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# Absolute C\*-Embedding of P'-Spaces

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**Abstract** In this paper, we first show that for any non-real compact P'-space X, X is  $C^*$ -embedded in each P'-space in which X is embedded if and only if |vX - X| = 1. Using this, for any non-realcompact P'-space X, we show that |vX - X| = 1 if and only if X is  $C^*$ -embedded in each compactification of X, equivalently, X is an almost Lindelöf space and that if |vX - X| = 1, then vX is a Lindelöf space.

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# **1. INTRODUCTION**

All spaces in this paper are Tychonoff spaces and  $\beta X(vX, \text{ resp.})$  denotes the Stone-Čech compactification(Hewitt realcompactification, resp.) of a space X.

Hewitt([1]) proved that a space X is  $C^*$ -embedded in each space in which X is embedded if and only if X is an almost compact space, that is,  $|\beta X - X| \leq 1$  and that if X is an almost compact space, then X is a pseudocompact space. Aull([2]) proved that a P-space X is  $C^*$ -embedded in each P-space in which X is embedded if and only if X is an almost Lindelöf space, that is, for any two disjoint zero-sets in X, at least one of them is Lindelöf. Moreover, Dow and Förster([3]) showed that an F-space X is  $C^*$ -embedded in each F-space in which X is embedded if and only if X is an almost compact space. Veksler([4]) introduced the concept of P'-spaces which is a generalization of the concept of P-spaces.

In this paper, we first show that for any non-realcompact P'-space X, X is  $C^*$ -embedded in each P'-space in which X is embedded if and only if | vX - X | = 1. Using this, for any non-realcompact P'-space X, we show that | vX - X | = 1 if and only if X is  $C^*$ -embedded in each compactification of X, equivalently, X is an almost Lindelöf space and that if | vX - X | = 1, then vX is a Lindelöf space.

For the terminology, we refer to [5] and [6].

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# 2. P'-Spaces

The ring of real valued continuous functions on a space X is denoted by C(X) and  $C^*(X)$  denotes the subring of bounded functions of C(X). For any  $f \in C(X)$ ,  $f^{-1}(0)$  is called a zero-set in X and  $X - f^{-1}(0)$  is called a cozero-set in X

Recall that a space X is called a *P*-space if every zero-set in X is open in X. Veksler([4]) introduced the concept of P'-spaces which is a generalization of the concept of *P*-spaces.

**Definition 2.1.** A space X is called a P'-space if every zero-set in X is a regular closed set in X.

Veksler([4]) showed that for any locally compact realcompact space X,  $\beta X - X$  is a P'-space. Let  $\mathbb{R}$  be the set of all real numbers with the usual topology. Then  $\beta \mathbb{R} - \mathbb{R}$  is a P'-space but not P-space.

For any zero-set Z in a space X,  $cl_{vX}(Z)$  is a zero-set in vX and for any non-empty zero-set A in vX,  $A \cap X \neq \emptyset([5])$ . Hence X is a P'-space if and only if vX is a P'-space.

A subspace S of a space X is called  $C(C^*, \text{resp.})$ -embedded in X if for any  $f \in C(X)(C^*(X), \text{ resp.})$ , there is a  $g \in C(X)(C^*(X), \text{ resp.})$  such that  $g|_X = f$  and S is called *z*-embedded in X if for any zero-set Z in S, there is a zero-set A in X such that  $Z = A \cap S$ .

It is well-known that a space X is a P-space if and only if every cozero-set in X is C-embedded in X([5]). We can get the following results similar to P-spaces.

**Proposition 2.2.** Let X be a space. Then the following are equivalent :

(1) X is a P'-space.

(2) For any zero-set Z in X with  $int_X(Z) = \emptyset$ ,  $Z = \emptyset$ .

(3) If  $f \in C(X)$  and  $pos(f) = \{x \in X | f(x) > 0\}$  contains a dense subset of X, then pos(f) = X.

(4) Every dense z-embedded subspace of X is C-embedded.

(5) Every dense cozero-set in X is C-embedded.

(6) If  $f \in C(X)$  and  $X - f^{-1}(0)$  is dense in X, then f has the inverse element in C(X).

*Proof.*  $(1) \Rightarrow (2)$  is tirvial.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$  Let  $f \in C(X)$  such that pos(f) contains a dense subset of X. Then  $cl_X(pos(f)) = X$ . Since pos(f) is a cozero-set in  $X, X - pos(f) = g^{-1}(0)$  for some  $g \in C(X)$ . Since pos(f) is dense in  $X, int_X(g^{-1}(0)) = \emptyset$ . By the assumption,  $g^{-1}(0) = \emptyset$  and so pos(f) = X.

 $(3) \Rightarrow (4)$  Let S be a dense z-embedded subspace of X. Take any disjoint zero-sets A, B in S. Then there are  $f, g \in C(X)$  such that  $A = f^{-1}(0) \cap S$  and  $B = g^{-1}(0) \cap S$ . Since S is dense in X,  $int_X(f^{-1}(0) \cap g^{-1}(0)) = \emptyset$ . Let  $h = f^2 + g^2$ . Then  $h^{-1}(0) = f^{-1}(0) \cap g^{-1}(0)$ and so pos(h) is dense in X. By the assumption,  $h^{-1}(0) = \emptyset$  and by Urysohn's extension theorem, S is C<sup>\*</sup>-embedded in X.

Let  $l \in C(X)$  with  $S \cap l^{-1}(0) = \emptyset$  and  $l(x) \ge 0$  for all  $x \in X$ . Since S is dense in X and  $S \subseteq pos(l), pos(l) = X$  and so  $l^{-1}(0) = \emptyset$ . Hence S and  $l^{-1}(0)$  are completely separated in X. Thus S is C-embedded in X.

 $(4) \Rightarrow (5)$  is trivial.

 $(5) \Rightarrow (6)$  Let  $f \in C(X)$  such that  $X - f^{-1}(0)$  is dense in X. Then  $X - f^{-1}(0)$  is C-embedded in X and since  $(X - f^{-1}(0)) \cap f^{-1}(0) = \emptyset$ ,  $X - f^{-1}(0)$  and  $f^{-1}(0)$  are completely separated in X and hence  $f^{-1}(0) = \emptyset$ . Thus f has the inverse element in C(X).

(6) ⇒ (1) Let  $f \in C(X)$ . Suppose that  $x \in X - cl_X(int_X(f^{-1}(0)))$ . Then there is a  $g \in C(X)$  such that  $x \in int_X(g^{-1}(0))$  and  $int_X(f^{-1}(0)) \cap int_X(g^{-1}(0)) = \emptyset$ . Note that  $int_X(f^{-1}(0)) \cap int_X(g^{-1}(0)) = int_X(f^{-1}(0) \cap g^{-1}(0)) = int_X((f^2 + g^2)^{-1}(0)) = \emptyset$ . By the assumption,  $f^2 + g^2$  has the inverse element in C(X) and  $(f^2 + g^2)^{-1}(0) = f^{-1}(0) \cap g^{-1}(0) = \emptyset$ . Since  $x \notin f^{-1}(0), f^{-1}(0) = cl_X(int_X(f^{-1}(0)))$  and so X is a P'-space.

A space X is called a weakly Lindelöf space if for any open cover  $\mathcal{U}$  of X, there is a countable subfamily  $\mathcal{V}$  of  $\mathcal{U}$  such that  $\cup \mathcal{V}$  is dense in X. Every Lindelöf space is a weakly Lindelöf space.

### **Proposition 2.3.** Let X be a weakly Lindelöf P'-space. Then X is a Lindelöf space.

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be an open cover of X such that for any  $U \in \mathcal{U}$ , U is a cozero-set in X. Then there is a countable subfamily  $\mathcal{V}$  of  $\mathcal{U}$  such that  $cl_X(\cup \mathcal{V}) = X$ . Since  $\cup \mathcal{V}$  is a dense cozero-set in X and X is a P'-space, by Proposition 2.2,  $\cup \mathcal{V} = X$ . Hence  $\mathcal{V}$  is a countable subcover of  $\mathcal{U}$  and so X is a Lindelöf space.

It is well-known that a countable P-space is a discrete space([5]).

**Proposition 2.4.** Let X be a countable P'-space. Then X is a discrete space.

*Proof.* Let  $x \in X$ . For any  $y \in X$  with  $x \neq y$ , there is a zero-set  $Z_y$  in X such that  $y \notin Z_y$  and  $x \in Z_y$ . Let  $Z = \cap \{Z_y \mid y \in X - \{x\}\}$ . Since X is a countable set, Z is a zero-set in X and  $Z = \{x\}$ . Since X is a P'-space,  $int_X(Z) \neq \emptyset$ . Hence  $int_X(Z) = \{x\}$  and so  $\{x\}$  is open in X.

# 3. Absolute $C^*$ -Embedding of P'-Spaces

In this section, for P'-spaces, we will show results similar to those proved by Hewitt([1]), Aull([2]), and Dow and Förster([3]).

We recall that a space X is called an F-space if every cozero-set in X is C<sup>\*</sup>-embedded in X. Let X be an F-space and S a subspace of  $\beta X$  such that  $X \subseteq S \not\subseteq vX$ . Let  $t \in S - vX$ . Then there is a zero-set Z in  $\beta X$  such that  $t \in Z$  and  $Z \cap vX = \emptyset$ . Since X is a dense subspace of S,  $int_S(Z \cap S) = \emptyset$  and since  $Z \cap S \neq \emptyset$ , S is not a P'-space.

**Lemma 3.1.** Let X be a P'-subspace of a space Y. Suppose that there is an onto continuous map  $f: vX \longrightarrow Y$  such that for any  $x \in X$ , f(x) = x. Then Y is a P'-space.

Proof. Take any non-empty zero-set Z in Y. Then  $f^{-1}(Z)$  is a non-empty zero-set in vXand hence  $f^{-1}(Z) \cap X = Z \cap X$  is a zero-set in X. Since X is a P'-space,  $int_X(Z \cap X) \neq \emptyset$ and since  $cl_X(int_X(Z \cap X)) = cl_Y(int_Y(Z)) \cap X$ ,  $int_Y(Z) \neq \emptyset$ . Hence Y is a P'-space.

Let X be a space and  $\mathcal{F}$  a z-filter on X. Then  $\mathcal{F}$  is called *free(fixed*, resp.) if  $\cap \{F \mid F \in \mathcal{F}\} = \emptyset(\cap \{F \mid F \in \mathcal{F}\} \neq \emptyset$ , resp.) and  $\mathcal{F}$  is called *real* if it is closed under the countable intersection property.

For any dense subspace X of a space T, X is C-embedded in T if and only if every point of T is the limit point of the unique real z-ultrafilter on X([5]). For a subspace X of a space Y,  $vX \subseteq vY$  means that there is an embedding  $h: vX \longrightarrow vY$  such that  $h \circ v_X = v_Y \circ j$ , where  $j: X \hookrightarrow Y$  is the inclusion map.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let X be a P'-space. Then  $|vX - X| \le 1$  if and only if for any P'-space Y in which X is embedded,  $vX \subseteq vY$ .

*Proof.* (⇒) Let Y be a P'-space in which X is embedded. If X is a realcompact space, then we have the result. Suppose that | vX - X | = 1. Then there is a unique free real z-ultrafilter  $\mathcal{F}$  on X and there is an  $y \in vY$  such that  $y \in \cap \{cl_{vY}(F) \mid F \in \mathcal{F}\}$ . Let  $T = X \cup \{y\}$ . Since  $\mathcal{F}$  is the unique real z-ultrafilter on X which converges to y in T, every point of T is a limit point of a unique real z-ultrafilter on X. Hence X is C-embedded in T and vX = vT([5]). Since vX is a P'-space, T is also a P'-space. Let  $\mathcal{G}$ be a real z-ultrafilter on T. Since X is C-embedded in T,  $\mathcal{G}_X = \{G \cap X \mid G \in \mathcal{G}\}$  is a real z-ultrafilter on X. By the assumption,  $\mathcal{G}_X = \mathcal{F}$  or  $\mathcal{G}_X$  is fixed and so  $\cap \{cl_T(G \cap X) \mid G \in \mathcal{G}\} = \cap \{G \mid G \in \mathcal{G}\} \neq \emptyset$ . Hence T is a realcompact space and thus  $vX \subseteq vY$ .

(⇐) Suppose that  $|vX - X| \ge 2$ . Pick  $a, b \in vX - X$  with  $a \ne b$ . Let  $R = \{(x, x) | x \in vX\} \cup \{(a, b), (b, a)\}, Y = vX/R$  be the quotient space and  $q : vX \longrightarrow Y$  the quotient map.

Take any open set U in X. Then there is an open set V in vX such that  $U = V \cap X$ and  $\{a, b\} \cap V = \emptyset$ . Since V is open in Y, X is a dense subspace of Y. By Lemma 3.1, Y is a P'-space. By the assumption, there is an embedding  $h : vX \longrightarrow vY$  such that  $h \circ v_X = v_Y \circ j$ , where  $j : X \hookrightarrow Y$  is a dense embedding. Since  $v_X : X \longrightarrow vX$  is a dense embedding,  $h = v_Y \circ q$  and h(a) = h(b). This is a contradiction, because h is an one-to-one map.

**Corollary 3.3.** Let X be a non-realcompact P'-space. Then the following are equivalent: (1) |vX - X| = 1.

(2) For any P'-space Y in which X is embedded, X is  $C^*$ -embedded in Y.

(3) For any P'-space Y in which X is dense embedded, X is  $C^*$ -embedded in Y.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $vX = X \cup \{p\}$  and Y a P'-space in which X is embedded. By the above theorem,  $vX \subseteq vY$ . Suppose that X is not  $C^*$ -embedded in Y. Then there are disjoint zero-sets A, B in X such that  $cl_Y(A) \cap cl_Y(B) \neq \emptyset$ . Pick  $k \in cl_Y(A) \cap cl_Y(B)$ . Let  $R = \{(x, x) \mid x \in X\} \cup \{(k, k), (p, p), (k, p), (p, k)\}$  and  $T = (X \cup \{k, p\})/R$  be the quotient space. Since there is an onto continuous map from vX to T, by Lemma 3.1, T is a P'-space and by Theorem 3.2, there is an embedding  $h : vX \longrightarrow vT$  such that  $v_T \circ j = h \circ v_X$ , where  $q : X \cup \{k, p\} \longrightarrow T$  is the quotient map and  $j : X \hookrightarrow T$  is the inclusion map.

Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a real z-ultrafilter on T. Let  $Z \in \mathcal{G}$ . Since  $h^{-1}(cl_{vT}(Z))$  is a non-empty zero-set in vX,  $h^{-1}(cl_{vT}(Z)) \cap X = Z \cap X \neq \emptyset$ . Hence  $\mathcal{G}_X = \{G \cap X \mid G \in \mathcal{G}\}$  is a real z-ultrafilter on X and by  $(1), \cap\{G \cap X \mid G \in \mathcal{G}\} \neq \emptyset$  or  $p \in \cap\{cl_{vX}(G \cap X) \mid G \in \mathcal{G}\}$ . For any  $G \in \mathcal{G}$ ,  $h(cl_{vX}(G \cap X)) \subseteq cl_T(h(G \cap X)) = cl_T(G \cap X) \subseteq G$ . Hence  $\cap\{G \mid G \in \mathcal{G}\} \neq \emptyset$ and T is a realcompact space. Moreover, T = vX and X is  $C^*$ -embedded in T. Since A, B are disjoint zero-sets in  $X, cl_T(A) \cap cl_T(B) = \emptyset$ . This is a contradiction, because  $q(p) = q(k) \in cl_T(A) \cap cl_T(B)$ . Hence X is  $C^*$ -embedded in Y.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$  It is trivial.

 $(3) \Rightarrow (1)$  Take any P'-space Y in which X is embedded. Then there is a continuous map  $f: vX \longrightarrow vY$  such that  $f \circ v_X = v_Y \circ j$ , where  $j: X \hookrightarrow Y$  is the inclusion map. Let T = f(vX). Note that  $cl_T(X) = cl_{vY}(X) \cap T = cl_{vY}(f(X)) \cap T \supseteq f(vX) \cap T = T$ . Hence X is dense in T. By Lemma 3.1, T is a P'-space and by (3), X is  $C^*$ -embedded in T. Take any zero-set Z in T such that  $X \cap Z = \emptyset$ . Then  $f^{-1}(Z)$  is a zero-set in vX and  $X \cap f^{-1}(Z) = \emptyset$ . Since X is C-embedded in vX,  $f^{-1}(Z) = \emptyset$  and so  $Z = \emptyset$ . Hence X is C-embedded in T. Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a real *z*-ultrafilter on *T*. Since *X* is a dense *C*-embedded in *T* and *T* is a P'-space,  $\mathcal{G}_X$  is a real *z*-ultrafilter on *X*. Hence  $\cap \{cl_{vX}(G \cap X) \mid G \in \mathcal{G}\} \neq \emptyset$ . Pick  $p \in \cap \{cl_{vX}(G \cap X) \mid G \in \mathcal{G}\}$ . For any  $G \in \mathcal{G}$ ,  $f(p) \in G$  and so  $\cap \{G \mid G \in \mathcal{G}\} \neq \emptyset$ . Hence *T* is a realcompact space and T = vX. Thus  $f : vX \longrightarrow vY$  is an embedding and  $vX \subseteq vY$ .

By Proposition 2.2 and Corollary 3.3, we have the following :

**Corollary 3.4.** Let X be a non-realcompact space. Then |vX - X| = 1 if and only if for any P'-space Y in which X is embedded, X is C-embedded in Y.

**Proposition 3.5.** Let X be a non-realcompact P'-space. Then |vX - X| = 1 if and only if for any compactification K of X, X is  $C^*$ -embedded in K.

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let (K, j) be a compactification of X and  $vX = X \cup \{p\}$ . Suppose that X is not  $C^*$ -embedded in K. Then there are disjoint zero-sets A, B in X such that  $cl_K(A) \cap cl_K(B) \neq \emptyset$ . Pick  $k \in cl_K(A) \cap cl_K(B)$ . Note that there is a continuous map  $f: vX \longrightarrow K$  such that  $f \circ v_X = j$ .

Suppose that f(p) = k. By Lemma 3.1,  $X \cup \{k\}$  is a P'-subspace of K. Since |vX - X| = 1, by Corollary 3.3, X is  $C^*$ -embedded in  $X \cup \{k\}$  and so  $\emptyset = cl_{X \cup \{k\}}(A) \cap cl_{X \cup \{k\}}(B) = cl_K(A) \cap cl_K(B) \cap (X \cup \{k\})$ . Hence  $k \notin cl_K(A) \cap cl_K(B)$  which is a contradiction. Thus  $f(p) \neq k$ .

Let  $T = X \cup \{f(p), k\}$  and Y = T/R the quotient space, where  $R = \{(x, x) \mid x \in X\} \cup \{(f(p), k), (k, f(p)), (f(p), f(p)), (k, k)\}$ . Similar to the proof of Corollary 3.3, we have a contradiction. Thus one have the result.

 $(\Leftarrow)$  Let Y be a P'-space in which X is dense embedded. Since  $cl_{\beta Y}(X)$  is a compactification of X, X is C\*-embedded in  $cl_{\beta Y}(X)$ . Since  $cl_{\beta Y}(X)$  is C\*-embedded in  $\beta Y$ , X is C\*-embedded in  $\beta Y$ . Hence X is C\*-embedded in Y.

A space X is  $C^*$ -embedded in each compactification of X if and only if X is an almost Lindelöf space([7]). Hence we have the following :

**Corollary 3.6.** Let X be a non-realcompact P'-space. Then |vX - X| = 1 if and only if X is an almost Lindelöf space.

If  $|\beta X - X| \le 1$ , then X is a pseudo-compact space, that is, vX is a compact space([5]). A space X with a dense weakly Lindelöf subspace is a weakly Lindelöf sapce.

**Proposition 3.7.** Let X be a P'-space with |vX - X| = 1. Then vX is a Lindelöf sapee.

*Proof.* Suppose that vX is not a Lindelöf space. Then there is a z-filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on vX such that it has the countable intersection property and  $\cap \{F \mid F \in \mathcal{F}\} = \emptyset$ . Let  $vX = X \cup \{p\}$ . Then there is a  $B \in \mathcal{F}$  such that  $p \notin B$  and so there is a zero-set A in X such that  $p \in cl_{vX}(A)$  and  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ . Since |vX - X| = 1, by Corollary 3.6, A or  $B \cap X$  is Lindelöf.

Suppose that A is Lindelöf. Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a free real z-ultrafilter on X such that  $p \in \cap \{cl_{vX}(G) \mid G \in \mathcal{G}\}$ . Then  $A \in \mathcal{G}$  and  $\mathcal{G}_A = \{Z \cap A \mid Z \in \mathcal{G}\}$  is a z-filter on A with the countable intersection property. Since A is Lindelöf,  $\cap \{Z \cap A \mid Z \in \mathcal{G}\} \neq \emptyset$  and hence  $\cap \{Z \mid Z \in \mathcal{G}\} \neq \emptyset$ . This is a contradiction.

Suppose that  $B \cap X$  is Lindelöf. Since X is a P'-space, vX is a P'-space. Since  $B = cl_{vX}(B \cap X)$ , B is weakly Lindelöf. Since  $\cap \{F \mid F \in \mathcal{F}\} = \emptyset$ ,  $\cap \{F \cap B \mid F \in \mathcal{F}\} = \emptyset$  and since B is weakly Lindelöf, there is a sequence  $(F_n)$  in  $\mathcal{F}$  such that  $cl_B(int_B) \cap \{F_n \cap B \mid F \in \mathcal{F}\}$ 

 $n \in N$ )) =  $\emptyset$ . Since  $cl_B(int_{vX}((\cap \{F_n \mid n \in N\}) \cap B)) \subseteq cl_B(int_B(\cap \{F_n \cap B \mid n \in N\}))$ ,  $cl_{vX}(int_{vX}((\cap \{F_n \mid n \in N\}) \cap B)) = \emptyset$ . Since vX is a P'-space and  $(\cap \{F_n \mid n \in N\}) \cap B$  is a zero-set vX,  $(\cap \{F_n \mid n \in N\}) \cap B = \emptyset$ . Since  $\mathcal{F}$  has the countable intersection property, it is a contradiction.

We give an example of a non-real compact P'-space X with |vX - X| = 1.

**Example 3.8.** Let W be the space of all countable ordinals and  $W^* = W \cup \{w_1\}$  the one-point compactification of W([5]), where  $w_1$  is the first uncountable ordinal. Let D be a discrete space of cardinality  $\aleph_1$  and  $p \notin D$ . Let  $S = D \cup \{p\}$ , topologized as follows: Each point of D is isolated and a subset G of S that contains p is open in S if and only if  $|S - G| \leq \aleph_0$ . Let  $K = W^* \times S - \{(w_1, p)\}$  and  $K^* = W^* \times S$ . Then clearly,  $K^*$  is a Lindelöf space.

Take any  $f \in C(K)$ . Note that the subspace  $A = \{m \mid m \text{ is a finite ordina}\} \cup \{w_0\}$ of  $W^*$  is homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{N}^*$ , where  $w_0$  is the fist countable ordinal and  $\mathbb{N}^*$  is the onepoint compactification of the discrete space  $\mathbb{N}$ . Hence there is a subset U of S such that  $\mid S - U \mid \leq \aleph_0$  and for any  $m \in A$ , f is constant on  $\{m\} \times U([6])$ . For any  $s \in U$ , the sequence  $\{(m, s)\}$  converges to  $(w_1, s)$  in  $K^*$  and  $\{f((m, s))\}$  is convergent to  $f((w_1, s))$ in  $\mathbb{R}$  with the usual topology. For any  $s, t \in U$  and any  $m \in A$ , f((m, s)) = f((m, t)) and hence  $f((w_1, s)) = f((w_1, t))$ . Define a map  $h : K^* \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by h(x) = f(x) if  $x \in K$  and  $h((w_1, p)) = f((w_1, \alpha))$  for some  $\alpha \in U$ . Then h is a continuous extension of f to  $K^*$ . Hence  $vK = K^*$ .

Now, we will show that vK is a P'-space. Take any non-empty zero-set Z = Z(g) in vK and  $(x, y) \in Z$ . Then there is a finite ordinal n such that g is constant on  $\{\alpha \mid n \leq \alpha\} \times \{y\}([5]).$ 

<u>Case.1</u>  $x \le n$ :

If  $p \neq y$ , then  $\{(x, y)\}$  is open in vK and  $int_{vK}(Z) \neq \emptyset$ . Suppose that p = y. Then there is a subset G of S such that  $p \in G$ ,  $|S - G| \leq \aleph_0$ , and for any  $m \in A$ , g is constant on  $\{m\} \times G$  and so  $\{x\} \times G \subseteq Z$ . Since  $\{x\} \times G$  is open vK,  $int_{vK}(Z) \neq \emptyset$ . Case.2 x > n:

If  $p \neq y$ , then  $\{\alpha \mid n \leq \alpha\} \times \{y\}$  is open in vK,  $\{\alpha \mid n \leq \alpha\} \times \{y\} \subseteq Z(g)$ , and so  $int_{vK}(Z) \neq \emptyset$ . Suppose that p = y. Then there is a subset V of S such that  $p \in V$ ,  $|S - V| \leq \aleph_0$ , and for any  $m \in A$ , g is constant on  $\{m\} \times V$ . If x is not a limit ordinal, then  $\{x\} \times V \subseteq int_{vK}(Z)$  and hence  $int_{vK}(Z) \neq \emptyset$ . Suppose that x is a limit ordinal. Then  $w_0 \leq x$  and

$$\{\alpha \mid n \leq \alpha\} \times \{p\} \subseteq Z(g), \ \{(m,s) \mid s \in V \text{ and } n \leq m < w_0\} \subseteq Z(g),$$

By the property of  $W^*$ ,  $\{(\alpha, s) \mid s \in V \text{ and } n \leq \alpha\} \subseteq Z(g)$  and so  $int_{vK}(Z) \neq \emptyset$ . Thus vK is a P'-space.

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