

## APPROXIMATIONS FOR UNIFORMLY CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS ON GROUPOIDS

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**Abstract.** The purpose of this paper is to prove an approximation/extension theorem for a family of partial functions on a groupoid satisfying a uniform compatibility condition. In the particular case of a trivial groupoid  $G = X \times X$  and a singleton family we recover the well-known result of Katětov: every bounded uniformly continuous real-valued function  $f$  defined on a subspace of a uniform space  $X$  has a bounded uniformly continuous extension to  $X$ .

### 1 Introduction

The notion of groupoid generalizes the notion of group by replacing the binary operation with a partial function. More precise, a groupoid is a set  $G$  endowed with partial product operation  $(x, y) \mapsto xy$  [ $: G^{(2)} \rightarrow G$ ] (where  $G^{(2)} \subset G \times G$ ) and an inversion operation  $x \mapsto x^{-1}$  [ $: G \rightarrow G$ ] satisfying appropriate versions of the group axioms:

**G1** If  $(x, y) \in G^{(2)}$  and  $(y, z) \in G^{(2)}$ , then  $(xy, z) \in G^{(2)}$ ,  $(x, yz) \in G^{(2)}$  and  $(xy)z = x(yz)$ .

**G2**  $(x^{-1})^{-1} = x$  for all  $x \in G$ .

**G3** For all  $x \in G$ ,  $(x, x^{-1}) \in G^{(2)}$ , and if  $(z, x) \in G^{(2)}$ , then  $(zx)x^{-1} = z$ .

**G4** For all  $x \in G$ ,  $(x^{-1}, x) \in G^{(2)}$ , and if  $(x, y) \in G^{(2)}$ , then  $x^{-1}(xy) = y$ .

We use the same definition, notation and terminology concerning groupoids as in [2]:  $r(x) = xx^{-1}$ ,  $d(x) = x^{-1}x$ ,  $G^{(0)} = r(G) = d(G)$ ,  $G^u = r^{-1}(\{u\})$ ,  $G_u = d^{-1}(\{u\})$ ,  $G_v^u = G^u \cap G_v$ .

**Definition 1** ([2, Definition 2.1]). *Let  $G$  be a groupoid. By a  $G$ -uniformity we mean a collection  $\{W\}_{W \in \mathcal{W}}$  of subsets of  $G$  satisfying the following conditions:*

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1.  $G^{(0)} \subset W \subset G$  for all  $W \in \mathcal{W}$ .
2. If  $W_1, W_2 \in \mathcal{W}$ , then there is  $W_3 \subset W_1 \cap W_2$  such that  $W_3 \in \mathcal{W}$ .
3. For every  $W_1 \in \mathcal{W}$  there is  $W_2 \in \mathcal{W}$  such that  $W_2 W_2 \subset W_1$ .
4.  $W = W^{-1}$  for all  $W \in \mathcal{W}$ .

Let us remark that for  $G = X \times X$  (viewed as a trivial groupoid under the operations:  $(x, y)(y, z) = (x, z)$  and  $(x, y)^{-1} = (y, x)$ ) a  $G$ -uniformity is a fundamental system of symmetric entourages of a uniform structure on  $X$ .

**Definition 2** ([2, Definition 3.2]). *Let  $G$  be a groupoid endowed with a  $G$ -uniformity  $\mathcal{W}$ ,  $A \subset G$  and  $E$  be a Banach space. A function  $h : A \rightarrow E$  is said to be uniformly continuous on fibres if and only if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is  $W_\varepsilon \in \mathcal{W}$  such that:*

$$\|h(x) - h(sxt)\| < \varepsilon \text{ for all } s, t \in W_\varepsilon \text{ and } x \in A \cap G_{r(t)}^{d(s)} \text{ such that } sxt \in A.$$

Obviously, if  $f, g : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are uniformly continuous on fibres, then  $|f|, \bar{f}, f+g$  are uniformly continuous on fibres. If  $f, g : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are bounded uniformly continuous on fibres functions, then  $fg$  is a bounded uniformly continuous on fibres function.

The purpose of this paper is to prove an approximation/extension theorem for a family of partial functions  $\{f_x\}_{x \in H}$  satisfying a uniform compatibility condition ( $f_x : S_x \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , where  $S_x \subset G$  for all  $x \in H$  and  $G$  is a groupoid). As a particular case, we obtain that if  $S$  is a subspace of a groupoid  $G$  endowed with a  $G$ -uniformity, then every bounded uniformly continuous on fibres real-valued function  $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has a bounded uniformly continuous on fibres extension to  $G$ . Furthermore if  $G = X \times X$  (viewed as the trivial groupoid on  $X$ ), we recover the well-known result of Katětov [3, Theorem 3].

## 2 Approximations for uniformly continuous on fibres functions

We shall use a consequence of the following theorem proved in [2]:

**Theorem 3** ([2, Theorem 2.5]). *Let  $G$  be a groupoid,  $\mathcal{W}$  be a  $G$ -uniformity (in the sense of Definition 1) and let*

$$I = \left\{ \frac{1}{2^n}, n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}.$$

*Let us consider an  $I$ -indexed family  $\{W_i\}_{i \in I}$  satisfying the following properties:*

1.  $W_i \in \mathcal{W}$  for all  $i \in I$ .

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2.  $W_i W_i \subset W_{2i}$  for all  $i \in I, i \leq \frac{1}{2}$ .

Then for every subset  $A$  of  $G$  there is a function  $f = f_{A, \mathcal{W}_I} : G \rightarrow [0, 1]$  satisfying the following conditions:

1. If  $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2, x \in G$  and  $y \in W_{1/2^n} x W_{1/2^n}$ , then  $|f(x) - f(y)| < \frac{1}{2^{n-2}}$ .  
Consequently,  $f$  is uniformly continuous on fibres (in the sense of Definition 2).
2.  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in A$ .
3.  $f(x) = 1$  for all  $x \notin WAW$ .
4. If  $A = A^{-1}$ , then  $f(x) = f(x^{-1})$  for all  $x \in G$ .
5. If  $G$  is endowed with a topology such that  $W_{i_k} W_{i_{k-1}} \dots W_{i_1} A W_{i_1} \dots W_{i_{k-1}} W_{i_k}$  is open for all  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k \in I, i_k < i_{k-1} < \dots < i_1 < 1$ , then  $f$  is upper semi-continuous.
6. For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2$ , we have  $W_{1/2^{n+1}} A W_{1/2^{n+1}} \subset \{x : f(x) < \frac{1}{2^n}\} \subset W_{1/2^{n-1}} A W_{1/2^{n-1}}$ .
7. If  $A = G^{(0)}$ , then  $f(xy) \leq 3f(x) + f(y)$  for all  $(x, y) \in G^{(2)}$ .
8. If  $A = G^{(0)}$ , then  $f(xy) \leq 2(f(x) + f(y))$  for all  $(x, y) \in G^{(2)}$ .
9. If  $A = G^{(0)}$ , then  $f(x_1 x_2 \dots x_n) \leq 3(f(x_1) + f(x_2) + \dots + f(x_n))$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in G$  such that  $d(x_i) = r(x_{i+1})$  for all  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$ .
10. If  $A = G^{(0)}$  and for every  $x \in G \setminus G^{(0)}$  there is  $i_x \in I$  such that  $x \notin W_{i_x}$  (or equivalently,  $\bigcap_n W_{1/2^n} = G^{(0)}$ ), then  $f^{-1}(\{0\}) = G^{(0)}$ .

**Corollary 4.** Let  $G$  be a groupoid endowed with a  $G$ -uniformity  $\mathcal{W}$  (in the sense of Definition 1). If  $A$  and  $B$  are two subsets of  $G$  with the property that there is  $W \in \mathcal{W}$  such that  $WAW \subset B$ , then there is a uniformly continuous on fibres function  $f : G \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that  $f(x) = 1$  for all  $x \in A$  and  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x \notin B$ .

*Proof.* Let  $C = G \setminus B$  and notice that  $C \subset G \setminus WAW$ . By Theorem 3 there is a uniformly continuous on fibres function  $f : G \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that  $f(x) = 1$  for all  $x \in A$  and  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x \notin WAW$  and thus for all  $x \in C$ . □

**Lemma 5.** Let  $G$  be a groupoid endowed with a  $G$ -uniformity  $\mathcal{W}$  (in the sense of Definition 1). Let  $S \subset G$  and  $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function that is uniformly continuous on fibres. Let  $a < b$  be two real constants and let

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \{x \in S : f(x) \leq a\} \\ B &= \{x \in S : f(x) \geq b\}. \end{aligned}$$

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Then there is  $W \in \mathcal{W}$  such that  $WAW \cap B = \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* Since  $f$  is uniformly continuous on fibres, there is  $W \in \mathcal{W}$  such that  $\square$

$$|f(x) - f(sxt)| < (b - a) \text{ for all } s, t \in W \text{ and } x \in A \cap G_{r(t)}^{d(s)}.$$

Thus if  $s, t \in W$  and  $x \in A \cap G_{r(t)}^{d(s)}$ , then

$$f(sxt) = f(sxt) - f(x) + f(x) < b - a + a = b.$$

Consequently,  $sxt \notin B$ .

**Theorem 6.** Let  $G$  be a groupoid endowed with a  $G$ -uniformity  $\mathcal{W}$  (in the sense of Definition 1). Let  $\{S_x\}_{x \in H}$  be a family of subsets of  $G$  and  $\{f_x\}_{x \in H}$  be a family of functions  $f_x : S_x \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying the following conditions:

**c1.**  $\sup_{x \in H} \sup_{z \in S_x} |f_x(z)| < \infty$ .

**c2.** There is a family  $\{H_\varepsilon\}_{\varepsilon > 0}$  of subsets of  $H$  and there is a family  $\{W_\varepsilon^H\}_{\varepsilon > 0} \subset \mathcal{W}$  such that  $\bigcap_{\varepsilon > 0} H_\varepsilon \neq \emptyset$  and

$$|f_y(szt) - f_x(z)| < \varepsilon$$

for all  $x, y \in H_\varepsilon$ ,  $s, t \in W_\varepsilon^H$  and  $z \in G_{r(t)}^{d(s)} \cap S_x$  with the property that  $szt \in S_y$ .

If  $c > 0$  is such that  $c \geq \sup_{x \in H} \sup_{z \in S_x} |f(z)|$ , then there is a bounded uniformly continuous on fibres function  $h : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

1.  $|h| \leq c$  on  $G$ .
2. For all positive integers  $n$  and all  $x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^{n+1} H_{2^i c/3^i}$ ,  $|f_x - h| \leq \frac{2^{n+2}c}{3^{n+1}}$  on  $S_x$ .
3. For all  $x_0 \in \bigcap_{\varepsilon > 0} H_\varepsilon$ ,  $h = f_{x_0}$  on  $S_{x_0}$ .

*Proof.* We use a similar reasoning as in the proof of Tietze Extension Theorem (see [https://proofwiki.org/wiki/Tietze\\_Extension\\_Theorem](https://proofwiki.org/wiki/Tietze_Extension_Theorem) for instance). Let  $c > 0$  be such that  $c \geq \sup_{x \in H} \sup_{z \in S_x} |f(z)|$ . Let us denote  $J_0 = H_{2c/3}$  and let

$$\begin{aligned} A_0 &= \bigcup_{x \in J_0} \left\{ z \in S_x : f_x(z) \leq -\frac{c}{3} \right\} \\ B_0 &= \bigcup_{x \in J_0} \left\{ z \in S_x : f_x(z) \geq \frac{c}{3} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

There is  $W_0 = W_{2c/3}^H \in \mathcal{W}$  such that

$$|f_y(szt) - f_x(z)| < \frac{2c}{3}$$

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for all  $s, t \in W_0, x, y \in J_0$  and  $z \in S_x \cap G_{r(t)}^{d(s)}$  such that  $szt \in S_y$ . Thus if  $x, y \in J_0, s, t \in W_0$  and  $z \in A_0 \cap G_{r(t)}^{d(s)} \cap S_x$  is such that  $szt \in S_y$ , then

$$f_y(szt) = f_y(szt) - f_x(z) + f_x(z) < \frac{2c}{3} - \frac{c}{3} = \frac{c}{3}.$$

Hence  $sxt \notin B_0$ . Consequently,  $W_0 A_0 W_0 \cap B_0 = \emptyset$ . By Corollary 4 there is a uniformly continuous on fibres function  $f_0 : G \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that  $f_0(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in A_0$  and  $f_0(x) = 1$  for all  $x \in B_0$ . Let  $g_0 : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $g_0(x) = \frac{2c}{3} f_0(x) - \frac{c}{3}$  for all  $x \in G$ . Then  $-\frac{c}{3} \leq g_0 \leq \frac{c}{3}, g(x) = -\frac{c}{3}$  for  $x \in A_0$  and  $g_0(x) = \frac{c}{3}$  for  $x \in B_0$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} |g_0| &\leq \frac{c}{3} \text{ on } G \\ |f_x - g_0| &\leq \frac{2c}{3} \text{ on } S_x \text{ for all } x \in J_0. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $g_0$  is uniformly continuous on fibres, there is  $W_{g,\varepsilon} \in \mathcal{W}$  such that

$$|g_0(szt) - g_0(z)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$$

for all  $s, t \in W_{g,\varepsilon}$  and  $z \in G_{r(t)}^{d(s)}$ . Thus if  $x, y \in H_{2\varepsilon/3} \cap J_0, s, t \in W_{2\varepsilon/3}^H \cap W_{g,\varepsilon}$  and  $z \in A_0 \cap G_{r(t)}^{d(s)} \cap S_x$  is such that  $szt \in S_y$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f_y(szt) - g_0(szt) - (f_x(z) - g_0(z))| &\leq |f_y(szt) - f_x(z)| + |g_0(szt) - g_0(z)| \\ &< \frac{2\varepsilon}{3} + \frac{\varepsilon}{3} = \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the family  $\{f_x - g_0\}_{x \in J_0}$  satisfies the hypotheses of the theorem. Let us repeat

the procedure with the family  $\{f_x - g_0\}_{x \in J_0}$  instead of  $\{f_x\}_{x \in H}, \{H_{2\varepsilon/3} \cap J_0\}_\varepsilon$  instead of  $\{H_\varepsilon\}_\varepsilon$  and  $\frac{2c}{3}$  instead of  $c$ . We obtain a function  $g_1 : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} |g_1| &\leq \frac{2c}{9} \text{ on } G \\ |f_x - g_0 - g_1| &\leq \frac{4c}{9} \text{ on } S_x \text{ for all } x \in J_1 = H_{4c/9} \cap J_0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we can inductively generate functions  $g_0, g_1, \dots, g_n, \dots$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} |g_n| &\leq \frac{2^n c}{3^{n+1}} \text{ on } G \\ |f_x - g_0 - g_1 - \dots - g_n| &\leq \frac{2^{n+1} c}{3^{n+1}} \text{ on } S_x \text{ for all } x \in H_{2^{n+1}c/3^{n+1}} \cap J_n. \end{aligned}$$

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Since  $|g_n| \leq \frac{2^n c}{3^n}$  for all  $n$ , it follows that the series  $\sum_{n \geq 0} g_n$  converges absolutely and uniformly on  $G$  to a real-valued function  $h$  satisfying  $|h| \leq c$  on  $G$ . Since all  $g_n$  are uniformly continuous on fibres,  $h$  is uniformly continuous on fibres. For all  $x \in H_{2^{n+1}c/3^{n+1}} \cap J_n$  we have

$$|f_x - h| \leq |f_x - g_0 - g_1 - \dots - g_n| + \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} |g_k| \leq \frac{2^{n+1}c}{3^{n+1}} + \frac{2^{n+1}c}{3^{n+1}} = \frac{2^{n+2}c}{3^{n+1}}$$

and consequently,  $f_{x_0} = h$  on  $S_{x_0}$  for all  $x_0 \in \bigcap_{\varepsilon > 0} H_\varepsilon$ . Moreover

$$\sup_{x \in G} |h(x)| \leq c.$$

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**Corollary 7.** *Let  $G$  be a groupoid endowed with a  $G$ -uniformity  $\mathcal{W}$  (in the sense of Definition 1). Let  $S \subset G$  and  $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a bounded function that is uniformly continuous on fibres. Then there is a bounded uniformly continuous on fibres function  $h : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $h(x) = f(x)$  for all  $x \in S$ . Moreover  $h$  can be chosen such that  $\sup_{x \in S} f(x) = \sup_{x \in G} |h(x)|$ .*

*Proof.* The family for which the only one element is  $\{f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$  satisfies the hypotheses of Theorem 6. □

**Corollary 8.** *Let  $X$  be a uniform space and let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a fundamental system of symmetric entourages of the uniformity on  $X$ . Let  $\{g_j\}_{j \in J}$  be a family of functions  $g_j : S_j \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , where  $S_j \subset X$  for all  $j \in J$ . Let us assume that the family  $\{g_j\}_{j \in J}$  satisfies the following conditions:*

**c1.**  $\sup_{j \in J} \sup_{z \in S_j} |g_j(z)| < \infty$ .

**c2.** *There is a family  $\{J_\varepsilon\}_{\varepsilon > 0}$  of subsets of  $J$  and there is a family  $\{U_\varepsilon^J\}_{\varepsilon > 0} \subset \mathcal{U}$  such that  $\bigcap_{\varepsilon > 0} J_\varepsilon \neq \emptyset$  and*

$$|g_j(x) - g_k(y)| < \varepsilon$$

for all  $j, k \in J_\varepsilon$  and  $(x, y) \in U_\varepsilon^J$  with the property that  $x \in S_j$  and  $y \in S_k$ .

If  $c > 0$  is such that  $c \geq \sup_{x \in H} \sup_{z \in S_c} |f(z)|$ , then there is a bounded uniformly continuous on fibres function  $h : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

1.  $|h| \leq c$  on  $X$ .

2. For all positive integers  $n$  and all  $j \in \bigcap_{i=1}^{n+1} J_{2^i c/3^i}$ ,  $|g_j - h| \leq \frac{2^{n+2}c}{3^{n+1}}$  on  $S_j$ .

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3. For all  $j_0 \in \bigcap_{\varepsilon > 0} J_\varepsilon$ ,  $h = g_{j_0}$  on  $S_{j_0}$ .

*Proof.* Let us consider the trivial groupoid  $G = X \times X$ . Then  $\mathcal{U}$  satisfies conditions 1 – 4 from Definition 1. Thus  $\mathcal{U}$  is  $G$ -uniformity on the groupoid  $G = X \times X$ . Let  $x \in X$ .

For each  $j \in J$ , let  $f_j : \{x\} \times S_j \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f_j(x, y) = g_j(y)$  for all  $(x, y) \in \{x\} \times S_j$ . Then

$$|f_j((x, x)(x, z)(z, y)) - f_k(x, z)| = |g_j(y) - g_k(z)| < \varepsilon$$

for all  $j, k \in J_\varepsilon$  and  $(z, y) \in U_\varepsilon^J$  with the property that  $y \in S_j$  and  $z \in S_k$ . Thus the family  $\{f_j\}_{j \in J}$  satisfies the hypotheses of Theorem 6.  $\square$

**Remark 9.** *If  $X$  is a uniform space and  $g : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a bounded uniformly continuous function, where  $S \subset X$  is endowed with the uniform structure coming from  $X$ , then, applying the preceding corollary to the singleton family  $\{g\}$ , there is a bounded uniformly continuous function  $h : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $h(x) = g(x)$  for all  $x \in S$ . Moreover  $h$  can be chosen such that  $\sup_{x \in S} |f(x)| = \sup_{x \in G} |h(x)|$ . Thus we obtain [3, Theorem 3].*

A topological groupoid is a groupoid  $G$  together with a topology on  $G$  such that the product operation  $(x, y) \mapsto xy$  [ $: G^{(2)} \rightarrow G$ ] (where  $G^{(2)} \subset G \times G$  is endowed with the topology induced by the product topology on  $G \times G$ ) and the inversion operation  $x \mapsto x^{-1}$  [ $: G \rightarrow G$ ] are continuous functions.

**Lemma 10.** *Let  $G$  be a topological groupoid and  $\mathcal{W}$  be a family of neighborhoods of  $G^{(0)}$ . Let us assume that topology on  $G$  has the property that for each  $x \in G$  and each neighborhood  $V$  of  $x$  there is  $W \in \mathcal{W}$  and there is a neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  such that  $WUW \subset V$ . Then for each  $W_1 \in \mathcal{W}$  and each  $x \in G$ , there is  $W_2 \in \mathcal{W}$  and there is a neighborhood  $V$  of  $x$  such that  $V^{-1}W_2V \subset W_1$ .*

*Proof.* For each  $W_1 \in \mathcal{W}$  and each  $x \in G$ , there is a neighborhood  $V_1$  of  $x$  such that  $V_1^{-1}V_1 \subset W_1$ . Furthermore there is  $W_2 \in \mathcal{W}$  and there is a neighborhood  $V$  of  $x$  such that  $W_2VW_2 \subset V_1$ . Hence  $(W_2VW_2)^{-1}W_2VW_2 \subset V_1^{-1}V_1 \subset W_1$ . Consequently,  $V^{-1}W_2V \subset W_2^{-1}V^{-1}W_2^{-1}W_2VW_2 \subset V_1^{-1}V_1 \subset W_1$ .  $\square$

**Remark 11.** *Every locally Hausdorff, locally compact groupoid  $G$  (in the sense of [4, p. 6]) satisfies the hypothesis of the preceding lemma ([4, Lemma 2.10], [4, Lemma 2.14]) with  $\mathcal{W}$  a fundamental system of diagonally compact ([4, p. 10]) neighborhoods of  $G^{(0)}$ .*

**Proposition 12.** *Let  $G$  be a topological groupoid and  $\mathcal{W}$  be a family of neighborhoods of  $G^{(0)}$  satisfying conditions 1 – 4 in Definition 1. Let us assume that the topology of  $G$  has the property that for each  $x \in G$  and each neighborhood  $V$  of  $x$  there is  $W \in \mathcal{W}$  and there is a neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  such that  $WUW \subset V$ . Let  $x_0 \in G$ ,*

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let  $V_0$  be a neighborhood of  $x_0$  and let  $f : G^{d(V_0)} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a bounded function that is uniformly continuous on fibres with respect to the  $G$ -uniformity  $\mathcal{W}$ . For each  $x \in V_0$ , let us define  $f_x : G^{r(x)} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f_x(y) = f(x^{-1}y)$  for all  $y \in G^{r(x)}$ . Then there is a bounded uniformly continuous on fibres function  $h : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (with respect to the  $G$ -uniformity  $\mathcal{W}$ ) such that

1.  $\sup_{z \in G} |h(z)| \leq \sup_{z \in G^{d(V_0)}} |f(z)|$ .
2.  $h = f_{x_0}$  on  $G^{r(x_0)}$ .
3. For each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a neighborhood  $U_\varepsilon \subset V_0$  of  $x_0$  such that for all  $x \in U_\varepsilon$ ,  $|f_x - h| < \varepsilon$  on  $G^{r(x)}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $f$  is uniformly continuous on fibres, it follows that for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is  $W_{f,\varepsilon} \in \mathcal{W}$  such that  $|f(szt) - f(z)| < \varepsilon$  for all  $s, t \in W_{f,\varepsilon}$  and  $z \in G_{r(t)}^{d(s)} \cap G^{d(V_0)}$ . Furthermore there is  $W_{f,\varepsilon,x_0} \in \mathcal{W}$  ( $W_{f,\varepsilon,x_0} \subset W_{f,\varepsilon}$ ) and there is a neighborhood  $V_\varepsilon \subset V_0$  of  $x_0$  such that  $V_\varepsilon^{-1}W_{f,\varepsilon,x_0}V_\varepsilon \subset W_{f,\varepsilon}$ . For all  $x, y \in V_\varepsilon$ ,  $s, t \in W_{f,\varepsilon,x_0}$  and  $z \in G_{r(t)}^{d(s)} \cap G^{r(x)}$  with the property that  $szt \in G^{r(y)}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f_y(szt) - f_x(z)| &= |f(y^{-1}szt) - f(x^{-1}z)| = |f(y^{-1}sx x^{-1}zt) - f(x^{-1}z)| = \\ &= |f(s'x^{-1}zt) - f(x^{-1}z)| < \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

because  $s' = y^{-1}sx \in V_\varepsilon^{-1}W_{f,\varepsilon,x_0}V_\varepsilon \subset W_{f,\varepsilon}$  and  $t \in W_{f,\varepsilon,x_0} \subset W_{f,\varepsilon}$ . Thus  $\{f_x\}_{x \in V_0}$  satisfies the hypotheses of Theorem 6 with  $H = V_0$ ,  $H_\varepsilon = V_\varepsilon$ ,  $W_\varepsilon^H = W_{f,\varepsilon,x_0}$  and  $c = \sup_{z \in G^{d(V_0)}} |f(z)|$ . Consequently, there is a bounded uniformly continuous on fibres function  $h : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

- i)  $|h| \leq c$  on  $G$ .
- ii) For all positive integers  $n$  and all  $x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^{n+1} V_{2^i c/3^i}$ ,  $|f_x - h| \leq \frac{2^{n+2}c}{3^{n+1}}$  on  $G^{r(x)}$ .
- iii) For all  $x \in \bigcap_{\varepsilon > 0} V_\varepsilon$ ,  $h = f_x$  on  $G^{r(x)}$ .

Since  $x_0 \in \bigcap_{\varepsilon > 0} V_\varepsilon$ , it follows that  $h = f_{x_0}$  on  $G^{r(x_0)}$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and let  $n_\varepsilon$  be a positive integer such that  $\frac{2^{n_\varepsilon+2}c}{3^{n_\varepsilon+1}} < \varepsilon$ . If  $x \in U_\varepsilon = \bigcap_{i=1}^{n_\varepsilon+1} V_{2^i c/3^i}$  then  $|f_x - h| < \varepsilon$  on  $G^{r(x)}$ .  $\square$

**Remark 13.** Any topological groupoid that is paracompact admits a fundamental system  $\mathcal{W}$  of neighborhoods that is a  $G$ -uniformity compatible with the topology of fibres [5]. The same is true for a topological groupoid with paracompact unit space [1].

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