

## ON BOUNDEDNESS AND SMALL-ORTHOGONALITY CLASSES

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### Abstract

Une caractérisation des catégories localement bornées et un critère pour identifier les sous-catégories  $\alpha$ -orthogonales dans ces catégories (pour un cardinal régulier  $\alpha$ ) sont donnés.

## 1 Introduction

In [11], P. Gabriel and F. Ulmer proved that in locally presentable categories the orthogonal subcategory  $\mathcal{N}^\perp$  is reflective for any set  $\mathcal{N}$  of morphisms. The key point of the proof is the fact that for any object of the base category there is some infinite regular cardinal  $\alpha$  such that the object is  $\alpha$ -small, where  $\alpha$ -smallness means  $\alpha$ -presentability. In [10] and [15], P. Freyd and M. Kelly gave a generalization of this property for a wider range of categories, using a different concept of smallness for objects: boundedness. They showed that in a locally bounded category (as defined in [14] and [17]) the subcategory of all objects orthogonal to a set of morphisms is reflective. (In fact they went further: they proved that  $\mathcal{N}^\perp$  is reflective for every class  $\mathcal{N}$  which is the union of a set of morphisms with a class of epimorphisms.)

In a cocomplete category  $\mathcal{A}$  an object  $A$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -bounded if the hom-functor  $\mathcal{A}(A, -)$  preserves  $\alpha$ -directed unions. A locally bounded category (see [14]) is a complete and cocomplete category  $\mathcal{A}$  with a proper factorization system  $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{M})$  and an  $\mathcal{E}$ -generator  $\mathcal{G}$  such that (i)  $\mathcal{A}$  has  $\mathcal{E}$ -cointersections and (ii) there is a regular cardinal  $\alpha$  such that each object of  $\mathcal{G}$  is  $\alpha$ -bounded. We call these categories *locally  $\alpha$ -bounded* when they are  $\mathcal{E}$ -cowellpowered and  $\alpha$  is a regular cardinal which fits the condition (ii). Locally presentable categories and epi-reflective subcategories of the category of topological spaces are examples of locally bounded categories. We

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show that a cocomplete and cowellpowered category is locally bounded precisely when there is a regular cardinal  $\alpha$  and a set  $\mathcal{H}$  of  $\alpha$ -bounded objects such that any object  $A$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  is an  $\alpha$ -directed union of objects of  $\mathcal{H}$ . This characterization will be useful in the study of small-orthogonality classes, that is, subcategories of the form  $\mathcal{N}^\perp$  for  $\mathcal{N}$  a set of morphisms.

In [13] the  $\alpha$ -orthogonality classes of a locally  $\alpha$ -presentable category were proved to be exactly the subcategories closed under limits and  $\alpha$ -directed colimits, for all uncountable regular cardinals  $\alpha$ . (Recall that, following [4], an  $\alpha$ -orthogonality class is a subcategory of the form  $\mathcal{N}^\perp$  for some set  $\mathcal{N}$  of morphisms whose domains and codomains are  $\alpha$ -presentable.) This characterization does not work for  $\alpha = \aleph_0$ , as was shown in [20] and [12]. A description of the  $\aleph_0$ -orthogonality classes in locally finitely presentable categories in terms of closure properties was given in [5]: they are the subcategories  $\mathcal{A}$  closed under products, directed colimits and  $\mathcal{A}$ -pure subobjects. In the context of locally bounded categories we shall adopt the terminology  *$\alpha$ -orthogonality class* as expected: the meaning is as in [4], just replacing “presentable” by “bounded”. The aim of this paper is to characterize the reflective subcategories of locally bounded categories which are small-orthogonality classes. In cowellpowered locally bounded categories a subcategory is a small-orthogonality class iff it is an  $\alpha$ -orthogonality class for some  $\alpha$ . We are going to restrict ourselves to reflective subcategories whose reflector preserves  $\mathcal{M}$ -monomorphisms. For example, reflective subcategories of **Top** whose closure under subspaces is the category **Top**<sub>0</sub> of  $T_0$  spaces have an  $\mathcal{M}$ -preserving reflector, for  $\mathcal{M} = \{\text{embeddings}\}$ . Also the reflector from the category **Norm** of normed spaces and linear contractions into its subcategory **Ban** of Banach spaces preserves embeddings. In [18] Ringel studied the properties of  $\mathcal{M}$ -preserving reflectors for  $\mathcal{M}$  the class of monomorphisms. We show that, in locally  $\alpha$ -bounded categories, a reflective subcategory with an  $\mathcal{M}$ -preserving reflector is an  $\alpha$ -orthogonality class iff it is closed under  $\alpha$ -directed unions and  $\alpha$ - $\mathcal{B}$ -neat subobjects. (The notion of  $\alpha$ - $\mathcal{B}$ -neat morphism is parallel to the one of  $\alpha$ - $\mathcal{B}$ -pure morphism, used in [5]: If  $\mathcal{B}$  is a subcategory of  $\mathcal{A}$ , a morphism  $f : A \rightarrow B$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  is said to be  *$\alpha$ - $\mathcal{B}$ -neat* provided that, if we have morphisms  $e, u$  and  $v$  such that  $f \cdot u = v \cdot e$  and  $e$  is a  $\mathcal{B}$ -epimorphism, then there exists a morphism  $u'$  such that  $u' \cdot e = u$ .) For instance, the category **Top**<sub>0</sub> is an  $\aleph_0$ -orthogonality class of **Top**, but the category **Sob** of sober spaces is not an  $\aleph_0$ -orthogonality class of **Top**<sub>0</sub>. The category **Ban** is an  $\aleph_1$ -orthogonality class of **Norm**.

## 2 Properties of locally bounded categories

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a category with a proper factorization system  $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{M})$  (where proper means that  $\mathcal{E}$  and  $\mathcal{M}$  consist of epimorphisms and monomorphisms, respectively). Recall that  $\mathcal{E}$  and  $\mathcal{M}$  determine each other:  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{M}^\uparrow$  and  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{E}^\downarrow$  ([10]).

A set  $\mathcal{G}$  is said to be an  $\mathcal{E}$ -generator of  $\mathcal{A}$  if for each object  $A$  there is some subset  $\{G_i, i \in I\}$  of  $\mathcal{G}$  and an  $\mathcal{E}$ -morphism  $e : \coprod_{i \in I} G_i \rightarrow A$ . (A detailed study of  $\mathcal{E}$ -generators is made in, e.g., [6] and [7].)

Let  $m_i : A_i \rightarrow A$ ,  $i \in I$ , be a diagram in  $\mathcal{A}$  with all  $m_i \in \mathcal{M}$ . The  $\mathcal{M}$ -union (or just union) of  $(m_i)_{i \in I}$  is the supremum of  $(m_i)_{i \in I}$ , up to isomorphism, in the class of all  $\mathcal{M}$ -subobjects of  $A$ . It coincides with the  $\mathcal{M}$ -part  $m : B \rightarrow A$  of the  $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{M})$ -factorization of the canonical morphism  $\coprod_{i \in I} A_i \rightarrow A$ . We shall often write  $\cup_{i \in I} m_i = m$  or  $\cup_{i \in I} A_i = B$  for short.

Let  $\alpha$  be an infinite regular cardinal. An object  $A$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -bounded if the hom-functor  $\mathcal{A}(A, -)$  preserves  $\alpha$ -directed unions.

**2.1. Definition** (1) ([14], [17]) A category  $\mathcal{A}$  is said to be *locally bounded* if it is cocomplete, has a proper factorization system  $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{M})$ , and there is an infinite regular cardinal  $\alpha$  such that:

- (i)  $\mathcal{A}$  has  $\mathcal{E}$ -cointersections;
- (ii)  $\mathcal{A}$  has an  $\mathcal{E}$ -generator all of whose objects are  $\alpha$ -bounded.

(2) By a *locally  $\alpha$ -bounded category with respect to  $\mathcal{M}$*  we shall mean a category under the conditions of (1), for a given  $\alpha$ , which moreover is  $\mathcal{E}$ -cowellpowered. The reference to  $\mathcal{M}$  will often be omitted.

**2.2. Remark** Every locally bounded category is complete. In [14] and [17], the authors include completeness in the definition of locally bounded category. However the completeness comes for free, since any  $\mathcal{E}$ -cocomplete category with an  $\mathcal{E}$ -generator is complete. This follows from the fact that any such category is total (see [7]), that is, the Yoneda embedding  $\mathcal{A} \hookrightarrow [\mathcal{A}^{\text{op}}, \mathbf{Set}]$  has a left adjoint ([16]); and any total category is complete and  $\mathcal{M}$ -complete (see [7] and [8]).

**2.3. Examples** (1) Every locally presentable category is locally bounded with respect to monomorphisms, and also with respect to strong monomorphisms (see [10] and [2]).

(2) The category **Top** of topological spaces is locally  $\aleph_0$ -bounded with respect to strong monomorphisms (= embeddings). And every epi-reflective subcategory

of **Top** is locally  $\aleph_0$ -bounded with respect to embeddings. More generally, any  $\mathcal{E}$ -reflective subcategory  $\mathcal{B}$  of a locally  $\alpha$ -bounded category with respect to  $\mathcal{M}$  is also locally  $\alpha$ -bounded with respect to  $\mathcal{M} \cap \text{Mor}(\mathcal{B})$  ([10], [2]).

(3) Any topological category over **Set** (see [3]) is locally  $\aleph_0$ -bounded with respect to strong monomorphisms.

(4) The category **Ban** of Banach spaces and linear contractions is locally  $\aleph_1$ -bounded ([14], [17]).

**2.4. Remark** The following properties are easily verified:

(i) In a locally bounded category, for every object  $A$  there is an infinite regular cardinal  $\alpha$  such that  $A$  is  $\alpha$ -bounded ([10], 3.1.2).

(ii) In a cocomplete category if  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are regular cardinals such that  $\beta \leq \gamma$ , then every  $\beta$ -bounded object is also  $\gamma$ -bounded; consequently, the fulfillment of 2.1 for  $\alpha = \beta$  ensures that it also holds for  $\alpha = \gamma$ .

**2.5. Lemma** *In a cocomplete category with a proper factorization system  $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{M})$  any  $\mathcal{E}$ -quotient of an  $\alpha$ -bounded object is  $\alpha$ -bounded.*

**Proof** Let  $B$  be  $\alpha$ -bounded, let  $e : B \rightarrow E$  belong to  $\mathcal{E}$  and let

$$C_i \xrightarrow{n_i} C \quad (i \in I)$$

be an  $\alpha$ -directed  $\mathcal{M}$ -union, that is,  $1_C = \cup_{i \in I} n_i$ . Given  $f : E \rightarrow C$ , there are some  $i$  and some morphism  $f' : B \rightarrow C_i$  such that  $f \cdot e = n_i \cdot f'$ . Then, since  $n_i \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $e \in \mathcal{M}^\uparrow$ , there exists  $f'' : E \rightarrow C_i$  such that  $f = n_i \cdot f''$ .  $\square$

**2.6. Remark** The property stated in Lemma 2.5 is in contrast to the case of  $\alpha$ -presentability: a quotient of an  $\alpha$ -presentable object is not necessarily  $\alpha$ -presentable (see Remark 1.3 of [4]).

**2.7. Lemma** *In a cocomplete category with a proper  $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{M})$  factorization system:*

(i) *any  $\alpha$ -small colimit of  $\alpha$ -bounded objects is  $\alpha$ -bounded;*

(ii) *any  $\alpha$ -small union of  $\alpha$ -bounded objects is  $\alpha$ -bounded.*

**Proof** (i) We are going to prove the statement for the particular case of coproducts. Then the result follows for colimits taking into account Lemma 2.5 and the fact that  $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \text{Mono}$  implies that  $\text{RegEpi} \subseteq \mathcal{E}$ .

Let  $A_k$  ( $k \in K$ ) be an  $\alpha$ -small set of  $\alpha$ -bounded objects. Let  $c_i : C_i \rightarrow C$  ( $i \in I$ ) be an  $\alpha$ -directed union, and consider a morphism  $d : \coprod_{k \in K} A_k \rightarrow C$ . Since every  $A_k$  is  $\alpha$ -bounded, there are morphisms  $f_k : A_k \rightarrow C_{i_k}$  such that  $d \cdot \nu_k = c_{i_k} \cdot f_k$  for all  $k$  (where  $\nu_k$  are the injections of the coproduct). Since  $K$  is  $\alpha$ -small and

$I$  is  $\alpha$ -directed, there is some  $i \in I$  such that  $i_k \leq i, k \in K$ . Then, putting  $g_k = (A_k \xrightarrow{f_k} C_{i_k} \longrightarrow C_i)$ , we obtain  $c_i \cdot g_k = d \cdot \nu_k$ . Let  $h : \coprod A_k \rightarrow C_i$  be the morphism determined by the morphisms  $g_k$  and the universality of the coproduct. Then we have  $d = c_i \cdot h$ .

(ii) Let  $m_k : A_k \rightarrow A$  ( $k \in K$ ) be a union (not necessarily  $\alpha$ -directed) with  $K$   $\alpha$ -small and all  $A_k$   $\alpha$ -bounded. Let  $c_i : C_i \rightarrow C$  ( $i \in I$ ) be an  $\alpha$ -directed union, and consider a morphism  $f : A \rightarrow C$ . Since  $1_A = \cup_{k \in K} m_k$ , the induced canonical morphism  $e : \coprod A_k \rightarrow A$  belongs to  $\mathcal{E}$ . Put

$$d = f \cdot e$$

and let  $i$  and  $h : \coprod A_k \rightarrow C_i$  be obtained as in (i). Then, we have the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \coprod A_k & \xrightarrow{e} & A = \cup A_k \\ h \downarrow & & \downarrow f \\ C_i & \xrightarrow{c_i} & C \end{array}$$

By the diagonal fill-in property, there exists a morphism  $t : A \rightarrow C_i$  such that  $c_i \cdot t = f$ .  $\square$

**2.8. Theorem** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a cocomplete and  $\mathcal{E}$ -cowellpowered category with a proper factorization system  $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{M})$ . The following conditions are equivalent:*

(i)  $\mathcal{A}$  is locally  $\alpha$ -bounded with respect to  $\mathcal{M}$ .

(ii) There is a set  $\mathcal{H}$  of  $\alpha$ -bounded objects such that any object of  $\mathcal{A}$  is an  $\alpha$ -directed  $\mathcal{M}$ -union of objects of  $\mathcal{H}$ .

**Proof** (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): It is clear that if  $\mathcal{H}$  is a set as in (ii), then it is an  $\mathcal{E}$ -generator of  $\mathcal{A}$ . In fact, given  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , let  $H_i \xrightarrow{m_i} A$  ( $i \in I$ ) be an  $\alpha$ -directed  $\mathcal{M}$ -union, with all  $H_i$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ . This means exactly that the induced canonical morphism  $\coprod H_i \rightarrow A$  belongs to  $\mathcal{E}$ .

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be an  $\mathcal{E}$ -generator of  $\mathcal{A}$  with all objects  $\alpha$ -bounded. The class of objects

$$\mathcal{H} = \{ \mathcal{E}\text{-quotients of } \alpha\text{-small coproducts of objects of } \mathcal{G} \}$$

is essentially small, because  $\mathcal{G}$  is small and  $\mathcal{A}$  is  $\mathcal{E}$ -cowellpowered. Moreover, from 2.5 and 2.7, the objects of  $\mathcal{H}$  are  $\alpha$ -bounded. We show that  $\mathcal{H}$  fulfils (ii).

Let  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , and let

$$\{f_i : G_i \rightarrow A, i \in I\} = \bigcup_{G \in \mathcal{G}} \mathcal{A}(G, A).$$

Let

$$\mathcal{J} = \{J \subseteq I : J \text{ is } \alpha\text{-small}\}.$$

Consider the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & G_j & & & \\
 & \nu_j^J \downarrow & \searrow f_j & & \\
 & G_J & \xrightarrow{e_J} & Q_J & \xrightarrow{m_J} & A \\
 & \nu_J^K \downarrow & & \downarrow d_J^K & \nearrow m_K \\
 & G_K & \xrightarrow{e_K} & Q_K & & 
 \end{array}$$

where:

- $G_J = \coprod_{j \in J} G_j$  and the morphisms  $\nu_j^J$  are the corresponding injections;
- for each  $J \subseteq K$ ,  $\nu_J^K : G_J \rightarrow G_K$  is the obvious canonical morphism;
- $f_j : G_j \rightarrow A$  is the morphism determined by  $f_j$ ,  $j \in J$ ;
- $m_J \cdot e_J$  is the  $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{M})$  factorization of  $f_J : G_J \rightarrow A$ ;
- for each  $J \subseteq K$ ,  $d_J^K : Q_J \rightarrow Q_K$  is the morphism given by the diagonal fill-in property applied to the equality  $(m_K \cdot e_K) \cdot \nu_J^K = m_J \cdot e_J$ .

For  $\mathcal{J}$  equipped with the inclusion order, both the diagrams

$$(\nu_J^K : G_J \rightarrow G_K)_{J \subseteq K, J, K \in \mathcal{J}} \quad \text{and} \quad (d_J^K : Q_J \rightarrow Q_K)_{J \subseteq K, J, K \in \mathcal{J}}$$

are  $\alpha$ -directed. Moreover the colimit of the former one is  $\coprod_{i \in I} G_i$ . Let  $\gamma_J : Q_J \rightarrow C = \text{Colim } Q_J$  be the colimit cocone of the latter one. Then there is a morphism  $e : \coprod_{i \in I} G_i \rightarrow C$  making the left-hand square of the following diagram commutative.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 G_J & \xrightarrow{e_J} & Q_J & \xrightarrow{m_J} & A \\
 \nu_J \downarrow & & \downarrow \gamma_J & & \uparrow m' \\
 \coprod_{i \in I} G_i & \xrightarrow{e} & C & \xrightarrow{e'} & \cup_{J \in \mathcal{J}} Q_J
 \end{array}$$

The morphism  $e$  belongs to  $\mathcal{E}$ , since all  $e_J$  do. Let  $m' \cdot e'$  be the  $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{M})$  factorization of the canonical morphism from  $C$  to  $A$  determined by the morphisms  $m_J$ . By hypothesis,  $m' \cdot (e' \cdot e) : \coprod_{i \in I} G_i \rightarrow A$  belongs to  $\mathcal{E}$  (because  $\mathcal{G}$  is an  $\mathcal{E}$ -generator). Consequently,  $m'$  lies in  $\mathcal{E}$ , and, since it also belongs to  $\mathcal{M}$ , is an isomorphism, that is,  $A$  is an union of the  $\mathcal{M}$ -subobjects

$$m_J : Q_J \rightarrow A, \quad J \in \mathcal{J}.$$

□

**2.9. Corollary** *A locally bounded category is  $\mathcal{E}$ -cowellpowered iff for every regular infinite cardinal  $\beta$  the class of all  $\beta$ -bounded objects is essentially small.*

**Proof** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be locally  $\alpha$ -bounded. Without loss of generality we assume that  $\beta \geq \alpha$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}$  is also locally  $\beta$ -bounded and has a set  $\mathcal{H}$  of  $\beta$ -bounded objects such that any object of  $\mathcal{A}$  is an  $\mathcal{M}$ -union of objects of  $\mathcal{H}$ . Given a  $\beta$ -bounded object  $A$  let  $m_i : H_i \rightarrow A$  ( $i \in I$ ) be that existing union. The  $\beta$ -boundedness of  $A$  implies the equality  $m_i \cdot t = 1_A$  for some  $t : A \rightarrow H_i$ . But then  $A \simeq H_i$ .

Conversely, let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a category fulfilling the conditions of 2.1(1), and such that for every regular infinite cardinal  $\beta$  the class of all  $\beta$ -bounded objects is essentially small. Given an object  $X$  of  $\mathcal{A}$ , there is some regular infinite cardinal  $\beta$  such that  $X$  is  $\beta$ -bounded (see 2.4(i)). Consequently, by 2.5, the class of  $\mathcal{E}$ -quotients of  $X$  has a representative set.  $\square$

### 3 Small-orthogonality classes

In this section we study the following problem: When is a reflective subcategory<sup>1</sup>  $\mathcal{B}$  of a locally bounded category  $\mathcal{A}$  a *small-orthogonality class*, i.e., a category of the form  $\mathcal{N}^\perp$ , for  $\mathcal{N}$  a set of morphisms? In this study we restrict ourselves to the particular case of the reflector  $R : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  preserving  $\mathcal{M}$ -monomorphisms. More precisely, we characterize those reflective subcategories of a locally  $\alpha$ -bounded category with an  $\mathcal{M}$ -preserving reflector which are of the form  $\mathcal{N}^\perp$  with all morphisms of  $\mathcal{N}$  having  $\alpha$ -bounded domains and codomains.

In the case of locally presentable categories the subcategories of the form  $\mathcal{N}^\perp$  for  $\mathcal{N}$  a set of morphisms with  $\alpha$ -presentable domains and codomains were characterized in [13] and [5] (see Introduction).

Throughout this section by an  *$\alpha$ -orthogonality class* of a locally bounded category we shall mean a subcategory of the form  $\mathcal{N}^\perp$  for some set  $\mathcal{N}$  whose all morphisms have  $\alpha$ -bounded domains and codomains. We borrow this terminology from [4] using boundedness instead of presentability.

**3.1. Remark** Recall that, for a subcategory  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $\mathcal{A}$ , a morphism  $g : C \rightarrow D$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  is said to be a  *$\mathcal{B}$ -epimorphism* if for any pair of morphisms  $a, b : D \rightarrow B$  with  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ , the equality  $a \cdot g = b \cdot g$  implies  $a = b$ .

Let  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbf{Top}$ . If  $\mathcal{B} = \mathbf{Haus}$  the  $\mathcal{B}$ -epimorphisms are just the dense morphisms of  $\mathbf{Top}$ . If  $\mathcal{B} = \mathbf{Top}_0$  the  $\mathcal{B}$ -epimorphisms are the *b-dense* morphisms, i.e., the continuous maps  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $\overline{\{y\}} \cap H \cap f(X) \neq \emptyset$  for each  $y \in Y$  and

<sup>1</sup>Throughout this paper all subcategories are assumed to be full and isomorphism-closed.

each open set  $H$  of  $Y$  containing  $y$ . More generally, if  $\mathcal{A}$  has equalizers and a proper factorization system  $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{M})$ , then for any subcategory  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  the  $\mathcal{B}$ -epimorphisms are the morphisms which are dense with respect to the regular closure operator induced in  $\mathcal{A}$  by  $\mathcal{B}$  ([9]).

If  $\mathcal{B}$  is reflective in  $\mathcal{A}$  it is easy to see that the  $\mathcal{B}$ -epimorphisms are just those morphisms of  $\mathcal{A}$  whose image by the reflector is an epimorphism in  $\mathcal{B}$ .

**3.2. Definition** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a locally bounded category and let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a subcategory of  $\mathcal{A}$ . A morphism  $f : A \rightarrow B$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  is said to be  $\alpha$ - $\mathcal{B}$ -neat provided that in each commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C & \xrightarrow{g} & D \\ u \downarrow & & \downarrow v \\ A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \end{array}$$

with  $C$  and  $D$   $\alpha$ -bounded and  $g$  a  $\mathcal{B}$ -epimorphism,  $u$  factorizes through  $g$ , i.e.,  $u = u' \cdot g$  for some  $u'$ .

**3.3. Remark** The following properties are easily established (compare with the properties of  $\mathcal{B}$ -pure morphisms in [5]):

- (i) The composition of  $\alpha$ - $\mathcal{B}$ -neat morphisms is an  $\alpha$ - $\mathcal{B}$ -neat morphism.
- (ii) If  $f \cdot g$  is  $\alpha$ - $\mathcal{B}$ -neat than  $g$  is  $\alpha$ - $\mathcal{B}$ -neat.
- (iii) Every  $\gamma$ - $\mathcal{B}$ -neat morphism is  $\alpha$ - $\mathcal{B}$ -neat for  $\gamma \geq \alpha$ .
- (iv) All  $\alpha$ - $\mathcal{B}$ -neat morphisms are monomorphisms; and every equalizer is an  $\alpha$ - $\mathcal{B}$ -neat morphism.
- (v) If  $\mathcal{B}$  is cogenerating in  $\mathcal{A}$ , then

$$\text{StrongMono}(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \{\alpha\text{-}\mathcal{B}\text{-neat morphisms}\}.$$

The last statement follows from the fact that, in this case, every  $\mathcal{B}$ -epimorphism is an epimorphism in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**3.4. Proposition** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a locally  $\alpha$ -bounded category with respect to  $\mathcal{M}$ . Then any  $\alpha$ -orthogonality class of  $\mathcal{A}$  is a reflective subcategory of  $\mathcal{A}$  which is

- (i) closed under  $\alpha$ -directed  $\mathcal{M}$ -unions;
- (ii) locally  $\alpha$ -bounded with respect to  $\mathcal{M}' = \mathcal{M} \cap \text{Mor}(\mathcal{B})$ ;
- (iii) closed under  $\alpha$ - $\mathcal{B}$ -neat subobjects.

**Proof** Let  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{N}^\perp$  for  $\mathcal{N}$  a set of morphisms in  $\mathcal{A}$  with  $\alpha$ -bounded domains and codomains. From [10], we know that  $\mathcal{B}$  is reflective and has an  $(\mathcal{E}', \mathcal{M}')$  proper factorization system, with  $\mathcal{E}' = (\mathcal{M}')^\uparrow$ . Moreover, cowellpoweredness of  $\mathcal{A}$  with respect to  $\mathcal{E}$  implies  $\mathcal{E}'$ -cowellpoweredness of  $\mathcal{B}$ . Let  $R : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  be the reflector.

- (i) Let

$$b_i : B_i \rightarrow Z \quad (i \in I)$$



be an  $\alpha$ -directed  $\mathcal{M}$ -union in  $\mathcal{A}$  with all  $B_i \in \mathcal{B}$ . We want to show that  $Z \in \mathcal{B} = \mathcal{N}^\perp$ . Let  $h : X \rightarrow Y$  be a morphism of  $\mathcal{N}$  and let  $f : X \rightarrow Z$ . Since  $X$  is  $\alpha$ -bounded there is some  $i$  and some  $f' : X \rightarrow B_i$  such that  $b_i \cdot f' = f$ . The morphism  $f'$  factorizes through  $h$ , because  $B_i \in \mathcal{B}$ , and, hence, so does the morphism  $f$ . To show the uniqueness of the last factorization, let  $y, y' : Y \rightarrow Z$  be such that  $y \cdot h = y' \cdot h$ . Since  $Y$  is  $\alpha$ -bounded, we can find  $k \in I$  and  $t, t' : Y \rightarrow B_k$  such that  $y = b_k \cdot t$  and  $y' = b_k \cdot t'$ . Now the equality  $b_k \cdot t \cdot h = b_k \cdot t' \cdot h$ , the orthogonality of  $B_k$  to  $h$  and the fact that  $b_k \in \mathcal{M}$  imply that  $t = t'$ , thus  $y = y'$ .

(ii) Of course  $\mathcal{B}$  is cocomplete. Moreover:

(a) If  $X$  is an  $\alpha$ -bounded object of  $\mathcal{A}$ , then  $RX$  is an  $\alpha$ -bounded object of  $\mathcal{B}$ . This is clear since, from (i), every  $\alpha$ -directed  $\mathcal{M}'$ -union in  $\mathcal{B}$  is an  $\alpha$ -directed  $\mathcal{M}$ -union in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

(b) If  $\mathcal{G}$  is an  $\mathcal{E}$ -generator of  $\mathcal{A}$  then it is well known that  $R(\mathcal{G})$  is an  $\mathcal{E}'$ -generator of  $\mathcal{B}$  ([10]). In fact, let  $A \in \mathcal{B}$ , and let  $e : \coprod_{i \in I} G_i \rightarrow A$  be a morphism of  $\mathcal{E}$  with all  $G_i$  in  $\mathcal{G}$ . Then the morphism  $Re : \coprod_{i \in I} RG_i \rightarrow A$  belongs to  $\mathcal{E}'$  since, as it is easily seen,  $R(\mathcal{E}) \subseteq (\mathcal{M}')^\uparrow$ .

(iii) Let  $m : Z \rightarrow B$  be an  $\alpha$ - $\mathcal{B}$ -neat morphism with  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ . We want to show that  $Z \in \mathcal{B}$ . Let  $h : X \rightarrow Y$  lay in  $\mathcal{N}$ . Given a morphism  $f : X \rightarrow Z$ , since  $B \in \mathcal{N}^\perp$ , we get  $f'$  such that  $f' \cdot h = m \cdot f$ . Because  $m$  is  $\alpha$ - $\mathcal{B}$ -neat, there is  $f''$  such that  $f'' \cdot h = f$ . The uniqueness of  $f''$  follows from the fact that  $m \cdot f$  factors uniquely through  $h$  and  $m$  is a monomorphism.  $\square$

**3.5. Remark** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a locally  $\alpha$ -bounded category with respect to  $\mathcal{M}$ . Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a subcategory of  $\mathcal{A}$  which is locally  $\alpha$ -bounded with respect to  $\mathcal{M} \cap \text{Mor}(\mathcal{B})$  and closed under limits and under  $\alpha$ -directed  $\mathcal{M}$ -unions. Then  $\mathcal{B}$  is reflective. In fact, the inclusion functor  $\mathcal{B} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{A}$  fulfils the solution set condition: Given  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , there is some regular cardinal  $\lambda \geq \alpha$  such that  $A$  is  $\lambda$ -bounded in  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  is a locally  $\lambda$ -bounded category. Consequently, there is a set  $\{B_i, i \in I\}$  of  $\lambda$ -bounded objects of  $\mathcal{B}$  such that every object of  $\mathcal{B}$  is a  $\lambda$ -directed  $\mathcal{M} \cap \text{Mor}(\mathcal{B})$ -union of  $B_i$ 's. But, being closed in  $\mathcal{A}$  under  $\alpha$ -directed unions,  $\mathcal{B}$  is also closed under  $\lambda$ -directed unions. Then, any morphism  $g : A \rightarrow B$  with codomain in  $\mathcal{B}$  factorizes through some of the objects  $B_i$ .

Next we want to characterize the reflective subcategories of a locally bounded category which are small-orthogonality classes. We restrict ourselves to reflective subcategories whose reflector preserves  $\mathcal{M}$ -monomorphisms. This kind of reflectors were studied by Ringel in [18], for  $\mathcal{M} = \{\text{monomorphisms}\}$ .  $\mathbf{Top}_0$  and  $\mathbf{Sob}$  are examples of subcategories of  $\mathbf{Top}$  whose reflector preserves embeddings. Let  $\mathbf{Sob}_\alpha$  denote the limit-closure in  $\mathbf{Top}$  of the ordinal  $\alpha$  regarded as a topological

space with the Alexandrov topology. Both  $\mathbf{Top}$  and  $\mathbf{Top}_0$  have an {embeddings}-preserving reflector into  $\mathbf{Sob}_\alpha$  (see [19]). Also the inclusion functor of the category  $\mathbf{Ban}$  of Banach spaces into the category  $\mathbf{Norm}$  of normed spaces and linear contractions has a reflector which preserves embeddings.

**3.6. Theorem** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a locally  $\alpha$ -bounded category with respect to  $\mathcal{M}$ . Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a reflective subcategory of  $\mathcal{A}$  whose reflector preserves morphisms of  $\mathcal{M}$ . Then  $\mathcal{B}$  is an  $\alpha$ -orthogonality class in  $\mathcal{A}$  iff it is closed under  $\alpha$ -directed  $\mathcal{M}$ -unions and  $\alpha$ - $\mathcal{B}$ -neat subobjects.*

**Proof** The necessity was proved in 3.4.

In order to prove the sufficiency, we first show that the reflector  $R : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  preserves  $\alpha$ -directed  $\mathcal{M}$ -unions. Given an  $\alpha$ -directed  $\mathcal{M}$ -union  $m_i : X_i \rightarrow X$  ( $i \in I$ ), we have commutative diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 X_i & \xrightarrow{r_{X_i}} & & \xrightarrow{\quad} & RX_i \\
 & \searrow \nu_i & & \swarrow R\nu_i & \downarrow Rm_i \\
 & & \prod_{i \in I} X_i & \xrightarrow{r} & \prod_{i \in I} RX_i \\
 m_i \downarrow & & \swarrow e & & \searrow Re \\
 X & \xrightarrow{r_X} & & \xrightarrow{\quad} & RX
 \end{array}$$

where  $e \in \mathcal{E}$ . But, as is easy to see,  $R(\mathcal{E}) \subseteq \mathcal{E}' = (\mathcal{M}')^\dagger$  for  $\mathcal{M}' = \mathcal{M} \cap \text{Mor}(\mathcal{B})$ . Then the morphisms  $Rm_i : RX_i \rightarrow RX$  form an  $\mathcal{M}'$ -union in  $\mathcal{B}$ .

To finish the proof, we show that, for

$$\mathcal{N} = \{h : X \rightarrow Y \text{ in } \mathcal{A}, h \perp \mathcal{B}, X, Y \text{ } \alpha\text{-bounded}\},$$

$\mathcal{N}^\perp \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ , and thus  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{N}^\perp$ . Let  $X \in \mathcal{N}^\perp$ . We show that the reflection  $r_X : X \rightarrow RX$  of  $X$  in  $\mathcal{B}$  is  $\alpha$ - $\mathcal{B}$ -neat; consequently, as  $\mathcal{B}$  is closed under  $\alpha$ - $\mathcal{B}$ -subobjects,  $X \in \mathcal{B}$ . Let  $f : Y \rightarrow Z$  be a  $\mathcal{B}$ -epimorphism with  $Y$  and  $Z$   $\alpha$ -bounded. Given morphisms  $s : Y \rightarrow X$  and  $t : Z \rightarrow RX$  such that  $t \cdot f = r_X \cdot s$ , let  $m_i : X_i \rightarrow X$  be an  $\alpha$ -directed  $\mathcal{M}$ -union in  $\mathcal{A}$  with all  $X_i$   $\alpha$ -bounded. Then there is some  $i \in I$  and  $s' : Y \rightarrow X_i$  such that  $m_i \cdot s' = s$ . The closedness of  $\mathcal{B}$  under  $\alpha$ -directed  $\mathcal{M}$ -unions and the fact that  $Z$  is  $\alpha$ -bounded implies the existence of some  $j \in I$  and a morphism  $t' : Z \rightarrow RX_j$  such that  $Rm_j \cdot t' = t$ . Since  $I$  is  $\alpha$ -directed, we can then find  $k \in I$  and morphisms  $\bar{s}$  and  $\bar{t}$  such that the following diagram is commutative (the commutativity of the upper quadrilateral is derived from the fact that  $Rm_k$  is

monic):

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 Y & \xrightarrow{f} & Z \\
 \searrow \bar{s} & & \swarrow \bar{t} \\
 X_k & \xrightarrow{r_{X_k}} & RX_k \\
 \swarrow m_k & & \searrow Rm_k \\
 X & \xrightarrow{r_X} & RX
 \end{array}$$

$s$  (vertical arrow from  $Y$  to  $X$ ),  $t$  (vertical arrow from  $Z$  to  $RX$ )

Let  $X_k \xrightarrow{f'} W \xleftarrow{s'} Z$  be the pushout of  $f$  along  $\bar{s}$ . Since  $r_{X_k} \perp \mathcal{B}$ , any morphism  $g : X_k \rightarrow B$  with  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  is factorizable through  $f'$ . Furthermore, as one easily sees, the pushout of a  $\mathcal{B}$ -epimorphism is also a  $\mathcal{B}$ -epimorphism. Hence  $f' \perp \mathcal{B}$ . The domain of  $f'$  is  $\alpha$ -bounded, and from Lemma 2.7, also its codomain is  $\alpha$ -bounded, then  $f' \in \mathcal{N}$ . Hence there is a morphism  $n : W \rightarrow X$  such that  $n \cdot f' = m_k$ . Therefore,  $n \cdot s'$  is the needed diagonal morphism, since  $(n \cdot s') \cdot f = n \cdot f' \cdot \bar{s} = m_k \cdot \bar{s} = s$ .  $\square$

**3.7. Examples** (1) The category  $\mathbf{Top}_0$  is an  $\aleph_0$ -orthogonality class in  $\mathbf{Top}$ . In fact  $\mathbf{Top}_0 = \{h\}^\perp$  where  $h$  is the map  $h : \{0, 1\} \rightarrow \{0\}$ , considering the two-elements set with the trivial topology.

(2) The category  $\mathbf{Top}_1$  of  $T_1$  topological spaces is an  $\aleph_0$ -orthogonality class of  $\mathbf{Top}$ . It is just the subcategory of all objects orthogonal to the quotient  $S \twoheadrightarrow \{0\}$ , where  $S$  is the Sierpiński space. In this case, the reflector does not preserve embeddings.

(3)  $\mathbf{Sob}$  is not an  $\aleph_0$ -orthogonality class in  $\mathbf{Top}_0$ , and, consequently, it is not an  $\aleph_0$ -orthogonality class in  $\mathbf{Top}$ . This follows from the above theorem taking into account that  $\mathbf{Sob}$  is not closed under  $\aleph_0$ - $\mathbf{Sob}$ -neat subobjects in  $\mathbf{Top}_0$ .

For that, we show that every  $\mathbf{Sob}$ -epimorphism  $e : X \rightarrow Y$  with  $X$  and  $Y$  finite is a surjection. (We recall that the  $\mathbf{Sob}$ -epimorphisms of  $\mathbf{Top}_0$  are the  $b$ -dense morphisms, see 3.1.) Let  $y \in Y$ , let  $\{H_i, i \in I\}$  be the set of all open neighbourhoods of  $y$ , and put  $H = \bigcap_{i \in I} H_i$ . Since  $I$  is finite,  $H$  is an open containing  $y$ , and, then,  $H \cap e(X) \cap \overline{\{y\}} \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $y'$  be an element of that intersection. Thus  $\overline{\{y'\}} \subseteq \overline{\{y\}}$ . But for all  $H_i$  we have  $y' \in H_i$ , hence  $\overline{\{y'\}} = \overline{\{y'\}}$ . Since  $Y \in \mathbf{Top}_0$ , we conclude that  $y = y'$ , then  $y \in e(X)$ .

As a consequence we have that

$$\{\text{embeddings}\} \subseteq \{\aleph_0\text{-}\mathbf{Sob}\text{-neat morphisms}\}.$$

But then, if  $\mathbf{Sob}$  were closed under  $\aleph_0$ - $\mathbf{Sob}$ -neat subobjects, it would also be closed under embeddings, what is obviously false (since the reflections are embeddings).

(4) The category **Norm** of normed (real or complex) vectorial spaces and linear contractions is a locally  $\aleph_0$ -bounded category with respect to embeddings, and its  $\aleph_0$ -bounded objects are the spaces with finite dimension. Analogously, all spaces with countable dimension are  $\aleph_1$ -bounded. The subcategory **Ban** of all Banach spaces is an  $\aleph_1$ -orthogonality class of **Norm**. In fact, it is easy to see that

$$\mathbf{Ban} = \mathcal{N}^\perp$$

where  $\mathcal{N}$  is the class of all dense embeddings  $X \hookrightarrow Y$  with  $X$  and  $Y$  with countable dimensions.

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