Countable Normality.

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Abstract

A. V. Arhangel'skii introduced in 2012, when he was visiting the department of Mathematics at King Abduaziz University, new weaker versions of normality, called *C-normality*, and *countable normality*. The purpose of this paper is to investigate countable normality property. We prove that normality implies countable normality but the converse is not true in general. We present some examples to show relationships between countable normality and other weaker versions of normality such as C-normality, L-normality, and mild normality. We answer the following open problem of Arhangel'skii: "Is there a Tychonoff space which is not C-normal?". Throughout this paper, we denote an ordered pair by $\langle x, y \rangle$, the set of positive integers by N and the set of real numbers by \mathbb{R} . A T_4 space is a T_1 normal space, a Tychonoff space is a T_1 completely regular space, and a T_3 space is a T_1 regular space. We do not assume T_2 in the definition of compactness and we do not assume regularity in the definition of Lindelöfness. For a subset A of a space X, intA and \overline{A} denote the interior and the closure of A, respectively. An ordinal γ is the set of all ordinals α such that $\alpha < \gamma$. The first infinite ordinal is ω_0 , the first uncountable ordinal is ω_1 , and the successor cardinal of ω_1 is ω_2 .

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1 Countable Normality.

Definition 1. (Arhangel'skii)

A topological space X is called C-normal if there exist a normal space Y and a bijective function $f: X \longrightarrow Y$ such that the restriction $f_{|C}: C \longrightarrow f(C)$ is a homeomorphism for each compact subspace $C \subseteq X$. A topological space X is called *countably normal* if there exist a normal space Y and a bijective function $f: X \longrightarrow Y$ such that the restriction $f_{|C}: C \longrightarrow f(C)$ is a homeomorphism for each countable subspace $C \subseteq X$.

C-normality was studied in [10]. There is a Tychonoff C-normal space which is not countably normal, see the paragraph after Theorem 6 below. A topological space X is called L-normal [6] if there exist a normal space Y and a bijective function $f: X \longrightarrow Y$ such that the restriction $f_{|C}: C \longrightarrow f(C)$ is a homeomorphism for each Lindelöf subspace $C \subseteq X$. Since any countable space is Lindelöf, then any L-normal space is countably normal. The converse is not true in general. For example the countable complement topology on an uncountable set X [15] is countably normal because any countable subspace of X is a discrete subspace, hence the discrete topology on X and the identity function will witness the countable normality. But it is not L-normal because it is Lindelöf non-normal space.

If X is countable, then X may not be countably normal, for example, $(\mathbb{Q}, \mathcal{T}_p)$, where \mathcal{T}_p is the particular point topology and \mathbb{Q} is the rationales, $p \in \mathbb{Q}$ [15], because no countable non-normal space is countably normal. It is also obvious that any normal space is countably normal, just by taking X = Y and f to be the identity function. The converse is not true in general. Here is an example of a Tychonoff countably normal space which is neither normal nor locally compact.

Example 2. We modify the Dieudonné Plank [15] to define a new topological space. Let

$$X = ((\omega_2 + 1) \times (\omega_0 + 1)) \setminus \{\langle \omega_2, \omega_0 \rangle\}.$$

Write $X = A \cup B \cup N$, where $A = \{\langle \omega_2, n \rangle : n < \omega_0\}$, $B = \{\langle \alpha, \omega_0 \rangle : \alpha < \omega_2\}$, and $N = \{\langle \alpha, n \rangle : \alpha < \omega_2 \text{ and } n < \omega_0\}$. The topology \mathcal{T} on X is generated by the following neighborhood system: For each $\langle \alpha, n \rangle \in N$, let $\mathcal{B}(\langle \alpha, n \rangle) = \{\{\langle \alpha, n \rangle\}\}$. For each $\langle \omega_2, n \rangle \in A$, let $\mathcal{B}(\langle \omega_2, n \rangle) = \{V_\alpha(n) = (\alpha, \omega_2] \times \{n\} : \alpha < \omega_2\}$. For each $\langle \alpha, \omega_0 \rangle \in B$, let $\mathcal{B}(\langle \alpha, \omega_0 \rangle) = \{V_n(\alpha) = \{\alpha\} \times (n, \omega_0] : n < \omega_0\}$. Then X is Tychonoff non-normal space which is neither locally compact nor locally Lindelöf as any basic open neighborhood of any element in A is not Lindelöf, hence not countable [6].

Now, define $Y = X = A \cup B \cup N$. Generate a topology \mathcal{T}' on Y by the following neighborhood system: Elements of $B \cup N$ have the same local base as in X. For each $\langle \omega_2, n \rangle \in A$, let $\mathcal{B}(\langle \omega_2, n \rangle) = \{\{\langle \omega_2, n \rangle\}\}$. Then Y is T_4 space because it is Hausdorff paracompact. In [6], it was proved that X is L-normal. Therefore, the modified Dieudonné Plank X is countably normal.

Theorem 3. countable normality is a topological property.

Proof. Let X be any countably normal space and $X \cong Z$. Let Y be a normal space and $f: X \longrightarrow Y$ be a bijective such that $f_{|_C}: C \longrightarrow f(C)$ is a homeomorphism for each countable subspace C of X. Let $g: Z \longrightarrow X$ be a homeomorphism. Then $f \circ g: Z \longrightarrow Y$ satisfies all requirements. \square

Theorem 4. countable normality is an additive property.

Proof. Let X_{α} be a countably normal space for each $\alpha \in \Lambda$. We show that their sum $\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_{\alpha}$ is countably normal. For each $\alpha \in \Lambda$, pick a normal space Y_{α} and a bijective function $f_{\alpha}: X_{\alpha} \longrightarrow Y_{\alpha}$ such that $f_{\alpha|_{C_{\alpha}}}: C_{\alpha} \longrightarrow f_{\alpha}(C_{\alpha})$ is a homeomorphism for each countable subspace C_{α} of X_{α} . Since Y_{α} is normal for each $\alpha \in \Lambda$, then the sum $\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} Y_{\alpha}$ is normal, [3, 2.2.7]. Consider the function sum, see [3, 2.2.E], $\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} f_{\alpha}: \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_{\alpha} \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} Y_{\alpha}$ 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 countable if and only if the set $\Lambda_0 = \{\alpha \in \Lambda: C \cap X_{\alpha} \neq \emptyset\}$ is countable and $C \cap X_{\alpha}$ is countable for each $\alpha \in \Lambda_0$. If $C \subseteq \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_{\alpha}$ is countable, then $(\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} f_{\alpha})_{|_{C}}$ is a homeomorphism because $f_{\alpha|_{C \cap X_{\alpha}}}$ is a homeomorphism for each $\alpha \in \Lambda_0$.

A function $f: X \longrightarrow Y$ witnessing the countable normality of X need not be continuous as seen in Example 2. But it will be if X is of countable tightness. Similar proof as in [6] will prove the next two theorems.

Theorem 5. If X is countably normal and of countable tightness and $f: X \longrightarrow Y$ is a witness of the countable normality of X, then f is continuous.

Theorem 6. If X is T_3 separable countably normal and of countable tightness, then X is normal (T_4) .

We conclude from the above theorem that the Niemytzki plane [15] and a Mrówka space $\Psi(\mathcal{A})$, where $\mathcal{A} \subset [\omega_0]^{\omega_0}$ is mad [2], are examples of Tychonoff spaces which are not countably normal. Observe that such a Mrówka space is an example of a C-normal space, being Hausdorff locally compact [10], which is not countably normal. Countable normality is not multiplicative because, for example, the Sorgenfrey line is T_4 but its square is Tychonoff separable first countable space which is not countably normal because it is not normal. Also, countable normality is not hereditary, take any compactification of the Sorgenfrey line square. We still do not know if countable normality is hereditary with respect to closed subspaces.

Recall that a *Dowker space* is a T_4 space whose product with I, I = [0, 1] with its usual metric, is not normal. M. E. Rudin used the existence of a Suslin line to obtain a Dowker space which is hereditarily separable and first countable [12]. Using CH, I. Juhász, K. Kunen, and M. E. Rudin constructed a first countable hereditarily separable real compact Dowker space [4]. Weiss constructed a first countable separable locally compact Dowker space whose existence is consistent with MA $+ \neg$ CH [16]. By Theorem 1.6, such spaces are consistent examples of Dowker spaces whose product with I are not countably normal.

Since any countable space is separable and of countable tightness and any T_3 second countable space is metrizable [3, 4.2.9], we conclude the following theorem.

Theorem 7. Every T_1 countable countably normal second countable space is metrizable.

On 2012, Arhangel'skii asked the following problem, see [10]: "Is there a Tychonoff space which is not C-normal?". The answer is positive. Here is an example of a Tychonoff space which is not C-normal.

Example 8. Let $G = D^{\omega_1}$, where $D = \{0, 1\}$ 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 $X = G \times H$. Raushan Buzyakova proved that X cannot be mapped onto a normal space Y by a bijective continuous function [?].

Claim: H is Fréchet.

Proof of Claim: Let $A \subseteq H$ be arbitrary and pick any $x \in \overline{A}$. Let $E \subset \omega_1$ be the set of all coordinates α such that $x_{|\alpha} = 1$. By the definition of H, E is countable. Write $E = {\alpha_n : n < \omega_0}$. Consider the basic open neighborhood

$$U = (\prod_{\alpha \in \omega_1 \setminus \{\alpha_0\}} D) \times \{1\}) \bigcap H$$

of x. We have $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$. Pick $x_0 \in U \cap A$. Thus $x_{0|_{\alpha_0}} = 1$. For n > 0, consider the open neighborhood

$$U = \left(\left(\prod_{\alpha \in \omega_1 \setminus \{\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_n\}} D \right) \times \left(\prod_{\{\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_n\}} \{1\} \right) \right) \bigcap H$$

of x. We have $U \cap A \neq \emptyset$. Pick $x_n \in U \cap A$. Thus $x_{n_{|\alpha_i}} = 1$ for all $i \in \{0, 1, ..., n\}$. Now, $x_n \in A$ for each $n \in \omega_0$ and the sequence x_n converges to x because if V is any basic open neighborhood of x, then

$$V = ((\prod_{\alpha \in \omega_1 \setminus F} D) \times (\prod_{\alpha \in F_1} \{1\}) \times (\prod_{\alpha \in F_2} \{0\})) \cap H$$

where $F = F_1 \cup F_2$ is finite with $F_1 \cap F_2 = \emptyset$. If $E \cap F = \emptyset$, then $x_n \in V$ for all $n < \omega_0$. If $E \cap F \neq \emptyset$, let $k = \max\{i \in \omega_0 : \alpha_i \in E \cap F\}$. Then $x_n \in V$ for each n > k. Therefore, H is Fréchet.

Now, X is a k-space because H is a k-space being a Hausdorff Fréchet space, [3, 3.3.20]. Since G is T_2 compact, then $X = G \times H$ is a k-space, [3, 3.3.27]. Now, It is clear that X is Tychonoff. Suppose that X is C-normal. Let Y be a normal space and $f: X \longrightarrow Y$ be a bijection function such that $f_{|_C}: C \longrightarrow f(C)$ is a homeomorphism for each compact subset $C \subseteq X$. Since X is a k-space, then f is continuous, [3, 3.3.21], and this contradicts the Buzyakova's result. \blacksquare

The above example shows that C-normality is not hereditary, just take any compactification of X. It also shows that not every k-space is C-normal. The Niemytzki plane and a Mrówka space $\Psi(\mathcal{A})$, where $\mathcal{A} \subset [\omega_0]^{\omega_0}$ is mad, are examples of C-normal spaces which are not countably normal. They are C-normal being T_2 locally compact [10].

2 Countable Normality and other Properties.

Now, we study some relationships between countable normality and some other weaker versions of normality. First, we recall some definitions.

Definition 9. A subset A of a space X is called $closed\ domain\ [3]$, called also $regularly\ closed$, $\kappa\text{-}closed$, if $A = \overline{\operatorname{int} A}$. A space X is called $mildly\ normal\ [13]$, called also $\kappa\text{-}normal\ [14]$, if for any two disjoint closed domains A and B of X there exist two disjoint open sets U and V of X such that $A \subseteq U$ and $B \subseteq V$, see also [5] and [7]. A space X is called $almost\ normal\ [11]\ [9]$ if for any two disjoint closed subsets A and B of X one of which is closed domain, there exist two disjoint open subsets U and U of U such that U and U of U such that U and U of U such that U and U of U is a finite intersection of closed domains. A space U is called U and U of U and U of

It is clear from the definitions that

normal $\Longrightarrow \pi$ -normal \Longrightarrow almost normal \Longrightarrow mildly normal. normal $\Longrightarrow \pi$ -normal \Longrightarrow quasi-normal \Longrightarrow mildly normal.

Now, $(\mathbb{Q}, \mathcal{T}_0)$, where \mathcal{T}_0 is the particular point topology is not countably normal. But, since the only π -closed sets are \emptyset and \mathbb{Q} , then it is π -normal, hence quasi-normal, almost normal, and mildly normal. Here is an example of a countably normal space which is not mildly normal, hence neither quasi-normal, almost normal, nor π -normal.

Example 10. The modified Dieudonné plank X is countably normal but not mildly normal.

Proof. X is not normal because A and B are closed disjoint subsets which cannot be separated by two disjoint open sets. Let $E = \{n < \omega_0 : n \text{ is even }\}$ and $O = \{n < \omega_0 : n \text{ is odd}\}$. Let K and L be subsets of ω_2 such that $K \cap L = \emptyset$, $K \cup L = \omega_2$, and the cofinality of K and L are ω_2 ; for instance, let K be the set of limit ordinals in ω_2 and L be the set of successor ordinals in ω_2 . Then $K \times E$ and $L \times O$ are both open being subsets of N. Define $C = \overline{K \times E}$ and $D = \overline{L \times O}$; then C and D are closed domains in X, being closures of open sets, and they are disjoint. Note that $C = K \times E = (K \times E) \cup (K \times E)$ $\{\omega_0\}$) \cup $(\{\omega_2\} \times E)$ and $D = \overline{L \times O} = (L \times O) \cup (L \times \{\omega_0\}) \cup (\{\omega_2\} \times O)$. Let $U \subseteq X$ be any open set such that $C \subseteq U$. For each $n \in E$ there exists an $\alpha_n < \omega_2$ such that $V_{\alpha_n}(n) \subseteq U$. Let $\beta = \sup\{\alpha_n : n \in E\}$; then $\beta < \omega_2$. Since L is cofinal in ω_2 , then there exists $\gamma \in L$ such that $\beta < \gamma$ and then any basic open set of $\langle \gamma, \omega_0 \rangle \in D$ will meet U. Thus C and D cannot be separated. Therefor, the modified Dieudonné plank X is countably normal but is not mildly normal. **Theorem 11.** If X is C-normal space such that each countable subspace is contained in a compact subspace, then X is countably normal.

Proof. Let X be any C-normal space such that if A is any countable subspace of X, then there exists a compact subspace B such that $A \subseteq B$. Let Y be a normal space and $f: X \longrightarrow Y$ be a bijective function such that $f|_{C}: C \longrightarrow f(C)$ is a homeomorphism for each compact subspace C of X. Now, let A be any countable subspace of X. Pick a compact subspace B of X such that $A \subseteq B$, then $f|_{B}: B \longrightarrow f(B)$ is a homeomorphism, hence $f|_{A}: A \longrightarrow f(A)$ is a homeomorphism as $(f|_{B})|_{A} = f|_{A}$.

Corollary 12. If X is a countably normal space such that each Lindelöf subspace is countable, then X is L-normal.

The next example is an application of the above theorem. It gives a Tychonoff countably normal space which is not almost normal.

Example 13. Consider the product space $\omega_1 \times (\omega_1 + 1)$. It is not almost normal because the diagonal $\Delta = \{\langle \alpha, \alpha \rangle : \alpha < \omega_1 \}$ is a closed domain which is disjoint from the closed set $K = \omega_1 \times \{\omega_1\}$ and they cannot be separated by two disjoint open sets, see [9]. But $\omega_1 \times (\omega_1 + 1)$ is *C*-normal being locally compact and local compactness implies *C*-normality, see [10]. Now we characterize all countable subspaces of $\omega_1 \times (\omega_1 + 1)$.

Claim: If a subspace A of $\omega_1 \times (\omega_1 + 1)$ is countable, then there is an $\alpha \in \omega_1$ such that $A \subseteq \alpha \times (\omega_1 + 1)$.

Proof of claim: Let A be any countable subspace of $\omega_1 \times (\omega_1 + 1)$. If the condition does not hold, then for any $\alpha \in \omega_1$ there is $x \in A$ and x does not belong to $\alpha \times (\omega_1 + 1)$. But ω_1 in uncountable, then A is uncountable, a contradiction. So the claim is proved.

We conclude from the above claim that each countable subspace A of $\omega_1 \times (\omega_1 + 1)$ is contained in a compact subspace B of $\omega_1 \times (\omega_1 + 1)$ of the form $B = (\alpha + 1) \times (\omega_1 + 1)$, where α satisfies condition above. Thus, by the Theorem 2.3, $\omega_1 \times (\omega_1 + 1)$ is countably normal.

We discovered that the Alexandroff Duplicate space of a countably normal space is countably normal. Recall that the Alexandroff Duplicate space A(X) of a space X is defined as follows: Let X be any 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 $\mathcal{B}(x) = \{U \cup (U' \setminus \{x'\}) : U$ is open in X with $x \in U$. Then $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathcal{B}(x) : x \in X\} \cup \{\mathcal{B}(x') : x' \in X'\}$ will generate a unique topology on A(X) such that \mathcal{B} is its neighborhood system. A(X) with this topology is called the Alexandroff Duplicate of X [1].

Theorem 14. If X is countably normal, then its Alexandroff Duplicate A(X) is also countably normal.

Proof. Let X be any countably normal space. Pick a normal space Y and a bijective function $f:X\longrightarrow Y$ such that $f_{|_C}:C\longrightarrow f(C)$ is a homeomorphism for each countable subspace $C \subseteq X$. Consider the Alexandroff duplicate spaces A(X) and A(Y) of X and Y respectively. It is well-known that the Alexandroff Duplicate of a normal space is normal, hence A(Y) is also normal. Define $g:A(X)\longrightarrow A(Y)$ by g(a)=f(a) if $a\in X$ and if $a \in X'$, let b be the unique element in X such that b' = a, then define g(a) = (f(b))'. Then g is a bijective function. Now, a subspace $C \subseteq A(X)$ is countable if and only if $C \cap X$ is countable in X and $C \cap X'$ is countable in X'. Let $C \subseteq A(X)$ be any countable subspace. We show $g_{|_C}: C \longrightarrow g(C)$ is a homeomorphism. Let $a \in C$ be arbitrary. If $a \in C \cap X'$, let $b \in X$ be the unique element such that b'=a. For the smallest basic open neighborhood $\{(f(b))'\}$ of the point g(a) we have that $\{a\}$ is open in C and $g(\{a\}) \subseteq \{(f(b))'\}$. If $a \in C \cap X$. Let W be any open set in Y such that $g(a) = f(a) \in W$. Consider $H = (W \cup (W' \setminus \{(f(a))'\})) \cap g(C)$ which is a basic open neighborhood of f(a) in g(C). Since $f_{|C\cap X}:C\cap X\longrightarrow f(C\cap X)$ is a homeomorphism, then there exists an open set U in X with $a \in U$ and $f_{|C\cap X}(U\cap C)\subseteq W\cap f(C\cap X)$. Now, $(U\cup (U'\setminus \{a'\}))\cap C=G$ is open in Csuch that $a \in G$ and $g_{|_{G}}(G) \subseteq H$. Therefore, $g_{|_{G}}$ is continuous. Now, we show that $g_{|C|}$ is open. Let $K \cup (K' \setminus \{k'\})$, where $k \in K$ and K is open in X, be any basic open set in A(X), then $(K \cap C) \cup ((K' \cap C) \setminus \{k'\})$ is a basic open set in C. Since $X \cap C$ is countable in X, then $g_{|C}(K \cap (X \cap C)) = f_{|X \cap C}(K \cap (X \cap C))$ is open in $Y \cap f(C \cap X)$ as $f_{|_{X \cap C}}$ is a homeomorphism. Thus $K \cap C$ is open in $Y \cap f(X \cap C)$. Also, $g((K' \cap C) \setminus \{k'\})$ is open in $Y' \cap g(C)$ being a set of isolated points. Thus g_{\mid_C} is an open function. Therefore, g_{\mid_C} is a homeomorphism.

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