

Hewitt Realcompactification and Basically Disconnected Cover*

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Abstract

We show that if the Stone-Čech compactification of ΛX and the minimal basically disconnected cover of βX are homeomorphic and every real $\sigma Z(X)^\#$ -ultrafilter on X has the countable intersection property, then there is a covering map from $v(\Lambda X)$ to vX and every real $\sigma Z(X)^\#$ -ultrafilter on X has the countable intersection property if and only if there is a homeomorphism from the Hewitt realcompactification of ΛX to the minimal basically disconnected space of vX .

0. Introduction

All spaces in this paper are assume to be Tychonoff and for a space X , let $(\beta X, \beta_X)$ ((vX, v_X) , resp.) denotes the Stone-Čech compactification (Hewitt realcompactification, resp.) of X . For any regular space X , there is the absolute (EX, k_X) of X and if X is Tychonoff, then there is a homeomorphism $k : \beta(EX) \rightarrow E(\beta X)$. Moreover, for any space X , the following are equivalent :

(i) there is a homeomorphism $v(EX) \rightarrow E(vX)$,

(ii) if $\{A_n : n \in N\}$ is a decreasing sequence in $R(X)$ and $\bigcap \{A_n : n \in N\} = \phi$, then $\bigcap \{cl_{vX}(A_n) : n \in N\} = \phi$,

(iii) if $\{A_n : n \in N\}$ is a decreasing sequence in $R(X)$, then $cl_{vX}(\bigcap \{A_n : n \in N\}) = \bigcap \{cl_{vX}(A_n) : n \in N\}$, and

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(iv) every stable $R(X)$ -ultrafilter has the countable intersection property [4].

For any Tychonoff space X , there is a minimal basically disconnected cover $(\Lambda X, \mathcal{A}_X)$ [5] and if X is locally weakly Lindelöf, then ΛX are given by a filter space [2] and [4].

In this paper, we show that if the Stone-Čech compactification of ΛX and the minimal basically disconnected cover of βX are homeomorphic, then ΛX is a filter space and that if every real $\sigma Z(X)^\#$ -ultrafilter on X has the countable intersection property, then there is a covering map from $\nu(\Lambda X)$ to νX . Using this, we will show that if the Stone-Čech compactification of ΛX and the minimal basically disconnected cover of βX are homeomorphic, then every real $\sigma Z(X)^\#$ -ultrafilter on X has the countable intersection property if and only if there is a homeomorphism from the Hewitt realcompactification of ΛX to the minimal basically disconnected space of νX . For the terminology, we refer to [1] and [4].

1. Fixed $\sigma Z(X)^\#$ -ultrafilter space

Recall that a subspace Y of a space X is said to be C^* -embedded in X if for any bounded real-valued continuous map $f: Y \rightarrow R$, there is a bounded real-valued continuous map $g: X \rightarrow R$ with $g|_Y = f$ and that a space X is called *basically disconnected* if every cozero-set in X is C^* -embedded in X .

Definition 1.1. Let X be a space. Then a pair (Y, f) is called

- (1) *a cover of X* if $f: Y \rightarrow X$ is a covering map,
- (2) *a basically disconnected cover of X* if (Y, f) is a cover of X and Y is a basically disconnected space and,
- (3) *a minimal basically disconnected cover of X* if (Y, f) is a cover of X and it is a basically disconnected cover of X and for any basically disconnected cover (Z, g) of X , there is a covering map $h: Z \rightarrow Y$ with $f \circ h = g$

For any space X , the collection $R(X)$ of all regular closed sets in X , when partially ordered by inclusion, becomes a complete Boolean algebra, in which the join, meet, and complementation operations are defined as follows:

If $A \in R(X)$ and $\{A_i : i \in I\} \subseteq R(X)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \bigvee \{A_i : i \in I\} &= \text{cl}_X(\bigcup \{A_i : i \in I\}), \\ \bigwedge \{A_i : i \in I\} &= \text{cl}_X(\text{int}_X(\bigcap \{A_i : i \in I\})), \text{ and} \\ A' &= \text{cl}_X(X - A) \end{aligned}$$

and a sublattice of $R(X)$ is a subset of $R(X)$ that contains ϕ , X and is closed under finite joins and meets [4].

A lattice L is called σ -complete if every countable subset of L has join and meet. For a subset M of a complete Boolean algebra L , σM denotes the smallest σ -complete Boolean subalgebra of L containing M . For any space X , $Z(X)$ denotes the set of all zero-sets and let $Z(X)^\# = \{\text{cl}_X(\text{int}_X(A)) : A \in Z(X)\}$. For a space X and a zero-set Z in X , there is a zero-set A in βX with $A \cap X = Z$. It is well-known that for any covering map $f : Y \rightarrow X$, the map $\psi : R(Y) \rightarrow R(X)$, defined by $\psi(A) = f(A)$, is a Boolean isomorphism and that for any extension Y of a space X , the map $\phi : R(Y) \rightarrow R(X)$, defined by $\phi(A) = A \cap X$, is a Boolean isomorphism. Hence, for any space X , the isomorphism $\phi : R(\beta X) \rightarrow R(X)$ induces Boolean isomorphisms $\sigma Z(\beta X)^\# \rightarrow \sigma Z(X)^\#$ and $\sigma Z(\nu X)^\# \rightarrow \sigma Z(X)^\#$.

For any space X , $(\Lambda X, \Lambda_X)$ ($(\Lambda(\beta X), \Lambda_\beta)$, resp.) denotes the minimal basically disconnected cover of X (βX , resp.). Vermeer showed that for a compact space X , ΛX is given by the Stone-space $S(\sigma Z(X)^\#)$ of $\sigma Z(X)^\#$ and $\Lambda_X(\alpha) = \bigcap \alpha$ [5].

Recall that a space X is called *weakly Lindelöf* if every open cover of X has a countable subfamily that is dense in X and that a space X is called *locally weakly Lindelöf* if every element of X has a weakly Lindelöf neighborhood. In [2] and [4], it is shown that for any locally weakly Lindelöf space X , ΛX is given by the filter space $\{\alpha : \alpha \text{ is a fixed } \sigma Z(X)^\# \text{-ultrafilter}\}$ and $\Lambda_X(\alpha) = \bigcap \alpha$.

For a space X , there is the Stone extension $\Lambda^\beta : \beta(\Lambda X) \rightarrow \beta X$ of $\beta_X \circ \Lambda_X$. Since $\beta(\Lambda X)$ and βX are compact, Λ^β is a covering map and since $\beta(\Lambda X)$ is basically disconnected [5], there is a covering map $h_X : \beta(\Lambda X) \rightarrow \Lambda(\beta X)$ $\Lambda^\beta = \Lambda_\beta \circ h_X$. If h_X is a homeomorphism, then we write $\beta(\Lambda X) = \Lambda(\beta X)$ and in case, we will identify $(\beta(\Lambda X), \Lambda^\beta)$ and $(\Lambda(\beta X), \Lambda_\beta)$. In [2], it is shown that if X is a weakly Lindelöf space, then $\beta(\Lambda X) = \Lambda(\beta X)$.

Proposition 1.2. Suppose that X is a space and $\beta(\Lambda X) = \Lambda(\beta X)$. Then ΛX is given by the filter space $\{\alpha : \alpha \text{ is a fixed } \sigma Z(X)^\# \text{-ultrafilter}\}$.

Proof. Since the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Lambda_\beta^{-1}(X) & \xrightarrow{\Lambda_{\beta_X}} & X \\ j \downarrow & & \downarrow \beta_X \\ \beta(\Lambda X) & \xrightarrow{\Lambda_\beta} & \beta X \end{array}$$

is a pullback in the category **Top**, there is a continuous map $h_X : \Lambda X \rightarrow \Lambda_\beta^{-1}(X)$ such that $\Lambda_{\beta_X} \circ h_X = \Lambda_X$ and $j \circ h_X = h_X \circ \beta_{\Lambda X}$, where j is the inclusion map and Λ_{β_X} is the restriction and corestriction of Λ_β with respect to $\Lambda_\beta^{-1}(X)$ and X , respectively. Take any $x \in \Lambda_\beta^{-1}(X)$. Then there is $y \in \beta(\Lambda X)$ with $h_X(y) = x$ and $\Lambda_\beta(y) = \Lambda_{\beta_X}(x) \in X$. Since Λ_X is a covering maps, $y \in \Lambda X$. Hence h_X is onto. Since $\Lambda_{\beta_X} \circ h_X = \Lambda_X$ and Λ_X is perfect, h_X is a perfect map [4]. Since h_X is 1 - 1, h_X is a homeomorphism. Hence $(\Lambda_\beta^{-1}(X), \Lambda_{\beta_X})$ is the minimal basically disconnected cover of X . Thus $\Lambda_\beta^{-1}(X)$ is the fixed $\sigma Z(X)^\#$ -ultrafilter $\{\alpha : \alpha \text{ is a fixed } \sigma Z(X)^\# \text{-ultrafilter}\}$.

Proposition 1.3. Let X be a space. Suppose that ΛX is given by the fixed $\sigma Z(X)^\#$ -ultrafilter space. Then for any decreasing sequence $(A_n)_n$ in $\sigma Z(X)^\#$, $\Lambda_X(\cap \{A_n^* : n \in N\}) = \cap \{A_n : n \in N\}$, where $A_n^* = \{\alpha : \alpha \text{ is a fixed } \sigma Z(X)^\# \text{-ultrafilter and } A_n \in \alpha\}$.

Proof. Take any $A \in \sigma Z(X)^\#$ and $\alpha \in A_n^*$. Then $\Lambda_X(A^*) \subseteq A$.

Take any $x \in A$. Let $\alpha_x = \{B \in \sigma Z(X)^\# : x \in \text{int}_X(B)\}$. Then $\alpha_x \cup \{A\}$ has the finite meet property and hence there is a $\sigma Z(X)^\#$ -ultrafilter α containing $\alpha_x \cup \{A\}$.

Since α_x is a local base at x in X , $\Lambda_X(\alpha) = \bigcap \alpha = x$ and so $A \in \Lambda_X(A)$. Thus $\Lambda_X(\bigcap \{A_n^* : n \in N\}) \subseteq \bigcap \{A_n : n \in N\}$. Take any $y \in \bigcap \{A_n : n \in N\}$, then $\alpha_y \cup \{A_n : n \in N\}$ has the finite meet property and hence it is contained in a $\sigma Z(X)^\#$ -ultrafilter η and so $\eta \in \bigcap \{A_n^* : n \in N\}$ and $\Lambda_X(\eta) = y$.

2. Hewitt realcompactification and minimal basically disconnected cover

In the following, we may assume that every space has the property $\Lambda(\beta X) = \beta(\Lambda X)$. For any space X , let $\nu : \Lambda X \rightarrow \nu(\Lambda X)$ be the Hewitt realcompactification of ΛX and $(\Lambda(\nu X), \Lambda_\nu)$ the minimal basically disconnected cover of νX . Since νX is realcompact, there is a continuous map $r_X : \nu(\Lambda X) \rightarrow \nu X$ such that $\nu_X \circ \Lambda_X = r_X \circ \nu_\Lambda$ [4]. If there is a homeomorphism $k : \nu(\Lambda X) \rightarrow \Lambda(\nu X)$ such that $\Lambda_\nu \circ k = r_X$, then we write $\Lambda(\nu X) = \nu(\Lambda X)$ and in case, we will identify $(\nu(\Lambda X), r_X)$ and $(\Lambda(\nu X), \Lambda_\nu)$. Recall that a covering map $f : Y \rightarrow X$ is called $\sigma Z^\#$ -irreducible if $\{f(A) : A \in \sigma Z(Y)^\#\} = \sigma Z(X)^\#$ and that a subspace D of a space X is $\sigma Z^\#$ -embedded if for any $B \in \sigma Z(D)^\#$, there is $S \in \sigma Z(X)^\#$ such that $S \cap D = B$. For any compact space X , Λ_X is $\sigma Z^\#$ -irreducible [3] and every dense C^* -embedded subspace of a space is $\sigma Z^\#$ -embedded.

We will give some characterizations of a space X for which $\Lambda(\nu X) = \nu(\Lambda X)$.

Definition 2.1. Let X be a space. A $\sigma Z(X)^\#$ -ultrafilter α is called *real* if $\bigcap \{ \text{cl}_{\beta X}(A) : A \in \alpha \} \in \nu X$.

Theorem 2.2. Let X be a space. Then we have the following:

- (a) Suppose that every $\sigma Z(X)^\#$ -ultrafilter has the countable intersection property and $\Lambda(\beta X) = \beta(\Lambda X)$. Then r_X is a covering map.
- (b) The following are equivalent:
 - (1) $\Lambda(\nu X) = \nu(\Lambda X)$,
 - (2) if $\{A_n : n \in N\}$ is a decreasing sequence in $\sigma Z(X)^\#$ with $\bigcap \{A_n : n \in N\} = \phi$,

then $\bigcap \{ \text{cl}_{\nu X}(A_n) : n \in N \} = \phi$,

(3) if $\{A_n : n \in N\}$ is a decreasing sequence in $\sigma Z(X)^\#$, then

$\text{cl}_{\nu X}(\bigcap \{A_n : n \in N\}) = \bigcap \{ \text{cl}_{\nu X}(A_n) : n \in N \}$, and

(4) every real $\sigma Z(X)^\#$ -ultrafilter has the countable intersection prroperty.

Proof. (a) Let $j_1 : \nu(\Lambda X) \rightarrow \beta(\Lambda X)$ and $j_2 : \nu X \rightarrow \beta X$ be inclusion maps.

The following diagram commutes.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \nu(\Lambda X) & \xrightarrow{r_X} & \nu X \\ j_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow j_2 \\ \beta(\Lambda X) & \xrightarrow{\Lambda_\beta \circ h_X} & \beta X \end{array}$$

Since $j_2 \circ r_X \circ \nu_\Lambda = j_2 \circ \nu_X \circ \Lambda_X = \Lambda_\beta \circ h_X \circ j_1 \circ \nu_\Lambda$ and ν_Λ is dense, $j_2 \circ m_X = \Lambda_\beta \circ h_X \circ j_1$. Let $p \in \nu X$ and $\alpha \in \Lambda_\beta^{-1}(p)$. Suppose that $\alpha \notin \nu(\Lambda X)$. Then there is a sequence $\{Z_n : n \in N\} \in \sigma Z(\beta(\Lambda X))^\#$ such that for any $n \in N$, $\alpha \in \text{int}_{\beta(\Lambda X)}(Z_n)$ and $(\bigcap \{Z_n : n \in N\}) \cap \Lambda X = \phi$ [4]. Since Λ_β is $\sigma Z^\#$ -irreducible, $\Lambda_\beta(Z_n) \in \sigma Z(\beta X)^\#$. Hence $\alpha_X = \{U \cap X : U \in \alpha\}$ is a $\sigma Z(X)^\#$ -ultrafilter. Let $n \in N$. Since $\alpha \in \text{int}_{\beta(\Lambda X)}(Z_n)$ and $\{A^* : A \in \sigma Z(\beta X)^\#\}$ is a base for $\beta(\Lambda X)$, there is $A \in \sigma Z(\beta X)^\#$ with $\alpha \in A^* \subseteq Z_n$ and hence $\Lambda_\beta(\alpha) \in \Lambda_\beta(A^*) = A \subseteq \Lambda_\beta(Z_n)$. So $\Lambda_\beta(Z_n) \in \alpha$. Hence for any $n \in N$, $\Lambda_\beta(Z_n) \cap X \in \alpha_X$. Since $p \in \nu X$, α_X is real and so $\bigcap \{\Lambda_\beta(Z_n) \cap X : n \in N\} \neq \phi$. Pick $x \in \bigcap \{\Lambda_\beta(Z_n) \cap X : n \in N\}$. Let $n \in N$. Then $\Lambda_\beta^{-1}(x) \cap Z_n \neq \phi$. Since $\Lambda_\beta^{-1}(x) = \Lambda_X^{-1}(x)$, $\Lambda_X^{-1}(x) \cap Z_n \neq \phi$. Since $\Lambda_X^{-1}(x)$ is compact and $\bigcap \{\Lambda_X^{-1}(x) \cap Z_n : n \in N\}$ is a decreasing family of closed sets in $\Lambda_X^{-1}(x)$ with the finite intersection property, $\bigcap \{\Lambda_X^{-1}(x) \cap Z_n : n \in N\} \neq \phi$ and hence $(\bigcap \{Z_n : n \in N\}) \cap \Lambda X \neq \phi$. This is a contradiction. Hence $\alpha \in \nu(\Lambda X)$. Thus r_X is onto. Since j_1 and j_2 are dense and $\beta(\Lambda X)$ and βX are compact, r_X is a covering map [4].

(b) (1) \Rightarrow (2) Suppose that there is a sequence $\{A_n : n \in N\}$ in $\sigma Z(X)^\#$ such that $\bigcap \{ \text{cl}_{\nu X}(A_n) : n \in N \} \neq \phi$. Since $\beta(\nu(\Lambda X)) = \beta(\Lambda X) = \Lambda(\beta X) = \Lambda(\beta(\nu X))$, $\Lambda(\nu X)$ is given by the filter space $\{ \alpha : \alpha \text{ is a fixed } \sigma Z(\nu X)^\# \text{-ultrafilter} \}$ and $\text{cl}_{\nu X}(A_n) \in \sigma Z(\nu X)^\#$ for all $n \in N$, by Proposition 1.3, $\Lambda_\nu(\bigcap \{ (\text{cl}_{\nu X}(A_n))^* : n \in N \}) = \bigcap \{ \text{cl}_{\nu X}(A_n) : n \in N \}$. Since $\bigcap \{ \text{cl}_{\nu X}(A_n) : n \in N \} \neq \phi$, $\bigcap \{ (\text{cl}_{\nu X}(A_n))^* : n \in N \} \neq \phi$. Note that for any $n \in N$, $(\text{cl}_{\nu X}(A_n))^* = \text{cl}_{\Lambda(\nu X)}(\Lambda_\nu^{-1}(\text{int}_{\nu X}(\text{cl}_{\nu X}(A_n))))$. Let $t \in \bigcap \{ \text{cl}_{\Lambda(\nu X)}(\Lambda_\nu^{-1}(\text{int}_{\nu X}(\text{cl}_{\nu X}(A_n)))) : n \in N \}$. Then there is the $\sigma Z(X)^\#$ -ultrafilter α such that $t \in \bigcap \{ \text{cl}_{\Lambda(\nu X)}(A) : A \in \alpha \}$ [4]. Since $t \in \nu(\Lambda X)$, the $\sigma Z(X)^\#$ -ultrafilter α has the countable intersection property. Let $n \in N$. Then there is $B_n \in \sigma Z(\nu X)^\#$ such that $B_n \cap X = A_n$. Since $\Lambda_X(\text{cl}_{\Lambda(\nu X)}(\Lambda_\nu^{-1}(\text{int}_{\nu X}(B_n)))) \cap \Lambda X = \Lambda_X(\text{cl}_{\Lambda X}(\Lambda_X^{-1}(\text{int}_X(A_n))))$, $\text{cl}_{\Lambda(\nu X)}(\Lambda_\nu^{-1}(\text{int}_{\nu X}(B_n))) = \text{cl}_{\Lambda(\nu X)}(\Lambda_\nu^{-1}(\text{int}_{\nu X}(\text{cl}_{\nu X}(A_n)))) = \text{cl}_{\Lambda(\nu X)}(\text{cl}_{\Lambda X}(\Lambda_X^{-1}(\text{int}_X(A_n))))$. Thus $t \in \text{cl}_{\Lambda(\nu X)}(\text{cl}_{\Lambda X}(\Lambda_X^{-1}(\text{int}_X(A_n))))$. Since $\text{cl}_{\Lambda(\nu X)}(\Lambda_\nu^{-1}(\text{int}_{\nu X}(B_n))) \in \sigma Z(\Lambda(\nu X))^\#$ and $\Lambda(\nu X)$ is basically disconnected, $\text{cl}_{\Lambda(\nu X)}(\Lambda_\nu^{-1}(\text{int}_{\nu X}(B_n))) \in B(\Lambda(\nu X))$. Hence $\text{cl}_{\Lambda X}(\Lambda_X^{-1}(\text{int}_X(A_n))) \in \alpha$ and so $\bigcap \{ \text{cl}_{\Lambda X}(\Lambda_X^{-1}(\text{int}_X(A_n))) : n \in N \} = \bigcap \{ A_n : n \in N \} \neq \phi$.

(2) \Rightarrow (3) Suppose that $p \notin \text{cl}_{\nu X}(\bigcap \{ A_n : n \in N \})$. Then there is $B \in \sigma Z(\nu X)^\#$ such that $p \in \text{int}_{\nu X}(B)$ and $B \cap (\bigcap \{ A_n : n \in N \}) = \phi$. Since $\{ C \wedge A_n : n \in N \}$ is a decreasing sequence in $\sigma Z(X)^\#$ with empty intersection, $\bigcap \{ \text{cl}_{\nu X}(C \wedge A_n) : n \in N \} = \phi$. Suppose that $p \in \bigcap \{ \text{cl}_{\nu X}(A_n) : n \in N \}$. Let W be a neighborhood of p in νX and $n \in N$. Then $\text{int}_{\nu X}(W) \cap \text{int}_{\nu X}(B) \cap A_n \neq \phi$. Since $C \wedge A_n = \text{cl}_X(\text{int}_X(C \cap A_n)) = \text{cl}_X(\text{int}_X(C) \cap \text{int}_X(A_n)) \supseteq \text{int}_X(C) \cap A_n = \text{int}_X(B \cap X) \cap A_n \supseteq \text{int}_{\nu X}(B) \cap A_n$, $(C \wedge A_n) \cap W \supseteq \text{int}_{\nu X}(B) \cap A_n \cap W \neq \phi$. Hence $p \in \bigcap \{ \text{cl}_{\nu X}(C \wedge A_n) : n \in N \}$ and so $p \in \bigcap \{ \text{cl}_{\nu X}(A_n) : n \in N \}$.

(3) \Rightarrow (4) Let α be a real $\sigma Z(\nu X)^\#$ -ultrafilter and $\{ B_n : n \in N \} \subseteq \alpha$. For any $n \in N$, let $A_n = \bigwedge \{ B_i : 1 \leq i \leq n \}$. Then $\{ A_n : n \in N \}$ is a decreasing sequence in

$\sigma Z(X)^\#$. Since α is real, there exist a $p \in \nu X$ such that $p \in \bigcap \{ \text{cl}_{\nu X}(A_n) : n \in N \}$. By the hypothesis, $p \in \text{cl}_{\nu X}(\bigcap \{ A_n : n \in N \})$. Hence $\bigcap \{ A_n : n \in N \} \neq \phi$ and so $\bigcap \{ B_i : i \in N \} \neq \phi$. Thus α has the countable intersection property.

(4) \Rightarrow (1) By Proposition 1.2 and (a) in this theorem, r_X is covering and so there is a covering map $t : \nu(\Lambda X) \rightarrow \Lambda(\nu X)$ with $r_X = \Lambda_\nu \circ t$. Suppose that $x \neq y$ in $\nu(\Lambda X)$. Then there are $A, B \in \sigma Z(\nu(\Lambda X))^\#$ such that $x \in A, y \in B$ and $A \cap B = \phi$. Since $\Lambda(\nu X)$ is dense C^* -embedded in $\Lambda(\beta X) = \beta(\Lambda X)$, $\Lambda(\nu X)$ is $\sigma Z(X)^\#$ -embedded and so $t \circ \Lambda_\nu$ is $\sigma Z^\#$ -irreducible [3]. Hence t is $\sigma Z^\#$ -irreducible. Since $A \wedge B = \phi$ and t is a covering map, $t(A) \wedge t(B) = \phi$. Since t is $\sigma Z^\#$ -irreducible, $t(A), t(B) \in \sigma Z(\Lambda(\nu X))^\# = B(\Lambda(\nu X))$ and so $t(A) \cap t(B) = \phi$. Hence $t(x) \neq t(y)$ and so t is 1 - 1. Thus t is a homeomorphism.

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