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## ***L*-NORMALITY**

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**ABSTRACT.** A topological space  $X$  is called *L-normal* if there exist a normal space  $Y$  and a bijective function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  such that the restriction  $f|_A : A \rightarrow f(A)$  is a homeomorphism for each Lindelöf subspace  $A \subseteq X$ . We will investigate this property and produce some examples to illustrate the relation between *L-normality* and other weaker kinds of normality.

A. V. Arhangel'skii introduced in 2012, when he was visiting the Department of Mathematics at King Abdulaziz University, a new, weaker version of normality, called *C-normality* [8]. A topological space  $X$  is called *C-normal* if there exist a normal space  $Y$  and a bijective function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  such that the restriction  $f|_C : C \rightarrow f(C)$  is a homeomorphism for each compact subspace  $C \subseteq X$ . We use the idea of this definition to introduce another new, weaker version of normality and call it *L-normality*. The purpose of this paper is to investigate this property. We prove that normality implies *L-normality* but the converse is not true in general. We present some examples to show relationships between *L-normality* and other weaker versions of normality such as *C-normality*, almost normality, mild normality, quasi-normality, and  $\pi$ -normality. Throughout this paper, we denote an ordered pair by  $\langle x, y \rangle$ , the set of positive integers by  $\mathbb{N}$ , and the set of real numbers by  $\mathbb{R}$ . A  $T_4$  space is a  $T_1$  normal space, a Tychonoff space is a  $T_1$  completely regular space, and a  $T_3$  space is a  $T_1$  regular space. We do not assume  $T_2$  in the definition of compactness and we do not assume regularity in the definition of Lindelöfness. For a subset  $A$  of a space  $X$ ,  $\text{int}A$  and  $\overline{A}$  denote the interior and the closure of  $A$ , respectively. An ordinal  $\gamma$  is the set of

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all ordinals  $\alpha$  such that  $\alpha < \gamma$ . The first infinite ordinal is  $\omega_0$ , the first uncountable ordinal is  $\omega_1$ , and the successor cardinal of  $\omega_1$  is  $\omega_2$ .

### 1. $L$ -NORMALITY

**Definition 1.1.** A topological space  $X$  is called  $C$ -normal if there exist a normal space  $Y$  and a bijective function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  such that the restriction  $f|_C : C \rightarrow f(C)$  is a homeomorphism for each compact subspace  $C \subseteq X$  [8]. A topological space  $X$  is called  $L$ -normal if there exist a normal space  $Y$  and a bijective function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  such that the restriction  $f|_A : A \rightarrow f(A)$  is a homeomorphism for each Lindelöf subspace  $A \subseteq X$ .

A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  witnessing the  $C$ -normality of  $X$  need not be continuous. But it will be if it has the property that for each convergent sequence  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $X$  we have  $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$ . This happens if  $X$  is a Hausdorff sequential space or a  $k$ -space. Similarly, a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  witnessing the  $L$ -normality of  $X$  need not be continuous. But it will be if  $X$  is of countable tightness.

**Theorem 1.2.** *If  $X$  is  $L$ -normal and of countable tightness and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a witness of the  $L$ -normality of  $X$ , then  $f$  is continuous.*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be any non-empty subset of  $X$ . Let  $y \in f(\overline{A})$  be arbitrary. Let  $x \in X$  be the unique element such that  $f(x) = y$ . Then  $x \in \overline{A}$ . Pick a countable subset  $A_0 \subseteq A$  such that  $x \in \overline{A_0}$ . Let  $B = \{x\} \cup A_0$ ; then  $B$  is a Lindelöf subspace of  $X$ , and hence  $f|_B : B \rightarrow f(B)$  is a homeomorphism. Now, let  $V \subseteq Y$  be any open neighborhood of  $y$ ; then  $V \cap f(B)$  is open in the subspace  $f(B)$  containing  $y$ . Thus,  $f^{-1}(V) \cap B$  is open in the subspace  $B$  containing  $x$ . Thus,  $(f^{-1}(V) \cap B) \cap A_0 \neq \emptyset$ . So  $(f^{-1}(V) \cap B) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ . Hence,  $\emptyset \neq f((f^{-1}(V) \cap B) \cap A) \subseteq f(f^{-1}(V) \cap A) = V \cap f(A)$ . Thus,  $y \in \overline{f(A)}$ . Therefore,  $f$  is continuous.  $\square$

Since any compact space is Lindelöf, then any  $L$ -normal space is  $C$ -normal. The converse is not true in general. Obviously, no Lindelöf non-normal space is  $L$ -normal. So, no countable complement topology on an uncountable set  $X$  is  $L$ -normal, but it is  $C$ -normal because the only compact subspaces are the finite subspaces, and the countable complement topology is  $T_1$ , so compact subspaces are discrete. Hence, the discrete topology on  $X$  and the identity function will witness  $C$ -normality. We will give more Tychonoff  $C$ -normal spaces which are not  $L$ -normal.

By definition, it is clear that a Lindelöf  $L$ -normal space must be normal. If  $X$  is countable, then  $X$  may not be  $L$ -normal, for example,  $(\mathbb{Q}, \tau_0)$ , where  $\tau_0$  is the particular point topology [14]. It is also obvious that any normal space is  $L$ -normal, just by taking  $X = Y$  and  $f$  to be the identity

function. The converse is not true in general. Here is an example of a Tychonoff  $L$ -normal space which is neither normal nor locally Lindelöf.

**Example 1.3.** We modify the Dieudonné plank [14] to define a new topological space. Let

$$X = ((\omega_2 + 1) \times (\omega_0 + 1)) \setminus \{\langle \omega_2, \omega_0 \rangle\}.$$

Write  $X = A \cup B \cup N$ , where  $A = \{\langle \omega_2, n \rangle : n < \omega_0\}$ ,  $B = \{\langle \alpha, \omega_0 \rangle : \alpha < \omega_2\}$ , and  $N = \{\langle \alpha, n \rangle : \alpha < \omega_2 \text{ and } n < \omega_0\}$ . The topology  $\tau$  on  $X$  is generated by the following neighborhood system: For each  $\langle \alpha, n \rangle \in N$ , let  $\mathcal{B}(\langle \alpha, n \rangle) = \{\{\langle \alpha, n \rangle\}\}$ . For each  $\langle \omega_2, n \rangle \in A$ , let  $\mathcal{B}(\langle \omega_2, n \rangle) = \{V_\alpha(n) = (\alpha, \omega_2] \times \{n\} : \alpha < \omega_2\}$ . For each  $\langle \alpha, \omega_0 \rangle \in B$ , let  $\mathcal{B}(\langle \alpha, \omega_0 \rangle) = \{V_n(\alpha) = \{\alpha\} \times (n, \omega_0] : n < \omega_0\}$ . Then  $X$  is a Tychonoff non-normal space which is not locally compact nor locally Lindelöf as any basic open neighborhood of any element in  $A$  is not Lindelöf. Now, a subset  $C \subseteq X$  is Lindelöf if and only if  $C$  is countable because if  $C$  is uncountable, then either  $C \cap B$  or  $C \cap N$  is uncountable, then a basic open set for each element in  $C$  would give an open cover for  $C$  which has no countable subcover.

Now, define  $Y = X = A \cup B \cup N$ . Generate a topology  $\tau'$  on  $Y$  by the following neighborhood system: Elements of  $B \cup N$  have the same local base as in  $X$ . For each  $\langle \omega_2, n \rangle \in A$ , let  $\mathcal{B}(\langle \omega_2, n \rangle) = \{\{\langle \omega_2, n \rangle\}\}$ . Then  $Y$  is a  $T_4$  space because it is paracompact. Consider the identity function  $id : X \rightarrow Y$ . Let  $C \subset X$  be any Lindelöf subspace. Then  $id|_C : C \rightarrow id(C) = C$  is a bijective. Let  $\langle a, b \rangle$  be any element in  $C$ . If  $\langle a, b \rangle \in N$ , then  $\{\langle a, b \rangle\}$ , which is open in  $C$  as a subspace of  $X$  and  $Y$ , will give that  $id|_C$  is continuous. If  $\langle a, b \rangle \in B$  and  $W$  is any basic open set of  $\langle a, b \rangle$  in  $C$  as a subspace of  $Y$ , then  $W$  is also a basic open set of  $\langle a, b \rangle$  in  $C$  as a subspace of  $X$ ; hence,  $id|_C$  is continuous. If  $\langle a, b \rangle \in A$ , then the smallest open neighborhood of  $\langle a, b \rangle$  in  $C$  as a subspace of  $Y$  is  $\{\langle a, b \rangle\}$ . Since  $C$  is Lindelöf in  $X$ , then it is countable. Write  $(\omega_2 \times \{b\}) \cap C = \{\langle \alpha_k, b \rangle : k \in K \text{ where } K \text{ is countable}\}$ . Pick  $\beta < \omega_2$  such that  $\alpha_k < \beta$  for each  $k \in K$ . Then  $V_\beta(b)$  is a basic open set of  $\langle a, b \rangle$  in  $X$ ; hence,  $V_\beta(b) \cap C = \{\langle a, b \rangle\}$  is an open neighborhood of  $\langle a, b \rangle$  in  $C$  as a subspace of  $X$ . Thus,  $id|_C$  is continuous. From the three cases, we conclude that  $id|_C$  is continuous. Since the topology on  $X$  is coarser than the topology on  $Y$ , then the inverse function of  $id|_C$  is also continuous. We conclude that  $id|_C$  is a homeomorphism. Therefore, the modified Dieudonné plank  $X$  is  $L$ -normal.

**Theorem 1.4.**  $L$ -normality is a topological property.

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be an  $L$ -normal space and  $X \cong Z$ . Let  $Y$  be a normal space and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a bijective such that  $f|_C : C \rightarrow f(C)$  is a

homeomorphism for each Lindelöf subspace  $C$  of  $X$ . Let  $g : Z \rightarrow X$  be a homeomorphism. Then  $f \circ g : Z \rightarrow Y$  satisfies all requirements.  $\square$

**Theorem 1.5.**  *$L$ -normality is an additive property.*

*Proof.* Let  $X_\alpha$  be an  $L$ -normal space for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ . We show that their sum  $\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$  is  $L$ -normal. For each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ , pick a normal space  $Y_\alpha$  and a bijective function  $f_\alpha : X_\alpha \rightarrow Y_\alpha$  such that  $f_{\alpha|_{C_\alpha}} : C_\alpha \rightarrow f_\alpha(C_\alpha)$  is a homeomorphism for each Lindelöf subspace  $C_\alpha$  of  $X_\alpha$ . Since  $Y_\alpha$  is normal for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ , then the sum  $\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} Y_\alpha$  is normal ([3, 2.2.7]). Consider the function sum (see [3, 2.2.E]),  $\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} f_\alpha : \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha \rightarrow \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} Y_\alpha$  defined by  $\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} f_\alpha(x) = f_\beta(x)$  if  $x \in X_\beta, \beta \in \Lambda$ . Now, a subspace  $C \subseteq \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$  is Lindelöf if and only if the set  $\Lambda_0 = \{\alpha \in \Lambda : C \cap X_\alpha \neq \emptyset\}$  is countable and  $C \cap X_\alpha$  is Lindelöf in  $X_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda_0$ . If  $C \subseteq \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$  is Lindelöf, then  $(\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} f_\alpha)|_C$  is a homeomorphism because  $f_{\alpha|_{C \cap X_\alpha}}$  is a homeomorphism for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda_0$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 1.6.** *If  $X$  is  $T_3$  separable  $L$ -normal and of countable tightness, then  $X$  is normal ( $T_4$ ).*

*Proof.* Let  $Y$  be a normal space and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a bijective witness to  $L$ -normality of  $X$ . Then  $f$  is continuous because  $X$  is of countable tightness. Let  $D$  be a countable dense subset of  $X$ . We show that  $f$  is closed. Let  $H$  be any non-empty closed proper subset of  $X$ . Suppose that  $f(p) = q \in Y \setminus f(H)$ ; then  $p \notin H$ . Using regularity, let  $U$  and  $V$  be disjoint open subsets of  $X$  containing  $p$  and  $H$ , respectively. Then  $U \cap (D \cup \{p\})$  is open in the Lindelöf subspace  $D \cup \{p\}$  containing  $p$ , so  $f(U \cap (D \cup \{p\}))$  is open in the subspace  $f(D \cup \{p\})$  of  $Y$  containing  $q$ . Thus,  $f(U \cap (D \cup \{p\})) = f(U) \cap f(D \cup \{p\}) = W \cap f(D \cup \{p\})$  for some open subset  $W$  in  $Y$  with  $q \in W$ .

We claim that  $W \cap f(H) = \emptyset$ . Suppose otherwise, and take  $y \in W \cap f(H)$ . Let  $x \in H$  such that  $f(x) = y$ . Note that  $x \in V$ . Since  $D$  is dense in  $X$ ,  $D$  is also dense in the open set  $V$ . Thus,  $x \in \overline{V \cap D}$ . Now since  $W$  is open in  $Y$  and  $f$  is continuous,  $f^{-1}(W)$  is an open set in  $X$ ; it also contains  $x$ . Thus, we can choose  $d \in f^{-1}(W) \cap V \cap D$ . Then  $f(d) \in W \cap f(V \cap D) \subseteq W \cap f(D \cup \{p\}) = f(U \cap (D \cup \{p\}))$ . So  $f(d) \in f(U) \cap f(V)$ , a contradiction.

Thus,  $W \cap f(H) = \emptyset$ . Note that  $q \in W$ . As  $q \in Y \setminus f(H)$  was arbitrary,  $f(H)$  is closed. So  $f$  is a homeomorphism and  $X$  is normal.  $\square$

We conclude from the above theorem that the Niemytzki plane [14] and Mrówka space  $\Psi(\mathcal{A})$ , where  $\mathcal{A} \subset [\omega_0]^{\omega_0}$  is mad [2], are examples of Tychonoff spaces which are not  $L$ -normal.  $L$ -normality is not multiplicative because, for example, the Sorgenfrey line is  $T_4$ , but its square is

Tychonoff separable first countable space which is not  $L$ -normal because it is not normal. Also,  $L$ -normality is not hereditary: take any compactification of the Sorgenfrey line square. We still do not know if  $L$ -normality is hereditary with respect to closed subspaces.

Recall that a *Dowker space* is a  $T_4$  space whose product with  $I$ ,  $I = [0, 1]$  with its usual metric, is not normal. Mary Ellen Rudin [10] used the existence of a Suslin line to obtain a Dowker space which is hereditarily separable and first countable. Using CH, I. Juhász, K. Kunen, and Rudin constructed a first countable hereditarily separable real compact Dowker space [4]. W. Weiss [15] constructed a first countable separable locally compact Dowker space whose existence is consistent with  $\text{MA} + \neg \text{CH}$  [15]. By Theorem 1.6, such spaces are consistent examples of Dowker spaces whose product with  $I$  are not  $L$ -normal.

Since any second countable space is Lindelöf and any  $T_3$  second countable space is metrizable [3, 4.2.9], we conclude with the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.7.** *Every  $T_1$  second countable  $L$ -normal space is metrizable.*

## 2. $L$ -NORMALITY AND OTHER PROPERTIES

Now, we study some relationships between  $L$ -normality and some other weaker versions of normality. First, we recall some definitions.

**Definition 2.1.** A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is a *closed domain* [3], also called *regularly closed* or  $\kappa$ -*closed*, if  $A = \overline{\text{int} A}$ . A space  $X$  is *mildly normal* [13], also called  $\kappa$ -*normal* [11], if, for any two disjoint closed domains  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$ , there exist two disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq U$  and  $B \subseteq V$ ; see also [9] and [5]. A space  $X$  is called *almost normal* [12], [7] if, for any two disjoint closed subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$  one of which is closed domain, there exist two disjoint open subsets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq U$  and  $B \subseteq V$ . A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is called  $\pi$ -*closed* [6] if  $A$  is a finite intersection of closed domains. A space  $X$  is called  $\pi$ -*normal* [6] if, for any two disjoint closed subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$  one of which is  $\pi$ -closed, there exist two disjoint open subsets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq U$  and  $B \subseteq V$ . A space  $X$  is called *quasi-normal* [16] if, for any two disjoint  $\pi$ -closed subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$ , there exist two disjoint open subsets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq U$  and  $B \subseteq V$ ; see also [6].

It is clear from the definitions that

$$\text{normal} \implies \pi\text{-normal} \implies \text{almost normal} \implies \text{mildly normal}.$$

$$\text{normal} \implies \pi\text{-normal} \implies \text{quasi-normal} \implies \text{mildly normal}.$$

Now,  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{CC})$ , where  $\mathcal{CC}$  is the countable complement topology, is not  $L$ -normal. But, since the only closed domains are  $\emptyset$  and  $\mathbb{R}$ , then it is  $\pi$ -normal, hence quasi-normal, almost normal, and mildly normal. Here

is an example of an  $L$ -normal space which is not mildly normal, hence neither quasi-normal, almost normal, nor  $\pi$ -normal.

**Example 2.2.** *The modified Dieudonné plank  $X$  is  $L$ -normal but not mildly normal.*

*Proof.*  $X$  is not normal because  $A$  and  $B$  are closed disjoint subsets which cannot be separated by two disjoint open sets. Let  $E = \{n < \omega_0 : n \text{ is even}\}$  and  $O = \{n < \omega_0 : n \text{ is odd}\}$ . Let  $K$  and  $L$  be subsets of  $\omega_2$  such that  $K \cap L = \emptyset$ ,  $K \cup L = \omega_2$ , and the cofinality of  $K$  and  $L$  are  $\omega_2$ ; for instance, let  $K$  be the set of limit ordinals in  $\omega_2$  and  $L$  be the set of successor ordinals in  $\omega_2$ . Then  $K \times E$  and  $L \times O$  are both open being subsets of  $N$ . Define  $C = \overline{K \times E}$  and  $D = \overline{L \times O}$ ; then  $C$  and  $D$  are closed domains in  $X$ , being closures of open sets, and they are disjoint. Note that  $C = \overline{K \times E} = (K \times E) \cup (K \times \{\omega_0\}) \cup (\{\omega_2\} \times E)$  and  $D = \overline{L \times O} = (L \times O) \cup (L \times \{\omega_0\}) \cup (\{\omega_2\} \times O)$ . Let  $U \subseteq X$  be any open set such that  $C \subseteq U$ . For each  $n \in E$  there exists an  $\alpha_n < \omega_2$  such that  $V_{\alpha_n}(n) \subseteq U$ . Let  $\beta = \sup\{\alpha_n : n \in E\}$ ; then  $\beta < \omega_2$ . Since  $L$  is cofinal in  $\omega_2$ , then there exists  $\gamma \in L$  such that  $\beta < \gamma$  and then any basic open set of  $\langle \gamma, \omega_0 \rangle \in D$  will meet  $U$ . Thus,  $C$  and  $D$  cannot be separated. Therefore, the modified Dieudonné plank  $X$  is  $L$ -normal but is not mildly normal.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.3.** *If  $X$  is a  $C$ -normal space such that each Lindelöf subspace is contained in a compact subspace, then  $X$  is  $L$ -normal.*

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be any  $C$ -normal space such that if  $A$  is any Lindelöf subspace of  $X$ , then there exists a compact subspace  $B$  such that  $A \subseteq B$ . Let  $Y$  be a normal space and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a bijective function such that  $f|_C : C \rightarrow f(C)$  is a homeomorphism for each compact subspace  $C$  of  $X$ . Now, let  $A$  be any Lindelöf subspace of  $X$ . Pick a compact subspace  $B$  of  $X$  such that  $A \subseteq B$ ; then  $f|_B : B \rightarrow f(B)$  is a homeomorphism; hence,  $f|_A : A \rightarrow f(A)$  is a homeomorphism as  $(f|_B)|_A = f|_A$ .  $\square$

The next example is an application of the above theorem.

**Example 2.4.** Consider the product space  $\omega_1 \times (\omega_1 + 1)$ . It is not almost normal because the diagonal  $\Delta = \{\langle \alpha, \alpha \rangle : \alpha < \omega_1\}$  is a closed domain which is disjoint from the closed set  $K = \omega_1 \times \{\omega_1\}$  and they cannot be separated by two disjoint open sets (see [7]). But  $\omega_1 \times (\omega_1 + 1)$  is  $C$ -normal being locally compact and local compactness implies  $C$ -normality (see [8]).

Now we characterize all Lindelöf subspaces of  $\omega_1 \times (\omega_1 + 1)$ .

**Claim 2.5.** *A subspace  $A$  of  $\omega_1 \times (\omega_1 + 1)$  is Lindelöf if and only if  $A$  has the following properties:*

- (1) *There is an  $\alpha \in \omega_1$  such that  $A \subseteq \alpha \times (\omega_1 + 1)$ .*
- (2) *If  $\beta \in \omega_1$  and  $A \cap (\{\beta\} \times (\omega_1 + 1))$  is uncountable, then  $\langle \beta, \omega_1 \rangle \in A$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be any Lindelöf subspace of  $\omega_1 \times (\omega_1 + 1)$ . If condition (1) does not hold, then  $\{[0, \alpha] \times (\omega_1 + 1) : \alpha < \omega_1\}$  would be an open cover for  $A$  which has no countable subcover, a contradiction. Now, assume that  $A$  is Lindelöf and satisfies condition (1) but not (2); i.e., there exists a  $\beta \in \omega_1$  such that  $A \cap (\{\beta\} \times (\omega_1 + 1))$  is uncountable, but  $\langle \beta, \omega_1 \rangle \notin A$ . Pick  $\alpha \in \omega_1$  such that  $A \subseteq \alpha \times (\omega_1 + 1)$ . It is clear that  $\beta \leq \alpha$ , but we may assume, without loss of generality, that  $\beta < \alpha$ . The family  $\{(\beta, \alpha] \times (\omega_1 + 1)\} \cup \{[0, \beta] \times [0, \gamma] : \langle \beta, \gamma \rangle \in A \cap (\{\beta\} \times (\omega_1 + 1))\} \cup \{U_\zeta : \langle \zeta, \omega_1 \rangle \in A, \zeta < \beta \text{ and } U_\zeta \text{ is a basic open neighborhood of } \langle \zeta, \omega_1 \rangle\}$  is an open cover for  $A$  which has no countable subcover, a contradiction. Now let  $A$  be any subset of  $\omega_1 \times (\omega_1 + 1)$  that satisfies both conditions. Since for any  $\alpha \in \omega_1$  we have that  $\alpha$  is countable and for each basic open set  $G$  of  $\langle \beta, \omega_1 \rangle$  we have that  $(A \cap (\{\beta\} \times (\omega_1 + 1))) \setminus G$  is countable, then it is clear that  $A$  will be Lindelöf as a countable union of countable sets is countable. So the claim is proved.  $\square$

We conclude from the above claim that each Lindelöf subspace  $A$  of  $\omega_1 \times (\omega_1 + 1)$  is contained in a compact subspace  $B$  of  $\omega_1 \times (\omega_1 + 1)$  of the form  $B = (\alpha + 1) \times (\omega_1 + 1)$ , where  $\alpha$  satisfies condition (1) above. Thus, by Theorem 2.3,  $\omega_1 \times (\omega_1 + 1)$  is  $L$ -normal.

We discovered that the Alexandroff duplicate space of an  $L$ -normal space is  $L$ -normal. Recall that the *Alexandroff duplicate space*  $A(X)$  of a space  $X$  is defined as follows: Let  $X$  be any topological space. Let  $X' = X \times \{1\}$ . Note that  $X \cap X' = \emptyset$ . Let  $A(X) = X \cup X'$ . For simplicity, for an element  $x \in X$ , we will denote the element  $\langle x, 1 \rangle$  in  $X'$  by  $x'$ , and for a subset  $B \subseteq X$ , let  $B' = \{x' : x \in B\} = B \times \{1\} \subseteq X'$ . For each  $x' \in X'$ , let  $\mathcal{B}(x') = \{\{x'\}\}$ . For each  $x \in X$ , let  $\mathcal{B}(x) = \{U \cup (U' \setminus \{x'\}) : U \text{ is open in } X \text{ with } x \in U\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathcal{B}(x) : x \in X\} \cup \{\mathcal{B}(x') : x' \in X'\}$  will generate a unique topology on  $A(X)$  such that  $\mathcal{B}$  is its neighborhood system.  $A(X)$  with this topology is called the Alexandroff duplicate of  $X$  [1].

**Theorem 2.6.** *If  $X$  is  $L$ -normal, then its Alexandroff duplicate  $A(X)$  is also  $L$ -normal.*

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be any  $L$ -normal space. Pick a normal space  $Y$  and a bijective function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $f|_C : C \rightarrow f(C)$  is a homeomorphism for each Lindelöf subspace  $C \subseteq X$ . Consider the Alexandroff duplicate spaces  $A(X)$  and  $A(Y)$  of  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively. It is well known that the Alexandroff duplicate of a normal space is normal; hence,  $A(Y)$  is also normal. Define  $g : A(X) \rightarrow A(Y)$  by  $g(a) = f(a)$  if  $a \in X$ , and if  $a \in X'$ , let



$b$  be the unique element in  $X$  such that  $b' = a$ , then define  $g(a) = (f(b))'$ . Then  $g$  is a bijective function. Now, a subspace  $C \subseteq A(X)$  is Lindelöf if and only if  $C \cap X$  is Lindelöf in  $X$ , and for each open set  $U$  in  $X$  with  $C \cap X \subseteq U$ , we have that  $(C \cap X') \setminus U'$  is countable. Let  $C \subseteq A(X)$  be any Lindelöf subspace. We show  $g|_C : C \rightarrow g(C)$  is a homeomorphism. Let  $a \in C$  be arbitrary. If  $a \in C \cap X'$ , let  $b \in X$  be the unique element such that  $b' = a$ . For the smallest basic open neighborhood  $\{(f(b))'\}$  of the point  $g(a)$ , we have that  $\{a\}$  is open in  $C$  and  $g(\{a\}) \subseteq \{(f(b))'\}$ . If  $a \in C \cap X$ , let  $W$  be any open set in  $Y$  such that  $g(a) = f(a) \in W$ . Consider  $H = (W \cup (W' \setminus \{(f(a))'\})) \cap g(C)$  which is a basic open neighborhood of  $f(a)$  in  $g(C)$ . Since  $f|_{C \cap X} : C \cap X \rightarrow f(C \cap X)$  is a homeomorphism, then there exists an open set  $U$  in  $X$  with  $a \in U$  and  $f|_{C \cap X}(U \cap C) \subseteq W \cap f(C \cap X)$ . Now,  $(U \cup (U' \setminus \{a'\})) \cap C = G$  is open in  $C$  such that  $a \in G$  and  $g|_C(G) \subseteq H$ . Therefore,  $g|_C$  is continuous. Now, we show that  $g|_C$  is open. Let  $K \cup (K' \setminus \{k'\})$ , where  $k \in K$  and  $K$  is open in  $X$ , be any basic open set in  $A(X)$ , then  $(K \cap C) \cup ((K' \cap C) \setminus \{k'\})$  is a basic open set in  $C$ . Since  $X \cap C$  is Lindelöf in  $X$ , then  $g|_C(K \cap (X \cap C)) = f|_{X \cap C}(K \cap (X \cap C))$  is open in  $Y \cap f(C \cap X)$  since  $f|_{X \cap C}$  is a homeomorphism. Thus,  $K \cap C$  is open in  $Y \cap f(X \cap C)$ . Also,  $g((K' \cap C) \setminus \{k'\})$  is open in  $Y' \cap g(C)$  being a set of isolated points. Thus,  $g|_C$  is an open function. Therefore,  $g|_C$  is a homeomorphism.  $\square$

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