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Introduction and basic notions : The covering \mathcal{U} of a metric space (X, ρ) is called uniform if there exists $\varepsilon > 0$ such that for every $x \in X$ there is $U \in \mathcal{U}$ so that the ε -ball $B_\varepsilon(x) = \{y; \rho(x, y) < \varepsilon\}$ is contained in U . We say that the covering \mathcal{U} is c -bounded if $\text{diam } U < c$ for every $U \in \mathcal{U}$. We say that the covering is bounded if it is c -bounded for some $c > 0$. We say that the point character of a metric space (X, ρ) is bigger than α ($\rho c(X, \rho) > \alpha$) if there exists $c > 0$ such that for every c -bounded uniform covering \mathcal{U} of X there exists a point $x \in X$ which is contained at least in α members of \mathcal{U} . The question of the existence of spaces with arbitrary large point character was answered affirmatively in [P] and [S₁], where point character of l_∞ -spaces was investigated. Here we prove an analogous result for l_1 -spaces. We use combinatorial lemma proved in [B].

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Def : The mapping $f: [U]^m \longrightarrow V$ ($|U| \leq |V|$) is called canonical if there exists $l \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ and $1 \leq j_1 \leq j_2 \leq \dots \leq j_l \leq m$ such that for every $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m\}$, $B = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m\}$ ($a_1 < \dots < a_m$, $b_1 < b_2 < \dots < b_m$) $A, B \in [U]^m$ $f(A) \neq f(B) \iff \langle a_{j_1}, \dots, a_{j_l} \rangle \neq \langle b_{j_1}, \dots, b_{j_l} \rangle$

From results proved in [B] it follows the consequent

Lemma : For every cardinal number α and a positive integer m

there exists a cardinal number β_m such that the following holds : for every mapping $f: [\beta_m]^m \longrightarrow \beta_m$ there exists $X < \beta_m$ $\left. \vphantom{f} \right\} (*)$
 $|X| = \alpha^+$ such that the mapping $f|_{[X]^m}$ is canonical.

Theorem : For every cardinal number α there exists cardinal number β such that $\rho c \ell_1(\beta) > \alpha$. (We make no attempt here to find a smallest β with above mentioned property.)

Proof : Put $\beta = \sup \beta_m$ (β_m satisfy $(*)$) and denote by T the following subset of $\ell_1(\beta)$, $T = \left\{ \frac{1}{|K|} \chi_K ; K \in [A]^{\leq \omega} \right\}$ (where χ_K denotes the characteristic function of a set K) As $\ell_1(\beta)$ is a linear space it suffices to prove that for every 1 -bounded uniform cover \mathcal{U} of $\ell_1(\beta)$ there exists $\psi_0 \in \ell_1(\beta)$ so that ψ_0 is contained at least in α sets of \mathcal{U} . As \mathcal{U} is uniform, there exists $\varepsilon > 0$ such that for every $x \in \ell_1(\beta)$ there is $U \in \mathcal{U}$ so that $B_\varepsilon(x) \subset U$. Let us take now m so large that $\frac{1}{m} < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ and put

$$T_m = \left\{ \frac{1}{m} \chi_K ; K \in [\beta]^m \right\} \subset T$$

Choose $f: T_m \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ so that for every $x \in T_m$, $B_\varepsilon(x) \subset f(x)$. Now identify the elements of T_m and m -element subsets of β and apply the Lemma to the mapping f . We get the existence of a set $X \subset \beta_m$ so that the mapping f restricted to the set $[X]^m$ is canonical. The corresponding number l must be positive as from $l=0$ it follows $[X]^m \subset U$ for some $U \in \mathcal{U}$ and it is a contradiction as $\text{diam } [X]^m = 2$ while $\text{diam } U < 1$. Put $\gamma = \left\{ \{z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{j_1-1}, z_{j_1} + \gamma, z_{j_1+1}, \dots, z_m\}, \gamma < \alpha \right\}$ where

$$z_1 < z_2 < \dots < z_{j_1} < z_{j_1} + \alpha < z_{j_1+1} < \dots < z_m$$

Such an γ exists because $|X| = \alpha^+ > \alpha$

So we have $\gamma \subset [X]^m \equiv T_m \subset T \subset \ell_1$

Moreover for $\psi, \psi' \in \gamma$, $\psi \neq \psi'$ we have $f(\psi) \neq f(\psi')$

and $\rho(\psi, \psi') = \frac{2}{m} < \varepsilon$.

Let us fix a $\varphi_0 \in Y$; we have $\varphi_0 \in f(\psi)$ for every $\psi \in Y$
As $|Y| = \alpha^+$ the theorem is proved.

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