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### PAIRWISE $\alpha$ -PARACOMPACT SUBSETS.

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we define pairwise- $\alpha$ -paracompact subsets as a generalisation of  $\alpha$ -paracompact subsets in topological spaces and study their properties and its relations with other bitopological spaces. Several theorems are obtained concerning pairwise- $\alpha$ -paracompact sets. We introduced the definition of *p*-paracompact bitoplogical spaces and study their properties and its relations with other bitopological spaces.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The study of bitopological spaces was initiated by Kelly (1963, [5]). A bitopological space is a triple  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  where X is a non-empty set and  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  are two topologies on X. He also defined pairwise regular (*p*-regular), pairwise normal (*p*-normal) and obtained generalizations of several standard results such as Urysohn's lemma and Tietze extension theorem. Fletcher in [3] gave the definitions of  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open and *p*-open covers in bitopological spaces. A cover U of the bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is called  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open if  $U \subset \tau_1 \cup \tau_2$ , if in addition, Ucontains at least one non-empty member of  $\tau_1$  and at least one non-empty member of  $\tau_2$ , it is called *p*-open. He also defined pairwise paracompact bitopological

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space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , if it is *p*-Hausdörrf space and every  $\tau_1$ -open cover has a  $\tau_2$ -open,  $\tau_2$ -locally finite refinement and every  $\tau_2$ -open cover has a  $\tau_1$ -open,  $\tau_1$ -locally finite refinement, also (Datta, 1979), (Raghavan and Reilly, 1986), (Ganster and Reilly, 1992), (Hdeib and Fora, 1982).

Aull (1966) introduced the notion of  $\alpha$ -paracompact subsets as a generalization of compact subsets. A subset M of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is  $\alpha$ paracompact ( $\sigma$ -paracompact) if every open cover by members of  $\tau$  has an open locally finite ( $\sigma$ -locally finite) refinement by members of  $\tau$ .

#### 2. Results

## Definition 2.1.

- (a) A bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is called  $\tau_1$ -paracompact with respect to  $\tau_2$  if every  $\tau_1$ -open cover of X has a  $\tau_2$ -locally finite  $\tau_2$ -open cover.
- (b) A bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is called *B*-paracompact if it is  $\tau_1$ -paracompact with respect to  $\tau_2$  and  $\tau_2$ -paracompact with respect to  $\tau_1$ .

# Definition 2.2.

- (a) A subset K of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $\tau_1$ - $\alpha$ -paracompact with respect to  $\tau_2$  if every  $\tau_1$ -open cover of K has a  $\tau_2$ -locally finite,  $\tau_2$ -open refinement.
- (b) A subset K of a bitopological space is said to be B- $\alpha$ -paracompact if it is  $\tau_1$ - $\alpha$ -paracompact with respect to  $\tau_2$  and  $\tau_2$ - $\alpha$ -paracompact with respect to  $\tau_1$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a  $\tau_1$ -paracompact with respect to  $\tau_2$ , bitopological space. Let K be  $\tau_1$ -closed subset of X then K is  $\tau_1$ - $\alpha$ -paracompact with respect to  $\tau_2$ .

*Proof.* Let  $U = \{U_{\alpha} \mid \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  be a  $\tau_1$ -open of K. Then  $U^* = \{U_{\alpha} \mid \alpha \in \Lambda\} \cup \{X - K\}$  is a  $\tau_1$ -open cover of X. Hence  $U^*$  has  $\tau_2$ -locally finite,  $\tau_2$ -open refinement say H'.

Let  $H^* = \{H \in H' \mid H \cap K \neq \phi\}$ . Then  $H^*$  is a  $\tau_2$ -open,  $\tau_2$ -locally finite refinement of  $\mathcal{U}$ . Hence the result.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be  $\tau_2$ -paracompact with respect to  $\tau_1$ , bitopological space. Let K be a  $\tau_1$ -closed subset of X then K is  $\tau_2$ - $\alpha$ -paracompact with respect to  $\tau_1$ .

The proof follows by a similar method used in the Theorem (2.1).

**Corollary 2.1.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a *B*-paracompact space. Let *A* be  $\tau_1$ -closed,  $\tau_2$ closed subset of  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ , then *A* is a *B*- $\alpha$ -paracompact.

It follows as a result of Theorem (2.1) and (2.2).

**Theorem 2.3.** If every proper  $\tau_1$ -closed subset K of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $\tau_1$ - $\alpha$ -paracompact with respect to  $\tau_2$ , then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $\tau_1$ -paracompact with respect to  $\tau_2$ .

**Definition 2.3.** (Swart, 1971) A cover U for a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is called  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open cover if  $U \subseteq \tau_1 \cup \tau_2$ .

**Definition 2.4.** (Fletcher, 1969) A cover U for a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is called p-open cover if it contains at least one non empty member of  $\tau_1$  and at least one non empty member of  $\tau_2$ .

Clearly, a  $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -open cover for a bitopological space is finer than a p-open cover for it.

**Definition 2.5.** [2] A pairwise open cover V of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be parallel refinement of a pairwise open cover U of X if for each i = 1, 2, every  $\tau_i$ -open set of V is in some  $\tau_i$ -open set of U.

# Definition 2.6. [4]

- (a) A family  $\underline{A}$  of subsets of a bitopological space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be  $p_1$ -locally finite if  $\underline{A} \cap \tau_i$  is locally finite in  $(X, \tau_i)$ , i = 1, 2.
- (b) A family A of subsets of a bitopological space (X, τ<sub>1</sub>, τ<sub>2</sub>) is said to be p<sub>2</sub>locally finite if A ∩ τ<sub>i</sub> is locally finite in (X, τ<sub>i</sub>) for each i ≠ j, i = 1, 2.

**Definition 2.7.** [4] A space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be pairwise paracompact of type one (denoted by  $p_1$ -paracompact) if every pairwise open cover (*p*-open cover) of X has a  $p_1$ -locally finite  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open parallel refinement.

**Definition 2.8.** [4] A space  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is said to be pairwise paracompact of type two (denoted by  $p_2$ -paracompact) if every pairwise open cover (*p*-open cover) of X has a  $p_2$ -locally finite  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open parallel refinement.

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a bitopological space. Then the following are equivalent:

- (a) Every  $\tau_1$ -closed proper subset of X is  $\tau_2$ - $\alpha$ -paracompact with respect to  $\tau_1$ and every  $\tau_2$ -closed proper subset of X is  $\tau_1$ - $\alpha$ -paracompact with respect to  $\tau_2$ .
- (b)  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $p_1$ -paracompact.

Proof.

 $(a) \Rightarrow (b)$ 

Let  $U = \{U_{\beta} \mid \beta \in \Gamma\} \bigcup \{V_{\alpha} \mid \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  be a *p*-open cover of *X* where  $U_{\beta}$  is  $\tau_1$ -open,  $\forall \beta \in \Gamma$  and  $V_{\alpha}$  is  $\tau_2$ -open,  $\forall \alpha \in \Lambda$ .

We have two cases:

- (i) If  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} V_{\alpha} = X$  then choose  $\beta_0 \in \Gamma$  s.t.  $U_{\beta_0} \neq \phi$ . Since  $\{V_{\alpha} \mid \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  is  $\tau_2$ -open cover of  $X U_{\beta_0}$  and  $X U_{\beta_0}$  is a  $\tau_1$ -closed subset of X which is  $\tau_2$ - $\alpha$ -paracompact with respect to  $\tau_1$ ,  $\{V_{\alpha} \mid \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  has a  $\tau_1$ -locally finite  $\tau_1$ -open refinement say  $\{V'_{\alpha} \mid \alpha \in \Lambda\}$ . Now  $\{V'_{\alpha} \mid \alpha \in \Lambda\} \bigcup \{U_{\beta_0}\}$  is  $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -open  $p_1$ -locally finite refinement of  $\mathcal{Q}$ .
- (ii) If ⋃<sub>α∈Λ</sub> V<sub>α</sub> ≠ X then K = X − ⋃<sub>α∈Λ</sub> V<sub>α</sub> is a τ<sub>2</sub>-closed proper subset of X which is by assumption is τ<sub>1</sub>-α-paracompact with respect to τ<sub>2</sub>. Since K ⊂ ⋃<sub>β∈Γ</sub> U<sub>β</sub> we get {U<sub>β</sub> | β ∈ Γ} has a τ<sub>2</sub>-open τ<sub>2</sub>-locally finite refinement, say {U'<sub>β</sub> | β ∈ Γ}.

If  $\bigcup_{\beta'\in\Gamma} U_{\beta'} = X$  there is nothing to prove but if  $\bigcup_{\beta'\in\Gamma} U_{\beta'} \neq X$  then  $X - \bigcup_{\beta'\in\Gamma} U_{\beta'}$  is a  $\tau_1$ -closed subset of X contained in  $\bigcup_{\alpha\in\Lambda} V_\alpha$ , so by the assumption there is a  $\tau_1$ -open  $\tau_1$ -locally finite refinement say  $\{V'_{\alpha} \mid \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  of  $\{V_{\alpha} \mid \alpha \in \Lambda\}$ . Therefor  $\{U'_{\beta} \mid \beta \in \Gamma\} \bigcup \{V'_{\alpha} \mid \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  is a  $\tau_1\tau_2$ -open  $p_1$ -locally finite refinement of U. Hence the result.

 $(b) \Rightarrow (a)$ 

Let  $K \neq \phi$  be a  $\tau_1$ -closed proper subset of X and  $U = \{V_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  is a  $\tau_2$ -open cover of K.  $U = \{X - k\} \bigcup \{V_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  is a p-open cover of X, since  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is  $p_1$ -paracompact, V has  $p_1$ -locally finite  $\tau_1 \tau_2$ -open refinement say  $\{V_\beta \mid \beta \in \Gamma\} \bigcup \{U'_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  where  $V_\beta \in \tau_1, \forall \beta$  and  $U'_\alpha \in \tau_2, \forall \alpha$ . Hence  $\{U'_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  is  $\tau_2$ -open  $\tau_2$ -locally finite refinement of U. Hence K is  $\tau_2$ - $\alpha$ -paracompact with respect to  $\tau_1$ .

Similarly we can show that every  $\tau_2$ -closed proper subset of X is  $\tau_1$ - $\alpha$ -paracompact with respect to  $\tau_2$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a p- $T_2$ -bitopological space. Let K be a  $\tau_1$ - $\alpha$ -paracompact w.r.t.  $\tau_2$  and  $x \notin K$ . Then there is a  $\tau_2$ -open set V containng K and  $x \notin \overline{V}^{\tau_2}$ , In particular K is  $\tau_2$ -closed.

*Proof.* Let  $x \notin K$ , then  $\forall y \in K$  there is a  $\tau_1$ -open set  $V_y$  containing  $y, x \notin \overline{V}_y^{\tau_2}$ . Now  $\{V_y \mid y \in K\}$  is a  $\tau_1$ -open cover of K, so it has a  $\tau_2$ -open,  $\tau_2$ -locally finite refinement say  $\underline{\mathcal{H}}$ . Let  $V = \bigcup \{H \mid H \in \underline{\mathcal{H}}\}$ .

Let  $\overline{V}^{\tau_2} = \bigcup \{ \overline{H}^{\tau_2} \mid H \in \underline{H} \}$ . Since  $\overline{H}^{\tau_2} \subset \overline{V}_y^{\tau_2}$  we get  $x \notin \overline{V}^{\tau_2}$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a p- $T_2$ -bitopological space. Let K be a  $\tau_2$ - $\alpha$ -paracompact w.r.t.  $\tau_1$  and  $x \notin K$ . Then there is a  $\tau_1$ -open set V containing K and  $x \notin \overline{V}^{\tau_1}$ , In particular K is  $\tau_1$ -closed.

The proof follows by a similar method used in the Theorem (2.5).

**Corollary 2.2.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a *p*-*T*<sub>2</sub>-bitopological space. Let *K* be a *B*- $\alpha$ -paracompact subset of *X*. Then *K* is  $\tau_1$ -closed and  $\tau_1$ -open subset of *X*.

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a  $\tau_1$ -regular w.r.t.  $\tau_2$  bitopological space. Let  $x \in U$ where U is  $\tau_1$ -open then  $\exists \tau_1$ -open set V s.t.  $x \in V \subset \overline{V}^{\tau_2} \subset U$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x \notin X - U$  and X - U is  $\tau_1$ -closed. Then there is a  $\tau_1$ -open set V containing x and a  $\tau_2$ -open set W containing X - U and  $X - W \subset U$ . Since  $V \subset X - W$  and  $\overline{V}^{\tau_2} \subset X - W \subset U$  therfore  $x \in V \subset \overline{V}^{\tau_2} \subset U$ .

**Theorem 2.8.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a  $\tau_2$ -regular w.r.t.  $\tau_1$  bitopological space. Let  $x \in U$ where U is  $\tau_2$ -open then there is a  $\tau_2$ -open set V s.t.  $x \in V \subset \overline{V}^{\tau_1} \subset U$ .

The proof follows by a similar method used in the Theorem (2.7).

**Theorem 2.9.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a  $\tau_2$ -regular w.r.t.  $\tau_1$ , bitopological space. Let M be a  $\tau_1$ - $\alpha$ -paracompact w.r.t.  $\tau_2$ . Then  $\overline{M}^{\tau_1}$  is  $\tau_1$ - $\alpha$ -paracompact w.r.t.  $\tau_2$ .

*Proof.* Let U be a  $\tau_1$ -open cover of  $\overline{M}^{\tau_1}$ . Then there is a  $\tau_2$ -open,  $\tau_2$ -locally finite refinement of U that covers M say  $\{V_\alpha\}$ . For each  $x \in V_\alpha$ ,  $\exists W_{x\alpha}$  s.t.  $x \in W_{x\alpha} \subset \overline{W}_{x\alpha}^{\tau_1} \subset V_\alpha$ . Then  $\{W_{x\alpha}\}$  is a  $\tau_2$ -open cover of M and has a  $\tau_1$ -open,  $\tau_1$ -locally finite refinement  $\{H_b\}$ .  $\overline{M}^{\tau_1} \subset \bigcup \overline{H_b}^{\tau_1} \subset \bigcup V_\alpha$ , we get  $\{V_\alpha\}$  is  $\tau_2$ -open,  $\tau_2$ -locally finite cover of  $\overline{M}^{\tau_1}$ . Hence  $\overline{M}^{\tau_1}$  is  $\tau_1$ - $\alpha$ -paracompact w.r.t.  $\tau_2$ .

**Theorem 2.10.** Let  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  be a  $\tau_1$ -regular w.r.t.  $\tau_2$ , bitopological space. Let M be a  $\tau_2$ - $\alpha$ -paracompact w.r.t.  $\tau_1$ . Then  $\overline{M}^{\tau_2}$  is  $\tau_2$ - $\alpha$ -paracompact w.r.t.  $\tau_1$ .

The proof follows by a similar method used in the Theorem (2.9).

**Definition 2.9.** A function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is said to be a *p*-continuous (*p*-closed respectively) if  $f : (X, \tau_1) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma_1)$  and  $f : (X, \tau_2) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma_2)$  are continuous (closed respectively) functions.

**Theorem 2.11.** Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be a *p*-continious, *p*-closed function s.t.  $\forall y \in Y, f^{-1}(y)$  is a  $p_1$ - $\alpha$ -paracompact subset of X, then X is  $p_1$ -paracompact if Y is so.

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a *p*-open cover of *X*. Then  $\mathcal{U}$  has  $p_1$ -locally finite *p*-open parallel refinement that covers  $f^{-1}(y)$ ,  $\forall y \in Y$ , i.e.  $f^{-1}(y) \subset (\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda_1} V_\alpha) \bigcup (\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda_2} V'_\alpha)$  where  $\{V_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Lambda_1\}$  is  $\tau_1$ -open  $\tau_1$ -locally finite and  $\{V'_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Lambda_2\}$  is  $\tau_2$ -open  $\tau_2$ -locally finite.

Let  $O_y = Y - f(X - \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda_1} V_{\alpha}), O'_y = Y - f(X - \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda_2} V'_{\alpha})$ , then  $f^{-1}(O_y) \subset \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda_1} V_{\alpha}$  and  $f^{-1}(O'_y) \subset \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda_2} V'_{\alpha}$ .

Then  $Q = \{O_y \mid y \in Y\} \bigcup \{O'_y \mid y \in Y\}$  is a *p*-open cover of *Y*. Since *Y* is a *p*<sub>1</sub>-paracompact, *Q* has a *p*-open *p*<sub>1</sub>-locally finite parallel refinement say  $H = H_1 \cup H_2$  where  $H_1$  is  $\tau_1$ -open  $\tau_1$ -locally finite and  $H_2$  is  $\tau_2$ -open  $\tau_2$ -locally finite refinement.

Let  $\mathfrak{L} = \{f^{-1}(H_1) \cap V_\alpha \mid H_1 \in \mathfrak{H}_1, \ \alpha \in \Lambda_1\} \bigcup \{f^{-1}(H_2) \cap V'_\alpha \mid H_1 \in \mathfrak{H}_2, \ \alpha \in \Lambda_2\}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{L}$  is a  $p_1$ -locally finite p-open parallel refinement of  $\mathfrak{L}$ . Hence X is a  $P_1$ -paracompact space.

**Theorem 2.12.** If  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be a *p*-continious, *p*-closed function *s.t.*  $\forall y \in Y, f^{-1}(y)$  is a  $p_2$ - $\alpha$ -paracompact subset of X, then X is  $p_2$ -paracompact space if Y is so.

*Proof.* Let U be a *p*-open cover of *X*. Then U has  $p_2$ -locally finite *p*-open parallel refinement that covers  $f^{-1}(y)$ ,  $\forall y \in Y$ , i.e.  $f^{-1}(y) \subset (\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda_1} V_\alpha) \bigcup (\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda_2} V'_\alpha)$ where  $\{V_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Lambda_1\}$  is  $\tau_1$ -open  $\tau_2$ -locally finite and  $\{V'_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Lambda_2\}$  is  $\tau_2$ -open  $\tau_1$ -locally finite.

Let  $O_y = Y - f(X - \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda_1} V_{\alpha}), O'_y = Y - f(X - \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda_2} V'_{\alpha})$ , then  $f^{-1}(O_y) \subset \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda_1} V_{\alpha}$  and  $f^{-1}(O'_y) \subset \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda_2} V'_{\alpha}$ .

Then  $Q = \{O_y \mid y \in Y\} \bigcup \{O'_y \mid y \in Y\}$ . Then Q is a p-open cover of Y.

Since Y is a  $p_2$ -paracompact, Q has a  $p_2$ -locally finite p-open parallel refinement say  $H = H_1 \cup H_2$  where  $H_1$  is  $\tau_1$ -open  $\tau_2$ -locally finite and  $H_2$  is  $\tau_2$ -open  $\tau_1$ -locally finite.

Let  $\mathfrak{L} = \{f^{-1}(H_1) \cap V_\alpha \mid H_1 \in \mathfrak{H}_1 \text{ and } \alpha \in \Lambda_1\} \bigcup \{f^{-1}(H_2) \cap V'_\alpha \mid H_2 \in \mathfrak{H}_2, \text{ and } \alpha \in \Lambda_2\}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{L}$  is a  $p_2$ -locally finite p-open parallel refinement of  $\mathfrak{L}$ . Hence X is a  $P_2$ -paracompact space.

**Definition 2.10.** A function  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  is said to be a *B*-closed iff it maps  $\tau_1$ -closed sets onto  $\tau_2$ -closed sets and  $\tau_2$ -closed sets onto  $\tau_1$ -closed sets.

**Theorem 2.13.** Let  $f : (X, \tau_1, \tau_2) \longrightarrow (Y, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$  be a *p*-continious, *B*-closed function s.t.  $\forall y \in Y, f^{-1}(y)$  is a *B*- $\alpha$ -paracompact. Then  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is *B*-paracompact if *Y* is so.

*Proof.* Let U be a  $\tau_1$ -open cover of X. Since  $f^{-1}(y)$  is B- $\alpha$ -paracompact, for each  $y \in Y$ , U has  $\tau_2$ -open  $\tau_2$ -locally finite refinement in X which covers  $f^{-1}(y)$ , say  $A_y = \{A_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Lambda_y\}.$ 

Let  $O_y = Y - f(X - \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda_y} A_\alpha))$ , then  $f^{-1}(O_y) \subset \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda_y} A_\alpha$ . Since f is B-closed  $O_y$  is a  $\tau_1$ -open set in Y and  $y \in O_y \ \forall \ y \in Y$ .

Now  $Q = \{O_y \mid y \in Y\}$  is  $\tau_1$ -open cover of Y. Since Y is B-paracompact Q has  $\tau_2$ -open  $\tau_2$ -locally finite refinement say  $V_1$ .

Let  $\mathcal{L} = \{f^{-1}(V) \cap A \mid A \in \mathcal{A}_y, V \in \mathcal{V}\}$  then  $\mathcal{L}$  is a  $\tau_2$ -open  $\tau_2$ -locally finite refinement of  $\mathcal{U}$ . By a similar method we can show that every  $\tau_2$ -open cover of X has a  $\tau_1$ -open  $\tau_1$ -locally finite refinement. Hence  $(X, \tau_1, \tau_2)$  is a B-paracompact space.

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