathcal{U}$ , there exists a regular open neighbourhood  $N$  of  $x$  such that  $f(N) \subset \overline{V[f(x)]}$ , for every  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ .

**Definition 1.6.** [7] A set  $A \subset (X, \tau)$  is said to be N-closed in  $X$  or simply N-closed, if for any cover of  $A$  by  $\tau$ -open sets, there exists a finite subcollection the interiors of the closures of which cover  $A$ ; interiors and closures are of course w.r.t.  $\tau$ .

A set  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be nearly compact iff it is N-closed in  $X$ .

**Definition 1.7.** [3] The N-R topology on  $Y^X$  denoted by  $N_{\mathfrak{R}}$  is generated by the sets of the form  $\{T(C, U) : C \text{ is N-closed in } X \text{ and } U \text{ is regular open in } Y\}$ , where  $T(C, U) = \{f \in Y^X : f(C) \subseteq U\}$ .

**Theorem 1.8.** [3] Let  $Z \subset Y^X$  be endowed with the N-R topology  $N_{\mathfrak{R}}$ . Then  $T(x, U)$  is  $\delta$ -open in  $(Z, N_{\mathfrak{R}})$ , where  $U$  is regular open in  $Y$  and  $Y$  is almost regular.

**Definition 1.9.** [3] Let  $Z \subset Y^X$ ; if  $\tau$  is such a topology on  $Z$  such that  $P : Z \times X \rightarrow Y : (f, x) \rightarrow f(x)$  is  $\delta$ -continuous, then we say that  $\tau$  is  $\delta$ -admissible.

For a topological space  $X$  and a quasi-uniform space  $(Y, \mathcal{U})$ , the quasi-uniformity  $Q$  of quasi-uniform convergence on  $Y^X$  is defined by the collection  $\{L_V : V \in \mathcal{U}\}$  where  $L_V = \{(f, g) \in Y^X \times Y^X : (f(x), g(x)) \in V, \text{ for each } x \in X\}$ ; the topology  $\tau(Q)$  generated by  $Q$  is called the topology of quasi-uniform convergence. The basic  $\tau(Q)$  neighbourhood of an arbitrary  $f \in Y^X$  is of the form  $L_V[f] = \{g \in Y^X : (f, g) \in L_V\}$ .

Another quasi-uniformity on  $Y^X$  can be constructed by considering quasi-uniform convergence on each member of a family  $\wp$  of subsets of the domain space. Explicitly, if  $F$  is a family of functions on a set  $X$  to a quasi-uniform space  $(Y, \mathcal{U})$  and  $\wp$  is a family of subsets of  $X$ , then the quasi-uniformity of quasi-uniform convergence on members of  $\wp$  abbreviated as  $\mathcal{U}|_{\wp}$  has for a subbase, the family of all sets of the form  $\{(f, g) : (f(x), g(x)) \in V \text{ for all } x \in A; V \in \mathcal{U}, A \in \wp\}$ . We denote it by  $L_V^A$ .

**Lemma 1.10.** [3] If  $\mathcal{F} \subset Y^X$  be endowed with a topology  $\wp$  where the subbase for  $\wp$  is  $\{T(x, U) : x \in X, U \text{ is regular open in } Y\}$ , then each  $T(x, U)$  is  $\delta$ -open in  $\wp$  if  $Y$  is almost regular.

**Note 1.11** ([2]). If  $W \in \mathcal{U}$  is a regular open surrounding in a uniform space  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  then  $W[x]$  is a regular open subset of  $X$ .

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

**Proposition 2.1.** [3] *Let  $X$  be a topological space and let  $(Y, \mathcal{U})$  be an almost quiet quasi-uniform space. If  $\mathcal{H}$  is a  $\delta$ -equicontinuous collection of functions, then its closure  $\overline{\mathcal{H}}^\rho$  relative to the topology  $\rho$  is also  $\delta$ -equicontinuous.*

**Lemma 2.2.** [4] *Let  $H$  be an N-closed subset of an almost quiet quasi-uniform space  $(X, \mathcal{U})$ . Then for some regular open set  $U$  of  $X$ ,  $\exists$  a surrounding  $D \in \mathcal{U}$  such that  $D[H] \subset U$ .*

**Theorem 2.3.** [5] *The image of an N-closed set under a  $\delta$ -continuous map is N-closed.*

**Proposition 2.4.** *Let  $X$  be a topological space and let  $(Y, \mathcal{U})$  be an almost quiet quasi-uniform space. Then the topology of quasi-uniform convergence on N-closed sets coincides with the N-R topology on  $D(X, Y)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\tau$  denotes the topology of quasi-uniform convergence on N-closed sets and  $\sigma$  denotes the N-R topology on  $D(X, Y)$ . Consider  $T(K, U) \in \sigma$  and let  $f \in T(K, U)$ , then  $f(K) \subset U$ . Since  $f(K)$  is N-closed and  $U$  is regular open in  $(Y, \mathcal{U})$ , by Lemma 2.2 there exists a surrounding  $V \in \mathcal{U}$  such that  $V[f(K)] \subset U$ . Choose

$$L_V^K = \{(f, g) : (f(x), g(x)) \in V, \forall x \in K\}.$$

Then  $L_V^K \in \mathcal{U}|_\infty$  (where  $\infty$  is the collection of all N-closed sets in  $X$ ). We show that for any  $f \in T(K, U)$ ,  $f \in L_V^K[f] \subset T(K, U)$  showing that  $T(K, U) \in \tau$ , i.e.,  $\sigma \subset \tau$ : in fact, let  $g \in L_V^K[f]$ ; then  $(f, g) \in L_V^K$ , i.e.,  $(f(x), g(x)) \in V$  for all  $x$  in  $K$  which implies that  $g(x) \in V[f(x)]$  for all  $x$  in  $K$ , i.e.,  $g(K) \subset V[f(K)] \subset U$ . Thus  $g \in T(K, U)$ .

Now, let  $S \in \tau$  and let  $f \in S$  where  $f \in D(X, Y)$ . Then there is a  $L_V^K \in \mathcal{U}|_\infty$  ( $K \in \infty$ ) such that  $f \in L_V^K[f] \subset S$ .

We show that  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n T(K_i, U_i)$ , for N-closed sets  $K_i \subset X$ ;  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and regular open sets  $U_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  in

$Y$  contains  $f$  and is contained in  $L_V^K[f]$ . Choose a regular open symmetric  $W \in \mathcal{U}$  such that  $W \circ W \circ W \circ W \subset V$ ,  $K \subset X$  being N-closed,  $f(K)$  is N-closed in  $Y$  and  $\{W[f(x)] : x \in K\}$  is a cover of  $f(K)$  and has a finite subcover

say,

$$(1) \quad \{W[f(x_i)] : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}, \quad x_i \in K.$$

Obviously,  $W[f(x_i)]$  are regular open neighbourhoods of  $f(x_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  (by Note 1.11);  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  being  $\delta$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}[W[f(x_i)]]$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  are regular open neighbourhoods of  $x_i$  in  $X$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Choose,  $K_i = K \cap f^{-1}[W[f(x_i)]]$ . Then  $K_i$ 's are N-closed in  $X$ .

Now,

$$W \subset W \circ W \circ W \quad \text{implies} \quad W \circ W \circ W \in \mathcal{U}.$$

Choose,  $U_i = (W \circ W \circ W)[f(x_i)]$ . We show that, for regular open  $W$ ,  $(W \circ W \circ W)[x]$  is regular open. Let  $y \in \overline{(W \circ W \circ W)[x]}$  and we show that  $\overline{W[x]} \times \overline{W[x]} \subset \overline{W}$ . Let  $(x, y) \notin \overline{(W \circ W \circ W)}$ . Since  $\overline{W} \subset \overline{(W \circ W \circ W)}$ ,  $(x, y) \notin \overline{W}$ . Then there exists neighbourhoods  $U_x$  and  $U_y$  of  $x$  and  $y$  respectively such that

$$(U_x \times U_y) \cap W = \phi.$$

If  $t \in U_y$ , then  $(x, t) \notin W$  implies  $t \notin W[x]$ , i.e.,  $U_y \cap W[x] = \phi$ , i.e.,  $y \notin \overline{W[x]}$ . Hence,  $(x, y) \notin \overline{W[x]} \times \overline{W[x]}$ . Thus,

$$\overline{W[x]} \times \overline{W[x]} \subset \overline{W},$$

i.e.,

$$(x, y) \in \text{int}(\overline{W}) = W \subset W \circ W \circ W,$$

i.e.,

$$y \in (W \circ W \circ W)[x].$$

Therefore,

$$\overline{(W \circ W \circ W)[x]} \subset (W \circ W \circ W)[x].$$

Hence,  $(W \circ W \circ W)[x]$  is regular open. Thus,  $U_i$ 's are regular open in  $Y$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Let  $g \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n T(K_i, U_i)$ , let  $x \in K$ . Then  $f(x) \in W[f(x_i)]$  for some  $i : 1 \leq i \leq n$  by (1), i.e.,  $x \in f^{-1}[W[f(x_i)]]$ , i.e.,  $x \in K_i$ .

Now

$$\begin{aligned} g \in T(K_i, U_i) &\Rightarrow g(K_i) \subset U_i \Rightarrow g(x) \in U_i \\ &\Rightarrow g(x) \in (W \circ W \circ W)[f(x_i)] \\ (2) \qquad \qquad &\Rightarrow (f(x_i), g(x)) \in W \circ W \circ W. \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$(3) \qquad \qquad f(x) \in W[f(x_i)] \Rightarrow (f(x_i), f(x)) \in W.$$

By (2) and (3),

$$(f(x), g(x)) \in W \circ W \circ W \circ W \subset V.$$

Since  $x$  is any point of  $K$ ,  $(f(x), g(x)) \in V$  for all

$$x \in K \Rightarrow (f, g) \in L_V^K \Rightarrow g \in L_V^K[f] \Rightarrow \bigcap_{i=1}^n T(K_i, U_i) \subset L_V^K[f].$$

We now show that  $f \in T(K_i, U_i)$  for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , i.e.,  $f(K_i) \subset U_i$  for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Now,  $f(K_i) \subset W[f(x_i)]$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  implies

$$f(K_i) \subset (W \circ W \circ W)[f(x_i)] = U_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Hence

$$f \in T(K_i, U_i), \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Thus the proposition is proved. □

**Lemma 2.5.** *Each jointly  $\delta$ -continuous topology on  $N$ -closed sets is larger than the  $N$ - $R$  topology.*

*Proof.* Suppose that a topology  $\tau$  for  $Z \subset Y^X$  is jointly  $\delta$ -continuous on  $N$ -closed sets,  $U$  is a regular open subset of  $Y$ ,  $K$  is an  $N$ -closed subset of  $X$  and  $P$  is the map such that  $P(f, x) = f(x)$ . It must be shown that  $T(K, U)$  is open to show that  $\tau \supset N_{\mathfrak{R}}$ .

The set  $V = (Z \times K) \cap P^{-1}(U)$  is regular open in  $Z \times K$  because  $P|_{Z \times K}$  is  $\delta$ -continuous for any  $N$ -closed  $K \subset X$ . If  $f \in T(K, U)$ , then

$$f(K) \subset U, \quad \text{i.e.,} \quad \{f\} \times K \subset P^{-1}(U) \quad \text{i.e.,} \quad \{f\} \times K \subset V.$$

Now  $\{f\}$  is  $N$ -closed in  $Z$  and  $K$  is so in  $X$ . Cover  $\{f\} \times K$  by basis elements  $U \times W$  lying in  $V$ . The space  $\{f\} \times K$  is  $N$ -closed, since it is  $\delta$ -homeomorphic to  $K$ . Therefore we can choose finitely many  $U_i, W_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  such that

$$\{f\} \times K \subset \dot{\bar{U}}_i \times \dot{\bar{W}}_i.$$

Then  $\text{int}(\text{cl}(U_i)), i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  are open sets. Let  $N = \bigcap_{i=1}^n \dot{\bar{U}}_i$ . Thus  $N$  is open and contains  $f$ . We assert that

the sets  $\dot{\bar{U}}_i \times \dot{\bar{W}}_i$ , which were chosen to cover  $\{f\} \times K$  actually cover  $N \times K$ . Let  $(g, y) \in N \times K$ . Consider  $(f, y) \in \{f\} \times K$ . Then  $(f, y) \in \dot{\bar{U}}_i \times \dot{\bar{W}}_i$  for some  $i$ , i.e.,  $y \in \dot{\bar{W}}_i$ . Because  $g \in N, g \in \dot{\bar{U}}_i$ , for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Therefore,  $(g, y) \in \dot{\bar{U}}_i \times \dot{\bar{W}}_i$ . Since all the sets  $\dot{\bar{U}}_i \times \dot{\bar{W}}_i$  lie in  $V$  and cover  $N \times K, N \times K \subset V$ . Hence there exists a  $\tau$ -neighbourhood  $N$  of  $f$  such that  $N \times K \subset P^{-1}(U)$ . For each  $f \in N, f(K) \subset U$ , i.e.,  $N \subset T(K, U)$ . Thus

$$f \in N \subset T(K, U)$$

gives  $T(K, U)$  is open in  $\tau$  and hence  $\tau \supset N_{\mathfrak{R}}$ . □

**Proposition 2.6.** *Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $(Y, \mathcal{U})$  be an almost quiet quasi-uniform space. If  $F$  is a  $\delta$ -equicontinuous collection of functions, then the  $N$ - $R$  topology coincides with the topology  $\wp$ .*

*Proof.* We consider  $P : F \times X \rightarrow Y : (f, x) \rightarrow f(x)$ . We show that if  $F$  has the topology  $\wp$ , then  $P$  is  $\delta$ -continuous. Let  $W \in \mathcal{U}$  be regular open. Choose  $V \in \mathcal{U}$  such that  $V \circ V \subset W$ . Consider the set

$$(4) \quad T = \{h : h(x) \in V[f(x)]\}.$$

By Lemma 1.10  $T$  is a neighbourhood of  $f$  in  $(F, \wp)$ .  $F$  being  $\delta$ -equicontinuous, there exists a regular open neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x$  such that

$$(5) \quad f^*(U) \subset V[f^*(x)] \quad \text{for all } f^* \in F.$$

Consider the neighbourhood  $T \times U$  of  $(f, x)$  and let  $(g, y) \in T \times U$ . Then  $g(x) \in V[f(x)]$  by (4) and  $g(y) \in V[g(x)]$  by (5). Hence,  $(f(x), g(x)) \in V$  and  $(g(x), g(y)) \in V$  giving  $(f(x), g(y)) \in V \circ V \subset W$ , i.e.,  $g(y) \in W[f(x)]$ , i.e.,  $P(g, y) \in W[f(x)]$ , i.e.,

$$P(T \times U) \subset W[f(x)].$$

Hence  $P$  is  $\delta$ -continuous and thus joint  $\delta$ -continuity of  $\wp$  follows. Now each jointly  $\delta$ -continuous topology is larger than the N-R topology and the N-R topology coincides with the topology of quasi-uniform convergence on N-closed sets since  $F \subset D(X, Y)$ .

Now we show that  $\tau_\wp \subset N_{\mathfrak{R}}$ . For each  $x \in X$ ,  $\{x\}$  is N-closed in  $X$  and thus

$$\begin{aligned} & \{T(x, U) : x \in X, U \text{ is regular open in } Y\} \\ & \subset \{T(C, U) : C \text{ is N-closed in } X \text{ and } U \text{ is regular open in } Y\} \end{aligned}$$

and thus  $\tau_\wp \subset N_{\mathfrak{R}}$  in  $Z \subset Y^X$ . Thus we can conclude that if  $F$  is a  $\delta$ -equicontinuous collection of functions, then the N-R topology coincides with the topology  $\wp$ . □

### 3. ASCOLI'S THEOREM IN ALMOST QUIET QUASI-UNIFORM SPACE

In this section we generalize Ascoli's theorem in almost quiet quasi-uniform space.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $X$  be a nearly compact topological space and  $(Y, \mathcal{U})$  be an almost quiet quasi-uniform  $T_2$  space. Let  $\tau_N$  denote the topology of quasi-uniform convergence on  $N$ -closed sets. Then a subset  $H \subset D(X, Y)$  is  $\tau_N$ -compact iff*

- (a)  $H$  is  $\tau_N$ -closed.
- (b)  $\overline{\Pi_x(H)}$  is compact for each  $x \in X$  and
- (c)  $H$  is  $\delta$ -equicontinuous.

*Proof.* Since  $H$  is  $\delta$ -equicontinuous by Proposition 2.1, its  $\tau_\phi$  closure  $\overline{H}^\phi$  is also  $\delta$ -equicontinuous. But  $\overline{H}^\phi$  is a  $\tau_\phi$ -closed subset of the  $\tau_\phi$ -compact product set  $\Pi\{\overline{\Pi_x(H)} : x \in X\}$  and thus  $\overline{H}^\phi$  is itself  $\tau_\phi$ -compact. Using Proposition 2.4 and Proposition 2.6 above we conclude that  $\overline{H}^\phi$  is  $\tau_N$ -compact. Now, the  $\tau_N$ -closed subset  $H$  of the  $\tau_N$ -compact subset  $\overline{H}^\phi$  is also  $\tau_N$ -compact. Hence  $H$  is  $\tau_N$ -compact.

Conversely, let  $H \subset D(X, Y)$  be  $\tau_N$ -compact. Since  $Y$  is  $T_2$ , we first show that  $(D(X, Y), \tau_N)$  is also so. Let  $f, g \in D(X, Y)$  be such that  $f \neq g$ . Then  $\exists x \in X$  such that  $f(x) \neq g(x)$ . Since  $Y$  is  $T_2$ , there exists disjoint open neighbourhoods  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $f(x) \in U, g(x) \in V$ . Hence,  $f(x) \in U = \text{int } U \subset \text{int } (\overline{U}) = \dot{\overline{U}}$ . Now,

$$U \cap V = \phi \Rightarrow \overline{U} \cap V = \phi \Rightarrow \dot{\overline{U}} \cap V = \phi \Rightarrow V \subseteq Y \setminus \dot{\overline{U}},$$

i.e.,

$$V = \text{int } V \subseteq \text{int } (Y \setminus \dot{\overline{U}}) = M.$$

Then  $M$  is regular open and  $g(x) \in M$  with  $\dot{\overline{U}} \cap M = \phi$ . Now,  $\{x\}$  is  $N$ -closed in  $X$  and  $f \in L_{\dot{\overline{U}}}^{\{x\}}, g \in L_M^{\{x\}}$  with  $L_{\dot{\overline{U}}}^{\{x\}} \cap L_M^{\{x\}} = \phi$ . Hence  $(D(X, Y), \tau_N)$  is  $T_2$ . If  $H$  is  $\tau_N$ -compact, then  $H$  is  $\tau_N$ -closed and  $\Pi_x(H)$  is compact for each  $x \in X$  and hence closed in  $Y$ . Thus  $\overline{\Pi_x(H)}$  is compact in  $Y$  for each  $x \in X$ .

Now if  $Z \subset Y^X$  and  $P \subset X$ , then  $Z|_P = \{f|_P : f \in Z\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{C}$  denote the collection of all  $N$ -closed sets in  $X$  and let  $P \in \mathcal{C}$ . We show that  $H|_P$  is  $\delta$ -equicontinuous on  $P$ . Let  $x_0 \in P$  and  $W \in \mathcal{U}$  be regular open. Choose

regular open symmetric  $V \in \mathcal{U}$  such that  $V \circ V \circ V \subset W$ . Then  $\{L_V^P[f] : f \in H\}$  is a cover of  $H$  by neighbourhoods of members of  $H$  in the topology of quasi-uniform convergence on  $N$ -closed sets and by the given condition of  $\tau_N$ -compactness, there exists  $f_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  (belonging to  $H$ ) such that  $H \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n L_V^P[f_i]$ . Let  $f \in H$ . Then

$$(6) \quad f \in L_V^P[f_i] \quad \text{for some } i.$$

Since each  $f_i|_P$  is  $\delta$ -continuous at  $x_0$ , there is a regular open neighbourhood  $U_i$  of  $x_0$  in  $P$  such that  $f_i|_P(U_i) \subset V[f_i(x_0)]$ , i.e.

$$(7) \quad x \in U_i \Rightarrow (f_i(x_0), f_i(x)) \in V.$$

Let  $U = \bigcap_{i=1}^n U_i$ . Obviously  $U$  is a regular open neighbourhood of  $x_0$  in  $P$ . We show that  $f|_P(U) \subset W(f(x_0))$  for all  $f \in H$ . Let  $f \in H$ . By (6),  $f \in L_V^P[f_i]$  for some  $i$ , i.e.,  $(f_i(x), f(x)) \in V$ , for all  $x \in P$  and hence

$$(8) \quad (f_i(x_0), f(x_0)) \in V \quad [\text{since } x_0 \in P].$$

Again

$$(9) \quad x \in U \Rightarrow x \in P \Rightarrow (f_i(x), f(x)) \in V.$$

From (7), (8) and (9) we get,  $x \in U \Rightarrow (f(x_0), f(x)) \in V \circ V \circ V \subset W$  for each  $f \in H \Rightarrow f(x) \in W[f(x_0)]$  for all  $f \in H$ , i.e.,

$$f(U) \subset W[f(x_0)] \quad \text{for all } f \in H,$$

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Since  $X$  is nearly compact,  $X$  is  $N$ -closed in  $X$ . Hence  $f(U) \subset W[f(x_0)]$  for all  $f \in H$ , i.e.,  $H$  is  $\delta$ -equicontinuous.  $\square$

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