

## On spaces with locally countable weak-bases

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we discuss the relationships between spaces with locally countable weak-bases and spaces with various locally countable networks, establish the relationships between spaces with locally countable weak-bases and locally separable metric spaces, and show that spaces have locally countable weak-bases if and only if they are locally Lindelöf,  $g$ -metrizable spaces. These are improvement of the results in [5,6].

### 1. Introduction

Weak-bases were introduced by A.V.Arhangel'skii [1]. Spaces with locally countable weak-bases were introduced and discussed in [5,6], and some results were showed. For example:

**Theorem A** [5, 6] The following are equivalent for a space  $X$ :

- (1)  $X$  has a locally countable weak-base.
- (2)  $X$  is a  $g$ -first countable space with a locally countable  $k$ -network.
- (3)  $X$  is a topological sum of  $g$ -second countable spaces.

**Theorem B** [5] A space has a locally countable weak-base if and only if it is a quotient,  $\pi$  (or compact),  $ss$ -image of a metric space.

In this paper, we further discuss spaces with locally countable weak-bases. In section 2, we discuss the relationships between spaces with locally countable weak-bases and spaces with various locally countable networks. In section 3, we establish the relationships between spaces with locally countable weak-bases and locally separable metric spaces. In section 4, we show that spaces have locally countable weak-bases if and only if they are locally Lindelöf,  $g$ -metrizable spaces.

Throughout this paper, all spaces are regular and  $T_1$ , all mappings are continuous and surjective.  $N$  denotes the set of all natural numbers.  $\omega$  denotes  $N \cup \{0\}$ .

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## 2. The relationships between spaces with locally countable weak-bases and spaces with various locally countable networks

**Definition 2.1** Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a cover of a space  $X$ .

(1)  $\mathcal{P}$  is a network  $X$  if, whenever  $x \in V$  with  $V$  open in  $X$ , then  $x \in P \subset V$  for some  $P \in \mathcal{P}$ .

(2)  $\mathcal{P}$  is a  $k$ -network [17] for  $X$  if for each compact subset  $K$  of  $X$  and its open neighborhood  $V$  in  $X$ , there exists a finite subfamily  $\mathcal{P}'$  of  $\mathcal{P}$  such that  $K \subset \cup \mathcal{P}' \subset V$ .

(3)  $\mathcal{P}$  is a  $cs$ -network [18] for  $X$  if for each  $x \in X$ , its open neighborhood  $V$  in  $X$  and a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converging to  $x$  in  $X$ , there exists  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  such that  $\{x_n : n \geq m\} \cup \{x\} \subset P \subset V$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

(4)  $\mathcal{P}$  is a  $cs^*$ -network [19] for  $X$  if for each  $x \in X$ , its open neighborhood  $V$  in  $X$  and a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converging to  $x$  in  $X$ , there exists a subsequence  $\{x_{n_i}\}$  such that  $\{x_{n_i} : i \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{x\} \subset P \subset V$  for some  $P \in \mathcal{P}$ .

A space  $X$  is an  $\aleph$ -space [5] if  $X$  has a  $\sigma$ -locally finite  $k$ -network.

**Definition 2.2** [12] For a space  $X$  and  $x \in P \subset X$ ,  $P$  is a sequential neighborhood of  $x$  in  $X$  if, whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence converging to  $x$  in  $X$ , then  $x_n \in P$  for all but finitely many  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $P$  is a sequential open set of  $X$  if for each  $x \in P$ ,  $P$  is a sequential neighborhood of  $x$  in  $X$ .

A space  $X$  is a sequential space if each sequential open set of  $X$  is open in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.3** Let  $\mathcal{P} = \cup \{\mathcal{P}_x : x \in X\}$  be a family of subsets of a space  $X$  satisfying that for each  $x \in X$ ,

(1)  $\mathcal{P}_x$  is a network of  $x$  in  $X$ .

(2) If  $U, V \in \mathcal{P}_x$ , then  $W \subset U \cap V$  for some  $W \in \mathcal{P}_x$ .

$\mathcal{P}$  is a weak-base [1] for  $X$  if  $G \subset X$  such that for each  $x \in G$ , there exists  $P \in \mathcal{P}_x$  satisfying  $P \subset G$ , then  $G$  is open in  $X$ .  $\mathcal{P}$  is an  $sn$ -network [10] (i.e., an sequential neighborhood network) for  $X$  if each element of  $\mathcal{P}_x$  is a sequential neighborhood of  $x$  in  $X$ , here  $\mathcal{P}_x$  is an  $sn$ -network of  $x$  in  $X$ .

A space  $X$  is  $g$ -first countable [1] (resp.  $sn$ -first countable [7]) if  $X$  has a weak-base (resp. an  $sn$ -network)  $\mathcal{P}$  such that each  $\mathcal{P}_x$  is countable.

A space  $X$  is  $g$ -second countable [1] if  $X$  has a countable weak-base.

A space  $X$  is  $g$ -metrizable [4] (resp.  $sn$ -metrizable [23]) if  $X$  has a  $\sigma$ -locally finite weak-base (resp.  $sn$ -network) .

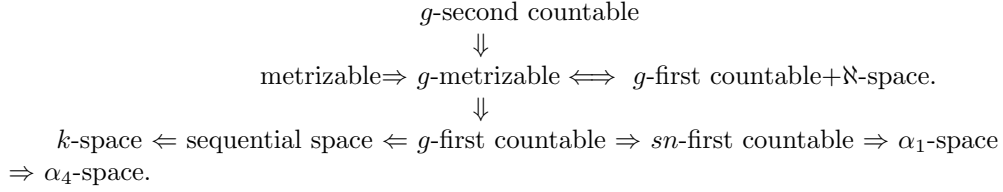
For a space, weak-base  $\Rightarrow sn$ -network  $\Rightarrow cs$ -network  $\Rightarrow cs^*$ -network. An  $sn$ -network for a sequential space is a weak-base [10].

**Definition 2.4** Call a subspace of a space a fan (at a point  $x$ ) if it consists of a point  $x$ , and a countably infinite family of disjoint sequences converging to  $x$ . Call a subset of a fan a diagonal if it is a convergent sequence meeting infinitely many of the sequences converging to  $x$  and converges to some point in the fan.

(1) A space  $X$  is an  $\alpha_1$ -space [2, 3] if  $T = \{x\} \cup (\cup \{T_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\})$  is a fan at  $x$  of  $X$ , where each sequence  $T_n$  converges to  $x$ , then there exists a sequence  $S$  converging to  $x$  such that  $T_n \setminus S$  is finite for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

(2) A space  $X$  is an  $\alpha_4$ -space [2, 3] if every fan at  $x$  of  $X$  has a diagonal converging to  $x$ .

We have the following implications for a space  $X$  [4, 7, 20].



**Lemma 2.5** [15] The following are equivalent for a space  $X$ :

- (1)  $X$  has a locally countable  $k$ -network.
- (2)  $X$  has a locally countable  $cs$ -network.
- (3)  $X$  has a locally countable  $cs^*$ -network.

**Lemma 2.6** The following are equivalent for a space  $X$ :

- (1)  $X$  has a locally countable  $sn$ -network.
- (2)  $X$  is an  $sn$ -first countable space with a locally countable  $cs$ -network ( $k$ -network,  $cs^*$ -network).
- (3)  $X$  is an  $\alpha_1$ -space with a locally countable  $cs$ -network ( $k$ -network,  $cs^*$ -network).
- (4)  $X$  is an  $\alpha_4$ -space with a locally countable  $cs$ -network ( $k$ -network,  $cs^*$ -network).

**Proof.** (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) $\Rightarrow$ (3) $\Rightarrow$ (4) are clear.

(4) $\Rightarrow$ (2) holds by Theorem 3.13 in [7].

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (1). Suppose  $X$  is an  $sn$ -first countable space with a locally countable  $cs$ -network. Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a locally countable  $cs$ -network for  $X$  which is closed under finite intersections. For each  $x \in X$ , let  $\{B(n, x) : n \in N\}$  be a decrease  $sn$ -network at  $x$  in  $X$ . Put

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{F}_x &= \{P \in \mathcal{P} : B(n, x) \subset P \text{ for some } n \in N\}. \\
 \mathcal{F} &= \cup\{\mathcal{F}_x : x \in X\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Obviously,  $x \in \cap \mathcal{F}_x$  and  $\mathcal{F}_x$  is closed under finite intersections. Then  $\mathcal{F}$  satisfies Definition 2.3 (1),(2). We claim that each element of  $\mathcal{F}_x$  is a sequential neighborhood at  $x$  in  $X$ . Otherwise, there exists  $P \in \mathcal{F}_x$  such that  $P$  is not a sequential neighborhood at  $x$  in  $X$ . Then there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converging to  $x$  such that for each  $k \in N$ ,  $\{x_n : n > k\} \not\subset P$ . Take  $x_{n_1} \in \{x_n : n > 1\} \setminus P$ , then there exists a subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  such that each  $x_{n_{k+1}} \in \{x_n : n > n_k\} \setminus P$ . Obviously,  $x_{n_k}$  converges to  $x$ . Since  $P \in \mathcal{F}_x$ , then  $B(m, x) \subset P$  for some  $m \in N$ . Because  $B(m, x)$  is a sequential neighborhood at  $x$  in  $X$ , then  $\{x\} \cup \{x_{n_k} : k \geq j\} \subset B(m, x)$  for some  $j \in N$ , and so  $\{x_{n_k} : k \geq j\} \subset P$ , a contradiction. Hence  $\mathcal{F}$  is an  $sn$ -network for  $X$ . Obviously,  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{P}$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{F}$  is a locally countable  $sn$ -network for  $X$ .

**Theorem 2.7** The following are equivalent for a regular space  $X$ :

- (1)  $X$  has a locally countable weak-base.
- (2)  $X$  is a  $k$ -space with a locally countable  $sn$ -network.

(3)  $X$  is a  $k$ -and  $sn$ -first countable space with a locally countable  $cs$ -network ( $k$ -network,  $cs^*$ -network).

(4)  $X$  is a  $k$ -and  $\alpha_1$ -space with a locally countable  $cs$ -network ( $k$ -network,  $cs^*$ -network).

(5)  $X$  is a  $k$ -and  $\alpha_4$ -space with a locally countable  $cs$ -network ( $k$ -network,  $cs^*$ -network).

**Proof.** (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) is obvious.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (1). Suppose  $X$  is a  $k$ -space with a locally countable  $sn$ -network  $\mathcal{P}$ , then  $\mathcal{P}$  is a locally countable  $cs$ -network for  $X$ . By Lemma 2.5,  $X$  has a locally countable  $k$ -network. Since a  $k$ -space with a point countable  $k$ -network is sequential (see [14, Corollary 3.4]), then  $X$  is a sequential space. Thus  $\mathcal{P}$  is a weak-base for  $X$ . Hence  $X$  has a locally countable weak-base.

(2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (4)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (5) hold by Lemma 2.6.

**Corollary 2.8**[5, 6] The following are equivalent for a space  $X$ :

- (1)  $X$  has a locally countable weak-base.
- (2)  $X$  is a  $g$ -first countable space with a locally countable  $k$ -network.

### 3. The relationships between spaces with a locally countable weak-base and locally separable metric spaces

**Definition 3.1** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping.

(1)  $f$  is a compact-covering mapping [16] if each compact subset of  $Y$  is the image of some compact subset of  $X$ .

(2)  $f$  is a compact mapping if for each  $y \in Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(y)$  is compact in  $X$ .

(3)  $f$  is a  $\pi$ -mapping[13] if  $(X, d)$  is a metric space and for each  $y \in Y$  and its open neighborhood  $V$  in  $Y$ ,  $d(f^{-1}(y), X \setminus f^{-1}(V)) > 0$ .

(4)  $f$  is an  $ss$ -mapping [5] if for each  $y \in Y$ , there exists a open neighborhood  $V$  of  $y$  in  $Y$  such that  $f^{-1}(V)$  is separable in  $X$ .

Every compact mapping of a metric space is a  $\pi$ -mapping.

**Theorem 3.2** The following are equivalent for a space  $X$ :

- (1)  $X$  has a locally countable weak-base.
- (2)  $X$  is a compact-covering, quotient, compact,  $ss$ -image of a locally separable metric space.
- (3)  $X$  is a quotient, compact,  $ss$ -image of a locally separable metric space.
- (4)  $X$  is a quotient,  $\pi$ ,  $ss$ -image of a locally separable metric space.

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Suppose  $X$  has a locally countable weak-base. By Theorem A,  $X$  is a topological sum of  $g$ -second countable spaces. Let  $X = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$ , where each  $X_\alpha$  is a  $g$ -second countable space. By Corollary 4.7 in [8], there are a separable metric space  $M_\alpha$  and a compact-covering, quotient, compact mapping  $f_\alpha$  from  $M_\alpha$  onto  $X_\alpha$ . Put

$$M = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} M_\alpha \quad \text{and} \quad f = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} f_\alpha : M \rightarrow X.$$

Then  $M$  is a locally separable metric space and  $f$  is a quotient, compact,  $ss$ -mapping. It suffices to show that  $f$  is compact-covering.

For each compact subset  $K$  of  $X$ ,  $K \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n X_{\alpha_i}$  for some finitely many  $\alpha_i \in \Lambda$ . Since every  $X_{\alpha_i}$  is both open and closed in  $X$ ,  $K \cap X_{\alpha_i}$  is compact in  $X_{\alpha_i}$ , and so  $f_{\alpha_i}(L_i) = K \cap X_{\alpha_i}$  for some compact subset  $L_i$  of  $M_{\alpha_i}$  for each  $i \leq n$ . Let  $L = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n L_i$ .

Then  $L$  is compact in  $M$  with  $f(L) = K$ . Hence  $f$  is compact-covering.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) are obvious.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) holds by Theorem B.

**Remark 3.3** Let  $Z$  be the topological sum of the unite interval  $[0,1]$ , and the family  $\{S(x) : x \in [0, 1]\}$  of  $2^\omega$  convergent sequence  $S(x)$ . Let  $X$  be the space obtained from  $Z$  by identifying the limit point of  $S(x)$  with  $x \in [0, 1]$ , for each  $x \in [0, 1]$ . Then, from example 2.9.27 in [11] or see example 9.8 in [14], we have the following facts:

(1)  $X$  is a compact-covering, quotient, compact image of a locally compact metric space.

(2)  $X$  has no point-countable  $cs$ -network.

(3)  $X$  has no locally countable weak-base.

From the facts above, we have that the condition “ $ss$ ” in Theorem 3.2 cannot be omitted.

#### 4. The relationships between spaces with locally countable weak-bases and $g$ -metrizable spaces

**Theorem 4.1.** Spaces have locally countable weak-bases if and only if they are locally Lindelöf,  $g$ -metrizable spaces.

**Proof** ”if” part is obvious, because every  $\sigma$ -locally finite cover in any locally Lindelöf space is locally countable. The ”only if” part: Suppose a space  $X$  has a locally countable weak-base. Then  $X$  is a  $g$ -first countable space with a locally countable  $k$ -network by Theorem A, and so  $X$  is a  $k$ -space with a locally countable  $k$ -network. By Theorem 1 in [9],  $X$  is an  $\aleph$ -space. Thus  $X$  is  $g$ -metrizable by Theorem 2.4 in [20]. By Theorem A,  $X$  is a topological sum of  $g$ -second countable spaces. Since  $g$ -second countable spaces is Lindelöf, then  $X$  is locally Lindelöf.

**Remark 4.2** Let  $X$  be the space in [11, Example 2.8.17], then  $X$  is not an  $\aleph$ -space, which has a locally countable  $k$ -network. From Lemma 2.5,  $X$  has a locally countable  $cs$ -network (or  $cs^*$ -network). Note that a space is an  $\aleph$ -space if and only if it has a  $\sigma$ -locally finite  $cs$ -network (or  $cs^*$ -network)(see [21, Theorem 4]). Thus,  $X$  has a locally countable  $cs$ -network ( $k$ -network,  $cs^*$ -network)  $\not\Rightarrow$   $X$  has a  $\sigma$ -locally finite  $cs$ -network ( $k$ -network,  $cs^*$ -network).

From Theorem 4.1 and Theorem 1.13 in [4], we have

**Corollary 4.3** Let  $X$  be a space with a locally countable weak-base. If (1) or (2) below holds, then  $X$  is metrizable.

(1)  $X$  is a Fréchet space.

- (2)  $X$  is a  $q$ -space.

**Corollary 4.4** For a separable space  $X$ , the following are equivalent.

- (1)  $X$  is a  $g$ -second countable space.  
 (2)  $X$  has a locally countable weak-base.  
 (3)  $X$  is a  $g$ -metrizable space.

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) is obvious.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) holds by Theorem 4.1.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Suppose  $X$  is a separable space with a locally countable weak-base  $\mathcal{P}$ , then  $X$  is a sequential space with a locally countable  $k$ -network by Theorem A. Since a sequential space with a  $\sigma$ -locally countable  $k$ -network is meta-Lindelöf (see [9, Proposition 1]), and since a separable, meta-Lindelöf space is Lindelöf, then  $X$  is Lindelöf. Note that a locally countable family of a Lindelöf space is countable,  $\mathcal{P}$  is a countable weak-base for  $X$ . This implies that  $X$  is  $g$ -second countable.

**Remark 4.5.** It is well-known that a separable, metrizable space is Lindelöf. From the proof of Corollary 4.4, we get that a separable,  $g$ -metrizable space is Lindelöf. But,  $X$  is a separable,  $sn$ -metrizable space  $\not\Rightarrow X$  is Lindelöf. In fact, let  $X$  be the space in [22, Example 2.3]. Then  $X$  is a separable,  $sn$ -metrizable space, which has not any countable  $sn$ -network. Since a  $\sigma$ -locally finite family of a Lindelöf space is countable, then  $X$  is not Lindelöf.

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