

ON THE ADJUNCTION SPACES OF FREE L -SPACES AND M_1 -SPACES

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A class of free L -spaces is defined by Nagami [7]. This class contains all Lašnev spaces and is contained in the class of M_1 -spaces in the sense of Ceder [3]. In this paper, we consider the sum theorem of free L -spaces and the property of being M_1 -spaces and free L -spaces of the adjunction spaces. The main results are as follows:

1. Let $Z = X \cup Y$ be stratifiable, where X, Y are free L -spaces and X is a closed set of Z with a uniformly approaching anti-cover in Z . Then Z is a free L -space.
2. The adjunction space $X \cup_f Y$ is a free L -space if X is an L -space in the sense of Nagami [6] and Y is a free L -space.
3. Let $Z = X \cup Y$ be stratifiable, where X, Y are M_1 -spaces and X is a closed set with a uniformly approaching anti-cover in Z . Then Z is an M_1 -space.
4. The adjunction space $Z = X \cup_f Y$ is an M_1 -space if X is a free L -space and Y is an M_1 -space.
5. Every closed set of a free L -space has a closure-preserving open neighborhood base.
6. The closed irreducible image of an M_1 -space with $\dim = 0$ is also an M_1 -space.

All spaces are assumed to be Hausdorff and mappings to be continuous and onto unless the contrary is stated explicitly. N always denotes the positive integers. As for undefined term, see Nagami [6] and [7], or [4].

A space X is called a *monotonically normal space* if the following (MN) is satisfied:

(MN) To each pair (H, K) of separated subsets of X , one can assign an open set $U(H, K)$ in such a way that

- (i) $H \subset U(H, K) \subset \overline{U(H, K)} \subset X - K$ and
- (ii) if (H', K') is a pair of separated sets having $H \subset H'$ and $K' \subset K$, then $U(H, K) \subset U(H', K')$.

LEMMA 1 ([4, Lemma 3.1]). *Let X be a monotonically normal space, F a*

closed set of X and $\{W_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$ an anti-closure-preserving family of open neighborhoods of F . Then there exists an anti-cover \mathcal{U} of F that each W_α is a semi-canonical neighborhood of F with respect to \mathcal{U} .

THEOREM 1. *Let X, Y be a free L -spaces and $Z = X \cup Y$ be a stratifiable space, where X is a closed set which has a uniformly approaching anti-cover in Z . Then Z is a free L -space.*

PROOF. Part 1: Let $(\mathcal{F}, \{\mathcal{U}_F : F \in \mathcal{F}\})$ be a free L -structure of X . Let $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}_X = \{V_\beta : \beta \in B\}$ be a uniformly approaching anti-cover of X in Z . For each $F \in \mathcal{F}$, let $\mathcal{U}_F = \{U_\alpha : \alpha \in A_F\}$ be assumed to be locally finite in $X - F$. Set

$$\mathcal{A}(F) = \{\delta \in A_F : W(\delta) = F \cup (\bigcup \{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \delta\})\} \text{ is an open neighborhood of } F \text{ in } X.$$

Then $\{W(\delta) : \delta \in \mathcal{A}(F)\}$ is anti-closure-preserving in X . For each $x \in X - F$, set

$$\begin{aligned} V(x) &= U(\{x\}, F \cup (\bigcup \{X - W(\delta) : x \in W(\delta), \delta \in \mathcal{A}(F)\})), \\ \mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}_F &= \mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}_X \cup \{V(x) : x \in X - F\}, \end{aligned}$$

where U is the monotonically normal operator assured by (MN). Then $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}_F$ is an anti-cover of F in Z . We shall show that $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}_F$ has the following property:

(*) If W_1 is a canonical neighborhood of F with respect to \mathcal{U}_F in X , then there exists a semi-canonical neighborhood U_2 of F in Z with respect to $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}_F$ such that

$$F \subset U_2 \cap X \subset W_1, \quad \bar{U}_2 \cap (X - W_1) = \phi.$$

To see (*), choose $\delta \in \mathcal{A}(F)$ such that

$$W_2 = W(\delta), \quad \bar{W}_2 \subset W_1.$$

Set

$$U_1 = U(X - W_2, F), \quad U_2 = U(\bar{W}_2, X - W_1).$$

Then U_2 is an open neighborhood of F in Z such that

$$U_2 \cap X \subset W_1, \quad \bar{U}_2 \cap (X - W_1) = \phi.$$

Since $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}_X$ is uniformly approaching in Z ,

$$\overline{S(Z - U_2, \mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}_X)} \cap F = \phi.$$

Suppose

$$V(x) \cap (Z - U_2) \neq \phi, \quad x \in X - F.$$

Note that if $x \in W_2$, then $V(x) \subset U_2$. Therefore $x \notin W_2$. This implies $V(x) \subset U_1$. Since $\bar{U}_1 \cap F = \phi$, we have

$$\overline{S(Z-U_2, \mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}_F)} \cap F = \phi.$$

Part 2: Let $(\mathcal{H}, \{\mathcal{U}_H : H \in \mathcal{H}\})$ be a free L -structure of Y . Write

$$X = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} G_n, \quad G_{n+1} \subset G_n, \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

where each G_n is open in Z . Let $\mathcal{H} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}_i$, where each \mathcal{H}_i is discrete in Y . For each $i \in \mathbb{N}$ and $H \in \mathcal{H}_i$, set

$$\begin{aligned} H_n &= H \cap (Z - G_n), \\ \mathcal{H}_{in} &= \{H_n : H \in \mathcal{H}_i\}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned}$$

Then each \mathcal{H}_{in} is a discrete closed collection of Z . Since Z is paracompact, there exists a discrete open collection $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}_{in} = \{V(H_n) : H_n \in \mathcal{H}_{in}\}$ of Z such that

$$H_n \subset V(H_n), \quad H_n \in \mathcal{H}_{in}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Since Z is perfectly normal, there exists an anti-cover $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}_{H_n}$ of H_n in Z with respect to which $V(H_n)$ is a canonical neighborhood of H_n in Z . Choose canonical neighborhoods $V(H_n)_1$ and $V(H_n)_2$ of H_n with respect to $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}_{H_n}$ such that

$$H_n \subset V(H_n)_1 \subset \overline{V(H_n)_1} \subset V(H_n)_2 \subset \overline{V(H_n)_2} \subset V(H_n).$$

Let $\mathcal{U}_H = \{U_\alpha : \alpha \in A_H\}$ be assumed to be locally finite in $Y - H$. Set

$$\Delta(H) = \{\delta \subset A_H : W(\delta) = H \cup (\bigcup \{U_\alpha : \alpha \in \delta\})\} \text{ is an open neighborhood of } H \text{ in } Y\}.$$

For each $\delta \in \Delta(H)$, set

$$W(\delta, n) = (W(\delta) \cap V(H_n)_2) \cup (V(H_n)_2 - \overline{V(H_n)_1}).$$

Then $W(\delta, n)$ is an open neighborhood of $H'_n = \overline{V(H_n)_1} \cap H$. Moreover, it is easily seen that $\{W(\delta, n) : \delta \in \Delta(H)\}$ is anti-closure-preserving in Z . Therefore by Lemma 1, there exists an anti-cover $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}_{H'_n}$ of H'_n in Z such that each $W(\delta, n)$ is a semi-cannonical neighborhood of H'_n with respect to $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}_{H'_n}$. Observe that for each $\delta \in \Delta(H)$

$$V(H_n)_1 \cap W(\delta, n) = W(\delta) \cap V(H_n)_1$$

is an open neighborhood of H_n in Z , and that

$$\mathcal{H}'_{in} = \{H'_n : H_n \in \mathcal{H}_{in}\}$$

is a closed discrete collection of Z . Set

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}' &= \mathcal{F} \cup \{X\} \cup (\bigcup \{\mathcal{H}_{in} : i, n \in \mathbb{N}\} \\ &\quad \cup (\bigcup \{\mathcal{H}'_{in} : i, n \in \mathbb{N}\}). \end{aligned}$$

Then \mathcal{F}' is a σ -discrete closed collection of Z . Set

$$\mathcal{P} = (\mathcal{F}', \{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}_F : F \in \mathcal{F}\} \cup \{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}_X\} \cup \{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}_{H_n} : H_n \in \mathcal{H}_{in}, \\ i, n \in N\} \cup \{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}_{H'_n} : H_n \in \mathcal{H}_{in}, i, n \in N\}).$$

We shall show that \mathcal{P} forms a free L -structure of Z . Suppose $p \in W$ for an arbitrary open set W of Z and an arbitrary point p of Z . Consider two cases. The first is the case $p \in X$. Since $(\mathcal{F}, \{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{U}_F : F \in \mathcal{F}\})$ is a free L -structure of X , there exist $F_1, \dots, F_k \in \mathcal{F}$ and their canonical neighborhoods V_1, \dots, V_k such that

$$p \in \bigcap_{j=1}^k F_j \subset \bigcap_{j=1}^k V_j \subset W \cap X.$$

By (*) there exists for each j a semi-canonical neighborhood W_j of F_j with respect to $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}_{F_j}$ such that

$$F_j \subset W_j \cap X \subset V_j, \bar{W}_j \cap (X - V_j) = \phi.$$

Note that $Z - (\bigcap_{j=1}^k \bar{W}_j - W)$ is an open neighborhood of X in Z . Since $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}_X$ is approaching to X in Z , there exists a canonical neighborhood W_0 of X with respect to $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}_X$ such that

$$W_0 \cap \left(\bigcap_{j=1}^k \bar{W}_j - W \right) = \phi.$$

Thus we have

$$p \in \bigcap_{j=1}^k F_j \cap X \subset \bigcap_{j=0}^k W_j \subset W.$$

The second case is $p \in Z - X$. Since $(\mathcal{H}, \{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{U}_H : H \in \mathcal{H}\})$ is a free L -structure of Y , there exist $H_1, \dots, H_k \in \mathcal{H}$ and their canonical neighborhoods $W(\delta_1), \dots, W(\delta_k)$ with $\delta_1 \in \mathcal{A}(H_1), \dots, \delta_k \in \mathcal{A}(H_k)$ such that

$$p \in \bigcap_{j=1}^k H_j \subset \bigcap_{j=1}^k W(\delta_j) \subset W \cap Y.$$

Choose $n \in N$ such that $p \in Z - G_n$. Then we have

$$p \in \bigcap_{j=1}^k (H_j)_n \cap \bigcap_{j=1}^k (H_j)'_n \\ \subset \bigcap_{j=1}^k W(\delta_j, n) \cap \bigcap_{j=1}^k V((H_j)_n)_1 \subset W.$$

As is shown in the above, each $W(\delta_j, n)$ and each $V((H_j)_n)_1$ are semi-canonical and canonical with respect to $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}_{(H_j)'_n}$ and $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}_{(H_j)_n}$, respectively. Therefore by the result of [4], Z is a free L -space.

Let f be a mapping of a closed set of a space X into a space Y . The adjunction space Z of X, Y is denoted as $Z = X \cup_f Y$. In the sequel, the mapping f in $Z = X \cup_f Y$ is assumed to be one of a closed set H into Y , and $p : X \vee Y \rightarrow Z$ denotes

the quotient mapping. As the Ito's example in [4] shows, the adjunction space of free L -spaces need not be a free L -space. Miwa in [5] showed that the adjunction space of X and Y is a free L -space if X is a metric space and Y is a free L -space. The following corollary and the next theorem refine the result.

COROLLARY 1. *Let X, Y be free L -spaces and H a closed set of X having a uniformly approaching anti-cover in X . Then $Z = X \cup_f Y$ is a free L -space.*

PROOF. As is well known, Z is a stratifiable space. Set

$$Z = X' \cup Y', \quad X' = p(Y), \quad Y' = Z - p(Y).$$

Then it is easily seen that $\{X', Y'\}$ satisfies the condition of the above theorem.

COROLLARY 2. *$X = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$ be a stratifiable space, where each X_n is a closed free L -space, and has a uniformly approaching anti-cover in X . Then X is a free L -space.*

COROLLARY 3. *Let $X = \bigcup \{X_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$ be a stratifiable space, where $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$ is locally finite in X and each X_α is a closed free L -space and has a uniformly approaching anti-cover in X . Then X is a free L -space.*

THEOREM 2. *Let X be an L -space and Y a free L -space. Then $Z = X \cup_f Y$ is a free L -space.*

PROOF. Set

$$X' = p(Y), \quad Y' = Z - p(Y).$$

Then $Z = X' \cup Y'$ and X', Y' are free L -spaces. Obviously Z is stratifiable and X' is a closed set of Z . We shall modify the part 1 of the proof of Theorem 1. Let $(\mathcal{F}, \{U_F : F \in \mathcal{F}\})$ be a free L -structure of X' and let $\mathcal{U}_F, \Delta(F)$ and $W(\delta)$ be the same as in the part 1 with X replaced by X' . By the same way we define $V(x)$ for each $x \in X' - F, F \in \mathcal{F}$. Since Z is hereditarily normal, there exists an open set U_F of $Z(F) = Z - F$ (and hence of Z) such that

$$X' - F \subset U_F \subset \text{Cl}_{Z(F)}(U_F) \subset \bigcup \{V(x) : x \in X' - F\},$$

where $\text{Cl}_{Z(F)}(U_F)$ denotes the closure in the subspace $Z(F)$. Since X is an L -space, $p_X^{-1}(F)$ has an approaching anti-cover $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}(p_X^{-1}(F))$ in X , where $p_X = p|X$ is the restriction of the quotient mapping. Set

$$\mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}_F = \{V(x) : x \in X' - F\} \cup p(\mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}(p_X^{-1}(F))) \setminus ((Z - \text{Cl}_{Z(F)}(U_F))).$$

Then obviously $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}_F$ is an anti-cover of F in Z . We shall show that $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}_F$ has the

property (*) stated there. Let W_1 be a canonical neighborhood of F with respect to \mathcal{U}_F in X' . Take $\delta \in \mathcal{A}(F)$ and open sets U_1, U_2 of Z such that

$$\begin{aligned} W_2 &= W(\delta), \bar{W}_2 \subset W_1, \\ U_1 &= U(X' - W_2, F), \quad U_2 = U(\bar{W}_2, X' - W_1). \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$S(Z - U_2, \{V(x) : x \in X' - F\}) \subset U_1, \bar{U}_1 \cap F = \phi.$$

Since $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}(p_{\bar{X}}^{-1}(F))$ is approaching to $p_{\bar{X}}^{-1}(F)$ in X , there exists an open neighborhood V of $p_{\bar{X}}^{-1}(F)$ in X such that

$$S(X - p_{\bar{X}}^{-1}(U_2), \mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}(p_{\bar{X}}^{-1}(F))) \cap V = \phi.$$

Set

$$N = p(V) \cup U_F.$$

Then N is an open neighborhood of F in Z such that

$$N \cap S(Z - U_2, p(\mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}(p_{\bar{X}}^{-1}(F)) | (Z - \text{Cl}_{Z(F)}(U_F)))) = \phi,$$

which implies that U_2 is semi-canonical with respect to $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}_F$. Since H has an approaching anti-cover in X , X' has an approaching anti-cover $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}_{X'}$ in Z . If we observe that in the part 2 of the proof of Theorem 1 we use merely the fact that $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{V}_X$ is approaching, then the proof is obviously completed.

THEOREM 3. *Let $Z = X \cup Y$ be a stratifiable space, where X, Y are M_1 -spaces and X is a closed set which has a uniformly approaching anti-cover in Z . Then Z is an M_1 -space.*

PROOF. Let $\mathcal{U} = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{U}_j$ be a base for X , where each $\mathcal{U}_j = \{U_\alpha : \alpha \in A_j\}$ is closure-preserving in X . Write

$$U_\alpha = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} F_{\alpha j},$$

where each $F_{\alpha j}$ is closed in X . Set

$$U'_\alpha = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} U(F_{\alpha j}, X - U_\alpha).$$

Then U'_α satisfies the following conditions:

(i) U'_α is an open set of Z such that

$$U'_\alpha \cap X = U_\alpha, \alpha \in A_j, j \in N.$$

(ii) For an arbitrary subset B of $A_j, j \in N$, if $p \in X$ and $p \notin \overline{\bigcup \{U_\alpha : \alpha \in B\}}$, then

$p \notin \overline{\bigcup\{U'_\alpha : \alpha \in B\}}$.

(i) is obvious. To see (ii), suppose $p \notin \overline{\bigcup\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in B\}}$. Set

$$N(p) = Z - \overline{U(\bigcup\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in B\}, \{p\})}.$$

Then $N(p)$ is an open neighborhood of p in Z such that

$$N(p) \cap U'_\alpha = \emptyset \text{ for every } \alpha \in B.$$

We shall construct collections $\mathcal{U}_\alpha = \{U_{\alpha\beta} : \beta \in B_\alpha\}$, $\alpha \in A_j$, $j \in N$, satisfying the following:

(1) Each $U_{\alpha\beta}$ is an open set of Z such that

$$U_{\alpha\beta} \cap X = U_\alpha \text{ and } U_{\alpha\beta} \subset U'_\alpha \text{ for every } \beta \in B_\alpha.$$

(2) $\bigcup\{\mathcal{U}_\alpha : \alpha \in A_j\}$ is closure-preserving in Z for every $j \in N$.

(3) If U is an open set of Z such that $U \cap X = U_\alpha$ for $\alpha \in A_j$, $j \in N$, then $U_{\alpha\beta} \subset U$ for some $\beta \in B_\alpha$.

Since Z is hereditarily paracompact, the uniformly approaching anti-cover $\mathcal{C} = \{V_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ of X can be assumed to be locally finite in $Z - X$. For each $\alpha \in A$, $j \in N$, set

$$B_\alpha = \{\beta \in \Lambda : U_{\alpha\beta} = U_\alpha \cup (\bigcup\{V_\lambda : \lambda \in \beta\})\} \text{ is an open neighborhood of } U_\alpha \text{ in } Z \\ \text{such that } U_{\alpha\beta} \subset U'_\alpha, \mathcal{U}_\alpha = \{U_{\alpha\beta} : \beta \in B_\alpha\}.$$

Then (1) and (3) follow easily. (2) follows from (ii) and from the fact that \mathcal{U}_j is closure-preserving in X . It is obvious from (3) that $\bigcup\{\mathcal{U}_\alpha : \alpha \in A_j, j \in N\}$ forms a local base of each point of X in Z . Since X is a closed set of a stratifiable space Z and Y is an M_1 -space, there exists a σ -closure-preserving open collection \mathcal{B} of Z such that \mathcal{B} forms a local base of each point of $Z - X$ in Z . Set

$$\mathcal{W} = \bigcup\{\mathcal{U}_\alpha : \alpha \in A_j, j \in N\} \cup \mathcal{B}.$$

Then \mathcal{W} is a σ -closure-preserving base of Z .

We define the property (P) as follows:

(P) Suppose that we are given a closure-preserving open collection $\mathcal{U} = \{U_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$ of a closed set F of a space X . Then for each $\alpha \in A$, there exists an open collection $\mathcal{U}_\alpha = \{U_{\alpha\beta} : \beta \in B_\alpha\}$ of X satisfying the following:

(1) $U_{\alpha\beta} \cap F = U_\alpha$ for each $\beta \in B_\alpha$, $\alpha \in A$.

(2) $\mathcal{U}' = \bigcup\{\mathcal{U}_\alpha : \alpha \in A\} = \{U_{\alpha\beta} : \beta \in B_\alpha, \alpha \in A\}$

is closure-preserving in X .

(3) If V is an open set of X such that $V \cap F = U_\alpha$ for $\alpha \in A$, then there exists $\beta \in B_\alpha$ such that $U_{\alpha\beta} \subset V$.

LEMMA 2. *Every closed set F of a free L -space X has the property (P).*

PROOF. First we consider the case of $\dim X=0$. Suppose that we are given a closure-preserving open collection $\mathcal{U}=\{U_\alpha:\alpha\in A\}$ of a closed set F of a free L -space X with $\dim X=0$. Write

$$F=\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty}H_n, H_{n+1}\subset H_n, n\in N, H_1=X,$$

where each H_n is closed and open in X . Since X is an M_1 -space, there exists a base $\mathcal{B}=\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty}\mathcal{B}_i$ for X , where each \mathcal{B}_i is closure-preserving in X . For each $i\in N$ and $B\in\mathcal{B}_i$, set $B_i=B\cap H_i$. Let $\{\mathcal{S}_\lambda:\lambda\in\Gamma\}$ be the totality of subcollections of \mathcal{B} . For each $\lambda\in\Gamma$ set

$$V_{\lambda i}=\cup\{B_i:B\in\mathcal{S}_\lambda\cap\mathcal{B}_i\},$$

$$V_\lambda=\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty}V_{\lambda i}.$$

For each $\alpha\in A$, set

$$B'_\alpha=\{\lambda\in\Gamma:V_\lambda\text{ is an open set of }X\text{ such that }V_\lambda\cap F=U_\alpha\}.$$

For each $\alpha\in A$, we expand U_α to an open set U'_α of X by the same method as in the proof of Theorem 3. Thus each U'_α satisfies (i) and (ii) stated there. Set

$$B_\alpha=\{\beta\in B'_\alpha:V_\beta\subset U'_\alpha\},$$

$$\mathcal{U}_\alpha=\{U_{\alpha\beta}=V_\beta:\beta\in B_\alpha\}.$$

Obviously each \mathcal{U}_α satisfies (1). To see (2), let B_0 be an arbitrary subset of $\cup\{\{\alpha\}\times B_\alpha:\alpha\in A\}$ and suppose

$$p\notin\overline{\cup\{U_{\alpha\beta}:(\alpha,\beta)\in B_0\}}.$$

Write

$$B_0=\cup\{\{\alpha\}\times B_\alpha^0:\alpha\in A_0\}.$$

If $p\in F$, then $p\notin\overline{\cup\{U_\alpha:\alpha\in A_0\}}$, because \mathcal{U} is closure-preserving in F . Therefore by the property (ii) of U'_α , $p\notin\overline{\cup\{U'_\alpha:\alpha\in A_0\}}$. This implies

$$p\notin\overline{\cup\{U_{\alpha\beta}:(\alpha,\beta)\in B_0\}}.$$

If $p\in X-F$, then there exists $k\in N$ with $p\in H_k-H_{k+1}$. Write

$$U_{\alpha\beta}=\cup\{V_{\beta i}:i\in N\}, \beta\in B_\alpha^0, \alpha\in A_0,$$

$$V_{\beta i}=\cup\{B_i:B\in\mathcal{S}_\beta\cap\mathcal{B}_i\}, \beta\in B_\alpha^0, \alpha\in A_0.$$

Since $X-H_{k+1}$ is an open neighborhood of p such that

$$(X-H_{k+1})\cap V_{\lambda n}=\emptyset, n\geq k+1, \lambda\in A,$$

$$p\notin\overline{\cup\{V_{\beta n}:n\geq k+1, \beta\in\cup\{B_\alpha^0:\alpha\in A_0\}\}}.$$

Therefore if we assume

$$p \in \overline{\bigcup \{U_{\alpha\beta} : (\alpha, \beta) \in B_0\}},$$

then

$$p \in \overline{\bigcup \{V_{\beta m} : m \leq k, \beta \in \bigcup \{B_\alpha^0 : \alpha \in A_0\}\}}.$$

This implies for some $m \leq k$

$$p \in \overline{\bigcup \{V_{\beta m} : \beta \in \bigcup \{B_\alpha^0 : \alpha \in A_0\}\}}.$$

Since \mathcal{B}_m is closure-preserving in X , $p \in \bar{B}$ for some $B \in \mathcal{S}_\beta \cap \mathcal{B}_m$, $\beta \in \bigcup \{B_\alpha^0 : \alpha \in A_0\}$. Since $p \in H_m$ and H_m is open, it follows that

$$p \in \overline{B \cap H_m} = \overline{B_m} \subset \overline{V_{\beta m}}.$$

Hence $p \in \overline{U_{\alpha\beta}}$ for $(\alpha, \beta) \in B_0$, a contradiction. Thus (2) is satisfied. To see (3), let V be an arbitrary open set of X such that $V \cap F = U_\alpha$. For each $p \in U_\alpha$, there exist $n(p) \in N$ and $B_p \in \mathcal{B}_{n(p)}$ such that

$$p \in B_p \subset V \cap U'_\alpha.$$

Obviously $p \in (B_p)_{n(p)} \subset V$. If we put

$$\mathcal{S}_\beta = \{B_p : p \in U_\alpha\},$$

then $U_{\alpha\beta} \subset V$.

Next, we consider the general case. Let X be a free L -space. Then by [7, Theorem 2.10] there exists a perfect mapping f of a free L -space Z with $\dim Z \leq 0$ onto X . By [2, Lemma 3.2 (a)] we can assume that f is irreducible. Suppose that we are given a closure-preserving open collection $\mathcal{U} = \{U_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$ of a closed set F of X . In the preceding manner, we construct for each $\alpha \in A$ an open collection $\{(f^{-1}(U_\alpha))_\beta : \beta \in B'_\alpha\}$ of Z satisfying the following:

- (1)' $(f^{-1}(U_\alpha))_\beta \cap f^{-1}(F) = f^{-1}(U_\alpha)$, $\beta \in B'_\alpha$, $\alpha \in A$.
- (2)' $\{(f^{-1}(U_\alpha))_\beta : \beta \in \bigcup \{B'_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}\}$ is closure-preserving in $Z - f^{-1}(F)$.
- (3)' If V is an open set of Z such that $V \cap f^{-1}(F) = f^{-1}(U_\alpha)$, then $(f^{-1}(U_\alpha))_\beta \subset V$ for some $\beta \in B'_\alpha$.

For each $\alpha \in A$, $\beta \in B'_\alpha$, put

$$U_{\alpha\beta} = X - f(Z - (f^{-1}(U_\alpha))_\beta).$$

We expand each U_α to an open set U'_α of X by the same method as in the proof of Theorem 3. Construct

$$\mathcal{U}_\alpha = \{U_{\alpha\beta} : \beta \in B'_\alpha\}, \alpha \in A,$$

$$B_\alpha = \{\beta \in B'_\alpha : U_{\alpha\beta} \subset U'_\alpha\}.$$

(1) follows easily from (1)'. To see (2), let B_0 be an arbitrary subset of $\bigcup\{\{\alpha\} \times B_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$ and suppose

$$p \notin \overline{\bigcup\{U_{\alpha\beta} : (\alpha, \beta) \in B_0\}}.$$

Write

$$B_0 = \bigcup\{\{\alpha\} \times B_\alpha^0 : \alpha \in A_0\}.$$

If $p \in F$, then $p \notin \overline{\bigcup\{U'_\alpha : \alpha \in A_0\}}$ by the property (ii) of U'_α . Consequently we have $p \notin \overline{\bigcup\{U_{\alpha\beta} : (\alpha, \beta) \in B_0\}}$. Let $p \in X - F$ and assume $p \in \overline{\bigcup\{U_{\alpha\beta} : (\alpha, \beta) \in B_0\}}$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(p) &\subset Z - f^{-1}(F), \\ f^{-1}(p) \cap \overline{\bigcup\{(f^{-1}(U_\alpha))_\beta : (\alpha, \beta) \in B_0\}} &\neq \emptyset. \end{aligned}$$

By (2)', there exist $\beta \in B_\alpha^0$, $\alpha \in A_0$ such that

$$f^{-1}(p) \cap \overline{(f^{-1}(U_\alpha))_\beta} = \emptyset.$$

Since f is irreducible, $p \in \overline{U_{\alpha\beta}}$ follows from the argument of [2, Lemma 3.3]. Therefore (2) is proved. (3) follows easily from (3)'. This completes the proof.

So far as I know, it is not known whether each closed set of an M_1 -space admits a σ -closure-preserving open neighborhood base. It is also an open question whether $X|A$ is an M_1 -space for each closed set A of an M_1 -space. But as far as we are concerned with the class of free L -spaces, these hold positively.

COROLLARY 1. *Every closed set of a free L -space has a closure-preserving open neighborhood base.*

COROLLARY 2. *$X|A$ is an M_1 -space for each closed set A of a free L -space X .*

COROLLARY 3. *Let f be a closed irreducible mapping of a free L -space X onto Y . Then Y is an M_1 -space.*

PROOF. The closed image of a paracompact σ -space is also paracompact σ . It is similarly shown to [2, Lemma 3.2] that every closed set of Y has a closure-preserving open neighborhood base.

Note that we use only the fact that X is an M_1 -space in the proof of the case of $\dim X=0$ of Lemma 2. Thus we have the following:

COROLLARY 3'. *Let f be a closed irreducible mapping of an M_1 -space X with $\dim X \leq 0$ onto Y . Then Y is an M_1 -space.*

It is unknown whether the adjunction space of M_1 -spaces is M_1 . From the result of Borges [1], it is known that the adjunction space is at least stratifiable.

THEOREM 4. *Let X be a free L -space and Y an M_1 -space. Then $Z = X \cup_f Y$ is an M_1 -space.*

PROOF. Let $\mathcal{U} = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{U}_j$ be a base for $p(Y)$, where each $\mathcal{U}_j = \{U_\alpha : \alpha \in A_j\}$ is closure-preserving in $p(Y)$. By the same method of the proof of Theorem 3, we expand each U_α to an open set U'_α of Z . By the same method as in the proof of Lemma 2, we can show that there exists for each $\alpha \in A_j$ an open collection $\mathcal{U}_\alpha = \{U_{\alpha\beta} : \beta \in B_\alpha\}$ of X satisfying the following:

(1) $U_{\alpha\beta} \cap H = p_X^{-1}(U_\alpha)$, $U_{\alpha\beta} \subset p_X^{-1}(U'_\alpha)$ for each $\beta \in B_\alpha$, $\alpha \in A_j$.

(2) $\bigcup \{U_\alpha : \alpha \in A_j\}$ is closure-preserving in $X - H$.

(3) If U is an open set of X such that $U \cap H = p_X^{-1}(U_\alpha)$ for $\alpha \in A_j$, then $U_{\alpha\beta} \subset U$ for some $\beta \in B_\alpha$.

Set

$$\mathcal{V}_\alpha = \{V_{\alpha\beta} = U_\alpha \cup p(U_{\alpha\beta}) : \beta \in B_\alpha\}, \alpha \in A_j,$$

$$\mathcal{V}_j = \bigcup \{\mathcal{V}_\alpha : \alpha \in A_j\},$$

$$\mathcal{V} = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{V}_j.$$

Then \mathcal{V} is a σ -closure-preserving open collection of Z , which forms a local base of each point of $p(Y)$ in Z . Since Z is perfectly normal and X is an M_1 -space, there exists a σ -closure-preserving open collection \mathcal{W} of Z , which forms a local base of each point of $Z - p(Y)$ in Z . Then $\mathcal{V} \cup \mathcal{W}$ is a σ -closure-preserving base for Z . This completes the proof.

COROLLARY 1. *Let X be the perfect irreducible image of an M_1 -space with $\dim X \leq 0$ and Y an M_1 -space. Then $X \cup_f Y$ is an M_1 -space.*

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