Range-support uniform approximations for continuous vector-valued functions

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Let T be a topological space, X a locally convex space over the scalar field $\Gamma \in \{\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{C}\}$, and $C_X(T)$ the space of all X-valued continuous functions on T.

Definition. Let us define the local tensor product

$$(C_{\Gamma}(T) \otimes X)_{\text{loc}} := \left\{ u \in C_X(T) \middle| \begin{array}{l} \text{for every } t \in T, \ we \ have \ u|_V = v|_V \\ \text{for some } V \in \mathcal{V}_T(t) \ and \ v \in C_{\Gamma}(T) \otimes X \end{array} \right\}$$

(functions which locally coincide with elements from $C_{\Gamma}(T) \otimes X$).

1. The main result

Theorem 1 ([3], Th.1). Let $u \in C_X(T)$. Assume that one of the following conditions holds:

(i) one of the sets T, u(T) is paracompact,

(ii) u(T) is totally bounded in X.

Then for every $W \in \mathcal{V}_X(0)$, there exists $u_w \in (C_{\Gamma}(T) \otimes X)_{\text{loc}}$ satisfying

$$(u-u_w)(T) \subset W, \quad u_w(T) \subset \operatorname{co}(u(T)), \quad \operatorname{supp} u_w \subset u^{-1}(X \setminus \{0\}).$$

If u(T) is totally bounded, we can find $u_w \in C_{\Gamma}(T) \otimes X$.

2. Applications

Three distinct applications of Theorem 1 are described in [3]:

- 1. A new proof of Schauder-Tihonov's fixed point theorem.
- 2. If T, X are both Hausdorff, then the inclusion $C_0(T, \Gamma) \otimes X \subset C_0(T, X)$ is dense for the inductive limit topology (stronger than the uniform).
- 3. Several Tietze-Dugundji type extension theorems. We reproduce below one of them.

Theorem 2 ([3], Th.4). Assume that T is normal and that X is a locally convex Fréchet space. Consider a closed subset $F \subset T$ and $u \in C_X(F)$. If T is paracompact or if u(T) is totally bounded, then there exists $\tilde{u} \in C_X(T)$, such that

$$\widetilde{u}|_F = u, \quad \widetilde{u}(T) \subset \operatorname{co}(\overline{u(F)}).$$

¹For functions with compact support.

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