

HEREDITARY PROPERTIES OF PRODUCT SPACES

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All spaces considered in this paper are Hausdorff spaces. Let X be a normal space and Y a metric space. Then K. Morita [4, Theorem 2.2] proved that the countable paracompactness of $X \times Y$ implies the normality of $X \times Y$. He proved also, in another paper [3, Theorem 5.4], that if X is perfectly normal, then $X \times Y$ is perfectly normal. Inspired by these results and the method of proofs this note proves that if X is hereditarily normal and every subset of $X \times Y$ is countably paracompact, then $X \times Y$ is hereditarily normal. Analogous statements for the case when X is hereditarily paracompact or totally normal will be proved.

The following three facts will illustrate the circumstances of the present study :

(1) (An well-known example due to E. Michael) There exist a hereditarily paracompact space X and a metric space Y such that $X \times Y$ is not normal.

(2) Let X be an ordered space consisting of all ordinals less than or equal to the first uncountable ordinal. Then X is hereditarily normal. Let Y be an infinite compact metric space. Then $X \times Y$ is not hereditarily normal but countably paracompact (and hence normal).

(3) (M. Katětov [5]) Let Y be a metric space and $X \times Y$ be hereditarily normal. Then either X is perfectly normal or Y is discrete.

LEMMA 1 (F. Ishikawa [1]). *Let X be a countably paracompact space and $G_1 \subset G_2 \subset \dots$ an increasing sequence of open sets of X whose sum is X . Then there exists a sequence H_1, H_2, \dots of open sets of X such that $\bar{H}_i \subset G_i$ for each i and such that $\cup H_i = X$.*

A subset C of a space X is a *cozero-set* of X if there exists a real-valued non-negative continuous function f defined on X such that $C = \{x : f(x) > 0\}$. A *cozero covering* is a covering all of whose elements are cozero-sets.

LEMMA 2 (K. Morita [3, Theorem 1.2]). *A σ -locally finite cozero covering of an arbitrary space is normal.*

LEMMA 3 (K. Morita [3, Theorem 1.1]). *Let X be a space and \mathcal{G} and \mathcal{H}*

be open coverings of X . If \mathcal{G} is normal and $\mathcal{H}|_G$, the restriction of \mathcal{H} to G , is normal for each element G of \mathcal{G} , then \mathcal{H} is normal.

A perfect mapping $f: Y_0 \rightarrow Y$ is a closed continuous transformation such that $f^{-1}(y)$ is compact for each point $y \in Y$.

LEMMA 4 (K. Morita [2, Added in proof]). *If Y is a metric space, then there exist a metric space Y_0 with $\dim Y_0 \leq 0$ and a perfect mapping of Y_0 onto Y .*

LEMMA 5. *Let X be a space, S a cozero-set of X and T a cozero-set of S . Then T is a cozero-set of X .*

PROOF. Let f be a non-negative continuous function defined on X such that

$$S = \{x : f(x) > 0\}.$$

Let g be a non-negative continuous function defined on S such that

$$T = \{x : g(x) > 0\},$$

$$g(x) \leq 1, x \in S.$$

Let h be a function defined on X as follows :

$$h(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x), x \in S,$$

$$h(x) = 0, x \in X - S.$$

Then as can easily be seen h is continuous and

$$T = \{x : h(x) > 0\}.$$

Thus T is cozero in X .

THEOREM 1. *Let X be a hereditarily normal space, Y a metric space and G an open subset of $X \times Y$. If G is countably paracompact, then G is a normal space.*

PROOF. i) First consider the case when $\dim Y \leq 0$. Then by Katětov-Morita's theorem Y is embedded into a product of a countable number of discrete spaces. Hence there exists a sequence,

$$\mathfrak{W}_i = \{W(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_i): \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_i \in \Omega\}, i = 1, 2, \dots,$$

of discrete open coverings of Y such that a) for any finite sequence $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i$

$$W(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_i) = \cup \{W(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_i \alpha_{i+1}): \alpha_{i+1} \in \Omega\},$$

b) $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathfrak{W}_i$ is a basis of Y . Let $\mathfrak{U} = \{U_1, \dots, U_n\}$ be an arbitrary finite open covering of G . Let us prove that \mathfrak{U} is a normal covering of G , which will imply the normality of G .

Let $U_j(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_i)$ be the maximal open set of X with

$$U_j(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_i) \times W(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_i) \subset U_j.$$

Set

$$G(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_i) = \cup \{U_j(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_i): j = 1, \dots, n\},$$

$$\mathfrak{G}_i = \{G(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_i) \times W(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_i): \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i \in \Omega\},$$

$$G_i = \cup \{E: E \in \mathfrak{G}_i\},$$

$$\mathfrak{G} = \cup \{\mathfrak{G}_i: i = 1, 2, \dots\}.$$

Then every \mathfrak{G}_i is a discrete collection of open sets of $X \times Y$ and \mathfrak{G} is an open covering of G . Hence $\cup G_i = G$. Since

$$U_j(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_i) \subset U_j(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_i \alpha_{i+1}),$$

then

$$G(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_i) \subset G(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_i \alpha_{i+1}).$$

Hence

$$G_1 \subset G_2 \subset \dots$$

Since G is by assumption countably paracompact, there exists, by Lemma 1, a sequence H_1, H_2, \dots of open sets of $X \times Y$ such that

$$\tilde{H}_i = \bar{H}_i \cap G \subset G_i$$

for each i and such that $\cup H_i = G$.

For each pair $i \leq j$ let $H_i(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_j)$ be the maximal open set of G such that

$$H_i(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_j) \times W(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_j) \subset H_i.$$

Then

$$H_i(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_j) \subset G(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_i).$$

To see that

$$\{H_i(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_j) \times W(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_j) : i \leq j\}$$

covers G let $z = (x, y)$ be an arbitrary point of G . Then $z \in H_i$ for some i . Let D be an open neighborhood of x and $W(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_j)$ be an open neighborhood of y with $i \leq j$ and with

$$D \times W(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_j) \subset H_i.$$

Since

$$D \subset H_i(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_j),$$

z is contained in $H_i(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_j) \times W(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_j)$. Set

$$B = \overline{H_i(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_j)} \cap (\overline{G(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_i)} - G(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_i)).$$

To prove

$$(B \times W(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_j)) \cap G = \emptyset$$

assume the contrary. Pick a point z from the left side. Then

$$z \in \overline{H_i} \cap G = \tilde{H}_i \subset G_i.$$

Therefore

$$z \in G(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_j) \times W(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_j),$$

which would imply

$$z \notin B \times W(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_j),$$

a contradiction.

Let $C_i(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_j)$ be a cozero-set of $X-B$ with

$$\overline{H_i(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_j)} - B \subset C_i(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_j) \subset G(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_i).$$

The existence of such a set is assured by the hereditary normality of X . Then

$$C_i(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_j) \times W(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_j) (=S)$$

is a cozero-set of $(X-B) \times W(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_j)$. Since $X \times W(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_j)$ is an open and closed set of $X \times Y$, S is a cozero-set of $X \times Y - B \times W(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_j)$. Since $G \subset X \times Y - B \times W(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_j)$, S is a cozero-set of G . Thus we have a σ -discrete cozero covering

$$\mathfrak{H} = \{C_i(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_j) \times W(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_j) : i \leq j\}$$

of G . Therefore by Lemma 2 \mathfrak{H} is normal. Set

$$\mathfrak{U}(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_i) = \{U_k(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_i) \times W(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_i) : k=1, \dots, n\}.$$

Then it refines \mathfrak{U} and covers $C_i(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_j) \times W(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_j)$ for each j with $j \geq i$. Since X is hereditarily normal,

$$\{U_k(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_i) : k=1, \dots, n\}$$

is normal. Hence $\mathfrak{U}(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_i)$ is normal. Thus we can conclude that the restriction of \mathfrak{U} to each element of \mathfrak{H} is normal. Therefore by Lemma 3 \mathfrak{U} itself is normal. Hence G is a normal space.

ii) When Y is a general metric space, there exist by Lemma 4 a metric space Y_0 with $\dim Y_0 \leq 0$ and a perfect mapping f of Y_0 onto Y . Let g be the identity mapping of X onto X and set

$$h = g \times f.$$

Then h is a perfect mapping of $X \times Y_0$ onto $X \times Y$. Hence

$$h|_{h^{-1}(G)} : h^{-1}(G) \rightarrow G$$

is also perfect. Thus $h^{-1}(G)$ is as can easily be seen countably paracompact by the countable paracompactness of G . By the first step we have already known that $h^{-1}(G)$ is normal. Then G is normal as a closed continuous image of a

normal space $h^{-1}(G)$. Now the theorem is completely proved.

The following is a direct corollary of this theorem.

THEOREM 2. *Let X be a hereditarily normal space and Y a metric space. If every subset of $X \times Y$ is countably paracompact, then $X \times Y$ is hereditarily normal.*

THEOREM 3. *Let X be a hereditarily paracompact space, Y a metric space and G an open set of $X \times Y$. If G is countably paracompact, then G is paracompact.*

PROOF. Let $\mathfrak{U} = \{U_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ be an arbitrary open covering of G . Let $\mathfrak{W} = \{W_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$ be a σ -discrete basis of Y . Let $G_{\alpha\lambda}$ be the maximal open set of X such that

$$G_{\alpha\lambda} \times W_\alpha \subset U_\lambda.$$

Set

$$G_\alpha = \cup \{G_{\alpha\lambda} : \lambda \in \Lambda\}.$$

Then

$$\mathfrak{G} = \{G_\alpha \times W_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$$

is a σ -discrete open covering of G . Since G is a countably paracompact normal space by Theorem 1, \mathfrak{G} is normal. Since $\mathfrak{U}|G_\alpha \times W_\alpha$ is refined by $\{G_{\alpha\lambda} \times W_\alpha : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ and the latter is normal by the hereditary paracompactness of X , $\mathfrak{U}|G_\alpha \times W_\alpha$ is normal. Hence by Lemma 3 \mathfrak{U} is normal and the proof is completed.

The following is a direct consequence of this theorem.

THEOREM 4. *Let X be a hereditarily paracompact space and Y a metric space. If every subset of $X \times Y$ is countably paracompact, then $X \times Y$ is hereditarily paracompact.*

THEOREM 5. *Let X be a totally normal space and Y a metric space. If every subset of $X \times Y$ is countably paracompact, then $X \times Y$ is totally normal.*

PROOF. Let G be an arbitrary open set of $X \times Y$. Let

$$\mathfrak{B} = \{W_\alpha : \alpha \in \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\}$$

be a σ -discrete basis of Y such that each $\{W_\alpha : \alpha \in A_i\}$ is discrete. Let G_α be the maximal open set of X such that

$$G_\alpha \times W_\alpha \subset G.$$

Then

$$\{G_\alpha \times W_\alpha : \alpha \in \bigcup A_i\}$$

is a σ -discrete open covering of G . By the total normality of X every G_α admits an open covering

$$\mathfrak{G}_\alpha = \{G_{\alpha\lambda} : \lambda \in \Lambda_\alpha\}$$

such that \mathfrak{G}_α is locally finite in G_α and every $G_{\alpha\lambda}$ is a cozero-set in X .

Since G is a countably paracompact normal space by Theorem 1, there exists, for every $\alpha \in \bigcup A_i$, a set C_α such that

- a) $\overline{C_\alpha} \cap G \subset G_\alpha \times W_\alpha$,
 - b) C_α is cozero in G ,
 - c) $\{C_\alpha : \alpha \in \bigcup A_i\}$ is locally finite in G and covers G .
- Then it is easy to see that

$$\mathfrak{H} = \{C_\alpha \cap (G_{\alpha\lambda} \times W_\alpha) : \lambda \in \Lambda_\alpha, \alpha \in \bigcup A_i\}$$

is a locally finite open covering of G . Since $G_{\alpha\lambda} \times W_\alpha$ is cozero in $X \times Y$, $C_\alpha \cap (G_{\alpha\lambda} \times W_\alpha)$ is cozero in $X \times Y$ by Lemma 5. Since the normality of $X \times Y$ is assured by Theorem 1, $X \times Y$ is totally normal and the proof is finished.

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