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## Abstract

We defined group actions on cofinite graphs to characterize a unique way of uniformly topologizing an abstract group with profinite topology, induced by the cofinite graphs, so that the aforesaid action becomes uniformly equicontinuous.

*Keywords:* Profinite graph; Cofinite graph; Profinite group; Cofinite group; Equicontinuous group action

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1. Topological graphs

**Definition 1.1** (*Topological Graphs*). A topological graph [1] is a topological space  $\Gamma$  that is partitioned into two closed subsets  $V(\Gamma)$  and  $E(\Gamma)$  together with two continuous functions  $s, t: E(\Gamma) \rightarrow V(\Gamma)$  and a continuous function  $\bar{\cdot}: E(\Gamma) \rightarrow E(\Gamma)$  satisfying the following properties: for every  $e \in E(\Gamma)$ ,

- (1)  $\bar{\bar{e}} \neq e$  and  $\bar{\bar{e}} = e$ ;
- (2)  $t(\bar{e}) = s(e)$  and  $s(\bar{e}) = t(e)$ .

The elements of  $V(\Gamma)$  are called *vertices*. An element  $e \in E(\Gamma)$  is called a (*directed*) *edge* with *source*  $s(e)$  and *target*  $t(e)$ ; the edge  $\bar{e}$  is called the *reverse* or *inverse* of  $e$ .

A *map of graphs*  $f: \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$  is a function that maps vertices to vertices, edges to edges, and preserves sources, targets, and inverses of edges. Analogously, we will call a map of graphs a *graph isomorphism* if and only if it is a bijection.

An *orientation* of a topological graph  $\Gamma$  is a closed subset  $E^+(\Gamma)$  consisting of exactly one edge in each pair  $\{e, \bar{e}\}$ . In this situation, setting  $E^-(\Gamma) = \{e \in E(\Gamma) \mid \bar{e} \in E^+(\Gamma)\}$  we see that  $E(\Gamma)$  is a disjoint union of the two closed (hence also open) subsets  $E^+(\Gamma)$ ,  $E^-(\Gamma)$ .

**Note 1.2.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a topological graph. The following are equivalent:

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- (1)  $\Gamma$  admits an orientation;
- (2) there exists a continuous map of graphs from  $\Gamma$  to the discrete graph with a single vertex and a single edge and its inverse;
- (3) there exists a continuous map of graphs  $f : \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$  for some discrete graph  $\Delta$ .

Conceivably there are topological graphs that do not admit closed orientations. However such graphs will not concern us. Therefore, unless otherwise stated, by a topological graph we will henceforth mean a topological graph that admits an orientation.

We will be interested in equivalence relations on graphs that are compatible with the graph structure:

**Definition 1.3** (*Compatible Equivalence Relation*). An equivalence relation  $R$  on a graph  $\Gamma$  is *compatible* if the following properties hold:

- (1)  $R = R_V \cup R_E$  where  $R_V, R_E$  are equivalence relations on  $V(\Gamma), E(\Gamma)$ , precisely the restriction of  $R$ ;
- (2) if  $(e_1, e_2) \in R$ , then  $(s(e_1), s(e_2)) \in R, (t(e_1), t(e_2)) \in R$ , and  $(\bar{e}_1, \bar{e}_2) \in R$ ;
- (3) for all  $e \in E(\Gamma), (e, \bar{e}) \notin R$ ;

**Note 1.4.** If  $K$  is a compatible equivalence relation on  $\Gamma$ , then there is a unique way to make  $\Gamma/K$  into a graph such that the canonical map  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma/K$  is a map of graphs. It is defined by setting  $s(K[e]) = K[s(e)], t(K[e]) = K[t(e)],$  and  $\bar{K}[e] = K[\bar{e}]$ .

Conversely, if  $\Delta$  is a graph and  $f : \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$  is a surjective map of graphs, then  $K = f^{-1}f = \{(a, b) \in \Gamma \times \Gamma \mid f(a) = f(b)\}$  is a compatible equivalence relation on  $\Gamma$  and  $f$  induces an isomorphism of graphs such that  $\Gamma/K \cong \Delta$ .

**Note 1.5.** If  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are compatible equivalences on  $\Gamma$ , then so is  $R_1 \cap R_2$ .

**Theorem 1.6.** Let  $R$  be any cofinite equivalence relation on a topological graph  $\Gamma$ . Then there exists a compatible cofinite equivalence [2] relation  $S \subseteq R$ .

**Proof.** Extend the source and target maps  $s, t : E(\Gamma) \rightarrow V(\Gamma)$  to all of  $\Gamma$  so that they are both the identity map on  $V(\Gamma)$ . Then  $s, t : \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma$  are continuous maps satisfying the following properties:

- $s^2 = s, t^2 = t, st = t,$  and  $ts = s$ ;
- $s(x) = x \iff t(x) = x \iff x \in V(\Gamma)$ .

Similarly, extend the edge inversion map  $\bar{\cdot} : E(\Gamma) \rightarrow E(\Gamma)$  to all of  $\Gamma$  by also letting it be the identity map on  $V(\Gamma)$ . Then  $\bar{\cdot} : \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma$  is a continuous map satisfying the following conditions for all  $x \in \Gamma$ :

- $\bar{\bar{x}} = x$ ;
- $\bar{x} = x \iff x \in V(\Gamma)$ ;
- $s(\bar{x}) = t(x)$  and  $t(\bar{x}) = s(x)$ .

Now define  $S_1 = \{(x, y) \in \Gamma \times \Gamma \mid (s(x), s(y)) \in R\} = (s \times s)^{-1}[R], S_2 = \{(x, y) \in \Gamma \times \Gamma \mid (t(x), t(y)) \in R\} = (t \times t)^{-1}[R],$  and  $S_3 = \{(x, y) \in \Gamma \times \Gamma \mid (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in R\} = (\bar{\cdot} \times \bar{\cdot})^{-1}[R]$ . Then, by the Correspondence Theorem [2],  $S_1, S_2, S_3$  are cofinite equivalence relations on  $\Gamma$ . Let  $S_4 = R \cap S_1 \cap S_2 \cap S_3$  and observe that

- (i)  $S_4$  is a cofinite equivalence relation on  $\Gamma$ ;
- (ii) if  $(e_1, e_2) \in S_4$ , then  $(s(e_1), s(e_2)) \in S_4, (t(e_1), t(e_2)) \in S_4,$  and  $(\bar{e}_1, \bar{e}_2) \in S_4$ .

Finally, choose a closed orientation  $E^+(\Gamma)$  of  $\Gamma$  and form the restrictions  $S_V = S_4 \cap [V(\Gamma) \times V(\Gamma)], S_{E^+} = S_4 \cap [E^+(\Gamma) \times E^+(\Gamma)],$  and  $S_{E^-} = S_4 \cap [E^-(\Gamma) \times E^-(\Gamma)]$ . Then it is easy to check that  $S = S_V \cup S_{E^+} \cup S_{E^-}$  is a compatible cofinite equivalence relation on  $\Gamma$  and  $S \subseteq R$ , as required.  $\square$

The previous proof actually shows a little more, which is worth noting. Given a closed orientation  $E^+(\Gamma)$  for  $\Gamma$ , we say that a compatible equivalence relation  $R$  on  $\Gamma$  is *orientation preserving* if whenever  $(e, e') \in R$  and  $e \in E^+(\Gamma)$ , then also  $e' \in E^+(\Gamma)$ . Since the equivalence relation  $S$  that we constructed in the proof of **Theorem 1.6** is also orientation preserving, we proved the following stronger result.

**Corollary 1.7.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a topological graph with a specified closed orientation  $E^+(\Gamma)$ . Then for any cofinite equivalence relation  $R$  on  $\Gamma$ , there exists a compatible orientation preserving cofinite equivalence relation  $S$  on  $\Gamma$  such that  $S \subseteq R$ .

**Corollary 1.8.** If  $\Gamma$  is a compact Hausdorff totally disconnected topological graph, then its compatible cofinite equivalence relations form a fundamental system of entourages for the unique uniform structure that induces the topology of  $\Gamma$  [3].

### 1.2. Cofinite graphs

**Definition 1.9 (Cofinite Graph).** A cofinite graph [2] is an abstract graph  $\Gamma$  endowed with a Hausdorff uniformity such that the compatible cofinite entourages [2] of  $\Gamma$  form a fundamental system of entourages (i.e. every entourage of  $\Gamma$  contains a compatible cofinite entourage).

A group  $G$  is said to act uniformly equicontinuously over a cofinite graph  $\Gamma$  if and only if for each entourage  $W$  over  $\Gamma$  there exists an entourage  $[2]$ ,  $V$  over  $\Gamma$  such that for all  $g$  in  $G$ ,  $(g \times g)[V] \subseteq W$ , where  $(g \times g)[V] = \{(g \cdot x, g \cdot y) : (x, y) \in V\}$  and  $g \cdot x$  is the image of  $x \in \Gamma$  under the group action of  $g \in G$ . In this case the group action induces a (Hausdorff) uniformity over  $G$  if and only if the aforesaid action is faithful.

Suppose that  $G$  is a group acting faithfully and uniformly equicontinuously on a cofinite graph  $\Gamma$ , then the action  $G \times \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma$  is uniformly continuous. Also in that case  $\widehat{G}$ , the [4] profinite completion of  $G$ , acts on  $\widehat{\Gamma}$ , the [2] profinite of completion of  $\Gamma$ , uniformly equicontinuously. Following is an example of uniform equicontinuous group action.

**Example 1.10.** Let  $\Gamma$  be an abstract graph with  $V(\Gamma) = \{x : x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ , where  $\mathbb{Z}$  is the set of all integers. Let,  $E^+(\Gamma) = \{e_x : x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ ,  $s(e_x) = x$ ,  $t(e_x) = x + 1$ . Let,  $E^-(\Gamma)$  be the set of all edges reversing the edges of  $E^+(\Gamma)$ , that is  $E^-(\Gamma) = \{\bar{e}_x : x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  and  $s(\bar{e}_x) = t(e_x)$ ,  $t(\bar{e}_x) = s(e_x)$ . Let  $p$  be any prime. Then for any positive integer  $n$ , consider  $\Gamma_n$  as the cycle of length  $p^n$ . One can say that  $V(\Gamma_n) = \{[0]_n, [1]_n, [2]_n \dots [p^n - 1]_n\}$ , where  $[x]_n$  is the congruence class of  $x$  modulo  $p^n$  and  $E^+(\Gamma_n) = \{e_{[x]_n} : x \in V(\Gamma_n)\}$ ,  $s(e_{[x]_n}) = [x]_n$ ,  $t(e_{[x]_n}) = [x + 1]_n$ . Let  $E^-(\Gamma_n)$  be the set of edges reversing the edges in  $E^+(\Gamma_n)$ , that is  $E^-(\Gamma_n) = \{\bar{e}_{[x]_n} : x \in V(\Gamma_n)\}$  and  $s(\bar{e}_{[x]_n}) = t(e_{[x]_n})$ ,  $t(\bar{e}_{[x]_n}) = s(e_{[x]_n})$ . Now, consider the map of graphs  $q_n : \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma_n$  as  $q_n[x] = [x]_n$  and  $q_n(e_x) = e_{[x]_n}$ . Let,  $R_n = Ker\ q_n = \{(\gamma, \delta) \in \Gamma \times \Gamma : q_n(\gamma) = q_n(\delta)\}$ . Then  $R_n$  is a compatible equivalence relation over  $\Gamma$  [2] and since there is a one-one, onto map of graphs from  $\Gamma/R_n$  to  $\Gamma_n$ ,  $|\Gamma/R_n| < \infty$ . And  $I = \{R_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a fundamental system of entourages over  $\Gamma$ . The corresponding topology induced by  $I$  is also Hausdorff, since for any two distinct  $\gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$ , there exists sufficiently large natural number  $n$  so that  $R_n[x] \cap R_n[y] = \phi$ . Thus  $\Gamma$  turns to be a cofinite graph. Consider the additive group of integers  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  and a natural group action  $\mathbb{Z} \times \Gamma \mapsto \Gamma$  by translation of vertices and edges as follows: For any  $g \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $x \in V(\Gamma)$ ,  $g.x = g + x$  and for any  $e_x \in E^+(\Gamma)$ ,  $g.e_x = e_{g+x}$ , for any  $\bar{e}_x \in E^-(\Gamma)$ ,  $g.\bar{e}_x = \bar{e}_{g+x}$ . For any entourage  $U$  over  $\Gamma$ , as  $I$  is a fundamental system of entourage over  $\Gamma$ , there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $R_n \subseteq U$  and for all  $g \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $(g \times g)[R_n] \subseteq R_n$ . For if  $x, y \in R_n$ , without loss of generality let us assume that  $x, y \in V(\Gamma)$ . So,  $[x]_n = [y]_n$  which implies  $[g + x]_n = [g + y]_n$  and that implies  $(g.x, g.y) \in R_n$ . Thus the above action is uniformly equicontinuous.

### 2. Groups acting on cofinite graphs

Let  $G$  be a group and  $\Gamma$  be a cofinite graph. We say that the group  $G$  acts over  $\Gamma$  if and only if

- (1) For all  $x$  in  $\Gamma$ , for all  $g$  in  $G$ ,  $g.x$  is in  $\Gamma$
- (2) For all  $x$  in  $\Gamma$ , for all  $g_1, g_2$  in  $G$ ,  $g_1.(g_2.x) = (g_1g_2).x$
- (3) For all  $x$  in  $\Gamma$ ,  $1.x = x$ , where  $1 \in G$  is the identity element of  $G$ .
- (4) For all  $v$  in  $V(\Gamma)$ , for all  $g$  in  $G$ ,  $g.v$  is in  $V(\Gamma)$  and for all  $e$  in  $E(\Gamma)$ , for all  $g$  in  $G$ ,  $g.e$  is in  $E(\Gamma)$ .
- (5) For all  $e$  in  $E(\Gamma)$ , for all  $g$  in  $G$ ,  $g.s(e) = s(g.e)$ ,  $g.t(e) = t(g.e)$ ,  
 $g.(\bar{e}) = \bar{g.e}$ . We say,  $s(e), t(e), \bar{e}$  are the source of  $e$ , target of  $e$  and inversion of  $e$  respectively, such that  $s(\bar{e}) = t(e)$ ,  $t(\bar{e}) = s(e)$  and  $\bar{\bar{e}} = e$ .
- (6) There exists a  $G$ -invariant orientation  $E^+(\Gamma)$  of  $\Gamma$ .

Note that the aforesaid group action restricted to  $\{g\}$  can be treated as a well defined map of graphs,  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma$  taking  $x \mapsto g.x$ .

**Definition 2.1** (*Uniform Equicontinuous Group Action*). A group  $G$  is said to act uniformly equicontinuously over a cofinite graph  $\Gamma$ , if and only if for each entourage  $W$  over  $\Gamma$  there exists an entourage  $V$  over  $\Gamma$  such that for all  $g$  in  $G$ ,  $(g \times g)[V]$  is a subset of  $W$ .

**Example 2.2.** Let  $\Gamma$  be an abstract graph with  $V(\Gamma) = \{x : x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ , where  $\mathbb{Z}$  is the set of all integers. Let,  $E^+(\Gamma) = \{e_x : x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ ,  $s(e_x) = x$ ,  $t(e_x) = x + 1$ . Let,  $E^-(\Gamma)$  be the set of all edges reversing the edges of  $E^+(\Gamma)$ , that is  $E^-(\Gamma) = \{\bar{e}_x : x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  and  $s(\bar{e}_x) = t(e_x)$ ,  $t(\bar{e}_x) = s(e_x)$ . Let  $\mathcal{N}$  be a separating filter base [2] of finite index normal subgroups of  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ , the additive group of integers. Then for any subgroup  $n\mathbb{Z} \in \mathcal{N}$ , consider  $\Gamma_n$  as the cycle of length  $n$ . One can say that  $V(\Gamma_n) = \{[0]_n, [1]_n, [2]_n \dots [n-1]_n\}$ , where  $[x]_n$  is the congruence class of  $x$  modulo  $n$  and  $E^+(\Gamma_n) = \{e_{[x]_n} : x \in V(\Gamma_n)\}$ ,  $s(e_{[x]_n}) = [x]_n$ ,  $t(e_{[x]_n}) = [x+1]_n$ . Let  $E^-(\Gamma_n)$  be the set of edges reversing the edges in  $E^+(\Gamma_n)$ , that is  $E^-(\Gamma_n) = \{\bar{e}_{[x]_n} : x \in V(\Gamma_n)\}$  and  $s(\bar{e}_{[x]_n}) = t(e_{[x]_n})$ ,  $t(\bar{e}_{[x]_n}) = s(e_{[x]_n})$ . Now, consider the map of graphs  $q_n : \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma_n$  as  $q_n[x] = [x]_n$  and  $q_n(e_x) = e_{[x]_n}$ . Let,  $R_n = Ker q_n = \{(\gamma, \delta) \in \Gamma \times \Gamma : q_n(\gamma) = q_n(\delta)\}$ . Then  $R_n$  is a compatible equivalence relation over  $\Gamma$  [2] and since there is a one-one, onto map of graphs from  $\Gamma/R_n$  to  $\Gamma_n$ ,  $|\Gamma/R_n| < \infty$ . And  $I = \{R_n : n\mathbb{Z} \in \mathcal{N}\}$  is a fundamental system of entourages over  $\Gamma$ . The corresponding topology induced by  $I$  is also Hausdorff, since for any two distinct  $\gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$ , there exists sufficiently large natural number  $n$  so that  $R_n[x] \cap R_n[y] = \emptyset$ . Thus  $\Gamma$  turns to be a cofinite graph. Consider the additive group of integers  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  and a natural group action  $\mathbb{Z} \times \Gamma \mapsto \Gamma$  by translation of vertices and edges as follows: For any  $g \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $x \in V(\Gamma)$ ,  $g.x = g + x$  and for any  $e_x \in E^+(\Gamma)$ ,  $g.e_x = e_{g+x}$ , for any  $\bar{e}_x \in E^-(\Gamma)$ ,  $g.\bar{e}_x = \bar{e}_{g+x}$ . For any entourage  $U$  over  $\Gamma$ , as  $I$  is a fundamental system of entourage over  $\Gamma$ , there exists  $n\mathbb{Z} \in \mathcal{N}$  so that  $R_n \subseteq U$  and for all  $g \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $(g \times g)[R_n] \subseteq U$ . For if  $x, y \in R_n$ , without loss of generality let us assume that  $x, y \in V(\Gamma)$ . So,  $[x]_n = [y]_n$  which implies  $[g+x]_n = [g+y]_n$  and that implies  $(g.x, g.y) \in R_n$ . Thus the above action is uniformly equicontinuous.

**Lemma 2.3.** *If a group  $G$  acts uniformly equicontinuously over a cofinite graph  $\Gamma$ , then there exists a fundamental system of entourages consisting of  $G$ -invariant compatible cofinite entourages over  $\Gamma$ , i.e. for any entourage  $U$  over  $\Gamma$  there exists a compatible cofinite entourage  $R$  over  $\Gamma$  such that for all  $g \in G$ ,  $(g \times g)[R] \subseteq R \subseteq U$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $U$  be any cofinite entourage [2] over  $\Gamma$ . Then as  $G$  acts uniformly equicontinuously over  $\Gamma$ , there exists a compatible cofinite entourage  $S$  over  $\Gamma$  such that for all  $g \in G$ ,  $(g \times g)[S] \subseteq U$ . Choose a  $G$ -invariant orientation  $E^+(\Gamma)$  of  $\Gamma$ . Without loss of generality, we can assume that our compatible equivalence relation  $S$  on  $\Gamma$  is *orientation preserving* i.e. whenever  $(e, e') \in S$  and  $e \in E^+(\Gamma)$ , then also  $e' \in E^+(\Gamma)$ . Now  $S \subseteq \cup_{g \in G} (g \times g)[S] \subseteq U$ . Now if  $S_0 = \cup_{g \in G} (g \times g)[S]$  and  $T = \langle S_0 \rangle$ , where  $\langle S_0 \rangle$  is the smallest unique equivalence relation on  $\Gamma$  containing  $S_0$ , namely, the intersection of all equivalence relations that contains  $S_0$ . Note that  $S \subseteq T \subseteq U$ . Since for all  $h \in G$ ,  $(h \times h)[S_0] = S_0$  and  $S_0^{-1} = S_0$  it follows that  $T$  is in the transitive closure of  $S_0$ . Let  $(x, y) \in T$ . Then there exists a finite sequence  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$  such that  $(x_i, x_{i+1}) \in S_0$ , for all  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$  and  $x = x_0, y = x_n$ . Hence  $(gx_i, gx_{i+1}) \in S_0$ , for all  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ , for all  $g \in G$ . Thus  $(gx_0, gx_n) = (gx, gy) \in T$ , for all  $g \in G$ . Hence for all  $g \in G$ ,  $(g \times g)[T] \subseteq T$  and our claim that  $T$  is a  $G$ -invariant cofinite entourage, follows. It remains to check that  $T$  is compatible. Let  $(x, y) \in T$ . If  $(x, y) \in S_0$ , then there is  $(t, s) \in S = S_V \cup S_E$  and  $g \in G$  such that  $(gt, gs) = (x, y)$ . Without loss of generality let  $(t, s) \in S_V$ . Then  $(t, s) \in V(\Gamma) \times V(\Gamma)$  which implies that  $(x, y) \in T_V$ . Now let  $(x, y) \in T \setminus S_0$ . Then there exists a finite sequence  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$  such that  $(x_i, x_{i+1}) \in S_0$ , for all  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$  and  $x = x_0, y = x_n$ . Hence by the previous argument if  $(x_0, x_1) \in T_V$  then  $(x_i, x_{i+1}) \in T_V$ , for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ . Thus  $(x, y) \in T_V$ . If  $(x_0, x_1) \in T_E$  then  $(x_i, x_{i+1}) \in T_E$ , for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ , which implies  $(x, y) \in T_E$ . Let  $(e_1, e_2) \in T_E$ . If  $(e_1, e_2) \in S_0$ , then there is  $(p, q) \in S$  and  $g \in G$  such that  $(gp, gq) = (e_1, e_2)$ . Then  $(s(p), s(q)) \in S$ . So  $(s(e_1), s(e_2))$  which equals  $(gs(p), gs(q))$  is in  $(g \times g)[S] \subseteq S_0$  so that  $(s(e_1), s(e_2)) \in T$ . Now let  $(e_1, e_2) \in T \setminus S_0$ . Then there exists a finite sequence  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$  such that  $(x_i, x_{i+1}) \in S_0, \forall i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$  and  $e_1 = x_0, e_2 = x_n$ . Hence by the previous argument  $(s(x_i), s(x_{i+1})) \in T, \forall i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$  and thus  $(s(e_1), s(e_2)) \in T$ . Similarly,  $(t(e_1), t(e_2)) \in T$  and  $(\bar{e}_1, \bar{e}_2) \in T$ . Finally, to show that for any  $e \in E^+(\Gamma)$ ,  $(e, \bar{e}) \notin T$ , if possible let  $(e, \bar{e}) \in T$ . If  $(e, \bar{e}) \in S_0$ , then there is  $(p, q) \in S$  and  $g \in G$  such that  $(gp, gq) = (e, \bar{e})$ . Then  $\bar{e} = g\bar{p} = g\bar{q} = gq$  which

implies that  $\bar{p} = q$ , so  $(p, \bar{p}) \in S$ , a contradiction. Now let  $(e, \bar{e}) \in T \setminus S_0$ . Then there exists a finite sequence  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$  such that  $(x_i, x_{i+1}) \in S_0$ , for all  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$  and  $e = x_0, \bar{e} = x_n$ . Now let there be  $(p, q) \in S$  and  $g \in G$  such that  $(gp, gq) = (x_0, x_1)$ . Without loss of generality we may assume  $(p, q) \in E^+(\Gamma) \times E^+(\Gamma)$ . Then  $(gp, gq) = (x_0, x_1) \in E^+(\Gamma) \times E^+(\Gamma)$ . Hence  $(x_i, x_{i+1}) \in E^+(\Gamma) \times E^+(\Gamma)$ , for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$  which implies that  $(e, \bar{e}) \in E^+(\Gamma) \times E^+(\Gamma)$ , a contradiction. Our claim follows.  $\square$

Note that in reference to [Example 2.2](#),  $I$  is in fact a fundamental system of  $G$ -invariant compatible cofinite entourages over  $\Gamma$ .

**Note 2.4.** Let  $G$  be a group and  $\Gamma$  be a cofinite graph. Let  $S$  be an equivalence relation over  $G$  then  $S[g] = \{h \in G : (g, h) \in S\}$  is the equivalence class of  $g \in G$ . Similarly, if  $S$  is an equivalence relation on  $\Gamma$  then  $S[\gamma] = \{\rho \in \Gamma : (\gamma, \rho) \in S\}$  is the equivalence class of  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . Let  $G$  act on  $\Gamma$ . Let  $R$  be a cofinite entourage. We define  $N_R = \{(g_1, g_2) \in G \times G : g_1 R[\gamma] = g_2 R[\gamma], \forall \gamma \in \Gamma\}$ , and  $N_R[1] = \{g \in G : (1, g) \in N_R\}$ , [4]. In the following lemmas we will show that  $N_R$  is a congruence of  $G$  and  $N_R[1]$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$  with finite index and we denote it by  $N_R[1] \triangleleft_f G$ .

**Lemma 2.5.**  $N_R[1]$  is a finite index normal subgroup of  $G$  and  $G/N_R[1]$  is isomorphic with  $G/N_R$ . More generally, if  $N$  is a congruence on  $G$ , then  $N[1]$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$  and  $G/N[1] \cong G/N$ .

**Proof.** Let us first see that  $N_R[1] \triangleleft_f G$  for all  $G$ -invariant compatible cofinite entourage  $R$  over  $\Gamma$ . Let  $g, h \in N_R[1]$ . This implies  $(1, g) \in N_R$  and hence  $(g, 1), (1, h) \in N_R$ . Thus  $(g, h) \in N_R$ . This implies  $(g.x, h.x)$  is in  $R$ , for all  $x \in \Gamma$  and so  $(x, g^{-1}h.x) \in R$ , for all  $x \in \Gamma$ . Hence,  $(1, g^{-1}h)$  is in  $N_R$  and thus  $g^{-1}h \in N_R[1]$ . So,  $N_R[1] \leq G$ . For all  $g \in G$ , for all  $x \in \Gamma$ ,  $g.x \in \Gamma$ . Hence for all  $k \in N_R[1], (x, k.x) \in R$ , hence  $(k.x, x)$  is in  $R$ . Thus  $(kg.x, g.x) \in R$  and  $(g^{-1}kg.x, g^{-1}g.x) = (g^{-1}kg.x, x) \in R$ . Hence  $(g^{-1}kg, 1) \in N_R$ . So,  $g^{-1}kg \in N_R[1]$  and thus  $N_R[1] \triangleleft G$ . Now let us define  $\eta$  from  $G/N_R[1]$  to  $G/N_R$  via  $\eta(gN_R[1]) = N_R[g]$ . Then,  $gN_R[1]$  is equal to  $hN_R[1]$  if and only if  $h^{-1}g \in N_R[1]$  if and only if  $(1, h^{-1}g) \in N_R$  if and only if  $(x, h^{-1}g.x) \in R$  if and only if  $(h.x, g.x) \in R$  if and only if  $(h, g) \in N_R$  if and only if  $N_R[h] = N_R[g]$ , for all  $x$  in  $\Gamma$ . Thus  $\eta$  is a well defined injection and hence  $|G/N_R[1]| \leq |G/N_R| < \infty$ . Hence  $N_R[1] \triangleleft_f G$ . It follows that  $G/N_R$  is a group and let us define  $\zeta : G/N_R[1] \rightarrow G/N_R$  via  $\zeta(gN_R[1]) = N_R[g]$ . Then for  $g_1, g_2$  in  $G$ ,  $g_1N_R[1] = g_2N_R[1]$  if and only if  $g_2^{-1}g_1 \in N_R[1]$  if and only if  $(1, g_2^{-1}g_1) \in N_R$  if and only if  $(x, g_2^{-1}g_1.x) \in R$  if and only if  $(g_2.x, g_1.x) \in R$  if and only if  $(g_2, g_1) \in N_R$  if and only if  $N_R[g_2]$  equals  $N_R[g_1]$ . Hence  $\zeta$  is a well defined injection. Also for all  $N_R[g]$  in  $G/N_R$ , there exists  $gN_R[1] \in G/N_R[1]$  such that  $\zeta(gN_R[1]) = N_R[g]$ . Thus  $\zeta$  is surjective as well. Also for  $g_1N_R[1], g_2N_R[1] \in G/N_R[1]$ , we have  $\zeta(g_1N_R[1]g_2N_R[1]) = \zeta(g_1g_2N_R[1])$  and that equals  $N_R[g_1g_2]$  which equals  $N_R[g_1]N_R[g_2] = \zeta(g_1N_R[1])\zeta(g_2N_R[1])$ . Hence  $\zeta$  is a group homomorphism and thus a group isomorphism. Also, both  $G/N_R[1], G/N_R$ , are finite discrete topological groups, so  $\zeta$  is an isomorphism of cofinite groups as well.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.6.** Let a group  $G$  act on a cofinite graph  $\Gamma$  uniformly equicontinuously. Then  $G$  acts on  $\Gamma/R$  and  $G/N_R$  acts on  $\Gamma/R$  as well, where  $R$  is a  $G$ -invariant compatible cofinite entourage over  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma/R$  is the quotient graph of  $\Gamma$  with respect to  $R$ . If  $I$  is a fundamental system of  $G$ -invariant compatible cofinite entourages over  $\Gamma$ , then  $\{N_R \mid R \in I\}$  forms a fundamental system of cofinite congruences [5] for some uniformity over  $G$ .

**Proof.** Let  $R$  be a  $G$ -invariant compatible cofinite entourage over  $\Gamma$ . Let us define a group action  $G \times \Gamma/R \rightarrow \Gamma/R$  via  $g.R[x] = R[g.x]$ , for all  $g \in G$ , for all  $x \in \Gamma$ . Now let  $R[x] = R[y]$  so  $(x, y) \in R$  which implies that  $(g.x, g.y) \in R$ . Then  $R[g.x] = R[g.y]$ . Hence the induced group action is well defined.

Let us now consider the group action  $G/N_R \times \Gamma/R \rightarrow \Gamma/R$ , defined via  $N_R[g].R[x] = R[g.x]$ , for all  $x \in \Gamma$ , for all  $g \in G$ . Now let  $(N_R[g], R[x]) = (N_R[h], R[y])$  which implies that  $(g, h) \in N_R, (x, y)$  is in  $R$ . Then  $(g.x, h.x) \in R$ , as  $h^{-1} \in G, (h^{-1}g.x, h^{-1}h.x) \in R$ . So  $(h^{-1}g.x, y) \in R$ . Thus  $(g.x, h.y) \in R$  which implies that  $R[g.x]$  equals  $R[h.y]$ . Hence the induced group action is well defined. Let us now show that  $N_R$  is an equivalence relation over  $G$ , for all  $G$ -invariant compatible cofinite entourage  $R$  over  $\Gamma$ .

(1) for all  $g \in G$ , for all  $x \in \Gamma, (g.x, g.x) \in R$ . Hence  $(g, g) \in N_R$ , for all  $g \in G$  which implies that  $D(G) \subseteq N_R$ .

- (2) Now  $(g, h) \in N_R \Leftrightarrow (g.x, h.x) \in R$ , for all  $x \in \Gamma$   
 $\Leftrightarrow (h.x, g.x) \in R$ , for all  $x \in \Gamma$ .  
 $\Leftrightarrow (h, g) \in N_R$ . Thus  $N_R^{-1} = N_R$ .
- (3) Let  $(g, h), (h, k) \in N_R$ . This implies  $(g.x, h.x), (h.x, k.x)$  is in  $R, \forall x \in \Gamma$ . Hence  $(g.x, k.x) \in R$ , for all  $x \in \Gamma$ . So  $(g, k) \in N_R$  which implies that  $(N_R)^2 \subseteq N_R$ .

Also we now check that  $N_R$  is a congruence over  $G$ . For, let us take  $(g_1, g_2), (g_3, g_4) \in N_R$ . Then for all  $x \in \Gamma, (g_1.x, g_2.x), (g_3.x, g_4.x) \in R$ ; for all  $x \in \Gamma, g_3.x \in \Gamma$  and so  $(g_1g_3.x, g_2g_3.x) \in R$  and  $(g_2g_3.x, g_2g_4.x)$  is in  $R$ , since  $R$  is  $G$ -invariant. Thus  $(g_1g_3.x, g_2g_4.x) \in R$ , for all  $x \in \Gamma$  so that  $(g_1g_3, g_2g_4) \in N_R$ . Thus our claim follows. Let us now show that  $G/N_R$  is finite. Furthermore, define  $g: \Gamma/R \rightarrow \Gamma/R$  as  $g$  maps  $(R[x])$  into  $R[g.x]$ . Now,  $R[x] = R[y] \iff (x, y) \in R$  if and only if  $(g.x, g.y) \in R \iff R[g.x] = R[g.y]$ . Hence the map  $g$  is a well defined injection. Now for all  $R[x] \in \Gamma/R$  there exists  $g^{-1}R[x] \in \Gamma/R$  such that  $g(g^{-1}R[x])$  equals  $R[x]$ . Hence  $g \in \text{Sym}(\Gamma/R)$ , where  $\text{Sym}(\Gamma/R)$  is the collection of all graph isomorphisms from  $\Gamma/R \rightarrow \Gamma/R$ , [2]. Now let us define a map  $\theta: G/N_R \rightarrow \text{Sym}(\Gamma/R)$  via  $\theta(N_R[g]) = g$ . Now  $N_R[g_1]$  equals  $N_R[g_2]$  if and only if  $(g_1, g_2) \in N_R$  if and only if  $(g_1.x, g_2.x) \in R$  for all  $x \in \Gamma$ . Hence  $(g_1.x, g_2.x) \in R$  if and only if  $R[g_1.x] = R[g_2.x]$  if and only if  $g_1(R[x]) = g_2(R[x])$  if and only if  $g_1 = g_2$  in  $\text{Sym}(\Gamma/R)$ . Hence  $\theta$  is a well defined injection. Thus  $|G/N_R| \leq |\text{Sym}(\Gamma/R)| < \infty$  as  $|\Gamma/R| < \infty$ . So, next we would like to show that  $\{N_R \mid R \in I\}$  forms a fundamental system of cofinite congruences over  $G$ .

- (1)  $D(G) \subseteq N_R$ , for all  $R \in I$ , as  $N_R$  is reflexive.
- (2) Now for some  $R, S \in I, (g_1, g_2) \in N_R \cap N_S$  if and only if  $(g_1.x, g_2.x) \in R \cap S$ , for all  $x \in \Gamma \iff (g_1, g_2) \in N_{R \cap S}$ . Thus  $N_R \cap N_S = N_{R \cap S}$ .
- (3) For all  $N_R, N_R^2 = N_R$ , as  $N_R$  is transitive.
- (4) For all  $N_R, N_R^{-1} = N_R$ , as  $N_R$  is symmetric.

Hence our claim follows.  $\square$

**Note 2.7.** Let us refer back to [Example 2.2](#) and define a group action  $\mathbb{Z} \times \Gamma_n \mapsto \Gamma_n$  as following  $g.[x]_n = [g+x]_n$ , for any  $x \in V(\Gamma_n), g.e_{[x]_n} = e_{[g+x]_n}, g.\bar{e}_{[x]_n} = \bar{e}_{g+x}$ , for any  $\bar{e}_x \in E^-(\Gamma_n)$ . Thus for any  $n$ , where  $n\mathbb{Z} \in \mathcal{N}, \mathbb{Z}/N_{R_n}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ .

**Definition 2.8.** We say a group  $G$  acts on a cofinite graph  $\Gamma$  faithfully, if for all  $g$  in  $G \setminus \{1\}$  there exists  $x$  in  $\Gamma$  such that  $gx$  is not equal to  $x$  in  $\Gamma$ .

**Lemma 2.9.** The induced uniform topology over  $G$  as in [Lemma 2.6](#) is Hausdorff if and only if  $G$  acts faithfully over  $\Gamma$ .

**Proof.** Let us first assume that  $G$  acts faithfully over  $\Gamma$ . Now let  $g \neq h$  in  $G$ . Then  $h^{-1}g \neq 1$ . So there exists  $x \in \Gamma$  such that  $h^{-1}g.x \neq x$  implying that  $g.x \neq h.x$ . Then there exists a  $G$ -invariant compatible cofinite entourage  $R$  over  $\Gamma$  such that  $(g.x, h.x) \notin R$ , as  $\Gamma$  is Hausdorff. Hence  $(g, h) \notin N_R$ . Thus  $G$  is Hausdorff.

Conversely, let us assume that  $G$  is Hausdorff and let  $g \neq 1$  in  $G$ . Then there exists some  $G$ -invariant compatible cofinite entourage  $R$  over  $\Gamma$  such that  $(1, g) \notin N_R$ . Hence there exists  $x \in \Gamma$  such that  $(x, g.x) \notin R$ . Hence  $R[x] \neq R[g.x]$  so that  $x \neq g.x$ . Our claim follows.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.10.** Suppose that  $G$  is a group acting uniformly equicontinuously on a cofinite graph  $\Gamma$  and give  $G$  the induced uniformity as in [Lemma 2.6](#). Then the action  $G \times \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma$  is uniformly continuous.

**Proof.** Let  $R$  be a  $G$ -invariant cofinite entourage over  $\Gamma$ . If  $I$  is a fundamental system of  $G$ -invariant compatible cofinite entourages over  $\Gamma$ . Then  $\{N_R \times R : R \in I\}$  is a fundamental system of entourage for a uniform structure over  $G \times \Gamma$ , [2]. Now let  $((g, x), (h, y)) \in N_R \times R$ , i.e.  $(g, h) \in N_R, (x, y) \in R$ . Now  $x$  in  $\Gamma$  and  $(gx, hx) \in R$  this implies  $(h^{-1}gx, x) \in R$ . We have  $(h^{-1}gx, y) \in R$  and hence  $(gx, hy) \in R$ . Thus our claim.  $\square$

Let us define a directed order ' $\leq$ ' on  $I$ , a fundamental system of  $G$ -invariant entourages on a cofinite graph  $\Gamma$  as in [Lemma 2.6](#). We say,  $R \leq S$  in  $I$ , then  $S \subseteq R$ . Let  $(g_1, g_2) \in N_S$ . Then  $(g_1x, g_2x) \in S$ , for all  $x \in \Gamma$  and

hence  $(g_1x, g_2x) \in R$ , for all  $x \in \Gamma$  which implies  $(g_1, g_2) \in N_R$ . Thus  $N_S \subseteq N_R$ . For all  $R \leq S$ , in  $I$ , let us define  $\psi_{RS}: G/N_S \rightarrow G/N_R$  via  $\psi_{RS}(N_S[g]) = N_R[g]$ . Then  $\psi_{RS}$  is a well defined uniformly continuous group isomorphism, as each of  $G/N_R, G/N_S$  is finite discrete groups. If  $R = S$ , then  $\psi_{RR} = id_{G/N_R}$ . And if  $R \leq S \leq T$ , then  $\psi_{RS}\psi_{ST} = \psi_{RT}$ . Then  $\{G/N_R \mid R \in I, \psi_{RS}, R \leq S \in I\}$ , forms an inverse system of finite discrete groups. Let  $\widehat{\Gamma} = \varprojlim_{R \in I} \Gamma/R$  and  $\widehat{G} = \varprojlim_{R \in I} G/N_R$ , where  $\psi_R: \widehat{G} \rightarrow G/N_R$  is the corresponding canonical projection map, [2]. Now if  $I_1, I_2$  are two fundamental systems of  $G$ -invariant cofinite entourages over  $\Gamma$ , clearly  $I_1, I_2$  will form fundamental systems of cofinite congruences, for two induced uniformities, over  $G$ . Now let  $N_{R_1}$  be a cofinite congruence over  $G$  for some  $R_1 \in I_1$ . Then there exists a  $R_2$ , cofinite entourage over  $\Gamma$ , such that  $R_2 \in I_2$  and  $R_2 \subseteq R_1$ . Hence  $N_{R_2} \subseteq N_{R_1}$ . Now let  $N_{S_2}$  be a cofinite congruence over  $G$  for some  $S_2 \in I_2$ . Then there exists  $S_1$ , cofinite entourage over  $\Gamma$ , such that  $S_1 \in I_1$  and  $S_1 \subseteq S_2$ . Hence  $N_{S_1} \subseteq N_{S_2}$ . Thus any cofinite congruence corresponding to the directed set  $I_1$  is a cofinite congruence corresponding to the directed set  $I_2$  and vice versa. Thus the two induced uniform structures over  $G$  are equivalent and so the completion of  $G$  with respect to the induced uniformity, from the cofinite graph  $\Gamma$ , is unique up to both algebraic and topological isomorphism.

**Theorem 2.11.** *If  $G$  acts on  $\Gamma$ , as in Lemma 2.6, faithfully then  $\widehat{G}$  acts on  $\widehat{\Gamma}$  uniformly equicontinuously.*

**Proof.** Let a group  $G$  act on  $\Gamma$  uniformly equicontinuously. We fix a  $G$ -invariant orientation  $E^+(\Gamma)$  of  $\Gamma$ . By Lemma 2.10 the action is uniformly continuous as well. Let  $\chi: G \times \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma$  be this group action. Now since  $\Gamma$  is topologically embedded in  $\widehat{\Gamma}$  by the inclusion map, say,  $i$ , the map  $i \circ \chi: G \times \Gamma \rightarrow \widehat{\Gamma}$  is a uniformly continuous. Then there exists a unique uniformly continuous map  $\widehat{\chi}: \widehat{G} \times \widehat{\Gamma} \rightarrow \widehat{\Gamma}$  that extends  $\chi$ . We claim that  $\widehat{\chi}$  is the required group action. We can take  $\widehat{\Gamma} = \varprojlim \Gamma/R$  and  $\widehat{G} = \varprojlim G/N_R$ , where  $R$  runs throughout all  $G$ -invariant compatible cofinite entourages of  $\Gamma$  that are orientation preserving. Then  $\widehat{G} \times \widehat{\Gamma} = \varprojlim (G/N_R \times \Gamma/R) \cong \varprojlim (G/N_R \times \Gamma/R)$  [6] and we define a group action of  $G$  over  $\Gamma$  coordinatewise as follows  $(N_R[g_R])_R \cdot (R[x_R])_R = (R[g_R \cdot x_R])_R$ . If possible let,  $((N_R[g_R])_R, (R[x_R])_R) = ((N_R[h_R])_R, (R[y_R])_R)$ . So,  $N_R[g_R]$  equals  $N_R[h_R]$  and  $R[x_R] = R[y_R], \forall R \in I, (g_R, h_R) \in N_R$  and  $(x_R, y_R) \in R$ . This implies that  $(g_R \cdot x_R, h_R \cdot x_R) \in R$  which further ensures that  $(h_R^{-1} g_R \cdot x_R, x_R) \in R$ . Then  $(h_R^{-1} g_R \cdot x_R, y_R) \in R$  and  $(g_R \cdot x_R, h_R \cdot y_R) \in R$ . Hence  $(R[g_R \cdot x_R])_R = (R[h_R \cdot y_R])_R$ . So, the action is well defined. Let  $g = (N_R[g_R])_R$  and  $h = (N_R[h_R])_R$  in  $\widehat{G}$ ,  $x = (R[x_R])_R \in \widehat{\Gamma}$ . Now  $h \cdot (g \cdot x) = h \cdot (R[g_R \cdot x_R])_R = (R[h_R g_R \cdot x_R])_R$  which then equals  $(N_R[h_R g_R])_R \cdot x = (hg) \cdot x$ . Hence the action is associative. Now  $(N_R[1])_R \cdot (R[x_R])_R = (R[1x_R])_R = (R[x_R])_R$ . Furthermore for all vertex  $v = (R[v_R])_R \in V(\widehat{\Gamma})$  and for all  $g = (N_R[g_R])_R \in \widehat{G}$  one can say that  $g \cdot v = (R[g_R \cdot v_R])_R \in V(\widehat{\Gamma})$  as each  $g_R \cdot v_R \in V(\Gamma)$ . Similarly, for all  $e = (R[e_R])_R$  in  $E(\widehat{\Gamma})$  and for all  $g = (N_R[g_R])_R$  in  $\widehat{G}$ ,  $g \cdot e = (R[g_R e_R])_R$  in  $E(\widehat{\Gamma})$ . For all  $e = (R[e_R])_R$  in  $E(\widehat{\Gamma})$ , for all  $g = (N_R[g_R])_R$  in  $\widehat{G}$ , we have  $s(g \cdot e) = s((R[g_R e_R])_R)$  and so  $(R[g_R s(e)])_R$  equals  $(g \cdot (R[s(e_R)])_R)$  and that equals  $g \cdot s(e)$ . Hence the properties  $t(g \cdot e) = g \cdot t(e)$  and  $\bar{g} \cdot \bar{e} = \overline{g \cdot e}$  follow similarly. Finally, let  $E^+(\widehat{\Gamma})$  consist of all the edges  $(R[e_R])_R$ , where  $e_R \in E^+(\Gamma)$ . Since each  $R$  is orientation preserving, it follows that  $E^+(\widehat{\Gamma})$  is an orientation of  $\widehat{\Gamma}$ . Since  $E^+(\Gamma)$  is  $G$ -invariant, we see that  $E^+(\widehat{\Gamma})$  is  $\widehat{G}$ -invariant. Hence this is a well defined group action. Also for all  $g \in G$ , and  $x \in \Gamma$ ,  $(N_R[g])_R \cdot (R[x])_R$  equals  $(R[g \cdot x])_R$  which equals  $g \cdot x$  in  $\Gamma$ , (please see [6], for any further clarification on how to embed  $G$  in  $\widehat{G}$  and  $\Gamma$  in  $\widehat{\Gamma}$ . We use the notations  $(N_R[g])_R$  and  $(R[x])_R, R[gx]_R$  to refer to the  $R$ th coordinates of  $g$  and  $x, gx$  in  $\widehat{G}$  and  $\widehat{\Gamma}$ , respectively). Thus the restriction of this group action agrees with the group action  $\chi$ . Now  $\{R \mid R \in I\}$  is a fundamental system of cofinite entourages over  $\Gamma$ , and  $\{N_R \mid R \in I\}$  is a fundamental system of cofinite congruences over  $G$ . Hence  $\{\bar{R} \mid R \in I\}$  is a fundamental system of cofinite entourages over  $\widehat{\Gamma}$  and  $\{\bar{N}_R \mid R \in I\}$  is a fundamental system of cofinite congruences over  $\widehat{G}$  respectively, where  $\bar{R}$  is the topological closure of  $R$  in  $\Gamma \times \Gamma$ . Let us now see that the aforesaid group action is uniformly continuous. For let us consider the group action  $G/N_R \times \Gamma/R \rightarrow \Gamma/R$  defined via  $N_R[g]R[x] = R[g \cdot x]$ , which is uniformly continuous as both  $G/N_R \times \Gamma/R$  and  $\Gamma/R$  are finite discrete uniform topological spaces. Hence the group action,  $\widehat{G} \times \widehat{\Gamma} \rightarrow \widehat{\Gamma}$  is uniformly continuous. Thus the aforesaid group action is our choice of  $\widehat{\chi}$ , by the uniqueness of  $\widehat{\chi}$ , [2]. So the restriction of the aforesaid action  $\{\widehat{g}\} \times \widehat{\Gamma} \rightarrow \widehat{\Gamma}$  is a uniformly continuous map of graphs, for all  $\widehat{g} \in \widehat{G}$ . We check that for all  $(x, y) \in R$  and for all  $\widehat{g} \in \widehat{G}$  the ordered pair  $(\widehat{g} \cdot x, \widehat{g} \cdot y) \in \bar{R}$ . For, let  $\widehat{g} = (N_R[g_R])_R \in \widehat{G}$  and for  $x, y \in \Gamma, ((R[x])_R, (R[y])_R) \in R$ . Now  $\bar{R}[(R[g_R \cdot x])_R] = \bar{R}[g_R \cdot x] = \bar{R}[g_R \cdot y] = \bar{R}[(R[g_R \cdot y])_R]$ . So,  $((N_R[g_R])_R \cdot (R[x])_R, (N_R[g_R])_R \cdot (R[y])_R) \in \bar{R}$ . This implies  $(\widehat{g} \times \widehat{g})[R]$  is a subset of  $\bar{R}$ . Thus for all  $\widehat{g} \in \widehat{G}$  we observe that  $(\widehat{g} \times \widehat{g})[\bar{R}]$  is a subset of  $\overline{\widehat{g} \times \widehat{g}[R]}$  which is a subset of  $\bar{R} = \bar{R}$ . Hence  $\bar{R}$  is  $\widehat{G}$  invariant.  $\square$



Thus  $\Phi_1 = \{N_{\overline{R}} \mid R \in I\}$  and  $\Phi_2 = \{\overline{N_R} \mid R \in I\}$  form fundamental systems of cofinite congruences over  $\widehat{G}$ . Let  $\tau_{\Phi_1}, \tau_{\Phi_2}$  be the topologies induced by  $\Phi_1, \Phi_2$  respectively.

**Theorem 2.12.** *The uniformities on  $\widehat{G}$  obtained by  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$  are equivalent.*

**Proof.** Let us first show that  $N_{\overline{R}} \cap G \times G = N_R$ . For, let  $(g, h) \in N_{\overline{R}}$ . Then for all  $x \in \Gamma, (g.x, h.x) \in R \subseteq \overline{R}$ . Now let  $(R[x_R])_R \in \widehat{\Gamma}$ . Then  $\overline{R}[g(R[x_R])_R] = \overline{R}[g.x_R] = \overline{R}[h.x_R] = \overline{R}[h(R[x_R])_R]$  which implies that  $(g, h) \in N_{\overline{R}} \cap G \times G$ . Thus,  $N_R \subseteq N_{\overline{R}} \cap G \times G$ . Again, if  $(g, h)$  belongs to  $N_{\overline{R}} \cap G \times G$ , then for all  $x \in \Gamma \subseteq \widehat{\Gamma}$ , and so  $(g.x, h.x) \in \overline{R} \cap \Gamma \times \Gamma = R$  and this implies  $(g, h) \in N_R$ . Our claim follows. Then as uniform subgroups  $(G, \tau_{\Phi_1}) \cong (G, \tau_{\Phi_2})$ , both algebraically and topologically, their corresponding completions  $(\widehat{G}, \tau_{\Phi_1}) \cong (\widehat{G}, \tau_{\Phi_2})$ , both algebraically and topologically. Since for all  $S \in I, \psi_S: G \rightarrow G/N_S$  is a uniform continuous group homomorphism and  $G/N_S$  is discrete, there exists a unique uniform continuous extension of  $\psi_S$ , namely,  $\widehat{\psi}_S: \widehat{G} \rightarrow G/N_S$ . Let us define  $\lambda_S: \widehat{G} \rightarrow G/N_S$  via  $\lambda_S(g) = N_S[g_S]$ , where  $g = (N_R[g_R])_R$ , [6]. Now let  $g = (N_R[g_R])_R, h = (N_R[h_R])_R \in \widehat{G}$  be such that  $g = h$  which implies that  $N_S[g_S] = N_S[h_S]$  and hence  $\lambda_S$  is well defined. Now let  $(g, h) \in N_{\overline{S}}$ . First of all  $N_{\overline{S}}[g_S] = N_{\overline{S}}[g] = N_{\overline{S}}[h] = N_{\overline{S}}[h_S]$ . So,  $(g_S, h_S) \in N_{\overline{S}} \cap G \times G = N_S$ . Hence  $N_S[g_S] = N_S[h_S]$  which implies that  $\lambda_S(g) = \lambda_S(h)$ , so  $(\lambda_S(g), \lambda_S(h)) \in D(G/N_R)$ . Thus  $N_{\overline{S}}$  is a subset of  $(\lambda_S \times \lambda_S)^{-1}D(G/N_R)$ . Hence  $\lambda_S$  is uniformly continuous. Now for all  $g, h \in \widehat{G}, \lambda_S(gh) = N_S[g_S h_S] = N_S[g_S]N_S[h_S] = \lambda_S(g)\lambda_S(h)$  and for all  $g \in G, \lambda_S(g) = \lambda_S((N_R[g])_R) = N_S[g] = \psi_S(g)$ . Thus  $\lambda_S$  is a well defined uniformly continuous group homomorphism that extends  $\psi_S$ . Then by the uniqueness of the extension,  $\widehat{\psi}_S = \lambda_S$ . Now  $N_{\overline{S}}$  is a closed subspace of  $\widehat{G}$ , then  $\overline{N_{\overline{S}}} \cap G \times G = \overline{N_S}$  which implies that  $\overline{N_S}$  is a subset of  $N_{\overline{S}}$  which equals  $N_{\overline{S}}$ . Let us define  $\theta$  from  $\widehat{G}/N_{\overline{S}}$  to  $G/N_S$  as  $\theta$  takes  $N_{\overline{S}}[g]$  into  $N_S[g_S]$ , where  $g = (N_R[g_R])_R$ . Now  $N_{\overline{S}}[g] = N_{\overline{S}}[h]$  in  $\widehat{G}/N_{\overline{S}}$  will imply  $(g_S, h_S)$  is in  $N_S$  and this implies for all  $x$  in  $\Gamma$  the ordered pair  $(g_S x, h_S x)$  is in  $\overline{S} \cap \Gamma \times \Gamma$  which is eventually equal to  $S$ . Thus  $(g_S, h_S) \in N_S$ . Then  $\theta(N_{\overline{S}}[g]) = N_S[g_S]$  which is equal to  $N_S[h_S]$  and that equals  $\theta(N_{\overline{S}}[h])$ . Hence  $\theta$  is well defined. On the other hand let  $N_{\overline{S}}[g], N_{\overline{S}}[h]$  be such that  $\theta(N_{\overline{S}}[g])$  equals  $\theta(N_{\overline{S}}[h])$ . Thus  $N_S[g_S] = N_S[h_S]$  implies that  $(g_S, h_S) \in N_S \subseteq N_{\overline{S}}$ . Hence  $N_{\overline{S}}[g] = N_{\overline{S}}[g_S] = N_{\overline{S}}[h_S] = N_{\overline{S}}[h]$ . So,  $\theta$  is injective as well. Also for all  $N_S[g] \in G/N_S$  there exists  $N_{\overline{S}}[g] \in \widehat{G}/N_{\overline{S}}$  such that  $\theta(N_{\overline{S}}[g]) = N_S[g]$ . So  $\theta$  is surjective. Finally,  $\theta(N_{\overline{S}}[g]N_{\overline{S}}[h])$  equals  $\theta(N_{\overline{S}}[gh])$  and that equals  $N_S[g_S h_S]$  which is  $N_S[g_S]N_S[h_S]$  and finally that equals  $\theta(N_{\overline{S}}[g])\theta(N_{\overline{S}}[h])$ . So  $\theta$  is a well defined group isomorphism, both algebraically and topologically. Hence  $\widehat{G}/N_{\overline{S}} \cong G/N_S \cong \widehat{G}/\overline{N_S}$  which implies that  $|\widehat{G}/N_{\overline{S}}[1]|$  is equal to  $|\widehat{G}/\overline{N_S}[1]|$ . But since  $\overline{N_S} \subseteq N_{\overline{S}}$  one obtains  $\overline{N_S}[1] \leq N_{\overline{S}}[1] \leq \widehat{G}$  and thus  $|\widehat{G}/N_{\overline{S}}[1]| |N_{\overline{S}}[1] : \overline{N_S}[1]|$  equals  $|\widehat{G}/\overline{N_S}[1]|$ . Hence  $|N_{\overline{S}}[1] : \overline{N_S}[1]| = 1$  which implies that  $N_{\overline{S}}[1] = \overline{N_S}[1]$  and thus  $N_{\overline{S}} = \overline{N_S}$  as each of them is congruences. Thus our claim.  $\square$

**Note 2.13.** *Thus referring back to Example 2.2, the action  $\mathbb{Z} \times \Gamma \mapsto \Gamma$  has a unique uniform equicontinuous extension from  $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \times \widehat{\Gamma} \mapsto \widehat{\Gamma}$ , where  $\widehat{\Gamma} = \varprojlim \Gamma/R_n, \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} = \varprojlim \mathbb{Z}/N_{R_n}$  are the respective profinite completions of  $\Gamma$  and  $\mathbb{Z}$ .*

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