

# 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., [7]). 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 [4] and [5]. 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 [9]).

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The terminology and notation used in this paper are introduced in the following papers: [13], [14], [10], [2], [3], [12], [1], [8], [15], [11], [4], and [6].

## 1. PROPER SUBSETS OF 1-SORTED STRUCTURES

A non empty set is trivial if:

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

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

Next we state four propositions:

- (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  $A \subseteq B$ .
- (3) For every 1-sorted structure  $Y$  holds  $Y$  is trivial iff the carrier of  $Y$  is trivial.
- (4) Let  $Y_0, Y_1$  be 1-sorted structures. Suppose the carrier of  $Y_0 =$  the carrier of  $Y_1$ . If  $Y_0$  is trivial, then  $Y_1$  is trivial.

Let  $S$  be a set. An element of  $S$  is proper if:

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

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

Next we state the 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. Observe 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. One can check 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 and let  $y$  be an element of  $S$ . Then  $\{y\}$  is a non empty subset of  $S$ .

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

Let  $S$  be a non empty set and let  $y$  be an element of  $S$ . Then  $\{y\}$  is a trivial non empty subset of  $S$ .

We now state two 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  $S$  is non proper and every non empty subset of  $S$  which is non proper is also trivial.

Let  $S$  be a non trivial non empty set. Observe 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 check 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) Let  $Y$  be a 1-sorted structure and let  $y$  be an element of the carrier of  $Y$ . If  $\{y\}$  is proper, then  $Y$  is non trivial.
- (9) For every non trivial 1-sorted structure  $Y$  and for every element  $y$  of the carrier of  $Y$  holds  $\{y\}$  is proper.

Let  $Y$  be a trivial 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 1-sorted structure. One can verify 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 1-sorted structure. One can check 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.

## 2. PROPER SUBSPACES OF TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

The following three propositions are true:

- (10) Let  $X$  be a topological structure and let  $X_0$  be a subspace of  $X$ . Then the topological structure of  $X_0$  is a strict subspace of  $X$ .
- (11) Let  $X$  be a topological structure and let  $X_1, X_2$  be subspaces of  $X$ . Suppose the carrier of  $X_1 =$  the carrier of  $X_2$ . Then the topological structure of  $X_1 =$  the topological structure of  $X_2$ .
- (12) 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. A subspace of  $Y$  is proper if:

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

We now state three propositions:

- (13) Let  $Y_0$  be a subspace of  $Y$  and let  $A$  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 topological structure. Observe that every subspace of  $Y$  is non proper and every subspace of  $Y$  which is non proper is also trivial.

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

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

Next we state the proposition

- (16) For every non proper subspace  $Y_0$  of  $Y$  holds the topological structure of  $Y_0 =$  the topological structure of  $Y$ .

Let  $Y$  be a 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.

One can prove the following 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 topological structure. One can verify the following observations:

- \* every subspace of  $Y$  which is discrete is also almost discrete,
- \* 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 topological structure. One can check the following observations:

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

Let  $Y$  be a topological structure and let  $y$  be a point of  $Y$ . The functor  $S\text{space}(y)$  yielding a strict subspace of  $Y$  is defined as follows:

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

Let  $Y$  be a topological structure. Observe that there exists a subspace of  $Y$  which is trivial and strict.

Let  $Y$  be a topological structure and let  $y$  be a point of  $Y$ . Then  $Sspace(y)$  is a trivial strict subspace of  $Y$ .

We now state three propositions:

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

Let  $Y$  be a non trivial topological structure. One can verify that there exists a subspace of  $Y$  which is proper trivial and strict.

We now state two propositions:

- (23) Let  $Y$  be a topological structure and let  $Y_0$  be a trivial subspace of  $Y$ . Suppose  $Y_0$  is topological space-like. 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 topological structure and let  $y$  be a point of  $Y$ . If  $Sspace(y)$  is topological space-like, then  $Sspace(y)$  is discrete and anti-discrete.

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

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

Let  $X$  be a topological space and let  $x$  be a point of  $X$ . Then  $Sspace(x)$  is a trivial strict topological space-like subspace of  $X$ .

Let  $X$  be a topological space. Observe that there exists a subspace of  $X$  which is discrete anti-discrete and strict.

Let  $X$  be a topological space and let  $x$  be a point of  $X$ . Then  $Sspace(x)$  is a discrete anti-discrete strict subspace of  $X$ .

Let  $X$  be a topological space. One can check 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 topological space. Note that there exists a subspace of  $X$  which is open closed and strict.

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

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

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

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

Let  $X$  be an anti-discrete non trivial topological space. One can check 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 topological space. Observe that there exists a subspace of  $X$  which is almost discrete proper and strict.

### 3. MAXIMAL DISCRETE SUBSETS AND SUBSPACES

Let  $Y$  be a topological structure. A subset of  $Y$  is discrete if:

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

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

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

We now state three propositions:

- (25) Let  $Y_0, Y_1$  be topological structures, and let  $D_0$  be a subset of  $Y_0$ , and let  $D_1$  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 topological structure, and let  $Y_0$  be a subspace of  $Y$ , and let  $A$  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 topological structure and let  $A$  be a subset of  $Y$ . Suppose  $A =$  the carrier of  $Y$ . Then  $A$  is discrete if and only if  $Y$  is discrete.

In the sequel  $Y$  will denote a topological structure.

We now state several propositions:

- (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 topological space.

The following propositions are true:

- (34) Let  $A_0$  be a non empty subset of  $X$ . Suppose  $A_0$  is discrete. Then there exists a discrete strict 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  $A \cap \overline{\{x\}} = \{x\}$ .
- (43) For every discrete topological space  $X$  holds every subset of  $X$  is discrete.
- (44) Let  $X$  be an anti-discrete topological space and let  $A$  be a non empty subset of  $X$ . Then  $A$  is discrete if and only if  $A$  is trivial.

Let  $Y$  be a topological structure. A subset of  $Y$  is maximal discrete if:

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

The following proposition is true

- (45) Let  $Y_0, Y_1$  be topological structures, and let  $D_0$  be a subset of  $Y_0$ , and let  $D_1$  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.

In the sequel  $X$  will denote a topological space.

Next we state several propositions:

- (46) Every empty subset of  $X$  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 topological space and let  $A$  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 topological space and let  $A$  be a non empty subset of  $X$ . Then  $A$  is maximal discrete if and only if  $A$  is trivial.

Let  $Y$  be a topological structure. A subspace of  $Y$  is maximal discrete if:

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

One can prove the following proposition

- (51) Let  $Y$  be a topological structure, and let  $Y_0$  be a subspace of  $Y$ , and let  $A$  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 topological structure. Note that every subspace of  $Y$  which is maximal discrete is also discrete and every subspace of  $Y$  which is non discrete is also non maximal discrete.

Next we state two propositions:

- (52) Let  $X_0$  be a 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 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 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 topological space. One can verify 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 topological space. One can check the following observations:

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



- \* every 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 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 condition 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  $X$  will denote an almost discrete 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  $\overline{\{a\}} \cap \overline{\{b\}} = \emptyset$  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  $\overline{\{a\}} \cap \overline{\{b\}} = \emptyset$ .
- (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 or 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 subset of  $X$  which is maximal discrete.
- (67) Let  $Y_0$  be a discrete subspace of  $X$ . Then there exists a strict 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 topological space. One can verify that every subspace of  $X$  which is maximal discrete is also proper and every subspace of  $X$  which is non proper is also non maximal discrete.

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

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

## 5. CONTINUOUS MAPPINGS AND ALMOST DISCRETE SPACES

The scheme *MapExChoiceF* concerns a topological structure  $\mathcal{A}$ , a topological structure  $\mathcal{B}$ , 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 parameters have the following property:

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

In the sequel  $X, Y$  are topological spaces.

Next we state four propositions:

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

In the sequel  $X$  will be a discrete topological space and  $X_0$  will be a subspace of  $X$ .

One can prove the following two propositions:

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

In the sequel  $X$  will be an almost discrete topological space and  $X_0$  will be a maximal discrete subspace of  $X$ .

Next we state four propositions:

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

- (77) Let  $r$  be a continuous mapping from  $X$  into  $X_0$ . Suppose  $r$  is a retraction. Let  $a$  be a point of  $X_0$  and let  $b$  be a point of  $X$ . If  $a = b$ , then  $r^{-1}\{a\} = \overline{\{b\}}$ .

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

The following two propositions are true:

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

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