

ON THE CARDINALITY OF COUNTABLE DENSE HOMOGENEOUS SPACES

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ABSTRACT. We prove that a countable dense homogeneous space has size at most continuum. If it moreover is compact, then it is first-countable under the Continuum Hypothesis. We also construct under the Continuum Hypothesis an example of a hereditarily separable, hereditarily Lindelöf, countable dense homogeneous compact space of uncountable weight.

1. INTRODUCTION

All spaces under discussion are Hausdorff.

A separable space X is *countable dense homogeneous* (abbreviated: CDH) if given any two countable dense subsets D and E of X , there is a(n) (auto)homeomorphism $f: X \rightarrow X$ such that $f(D) = E$. This notion is of interest only if X is separable, so we include separability in its definition.

The first result in this area is due to Cantor [5], who showed by his now famous ‘back-and-forth’ method that the reals \mathbb{R} are CDH. Fréchet and Brouwer, independently, proved that the same is true for the n -dimensional Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^n . Fort [10] proved that the Hilbert cube is also CDH. There are many other CDH-spaces. Bessaga and Pełczyński [3] proved that every strongly locally homogeneous Polish space is CDH. Hence spaces such as the irrational numbers and separable Hilbert space are CDH. Farah, Hrušák and Martínez Ranero [8] proved that there is a subspace of \mathbb{R} of size \aleph_1 that is CDH. For more examples, results and references, we refer the reader to the survey [1].

The topological sum of the 1-sphere \mathbb{S}^1 and \mathbb{S}^2 is an example of a CDH-space that is not homogeneous. Bennett [2] proved in 1972 that a *connected* first-countable CDH-space is homogeneous. (The converse is not true, and the assumption on first-countability is superfluous, see [9].) Hence for *connected* spaces, countable dense homogeneity can be thought of as a strong form of homogeneity.

Countable dense homogeneity was studied mainly within the class of separable metrizable spaces. Actually, except for some general homogeneity results, there are very few results known for countable dense homogeneous spaces that are Tychonoff but not metrizable. Steprāns and Zhou [15] proved that every separable manifold of weight less than \mathfrak{b} is CDH, and also that the Cantor cube 2^{ω_1} is CDH under $\text{MA} + \neg\text{CH}$. (For information on small

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uncountable cardinals, see [7]). But to obtain interesting examples from these results, one needs additional set theoretic assumptions. Much to our surprise, it seems unknown whether there is a CDH-compactum of uncountable weight in ZFC.

We prove that every CDH-space is of size at most 2^ω , and that a regular CDH-space is first-countable provided it is first-countable at a dense set of points. As a corollary, we obtain that under $2^\omega < 2^{\omega_1}$, every CDH-compactum is first-countable. The result of Steprāns and Zhou [15] that the Cantor cube 2^{ω_1} is CDH under $\text{MA}+\neg\text{CH}$, shows that this is not a ZFC-result. We also present under the Continuum Hypothesis, abbreviated CH, an example of a non-metrizable compact and zero-dimensional CDH-space; our space is even hereditarily separable and hereditarily Lindelöf. Our construction was inspired by Kunen's well-known example of a compact L-space under CH, [12]. A natural candidate for a CDH-compactum that is not metrizable, is the Alexandroff-Urysohn double arrow space. We show, however, that this space is *not* CDH.

The following fundamental problem remains open.

Question 1.1. Does there exist in ZFC a compact CDH-space that is not metrizable?

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2. ON THE CARDINALITY OF CDH-SPACES

Let us call a space X a c_1 -space if the following condition (c_1) is satisfied: (c_1) X is separable, and every two countable dense subspaces of X are homeomorphic. Let us call a space X a c_2 -space if the following condition (c_2) is satisfied: (c_2) X is separable, and every countable dense subspace of X is homogeneous.

Sierpiński [14] proved that the space of rational numbers \mathbb{Q} is topologically the unique nonempty regular countable and first-countable space without isolated points. Hence every compact space with countable weight and without isolated points is a c_1 -space. This means that there are many compact spaces that are c_1 but not CDH, for example the product of the Cantor set and the circle, which is even a topological group. There does not exist a compact zero-dimensional space of countable weight which is c_1 but not CDH. This follows easily from the topological characterization of the Cantor set due to Brouwer [4].

Theorem 2.1. *If X is a c_1 -space, then $|X| \leq 2^\omega$.*

Proof. Fix a countable dense subspace M of X , and put $Y = X \setminus M$. For each $y \in Y$, put $Z_y = M \cup \{y\}$. The subspaces M and Z_y of X are homeomorphic, by our assumption.

Therefore, for each $y \in Y$, we can fix a homeomorphism f_y of M onto Z_y .

Let x_y be the preimage of y under f_y . Put $M_y = M \setminus \{x_y\}$, and denote by g_y the restriction of f_y to M_y . Observe that x_y is not isolated in M . Hence, M_y is dense in M .

Assume now that the cardinality of Y exceeds 2^ω . Then there are two distinct points p and q in Y such that $x_p = x_q$, $g_p = g_q$, and $M_p = M_q$ (since the cardinality of the set of all possible mappings of arbitrary subsets of M to M doesn't exceed 2^ω).

However, this is impossible, since it says that the same continuous mapping $h = g_p = g_q$ of the dense subspace $H = M_p = M_q$ of the space M to the Hausdorff space X can be

extended to a continuous mapping of the space M into X in two different ways (f_p and f_q are the two distinct extensions). \square

Theorem 2.2. *Suppose that X is a c_1 -space which contains a dense first-countable subspace E . Moreover, assume that X is regular. Then X is first-countable.*

Proof. Since X is a regular T_1 -space, it follows that for every dense subspace S of X and $p \in S$ we have $\chi(p, S) = \chi(p, X)$, [11, 2.1]. This will be used several times without explicit reference in this proof.

Hence, we may assume that E consists of all points of first-countability of X . We will show that $E = X$.

Claim 1. E is open in X .

Assume that E is not open in X . Let $t \in E$ be in the closure of $X \setminus E$. Since X is first-countable at t , one can find a countable dense set D in X such that t is in the closure of $C = D \setminus E$ (let D be the union of a sequence in $X \setminus E$ converging to t and an arbitrary countable dense set). Put $D' = (S \setminus \overline{C}) \cup C$. It is straightforward to check that D'

is a countable subset of D dense in X . Put $D'' = D' \cup \{t\}$. Since X is a c_1 -space, there exists a homeomorphism h of D'' onto D' . Since $t \in E$ and D' is dense in X , the space D' is first countable at $h(t)$. Hence $h(t) \in E$ and so $h(t) \notin \overline{C}$. Since, obviously, $h(C) \subseteq C$, it follows that t is not in the closure of C . This is a contradiction.

It follows from the Claim, that the set $S = D \cap E$ is dense in X . Thus, S is a countable first-countable dense subspace of X . Now take any $t \in X$. Then $S \cup \{t\}$ is homeomorphic to S . It consequently follows that X is first-countable at t . Hence, $X = E$. \square

Remark 2.3. The same result holds for c_2 -spaces, with an almost identical proof.

Corollary 2.4. *If X_i is regular and has a dense first-countable subspace for each $i \in \omega$, and $\prod_{i \in \omega} X_i$ is c_1 , then each X_i is first-countable.*

Corollary 2.5 ($2^\omega < 2^{\omega_1}$). *Every c_1 -compactum is first-countable.*

Proof. Let X be a c_1 -compactum. Then $|X| \leq 2^\omega$ by Theorem 2.1. It consequently follows from $2^\omega < 2^{\omega_1}$ that X is first-countable at a dense set of points, [11, 2.22]. And so we are done by Theorem 2.2. \square

Remark 2.6. By Steprāns and Zhou [15], the Cantor cube 2^{ω_1} is a CDH-space under MA_{\aleph_1} . Hence Corollary 2.5 cannot be proved in ZFC. But it can be considerably generalized, with essentially the same proof, as follows. Recall that a space X is of *pointwise countable type* if every $x \in X$ is contained in a compact subspace F of X with a countable base of open neighbourhoods in X .

Corollary 2.7 ($2^\omega < 2^{\omega_1}$). *Every c_1 -space of pointwise countable type is first-countable.*

This statement covers locally compact c_1 -spaces, Čech-complete c_1 -spaces, and even c_1 -spaces that are p -spaces.

3. THE DOUBLE ARROW SPACE

We now address the natural problem whether the Alexandroff-Urysohn double arrow space is CDH.

Consider the real line \mathbb{R} . We split each $t \in \mathbb{R}$ in two points, t^- and t^+ . Order the set $\mathbb{A} = \{t^-, t^+ : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$ in the natural way, so that t^- always precedes t^+ . If we compactify \mathbb{A} with $-\infty$ and $+\infty$, then we obtain the Alexandroff double arrow space $\hat{\mathbb{A}}$.

If $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, then A^- denotes $\{a^- : a \in A\}$. Similarly for A^+ . Observe that \mathbb{R}^+ and \mathbb{R}^- are both copies of the Sorgenfrey line.

The following result is due to van Douwen [6, p. 160]. He did not present its proof, but hinted to a similar result of which the proof is given in the paper. For the convenience of the reader, we present all details.

Lemma 3.1. *Let A be second category in \mathbb{R}^+ , and let $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ be an embedding. Then there are $s, t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ such that $s < t$, $(s, t) \cap A$ is second category in \mathbb{R}^+ and $f \upharpoonright (s, t) \cap A$ is strictly increasing.*

Proof. There is $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that the set

$$A_0 = \{a \in A : [a, a + 1/n) \cap A \subseteq f^{-1}([f(a), \rightarrow))\}$$

is second category in \mathbb{R}^+ . Since \mathbb{R}^+ is hereditarily Lindelöf, we may assume that A_0 is everywhere second category in \mathbb{R}^+ . Now pick $s, t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ such that $s < t$, $t - s < 1/n$, and $A_0 \cap (s, t)$ is dense in (s, t) . Pick $x, y \in (s, t) \cap A$ such that $x < y$ and $f(y) < f(x)$. There are sequences $(a_n)_n$ and $(b_n)_n$ in $A_0 \cap (s, t)$ such that $a_n \searrow x$ and $b_n \searrow y$. There consequently exists n such that $x < a_n < y < b_n$ and $f(y) < f(b_n) < f(x) < f(a_n)$. But this is impossible since $b_n \in [a_n, a_n + 1/n)$, hence $f(b_n) \geq f(a_n)$. \square

Theorem 3.2. *The Alexandroff-Urysohn double arrow space is not CDH (but it is clearly c_1).*

Proof. We represent the double arrow space by $\{-\infty\} \cup \mathbb{A} \cup \{+\infty\}$. Split \mathbb{Q} into two dense sets \mathbb{Q}_1 and \mathbb{Q}_2 such that $-\mathbb{Q}_1 = \mathbb{Q}_2$. The function $i: \mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}$ defined by

$$i(t^-) = -t^+, \quad i(t^+) = -t^-$$

is an involution, and $i(\mathbb{Q}_1^+) = \mathbb{Q}_2^-$.

Assume that there is a homeomorphism $f: \hat{\mathbb{A}} \rightarrow \hat{\mathbb{A}}$ such that

$$f(\mathbb{Q}^- \cup \mathbb{Q}^+) = \mathbb{Q}_1^+ \cup \mathbb{Q}_2^-.$$

The space $X = \mathbb{R}^+ \setminus f^{-1}(\{-\infty, +\infty\})$ is a Baire space, hence either the set $\{x \in X : f(x) \in \mathbb{R}^+\}$ or the set $\{x \in X : f(x) \in \mathbb{R}^-\}$ is second category in \mathbb{R}^+ . In the second case we consider the composition $i \circ f$. This shows that we may assume without loss of generality that the set

$$S = \{t^+ \in \mathbb{R}^+ : f(t^+) \in \mathbb{R}^+\}$$

is second category in \mathbb{R}^+ . Hence we can find by Lemma 3.1 elements $s, t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ such that $s < t$ and $f \upharpoonright (s, t) \cap \mathbb{R}^+$ is strictly increasing. Since $(s, t) \cap \mathbb{R}^+$ is dense in (s, t) , this means

that $f \upharpoonright (s, t)$ is strictly increasing. Pick a nontrivial interval of the form $[a^+, b^-]$ which is contained in (s, t) . Then $f([a^+, b^-])$ is a compact and clopen subset of \mathbb{A} . Hence there is a sequence

$$s_1^+ < t_1^- < s_2^+ < t_2^- < \cdots < s_n^+ < t_n^-$$

in \mathbb{A} such that $f([a^+, b^-]) = [s_1^+, t_1^-] \cup \cdots \cup [s_n^+, t_n^-]$. Pick an arbitrary rational number q such that $a < q < b$. Observe that the points $f(q^-)$ and $f(q^+)$ form a jump in $f([a^+, b^-])$. Also observe that $f(\mathbb{Q}^- \cup \mathbb{Q}^+) = \mathbb{Q}_1^+ \cup \mathbb{Q}_2^-$ does not contain any pair of the form x^-, x^+ for $x \in \mathbb{Q}$. Hence $f(q^-)$ and $f(q^+)$ has to be of the form t_1^-, s_2^+ , etc. But there are only finitely many such jumps, and infinitely many rational numbers between a and b . This is a contradiction. \square

Question 3.3. Let X be the product of the double arrow space and the Cantor set. Is X CDH?

4. A COMPACT FIRST-COUNTABLE CDH-SPACE OF UNCOUNTABLE WEIGHT

We will now show that, under CH, there is a compact CDH-space X of uncountable weight. In fact, X is both hereditarily separable and hereditarily Lindelöf.

A subset A of a space is called *regular open* if it is the interior of its own closure. As usual, $\text{RO}(X)$ denotes the collection of all regular open subsets of X . It is well known that $\text{RO}(X)$ is a Boolean algebra under natural operations. For details, see e.g. [13].

For a space X , we let $\mathcal{H}(X)$ denote its group of homeomorphisms.

Let K denote the standard Cantor set in $\mathbb{I} = [0, 1]$.

Lemma 4.1. *Let G be a countable subgroup of $\mathcal{H}(K)$, and assume that some dense first category subset D of K is invariant under every element in G . Then there is a Cantor set K_1 and a continuous surjection $\pi: K_1 \rightarrow K$ having the following properties:*

- (1) for every $d \in D$, $\pi^{-1}(d)$ is a single point,
- (2) $\pi^{-1}(D)$ is dense in K_1 (hence π is irreducible),
- (3) for some $x \in K \setminus D$, $\pi^{-1}(x)$ contains at least two elements,
- (4) there is an (algebraic) embedding $i: G \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(K_1)$ such that $g \circ \pi = \pi \circ i(g)$ for every $g \in G$.

Proof. Let \mathcal{C} denote the subalgebra of $\text{RO}(K)$ consisting of all clopen subsets of K . Moreover, for some $x \in K \setminus D$, pick two disjoint regular open subsets U and V in K such that $\{x\} = \bar{U} \cap \bar{V}$. There is a countable subalgebra \mathcal{E} of $\text{RO}(K)$ which contains \mathcal{C} as well as U and V and which is invariant under every element of G . The Stone space K_1 of \mathcal{E} has all desired properties. For (4), simply observe that for every $g \in G$ there is a unique element $g^* \in \mathcal{H}(K_1)$ such that $g \circ \pi = \pi \circ g^*$, and that the uniqueness of g^* implies that the assignment $g \mapsto g^*$ is an algebraic embedding. \square

Assume CH from now on. Put $X_0 = K$, and let D_0 be a fixed countable dense subset of X_0 and let G_0 be the subgroup of $\mathcal{H}(X_0)$ consisting of the neutral element only. We will inductively construct spaces X_α for $\alpha \leq \omega_1$. The example X we are looking for will

be X_{ω_1} . Each X_α will be a closed subspace of K^α . If $\alpha \leq \beta$, let $\pi_\alpha^\beta: K^\beta \rightarrow K^\alpha$ be the projection. We shall organize things so that

(A) If $\alpha \leq \beta$, then $\pi_\alpha^\beta(X_\beta) = X_\alpha$;

the restriction of the projection π_α^β to X_β will be denoted by p_α^β . The construction is determined at limit ordinals $\gamma \leq \omega_1$. For such γ set

$$X_\gamma = \{x \in K^\gamma : (\forall \alpha < \gamma)(\pi_\alpha^\gamma(x) \in X_\alpha)\}.$$

Hence X_γ is the inverse limit of the sequence $\{X_\alpha : \alpha < \gamma\}$.

We will also construct for $\beta \leq \omega_1$ a dense first category F_σ -subset D_β of X_β and a countable subgroup G_β of $\mathcal{H}(X_\beta)$ such that the following conditions are satisfied:

(B) for every $g \in G_\beta$ we have that $g(D_\beta) = D_\beta$,

(C) for $\alpha < \beta$ and $d \in D_\alpha$, $(p_\alpha^\beta)^{-1}(d)$ is a single point that belongs to D_β ,

(D) for $\alpha < \beta$, $\{(p_\alpha^\beta)^{-1}(d) : d \in D_\alpha\}$ is dense in X_β ,

(E) for $\alpha < \beta$ and $g \in G_\alpha$, there exists an element $h \in G_\beta$ such that $g \circ p_\alpha^\beta = p_\alpha^\beta \circ h$.

As we already said, at limit γ the space X_γ is determined. Moreover, by (C) and the fact that all maps involved are irreducible,

$$D_\gamma = \bigcup_{\alpha < \gamma} (p_\alpha^\gamma)^{-1}(D_\alpha)$$

is a dense first category F_σ -subset of X_γ . Also, (D) and (E) and the fact that X_γ is the inverse limit of the sequence $\{X_\alpha : \alpha < \gamma\}$, imply that for every $\alpha < \gamma$ and $g \in G_\alpha$ there is a unique homeomorphism $h \in \mathcal{H}_\gamma$ such that $g \circ p_\alpha^\gamma = p_\alpha^\gamma \circ h$. And h has clearly the property that $h(D_\gamma) = D_\gamma$. The collection of these h 's is a countable subgroup H of $\mathcal{H}(X_\gamma)$. Put $G_\gamma = H$.

We now deal with the successor steps. Fix an enumeration $\{E_\xi^\alpha : \xi < \omega_1\}$ of all countable subsets of K^α for $\alpha < \omega_1$. Moreover, fix an enumeration $\{F_\xi^\alpha : \xi < \omega_1\}$ of all closed subsets of K^α for $\alpha < \omega_1$. Finally, fix a map g from ω_1 onto $\omega_1 \times \omega_1$ such that $g(\beta) = \langle \alpha, \xi \rangle$ implies $\alpha \leq \beta$. We demand:

(F) For each $\beta < \omega_1$, if $g(\beta) = \langle \alpha, \xi \rangle$, and E_ξ^α is dense in X_α and contained in D_α , then there is an element $g \in G_{\beta+1}$ such that

$$g((p_0^{\beta+1})^{-1}(D_0)) = (p_\alpha^{\beta+1})^{-1}(E_\xi^\alpha).$$

(G) For each $\beta < \omega_1$, if F_ξ^α is a nowhere dense closed subset of X_α , then $(p_0^{\beta+1})^{-1}(F_\xi^\alpha)$ is contained in $D_{\beta+1}$.

(H) For each $\beta < \omega_1$ there exists an element $x \in X_\beta$ such that $(p_\beta^{\beta+1})^{-1}(x)$ contains more than one point.

This is easy to arrange. Assume that we are in the case that for (F) and (G) there is work to be done. First observe that X_β is a Cantor set, and hence is CDH. Hence there is a homeomorphism $h: X_\beta \rightarrow X_\beta$ such that

$$h((p_0^\beta)^{-1}(D_0)) = (p_\alpha^\beta)^{-1}(E_\xi^\alpha).$$

Now let G be the subgroup of $\mathcal{H}(X_\beta)$ generated by $G_\beta \cup \{h\}$. Put

$$D = \bigcup_{h \in G} h(D_\beta \cup (p_\alpha^\beta)^{-1}(F_\xi^\alpha)).$$

Observe that the irreducibility of all maps involved implies that D is a dense first category F_σ -subset of X_β , and so we can apply Lemma 4.1 with $K = K_\beta$ and G and D as stipulated, thus obtaining K_1 , i and π . We may assume that K_1 is a subspace of K . Now put

$$X_{\beta+1} = \{\langle \pi(x), x \rangle : x \in K_1\} \subseteq K^\beta \times K.$$

Here we make the obvious identification of $K^{\beta+1}$ with $K^\beta \times K$. If we identify K_1 and $X_{\beta+1}$, then it is clear from Lemma 4.1 how to define $G_{\beta+1}$ and $D_{\beta+1}$. Indeed, $G_{\beta+1} = i(G_\beta)$, and $D_{\beta+1} = \pi^{-1}(D)$.

This completes the construction. It remains to verify that X has all desired properties.

It is clear that X is separable, since the set $(p_0^{\omega_1})^{-1}(D_0)$ is dense in X . Moreover, X has uncountable weight since if it had countable weight, then there would be an index $\beta < \omega_1$ such that $p_\beta^{\omega_1}$ is a homeomorphism. But this is not the case by (H).

An *almost Luzin space*, Kunen [12], is one in which every nowhere dense set is second countable in its relative topology. It was shown in [12, Lemma 1.2] that an almost Luzin space is hereditarily Lindelöf.

Lemma 4.2. *For each nowhere dense closed subset A of X , there exists $\beta < \omega_1$ such that $p_\beta^{\omega_1}(A) \subseteq D_\beta$, hence $(p_\beta^{\omega_1})^{-1}(p_\beta^{\omega_1}(A)) = A$, and $p_\beta^{\omega_1} \upharpoonright A: A \rightarrow p_\beta^{\omega_1}(A)$ is a homeomorphism. Hence X is almost Luzin.*

Proof. Since X is separable, there is a pairwise disjoint countable collection of clopen subsets \mathcal{C} of X such that $\bigcup \mathcal{C}$ is dense in $X \setminus A$. Put $F = X \setminus \bigcup \mathcal{C}$. Since X is the inverse limit of the sequence $\{X_\alpha : \alpha < \omega_1\}$, there exists $\alpha < \omega_1$ and a pairwise disjoint countable collection of clopen subsets \mathcal{B} of X_α such that $(p_\alpha^{\omega_1})^{-1}(\bigcup \mathcal{B}) = \bigcup \mathcal{C}$. Hence $E = X_\alpha \setminus \bigcup \mathcal{B}$ has the property that $(p_\alpha^{\omega_1})^{-1}(E) = F$, hence E is nowhere dense. Pick $\xi < \omega_1$ such that $E = E_\xi^\alpha$, and $\eta \geq \alpha$ such that $g(\eta) = \langle \alpha, \xi \rangle$. By (G) we have that $G = (p_0^{\eta+1})^{-1}(F_\xi^\alpha)$ is contained in $D_{\eta+1}$, and hence by (C), $p_{\eta+1}^{\omega_1} \upharpoonright F: F \rightarrow G$ is a homeomorphism. Thus, $\beta = \eta + 1$ does the job, and X is almost Luzin. \square

Therefore, X is hereditarily Lindelöf. That X is hereditarily separable as well, follows from the following results.

Lemma 4.3. *A first-countable, separable almost Luzin space X is hereditarily separable.*

Proof. Let $A \subseteq X$, and let U be the (possibly empty) interior of \bar{A} . Then $\bar{A} \setminus U$ is nowhere dense, and hence of countable weight. This shows that $A \setminus U$ is separable. However, $U \cap A$ is dense in U , and U is separable and first-countable. But any dense subset of a separable first-countable space is separable. So we are done. \square

Corollary 4.4. *A separable compact almost Luzin space is hereditarily separable.*

It remains to check that X is CDH. So let A be a countable dense subset of X . There is by Lemma 4.2 an index $\alpha < \omega_1$ such that $p_\alpha^{\omega_1}(A) \subseteq D_\alpha$ (observe that this implies that $p_\alpha^{\omega_1} \upharpoonright A: A \rightarrow p_\alpha^{\omega_1}(A)$ is a homeomorphism). So $p_\alpha^{\omega_1}(A)$ is of the form E_ξ^α . Pick β so that $g(\beta) = \langle \alpha, \xi \rangle$. Then $\beta \geq \alpha$ by construction. Hence by (C) and (F), there is a homeomorphism $h: X \rightarrow X$ such that $h(A) = (\pi_0^{\omega_1})^{-1}(D_0)$. From this it is immediate that X is CDH.

Question 4.5. Let X be a compact space such that $X \times X$ is CDH. Does it follow under CH that X has countable weight?

Let us repeat that Steprāns and Zhou [15] proved that the Cantor cube 2^{ω_1} is CDH under $\text{MA} + \neg\text{CH}$.

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