

SOME CONSISTENT RESULTS ON* LINDELÖFNESS AND CALIBRE

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Abstract

This paper gives some topological propositions which are equivalent to the continuum hypothesis. The following results are also given: In the class of 1-st countable Hausdorff spaces, the existence of space which has calibre (ω_1, ω) but no calibre ω_1 is equivalent to the existence of space which has calibre (ω_1, ω) but is not point-countably Lindelöf, the existence of space which has calibre ω_1 but is not separable is equivalent to the existence of space which has calibre ω_1 but is not *Lindelöf, too.

A topological space X is called a *Lindelöf space iff for any open cover \mathcal{G} of X , there exists a countable subset $A \subset X$ such that $\bigcup \{st(x, \mathcal{G}) : x \in A\} = X$. X is called a pc-lindelöf (point-countable Lindelöf) iff every point countable open cover of X has a countable subcover. X has calibre ω_1 (calibre (ω_1, ω) , respectively) iff every point-countable (point-finite, respectively) family of open sets has the cardinality less than ω_1 . It is obvious that *Lindelöfness implies pc-lindelöfness, and every space with calibre ω_1 is pc-lindelöf. We refer the reader to [1] for the related results.

In this paper, we give an equivalent characterization for CH (Continuum Hypothesis) and two consistent results concerning calibre ω_1 and calibre (ω_1, ω) .

§ 1. An Equivalent Proposition of CH

First of all, we give a lemma which is easy to prove by pigeon-hole principle.

Lemma. *If X is a first countable space with calibre ω_1 and \mathcal{U} is an uncountable family of open sets, there exists an uncountable sub-family \mathcal{U}_0 of \mathcal{U} such that $\text{Int}(\bigcap \mathcal{U}_0) = \emptyset$.*

Theorem 1. *The following are equivalent:*

- (1) CH,
- (2) Every T_2 space which has calibre ω_1 and cardinality $\leq 2^{\omega}$ is separable,
- (3) $(R, d \vee c)$ does not have calibre ω_1 ,

4) $(R, s \vee c)$ does not have calibre ω_1 ,

5) Every T_2 space which has calibre ω_1 and cardinality $\leq 2^\omega$ is *Lindelöf.

Here R is the set of all reals, d, s, c denote the open interval topology,frey topology and co-countable topology, respectively. $d \vee c, s \vee c$ are topologies ated by $d \cup c$ or $s \cup c$, respectively.)

Proof For (1) \rightarrow (2) see [4] (Proposition 3.20). Note that $(R, d \vee c)$ is a non-ble Urysohn space, $|R| = 2^\omega$ and $s \vee c$ is stronger than $d \vee c$, (2) \rightarrow (3) \rightarrow (4) 2) \rightarrow (5) are obvious.

1) \rightarrow (4). Assuming CH be false, let \mathcal{G} be an uncountable subset of $s \vee c$. Every $G \in \mathcal{G}$ denoted by $G = U_G - A_G$, here $U_G \in s$ and $|A_G| \leq \omega$. By the lemma, there exists $U_\alpha - A_\alpha: \alpha < \omega_1\} \subset \mathcal{G}$ and an open interval (a, b) such that $(a, b) \subset \bigcap_{\alpha < \omega_1} U_\alpha$. we have $\bigcap_{\alpha < \omega_1} \mathcal{G}_\alpha = \bigcap_{\alpha < \omega_1} U_\alpha - \bigcap_{\alpha < \omega_1} A_\alpha \supset (a, b) - \bigcup_{\alpha < \omega_1} A_\alpha \neq \emptyset$ because of $|\bigcup_{\alpha < \omega_1} A_\alpha| = \omega_1 < 2^\omega$. says that $(R, s \vee c)$ has calibre ω_1 .

o prove (5) \rightarrow (1), it is sufficient to construct a counterexample under \neg CH. $L_0 = R \times \{0\}$, $L_1 = R \times \{1\}$, and $X = L_0 \cup L_1$. We define the topology on X as ing:

$\subset X$ is open iff

if point $(x, 1) \in G \cap L_1$, then there exists $n < \omega$ and $A \in [R]^{<\omega}$ such that $((x, 1) - A) \times \{1\} \subset G$;

if point $(x, 0) \in G$, then there exists $n < \omega$ and $A \in [R]^{<\omega}$ such that $((x - 1/n, 0) \times \{1\} \subset G$.

With this topology, every pair of points is functionally separated. L_1 is an open subspace and homeomorphic to $(R, s \vee c)$. L_0 is a closed discrete set in X . If holds, then L_1 has calibre ω_1 , so does the space X . Now we show that X is not löf. Let $\{A_\alpha: \alpha < 2^\omega\}$ enumerate $[R]^{<\omega}$ such that for every $A \in [R]^{<\omega}$, $|\{\alpha: A_\alpha = A\}| < \omega$. Let $\{x_\alpha: \alpha < 2^\omega\}$ enumerate R . For every $\alpha < 2^\omega$ let $G_\alpha = \{(x_\alpha, 0) \cup (R - A_\alpha) \times \{1\}\}$. $\mathcal{G} = \{G_\alpha: \alpha < 2^\omega\}$ is an open cover of X . $(x_\alpha, 0) \in G_\beta$ iff $\alpha = \beta$. For any $M \in \mathcal{G}$ let $M = A \times \{1\}$. Then $A_\alpha = A$ implies $G_\alpha \cap M = \emptyset$. Hence $(x_\alpha, 0) \notin \bigcup \{st(p, \mathcal{G}): p \in M\}$. But $\{\alpha: A_\alpha = A\}$ is uncountable. For any $N \in [L_0]^{<\omega}$, there exists α such $x_\alpha = A$ and $(x_\alpha, 0) \notin \bigcup \{st(p, \mathcal{G}): p \in N\}$. This shows that $\{st(p, \mathcal{G}): p \in X\}$ is not a countable subcover.

Two Results Concerning Calibre ω_1 and Calibre (ω_1, ω)

Theorem 2. *If there exists a first countable T_2 space which has calibre (ω_1, ω) but does not have calibre ω_1 , then there exists a first countable T_2 space with calibre (ω_1, ω) which is not pc -Lindelöf.*

Proof (1) Let S be a first countable T_2 space which has calibre (ω_1, ω) but does not have calibre ω_1 . Let T be the Sorgenfrey line. $Y = S \times T$ is the product space. Y is first countable T_2 space. If $\mathcal{W} = \{u_\alpha \times v_\alpha : \alpha < \omega_1\}$ is a family of basic open sets, $\mathcal{V} = \{v_\alpha : \alpha < \omega_1\}$, there must be $t \in T$ such that $\text{ord}(t, \mathcal{V}) = \omega_1$. Let $A = \{\alpha : t \in v_\alpha\}$, $\mathcal{U}_A = \{u_\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$. Then there exists $s \in S$ such that $\text{ord}(s, \mathcal{U}_A) \geq \omega$. Let $y = (s, t) \in Y$. It is easy to see that $\text{ord}(y, \mathcal{W}) \geq \omega$. This shows that Y has calibre (ω_1, ω) . But Y has not calibre ω_1 since S is the continuous image of Y .

(2) S is ccc with character $\chi(S) = \omega$, then $|S| \leq 2^{\omega \times \omega} = 2^\omega$. Let $S' = \{s_\alpha : \alpha \in E\}$, $(E \subset R)$. $X = E \cup Y$. We select a decreasing neighbourhood base $\{W_n(s) : n < \omega\}$ for every $s \in S$. For $n < \omega$, if $y = (s, t) \in Y$, we define $V_n(y) = W_n(s) \times [t, t + 1/n)$, if $x \in E$, we define $V_n(x) = \{x\} \cup [W_n(s_x) - \{s_x\}] \times (x - 1/n, x)$. With the base $\{V_n(y) : y \in Y, n < \omega\} \cup \{V_n(x) : x \in E, n < \omega\}$, the topology on X is first countable and T_2 . Y is an open dense subspace of X . By (1), X has calibre (ω_1, ω) .

(3) Let $\{U_\xi : \xi < \omega_1\}$ be a point countable family of open sets of S . Then $\{U_\xi \times T : \xi < \omega_1\}$ is a point countable family of open sets of Y . Let $U = \bigcup_{\xi < \omega_1} U_\xi$. $U \times T$ is an open subspace of Y , hence $U \times T$ has calibre (ω_1, ω) but does not have calibre ω_1 . For all $\xi < \omega_1$, we choose $s_{\xi} \in U_\xi$ and $n_\xi < \omega$ such that $W_{n_\xi}(s_{\xi}) \subset U_\xi$. Since

$$V_{n_\xi}(x_\xi) = \{x_\xi\} \cup (W_{n_\xi}(s_{\xi}) - \{s_{\xi}\}) \times (x_\xi - 1/n_\xi, x_\xi),$$

we have $V_{n_\xi}(x_\xi) \cap Y \subset U_\xi \times T \subset U \times T$.

(4) Let $Z = \{x_\xi : \xi < \omega_1\} \cup (U \times T)$. The subspace Z of X has calibre (ω_1, ω) because $U \times T$ is open and dense in Z . $\{V_{n_\xi}(x_\xi) : \xi < \omega_1\} \cup \{U \times T\}$ is a point countable open cover of Z which has not countable subcover.

Theorem 3. *If there exists a first countable T_2 space with calibre ω_1 which is not separable, then there exists a first countable non-*lindelöf T_2 space with calibre ω_1 .*

Proof Let S be a first countable non-separable T_2 space with calibre ω_1 . T be the Sorgenfrey line, $Y = S \times T$. It is easy to see $|[Y]^\omega| = 2^\omega$. Let $\{A_\alpha : \alpha < 2^\omega\}$ be an enumeration of $[Y]^\omega$ such that for every $A \in [Y]^\omega$, $|\{\alpha : A_\alpha = A\}| = 2^\omega$. Let P be the projection from Y to S . Obviously, $P(\text{cl}_Y A_\alpha) \subset \text{cl}_S(P(A_\alpha))$ for all $\alpha < 2^\omega$. $|P(A_\alpha)| \leq \omega$ and S is not separable. There exists $s_\alpha \in S - \text{cl}_S(P(A_\alpha))$. Choose a decreasing neighbourhood base $\{W_n(s_\alpha) : n < \omega\}$ of s_α such that $W_0(s_\alpha) \cap \text{cl}_S(P(A_\alpha)) = \emptyset$. Let $u_{n,\alpha} = W_n(s_\alpha) - \{s_\alpha\}$.

Let $X = \{x_\alpha : \alpha < 2^\omega\}$ be the set of all reals, $Z = X \cup Y$ be the disjoint union of X and Y . We define a topology on Z generated by the base \mathcal{B} described as following:

If $y = (s, t) \in Y$, $V_n(y) = W_n(s) \times [t, t + 1/n) \in \mathcal{B}$ for all $n < \omega$. Here $\{W_n(s) : n < \omega\}$ is a decreasing neighbourhood base of s in S .

If $x \in X$, $V_n(x_\alpha) = \{x_\alpha\} \cup u_{n,\alpha} \times (x - 1/n, x) \in \mathcal{B}$ for all $n < \omega$. It is not difficult to check that the topology generated by \mathcal{B} is first countable and T_2 . Y is open and

in Z , and X is a closed discrete subset of Z . The subspace Y is homeomorphic to T , the product space of S and T . Therefore Z has calibre ω_1 .

Now we claim that Z is not *Lindelöf. For every $\alpha < 2^\omega$, let $G_\alpha = (Y - cl_Z(A_\alpha)) \cup \mathcal{G} = \{G_\alpha : \alpha < 2^\omega\}$.

1) \mathcal{G} covers Z . Let $y = (s, i) \in Y$. Since $Y = \{y\} \cup [\bigcup_{n < \omega} (Y - V_n(y))]$ and Y is countable, there exist $n < \omega$ and $\alpha < 2^\omega$ such that $cl_Y(A_\alpha)$ is contained in $Y - V_n(y)$. $y \in cl_Y(A_\alpha) = cl_Z(A_\alpha) \cap Y$ and $y \in G_\alpha$.

2) G_α is open for all $\alpha < 2^\omega$. It is sufficient to show that $x_\alpha \in \text{Int } G_\alpha$. Note that $cl_Y(A_\alpha) \cap Y = cl_Y(A_\alpha)$, so $Y - cl_Z(A_\alpha) = Y - cl_Y(A_\alpha)$. Since $u_{x_\alpha} \cap cl_S(P(A_\alpha)) = \emptyset$, $u_{x_\alpha} \times \{x_\alpha\} \subset u_{x_\alpha} \times T$ is disjoint with $cl_S(P(A_\alpha)) \times T$. But $cl_Y(A_\alpha) \subset P^{-1}(cl_S(P(A_\alpha)))$. $P(A_\alpha) \times T$, we have $V_1(x_\alpha) \subset (Y - cl_Y(A_\alpha)) \cup \{x_\alpha\} = G_\alpha$.

$\{st(z, \mathcal{G}) : z \in Z\}$ has not countable subcover. Let $A \in [Y]^\omega$ and $A = A_\alpha$. $A \cap G_\alpha = \emptyset$ and $x_\alpha \in U\{st(y, \mathcal{G}) : y \in A\}$. Because $\{\alpha : A_\alpha = A\}$ is uncountable, $\{st(y, \mathcal{G}) : y \in A\}$ is uncountable. On the other hand, $st(x_\alpha, \mathcal{G}) \cap X = \{x_\alpha\}$ for $x_\alpha \in X$. This shows that for any $M \in [Z]^\omega$, $U\{st(z, \mathcal{G}) : z \in M\} \neq Z$.

It is known that the space \mathcal{K} in [2] is 0-dimensional first countable Baire space with calibre (ω_1, ω) non-separable space. Assuming CH, \mathcal{K} has not calibre ω_1 . Assuming $MA + \neg CH$, \mathcal{K} is ω_2 Baire and has calibre ω_1 ([5]). As the corollaries of Theorems 2 and 3, we have

Corollary 4. (CH) *There exists a first countable T_2 space with calibre (ω_1, ω) which is not pc -Lindelöf.*

Corollary 5. ($MA + \neg CH$) *There exists a first countable T_2 space with calibre (ω_1, ω) which is not *Lindelöf.*

On the other hand, the result of Efimov [3] tells us that CH implies that every first countable T_2 space with calibre ω_1 is separable. Then the statement in Corollary 4 is independent of ZFC. But we do not know whether the statement in Corollary 5 is independent of ZFC.

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