



## Results about $C$ - $\kappa$ -normality and $C$ -mild normality

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**Abstract.** A topological space  $X$  is  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal ( $C$ -mildly normal) if there exist a  $\kappa$ -normal (mildly normal) space  $Y$  and a bijective function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  such that the restriction  $f|_A : A \rightarrow f(A)$  is a homeomorphism for each compact subspace  $A \subseteq X$ . We present new results about those two topological properties and use a discrete extension space to solve open problems regarding  $C_2$ -paracompactness and  $\alpha$ -normality.

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### 1. Preliminaries

In the present work, we give some new results about  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normality and  $C$ -mild normality [2] and use the discrete extension space to answer the open problems “*Is  $C_2$ -paracompactness hereditary with respect to closed subspaces?*” [5] And “*Is  $\alpha$ -normality preserved by the discrete extension?*” [3].

Throughout this paper, we denote the set of positive integers by  $\mathbb{N}$ , the rationals by  $\mathbb{Q}$ , the irrationals by  $\mathbb{P}$ , and the set of real numbers by  $\mathbb{R}$ . Two subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of a space  $X$  are called *separated* if there are two disjoint open subsets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $A \subseteq U$  and  $B \subseteq V$ . A space  $X$  is regular if for any closed subset  $E$  of  $X$  and for any element  $x \in X \setminus E$  we have  $\{x\}$  and  $E$  can be separated. A  $T_3$  space is a  $T_1$  regular space, a normal space is a space where any two disjoint closed subsets can be separated, a  $T_4$  space is a  $T_1$  normal space, and a Tychonoff space ( $T_{3\frac{1}{2}}$ ) is a  $T_1$  completely regular space. We do not

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assume  $T_2$  in the definition of compactness, countable compactness, local compactness, and paracompactness. We do not assume regularity in the definition of Lindelöfness. For a subset  $A$  of a space  $X$ ,  $\text{int}A$  and  $\overline{A}$  denote the interior and the closure of  $A$ , respectively. An ordinal  $\gamma$  is the set of all ordinal  $\alpha$  such that  $\alpha < \gamma$ . The first infinite ordinal is  $\omega_0$  and the first uncountable ordinal is  $\omega_1$ .

A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is called a *closed domain* [12], called also *regularly closed* [23],  $\kappa$ -*closed* [14], if  $A = \overline{\text{int}A}$ . In 1972, Ščepin introduced the notion of  $\kappa$ -normality [22]. A space  $X$  is  $\kappa$ -*normal* if  $X$  is regular and any two disjoint closed domains can be separated. About the same time, Singal defined the notion of mild normality [23]. A space  $X$  is *mildly normal* if any two disjoint closed domains can be separated.

We begin by recalling the following definitions.

**Definition 1.** [15] A space  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is called *epi-mildly normal* if there exists a coarser topology  $\mathcal{T}'$  on  $X$  such that  $(X, \mathcal{T}')$  is Hausdorff ( $T_2$ ) mildly normal.

**Definition 2.** [4] A topological space  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is called *epi-normal* if there is a topology  $\mathcal{T}'$  on  $X$  coarser than  $\mathcal{T}$  such that  $(X, \mathcal{T}')$  is  $T_4$ .

In a personal contact, Arhangel'skii introduced in 2012 to Kalantan the following definition:

**Definition 3.** (*Arhangel'skii*) A topological space  $X$  is called *C- $\kappa$ -normal* if there exist a  $\kappa$ -normal space  $Y$  and a bijective function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  such that the restriction  $f|_A : A \rightarrow f(A)$  is a homeomorphism for each compact subspace  $A \subseteq X$ .

**Definition 4.** [2] A topological space  $X$  is called *C-mildly normal* if there exist a mildly normal space  $Y$  and a bijective function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  such that the restriction  $f|_A : A \rightarrow f(A)$  is a homeomorphism for each compact subspace  $A \subseteq X$ .

In [2], the following theorem was proved.

**Theorem 1.** *If  $X$  is C-mildly normal (C- $\kappa$ -normal) Fréchet space and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a witness of the C-mild normality (C- $\kappa$ -normality) of  $X$ , then  $f$  is continuous.*

## 2. Main Results and Examples

Recall that a topological space  $X$  is called *almost compact* [19] if each open cover of  $X$  has a finite subfamily such that the closures of whose members covers  $X$ . A space  $X$  is said to be *almost regular* [23] if for any closed domain subset  $A$  and any  $x \notin A$ , there exist two disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $A \subseteq V$ . A technique which is useful in the theory of coarser topologies is the semiregularization. The topology on  $X$  generated by the family of all open domains is denoted by  $\tau_s$ . The space  $(X, \tau_s)$  is called the semiregularization of  $X$ . A space  $(X, \mathcal{T})$  is semi-regular if  $\mathcal{T} = \tau_s$ .

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $X$  be an almost regular Hausdorff space. If  $X$  is mildly normal then  $X$  is  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal.*

*Proof.* Since  $(X, \tau)$  is an almost regular Hausdorff space, then  $(X, \tau_s)$  is a Hausdorff regular space [20]. Since  $X$  is mildly normal space we get  $(X, \tau_s)$  is mildly normal [15]. Then the identity function  $id_X : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \tau_s)$  is a continuous bijective function. If  $C$  is any compact subspace of  $(X, \tau)$ , then the restriction of the identity function from  $C$  onto  $id_X(C)$  is continuous and “every continuous one-to-one mapping of a compact space onto a Hausdorff space is a homeomorphism.” [12, Theorem 3.1.13]. So  $X$  is  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal space.

**Theorem 3.** *If  $(X, \tau)$  is almost regular almost compact space and  $\tau_s$  is  $T_1$ , then  $(X, \tau)$  is  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal ( $C$ -mildly normal).*

*Proof.* Since  $(X, \tau)$  is an almost regular space,  $(X, \tau_s)$  is regular space [20]. Hence  $(X, \tau_s)$  is  $T_3$ . Moreover, the coarser topology of an almost compact space is an almost compact space. So  $\tau_s$  is almost compact. But every almost regular almost compact space is mildly normal [23]. Thus  $\tau_s$  is regular mildly normal. Therefore by using the same argument of the proof of theorem 2 we conclude that  $(X, \tau)$  is  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal ( $C$ -mildly normal).

**Theorem 4.**  *$C$ - $\kappa$ -normality ( $C$ -mild normality) is an additive property.*

*Proof.* Let  $X_\alpha$  be a  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal ( $C$ -mildly normal) space for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ . We show that their sum  $\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$  is  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal ( $C$ -mildly normal). For each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ , pick a  $\kappa$ -normal (mildly normal) space  $Y_\alpha$  and a bijective function  $f_\alpha : X_\alpha \rightarrow Y_\alpha$  such that  $f_{\alpha|_{C_\alpha}} : C_\alpha \rightarrow f_\alpha(C_\alpha)$  is a homeomorphism for each compact subspace  $C_\alpha$  of  $X_\alpha$ . Since regularity is additive [12, Theorem 2.2.7], then  $(Y_\alpha, \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \tau'_\alpha)$  is a regular space. On the other hand, mild normality is an additive property because each factor is open-and-closed in  $\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$  and the intersection of any closed domain in  $\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$  with each factor  $X_\alpha$  will be a closed domain in  $X_\alpha$ . Then the sum  $\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} Y_\alpha$  is  $\kappa$ -normal (mildly normal). Consider the function sum [12, Exercises 2.2.E],  $\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} f_\alpha : \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha \rightarrow \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} Y_\alpha$  defined by  $\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} f_\alpha(x) = f_\beta(x)$  if  $x \in X_\beta, \beta \in \Lambda$ . Now, a subspace  $C \subseteq \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$  is compact if and only if the set  $\Lambda_0 = \{\alpha \in \Lambda : C \cap X_\alpha \neq \emptyset\}$  is finite and  $C \cap X_\alpha$  is compact in  $X_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda_0$ . If  $C \subseteq \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$  is compact, then  $(\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} f_\alpha)|_C$  is a homeomorphism because  $f_{\alpha|_{C \cap X_\alpha}}$  is a homeomorphism for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda_0$ .

Recall that a topology  $\tau$  on a non-empty set  $X$  is said to be *minimal Hausdorff* if  $(X, \tau)$  is Hausdorff and there is no Hausdorff topology on  $X$  strictly coarser than  $\tau$ , see [7, 8]. It was proved that “if the product space is minimal Hausdorff, then each factor is minimal Hausdorff” [7], In [13] the converse of the previous statement was proved. Namely, “the product of minimal Hausdorff spaces is minimal Hausdorff”. In the next theorem we will use the following theorem: “A minimal Hausdorff space is compact if and only if it is completely Hausdorff ( $T_{2\frac{1}{2}}$ )” [21, Theorem 1.4]. We conclude the following theorems.

**Theorem 5.** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be minimal Hausdorff spaces, if  $X$  and  $Y$  are  $\kappa$ -normal spaces then  $X \times Y$  is  $\kappa$ -normal.*

*Proof.* Since  $X$  and  $Y$  are  $\kappa$ -normal, they are regular Hausdorff spaces, which implies  $T_3$ , hence  $T_{2\frac{1}{2}}$ . Since the  $T_{2\frac{1}{2}}$  is multiplicative, the product space is  $T_{2\frac{1}{2}}$ . So  $X \times Y$  is  $T_{2\frac{1}{2}}$  minimal Hausdorff space which implies that  $X \times Y$  is  $T_2$  compact, hence  $T_4$  and thus  $\kappa$ -normal.

Now, we give the following characterization in the class of minimal Hausdorff spaces.

**Theorem 6.** *Let  $X$  be a minimal Hausdorff Fréchet space. The following are equivalent.*

- (i)  $X$  is  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal.
- (ii)  $X$  is locally compact.
- (iii)  $X$  is compact
- (iv)  $X$  is  $T_4$ .
- (v)  $X$  is epinormal, hence epi-mildly normal.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Since  $X$  is  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal Fréchet space,  $X$  is  $T_{2\frac{1}{2}}$  see [2], By Theorem “A minimal Hausdorff space is compact if and only if it is completely Hausdorff ( $T_{2\frac{1}{2}}$ )” [21, Theorem 1.4], gives that  $X$  is  $T_2$  compact, hence locally compact.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Since any  $T_2$  locally compact space is Tychonoff and hence  $T_{2\frac{1}{2}}$ , we obtain  $X$  is compact.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) Any  $T_2$  compact space is  $T_4$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) Any  $T_4$  is epinormal, hence epi-mildly normal.

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Any epinormal space is  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal [2].

From the above theorem, we conclude the following corollary

**Corollary 1.** *In class of minimal Hausdorff, any Fréchet  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal space is  $\kappa$ -normal.*

Since  $\kappa$ -normality is not hereditary [16], it seems to us that both  $C$ -mild normality and  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normality are not hereditary, but we still could not find a counterexample.

The question “Is there a Tychonoff space which is not  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal ( $C$ -mildly normal) ?” We answer this in the class of minimal Tychonoff spaces by using theorem “All minimal completely regular spaces are compact”, [7], hence  $T_4$ . So we get the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.** *Any minimal Tychonoff space is  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal.*

We know Tychonoff spaces which are not  $\kappa$ -normal (mildly normal). This spaces turn out to be  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal ( $C$ -mildly normal) see [2, example 3], and also see example 5 below.

Let  $M$  be a non-empty proper subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . Define a new topology  $\tau_{(M)}$  on  $X$  as follows:  $\tau_{(M)} = \{U \cup K : U \in \tau \text{ and } K \subseteq X \setminus M\}$ .  $(X, \tau_{(M)})$  is called a *discrete extension* of  $(X, \tau)$  and we denote it by  $X_M$  see [12, Example 5.1.22].

In general,  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normality is not preserved by a discrete extension space. Here is an example of  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal space whose a discrete extension space is not  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal.

**Example 1.** Consider  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{I})$  where  $\mathcal{I}$  is the indiscrete topology. Let  $M = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{1, 2, 3\}$ . We have  $1 \notin M$  and  $M$  is closed in  $\mathbb{R}_M$ . The only open set in  $\mathbb{R}_M$  containing  $M$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ . But  $\mathbb{R} \cap \{1\} \neq \emptyset$ . Thus  $\mathbb{R}_M$  is not regular. So,  $\mathbb{R}_M$  is not  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal because it is a compact non-regular space [2]. ■

Recall that a topological space  $X$  is called  $C_2$ -paracompact if there exist a Hausdorff paracompact space  $Y$  and a bijective function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  such that the restriction  $f|_A : A \rightarrow f(A)$  is a homeomorphism for each compact subspace  $A \subseteq X$  [17].

From definition since any  $T_2$  paracompact space is  $T_4$ , any  $C_2$ -paracompact space is  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal. The converse is not true, we did show in [2] that example 2 below is a  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal and it was shown in [5, example 4] it is not  $C_2$ -paracompact.

By using the discrete extension space, we answer the following open problem : “Is  $C_2$ -paracompactness hereditary with respect to closed subspaces?” [5]. The answer is negative even for open subspaces and here is a counterexample.

**Example 2.** Consider the infinite Tychonoff product space  $G = D^{\omega_1} = \prod_{\alpha \in \omega_1} D$ , where  $D = \{0, 1\}$  considered with the discrete topology. Let  $H$  be the subspace of  $G$  consisting of all points of  $G$  with at most countably many non-zero coordinates. Put  $M = G \times H$ . Raushan Buzyakova proved that  $M$  cannot be mapped onto a normal space  $Z$  by a bijective continuous function [9, example 4] result and the fact that  $M$  is a  $k$ -space, we conclude that  $M$  is a Tychonoff space which is not  $C_2$ -paracompact [5, example 4]. Let  $X$  be any compactification of  $M$  and consider the discrete extension space  $X_M$  of  $X$ . By Theorem “Every lower compact space is  $C_2$ -paracompact” [17, theorem 2.20],  $X_M$  is  $C_2$ -paracompact. Since  $M$  as a subspace of  $X_M$  is the same as a subspace of  $X$  and  $M$  is closed-and-open in  $X_M$ , we get that  $C_2$ -paracompactness is not hereditary with respect to both closed and open subspaces. ■

Recall that a space  $X$  is called  $\alpha$ -normal if for any two disjoint closed subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$  there exist disjoint open subsets  $U$  and  $V$  of  $X$  such that  $A \cap U$  is dense in  $A$  and  $B \cap V$  is dense in  $B$  [6].

We answer the following open problem : “Is  $\alpha$ -normality preserved by the discrete extension?” [3]. The answer is no and here is an example of an  $\alpha$ -normal space whose a discrete extension space is not  $\alpha$ -normal.

**Example 3.** Let  $M = ((\omega_1 + 1) \times (\omega_0 + 1)) \setminus \{(\omega_1, \omega_0)\}$  is a Tychonoff Plank space see [24, example 87] we know that  $M$  is a Tychonoff non  $\alpha$ -normal space [6], take the compactification  $X$  of  $M$  then it is  $\alpha$ -normal being  $T_2$  compact space. Consider the discrete extension  $X_M$ . Observe that  $M$  is closed in  $X_M$ . Since  $\alpha$ -normality is hereditary with respect to closed subspaces [6], we conclude that  $X_M$  cannot be  $\alpha$ -normal. ■

The following example answers three kinds of invariants. We used two well-known spaces, the Alexandroff duplicate space and the closed extension space.

Let  $X$  be any  $T_1$  topological space. Let  $X' = X \times \{1\}$ . Note that  $X \cap X' = \emptyset$ . Let  $A(X) = X \cup X'$ . For simplicity, for an element  $x \in X$ , we will denote the element  $\langle x, 1 \rangle$

in  $X'$  by  $x'$  and for a subset  $B \subseteq X$  let  $B' = \{x' : x \in B\} = B \times \{1\} \subseteq X'$ . For each  $x' \in X'$ , let  $\mathcal{B}(x') = \{\{x'\}\}$ . For each  $x \in X$ , let  $\mathcal{B}(x) = \{U \cup (U' \setminus \{x'\}) : U \text{ is open in } X \text{ with } x \in U\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{T}$  denote the unique topology on  $A(X)$  which has  $\{\mathcal{B}(x) : x \in X\} \cup \{\mathcal{B}(x') : x' \in X'\}$  as its neighborhood system.  $A(X)$  with this topology is called the *Alexandroff Duplicate of  $X$*  [11].

**Example 4.** Consider the Alexandroff duplicate space  $A(\mathbb{R})$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  with its usual metric topology. It is  $C_2$ -paracompact [5], hence  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal. Now, let  $i = \sqrt{-1} \notin \mathbb{R}$  and put  $X = \mathbb{R} \cup \{i\}$ . Let  $\tau$  be the closed extension topology on  $X$  generated from  $\mathbb{R}$  with its usual metric topology and  $i$ . So,  $\tau = \{\emptyset\} \cup \{W \cup \{i\} : W \subseteq \mathbb{R}; W \text{ is open in the usual metric topology}\}$ .

$(X, \tau)$  is not  $C$ -normal see [1]. So it is not  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal because it is Fréchet being first countable, Lindelöf space, which is not  $C$ -normal [2, theorem 0.10]. Define  $g : A(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow X$  by

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} i & ; \text{if } x \in \mathbb{R}' \\ x & ; \text{if } x \in \mathbb{R} \end{cases}$$

$g$  is an open onto function. Thus  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normality is neither invariant, open invariant, nor quotient invariant. ■

Since  $\kappa$ -normality is not multiplicative, it seems to us that both  $C$ -mild normality and  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normality are not multiplicative, but we still could not find a counterexample. We know the example of two linearly ordered topological spaces whose product is not  $\kappa$ -normal (mildly normal) was given in [14]. This space turns out to be  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal. Here is an example.

**Example 5.** We will define a Hausdorff compact linearly ordered space  $Y$  such that  $\omega_1 \times Y$  is  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal. Let  $\{y_n : n < \omega_0\}$  be a countably infinite set such that  $\{y_n : n < \omega_0\} \cap (\omega_1 + 1) = \emptyset$ . Let  $Y = \{y_n : n < \omega_0\} \cup (\omega_1 + 1)$ . Let  $\tau$  be the topology on  $Y$  generated by the following neighborhood system: For an  $\alpha \in \omega_1$ , a basic open neighborhood of  $\alpha$  is the same as in  $\omega_1$  with its usual order topology. For  $n \in \omega_0$ , a basic open neighborhood of  $y_n$  is  $\{y_n\}$ . A basic open neighborhood of  $\omega_1$  is of the form  $(\alpha, \omega_1] \cup \{y_n : n \geq k\}$  where  $\alpha < \omega_1$  and  $k \in \omega_0$ . In other words,  $\{y_n : n < \omega_0\}$  is a sequence of isolated points which converges to  $\omega_1$ . Note that if we define an order  $<$  on  $Y$  as follows: For each  $n \in \omega_0$ ,  $\omega_1 < y_{n+1} < y_n$ , and  $<$  on  $\omega_1 + 1$  is the same as the usual order on  $\omega_1 + 1$ , then  $(Y, \tau)$  is a linearly ordered topological space. It was shown in [14] that  $(Y, \tau)$  is a Hausdorff compact space, hence it is mildly normal. Also, it is well known that  $\omega_1$  is a Hausdorff normal space and hence mildly normal. But  $\omega_1 \times Y$  is not mildly normal [14]. A similar proof as in [15] shows that  $\omega_1 \times Y$  is  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal. ■

Here are cases when the product of two  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal spaces will be  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal.

Since the product of ordinals is always  $\kappa$ -normal (mildly normal) [18], we conclude the following theorem.

**Theorem 7.** *The product of ordinals is  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal ( $C$ -mildly normal).*

**Theorem 8.** *If  $X$  and  $Y$  are minimal Hausdorff Fréchet  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal, then  $X \times Y$  is  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal.*

*Proof.* Since  $X$  and  $Y$  are minimal Hausdorff Fréchet  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal,  $X$  and  $Y$  are  $T_{2\frac{1}{2}}$ [2]. Since the  $T_{2\frac{1}{2}}$  is multiplicative, the product space is  $T_{2\frac{1}{2}}$ . So  $X \times Y$  is  $T_{2\frac{1}{2}}$  minimal Hausdorff space implies that  $X \times Y$  is  $T_2$  compact, hence  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal.

**Theorem 9.** *If  $X$  is Fréchet and countably compact  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal space, and  $Z$  is  $T_2$  paracompact first countable space then  $X \times Z$  is  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal.*

*Proof.* Let  $Y$  be a  $\kappa$ -normal space,  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a bijective function such that the restriction on any compact subspace is a homeomorphism. Now,  $X$  is Fréchet gives that  $f$  is continuous, see Theorem 1. Since  $X$  is countably compact and  $f$  continuous surjective, we have  $Y$  is countably compact  $\kappa$ -normal. Since a product of a countably compact  $\kappa$ -normal space with a paracompact first countable space is  $\kappa$ -normal,  $Y \times Z$  is  $\kappa$ -normal [14]. Now, define  $g : X \times Z \rightarrow Y \times Z$  by  $g(\langle x, i \rangle) = \langle f(x), i \rangle$ . Then  $g$  is a bijective function and  $g = f \times id_Z$ , where  $id_Z$  is the identity function on  $Z$ . Let  $C$  be any compact subspace of  $X \times Z$ . Then  $C \subseteq p_1(C) \times p_2(C)$ , where  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are the usual projection functions.  $p_1(C)$  is a compact subspace of  $X$  and  $p_2(C)$  is a compact subspace of  $Z$ , thus  $p_1(C) \times p_2(C)$  is a compact subspace of  $X \times Z$ . Now,  $f|_{p_1(C)} : p_1(C) \rightarrow f(p_1(C))$  is a homeomorphism and  $id_Z|_{p_2(C)} : p_2(C) \rightarrow p_2(C)$  is a homeomorphism. Thus  $(f \times id_Z)|_{p_1(C) \times p_2(C)} : p_1(C) \times p_2(C) \rightarrow f(p_1(C)) \times p_2(C)$  is a homeomorphism. We conclude that  $g|_C : C \rightarrow g(C)$  is a homeomorphism because

$$g|_C = ((f \times id_Z)|_{p_1(C) \times p_2(C)})|_C.$$

Recall that a space  $X$  is *Dowker* if  $X$  is  $T_4$  and  $X \times \mathbb{I}$  is not normal, where  $\mathbb{I}$  is the closed unit interval considered with its usual metric topology, [12]. Dowker, in [10], stated the following theorem: “A space  $X$  is normal and countably paracompact if and only if  $X \times \mathbb{I}$  is normal”. Here is a  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal version, one direction of the Dowker’s theorem. If  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normality is hereditary with respect to closed spaces, then the converse will be true.

**Theorem 10.** *If  $X$  is  $T_1$  Fréchet  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal Lindelöf space, then  $X \times \mathbb{I}$  is  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal space.*

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be a  $T_1$  Fréchet  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal Lindelöf space. Pick a witness function  $f$  and a  $\kappa$ -normal space  $Y$ . Then by Theorem 1 the witness function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous and the witness space  $Y$  is  $T_3$ , [2]. Since  $X$  is Lindelöf and  $T_3$ , we get  $Y$  is paracompact, and hence  $T_4$ . So, by Dowker’s theorem  $Y \times \mathbb{I}$  is  $T_4$ . By a similar argument as in the proof of Theorem 9, we can prove that  $X \times \mathbb{I}$  is a  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal space.

Recall that a space  $X$  is called *nearly compact* [24] if each open cover of  $X$  has a finite subfamily the interiors of the closures of whose members covers  $X$ .

**Theorem 11.** *Let  $X, Y$  are Hausdorff nearly compact  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal space, then  $X \times Y$  is a  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal space.*

*Proof.* Since  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \tau')$  are nearly compact Hausdorff spaces, we get  $(X, \tau_s)$  and  $(Y, \tau'_s)$  are Hausdorff compact spaces [20], and  $(X, \tau_s) \times (Y, \tau'_s)$  is a  $T_2$  compact topological space which is coarser than the topology on  $X \times Y$ . Thus,  $X \times Y$  is epinormal and hence it is  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal [2].

The following problems are still open:

- (i) Does there exist a Tychonoff space which is not  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal? Observe that such a space is not in the class of minimal Hausdorff space, not in the class of minimal  $T_3$  spaces, not locally compact, not submetrizable, not  $C$ -normal, a space can not be ordinal, can not epinormal, not Lindelöf. Observe also that the existence of such a space, will show that  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normal is not hereditary just by taking a compactification of it.
- (ii) Is  $C$ - $\kappa$ -normality ( $C$ -mild normality) multiplicative?

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