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**In this paper we study preservation of  $E$ -compactness under taking finite unions (the finite additivity theorems of  $E$ -compactness) and under taking quotient images.**

Throughout this paper spaces are assumed to be Hausdorff, and maps are continuous onto functions. Given a space  $E$ , we shall call a space  $X$   *$E$ -completely regular ( $E$ -compact)* provided that  $X$  is homeomorphic to a subspace (respectively, closed subspace) of a product  $E^m$  for some cardinal  $m$ .

As far as additivity theorems are concerned, the first author has shown in [1] that *if a space  $X$  is normal and if it can be expressed as the union of a countable collection of closed  $R$ -compact spaces ( $R$  denotes the space of all real numbers), then  $X$  is  $R$ -compact*. The assumption that  $X$  is normal in the above theorem is essential. In fact, in [2], [4] the first author has constructed an example of a completely regular, non- $R$ -compact space  $X$  which can be expressed as the union of two closed  $R$ -compact subspaces. This example shows that finite additivity relative to closed subspaces fails for  $R$ -compactness. It can be shown that the same example satisfies the above statement with “ $R$ -compact” replaced by “ $N$ -compact”. ( $N$  denotes the space of all nonnegative integers.) Using the same example it was shown that the image of an  $R$ -compact ( $N$ -compact) space under a perfect map need not be  $R$ -compact (respectively,  $N$ -compact). In [4], some positive results in this direction have been obtained. The purpose of this paper is to generalize some of the results in [4] to a certain class of  $E$ -compact spaces which contains both the class of  $R$ -compact spaces and the class of  $N$ -compact spaces. Many theorems concerning the preservation of  $E$ -compactness can be stated in a more comprehensive form as rules concerning “ $E$ -defect” of spaces (for definition of  $E$ -defect, see next paragraph). In §2 we shall state the additivity theorems of  $E$ -compactness both in words and as rules concerning  $E$ -defects of spaces.

The reader is referred to [3] for basic results of  $E$ -completely regular spaces and  $E$ -compact spaces. For convenience we review the notations and terminology. Given two spaces  $X$  and  $E$ ,  $C(X, E)$  denotes the set of all continuous functions from  $X$  into  $E$ . A class  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq C(X, E)$  is called an  *$E$ -non-extendable class* for  $X$  provided that there is no proper extension  $\epsilon X$  of  $X$  such that every  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  admits a continuous extension  $f^*: \epsilon X \rightarrow E$ . The  *$E$ -defect* of a space  $X$  (in symbols,  $\text{def}_E X$ ) is the smallest (finite or infinite) cardinal  $p$  such that there exists an  $E$ -non-

extendable class for  $X$  of cardinal  $p$ . A subspace  $X_0$  of a space  $X$  is said to be *complementatively  $E$ -compact* in  $X$  provided that every closed subspace of  $X$  disjoint from  $X_0$  is  $E$ -compact.  $X_0$  is said to be  *$E$ -embedded* in  $X$  provided that every continuous function  $f: X_0 \rightarrow E$  admits a continuous extension  $f^*: X \rightarrow E$ . For two subsets  $A, B$  of a space  $X$ ,  $B$  is said to be  *$E$ -functionally contained* in  $A$  (in symbols,  $B \subset_f A$ ) provided that there exists a map  $g: X \rightarrow E$  such that

$$\text{cl}(g(X - A)) \cap \text{cl}(g(B)) = \emptyset.$$

It should be noted that in §§2 and 3,  $E$  is assumed to satisfy a set of rather complex conditions; a way of avoiding these conditions is indicated in §4.

**2. Additivity theorems of  $E$ -compactness.** In §§2 and 3 we assume that  $E$  is a space with a continuous binary operation  $\theta$  and two fixed distinct points  $e_0$  and  $e_1$  satisfying the following properties:

( $\alpha$ )  $e\theta e_0 = e_0, e\theta e_1 = e$  for every  $e \in E$ .

( $\beta$ ) for every closed subset  $A$  of  $E^n$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) and for every  $p \in E^n - A$ , there exists an  $f \in C(E^n, E)$  such that  $f(A) = e_0$  and  $f(p) = e_1$ .

( $\gamma$ ) for every two disjoint closed subsets  $A, B$  of  $E$ , there exists a  $g \in C(E, E)$  such that  $g(A) = e_0$  and  $g(B) = e_1$ .

We first observe the following results.

2.1. If  $E$  satisfies ( $\beta$ ), then it is regular and if it satisfies ( $\gamma$ ), then it is normal.

2.2. Let  $E$  be a space satisfying ( $\beta$ ). Then  $X$  is  $E$ -completely regular iff for every closed subset  $F$  of  $X$  and every point  $x \in X - F$ , there exists an  $f \in C(X, E)$  such that  $f(X) = e_1$ ,  $f(F) = e_0$ .

2.3. Let  $E$  be a space satisfying ( $\beta$ ) and ( $\gamma$ ). Then  $X$  is  $E$ -completely regular iff for every closed subset  $F$  of  $X$  and every point  $x \in X - F$ , there exist two disjoint neighborhoods  $U$  and  $V$  of  $x$  and  $F$ , respectively, and a map  $g \in C(X, E)$  such that  $g(U) = e_1$ ,  $g(V) = e_0$ .

2.4. Let  $E$  be a space satisfying ( $\gamma$ ). Then for two subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$ ,  $B \subset_f A$  iff there exists a map  $g \in C(X, E)$  such that  $g(X - A) = e_0$  and  $g(B) = e_1$ .

2.5. Let  $E$  be a space satisfying ( $\alpha$ ), ( $\beta$ ) and ( $\gamma$ ). If  $A, B$  are two closed subsets of  $X$  with  $B \subset_f A$ , then for each  $f \in C(A, E)$ , there is an  $f' \in C(A, E)$  such that  $f'$  admits a continuous extension  $f^* \in C(X, E)$  such that  $f^*|_B = f|_B$ .

*Proof.* 2.1–2.4 are straightforward. We now prove 2.5. By 2.4, there exists a map  $g \in C(X, E)$  such that  $g(X - A) = e_0$  and  $g(B) = e_1$ . Let  $f \in C(A, E)$  be given. We define  $f': A \rightarrow E$  as follows  $f'(x) = f(x)\theta g(x)$  for every  $x \in A$ . Clearly  $f' \in C(A, E)$ . Then  $f^*$  can be defined by letting  $f^*(x) = f'(x)$  for  $x \in A$  and  $f^*(x) = e_0$  for  $x \in X - A$ .

From now on all spaces will be assumed to be  $E$ -completely regular. We first prove two lemmas which are needed for the proof of our main theorems.

2.6. LEMMA. *An  $E$ -compact,  $E$ -embedded subspace  $X_0$  of an  $E$ -completely regular space  $X$  is closed in  $\beta_E X$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $X_0$  is  $E$ -compact,  $\beta_E X_0 = X_0$ . Hence it suffices to show that  $\text{cl}_{\beta_E X} X_0 = \beta_E X_0$ . First,  $\text{cl}_{\beta_E X} X_0$  is obviously  $E$ -compact. Also, since  $X_0$  is  $E$ -embedded in  $X$ , it is also  $E$ -embedded in  $\beta_E X$ , so it is  $E$ -embedded in  $\text{cl}_{\beta_E X} X_0$ . Thus by 4.14 (a), (b) of [3],  $\text{cl}_{\beta_E X} X_0 = \beta_E X_0$ .

2.7. LEMMA. *If a space  $X$  contains a complementatively  $E$ -compact subspace  $X_0$  which is closed in  $\beta_E X$ , then  $X$  is  $E$ -compact.*

*Proof.* Assume that  $X$  is not  $E$ -compact. Choose a point  $p_0$  in  $\beta_E X - X$  and let  $\epsilon X = X \cup \{p_0\}$ . Then  $\epsilon X$  is a proper extension of  $X$  and  $X$  is  $E$ -embedded in  $\epsilon X$ . Clearly,  $p_0 \notin X_0$  and  $X_0$  is closed in  $\epsilon X$ . By 2.3, there exist a map  $g \in C(\epsilon X, E)$  and two disjoint neighborhoods  $U$  and  $V$  in  $\epsilon X$  of  $p_0$  and  $X_0$ , respectively, such that  $g(U) = e_1$  and  $g(V) = e_0$ . We claim that  $X - V$  is not  $E$ -compact. First note that  $p_0 \in \text{cl}_{\epsilon X}(X - V)$ . Now given  $f \in C(X - V, E)$ , we define a map  $h: X \rightarrow E$  as follows:  $h(x) = f(x)\theta g(x)$  for  $x \in X - V$  and  $h(x) = e_0$  for  $x \in V$ . One easily verifies that  $h \in C(X, E)$  and consequently  $h$  admits a continuous extension  $h^* \in C(\epsilon X, E)$ . Now for any  $x \in U \cap X$ , we have  $h^*(x) = h(x) = f(x)\theta g(x) = f(x)\theta e_1 = f(x)$ , i.e.,  $f$  agrees with  $h^*$  on a deleted neighborhood of  $p_0$ , hence  $f$  can be extended likewise. Therefore,  $X - V$  is not  $E$ -compact and this contradicts the fact that  $X_0$  is complementatively  $E$ -compact.

We are now ready to prove the main theorems. In the following for a space  $X$  and a subspace  $X_0$  of  $X$  we shall use  $D(X_0)$  and  $FC(X_0)$  to denote the class of all closed subsets of  $X$  which are disjoint from  $X_0$  and which are  $E$ -functionally contained in  $X_0$ , respectively.

2.8. THEOREM. *If  $X$  contains a compact and complementatively  $E$ -compact subspace  $X_0$ , then  $X$  is  $E$ -compact.*

*More precisely, we have the following formula for  $E$ -defect of  $X$ :*

(a)  $\text{def}_E X \leq \Sigma \{\text{card}(FC(A)) \cdot \text{def}_E A : A \in D_0(X_0)\}$   
 where  $D_0(X_0)$  is a cofinal subset of  $D(X_0)$ .

*Proof.* The first part follows immediately from 2.7. We now prove formula (a). For each  $A \in D(X_0)$ , let  $\mathcal{F}_A$  be an  $E$ -nonextendable class for  $A$  with  $\text{card } \mathcal{F}_A = \text{def}_E A$ . Let  $B$  be an arbitrary set of  $FC(A)$ . Then by 2.5, for each  $f \in \mathcal{F}_A$ , there are two maps  $f'_B \in C(A, E)$ ,  $f^*_B \in C(X, E)$  such that  $f^*_B|B = f|B$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}_{(A,B)}$  be the class of such  $f^*_B$ . Then  $\text{card } \mathcal{F}_{(A,B)} \leq \text{def}_E A$  for each  $B \in FC(A)$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}^*_A = \bigcup \{\mathcal{F}_{(A,B)} : B \in FC(A)\}$ . Then  $\text{card } \mathcal{F}^*_A \leq \Sigma \{\text{card } \mathcal{F}_{(A,B)} : B \in FC(A)\} \leq \text{card } FC(A) \cdot \text{def}_E A$ . Finally, let  $\mathcal{F} = \bigcup \{\mathcal{F}^*_A : A \in D_0(X_0)\}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{card } \mathcal{F} &\leq \sum \{\text{card } \mathcal{F}^*_A : A \in D_0(X_0)\} \\ &\leq \sum \{\text{card } FC(A) \cdot \text{def}_E A : A \in D_0(X_0)\}. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to show that  $\mathcal{F}$  is an  $E$ -nonextendable class for  $X$ .

**2.9. THEOREM.** *If  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are  $E$ -compact,  $E$ -embedded subspaces of  $X$  such that  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n X_i$  is complementatively  $E$ -compact, then  $X$  is  $E$ -compact.*

*More precisely, we have the following formula for the  $E$ -defect of  $X$ :*

$$(b) \quad \text{def}_E X \leq \Sigma_{i=1}^n \text{def}_E X_i + \Sigma \{\text{card } FC(A) \cdot \text{def}_E A : A \in D_0(\bigcup_{i=1}^n X_i)\}$$

where  $D_0(\bigcup_{i=1}^n X_i)$  is a cofinal subset of  $D(\bigcup_{i=1}^n X_i)$ .

*Proof.* The first part follows from 2.6 and 2.7. We now prove formula (b). For each  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , let  $\mathcal{F}_i$  be an  $E$ -nonextendable class for  $X_i$  with  $\text{card } \mathcal{F}_i = \text{def}_E X_i$ . Since  $X_i$  is  $E$ -embedded in  $X$ , for each  $f \in \mathcal{F}_i$ , we choose an extension  $f^* \in C(X, E)$  of  $f$  and denote by  $\mathcal{F}^*_i$  the class of all such extensions. Clearly,  $\text{card } \mathcal{F}^*_i \leq \text{def}_E X_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}_1 = \bigcup_{i=1}^n \mathcal{F}^*_i$ . Then  $\text{card } \mathcal{F}_1 \leq \Sigma_{i=1}^n \text{def}_E X_i$ . For each  $A \in D(\bigcup_{i=1}^n X_i)$ , let  $\mathcal{F}_A$  be an  $E$ -nonextendable class for  $A$  with  $\text{card } \mathcal{F}_A = \text{def}_E A$ . Let  $B$  be an arbitrary set of  $FC(A)$ . Then for each  $f \in \mathcal{F}_A$ , by 2.5, there exist two maps  $f'_B \in C(A, E)$ ,  $f^*_B \in C(X, E)$  with  $f^*_B|B = f|B$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}_{(A,B)}$  be the class of all such  $f^*_B$ . Then  $\text{card } \mathcal{F}_{(A,B)} = \text{def}_E A$  for each  $B \in FC(A)$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}^*_A = \bigcup \{\mathcal{F}_{(A,B)} : B \in FC(A)\}$ . Then  $\text{card } \mathcal{F}^*_A \leq \Sigma \{\text{card } \mathcal{F}_{(A,B)} : B \in FC(A)\} \leq \text{card } FC(A) \cdot \text{def}_E A$ . Finally, let  $\mathcal{F}_H = \bigcup \{\mathcal{F}^*_A : A \in D_0(\bigcup_{i=1}^n X_i)\}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{card } \mathcal{F}_H &\leq \sum \{\text{card } \mathcal{F}^*_A : A \in D_0(\bigcup_{i=1}^n X_i)\} \\ &\leq \sum \{\text{card } FC(A) \cdot \text{def}_E A : A \in D_0(\bigcup_{i=1}^n X_i)\}. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that the class  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_I \cup \mathcal{F}_{II}$  is an  $E$ -nonextendable class for  $X$ .

The following corollaries follow from 2.7, 2.8 and 2.9.

2.10. COROLLARY. *If  $X = X_1 \cup X_2$  where  $X_1$  is  $E$ -compact and  $X_2$  is closed in  $\beta_E X$ , then  $X$  is  $E$ -compact.*

2.11. COROLLARY. *If  $X = X_1 \cup X_2$  where  $X_1$  is  $E$ -compact and  $X_2$  is compact, then  $X$  is  $E$ -compact.*

2.12. COROLLARY. *If  $X$  is the union of finitely many  $E$ -compact subspaces, each of which is  $E$ -embedded in  $X$ , except at most one, then  $X$  is  $E$ -compact.*

2.13. REMARK. Unlike 2.9, considering more than one subspace in 2.7 and 2.8 will not generalize the theorems. In fact, if  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are subspaces of  $X$  which are closed in  $\beta_E X$  (compact) such that  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n X_i$  is complementatively  $E$ -compact, then we could simply let  $X_0 = \bigcup_{i=1}^n X_i$  which is closed in  $\beta_E X$  (respectively, compact) and is complementatively  $E$ -compact.

2.14. REMARK. We shall now show that formulas (a) and (b) of 2.8 and 2.9 are the best estimations for the  $E$ -defects of  $X$ .

For each ordinal  $\alpha$ , let  $S(\alpha) = \{\lambda : \lambda < \alpha\}$  and let  $\Omega$  be the first uncountable ordinal. Let  $X = (R \times S(\Omega)) \cup \{p_0\}$  where  $p_0 \notin R \times S(\Omega)$ . Topologize  $X$  as follows: every open set in  $R \times S(\Omega)$  is open in  $X$ : a base of neighborhoods of  $p_0$  consists of sets of the form  $(R \times B) \cup \{p_0\}$  where  $B \subseteq S(\Omega)$  and  $S(\Omega) - B$  is countable. It follows from 2.8 that  $X$  is  $R$ -compact and  $\text{def}_R X \leq \aleph_1$ . Also, it is easy to show that  $\text{def}_R X \geq \aleph_0$ . In order to show that formula (a) in 2.8 is the best estimation for  $\text{def}_R X$ , we must show that  $\text{def}_R X \neq \aleph_0$ . Assume the contrary, i.e., assume that  $\text{def}_R X = \aleph_0$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be an  $R$ -nonextendable class for  $X$  with  $\text{card } \mathcal{F} = \aleph_0$ . For an arbitrary rational number  $r$  and for each  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ , there is an ordinal  $\alpha_f \in S(\Omega)$  such that  $f$  is constant on  $\{r\} \times (S(\Omega) - S(\alpha_f))$ . Obviously, the set  $\{\alpha_f : f \in \mathcal{F}\}$  has an upper bound, say  $\alpha_r$ , in  $S(\Omega)$  and every  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  is constant on  $\{r\} \times (S(\Omega) - S(\alpha_r))$ . It is also clear that the set  $\{\alpha_r : r \in P\}$ , where  $P$  denotes the set of all rational numbers, has an upper bound, say  $\alpha$ , in  $S(\Omega)$  and every  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  is constant on  $P \times (S(\Omega) - S(\alpha))$ . Since  $P$  is dense in  $R$ , every  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  is then constant on  $R \times (S(\Omega) - S(\alpha))$ . Now choose a point  $p_1 \in \beta X - X$  such that  $p_1 \in \text{cl}_{\beta X}(R \times \{\alpha\})$ . Then  $X \cup \{p_1\}$  is a proper extension of  $X$  with the property that every  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  admits a continuous extension  $f^*: X \cup \{p_1\} \rightarrow R$ . This contradicts the fact that  $\mathcal{F}$  is an  $R$ -nonextendable class for  $X$ .

2.15. REMARK. Recall that for  $E = R$  and  $E = N$  we have the following countable theorem for  $E$ -compactness: If  $X = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} X_i$  where  $X_i$  is  $E$ -compact,  $E$ -embedded in  $X$  for each  $i$ , then  $X$  is  $E$ -compact. We shall now show that, however, for the infinite additivity theorems of  $E$ -compactness, it is impossible to find formulas for the  $E$ -defects analogous for formulas (a) and (b) of 2.8 and 2.9.

Let  $X = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} [0, n]^m$  where  $m$  is an infinite cardinal. Then  $X$ , being  $\sigma$ -compact, is  $R$ -compact. We shall prove our claim by showing that  $\text{def}_R X \geq m$ .

CASE 1.  $m = \aleph_0$ . If  $\text{def}_R X < m$ , then by Theorem 5.9 of [3]  $X$  is Lindelöf and locally compact which is a contradiction (since  $X$  is not locally compact).

CASE 2.  $m > \aleph_0$ . If  $\text{def}_R X = p < m$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be an  $R$ -nonextendable class for  $X$  with  $\text{card } \mathcal{F} = p$ . It is well known that for each  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ , there exists a countable subset  $\Xi_f \subset \Xi$  such that if  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  and  $x_1|_{\Xi_f} = x_2|_{\Xi_f}$ , then  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ . Let  $\Xi_{\mathcal{F}} = \bigcup \{\Xi_f : f \in \mathcal{F}\}$ . Then  $\text{card } \Xi_{\mathcal{F}} < m$ . Hence there exists  $\xi_0 \in \Xi - \Xi_{\mathcal{F}}$ . Let  $X_0 = \{x \in X : \pi_{\xi}(x) = 0 \text{ for every } \xi \neq \xi_0\}$ . Then every  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  is constant on  $X_0$ . Now choose a point  $p_1$  in  $\beta X - X$  such that  $p_1 \in \text{cl}_{\beta X} X_0$ . Then every  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  admits a continuous extension  $f^* : X \cup \{p_1\} \rightarrow R$ . Hence  $\mathcal{F}$  is not an  $R$ -nonextendable class for  $X$  which is a contradiction.

**3. Quotient images of  $E$ -compact spaces.** We now turn to the preservation of  $E$ -compactness under quotient maps. Given a map  $\varphi : X \rightarrow Y$  and a point  $y$  in  $Y$ , we shall call  $\text{card } \varphi^{-1}(y)$  the *multiplicity of  $y$*  (with respect to  $\varphi$ ). A point of  $Y$  is called a *multiple point of  $\varphi$*  provided that its multiplicity is greater than one.

3.1. THEOREM. *Given a quotient map  $\varphi : S \rightarrow X$ . If  $S$  is an  $E$ -compact space and if the set  $M$  of all multiple points of  $\varphi$  satisfies one of the following conditions, then  $X$  is  $E$ -compact.*

- (i)  $M$  is closed in  $\beta_E X$ .
- (ii)  $M$  is compact.
- (iii)  $M$  can be expressed as the union of finitely many  $E$ -compact  $E$ -embedded subspaces of  $X$ .

*Proof.* It is obvious that if  $M$  satisfies any of the three conditions then it is closed in  $X$ . Hence  $S - \varphi^{-1}(M)$  is open in  $S$  and  $\varphi$  restricted to  $S - \varphi^{-1}(M)$  is a homeomorphism. If  $F$  is a closed subset of  $X$  disjoint from  $M$ , then  $F$  is homeomorphic to  $\varphi^{-1}(F)$ ; consequently,  $F$  is  $E$ -compact, i.e.,  $M$  is complementatively  $E$ -compact in  $X$ . By 2.7, 2.8 and 2.9,  $X$  is  $E$ -compact.

**4. Applicability of the theorems.** In §§2 and 3,  $E$  was assumed to satisfy rather complex conditions  $(\alpha)$ ,  $(\beta)$  and  $(\gamma)$ . However, sometimes the results can be applied to an  $E$  which does not satisfy these conditions. The procedure is to find another representative  $E'$  of  $\mathfrak{K}(E)$  which satisfies the assumptions of the theorems. As an example of this procedure we shall show that *all theorems of §§2 and 3 are true when  $E$  is an arbitrary 0-dimensional linearly ordered space.* (Obviously, these theorems are true for  $E = R$  and for  $E = N$ .) The statements which lead to this result are as follows:

4.1. *Every linearly ordered space which has first and last elements satisfies  $(\alpha)$ .*

4.2. *Every 0-dimensional space satisfies  $(\beta)$ .*

4.3. *Every strongly 0-dimensional normal space satisfies  $(\gamma)$ .*

4.4. *Every 0-dimensional linearly ordered space is strongly 0-dimensional.*

4.5. *Every 0-dimensional linearly ordered space with first and last element satisfies  $(\alpha)$ ,  $(\beta)$  and  $(\gamma)$ .*

4.6. *Let  $X_0$  be an  $E$ -embedded subspace of  $X$ ,  $E' \subset_{\text{top}} E^m$  for some cardinal  $m$ . If  $E'$  is a retract of  $E^m$ , then  $X_0$  is also  $E'$ -embedded in  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $f \in C(X_0, E')$ . Then  $f$  can be considered as a continuous map from  $X_0$  into  $E^m$ . Hence  $f$  admits a continuous extension  $f^*: X \rightarrow E^m$ . Thus,  $r \circ f^*$ , where  $r$  is the retraction of  $E^m$  onto  $E'$ , is a continuous extension of  $f$  over  $X$ .

4.7. *For every 0-dimensional linearly ordered space  $E$ , there exists a 0-dimensional linearly ordered space  $E'$  which has first and last elements and satisfies the following conditions.*

(1)  $E \subset_{\text{cl}} E'^2$ ,  $E' \subset E^2$ , (hence  $\mathfrak{K}(E) = \mathfrak{K}(E')$ ).

(2)  $E'$  is a retract of  $E^2$  (hence any  $E$ -embedded subspace  $X_0$  of  $X$  is also  $E'$ -embedded).

*Proof.* If  $E$  itself has both first and last element, then by letting  $E' = E$ , we are done. Otherwise we consider two cases.

CASE 1.  $E$  has exactly one of the first and the last elements. Without loss of generality, we assume that  $E$  has first element (say  $a$ ) but has no last element. Let  $E^*$  be the linearly ordered

set formed by all elements of  $E$  with the reverse order of  $E$ . Let  $E' = E \oplus E^*$ , i.e.,  $E' = E \cup E^*$  with the order be defined by letting  $x < x^*$  for every  $x \in E$  and  $x^* \in E^*$ . Then  $E'$  has first and last elements. Let  $b \in E$  with  $b \neq a$ . Clearly,  $E \subset_{cl} E'$  and  $E' \subset_{top} \{(x, a): x \in E\} \cup \{(x, b): x \in E\} \subset_{cl} E^2$ . To show that  $E'$  is a retract of  $E^2$ , we let  $c$  be a cut between  $a$  and  $b$ , and define a map  $p: E^2 \rightarrow E^2$  as follows:  $p(x, y) = (x, b)$  for each  $x \in E$  and  $c < y$ ;  $p(x, y) = (x, a)$  for each  $x \in E$  and  $y < c$ . Then the map  $h^{-1} \circ p$  is a retraction from  $E^2$  onto  $E'$  where  $h$  is the homeomorphism from  $E'$  into  $E^2$ .

CASE 2.  $E$  has neither first nor last element. Choose an arbitrary point  $a \in E$ . Let  $E_1 = \{x \in E: x \geq a\}$ ,  $E_2 = \{x \in E: x \leq a\}$  and  $E' = E_1 \oplus E_2$ . Then  $E'$  is a linearly ordered set with first and last elements (say  $a_1$  and  $a_2$ , respectively). Let  $b$  be an element of  $E$  with  $b \neq a$ . Without loss of generality, we assume that  $a < b$ . Clearly,  $E \subset_{cl} E'^2$  and  $E' \subset_{top} \{(x, a): x \in E, x \geq a\} \cup \{(x, b): x \in E, a \leq x\} \subset_{cl} E^2$ . To show that  $E'$  is a retract of  $E^2$ , we let  $c$  be a cut between  $a$  and  $b$ , and define two maps  $s$  and  $t: E^2 \rightarrow E^2$  as follows  $s(x, y) = (x, b)$  for each  $x \in E, c < y$ ;  $s(x, y) = (x, a)$  for each  $x \in E, y < c$  and  $t(x, y) = (x, y)$  for  $x < a, y = b$  or  $a < x, y = a$ ;  $t(x, y) = a_2$  for  $a \leq x, y = b$ ;  $t(x, y) = a_1$  for  $x \leq a, y = b$ . Then  $k^{-1} \circ s \circ t$  is a retraction from  $E^2$  into  $E'$  where  $k$  is the homeomorphism from  $E'$  into  $E^2$ .

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