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A family \mathcal{D} of sets is an ω -cover of a set X if, for every finite set $F \subseteq X$, there is a set $D \in \mathcal{D}$ such that $F \subseteq D$. A topological space X has the Gerlits-Nagy property (abbreviated GNP) if, for every open ω -cover \mathcal{D} of X , there is a sequence $(D_n : n \in \omega) \in {}^\omega \mathcal{D}$ such that $X \subseteq \bigcup_{m < \omega} \bigcap_{m \leq n < \omega} D_n$.

Gerlits and Nagy [1] introduced the GNP (which they called "property γ ") and proved that the following are equivalent for every completely regular space X :

- (1) X has the GNP;
- (2) $C(X)$ is a Fréchet-Urysohn space;
- (3) $C(X)$ is countably bisquential;
- (4) $C(X)$ is a w -space.

Here $C(X)$ is the space of all continuous real-valued functions defined on X , with the topology of pointwise convergence. The notion of a w -space is due to Gruenhage [2]; a simple characterization of w -spaces was

found by Sharma [5].

Let R be the real line. It was shown in [1] that every subset of R , which has the GNP, also has Rothberger's [4] property C'' and is always of the first category; hence in Laver's [3] model, the only subsets of R having the GNP are the countable sets. On the other hand, it was shown in [1] that, assuming MA_κ , every subset of R of cardinality κ has the GNP; moreover, A. Hajnal has shown that the existence of an uncountable subset of R with the GNP is consistent with ZFC+GCH. The following theorem improves Hajnal's result:

Theorem Assuming CH, there is a set $X \subseteq R$ such that $|X| = 2^{\aleph_0}$ and X has the GNP.

As the GNP is clearly preserved by continuous mappings, we have the following corollary, which answers a question of Sierpiński [6, p.86]:

Corollary. Assuming CH, there is a set $X \subseteq R$ of cardinality 2^{\aleph_0} such that every continuous image of X has property C'' and is always of the first category.

Problem. Can CH be replaced by MA in the theorem above, or in the corollary?

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