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The last result in [1] (Example 2.5) states the following:

EXAMPLE. – There exists a separable 1st category metric space with a Baire Wijsman (ball proximal, ball, resp.) hyperspace.

Unfortunately, the construction presented in [1] does not guarantee a key step in the proof; namely, for the  $u'$  chosen, one cannot conclude that  $p(u) = p(u')$ . It is the purpose of this note to fill this gap and provide a correct proof.

Recall some notation and terminology from [1]:  $b_d$  stands for the *ball topology* on the hyperspace  $CL(X)$  of nonempty closed subsets of a metric space  $(X, d)$  having subbasic elements of the form  $V^- = \{A \in CL(X) : A \cap V \neq \emptyset\}$  for some open  $\emptyset \neq V \subseteq X$ , and of the form  $(X \setminus B)^+ = \{A \in CL(X) : A \cap B = \emptyset\}$ , where  $B$  is a closed ball in  $X$ . Denote by  $S(x, r)$  the open ball about  $x \in X$  of radius  $r$ , and by  $B(X)$  the collection of finite unions of closed  $X$ -balls. The *Wijsman topology* on  $CL(X)$  is the weak topology generated by the distance functionals  $d(x, A) = \inf\{d(x, a) : a \in A\}$  viewed as functionals of the set argument  $A \in CL(X)$ . It is shown in [1], that the Wijsman hyperspace is a Baire space iff the ball topology is iff the *ball proximal* (see [1]) topology is.

PROOF OF THE EXAMPLE. – Consider  $\omega^\omega$  with the Baire metric

$$e(x, y) = 1 / \min\{n + 1 : x(n) \neq y(n)\},$$

and its 1st category subset  $\omega^{<\omega}$  of sequences eventually equal to zero. Then the product  $X = \omega^{<\omega} \times \omega^\omega$  is a separable, 1st category space endowed with the metric  $d((x_0, x_1), (y_0, y_1)) = \max\{e(x_0, y_0), e(x_1, y_1)\}$ .

We claim that  $(CL(X), b_d)$  is a Baire space: let  $p_1 : X \rightarrow \omega^{<\omega}$  (resp.  $p_2 : X \rightarrow \omega^\omega$ ) be the projection onto the first (resp. second) axis. Let  $\mathcal{S}_1 \supset \mathcal{S}_2 \supset \dots$  be dense open sets in  $(CL(X), b_d)$ , and  $\mathcal{U}_0 \in b_d$ . For  $i \geq 1$ , inductively define a nonempty finite set  $F_i \subset X$ ,  $m_i \geq i + 1$ , and an increasing sequence  $B_i \in B(X)$  such that  $\left\{ S\left(u, \frac{1}{m_i}\right) : u \in F_i \right\}$  is pairwise disjoint with a

union missing  $B_i$ , and

$$\mathcal{U}_i = (X \setminus B_i)^+ \cap \bigcap_{u \in F_i} S\left(u, \frac{1}{m_i}\right)^- \subseteq \mathcal{S}_i \cap \mathcal{U}_{i-1},$$

moreover, for each  $u \in F_i$  there is  $u^* \in F_{i+1}$  with  $p_1(u) = p_1(u^*)$  and  $d(u, u^*) < \frac{1}{i+1}$ .

We can clearly find  $\mathcal{U}_1$  and  $F_1 \in \mathcal{U}_1$ , defined as above, such that  $\mathcal{U}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{S}_1 \cap \mathcal{U}_0$ . Suppose that  $F_i, m_i, B_i$ , and thus,  $\mathcal{U}_i \in b_d$  have been defined for some  $i \geq 1$ . Since  $\mathcal{S}_{i+1}$  is dense, we can find a finite set  $A$ , a  $B_{i+1} \in B(X)$  with  $B_{i+1} \supseteq B_i$ , and a collection  $\{V_a : a \in A\}$  of pairwise disjoint open  $X$ -balls such that

$$A \in \mathcal{F} = (X \setminus B_{i+1})^+ \cap \bigcap_{a \in A} V_a^- \subset \mathcal{S}_{i+1} \cap \mathcal{U}_i.$$

Without loss of generality, assume that  $B_{i+1}$  is the union of the finite pairwise disjoint collection  $\left\{S\left(b_j, \frac{1}{n_j}\right) : j \in J\right\}$  of clopen  $X$ -balls (remember that, since  $d$  is an ultrametric, any two  $d$ -balls either are disjoint, or one of them is included in the other).

Pick  $u \in F_i$ , and  $a \in S\left(u, \frac{1}{m_i}\right) \setminus B_{i+1}$ . If  $u \notin B_{i+1}$ , choose  $u^* = u$ . If  $u \in S\left(b_{j_0}, \frac{1}{n_{j_0}}\right)$  for some  $j_0 \in J$ , and  $n_{j_0} \leq m_i$ , then  $a \in S\left(b_{j_0}, \frac{1}{n_{j_0}}\right) \subseteq B_{i+1}$ , which is impossible, so  $n_{j_0} > m_i$ . Choose some  $k \in \omega \setminus \{p_2(b_j)(m_i) : j \in J\}$ , and notice that such a  $k$  is also different from  $p_2(u)(m_i)$ , as  $u \in S\left(b_{j_0}, \frac{1}{n_{j_0}}\right)$  and  $n_{j_0} > m_i$  imply that  $p_2(u)(m_i) = p_2(b_{j_0})(m_i)$ . Let  $u_2 \in \omega^\omega$  be such that

$$u_2(s) = \begin{cases} p_2(u)(s), & \text{if } s \neq m_i, \\ k, & \text{if } s = m_i. \end{cases}$$

Then for  $u^* = (p_1(u), u_2)$  we have  $p_1(u^*) = p_1(u)$ , and  $d(u, u^*) = \frac{1}{m_i + 1} < \frac{1}{i+1}$ .

Moreover,  $u^* \notin B_{i+1}$ : indeed, take any  $j \in J$ , and assume first that  $n_j \leq m_i$ . Then  $j \neq j_0$  (as  $n_{j_0} > m_i$ ), therefore from  $u \notin S\left(b_j, \frac{1}{n_j}\right)$  (recall that  $\left\{S\left(b_j, \frac{1}{n_j}\right) : j \in J\right\}$  is pairwise disjoint and  $u \in S\left(b_{j_0}, \frac{1}{n_{j_0}}\right)$ ) we deduce that for some  $s < n_j \leq m_i$

either  $p_1(u^*)(s) = p_1(u)(s) \neq p_1(b_j)(s)$  or  $p_2(u^*)(s) = p_2(u)(s) \neq p_2(b_j)(s)$ ,

hence in both cases,  $d(u^*, b_j) \geq \frac{1}{s+1} \geq \frac{1}{n_j}$ , i.e.  $u^* \notin S\left(b_j, \frac{1}{n_j}\right)$ . If, on the other side,  $n_j > m_i$ , then from  $p_2(u^*)(m_i) = k \neq p_2(b_j)(m_i)$  we deduce that

$$d(u^*, b_j) \geq e(p_2(u^*), p_2(b_j)) \geq \frac{1}{m_i + 1} \geq \frac{1}{n_j},$$

hence again,  $u^* \notin S\left(b_j, \frac{1}{n_j}\right)$ .

Define  $F_{i+1} = A \cup \{u^* : u \in F_i\}$ , and choose  $m_{i+1} \geq i + 2$  so that

$$\mathcal{U}_{i+1} = (X \setminus B_{i+1})^+ \cap \bigcap_{u \in F_{i+1}} S\left(u, \frac{1}{m_{i+1}}\right)^- \subseteq \mathcal{S}.$$

Now, the sequence  $u, u^*, u^{**}, \dots$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $\{p_1(u)\} \times \omega^\omega$ ; hence, it converges to some  $u^\infty \in S\left(u, \frac{1}{m_i}\right)$ . Because the  $B_i$ 's are disjoint from the  $S\left(u, \frac{1}{m_i}\right)$ 's, the set  $\{u^\infty : u \in \bigcup_{n \geq 1} F_n\}$  misses the clopen  $B_i$  for each  $i \geq 1$ . Then

$$\emptyset \neq \overline{\{u^\infty : u \in \bigcup_{n \geq 1} F_n\}} \in \bigcap_{n \geq 1} \mathcal{U}_n \subseteq \mathcal{U}_0 \cap \bigcap_{n \geq 1} \mathcal{S}_n;$$

thus,  $(CL(X), b_d)$  is a Baire space.  $\square$

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