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Introduction

Well-known decomposition theorems for closed maps are given by the following type (L):

(L) For spaces X , Y and a closed map $f: X \rightarrow Y$, $Y = Y_0 \cup (U_{n=1}^{\infty} Y_n)$, where $f^{-1}(y)$ is compact for each $y \in Y_0$ and Y_n is closed discrete in Y for each $n \geq 1$.

First, Morita [10] showed that the following special type (M) of (L) holds for any paracompact and locally compact space X .

(M) For spaces X , Y and a closed map $f: X \rightarrow Y$, $Y = Y_0 \cup Y_1$, where $f^{-1}(y)$ is compact for each $y \in Y_0$ and Y_1 is closed discrete in Y .

Lašnev [7] proved that (L) holds for any metric space X . Subsequently, Filippov [4] extended this result, showing that (L) holds for any paracompact M -space X . Moreover, many mathematicians extended Lašnev's "decomposition theorem" for several generalized metric spaces (for example, see [14] and [15] etc.). In particular, recently, Chaber [2] proved that (L) holds for any regular σ -space X .

Now, let us consider the following modifications (wL) and (wL)' of (L), which are the weakening of the compactness of $f^{-1}(y)$ in (L):

(wL) In (L), the $f^{-1}(y)$ is Lindelöf for each $y \in Y_0$.

(wL)' In (L), the $f^{-1}(y)$ is ω_1 -compact for each $y \in Y_0$.

Here, we say that a space X is ω_1 -compact if every uncountable subset of X has a cluster point in X . Every Lindelöf space is ω_1 -compact. It should be remarked that the condition (wL) was considered in [2], where it was labeled (*'). The modifications (wM) and (wM)' of (M) are to be made similarly. That is,

(wM) In (M), the $f^{-1}(y)$ is Lindelöf for each $y \in Y_0$.

(wM)' In (M), the $f^{-1}(y)$ is ω_1 -compact for each $y \in Y_0$.

In Section 1, we investigate the decomposition types (wL), (wL)' and some variations of these types. Nagami [12] introduced the notion of Σ -spaces as a generalization of σ -spaces and M-spaces. We prove that (wL)' holds for any Σ -space X , thus (wL) holds for any strong Σ -space X . We shall remark that it is impossible to replace (wL) with (L) for every regular Lindelöf Σ -space X .

In Section 2, we discuss the decomposition types (M), (wM) and (wM)'. We prove that (M) holds for any space X dominated by compact sets X_α , or determined by a point-countable cover of compact sets X_α . If the X_α 's are Lindelöf; ω_1 -compact, then (wM); (wM)' holds respectively.

We assume that all spaces are T_1 , and all maps are continuous and onto.

1. Decomposition Types (wL) and (wL)'

Let $\mathcal{A} = \{A_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ be a collection of subsets of a space X . We say that \mathcal{A} is *hereditarily closure-preserving* (abbreviated by HCP) if any collection $\{B_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ with $B_\lambda \subset A_\lambda$ for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$ is closure-preserving (that is, $\overline{\bigcup\{B_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda'\}} = \bigcup\{\overline{B_\lambda} : \lambda \in \Lambda'\}$ for any $\Lambda' \subset \Lambda$).

Lemma 1.1 ([15, Lemma 5.4]). Let Y be a space, and \mathcal{J} a HCP collection of closed sets in Y . For each $n \geq 1$, let

$Y_n = \bigcup \{F_1 \cap \dots \cap F_n : F_1, \dots, F_n \in \mathcal{J} \text{ and } F_1 \cap \dots \cap F_n \text{ is a non-empty finite set}\}.$

Then each Y_n is a closed discrete subset of Y .

Proof. It is routinely verified that each collection

$$\{F_1 \cap \dots \cap F_n : F_i \in \mathcal{J} \text{ (i = 1, \dots, n)}\}$$

is HCP. Thus each subset of Y_n is closed in Y . Hence each Y_n is closed discrete in Y .

Let \mathcal{K} be a cover of a space X . A cover \mathcal{J} is called a *(mod \mathcal{K})-net* for X [9], if, whenever $K \subset U$ with $K \in \mathcal{K}$ and U open in X , there is some $F \in \mathcal{J}$ such that $K \subset F \subset U$.

Lemma 1.2. Let X be a space, and \mathcal{K} a cover of X by countably compact sets. If X has a (mod \mathcal{K})-net \mathcal{J} which is countable, then it is ω_1 -compact.

Proof. Assume the contrary. Then there is an uncountable closed discrete subset D of X . For each $K \in \mathcal{K}$, since K is countably compact, $D \cap K$ is at most finite. Thus there is some $F_K \in \mathcal{J}$ such that $K \subset F_K$ and $D \cap F_K$ is at most finite. But, since \mathcal{J} is countable and \mathcal{K} is a cover of X , we may assume that $\{F_K : K \in \mathcal{K}\}$ is a countable cover of X . Thus there is some $F_K \in \mathcal{J}$ such that $D \cap F_K$ is infinite. This is a contradiction.

A space X is called a Σ -space [12] (Σ^* -space [13]) if it has a σ -locally finite (σ -HCP) closed (mod \mathcal{K})-net $\mathcal{J} = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{J}_n$ for some closed cover \mathcal{K} by countably compact sets. Here we can assume that \mathcal{J}_n is a locally finite (HCP) closed

cover of X and $\mathcal{J}_n \subset \mathcal{J}_{n+1}$ for each $n \geq 1$. It should be noted that any sequence $\{x_n\}$ such that

$$x_n \in \cap \{F \in \mathcal{J}_n : x \in F\} \text{ for some } x \in X$$

has a cluster point in X . Such a sequence $\{\mathcal{J}_n\}$ is called a Σ -net (Σ^* -net) of X .

Theorem 1.3. If X is a Σ -space, then (wL)' holds.

Proof. Let $\{\mathcal{J}_n\}$ be a Σ -net of X . We may assume that each \mathcal{J}_n is finitely multiplicative. For each $n \geq 1$, put

$$Y_n = \cup \{f(F) \cap f(F') : F, F' \in \mathcal{J}_n \text{ and } f(F) \cap f(F') \text{ is a non-empty finite set}\}.$$

Since each \mathcal{J}_n is locally finite in X and f is a closed map, $\{f(F) : F \in \mathcal{J}_n\}$ is HCP. It follows from Lemma 1.1 that Y_n is closed discrete in Y for each $n \geq 1$. Put $Y_0 = Y \setminus \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} Y_n$. Pick any $y \in Y_0$. Let us show that $f^{-1}(y)$ is ω_1 -compact.

It suffices to show from Lemma 1.2 that the subcollection $\{F \in \mathcal{J}_n : F \cap f^{-1}(y) \neq \emptyset\}$ of \mathcal{J}_n is finite for each $n \geq 1$.

Assume the contrary. Then there are some $m \geq 1$ and a sequence $\{F_n\}$ of distinct members of \mathcal{J}_m such that each F_n meets $f^{-1}(y)$. Pick an $x_0 \in f^{-1}(y)$. By the choice of $\{\mathcal{J}_n\}$, $E_n = \cap \{F \in \mathcal{J}_n : x_0 \in F\}$ and F_n belong to \mathcal{J}_n for each $n \geq m$. Since $y \in f(E_n) \cap f(F_n) \setminus Y_n$, $f(E_n) \cap f(F_n)$ is an infinite set. So we can choose a sequence $\{y_n\}_{n \geq m}$ of distinct points in Y such that $y_n \in f(E_n) \cap f(F_n)$. For each $n \geq m$, pick two points p_n and q_n from $E_n \cap f^{-1}(y_n)$ and $F_n \cap f^{-1}(y_n)$, respectively. Since $\{p_n\}_{n \geq m}$ has a cluster point in X , $\{y_n\}_{n \geq m}$ has also a cluster point in Y . On the other hand, $\{q_n : n \geq m\}$ is closed discrete in X , because $\{F_n : n \geq m\}$ is locally finite in X . Thus, since f is a closed map, $\{y_n : n \geq m\}$ is also closed

discrete in Y . This contradiction completes the proof.

A space is called a *strong Σ -spaces* [12] if it satisfies the definition of a Σ -space for some closed cover \mathcal{C} by compact sets instead of \mathcal{K} . By [6, Proposition 4.4], an ω_1 -compact, strong Σ -space is Lindelöf. So Theorem 1.3 yields

Corollary 1.4. *If X is a strong Σ -space, then (wL) holds.*

Remark. In the previous corollary, by [15, Example 5.12] or [2, Example 1.2], we cannot replace "Lindelöf" with "compact" even if X is regular σ -compact. Chaber [2] showed that Corollary 1.4 holds under the assumption of X being a k -space.

Next, we proceed with some variations of (wL) or $(wL)'$.

Theorem 1.5. *Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a closed map. If X is a Σ^* -space, then $Y = Y_0 \cup (\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} Y_n)$, where $f^{-1}(y)$ is ω_1 -compact for each $y \in Y_0$ and Y_n is a discrete set such that $\bigcup_{i=1}^n Y_i$ is closed in Y for each $n \geq 1$.*

Proof. Let $\{J_n\}$ be a Σ^* -net of X . For each $n \geq 1$, put

$$\mathcal{C}_n = \{f(\eta\mathcal{C}) \cap f(F) : \mathcal{C} \subset J_n, F \in J_n \text{ and } f(\eta\mathcal{C}) \cap f(F)$$

is a non-empty finite set\}.

Since each J_n is a closure-preserving closed cover of X and f is a closed map, each \mathcal{C}_n is a closure-preserving collection by finite sets. Then $Y'_n = \bigcup \mathcal{C}_n$ is a closed set in Y with a closure-preserving cover by finite sets for each $n \geq 1$. By [16, Theorem 1], we have $Y'_n = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} Y'_{nk}$, where Y'_{nk} is a discrete

subset and $\bigcup_{i=1}^k Y'_{ni}$ is closed in Y'_n for each $k \geq 1$. Hence $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} Y'_n$ can be represented as $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} Y_n$ described in the theorem. Put $Y_0 = Y \setminus \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} Y_n$. Pick any $y \in Y_0$. By a similar way as in the proof of Theorem 1, we can show that the subcollection $\{F \in \mathcal{J}_n : F \cap f^{-1}(y) \neq \emptyset\}$ of \mathcal{J}_n is finite for each $n \geq 1$. Thus, it follows from Lemma 1.2 that $f^{-1}(y)$ is ω_1 -compact. The proof is complete.

Let $\{F_n\}$ be a sequence of subsets of a space X . We say that $\{F_n\}$ converges to $E \subset X$ if for any open set V with $E \subset V$ there is some $m \geq 1$ such that V contains F_n for each $n \geq m$. The following lemma is a modification of Lašnev's lemma in [7].

Lemma 1.6. Let $\{F_n\}$ be a sequence of non-empty closed sets in a regular space X , and let E be a closed Lindelöf subspace of X . If $\{F_n\}$ converges to E and each F_n is disjoint from E , then $K = E \cap \overline{\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n}$ is compact.

Proof. Suppose that K is not countably compact. Since X is regular and K is Lindelöf, there is an increasing sequence $\{U_k\}$ of open sets in X such that $K \subset \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} U_k$ and $(U_k \setminus \overline{U_{k-1}}) \cap K \neq \emptyset$ for each $k \geq 1$, where $U_0 = \emptyset$ (This choice is seen in the proof of [2, Theorem 1.1]). Since each $U_k \setminus \overline{U_{k-1}}$ meets infinitely many F_n 's, there are two sequences $\{n_k\}$ and $\{x_k\}$ such that $n_k < n_{k+1}$ and $x_k \in (U_k \setminus \overline{U_{k-1}}) \cap F_{n_k}$ for each $k \geq 1$. Put $G = X \setminus \overline{\{x_k : k \geq 1\}}$. Then G is an open set in X . If $x \in E \setminus K$, then

$$x \notin \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n \supset \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} F_{n_k} \supset \overline{\{x_k : k \geq 1\}} = X \setminus G.$$

Let $x \in E \cap K$. Take some $m \geq 1$ with $x \in U_m$. Since

$x_k \notin \bar{U}_{k-1} \supset U_m$ for each $k > m$, $x \notin \overline{\{x_k: k > m\}}$. Since $x \in E$ and $x_k \in F_{n_k}$, $x \neq x_k$ for each $k \geq 1$. These imply $x \notin \overline{\{x_k: k \geq 1\}} = X \setminus G$. Thus, we have $E \subset G$. But G does not contain any F_{n_k} 's. This contradicts to the fact that $\{F_n\}$ converges to E . So we conclude that K is countably compact. Therefore, K is compact.

Using Lemma 1.6 instead of [14, Lemma 2.1], the proof of the following theorem is quite parallel to that of [14, Theorem 1.2]. So the details are left to the reader.

Theorem 1.7. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a closed map. If X is a regular semi-stratifiable space [3], then

$\{y \in Y: f^{-1}(y) \text{ is Lindel\"of}\} = Y_0 \cup (\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} Z_n)$,
where $f^{-1}(y)$ is compact for each $y \in Y_0$ and Z_n is closed discrete in Y for each $n \geq 1$.

Since σ -spaces are semi-stratifiable, strong Σ -spaces, the following is an immediate consequence of Corollary 1.4 and Theorem 1.7.

Corollary 1.8 ([2, Theorem 1.1]). If X is a regular σ -space, then (L) holds.

2. Decomposition Types (M), (wM) and (wM)'

Let us recall basic definitions concerning weak topologies. Let X be a space, and \mathcal{C} be a cover of X . We say that X is determined by \mathcal{C} [5], or X has the weak topology with respect to \mathcal{C} , if $A \subset X$ is closed (open) in X whenever $A \cap C$ is relatively closed (relatively open) in C for each $C \in \mathcal{C}$. Every space is determined by any open cover of it.

Let \mathcal{C} be a closed cover of X . We say that X is dominated by \mathcal{C} if for any subcollection \mathcal{C}' of \mathcal{C} the union $\bigcup \mathcal{C}'$ is closed in X and is determined by \mathcal{C}' . Every space is dominated by any HCP closed cover of it. We remark that if X is dominated by \mathcal{C} , then it is determined by \mathcal{C} , but the converse is not true.

The following elementary facts will be often used later on. The proof is straightforward, so we omit it.

Lemma 2.1. (1) Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a quotient map. If X is determined by a cover \mathcal{C} , then Y is determined by a cover $f(\mathcal{C}) = \{f(C): C \in \mathcal{C}\}$.

(2) Let X be determined by a cover $\{X_\alpha\}$. If $X_\alpha \subset X'_\alpha$ for each α , then X is determined by $\{X'_\alpha\}$.

Recall that a collection \mathcal{C} of subsets of X is point-countable if each $x \in X$ is in at most countably many $C \in \mathcal{C}$.

Theorem 2.2. (1) If a space X is dominated by a cover \mathcal{C} of compact (Lindelöf; ω_1 -compact) sets, then (M) ((wM); (wM)') holds.

(2) If a space X is determined by a point-countable cover \mathcal{C} of compact (Lindelöf; ω_1 -compact) sets, then (M) ((wM); (wM)') holds.

Proof. (1): Let $\mathcal{C} = \{X_\alpha\}$ with the index set well-ordered. Suppose that each X_α is ω_1 -compact (for the other cases, the proofs are similar). Let $L_\alpha = X_\alpha \setminus \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} X_\beta$ for each α . Since $\{L_\alpha\}$ is a cover of X and $L_\alpha \subset X_\alpha$, it suffices to show that

$Y_1 = \{y \in Y: f^{-1}(y) \text{ meets uncountably many } L_\alpha \text{'s}\}$
is closed discrete in Y .

Claim 1. For any $D \subset Y_1$ with cardinality $\leq \omega_1$, D is closed in Y :

Let $D = \{y_\beta: \beta < \kappa\}$, where $\kappa \leq \omega_1$. For each $\beta < \kappa$, we can choose some x_β and $\alpha(\beta)$ such that $x_\beta \in f^{-1}(y_\beta) \cap L_{\alpha(\beta)}$ and $\alpha(\beta) \neq \alpha(\beta')$ for $\beta \neq \beta'$. Let $E = \{x_\beta: \beta < \kappa\}$. We show that E is closed in X . First, $E \cap X_0$ is at most one point, hence closed in X_0 . Assume that $E \cap X_\lambda$ is closed in X_λ for each $\lambda < \eta$. Let $E_\eta = (E \cap (\cup_{\lambda < \eta} X_\lambda)) \cap X_\eta$. Then $E_\eta \subset \cup_{\lambda < \eta} X_\lambda$, and $E_\eta \cap X_\lambda = (E \cap X_\lambda) \cap X_\eta$ is closed in X_λ for each $\lambda < \eta$. Thus E_η is closed in X . But, $E \cap X_\eta = (E \cap L_\eta) \cup E_\eta$, and $E \cap L_\eta$ is at most one point. Hence $E \cap X_\eta$ is closed in X_η . Thus E is closed in X . Since f is a closed map and $D = f(E)$, D is closed in Y .

Claim 2. For any $Y' \subset Y_1$ and for any ω_1 -compact set $K \subset Y$, $Y' \cap K$ is closed in K :

If $Y' \cap K$ is countable, by Claim 1, $Y' \cap K$ is closed in Y . Hence it is closed in K . If $Y' \cap K$ is not countable, then there is a subset D of $Y' \cap K$ such that the cardinality of D is ω_1 and D has a cluster point in $K \setminus D$. But, by Claim 1, D is closed in Y . This contradiction implies that $Y' \cap K$ is countable, hence closed in K .

Now, X is determined by a cover \mathcal{C} of ω_1 -compact sets. Since f is quotient, by Lemma 2.1 (1), Y is determined by a cover $f(\mathcal{C})$ of ω_1 -compact sets. Thus it follows from Claim 2 that Y_1 is closed discrete in Y . Hence (wM)' holds.

(2): Let $\mathcal{C} = \{X_\alpha\}$. Suppose that each X_α is ω_1 -compact (for the case of X_α being Lindelöf, the proof is similar).

Let

$$Y_1 = \{y \in Y: \text{no countable } \mathcal{C}' \subset \mathcal{C} \text{ covers } f^{-1}(y)\}.$$

Let $D = \{y_\beta: \beta < \kappa\}$, where $\kappa \leq \omega_1$, be a subset of Y_1 . Then there is some

$$x_\beta \in f^{-1}(y_\beta) \setminus \bigcup \{X_\alpha: x_\gamma \in X_\alpha \text{ for some } \gamma < \beta\}$$

for each $\beta < \kappa$. Let $E = \{x_\beta: \beta < \kappa\}$. Since each $E \cap X_\alpha$ is at most one point, E is closed in X . Then $D = f(E)$ is closed in Y . Thus Claim 1 in (1) is also valid.

Next, suppose that each X_α is compact. Let

$$Y_1^* = \{y \in Y: \text{no finite } \mathcal{C}' \subset \mathcal{C} \text{ covers } f^{-1}(y)\}.$$

Then we can show that any countable $D = \{y_n: n \geq 1\} \subset Y_1^*$ is closed in Y . Indeed, there is some

$$x_n \in f^{-1}(y_n) \setminus \bigcup \{X_{i,j}: i, j \leq n\} \text{ for each } n \geq 1,$$

where $\{X_{i,j}: j \geq 1\} = \{X_\alpha: x_i \in X_\alpha\}$ for each $i \geq 1$. Let $E = \{x_n: n \geq 1\}$. Since each $E \cap X_\alpha$ is at most finite, E is closed in X . Then $D = f(E)$ is closed in Y . Thus the modification of Claim 1 in (1) where " ω_1 " is replaced with " ω_0 " is valid.

As in the proof of (1), if the X_α 's are respectively ω_1 -compact; compact, we can show that the set $Y_1; Y_1^*$ is closed discrete in Y , hence (wM)'; (M) holds. The proof of Theorem 2.2 is complete.

As is well-known, every CW-complex is dominated by a cover of compact (metric) sets. So, by Theorem 2.2 (1), we have

Corollary 2.3. If X is a CW-complex (more generally, a chunk-complex in the sense of [1]), then (M) holds.

A space is called a k_ω -space [8] (Morita [11] calls it a space of the class \mathfrak{G}') if it is determined by a countable cover of compact sets. Such a space is characterized as a quotient image of a locally compact Lindelöf space [11].

By Theorem 2.2 (2), if X is a k_ω -space, then (M) holds. It should be noted by Remark to Corollary 1.4 that we cannot replace " k_ω -space" with " σ -compact space."

Let us call a space *locally k_ω* (locally Lindelöf) if each point has a neighborhood which is k_ω (Lindelöf), where the neighborhood is not necessarily open. Every locally compact space is locally k_ω , and every locally k_ω -space is locally Lindelöf. Recall that a space X is *meta-Lindelöf* if every open cover of X has a point-countable open refinement.

Morita [10] showed that if X is a paracompact and locally compact space, then (M) holds. We can extend this result as follows.

Proposition 2.4. If X is a meta-Lindelöf and locally k_ω -space, then (M) holds.

Proof. By the assumptions of X , X is determined by a point-countable open cover $\{V_\alpha\}$, where each V_α is contained in a space determined by a countable cover $\{K_{\alpha n} : n \geq 1\}$ of compact sets. Let $\mathcal{C} = \{V_\alpha \cap K_{\alpha n}\}$. Then it is routinely verified that X is determined by the point-countable cover \mathcal{C} . But, by Lemma 2.1 (1), Y is determined by the cover

$f(\bigcap)$. Since $f(V_\alpha \cap K_{\alpha n}) \subset f(K_{\alpha n})$ for each α and n , by Lemma 2.1 (2), Y is determined by the cover $\{f(K_{\alpha n})\}$ of compact sets. Let

$$Y_1^* = \{y \in Y: \text{ no finite } \mathcal{C}' \subset \mathcal{C} \text{ covers } f^{-1}(y)\}.$$

By the proof of Theorem 2.2 (2) for the compact case, we can show that Y_1^* is closed discrete in Y . Hence (M) holds.

Proposition 2.5. *Let X be a locally Lindelöf space. If X is subparacompact (meta-Lindelöf), then (wL) ((wM)) holds.*

Proof. If X is subparacompact, then X has a σ -locally finite closed cover $\mathcal{J} = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{J}_n$ of Lindelöf sets, where each \mathcal{J}_n is locally finite in X . Let $X_n = \bigcup \mathcal{J}_n$, and $Y_n = f(X_n)$ for each $n \geq 1$. Then each X_n is dominated by \mathcal{J}_n and $g_n = f|_{X_n}$ is closed. Thus, by Theorem 2.2 (1), $Y_n = Y_{n0} \cup Y_{n1}$, where $g_n^{-1}(y)$ is Lindelöf for each $y \in Y_{n0}$ and Y_{n1} is closed discrete in Y_n , hence in Y . Let $Y_0 = Y \setminus \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} Y_{n1}$ and $Y_n = Y_{n1}$ for each $n \geq 1$. Then the sets Y_n , $n \geq 0$, satisfy the desired property in (wL).

If X is meta-Lindelöf, then X is determined by a point-countable open cover $\{V_\alpha\}$ such that each V_α is contained in a Lindelöf set L_α . But, by Lemma 2.1 (1), Y is determined by a cover $\{f(V_\alpha)\}$. Since $f(V_\alpha) \subset f(L_\alpha)$ for each α , by Lemma 2.1 (2), Y is determined by a cover $\{f(L_\alpha)\}$ of Lindelöf sets. Thus, in view of the proof of Theorem 2.2 (2), the assertion for the parenthetic part holds.

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