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**Abstract.** The local connectedness of inverse limit spaces was studied in many papers ([2], [5], [7], [8], [11]).

The main purpose of the present paper is to prove the following theorem.

**THEOREM 1.8** Let  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system such that the projections  $f_{\alpha\beta}$  are irreducible fully closed mappings. In order that  $\lim X$  be locally connected it is necessary that each  $X_\alpha$  be locally connected and it is sufficient that each  $X_\alpha$  be a locally connected space without local cut points.

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0. Introduction

Introduction contains some basic definitions and notations.

0.1. Let  $Y$  be a subset of a space  $X$ . By  $Cl_X Y$  or  $Cl Y$  is denoted the closure of  $Y$  in  $X$ . The boundary of the subset  $A \subseteq X$  is denoted by  $Fr(A)$ .

0.2. The symbols  $N$  and  $R$  denote the sets of positive integers and real numbers.

0.3. By  $|A|$  the cardinality of  $A$  is denoted.

0.4. If  $A$  is a well-ordered set, then  $cf(A)$  denotes the smallest ordinal number which is cofinal in  $A$ .

0.5. The initial ordinal number and its cardinality are denoted by  $\omega_\tau$  and  $\aleph_\tau$ .

0.6. By  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  is denoted an inverse system and by  $\lim X$  its limit.

0.7. An inverse system  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  is  $\sigma$ -directed if  $A$  is  $\sigma$ -directed, i.e., for each sequence  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, \dots$ , of the members of  $A$  there is an  $a \in A$  such that  $a \geq a_i, i=1, 2, \dots$ .

0.8. A topological space  $X$  is called pseudocompact [4:263] if  $X$  is completely regular and every real-valued function defined on  $X$  is bounded.

0.9. A space  $X$  is  $\aleph_m$ -compact if each open cover of  $X$  of cardinality  $\leq \aleph_m$  has a finite subcover.

1. Local connectedness of the inverse limit space

In the sequel we use the following characterization of local connectedness.

**LEMMA 1.1** [10:II, 242, Teorema 1.]. A space  $X$  is locally connected if and only if each family  $\{A_t: t \in T\}$  of subsets  $A_t$  of  $X$  has the property

$$(1) \quad Fr(\cup\{A_t: t \in T\}) \subset Cl(\cup\{Fr A_t: t \in T\})$$

**REMARK 1.2 a)** In the paper [9] it was proved that a non-locally connected space  $X$  contains a family  $\{A_t: t \in T\}$ ,  $|T| \geq \aleph_0$  of open disjoint subsets  $A_t$  of  $X$  for which (1) is not satisfied.

b) If  $X$  is regular, then the family  $\{A_t\}$  may be chosen so that  $X - \text{Cl}(\cup\{A_t: t \in T\})$  is non-empty. Namely, if  $X$  is not locally connected at some point  $p$ , then there are neighbourhoods  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in \text{Cl}V \subseteq U$  and  $V$  (as a subspace) is not locally connected at  $p$ . Now apply a) on the subspace  $V$ .

We start with the following theorem.

**THEOREM 1.3** Let  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system such that the following condition (FR) is satisfied:

(FR) For each open subset  $U \subseteq \lim X$  and each  $\alpha \in A$  it follows

$$f_\alpha(\text{Fr}U) = \text{Fr}(f_\alpha(U))$$

If the spaces  $X_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in A$ , are locally connected, then  $\lim X$  is locally connected.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $\lim X$  is not locally connected. By virtue of Remark 1.2. it follows that there exists an infinite family  $\{A_t: t \in T\}$  of open subsets  $A_t$  of  $\lim X$  such that there is a point  $x \in \text{Fr}(\cup\{A_t: t \in T\}) \setminus \text{Cl}(\cup\{A_t: t \in T\})$ . This means that there is an open set  $U_\alpha \subseteq X_\alpha$  such that  $f_\alpha^{-1}(U_\alpha)$  is a neighbourhood of  $x$  and  $f_\alpha^{-1}(U_\alpha) \cap (\cup\{A_t: t \in T\})$  is empty. Clearly,  $U_\alpha \cap f_\alpha(\cup\{A_t: t \in T\}) = \emptyset$ . By (FR) we infer that  $f_\alpha(x) \notin \text{Cl}(\cup\{f_\alpha(A_t): t \in T\})$ . On the other hand from  $x \in \text{Fr}(\cup\{A_t: t \in T\})$  and (FR) it follows that  $f_\alpha(x) \in \text{Fr}(\cup\{f_\alpha(A_t): t \in T\})$ . This means that the family  $\{f_\alpha(A_t): t \in T\}$  has the property  $\text{Fr}(\cup\{f_\alpha(A_t): t \in T\}) \subseteq \text{Cl}(\cup\{f_\alpha(A_t): t \in T\})$ . By Lemma 1.1. this is impossible since  $X_\alpha$  is locally connected. The proof is completed.

If  $M$  is connected set and  $p$  is point of  $M$  such that  $M - p$  is not connected, then  $p$  will be called a cut point of  $M$  [20:41]. A point  $x \in X$  is said to be a *local cut point* of  $X$  if for each neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x$  there exists a neighbourhood  $V$  of  $x$ ,  $x \in V \subseteq U$ , such that  $x$  is a cut point of  $V$  [15]. Each  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , is a space without local cut points. Each point of real line  $\mathbb{R}$  is a local cut point. The Niemytzki plane is an example of a completely regular not normal space [4:62] without local cut points.

We say that a mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  onto  $Y$  is *irreducible* if for each non-empty open subset  $U \subseteq X$  the set  $f^*(U) = \{y \in Y, f^{-1}(y) \subseteq U\}$  is non-empty.

The notion of fully closed mapping was introduced by V.V. Fedorčuk in [6].

A mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be *fully closed* if for each  $y \in Y$  and each finite open cover  $\{U_1, \dots, U_s\}$  of  $f^{-1}(y)$  the set  $\{y\} \cup f^*(U_1) \cup \dots \cup f^*(U_s)$  is a neighbourhood of  $y$ .

The space obtained by identifying to a point a closed subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is denoted by  $X/A$  [4:127]. The natural mapping  $q: X \rightarrow X/A$  is a simple fully closed mapping. Each fully closed mapping is a limit of an inverse system of simple fully closed mapping [6:Teorema 2.].

**LEMMA 1.4** Each fully closed mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is closed.

**Proof.** Let  $y$  be any point of  $Y$  and let  $U$  be any open set such that  $f^{-1}(y) \subseteq U$ . By the definition of fully closed mapping we infer that  $V = \{y\} \cup f^*(U)$  is a neighbourhood of  $y$ . Now we have  $V = f^*(U)$  since  $f^{-1}(y) \subseteq U$ . This means that  $V$  is an open set about  $y$  such that  $f^{-1}(V) \subseteq U$ . By [4:Theorem 1.4.13] it follows that  $f$  is closed.

**LEMMA 1.5** [1:356]. If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is closed and irreducible and if  $U$  is an open subset of  $X$ , then  $f(\text{Cl}U) = \text{Cl}f^*(U)$ .

**LEMMA 1.6** [19:70]. Let  $X$  be locally connected. If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is closed and onto, then  $Y$  is locally connected.

**LEMMA 1.7** *Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a fully closed irreducible mapping onto a space  $Y$  without local cut points. For each open  $U \subseteq X$  one has  $f(\text{Fr}U) = \text{Fr}(f^*(U))$ .*

**Proof.** By virtue of Lemmas 1.4 and 1.5 we have  $f(\text{Fr}U) \subseteq \text{Fr}(f^*U)$  since  $f$  is closed and irreducible mapping. In order to complete the proof it suffices to prove that  $f(\text{Fr}U) \supseteq \text{Fr}(f^*U)$ . If  $y \in \text{Fr}(f^*U) = \text{Cl}f^*(U) \setminus f^*(U)$ , then by Lemma 1.5 it follows that there is a  $x \in \text{Cl}U$  such that  $y = f(x)$ . On the other hand from the relation  $y \notin f^*(U)$  it follows that  $f^{-1}(y) \not\subseteq U$ . If we suppose that the set  $f^{-1}(y) \cap \text{Fr}U$  is empty, then we have that  $f^{-1}(y) = (f^{-1}(y) \cap U) \cup (f^{-1}(y) \cap (X \setminus \text{Cl}U))$ . The sets  $f^{-1}(y) \cap U$  and  $f^{-1}(y) \cap (X \setminus \text{Cl}U)$  are open and disjoint. Now, we have the finite open cover  $\{U, V\}$ ,  $V = X \setminus \text{Cl}U$ , of  $f^{-1}(y)$ . Thus,  $W = \{y\} \cup f^*(U) \cup f^*(V)$  is a neighborhood of  $y$ . Moreover  $f^*(U)$  and  $f^*(V)$  are non-empty since  $f$  is irreducible. From the fact that  $U$  and  $V$  are disjoint it follows that  $f^*(U)$  and  $f^*(V)$  are disjoint open sets. Thus, the set  $W - \{y\}$  is disconnected. This means that for each neighborhood  $W_1$  of  $y$  there exist the open sets  $U_1 = f^{-1}(W_1) \cap U$  and  $V_1 = f^{-1}(W_1) \cap (X \setminus \text{Cl}U)$  such that  $\{U_1, V_1\}$  is a finite open cover of  $f^{-1}(y)$ . Thus,  $W_2 = \{y\} \cup f^*(U_1) \cup f^*(V_1)$  is a neighborhood of  $y$  contained in  $W$ . Moreover, we have  $f^*(U_1) \subseteq f^*(U)$  and  $f^*(V_1) \subseteq f^*(V)$ . This means that  $W_2 - \{y\}$  is disconnected. This is impossible since  $Y$  has no local cut points. Thus, the set  $f^{-1}(y) \cap \text{Fr}U$  is non-empty. The proof is completed.

The following theorem is the main theorem of this Section.

**THEOREM 1.8** *Let  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system such that the projections  $f_\alpha$  are irreducible fully closed mappings. In order that  $\text{lim}X$  be locally connected it is necessary that each  $X_\alpha$  be locally connected and it is sufficient that each  $X_\alpha$  be a locally connected spaces without local cut points.*

**Proof. Necessity.** Apply Lemma 1.6.

*Sufficiency.* Suppose that  $\text{lim}X$  is not locally connected. By Remark 1.2b) it follows that there exists a infinite family  $\{A_t: t \in T\}$  of open subsets  $A_t$  of  $\text{lim}X$  such that there is a point  $x \in \text{Fr}(\bigcup\{A_t: t \in T\}) \setminus \text{Cl}(\bigcup\{\text{Fr}A_t: t \in T\})$ . This means that there is an open  $U_\alpha \subseteq X_\alpha$  such that  $f_\alpha^{-1}(U_\alpha) \cap (\bigcup\{\text{Fr}A_t: t \in T\})$  is the empty set. Clearly,  $(U_\alpha) \cap f_\alpha(\bigcup\{\text{Fr}A_t: t \in T\})$  is also empty set. By 1.7 we have  $U_\alpha \cap (\bigcup\{f_\alpha \text{Fr}A_t: t \in T\}) = \emptyset$  and  $U_\alpha \cap (\bigcup\{\text{Fr}f_\alpha^*A_t: t \in T\}) = \emptyset$ . We infer that  $f_\alpha(x) \notin \text{Cl}(\bigcup\{\text{Fr}f_\alpha^*(A_t): t \in T\})$ . On the other hand, for each neighbourhood  $V_\alpha$  of  $f_\alpha(x)$  and for  $U = f_\alpha^{-1}(V_\alpha)$ , from  $x \in \text{Fr}(\bigcup\{A_t: t \in T\})$  it follows that each neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x$  meets  $\text{Int}(\bigcup\{A_t: t \in T\}) = \bigcup\{A_t: t \in T\}$  and  $X \setminus \text{Cl}(\bigcup\{A_t: t \in T\}) = W$ ,  $W$  is non-empty by 1.2.b). We define  $V = U \cap W$  and  $V_1 = U \cap (\bigcup\{A_t: t \in T\})$ . The sets  $f_\alpha^*(V)$  and  $f_\alpha^*(V_1)$  are non-empty since  $f_\alpha$  is closed and irreducible. Clearly,  $V_\alpha$  is a neighbourhood of  $f_\alpha(x)$  which contains  $f_\alpha^*(V)$  and  $f_\alpha^*(V_1)$ . Furthermore,  $f_\alpha^*(V_1)$  meets some  $f_\alpha^*(A_t)$ , i.e.,  $f_\alpha^*(V_1) \cap \{f_\alpha^*(A_t): t \in T\}$ . Since  $f_\alpha^*(V)$  is non-empty, we infer that  $V$  meets  $X_\alpha \setminus (\{f_\alpha^*(A_t): t \in T\})$ . This means that  $f_\alpha(x) \in \text{Fr}(\bigcup\{f_\alpha^*(A_t): t \in T\})$ . Finally,  $f_\alpha(x) \in \text{Fr}(\bigcup\{f_\alpha^*(A_t): t \in T\}) \setminus \text{Cl}(\bigcup\{\text{Fr}(f_\alpha^*(A_t)): t \in T\})$ . This is impossible since  $X_\alpha$  is locally connected. The proof is completed.

**THEOREM 1.9** *Let  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system with irreducible bonding mappings  $f_{\alpha\beta}$ . Then the projections  $f_\alpha: \text{lim}X \rightarrow X_\alpha$ ,  $a \in A$ , are irreducible.*

**Proof.** In order to prove that  $f_\alpha$  is irreducible it suffices to prove that for each open non-empty  $U \subseteq \text{lim}X$  the set  $f_\alpha^*(U)$  is non-empty. Let  $x$  be any point of  $U$ . By virtue of the definition of a base of  $\text{lim}X$  there is a  $\beta \in A$  and open set  $U_\beta \subseteq X_\beta$  such that  $x \in f_\beta^{-1}(U_\beta) \subseteq U$ . Let  $\gamma \geq \alpha, \beta$ . Then for open set  $f_\beta^{-1}(U_\beta) \cap U_\gamma = U_\gamma$  we have  $f_\gamma^{-1}(U_\gamma) \subseteq U$ . Moreover, the set  $f_\alpha^*(U_\gamma)$  is non-empty since  $f_{\alpha\gamma}$  is irreducible. Clearly,  $f_\alpha^{-1}(f_\alpha^*(U_\gamma)) \subseteq U$ . This means that  $f_\alpha^*(U)$  is non-empty. The proof is completed.

An inverse system  $Y = \{Y_\alpha, g_{\alpha\beta}, B\}$  is said to be a *subsystem* of a system  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  if  $B \subseteq A$ ,  $Y_\alpha \subseteq X_\alpha$  and  $g_{\alpha\beta} = f_{\alpha\beta}|_{Y_\beta}$ . If  $B$  is cofinal in  $A$  and  $Y_\alpha = X_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in B$ , then  $\text{lim}Y = \text{lim}X$  [4:140]. Similarly, if  $B$  is cofinal in  $A$  and  $Y_\alpha \subseteq X_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in B$ , then  $\text{lim}Y$  is homeomorphic to a subset of  $\text{lim}X$  [4:138, 2.5.8. Theorem.].

We say that an inverse system  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  is an  $N$ -system if each subsystem  $Y = \{Y_\alpha, g_{\alpha\beta}, B\}$ ,  $Y_\alpha \neq \emptyset$ ,  $Y_\alpha$  closed in  $X_\alpha$ , has a non-empty limit  $\lim Y$ .

**THEOREM 1.10** *Let  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system with fully closed mappings  $f_{\alpha\beta}$ . If  $X$  is an  $N$ -system, then the projections  $f_\alpha: \lim X \rightarrow X_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in A$ , are fully closed.*

**Proof.** Let  $x_\alpha$  be any point of  $X_\alpha$  and let  $\{U_1, \dots, U_s\}$  be an open finite cover of a set  $f_\alpha^{-1}(x_\alpha)$ . Let us note that from the fact that  $X$  is  $N$ -system it follows that  $f_\alpha^{-1}(x_\alpha)$  is non-empty. Namely, a subsystem  $\{f_{\alpha\beta}^{-1}(x_\alpha), f_{\alpha\gamma}^{-1}(x_\alpha), \alpha \leq \beta \leq \gamma\}$  has a non-empty limit homeomorphic to  $f_\alpha^{-1}(x_\alpha)$ . By the definition of a base in  $\lim X$  we infer that for  $U_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq s$ , there is  $\alpha(i) \in A$  and an open non-empty set  $U_{\alpha(i)}$  in  $X_{\alpha(i)}$  such that  $f_{\alpha(i)}^{-1}(U_{\alpha(i)}) \subseteq U_i$ . We may assume that  $U_{\alpha(i)}$  is maximal open set such that  $f_{\alpha(i)}^{-1}(U_{\alpha(i)}) \subseteq U_i$ . Let  $\beta \geq \alpha(1), \dots, \alpha(s)$ . There is a maximal open  $U_\beta \supseteq f_{\alpha(i)\beta}^{-1}(U_{\alpha(i)})$  such that  $f_\beta^{-1}(U_\beta) \subseteq U_i$ . Moreover,  $U_i = \cup \{U_\gamma : \gamma \geq \beta\}$ . Suppose that  $Y_\gamma = f_{\alpha\gamma}^{-1}(x_\alpha) - (\cup \{U_\gamma : 1 \leq i \leq s\})$  is non-empty for each  $\gamma \geq \alpha, \beta$ . Then, we have a subsystem  $Y = \{Y_\delta, f_{\delta\delta'}/Y_{\delta'}, \gamma \geq \delta \geq \delta'\}$ . By the assumption that  $X$  is  $N$ -system, it follows that  $\lim Y$  is non-empty. Each point  $y \in \lim Y$  we shall identify with a point of  $\lim X$  such that  $\lim Y = \cap \{f_\gamma^{-1}(Y_\gamma) : \gamma \geq \alpha, \beta\}$ . For each  $y \in \lim Y$  we have  $y \in f_\alpha^{-1}(x_\alpha)$  and  $y \in \lim X - f_\alpha^{-1}(x_\alpha)$ . This is impossible. Thus, there is a  $\gamma \in A$  such that  $Y_\gamma$  is empty, i.e.,  $f_\alpha^{-1}(x_\alpha) = \cup \{U_\gamma : 1 \leq i \leq s\}$ . Now,  $U_\alpha = \{x_\alpha\} \cup f_{\alpha\gamma}^{-1}(U_\gamma) \cup \dots \cup f_{\alpha\gamma}^{-1}(U_\gamma)$  is a neighbourhood of  $x_\alpha$ . From the maximality of  $U_\gamma$  it follows that  $f_\alpha^*(U_i) = f_{\alpha\gamma}^*(U_\gamma)$ . Finally, we infer that  $U = \{x_\alpha\} \cup f_\alpha^*(U_i) \cup \dots \cup f_\alpha^*(U_s)$  is a neighbourhood of  $x_\alpha$ , i.e.,  $f_\alpha$  is fully closed. The proof is completed.

**REMARK 1.11** If in 1.10. the mappings  $f_{\alpha\beta}$  are fully closed with compact fibers  $f_{\alpha\beta}^{-1}(x_\alpha)$  (i.e. fully closed and perfect), then see [6].

## 2. Applications of the main theorem

In this Section we apply Theorem 1.8. on the inverse systems with fully closed irreducible bonding mappings.

**THEOREM 2.1** *Let  $X = \{X_n, f_{nm}, N\}$  be an inverse sequence such that the mappings  $f_{nm}$  are fully closed irreducible mappings and the spaces  $X_n$  are regular countably compact spaces. In order that  $\lim X$  be locally connected it is necessary that each  $X_n$  be locally connected and it is sufficient that each  $X_n$  be a locally connected space without local cut points.*

**Proof.** From Theorem 8. of [17] it follows that the projections  $f_n: \lim X \rightarrow X_n$ ,  $n \in N$ , are closed. Theorem 1.9. establishes that  $f_n$  is irreducible. Moreover,  $X$  is an  $N$ -system [13]. This means that  $f_n$  is fully closed. Theorem 1.8. completes the proof.

We say that a mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is perfect if  $f$  is closed and each fiber  $f^{-1}(y)$ ,  $y \in Y$ , is compact [4:236]. A mapping  $f$  is said to be fully perfect if  $f$  is perfect and fully closed.

**THEOREM 2.2** *Let  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system with fully perfect irreducible bonding mappings  $f_{\alpha\beta}$ . In order that  $\lim X$  be locally connected it is necessary that each  $X_\alpha$  be locally connected and it is sufficient that each  $X_\alpha$  be a locally connected space without local cut points.*

**Proof.** The projections  $f_\alpha$  are fully perfect [6] and irreducible, [Theorem 1.9.]. Theorem 1.8. completes the proof.

**COROLLARY 2.3** *Let  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system of compact spaces  $X_\alpha$  and fully closed irreducible mappings  $f_{\alpha\beta}$ . In order that  $\lim X$  be locally connected it is necessary that each  $X_\alpha$  be locally connected and it is sufficient that each  $X_\alpha$  be a locally connected space without local cut points.*

A topological space is a  $q$ -space [16] if for each  $x \in X$  there is a sequence  $U_1, U_2, \dots$  of open sets such that  $x_i \in U_i$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , with the property: if  $x_n \in U_n$ ,  $x_n \neq x_m$  for  $m \neq n$ , then there is an accumulation point of  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .

**LEMMA 2.4 (15).** *Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a closed mapping of a normal space  $X$  onto a  $T_1$   $q$ -space  $Y$ , then  $\text{Fr} f^{-1}(y)$  is countably compact for each  $y \in Y$ .*

**COROLLARY 2.5** *If  $f$  in Lemma 2.5. is closed and irreducible and if  $X$  is  $T_1$ , then  $f^{-1}(y)$  is countably compact for each  $y \in Y$ .*

**Proof.** By [1:356, Exercise 112.] we have that  $|f^{-1}(y)|=1$  or  $\text{Fr} f^{-1}(y)=f^{-1}(y)$ . The proof is completed.

We say that a space  $X$  is *iso-compact* if each countably compact closed subspace  $Y \subseteq X$  is compact.

**COROLLARY 2.6** *Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a closed irreducible mapping of a normal  $T_1$  - iso-compact space  $X$  onto a  $T_1$   $q$ -space  $Y$ , then  $f^{-1}(y)$ ,  $y \in Y$ , is compact i.e.,  $f$  is perfect and irreducible.*

**THEOREM 2.7** *Let  $\mathbf{X} = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system of a  $T_1$  normal iso-compact  $q$ -spaces with fully closed irreducible mappings. In order that  $\lim \mathbf{X}$  be locally connected, it is necessary that each  $X_\alpha$  be locally connected and it is sufficient that each  $X_\alpha$  be a locally connected space without local cut points.*

**Proof.** By 2.6. and 1.11., it follows that the projections  $f_\alpha$  are fully closed. Apply Theorem 1.8.

**COROLLARY 2.8** *Let  $\mathbf{X} = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system of metric spaces  $X_\alpha$  and fully closed irreducible mappings  $f_{\alpha\beta}$ . In order that  $\lim \mathbf{X}$  be locally connected, it is necessary that each  $X_\alpha$  be locally connected and it is sufficient that each  $X_\alpha$  be a locally connected space without local cut points.*

**Proof.** A metric space  $X$  is a  $q$ -space since  $X$  is first-countable. A metric space  $X$  is iso-compact since a metric countably compact space  $X$  is compact [4:320]. Apply Theorem 2.7.

**REMARK 2.9** Corollary 2.8. holds if we replace "metric" by "paracompact  $q$ -space" or by "first-countable paracompact".

**LEMMA 2.10 [15].** *Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a closed mapping of a normal space  $X$  onto a  $T_1$ - $q$ -space  $Y$ . If  $|f^{-1}(y)| \leq \aleph_0$ ,  $y \in Y$ , then  $\text{Fr} f^{-1}(y)$  is compact, for each  $y \in Y$ .*

**Proof.** By 2.4.  $\text{Fr} f^{-1}(y)$  is countably compact. Since each countable countably compact space is compact, we infer that  $\text{Fr} f^{-1}(y)$  is compact, for each  $y \in Y$ .

**THEOREM 2.11** *Let  $\mathbf{X} = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system of  $T_1$ -normal  $q$ -spaces  $X_\alpha$  and of fully closed irreducible mappings  $f_{\alpha\beta}$  with countable fibers  $f_{\alpha\beta}^{-1}(x_\alpha)$ , for each  $x_\alpha \in X_\alpha$ ,  $\beta \geq \alpha$ . In order that  $\lim \mathbf{X}$  be locally connected, it is necessary that each  $X_\alpha$  be locally connected and it is sufficient that each  $X_\alpha$  be a locally connected space without local cut points.*

**Proof.** Apply 2.10. and 2.2.

**COROLLARY 2.12** *Let  $\mathbf{X} = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  be an inverse system of  $T_1$  - normal first-countable spaces  $X_\alpha$  and of closed irreducible mappings with countable fibers  $f_{\alpha\beta}^{-1}(x_\alpha)$ . In order that  $\lim \mathbf{X}$  be locally connected it is necessary that each  $X_\alpha$  be locally connected and it is sufficient that each  $X_\alpha$  be a locally connected space without local cut points.*

### 3. Concluding remarks

We close this paper with two lemmas.

**LEMMA 3.1** *Let  $X$  be a normal space and let  $Y$  be a locally connected space without local cut points. If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a fully closed irreducible mapping, then  $f$  is monotone.*

**Proof.** Suppose that for some point  $y \in Y$  the set  $f^{-1}(y)$  is not connected. This means that there is a pair of disjoint closed (in  $f^{-1}(y)$ ) sets  $F_1, F_2$  such that  $f^{-1}(y) = F_1 \cup F_2$ . Clearly, the sets  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are closed in  $X$ . There exist a pair  $U, V$  of disjoint open sets in  $X$  such that  $F_1 \subseteq U$  and  $F_2 \subseteq V$ . Now, we have a finite open cover  $\{U, V\}$  of  $f^{-1}(y)$ . A set  $W = \{y\} \cup f^*(U) \cup f^*(V)$  is a neighbourhood of  $y$ . Moreover,  $f^*(U)$  and  $f^*(V)$  are non-empty since  $f$  is irreducible. From the fact that  $U$  and  $V$  are disjoint, it follows that  $f^*(U)$  and  $f^*(V)$  are disjoint open sets. Thus, the set  $W \setminus \{y\}$  is disconnected. This means that for each neighborhood  $W_1$  of  $y$  there exist open sets  $U_1 = f^{-1}(W_1) \cap U$  and  $V_1 = f^{-1}(W_1) \cap V$  such that  $\{U_1, V_1\}$  is a finite open cover of  $f^{-1}(y)$ . Thus,  $W_2 = \{y\} \cup f^*(U_1) \cup f^*(V_1)$  is a neighborhood of  $y$  contained in  $W$ . Moreover, we have  $f^*(U_1) \subseteq f^*(U)$ ,  $f^*(V_1) \subseteq f^*(V)$ . This means that  $W_2 - \{y\}$  is disconnected. This is impossible since  $Y$  is locally connected and has no cut-points. Thus the set  $f^{-1}(y)$  is connected. The proof is completed.

**LEMMA 3.2** *Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a closed monotone irreducible mapping. If  $U \subseteq X$  is open, then  $f(\text{Fr}U) = \text{Fr}(f^*(U))$ .*

**Proof.** If  $x \in \text{Fr}U$ , then  $f(x) \in \text{Cl}f^*(U)$ . It is clear that  $f(x) \notin f^*(U)$  since  $f(x) \in f^*(U)$  implies  $f^{-1}f(x) \subseteq U$ , i.e.  $x \in U$ . This is impossible because  $x \in \text{Fr}U = \text{Cl}U - U$ . Thus,  $f(\text{Fr}U) \subseteq \text{Fr}(f^*(U))$ . In order to complete the proof it suffices to prove that  $f(\text{Fr}U) \supseteq \text{Fr}(f^*(U))$ . If  $y \in \text{Fr}(f^*(U)) = \text{Cl}f^*(U) - f^*(U)$ , then by Lemma 1.5., it follows that there is a  $x \in \text{Cl}U$  such that  $y = f(x)$ . On the other hand, from the relation  $y \notin f^*(U)$ , it follows that  $f^{-1}(y) \not\subseteq U$ . If we suppose that the set  $f^{-1}(y) \cap \text{Fr}U$  is empty, then we have  $f^{-1}(y) = (f^{-1}(y) \cap U) \cup (f^{-1}(y) \cap (X - \text{Cl}U))$ . The sets  $f^{-1}(y) \cap U$  and  $f^{-1}(y) \cap (X - \text{Cl}U)$  are open and disjoint in  $f^{-1}(y)$ . This is impossible since  $f^{-1}(y)$  is connected. Thus,  $f^{-1}(y) \cap \text{Fr}U$  is non-empty. The proof is completed.

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## Lokalna povezanost inverznog limesa

### Sadržaj

U radu je izučavana lokalna povezanost inverznog limesa inverznog sistema  $X = \{X_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, A\}$  s potpuno zatvorenim ireducibilnim projekcijama.

Prvi odjeljak sadrži glavni teorem rada, teorem 1.8., koji tvrdi da je limes takvog sistema s prostorima koji su lokalno povezani bez lokalnih prereznihih točaka lokalno povezan. U teoremu 1.10. dan je dovoljan uvjet za potpunu zatvorenost projekcija  $f_\alpha$  uz potpuno zatvorena vezna preslikavanja.

U drugom odjeljku dane su primjene glavnog teorema na razne inverzne sisteme.

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