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An Eberlein compact is a compact space that can be embedded in a Banach space with its weak topology. It is shown that: If X is compact and if  $X = M_1 \cup M_2$  with  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  metrizable, then  $\overline{M}_1 \cap \overline{M}_2$  is metrizable and X is an Eberlein compact. This answers a question of Arhangel'skii.

1. Introduction. An *Eberlein compact*, or *EC*, is a compact space<sup>1)</sup> which can be embedded in a Banach space with its weak topology. For background and various properties of these spaces, the reader is referred to [1] or the authors' preceding note [3].

Since every metrizable space can be embedded in a Banach space with its norm topology, every metrizable compact space is clearly an *EC*. The purpose of this note is to prove the following stronger result, thereby answering a question of A. V. Arhangel'skii.

THEOREM 1.1. If X is compact, and if  $X = M_1 \cup M_2$  with  $M_1$ and  $M_2$  metrizable, then  $\overline{M}_1 \cap \overline{M}_2$  is metrizable and X is an EC.

In contrast to Theorem 1.1, a compact space which is the union of *three* metrizable subsets need *not* be an *EC*, or even a Fréchet space<sup>2)</sup> (see [2, Example 6.2]<sup>3)</sup>). However, it was shown in [5] that a compact space which is the union of countably many metrizable subsets must at least be sequential (a property somewhat weaker than being a Fréchet space).

2. Proof of Theorem 1.1. We first show that  $M = \overline{M}_1 \cap \overline{M}_2$  is metrizable. For i = 1, 2, let  $\mathscr{U}_i$  be a  $\sigma$ -discrete—hence  $\sigma$ -disjoint base for  $M_i$ . For each  $U \in \mathscr{U}_i$ , choose an open set  $\phi_i(U)$  in X such that  $\phi_i(U) \cap M_i = U$ . Let  $\mathscr{U} = \{\phi_i(U) \cap M: U \in \mathscr{U}_i, i = 1, 2\}$ . Then  $\mathscr{U}$ is easily seen to be a  $\sigma$ -disjoint 1—m hence point-countable 1—m base for M. Since M is compact, it must therefore be metrizable by a result of A. S. Miščenko [4].

Since M is compact and metrizable, it has a countable base  $(B_n)$ . For each pair (m, n) such that  $\overline{B}_n \cap \overline{B}_n = \emptyset$ , pick an open  $F_{\sigma}$ -set

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All spaces in this paper are Hausdorff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> X is a *Fréchet* space if, whenever  $x \in \overline{A}$  in X, then  $x_n \to x$  for some  $x_n \in A$ . Every *EC* is a Fréchet space by a theorem of Eberlein and Šmulian (see [1, Theorem 4.1]).

 $<sup>^{3}</sup>$  In this example, the three metrizable subsets are actually discrete, and one of them is an open set whose complement is (necessarily, by Theorem 1.1) an *EC*.

 $V_{m,n}$  in X such that  $B_m \subset V_{m,n}$  and  $V_{m,n} \cap B_n = \emptyset$ . Let  $\mathscr{V}$  be collection of all such  $V_{m,n}$ .

Let Y = X - M. Then Y is the union of the two disjoint, open metrizable subsets  $X - \overline{M}_1$  and  $X - \overline{M}_2$ , so Y is metrizable. Since Y is open in X, it therefore has a  $\sigma$ -disjoint base  $\mathscr{W}$  such that  $\overline{W} \subset Y$  for all  $W \in \mathscr{W}$ . Clearly each  $W \in \mathscr{W}$  is an open  $F_{\sigma}$  in X.

Finally, let  $\mathscr{S} = \mathscr{V} \cup \mathscr{W}$ . Then  $\mathscr{S}$  is a  $\sigma$ -disjoint, separating (in the sense of [3, Definition 1.3]) cover of X by open  $F_{\sigma}$ -sets, so X is an *EC* by a characterization of H. P. Rosenthal (see [6, Theorem 3.1] or [3, Theorem 1.4]).

#### 3. Concluding remarks.

(3.1) The proof of Theorem 1.1 actually establishes the following somewhat sharper results.

(a) If X is regular, and if  $X = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$  with each  $X_n$  having a  $\sigma$ -disjoint base, then  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{X}_n$  has a  $\sigma$ -disjoint base.

(b) If X is compact, and if  $X = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$  with each  $X_n$  metrizable, then  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{X}_n$  is metrizable.

(c) If X is compact, and  $X = X_1 \cup X_2$  with  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  having  $\sigma$ -disjoint bases, then X has a  $\sigma$ -disjoint, separating collection of open  $F_{\sigma}$ -subsets.

Observe that not every *EC* staisfies the conclusion of (c), as can be seen from the space of all points in  $\{0, 1\}^{\omega_1}$  which have at most two nonzero coordinates.

(3.2). Somewhat in the spirit of Theorem 1.1, one can show that if  $X = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n} X_i$ , and if each  $X_i$  is an *EC*, then X is an *EC*: In fact, X is then the image under the obvious perfect map of the topological sum  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$ , and this sum is clearly an *EC*, so X must be an *EC* by [1, Theorem 2.1] (see also [3, Theorem 1.1]).

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