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*Monotonically normal  $e$ -separable spaces may not be perfect*

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**Abstract:** A topological space  $X$  is said to be  $e$ -separable if  $X$  has a  $\sigma$ -closed-discrete dense subset. Recently, G. Gruenhage and D. Lutzer showed that  $e$ -separable PIGO spaces are perfect and asked if  $e$ -separable monotonically normal spaces are perfect in general. The main purpose of this article is to provide examples of  $e$ -separable monotonically normal spaces which are not perfect. Extremely normal  $e$ -separable spaces are shown to be stratifiable.

**Keywords:** monotonically normal space;  $\sigma$ -closed-discrete dense set;  $e$ -separable space; perfect space; perfectly normal space; point network; perfect images of generalized ordered space

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