

## SPACES WITH $\sigma$ -LOCALLY COUNTABLE LINDELÖF $sn$ -NETWORKS

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we prove that a space  $X$  has a  $\sigma$ -locally countable Lindelöf  $sn$ -network if and only if  $X$  is a compact-covering compact  $msss$ -image of a locally separable metric space, if and only if  $X$  is a sequentially-quotient  $\pi$  and  $msss$ -image of a locally separable metric space, where “compact-covering” (or “sequentially-quotient”) can not be replaced by “sequence-covering”. As an application, we give a new characterizations of spaces with  $\sigma$ -locally countable Lindelöf weak bases.

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### 1. Introduction

In [15], S. Lin introduced the concept of  $msss$ -maps to characterize spaces with certain  $\sigma$ -locally countable networks by  $msss$ -images of metric spaces. After that, Z. Li, Q. Li, and X. Zhou gave some characterizations for certain  $msss$ -images of metric spaces ([14]). Recently, N. V. Dung gave some characterizations for certain  $msss$ -images of locally separable metric spaces ([3]).

In this paper, we prove that a space  $X$  has a  $\sigma$ -locally countable Lindelöf  $sn$ -network if and only if  $X$  is a compact-covering compact  $msss$ -image of a locally separable metric space, if and only if  $X$  is a sequentially-quotient  $\pi$  and  $msss$ -image of a locally separable metric space, where “compact-covering” (or “sequentially-quotient”) can not be replaced by “sequence-covering”. As an application, we give a new characterizations of spaces with  $\sigma$ -locally countable Lindelöf weak bases.

Throughout this paper, all spaces are assumed to be  $T_1$  and regular, all maps are continuous and onto,  $\mathbb{N}$  denotes the set of all natural numbers. Let  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{Q}$  be two families of subsets of  $X$  and  $x \in X$ , we denote  $(\mathcal{P})_x = \{P \in \mathcal{P} : x \in P\}$ ,  $\bigcup \mathcal{P} = \bigcup \{P : P \in \mathcal{P}\}$ ,  $\text{st}(x, \mathcal{P}) = \bigcup (\mathcal{P})_x$  and  $\mathcal{P} \wedge \mathcal{Q} = \{P \cap Q : P \in \mathcal{P}, Q \in \mathcal{Q}\}$ . For a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converging to  $x$  and  $P \subset X$ , we say that  $\{x_n\}$  is *eventually* in  $P$  if  $\{x\} \cup \{x_n : n \geq m\} \subset P$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $\{x_n\}$  is *frequently* in  $P$  if some subsequence of  $\{x_n\}$  is eventually in  $P$ .

### 2. Definitions

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

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1.  $P$  is a *sequential neighborhood* of  $x$  in  $X$  [5], if each sequence  $S$  converging to  $x$  is eventually in  $P$ .
2.  $P$  is a *sequentially open* subset of  $X$  [5], if  $P$  is a sequential neighborhood of  $x$  in  $X$  for every  $x \in P$ .
3.  $\mathcal{P}$  is an *so-cover* for  $X$  [20], if each element of  $\mathcal{P}$  is sequentially open in  $X$ .
4.  $\mathcal{P}$  is a *cfp-cover* for  $X$  [27], if whenever  $K$  is compact subset of  $X$ , there exists a finite family  $\{K_i : i \leq n\}$  of closed subsets of  $K$  and  $\{P_i : i \leq n\} \subset \mathcal{P}$  such that  $K = \bigcup\{K_i : i \leq n\}$  and each  $K_i \subset P_i$ .
5.  $\mathcal{P}$  is an *cs\*-cover* for  $X$  [26], if every convergent sequence is frequently in some  $P \in \mathcal{P}$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a family of subsets of a space  $X$ .

1. For each  $x \in X$ ,  $\mathcal{P}$  is a *network* at  $x$  in  $X$  [17], if  $x \in \bigcap \mathcal{P}$ , and if  $x \in U$  with  $U$  open in  $X$ , then there exists  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  such that  $x \in P \subset U$ .
2.  $\mathcal{P}$  is a *cs-network* for  $X$  [26], if each sequence  $S$  converging to a point  $x \in U$  with  $U$  open in  $X$ ,  $S$  is eventually in  $P \subset U$  for some  $P \in \mathcal{P}$ .
3.  $\mathcal{P}$  is a *cs\*-network* for  $X$  [26], if for each sequence  $S$  converging to a point  $x \in U$  with  $U$  open in  $X$ ,  $S$  is frequently in  $P \subset U$  for some  $P \in \mathcal{P}$ .
4.  $\mathcal{P}$  is *Lindelöf*, if each element of  $\mathcal{P}$  is a Lindelöf subset of  $X$ .
5.  $\mathcal{P}$  is *point-countable* [4], if each point  $x \in X$  belongs to only countably many members of  $\mathcal{P}$ .
6.  $\mathcal{P}$  is *locally countable* [4], if for each  $x \in X$ , there exists a neighborhood  $V$  of  $x$  such that  $V$  meets only countably many members of  $\mathcal{P}$ .
7.  $\mathcal{P}$  is *locally finite* [4], if for each  $x \in X$ , there exists a neighborhood  $V$  of  $x$  such that  $V$  meets only finite many members of  $\mathcal{P}$ .
8.  $\mathcal{P}$  is *star-countable* [24], if each  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  meets only countably many members of  $\mathcal{P}$ .

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $\mathcal{P} = \bigcup\{\mathcal{P}_x : x \in X\}$  be a family of subsets of a space  $X$  satisfying that, for every  $x \in X$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_x$  is a network at  $x$  in  $X$ , and if  $U, V \in \mathcal{P}_x$ , then  $W \subset U \cap V$  for some  $W \in \mathcal{P}_x$ .

1.  $\mathcal{P}$  is a *weak base* for  $X$  [1], if  $G \subset X$  such that for every  $x \in G$ , there exists  $P \in \mathcal{P}_x$  satisfying  $P \subset G$ , then  $G$  is open in  $X$ . Here,  $\mathcal{P}_x$  is a *weak base* at  $x$  in  $X$ .
2.  $\mathcal{P}$  is an *sn-network* for  $X$  [16], if each member of  $\mathcal{P}_x$  is a sequential neighborhood of  $x$  for all  $x \in X$ . Here,  $\mathcal{P}_x$  is an *sn-network* at  $x$  in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $X$  be a space.

1.  $X$  is an *sn-first countable space* [6], if there is a countable  $sn$ -network at  $x$  in  $X$  for all  $x \in X$ .
2.  $X$  is a *cosmic space* [22], if  $X$  has a countable network.
3.  $X$  is an  $\aleph_0$ -*space* [22], if  $X$  has a countable  $cs$ -network.
4.  $X$  is a *sequential space* [5], if each sequentially open subset of  $X$  is open.
5.  $X$  is a *Fréchet space* [4], if for each  $x \in \overline{A}$ , there exists a sequence in  $A$  converging to  $x$ .

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $f : X \longrightarrow Y$  be a map.

1.  $f$  is *sequence-covering* [23], if for each convergent sequence  $S$  of  $Y$ , there exists a convergent sequence  $L$  of  $X$  such that  $f(L) = S$ . Note that a sequence-covering map is a *strong sequence-covering* map in the sense of [12].
2.  $f$  is *compact-covering* [22], if for each compact subset  $K$  of  $Y$ , there exists a compact subset  $L$  of  $X$  such that  $f(L) = K$ .
3.  $f$  is *pseudo-sequence-covering* [11], if for each convergent sequence  $S$  of  $Y$ , there exists a compact subset  $K$  of  $X$  such that  $f(K) = S$ .
4.  $f$  is a *subsequence-covering* [18], if for every convergent sequence  $S$  of  $Y$ , there is a compact subset  $K$  of  $X$  such that  $f(K)$  is a subsequence of  $S$ .
5.  $f$  is *sequentially-quotient* [2], if for each convergent sequence  $S$  of  $Y$ , there exists a convergent sequence  $L$  of  $X$  such that  $f(L)$  is a subsequence of  $S$ .
6.  $f$  is a *quotient map* [4], if whenever  $U \subset Y$ ,  $U$  open in  $Y$  if and only if  $f^{-1}(U)$  open in  $X$ .
7.  $f$  is an *msss-map* [15], if  $X$  is a subspace of the product space  $\prod_{i \in \mathbb{N}} X_i$  of a family  $\{X_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of metric spaces and for each  $y \in Y$ , there is a sequence  $\{V_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of open neighborhoods of  $y$  such that each  $p_i f^{-1}(V_i)$  is separable in  $X_i$ .
8.  $f$  is *compact* [4], if each  $f^{-1}(y)$  is compact in  $X$ .
9.  $f$  is a  $\pi$ -*map* [11], if for each  $y \in Y$  and for each neighborhood  $U$  of  $y$  in  $Y$ ,  $d(f^{-1}(y), X - f^{-1}(U)) > 0$ , where  $X$  is a metric space with a metric  $d$ .

**Definition 2.6** ([17]). Let  $\{\mathcal{P}_i\}$  be a cover sequence of a space  $X$ .  $\{\mathcal{P}_i\}$  is called a *point-star network*, if  $\{\text{st}(x, \mathcal{P}_i) : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a network of  $x$  for each  $x \in X$ .

For some undefined or related concepts, we refer the reader to [4], [11] and [17].

### 3. Main results

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $f : M \rightarrow X$  be a sequentially-quotient msss-map, and  $M$  be a locally separable metric space. Then,  $X$  has a  $\sigma$ -locally countable Lindelöf cs-network.*

*Proof.* By Lemma 1.2 [15], there exists a base  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $M$  such that  $f(\mathcal{B})$  is a  $\sigma$ -locally countable network for  $X$ . Since  $M$  is locally separable, for each  $a \in M$ , there exists a separable open neighborhood  $U_a$ . Denote

$$\mathcal{C} = \{B \in \mathcal{B} : B \subset U_a \text{ for some } a \in M\}.$$

Then,  $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$  is a separable base for  $M$ . If we put  $\mathcal{P} = f(\mathcal{C})$ , then  $\mathcal{P} \subset f(\mathcal{B})$ , and  $\mathcal{P}$  is a  $\sigma$ -locally countable Lindelöf network. Since  $f$  is sequentially-quotient and  $\mathcal{C}$  is a base for  $M$ ,  $\mathcal{P}$  is a  $cs^*$ -network. Therefore,  $\mathcal{P}$  is a  $\sigma$ -locally countable Lindelöf  $cs^*$ -network.

Let  $\mathcal{P} = \bigcup\{\mathcal{P}_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , we can assume that  $\mathcal{P}_n \subset \mathcal{P}_{n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since each element of  $\mathcal{P}_i$  is Lindelöf, each  $\mathcal{P}_i$  is star-countable. It follows from Lemma 2.1 [24] that for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_i = \bigcup\{\mathcal{Q}_{i,\alpha} : \alpha \in \Lambda_i\}$ , where  $\mathcal{Q}_{i,\alpha}$  is a countable subfamily of  $\mathcal{P}_i$  for all  $\alpha \in \Lambda_i$  and  $(\bigcup \mathcal{Q}_{i,\alpha}) \cap (\bigcup \mathcal{Q}_{i,\beta}) = \emptyset$  for all  $\alpha \neq \beta$ . For each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\alpha \in \Lambda_i$ , we put

$$\mathcal{R}_{i,\alpha} = \{\bigcup \mathcal{F} : \mathcal{F} \text{ is a finite subfamily of } \mathcal{Q}_{i,\alpha}\}.$$

Since each  $\mathcal{R}_{i,\alpha}$  is countable, we can write  $\mathcal{R}_{i,\alpha} = \{R_{i,\alpha,j} : j \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Now, for each  $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$ , put  $\mathcal{F}_{i,j} = \{R_{i,\alpha,j} : \alpha \in \Lambda_i\}$ , and denote  $\mathcal{G} = \bigcup\{\mathcal{F}_{i,j} : i, j \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Then, each  $R_{i,\alpha,j}$  is Lindelöf and each family  $\mathcal{F}_{i,j}$  is locally countable. Now, we shall show that  $\mathcal{G}$  is a  $cs$ -network. In fact, let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence converging to  $x \in U$  with  $U$  is open in  $X$ . Since  $\mathcal{P}$  is a point-countable  $cs^*$ -network, it follows from Lemma 3 [25] that there exists a finite family  $\mathcal{A} \subset (\mathcal{P})_x$  such that  $\{x_n\}$  is eventually in  $\bigcup \mathcal{A} \subset U$ . Furthermore, since  $\mathcal{A}$  is finite and  $\mathcal{P}_i \subset \mathcal{P}_{i+1}$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{P}_i$ . So, there exists unique  $\alpha \in \Lambda_i$  such that  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{Q}_{i,\alpha}$ , and  $\bigcup \mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{R}_{i,\alpha}$ . Thus,  $\bigcup \mathcal{A} = R_{i,\alpha,j}$  for some  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence,  $\bigcup \mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{G}$ , and  $\mathcal{G}$  is a  $cs$ -network. Therefore,  $\mathcal{G}$  is a  $\sigma$ -locally countable Lindelöf  $cs$ -network. □

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

1.  $X$  is a space with a  $\sigma$ -locally countable  $sn$ -network and has an so-cover consisting of  $\aleph_0$ -subspaces;
2.  $X$  has a  $\sigma$ -locally countable Lindelöf  $sn$ -network;
3.  $X$  is a compact-covering compact and msss-image of a locally separable metric space;
4.  $X$  is a pseudo-sequence-covering compact and msss-image of a locally separable metric space;
5.  $X$  is a subsequence-covering compact and msss-image of a locally separable metric space;

6.  $X$  is a sequentially-quotient  $\pi$  and  $msss$ -image of a locally separable metric space.

*Proof.* (1)  $\implies$  (2). Let  $\mathcal{P} = \bigcup\{\mathcal{P}_x : x \in X\}$  be a  $\sigma$ -locally countable  $sn$ -network and  $\mathcal{O}$  be an  $so$ -cover consisting of  $\aleph_0$ -subspaces for  $X$ . For each  $x \in X$ , pick  $O_x \in \mathcal{O}$  such that  $x \in O_x$  and put

$$\mathcal{G}_x = \{P \in \mathcal{P}_x : P \subset O_x\}, \quad \mathcal{G} = \bigcup\{\mathcal{G}_x : x \in X\}.$$

Then,  $\mathcal{G}$  is a  $\sigma$ -locally countable Lindelöf  $sn$ -network for  $X$ .

(2)  $\implies$  (3). Let  $\mathcal{P} = \bigcup\{\mathcal{P}_x : x \in X\} = \{\mathcal{P}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a  $\sigma$ -locally countable Lindelöf  $sn$ -network for  $X$ , where each  $\mathcal{P}_n$  is locally countable and each  $\mathcal{P}_x$  is an  $sn$ -network at  $x$ . Since  $X$  is a regular space, we can assume that each element of  $\mathcal{P}$  is closed. Since each element of  $\mathcal{P}_i$  is Lindelöf, each  $\mathcal{P}_i$  is star-countable. It follows from Lemma 2.1 [24] that for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_i = \bigcup\{\mathcal{Q}_{i,\alpha} : \alpha \in \Phi_i\}$ , where  $\mathcal{Q}_{i,\alpha}$  is a countable subfamily of  $\mathcal{P}_i$  for all  $\alpha \in \Phi_i$  and  $(\bigcup \mathcal{Q}_{i,\alpha}) \cap (\bigcup \mathcal{Q}_{i,\beta}) = \emptyset$  for all  $\alpha \neq \beta$ . Since each  $\mathcal{Q}_{i,\alpha}$  is countable, we can write  $\mathcal{Q}_{i,\alpha} = \{P_{i,\alpha,j} : j \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Now, for each  $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$ , put  $\mathcal{F}_{i,j} = \{P_{i,\alpha,j} : \alpha \in \Phi_i\}$ , and

$$A_{i,j} = \{x \in X : \mathcal{P}_x \cap \mathcal{F}_{i,j} = \emptyset\}, \quad \mathcal{H}_{i,j} = \mathcal{F}_{i,j} \cup \{A_{i,j}\}.$$

Then,  $\mathcal{P} = \bigcup\{\mathcal{F}_{i,j} : i, j \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , and

(a) Each  $\mathcal{H}_{i,j}$  is locally countable. It is obvious.

(b) Each  $\mathcal{H}_{i,j}$  is a  $cfp$ -cover. Let  $K$  be a non-empty compact subset of  $X$ . We shall show that there exists a finite subset of  $\mathcal{H}_{i,j}$  which forms a  $cfp$ -cover of  $K$ . In fact, since  $X$  has a  $\sigma$ -locally countable  $sn$ -network,  $K$  is metrizable. Noting that each  $\bigcup \mathcal{Q}_{i,\alpha}$  is sequentially open and  $(\bigcup \mathcal{Q}_{i,\alpha}) \cap (\mathcal{Q}_{i,\beta}) = \emptyset$  for all  $\alpha \neq \beta$ . Then,  $K$  meets only finitely many members of  $\{\bigcup \mathcal{Q}_{i,\alpha} : \alpha \in \Phi_i\}$ . If not, for each  $\alpha \in \Phi_i$ , take  $x_\alpha \in (\bigcup \mathcal{Q}_{i,\alpha}) \cap K$ . Thus, there exists a sequence  $\{x_{\alpha,n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subset \{x_\alpha : \alpha \in \Phi_i\}$  such that  $\{x_{\alpha,n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  converges to  $x \in K$ . Hence, there exists  $\alpha_0 \in \Phi_i$  such that  $\{x_{\alpha,n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is eventually in  $\bigcup \mathcal{Q}_{i,\alpha_0}$ . This is a contradiction to  $x_{\alpha,n} \notin \bigcup \mathcal{Q}_{i,\alpha_0}$  for all  $\alpha \neq \alpha_0$ . Therefore,  $K$  meets only finitely many members of  $\mathcal{H}_{i,j}$ . Let

$$\Gamma_{i,j} = \{\alpha \in \Phi_i : P_{i,\alpha,j} \in \mathcal{H}_{i,j}, P_{i,\alpha,j} \cap K \neq \emptyset\}.$$

For each  $\alpha \in \Gamma_{i,j}$ , put  $K_{i,\alpha,j} = P_{i,\alpha,j} \cap K$ , then  $K_{i,j} = \overline{K - \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Gamma_{i,j}} K_{i,\alpha,j}}$ . It is obvious that all  $K_{i,\alpha,j}$  and  $K_{i,j}$  are closed subset of  $K$ , and  $K = \overline{K_{i,j} \cup (\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Gamma_{i,j}} K_{i,\alpha,j})}$ . Now, we only need to show  $K_{i,j} \subset A_{i,j}$ . Let  $x \in K_{i,j}$ , then there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of  $K - \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Gamma_{i,j}} K_{i,\alpha,j}$  converging to  $x$ . If  $P \in \mathcal{P}_x \cap \mathcal{H}_{i,j}$ , then  $P$  is a sequential neighborhood of  $x$  and  $P = P_{i,\alpha,j}$  for some  $\alpha \in \Gamma_{i,j}$ . Thus,  $x_n \in P$  whenever  $n \geq m$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence,  $x_n \in K_{i,\alpha,j}$  for some  $\alpha \in \Gamma_{i,j}$ , a contradiction. So,  $\mathcal{P}_x \cap \mathcal{H}_{i,j} = \emptyset$ , and  $x \in A_{i,j}$ . This implies that  $K_{i,j} \subset A_{i,j}$  and  $\{A_{i,j}\} \cup \{P_{i,\alpha,j} : \alpha \in \Gamma_{i,j}\}$  is a  $cfp$ -cover of  $K$ .

(c)  $\{\mathcal{H}_{i,j} : i, j \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a point-star network for  $X$ . Let  $x \in U$  with  $U$  open in  $X$ . Then,  $x \in P \subset U$  for some  $P \in \mathcal{P}_x$ . Thus, there exists  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $P \in \mathcal{P}_i$ . Hence, there exists a unique  $\alpha \in \Phi_i$  such that  $P \in \mathcal{Q}_{i,\alpha}$ . This

implies that  $P = P_{i,\alpha,j} \in \mathcal{H}_{i,j}$  for some  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $P \in \mathcal{P}_x \cap \mathcal{H}_{i,j}$ ,  $x \notin A_{i,j}$ . Noting that  $P \cap P_{i,\alpha,j} = \emptyset$  for all  $j \neq i$ . Then,  $\text{st}(x, \mathcal{H}_{i,j}) = P \subset U$ .

Next, we write  $\{\mathcal{H}_{m,n} : m, n \in \mathbb{N}\} = \{\mathcal{G}_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , put  $\mathcal{G}_n = \{P_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda_n\}$  and endow  $\Lambda_n$  with the discrete topology. Then,

$$M = \left\{ \alpha = (\alpha_n) \in \prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \Lambda_n : \{P_{\alpha_n}\} \text{ forms a network at some point } x_\alpha \in X \right\}$$

is a metric space and the point  $x_\alpha$  is unique in  $X$  for every  $\alpha \in M$ . Define  $f : M \rightarrow X$  by  $f(\alpha) = x_\alpha$ . It follows from Lemma 13 [21] that  $f$  is a compact-covering and compact map. On the other hand, we have

Claim 1.  $M$  is locally separable.

Let  $a = (\alpha_i) \in M$ . Then,  $\{P_{\alpha_i}\}$  is a network at some point  $x_a \in X$ , and  $x_a \in P$  for some  $P \in \mathcal{P}_{x_a}$ . Thus, there exists  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $P \in \mathcal{P}_m$ . Hence, there exists a unique  $\alpha \in \Phi_m$  such that  $P \in \mathcal{Q}_{m,\alpha}$ . Therefore,  $P = P_{m,\alpha,n} \in \mathcal{H}_{m,n}$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $P \in \mathcal{P}_{x_a} \cap \mathcal{H}_{m,n}$ ,  $x_a \notin A_{m,n}$ . Noting that  $P \cap P_{m,\alpha,n} = \emptyset$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n \neq m$ . This implies that  $\text{st}(x, \mathcal{H}_{m,n}) = P$ . Then,  $\mathcal{H}_{m,n} = \mathcal{G}_{i_0}$  for some  $i_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $P = P_{\alpha_{i_0}}$ . Thus,  $P_{\alpha_{i_0}}$  is Lindelöf. Put

$$U_a = M \cap \left\{ (\beta_i) \in \prod_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \Lambda_i : \beta_i = \alpha_i, i \leq i_0 \right\}.$$

Then,  $U_a$  is an open neighborhood of  $a$  in  $M$ . Now, for each  $i \leq i_0$ , put  $\Delta_i = \{\alpha_i\}$ , and for each  $i > i_0$ , we put  $\Delta_i = \{\alpha \in \Lambda_i : P_\alpha \cap P_{\alpha_{i_0}} \neq \emptyset\}$ . Then,  $U_a \subset \prod_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \Delta_i$ . Furthermore, since each  $\mathcal{P}_i$  is locally countable and  $P_{\alpha_{i_0}}$  is Lindelöf,  $\Delta_i$  is countable for every  $i > i_0$ . Thus,  $U_a$  is separable, and  $M$  is locally separable.

Claim 2.  $f$  is an  $msss$ -map.

Let  $x \in X$ . For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , since  $\mathcal{G}_n$  is locally countable, there is an open neighborhood  $V$  such that  $V_n$  intersects at most countable members of  $\mathcal{G}_n$ . Put

$$\Theta_n = \{\alpha \in \Lambda_n : P_\alpha \cap V_n \neq \emptyset\}$$

Then,  $\Theta_n$  is countable and  $p_n f^{-1}(V_n) \subset \Theta_n$ . Hence,  $p_n f^{-1}(V_n)$  is a separable subset of  $\Lambda_n$ , so  $f$  is an  $msss$ -map.

(3)  $\implies$  (4)  $\implies$  (5)  $\implies$  (6). It is obvious.

(6)  $\implies$  (1). Let  $f : M \rightarrow X$  be a sequentially-quotient  $\pi$  and  $msss$ -map, where  $M$  be a locally separable metric space. By Corollary 2.9 [7],  $X$  has a point-star network  $\{\mathcal{U}_n\}$ , where each  $\mathcal{U}_n$  is a  $cs^*$ -cover. For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , put  $\mathcal{G}_n = \bigwedge_{i \leq n} \mathcal{U}_i$ . Now, for each  $x \in X$ , let  $\mathcal{G}_x = \{\text{st}(x, \mathcal{G}_n) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Since each  $\mathcal{U}_n$  is a  $cs^*$ -cover, it implies that  $\bigcup \{\mathcal{G}_x : x \in X\}$  is an  $sn$ -network for  $X$ . Hence,  $X$  is an  $sn$ -first countable space. On the other hand, since  $f$  is a sequentially-quotient  $msss$ -map, it follows from Lemma 3.1 that  $X$  has a  $\sigma$ -locally countable Lindelöf  $cs$ -network  $\mathcal{P}$ . We can assume that each  $\mathcal{P}$  is closed under finite intersections. Then, each element of  $\mathcal{P}$  is a cosmic subspace. By Theorem 3.4 [20],  $X$  has an  $so$ -cover consisting of  $\aleph_0$ -subspaces. Now, we only need to prove that  $X$  has a  $\sigma$ -locally countable  $sn$ -network. In fact, since  $X$

is  $sn$ -first countable,  $X$  has an  $sn$ -network  $\mathcal{Q} = \bigcup\{\mathcal{Q}_x : x \in X\}$  with each  $\mathcal{Q}_x = \{Q_n(x) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a countable weak base at  $x$ . For each  $x \in X$ , put

$$\mathcal{P}_x = \{P \in \mathcal{P} : Q_n(x) \subset P \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

By using proof of Lemma 7 [19], we obtain that  $\mathcal{P}_x$  is an  $sn$ -network at  $x$ . Then,  $\mathcal{G} = \bigcup\{\mathcal{P}_x : x \in X\}$  is an  $sn$ -network for  $X$ . Since  $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{P}$ , it implies that  $\mathcal{G}$  is locally countable. Thus,  $X$  has a  $\sigma$ -locally countable  $sn$ -network.  $\square$

By Theorem 3.2, the following corollary holds.

**Corollary 3.3.** *The following are equivalent for a space  $X$ .*

1.  $X$  is a local  $\aleph_0$ -subspace with a  $\sigma$ -locally countable weak base;
2.  $X$  has a  $\sigma$ -locally countable Lindelöf weak base;
3.  $X$  is a compact-covering quotient compact and  $msss$ -image of a locally separable metric space;
4.  $X$  is a pseudo-sequence-covering quotient compact and  $msss$ -image of a locally separable metric space;
5.  $X$  is a subsequence-covering quotient compact and  $msss$ -image of a locally separable metric space;
6.  $X$  is a quotient  $\pi$  and  $msss$ -image of a locally separable metric space.

**Example 3.4.** Let  $C_n$  be a convergent sequence containing its limit point  $p_n$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $C_m \cap C_n = \emptyset$  if  $m \neq n$ . Let  $\mathbb{Q} = \{q_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be the set of all rational numbers of the real line  $\mathbb{R}$ . Put  $M = (\bigoplus\{C_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}) \oplus \mathbb{R}$  and let  $X$  be the quotient space obtained from  $M$  by identifying each  $p_n$  in  $C_n$  with  $q_n$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then, by the proof of Example 3.1 [10],  $X$  has a countable weak base and  $X$  is not a sequence-covering quotient  $\pi$ -image of a metric space. Hence,

1. A space with a  $\sigma$ -locally countable Lindelöf  $sn$ -network  $\not\cong$  a sequence-covering  $\pi$  and  $msss$ -image of a locally separable metric space.
2. A space with a  $\sigma$ -locally countable Lindelöf weak base  $\not\cong$  a sequence-covering quotient  $\pi$  and  $msss$ -image of a locally separable metric space.

**Example 3.5.** Using Example 3.1 [9], it is easy to see that  $X$  is Hausdorff, non-regular and  $X$  has a countable base, but it is not a sequentially-quotient  $\pi$ -image of a metric space. This shows that regular properties of  $X$  can not be omitted in Theorem 3.2 and Corollary 3.3.

**Example 3.6.**  $S_\omega$  is a Fréchet and  $\aleph_0$ -space, but it is not first countable. Thus,  $S_\omega$  has a  $\sigma$ -locally countable Lindelöf  $cs$ -network. It follows from Theorem 2.8 [3] that  $X$  is a sequence-covering  $msss$ -image of a locally separable metric space. Furthermore, since  $S_\omega$  is not first countable, it has not point-countable  $sn$ -network. Hence,

1. A space with a  $\sigma$ -locally countable Lindelöf  $cs$ -network  $\not\cong$  a sequentially-quotient  $\pi$  and  $msss$ -image of a locally separable metric space.
2. A sequence-covering quotient  $msss$ -image of a locally separable metric space  $\not\cong X$  has a  $\sigma$ -locally countable Lindelöf  $sn$ -network.

**Example 3.7.** Using Example 2.7 [13], it is easy to see that  $X$  is a compact-covering quotient and compact image of a locally compact metric space, but it has no point-countable  $cs$ -network. Thus, a compact-covering quotient and compact image of a locally separable metric space  $\not\cong X$  has a  $\sigma$ -locally countable Lindelöf  $sn$ -network.

**Example 3.8.** There exists a space  $X$  has a locally countable  $sn$ -network, which is not an  $\aleph$ -space (see Example 2.19 [8]). Then, a space with a  $\sigma$ -locally countable Lindelöf  $sn$ -network  $\not\cong X$  has a  $\sigma$ -locally finite Lindelöf  $sn$ -network.

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