

## 5. Some Generalizations of V. Trnkova's Theorem on Unions of Strongly Paracompact Spaces

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V. Trnkova [5] has recently investigated the unions of strongly paracompact spaces and he has proved the following interesting theorem:

*If space  $X = X_1 \cup X_2$ ,  $X_1, X_2$  are closed and strongly paracompact subspaces, and the space  $X_1 \cap X_2$  has the locally Lindelöf property, then  $X$  is itself strongly paracompact.* In this note, we shall obtain some generalizations of V. Trnkova's Theorem.

Let us quickly recall the definitions of terms which are used in this note. Let  $X$  be a topological space, and  $\mathfrak{R}$  be a collection of subsets of  $X$ . The collection  $\mathfrak{R}$  is said to be *locally finite* if every point of  $X$  has a neighborhood which intersects only finitely many elements of  $\mathfrak{R}$ . The collection  $\mathfrak{R}$  is said to be *star finite* (resp. *star countable*) if each element of  $\mathfrak{R}$  intersects only finitely (resp. only countably) many elements of  $\mathfrak{R}$ . Finally,  $X$  is said to be *paracompact* (resp. *strongly paracompact*) if  $X$  is Hausdorff and every open covering of  $X$  has a locally finite open covering (resp. star finite open covering) of  $X$  as a refinement.

§1. Generalizations. In this section, we shall get some generalizations of V. Trnkova's Theorem. At first, we shall show some lemmas.

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $\mathfrak{B} = \{B_\alpha \mid \alpha \in A\}$  be a locally finite closed covering of a regular space  $X$ . If each  $B_\alpha$  has the locally Lindelöf property as a subspace, then  $X$  has the locally Lindelöf property.*

**Proof.** Let  $x_0$  be an arbitrary point of  $X$ . Then, there exists a closed neighborhood  $V_0(x_0)$  of  $x_0$  in  $X$  such that  $V_0(x_0)$  intersects only all the members  $B_{\alpha_1}, \dots, B_{\alpha_n}$  containing  $x_0$ . For each  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ , by the locally Lindelöf property of  $B_{\alpha_i}$ , we have the closed neighborhood  $V_i(x_0)$  of  $x_0$  in  $X$  such that  $V_i(x_0) \cap B_{\alpha_i}$  has the Lindelöf property. Let  $V = \bigcap_{i=0}^n V_i(x_0)$ , then  $V$  is a neighborhood of  $x_0$  and  $V = V \cap (\bigcup_{i=1}^n B_{\alpha_i}) = \bigcup_{i=1}^n (V \cap B_{\alpha_i})$ . This relation implies the Lindelöf property of  $V$ . Thus we get Lemma 1.

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $\{F'_\alpha \mid \alpha \in A\}$  be a locally finite closed covering of a regular space  $X$  where the index set  $A$  is a well ordered set. If we define as follows:  $F_1 = F'_1$ ,  $F_\alpha = \overline{F'_\alpha} \cup \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} F'_\beta$  for each  $\alpha > 1$ , then*

$\{F_\alpha \mid \alpha \in A\}$  is a locally finite closed covering of  $X$  such that  $Q = \bigcup_{\alpha \neq \beta} (F_\alpha \cap F_\beta) \subset \bigcup_{\alpha \in A} \mathfrak{B}(F'_\alpha)$  where  $\mathfrak{B}(F'_\alpha)$  denotes the boundary of  $F'_\alpha$ .

**Proof.** It is obvious that  $\{F'_\alpha \mid \alpha \in A\}$  is a locally finite closed covering of  $X$ . Suppose that  $x_0$  be an arbitrary element of  $Q$ . Then,  $x_0 \in F'_\alpha \cap F'_\beta$  for some  $\alpha < \beta$ , and hence  $x_0 \in F'_\alpha$ . If  $x_0 \notin \mathfrak{B}(F'_\alpha)$ , then there exists a neighborhood  $V(x_0)$  contained in  $F'_\alpha$  and hence  $V(x_0) \subset \bigcup_{\gamma < \beta} F'_\gamma$ . Then we get  $x_0 \notin F'_\beta$ , which is a contradiction.

By use of the above lemmas, we shall prove the following theorem which is a generalization of V. Trnkova's theorem.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\mathfrak{F}' = \{F'_i \mid i = 1, 2, \dots\}$  be a locally finite closed covering of a regular  $T_1$ -space  $X$  such that each member  $F'_i$  of  $\mathfrak{F}'$  is a strongly paracompact subspace. If  $\mathfrak{B}(F'_i)$  has the locally Lindelöf property for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , then  $X$  is strongly paracompact.

**Proof.** It is obvious that  $X$  is paracompact. Now, let  $F_1 = F'_1$ ,  $F_i = \overline{F'_1} - \bigcup_{j < i} F'_j$  for  $i > 1$  and  $Q = \bigcup_{i \neq j} (F_i \cap F_j)$ , then  $\mathfrak{F} = \{F_i \mid i = 1, 2, \dots\}$  is a locally finite closed covering of  $X$  such that  $Q \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathfrak{B}(F'_i)$  by Lemma 2, and  $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathfrak{B}(F'_i)$  has the locally Lindelöf property by Lemma 1. On the other hand, it is easily seen that  $Q$  is a closed subspace of  $X$  and hence  $Q$  is a paracompact subspace with the locally Lindelöf property. Therefore we can get the discrete covering  $\mathfrak{G} = \{G_\lambda \mid \lambda \in A\}$  of  $Q$  such that  $G_\lambda$  has the Lindelöf property for each  $\lambda \in A$  by V. Šedivá [2]. In order to show the strong paracompactness of  $X$ , let  $\mathfrak{W}$  be an arbitrary open covering of  $X$ , then it is sufficient to show that  $\mathfrak{B}$  has a star countable open covering of  $X$  as a refinement.

At first, we shall find the open covering  $\mathfrak{U}$  of  $X$  such that  $\mathfrak{U}$  is a star refinement of  $\mathfrak{B}$  and each member of  $\mathfrak{U}$  intersects at most one element of  $\mathfrak{G}$ . For this purpose, let  $\mathfrak{W}' = \{W_{\alpha\lambda} \mid \alpha \in A; \lambda \in A\}$ , where  $W_{\alpha\lambda} = W_\alpha \cap (G_\lambda \cup (X - Q))$ , then  $\mathfrak{W}'$  is an open covering of  $X$  and the refinement of  $\mathfrak{B}$ .

Now, since  $X$  is a regular  $T_1$ -space,  $X$  is fully normal by A. H. Stone [4] and so there exists an open covering  $\mathfrak{U}$  of  $X$  such that  $\mathfrak{U}$  is a star refinement of  $\mathfrak{W}'$ . Let  $U$  be an arbitrary member of  $\mathfrak{U}$  and so  $U$  is contained in some member of  $\mathfrak{W}'$ , that is:  $U \subset W_{\alpha_0\lambda_0} = W_{\alpha_0} \cap (G_{\lambda_0} \cup (X - Q))$  for some  $\alpha_0 \in A$ ,  $\lambda_0 \in A$ , and therefore  $U \cap Q \subset G_{\lambda_0}$ . This implies that  $U$  intersects at most one element of  $G_{\lambda_0}$  of  $\mathfrak{G}$  from the mutual disjointedness of  $\{G_\lambda \mid \lambda \in A\}$ . Thus we can get the open covering  $\mathfrak{U}$  of  $X$  such that  $\mathfrak{U}$  is a star refinement of  $\mathfrak{B}$  and each member of  $\mathfrak{U}$  intersects at most one element of  $\mathfrak{G}$ .

Next, let  $\mathfrak{U}_i = \mathfrak{U} \cap F_i^{(1)}$  for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , then, there exists a

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1)  $\mathfrak{U} \cap F$  will denote the collection  $\{U \cap F \mid U \in \mathfrak{U}\}$ .

star countable covering  $\mathfrak{S}_i$  of  $F_i$  such that  $\mathfrak{S}_i$  is a open collection in  $F_i$  and a refinement of  $\mathfrak{U}_i$  by the assumption. For each  $i=1, 2, \dots$ , and each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , we can get a countable subcollection  $\mathfrak{S}_{\lambda i}$  of  $\mathfrak{S}_i$  such that  $\mathfrak{S}_{\lambda i}$  is a covering of  $G_\lambda \cap F_i$  from the Lindelöf property of  $G_\lambda \cap F_i$ , where we may assume that for each  $V_i^\lambda$  of  $\mathfrak{S}_{\lambda i}$ ,  $V_i^\lambda \cap G_\lambda \cap F_i \neq \emptyset$  and hence  $V_i^\lambda \cap Q \subset G_\lambda$ . Still more, for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , let  $\mathfrak{S}_\lambda = \left\{ \text{Int} \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_{j(k_i)}^\lambda \right) \mid V_{j(k_i)}^\lambda \in \mathfrak{S}_{\lambda k_i} \text{ for } i=1, 2, \dots, n; \bigcap_{i=1}^n V_{j(k_i)}^\lambda \neq \emptyset; j(k_i)=1, 2, \dots \text{ for } i=1, 2, \dots, n; n=1, 2, \dots \right\}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{S}_\lambda$  is evidently a countable open collection in  $X$  and furthermore we shall show that this collection  $\mathfrak{S}_\lambda$  is a covering of  $G_\lambda$ .

For this purpose, let  $x_0$  be an arbitrary point of  $G_\lambda$ , then there exists a neighborhood  $V(x_0)$  of  $x_0$  in  $X$  such that " $V(x_0) \cap F_j \neq \emptyset$ " is equivalent to " $x_0 \in F_j$ ". Let  $F_{i_1}, \dots, F_{i_n}$  be all the members of  $\mathfrak{F}$  containing  $x_0$ . For each  $j=1, 2, \dots, n$ ,  $x_0 \in G_\lambda \cap F_{i_j}$ , and hence there exists an open neighborhood  $V'_{i_j}$  of  $x_0$  in  $X$  such that  $x_0 \in V'_{i_j} \cap F_{i_j} \subset V_{i_j}$  for some  $V_{i_j}$  of  $\mathfrak{S}_{\lambda i_j}$ . Let  $G = V(x_0) \cap \left( \bigcap_{j=1}^n V'_{i_j} \right)$ , then  $G$  is a neighborhood of  $x_0$  in  $X$  and  $G \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^n V_{i_j}$ , where  $x_0 \in V_{i_j} \in \mathfrak{S}_{\lambda i_j}$ .

This means  $x_0 \in \text{Int} \left( \bigcup_{j=1}^n V_{i_j} \right)$  and  $\text{Int} \left( \bigcup_{j=1}^n V_{i_j} \right)$  is a member of  $\mathfrak{S}_\lambda$ . Lastly let  $\mathfrak{S}_i = \{ V - Q \mid V \in \mathfrak{S}_i - \bigcup_{\lambda} \mathfrak{S}_{\lambda i} \}$  for each  $i=1, 2, \dots$  and  $\mathfrak{S} = \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathfrak{S}_i \right) \cup \left( \bigcup_{\lambda} \mathfrak{S}_\lambda \right)$ . Then we shall show that this collection  $\mathfrak{S}$  is a star countable open covering of  $X$  and a refinement of  $\mathfrak{B}$ .

(1)  $\mathfrak{S}$  is an open family of  $X$ . For this purpose, it suffices to show that  $\mathfrak{S}_i$  is an open collection of  $X$  for each  $i=1, 2, \dots$ . Let  $V - Q$  be an arbitrary member of  $\mathfrak{S}_i$ , where  $V$  is a member of  $\mathfrak{S}_i - \bigcup_{\lambda} \mathfrak{S}_{\lambda i}$ . By the openness of  $V$  in  $F_i$ , there exists an open  $V'$  in  $X$  such that  $V = V' \cap F_i$ , and so

$$\begin{aligned} V &= V' \cap F_i = V' \cap \left( (X - \bigcup_{j \neq i} F_j) \cup (Q \cap F_i) \right) \\ &= \left( V' \cap (X - \bigcup_{j \neq i} F_j) \right) \cup (V' \cap Q \cap F_i) \end{aligned}$$

and hence  $V - Q = V' \cap (X - \bigcup_{j \neq i} F_j) \cap (X - Q)$  is clearly open in  $X$ .

(2)  $\mathfrak{S}$  is a covering of  $X$ . Since  $\bigcup_{\lambda} \mathfrak{S}_\lambda$  is a covering of  $\bigcup_{\lambda} G_\lambda$ , let  $x_0$  be an arbitrary point of  $X - \left( \bigcup_{\lambda} \mathfrak{S}_\lambda^* \right)$  and hence  $x_0 \notin \bigcup_{\lambda} G_\lambda = Q$ , and so there exists only one positive integer  $i_0$  such that  $x_0 \in F_{i_0} - Q$ . By the fact that  $\mathfrak{S}_{i_0}$  is a covering of  $F_{i_0}$ , there exists some open set  $U_0$  in  $X$  such that  $x_0 \in U_0 \cap F_{i_0} = V_0 \in \mathfrak{S}_{i_0}$ . Since  $\text{Int}(V_0) = U_0 \cap \text{Int}(F_{i_0}) \ni x_0$ ,  $x_0 \in \text{Int}(V_0)$  where  $V_0 \in \mathfrak{S}_{i_0}$ . Accordingly, if  $V_0$  is a member of  $\bigcup_{\lambda} \mathfrak{S}_{\lambda i_0}$ , then  $x_0 \in \bigcup_{\lambda} \mathfrak{S}_\lambda^*$ . This is contrary to  $x_0 \in X - \bigcup_{\lambda} \mathfrak{S}_\lambda^*$ , and so  $x_0 \in \hat{V}_0 - Q$

2) For the collection  $\mathfrak{U}$  of subsets of  $X$ ,  $\mathfrak{U}^*$  will denote the set  $\bigcup \{ U \mid U \in \mathfrak{U} \}$ .

$\in \mathfrak{G}_{i_0}$ . This means  $x_0 \in \mathfrak{G}_{i_0}^*$ .

(3)  $\mathfrak{G}$  is a refinement of  $\mathfrak{B}$ . It is obvious that  $\mathfrak{G}_i$  is a refinement of  $\mathfrak{B}$  for each  $i=1, 2, \dots$  and so let  $\lambda_0$  be an arbitrary index of  $\mathcal{A}$  and moreover  $V_0$  be an arbitrary element of  $\mathfrak{S}_{\lambda_0}$ . Then we may rewrite as follows:

$$V_0 = \text{Int}\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n V_{j(k_i)}^{\lambda_0}\right) \text{ where } V_{j(k_i)}^{\lambda_0} \in \mathfrak{S}_{\lambda_0 k_i} \text{ and } \bigcap_1^n V_{j(k_i)}^{\lambda_0} \neq \emptyset,$$

and so there exists a point  $x_0$  such that  $x_0 \in \bigcap_1^n V_{j(k_i)}^{\lambda_0}$ . On the other hand, for each  $i=0, 1, \dots, n$ , there exists a member  $U_i$  of  $\mathcal{U}$  such that  $x_0 \in U_0$ , and  $x_0 \in V_{j(k_i)}^{\lambda_0} \subset U_i$  for  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ . Therefore  $V_0 \subset \bigcup_1^n V_{j(k_i)}^{\lambda_0} \subset \bigcup_1^n U_i \subset \text{st}(U_0, \mathcal{U}) \subset W_{\alpha_0}$  for some  $W_{\alpha_0} \in \mathfrak{B}$ . This means that  $\mathfrak{S}_{\lambda_0}$  is a refinement of  $\mathfrak{B}$ .

(4)  $\mathfrak{G}$  is star countable.

(4.1) Let  $i_0$  be an arbitrary positive number and  $V-Q$  be an arbitrary member of  $\mathfrak{G}_{i_0}$  where  $V \in \mathfrak{S}_{i_0} - \bigcup \mathfrak{S}_{\lambda i_0}$ . By the definitions of  $\{\mathfrak{G}_i \mid i=1, 2, \dots\}$  and  $Q, \mathfrak{G}_j^* \cap \mathfrak{G}_{i_0}^* = \emptyset$  for every  $j \neq i_0$ . If  $(V-Q) \cap V_0 \neq \emptyset$  for some  $V_0 = \text{Int}\left(\bigcup_1^n V_{j(k_i)}^{\lambda}\right) \in \mathfrak{S}_{\lambda}$ , where  $V_{j(k_i)}^{\lambda} \in \mathfrak{S}_{\lambda k_i}$ , then  $(V-Q) \cap V_{j(t)}^{\lambda} \neq \emptyset$  for some  $t \in \{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n\}$ . Since  $V_{j(t)}^{\lambda} \subset F_t$  and  $V-Q \subset \text{Int}(F_{i_0}) = \{y \mid y \notin F_i \text{ for every } i \neq i_0\}$ , we have  $t = i_0$ . This fact shows the following: If  $(V-Q) \cap V_0 \neq \emptyset$ , then  $i_0 \in \{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n\}$  and  $(V-Q) \cap V_{j(i_0)}^{\lambda} \neq \emptyset$ . On the other hand,  $\{\lambda \mid V \cap V_{j(i_0)}^{\lambda} \neq \emptyset, V_{j(i_0)}^{\lambda} \in \mathfrak{S}_{i_0}\}$  is countable, and hence  $\{\lambda \mid (V-Q) \cap V_{j(i_0)}^{\lambda} \neq \emptyset\}$  is countable by the facts that  $\mathfrak{S}_{i_0}$  is star countable and  $\{\mathfrak{S}_{\lambda i_0} \mid \lambda\}$  is mutually disjoint. Furthermore  $\mathfrak{G}_{i_0}$  is clearly star countable. These mean that  $V-Q$  intersects only countably many elements of  $\mathfrak{G}$ .

(4.2) Let  $\lambda_0$  be an arbitrary element of  $\mathcal{A}$ , and  $\text{Int}(V_0)$  be an arbitrary member of  $\mathfrak{G}_{\lambda_0}$  where  $V_0 = \bigcup \{V_{j(k_i)}^{\lambda_0} \mid V_{j(k_i)}^{\lambda_0} \in \mathfrak{S}_{\lambda_0 k_i} \text{ for } i=1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Then, by the definition of  $\{\mathfrak{S}_{\lambda k_i} \mid \lambda\}$ , all the indices of  $\lambda'$  that  $V_{k_i}^{\lambda_0}$  intersects  $V_{k_i}^{\lambda'}$  is countable for each  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ , and therefore, in order to show that  $\text{Int}(V_0)$  intersects only countably many elements of  $\bigcup \mathfrak{S}_{\lambda}$  it is sufficient to show that the set  $\{V_j^{\lambda'} \mid V_j^{\lambda'} \in \mathfrak{S}_{\lambda' j}, V_{k_i}^{\lambda_0} \cap V_j^{\lambda'} \neq \emptyset; \lambda \neq \lambda', j \neq k_j\}$  is countable for each  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ . In reality, this set is empty. Lastly we shall show that  $\text{Int}(V_0)$  intersects only countably many elements of  $\bigcup_1^{\infty} \mathfrak{G}_i$ . For this purpose, let  $j$  be any integer, then we can consider the two cases: [1]  $j \notin \{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n\}$  and [2]  $j \in \{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n\}$ . In the first case,  $\text{Int}(V_0) \cap \mathfrak{G}_j^* = \emptyset$ . In the second case, that is,  $j = k_{i_0}$  for some  $i_0 (1 \leq i_0 \leq n)$ , " $(V-Q) \cap V_0 \neq \emptyset$ " is equivalent to " $(V-Q) \cap V_{k_{i_0}}^{\lambda_0} \neq \emptyset$ ". Since  $\mathfrak{S}_{k_{i_0}}$  is star countable,  $V_{k_{i_0}}^{\lambda_0}$  intersects only countably many elements of  $\mathfrak{S}_{k_{i_0}} - \bigcup_{\lambda} \mathfrak{S}_{\lambda k_{i_0}}$  and so  $V_{k_{i_0}}^{\lambda_0}$  intersects only countably many

elements of  $\mathfrak{S}_{k_{i_0}}$ . This shows that  $\text{Int}(V_0)$  intersects only countably many elements of  $\mathfrak{S}_j$ .

From (1), (2), (3), and (4), we can see that  $\mathfrak{S}$  is a star countable open refinement of  $\mathfrak{B}$ . Since  $X$  is a regular  $T_1$ -space,  $X$  is strongly paracompact by a theorem of Yu. Smirnov [3].

By use of Theorem 1, we can prove the following main theorem which is also a generalization of V. Trnkova's theorem.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $X$  be a regular  $T_1$ -space and  $\mathfrak{F} = \{F_\alpha \mid \alpha \in A\}$  be a locally finite, star countable closed covering of  $X$  such that  $\mathfrak{B}(F_\alpha)$  has the locally Lindelöf property for each  $\alpha \in A$ . Then, in order that the space  $X$  be strongly paracompact, it is necessary and sufficient that  $F_\alpha$  be a strongly paracompact subspace for each  $\alpha \in A$ .*

**Proof.** Necessity is obvious and so we shall prove the sufficiency. Let  $\{\mathfrak{F}_\lambda \mid \lambda \in A\}$  be all the components<sup>3)</sup> of  $\mathfrak{F}$  and  $H_\lambda$  be  $\mathfrak{F}_\lambda^*$  for each  $\lambda \in A$ . Then, by the definition of  $\mathfrak{F}$ ,  $H_\lambda$  is open and closed in  $X$ , and furthermore  $\mathfrak{F}_\lambda$  is a countable collection and hence  $\{H_\lambda \mid \lambda \in A\}$  is discrete covering of  $X$  such that each  $H_\lambda$  is strongly paracompact for each  $\lambda \in A$  by Theorem 1, and so  $X$  is strongly paracompact from the mutual disjointedness of  $\{H_\lambda \mid \lambda \in A\}$ . This completes the proof.

**§ 2. Applications.** In this section, we shall prove two theorems as the consequences of Theorem 1.

**Definition.** Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $K$  be a subset of  $X$ . A space  $X$  has the *locally Lindelöf property at  $K$*  if, for each  $x$  of  $K$ , there exists an arbitrary small neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  in  $X$  such that  $U$  has the Lindelöf property.

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $\mathfrak{F} = \{F'_\alpha \mid \alpha \in A\}$  be a locally finite closed covering of a regular  $T_1$ -space  $X$  such that  $X$  has the locally Lindelöf property at  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} \mathfrak{B}(F'_\alpha)$ . If  $F'_\alpha$  is strongly paracompact for each  $\alpha \in A$ , then  $X$  is strongly paracompact.*

**Proof.** Let  $A$  be a well ordered set and  $F_1 = F'_1$ ,  $F_\alpha = \overline{F'_\alpha - \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} F'_\beta}$  for every  $\alpha > 1$ . Let  $Q = \bigcup_{\alpha \neq \beta} (F_\alpha \cap F_\beta)$ , then  $Q$  is closed in  $X$  and  $X$  has the locally Lindelöf property at  $Q$  by Lemma 2. Therefore  $Q \subset \bigcup_{x \in Q} V(x)$ , where  $V(x)$  is an open neighborhood of  $x$  in  $X$  with the Lindelöf closure. It is obvious that  $X$  is paracompact and so is normal, and hence there exists an open set  $G$  in  $X$  such that

3) Let  $X$  be a topological space and let  $\mathfrak{F}$  be a collection of subsets of  $X$ . We call that  $\mathfrak{F}'$ , subcollection of  $\mathfrak{F}$ , is *connected* if for any two elements  $F_\alpha, F_\beta$  of  $\mathfrak{F}'$ , there exists a finite sequence  $F_1, \dots, F_n$  of  $\mathfrak{F}'$  such that  $F_1 = F_\alpha, F_n = F_\beta$  and such that  $F_i \cap F_{i+1} \neq \emptyset$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ ).  $\mathfrak{F}'$  is called *component* of  $\mathfrak{F}$  if no subcollection of  $\mathfrak{F}'$  which contains  $\mathfrak{F}'$  is connected.

$Q \subset G \subset \bar{G} \subset \bigcup_{x \in Q} V(x)$ , and so  $\bar{G}$  is a neighborhood of  $Q$  and a closed paracompact subspace with the locally Lindelöf property. Therefore  $\bar{G}$  is strongly paracompact. On the other hand, let  $H_\alpha = F_\alpha - G$  for each  $\alpha \in A$ , then it is easily seen that  $\{H_\alpha \mid \alpha \in A\}$  is clearly a discrete closed collection and  $H_\alpha$  is strongly paracompact, and so  $H = \bigcup_{\alpha} H_\alpha$  is strongly paracompact closed subspace of  $X$ . Then  $\{H, \bar{G}\}$  is a closed covering of  $X$  such that subspaces  $H, \bar{G}$  are strongly paracompact and  $H \cap \bar{G}$  has the locally Lindelöf property. This implies the strong paracompactness of  $X$  by Theorem 1 (or, by V. Trnkova's theorem [5]).

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $X$  be a normal  $T_1$ -space and  $\mathfrak{G} = \{G_\alpha \mid \alpha \in A\}$  be a locally finite open covering of  $X$ . If  $G_\alpha$  is a strongly paracompact subspace with the locally Lindelöf property for each  $\alpha \in A$ , then  $X$  is itself strongly paracompact.*

**Proof.** Since  $X$  is normal, there exists a closed covering  $\{F_\alpha \mid \alpha \in A\}$  of  $X$  such that  $F_\alpha \subset G_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in A$  and hence  $\{F_\alpha \mid \alpha \in A\}$  is a locally finite closed covering of  $X$  such that  $F_\alpha$  is strongly paracompact for each  $\alpha \in A$ . By the assumption, it is easily seen that  $X$  has a locally Lindelöf property at  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} \mathfrak{B}(F_\alpha)$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 4.

**Remark.** Theorem 3 is a generalization of Theorem 2 in our previous note [1], from the point of view of obtaining only the strong paracompactness of a space.

In Theorem 5 in the same note [1], we assumed the regularity of  $X$  instead of the normality in Theorem 4, and more we assumed the locally Lindelöf property of  $\mathfrak{B}(G_\alpha)$  for each  $\alpha$ . Therefore we may consider that Theorem 4 is a generalization of Theorem 5 in [1].

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