

## The elementary-equivalence classes of clopen algebras of $P$ -spaces

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**Abstract.** Two Boolean algebras are elementarily equivalent if and only if they satisfy the same first-order statements in the language of Boolean algebras. We prove that every Boolean algebra is elementarily equivalent to the algebra of clopen subsets of a normal  $P$ -space.

**1. Introduction.** Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $\text{Clop}(X)$  the set of all clopen subsets of  $X$ .  $\text{Clop}(X)$  is a Boolean algebra under the operations of set-theoretic union, intersection, and complementation. Conversely, by a famous theorem of M. Stone [5], every Boolean algebra is isomorphic to the algebra of clopen subsets of a *Boolean space*, i.e., a space that is compact, Hausdorff, and zero-dimensional. Recall that a  *$P$ -space* is a completely regular space in which every  $G_\delta$ -set is open. The clopen algebras of  $P$ -spaces are  $\sigma$ -complete and hence are less diverse than those of Boolean spaces. However, if we require only classification up to elementary equivalence, a relation from mathematical logic weaker than isomorphism, then an analogue of Stone's result is available. Specifically, we intend to prove

**THEOREM 1.1.** *Every Boolean algebra is elementarily equivalent to the algebra of clopen subsets of a normal  $P$ -space.*

In [7] Theorem 1.1 plays an essential role in proofs of model-theoretic properties of certain lattice-ordered groups of continuous functions.

**2. The Tarski invariants.** We assume familiarity with the basic notions of Boolean algebra; for all undefined terms we refer the reader to Chapter 1 of [4]. We consider Boolean algebras as structures for the first-order language  $\{+, \cdot, -, 0, 1\}$ , where  $+$  is interpreted as join,  $\cdot$  as meet,  $-$  as complement, and 0 and 1 as the bottom and top elements, respectively, in the algebra.

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In [6] Tarski associates with each Boolean algebra a triple of numerical invariants that completely determines its elementary-equivalence class. These triples encode information about certain ideals of the algebra. Let  $A$  be a Boolean algebra and  $I$  and  $J$  ideals of  $A$ . Let  $\text{sa}(I)$  be the set of all  $a \in A$  such that  $a$  is atomless mod  $I$ ,  $\text{at}(I)$  the set of all  $a \in A$  such that  $a$  is atomic mod  $I$ , and  $I + J$  the set of all  $a \in A$  such that  $a = b + c$  for some  $b \in I$  and some  $c \in J$ . Then  $\text{sa}(I)$ ,  $\text{at}(I)$ , and  $I + J$  are all again ideals of  $A$ . Let  $0^A$  be the bottom element of  $A$ , set  $E_0 = \{0^A\}$ , and for every integer  $n \geq 0$  set  $E_{n+1} = \text{sa}(E_n) + \text{at}(E_n)$ .

We now define the Tarski invariants  $\text{inv}(A)$  of  $A$ . If  $A$  is the one-element Boolean algebra then  $\text{inv}(A) = (-1, 0, 0)$ ; if  $A \neq E_n$  for every  $n \geq 0$  then  $\text{inv}(A) = (\omega, 0, 0)$ ; otherwise  $\text{inv}(A) = (i_1, i_2, i_3)$  where (1)  $A \neq E_{i_1}$  and  $A = E_{i_1+1}$ , (2)  $i_2 = 0$  if  $A/E_{i_1}$  is atomic, otherwise  $i_2 = 1$ , and (3)  $i_3$  is the number of atoms of  $A/E_{i_1}$  if that number is finite, and  $\omega$  if that number is infinite. Let  $\text{Inv}$  be the set of triples consisting of  $(-1, 0, 0)$ ,  $(\omega, 0, 0)$ , and all the triples  $(i_1, i_2, i_3)$  with  $i_1$  a nonnegative integer,  $i_2 \in \{0, 1\}$ ,  $i_3$  a nonnegative integer or  $\omega$ , and  $i_2 + i_3 > 0$ .

For a proof of the following result see [1] or Chapter 7 of [4].

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Any two Boolean algebras  $A$  and  $B$  are elementarily equivalent iff  $\text{inv}(A) = \text{inv}(B)$ . Moreover, for any  $(i_1, i_2, i_3) \in \text{Inv}$  there is a Boolean algebra  $A$  with  $\text{inv}(A) = (i_1, i_2, i_3)$ .*

**3.  $P$ -spaces.**  $P$ -spaces are a generalization of discrete spaces and were named and studied by Gillman and Henriksen in [2]. Here are two useful examples of nondiscrete  $P$ -spaces.

**EXAMPLE.** Let  $S$  be an uncountable space in which all points are isolated except for a distinguished point  $s$ , a neighborhood of  $s$  being any set containing  $s$  whose complement is countable. Then  $S$  is a nondiscrete normal  $P$ -space and  $\text{Clop}(S)$  is an atomic Boolean algebra.

**EXAMPLE.** A totally ordered set  $T$  is called an  $\eta_1$ -set if for any countable subsets  $A$  and  $B$ , with  $A < B$ , there is a  $t \in T$  satisfying  $A < t < B$ . With the interval topology every  $\eta_1$ -set  $T$  is a normal  $P$ -space without isolated points and  $\text{Clop}(T)$  is an atomless Boolean algebra (see page 193 of [3]).

If  $\{X_k\}_{k \in K}$  is an indexed collection of spaces, then we write  $\bigoplus_{k \in K} X_k$  for their topological sum, i.e. the disjoint union of the  $X_k$  topologized so that a subset  $U$  is open in the sum if and only if its intersection with each  $X_k$  is open in  $X_k$ . Here are some basic properties of  $P$ -spaces.

**PROPOSITION 3.1.** *The following hold in any  $P$ -space  $X$ :*

- (i) *Every zero-set of  $X$  is open.*
- (ii) *Every subspace of  $X$  is a  $P$ -space.*

- (iii) Every completely regular quotient space of  $X$  is a  $P$ -space.
- (iv)  $X$  is zero-dimensional, i.e., has a base of clopen subsets.

*Proof.* See pages 62–63 of [3]. ■

The rest of this paper is devoted to proving Theorem 1.1. Our strategy will be to build for each triple of Tarski invariants a normal  $P$ -space whose clopen algebra has those invariants. Many of these spaces will be obtained by gluing together in a certain way copies of the two normal  $P$ -spaces mentioned at the beginning of this section.

**4. Topological equivalents of algebraic notions.** Let  $X$  be an arbitrary normal  $P$ -space. To simplify our analysis we characterize membership in the Tarski ideals  $E_n$ ,  $\text{at}(E_n)$ , and  $\text{sa}(E_n)$  of  $\text{Clop}(X)$  using a device reminiscent of Cantor–Bendixson derivatives. We associate with  $X$  the following descending sequence of closed subspaces: let  $X_0 = X$  and for every integer  $n \geq 0$  let

$$X_{n+1} = \overline{\text{Is}(X_n)} \cap \overline{(X_n - \text{Is}(X_n))}$$

where the overline represents the topological closure operation in  $X$  and  $\text{Is}(X_n)$  is the set of isolated points of the subspace  $X_n$ .

**PROPOSITION 4.1.** *Each of the following hold for any  $G \in \text{Clop}(X)$  and any  $n \geq 0$ :*

- (i)  $G \in E_n$  if and only if  $G \cap X_n = \emptyset$ .
- (ii)  $G$  is an atom mod  $E_n$  if and only if  $|G \cap X_n| = 1$ .
- (iii)  $G \in \text{at}(E_n)$  if and only if  $G \cap X_n \subseteq \overline{\text{Is}(X_n)}$ .
- (iv)  $G \in \text{sa}(E_n)$  if and only if  $G \cap \text{Is}(X_n) = \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* The proof goes by induction on  $n$ . That (i) holds when  $n = 0$  is clear. Suppose  $G$  is an atom mod  $E_0$ . Then  $G$  is an atom of  $\text{Clop}(X)$ , so  $G$  must have at least one element. If  $G$  has more than one element then because  $X$  is Hausdorff and zero-dimensional  $G$  has nonempty proper clopen subsets and hence is not an atom of  $\text{Clop}(X)$ . Thus  $|G \cap X_0| = |G| = 1$ . Conversely, if  $|G \cap X_0| = 1$  then clearly  $G$  is an atom of  $\text{Clop}(X)$ . Thus (ii) holds when  $n = 0$ . Now  $G \in \text{at}(E_0)$  if and only if every clopen subset of  $G$  contains an atom of  $\text{Clop}(X)$  and hence an isolated point of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is zero-dimensional this is equivalent to having  $G \cap X_0 \subseteq \overline{\text{Is}(X_0)}$ . Similarly,  $G \in \text{sa}(E_0)$  if and only if  $G$  contains no atoms of  $\text{Clop}(X)$ , which is the same as having  $G \cap \text{Is}(X) = \emptyset$ . Thus (iii) and (iv) both hold when  $n = 0$ .

Assume the result of the proposition for  $n = k \geq 0$  and let  $G \in \text{Clop}(X)$ . We show that (i)–(iv) hold when  $n = k + 1$ .

Suppose  $G \cap X_{k+1} = \emptyset$ . Then, by the definition of  $X_{k+1}$ , we have

$$[G \cap \overline{\text{Is}(X_k)}] \cap [G \cap \overline{(X_k - \text{Is}(X_k))}] = \emptyset.$$

$X$  is normal so by Urysohn's Lemma (see page 44 of [3]) there is an  $f \in C(X)$  such that

$$(1) \quad G \cap \overline{\text{Is}(X_k)} \subseteq f^{-1}(0)$$

and

$$(2) \quad G \cap \overline{(X_k - \overline{\text{Is}(X_k)})} \subseteq X - f^{-1}(0).$$

Note that  $f^{-1}(0) \in \text{Clop}(X)$  because  $X$  is a  $P$ -space, so  $G \cap f^{-1}(0)$  and  $G \cap (X - f^{-1}(0))$  are also in  $\text{Clop}(X)$ . If  $x \in G \cap X_k$  and  $x \notin \overline{\text{Is}(X_k)}$  then  $x \in X - f^{-1}(0)$  by (2). It follows that  $(G \cap f^{-1}(0)) \cap X_k \subseteq \overline{\text{Is}(X_k)}$  and therefore  $G \cap f^{-1}(0) \in \text{at}(E_k)$  by the induction hypothesis. If  $x \in G \cap \overline{\text{Is}(X_k)}$  then  $x \in f^{-1}(0)$  by (1), so  $(G \cap (X - f^{-1}(0)) \cap \overline{\text{Is}(X_k)}) = \emptyset$  and thus  $G \cap (X - f^{-1}(0)) \in \text{sa}(E_k)$  by the induction hypothesis. Hence  $G \in \text{at}(E_k) + \text{sa}(E_k) = E_{k+1}$ .

Conversely, suppose  $G \in E_{k+1}$ . Then  $G = H \cup F$  for some  $H \in \text{sa}(E_k)$  and  $F \in \text{at}(E_k)$ . So by the induction hypothesis  $H \cap \overline{\text{Is}(X_k)} = \emptyset$  and therefore, since  $H$  is open in  $X$ ,  $H \cap \overline{\text{Is}(X_k)} = \emptyset$ . It follows that  $H \cap \overline{X_{k+1}} = \emptyset$ . From the induction hypothesis we also see that  $F \cap X_k \subseteq \overline{\text{Is}(X_k)}$ . So  $(F \cap X_k) \cap (X_k - \overline{\text{Is}(X_k)}) = \emptyset$ . Since  $F$  is open in  $X$  it follows that

$$(F \cap X_k) \cap \overline{(X_k - \overline{\text{Is}(X_k)})} = \emptyset$$

and hence that  $F \cap X_{k+1} = \emptyset$  as  $X_{k+1} \subseteq X_k$ . Thus  $G \cap X_{k+1} = (H \cup F) \cap X_{k+1} = \emptyset$  and we have shown that (i) holds when  $n = k + 1$ .

Suppose  $|G \cap X_{k+1}| = 1$ . Then  $G \notin E_{k+1}$  by (i). Suppose  $H \in \text{Clop}(X)$ ,  $H \subseteq G$ , and  $H \notin E_{k+1}$ . Then  $H \cap X_{k+1} \neq \emptyset$  by (i). Since  $|G \cap X_{k+1}| = 1$  and  $H \subseteq G$ ,  $G$  and  $H$  must contain the same member of  $X_{k+1}$ . Therefore  $(G - H) \cap X_{k+1} = \emptyset$  and so  $G - H \in E_{k+1}$  by (i). Hence  $G$  is an atom mod  $E_{k+1}$ . Conversely, suppose  $G$  is an atom mod  $E_{k+1}$ . Then  $G \notin E_{k+1}$  so  $|G \cap X_{k+1}| \geq 1$  by (i). If there were more than one member of  $X_{k+1}$  in  $G$  then it would follow from (i) and the fact that  $X$  is Hausdorff and zero-dimensional that  $G$  is not an atom mod  $E_{k+1}$ , which contradicts our supposition. Hence  $|G \cap X_{k+1}| = 1$  and (ii) holds when  $n = k + 1$ .

Suppose  $G \cap X_{k+1} \subseteq \overline{\text{Is}(X_{k+1})}$ . Suppose  $H \in \text{Clop}(X)$ ,  $H \subseteq G$ , and  $H \notin E_{k+1}$ . Then  $H \cap X_{k+1} \neq \emptyset$  by (i). Since  $H \subseteq G$  and  $H$  is open in  $X$  it follows that  $H \cap \overline{\text{Is}(X_{k+1})} \neq \emptyset$ . So there is an  $F \in \text{Clop}(X)$  such that  $|(F \cap H) \cap X_{k+1}| = 1$ . By (ii),  $F \cap H$  is an atom mod  $E_{k+1}$ . Thus  $G \in \text{at}(E_{k+1})$ . Conversely, suppose  $G \in \text{at}(E_{k+1})$  and  $x \in G \cap X_{k+1}$ . Let  $H$  be an open neighborhood of  $x$  in  $X$ . Since  $X$  is zero-dimensional we may assume that  $H \in \text{Clop}(X)$ . By (i),  $H \cap G \notin E_{k+1}$  and, since  $G \in \text{at}(E_{k+1})$ , there must be an  $F \in \text{Clop}(X)$  such that  $F \subseteq H \cap G$  and  $F$  is an atom mod  $E_{k+1}$ . By (ii),  $F \cap X_{k+1}$  has only one element which is therefore an isolated

point of  $X_{k+1}$ . Since this point is in  $H$ , it follows that  $G \cap X_{k+1} \subseteq \overline{\text{Is}(X_{k+1})}$ . Hence (iii) holds when  $n = k + 1$ .

Finally,  $G \cap \text{Is}(X_{k+1}) \neq \emptyset$  if and only if there is an  $H \in \text{Clop}(X)$  such that  $H \subseteq G$  and  $|H \cap X_{k+1}| = 1$ . By (i) and (ii) this is equivalent to  $H$  being an atom mod  $E_{k+1}$ , which means that  $G \notin \text{sa}(E_{k+1})$ . Hence (iv) holds for  $n = k + 1$ . ■

REMARK. Inspection of the proof of Proposition 4.1 reveals that the result holds for any zero-dimensional Hausdorff space in which disjoint closed sets may be separated by disjoint clopen sets. The latter property is also possessed by zero-dimensional Lindelöf spaces (see page 247 of [3]). So, for example, Proposition 4.1 holds in any Boolean space.

PROPOSITION 4.2. *Each of the following hold for any integers  $n, m \geq 0$ :*

- (i)  $\text{inv}(\text{Clop}(X)) = (n, 0, m)$  iff  $|X_n| = m > 0$ .
- (ii)  $\text{inv}(\text{Clop}(X)) = (n, 0, \omega)$  iff  $\text{Is}(X_n)$  is infinite and  $X_n \subseteq \overline{\text{Is}(X_n)}$ .
- (iii)  $\text{inv}(\text{Clop}(X)) = (n, 1, m)$  iff  $|\text{Is}(X_n)| = m$  and  $X_n \not\subseteq \overline{\text{Is}(X_n)}$ .
- (iv)  $\text{inv}(\text{Clop}(X)) = (n, 1, \omega)$  iff  $\text{Is}(X_n)$  is infinite and  $X_n \not\subseteq \overline{\text{Is}(X_n)}$ .
- (v)  $\text{inv}(\text{Clop}(X)) = (\omega, 0, 0)$  iff  $X_k \neq \emptyset$  for all  $k \geq 0$ .

*Proof.* By Proposition 4.1,  $X_k \neq \emptyset$  for all  $k \geq 0$  if and only if  $E_k \neq \text{Clop}(X)$  for all  $k \geq 0$ . Thus (v) holds.

Fix  $n, m \geq 0$ . Suppose  $\text{inv}(\text{Clop}(X)) = (n, 0, m)$ . Then  $E_n \neq \text{Clop}(X)$  and  $\text{Clop}(X)/E_n$  is atomic with  $m$  atoms. Note that  $m > 0$ , for otherwise  $\text{Clop}(X) = E_n$ . Since  $\text{Clop}(X)/E_n$  is atomic,  $X \in \text{at}(E_n)$  and so  $X_n = \overline{\text{Is}(X_n)}$  follows from Proposition 4.1. Say  $G_1, \dots, G_m$  are representatives of the  $m$  atoms mod  $E_n$ . By Proposition 4.1,  $|G_i \cap X_n| = 1$  for all  $i$ . So each  $G_i$  contains an isolated point of  $X_n$ . If  $G_i \cap G_j \cap X_n \neq \emptyset$  for some  $i \neq j$ , then  $G_i \cap G_j \notin E_n$  by Proposition 4.1, which contradicts the fact that  $G_i$  and  $G_j$  represent distinct atoms mod  $E_n$ . Thus  $|\text{Is}(X_n)| \geq m$ . Now  $\text{Clop}(X)/E_n$  is atomic, so  $\bigcup_{i=1}^m G_i$  is equal to  $X$  modulo  $E_n$  and therefore  $X - \bigcup_{i=1}^m G_i$  contains no points of  $X_n$  by Proposition 4.1. Hence  $m = |\text{Is}(X_n)| = |X_n|$ .

Conversely, suppose  $|X_n| = m > 0$ . Then  $|\text{Is}(X_n)| = m > 0$  and  $X_n \subseteq \overline{\text{Is}(X_n)}$ . So  $X \in \text{at}(E_n)$  by Proposition 4.1 and therefore  $\text{Clop}(X)/E_n$  is atomic and the first Tarski invariant of  $\text{Clop}(X)$  is at most  $n$ . Since  $|\text{Is}(X_n)| = m > 0$ ,  $X_n \neq \emptyset$  and  $X \notin E_n$  by Proposition 4.1. Hence  $E_n \neq \text{Clop}(X)$  and the first two Tarski invariants of  $\text{Clop}(X)$  are  $n$  and  $0$ . Now using the fact that  $X$  is Hausdorff and zero-dimensional we may find pairwise disjoint  $G_1, \dots, G_m \in \text{Clop}(X)$  such that  $|G_i \cap X_n| = 1$  for each  $i$ . It follows from Proposition 4.1 that there are at least  $m$  atoms modulo  $E_n$ . Suppose  $G \in \text{Clop}(X)$  is an atom mod  $E_n$ . By Proposition 4.1,  $G$  must contain exactly one member of  $X_n$  and therefore must be equal to one of the

$G_i$  modulo  $E_n$ . Thus  $\text{Clop}(X)/E_n$  has exactly  $m$  atoms, the third invariant of  $\text{Clop}(X)$  is  $m$ , and (i) holds.

From the proof of (i) we see that having at least  $m$  atoms mod  $E_n$  is equivalent to  $|\text{Is}(X_n)| \geq m$ . With the aid of this fact, (ii)–(iv) are easily established. ■

**5. Technical topological lemmas.** Let  $\{Y_k\}_{k \in K}$  be a collection of disjoint spaces,  $X$  a space disjoint from all the  $Y_k$  and of cardinality at least  $|K|$ ,  $y_k \in Y_k$  for each  $k \in K$ , and  $\{x_k\}_{k \in K}$  a collection of distinct points in  $X$ . We call  $Z$  the *pointwise gluing* of  $\{(Y_k, y_k)\}_{k \in K}$  and  $(X, \{x_k\}_{k \in K})$  over  $K$  if

$$Z = \left( \left( \bigoplus_{k \in K} Y_k \right) \oplus X \right) / \sim,$$

where  $\sim$  is the equivalence relation on  $(\bigoplus_{k \in K} Y_k) \oplus X$  which identifies  $y_k$  with  $x_k$  for each  $k \in K$ . We call the  $y_k$  and  $x_k$  glue points and, for any  $U \subseteq (\bigoplus_{k \in K} Y_k) \oplus X$ , we write  $\text{gp}(U)$  for  $\{k \in K : \{x_k, y_k\} \cap U \neq \emptyset\}$ . Finally, we always use  $q$  to denote the canonical quotient map from  $(\bigoplus_{k \in K} Y_k) \oplus X$  to  $Z$ .

LEMMA 5.1. *Let  $Z$  be the pointwise gluing of the spaces  $\{(Y_k, y_k)\}_{k \in K}$  and  $(X, \{x_k\}_{k \in K})$  over  $K$ . If  $U \subseteq W = (\bigoplus_{k \in K} Y_k) \oplus X$  and  $\text{gp}(U) \cap \text{gp}(W - U) = \emptyset$  then (i)  $U$  is open in  $W$  if and only if  $q(U)$  is open in  $Z$ , and (ii)  $U$  is closed in  $W$  if and only if  $q(U)$  is closed in  $Z$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\text{gp}(U) \cap \text{gp}(W - U) = \emptyset$ , we see that  $q^{-1}(q(U)) = U$ . Therefore  $U$  is open if and only if  $q^{-1}(q(U))$  is open. But the latter is open just in case  $q(U)$  is open, because  $q$  is a quotient map. Thus (i) holds.

By (i),  $U$  is closed if and only if  $q(W - U)$  is open. As  $\text{gp}(U) \cap \text{gp}(W - U) = \emptyset$  we see that  $q(W - U) = q(W) - q(U)$ . But  $q(W) - q(U)$  is open if and only if  $q(U)$  is closed because  $q$  is surjective. Hence (ii) holds. ■

LEMMA 5.2. *Let  $Z$  be the pointwise gluing of the normal  $P$ -spaces  $\{(Y_k, y_k)\}_{k \in K}$  and  $(X, \{x_k\}_{k \in K})$  over  $K$ . Then  $Z$  is a normal  $P$ -space.*

*Proof.* Since any topological sum of  $P$ -spaces is a  $P$ -space and since any completely regular quotient of a  $P$ -space is a  $P$ -space (see page 63 of [3]), to prove the lemma it suffices to show that  $Z$  is normal. Let  $F$  and  $G$  be disjoint closed subsets of  $Z$ . Then  $q^{-1}(F)$  and  $q^{-1}(G)$  are disjoint closed sets in  $W = (\bigoplus_{k \in K} Y_k) \oplus X$ . So

$$q^{-1}(F) = \left( \bigcup_{k \in K} F_k \right) \cup H_F \quad \text{and} \quad q^{-1}(G) = \left( \bigcup_{k \in K} G_k \right) \cup H_G,$$

where  $F_k, G_k$  are disjoint closed sets in  $Y_k$  for each  $k$ , and  $H_F$  and  $H_G$  are disjoint closed sets in  $X$ . Note that

$$(3) \quad y_k \in F_k \quad \text{iff} \quad x_k \in H_F$$

and

$$(4) \quad y_k \in G_k \quad \text{iff} \quad x_k \in H_G$$

for each  $k \in K$ . Since  $X$  and the  $Y_k$ 's are normal, there exist disjoint open  $U, V \subseteq X$  and disjoint open  $U_k, V_k \subseteq Y_k$  such that

$$q^{-1}(F) \subseteq \left( \bigcup_{k \in K} U_k \right) \cup U \quad \text{and} \quad q^{-1}(G) \subseteq \left( \bigcup_{k \in K} V_k \right) \cup V.$$

In order to ensure that their images under  $q$  will be open, we may need to adjust these open sets separating  $q^{-1}(F)$  and  $q^{-1}(G)$ . First, since  $F_k$  and  $G_k$  are closed and  $Y_k$  is completely regular, we may assume that

$$(5) \quad y_k \in \bar{U}_k \quad \text{iff} \quad y_k \in F_k$$

and

$$(6) \quad y_k \in \bar{V}_k \quad \text{iff} \quad y_k \in G_k$$

for each  $k \in K$ . Next, let  $L = \{k \in K : x_k \in U - H_F\}$  and  $M = \{k \in K : x_k \in V - H_G\}$ . Since  $U \cap V = \emptyset$  and  $H_G \subseteq U$ , if  $k \in L$  then  $x_k \notin H_F \cup H_G$  and so  $y_k \notin \bar{U}_k \cup \bar{V}_k$  by (1)–(4). Since each  $Y_k$  is completely regular we therefore may choose for each  $k \in L$  an open  $T_k \subseteq Y_k$  such that  $y_k \in T_k$  and  $T_k \cap (U_k \cup V_k) = \emptyset$ . Similarly, we may choose for each  $k \in M$  an open  $S_k \subseteq Y_k$  with  $y_k \in S_k$  and  $S_k \cap (U_k \cup V_k) = \emptyset$ . Finally, set

$$O_F = \left( \bigcup_{k \in K} U_k \right) \cup U \cup \left( \bigcup_{k \in L} T_k \right),$$

$$O_G = \left( \bigcup_{k \in K} V_k \right) \cup V \cup \left( \bigcup_{k \in M} S_k \right).$$

We will show that  $q(O_F)$  and  $q(O_G)$  separate  $F$  and  $G$  in  $Z$ .

First, clearly  $F \subseteq q(O_F)$  and  $G \subseteq q(O_G)$ . Next we show that  $q(O_F)$  and  $q(O_G)$  are open in  $Z$ . Fix  $k \in K$ . Then from the definition of  $O_F$  we see that  $x_k \in O_F$  if and only if  $x_k \in U$ . Now  $x_k \in U$  means  $x_k \in H_F$  or  $x_k \in U - H_F$ , so by (1) and the definition of  $T_k$  we have  $x_k \in U$  if and only if either  $y_k \in F_k$  or  $y_k \in T_k$ . Thus  $x_k \in O_F$  is equivalent to  $y_k \in O_F$ . It follows that  $\text{gp}(O_F) \cap \text{gp}(W - O_F) = \emptyset$  and so  $q(O_F)$  is open in  $Z$  by Lemma 5.1. A similar argument shows that  $\text{gp}(O_G) \cap \text{gp}(W - O_G) = \emptyset$  and so  $q(O_G)$  is also open in  $Z$ . Finally, we show that  $q(O_F) \cap q(O_G) = \emptyset$ . Since  $\text{gp}(O_F) \cap \text{gp}(W - O_F) = \text{gp}(O_G) \cap \text{gp}(W - O_G) = \emptyset$  we see that  $q(O_F) \cap q(O_G) \neq \emptyset$  implies  $O_F \cap O_G \neq \emptyset$ . So to complete the proof of the

lemma it suffices to show that  $O_F \cap O_G = \emptyset$ . Let  $w \in O_F$ . We show that  $w \notin O_G$ .

CASE (1). Suppose  $w \in U_t$  for some  $t \in K$ . Then  $w \in Y_t$  and  $Y_t \cap X = \emptyset$ , so  $w \notin V$ . Since  $Y_k \cap Y_t = \emptyset$  whenever  $k \neq t$ , and since  $U_t \cap V_t = \emptyset$ , we see that  $w \notin \bigcup_{k \in K} V_k$ . Fix  $k \in M$ . If  $t \neq k$  then  $w \notin S_k$  because  $w \in Y_t$ ,  $S_k \subseteq Y_k$ , and  $Y_t \cap Y_k = \emptyset$ . If  $t = k$  then  $w \notin V_k$  because  $w \in U_t$  and  $S_k \cap U_k = \emptyset$  by choice of  $S_k$ . Thus  $w \notin \bigcup_{k \in M} S_k$ . Hence  $w \notin O_G$ .

CASE (2). Suppose  $w \in U$ . Then  $w \in X$  so  $w \notin (\bigcup_{k \in K} V_k) \cup (\bigcup_{k \in M} S_k)$  because  $X \cap (\bigcup_{k \in K} Y_k) = \emptyset$ . Also,  $U \cap V = \emptyset$  so  $w \notin V$ . Hence  $w \notin O_G$ .

CASE (3). Suppose  $w \in T_l$  for some  $l \in L$ . Then  $w \notin V$  since  $T_l \subseteq Y_l$  and  $Y_l \cap X = \emptyset$ . Now  $T_l \cap Y_k = \emptyset$  whenever  $l \neq k$ , and  $T_l \cap V_l = \emptyset$  by choice of  $T_l$ , so we see that  $w \notin \bigcup_{k \in K} V_k$ . Finally,  $w \notin \bigcup_{k \in M} S_k$  because  $L \cap M = \emptyset$  and so  $T_l \cap S_k = \emptyset$  for any  $k \in M$ . Hence  $w \notin O_G$ . ■

LEMMA 5.3. *Let  $X$  be a normal  $P$ -space and  $U \in \text{Clop}(X)$ . Then each of the following holds for any  $n \geq 0$ :*

- (i)  $U_n = U \cap X_n$ .
- (ii)  $\text{Is}(U_n) = U \cap \text{Is}(X_n)$ .
- (iii)  $U_n - \overline{\text{Is}(U_n)} = U \cap (X_n - \overline{\text{Is}(X_n)})$ .

*Proof.* The proof goes by induction on  $n$ . Note that with the subspace topology  $U$  is a normal  $P$ -space because it is a closed subset of  $X$ . Suppose  $n = 0$ . Then  $X_n = X$  and  $U_n = U$ , so (i) is obvious and (ii) holds because  $U \in \text{Clop}(X)$ . If  $G$  is an open set in  $U$  with no isolated points of  $U$ , then  $G$  is open in  $X$  and contains no isolated points of  $X$  by (ii). Similarly, if  $G$  is an open set in  $X$  with no isolated points then  $G \cap U$  is an open set in  $U$  with no isolated points in  $U$  by (ii). Thus (iii) holds when  $n = 0$ .

Now suppose the result holds for  $n = k \geq 0$ . By definition

$$U_{k+1} = \overline{\text{Is}(U_k)} \cap \overline{(U_k - \overline{\text{Is}(U_k)})}$$

and by the induction hypothesis

$$\overline{\text{Is}(U_k)} \cap \overline{(U_k - \overline{\text{Is}(U_k)})} = \overline{(U \cap \text{Is}(X_k))} \cap \overline{(U \cap (X_k - \overline{\text{Is}(X_k)})}$$

Now  $U$  is clopen in  $X$ , so

$$\overline{(U \cap \text{Is}(X_k))} \cap \overline{(U \cap (X_k - \overline{\text{Is}(X_k)})} = (U \cap \overline{\text{Is}(X_k)}) \cap (U \cap \overline{(X_k - \overline{\text{Is}(X_k)})}$$

Since the right-hand side of the last formula is equal to  $U \cap X_{k+1}$ , we see that (i) holds for  $n = k + 1$ . That (ii) holds when  $n = k + 1$  follows easily from (i) and the fact that  $U \in \text{Clop}(X)$ .

Finally,

$$U_{k+1} - \overline{\text{Is}(U_{k+1})} = (U \cap X_{k+1}) - \overline{(U \cap \text{Is}(X_{k+1}))}$$

by (i) and (ii), and since  $U$  is clopen in  $X$ ,

$$(U \cap X_{k+1}) - \overline{(U \cap \text{Is}(X_{k+1}))} = (U \cap X_{k+1}) - (U \cap \overline{\text{Is}(X_{k+1})}).$$

Since the right-hand side of the last formula is equal to  $U \cap (X_{k+1} - \overline{\text{Is}(X_{k+1})})$ , (iii) holds when  $n = k + 1$ . ■

LEMMA 5.4. *Let  $W$  and  $Z$  be normal  $P$ -spaces and  $q : W \rightarrow Z$  a map. If  $U \in \text{Clop}(W)$ ,  $q(U) \in \text{Clop}(Z)$ , and  $q|U$  is a homeomorphism, then each of the following hold for any  $n \geq 0$ :*

- (i)  $q(U \cap W_n) = q(U) \cap Z_n$ .
- (ii)  $q(U \cap \text{Is}(W_n)) = q(U) \cap \text{Is}(Z_n)$ .
- (iii)  $q(U \cap (W_n - \overline{\text{Is}(W_n)})) = q(U) \cap (Z_n - \overline{\text{Is}(Z_n)})$ .

*Proof.* The result essentially follows from Lemma 5.3. For example,  $q(U \cap W_n) = q(U_n)$  by Lemma 5.3 since  $U \in \text{Clop}(W)$ . Then  $q(U_n) = q(U)_n$  because  $q|U$  is a homeomorphism. Finally,  $q(U) \in \text{Clop}(Z)$  so  $q(U)_n = q(U) \cap Z_n$  by Lemma 5.3. Similar arguments prove the other two identities. ■

LEMMA 5.5. *Suppose  $\{Y_k\}_{k \in K}$  is a collection of normal  $P$ -spaces. If  $W = \bigoplus_{k \in K} Y_k$ , then each of the following hold for any  $n \geq 0$ :*

- (i)  $W_n = \bigcup_{k \in K} (Y_k)_n$ .
- (ii)  $\text{Is}(W_n) = \bigcup_{k \in K} \text{Is}((Y_k)_n)$ .
- (iii)  $W_n - \overline{\text{Is}(W_n)} = \bigcup_{k \in K} ((Y_k)_n - \overline{\text{Is}((Y_k)_n)})$ .

*Proof.* Since  $Y_k \in \text{Clop}(W)$  for all  $k \in K$ , we can apply Lemma 5.3. ■

LEMMA 5.6. *Let  $Z$  be the pointwise gluing of the normal  $P$ -spaces  $\{(Y_k, y_k)\}_{k \in K}$  and  $(X, \{x_k\}_{k \in K})$  over  $K$ . Then  $q((Y_k)_n) \subseteq Z_n$  for every  $k \in K$  and every  $n \geq 0$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $W = (\bigoplus_{k \in K} Y_k) \oplus X$ . Note that  $Z$  is a normal  $P$ -space by Lemma 5.2. Fix  $k \in K$ . If  $n = 0$  then the result holds because  $(Y_k)_0 = Y_k$  and  $Z_0 = Z$ . Suppose  $n > 0$  and  $w \in (Y_k)_n$ . Let  $V$  be a neighborhood of  $q(w)$  in  $Z$ . We must show that  $V$  meets both  $\text{Is}(Z_{n-1})$  and  $Z_{n-1} - \overline{\text{Is}(Z_{n-1})}$ . Now  $w \in (Y_k)_n$  and  $n > 0$ , so we know that

$$w \in \overline{\text{Is}((Y_k)_{n-1})} \cap \overline{((Y_k)_{n-1} - \overline{\text{Is}((Y_k)_{n-1})})}.$$

Therefore  $q^{-1}(V) \cap Y_k$  must contain infinitely many elements of  $\text{Is}((Y_k)_{n-1})$  and infinitely many elements of  $(Y_k)_{n-1} - \overline{\text{Is}((Y_k)_{n-1})}$ . Pick  $y \in \text{Is}((Y_k)_{n-1}) \cap (q^{-1}(V) \cap Y_k)$  such that  $y \neq y_k$ .

Choose  $U \in \text{Clop}(W)$  such that  $U \subseteq Y_k$ ,  $y \in U$ , and  $y_k \notin U$ . Then  $\text{gp}(U) = \emptyset$ , so  $U$  satisfies the hypotheses of Lemma 5.4. Since  $y \in \text{Is}(W_{n-1})$  by Lemma 5.5, it follows that  $q(y) \in \overline{\text{Is}(Z_{n-1})}$ . A similar argument shows that  $V$  contains members of  $Z_{n-1} - \overline{\text{Is}(Z_{n-1})}$ . ■

LEMMA 5.7. *Let  $X$  be an  $\eta_1$ -set,  $\gamma$  an ordinal,  $x_\gamma \in X$ , and  $\{x_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \gamma}$  a strictly increasing sequence in  $X$  that is cofinal in  $\{x \in X : x < x_\gamma\}$ . If  $Z$  is the pointwise gluing of the normal  $P$ -spaces  $\{(Y_\alpha, y_\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in \gamma}$  and  $(X, \{x_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \gamma})$  over  $\gamma$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , and  $(Y_\alpha)_n = \{y_\alpha\}$  for all  $\alpha \in \gamma$ , then  $q(x_\gamma) \in \overline{\text{Is}(Z_n)} - \text{Is}(Z_n)$  and  $Z_{n+1} = \emptyset$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $W = (\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \gamma} Y_\alpha) \oplus X$ . Note that  $Z$  is a normal  $P$ -space by Lemma 5.2 and fix  $\alpha < \gamma$ . First we show that  $q(y_\alpha) \in \overline{\text{Is}(Z_n)}$ .

CASE (1). Suppose there is an open set  $G \subseteq X$  such that  $x_\alpha \in G$  and  $\text{gp}(G) = \{\alpha\}$ . We show that  $q(y_\alpha) \in \text{Is}(Z_n)$ . By hypothesis  $y_\alpha \in (Y_\alpha)_n$ , so  $q(y_\alpha) \in Z_n$  by Lemma 5.6. Since  $W$  is zero-dimensional we may find  $H \in \text{Clop}(W)$  such that  $x_\alpha, y_\alpha \in H$  and  $H \subseteq G \cup Y_\alpha$ . Note that  $\text{gp}(H) = \{\alpha\}$  and  $\text{gp}(H) \cap \text{gp}(W - H) = \emptyset$ . So  $q(H) \in \text{Clop}(Z)$  by Lemma 5.1. We claim that  $q(H) \cap Z_n = \{q(y_\alpha)\}$ . Let  $w \in H$ . We already know that  $q(y_\alpha) = q(x_\alpha) \in Z_n$ , so suppose  $w$  is not  $y_\alpha$  or  $x_\alpha$ . Then there is a  $U \in \text{Clop}(W)$  such that  $w \in U \subseteq H$  and  $x_\alpha, y_\alpha \notin U$ . Now  $X$  is an  $\eta_1$ -set and  $n \geq 1$ , so  $X_n = \emptyset$ , and  $(Y_\alpha)_n = \{y_\alpha\}$ . It follows that  $U \cap (Y_\alpha)_n = U \cap X_n = \emptyset$  and hence that  $U \cap W_n = \emptyset$ , by Lemma 5.5. Since  $\text{gp}(U) = \emptyset$ , we may apply Lemma 5.4 to conclude that  $q(U) \cap Z_n = \emptyset$ . Thus  $q(w) \notin Z_n$ ,  $q(H) \cap Z_n = \{q(y_\alpha)\}$ , and  $q(y_\alpha) \in \overline{\text{Is}(Z_n)}$ .

CASE (2). Suppose the hypothesis of Case (1) fails. Let  $V$  be an open neighborhood of  $q(y_\alpha)$  in  $Z$ . Then  $q^{-1}(V) \cap X$  is open in  $X$ , and since  $X$  is an  $\eta_1$ -set, there is an open interval  $I \subseteq q^{-1}(V) \cap X$  such that  $x_\alpha \in I$ . By our supposition there is a  $\beta < \gamma$  such that  $\beta \neq \alpha$  and  $x_\beta \in I$ . Since either  $x_{\alpha+1}$  or  $x_{\beta+1}$  is in  $I$ , we may choose a successor ordinal  $\delta < \gamma$  such that  $x_\delta \in I$ . Then  $(x_{\delta-1}, x_{\delta+1}) \cap I$  is an open subset of  $X$  containing  $x_\delta$  whose only glue point is  $x_\delta$ , so  $q(x_\delta) \in \text{Is}(Z_n)$  by Case (1). Since  $q(x_\delta) \in V$ , it follows that  $q(y_\alpha) \in \overline{\text{Is}(Z_n)}$ .

Now we show that  $q(x_\gamma) \in \overline{\text{Is}(Z_n)} - \text{Is}(Z_n)$ . Let  $G \in \text{Clop}(Z)$  be a neighborhood of  $q(x_\gamma)$ . Then  $q^{-1}(G) \cap X$  is open in  $X$ , and since  $X$  is an  $\eta_1$ -set, there is an open interval  $U \subseteq q^{-1}(G) \cap X$  containing  $x_\gamma$ . Since  $U$  is an open interval there must be an  $x \in U$  such that  $x < x_\gamma$ . But  $\{x_\alpha\}_{\alpha < \gamma}$  is cofinal in  $\{x \in X : x < x_\gamma\}$ , so  $x_\alpha \in U$  for some  $\alpha < \gamma$ . As we know,  $q(x_\alpha) \in \overline{\text{Is}(Z_n)}$  and hence  $G$  must contain some member of  $\overline{\text{Is}(Z_n)}$ . Since  $G$  was arbitrary and  $q(x_\alpha) \neq q(x_\gamma)$ , it follows that  $q(x_\gamma) \in \overline{\text{Is}(Z_n)} - \text{Is}(Z_n)$ .

Finally, to prove that  $Z_{n+1} = \emptyset$  we show that  $Z_n - \overline{\text{Is}(Z_n)} = \emptyset$ . Let  $w \in W$ . If  $w = y_\alpha$  for some  $\alpha \in \gamma$  then  $q(w) \in \overline{\text{Is}(Z_n)}$ . If  $w \in Y_\alpha$  for some  $\alpha \in \gamma$  and  $w \neq y_\alpha$  then  $w \notin (Y_\alpha)_n$ , and so  $q(w) \notin Z_n$  follows from Lemma 5.4. If  $w \in X$  and there is  $U \in \text{Clop}(X)$  such that  $\text{gp}(U) = \emptyset$  then  $q(w) \notin Z_n$  follows from Lemma 5.4. Otherwise, every neighborhood of  $w$  contains some  $x_\alpha$  and therefore  $q(w) \in \overline{\text{Is}(Z_n)}$ . Thus  $Z_n - \overline{\text{Is}(Z_n)} = \emptyset$ . ■

LEMMA 5.8. *Let  $Z$  be the pointwise gluing of the normal  $P$ -spaces  $(Y, y_0)$  and  $(X, x_0)$  and let  $n \geq 0$ . If  $Y_{n+1} = \emptyset = X_{n+1}$ ,  $y_0 \in \overline{\text{Is}(Y_n)} - \text{Is}(Y_n)$ , and  $x_0 \in X_n - \overline{\text{Is}(X_n)}$ , then  $\text{inv}(\text{Clop}(Z)) = (n + 1, 0, 1)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $W = X \oplus Y$ . We know that  $Z$  is a normal  $P$ -space by Lemma 5.2. Let  $z_0 = q(x_0) = q(y_0)$ . By Proposition 4.2, it suffices to show that  $Z_{n+1} = \{z_0\}$ . First we show that  $z_0 \in Z_{n+1}$ . Let  $V$  be any open neighborhood of  $z_0$  in  $Z$ . Since  $Z$  is zero-dimensional we may assume that  $V \in \text{Clop}(Z)$ . Since  $y_0 \in q^{-1}(V)$  and  $y_0 \in \overline{\text{Is}(Y_n)} - \text{Is}(Y_n)$ , we may pick  $y \in (q^{-1}(V) \cap Y) \cap \text{Is}(Y_n)$  such that  $y \neq y_0$ . Then  $y \in \text{Is}(W_n)$  by Lemma 5.5 and there is a clopen subset  $U \subseteq Y$  with  $y \in U$  and  $y_0 \notin U$ . Since  $\text{gp}(U) = \emptyset$ , it follows from Lemma 5.4 that  $q(y) \in \text{Is}(Z_n)$ . Thus  $V \cap \text{Is}(Z_n) \neq \emptyset$  and  $z_0 \in \overline{\text{Is}(Z_n)}$ .

Now  $q^{-1}(V) \cap X \in \text{Clop}(X)$  and by hypothesis  $x_0 \notin \overline{\text{Is}(X_n)}$ , so there is an  $H \in \text{Clop}(X)$  with  $x_0 \in H \subseteq (q^{-1}(V) \cap X) \cap (X_n - \overline{\text{Is}(X_n)})$ . Since  $x_0 \in H$  and  $x_0 \notin \text{Is}(X_n)$ , we may choose  $x \in H$  with  $x \neq x_0$ . Then  $x \in W_n - \overline{\text{Is}(W_n)}$  by Lemma 5.5. Let  $U$  be a clopen subset of  $X$  containing  $x$  but not  $x_0$ . Then  $\text{gp}(U) = \emptyset$ , so  $q(x) \in Z_n - \overline{\text{Is}(Z_n)}$  by Lemma 5.4. Thus  $V \cap (Z_n - \overline{\text{Is}(Z_n)}) \neq \emptyset$  and  $z_0 \in Z_n - \overline{\text{Is}(Z_n)}$ . Hence  $z_0 \in Z_{n+1}$ .

Finally, we show that  $z_0$  is the only member of  $Z_{n+1}$ . Suppose  $w \in W$  with  $x_0 \neq w \neq y_0$ . Then there is a clopen neighborhood  $U$  of  $w$  in  $W$  such that  $x_0, y_0 \notin U$ . Since  $Y_{n+1} = X_{n+1} = \emptyset$ , Lemma 5.5 tells us that  $W_{n+1} = \emptyset$ . Thus  $w \notin W_{n+1}$ . But  $\text{gp}(U) = \emptyset$ , so it follows from Lemma 5.4 that  $q(w) \notin Z_{n+1}$ . ■

**6. Construction of  $P$ -spaces.** The empty space is a normal  $P$ -space whose algebra of clopen subsets has invariants  $(-1, 0, 0)$ . Let  $X$  be any one-point space. Then  $X$  is a normal  $P$ -space and  $|X_0| = |X| = 1$ . So it follows from Proposition 4.2 that  $\text{inv}(\text{Clop}(X)) = (0, 0, 1)$ . Next let  $Y$  be the space from the first example at the start of Section 2 and let  $X$  be an  $\eta_1$ -set. Let  $y_0$  be the sole nonisolated point in  $Y$  and pick some  $x_0$  in  $X$ . Note that  $\text{Is}(X) = \emptyset$  and that  $\text{Is}(Y) = Y - \{y_0\}$ . Form  $Z$ , the pointwise gluing of  $(Y, y_0)$  and  $(X, x_0)$ . Then  $Z$  is a normal  $P$ -space by Lemma 5.2. Since  $Y_1 = \emptyset = X_1$ ,  $y_0 \in \overline{\text{Is}(Y)} - \text{Is}(Y)$ , and  $x_0 \in X - \overline{\text{Is}(X)}$ , it follows from Lemma 5.8 that  $\text{inv}(\text{Clop}(Z)) = (1, 0, 1)$ .

Let  $X^l$  and  $X^r$  be  $\eta_1$ -sets and pick an arbitrary point  $x_l \in X^l$  and an arbitrary point  $x_r \in X^r$ . Choose an ordinal  $\gamma$  and a strictly increasing sequence  $\{x_\alpha^r\}_{\alpha \in \gamma}$  in  $X^r$  such that  $\{x_\alpha^r\}_{\alpha \in \gamma}$  is cofinal in the set of  $x \in X^r$  with  $x < x_r$ . Let  $\{x_k^l\}_{k \in K}$  be an enumeration of  $X^l$ . Assume that  $Y$  is a normal  $P$ -space with  $\text{inv}(\text{Clop}(Y)) = (n, 0, 1)$  for some  $n \geq 1$ . Then  $Y_n$  consists of a single point by Proposition 4.2. Let  $\{Y_\alpha^r\}_{\alpha \in \gamma}$  and  $\{Y_k^l\}_{k \in K}$  be collections of copies of  $Y$  with  $y_\alpha^r$  and  $y_k^l$  representing the lone elements of  $(Y_\alpha^r)_n$

and  $(Y_k^l)_n$ , respectively. Let  $Z^r$  be the pointwise gluing of  $\{(Y_\alpha^r, y_\alpha^r)\}_{\alpha \in \gamma}$  and  $(X^r, \{x_\alpha^r\}_{\alpha \in \gamma})$  over  $\gamma$ , and  $Z^l$  the pointwise gluing of  $\{(Y_k^l, y_k^l)\}_{k \in K}$  and  $(X^l, \{x_k^l\}_{k \in K})$  over  $K$ . Both  $Z^r$  and  $Z^l$  are normal  $P$ -spaces by Lemma 5.2. Let  $L = q(x_l) \in Z^l$  and  $R = q(x_r) \in Z^r$ . Finally, let  $Z$  be the pointwise gluing of  $(Z^l, L)$  and  $(Z^r, R)$ . We claim that  $\text{inv}(\text{Clop}(Z^l)) = (n, 1, 0)$  and that  $\text{inv}(\text{Clop}(Z)) = (n + 1, 0, 1)$ .

To prove that  $\text{inv}(\text{Clop}(Z^l)) = (n, 1, 0)$  it suffices, by Proposition 4.2, to show that  $\text{Is}(Z_n^l) = \emptyset$  and  $Z_n^l \neq \emptyset$ . The latter follows from Lemma 5.6 because  $y_k^l \in (Y_k^l)_n$  for all  $k \in K$ ; in particular, note that  $L \in Z_n^l$  because  $x_l = x_k^l$  for some  $k \in K$  and  $q(x_k^l) = q(y_k^l)$ . As for the former, let  $G \in \text{Clop}(Z^l)$  with  $G \cap Z_n^l \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $q^{-1}(G) \cap X^l \neq \emptyset$ , for otherwise  $\text{gp}(q^{-1}(G)) = \emptyset$  and  $G \cap Z_n^l = \emptyset$  by Lemma 5.4. Now  $q^{-1}(G) \cap X^l$  must be infinite because it is clopen in  $X^l$ , and  $X^l$  has no isolated points. Since  $q(x_k^l) = q(y_k^l)$  for every  $k \in K$ , it follows that  $G \cap Z_n^l$  is infinite and hence that  $\text{Is}(Z_n^l) = \emptyset$ .

To prove that  $\text{inv}(\text{Clop}(Z)) = (n + 1, 0, 1)$  it suffices, by Lemma 5.8, to show that  $Z_{n+1}^l = \emptyset = Z_{n+1}^r$ ,  $R \in \overline{\text{Is}(Z_n^r)} - \text{Is}(Z_n^r)$ , and  $L \in Z_n^l - \overline{\text{Is}(Z_n^l)}$ . We have already seen that  $L \in Z_n^l$  and  $\text{Is}(Z_n^l) = \emptyset$ , from which it follows that  $Z_{n+1}^l = \emptyset$  and  $L \in Z_n^l - \overline{\text{Is}(Z_n^l)}$ . That  $R \in \overline{\text{Is}(Z_n^r)} - \text{Is}(Z_n^r)$  and  $Z_{n+1}^r = \emptyset$  both follow from Lemma 5.7.

So by induction there are, for every integer  $n \geq 0$ , normal  $P$ -spaces whose clopen algebras have the invariants  $(n, 0, 1)$  and also normal  $P$ -spaces whose clopen algebras have the invariants  $(n, 1, 0)$ . Fix  $n \geq 0$  and let  $m$  be a countable cardinal greater than zero. Next we build a normal  $P$ -space whose clopen algebra has invariants  $(n, 0, m)$ . Let  $\{Y_k\}_{k \in K}$  be a collection of normal  $P$ -spaces such that  $|K| = m$  and  $\text{inv}(\text{Clop}(Y_k)) = (n, 0, 1)$  for each  $k \in K$ . Let

$$X = \bigoplus_{k \in K} Y_k.$$

From Proposition 4.1 we know that  $|\text{Is}((Y_k)_n)| = 1$  and  $(Y_k)_n = \overline{\text{Is}((Y_k)_n)}$  for each  $k \in K$ . So  $|\text{Is}(X_n)| = m$  and  $X_n = \overline{\text{Is}(X_n)}$  both follow from Lemma 5.5. Hence  $\text{inv}(\text{Clop}(W)) = (n, 0, m)$  by Proposition 4.2.

Next we build a normal  $P$ -space whose clopen algebra has invariants  $(n, 1, m)$ . Let  $Y$  be a normal  $P$ -space with  $\text{inv}(\text{Clop}(Y)) = (n, 1, 0)$ ,  $X$  be a normal  $P$ -space with  $\text{inv}(\text{Clop}(X)) = (n, 0, m)$ , and  $W = X \oplus Y$ . Then  $|\text{Is}(X_n)| = m$ ,  $X_n = \overline{\text{Is}(X_n)}$ ,  $\text{Is}(Y_n) = \emptyset$ , and  $Y_n \neq \overline{\text{Is}(Y_n)}$ . It follows from Lemma 5.5 that  $|\text{Is}(W_n)| = m$  and  $W_n \neq \overline{\text{Is}(W_n)}$ . Hence, by Proposition 4.2,  $\text{inv}(\text{Clop}(W)) = (n, 1, m)$  as desired.

Finally, we build a normal  $P$ -space whose clopen algebra has the invariants  $(\omega, 0, 0)$ . For each integer  $j \geq 0$  let  $Y_j$  be a normal  $P$ -space with

$\text{inv}(\text{Clop}(Y_j)) = (j, 0, 1)$ . Let

$$W = \bigoplus_{j \geq 0} Y_j.$$

By Proposition 4.2,  $(Y_j)_n \neq \emptyset$  whenever  $n \geq 0$  and  $j \geq n$ . So  $W_n \neq \emptyset$  for all  $n \geq 0$  by Lemma 5.5. Thus  $\text{inv}(\text{Clop}(X)) = (\omega, 0, 0)$  by Proposition 4.2 and the proof of Theorem 1.1 is complete.

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