

# Maximal Discrete Subspaces of Almost Discrete Topological Spaces

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**Summary.** Let  $X$  be a topological space and let  $D$  be a subset of  $X$ .  $D$  is said to be *discrete* provided for every subset  $A$  of  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq D$  there is an open subset  $G$  of  $X$  such that  $A = D \cap G$  (comp. e.g., [9]). A discrete subset  $M$  of  $X$  is said to be *maximal discrete* provided for every discrete subset  $D$  of  $X$  if  $M \subseteq D$  then  $M = D$ . A subspace of  $X$  is *discrete (maximal discrete)* iff its carrier is discrete (maximal discrete) in  $X$ .

Our purpose is to list a number of properties of discrete and maximal discrete sets in Mizar formalism. In particular, we show here that *if  $D$  is dense and discrete then  $D$  is maximal discrete*; moreover, *if  $D$  is open and maximal discrete then  $D$  is dense*. We discuss also the problem of the existence of maximal discrete subsets in a topological space.

To present the main results we first recall a definition of a class of topological spaces considered herein. A topological space  $X$  is called *almost discrete* if every open subset of  $X$  is closed; equivalently, if every closed subset of  $X$  is open. Such spaces were investigated in Mizar formalism in [6] and [7]. We show here that *every almost discrete space contains a maximal discrete subspace and every such subspace is a retract of the enveloping space*. Moreover, *if  $X_0$  is a maximal discrete subspace of an almost discrete space  $X$  and  $r : X \rightarrow X_0$  is a continuous retraction, then  $r^{-1}(x) = \{x\}$  for every point  $x$  of  $X$  belonging to  $X_0$* . This fact is a specialization, in the case of almost discrete spaces, of the theorem of M.H. Stone that every topological space can be made into a  $T_0$ -space by suitable identification of points (see [11]).

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The articles [13], [15], [12], [16], [3], [5], [4], [1], [10], [17], [14], [6], [8], and [2] provide the notation and terminology for this paper.

## 1. PROPER SUBSETS OF 1-SORTED STRUCTURES

Let  $X$  be a non empty set. Let us observe that  $X$  is trivial if and only if:

(Def. 1) There exists an element  $s$  of  $X$  such that  $X = \{s\}$ .

Let us mention that there exists a set which is trivial and non empty.

The following propositions are true:

- (1) For every non empty set  $A$  and for every trivial non empty set  $B$  such that  $A \subseteq B$  holds  $A = B$ .
- (2) For every trivial non empty set  $A$  and for every set  $B$  such that  $A \cap B$  is non empty holds  $A \subseteq B$ .

(4)<sup>1</sup> Let  $S, T$  be 1-sorted structures. Suppose the carrier of  $S =$  the carrier of  $T$ . If  $S$  is trivial, then  $T$  is trivial.

Let  $S$  be a set and let  $I_1$  be an element of  $S$ . We say that  $I_1$  is proper if and only if:

(Def. 2)  $I_1 \neq \cup S$ .

Let  $S$  be a set. Note that there exists a subset of  $S$  which is non proper.  
One can prove the following proposition

(5) For every set  $S$  and for every subset  $A$  of  $S$  holds  $A$  is proper iff  $A \neq S$ .

Let  $S$  be a non empty set. Observe that every subset of  $S$  which is non proper is also non empty and every subset of  $S$  which is empty is also proper.

Let  $S$  be a trivial non empty set. One can check that every subset of  $S$  which is proper is also empty and every subset of  $S$  which is non empty is also non proper.

Let  $S$  be a non empty set. Observe that there exists a subset of  $S$  which is proper and there exists a subset of  $S$  which is non proper.

Let  $S$  be a non empty set. Observe that there exists a non empty subset of  $S$  which is trivial.

Let  $y$  be a set. One can verify that  $\{y\}$  is trivial.

One can prove the following propositions:

(6) For every non empty set  $S$  and for every element  $y$  of  $S$  such that  $\{y\}$  is proper holds  $S$  is non trivial.

(7) For every non trivial non empty set  $S$  and for every element  $y$  of  $S$  holds  $\{y\}$  is proper.

Let  $S$  be a trivial non empty set. Note that every non empty subset of  $S$  which is non proper is also trivial.

Let  $S$  be a non trivial non empty set. Note that every non empty subset of  $S$  which is trivial is also proper and every non empty subset of  $S$  which is non proper is also non trivial.

Let  $S$  be a non trivial non empty set. One can verify that there exists a non empty subset of  $S$  which is trivial and proper and there exists a non empty subset of  $S$  which is non trivial and non proper.

One can prove the following propositions:

(8) For every non empty 1-sorted structure  $Y$  and for every element  $y$  of  $Y$  such that  $\{y\}$  is proper holds  $Y$  is non trivial.

(9) For every non trivial non empty 1-sorted structure  $Y$  and for every element  $y$  of  $Y$  holds  $\{y\}$  is proper.

Let  $Y$  be a trivial non empty 1-sorted structure. Note that every non empty subset of  $Y$  is non proper and every non empty subset of  $Y$  which is non proper is also trivial.

Let  $Y$  be a non trivial non empty 1-sorted structure. Note that every non empty subset of  $Y$  which is trivial is also proper and every non empty subset of  $Y$  which is non proper is also non trivial.

Let  $Y$  be a non trivial non empty 1-sorted structure. Note that there exists a non empty subset of  $Y$  which is trivial and proper and there exists a non empty subset of  $Y$  which is non trivial and non proper.

Let  $Y$  be a non trivial non empty 1-sorted structure. Observe that there exists a subset of  $Y$  which is non empty, trivial, and proper.

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<sup>1</sup> The proposition (3) has been removed.

## 2. PROPER SUBSPACES OF TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

One can prove the following propositions:

- (10) Let  $X$  be a non empty topological structure and  $X_0$  be a subspace of  $X$ . Then the topological structure of  $X_0$  is a strict subspace of  $X$ .
- (12)<sup>2</sup> Let  $Y_0, Y_1$  be topological structures. Suppose the topological structure of  $Y_0 =$  the topological structure of  $Y_1$ . If  $Y_0$  is topological space-like, then  $Y_1$  is topological space-like.

Let  $Y$  be a topological structure and let  $I_1$  be a subspace of  $Y$ . We say that  $I_1$  is proper if and only if:

(Def. 3) For every subset  $A$  of  $Y$  such that  $A =$  the carrier of  $I_1$  holds  $A$  is proper.

In the sequel  $Y$  is a topological structure.

One can prove the following three propositions:

- (13) Let  $Y_0$  be a subspace of  $Y$  and  $A$  be a subset of  $Y$ . If  $A =$  the carrier of  $Y_0$ , then  $A$  is proper iff  $Y_0$  is proper.
- (14) Let  $Y_0, Y_1$  be subspaces of  $Y$ . Suppose the topological structure of  $Y_0 =$  the topological structure of  $Y_1$ . If  $Y_0$  is proper, then  $Y_1$  is proper.
- (15) For every subspace  $Y_0$  of  $Y$  such that the carrier of  $Y_0 =$  the carrier of  $Y$  holds  $Y_0$  is non proper.

Let  $Y$  be a trivial non empty topological structure. One can verify that every non empty subspace of  $Y$  is non proper and every non empty subspace of  $Y$  which is non proper is also trivial.

Let  $Y$  be a non trivial non empty topological structure. Note that every non empty subspace of  $Y$  which is trivial is also proper and every non empty subspace of  $Y$  which is non proper is also non trivial.

Let  $Y$  be a non empty topological structure. Observe that there exists a subspace of  $Y$  which is non proper, strict, and non empty.

The following proposition is true

- (16) Let  $Y$  be a non empty topological structure and  $Y_0$  be a non proper subspace of  $Y$ . Then the topological structure of  $Y_0 =$  the topological structure of  $Y$ .

Let  $Y$  be a non empty topological structure. One can check the following observations:

- \* every subspace of  $Y$  which is discrete is also topological space-like,
- \* every subspace of  $Y$  which is anti-discrete is also topological space-like,
- \* every subspace of  $Y$  which is non topological space-like is also non discrete, and
- \* every subspace of  $Y$  which is non topological space-like is also non anti-discrete.

We now state two propositions:

- (17) Let  $Y_0, Y_1$  be topological structures. Suppose the topological structure of  $Y_0 =$  the topological structure of  $Y_1$ . If  $Y_0$  is discrete, then  $Y_1$  is discrete.
- (18) Let  $Y_0, Y_1$  be topological structures. Suppose the topological structure of  $Y_0 =$  the topological structure of  $Y_1$ . If  $Y_0$  is anti-discrete, then  $Y_1$  is anti-discrete.

Let  $Y$  be a non empty topological structure. One can verify the following observations:

- \* every subspace of  $Y$  which is discrete is also almost discrete,

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<sup>2</sup> The proposition (11) has been removed.

- \* every subspace of  $Y$  which is non almost discrete is also non discrete,
- \* every subspace of  $Y$  which is anti-discrete is also almost discrete, and
- \* every subspace of  $Y$  which is non almost discrete is also non anti-discrete.

One can prove the following proposition

- (19) Let  $Y_0, Y_1$  be topological structures. Suppose the topological structure of  $Y_0 =$  the topological structure of  $Y_1$ . If  $Y_0$  is almost discrete, then  $Y_1$  is almost discrete.

Let  $Y$  be a non empty topological structure. One can check the following observations:

- \* every non empty subspace of  $Y$  which is discrete and anti-discrete is also trivial,
- \* every non empty subspace of  $Y$  which is anti-discrete and non trivial is also non discrete, and
- \* every non empty subspace of  $Y$  which is discrete and non trivial is also non anti-discrete.

Let  $Y$  be a non empty topological structure and let  $y$  be a point of  $Y$ . The functor  $Sspace(y)$  yields a strict non empty subspace of  $Y$  and is defined by:

- (Def. 4) The carrier of  $Sspace(y) = \{y\}$ .

Let  $Y$  be a non empty topological structure. Note that there exists a subspace of  $Y$  which is trivial, strict, and non empty.

Let  $Y$  be a non empty topological structure and let  $y$  be a point of  $Y$ . Note that  $Sspace(y)$  is trivial.

Next we state three propositions:

- (20) For every non empty topological structure  $Y$  and for every point  $y$  of  $Y$  holds  $Sspace(y)$  is proper iff  $\{y\}$  is proper.
- (21) For every non empty topological structure  $Y$  and for every point  $y$  of  $Y$  such that  $Sspace(y)$  is proper holds  $Y$  is non trivial.
- (22) For every non trivial non empty topological structure  $Y$  and for every point  $y$  of  $Y$  holds  $Sspace(y)$  is proper.

Let  $Y$  be a non trivial non empty topological structure. Note that there exists a non empty subspace of  $Y$  which is proper, trivial, and strict.

The following propositions are true:

- (23) Let  $Y$  be a non empty topological structure and  $Y_0$  be a trivial non empty subspace of  $Y$ . Then there exists a point  $y$  of  $Y$  such that the topological structure of  $Y_0 =$  the topological structure of  $Sspace(y)$ .
- (24) Let  $Y$  be a non empty topological structure and  $y$  be a point of  $Y$ . If  $Sspace(y)$  is topological space-like, then  $Sspace(y)$  is discrete and anti-discrete.

Let  $Y$  be a non empty topological structure. Observe that every non empty subspace of  $Y$  which is trivial and topological space-like is also discrete and anti-discrete.

Let  $X$  be a non empty topological space. Observe that there exists a subspace of  $X$  which is trivial, strict, topological space-like, and non empty.

Let  $X$  be a non empty topological space and let  $x$  be a point of  $X$ . Note that  $Sspace(x)$  is topological space-like.

Let  $X$  be a non empty topological space. One can verify that there exists a subspace of  $X$  which is discrete, anti-discrete, strict, and non empty.

Let  $X$  be a non empty topological space and let  $x$  be a point of  $X$ . One can check that  $Sspace(x)$  is discrete and anti-discrete.

Let  $X$  be a non empty topological space. One can verify the following observations:

- \* every subspace of  $X$  which is non proper is also open and closed,
- \* every subspace of  $X$  which is non open is also proper, and
- \* every subspace of  $X$  which is non closed is also proper.

Let  $X$  be a non empty topological space. Note that there exists a subspace of  $X$  which is open, closed, and strict.

Let  $X$  be a discrete non empty topological space. One can check that every non empty subspace of  $X$  which is anti-discrete is also trivial and every non empty subspace of  $X$  which is non trivial is also non anti-discrete.

Let  $X$  be a discrete non trivial non empty topological space. Note that there exists a subspace of  $X$  which is discrete, open, closed, proper, and strict.

Let  $X$  be an anti-discrete non empty topological space. One can verify that every non empty subspace of  $X$  which is discrete is also trivial and every non empty subspace of  $X$  which is non trivial is also non discrete.

Let  $X$  be an anti-discrete non trivial non empty topological space. One can check that every proper non empty subspace of  $X$  is non open and non closed and every discrete non empty subspace of  $X$  is trivial and proper.

Let  $X$  be an anti-discrete non trivial non empty topological space. Observe that there exists a subspace of  $X$  which is anti-discrete, non open, non closed, proper, and strict.

Let  $X$  be an almost discrete non trivial non empty topological space. Observe that there exists a subspace of  $X$  which is almost discrete, proper, strict, and non empty.

### 3. MAXIMAL DISCRETE SUBSETS AND SUBSPACES

Let  $Y$  be a topological structure and let  $I_1$  be a subset of  $Y$ . We say that  $I_1$  is discrete if and only if:

(Def. 5) For every subset  $D$  of  $Y$  such that  $D \subseteq I_1$  there exists a subset  $G$  of  $Y$  such that  $G$  is open and  $I_1 \cap G = D$ .

Let  $Y$  be a topological structure and let  $A$  be a subset of  $Y$ . Let us observe that  $A$  is discrete if and only if:

(Def. 6) For every subset  $D$  of  $Y$  such that  $D \subseteq A$  there exists a subset  $F$  of  $Y$  such that  $F$  is closed and  $A \cap F = D$ .

One can prove the following propositions:

- (25) Let  $Y_0, Y_1$  be topological structures,  $D_0$  be a subset of  $Y_0$ , and  $D_1$  be a subset of  $Y_1$ . Suppose the topological structure of  $Y_0 =$  the topological structure of  $Y_1$  and  $D_0 = D_1$ . If  $D_0$  is discrete, then  $D_1$  is discrete.
- (26) Let  $Y$  be a non empty topological structure,  $Y_0$  be a non empty subspace of  $Y$ , and  $A$  be a subset of  $Y$ . Suppose  $A =$  the carrier of  $Y_0$ . Then  $A$  is discrete if and only if  $Y_0$  is discrete.
- (27) Let  $Y$  be a non empty topological structure and  $A$  be a subset of  $Y$ . Suppose  $A =$  the carrier of  $Y$ . Then  $A$  is discrete if and only if  $Y$  is discrete.
- (28) For all subsets  $A, B$  of  $Y$  such that  $B \subseteq A$  holds if  $A$  is discrete, then  $B$  is discrete.
- (29) For all subsets  $A, B$  of  $Y$  such that  $A$  is discrete or  $B$  is discrete holds  $A \cap B$  is discrete.
- (30) Suppose that for all subsets  $P, Q$  of  $Y$  such that  $P$  is open and  $Q$  is open holds  $P \cap Q$  is open and  $P \cup Q$  is open. Let  $A, B$  be subsets of  $Y$ . Suppose  $A$  is open and  $B$  is open. If  $A$  is discrete and  $B$  is discrete, then  $A \cup B$  is discrete.
- (31) Suppose that for all subsets  $P, Q$  of  $Y$  such that  $P$  is closed and  $Q$  is closed holds  $P \cap Q$  is closed and  $P \cup Q$  is closed. Let  $A, B$  be subsets of  $Y$ . Suppose  $A$  is closed and  $B$  is closed. If  $A$  is discrete and  $B$  is discrete, then  $A \cup B$  is discrete.

- (32) Let  $A$  be a subset of  $Y$ . Suppose  $A$  is discrete. Let  $x$  be a point of  $Y$ . If  $x \in A$ , then there exists a subset  $G$  of  $Y$  such that  $G$  is open and  $A \cap G = \{x\}$ .
- (33) Let  $A$  be a subset of  $Y$ . Suppose  $A$  is discrete. Let  $x$  be a point of  $Y$ . If  $x \in A$ , then there exists a subset  $F$  of  $Y$  such that  $F$  is closed and  $A \cap F = \{x\}$ .

In the sequel  $X$  denotes a non empty topological space.

Next we state a number of propositions:

- (34) Let  $A_0$  be a non empty subset of  $X$ . Suppose  $A_0$  is discrete. Then there exists a discrete strict non empty subspace  $X_0$  of  $X$  such that  $A_0 =$  the carrier of  $X_0$ .
- (35) Every empty subset of  $X$  is discrete.
- (36) For every point  $x$  of  $X$  holds  $\{x\}$  is discrete.
- (37) Let  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . Suppose that for every point  $x$  of  $X$  such that  $x \in A$  there exists a subset  $G$  of  $X$  such that  $G$  is open and  $A \cap G = \{x\}$ . Then  $A$  is discrete.
- (38) Let  $A, B$  be subsets of  $X$ . Suppose  $A$  is open and  $B$  is open. If  $A$  is discrete and  $B$  is discrete, then  $A \cup B$  is discrete.
- (39) Let  $A, B$  be subsets of  $X$ . Suppose  $A$  is closed and  $B$  is closed. If  $A$  is discrete and  $B$  is discrete, then  $A \cup B$  is discrete.
- (40) For every subset  $A$  of  $X$  such that  $A$  is everywhere dense holds if  $A$  is discrete, then  $A$  is open.
- (41) For every subset  $A$  of  $X$  holds  $A$  is discrete iff for every subset  $D$  of  $X$  such that  $D \subseteq A$  holds  $A \cap \overline{D} = D$ .
- (42) For every subset  $A$  of  $X$  such that  $A$  is discrete and for every point  $x$  of  $X$  such that  $x \in A$  holds  $A \cap \{x\} = \{x\}$ .
- (43) For every discrete non empty topological space  $X$  holds every subset of  $X$  is discrete.
- (44) Let  $X$  be an anti-discrete non empty topological space and  $A$  be a non empty subset of  $X$ . Then  $A$  is discrete if and only if  $A$  is trivial.

Let  $Y$  be a topological structure and let  $I_1$  be a subset of  $Y$ . We say that  $I_1$  is maximal discrete if and only if:

- (Def. 7)  $I_1$  is discrete and for every subset  $D$  of  $Y$  such that  $D$  is discrete and  $I_1 \subseteq D$  holds  $I_1 = D$ .

The following propositions are true:

- (45) Let  $Y_0, Y_1$  be topological structures,  $D_0$  be a subset of  $Y_0$ , and  $D_1$  be a subset of  $Y_1$ . Suppose the topological structure of  $Y_0 =$  the topological structure of  $Y_1$  and  $D_0 = D_1$ . If  $D_0$  is maximal discrete, then  $D_1$  is maximal discrete.
- (46) For every empty subset  $A$  of  $X$  holds  $A$  is not maximal discrete.
- (47) For every subset  $A$  of  $X$  such that  $A$  is open holds if  $A$  is maximal discrete, then  $A$  is dense.
- (48) For every subset  $A$  of  $X$  such that  $A$  is dense holds if  $A$  is discrete, then  $A$  is maximal discrete.
- (49) Let  $X$  be a discrete non empty topological space and  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . Then  $A$  is maximal discrete if and only if  $A$  is non proper.
- (50) Let  $X$  be an anti-discrete non empty topological space and  $A$  be a non empty subset of  $X$ . Then  $A$  is maximal discrete if and only if  $A$  is trivial.

Let  $Y$  be a non empty topological structure and let  $I_1$  be a subspace of  $Y$ . We say that  $I_1$  is maximal discrete if and only if:

(Def. 8) For every subset  $A$  of  $Y$  such that  $A =$  the carrier of  $I_1$  holds  $A$  is maximal discrete.

Next we state the proposition

(51) Let  $Y$  be a non empty topological structure,  $Y_0$  be a subspace of  $Y$ , and  $A$  be a subset of  $Y$ . Suppose  $A =$  the carrier of  $Y_0$ . Then  $A$  is maximal discrete if and only if  $Y_0$  is maximal discrete.

Let  $Y$  be a non empty topological structure. Observe that every non empty subspace of  $Y$  which is maximal discrete is also discrete and every non empty subspace of  $Y$  which is non discrete is also non maximal discrete.

One can prove the following propositions:

(52) Let  $X_0$  be a non empty subspace of  $X$ . Then  $X_0$  is maximal discrete if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i)  $X_0$  is discrete, and
- (ii) for every discrete non empty subspace  $Y_0$  of  $X$  such that  $X_0$  is a subspace of  $Y_0$  holds the topological structure of  $X_0 =$  the topological structure of  $Y_0$ .

(53) Let  $A_0$  be a non empty subset of  $X$ . Suppose  $A_0$  is maximal discrete. Then there exists a strict non empty subspace  $X_0$  of  $X$  such that  $X_0$  is maximal discrete and  $A_0 =$  the carrier of  $X_0$ .

Let  $X$  be a discrete non empty topological space. One can check the following observations:

- \* every subspace of  $X$  which is maximal discrete is also non proper,
- \* every subspace of  $X$  which is proper is also non maximal discrete,
- \* every subspace of  $X$  which is non proper is also maximal discrete, and
- \* every subspace of  $X$  which is non maximal discrete is also proper.

Let  $X$  be an anti-discrete non empty topological space. One can verify the following observations:

- \* every non empty subspace of  $X$  which is maximal discrete is also trivial,
- \* every non empty subspace of  $X$  which is non trivial is also non maximal discrete,
- \* every non empty subspace of  $X$  which is trivial is also maximal discrete, and
- \* every non empty subspace of  $X$  which is non maximal discrete is also non trivial.

#### 4. MAXIMAL DISCRETE SUBSPACES OF ALMOST DISCRETE SPACES

The scheme *ExChoiceFCol* deals with a non empty topological structure  $\mathcal{A}$ , a family  $\mathcal{B}$  of subsets of  $\mathcal{A}$ , and a binary predicate  $\mathcal{P}$ , and states that:

There exists a function  $f$  from  $\mathcal{B}$  into the carrier of  $\mathcal{A}$  such that for every subset  $S$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $S \in \mathcal{B}$  holds  $\mathcal{P}[S, f(S)]$

provided the following requirement is met:

- For every subset  $S$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $S \in \mathcal{B}$  there exists a point  $x$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $\mathcal{P}[S, x]$ .

In the sequel  $X$  denotes an almost discrete non empty topological space.

We now state a number of propositions:

(54) For every subset  $A$  of  $X$  holds  $\overline{A} = \bigcup \{ \overline{\{a\}}; a \text{ ranges over points of } X: a \in A \}$ .

(55) For all points  $a, b$  of  $X$  such that  $a \in \overline{\{b\}}$  holds  $\overline{\{a\}} = \overline{\{b\}}$ .

- (56) For all points  $a, b$  of  $X$  holds  $\overline{\{a\}}$  misses  $\overline{\{b\}}$  or  $\overline{\{a\}} = \overline{\{b\}}$ .
- (57) Let  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . Suppose that for every point  $x$  of  $X$  such that  $x \in A$  there exists a subset  $F$  of  $X$  such that  $F$  is closed and  $A \cap F = \{x\}$ . Then  $A$  is discrete.
- (58) For every subset  $A$  of  $X$  such that for every point  $x$  of  $X$  such that  $x \in A$  holds  $A \cap \overline{\{x\}} = \{x\}$  holds  $A$  is discrete.
- (59) Let  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . Then  $A$  is discrete if and only if for all points  $a, b$  of  $X$  such that  $a \in A$  and  $b \in A$  holds if  $a \neq b$ , then  $\overline{\{a\}}$  misses  $\overline{\{b\}}$ .
- (60) Let  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . Then  $A$  is discrete if and only if for every point  $x$  of  $X$  such that  $x \in \overline{A}$  there exists a point  $a$  of  $X$  such that  $a \in A$  and  $A \cap \overline{\{x\}} = \{a\}$ .
- (61) For every subset  $A$  of  $X$  such that  $A$  is open and closed holds if  $A$  is maximal discrete, then  $A$  is not proper.
- (62) For every subset  $A$  of  $X$  such that  $A$  is maximal discrete holds  $A$  is dense.
- (63) For every subset  $A$  of  $X$  such that  $A$  is maximal discrete holds  $\bigcup\{\overline{\{a\}}; a \text{ ranges over points of } X: a \in A\} = \text{the carrier of } X$ .
- (64) Let  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . Then  $A$  is maximal discrete if and only if for every point  $x$  of  $X$  there exists a point  $a$  of  $X$  such that  $a \in A$  and  $A \cap \overline{\{x\}} = \{a\}$ .
- (65) For every subset  $A$  of  $X$  such that  $A$  is discrete there exists a subset  $M$  of  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq M$  and  $M$  is maximal discrete.
- (66) There exists a subset of  $X$  which is maximal discrete.
- (67) Let  $Y_0$  be a discrete non empty subspace of  $X$ . Then there exists a strict non empty subspace  $X_0$  of  $X$  such that  $Y_0$  is a subspace of  $X_0$  and  $X_0$  is maximal discrete.

Let  $X$  be an almost discrete non discrete non empty topological space. One can verify that every non empty subspace of  $X$  which is maximal discrete is also proper and every non empty subspace of  $X$  which is non proper is also non maximal discrete.

Let  $X$  be an almost discrete non anti-discrete non empty topological space. One can check that every non empty subspace of  $X$  which is maximal discrete is also non trivial and every non empty subspace of  $X$  which is trivial is also non maximal discrete.

Let  $X$  be an almost discrete non empty topological space. Note that there exists a subspace of  $X$  which is maximal discrete, strict, non empty, and non empty.

## 5. CONTINUOUS MAPPINGS AND ALMOST DISCRETE SPACES

The scheme *MapExChoiceF* deals with non empty topological structures  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  and a binary predicate  $\mathcal{P}$ , and states that:

There exists a map  $f$  from  $\mathcal{A}$  into  $\mathcal{B}$  such that for every point  $x$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  holds  $\mathcal{P}[x, f(x)]$  provided the following condition is met:

- For every point  $x$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  there exists a point  $y$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $\mathcal{P}[x, y]$ .

In the sequel  $X, Y$  denote non empty topological spaces.

Next we state four propositions:

- (68) For every discrete non empty topological space  $X$  holds every map from  $X$  into  $Y$  is continuous.
- (69) If for every non empty topological space  $Y$  holds every map from  $X$  into  $Y$  is continuous, then  $X$  is discrete.
- (70) For every anti-discrete non empty topological space  $Y$  holds every map from  $X$  into  $Y$  is continuous.



- (71) If for every non empty topological space  $X$  holds every map from  $X$  into  $Y$  is continuous, then  $Y$  is anti-discrete.

In the sequel  $X$  is a discrete non empty topological space and  $X_0$  is a non empty subspace of  $X$ . The following propositions are true:

- (72) There exists a continuous map from  $X$  into  $X_0$  which is a retraction.  
 (73)  $X_0$  is a retract of  $X$ .

In the sequel  $X$  is an almost discrete non empty topological space and  $X_0$  is a maximal discrete non empty subspace of  $X$ .

The following four propositions are true:

- (74) There exists a continuous map from  $X$  into  $X_0$  which is a retraction.  
 (75)  $X_0$  is a retract of  $X$ .  
 (76) Let  $r$  be a continuous map from  $X$  into  $X_0$ . Suppose  $r$  is a retraction. Let  $F$  be a subset of  $X_0$  and  $E$  be a subset of  $X$ . If  $F = E$ , then  $r^{-1}(F) = \overline{E}$ .  
 (77) Let  $r$  be a continuous map from  $X$  into  $X_0$ . Suppose  $r$  is a retraction. Let  $a$  be a point of  $X_0$  and  $b$  be a point of  $X$ . If  $a = b$ , then  $r^{-1}(\{a\}) = \overline{\{b\}}$ .

In the sequel  $X_0$  is a discrete non empty subspace of  $X$ .

One can prove the following propositions:

- (78) There exists a continuous map from  $X$  into  $X_0$  which is a retraction.  
 (79)  $X_0$  is a retract of  $X$ .

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