

# Тихонов's Product Theory

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## A Straightforward Proof

**The Main Theorem.** Let  $(X_i)_{i \in I}$  be a family of compact spaces. Then the product space  $\prod_{i \in I} X_i$  is compact. Here **A9** is admitted when necessary.

**Proof.** For the sake of contradiction, assume there exists a family of open subsets  $\mathcal{U}$  covers  $\prod_{i \in I} X_i$  with no finite subcovers. We denote  $\prod_{i \in J} X_i =: X_J$ .

**Step 1.** Let  $\pi_{I_0} : X_I \rightarrow X_{I_0}$  be a **projection map** for  $I_0 \subset I$ . The transitive map is defined as

$$\pi_{I_1, I_2} := \pi_{I_1}^{-1} \circ \pi_{I_2} : X_{I_1} \rightarrow X_{I_2}.$$

The transitive map is well defined when  $I_2 \subset I_1 \subset I$ . Let  $(P, \subset)$  denotes partially ordered set of all  $X_J$  ( $J \subset I$ ).

**Step 2.** We call  $p \in X_J \in P$  a **bad point** whenever for each neighbourhood  $U_p$  of  $p$ , no finite subsets of  $\mathcal{U}$  cover  $\pi_J^{-1}(U_p)$ . When  $p$  and  $q$  are in disjoint  $X_{I_1}$  and  $X_{I_2}$  ( $I_1 \cap I_2 = \emptyset$ ), we define  $p \vee q$  as a concatenation.

**Step 3.** Let  $\mathbf{B}$  denote the set of all bad points, define  $p, q \leq p \vee q$  in  $\mathbf{B}$ . We claim that  $\mathbf{B}$  is *downward closed* for  $\leq$ , that is,  $q \in \mathbf{B}$  implies  $p \in \mathbf{B}$  for each  $p \leq q$ . (It seems trivial, **Ex1**).  $\mathbf{B}$  is non-empty since  $\emptyset \in \mathbf{B}$  by assumption ( $X_I$  has no finite subcover).

**Step 4.** Let  $p \in X_J \in P$  be a bad point with  $J \subsetneq I$ . We claim that for each  $i_J \in I \setminus J$ , there exists  $a \in X_{\{i_J\}}$  such that  $p \vee a \in \mathbf{B}$ .

Assume that  $p \vee a \notin \mathbf{B}$  for each  $a \in X_{\{i_J\}}$ . Then there exists a neighbourhood  $V_{p \vee a}$  such that  $\pi_{J \cup \{i_J\}}^{-1}(V_{p \vee a})$  can be covered by a finite subset  $\mathcal{U}' \subset \mathcal{U}$ . Without the loss of generality, let  $V_{p \vee a} = O_p \times W_a \in X_J \times X_{\{i_J\}}$ . Since  $X_{\{i_J\}}$  is compact, one can find  $\{a_k\}_{k=1}^N \in X_{\{i_J\}}$  such that  $X_{\{i_J\}} = \bigcup_{k=1}^N W_{a_k}$ ,  $O_p = \bigcap_{k=1}^N O_{p, a_k}$ . Then

$$\pi_J^{-1}(O_p) = \bigcup_{k=1}^N \pi_{J \cup \{i_J\}}^{-1}(O_p \times W_{a_k}) \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^N \pi_{J \cup \{i_J\}}^{-1}(V_{a_k}).$$

As a result,  $\pi_J^{-1}(O_p)$  can be covered by finite many subsets in  $\mathcal{U}$ , which contradicts  $p \in \mathbf{B}$ .

**Step 5.** We shall show that each chain  $\mathbf{C}$  in  $\mathbf{B}$  has an upper bound in  $\mathbf{B}$ . Indeed,  $\vee \mathbf{C} := \vee \{q \mid q \in \mathbf{C}\}$  is well defined, we shall show that  $(\vee \mathbf{C}) \in \mathbf{B}$ . Denote  $\{p\} := \vee \mathbf{C}$ .

Let  $V$  be any neighbourhood of  $p \in X_J$ . By definition of product topology, we assume that  $V = \pi_{J,F}^{-1}(W)$  where  $F \subset J$  is finite and  $W$  is open in  $X_F$ . One can find  $q_0 \in \mathbf{C}$  such that  $p|_F \leq q_0$ , which implies that  $p|_F \in \mathbf{B}$ . As a result,  $\pi_F^{-1}(W) = \pi_J^{-1}(V)$  cannot be covered by finitely many subsets in  $\mathcal{U}$ . Therefore,  $p \in \mathbf{B}$ .

**Step 6.** In light of Zorn's lemma, there exists  $p \in X_I$  such that  $p \in \mathbf{B}$  by **Step 5.**, that is,  $p$  cannot be covered by finite subfamily of opensets in  $\mathcal{U}$ .

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**Remark.** Main idea of proof: define the set of bad points  $\mathbf{B}$  (non-empty) and utilise the Zorn's lemma to deduce the maximum of  $\mathbf{B}$ , thus leads to a contradiction.

## Critical graphs are finite graphs

**Definition 1.** We call  $G = G(V, E)$  a **simple graph** whenever  $V$  is a set and  $E \subset \{\{x, y\} \mid x, y \in V, x \neq y\}$ . Here  $V$  (or  $E$ ) is the set of vertices (or edges).

Simple graph is always *unweighted, undirected, without self-loops and multi-edges*.

**Definition 2.** Let  $G$  be a simple graph.  $G$  is  **$k$ -colourable on vertices** whenever there exists a function  $f \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}^V$  s.t.  $f(x) \neq f(y)$  when  $\{x, y\} \in E$ .

**Definition 3.** The **minimal number for vertex colouring** is the minimal positive integer  $k_{\min} =: \chi(G)$ , such that  $G$  is  $k_{\min}$ -colourable on vertices.

**Definition 4.** The **vertex-deleted graphs** of  $G$  are in the form of

$$G_{x_0}(V', E') := G_{x_0}(\{x \in V \mid x \neq x_0\}, \{\{x, y\} \in E \mid x, y \neq x_0\}).$$

Informally speaking,  $G_{x_0}$  is obtained from  $G$  by deleting  $x_0$  and all edges connecting to it.

**Definition 5.** We call a simple graph  $G$  **critical** whenever  $\chi(G) < \infty$  and

$$\sup_{x \in G} \chi(G_x) = \max_{x \in G} \chi(G_x) < \chi(G).$$

**Main problem.** Proves that **all critical graphs are finite graphs**, that is,  $|V| < \infty$  for each critical graph  $G(V, E)$ .

■ *The axiom of choice is required when necessary.*

The main problem is a straight corollary of the following **marvelous theorem**.

**De Bruijn–Erdős theorem.** Let  $G(V, E)$  be an infinite graph, that is,  $|V| \geq |\mathbb{N}|$ . If  $\chi(F) \leq k$  for each finite subgraph  $F$  in  $G$ , then  $\chi(G) \leq k$ .

**Proof.** Let  $S = \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ ,  $X = k^{V(G)}$  be the product topology space  $(X, \tau)$ . Let  $\mathcal{F} \subset \tau$  denotes all possible schemes of colouring of every finite subgraphs in  $G$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}$  consists of closed sets in  $(X, \tau)$  and each finite subset in  $\mathcal{F}$  has non-empty intersection. Since  $k^{V(G)}$  is compact,  $\cap \mathcal{F}$  is nonempty (by **FICC**).

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**Finite intersection criterion of compact sets (FICC).** Let  $X$  be a compact topology space,  $\mathcal{F}$  be a family of closed subsets of  $X$ . Then  $\bigcap \mathcal{F} \neq \emptyset$  whenever each finite subfamily of  $\mathcal{F}$  has non-empty intersection.

**Proof.** It is just the opposite of Heine-Borel covering theorem, which is trivial.

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## Hall's marriage theorem

**Hall's marriage theorem (oral edition).**  $V_1$  表示 A 性别的光棍,  $V_2$  表示 B 性别的光棍, 然而只有特定的人才有可能结婚, 例如  $u \in V_1$  与  $v \in V_2$  可结婚若且仅若  $u$  与  $v$  存在连边. 记  $V_1$  与  $V_2$  之间的连边构成集合  $E$ . 实际上, 常称简单图  $G(V_1 \dot{\cup} V_2, E)$  为二部图 (bipartite graph). 对任意  $S \subset V_1$ , 记

$$\Gamma(S) = \{v \in V_2 \mid uv \in E \text{ for some } u \in S\} \subset V_2.$$

即所有留有  $S$  中 A 性别的光棍可生成的结婚证之最大集合 (商掉时间与效力等属性, 例如一个人可以有多张证). 则 A 性别的光棍可以脱单若且仅若  $|\Gamma(S)| \geq |S|$  对一切  $S \in \mathcal{P}(V_1)$  恒成立.

**Proof.** Finite case. When  $V_1$  is finite, we assume  $S_2$  is finite without the loss of generality. Then we shall analysis the following two cases.

**Case I.** Suppose that for all proper subspace  $S \neq \emptyset$  of  $V_1$ ,  $|\Gamma(S)| \geq |S| + 1$ . Then for arbitrary  $e = uv \in E$ , the vertex-deleted graph  $G_{u,v}$  still satisfies Hall's condition.

**Case II** Suppose that for some proper subset  $S_0 \neq \emptyset$  of  $V_1$ ,  $|\Gamma(S_0)| = |S_0|$ . Then the induces subgraph  $G(S_0 \dot{\cup} \Gamma(S_0))$  and  $G((V_1 \setminus S_0) \dot{\cup} (V_2 \setminus \Gamma(S_0)))$  satisfies Hall's condition.

■ *Either is trivial, or is trivial.*

Trivial by mathematical induction.

Infinite case (The Тихонов's Product Theory is required, left as **Ex2**).

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