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PRODUCTS OF $[a,b]$ -CHAIN COMPACT SPACES

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We introduce here two notions of "chain compactness in an interval $[a,b]$ of cardinal numbers," and state several results about products of such spaces. Our main result may be considered as a generalization to higher cardinals of the theorem of C.T. Scarborough and A.H. Stone [5, Theorem 5,5] which states that a product of no more than \aleph_1 sequentially compact spaces is countably compact. The complete proofs of these results* will appear elsewhere.

The concepts we introduce here are natural augmentations to the following two classical concepts of "compactness in an interval $[a,b]$ of cardinal numbers."

Definition 1. (Alexandroff and Urysohn [1]). A space X is called $[a,b]$ -compact in the sense of complete accumulation points (or $[a,b]$ \aleph -compact) provided that if E is an infinite subset of X and if $|E|$ is a regular cardinal with $a \leq |E| \leq b$, then E has a complete accumulation point p in X (i.e., for every neighborhood U of p , we have $|U \cap E| = |E|$).

Definition 2. (Yu. Smirnov [6]). A space X is called $[a,b]$ -compact in the sense of open covers (or $[a,b]$ -compact) provided that if \mathcal{U} is an open cover of X with $a \leq |\mathcal{U}| \leq b$, then \mathcal{U} has a subcover \mathcal{U}' with $|\mathcal{U}'| \leq a$.

For a discussion of these concepts, we refer the reader to [7] and [8].

Definition 3. A net [3, Chapter 2] $f:W \rightarrow X$ with a well-ordered domain is called a transfinite sequence, and is said to have a convergent subsequence if there exists a cofinal subset $A \subset W$ such that $f|_A: A \rightarrow X$ converges to a point in X .

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Definition 4. A space is called $[a,b]$ -chain compact (resp. $[a,b]^{\mathbb{R}}$ -chain compact) if for every cardinal m in $[a,b]$ (resp. for every regular cardinal m in $[a,b]$) every transfinite sequence $f:m \rightarrow X$ has a convergent subsequence. A space in which every transfinite sequence has a convergent subsequence is called chain compact.

In this terminology, a space is sequentially compact if and only if it is $[\omega, \omega]$ -chain compact. It is also known [4, Theorem 4] that a space is chain compact if and only if it is compact and scattered.

It is easy to see that a finite product of $[a,b]$ -chain compact (resp. $[a,b]^{\mathbb{R}}$ -chain compact) spaces is $[a,b]$ -chain (resp. $[a,b]^{\mathbb{R}}$ -chain compact). Concerning infinite products we have the following two results:

Theorem 1. A countable product of $[a,b]$ -chain compact (resp. $[a,b]^{\mathbb{R}}$ -chain compact) spaces is $[a,b]$ -compact (resp. $[a,b]^{\mathbb{R}}$ -compact).

Theorem 2. A product of no more than \aleph_1 $[\omega, b]$ -chain compact spaces is $[\omega, b]$ -complet.

Corollary (Scarborough - Stone). A product of no more than \aleph_1 sequentially compact spaces is countably compact.

We now outline how Theorems 1 and 2 may be proved as easy corollaries of a general product theorem (Lemma 3 below).

Let Φ be a class of filter bases. A filter base \mathcal{F} on a set X is called a Φ -filter base if $\mathcal{F} \in \Phi$. A space X is called Φ -compact if every Φ -filter base \mathcal{F} on X has an adherent point (i.e., $\bigcap \{\bar{F} : F \in \mathcal{F}\} \neq \emptyset$). A filter base is called total if each finer filter base has an adherent point, and a space X is called totally Φ -compact if every Φ -filter base on X has a finer, total, Φ -filter base. These definitions are discussed more fully in [9] and [10]. Here are some examples of Φ -compactness used in this paper.

1. Let Φ_m denote the class of all filter bases G which have a base $\mathcal{F} = \{F_\alpha : \alpha < m\}$ such that if $\alpha < \beta < m$, then $F_\alpha \supset F_\beta$. Clearly, Φ_ω -compactness is equivalent to countable compactness.

2. Let $\Phi_{m \times \omega}$ denote the class of all filter bases G which have a base $\mathcal{F} = \{F(\alpha, n) : \alpha < m \text{ and } n < \omega\}$ such that if $\alpha \leq \alpha'$ and $n \leq n'$ then $F(\alpha, n) \supset F(\alpha', n')$.

Total Φ_ω -compactness is called total countable compactness. For $T_{3\frac{1}{2}}$ -spaces, a space is totally countably compact if and only if

it is a member of Z .Frolík's class $P_{\mathbb{P}} [2]$.

Lemma 1. (a). If X is $[m,m]$ -chain compact, then X is totally Φ_m -compact. In particular, every sequentially compact space is totally countably compact.

(b). If X is sequentially compact and $[m,m]$ -chain compact, then X is totally $\Phi_{m \times \omega}$ -compact.

A class Φ of filter bases is said to be $< m$ -additive provided that if $\{ \mathcal{F}_\alpha : \alpha \in A \}$ is a family of Φ -filter bases on a set X , and $|A| < m$, then $\sup \{ \mathcal{F}_\alpha : \alpha \in A \} \in \Phi$ if it exists, where $\sup \{ \mathcal{F}_\alpha : \alpha \in A \}$ is the set of all finite intersections from $\cup \{ \mathcal{F}_\alpha : \alpha \in A \}$ provided all such intersections are non-empty. A class Φ is said to be stable under functions (resp. inverse functions) provided that for every function $f: X \rightarrow Y$, if \mathcal{F} is a Φ -filter base on X , then $f(\mathcal{F}) = \{ f(F) : F \in \mathcal{F} \} \in \Phi$ (resp. if \mathcal{F} is a Φ -filter base on $f(X) \subset Y$, then $f^{-1}(\mathcal{F}) = \{ f^{-1}(F) : F \in \mathcal{F} \} \in \Phi$).

Lemma 2. (a). For all m , Φ_m is finitely additive (i.e., $< \omega$ -additive) and Φ_m is countably additive (i.e., $< \omega_1$ -additive) if and only if $cf(m) = \omega$.

(b). For all m , $\Phi_{m \times \omega}$ is countably additive, but not $< \omega_2$ -additive.

(c). Both classes Φ_m and $\Phi_{m \times \omega}$ are stable under functions and inverse functions.

The remaining result which we need is a corollary to Theorem 1 of [10] .

Lemma 3. Let Φ be a class of filter bases which is stable under functions and inverse functions. Assume that Φ is $< k$ -additive, where k is an infinite cardinal number. If $\{ X_\alpha : \alpha < k \}$ is a family of totally Φ -compact spaces, then $\prod \{ X_\alpha : \alpha < k \}$ is Φ -compact.

To prove Theorem 2, let $\{ X_\alpha : \alpha < \omega_1 \}$ be a family of $[\omega, m]$ -chain compact spaces. For each infinite cardinal number $n \leq m$, the spaces X_α are totally $\Phi_{n \times \omega}$ -compact. Thus $X = \prod \{ X_\alpha : \alpha < \omega \}$ is $\Phi_{n \times \omega}$ -compact, hence $[n, n]$ -compact for all $n \leq m$, thus X is $[\omega, m]$ -compact.

Theorem 1 is proved in a similar manner. Other applications of Lemma 3 are given in [10] .

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