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Since $\{x \in \{0, 1\}^c : |\text{sup}(x)| \leq \omega\}$ is ω -bounded and dense in G , G is strongly pseudocompact. As $\chi_{\bigcup_{n \leq k} A_k} \rightarrow \vec{1}$ and $\vec{1} \notin G$, G cannot be countably compact.

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$$\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{P}, p) = \left\{ \bigcup_{n \in A} (P_n \setminus F_n) : A \in p \text{ and } \forall n \in A (F_n \in [\mathbb{N}]^{<\omega}) \right\}.$$

It is easy to check that $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{P}, p)$ is a filter base. We write \mathcal{F}_p instead of $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{P}, p)$ when a confusion is not possible.

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The space of weak P -points of \mathbb{N}^* is ultrapseudocompact and non-strongly pseudocompact

Notation

Let $\mathcal{P} = \{P_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ be an ω -partition of \mathbb{N} and let $p \in \mathbb{N}^*$. We define

$$\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{P}, p) = \left\{ \bigcup_{n \in A} (P_n \setminus F_n) : A \in p \text{ and } \forall n \in A (F_n \in [\mathbb{N}]^{<\omega}) \right\}.$$

It is easy to check that $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{P}, p)$ is a filter base. We write \mathcal{F}_p instead of $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{P}, p)$ when a confusion is not possible.

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