

STRONG COLLECTIONWISE NORMALITY AND M. E. RUDIN'S DOWKER SPACE

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ABSTRACT. We investigate the relationship between strong collectionwise normality and some other separation properties. The conclusion is that in general there is none. In addition some properties of M. E. Rudin's Dowker space are found.

1. Definitions and preliminaries.

1.1. A space Y is called strongly collectionwise normal (s.c.n.) [8] iff the family of all neighbourhoods of the diagonal ΔY in $Y \times Y$ forms a uniformity.

It is known that:

Paracompact implies s.c.n. but not conversely [5];

s.c.n. implies collectionwise normal but not conversely [2].

Furthermore note that a space Y is s.c.n. iff for all open $U \supset \Delta Y$ there is an open $V \supset \Delta Y$ s.t. $V \circ V \subset U$.

1.2. Let $\kappa \geq 2$ be a cardinal. A space Y is called almost- κ -fully normal (κ -fully normal) [6] iff every open cover \mathcal{U} of Y has an open refinement \mathcal{V} with the following property: given $y \in Y$ and $A \subset \text{St}(y, \mathcal{V})$ with $|A| < \kappa$ there is a $U \in \mathcal{U}$ s.t. $A \subset U$ (given $\mathcal{V}' \subset \mathcal{V}$ with $|\mathcal{V}'| < \kappa$ and $\bigcap \mathcal{V}' \neq \emptyset$ there is a $U \in \mathcal{U}$ s.t. $\bigcup \mathcal{V}' \subset U$).

It is known [6] that

paracompact = fully normal \Rightarrow κ -fully normal \Rightarrow almost- κ -fully normal (among Hausdorff spaces);

if $\lambda > \kappa$ then (almost-) λ -fully normal implies (almost-) κ -fully normal;

for $\kappa \geq \omega$, κ -fully normal need not imply almost- κ^+ -fully normal;

almost-2-fully normal is equivalent to s.c.n. [2].

1.3. A space X is called monotonically normal iff for every open $U \subset X$ and $x \in U$ there is an open $U_x \ni x$ s.t.

$$U_x \cap V_y \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow x \in V \quad \text{or} \quad y \in U.$$

Monotone normality was introduced in [4]; the above definition is in fact a characterization from [1]. It is known [4] that

monotone normality is a hereditary property;

monotonically normal implies collectionwise normal but not conversely.

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1.4. Consider the following space Y . $Y = \omega_1 \times (\omega_1 + 1)$ with each point of $\omega_1 \times \omega_1$ made isolated. Cohen [2] observed that this space, which he attributed to R. H. Bing, is collectionwise normal but not s.c.n.

Eric van Douwen [9] showed that Y is monotonically normal (put $U_{(\alpha, \beta)} = \{(\alpha, \beta)\}$ if $\beta < \omega_1$ and $U_{(\alpha, \omega_1)} =$ any "rectangle" $(\gamma, \alpha] \times (\delta, \omega_1]$ contained in U —see 1.3) and countably paracompact (the derived set $\omega_1 \times \{\omega_1\}$ is countably compact). Hence

a monotonically normal space need not be s.c.n.;

a strongly normal (= collectionwise normal and countably paracompact) space need not be s.c.n.

Furthermore $(\omega_1 + 1) \times (\omega_1 + 1)$ is compact but not monotonically normal (since it is not hereditarily normal); consequently a space which is (almost-) κ -fully normal for all $\kappa \geq 2$ need not be monotonically normal.

2. M. E. Rudin's Dowker space is s.c.n. In this section we show that an s.c.n. space need not be strongly normal. An example showing this must necessarily be a Dowker space (i.e. a space which is normal but not countably paracompact). We shall show that M. E. Rudin's Dowker space [7] is s.c.n.; it is in fact almost- k -fully normal for all finite k .

2.1. *Description of the Dowker space X .* We shall use the same notation as in [7]. We put

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \{f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \omega_\omega \mid \forall n: f(n) < \omega_n\} = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (\omega_n + 1), \\ X &= \{f \in F \mid \exists i \in \mathbb{N}: \forall n: \omega_0 < \text{cf}(f(n)) < \omega_i\}, \\ X' &= \{f \in F \mid \forall n: \omega_0 < \text{cf}(f(n))\}. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore we define for $f, g \in F$

$$f < g \text{ iff } \forall n: f(n) < g(n), \quad f \leq g \text{ iff } \forall n: f(n) \leq g(n).$$

We topologize X' and hence X using the sets of the form $U_{f,g} = \{h \in X' \mid f < h \leq g\}$, where $f < g$ and f and g run through F , as a base for the open sets.

It is shown in [7] that

X is not countably paracompact;

X is collectionwise normal;

X' is ultraparacompact (= paracompact and strongly zero-dimensional);

X is C -embedded in X' , so $X' = \nu X$, the Hewitt-realcompactification of X .

2.2. X is s.c.n. It is easy to check the following equality:

$$U_{f,g} = X' \cap \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} (f(i), g(i)].$$

From this it follows that X' (and hence X) is a subspace of F , if we consider F to be the box product of the ordinal spaces $\omega_1 + 1, \omega_2 + 1, \dots$. Indeed, basic open sets of F intersect in basic open sets of X' and all basic open sets of X' are obtained in this way.

Define $\varphi: F \times F \rightarrow F$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(f, g)(2i - 1) &= f(i), \\ \varphi(f, g)(2i) &= g(i) \quad \text{for all } i.\end{aligned}$$

(i) $\varphi[F \times F] = \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} [0, \kappa_i]$ where $\forall i: \kappa_{2i-1} = \kappa_{2i} = \omega_i$.

\subset : $\varphi(f, g)(2i - 1) = f(i) \leq \omega_i = \kappa_{2i-1}$, $\varphi(f, g)(2i) = g(i) \leq \omega_i = \kappa_{2i}$ for all i , f and g .

\supset : Take f in the product. Define f_1 and f_2 by $f_1(i) = f(2i - 1)$, $f_2(i) = f(2i) \forall i$. Then

$$f_1(i) \leq \kappa_{2i-1} = \omega_i \quad \forall i, \quad f_2(i) \leq \kappa_{2i} = \omega_i \quad \forall i,$$

so $(f_1, f_2) \in F \times F$ and obviously $\varphi(f_1, f_2) = f$.

Consequently $\varphi[F \times F]$ is clopen in F .

(ii) φ is obviously injective.

(iii) $\varphi[X' \times X'] = X' \cap \varphi[F \times F]$.

\subset : If $\omega_0 < \text{cf}(f(n))$, $\text{cf}(g(n))$, $\forall n$, then certainly $\omega_0 < \text{cf}(\varphi(f, g)(n))$, $\forall n$.

\supset : If $f \in X' \cap \varphi[F \times F]$ then obviously $f_1, f_2 \in X'$ so $f \in \varphi[X' \times X']$.

(iv) $\varphi[X \times X] = X \cap \varphi[F \times F]$.

\subset : If $\forall n \omega_0 < \text{cf}(f(n)) < \omega_i$ and $\omega_0 < \text{cf}(g(n)) < \omega_j$ then $\forall n \omega_0 < \text{cf}(\varphi(f, g)(n)) < \omega_{i+j}$.

\supset : If $\forall n \omega_0 < \text{cf}(f(n)) < \omega_i$ then the same holds for f_1 and f_2 .

(v) The restriction $\varphi|_{(X' \times X')}$, which we also denote by φ , is continuous, for obviously

$$\varphi^{-1}[U_{f,g}] = U_{f_1,g_1} \times U_{f_2,g_2} \quad \forall f, g.$$

(vi) φ is also open since

$$\varphi[U_{f,g} \times U_{h,k}] = U_{\varphi(f,h), \varphi(g,k)} \quad \forall f, g, h, k.$$

From (i)–(vi) we see that

$\varphi[X \times X]$ and $\varphi[X' \times X']$ are homeomorphic to $X \times X$ and $X' \times X'$ respectively;

$\varphi[X \times X]$ and $\varphi[X' \times X']$ are clopen subspaces of X and X' respectively.

(vii) From the above we can now conclude that $X \times X$ is normal and C -embedded in $X' \times X'$.

(viii) X is s.c.n.

Let $U \supset \Delta X$ be open; by (vii), $\overline{(X \times X) \setminus U}$ and $\overline{\Delta X} = \Delta X'$ (closures in $X' \times X'$) are disjoint. So $U' = (X' \times X') \setminus \overline{((X \times X) \setminus U)}$ is an open set containing $\Delta X'$. Since X' is ultraparacompact we can find an open $V' \supset \Delta X'$ such that

$$V' = V' \circ V' = (V')^{-1} \subset U.$$

Now put $V = (X \times X) \cap V'$; then we have $\Delta X \subset V = V \circ V \subset U$.

3. Additional properties of X and X' . We shall exhibit some more properties of X and X' . We start with a lemma.

3.1. LEMMA (GENERALIZING THE SCHROEDER-BERNSTEIN THEOREM). *Let Y be a P -space (i.e. G_δ -sets in Y are open) and suppose $i: Y \rightarrow Z$ and $j: Z \rightarrow Y$ are embeddings such that $i[Y]$ and $j[Z]$ are clopen in Z and Y respectively. Then Y and Z are homeomorphic. Moreover, if $Y' \subset Y$ and $Z' \subset Z$ satisfy $i[Y'] = i[Y] \cap Z'$ and $j[Z'] = j[Z] \cap Y'$, then the homeomorphism can be chosen to map Y' onto Z' .*

PROOF. Any standard proof of the S.-B. Theorem will do. For example: put $\mathcal{C} = \{C \subset Y \mid C \text{ is clopen}\}$ and define $H: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ by $H(C) = Y \setminus j[Z \setminus i[C]]$. Let $Y_0 = Y$ and $Y_{n+1} = H(Y_n)$ ($n \in \omega_0$), and $Y_\omega = \bigcap_{n \in \omega} Y_n$.

$Y_\omega \in \mathcal{C}$ since Y is a P -space.

$$H(Y_\omega) = H(\bigcap_{n \in \omega} Y_n) = \bigcap_{n \in \omega} H(Y_n) = \bigcap_{n \in \omega} Y_{n+1} = Y_\omega.$$

Define $h: Y \rightarrow Z$ by

$$h(y) = \begin{cases} i(y) & \text{if } y \in Y_\omega, \\ j^{-1}(y) & \text{if } y \notin Y_\omega. \end{cases}$$

It is easy to see that h is a homeomorphism of Y onto Z . Furthermore,

$$h[Y'] = i[Y' \cap Y_\omega] \cup j^{-1}[Y' \setminus Y_\omega] \subset i[Y'] \cup j^{-1}[Y'] \subset Z'$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} h[Y \setminus Y'] &= i[Y_\omega \setminus Y'] \cup j^{-1}[Y \setminus (Y' \cup Y_\omega)] \\ &\subset i[Y] \setminus Z' \cup j^{-1}[Y \setminus Y'] \subset Z \setminus Z', \end{aligned}$$

so $h[Y'] = Z'$.

3.2. COROLLARY. $X' \times X'$ and X' are homeomorphic and the homeomorphism can be chosen to map $X \times X$ onto X .

PROOF. X' and $X' \times X'$ are P -spaces.

$\varphi[X \times X]$ is clopen in X' and $\varphi[X \times X] = \varphi[X' \times X'] \cap X$.

Define $i: X' \rightarrow X' \times X'$ by $i(f) = (f, \omega_1)$, where ω_1 is the point of X' having all coordinates equal to ω_1 .

Since ω_1 is isolated in X' , $i[X']$ is clopen in $X' \times X'$. It is easy to check that $i[X] = i[X'] \cap X \times X$. Application of 3.1 yields the desired homeomorphism.

3.3. Some consequences. 1. It follows by induction that $(X')^n$ and X' are homeomorphic for all n and that we can, in each case, choose the homeomorphism in such a way that it carries X^n onto X .

2. From 1 and 3.2 it follows that X^n is always C -embedded in $(X')^n$ and hence for all n we have $v(X^n) = (vX)^n$, even though X^n is not pseudocompact.

3. Also from 1 and 3.2 it follows that all finite powers of X are s.c.n. Using a lemma due to Corson [3] we then see that X is almost- k -fully normal for all finite k . But X is not almost- ω_0 -fully normal, since Mansfield [6] proved that such spaces must be countably paracompact.

3.4. REMARK. Even though X and X' are homeomorphic to their own squares, neither space even contains a copy of its ω th power. This follows from the facts that X and X' are both P -spaces and that no infinite product of nondegenerate spaces can be a P -space.

4. A remark and an acknowledgement.

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