

## 160. On the Dimension of the Product of a Countably Paracompact Normal Space with the Unit Interval

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**1. Introduction.** In 1953, K. Morita [3] proved that  $\dim(X \times I) = \dim X + 1$  holds if  $X$  is a paracompact Hausdorff space, where  $I$  denotes the closed unit interval  $[0, 1]$  and  $\dim$  means the covering dimension. He also conjectured that the above equality would be valid if  $X$  is countably paracompact normal. In this note we shall answer this problem in the affirmative.

Let us denote by  $D(X; G)$  the cohomological dimension of a space  $X$  with respect to an abelian group  $G$ , that is,  $D(X; G)$  is the largest integer  $n$  such that  $H^n(X, A; G) \neq 0$  for some closed set  $A$  of  $X$ , where  $H^*$  denotes the Čech cohomology based on all locally finite open coverings. We shall prove

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $X$  be a countably paracompact normal space with a finite covering dimension and  $G$  a countable abelian group. Then  $D(X \times I; G) = D(X; G) + 1$ .*

As is proved by Y. Kodama [2], the above relation holds for any abelian group  $G$  if  $X$  is a paracompact Hausdorff space. If we take  $G =$  the group of integers  $Z$  in Theorem 1, we have  $\dim(X \times I) = \dim X + 1$ , since  $D(X; Z) = \dim X$  for each normal space  $X$  with a finite covering dimension.

**2. Lemmas.** The following lemmas are proved in [1].

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $X$  be a countably paracompact normal space and  $Y$  a compact metric space. Then the Künneth formula  $H^n(X \times Y; G) \cong \sum_{p+q=n} H^p(X; H^q(Y; G))$  holds for each countable abelian group  $G$ .*

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $X, Y$  be countably paracompact normal spaces and let  $A, B$  be closed sets in  $X, Y$  respectively. If  $f: (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  is a map such that*

- (1)  $f|_{X-A}: X-A \rightarrow Y-B$  is a onto homeomorphism;
- (2) if  $F$  is a closed set in  $X$  and  $F \subset X-A$ , then  $f(F)$  is closed in  $Y$ . Then  $f^*: H^*(Y, B; G) \rightarrow H^*(X, A; G)$  is a onto isomorphism for each abelian group  $G$ .

Let  $X$  be a normal space and  $A$  a closed set in  $X$ . By [2, Lemma 3] for each countable locally finite open covering  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $A$ , there exists a countable locally finite open covering  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $X$  such that  $\mathcal{B}|_A$  is a refinement of  $\mathcal{U}$ . Therefore if we denote by  $H_c^*(X, A; G)$  the Čech

cohomology group of  $(X, A)$  with coefficients in  $G$  based on all countable locally finite open coverings of  $X$ , then  $H_c^*$  satisfies the axiom of exactness. On the other hand, if  $X$  is countably paracompact normal and  $G$  is countable,  $H_c^*(X, A; G)$  is naturally isomorphic to  $H^*(X, A; G)$  by the proof of [1, Theorem 1]. Hence the cohomology sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow H^n(X, A; G) \rightarrow H^n(X; G) \rightarrow H^n(A; G) \rightarrow H^{n+1}(X, A; G) \rightarrow \dots$$

is exact if  $(X, A)$  is a pair of a countably paracompact normal space  $X$  and its closed set  $A$  and  $G$  is a countable abelian group. Let  $X$  be a countably paracompact normal space such that  $X = X_1 \cup X_2$  with  $X_i$  closed in  $X$ . Then by Lemma 2, the triad  $(X; X_1, X_2)$  is proper and hence the Mayer-Vietoris sequence of  $(X; X_1, X_2)$

$$\begin{aligned} \dots \rightarrow H^n(X; G) \rightarrow H^n(X_1; G) \oplus H^n(X_2; G) \rightarrow H^n(X_1 \cap X_2; G) \\ \rightarrow H^{n+1}(X; G) \rightarrow \dots \end{aligned}$$

is exact for each countable abelian group  $G$ . Let us denote by  $d(X; G)$  the dimension function defined as follows;  $d(X; G)$  is the least integer  $n$  such that the induced homomorphism  $i^*: H^m(X; G) \rightarrow H^m(A; G)$  of the inclusion  $i: A \subset X$  is epimorphic for each  $m \geq n$  and closed set  $A$  in  $X$ . As is proved by Skljarenko [4] the equality  $D(X; G) = d(X; G)$  holds for each paracompact Hausdorff space  $X$  and abelian group  $G$ . The proof given there is based on the exactness of the Mayer-Vietoris sequence, and we can prove the following lemma with a slight modification.

**Lemma 3.** *If  $X$  is a countably paracompact normal space, then we have  $D(X; G) = d(X; G)$  for each countable abelian group  $G$ .*

**Corollary.** *Under the same assumption of Lemma 3, the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $D(X; G) \leq n$ ,
- (2) *for each  $m \geq n$  and closed set  $A$  of  $X$ , every map  $f: A \rightarrow K(G, m)$  is extendable over  $X$ , where  $K(G, m)$  is a geometrical realization of Eilenberg-MacLane complex as a locally finite simplicial polytope.*

**Proof.** By [1, Theorem 1] the condition (2) is equivalent to the condition that for each  $m \geq n$  and closed set  $A$  of  $X$ , the homomorphism  $i^*: H^m(X; G) \rightarrow H^m(A; G)$  induced by the inclusion map is onto. Thus the equivalence of the conditions (1) and (2) follows from Lemma 3.

The following lemma is a modification of Kodama [2, Theorem 5], but the proof given here seems to be somewhat simpler.

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $X$  be a countably paracompact normal space and  $Y$  a compact metric space such that  $\dim(X \times Y)$  is finite. Then  $D(X \times Y; G)$  is the largest integer  $n$  such that  $H^n((A_1, A_2) \times (B_1, B_2); G) \neq 0$  for some closed sets  $A_1 \subset A_2 \subset X$  and  $B_1 \subset B_2 \subset Y$ , if  $G$  is a countable abelian group.*

**Proof.** Let us put  $D_1(X \times Y; G) = \max \{n \mid H^n((A_1, A_2) \times (B_1, B_2); G) \neq 0 \text{ for some closed sets } A_1 \subset A_2 \subset X \text{ and } B_1 \subset B_2 \subset Y. \text{ Then, using the exact sequence of triples, it can be seen that } D(X \times Y; G) \geq D_1(X \times Y; G). \text{ Suppose that } D(X \times Y; G) > D_1(X \times Y; G); \text{ we shall prove that this leads a contradiction. Then}$

(1)  $H^n((A_1, A_2) \times (B_1, B_2); G) = 0$  for each closed sets  $A_1 \subset A_2 \subset X$  and  $B_1 \subset B_2 \subset Y$ , where  $n = D(X \times Y; G)$ .

On the other hand, there exist a closed set  $F$  of  $X \times Y$  and a map  $f: F \rightarrow K(G, n-1)$  which is not extendable over  $X \times Y$ , by Corollary to Lemma 3. Since  $K(G, n-1)$  is a locally finite simplicial polytope and  $X \times Y$  is countably paracompact normal, there exists a neighborhood  $U$  of  $F$  in  $X \times Y$  such that  $f$  is extendable over  $U$ . Then there exist a locally finite open covering  $\mathfrak{U} = \{U_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Omega\}$  of  $X$  and finite open coverings  $\mathfrak{B}^\alpha = \{W_i^\alpha \mid 1 \leq i \leq k(\alpha)\}$ ,  $\alpha \in \Omega$ , such that

(2)  $\{U_\alpha \times W_i^\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Omega, 1 \leq i \leq k(\alpha)\}$  is a refinement of the covering  $\{U, X \times Y - F\}$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{V} = \{V_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be a locally finite open covering of  $X$  with order  $\leq \dim X + 1$ , such that  $\{\text{St}(x, \mathfrak{V}) \mid x \in X\}$  is a refinement of  $\mathfrak{U}$ . Let us define for each  $\xi = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_p) \in \Lambda^p$

(3)  $F_\xi = X - \cup \{V_\lambda \mid \lambda \neq \lambda_i, 1 \leq i \leq p, \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  if  $\bigcap_{i=1}^p V_{\lambda_i} \neq \emptyset$ , and  $F_\xi = \emptyset$  if  $\bigcap_{i=1}^p V_{\lambda_i} = \emptyset$ .

Then the covering  $\mathfrak{F} = \bigcup_{p=1}^q \mathfrak{F}_p$  where  $\mathfrak{F}_p = \{F_\xi \mid \xi \in \Lambda^p\}$  and  $q = \dim X + 1$ , is a locally finite closed refinement of  $\mathfrak{U}$ . Hence for each  $F_\xi \in \mathfrak{F}$ , there exists  $U_{\alpha(\xi)} \in \mathfrak{U}$ , such that  $F_\xi \subset U_{\alpha(\xi)}$ . Let  $\mathfrak{G}^\alpha = \{G_i^\alpha \mid 1 \leq i \leq k(\alpha)\}$  be a closed refinement of  $\mathfrak{B}^\alpha$ , for each  $\alpha \in \Omega$ , such that  $G_i^\alpha \subset W_i^\alpha$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k(\alpha)$ . Then it follows from (2) that  $\{F_\xi \times G_i^{\alpha(\xi)} \mid F_\xi \in \mathfrak{F}, 1 \leq i \leq k(\alpha(\xi))\}$  is a locally finite closed refinement of  $\{U, X \times Y - F\}$ . Therefore if we set  $F_0 = \cup \{F_\xi \times G_i^{\alpha(\xi)} \mid F_\xi \cap (F_\xi \times G_i^{\alpha(\xi)}) \neq \emptyset\}$ , then  $F \subset F_0 \subset U$ . Since  $f$  is extendable over  $U$ , there exists a map  $f_0: F_0 \rightarrow K(G, n-1)$  such that  $f_0|_F = f$ . We put  $F_p = F_0 \cup \{F_\xi \times Y \mid \xi \in \Lambda^p\}$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \dim X + 1$ , and let us assume that  $f_0$  has an extension  $f_{p-1}: F_{p-1} \rightarrow K(G, n-1)$  for some  $p \geq 1$ . We prove that  $f_{p-1}$  can be extended over  $F_p$ . Since if  $\xi, \xi' \in \Lambda^p$  and  $\xi \neq \xi'$ , then  $F_\xi \cap F_{\xi'} \in \mathfrak{F}_{p-1}$  by (3), it is sufficient to prove that

(4)  $f_{p-1, \xi} = f_{p-1}|_{(F_{p-1} \cap (F_\xi \times Y))}$  is extendable over  $F_\xi \times Y$  for each  $\xi \in \Lambda^p$ .

Suppose that  $f_{p-1, \xi}$  is extended over  $(F_{p-1} \cap (F_\xi \times Y)) \cup \cup \{F_\xi \times G_i^{\alpha(\xi)} \mid 1 \leq i \leq j-1 \text{ for some } j \leq k(\alpha(\xi))\}$ . Then if we put

(5)  $A_1 = F_\xi, A_2 = F_\xi \cap (\cup \{F_{\xi'} \mid \xi' \in \Lambda^{p-1}\})$ ,  $B_1 = G_j^{\alpha(\xi)}$  and  $B_2 = \cup \{G_j^{\alpha(\xi)} \cap G_i^{\alpha(\xi)} \mid 1 \leq i \leq j-1\} \cup \cup \{G_j^{\alpha(\xi)} \cap G_i^{\alpha(\xi')} \mid (F_{\xi'} \times G_i^{\alpha(\xi')}) \cap F \neq \emptyset\}$ .

Then by (1)  $i^*: H^{n-1}(A_1 \times B_1; G) \rightarrow H^{n-1}((A_1 \times B_2) \cup (A_2 \times B_1); G)$  induced by the inclusion is epimorphic. Therefore every map of  $(A_1 \times B_2)$

$\cup(A_2 \times B_1)$  is extendable over  $A_1 \times B_1$  by [1, Theorem 1]. Thus  $f_{p-1, \varepsilon}$  is extendable over  $(F_{p-1} \cap (F_\varepsilon \times Y)) \cup \cup \{F_\varepsilon \times G_i^{\alpha(\varepsilon)} \mid 1 \leq i \leq j\}$ . Hence (4) is proved by the induction. Therefore  $f_{p-1}$  extendable to a map  $f_p$  of  $F_p$  into  $K(G, n-1)$ . By the induction again,  $f$  is extendable over  $F_q = X \times Y$ ,  $q = \dim X + 1$ . But this is a contradiction. Thus the lemma is proved.

**3. Proof of Theorem 1.** Let us put  $D(X; G) = n$ . Since the theorem is trivial in case  $n = 0$ , we assume that  $n > 0$ . Then there exists a closed set  $A$  of  $X$  such that  $H^n(X, A; G) \neq 0$ . If we denote by  $X_0 = X/A$  the quotient space of  $X$  obtained by contracting  $A$  into a point  $a_0$ . Then we have  $H^n(X_0; G) = H^n(X, A; G)$  by Lemma 2. Since  $H^{m+1}(X_0 \times (I, \dot{I}); G)$  is isomorphic to  $H^m(X_0; G)$  for each  $m$ ,  $H^{m+1}(X_0 \times (I, \dot{I}); G) \neq 0$  if  $m = n$ , and  $H^{m+1}(X_0 \times (I, \dot{I}); G) = 0$  if  $m > n$ . Then the theorem follows from Lemma 4, since  $H^*(X_0 \times (I, \dot{I}); G) \cong H^*((X, A) \times (I, \dot{I}); G)$  by Lemma 2.

The following theorem can be proved similarly by Lemma 1 and 4.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $Y$  be an  $n$ -dimensional compact metric space such that  $H^n(B_1, B_2; Z)$  contains  $Z$  as a direct summand for some closed sets  $B_1 \subset B_2 \subset Y$ . Then  $D(X \times Y; G) \geq D(X; G) + n$ , for each finite dimensional countably paracompact normal space  $X$  and countable abelian group  $G$ .*

A compact space  $C$  is called a pseudo  $n$ -cell if there exists a map  $f$  of an  $n$ -cell  $F$  onto  $C$  such that the restriction of  $f$  to the boundary of  $F$  is a homeomorph (cf. [2]).

**Corollary.** *Let  $X$  and  $G$  be as in Theorem 1. If a compact metric space  $Y$  contains a pseudo  $n$ -cell, then  $D(X \times Y; G) \geq D(X; G) + n$ .*

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