

## A note on $\mathcal{E}$ -product

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### § 1. Introduction.

Let  $\{X_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  be a family of topological spaces. We denote the box product space by  $B_\alpha X_\alpha$ . For  $p \in B_\alpha X_\alpha$  let  $\mathcal{E}_p$  be the subspace  $\{x \in B_\alpha X_\alpha : x_\alpha \neq p_\alpha \text{ for at most finitely many } \alpha\}$  of  $B_\alpha X_\alpha$ .

Recently E. K. van Douwen [4] showed  $\mathcal{E}_p$  is stratifiable if each  $X_\alpha$  is a metrizable space and  $p$  is any point of  $B_\alpha X_\alpha$ .

In this paper we shall show the followings.

(A) Let  $\{X_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  be a family of metrizable spaces and  $p$  be any point of  $B_\alpha X_\alpha$ . Then  $\mathcal{E}_p$  is an  $M_1$ -space (Corollary 3.3).

(B) Let  $\{X_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  be a family of  $M_2$ -spaces and  $p$  be any point of  $B_\alpha X_\alpha$ . Then  $\mathcal{E}_p$  is an  $M_2$ -space (Corollary 3.4).

(C) There exists an  $M_1$ -space  $X$  and a closed subset  $A$  of  $X$  such that  $(X, A)$  is not semi-canonical (Example 4.1).

Both (A) and (B) strengthen the theorem of E. K. van Douwen [4]. (C) shows that the Lemma of M. R. Cauty [3] is false.

Throughout of this paper all topological space are  $T_1$  and  $N$  denote the natural numbers.

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### § 2. Preliminaries.

The symbol  $\prod_\alpha X_\alpha$  denotes the set product of the family of the sets  $\{X_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ .

LEMMA 2.1. Let  $\{X_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  be a family of topological spaces and let  $\mathfrak{P}_\alpha, \alpha \in A$ , be a cushioned collection (see [3]) consisting of ordered pairs of subsets  $P_\alpha = (P_\alpha^1, P_\alpha^2)$  of  $X_\alpha$ . Then for any subspace  $Y$  of  $B_\alpha X_\alpha$   $\{(\prod_\alpha P_\alpha^1 \cap Y, \prod_\alpha P_\alpha^2 \cap Y) : P = (P_\alpha^1, P_\alpha^2) \in \prod_\alpha \mathfrak{P}_\alpha\}$  is a cushioned collection of  $Y$ .

PROOF. For a given arbitrary subfamily  $\mathfrak{P}$  of  $\prod_\alpha \mathfrak{P}_\alpha$ , we have to show that

$$cl_Y(\cup\{\prod_\alpha P_\alpha^1 \cap Y : P \in \mathfrak{P}\}) \subset \cup\{\prod_\alpha P_\alpha^2 \cap Y : P \in \mathfrak{P}\}.$$

Let  $p$  be any point of  $Y - \cup\{\prod_\alpha P_\alpha^2 \cap Y : P \in \mathfrak{P}\}$ . For any  $\alpha \in A$ , let