

## EXTRAORDINARY DIMENSION OF MAPS

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ABSTRACT. We establish a characterization of the extraordinary dimension of perfect maps between metrizable spaces.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The paper deals with extensional dimension of maps, specially, with the extraordinary dimension introduced recently by Ščepin [10] and studied by the first author in [1]. If  $L$  is a  $CW$ -complex and  $X$  a metrizable space, we write  $\text{e-dim}X \leq L$  provided  $L$  is an absolute extensor for  $X$  (in such a case we say that the extensional dimension of  $X$  is  $\leq L$ , see [3], [4]). The extraordinary dimension of  $X$  generated by a complex  $L$ , notation  $\text{dim}_L X$ , is the smallest integer  $n$  such that  $\text{e-dim}X \leq \Sigma^n L$ , where  $\Sigma^n L$  is the  $n$ -th iterated suspension of  $L$  (by  $\Sigma^0 L$  we always denote the complex  $L$  itself). If  $L$  is the 0-dimensional sphere  $S^0$ , then  $\text{dim}_L$  coincides with the covering dimension  $\text{dim}$ . We also write  $\text{dim}_L f \leq n$ , where  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a given map, provided  $\text{dim}_L f^{-1}(y) \leq n$  for every  $y \in Y$ . Next is our main result.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a  $\sigma$ -perfect map of metrizable spaces, let  $L$  be a  $CW$ -complex and  $n \geq 1$ . Consider the following properties:*

- (1)  $\text{dim}_L f \leq n$ ;
- (2) *There exists an  $F_\sigma$  subset  $A$  of  $X$  such that  $\text{dim}_L A \leq n - 1$  and the restriction map  $f|(X \setminus A)$  is of dimension  $\text{dim}_L f|(X \setminus A) = 0$ ;*
- (3) *There exists a dense and  $G_\delta$  subset  $\mathcal{G}$  of  $C(X, \mathbb{I}^n)$  with the source limitation topology such that  $\text{dim}_L(f \times g) = 0$  for every  $g \in \mathcal{G}$ ;*
- (3') *There exists a map  $g: X \rightarrow \mathbb{I}^n$  is such that  $\text{dim}_L(f \times g) = 0$ .*

*Then (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (3')  $\Rightarrow$  (1) and (3')  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Moreover, (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) provided  $Y$  is a  $C$ -space and  $L$  is countable.*

Here,  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\sigma$ -perfect if  $X$  is the union of countably many closed sets  $X_i$  such that  $f(X_i) \subset Y$  are closed and the restriction maps  $f|X_i$  are perfect.

Theorem 1.1 is inspired by the following result of M. Levin and W. Lewis [7, Theorem 1.8]: If  $X$  and  $Y$  are metrizable compacta then (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (3')  $\Rightarrow$  (1) and

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(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (2')  $\Rightarrow$  (1), where (2') is obtained from our condition (2) by replacing  $\dim_L f|(X \setminus A) \leq 0$  with  $\dim f|(X \setminus A) \leq 0$ . Moreover, the implication (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) was also established in [7] for a finite-dimensional compactum  $Y$  and a countable  $CW$ -complex  $L$ .

Therefore, we have the following characterization of extraordinary dimension of perfect maps between metrizable spaces:

**Corollary 1.2.** *Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a perfect surjection between metrizable spaces with  $Y$  being a  $C$ -space. If  $L$  is a countable  $CW$ -complex, then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $\dim_L f \leq n$ ;
- (2) *There exists a dense and  $G_\delta$  subset  $\mathcal{G}$  of  $C(X, \mathbb{I}^n)$  with the source limitation topology such that  $\dim_L(f \times g) \leq 0$  for every  $g \in \mathcal{G}$ ;*
- (3) *There exists a map  $g: X \rightarrow \mathbb{I}^n$  is such that  $\dim_L(f \times g) \leq 0$ .*

*If, in addition,  $X$  is compact, then each of the above three conditions is equivalent to the following one:*

- (4) *There exists an  $F_\sigma$  set  $A \subset X$  such that  $\dim_L A \leq n - 1$  and the restriction map  $f|(X \setminus A)$  is of dimension  $\dim f|(X \setminus A) \leq 0$ .*

The equivalence of the first three conditions follow from Theorem 1.1. More precisely, by Theorem 1.1 we have the following implications: (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). When  $X$  is compact, the result of Levin-Lewis which was mentioned above yields that (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Therefore, combining the last two chains of implications, we can obtain the compact version of Corollary 1.2.

Corollary 1.2 is a parametric version of [1, Theorem 4.9]. For the covering dimension  $\dim$  such a characterization was obtained by Pasyukov [9] and Toruńczyk [11] in the realm of finite-dimensional compact metric spaces and extended in [12] to perfect maps between metrizable  $C$ -spaces. Since the class of  $C$ -spaces contains the class of finite-dimensional ones as a proper subclass (see [5]), the compact version of Corollary 1.2 is more general than the Levin-Lewis result [7, Theorem 1.8]. It is interesting to know whether all the conditions (1)-(4) in Corollary 1.2 remain equivalent without the compactness requirement on  $X$  and  $Y$ .

The source limitation topology on  $C(X, M)$ , where  $(M, d)$  is a metric space, can be described as follows: a subset  $U \subset C(X, M)$  is open if for every  $g \in U$  there exists a continuous function  $\alpha: X \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  such that  $\overline{B}(g, \alpha) \subset U$ . Here,  $\overline{B}(g, \alpha)$  denotes the set  $\{h \in C(X, M) : d(g(x), h(x)) \leq \alpha(x) \text{ for each } x \in X\}$ . The source limitation topology doesn't depend on the metric  $d$  if  $X$  is paracompact and  $C(X, M)$  with this topology has the Baire property provided  $(M, d)$  is a complete metric space. Moreover, if  $X$  is compact, then the source limitation topology coincides with the uniform convergence topology generated by  $d$ .

All function spaces in this paper, if not explicitly stated otherwise, are equipped with the source limitation topology.

## 2. SOME PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Throughout this section  $K$  is a closed and convex subset of a given Banach space  $E$  and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  a perfect map with  $X$  and  $Y$  paracompact spaces. Suppose that for every  $y \in Y$  we are given a property  $\mathcal{P}(y)$  of maps  $h: f^{-1}(y) \rightarrow K$  and let  $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathcal{P}(y) : y \in Y\}$ . By  $C_{\mathcal{P}}(X|H, K)$  we denote the set of all bounded maps  $g: X \rightarrow K$  such that  $g|_{f^{-1}(y)}$  has the property  $\mathcal{P}(y)$  for every  $y \in H$ , where  $H \subset Y$ . We also consider the set-valued map  $\psi_{\mathcal{P}}: Y \rightarrow 2^{C^*(X, K)}$ , defined by the formula  $\psi_{\mathcal{P}}(y) = C^*(X, K) \setminus C_{\mathcal{P}}(X|\{y\}, K)$ , where  $C^*(X, K)$  is the space of bounded maps from  $X$  into  $K$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** *Suppose that  $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathcal{P}(y)\}_{y \in Y}$  is a family of properties satisfying the following conditions:*

- (a)  $C_{\mathcal{P}}(X|H, K)$  is open in  $C^*(X, K)$  with respect to the source limitation topology for every closed  $H \subset Y$ ;
- (b)  $g \in C_{\mathcal{P}}(X|\{y\}, K)$  implies  $g \in C_{\mathcal{P}}(X|U, K)$  for some neighborhood  $U$  of  $y$  in  $Y$ .

*Then the map  $\psi_{\mathcal{P}}$  has a closed graph provided  $C^*(X, K)$  is equipped with the uniform convergence topology.*

*Proof.* The proof of this lemma follows the arguments from the proof of [12, Lemma 2.6].  $\square$

Recall that a closed subset  $F$  of the metrizable space  $M$  is said to be a  $Z_m$ -set in  $M$ , if the set  $C(\mathbb{I}^m, M \setminus F)$  is dense in  $C(\mathbb{I}^m, M)$  with respect to the uniform convergence topology, where  $\mathbb{I}^m$  is the  $m$ -dimensional cube. If  $F$  is a  $Z_m$ -set in  $M$  for every  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , we say that  $F$  is a  $Z$ -set in  $M$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** *Suppose  $y \in Y$  and  $\mathcal{P}(y)$  satisfy the following condition:*

- *For every  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  the set of all maps  $h \in C(\mathbb{I}^m \times f^{-1}(y), K)$  with each  $h|_{(\{z\} \times f^{-1}(y))}$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{I}^m$ , having the property  $\mathcal{P}(y)$  (as a map from  $f^{-1}(y)$  into  $K$ ) is dense in  $C(\mathbb{I}^m \times f^{-1}(y), K)$  with respect to the uniform convergence topology.*

*Then, for every  $\alpha: X \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  and  $g \in C^*(X, K)$ ,  $\psi_{\mathcal{P}}(y) \cap \overline{B}(g, \alpha)$  is a  $Z$ -set in  $\overline{B}(g, \alpha)$  provided  $\overline{B}(g, \alpha)$  is considered as subset of  $C^*(X, K)$  equipped with the uniform convergence topology and  $\psi_{\mathcal{P}}(y) \subset C^*(X, K)$  is closed.*

*Proof.* See the proof of [12, Lemma 2.8]  $\square$

**Proposition 2.3.** *Let  $Y$  be a  $C$ -space and  $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathcal{P}(y)\}_{y \in Y}$  such that:*

- (a) *the map  $\psi_{\mathcal{P}}$  has a closed graph;*

- (b)  $\psi_{\mathcal{P}}(y) \cap \overline{B}(g, \alpha)$  is a  $Z$ -set in  $\overline{B}(g, \alpha)$  for any continuous function  $\alpha: X \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ ,  $y \in Y$  and  $g \in C^*(X, K)$ , where  $\overline{B}(g, \alpha)$  is considered as a subspace of  $C^*(X, K)$  with the uniform convergence topology.

Then the set  $\{g \in C^*(X, K) : g \in C_{\mathcal{P}}(X|\{y\}, K) \text{ for every } y \in Y\}$  is dense in  $C^*(X, K)$  with respect to the source limitation topology.

*Proof.* Let  $G = \{g \in C^*(X, K) : g \in C_{\mathcal{P}}(X|\{y\}, K) \text{ for every } y \in Y\}$ . It suffices to show that, for fixed  $g_0 \in C^*(X, K)$  and a positive continuous function  $\alpha: X \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ , there exists  $g \in \overline{B}(g_0, \alpha) \cap G$ . We equip  $C^*(X, K)$  with the uniform convergence topology and consider the constant (and hence, lower semi-continuous) convex-valued map  $\phi: Y \rightarrow 2^{C^*(X, K)}$ ,  $\phi(y) = \overline{B}(g_0, \alpha_1)$ , where  $\alpha_1(x) = \min\{\alpha(x), 1\}$ . Because of the conditions (a) and (b), we can apply the selection theorem [6, Theorem 1.1] to obtain a continuous map  $h: Y \rightarrow C^*(X, K)$  such that  $h(y) \in \phi(y) \setminus \psi_{\mathcal{P}}(y)$  for every  $y \in Y$ . Observe that  $h$  is a map from  $Y$  into  $\overline{B}(g_0, \alpha_1)$  such that  $h(y) \in C_{\mathcal{P}}(X|\{y\}, K)$  for every  $y \in Y$ . Then  $g(x) = h(f(x))(x)$ ,  $x \in X$ , defines a bounded map  $g \in \overline{B}(g_0, \alpha)$  such that  $g|f^{-1}(y) = h(y)|f^{-1}(y)$ ,  $y \in Y$ . Therefore,  $g \in C_{\mathcal{P}}(X|\{y\}, K)$  for all  $y \in Y$ , i.e.,  $g \in \overline{B}(g_0, \alpha) \cap G$ .  $\square$

### 3. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.1

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Suppose that  $L$  is countable and  $Y$  is a  $C$ -space. Let  $X_i$  be closed subsets of  $X$  such that each  $f_i = f|X_i: X_i \rightarrow Y_i = f(X_i)$  is a perfect map and  $Y_i$  is closed in  $Y$ . Then all  $Y_i$ 's are  $C$ -spaces, and since the restriction maps  $\pi_i: C(X, \mathbb{I}^n) \rightarrow C(X_i, \mathbb{I}^n)$ ,  $\pi_i(g) = g|X_i$ , are open, the proof of this implication is reduced to the case when  $f$  is a perfect map. Consequently, we may assume that  $f$  is perfect.

By [13, Theorem 1.1] (see also [8]), there exists a map  $q$  from  $X$  into the Hilbert cube  $Q$  such that  $f \times q: X \rightarrow Y \times Q$  is an embedding. Let  $\{W_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a countable finitely-additive base for  $Q$ . For every  $i$  we choose a sequence of mappings  $h_{ij}: \overline{W}_i \rightarrow L$ , representing all the homotopy classes of mappings from  $\overline{W}_i$  to  $L$  (this is possible because  $L$  is a countable  $CW$ -complex). Following the notations from Section 2, for fixed  $i, j$  and  $y \in Y$  we say that a map  $g \in C(X, \mathbb{I}^n)$  has the property  $\mathcal{P}_{ij}(y)$  provided

the map  $h_{ij} \circ q: q^{-1}(\overline{W}_i) \rightarrow L$  can be continuously extended to a map over the set  $q^{-1}(\overline{W}_i) \cup (f^{-1}(y) \cap g^{-1}(t))$  for every  $t \in g(f^{-1}(y))$ .

Let  $\mathcal{P}_{ij} = \{\mathcal{P}_{ij}(y) : y \in Y\}$  and for every  $H \subset Y$  we denote  $C_{\mathcal{P}_{ij}}(X|H, \mathbb{I}^n)$  by  $C_{ij}(X|H, \mathbb{I}^n)$ . Hence,  $C_{ij}(X|H, \mathbb{I}^n)$  consists of all  $g \in C(X, \mathbb{I}^n)$  having the property  $C_{ij}(y)$  for every  $y \in H$ . Let  $\psi_{ij}: Y \rightarrow 2^{C(X, \mathbb{I}^n)}$  be the set-valued map  $\psi_{ij}(y) = C(X, \mathbb{I}^n) \setminus C_{ij}(X|\{y\}, \mathbb{I}^n)$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $g \in C_{ij}(X|\{y\}, \mathbb{I}^n)$ . Then, there exist a neighborhood  $U_y$  of  $y$  in  $Y$  and a neighbourhood  $V_t \subset \mathbb{I}^n$  of each  $t \in g(f^{-1}(y))$  such that  $h_{ij} \circ q$  can be extended to a map from  $q^{-1}(\overline{W_i}) \cup (f^{-1}(U_y) \cap g^{-1}(V_t))$  into  $L$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $g \in C_{ij}(X|\{y\}, \mathbb{I}^n)$ ,  $h_{ij} \circ q$  can be extended to a map from  $q^{-1}(\overline{W_i}) \cup (f^{-1}(y) \cap g^{-1}(t))$  into  $L$  for every  $t \in g(f^{-1}(y))$ . Because  $L$  is an absolute neighborhood extensor for  $X$ , there exists an open set  $G_t \subset X$  containing  $f^{-1}(y) \cap g^{-1}(t)$  and a map  $h_t: q^{-1}(\overline{W_i}) \cup G_t \rightarrow L$  extending  $h_{ij} \circ q$ . Using that  $f \times g$  is a closed map, we can find a neighborhood  $U_y^t \times V_t$  of  $(y, t)$  in  $Y \times \mathbb{I}^n$  such that  $S_t = (f \times g)^{-1}(U_y^t \times V_t) \subset G_t$ . Next, choose finitely many points  $t(k)$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , with  $f^{-1}(y) \subset \bigcup_{k=1}^m S_{t(k)}$  and a neighborhood  $U_y$  of  $y$  in  $Y$  such that  $U_y \subset \bigcap_{k=1}^m U_y^{t(k)}$  and  $f^{-1}(U_y) \subset \bigcup_{k=1}^m S_{t(k)}$  (this can be done since  $f$  is perfect). If  $t \in g(f^{-1}(y))$ , then  $t \in V_{t(k)}$  for some  $k$  and  $f^{-1}(U_y) \cap g^{-1}(V_{t(k)}) \subset S_{t(k)}$ . Since  $S_{t(k)} \subset G_{t(k)}$ , the map  $h_{t(k)}$  is an extension of  $h_{ij} \circ q$  over the set  $q^{-1}(\overline{W_i}) \cup (f^{-1}(U_y) \cap g^{-1}(V_{t(k)}))$   $\square$

**Lemma 3.2.** *The set  $C_{ij}(X|H, \mathbb{I}^n)$  is open in  $C(X, \mathbb{I}^n)$  for any  $i, j$  and closed  $H \subset Y$ .*

*Proof.* We follow the proof of [12, Lemma 2.5]. For a fixed  $g_0 \in C_{ij}(X|H, \mathbb{I}^n)$  we are going to find a function  $\alpha: X \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  such that  $\overline{B}(g_0, \alpha) \subset C_{ij}(X|H, \mathbb{I}^n)$ . By Lemma 3.1, for every  $z = (y, t) \in (f \times g_0)((f^{-1}(H)))$  there exists a neighborhood  $U_z$  in  $Y \times \mathbb{I}^n$  such that

(1)  $h_{ij} \circ q$  can be extended to a map from  $q^{-1}(\overline{W_i}) \cup (f \times g_0)^{-1}(U_z)$  into  $L$ .

Obviously,  $K = (f \times g_0)((f^{-1}(H)))$  is closed in  $Y \times \mathbb{I}^n$ , so there exists open  $G \subset Y \times \mathbb{I}^n$  with  $K \subset G \subset \overline{G} \subset U = \bigcup \{U_z : z \in K\}$ . Then  $\nu = \{U_z : z \in K\} \cup \{(Y \times \mathbb{I}^n) \setminus \overline{G}\}$  is an open cover of  $Y \times \mathbb{I}^n$ . Let  $\gamma$  be an open locally finite cover of  $Y \times \mathbb{I}^n$  such that the family

(2)  $\{St(W, \gamma) : W \in \gamma\}$  refines  $\nu$  and  $St(W, \gamma) \subset G$  provided  $W \cap K \neq \emptyset$ .

Consider the metric  $\rho = d + d_1$  on  $Y \times \mathbb{I}^n$ , where  $d$  is a metric on  $Y$  and  $d_1$  the usual metric on  $\mathbb{I}^n$ , and define the function  $\alpha: X \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  by  $\alpha(x) = 2^{-1} \sup \{\rho((f \times g_0)(x), (Y \times \mathbb{I}^n) \setminus W) : W \in \gamma\}$ . Let show that  $\overline{B}(g_0, \alpha) \subset C_{ij}(X|H, \mathbb{I}^n)$ . Take  $g \in \overline{B}(g_0, \alpha)$ ,  $y \in H$  and  $t \in g(f^{-1}(y))$ . Then,  $(y, t) = (f \times g)(x)$  for some  $x \in f^{-1}(y)$ . Since  $g$  is  $\alpha$ -close to  $g_0$ , there exists  $W \in \gamma$  such that  $W \cap K \neq \emptyset$  and  $W$  contains both  $(f \times g)(x)$  and  $(f \times g_0)(x)$ . It follows from (2) that  $(f \times g)^{-1}(W) \subset (f \times g_0)^{-1}(U_z)$  for some  $z \in K$ . In particular,  $f^{-1}(y) \cap g^{-1}(t) \subset (f \times g_0)^{-1}(U_z)$ . Consequently, by (1),  $h_{ij} \circ q$  is extendable to a map from  $q^{-1}(\overline{W_i}) \cup (f^{-1}(y) \cap g^{-1}(t))$  into  $L$ . Therefore,  $\overline{B}(g_0, \alpha) \subset C_{ij}(X|\{y\}, \mathbb{I}^n)$  for every  $y \in H$  which completes the proof.  $\square$

Because of Lemma 3.1 and Lemma 3.2, we can apply Lemma 2.1 to obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.3.** *For any  $i$  and  $j$  the map  $\psi_{ij}$  has a closed graph.*

**Lemma 3.4.** *Let  $g \in C(X, \mathbb{I}^n)$ ,  $\alpha: X \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  and  $y \in Y$ . Then, for any  $i, j$ ,  $\psi_{ij}(y) \cap \overline{B}(g, \alpha)$  is a  $Z$ -set in  $\overline{B}(g, \alpha)$  provided  $\overline{B}(g, \alpha)$  is considered as a subset of  $C(X, \mathbb{I}^n)$  with the uniform convergence topology.*

*Proof.* It follows from [7, Theorem 1.8, (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3)] that if  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , then all maps  $g: \mathbb{I}^m \times f^{-1}(y) \rightarrow \mathbb{I}^n$  such that  $\text{e-dim}((\{z\} \times f^{-1}(y)) \cap g^{-1}(t)) \leq L$  for every  $z \in \mathbb{I}^m$  and  $t \in \mathbb{I}^n$ , form a dense subset  $G$  of  $C(\mathbb{I}^m \times f^{-1}(y))$  with the uniform convergence topology. It is clear that, for every  $g \in G$  and  $z \in \mathbb{I}^m$ , the restriction  $g|(\{z\} \times f^{-1}(y))$ , considered as a map on  $f^{-1}(y)$ , has the following property:  $h_{ij} \circ q$  can be extended to a map from  $q^{-1}(\overline{W}_i) \cup (f^{-1}(y) \cap g^{-1}(t))$  into  $L$  for any  $t \in \mathbb{I}^n$ . Hence, we can apply Lemma 2.2 to conclude that  $\psi_{ij}(y) \cap \overline{B}(g, \alpha)$  is a  $Z$ -set in  $\overline{B}(g, \alpha)$ .  $\square$

Now, we can finish the proof of this implication. Because of Corollary 3.3 and Lemma 3.4, we can apply Proposition 2.3 to obtain that the set  $C_{ij} = C_{ij}(X|Y, \mathbb{I}^n)$  is dense in  $C(X, \mathbb{I}^n)$  for every  $i, j$ . Since, by Lemma 3.2, all  $C_{ij}$  are also open, their intersection  $\mathcal{G}$  is dense and  $G_\delta$  in  $C(X, \mathbb{I}^n)$ . Let show that  $\dim_L(f \times g) \leq 0$  for every  $g \in \mathcal{G}$ , i.e.,  $\text{e-dim}(f \times g) \leq L$ . We fix  $y \in Y$  and  $t \in \mathbb{I}^n$  and consider the fiber  $(f \times g)^{-1}(y, t) = f^{-1}(y) \cap g^{-1}(t)$ . Take a closed set  $A \subset f^{-1}(y) \cap g^{-1}(t)$  and a map  $h: A \rightarrow L$ . Because the map  $q_y = q|f^{-1}(y)$  is a homeomorphism,  $h' = h \circ q_y^{-1}: q(A) \rightarrow L$  is well defined. Next, extend  $h'$  to a map from a neighborhood  $W$  of  $q(A)$  (in  $Q$ ) into  $L$  and find  $W_i$  with  $q(A) \subset W_i \subset \overline{W}_i \subset W$ . Therefore, there exists a map  $h'': \overline{W}_i \rightarrow L$  extending  $h'$ . Then  $h''$  is homotopy equivalent to some  $h_{ij}$ , so are  $h'' \circ q$  and  $h_{ij} \circ q$  (considered as maps from  $q^{-1}(\overline{W}_i)$  into  $L$ ). Since  $h_{ij} \circ q$  can be extended to a map from  $q^{-1}(\overline{W}_i) \cup (f^{-1}(y) \cap g^{-1}(t))$  into  $L$ , by the Homotopy Extension Theorem, there exists a map  $\bar{h}: q^{-1}(\overline{W}_i) \cup (f^{-1}(y) \cap g^{-1}(t)) \rightarrow L$  extending  $h'' \circ q$ . Obviously,  $\bar{h}|(f^{-1}(y) \cap g^{-1}(t))$  extends  $h$ . Hence,  $\text{e-dim}(f^{-1}(y) \cap g^{-1}(t)) \leq L$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (3')  $\Rightarrow$  (1) The implication (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (3') is trivial. It is easily seen that in the proof of (3')  $\Rightarrow$  (1) we can assume  $f$  is perfect. Let  $g: X \rightarrow \mathbb{I}^n$  be such that  $\dim_L(f \times g) \leq 0$  and  $y \in Y$ . Then the restriction  $g|f^{-1}(y): f^{-1}(y) \rightarrow \mathbb{I}^n$  is a perfect map with all of its fibers having extensional dimension  $\text{e-dim} \leq L$ . Hence, by [2, Corollary],  $\text{e-dim} f^{-1}(y) \leq \Sigma^n L$ , i.e.,  $\dim_L f \leq n$ .

(3')  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Because of the countable sum theorem, we can suppose that  $f$  is perfect. We fix a map  $g: X \rightarrow \mathbb{I}^n$  such that  $\dim_L(f \times g) \leq 0$ . According to [12, Lemma 4.1], there exists an  $F_\sigma$  subset  $B \subset Y \times \mathbb{I}^n$  such that  $\dim B \leq n - 1$  and

$\dim(\{y\} \times \mathbb{I}^n) \setminus B \leq 0$  for every  $y \in Y$ . Then, applying again [2, Corollary], we conclude that the set  $A = (f \times g)^{-1}(B)$  is as required.

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