

ON σ -CONVEX SUBSETS IN SPACES OF SCATTEREDLY
CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

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We prove that for any topological space X of countable tightness, each σ -convex subspace \mathcal{F} of the space $SC_p(X)$ of scatteredly continuous real-valued functions on X has network weight $nw(\mathcal{F}) \leq nw(X)$. This implies that for a metrizable separable space X , each compact convex subset in the function space $SC_p(X)$ is metrizable. Another corollary says that two Tychonoff spaces X, Y with countable tightness and topologically isomorphic linear topological spaces $SC_p(X)$ and $SC_p(Y)$ have the same network weight $nw(X) = nw(Y)$. Also we prove that each zero-dimensional separable Rosenthal compact space is homeomorphic to a compact subset of the function space $SC_p(\omega^\omega)$ over the space ω^ω of irrationals.

This paper was motivated by the problem of studying the linear-topological structure of the space $SC_p(X)$ of scatteredly continuous real-valued functions on a topological space X , addressed in [1, 2].

A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ between two topological spaces is called *scatteredly continuous* if for each non-empty subspace $A \subset X$ the restriction $f|_A : A \rightarrow Y$ has a point of continuity. Scatteredly continuous functions were introduced in [3] (as almost continuous functions) and studied

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in details in [4], [5] and [6]. If a topological space Y is regular, then the scattered continuity of a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is equivalent to the weak discontinuity of f ; see [3], [5, 4.4]. We recall that a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is *weakly discontinuous* if each subspace $A \subset X$ contains an open dense subspace $U \subset A$ such that the restriction $f|_U : U \rightarrow Y$ is continuous.

For a topological space X by $SC_p(X) \subset \mathbb{R}^X$ we denote the linear space of all scatteredly continuous (equivalently, weakly discontinuous) functions on X , endowed with the topology of pointwise convergence. It is clear that the space $SC_p(X)$ contains the linear subspace $C_p(X)$ of all continuous real-valued functions on X . Topological properties of the function spaces $C_p(X)$ were intensively studied by topologists, see [7]. In particular, they studied the interplay between topological invariants of topological space X and its function space $C_p(X)$.

Let us recall [8, 9] that for a topological space X its

- *weight* $w(X)$ is the smallest cardinality of a base of the topology of X ;
- *network weight* $nw(X)$ is the smallest cardinality of a network of the topology of X ;
- *tightness* $t(X)$ is the smallest infinite cardinal κ such that for each subset $A \subset X$ and a point $a \in \bar{A}$ in its closure there is a subset $B \subset A$ of cardinality $|B| \leq \kappa$ such that $a \in \bar{B}$;
- *Lindelöf number* $l(X)$ is the smallest infinite cardinal κ such that each open cover of X has a subcover of cardinality $\leq \kappa$;
- *hereditary Lindelöf number* $hl(X) = \sup\{l(Z) : Z \subset X\}$;
- *density* $d(X)$ is the smallest cardinality of a dense subset of X ;
- *the hereditary density* $hd(X) = \sup\{d(Z) : Z \subset X\}$;
- *spread* $s(X) = \sup\{|D| : D \text{ is a discrete subspace of } X\}$.

By [7, §I.1], for each Tychonoff space X the function space $C_p(X)$ has weight $w(C_p(X)) = |X|$ and network weight $nw(SC_p(X)) = nw(X)$. For the function space $SC_p(X)$ the situation is a bit different.

Proposition 1. *For any T_1 -space X we have*

$$s(SC_p(X)) = nw(SC_p(X)) = w(SC_p(X)) = |X|.$$

Proof. It is clear that $s(SC_p(X)) \leq nw(SC_p(X)) \leq w(SC_p(X)) \leq w(\mathbb{R}^X) = |X|$. To see that $|X| \leq s(SC_p(X))$, observe that for each point $a \in X$ the characteristic function

$$\delta_a : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x = a \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

of the singleton $\{a\}$ is scatteredly continuous, and the subspace $\mathcal{D} = \{\delta_a : a \in X\} \subset SC_p(X)$ has cardinality $|X|$ and is discrete in $SC_p(X)$. \square

The deviation of a subset $\mathcal{F} \subset SC_p(X)$ from being a subset of $C_p(X)$ can be measured with help of the cardinal number $\text{dec}(\mathcal{F})$ called the *decomposition number* of \mathcal{F} . It is defined as the smallest cardinality $|\mathcal{C}|$ of a cover \mathcal{C} of X such that for each $C \in \mathcal{C}$ and $f \in \mathcal{F}$ the restriction $f|_C$ is continuous. If the function family \mathcal{F} consists of a single function f , then the decomposition number $\text{dec}(\mathcal{F}) = \text{dec}(\{f\})$ coincides with the decomposition number $\text{dec}(f)$ of the function f , studied in [10]. It is clear that $\text{dec}(C_p(X)) = 1$.

Proposition 2. *For a T_1 topological space X the decomposition number $\text{dec}(SC_p(X))$ is equal to the decomposition number $\text{dec}(\mathcal{D})$ of the subset $\mathcal{D} = \{\delta_a : a \in X\} \subset SC_p(X)$ and is equal to the smallest cardinality $\text{ddec}(X)$ of a cover of X by discrete subspaces.*

Proof. It is clear that $\text{dec}(\mathcal{D}) \leq \text{dec}(SC_p(X)) \leq \text{ddec}(X)$. To prove that $\text{dec}(\mathcal{D}) \geq \text{ddec}(X)$, take a cover \mathcal{C} of X of cardinality $|\mathcal{C}| = \text{dec}(\mathcal{D})$ such that for each $C \in \mathcal{C}$ and each characteristic function $\delta_a \in \mathcal{D}$ the restriction $\delta_a|_C$ is continuous. We claim that each space $C \in \mathcal{C}$ is discrete. Assuming conversely that C contains a non-isolated point $c \in C$, observe that for the characteristic function δ_c of the singleton $\{c\}$ the restriction $\delta_c|_C$ is not continuous. But this contradicts the choice of the cover \mathcal{C} . Therefore the cover \mathcal{C} consists of discrete subspaces of X and $\text{ddec}(X) \leq |\mathcal{C}| = \text{dec}(\mathcal{D})$. \square

In contrast to the whole function space $SC_p(X)$ which has large decomposition number $\text{dec}(SC_p(X))$, its σ -convex subsets have decomposition numbers bounded from above by the hereditary Lindelöf number of X .

Following [11] and [12], we define a subset C of a linear topological space L to be σ -convex if for any sequence of points $(x_n)_{n \in \omega}$ in C and any sequence of positive real numbers $(t_n)_{n \in \omega}$ with $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t_n = 1$ the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t_n x_n$ converges to some point $c \in C$. It is easy to see that each compact convex subset $K \subset L$ is σ -convex. On the other hand, each σ -convex subset of a linear topological space L is necessarily convex and bounded in L .

The main result of this paper is the following:

Theorem 1. *For any topological space X of countable tightness, each σ -convex subset $\mathcal{F} \subset SC_p(X)$ has decomposition number $\text{dec}(\mathcal{F}) \leq hl(X)$.*

This theorem will be proved in Section 3. Now we derive some simple corollaries of this theorem.

Corollary 1. *For any topological space X of countable tightness, each σ -convex subset $\mathcal{F} \subset SC_p(X)$ has network weight $nw(\mathcal{F}) \leq nw(X)$. Moreover,*

$$nw(X) = \max\{nw(\mathcal{F}) : \mathcal{F} \text{ is a } \sigma\text{-convex subset of } SC_p(X)\}$$

provided the space X is Tychonoff.

Proof. By Theorem 1, each σ -convex subset $\mathcal{F} \subset SC_p(X)$ has decomposition number $\text{dec}(\mathcal{F}) \leq hl(X)$. Consequently, we can find a disjoint cover \mathcal{C} of X of cardinality $|\mathcal{C}| = \text{dec}(\mathcal{F}) \leq hl(X)$ such that for each $C \in \mathcal{C}$ and $f \in \mathcal{F}$ the restriction $f|_C$ is continuous.

Let $Z = \oplus \mathcal{C} = \{(x, C) \in X \times \mathcal{C} : x \in C\} \subset X \times \mathcal{C}$ be the topological sum of the family \mathcal{C} , and $\pi : Z \rightarrow X$, $\pi : (x, C) \mapsto x$, be the natural projection of Z onto X . Since the cover \mathcal{C} is disjoint, the map $\pi : Z \rightarrow X$ is bijective and hence induces a topological isomorphism $\pi^* : \mathbb{R}^X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^Z$, $\pi^* : f \mapsto f \circ \pi$. The choice of the cover \mathcal{C} guarantees that $\pi^*(\mathcal{F}) \subset C_p(Z)$. By (the proof of) Theorem I.1.3 of [7], $nw(C_p(Z)) \leq nw(Z)$ and hence

$$\begin{aligned} nw(\mathcal{F}) &= nw(\pi^*(\mathcal{F})) \leq nw(C_p(Z)) \leq nw(Z) \leq \\ &\leq |\mathcal{C}| \cdot nw(X) \leq hl(X) \cdot nw(X) = nw(X). \end{aligned}$$

If the space X is Tychonoff, then the “closed unit ball”

$$\mathcal{B} = \{f \in C_p(X) : \sup_{x \in X} |f(x)| \leq 1\} \subset C_p(X)$$

is σ -convex and has network weight $nw(\mathcal{B}) = nw(X)$ according to Theorem I.1.3 of [7]. So,

$$nw(X) = \max\{nw(\mathcal{F}) : \mathcal{F} \text{ is a } \sigma\text{-convex subset of } SC_p(X)\}.$$

□

In the same way we can derive some bounds on the weight of compact convex subsets in function spaces $SC_p(X)$.

Corollary 2. *For any topological space X of countable tightness, each compact convex subset $\mathcal{K} \subset SC_p(X)$ has weight $w(\mathcal{K}) \leq \max\{hl(X), hd(X)\}$. Moreover,*

$$\begin{aligned} hl(X) &\leq \sup\{w(\mathcal{K}) : \mathcal{K} \text{ is a compact convex subset of } SC_p(X)\} \leq \\ &\leq \max\{hl(X), hd(X)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Given a compact convex subset $\mathcal{K} \subset SC_p(X)$, use Theorem 1 to find a disjoint cover \mathcal{C} of X of cardinality $|\mathcal{C}| = \text{dec}(\mathcal{K}) \leq hl(X)$ such that for each $C \in \mathcal{C}$ and $f \in \mathcal{K}$ the restriction $f|_C$ is continuous. Let $Z = \bigoplus \mathcal{C}$ and $\pi : \bigoplus \mathcal{C} \rightarrow X$ be the natural projection, which induces a linear topological isomorphism $\pi^* : \mathbb{R}^X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^Z$, $\pi^* : f \mapsto f \circ \pi$, with $\pi^*(\mathcal{K}) \subset C_p(Z)$. It follows that the topological sum $Z = \bigoplus \mathcal{C}$ has density $d(Z) \leq \sum_{C \in \mathcal{C}} d(C) \leq |\mathcal{C}| \cdot hd(X) \leq \max\{hl(X), hd(X)\}$, and so we can fix a dense subset $D \subset Z$ of cardinality $|D| = d(Z) \leq \max\{hl(X), hd(X)\}$. Since the restriction operator $R : C_p(Z) \rightarrow C_p(D)$, $R : f \mapsto f|_D$, is injective and continuous, we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} w(\mathcal{K}) &= w(\pi^*(\mathcal{K})) = w(R \circ \pi^*(\mathcal{K})) \leq w(\mathbb{R}^D) = \\ &= |D| \cdot \aleph_0 \leq \max\{hl(X), hd(X)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we show that $hl(X) \leq \tau$ where

$$\tau = \sup\{w(\mathcal{K}) : \mathcal{K} \text{ is a compact convex subset of } SC_p(X)\}.$$

Assuming conversely that $hl(X) > \tau$ and using the equality $hl(X) = \sup\{|Z| : Z \subset X \text{ is scattered}\}$ established in [9], we can find a scattered subspace $Z \subset X$ of cardinality $|Z| > \tau$. It is easy to check that each function $f : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ with $f(X \setminus Z) \subset \{0\}$ is scatteredly continuous, which implies that the subset

$$\mathcal{K}_Z = \{f \in SC_p(X) : f(Z) \subset [0, 1], f(X \setminus Z) \subset \{0\}\}$$

is compact, convex and homeomorphic to the Tychonoff cube $[0, 1]^Z$. Then $\tau \geq w(\mathcal{K}_Z) = w([0, 1]^Z) = |Z| > \tau$ and this is a desired contradiction that completes the proof. \square

Corollaries 1 or 2 imply:

Corollary 3. *For a metrizable separable space X , each compact convex subspace $\mathcal{K} \subset SC_p(X)$ is metrizable.*

Finally, let us observe that Corollary 1 implies:

Corollary 4. *If for Tychonoff spaces X, Y with countable tightness the linear topological spaces $SC_p(X)$ and $SC_p(Y)$ are topologically isomorphic, then $nw(X) = nw(Y)$.*

1 Weakly discontinuous families of functions

In this section we shall generalize the notions of scattered continuity and weak discontinuity to function families.

A family of functions $\mathcal{F} \subset Y^X$ from a topological space X to a topological space Y is called

- *scatteredly continuous* if each non-empty subset $A \subset X$ contains a point $a \in A$ at which each function $f|_A : A \rightarrow Y$, $f \in \mathcal{F}$ is continuous;
- *weakly discontinuous* if each subset $A \subset X$ contains an open dense subspace $U \subset A$ such that each function $f|_U : U \rightarrow Y$, $f \in \mathcal{F}$ is continuous.

The following simple characterization can be derived from the corresponding definitions and Theorem 4.4 of [5] (saying that each scatteredly continuous function with values in a regular topological space is weakly discontinuous).

Proposition 3. *A function family $\mathcal{F} \subset Y^X$ is scatteredly continuous (resp. weakly discontinuous) if and only if so is the function $\Delta\mathcal{F} : X \rightarrow Y^{\mathcal{F}}$, $\Delta\mathcal{F} : x \mapsto (f(x))_{f \in \mathcal{F}}$. Consequently, for a regular topological space Y , a function family $\mathcal{F} \subset Y^X$ is scatteredly continuous if and only if it is weakly discontinuous.*

Propositions 4.7 and 4.8 [5] imply that each weakly discontinuous function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ has decomposition number $\text{dec}(f) \leq \text{hl}(X)$. This fact combined with Proposition 3 yields:

Corollary 5. *For any topological spaces X, Y , each weakly discontinuous function family $\mathcal{F} \subset Y^X$ has decomposition number $\text{dec}(\mathcal{F}) \leq \text{hl}(X)$.*

2 Weak discontinuity of σ -convex sets in function spaces

For a topological space X by $SC_p^*(X)$ we denote the space of all *bounded* scatteredly continuous real-valued functions on X . It is a subspace of the function space $SC_p(X) \subset \mathbb{R}^X$. Each function $f \in SC_p^*(X)$ has finite norm $\|f\| = \sup_{x \in X} |f(x)|$.

Theorem 2. *For any topological space X with countable tightness, each σ -convex subset $\mathcal{F} \subset SC_p^*(X)$ is weakly discontinuous.*

Proof. By Proposition 3, the weak discontinuity of the function family \mathcal{F} is equivalent to the scattered continuity of the function $\Delta\mathcal{F} : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{F}}$, $\Delta\mathcal{F} : x \mapsto (f(x))_{f \in \mathcal{F}}$. Since the space X has countable tightness, the scattered continuity of $\Delta\mathcal{F}$ will follow from Proposition 2.3 of [5] as soon as we check that for each countable subset $Q = \{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset X$ the restriction $\Delta\mathcal{F}|_Q : Q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{F}}$ has a continuity point. Assuming the converse, for each point $x_n \in Q$ we can choose a function $f_n \in \mathcal{F}$ such that the restriction $f_n|_Q$ is discontinuous at x_n .

Observe that a function $f : Q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is discontinuous at a point $q \in Q$ if and only if it has strictly positive oscillation

$$\text{osc}_q(f) = \inf_{O_q} \sup\{|f(x) - f(y)| : x, y \in O_q\}$$

at the point q . In this definition the infimum is taken over all neighborhoods O_q of q in Q .

We shall inductively construct a sequence $(t_n)_{n=1}^\infty$ of positive real numbers such that for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ the following conditions are satisfied:

- 1) $t_1 \leq \frac{1}{2}$, $t_{n+1} \leq \frac{1}{2}t_n$, and $t_{n+1} \cdot \|f_{n+1}\| \leq \frac{1}{2}t_n \cdot \|f_n\|$,
- 2) the function $s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n t_k f_k$ restricted to Q is discontinuous at x_n ,
- 3) $t_{n+1} \cdot \|f_{n+1}\| \leq \frac{1}{8} \text{osc}_{x_n}(s_n|Q)$.

We start the inductive construction letting $t_1 = 1/2$. Then the function $s_1|Q = t_1 \cdot f_1|Q$ is discontinuous at x_1 by the choice of the function f_1 . Now assume that for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ positive numbers $t_1 \dots, t_n$ has been chosen so that the function $s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n t_k f_k$ restricted to Q is discontinuous at x_n .

Choose any positive number \tilde{t}_{n+1} such that

$$\tilde{t}_{n+1} \leq \frac{1}{2}t_n, \quad \tilde{t}_{n+1} \cdot \|f_{n+1}\| \leq \frac{1}{2}t_n \cdot \|f_n\| \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{t}_{n+1} \cdot \|f_{n+1}\| \leq \frac{1}{8} \text{osc}_{x_n}(s_n|Q),$$

and consider the function $\tilde{s}_{n+1} = s_n + \tilde{t}_{n+1}f_{n+1}$. If the restriction of this function to Q is discontinuous at the point x_{n+1} , then put $t_{n+1} = \tilde{t}_{n+1}$ and finish the inductive step. If $\tilde{s}_{n+1}|Q$ is continuous at x_{n+1} , then put $t_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}\tilde{t}_{n+1}$ and observe that the restriction of the function

$$s_{n+1} = \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} t_k f_k = s_n + \frac{1}{2}\tilde{t}_{n+1}f_{n+1} = \tilde{s}_{n+1} - \frac{1}{2}\tilde{t}_{n+1}f_{n+1}$$

to Q is discontinuous at x_{n+1} . This completes the inductive construction.

The condition (1) guarantees that $\sum_{n=1}^\infty t_n \leq 1$ and hence the number $t_0 = 1 - \sum_{n=1}^\infty t_n$ is non-negative. Now take any function $f_0 \in \mathcal{F}$ and consider

the function

$$s = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t_n f_n$$

which is well-defined and belongs to \mathcal{F} by the σ -convexity of \mathcal{F} .

The functions $f_0, s \in \mathcal{F} \subset SC_p(X)$ are weakly discontinuous and hence for some open dense subset $U \subset Q$ the restrictions $s|U$ and $f_0|U$ are continuous. Pick any point $x_n \in U$. Observe that

$$s = t_0 f_0 + s_n + \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} t_k f_k$$

and hence

$$s_n = s - t_0 f_0 - \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} t_k f_k = s - t_0 f_0 - u_n,$$

where $u_n = \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} t_k f_k$. The conditions (1) and (3) of the inductive construction guarantee that the function u_n has norm

$$\|u_n\| \leq \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} t_k \|f_k\| \leq 2t_{n+1} \|f_{n+1}\| \leq \frac{1}{4} \text{osc}_{x_n}(s_n|Q).$$

Since $s_n = s - t_0 f_0 - u_n$, the triangle inequality implies that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \text{osc}_{x_n}(s_n|Q) &\leq \text{osc}_{x_n}(s|Q) + \text{osc}_{x_n}(t_0 f_0|Q) + \text{osc}_{x_n}(u_n) \leq \\ &\leq 0 + 0 + 2\|u_n\| \leq \frac{1}{2} \text{osc}_{x_n}(s_n|Q) \end{aligned}$$

which is a desired contradiction, which shows that the restriction $\Delta\mathcal{F}|Q$ has a point of continuity and the family \mathcal{F} is weakly discontinuous. \square

3 Proof of Theorem 1

Let X be a topological space with countable tightness and \mathcal{F} be a σ -convex subset in the function space $SC_p(X)$. The σ -convexity of \mathcal{F} implies that for each point $x \in X$ the subset $\{f(x) : f \in \mathcal{F}\} \subset \mathbb{R}$ is bounded (in the opposite case we could find sequences $(f_n)_{n \in \omega} \in \mathcal{F}^\omega$ and $(t_n)_{n \in \omega} \in [0, 1]^\omega$

with $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t_n = 1$ such that the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t_n f_n(x)$ is divergent). Then $X = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$ where $X_n = \{x \in X : n \leq \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} |f(x)| < n + 1\}$ for $n \in \omega$.

It follows that for every $n \in \omega$ the family $\mathcal{F}|X_n = \{f|X_n : f \in \mathcal{F}\}$ is a σ -convex subset of the function space $SC_p^*(X_n)$. By Theorem 2, the function family $\mathcal{F}|X_n$ is weakly discontinuous and by Corollary 5, $\text{dec}(\mathcal{F}|X_n) \leq hl(X_n)$. Then $\text{dec}(\mathcal{F}) \leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \text{dec}(\mathcal{F}|X_n) \leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} hl(X_n) \leq hl(X)$.

4 Some Open Problems

The presence of the condition of countable tightness in Theorem 1 and its corollaries suggests the following open problem.

Problem 1. *Is it true $w(\mathcal{K}) \leq nw(X)$ for each topological space X and each compact convex subset $\mathcal{K} \subset SC_p(X)$?*

By Theorem 2, for each topological space X of countable tightness, each compact convex subset $\mathcal{K} \subset SC_p^*(X)$ is weakly discontinuous.

Problem 2. *For which topological spaces X each compact convex subset $\mathcal{K} \subset SC_p(X)$ is weakly discontinuous?*

According to Corollary 3, each compact convex subset $\mathcal{K} \subset SC_p(\omega^\omega)$ is metrizable.

Problem 3. *Is a compact subset $\mathcal{K} \subset SC_p(\omega^\omega)$ metrizable if K is homeomorphic to a compact convex subset of \mathbb{R}^c .*

Let us recall that a topological space K is *Rosenthal compact* if K is homeomorphic to a compact subspace of the space $\mathcal{B}_1(X) \subset \mathbb{R}^X$ of functions of the first Baire class on a Polish space X . In this definition the space X can be assumed to be equal to the space ω^ω of irrationals.

Problem 4. *Is each Rosenthal compact space homeomorphic to a compact subset of the function space $SC_p(\omega^\omega)$?*

This problem has affirmative solution in the realm of zero-dimensional separable Rosenthal compacta.

Theorem 3. *Each zero-dimensional separable Rosenthal compact space K is homeomorphic to a compact subset of the function space $SC_p(\omega^\omega)$.*

Proof. Let $D \subset K$ be a countable dense subset in K . Let $A = C_D(K, 2)$ be the space of continuous functions $f : K \rightarrow 2 = \{0, 1\}$ endowed with the smallest topology making the restriction operator $R : C_D(K, 2) \rightarrow 2^D$, $R : f \mapsto f|_D$, continuous. By the characterization of separable Rosenthal compacta [13], the space A is analytic, i.e., A is the image of the Polish space $X = \omega^\omega$ under a continuous map $\pi : X \rightarrow A$. Now consider the map $\delta : K \rightarrow 2^A$, $\delta : x \mapsto (f(x))_{f \in A}$. This map is continuous and injective by the zero-dimensionality of K . The map $\pi : X \rightarrow A$ induces a homeomorphism $\pi^* : 2^A \rightarrow 2^X$, $\pi^* : f \mapsto f \circ \pi$. Then $\pi^* \circ \delta : K \rightarrow 2^X$ is a topological embedding.

We claim that $\pi^* \circ \delta(K) \subset SC_p(X) \cap 2^X$. Given a point $x \in K$, we need to check that the function $\pi^* \circ \delta(x) \in 2^X$ is scatteredly continuous. It will be convenient to denote the function $\delta(x) \in 2^A$ by δ_x . This function assigns to each $f \in A = C_D(K)$ the number $\delta_x(f) = f(x) \in 2$.

By [14, 15], the Rosenthal compact space K is Fréchet-Urysohn, so there is a sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \omega} \in D^\omega$ with $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$. Then the function $\delta_x : A \rightarrow 2$, $\delta_x : f \mapsto f(x)$, is the pointwise limit of the continuous functions δ_{x_n} , which implies that δ_x is a function of the first Baire class on A and $\delta_x \circ \pi : X \rightarrow 2$ is a function of the first Baire class on the Polish space X . Since this function has discrete range, it is scatteredly continuous by Theorem 8.1 of [5]. Consequently, $\pi^* \circ \delta(x) \in SC_p(X)$ and K is homeomorphic to the compact subset $\pi^* \circ \delta(K) \subset SC_p(X)$. \square

A particularly interesting instance of Problem 4 concerns non-metrizable convex Rosenthal compacta. One of the simplest spaces of this sort is the Helly space. We recall that the *Helly space* is the subspace of $B_1(I)$ consisting of all non-decreasing functions $f : I \rightarrow I$ of the unit interval $I = [0, 1]$.

Problem 5. *Is the Helly space homeomorphic to a compact subset of the function space $SC_p(\omega^\omega)$?*

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**ПРО σ -ОПУКЛІ ПІДПРОСТОРИ ПРОСТОРУ
РОЗРІДЖЕНО НЕПЕРЕРВНИХ ФУНКЦІЙ**

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Доведено, що для довільного топологічного простору X зліченної тісноти кожний σ -опуклий підпростір \mathcal{F} простору $SC_p(X)$ розріджено неперервних дійснозначних функцій на X має сіткову вагу $nw(\mathcal{F}) \leq nw(X)$. З цього випливає, що для довільного метризовного сепарабельного простору X кожний компактний опуклий підпростір в $SC_p(X)$ є метризовним, а також, що тихонівські простори X і Y зі зліченною тісністю мають однакову сіткову вагу $nw(X) = nw(Y)$, якщо лінійні топологічні простори $SC_p(X)$ і $SC_p(Y)$ топологічно ізоморфні. Також доведено, що кожний нуль-вимірний сепарабельний компакт Розенталя вкладається у простір розріджено неперервних функцій $SC_p(\omega^\omega)$ над польським простором ω^ω .