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SPACES WITH A σ -HEREDITARILY CLOSURE-PRESERVING k -NETWORK*

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we will survey some results of spaces with a σ -HCP k -network and pose some related problems.

σ -hereditarily closure-preserving (abbr. σ -HCP) k -network was first introduced by Guthrie for characterizing metrizable spaces. Afterwards, L. Foged [Fo₁] characterized a Lašnev space as a Fréchet space with a σ -HCP k -network. In recent years, Junnila and Ziqiu Yun [JY] gave the relationship between \aleph -spaces and spaces with a σ -HCP k -network; Y. Tanaka characterized a g -metrizable spaces as a g -first countable space with a σ -HCP k -network, Hence, spaces with a σ -HCP k -network play an important role in studying generalized metric spaces.

Definitions: A collection \mathcal{P} of subsets of topological space X is said to be a k -network for X , if, given any open set U and any compact set $K \subset U$, there is a finite subcollection \mathcal{P}^* of \mathcal{P} such that $K \subset \cup \mathcal{P}^* \subset U$. A family $\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$ of subsets of a space X is said to be hereditarily closure-preserving (abbr. HCP) if $\bigcup_{\alpha \in J} \overline{B_\alpha} = \overline{\bigcup_{\alpha \in J} B_\alpha}$, whenever $J \subset I$ and $B_\alpha \subset A_\alpha$, for each $\alpha \in J$. If κ is a cardinal number, let S_κ be the space obtained from the disjoint union of κ many convergent sequences by identifying all the limit points to a single point x_0 . S_2 denotes Aren's space.

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All the spaces in this paper are regular and T_1 . All mappings are continuous and surjective.

1. LAŠNEV SPACES, \aleph -SPACES, g -METRIZABLE SPACES AND SPACES WITH A σ -HCP k -NETWORK

First, Guthrie proved the following unpublished theorem

Theorem 1.1. *X is metrizable iff X is first countable and has a σ -HCP k -network.*

In 1985, L. Foged [Fo₂] gave a beautiful characterization of Lašnev space

Theorem 1.2. *X is a closed image of a metric space iff X is a Fréchet space and has a σ -HCP k -network.*

With this powerful result, H. Hung, Mizokami obtained some interesting characterizations of Lašnev space.

In 1988, S. Lin [L₁] showed that the following

Theorem 1.3. *Lašnev space X is not an \aleph -space iff X contains closed copy of S_{ω_1} .*

In 1992, he improved his result [L₂]

Theorem 1.4. *A k -space with a σ -HCP k -network is an \aleph -space iff it contains no closed copy of S_{ω_1} .*

But the most interesting result on σ -HCP k -network was obtained by Junnila and Ziqiu Yun, they pointed out the difference between \aleph -spaces and spaces with a σ -HCP k -network.

Theorem 1.5. [JY] *Let X have a σ -HCP k -network. Then X is an \aleph -space iff X contains no closed copy of S_{ω_1} .*

Theorem 1.5 has some corollaries

Corollary 1.1. *A space X is an \aleph -space iff X has a σ -HCP k -network and a point-countable closed k -network.*

Corollary 1.2. *If X is a space with a σ -HCP k -network and $\chi(X) \leq \omega_1$, then X is an \aleph -space.*

In 1991, Y. Tanaka [T₁] and in 1992, S. Lin [L₂] independently got the following result on g -metrizable space.

Theorem 1.6. *The following are equivalent for a space X*

- (a) X is g -metrizable.
- (b) X is a k -space with a σ -HCP weak base.
- (c) X is a weakly first countable space with a σ -HCP k -network.

Recently, we improved Tanaka and S. Lin's Theorem.

Theorem 1.7. [LD] *A k -space with a σ -HCP k -network is g -metrizable iff it contains no closed copy of S_ω .*

Now we will discuss some special spaces with a σ -HCP k -network.

Recall that a space X is said to satisfy DCCC, if every discrete open collection in X is countable.

Theorem 1.8. *For a space X , the following are equivalent*

- (1) $2^\omega \leq 2^{\omega_1}$
- (2) *Every normal, character $\leq 2^\omega$, DCCC space with a σ -HCP k -network is an \aleph_0 -space.*

Proof: (1) \rightarrow (2) By Theorem 2.2 in [Ta], character $\leq 2^\omega$, normal space is ω_1 -weakly collectionwise Hausdorff. It is easy to prove that a normal, ω_1 -weakly collectionwise Hausdorff, DCCC space is \aleph_1 -compact. Hence it is an \aleph_0 -space [L₃].

(2) \rightarrow (1) If $2^\omega = 2^{\omega_1}$. We will modify Tall's example (Example D in [Ta]). Let $\{A_\alpha : \alpha \in 2^{\omega_1} = 2^\omega\}$ be a maximal family of independent subsets of ω . Let $\{H_\alpha : \alpha \in 2^{\omega_1} = 2^\omega\}$ enumerate $\mathcal{P}(\omega_1)$. Define $U'_\zeta \subset \mathcal{P}(\omega)$, $\zeta \in \omega_1$, by $A_\alpha \in U'_\zeta$ if $\zeta \in H_\alpha$; $\omega - A_\alpha \in U'_\zeta$ if $\zeta \notin H_\alpha$. Then U'_ζ is a filter subbase. Let U'_ζ generate a filter on ω and extend it to an ultrafilter U_ζ . Consider the U_ζ 's as points in $\beta\omega - \omega$. We endow $X = \omega \cup \{U_\zeta : \zeta < \omega_1\}$ with subspace topology of $\beta\omega$. Then X is normal, separable but it is not \aleph_1 -compact. Since any convergent sequence in $\beta\omega$ is trivial sequence. Then so is X . Let $\mathcal{P}_0 = \{\{U_\zeta\} : \zeta < \omega_1\} \cup \{\{0\}\}$, $\mathcal{P}_n = \{\{n\}\}$ for each $n \in N$. Then $\mathcal{P} = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} \mathcal{P}_n$

is a σ -HCP network of X . By Proposition 1.2 in [T₆], \mathcal{P} is a σ -HCP k -network. Thus X is a normal, character $\leq 2^\omega$, DCCC space with a σ -HCP k -network, but it is not an \aleph_0 -space, a contradiction. Hence $2^\omega < 2^{\omega_1}$.

Corollary 1.3. *The following are equivalent*

- (1) $2^\omega < 2^{\omega_1}$
- (2) *Every normal, separable space with a σ -HCP k -network is an \aleph_0 -space.*

From Corollary 1.2, we can get

Theorem 1.9. (CH) *Every separable space with a σ -HCP k -network is an \aleph -space.*

Remark Under $MA + \neg CH$, Z. Yun [Y₂] showed that there is a separable, normal space with a σ -HCP k -network which is not an \aleph -space, so whether every separable space with a σ -HCP k -network is an \aleph -space is independent of the axioms of set theory.

Theorem 1.10. [Lc₂] *Every normal, DCCC, k -space with a σ -HCP k -network is an \aleph_0 -space.*

Also we showed that the space with a σ -HCP k -network has a σ -compact finite k -network and pointed out that space with a σ -compact finite k -network need not have a σ -HCP k -network [Lc₁].

2. THE PRODUCT OF SPACES WITH A σ -HCP k -NETWORK

It is well known that product of countable many \aleph -spaces is an \aleph -space. But the product of two spaces with a σ -HCP k -network need not have a σ -HCP k -network [L₄].

Junnila and Ziqiu Yun [JY] showed the following interesting theorem:

Theorem 2.1. *If X and Y have a σ -HCP k -network, then $X \times Y$ has a σ -HCP k -network iff either both X and Y are \aleph -space or in one of them every compact subset is finite.*

The following corollaries are from Theorem 2.1.

Corollary 2.1. *If $X \times Y$ has a σ -HCP k -network, then either X or Y is an \aleph -space.*

Corollary 2.2. *If X^2 has a σ -HCP k -network, then X is an \aleph -space.*

Corollary 2.3. *For each $n \in N$, let X_n have at least two points. If $\prod_{n \in N} X_n$ has a σ -HCP k -network, then it is an \aleph -space.*

Let S be the subspace $\{1/n : n \in N\} \cup \{0\}$ of R in usual topology.

Corollary 2.4. *If $S \times X$ has a σ -HCP k -network, then X is an \aleph -space.*

Corollary 2.5. *If both X and Y are k -spaces and $X \times Y$ has a σ -HCP k -network, then both X and Y are \aleph -spaces or one of them is discrete.*

Now we consider when the product of spaces with a σ -HCP k -network is a k -space.

First, we need a Lemma. Combining with Gruenhagen's Lemma [Gr] and the fact that S_ω is a perfect mapping image of Aren's space S_2 . We have the following Lemma.

Lemma. *The following are equivalent*

- (1) $\neg BF(\omega_2)$
- (2) $S_\omega \times S_{\omega_1}$ is not a k -space
- (3) $S_2 \times S_{\omega_1}$ is not a k -space.

A space X is said to belong to class \mathcal{T} if it is the union of countably many closed and locally compact subset X_n such that $A \subset X$ is closed whenever $A \cap X_n$ is closed in X_n for all $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Theorem 2.2. *Let \mathcal{A} be the class which contains all k -spaces with a σ -HCP k -network. Then the following are equivalent*

- (a) $\neg BF(\omega_2)$

(b) For any $X, Y \in \mathcal{A}$, $X \times Y$ is a k -space iff one of the following holds

- (1) Both X and Y are metrizable.
- (2) X or Y is a locally compact, metrizable space.
- (3) X and Y are \aleph -spaces and in the class \mathcal{T} .

Proof: (b) \rightarrow (a) $S_\omega, S_{\omega_1} \in \mathcal{A}$. But S_ω and S_{ω_1} don't satisfy (1), (2) and (3), thus $S_\omega \times S_{\omega_1}$ is not a k -space. Then (a) holds by Lemma.

(a) \rightarrow (b) It is easy to prove that if X and Y satisfy one of (1), (2) and (3), then $X \times Y$ is a k -space.

Let $X, Y \in \mathcal{A}$ and $X \times Y$ be a k -space. If X and Y are \aleph -spaces, then one of (1), (2) and (3) holds [T₂]. If both X and Y are not \aleph -spaces, then X and Y contain a closed copy of S_{ω_1} by Theorem 1.5, thus $S_{\omega_1} \times S_{\omega_1}$ is a k -space. This contradicts with Lemma 5 in [Gr]. If one of them is an \aleph -space, without loss of generality, let Y be an \aleph -space. Then X contains a closed copy of S_{ω_1} . Y contains no closed copy of S_2 and no closed copy of S_ω . Otherwise $S_{\omega_1} \times S_2$ or $S_{\omega_1} \times S_\omega$ is a k -space, a contradiction. Since Y is a space in which every point is a G_δ . Then Y is a sequential space, hence Y is a strong Fréchet space [T₃]. Thus Y is metrizable [T₂]. Since $S_{\omega_1} \times Y$ is a k -space and S_{ω_1} is not a strong Fréchet. Then Y is locally compact by Theorem 4.5 [T₂]. \square

Comparing with Corollary 2.1, we have the following

Theorem 2.3. *Let X and Y have a σ -HCP k -network. If $X \times Y$ is a k -space, then either X or Y is an \aleph -space.*

Proof: If neither X nor Y is an \aleph -space, then both X and Y contain a closed copy of S_{ω_1} , hence $S_{\omega_1} \times S_{\omega_1}$ is a k -space. This is a contradiction [Gr]. \square

Remark: The referee informed the author that Theorem 2.3 also was shown by S. Lin in his 1988's preprint.

Corollary 2.6. *Let X have a σ -HCP k -network. If X^2 is a k -space, then X is an \aleph -space.*

Also, Tanaka [T₄] showed the following

Theorem 2.4. *Let X and Y have a σ -HCP. Then $X \times Y$ is weakly first countable iff one of the following holds*

- (a) X and Y are metrizable
- (b) X or Y is a locally compact, metrizable space and both X and Y are weakly first countable
- (c) X and Y have a σ -locally finite weak base consisting of compact subsets

3. SOME MAPPING THEOREMS

First, Tanaka [T₁] showed the following

Theorem 3.1. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a closed mapping. If X has a σ -HCP k -network. Then so does Y .*

Comparing with Theorem 3.4 in [L₅], we have the following

Theorem 3.2. *There is a space X with no σ -HCP k -network which has a G_δ -diagonal, a space Y which has a σ -HCP k -network, and a perfect mapping $f : X \rightarrow Y$.*

Proof: Let I denote the unit closed interval. By Theorem 2.1, $S_{\omega_1} \times I$ has not σ -HCP k -network. But it is a σ -space. Let $f : S_{\omega_1} \times I \rightarrow S_{\omega_1}$ be a project mapping. Then f is a perfect mapping. \square

Theorem 3.3 *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a closed mapping of a paracompact \aleph -space X onto a space Y . If Y^2 is a k -space, then $\partial f^{-1}(y)$ is Lindelöf for each $y \in Y$.*

Proof: By Theorem 3.1 and Corollary 2.6, Y is an \aleph -space, hence Y has a point-countable closed k -network. Thus $\partial f^{-1}(y)$ is Lindelöf for each $y \in Y$ by Proposition 6.4 in [GMT]. \square

Remark: Theorem 3.3 gives an affirmative answer to Tanaka's question [T₆]: "Let Y be a closed image, under a map f , of a metric space, then, is each $\partial f^{-1}(y)$ a Lindelöf space when

Y^2 is a k -space" G. Gruenhagen [Gr] answers this question in another way.

Zimin Gao [Ga] and S. Lin [L₅] proved independently the following:

Theorem 3.4. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a closed Lindelöf mapping. If X is an \aleph -space; then so is Y .*

We could prove this theorem in another way.

Proof: By Theorem 3.1, Y has a σ -HCP k -network. If Y has a closed copy of S_{ω_1} , then $f|_{f^{-1}(S_{\omega_1})} : f^{-1}(S_{\omega_1}) \rightarrow S_{\omega_1}$ also is a closed Lindelöf mapping. So $f^{-1}(S_{\omega_1})$ is a paracompact \aleph -space (Note: S_{ω_1} is a paracompact space). By Proposition 6.4 in [GMT], S_{ω_1} contains a point-countable closed k -network. This contradicts with Example 9.2 in [GMT]. Hence Y is an \aleph -space by Theorem 1.5. \square

Theorem 3.5. *\aleph -spaces are preserved by open and closed mappings.*

Proof: Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be an open and closed mapping, X be an \aleph -space. By Theorem 3.1, Y has a σ -HCP k -network. If Y contains a closed copy of S_{ω_1} , then for each $\alpha < \omega_1$, let $S^\alpha = \{x_n^\alpha : n \in N\}$ be one of the spines of S_{ω_1} . $x_n^\alpha \rightarrow x_0$. Pick $y \in f^{-1}(x_0)$. Since X is perfect. There exists $\{G_k : k \in N\}$ with G_k open such that $\{y\} = \bigcap_{k \in N} \overline{G_k} = \bigcap_{k \in N} G_k$ and $\overline{G_{k+1}} \subset G_k$. then $f(G_k)$ is open in Y . For each $\alpha < \omega_1$, we choose a subsequence $\{x_{n,k}^\alpha : k \in N\}$ of $\{x_n^\alpha : n \in N\}$ such that $x_{n,k}^\alpha \in f(G_k)$. Pick $y_k^\alpha \in G_k \cap f^{-1}(x_{n,k}^\alpha)$. It is easy to show that $y_k^\alpha \rightarrow y$. Put $X_1 = \{y\} \cup \{y_k^\alpha : \alpha < \omega_1, k \in N\}$. Obviously, X_1 is homomorphic to S_{ω_1} , a contradiction. Hence Y is an \aleph -space by Theorem 1.5. \square

Remark: Theorem 3.5 also was proved by Z. Yun in another way [Y₁]

4. SOME PROBLEMS

Problem 4.1. Is a separable k -space with a σ -HCP k -network an \aleph_0 -space? (Yes, if (CH))

Problem 4.2. Are k -spaces with a σ -HCP k -network hereditarily meta-Lindelöf?

Remark: An affirmative answer to problem 4.2 implies an affirmative answer to the problem 4.1.

Problem 4.3. [L₆] Is every space with a σ -HCP k -network a closed image of an \aleph -space?

Problem 4.4. Is a k -space with a σ -HCP k -network a closed image of a g -metrizable space?

Remark: A negative answer to problem 4.2 implies a negative answer to problem 4.4.

Problem 4.5. Is a stratifiable Fréchet space a Lašnev space if the space has a point-countable k -network?

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