

### 143. On the Inductive Dimension of Product Spaces

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As is well known, the *large inductive dimension* of a topological space  $X$ , denoted by  $\text{Ind } X$ , is defined as follows. In case  $X = \phi$ , we put  $\text{Ind } X = -1$ , and define  $\text{Ind } X \leq n$  for  $n \geq 0$  inductively by the requirement that for any pair of a closed set  $F$  and an open set  $G$  with  $F \subset G$  there exists an open set  $U$  such that  $F \subset U \subset G$ ,  $\text{Ind}(\bar{U} - U) \leq n - 1$ .  $\text{Ind } X = n$  means that we have  $\text{Ind } X \leq n$  but not  $\text{Ind } X \leq n - 1$ .

E. Čech [1] proved that the subset theorem and the sum theorem hold for the large inductive dimension of perfectly normal spaces. C. H. Dowker [2] generalized Čech's results mentioned above by proving that the subset theorem and the sum theorem hold still for the large inductive dimension of totally normal spaces. Here a normal space  $X$  is said to be *totally normal* (Dowker [2]) if each open subspace of  $X$  has a locally finite open covering by open subsets each of which is an  $F_\sigma$  set of  $X$ . Since every perfectly normal space is totally normal ([2]) Čech's results are included in Dowker's results.

As for the large inductive dimension of product spaces, in 1960 K. Nagami [6] proved the validity of the inequality

$$\text{Ind}(X \times Y) \leq \text{Ind } X + \text{Ind } Y$$

for the case where  $X$  is a perfectly normal, paracompact space and  $Y$  is a metrizable space. This seems to be the most general result known hitherto.

In the present note we shall establish that the above inequality holds still for the case where  $X \times Y$  is a countably paracompact, totally normal space and  $Y$  is a metrizable space; this is stated as Theorem 4 below. If  $X$  is a perfectly normal space and  $Y$  a metrizable space, then  $X \times Y$  is also perfectly normal as was proved in Morita [4] and hence  $X \times Y$  is totally normal and countably paracompact. Thus Nagami's result is contained in our Theorem 4.

Our proof of Theorem 4 is based on two theorems; one is a theorem of K. Morita [5] on product spaces and the other is a generalized sum theorem which will be proved below as Theorem 3.

Our Theorem 3, which seems to be of some interest in itself, asserts that if  $\{A_\alpha\}$  is a locally finite closed covering of a countably paracompact, totally normal space  $X$  and if  $\text{Ind } A_\alpha \leq n$  for each  $\alpha$  then  $\text{Ind } X \leq n$ .

1. We can easily prove the following

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $Y$  be a metric space with  $\text{Ind } Y \leq n$ . Then there is a countable family  $\{\mathfrak{B}_i | i=1, 2, \dots\}$  of locally finite open coverings  $\mathfrak{B}_i = \{V_{i\alpha} | \alpha \in \Omega_i\}$  of  $Y$  such that  $\text{Ind } \mathfrak{B}_r(V_{i\alpha}) \leq n-1$ , and the diameter of  $V_{i\alpha}$  is smaller than  $2^{-i}$  for  $\alpha \in \Omega_i$ . Here  $\mathfrak{B}_r(V_{i\alpha})$  means the boundary of  $V_{i\alpha}$ .*

Let us put

$$W(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) = V_{1\alpha_1} \cap \dots \cap V_{i\alpha_i};$$

then the following theorem can be proved without the dimensional condition.

**Theorem 1.** ([5, Theorem 2.3]).  *$X \times Y$  is countably paracompact and normal if and only if (i)  $X$  is countably paracompact and normal, and (ii) for any family  $\{G(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) | \alpha_v \in \Omega_v, i=1, 2, \dots\}$  of open sets of  $X$  such that  $\{G(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \times W(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) | \alpha_v \in \Omega_v, i=1, 2, \dots\}$  is an open covering of  $X \times Y$  and  $G(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \subset G(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_{i+1})$ , there is a family  $\{F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) | \alpha_v \in \Omega_v\}$  of closed sets of  $X$  such that  $\{F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \times W(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) | \alpha_v \in \Omega_v, i=1, 2, \dots\}$  is a covering of  $X \times Y$ .*

2. The following Theorems 2 and 3 should be compared with [2, Prop. 2.1] and [2, Theorem 4].

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $X$  be totally normal and countably paracompact, and let  $\Omega$  be a well ordered set. We suppose that  $\{X_\alpha | \alpha \in \Omega\}$  is a family of open sets of  $X$  having the following properties:*

- (i)  $X_\alpha \subset X_\beta$  if  $\alpha > \beta$ ,
  - (ii)  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Omega} X_\alpha = X$ ,
  - (iii)  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Omega} X_\alpha = \phi$ ,
  - (iv)  $\text{Ind}(X_\alpha - X_{\alpha+1}) \leq n$ ,
  - (v)  $\{X_\alpha - X_{\alpha+1} | \alpha \in \Omega\}$  is locally finite.
- Then  $\text{Ind } X \leq n$ .

Before the proof we shall give some notations and two lemmas.

Put  $D_\alpha = X_\alpha - X_{\alpha+1}$ .  $\{D_\alpha | \alpha \in \Omega\}$  is a disjoint family. Then we can define subsets  $D^i$  ( $i=1, 2, \dots$ ) of  $X$  as follows. A point  $x$  of  $X$  belongs to  $D^i$  if and only if  $\{\alpha | V(x) \cap D_\alpha \neq \phi, \alpha \in \Omega\}$  consists of at least  $i$  elements for any neighborhood  $V(x)$  and consists of exactly  $i$  elements for some neighborhood  $V(x)$ . Then we have a disjoint union  $X = D^1 \cup D^2 \cup \dots$ . Let  $D_\alpha^i = D^i \cap D_\alpha$ . According to (iv) and the subset theorem we have  $\text{Ind } D_\alpha^i \leq n$ .

**Lemma 2.**  $\text{Ind } D^i \leq n$ .

*Proof.*  $D^i = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Omega} D_\alpha^i$  is a disjoint union. For any point  $x$  of  $D_\gamma^i$  ( $\gamma \in \Omega$ ) there is some neighborhood  $U_\gamma(x)$  of  $x$  such that  $\{\alpha | U_\gamma(x) \cap D_\alpha \neq \phi, \alpha \in \Omega\}$  consists of exactly  $i$  elements. Let those elements be  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_i$ . If  $\gamma > \alpha_1$ , since  $D_{\alpha_1} = X_{\alpha_1} - X_{\alpha_1+1}$ , we have  $D_{\alpha_1} \cap X_\gamma = \phi$  by (i). Hence  $V_\gamma(x) \cap D_{\alpha_1} = \phi$  where  $U_\gamma(x) \cap X_\gamma = V_\gamma(x)$ . This means that  $\{\alpha | V_\gamma(x) \cap D_\alpha \neq \phi\}$  has at most  $i-1$  elements  $\alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_i$ . This contradicts the assumption that  $x \in D_\gamma^i$ . Thus  $\alpha_1 \geq \gamma$ . In the same way we have  $\alpha_2 \geq \gamma, \dots, \alpha_i \geq \gamma$ . Hence we can assume without loss of generality that  $\gamma = \alpha_1 < \alpha_2 < \dots < \alpha_i$ .

Take an arbitrary point  $y$  of  $U_i(x) \cap D^i$ . If  $y \notin D^i$ ,  $y \in D_{\alpha_j}^i \subset D_{\alpha_j}$  for some  $j(1 < j \leq i)$ . Then there is some neighborhood  $V(y)$  of  $y$  such that  $V(y) \cap D_i = \emptyset$ . Thus  $U_i(x) \cap V(y)$  intersects at most  $i-1$   $D_\alpha$ 's. This shows that  $y \notin D^i$ , which contradicts  $y \in U_i(x) \cap D^i$ . Therefore  $y \in D^i$ . Hence  $U_i(x) \cap D^i \subset D^i$ . Thus  $D^i$  is open in  $D^i$ . Since  $\{D_\alpha^i | \alpha \in \Omega\}$  is a mutually disjoint family,  $D^i$  is also closed in  $D^i$ . Now  $\text{Ind } D^i \leq n$  follows from [2, Prop. 5.1].

**Lemma 3.**  $\bigcup_{i=1}^r D^i$  is open in  $X$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $x \in \bigcup_{i=1}^r D^i$ . Then  $x \in D^j$  for some  $j(1 \leq j \leq r)$ , and hence there is a neighborhood  $U(x)$  of  $x$  such that  $\{\alpha | U(x) \cap D_\alpha \neq \emptyset\}$  has  $i$  elements. Since  $U(x)$  is also a neighborhood of its element  $y$ , we have  $y \in D^k$  for some  $k(k \leq j)$ . Then  $y \in \bigcup_{i=1}^r D^i$ ; i.e.,  $U(x) \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^r D^i$ . Thus Lemma 3 is proved.

*Proof of Theorem 2.* Let  $D^1 \cup D^2 \cup \dots \cup D^k = Z_k$ . Suppose that  $\text{Ind } Z_{k-1} \leq n$ . From [2, Prop. 4.7]  $Z_k$  is totally normal. Since  $Z_{k-1}$  is open in  $Z_k$  by Lemma 3,  $D^k$  is closed in  $Z_k$ . Hence, by [2, Theorem 3], we have  $\text{Ind } Z_k \leq n$ . Since we have clearly  $\text{Ind } Z_1 = \text{Ind } D^1 \leq n$ , by induction on  $k$  we can conclude that  $\text{Ind } Z_k \leq n$  for any  $k$ . Now  $Z_1 \subset Z_2 \subset \dots \subset X$  and  $X = \bigcup_{i=1}^\infty Z_i$ . Since  $X$  is countably paracompact and normal, there is a family of closed sets  $\{F_i\}$  such that  $F_i \subset Z_i$  and  $X = \bigcup_{i=1}^\infty F_i$ . By the subset theorem  $\text{Ind } F_i \leq n$ . Hence we have  $\text{Ind } X \leq n$  by the sum theorem.

**Theorem 3.** (The generalized sum theorem.) Suppose that  $X$  is totally normal and countably paracompact. Let  $\Omega$  be a well ordered set. If  $\{A_\alpha | \alpha \in \Omega\}$  is a locally finite closed covering of  $X$  and if  $\text{Ind } A_\alpha \leq n$  for each  $\alpha \in \Omega$ , then  $\text{Ind } X \leq n$ .

*Proof.* We put  $X_\alpha = X - \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} A_\beta$  and  $D_\alpha = A_\alpha - \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} A_\beta$ ; then  $X_\alpha \supset X_{\alpha+1}$  and  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Omega} X_\alpha = X - \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Omega} A_\alpha = \emptyset$ . Since  $\{A_\alpha | \alpha \in \Omega\}$  is locally finite,  $\bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} A_\beta$  is closed in  $X$ . Hence  $D_\alpha$  is open in  $A_\alpha$  and  $X_\alpha$  is open in  $X$ . Clearly we have  $\text{Ind } D_\alpha \leq \text{Ind } A_\alpha \leq n$ .  $\{D_\alpha\}$  is mutually disjoint. By definition  $X_\alpha = \bigcup_{\gamma \geq \alpha} D_\gamma = D_\alpha \cup X_{\alpha+1}$ . Thus  $D_\alpha = X_\alpha - X_{\alpha+1}$  and  $\text{Ind } (X_\alpha - X_{\alpha+1}) \leq n$ . Now Theorem 2 is applicable to the present case, and we have  $\text{Ind } X \leq n$ . This proves Theorem 3.

3. Now we are in a position to prove our main theorem.

**Theorem 4.** If  $Y$  is a metric space and if  $X \times Y$  is totally normal and countably paracompact, then

$$(1) \quad \text{Ind } (X \times Y) \leq \text{Ind } X + \text{Ind } Y.$$

(Here we assume that at least one of  $X, Y$  is not empty.)

*Proof.* If  $\text{Ind } Y = -1$  then (1) is always true. We shall prove

the inequality (1) by induction on  $n = \text{Ind } Y$ . For this purpose, let us assume that (1) is true if  $\text{Ind } Y \leq n - 1$ . Now assume that  $\text{Ind } Y \leq n$ . We want to show that (1) is true in this case.

Select a countable family  $\mathfrak{B}_i = \{V_{i\alpha} | \alpha \in \Omega_i\}$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots$ ) of open coverings of  $Y$  satisfying the conditions of Lemma 1.

If  $\text{Ind } X = -1$  then (1) is trivially true. Assume that (1) is true in case  $\text{Ind } X \leq m - 1$ , and  $\text{Ind } Y \leq n$ ; we refer to this as the second induction hypothesis. Suppose that  $\text{Ind } X \leq m$ .

Let  $F$  be a closed subset of  $X \times Y$  and  $G$  be an open subset of  $X \times Y$  such that  $F \subset G$ . There exist two open sets  $L, M$  of  $X \times Y$  such that  $F \subset M \subset \overline{M} \subset L \subset \overline{L} \subset G$ . We put  $N_1 = X \times Y - \overline{M}$ ,  $N_2 = L$ . Then  $\mathfrak{R} = \{N_1, N_2\}$  is an open covering of  $X \times Y$ .

We put  $G(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; k) = \text{Int} \{x | x \times W(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \subset N_k\}$  ( $k = 1, 2$ ). (Here  $\text{Int } A$  means the interior of the subset  $A$ .) Then  $G(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; k) \times W(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \subset N_k$ .

Let us put  $G'(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; k) = \bigcup_{j \leq i} G(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_j; k)$ ; then  $G'(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; k) \subset G'(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_{i+1}; k)$  and  $G'(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; k) \times W(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \subset N_k$ .

Set  $G(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) = G'(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; 1) \cup G'(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; 2)$ ; then  $G(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \subset G(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_{i+1})$ . Now

$$(2) \quad \{G(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \times W(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) | \alpha_v \in \Omega_v, i = 1, 2, \dots\}$$

is an open covering of  $X \times Y$ . For, if  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ , there is some  $k$  (1 or 2) such that  $(x, y) \in N_k$ . Then there are a neighborhood  $U(x)$  of  $x$  and elements  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_i$  of  $\Omega$  such that  $U(x) \times W(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \subset N_k$  ( $y \in W(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)$ ). Thus  $U(x) \subset G(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; k)$ , and  $(x, y) \in G(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; k) \times W(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \subset G(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \times W(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)$ . Therefore (2) is an open covering.

Now Theorem 1 is applicable to (2). Hence there exists a family  $\{F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) | \alpha_v \in \Omega_v, i = 1, 2, \dots\}$  of closed subsets of  $X$  such that  $F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \subset G(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)$  and such that  $\{F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \times W(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) | \alpha_v \in \Omega_v, i = 1, 2, \dots\}$  is a covering of  $X \times Y$ . From the relation  $F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \subset \bigcup_{k=1}^2 G'(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; k)$  it follows that there exist closed sets  $F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; k)$  of  $X$  such that  $F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) = \bigcup_{k=1}^2 F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; k)$ ,  $F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; k) \subset G'(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; k)$ .

By the assumption that  $\text{Ind } X \leq m$  there exist open subsets  $H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; k)$  of  $X$  such that  $\text{Ind } \mathfrak{B}_X(H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; k)) \leq m - 1$  and  $F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; k) \subset H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; k) \subset G'(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; k)$ .

Since  $\text{Ind } \mathfrak{B}_Y(V_{i\alpha}) \leq n - 1$  and  $\mathfrak{B}_Y(\bigcap_{j=1}^i V_{j\alpha_j}) \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^i \mathfrak{B}_Y(V_{j\alpha_j})$ , we have  $\text{Ind } \mathfrak{B}_Y(W(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)) \leq n - 1$  as a consequence of the sum theorem.

Now  $\mathfrak{B}_{X \times Y}(H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; k) \times W(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)) = [\mathfrak{B}_X(H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; k)) \times \overline{W(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)}] \cup [\overline{H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; k)} \times \mathfrak{B}_Y(W(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i))]$ . According to the second induction hypothesis  $\text{Ind}(\mathfrak{B}_X(H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; k) \times \overline{W(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)}))$

$\leq \text{Ind } \mathfrak{B}_X(H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; k)) + \text{Ind } \overline{W(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)} \leq (m-1) + n = m+n-1$ .  
 Similarly by the first induction hypothesis

$$\text{Ind } (\overline{H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; k)} \times \mathfrak{B}_Y(W(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i))) \leq m + (n-1) = m+n-1.$$

Applying the sum theorem, we have

$$(3) \quad \text{Ind } \mathfrak{B}_{X \times Y}(H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; k) \times W(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)) \leq m+n-1 \quad (k=1, 2).$$

On the other hand, the family  $\{H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; k) \times W(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \mid \alpha_v \in \Omega_v; i=1, 2, \dots; k=1, 2\}$  is an open covering of  $X \times Y$  and is a refinement of  $\mathfrak{N}$ .

Let us put  $H_i = \cup \{H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; 2) \times W(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \mid \alpha_v \in \Omega_v\}$ ,  $K_i = \cup \{H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; 1) \times W(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \mid \alpha_v \in \Omega_v\}$ , and  $P_1 = H_1$ ,  $Q_1 = K_1 - \overline{H}_1$ ,  $P_i = H_i - \bigcup_{j=1}^{i-1} \overline{K}_j$ ,  $Q_i = K_i - \bigcup_{j=1}^i \overline{H}_j$  ( $i \geq 2$ ),  $P = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} P_i$ ,  $Q = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} Q_i$ .<sup>1)</sup>

Then we have

$$(4) \quad X \times Y = (\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \overline{P}_i) \cup (\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \overline{Q}_i),$$

$$(5) \quad P \cap Q = \phi, \overline{P}_j \subset G \quad (j=1, 2, \dots), Q \cap \overline{M} = \phi.$$

Finally we put  $V = X \times Y - \overline{Q}$ . Since  $Q \cap M = \phi$  by (5) and  $M$  is open, we have  $\overline{Q} \cap M = \phi$  and hence  $F \subset M \subset V$ .

On the other hand, since  $V = X \times Y - \overline{Q} \subset X \times Y - \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \overline{Q}_i \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \overline{P}_i \subset G$  by (4) and (5), we have

$$(6) \quad F \subset V \subset G.$$

Since  $\overline{P}_i = P_i \cup (\overline{P}_i - P_i)$ ,  $\overline{Q}_i = Q_i \cup (\overline{Q}_i - Q_i)$ , we have from (4)

$$(7) \quad X \times Y = P \cup Q \cup (\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (\overline{P}_i - P_i)) \cup (\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (\overline{Q}_i - Q_i)).$$

From (5) and the openness of  $P$  it follows that  $P \cap \overline{Q} = \phi$ . Hence  $P \cap (\overline{Q} - Q) = \phi$ . Therefore we have by (7)

$$(8) \quad \overline{Q} - Q \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (\overline{P}_i - P_i) \cup (\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (\overline{Q}_i - Q_i)).$$

Since  $\{W(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \mid \alpha_v \in \Omega_v\}$  is locally finite, we have

$$\overline{H}_i - H_i \subset \bigcup_{\alpha} \{\mathfrak{B}_{X \times Y}(H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; 2) \times W(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)) \mid \alpha_v \in \Omega_v\},$$

$$\overline{K}_i - K_i \subset \bigcup_{\alpha} \{\mathfrak{B}_{X \times Y}(H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; 1) \times W(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)) \mid \alpha_v \in \Omega_v\}.$$

Since  $\{\mathfrak{B}_{X \times Y}(H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; k) \times W(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)) \mid \alpha_v \in \Omega_v\}$  is a locally finite family of closed sets, from (3) and Theorem 3, it follows that

$$\text{Ind } (\bigcup_{\alpha} \{\mathfrak{B}_{X \times Y}(H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i; k) \times W(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)) \mid \alpha_v \in \Omega_v\}) \leq m+n-1.$$

Hence  $\text{Ind } (\overline{H}_i - H_i) \leq m+n-1$ ,  $\text{Ind } (\overline{K}_i - K_i) \leq m+n-1$ . Since  $X \times Y$  is totally normal, we have, by the sum theorem,

$$\text{Ind } (\overline{P}_i - P_i) \leq m+n-1, \text{Ind } (\overline{Q}_i - Q_i) \leq m+n-1.$$

By applying the sum theorem again we have from (8)  $\text{Ind } (\overline{Q} - Q) \leq m+n-1$ , Hence

$$(9) \quad \text{Ind } (\overline{V} - V) \leq m+n-1.$$

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1) The argument below is the same as that in [3, Lemma 2.2].

The relation (9) together with (6) shows that  $\text{Ind}(X \times Y) \leq m + n$ . Thus (1) holds for  $X$  with  $\text{Ind } X \leq m$ . Therefore the inequality (1) for any  $X$  and for any  $Y$  with  $\text{Ind } Y \leq n$  is proved under the first induction hypothesis. Consequently, the proof of Theorem 4 is completed.

4. K. Morita [4] proved that if  $X$  is perfectly normal and  $Y$  is metrizable then  $X \times Y$  is perfectly normal. Since any perfectly normal space is totally normal and countably paracompact, the following theorem follows directly from Theorem 4.

**Theorem 5.** *If  $X$  is a perfectly normal space and  $Y$  is a metrizable space then  $\text{Ind}(X \times Y) \leq \text{Ind } X + \text{Ind } Y$ .*

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