

## 69. On $\mathcal{E}$ -Product of Spaces which have a $\sigma$ -Almost Locally Finite Base

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**1. Introduction.** Let  $\{X_a : a \in A\}$  be a family of topological spaces. By  $B_a X_a$  we denote the set  $\prod_a X_a$  with the box product topology. For  $p \in B_a X_a$  we denote the subspace  $\{x \in B_a X_a : x_a \neq p_a \text{ for at most finitely many } a\}$  of  $B_a X_a$  by  $\mathcal{E}_p$ .

Recently K. Tamano and the author [3] introduced the notion of almost local finiteness and the class of all spaces which have a  $\sigma$ -almost locally finite base. This class is an intermediate class between that of free  $L$ -spaces and that of  $M_1$ -spaces. The purpose of this paper is to prove that  $\mathcal{E}_p$  has a  $\sigma$ -almost locally finite base if each  $X_a$  has a  $\sigma$ -almost locally finite base and  $p \in B_a X_a$ . Corollary 3.2 is an improvement on the result of S. San-ou [5]. By [4],  $\mathcal{E}_p$  need not be free  $L$  even if each  $X_a$  is metrizable and  $p \in B_a X_a$ . For another results on  $\mathcal{E}$ -product see [1], [2] and [5].

In this paper all spaces are assumed to be regular  $T_1$ .

**2. Preliminaries.** **Definition 2.1.** Let  $X$  be a space and  $\mathcal{A}$  a family of subsets of  $X$ .  $\mathcal{A}$  is said to be *almost locally finite* in  $X$  if for every point  $x$  of  $X$  there exist a neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  and a finite family  $\mathcal{B}$  of subsets of  $X$  such that

$$\{A \cap U : A \in \mathcal{A}\} \subset \{B \cap W : B \in \mathcal{B} \text{ and } W \text{ is a neighborhood of } x\}.$$

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $\{X_e : e \in E\}$  be a family of spaces and  $p \in B_e X_e$ . For each  $e \in E$  let  $\mathcal{A}_e$  be an almost locally finite family of open sets of  $X_e$  such that*

$$\text{if } V \in \mathcal{A}_e \text{ then } p_e \in V \text{ or } p_e \notin \text{Cl } V.$$

*Then  $\{\mathcal{E}_p \cap \prod_e V_e : (V_e)_{e \in E} \in \prod_e \mathcal{A}_e\}$  is almost locally finite in  $\mathcal{E}_p$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x \in \mathcal{E}_p$ .

**Case 1.**  $x = p$ .

For each  $e \in E$  put  $U_e = X_e - \cup\{\text{Cl } V : V \in \mathcal{A}_e, p_e \notin \text{Cl } V\}$ . Put  $U = \mathcal{E}_p \cap \prod_e U_e$ . Then  $U$  is a neighborhood of  $x$ . Let  $(V_e)_{e \in E} \in \prod_e \mathcal{A}_e$  and  $U \cap \prod_e V_e \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $x_e = p_e \in V_e, e \in E$ . Therefore  $U \cap \prod_e V_e$  is a neighborhood of  $x$ .

**Case 2.**  $x \neq p$ .

Let  $E_1 = \{e \in E : x_e = p_e\}$  and  $E_2 = E - E_1$ . Then  $|E_2| < \aleph_0$ . For  $e \in E_1$  put  $U_e = X_e - \cup\{\text{Cl } V : V \in \mathcal{A}_e, p_e \notin \text{Cl } V\}$ . For  $e \in E_2$  there exist

a neighborhood  $U_e$  of  $x_e$  and a finite family  $\mathcal{B}_e$  of subsets of  $X_e$  such that

$$\{V \cap U_e : V \in \mathcal{A}_e\} \subset \{B \cap W : B \in \mathcal{B}_e, W \text{ is a neighborhood of } x_e\}.$$

Put  $U = \mathcal{E}_p \cap \prod_e U_e$  and

$$\mathcal{B} = \{\mathcal{E}_p \cap (\prod_{e \in E_2} B_e \times \prod_{e \in E_1} X_e) : (B_e)_{e \in E_2} \in \prod_{e \in E_2} \mathcal{B}_e\}.$$

Then  $U$  is a neighborhood of  $x$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  is a finite family of subsets of  $\mathcal{E}_p$ . Let  $(V_e)_{e \in E} \in \prod_e \mathcal{A}_e$  and  $U \cap \prod_e V_e \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $x_e \in V_e, e \in E_1$ . For  $e \in E_2$  there exist  $B_e \in \mathcal{B}_e$  and a neighborhood  $W_e$  of  $x_e$  such that  $V_e \cap U_e = B_e \cap W_e$ . Then

$$U \cap \prod_e V_e = \mathcal{E}_p \cap (\prod_{e \in E_1} (U_e \cap V_e) \times \prod_{e \in E_2} W_e) \cap (\prod_{e \in E_1} X_e \times \prod_{e \in E_2} B_e);$$

$$\mathcal{E}_p \cap (\prod_{e \in E_1} (U_e \cap V_e) \times \prod_{e \in E_2} W_e) \text{ is a neighborhood of } x; \text{ and}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_p \cap (\prod_{e \in E_1} X_e \times \prod_{e \in E_2} B_e) \in \mathcal{B}.$$

Therefore  $\{\mathcal{E}_p \cap \prod_e V_e : (V_e)_{e \in E} \in \prod_e \mathcal{A}_e\}$  is almost locally finite in  $\mathcal{E}_p$ .

**3. The theorem. Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $\{X_e : e \in E\}$  be a family of spaces which have a  $\sigma$ -almost locally finite base and  $p \in B_e X_e$ . Then  $\mathcal{E}_p$  has a  $\sigma$ -almost locally finite base.*

*Proof.* Obviously  $\mathcal{E}_p$  is regular  $T_1$ . For each  $e \in E$  let  $\cup\{\mathcal{B}_n^e : n \in N\}$  be a  $\sigma$ -almost locally finite base of  $X_e$  such that

$$\mathcal{B}_n^e \text{ is almost locally finite, } n \in N; \text{ and}$$

$$\mathcal{B}_n^e \subset \mathcal{B}_{n+1}^e, n \in N.$$

By Theorem 3.4 of [3],  $p_e$  has an almost locally finite open neighborhood base  $\mathcal{O}(p_e), e \in E$ . For each  $e \in E$ , take a family  $\{G_n^e : n \in N\}$  of open sets of  $X_e$  such that

$$\text{Cl } G_n^e \subset G_{n+1}^e, n \in N; \text{ and}$$

$$X_e - \{p_e\} = \cup\{G_n^e : n \in N\}.$$

Put  $\mathcal{O}_n^e = \mathcal{O}(p_e) \cup \{V \cap G_n^e : V \in \mathcal{B}_n^e\}$ , then by Propositions 2.6 and 2.8 of [3],  $\mathcal{O}_n^e$  is almost locally finite and satisfies the condition of Lemma 2.2. Let

$$\mathcal{B}_n = \{\mathcal{E}_p \cap \prod_e V_e : (V_e)_{e \in E} \in \prod_e \mathcal{O}_n^e\}, \quad n \in N.$$

Then by Lemma 2.2, each  $\mathcal{B}_n$  is almost locally finite. It is easy to show that  $\cup\{\mathcal{B}_n : n \in N\}$  is a base of  $\mathcal{E}_p$ . Thus the proof is completed.

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $\{X_e : e \in E\}$  be a family of metric spaces,  $p \in B_e X_e$  and  $X \subset \mathcal{E}_p$ . Then*

(1)  $X$  is an  $M_1$ -space; and

(2) every closed image of  $X$  is an  $M_1$ -space.

*Proof.* These follow from Theorem 3.1 and Theorems 3.2, 3.3 and 3.6 of [3].

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