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## ON SPACES WITH A $k$ -NETWORK CONSISTING OF COMPACT SUBSETS\*

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*Dedicated to Professor Guoshi Gao on his 75th birthday*

### 1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper all spaces are regular and  $T_1$ . Suppose  $X$  is a topological space and  $\mathcal{P}$  is a collection of subsets of  $X$ .  $\mathcal{P}$  is a  $k$ -network for  $X$  whenever  $K \subset U$  with  $K$  compact and  $U$  open in  $X$ , then  $K \subset \bigcup \mathcal{P}' \subset U$  for some finite  $\mathcal{P}' \subset \mathcal{P}$ . If  $\mathcal{P}$  is a  $k$ -network for  $X$ , then  $\mathcal{P}$  is a closed  $k$ -network if  $P$  is closed in  $X$  for every  $P \in \mathcal{P}$ ,  $\mathcal{P}$  is a compact  $k$ -network if  $P$  is compact in  $X$  for every  $P \in \mathcal{P}$ . We shall study spaces with a compact  $k$ -network because a study of certain CW-complex [9], the closed images of locally compact metric spaces [7],  $k$ -space properties of products of generalized metric spaces [8] relates to the concept of compact  $k$ -network. For example, Y. Tanaka in [9] discussed some characterizations of certain CW-complexes. The main tool is the following Theorem A.

**Theorem A.** *Let  $X$  be dominated by a cover of compact metric subsets. Suppose that  $X$  has a  $\sigma$ -locally finite (resp.  $\sigma$ -HCP) closed  $k$ -network, then  $X$  has a  $\sigma$ -locally finite (resp.  $\sigma$ -HCP) compact  $k$ -network.*

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Theorem A is a relation between closed  $k$ -networks and compact  $k$ -networks for a topological space in essence. In this paper we discuss these relations.

## 2. ON POINT-COUNTABLE COVERS

**Lemma 2.1.** *Suppose  $\mathcal{P}$  is a point-countable closed  $k$ -network for a space  $X$  which is closed under finite intersections. Put  $\mathcal{F} = \{P \in \mathcal{P} : P \text{ is countably compact in } X\}$ , then  $\mathcal{F}$  is a  $k$ -network for  $X$  if and only if every first countable closed subspace of  $X$  is locally compact.*

*Proof:* Necessity. We can assume that  $X$  is a first countable space. For each  $x \in X$ , let  $\mathcal{F}_x = \{F \in \mathcal{F} : x \in F\} = \{F_n : n \in N\}$ . If  $x \in \overline{X \setminus \bigcup_{i \leq n} F_i}$  for each  $n \in N$ , there is  $x_n \in V_n \cap (X \setminus \bigcup_{i \leq n} F_i)$  where  $\{V_n\}$  is a local base for  $x$  in  $X$ . Thus  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , and  $\{x\} \cup \{x_n : n \in N\} \subset \bigcup \mathcal{F}'$  for some finite  $\mathcal{F}' \subset \mathcal{F}$ , and some  $F \subset \mathcal{F}'$  contains infinitely many  $x_n$ , hence  $x \in F$ , a contradiction. Hence  $x \in (\bigcup_{i \leq n} F_i)^0$  for some  $n \in N$ . By Corollary 3.5 in [3], each  $F_i$  is compact in  $X$ , and  $X$  is locally compact.

Sufficiency. If  $K$  is compact in  $X$ , then  $K$  is metrizable by Theorem 3.3 in [3]. By Miščenko's Lemma, a collection of minimal covers of  $K$  consisting of finite subcollections of  $\mathcal{P}$  is at most countable, say  $\{\mathcal{P}_n\}$ . For each  $n \in N$ , let

$$\mathcal{A}_n = \bigwedge_{i \leq n} \mathcal{P}_i, \mathcal{A}_n = \bigcup \mathcal{A}_n,$$

so  $\mathcal{A}_n \subset \mathcal{P}$  and  $K \subset \mathcal{A}_{n+1} \subset \mathcal{A}_n$ . We assert that  $\mathcal{A}_n$  is countably compact for some  $n \in N$ . If not, then  $\mathcal{A}_n$  contains a countable discrete closed subset  $D_n$ . Put

$$H = K \bigcup \left( \bigcup_{n \in N} D_n \right).$$

Then  $H$  is closed in  $X$  because  $\{\mathcal{A}_n\}$  is a network of  $K$  in  $X$ , and  $H$  is a first countable subspace of  $X$ , but  $H$  is not locally compact, a contradiction. Hence  $\mathcal{A}_n$  is countable compact for some  $n \in N$ . Let  $K \subset U$  with  $U$  open in  $X$ . There exists

$m \geq n$  such that  $K \subset A_m \subset U$ , i.e., a finite  $\mathcal{A}_m \subset \mathcal{F}$  and  $K \subset \bigcup \mathcal{A}_m \subset U$ , thus  $\mathcal{F}$  is a  $k$ -network for  $X$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.** *The following conditions are equivalent for a space  $X$ :*

- (1)  $X$  has a  $\sigma$ -discrete compact  $k$ -network.
- (2)  $X$  has a  $\sigma$ -locally finite compact  $k$ -network.
- (3)  $X$  has a  $\sigma$ -discrete closed  $k$ -network, and every first countable closed subspace of  $X$  is locally compact.
- (4)  $X$  has a  $\sigma$ -locally finite closed  $k$ -network, and every first countable closed subspace of  $X$  is locally compact.

*Proof:* Since every countable compact closed subspace of a space with a  $\sigma$ -locally finite closed  $k$ -network is compact, (1) is equivalent to (3), and (2) is equivalent to (4) by Lemma 2.1. By Theorem 4 in [1], we have that (3) is equivalent to (4).  $\square$

If a space  $X$  is dominated by a cover of compact metric subspaces, then first countable closed subspace of  $X$  is locally compact by Lemma 14 in [9], thus Theorem 2.2 is a generalization of Theorem A.

**Question 2.3.** Suppose a space  $X$  has a point-countable closed  $k$ -network. Is  $X$  a space with a point-countable compact  $k$ -network if every first countable closed subspace of  $X$  is locally compact?

Using Theorem 2.4 in [6] and Lemma 2.1 we have a product theorem on  $k$ -spaces by the same proof of Theorem 3.1 in [8] as follows.

**Theorem 2.4.** *Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are  $k$ -spaces with a  $\sigma$ -locally countable  $k$ -network, then  $X \times Y$  is a  $k$ -space if and only if one of the following three properties holds:*

- (1)  $X$  and  $Y$  are first countable space.
- (2)  $X$  or  $Y$  is locally compact.
- (3)  $X$  and  $Y$  are spaces with a  $\sigma$ -locally finite compact  $k$ -network.

3. ON  $\sigma$ -HCP COVERS

Suppose  $\mathcal{P}$  is a collection of subsets of a space  $X$ .  $\mathcal{P}$  is hereditarily closure-preserving if  $H(P) \subset P \in \mathcal{P}$  implies that  $\bigcup\{\overline{H(P)} : P \in \mathcal{P}\} = \bigcup\{H(P) : P \in \mathcal{P}\}$ . A  $\sigma$ -hereditarily closure-preserving collection is the union of countably many hereditarily closure-preserving collections. We shall use “HCP (resp.  $\sigma$ -HCP)” instead of “hereditarily closure-preserving (resp.  $\sigma$ -hereditarily closure-preserving)”.

**Theorem 3.1.** *A space  $X$  has a  $\sigma$ -HCP compact  $k$ -network if and only if  $X$  has a  $\sigma$ -HCP closed  $k$ -network, and every first countable closed subspace of  $X$  is locally compact.*

*Proof:* Necessity. We can assume that  $X$  is a first countable space. Suppose  $\bigcup_{n \in N} \mathcal{P}_n$  is a  $\sigma$ -HCP compact  $k$ -network for  $X$ , where each  $\mathcal{P}_n$  is HCP in  $X$  and  $\mathcal{P}_n \subset \mathcal{P}_{n+1}$  for each  $n \in N$ . Put  $P_n = \bigcup \mathcal{P}_n$ , so that  $P_n \subset P_{n+1}$ . If there exists  $x \in X \setminus \bigcup_{n \in N} P_n^0$ , then there is  $x_n \in V_n \cap (X \setminus P_n)$  where  $\{V_n\}$  is a local base for  $x$  in  $X$ . Because  $x_n \rightarrow x, \{x\} \cup \{x_n : n \in N\} \subset P_m$  for some  $m \in N$ , a contradiction. Thus  $X = \bigcup_{n \in N} P_n^0$ . To complete the proof of the necessity we need only prove that each  $P_n$  is locally compact. Let  $q_n : \bigoplus \mathcal{P}_n \rightarrow P_n$  be the obvious mapping. Note that  $\bigoplus \mathcal{P}_n$  is a locally compact metric space. Since  $\mathcal{P}_n$  is HCP,  $q_n$  is a closed mapping. We have that  $\partial q_n^{-1}(x)$  is compact for each  $x \in P_n$  because  $P_n$  is first countable. We can assume that  $q_n$  is a perfect mapping. Thus  $P_n$  is locally compact, and  $X$  is locally compact.

Sufficiency. Suppose  $\mathcal{P} = \bigcup_{n \in N} \mathcal{P}_n$  is a  $\sigma$ -HCP closed  $k$ -network for  $X$ , where each  $\mathcal{P}_n$  is HCP in  $X$ , and  $X \in \mathcal{P}_n \subset \mathcal{P}_{n+1}$ . For each  $n \in N$ , put

$$D_n = \{x \in X : \mathcal{P}_n \text{ is not point-finite at } x\},$$

$$\mathcal{R} = \{P \setminus D_n : P \in \mathcal{P}_n, n \in N\} \cup \{\{x\} : x \in D_n, n \in N\}.$$

From the proof of Theorem in [5], we have the following facts:

- (1)  $D_n$  is  $\sigma$ -discrete in  $X$ .
- (2)  $K \cap D_n$  is finite if  $K$  is compact in  $X$ .

- (3) For a finite  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{R}$ , there are  $m \in N$ ,  $P \in \mathcal{P}_m$  and  $D \subset D_m$  such that  $\bigcap \mathcal{F} = (P \setminus D_m) \cup D$

Define

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{H} &= \{R \in \mathcal{R} : \overline{R} \text{ is compact in } X\}, \\ \mathcal{K} &= \{\overline{H} : H \in \mathcal{H}\}.\end{aligned}$$

By (1),  $\mathcal{K}$  is a  $\sigma$ -HCP collection of compact subsets of  $X$ . We shall prove that  $\mathcal{K}$  is a  $k$ -network for  $X$ .

For  $K \subset U$  with  $K$  compact and  $U$  open in  $X$ , since  $\mathcal{R}$  is a point-countable cover of  $K$ , by Miščenko's lemma there are only countable many minimal finite subfamilies of  $\mathcal{R}$  covering  $K$ , say  $\{\mathcal{R}_i\}$ . For each  $n \in N$ , let  $A_n = \bigcup(\bigwedge_{i \leq n} \mathcal{R}_i)$ . Thus  $\{\overline{A}_n\}$  is a descending sequence of closed subsets of  $X$ . If  $V$  is open in  $X$  with  $K \subset V$ , then  $K \subset \bigcup \mathcal{P}' \subset V$  for some finite  $\mathcal{P}' \subset \mathcal{P}_i$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned}K &\subset (\bigcup\{P \setminus D_i : P \in \mathcal{P}'\}) \cup (K \cap D_i) \\ &\subset (\bigcup\{P \setminus D_i : P \in \mathcal{P}'\}) \cup (K \cap D_i) \subset V.\end{aligned}$$

By (2), there is  $n \in N$  such that

$$\mathcal{R}_n \subset \{P \setminus D_i : P \in \mathcal{P}'\} \cup \{x\} : x \in K \cap D_i\},$$

so  $K \subset \overline{A}_n \subset V$ , and  $\{\overline{A}_n\}$  is a network of  $K$  in  $X$ . We have that  $\overline{A}_n$  is countably compact for some  $n \in N$  by the proof of Lemma 2.1. Hence there exists  $m \in N$  such that  $\overline{A}_m \subset U$  and  $\overline{A}_m$  is countably compact. Since  $X$  is subparacompact,  $\overline{A}_m$  is compact. Since  $\overline{A}_m$  is a finite union of finite intersections of elements of  $\mathcal{R}$ , by (3), there are a finite  $\mathcal{R}' \subset \mathcal{R}$  and some  $D \subset D_j$  such that  $A_m = (\bigcup \mathcal{R}') \cup D$ . Put

$$\mathcal{H}' = \mathcal{R}' \cup \{\{x\} : x \in K \cap D\}.$$

Now  $\mathcal{H}'$  is a finite subfamily of  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $K \subset \bigcup\{\overline{H} : H \in \mathcal{H}'\} \subset U$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{K}$  is a  $k$ -network for  $X$ , and  $X$  has a  $\sigma$ -HCP compact  $k$ -network.

Theorem 3.1 is a generalization of Theorem A.

**Corollary 3.2.** *The following conditions are equivalent for a space  $X$ ;*

- (1)  $X$  is a closed image of a locally compact metric space.
- (2)  $X$  is a closed image of a metric space, and every first countable closed subspace of  $X$  is locally compact.

- (3)  $X$  is a Fréchet space with a  $\sigma$ -HCP compact  $k$ -network.
- (4)  $X$  is a Fréchet space with a  $\sigma$ -HCP closed  $k$ -network, and every first countable closed subspace of  $X$  is locally compact.

*Proof:* By Corollary 1.4 in [7]. (1) is equivalent to (2). By Theorem 3.1, (3) is equivalent to (4). by Theorem in [2], (2) is equivalent to (4).  $\square$

As for the relation between spaces with a  $\sigma$ -HCP compact  $k$ -network and spaces with a  $\sigma$ -locally finite compact  $k$ -network, we have that a space  $X$  has a  $\sigma$ -locally finite compact  $k$ -network if and only if  $X$  has a  $\sigma$ -HCP compact  $k$ -network, and  $X$  contains no closed copy of  $S_{\omega_1}$  by Theorem 2.6 in [4].

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