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## THE PRODUCTS OF METALINDELOF SPACES

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In 1991, T. Hui and K. Chiba investigated the various covering properties of  $\sigma$ -products. They obtained the following results:

- A. ([1]) Let  $X = \sigma\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$ . If every finite subproduct of  $X$  is metacompact, then  $X$  is metacompact.
- B. ([1]) Let  $X = \{X_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$ . If every finite subproduct of  $X$  is subparacompact and  $X$  is subnormal, then  $X$  is subparacompact.
- C. ([2]) Let  $X = \sigma\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$  and  $X$  is normal. If every finite subproduct of  $X$  is submetacompact, then  $X$  is submetacompact.

In this paper, we first prove that  $\sigma$ -product of metalindelöf spaces has the result which is similar to (A). Secondly, we discuss Tychonoff product of two metalindelöf spaces on the basis of ([3], Theorem 6.25). The following two results are obtained:

- (i) Suppose  $X$  is a  $P$ -space and  $Y$  is a strong  $\Sigma$ -space. If  $X$  and  $Y$  are both metalindelöf space then  $X \times Y$  is also metalindelöf.
- (ii) Let  $X$  be metalindelöf  $P$ -space,  $Y$  has a point countablebase, then  $X \times Y$  is metalindelöf.

## 1. DEFINITION AND PRELIMINARIES

In this paper,  $N(K)$  denotes neighbourhood system of a set  $K$ ;  $(\mathcal{U})_x$ ,  $\mathcal{U}|_A$  and  $N(x)$  denote respectively  $\{U \in \mathcal{U} : x \in U\}$ ,  $\{A \cap U : U \in \mathcal{U}\}$  and  $N(\{x\})$ ;  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $|A|$  denote respectively the set of all natural numbers and the cardinal numbers of  $A$ .  $A^n$  denotes  $\{a : a \subset A \text{ and } |a| = n\}$ .  $A^{<\omega} = \bigcup \{A^n : n \in \omega\}$ . And all the spaces do not add the axioms of separation if without special statement.

**Definition 1.1.** ([1]) Let  $s = (s_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$  be fixed point in Tychonoff product  $\prod \{X_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$ . For each  $x = (x_\alpha) \in \prod \{X_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$ , put  $Q(x) = \{\alpha \in A : x_\alpha \neq s_\alpha\}$  and define  $\sigma\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in A\} = \{x = (x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A} \in \prod \{X_\alpha : \alpha \in A\} : |Q(x)| < \omega\}$ . We call  $\sigma\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$  the  $\sigma$ -product of  $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$  and  $s$  the base point of it. And for every  $a \in A^{<\omega}$ ,  $\prod \{X_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$  is called a finite subproduct of  $\sigma\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$ .

**Definition 1.2.** A space  $X$  is metalindelöf if its every open cover has a point countable open refinement.

**Definition 1.3.** ([4]) A space  $X$  is a  $P$ -space if for any index set  $\Omega$  and for any collection  $\{U(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) : (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \Omega^n\}$  of open sets in  $X$  such that  $U(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \subset U(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n, \alpha_{n+1})$  for each  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n, \alpha_{n+1}) \in \Omega^{n+1}$ , there exists a collection  $\{F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) : (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \Omega^n\}$  of closed sets in  $X$  such that

- (i)  $F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \subset U(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$  for each  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \Omega^n$ .
- (ii)  $\bigcup \{F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) : n \in \mathbb{N}\} = X$  for any sequence  $\{\alpha_n\}$  such that  $X = \bigcup \{U(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .

**Definition 1.4.** ([5]) Let  $\{\mathcal{F}_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of locally finite closed coverings satisfying the following condition:

If  $K_1 \supset K_2 \supset \dots$  is a sequence of non-empty closed sets of  $X$  such that

$$K_i \subset \bigcap \{F : x \in F \in \mathcal{F}_i\}$$

for some point  $x$  in  $X$  and for each  $i \in N$ , then

$$\bigcap \{K_i : i \in N\} \neq \emptyset$$

We set

$$C(x) = \bigcap \{ \bigcap \{F : x \in F \in \mathcal{F}_i\} : i \in N \}$$

then it is to be noted that every  $C(x)$  is closed and countable compact. Particularly, if  $C(x)$  is compact for each  $x \in X$ , then  $X$  is called a strong  $\Sigma$ -space.

**Lemma 1.1.** ([5]) *If  $X$  is a strong  $\Sigma$ -space, then there exists a sequence  $\{F_i\}_{i \in N}$  of locally finite closed covers of  $X$  and an index set  $\Omega^i$ , satisfying*

- (a)  $\mathcal{F}_i = \{F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) : (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \in \Omega_i\}$
- (b)  $F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) = \bigcup \{F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_{i+1}) : \alpha_{i+1} \in \Omega\}$  for each  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \in \Omega^i$
- (c) for each  $x \in X$  there is  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i, \dots) \in \Omega^\omega$  such that
  - (i)  $x \in \bigcap \{F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) : i \in N\}$
  - (ii)  $C(x) = \bigcap \{F \in \mathcal{F}_i : x \in F \text{ and } i \in N\}$  is compact and if  $U$  is open in  $X$ ,  $C(x) \subset U$ , then there is  $i \in N$  such that  $C(x) \subset F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \subset U$ .

We say that the sequence  $\langle \mathcal{F}_i = \{F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) : (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \in \Omega^i\} \rangle_{i \in N}$  of closed covers of  $X$  is a strong  $\Sigma$ -net of  $X$ .

**Definition 1.5.** Let  $\mathcal{A}^F = \{\bigcup B : B \in \mathcal{A}^{<\omega}\}$ , the collection  $\mathcal{A}$  is said to be directed if  $\mathcal{A}^F$  refined  $\mathcal{A}$ .

The following is easily proved by Definition 1.2 and Definition 1.5:

**Lemma 1.2.**  *$X$  is metalindelöf iff every directed open cover of  $X$  has a point countable open refinement.*

## 2. MAIN RESULTS AND PROOFS

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$  be a family of  $T_1$  spaces and  $X = \sigma\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$ . If every finite subproduct of  $X$  is metalindelöf, then  $X$  is metalindelöf.*

*Proof:* For each  $a \in A^{<\omega}$  and  $n \in \omega$  denote  $Y_a = \Pi\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in a\} \times \{s_\alpha : \alpha \in A - a\}$  and  $Z_n = \{x \in X : |Q(x)| < n + 1\}$ . Define the mapping  $p_a : X \rightarrow Y_a$  such that  $p_a(x) = (x_\alpha^*)_{\alpha \in a}$  for each  $x = (x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A} \in X$ , where

$$x_\alpha^* = \begin{cases} x_\alpha & \alpha \in A \\ s_\alpha & \alpha \in A - a. \end{cases}$$

Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be an open cover of  $X$ . By induction we construct a sequence  $\langle \mathcal{V}_n \rangle_{n \in \omega}$  of the collections of open subsets of  $X$  such that

- (1) For each  $n \in \omega$ ,  $\mathcal{V}_n$  is a point countable partial refinement of  $\mathcal{U}$ .
- (2)  $\bigcup\{\mathcal{V}_i : i < n + 1\}$  covers  $Z_n$  for each  $n \in \omega$ .
- (3)  $\bigcup \mathcal{V}_n \subset X - Z_{n-1}$ .

When  $n = 0$ , put  $U_0 \in \mathcal{U}$  such that  $s \in U_0$ . Let  $\mathcal{V}_0 = \{U_0\}$ .

Assume that  $\mathcal{V}_i$  has been constructed for  $i < n + 1$  such that it satisfies (1)-(3).

We set  $L_a = Y_a - \bigcup\{\bigcup \mathcal{V}_i : i < n + 1\}$  for each  $a \in A^{n+1}$ . Then  $L_a$  is a closed subspace of  $Y_a$ .  $\mathcal{U}|_{Y_a}$  has a point countable open refinement  $\mathcal{W}_a^*$  since it is an open cover of  $Y_a$ .

Let  $\mathcal{W}_a = \{w^* - Z_n : w^* \in \mathcal{W}_a^*\}$ , then  $\mathcal{W}_a$  is an open cover of  $L_a$  and refines partly  $\mathcal{U}$ , i.e., for each  $w \in \mathcal{W}_a$  there is  $U(w) \in \mathcal{U}$  such that  $w \subset U(w) \cap Y_a$  and  $P_a^{-1}(w)$  is open in  $X$ . Define  $\mathcal{V}_a = \{P_a^{-1}(w) \cap U(w) : w \in \mathcal{W}_a\}$  and  $\mathcal{V}_{n+1} = \bigcup\{\mathcal{V}_a : a \in A^{n+1}\}$ .

- (i)  $\mathcal{V}_{n+1}$  is a point countable collection of open subset of  $X$ .

For  $x \in \bigcup \mathcal{V}_{n+1}$ , let  $\Delta = \{a \in A^{n+1} : x \in \bigcup \mathcal{V}_a\}$ , then  $|\Delta| \leq \omega$ . Otherwise,  $\bigcup \Delta$  is noncountable and for each  $a \in \Delta$

there is  $w_a \in \mathcal{W}_a$  such that  $x \in P_a^{-1}(w_a) \cap U(w_a)$ ,  $P_a(x) \in w_a \subset Y_a - Z_n$ , then  $x_\alpha \neq s_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in a$ . i.e.,  $x_\alpha \neq s_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in \bigcup \Delta$ ,  $|Q(x)| \geq |\bigcup \Delta| > \omega$ . This is contrary to  $x \in X$ .

For each  $a \in \Delta$ , let  $\mathcal{W}_a(x) = \{w \in \mathcal{W}_a : x \in P_a^{-1}(w) \cap U(w)\}$ , then  $\mathcal{W}_a(x)$  is countable.

In fact, for each  $w \in \mathcal{W}_a$  and  $x \in P_a^{-1}(w) \cap U(w)$ , then  $P_a(x) \in w \in \mathcal{W}_a$ . Therefore  $|\bigcup (\mathcal{V}_{n+1})_x| \leq \omega$ .

$$(ii) Z_{n+1} - \bigcup \{\bigcup \mathcal{V}_i : i < n+1\} \subset \bigcup \mathcal{V}_{n+1}$$

For each  $x \in Z_{n+1} - \bigcup \{\bigcup \mathcal{V}_i : i < n+1\} \subset Z_{n+1} - Z_n$ , then  $|Q(x)| = n+1$ . There is  $a \in A^{n+1}$  such that  $x_\alpha \neq s_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in a$ , then  $x \in Y_a - Z_n \subset \bigcup \mathcal{W}_a$ . There is  $w \in \mathcal{W}_a$ , such that  $x \in w \subset P_a^{-1}(w) \cap U(w) \in \mathcal{V}_a \subset \mathcal{V}_{n+1}$ .

$$(iii) \bigcup \mathcal{V}_{n+1} \subset X - Z_n$$

For each  $x \in \bigcup \mathcal{V}_{n+1}$ , there is  $a \in A^{n+1}$  such that  $x \in \bigcup \mathcal{V}_a$ . And there is  $w \in \mathcal{W}_a$  such that  $x \in P_a^{-1}(w) \cap U(w)$ , then  $P_a(x) \in w = w^* - Z_n$ . Hence  $x \notin Z_n$ . The induction is completed.

By (2),  $\bigcup \{\bigcup \mathcal{V}_n : n \in \omega\}$  is an open cover of  $X$  and refines  $\mathcal{U}$ .

Now we discuss Tychonoff products of two metalindelöf spaces.

**Lemma 2.2.** *If  $X$  is metalindelöf, then every locally finite family of closed sets of  $X$  has a point countable open expansion.*

*Proof:* Let  $\{F_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$  is a locally finite family of closed sets of metalindelöf space  $X$ . For each  $s \in A^{<\omega}$ , put  $G(s) = X - \bigcup \{F_\alpha : \alpha \in A - s\}$ , then  $\mathcal{G} = \{G(s) : s \in A^{<\omega}\}$  is an open cover of  $X$  it has a point countable open refinement. Let  $U_\alpha = \bigcup \{V \in \mathcal{V} : V \cap F_\alpha \neq \emptyset\}$  for each  $\alpha \in A$ . It is easy to check that  $\{U_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$  is a point countable open expansion of  $\{F_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $X$  be a  $P$ -space and  $Y$  a strong  $\Sigma$ -space. If  $X$  and  $Y$  are both metalindelöf then  $X \times Y$  is metalindelöf.*

*Proof:* Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a directed open cover of  $X \times Y$  and  $< \mathcal{F}_i = \{F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) : (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \in \Omega^i\} >_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a strong  $\Sigma$ -net of  $Y$ . It has a point countable open expansion  $\mathcal{H}_i = \{H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) : (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \in \Omega^i\}$ . Since  $\mathcal{F}_i$  is a locally finite closed cover of  $Y$  then for  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \in \Omega^i$ , let  $\mathcal{G}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) = \{V_\lambda \times W_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)\}$  be a maximal collection satisfying the following (1)-(3)

(1)  $V_\lambda$  is open in  $X$

(2)  $W_\lambda$  is open in  $Y$  and  $F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \subset W_\lambda \subset H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)$

(3)  $\mathcal{G}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)$  is a partial refinement of  $\mathcal{U}$ .

For each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \in \Omega^i$ , let  $V(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) = \bigcup \{V_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)\}$

(4)  $V(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \subset V(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_{i+1})$  for each  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_{i+1}) \in \Omega^{i+1}$ .

In fact, for each  $t \in V(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)$  there is  $\lambda_t \in \Lambda(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)$  such that  $t \in V_{\lambda_t}$  and  $F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \subset W_{\lambda_t} \subset H_{\lambda_t}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)$ . Then  $F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \subset W_{\lambda_t} \subset H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)$ .  $F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_{i+1}) \subset W_{\lambda_t} \cap H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_{i+1}) \subset H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_{i+1})$  since  $F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_{i+1}) \subset F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)$ . Let  $W = W_{\lambda_t} \cap H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_{i+1})$ , then  $V_{\lambda_t} \times W$  satisfies (1)-(3). There is  $\lambda \in \Lambda(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)$  such that  $V_\lambda = V_{\lambda_t}$  and  $W_\lambda = W$ . Then  $t \in V_{\lambda_t} \subset V(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_{i+1})$ , i.e.,  $V(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \subset V(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_{i+1})$ .

Since  $X$  is a  $P$ -space, it has a collection  $\{C(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) : (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \in \Omega^i \text{ and } i \in \omega\}$  of closed sets of  $X$  such that

(5)  $C(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \subset V(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)$

(6)  $\bigcup \{C(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) : i \in \mathbb{N}\} = X$  if  $\bigcup \{V(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) : i \in \mathbb{N}\} = X$ .

Put  $\mathcal{V}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) = \{V_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)\}$ , then  $\mathcal{V}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \cup \{X - C(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)\}$  is an open cover of  $X$  and

it has a point countable open refinement  $\{O_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)\} \cup \{O'\}$  such that  $O' \subset X - C(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)$  and  $O_\lambda \subset V_\lambda$  for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)$ .

By the above, the following is obvious

$$(7) C(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \subset \{O_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)\}$$

Let  $\zeta(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) = \{O_\lambda \times W_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)\}$ ,  $\zeta_i = \bigcup \{\zeta(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) : (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \in \Omega^i\}$ , then

(8)  $\zeta_i$  is point countable collection of  $X \times Y$  and refines partly  $\mathcal{U}$ .

In fact, for each  $(x, y) \in \bigcup \zeta_i$ , put  $\Delta = \{(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \in \Omega^i : y \in H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)\}$ , then  $|\Delta| \leq \omega$  since  $\{H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) : (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \in \Omega^i\}$  is a point countable open cover of  $Y$ . For each  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \in \Delta$ , let  $\Lambda^0(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) = \{\lambda \in \Lambda(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) : x \in O_\lambda\}$ , then  $|\Lambda^0(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)| \leq \omega$ . Since  $\{O_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)\}$  is point countable.  $(\zeta(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i))_{(x,y)} \subset \{O_\lambda \times W_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda^0(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)\}$ ,  $(\zeta_i)_{(x,y)} \subset \bigcup \{(\zeta(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i))_{(x,y)} : (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \in \Delta\}$ , then  $|\zeta_i|_{(x,y)} \leq \omega$ . And it is easy to check that  $\zeta_i$  refines partly  $\mathcal{U}$  by (3).

$$(9) \bigcup \{\zeta_i : i \in N\} \text{ is a cover of } X \times Y$$

For  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ , there is  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i, \dots) \in \Omega^\omega$  such that for each  $W \in N(C(y))$ , then there is  $i \in N$  such that  $C(y) \subset F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \subset W$ .

Now we assert  $\bigcup \{V(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) : i \in N\} = X$ .

For each  $x' \in X$  there is  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  such that  $\{x'\} \times C(y) \subset U$  since  $\{x'\} \times C(y)$  is compact. There are  $V \in N(x')$  and  $W' \in N(C(y))$  such that  $\{x'\} \times C(y) \subset V \times W' \subset U$ . Then there is  $i \in N$  such that  $C(y) \subset F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) \subset W'$  since  $C(y) \subset W'$ . Put  $W = W' \cap H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)$ ,  $V \times W$  satisfies (1)-(3) there is  $\lambda \in \Lambda(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)$  such that  $V_\lambda = V$  and  $W_\lambda = W$  by the maximum of  $\mathcal{G}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)$ . Therefore  $x' \in V = V_\lambda \subset V(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i)$ , i.e.,  $\bigcup \{V(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i) : i \in N\} = X$ .

By (6),  $\bigcup \{C(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) : n \in N\} = X$ . There is  $n \in N$  such that  $x \in C(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \subset \bigcup \{O_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)\}$ . And there is  $\lambda \in \Lambda(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$  such that  $x \in O_\lambda$ .  $(x, y) \in$



$O_\lambda \times W \in \zeta(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$  since  $y \in C(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \subset W_\lambda \subset H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ .

$\zeta$  is a point countable open refinement of  $\mathcal{U}$  by (8) and (9).  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4.** *If  $X$  is a metalindelöf  $P$ -space and  $Y$  has a point countable base then  $X \times Y$  is metalindelöf.*

*Proof:* Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{B_\alpha : \alpha \in \Omega\}$  a point countable base of  $Y$  and  $\mathcal{U} = \{U_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  an open cover of  $X \times Y$ .

For each  $n \in N, (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \Omega^n$  and  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , put  $H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n; \lambda) = \bigcup \{U : U \times \bigcap_{i=1}^n B_{\alpha_i} \subset U_\lambda \text{ and } U \text{ is open in } X\}$ ,  $G(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = \bigcup \{H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n; \lambda) : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ .

It is easy to check that for each  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n, \dots) \in \Omega^\omega$ ,  $\{G(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) : n \in N\}$  is a monotone increasing collection of open sets of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is a  $P$ -space there is a collection  $\{F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) : n \in N\}$  of closed sets of  $X$  such that

(i)  $F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \subset G(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$  for each  $n \in N$ .

(ii)  $\bigcup \{F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) : n \in N\} = X$  if  $\bigcup \{G(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) : n \in N\} = X$ .

$\mathcal{G}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = \{H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n; \lambda) : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  is an open cover of  $F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ . There is a point countable collection  $\mathcal{V}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = \{V(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n; \lambda) : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  of open sets satisfying.

(iii)  $F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \subset \bigcup \mathcal{V}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$

(iv)  $V(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \subset H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n; \lambda)$  for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ .

Define  $\mathcal{W}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = \{V(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n; \lambda) \times \bigcap_{i=1}^n B_{\alpha_i} : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ ,  $\mathcal{W} = \bigcup \{\mathcal{W}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) : (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \Omega^n \text{ and } n \in N\}$ .

(v)  $\mathcal{W}$  is point countable.

In fact, for each  $(x, y) \in \bigcup \mathcal{W}$ ,  $\Delta = \{\alpha \in \Omega : y \in B_\alpha\}$  is countable and  $(\mathcal{W})_{(x,y)} = \bigcup \{(\mathcal{W}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n))_{(x,y)} : (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \Delta^n \text{ and } n \in N\}$ . Since  $(\mathcal{W}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n))_{(x,y)} \subset \{V(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n; \lambda) \times \bigcap_{i=1}^n B_{\alpha_i} : x \in V(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n; \lambda) \text{ and } \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  and  $\mathcal{V}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$  is point countable then  $|(\mathcal{W})_{(x,y)}| \leq \omega$ .

(vi)  $\mathcal{W}$  is an open cover of  $X \times Y$  and refines  $\mathcal{U}$ .

For each  $y \in Y$ , we prove that  $\mathcal{W}$  covers  $X \times \{y\}$ . Put  $\Delta(y) = \{\alpha_i \in \Omega : y \in B_{\alpha_i}\}$ . Then  $|\Delta(y)| \leq \omega$ . Without loss of generality, we assume  $\Delta(y) = \{\alpha_i : i \in N\}$ .

First, we prove  $\bigcup\{G(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) : n \in N\} = X$ .

For each  $x \in X$  there is  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  such that  $(x, y) \in U_{\lambda}$ . Then there are  $n \in N$  and  $U \in N(x)$  such that  $(x, y) \in U \times \bigcap_{i=1}^n B_{\alpha_i} \subset U_{\lambda}$ . Hence  $x \in U \subset H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n; \lambda) \subset G(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ , i.e.,  $\bigcup\{G(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) : n \in N\} = X$ .

By (ii),  $\bigcup\{F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) : n \in N\} = X$ , there is  $n \in N$  such that  $x \in F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ . And there is  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  such that  $x \in V(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n; \lambda)$ . Hence  $(x, y) \in V(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n; \lambda) \times \bigcap_{i=1}^n B_{\alpha_i} \subset U_i$ , i.e.,  $\mathcal{W}$  is a point countable open refinement of  $\mathcal{U}$ .

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