## A CHARACTARIZATION OF M-MAPS

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper, all spaces are topological spaces and all maps are continuous. Throughout this paper,  $(B, \tau)$  is a base space, N(b) is the family of all open neighborhoods of  $b \in B$ . For undefined terminology and notations, see the papers of references.

Following theorems are known for M-spaces in the category TOP.

**Theorem 1.1.** Let X be a paracompact Hausdorff space. X is an M-space if and only if X is a p-space.

**Theorem 1.2.** Let X be a paracompact Hausdorff space. X is a p-space if and only if X is closedly embeddable to a product of a metric space and a compact Hausdorff space.

**Theorem 1.3.** A topological space X is an M-space if and only if there exist a metric space Y and a quasi-perfect surjection  $f: X \to Y$ .

Bai and Miwa [1] tried to extend these theorems to the fibrewise category  $TOP_B$  and had the following results:

**Theorem 1.4** ([1] Theorem 5.1). A paracompact map  $f: X \to B$  is an *M*-map if and only if f is a *p*-map.

As a partial result corresponds to Theorem 1.2, they have the following:

**Theorem 1.5** ([1] Theorem 6.6). If  $f: X \to B$  is a map such that a preimage-map of an MT-map  $g: Y \to B$  under a perfect morphism  $\lambda: f \to g$ , then f is closedly embeddable to a product of g and a  $T_2$ -compactification  $f': X' \to B$  of f.

In their paper, the following problem was posed:

**Problem 1.6** ([1] Problem 6.4). Let  $f: X \to B$  be an *M*-map. Does there exist an *MT*-map  $g: Y \to B$  and a quasi-perfect morphism  $\lambda: f \to g$ ?

In this paper, we define a notion of strong M-maps and we show an answer (Theorem 3.6) to this problem for strong M-maps..

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

First, we recall the definition of MT-maps (see Definition 2.3) from [3].

**Definition 2.1** ([3] Definition 2.5). A map  $f: X \to B$  is collectionwise prenormal if for any discrete collection  $\{F_s | s \in S\}$  of closed subsets of X and every  $b \in B$ , there exist  $W \in N(b)$  and a discrete collection  $\{U_s | s \in S\}$  of open subsets of  $X_W$  such that  $F_s \cap X_W \subset U_s$ .

The map f is said to be collectionwise normal if for every  $W \in \tau$ , the map  $f|_{X_W} : X_W \to W$  is collectionwise prenormal.

**Definition 2.2** ([3] Definition 2.8). Let  $\mathcal{W}_1, \mathcal{W}_2, \cdots$  be a sequence of open (in X) covers of  $X_b$  ( $b \in B$ ).

 $\{\mathcal{W}_n\}$  is a *b*-development if for each  $x \in X_b$  and every neighborhood U(x) of x in X, there exist  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $W \in N(b)$  such that  $x \in \operatorname{st}(x, \mathcal{W}_n) \cap X_W \subset U(x)$ .

f has an f-development if f has a b-development for every  $b \in B$ .

**Definition 2.3** ([3] Definition 2.9). Let  $f: X \to B$  be a closed map. f is a *metrizable type map* (shortly, MT-map) if f is collectionwise normal and has an f-development.

In [3] many characterizations of MT-maps are given. One of them is as follow:

**Theorem 2.4** ([3] Theorem 2.15). For a continuous map  $f : X \to B$  the following are equivalent:

(1) f is an MT-map,

(2) f is a closed  $T_0$ -map with a normal f-development.

### 3. MAIN THEOREM

To show our main result (Theorem 3.6), we introduce a notion of "strong MT-maps".

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $f: X \to B$  be a closed  $T_0$ -map. f is a strong MT-map if f has a normal f-development  $\{\{\mathcal{U}_n(b)\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}|b\in B\}$  satisfying following conditions:

(\*): for each  $b \in B$  and each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $W \in N(b)$  such that

- (1)  $\mathcal{U}_n(b)$  is a covering of  $X_W$ ,
- (2) for any  $b' \in W$ , there exist  $W' \in N(b)$  and  $n' \in \mathbb{N}$  such that
  - (a)  $\mathcal{U}_{n'}(b')$  is a covering of  $X_{W'}$ ,
  - (b)  $W' \subset W$  and  $\mathcal{U}_{n'}(b')|_{X_{W'}} < \mathcal{U}_n(b)$ .

The following is trivial.

Lemma 3.2. Strong *MT*-maps are *MT*-maps.

Next, we recall the notion of M-maps from [1]. We notice that in the definition of an M-map, the condition " $T_2$ -compactifiable" does not need.

**Definition 3.3** ([1] Definition 4.1). Let  $f: X \to B$  be a map. f is an M-map if for each  $b \in B$ , there exists  $\{\mathcal{U}_n(b)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  which is a sequence of open (in X) covers of  $X_b$  satisfying:

- (M1) If  $x \in X_b$  and  $x_n \in \operatorname{st}(x, \mathcal{U}_n(b)) \cap X_b$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  has an accumulation point in  $X_b$ .
- (M2) For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{U}_{n+1}(b)$  is a *b*-star refinement of  $\mathcal{U}_n(b)$ .

We introduce a slightly strengthened notion of M-map as follow.

**Definition 3.4.**  $f: X \to B$  is a strong *M*-map if for each  $b \in B$ , there exists  $\{\{\mathcal{U}_n(b)\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}} | b \in B\}$  where  $\{\mathcal{U}_n(b)\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  is a sequence of open (in *X*) coverings of  $X_b$  which satisfies following conditions:

- (sM1) If for each  $x \in X_b$  and  $x_{nW} \in \operatorname{st}(x, \mathcal{U}_n(b)) \cap X_W$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and  $W \in N(b)$ , then  $\{x_{nW}\}$  has an accumulation point in  $X_b$ .
- (sM2) For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{U}_{n+1}(b)$  is a *b*-star refinement of  $\mathcal{U}_n(b)$ .
- (sM3) For each  $b \in B$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $W \in N(b)$  such that  $\mathcal{U}_n(b)$  is a covering of  $X_W$  and for every  $b' \in W$  there exist  $W' \in N(b')$  and  $n' \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\mathcal{U}_{n'}(b')$  is a covering of  $X_{W'}$ ,  $W' \subset W$  and

$$|\mathcal{U}_{n'}(b')|_{X_{W'}} < \mathcal{U}_n(b)$$

The following is trivial in a sense of the Definition 3.3.

Lemma 3.5. Strong *M*-maps are *M*-maps.

For strong M-maps, we have a characterization as follow:

**Theorem 3.6.** A closed  $T_1$ -map  $f: X \to B$  is a strong *M*-map if and only if there exist a strong *MT*-map  $g: Y \to B$  and a quasi-perfect surjective morphism  $\lambda: f \to g$ .

Proof. Let  $\lambda$  be a quasi-perfect morphism from f onto a strong MTmap  $g: Y \to B$ . Let  $\{\{\mathcal{V}_i(b) | i \in \mathbb{N}\} | b \in B\}$  be a normal g-development on g satisfying the condition (\*) of Definition 3.1. Let  $\mathcal{U}_i(b) := \lambda^{-1}(\mathcal{V}_i), i \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\{U_i(b) | i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  forms a normal sequence of open (in X) coverings of  $X_b$  satisfying the conditions (sM2) and (sM3).

To prove the condition (sM1), let  $x \in X_b$  and  $x_{iW} \in \operatorname{st}(x, \mathcal{U}_i(b)) \cap X_W$ for every  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $W \in N(b)$ . Since  $\lambda(x_{iW}) \in \operatorname{st}(\lambda(x), \mathcal{V}_i) \cap Y_W$ ,  $\{\lambda(x_{iW})\}$  has an accumulation point  $y \in Y_b$ . Assume that  $\overline{\{x_{iW}\}} \cap \lambda^{-1}(y) = \emptyset$ . Since  $\lambda$  is closed, there exists  $V \in N(y)$  such that  $\{x_{iW}\} \cap \lambda^{-1}(V) = \emptyset$ . Thus  $V \cap \{\lambda(x_{iW})\} = \emptyset$ . This contradicts to  $y \in \overline{\{\lambda(x_{iW})\}}$ . Therefore  $\{x_{iW}\}$  has an accumulation point in  $X_b$ , which shows (sM1).

Conversely, let f be a strong M-map and  $\{\mathcal{U}_i(b)|i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  a normal sequence of open coverings of  $X_b$  satisfying (sM1)-(sM3).

We put  $\Phi = \{ \{\mathcal{U}_i(b)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} | b \in B \}$ . We shall denote that  $(X, \Phi)$  is a topological space with a topology defined by taking the following system  $\mathcal{B}(x)$  as a neighborhood basis for  $x \in X_b$ :

$$\mathcal{B}(x) = \{ \operatorname{st}(x, \mathcal{U}_i(b)) \cap X_W | i \in \mathbb{N}, W \in N(b) \}.$$

We shall show that  $\mathcal{B}(x), x \in X_b (b \in B)$  is a neighborhood basis. First, it is clear that if  $x \in X_b(b \in B)$ , then  $\mathcal{B}(x) \neq \emptyset$  and  $x \in U$  for every  $U \in \mathcal{B}(x)$ . Next, let  $U_1, U_2 \in \mathcal{B}(x)$ . Then  $U_1 = \operatorname{st}(x, \mathcal{U}_i(b)) \cap X_W, U_2 =$  $\operatorname{st}(x,\mathcal{U}_j(b))\cap X_{W'}$  for some  $i,j\in\mathbb{N}$  and  $W,W'\in N(b)$ . We can assume i < j. If so,  $\mathcal{U}_j(b) <^* \mathcal{U}_i(b)$ . Put  $W'' = W \cap W'$ . Then we have that  $\operatorname{st}(x,\mathcal{U}_j(b))\cap X_{W''}\in \mathcal{B}(x) ext{ and } \operatorname{st}(x,\mathcal{U}_j(b))\cap X_{W''}\subset U_1\cap U_2. ext{ Last},$ let  $U = \operatorname{st}(x, \mathcal{U}_i(b)) \cap X_W \in \mathcal{B}(x)$  for some  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $W \in N(b)$ . Let  $V = \operatorname{st}(x, \mathcal{U}_{i+1}(b)) \cap X_W$ . It is clear  $V \in \mathcal{B}(x)$ . We shall show that for every  $y \in V$  there exists  $V' \in \mathcal{B}(y)$  such that  $V' \subset U$ . Let b' = f(y), then  $b' \in W$ . From the conditions (sM2) and (sM3) there exist  $W' \in N(b')$  and  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $W' \subset W$  and  $\mathcal{U}_j(b')|_{X_{W'}} <^*$  $\mathcal{U}_{i+1}(b)$ . Let  $V' = \operatorname{st}(y,\mathcal{U}_j(b')) \cap X_{W'}$ . We shall show  $V' \subset U$ . If  $z \in V'$ , then there exists  $V_1 \in \mathcal{U}_j(b')$  such that  $y, z \in V_1 \cap X_{W'}$ . Hence  $y,z \in \operatorname{st}(V_1 \cap X_{W'},\mathcal{U}_j(b')|_{X_{W'}}) \subset V_2$  for some  $V_2 \in \mathcal{U}_{i+1}(b)$ . Since  $y \in V$ , there exists  $V_3 \in \mathcal{U}_{i+1}(b)$  such that  $x, y \in V_3 \cap X_W$ . Noting  $V_2 \cap V_3 \neq \emptyset$ , we have  $x, z \in \operatorname{st}(V_3, \mathcal{U}_{i+1}(b)) \subset U_2$  for some  $U_2 \in \mathcal{U}_i(b)$ . Hence  $z \in \operatorname{st}(x, \mathcal{U}_i(b)) \cap X_W = U$ .

Thus we obtain a new topological space  $(X, \Phi)$ . Let define a function  $\tilde{f}: (X, \Phi) \to B, x \mapsto f(x)$ , then it is clear that  $\tilde{f}$  is continuous. For any  $A \subset X$  we put

 $\operatorname{Int}(A; \Phi) = \{ x \in X | \exists i \in \mathbb{N}, \exists W \in N(f(x)); (\operatorname{st}(x, \mathcal{U}_i(f(x))) \cap X_W \subset A) \}.$ 

Then  $Int(A; \Phi)$  is open in  $(X, \Phi)$ . Define a relation  $\sim$  by  $x \sim x'$  if and only if  $x, x' \in X_b$  for some  $b \in B$  and  $x' \in \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} \operatorname{st}(x, \mathcal{U}_i(b))$ .

Then it is easy to see that  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation on  $\tilde{f}$ . Let Y be a fibrewise quotient space  $X/\sim$  obtained from  $(X, \Phi)$  and  $\nu$  be the quotient map of  $(X, \Phi)$  onto Y (Note that Y has the projection  $g: Y \to B$  which is defined as  $\nu(x) \mapsto \tilde{f}(x)$ ). Then we shall show that for  $A \subset X$ 

$$(**) \quad \nu^{-1}(\nu(\operatorname{Int}(A; \Phi))) = \operatorname{Int}(A; \Phi).$$

In fact, if  $x \in \nu^{-1}(\nu(\operatorname{Int}(A; \Phi)))$ , then  $\nu(x) \in \nu(\operatorname{Int}(A; \phi))$ . Therefore there exists  $x' \in \operatorname{Int}(A; \Phi)$  such that  $x \sim x'$ . Because  $x' \in \operatorname{Int}(A; \Phi)$ , there exist  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $W \in N(b)$  such that  $\operatorname{st}(x', \mathcal{U}_i(b)) \cap X_W \subset A$  where  $b = \tilde{f}(x')$ . Since  $x \sim x', x \in \operatorname{st}(x', \mathcal{U}_{i+1}(b))$  thus

$$\operatorname{st}(x,\mathcal{U}_{i+1}(b))\cap X_W\subset\operatorname{st}(\operatorname{st}(x',\mathcal{U}_{i+1}(b)),\mathcal{U}_{i+1}(b))\cap X_W$$
  
 $\subset\operatorname{st}(x',\mathcal{U}_i(b))\cap X_W$   
 $\subset A.$ 

This shows  $x \in Int(A; \Phi)$ . Converse inclusion is clear.

The equality (\*\*) means  $\nu$  is an open continuous morphism from  $(X, \Phi)$  onto Y. Let  $\iota$  be an identity map from X onto  $(X, \Phi)$ . It is clear that  $\iota$  is continuous. We put  $\lambda = \nu \circ \iota$ . Now we shall show that (1)  $g: Y \to B$  is a strong *MT*-map, where  $g(\nu(x)) = f(x)$ , and (2)  $\lambda: f \to g$  is quasi-perfect.

(1) First, since f is closed, so is g. From the condition (sM3) of the map f it is easy to show that g satisfies the condition (\*) of Definition 3.1.

Next, let  $\mathcal{V}_n(b) := \{\nu(U) | U \in \mathcal{U}_n(b)\}$ , then it is clear that  $\{\mathcal{V}_n(b) | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a normal sequence of open (in X) coverings of  $Y_b$ . For  $y = \nu(x) \in Y_b$  and a neighborhood V(y) of y in Y, there exist  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $W \in N(b)$  such that  $\operatorname{st}(x, \mathcal{U}_i(b)) \cap X_W \subset \nu^{-1}(V(y))$ . We shall show that  $\operatorname{st}(y, \mathcal{V}_i(b)) \cap Y_W \subset V(y)$ . In fact, let  $y' \in \operatorname{st}(y, \mathcal{V}_i(b)) \cap Y_W$ , then there exists  $U \in \mathcal{U}_i(b)$  such that  $y, y' \in \nu(U)$ . There exists  $x' \in U$  such that  $\nu(x') = y'$ . Hence  $x, x' \in U$ . Thus  $x' \in \operatorname{st}(x, \mathcal{U}_i(b)) \subset \nu^{-1}(V(y))$  and we have  $y' = \nu(x') \in V(y)$ . Therefore  $\operatorname{st}(y, \mathcal{V}_i(b)) \cap Y_W \subset V(y)$ . Thus  $\{\mathcal{V}_i(b)\}$  is a normal b-development.

Last, g is a  $T_1$ -map. Because if  $\nu(x) \neq \nu(x')$  and  $x, x' \in X_b$ , then there exists *i* such that  $x' \notin \operatorname{st}(x, \mathcal{U}_i(b))$ . Thus  $\nu(x') \notin \operatorname{st}(\nu(x), \mathcal{V}_i(b))$ . Hence g is an *MT*-map by [3] Theorem 2.15.

(2) First, we shall prove closedness of  $\lambda$ .

Let  $A \subset X$  be closed and  $y_0 \in \overline{\lambda(A)}$ ,  $y_0 \in Y_b$ . Let  $x_0 \in \lambda^{-1}(y_0)$ . Since  $\operatorname{st}(\operatorname{st}(x_0, \mathcal{U}_{i+1}(b)), \mathcal{U}_{i+1}(b)) \subset \operatorname{st}(x_0, \mathcal{U}_i(b))$ , we have

$$\operatorname{st}(x_0,\mathcal{U}_{i+1}(b))\subset\operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{st}(x_0,\mathcal{U}_i(b));\Phi)\subset\operatorname{st}(x_0,\mathcal{U}_i(b)).$$

Hence  $\nu(\operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{st}(x_0, \mathcal{U}_i(b)); \Phi)) \cap Y_{W_i} \cap \lambda(A) \neq \emptyset$ . Thus

 $\nu^{-1}(\nu(\operatorname{Int}(\operatorname{st}(x_0,\mathcal{U}_i(b));\Phi)))\cap X_{W_i}\cap A\neq \emptyset.$ 

This means  $\operatorname{st}(x_0, \mathcal{U}_i(b)) \cap X_{W_j} \cap A \neq \emptyset$  for  $i = 1, 2, \cdots$ . Now we select  $x_{iW} \in \operatorname{st}(x_0, \mathcal{U}_i(b)) \cap X_W \cap A$  for  $i = 1, 2, \cdots, W \in N(b)$ . By (sM1) there exists an accumulation point  $x' \in X_b$ . Since A is closed, we have  $x' \in A$  and  $x' \in \operatorname{st}(x_0, \mathcal{U}_i(b)), i = 1, 2, \cdots$ . Thus  $x_0 \sim x'$ . This shows  $y_0 = \nu(x_0) = \nu(x') \in \lambda(A)$ . Hence  $\lambda$  is closed.

Next, let  $\{x_i\}$  be a sequence in  $\nu^{-1}(y_0)$ ,  $y_0 \in Y_b$ . Let  $x_0 \in \nu^{-1}(y_0)$ . Then  $x_i \in \operatorname{st}(x_0, \mathcal{U}_j(b)) \cap X_b$  for  $i, j = 1, 2, \cdots$ . Hence  $\{x_i\}$  has an accumulation point in  $\nu^{-1}(y_0)$  by (sM1). This shows  $\nu^{-1}(y_0)$  is countably compact. Therefore  $\lambda$  is quasi-perfect morphism. This completes the proof.

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