

PROPERTY( $\delta$ ) AND NORMALITY OF PRODUCT SPACES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we shall prove that under the assumption of some conditions, the property( $\delta$ ) of  $X \times Y$  implies the normality of  $X \times Y$ .

## 1. INTRODUCTION.

Throughout this paper we assume that each space is a Hausdorff space and each map is continuous and onto.  $\mathbf{N}$  denotes the set of positive integers. We consider the following question.

**Question.** Let  $X$  be a space and  $f : Y \rightarrow Z$  be a closed map. Suppose  $X \times Y$  is normal. Is  $X \times Z$  normal?

Concerning this, the followings are well known.

- (1) In case  $X$  is compact, the above question solved affirmatively by M. E. Rudin [11].
- (2) In case  $X$  is a metric space, the above question solved affirmatively by M. E. Rudin and M. Starbird [12].

In this paper we shall obtain some results in connection with the above question.

Referring to the equivalence of normality and countable paracompactness, many results are known. Let us remember the following.

- (3)(Hoshina [4]). Suppose  $X$  is a paracompact  $\sigma$ -space and  $Y$  a normal P-space. Then  $X \times Y$  is normal if and only if it is countably paracompact.
- (4)(Bešlagić and Chiba [1]). Suppose  $X$  is a first countable paracompact P-space and  $Y$  the closed image of a normal M-space. Then  $X \times Y$  is normal if and only if it is countably paracompact.

In the above theorem (3), Hoshina [4] essentially proved that  $X \times Y$  has property ( $\delta$ ) if and only if it is normal if and only if it is countably paracompact.

In this note, we shall prove that in the above theorem (4), similar result holds.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES.

**Definition 1.** A space  $X$  has *property( $\delta$ )* [5, p. 145] if, for any open subset  $U_n, n \in \mathbf{N}$ , and any closed subset  $B$  such that  $\bigcap_n \overline{U_n} \cap B = \emptyset, \bigcap_n U_n$  and  $B$  are separated by open subsets of  $X$ . A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is a regular  $G_\delta$ -set if  $A$  is written as  $A = \bigcap_n U_n = \bigcap_n \overline{U_n}$  with some open subsets  $U_n$  of  $X$ . According to Mack [7],  $X$  is  $\delta$ -normal if, for every pair of disjoint closed subsets one of which is a regular  $G_\delta$ -set, there are disjoint open subsets containing them.

Normality implies property( $\delta$ ) and property( $\delta$ ) implies  $\delta$ -normality. By Mack [7], countable paracompactness implies  $\delta$ -normality. Hoshina [5, 2.5.Lemma] improved this result to: countable paracompactness implies property ( $\delta$ ).

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**Definition 2.** A space  $X$  is *collectionwise Hausdorff* if each discrete collection of points  $\{x_\lambda | \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  is separated by open sets, i.e., there is a pairwise disjoint collection  $\{U_\lambda | \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  of open sets in  $X$  such that  $x_\lambda \in U_\lambda$  for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ .

**Definition 3.** A space  $X$  is *perfect* if each closed set is a  $G_\delta$ -set. A space  $X$  is *perfectly normal* if  $X$  is normal and perfect.

**Definition 4.** ([8]). A space  $X$  is a  $P$ -space if for any set  $\Omega$  and for any collection  $\{G(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) | \alpha_i \in \Omega, i = 1, 2, \dots, n; n \in \mathbf{N}\}$  of open subsets of  $X$  such that  $G(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \subset G(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n, \alpha_{n+1})$  for  $\alpha \in \Omega, i = 1, 2, \dots, n, n+1$ , there exists a collection  $\{F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) | \alpha_i \in \Omega, i = 1, 2, \dots, n; n \in \mathbf{N}\}$  of closed subsets of  $X$  such that the conditions (1),(2) below are satisfied:

- (1)  $F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \subset G(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$  for  $\alpha_i \in \Omega, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ;
- (2)  $X = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbf{N}} F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$  for any sequence  $(\alpha_n)$  such that  $X = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbf{N}} G(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ .

**Definition 5.** ([8]). A space  $X$  is an  $M$ -space if there is a sequence  $\{\mathcal{U}_m | m \in \mathbf{N}\}$  of locally finite open covers of  $X$  satisfying the following conditions: For every  $x \in X$  and  $\{K_m | m \in \mathbf{N}\}$  a decreasing sequence of nonempty closed subsets of  $X$  with  $K_m \subset \bigcap \{U \in \mathcal{U}_m | x \in U\}$  for  $m \in \mathbf{N}$ , we have that  $\bigcap_{m \in \mathbf{N}} K_m \neq \emptyset$ .

**Definition 6.** ([9],[10]). A space  $X$  is a  $\sigma$ -space if it has a  $\sigma$ -locally finite net.

**Fact 1.** ([3]). Let  $X$  be a normal  $M$ -space and  $Y$  a first countable paracompact  $P$ -space. Then  $X \times Y$  is collectionwise normal.

**Fact 2.** (1) ([2]). If  $X$  is a regular  $\sigma$ -space and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a closed map, then  $Y = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} Y_n, Y_n$  is closed discrete in  $Y$  for each  $n \geq 1$ , for each  $y \in Y_0, f^{-1}(y)$  is compact and  $Y_0 \cap (\bigcup_{n \geq 1} Y_n) = \emptyset$ .

(2) ([6]). If  $X$  is a normal  $M$ -space and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a closed map, then  $Y = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} Y_n, Y_n$  is closed discrete in  $Y$  for each  $n \geq 1$ , for each  $y \in Y_0, f^{-1}(y)$  is countably compact and  $Y_0 \cap (\bigcup_{n \geq 1} Y_n) = \emptyset$ .

**Fact 3.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be disjoint closed subsets in  $X$ . If there are open sets  $U_n$  and  $V_n, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  such that  $A \subset \bigcup_n U_n, B \subset \bigcup_n V_n$  and  $\overline{U_n} \cap B = \emptyset, \overline{V_n} \cap A = \emptyset$  for each  $n$ , then  $A$  and  $B$  are separated by open sets in  $X$ . In fact,  $U = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} (U_n \setminus \bigcup_{i \leq n} \overline{V_i})$  and  $V = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} (V_n \setminus \bigcup_{i \leq n} \overline{U_i})$  are disjoint open sets in  $X$  such that  $U \supset A$  and  $V \supset B$ .

### 3. THEOREMS

**Theorem 1.** Let  $X$  be a first countable space and  $f : Y \rightarrow Z$  be a closed map which satisfy the condition:  $Z = \bigcup_{i=0}^{\infty} Z_i, Z_i$  is closed, discrete in  $Z$  for  $i > 0$ , for each  $z \in Z_0, f^{-1}(z)$  is countably compact and  $Z_0 \cap (\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} Z_i) = \emptyset$ . Suppose  $X \times Y$  is normal and  $Z$  is collectionwise Hausdorff and perfectly normal. If  $X \times Z$  has property( $\delta$ ), then  $X \times Z$  is normal.

**Proof.** (I). Let  $A$  and  $B$  be disjoint closed subsets in  $X \times Z$  such that  $A, B \subset X \times Z_0$ . Then there are disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  in  $X \times Z$  such that  $A \subset U$  and  $B \subset V$ .

(Proof). Put  $g = 1_X \times f : X \times Y \rightarrow X \times Z$  and let  $C = g^{-1}(A), D = g^{-1}(B)$ . Then  $C$  and  $D$  are disjoint closed subsets in  $X \times Y$ . Since  $X \times Y$  is normal, there are disjoint open sets  $G$  and  $H$  in  $X \times Y$  such that  $C \subset G$  and  $D \subset H$ .

For each  $a = \langle x, z \rangle \in A, g^{-1}(a) = \{x\} \times f^{-1}(z) \subset G$ . Since  $f^{-1}(z)$  is countably compact and  $X$  is first countable, there are an open set  $V_a$  in  $X$  and an open set  $W_a$  in  $Y$  such that  $\{x\} \times f^{-1}(z) \subset V_a \times W_a \subset G$ . Put  $W'_a = Z \setminus f(Y \setminus W_a)$ . Then  $W'_a$  is open in  $Z$  and  $a \in V_a \times W'_a$  and  $f^{-1}(W'_a) \subset W_a$ . Put  $U = \bigcup \{V_a \times W'_a | a \in A\}$ . Then  $U$  is open in  $X \times Z$  such that  $U \supset A$  and  $g^{-1}(U) \subset G$ .

Similarly we can define an open set  $V$  such that  $V \supset B$  and  $g^{-1}(V) \subset H$ . Then it is obvious that  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .

(II). Let  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint closed subsets in  $X \times Z$  such that  $A \subset X \times Z_n$  for some  $n > 0$ . Then there is an open set  $U$  in  $X \times Z$  such that  $A \subset U, \overline{U} \cap B = \emptyset$ .

(Proof). Put  $B_n = B \cap (X \times Z_n)$ . Since  $Z$  is collectionwise Hausdorff, there is a pairwise disjoint collection  $\mathcal{U} = \{U(z) | z \in Z_n\}$  of open sets in  $Z$  such that  $z \in U(z)$  for each  $z \in Z_n$ . For each  $z \in Z_n$ , put  $A_z = \{x \in X | \langle x, z \rangle \in A\}$  and  $B_z = \{x \in X | \langle x, z \rangle \in B\}$ . Then  $A_z$  and  $B_z$  are disjoint closed subsets in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is normal, there are disjoint open sets  $G_z$  and  $H_z$  in  $X$  such that  $A_z \subset G_z$  and  $B_z \subset H_z$ .

For each  $z \in Z_n$ , there are open sets  $K_z$  and  $L_z$  in  $X \times Z$  such that  $A_z \times \{z\} \subset K_z \subset G_z \times U(z)$  and  $K_z \cap B = \emptyset$ ,  $B_z \times \{z\} \subset L_z \subset H_z \times U(z)$  and  $L_z \cap A = \emptyset$ .

Put  $K = \cup\{K_z | z \in Z_n\}$  and  $L = \cup\{L_z | z \in Z_n\}$ . Then  $K$  and  $L$  are disjoint open sets in  $X \times Z$  such that  $A \subset K$  and  $B_n \subset L$ .

Put  $B' = B \setminus L$ . Then  $B'$  and  $X \times Z_n$  are disjoint closed subsets in  $X \times Z$ . Since  $Z$  is perfectly normal,  $Z_n$  is a regular  $G_\delta$ -set. Therefore  $X \times Z_n$  is a regular  $G_\delta$ -set of  $X \times Z$ . Since  $X \times Z$  has property ( $\delta$ ), there is an open set  $G$  in  $X \times Z$  such that  $X \times Z_n \subset G$  and  $\overline{G} \cap B' = \emptyset$ . Then  $A \subset K \cap G$  and  $\overline{K \cap G} \cap (L \cup B') = \emptyset$ . Therefore  $\overline{K \cap G} \cap B = \emptyset$ . Let us put  $U = K \cap G$ . Then  $U$  is the desired one.

(III). Let  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint closed subsets in  $X \times Z$  such that  $A \subset X \times Z_0$ . Then there is an open set  $U$  in  $X \times Z$  such that  $A \subset U, \overline{U} \cap B = \emptyset$ .

(Proof). For each  $n > 0$ ,  $X \times Z_n$  is a regular  $G_\delta$ -set such that  $A \cap (X \times Z_n) = \emptyset$ . Since  $X \times Z$  has property ( $\delta$ ), there are open sets  $M_n$  and  $M'_n$  such that  $A \subset M_n, X \times Z_n \subset M'_n$  and  $M_n \cap M'_n = \emptyset$ . Then  $A \subset \cap_{n=1}^{\infty} M_n, (\cap_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{M_n}) \cap (\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} M'_n) = \emptyset$ .

Put  $B_0 = B \setminus \cup_{n=1}^{\infty} M'_n$ . Then  $B_0$  is a closed set of  $X \times Z$  such that  $B_0 \subset X \times Z_0$ . Since  $A$  and  $B_0$  are disjoint closed sets in  $X \times Z$  such that  $A, B_0 \subset X \times Z_0$ . By (I), there are disjoint open sets  $M_0$  and  $M'_0$  in  $X \times Z$  such that  $A \subset M_0$  and  $B_0 \subset M'_0$ . Then  $A \subset \cap_{n=0}^{\infty} M_n$  and  $(\cap_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{M_n}) \cap B = \emptyset$ . The existence of  $U$  follows from the property ( $\delta$ ) of  $X \times Z$ .

(IV). Now we finish the proof. Let  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint closed sets in  $X \times Z$ . Put  $A_n = A \cap (X \times Z_n)$  and  $B_n = B \cap (X \times Z_n)$  for each  $n > 0$ . By (II), there are open sets  $U_n, n = 1, 2, \dots$  such that  $A_n \subset U_n, \overline{U_n} \cap B = \emptyset$ . Put  $A_0 = A \setminus \cup_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n$ . Then, by (III), there is an open set  $U_0$  in  $X \times Z$  such that  $A_0 \subset U_0, \overline{U_0} \cap B = \emptyset$ . Then,  $U_n$  are open sets in  $X \times Z$  such that  $A \subset \cup_{n=0}^{\infty} U_n, \overline{\cup_{n=0}^{\infty} U_n} \cap B = \emptyset$  for each  $n \geq 0$ . Similarly there are open sets  $V_n, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  such that  $B \subset \cup_{n=0}^{\infty} V_n, \overline{\cup_{n=0}^{\infty} V_n} \cap A = \emptyset$  for each  $n$ . Therefore, by Fact 3,  $A$  and  $B$  are separated by open sets.

By the similar proof of Theorem 1, we obtain

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $X$  be a space and  $f : Y \rightarrow Z$  be a closed map which satisfy the condition:  $Z = \cup_{i=0}^{\infty} Z_i, Z_i$  is closed, discrete in  $Z$  for  $i > 0$ , for each  $z \in Z_0, f^{-1}(z)$  is compact and  $Z_0 \cap (\cup_{i=1}^{\infty} Z_i) = \emptyset$ . Suppose  $X \times Y$  is normal,  $Z$  is collectionwise Hausdorff and perfectly normal. If  $X \times Z$  has property( $\delta$ ), then  $X \times Z$  is normal.*

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $X$  be a space and  $f : Y \rightarrow Z$  be a closed map. Suppose  $X \times Y$  is normal,  $Y$  is a  $\sigma$ -space and  $Z$  is a collectionwise Hausdorff space. If  $X \times Z$  has property( $\delta$ ), then  $X \times Z$  is normal.*

**Proof.** By Fact 2 (1),  $Z = \cup_{i=0}^{\infty} Z_i, Z_i$  is closed, discrete in  $Z$  for  $i > 0$ , for each  $z \in Z_0, f^{-1}(z)$  is compact and  $Z_0 \cap (\cup_{i=1}^{\infty} Z_i) = \emptyset$ . By [10, Th. 2.8],  $Z$  is perfectly normal. Therefore, Corollary 1 follows from Theorem 2.

**Corollary 2.** Let  $X$  be a space and  $f : Y \rightarrow Z$  be a closed map. Suppose  $X \times Y$  is normal and  $Y$  is paracompact  $\sigma$ -space. If  $X \times Z$  has property  $(\delta)$ , then  $X \times Y$  is normal.

**Theorem 3.** Suppose  $X$  is a first countable paracompact  $P$ -space and  $Y$  the closed image of a normal  $M$ -space. Then the following are equivalent.

- (1)  $X \times Y$  has property  $(\delta)$ .
- (2)  $X \times Y$  is normal.
- (3)  $X \times Y$  is countably paracompact.

It is sufficient to prove the following.

**Proposition.** Suppose  $X$  is a first countable paracompact  $P$ -space and  $Y$  the closed image of a normal  $M$ -space. If  $X \times Y$  has property  $(\delta)$ , then  $X \times Y$  is normal.

**Proof.** Let  $Z$  be a normal  $M$ -space and  $f : Z \rightarrow Y$  a closed map. Then  $X \times Z$  is normal by Fact 1. Moreover, by Fact 2 (2),  $Y = \bigcup_{i=0}^{\infty} Y_i$ ,  $Y_i$  is closed, discrete for each  $i > 0$  and  $f^{-1}(y)$  is countably compact for each  $y \in Y_0$  and  $Y_0 \cap (\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} Y_i) = \emptyset$ .

(I). Let  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint closed subsets in  $X \times Y$  such that  $A, B \subset X \times Y_0$ . Then there are disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  in  $X \times Y$  such that  $A \subset U$  and  $B \subset V$ .

Proof is quite similar to that of (I) in Theorem 1.

(II). Let  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint closed subsets in  $X \times Y$  such that  $A \subset X \times Y_n$  for some  $n > 0$ . Then  $A$  and  $B$  are separated by open sets in  $X \times Y$ .

(Proof). Put  $A_y = \{x \in X | \langle x, y \rangle \in A\}$  for each  $y \in Y_n$ . Since  $Y_n$  is discrete and  $Y$  is collectionwise normal, there is a discrete collection  $\{U(y) | y \in Y_n\}$  of open sets in  $Y$  such that  $y \in U(y)$  for each  $y$ . Then

(\*) for each  $y \in Y_n$ , there is an open set  $G_y$  in  $X \times Y$  such that  $A_y \times \{y\} \subset G_y \subset X \times U(y)$  and  $\overline{G_y} \cap B = \emptyset$ .

(Proof of (\*)). For each  $x \in A_y$ , there are open sets  $V(x)$  in  $X$  and  $W_x$  in  $Y$  such that  $x \in V(x)$ ,  $y \in W_x \subset U(y)$  and  $\overline{V(x)} \times \overline{W_x} \cap B = \emptyset$ . Then  $\{V(x) | x \in A_y\} \cup \{X \setminus A_y\}$  is an open cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is paracompact, there is a locally finite open cover  $\mathcal{V} = \{V_x | x \in A_y\} \cup \{V'\}$  of  $X$  such that  $V_x \subset V(x)$  and  $V' \subset X \setminus A_y$ . Put  $G_y = \bigcup \{V_x \times W_x | x \in A_y\}$ . Then  $G_y$  has the desired properties.

Let  $G = \bigcup \{G_y | y \in Y_n\}$ . Then  $G$  is open in  $X \times Y$  such that  $G \supset A$  and  $\overline{G} \cap B = \emptyset$ .

(III). Now we finish the proof. Let  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint closed subsets in  $X \times Y$ . Put  $A_n = A \cap (X \times Y_n)$  for each  $n > 0$ . Then, by (II), there are open sets  $G_n$  in  $X \times Y$  such that  $A_n \subset G_n$  and  $\overline{G_n} \cap B = \emptyset$ . Put  $A_0 = A \setminus \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} G_n$ . Then, for each  $n > 0$ ,  $A_0$  and  $X \times Y_n$  are disjoint closed subsets in  $X \times Y$ . Therefore, by (II), there are open sets  $M_n, L_n$  in  $X \times Y$  such that  $A_0 \subset M_n$ ,  $X \times Y_n \subset L_n$  and  $M_n \cap L_n = \emptyset$ . Hence  $\overline{M_n} \cap L_n = \emptyset$ . Put  $B_0 = B \setminus \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} L_n$ . Then  $A_0$  and  $B_0$  are disjoint closed subsets in  $X \times Y$  such that  $A_0, B_0 \subset X \times Y_0$ . By (I), there are disjoint open sets  $M_0$  and  $L_0$  such that  $A_0 \subset M_0$  and  $B_0 \subset L_0$ . Then  $A_0 \subset \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} M_n$  and  $(\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{M_n}) \cap (\bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} L_n) = \emptyset$ . Since  $\bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} L_n \supset B$ ,  $(\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{M_n}) \cap B = \emptyset$ . Since  $X \times Y$  has property  $(\delta)$ , there is an open set  $G_0$  in  $X \times Y$  such that  $\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{M_n} \subset G_0$  and  $\overline{G_0} \cap B = \emptyset$ . Thus  $A_0 \subset G_0$  and  $\overline{G_0} \cap B = \emptyset$ . Therefore  $A \subset \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} G_n$  and  $\overline{G_n} \cap B = \emptyset$  for each  $n \geq 0$ .

Similarly we can choose open sets  $H_n$  in  $X \times Y$  such that  $B \subset \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} H_n$  and  $\overline{H_n} \cap B = \emptyset$  for each  $n \geq 0$ . Hence  $A$  and  $B$  are separated by open sets in  $X \times Y$  by Fact 3.

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