

# A Constructive View of Continuity Principles

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The topological model: Put the right topology on the space of (pseudo-)bounded sequences. This is effectively taking a generic pseudo-bounded sequence, which will not be bounded.

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The contrapositive: “If a set of nodes is not uniform, then it’s not a bar.” Classically, “if a set of nodes does not cover a whole level, then there’s a path avoiding it,” that is, (Weak) König’s Lemma.



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