#### OPEN MAPPING THEOREMS WITH FINITE FIBRES FOR C-SPACES

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#### Abstract

In this paper we study theorems for C-spaces and finite C-spaces on dimensionraising open mappings and dimension-lowering open mappings with finite fibres.

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## 1 Introduction

In this paper we assume that all spaces are normal and all mappings are continuous.

A space X is A-weakly infinite-dimensional or Alexandroff weakly infinite-dimensional if for every collection  $\{(A_i, B_i) : i < \omega\}$  of pairs of disjoint closed subsets of X there exists a collection  $\{L_i : i < \omega\}$  of closed subsets of X such that  $L_i$  is a partition in X between  $A_i$  and  $B_i$  for every  $i < \omega$ , and  $\bigcap L_i = \emptyset$ .

A space X is a C-space [1] if for every countable collection  $\{\mathcal{G}_i : i < \omega\}$  of open covers of X there exists a countable collection  $\{\mathcal{H}_i : i < \omega\}$  of collections of pairwise disjoint open subsets of X such that  $\mathcal{H}_i$  is a refinement of  $\mathcal{G}_i$  for every  $i < \omega$  and  $\bigcup_{i < \omega} \bigcup \{H : H \in \mathcal{H}_i\} = X.$  It is easily seen that every C-space is A-weakly infinite-dimensional. However, it is still unknown whether every compact A-weakly infinite-dimensional metrizable space is a C-space.

A space X is S-weakly infinite-dimensional or Smirnov weakly infinite-dimensional if for every collection  $\{(A_i, B_i) : i < \omega\}$  of pairs of disjoint closed subsets of X there exists a collection  $\{L_i : i < \omega\}$  of closed subsets of X such that  $L_i$  is a partition in X between  $A_i$  and  $B_i$  for every  $i < \omega$ , and  $\bigcap_{i \le n} L_i = \emptyset$  for some  $n < \omega$ . It directly follows from the definition that every S-weakly infinite dimensional space is A-weakly infinite dimensional, and every compact A-weakly infinite dimensional space is S-weakly infinite dimensional.

A space X is a finite C-space [2] if for every collection  $\{\mathcal{G}_i : i < \omega\}$  of finite open covers of X there exists a collection  $\{\mathcal{H}_i : i < \omega\}$  of collections of pairwise disjoint open subsets of X such that  $\mathcal{H}_i$  is a refinement of  $\mathcal{G}_i$  for every  $i < \omega$  and  $\bigcup_{i \leq n} \bigcup \{H : H \in \mathcal{H}_i\} = X$  for some  $n < \omega$ . It is well-known [2] that every finite C-space is S-weakly infinite-dimensional. There exists a C-space which is not a finite C-space (see [1, Example 2.15]). However, every compact C-space is a finite C-space.

For paracompact spaces, Gutev and Valov [5] proved the countable sum theorem for C-spaces. For countably paracompact and collectionwise normal spaces, the author proved the countable sum theorem for C-spaces (cf. [6, Corollary 3.2]). Addis and Gresham [1] proved that every finite-dimensional, paracompact space is a C-space. By the same proof, we can show that every finite-dimensional space is a finite C-spaces. The following two Lemmas will play a important role in the proof of our main theorems.

**Lemma A** If there exists a closed subset K of a countably paracompact collectionwise normal space X satisfying the following conditions (1) and (2), then X is a C-space.

- (1) K is a C-space,
- (2) for every closed subset F of X with  $F \cap K = \emptyset$ , F is a C-space.

**Proof.** Let  $\{\mathcal{G}_i : i < \omega\}$ , where  $\mathcal{G}_i = \{G_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda_i\}$ , be a collection of open covers of X. Since K is a countably paracompact C-space, by [6, Lemma 2.1], there exists a collection  $\{\mathcal{U}_{2i} : i < \omega\}$ , where  $\mathcal{U}_{2i} = \{U_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda_{2i}\}$ , of discrete collections of open subsets of K such that  $U_{\lambda} \subset G_{\lambda} \cap K$  and  $\bigcup_{i < \omega} \bigcup \{U_{\lambda} : \lambda \in \Lambda_{2i}\} = K$ . Since X is collectionwise normal, by [6, Lemma 2.2], there exists a collection  $\{\mathcal{H}_{2i} : i < \omega\}$ , where  $\mathcal{H}_{2i} = \{H_{\lambda} : \lambda \in \Lambda_{2i}\}$ , of discrete collections of open subsets of X such that  $H_{\lambda} \cap K = U_{\lambda}$  and  $H_{\lambda} \subset G_{\lambda}$ . Let us set  $F = X - \bigcup_{i < \omega} \bigcup \{H : H \in \mathcal{H}_{2i}\}$ . Similarly there exsits a collection  $\{\mathcal{H}_{2i+1} : i < \omega\}$  of discrete collections of open subsets of X such that  $\mathcal{H}_{2i+1}$  is a refinement of  $\mathcal{G}_{2i+1}$  for every  $i < \omega$  and  $\bigcup_{i < \omega} \bigcup \{H : H \in \mathcal{H}_{2i+1}\} \supset F$ . We get the required collection  $\{\mathcal{H}_i : i < \omega\}$ .

**Lemma B** If there exists a closed subset K of a space X satisfying the following conditions (1) and (2), then X is a finite C-space.

- (1) K is a finite C-space,
- (2) for every closed subset F of X with  $F \cap K = \emptyset$ , F is a finite C-space.

**Proof.** Let  $\{\mathcal{G}_i : i < \omega\}$ , where  $\mathcal{G}_i = \{G_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda_i\}$ , be a collection of finite open covers of X. Since K is a finite C-space, there exists a collection  $\{\mathcal{U}_{2i} : i < \omega\}$ , where  $\mathcal{U}_{2i} = \{U_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda_{2i}\}$ , of finite collections of pairwise disjoint open subsets of K such that  $U_\lambda \subset G_\lambda \cap K$  and  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n \bigcup \{U_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda_{2i}\} = K$  for some  $n < \omega$ . Since K is normal, there exists  $\{\mathcal{F}_{2i} : i \leq n\}$ , where  $\mathcal{F}_{2i} = \{F_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda_{2i}\}$ , of collections of closed subsets of K such that  $F_\lambda \subset U_\lambda$  and  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n \bigcup \{F_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda_{2i}\} = K$ . There exists a collection  $\{\mathcal{H}_{2i} : i < \omega\}$ , where  $\mathcal{H}_{2i} = \{H_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda_{2i}\}$ , of finite collections of pairwise disjoint open subsets of X for every  $i < \omega$  such that  $F_\lambda \subset H_\lambda \subset G_\lambda$  and  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n \bigcup \{H_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda_{2i}\} \supset K$ . For every i > n we let  $\mathcal{H}_{2i} = \{\emptyset\}$ . Let us set  $F = X - \bigcup_{i \leq n} \bigcup \{H : H \in \mathcal{H}_{2i}\}$ . For a space F repeating above procedure we obtain the required collection  $\{\mathcal{H}_i : i < \omega\}$ .

# 2 Dimension-raising mappings

Polkowski [8] proved the following theorem.

**Theorem** [8]. If  $f : X \longrightarrow Y$  is an open mapping of an A-weakly infinite-dimensional space X onto a countably paracompact space Y such that  $|f^{-1}(y)| < \omega$  for every  $y \in Y$ , then Y is A-weakly infinite-dimensional. We shall prove the following theorem. This is an analogy of the above Polkowski's theorem.

**2.1. Theorem** If  $f : X \longrightarrow Y$  is an open mapping of a C-space X onto a countably paracompact and collectionwise normal Y such that  $|f^{-1}(y)| < \omega$  for every  $y \in Y$ , then Y is a C-space.

To prove Theorem 2.1 we need the following theorem and lemma.

**2.2.** Theorem(cf.[4, Lemma 6.7]) If  $f : X \longrightarrow Y$  is a closed mapping of a countably paracompact C-space X onto a space Y and there exists an integer  $k \ge 1$  such that  $|f^{-1}(y)| \le k$  for every  $y \in Y$ , then Y is a C-space.

**2.3.** Lemma([3, Lemma 6.3.12]) If all fibres of an open mapping  $f : X \longrightarrow Y$  defined on a space X are finite and have the same cardinality, then f is closed.

**2.4 Proof of theorem 2.1.** Let  $K_j = \{y \in Y : |f^{-1}(y)| = j\}$  for every  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ . It is easy to see that the union  $\bigcup_{j \leq i} K_j$  is closed in Y for every  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Inductively, we show that the union  $\bigcup_{j \leq i} K_j$  is a C-space for every  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . To this end, it suffices to show that every closed subspace Z of Y contained in  $K_i$  is a C-space, cf. Lemma A. By Lemma 2.3, the restriction  $f|_{f^{-1}(Z)} : f^{-1}(Z) \longrightarrow Z$  is perfect. As the inverse image of a countably paracompact space under a perfect mapping is countably paracompact, then  $f^{-1}(Z)$  is countably paracompact. By Theorem 2.2, Z is a C-space. Thus the union  $\bigcup_{j \leq i} K_j$  is a closed C-space for every  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . By countable sum theorem, Y is a C-space.

The following theorem is a counterpart for finite C-spaces of Polkowski's result.

**2.5.** Theorem If  $f : X \longrightarrow Y$  is an open mapping of a weakly paracompact finite *C*-space X onto a space Y such that  $|f^{-1}(y)| < \omega$  for every  $y \in Y$ , then Y is a finite *C*-space.

To prove Theorem 2.5 we need the following theorem and lemma.

**2.6.** Theorem([4, Theorem 6.4]) If  $f : X \longrightarrow Y$  is a mapping of a compact C-space X onto a space Y such that  $|f^{-1}(y)| < \mathfrak{c}$  for every  $y \in Y$ , then Y is a C-space.

For each space X and  $n < \omega$  we let

$$G_n(X) = \bigcup \{ U \subset X : U \text{ is open and } \dim \operatorname{Cl} U \le n \}$$

and

$$S(X) = X - \bigcup_{n < \omega} G_n(X).$$

Sklyarenko ([9, Theorem 3]) proved the following lemma in the case when X is S-weakly infinite dimensional.

**2.7. Lemma** A weakly paracompact space X is a finite C-space if and only if S(X) is a compact finite C-space and every closed subspace  $F \subset X$  disjoint from S(X) is finite dimensional.

**Proof.** Assume that the space X is a finite C-space. We shall show that S(X) is compact. Suppose S(X) is not compact. Since S(X) is weakly paracompact, S(X) is not pseudocompact. Thus there exists a countable discrete closed subspace F of S(X). Let us set  $F = \{x_i : i < \omega\}$ . We can take a discrete collection  $\{U_i : i < \omega\}$  of open subsets of X with  $x_i \in U_i$  for every  $i < \omega$ . Thus we have dim  $\operatorname{Cl} U_i > i$  for every  $i < \omega$ . Let us set  $Y = \bigcup \{\operatorname{Cl} U_i : i < \omega\}$ . Since  $\bigcup \{\operatorname{Cl} U_i : i < \omega\}$  is homeomorphic to  $\bigoplus \{\operatorname{Cl} U_i : i < \omega\}$ , Y is not a S-weakly infinite dimensional subspace of X. Thus Y is not a finite C-space. The contradiction shows that S(X) is compact. Let F be a closed subset of X disjoint from S(X). First, we shall show that  $F \subset G_n(X)$  for some  $n < \omega$ . Suppose that for every  $n < \omega$ ,  $F \not\subset G_n(X)$ . Since  $F \setminus G_n(X)$  is infinite for every  $n < \omega$ , inductively, we choose points  $x_1, x_2, \cdots$  such that  $x_n \in F \setminus (G_n(X) \cup \{x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_{n-1}\})$  for every  $n < \omega$ . The space  $E = \{x_n : n < \omega\}$  is a closed discrete subspace of F. For a space  $E = \{x_n : n < \omega\}$  repeating above procedure we obtain a contradiction. Thus  $F \subset G_n(X)$  for some  $n < \omega$ . Since X is weakly paracompact, by the point finite sum theorem, dim  $F \leq n$ . By Lemma B, the converse holds. Lemma 2.7 has been proved.

**2.8 Proof of Theorem 2.5.** By Lemma 2.7, S(X) is compact. Applying Theorem 2.6 to  $f|_{S(X)}$ , f(S(X)) is a finite *C*-space. For each closed subspace  $F \subset Y$  disjoint from f(S(X)), as  $f^{-1}(F) \cap S(X) = \emptyset$ , by Lemma 2.7, we take an integer *n* with dim  $f^{-1}(F) \leq n$ . As the restriction  $f|_{f^{-1}(F)} : f^{-1}(F) \longrightarrow F$  is open, by Nagami [7] (cf.

[3, 3.3.G]), dim  $F = \dim f^{-1}(F) \le n$ . Thus F is a finite C-space. By Lemma B, Y is a finite C-space.

## 3 Dimension-lowering mappings

The following theorem is a counterpart for C-spaces of Polkowski's result, which was proved in the case when A-weakly infinite-dimensional (see [8, Theorem 3.3 (ii)]).

**3.1. Theorem** If  $f : X \longrightarrow Y$  is an open mapping of a paracompact space X onto a C-space Y such that  $|f^{-1}(y)| < \omega$  for every  $y \in Y$ , then X is a C-space.

To prove Theorem 3.1 we need the following lemma.

**3.2.** Lemma([7], cf [8, Lemma B]) If  $f : X \longrightarrow Y$  is an open mapping of a space X to a space Y and there exists an integer  $n \ge 1$  such that  $|f^{-1}(y)| = n$  for every  $y \in Y$ , then f is a local homeomorphism.

**3.3 Proof of Theorem 3.1.** For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we set

$$Y_n = \{y \in Y : |f^{-1}(y)| = n\}$$
 and  $X_n = f^{-1}(Y_n)$ .

It is easy to see that the union  $Y'_n = \bigcup_{k \leq n} Y_k$  is closed in Y for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , therefore the union  $X'_n = \bigcup_{k \leq n} X_k$  is also closed in X. Since X is the union of countable collection  $\{X'_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of closed subsets of X, by the countable sum theorem for C-spaces, we only prove that  $X'_n$  is a C-space for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $f_n : X_n \longrightarrow Y_n$  be the mapping defined by  $f_n(x) = f(x)$  for every  $x \in X_n$ .

Obviously,  $X'_1$  is a C-space, because  $f_1$  is a homeomorphism. Assume that  $X'_{n-1}$  is a C-space. To prove that  $X'_n$  is a C-space, it suffices to show that every closed subset Z of  $X'_n$  contained in  $X_n$  is a C-space.

By Lemma 3.2, the mapping  $f_n$  is a local homeomorphism. Thus for every  $x \in X_n$ we can take a neighborhood  $U_x$  of x in  $X_n$  such that the restriction  $f_n|_{U_x} : U_x \longrightarrow Y_n$ is an embedding. Since  $X_n$  is open in  $X'_n$ ,  $U_x$  is open in  $X'_n$ . We may assume that  $U_x$ is an  $F_{\sigma}$ -set of  $X'_n$ . Let  $U_x = \bigcup \{A(x,m) : m \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , where A(x,m) is closed in  $X'_n$ . For every  $y \in Y_n$  let us set  $f^{-1}(y) = \{x(y, 1), x(y, 2), \dots, x(y, n)\}$ . Then the intersection  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n f(U_{x(y,i)})$  is a neighborhood of y in  $Y'_n$ . Take an open  $F_{\sigma}$ -set  $V_y$  of y in  $Y'_n$  such that  $y \in V_y \subset \bigcap_{i=1}^n f(U_{x(y,i)})$ . Let  $V_y = \cup \{B(y, \ell) : \ell \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , where  $B(y, \ell)$  is closed in  $Y'_n$ . The set  $W(y, i) = U_{x(y,i)} \cap f^{-1}(V_y)$  is homeomorphic to f(W(y, i)). We have

$$W(y,i) = \bigcup \{A(x(y,i),m) \cap f^{-1}(B(y,\ell)) : m, \ell \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

We shall prove that  $A(x(y,i),m) \cap f^{-1}(B(y,\ell))$  is a *C*-space. Since  $f_n|_{U_x(y,i)}$  is an embedding,  $A(x(y,i),m) \cap f^{-1}(B(y,\ell))$  is homeomorphic to  $f_n(A(x(y,i),m) \cap f^{-1}(B(y,\ell)))$ .

By Lemma 2.3,  $f_n$  is closed, therefore  $f_n(A(x(y,i),m) \cap f^{-1}(B(y,\ell)))$  is closed in  $Y_n$ . Since  $f_n(A(x(y,i),m) \cap f^{-1}(B(y,\ell))) \subset B(y,\ell) \subset Y_n$ ,  $f_n(A(x(y,i),m) \cap f^{-1}(B(y,\ell)))$  is closed in  $B(y,\ell)$ . As  $B(y,\ell)$  is a *C*-space,  $f_n(A(x(y,i),m) \cap f^{-1}(b(y,\ell)))$  is a *C*-space. Thus  $A(x(y,i),m) \cap f^{-1}(b(y,\ell))$  is a *C*-space. By the countable sum theorem for *C*-spaces, W(y,i) is a *C*-space. Since *Z* is paracompact, the open cover  $\mathcal{W} = \{W(y,i) \cap Z : y \in Y_n, 1 \le i \le n\}$  of *Z* has a locally-finite closed refinement  $\mathcal{F}$ . Since every member of  $\mathcal{F}$  is a *C*-space, by the locally finite sum theorem for *C*-spaces (cf. [6, Theorem 1.1(i)]), *Z* is a *C*-space. Theorem 3.1 has been proved.

**3.4.** Theorem If  $f : X \longrightarrow Y$  is a closed-and-open mapping of a space X onto a weakly paracompact finite C-space Y such that  $|f^{-1}(y)| < \omega$  for every  $y \in Y$ , then X is a finite C-space.

**Proof.** Since for every  $y \in Y | f^{-1}(y) | < \omega$ , the closed mapping  $f : X \longrightarrow Y$  is perfect. As S(Y) is compact,  $f^{-1}(S(Y))$  is compact. By Theorem 3.1,  $f^{-1}(S(Y))$  is a finite *C*-space. For each closed subset  $F \subset X$  disjoint from  $f^{-1}(S(Y))$ , as  $f(F) \cap S(Y) = \emptyset$ , by Lemmma 2.7, we take integer *n* with dim  $f(F) \le n$ . As  $f|_F : F \longrightarrow f(F)$  is closed, by [3, Theorem 3.3.10], dim  $F \le \dim f(F) \le n$ . Thus *F* is a finite *C*-space, by Lemma B, *X* is a finite *C*-space.

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