On compact subspaces of the space of separately continuous functions with the cross-uniform topology

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In [1] the authors proposed a natural topologization of the space S of all separately continuous functions $f : [0,1]^2 \to \mathbb{R}$ called the topology of the sectionally uniform convergence. This topology can be considered on the space $S(X \times Y)$ of all separately continuous functions $f : X \times Y \to \mathbb{R}$ for any topological spaces X and Y. A base of this topology is given by the sets $W_{E,\varepsilon}(f_0) = \{f \in S(X \times Y) : \forall p \in \operatorname{cr} E \mid f(p) - f_0(p) \mid < \varepsilon\}$, where E is a finite subset of $X \times Y, \varepsilon > 0, f_0 \in S(X \times Y)$ and $\operatorname{cr} E = (X \times \operatorname{pr}_Y(E)) \cup (\operatorname{pr}_X(E) \times Y)$ is the cross of the set E. We call this topology the cross-uniform topology and always endow the space $S(X \times Y)$ by this topology. If X and Y are compact a then $S(X \times Y)$ is a topological vector space. In [1] it was proved only that $S = S([0,1]^2)$ is a separable non-metrizable complete topological vector space, and the authors asked about the other properties of S. The following result was obtained in collaboration with the authors of [1].

Theorem 1. Let X, Y be compact without isolated points. Then $S(X \times Y)$ is meager and barreled.

Another intrigued question on the space $S(X \times Y)$ is the problem on description of compact subspaces of $S(X \times Y)$ for any compacta X and Y. Compact subspaces of $B_1(X)$ (= the space of all Baire one function with the pointwise topology) are, so-called, Rosenthal compacta if X is a Polish space. Since $S([0,1]^2) \subseteq B_1([0,1]^2)$, we expected the appearance of some Rosenthal type compacta. But it turns out that the structure of compact subspaces of $S(X \times Y)$ is simpler. Let w(X) denote the weight of a topological space X and let c(X) denote the cellularity of X.

Theorem 2. Let X, Y be infinity compact and K be a compact. Then K embeds into $S(X \times Y)$ if and only if $w(K) \leq \min\{c(X), c(Y)\}$.

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