

## ON $s$ -IMAGES OF LOCALLY SEPARABLE METRIC SPACES

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### Abstract

In this paper we characterize compact-covering (resp. pseudo-sequence-covering, subsequence-covering, sequentially-quotient)  $s$ -images of locally separable metric spaces by certain point-countable covers.

## 1 Introduction

Characterizations of images of metric spaces have attracted many authors (see [1], [6], [7], [10]). Recently, many topologists were engaged in  $s$ -images of locally separable metric spaces. In [10] and [12], authors have characterized quotient  $s$ -images and sequence-covering  $s$ -images of locally separable metric spaces as follows.

**Theorem 1.1 ([10], Theorem 2.2).** *The following conditions are equivalent for a space  $X$ .*

- 1.  $X$  is a quotient  $s$ -image of a locally separable metric space,*
- 2.  $X$  is a sequential space, and there exists a point-countable cover  $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  of  $X$  where each  $X_\alpha$  has a countable network  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  satisfying that for each convergent sequence  $S$  of  $X$ , there is  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  such that  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  is a  $cs$ -network for some subsequence of  $S$ .*

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**Theorem 1.2** ([12], **Theorem 3.4**). *The following are equivalent for a space  $X$ .*

1.  $X$  is a sequence-covering  $s$ -image of a locally separable metric space,
2.  $X$  has a point-countable  $cs$ -network consisting of cosmic subspaces,
3.  $X$  has a point-countable  $cs$ -network, and an  $so$ -cover consisting of  $\aleph_0$ -subspaces.

Note that, for a map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $f$  is compact-covering or sequence-covering  $\Rightarrow f$  is pseudo-sequence-covering  $\Rightarrow$  subsequence-covering, and  $f$  is quotient if and only if  $f$  is subsequence-covering such that  $Y$  is sequential. Any of each converse implication need not hold. Compact-covering maps and sequence-covering maps are exclusive ([15], [16]). These lead us to be interested in compact-covering (resp. pseudo-sequence-covering, subsequence-covering, sequentially-quotient)  $s$ -images of locally separable metric spaces, that is, we are interested in the following question.

**Question 1.3.** *How are compact-covering (resp. pseudo-sequence-covering, subsequence-covering, sequentially-quotient)  $s$ -images of locally separable metric spaces characterized by means of point-countable covers?*

In this paper we give internal characterizations of compact-covering (pseudo-sequence-covering, subsequence-covering, sequentially-quotient)  $s$ -images of locally separable metric spaces by means of certain point-countable covers to answer Question 1.3 completely.

Throughout this paper, all spaces are assumed to be regular and  $T_1$ , all maps are assumed continuous and onto,  $\mathbb{N}$  denotes the set of all natural numbers,  $\omega$  denotes  $\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ , and a convergent sequence includes its limit point. Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a map and  $\mathcal{P}$  be a collection of subsets of  $X$ , we denote  $\bigcup \mathcal{P} = \bigcup \{P : P \in \mathcal{P}\}$  and  $f(\mathcal{P}) = \{f(P) : P \in \mathcal{P}\}$ .

**Definition 1.4.** Let  $A$  be a subset of a space  $X$  and  $\mathcal{P}$  be a collection of subsets of  $X$ .

$\mathcal{P}$  is a *cover for  $A$  in  $X$* , if  $A \subset \bigcup \mathcal{P}$ .

$\mathcal{P}$  is a *network at  $x$  in  $X$* , if  $x \in P$  for every  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  and whenever  $x \in U$  with  $U$  open in  $X$ , then  $x \in P \subset U$  for some  $P \in \mathcal{P}$ .

$\mathcal{P}$  is a *network for  $A$  in  $X$* , if whenever  $x \in U \cap A$  with  $U$  open in  $X$ , then  $x \in P \subset U$  for some  $P \in \mathcal{P}$ .

$\mathcal{P}$  is a  *$k$ -network for  $A$  in  $X$* , if whenever  $K \subset U \cap A$  with  $K$  compact and  $U$  open in  $X$ , then  $K \subset \bigcup \mathcal{F} \subset U$  for some finite  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{P}$ .

$\mathcal{P}$  is a *cfp-cover for  $A$  in  $X$* , if  $\mathcal{P}$  is finite and for each  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  there is a closed set  $A_P$  in  $A$  with  $A_P \subset P$  such that  $A \subset \bigcup \{A_P : P \in \mathcal{P}\}$ . Note that a such family  $\mathcal{P}$  is a *full cover* in [1].

$\mathcal{P}$  is a *cfp-network for  $A$  in  $X$* , if whenever  $K \subset U \cap A$  with  $K$  compact and  $U$  open in  $X$ , then there is a cfp-cover  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{P}$  for  $K$  in  $X$  such that  $K \subset \bigcup \mathcal{F} \subset U$ . Note that a such family  $\mathcal{P}$  is a *strong  $k$ -network* in [1].

$\mathcal{P}$  is a *cs-network for  $A$  in  $X$*  (resp. *cs\*-network for  $A$  in  $X$* ), if whenever  $S$  is a convergent sequence in  $A$  converging to  $x \in A \cap U$  with  $U$  open in  $X$ , then  $S$  is eventually (resp. frequently) in  $P \subset U$  for some  $P \in \mathcal{P}$ . Note that when  $A$  is a convergent sequence there are different definitions in [10] but they are the same if  $\mathcal{P}$  is a network for  $A$  in  $X$ .

A cover  $\mathcal{P}$  for  $A$  in  $X$  is an *irreducible cover for  $A$  in  $X$* , if whenever  $\mathcal{Q} \subset \mathcal{P}$  covers  $A$ , then  $\mathcal{Q} = \mathcal{P}$ .

$\mathcal{P}$  is *point-countable*, if  $\{P \in \mathcal{P} : x \in P\}$  is countable for each point  $x \in X$ .

If  $A = X$ , then a cover (resp. network, *cfp-cover*, *cfp-network*, *cs-network*, *cs\*-network*, *irreducible cover*)  $\mathcal{P}$  for  $A$  in  $X$  is abbreviated to a *cover* (resp. *network*, *cfp-cover*, *cfp-network*, *cs-network*, *cs\*-network*, *irreducible cover*)  $\mathcal{P}$  for  $X$  (see [1], [14]).

**Definition 1.5 ([14]).** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a map.

$f$  is a *compact-covering* map, if each compact subset of  $Y$  is the image of some compact subset of  $X$ .

$f$  is an *s-map*, if whenever  $y \in Y$ , then  $f^{-1}(y)$  is a separable subset of  $X$ .

$f$  is a *sequence-covering* map, if each convergent sequence in  $Y$  is the image of some convergent sequence in  $X$ .

$f$  is a *pseudo-sequence-covering* map, if each convergent sequence in  $Y$  is the image of some compact subset of  $X$ .

$f$  is a *sequentially-quotient* map, if for each convergent sequence  $S$  in  $Y$ , there is a convergent sequence  $L$  in  $X$  such that  $f(L)$  is a convergent subsequence of  $S$ .

$f$  is a *subsequence-covering* map, if for each convergent sequence  $S$  in  $Y$  there is a compact subset  $K$  of  $X$  such that  $f(K)$  is a convergent subsequence of  $S$ .

**Definition 1.6 ([14]).** Let  $X$  be a space.

$X$  is an  $\aleph_0$ -*space*, if  $X$  has a countable *cs-network*. Note that “*cs-*” can be replaced by “*k-*”, “*cfp-*”, or “*cs\*-*”.

$X$  is a *Fréchet* space, if whenever  $x \in \overline{A}$  with  $A \subset X$ , then there is a sequence in  $A$  converging to  $x$ .

$X$  is a *sequential* space, if whenever  $A$  is a non closed subset of  $X$ , then there is a sequence in  $A$  converging to a point not in  $A$ .

For terms which are not defined here, please refer to [10], [12] and [14].

## 2 Results

Firstly, we give some results on preservations of certain networks under covering-maps and on relations of covering-maps.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a map.*

1. If  $\mathcal{P}$  is a  $cs$ -network for a convergent sequence  $L$  in  $X$ , then  $f(\mathcal{P})$  is a  $cs$ -network for  $f(L)$  in  $Y$ .
2. If  $\mathcal{P}$  is a  $cfp$ -cover for a compact subset  $K$  in  $X$ , then  $f(\mathcal{P})$  is a  $cfp$ -cover for  $f(K)$  in  $Y$ .
3. If  $\mathcal{P}$  is a  $cfp$ -network for a compact subset  $K$  in  $X$ , then  $f(\mathcal{P})$  is a  $cfp$ -network for  $f(K)$  in  $Y$ .

**Proof** (1) and (2) are routine.

(3). Let  $H \subset f(K) \cap U$  with  $H$  compact and  $U$  open in  $Y$ . Then  $G = f^{-1}(H) \cap K$  is compact and  $G \subset K \cap f^{-1}(U)$  with  $f^{-1}(U)$  open in  $X$ . It is easy to see that  $H = f(G)$ . Since  $\mathcal{P}$  is a  $cfp$ -network for  $K$  in  $X$  and  $G \subset K \cap f^{-1}(U)$  with  $f^{-1}(U)$  open in  $X$ , there is a  $cfp$ -cover  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{P}$  for  $G$  in  $X$  such that  $G \subset \bigcup \mathcal{F} \subset f^{-1}(U)$ . Then  $f(\mathcal{F}) \subset f(\mathcal{P})$  is a  $cfp$ -cover for  $f(G) = H$  in  $Y$  by (2) satisfying that  $H \subset \bigcup f(\mathcal{F}) = f(\bigcup \mathcal{F}) \subset U$ . It implies that  $f(\mathcal{P})$  is a  $cfp$ -network for  $f(K)$  in  $Y$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a map.

1. If  $f$  is quotient and  $Y$  is Fréchet, then  $f$  is pseudo-open.
2. If  $f$  is compact-covering and  $\mathcal{P}$  is a  $k$ -network for  $X$ , then  $f(\mathcal{P})$  is a  $k$ -network for  $Y$ .
3. If  $f$  is sequence-covering and  $\mathcal{P}$  is a  $cs$ -network for  $X$ , then  $f(\mathcal{P})$  is a  $cs$ -network for  $Y$ .
4. If  $f$  is sequentially-quotient and  $\mathcal{P}$  is a  $cs^*$ -network for  $X$ , then  $f(\mathcal{P})$  is a  $cs^*$ -network for  $Y$ .
5. If  $f$  is compact-covering and  $\mathcal{P}$  is a  $cfp$ -network for  $X$ , then  $f(\mathcal{P})$  is a  $cfp$ -network for  $Y$ .
6. If  $X$  is sequential and  $f$  is subsequence-covering, then  $f$  is sequentially-quotient.

**Proof** (1). See [4], Proposition 2.3.

(2), (3), (4) and (5) are routine.

(6). Let  $S$  be a convergent sequence converging to a point  $y \in Y$ . Since  $f$  is subsequence-covering, there is a compact subset  $K$  in  $X$  such that  $f(K)$  is a convergent subsequence of  $S$ . Put  $f(K) = \{y\} \cup \{y_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  where  $\{y_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  converges to  $y$ . For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  pick  $x_n \in f^{-1}(y_n) \cap K$ , then  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subset K$ . Note that  $K$  is a compact subset in a sequential space,  $K$  is sequentially compact. So there is a convergent subsequence  $\{x\} \cup \{x_{n_k} : k \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of  $\{x\} \cup \{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  that converges to  $x \in f^{-1}(y)$ . Then  $\{y\} \cup \{f(x_{n_k}) : k \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a convergent subsequence of  $\{y\} \cup \{y_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Therefore  $\{y\} \cup \{f(x_{n_k}) : k \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a convergent subsequence of  $S$ . This proves that  $f$  is sequentially-quotient.  $\square$

The next three lemmas give some properties on certain networks for compact subsets, particularly, convergent sequences.

**Lemma 2.3.** *If  $\mathcal{P}$  is a cfp-network for a compact subset  $K$  in  $X$  and  $x \in K \cap U$  with  $U$  open in  $X$ , then there is a cfp-cover  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{P}$  for  $K$  in  $X$  such that  $\bigcup\{F \in \mathcal{F} : x \in F\} \subset U$ .*

A such cfp-cover  $\mathcal{F}$  for  $K$  in  $X$  is called having *property  $k(x, U)$* .

**Proof** We get that  $x \in W_1 \subset \overline{W_1} \subset W \subset \overline{W} \subset U \cap K$  where both  $W_1$  and  $W$  are open in  $K$ . Since  $\overline{W}$  is compact and  $\overline{W} \subset U$ , there is a cfp-cover  $\mathcal{F}_1$  for  $\overline{W}$  in  $X$  with  $\bigcup \mathcal{F}_1 \subset U$ . Since the open set  $X - \overline{W_1}$  contains a compact set  $K - W$ , then there is a cfp-cover  $\mathcal{F}_2$  for  $K - W$  in  $X$  such that  $\bigcup \mathcal{F}_2 \subset X - \overline{W_1}$ . Then  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_1 \cup \mathcal{F}_2$  is a cfp-cover for  $K$  in  $X$  such that  $\bigcup\{F \in \mathcal{F} : x \in F\} \subset U$ .  $\square$

Similarly, we get the following

**Lemma 2.4.** *If  $\mathcal{P}$  is a cs-network for a convergent sequence  $S$  in  $X$  with  $S \subset U$  and  $U$  open in  $X$ , then there is a subfamily  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{P}$  satisfying the following.*

1.  $\mathcal{F}$  is finite,
2.  $\emptyset \neq F \cap S \subset F \subset U$  for every  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ ,
3. If  $x \in S$ , then there is a unique  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  such that  $x \in F$ ,
4. If  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  contains the limit point of  $S$ , then  $S - F$  is finite.

A such family  $\mathcal{F}$  is called having *property  $cs(S, U)$* .

**Lemma 2.5.** *If  $\mathcal{P}$  is a point-countable  $cs^*$ -network for a convergent sequence  $S$  in  $X$  with  $S \subset U$  and  $U$  open in  $X$ , then there is a family  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{P}$  satisfying the following.*

1.  $\mathcal{F}$  is finite,
2.  $\emptyset \neq F \cap S \subset F \subset U$  for every  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ ,
3. If  $x \in S$ , then there is  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  such that  $x \in F$ ,
4.  $F \cap S$  is closed for every  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ .

A such family  $\mathcal{F}$  is called having *property  $cs^*(S, U)$* .

The next result is easy to prove.

**Lemma 2.6.** *Let  $S$  be a convergent sequence in  $X$ , and  $\mathcal{P}$  be a point-countable cover for  $S$  in  $X$ . Then  $\mathcal{P}$  is a cfp-network for  $S$  in  $X$  if and only if  $\mathcal{P}$  is a  $cs^*$ -network for  $S$  in  $X$ .*

The next two lemmas and notations in their proofs will be used frequently in the following parts.

**Lemma 2.7.** *Let  $f : M \rightarrow X$  be an  $s$ -map from a locally separable metric space  $M$  onto a space  $X$ . Then  $X$  has a point-countable cover  $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  such that each  $X_\alpha$  has a countable network  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$ .*

**Proof** Since  $M$  is a locally separable metric space,  $M = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} M_\alpha$  where all  $M_\alpha$ 's are separable metric spaces by 4.4.F in [2]. For each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ , let  $\mathcal{B}_\alpha$  be a countable base for  $M_\alpha$ , and put  $X_\alpha = f(M_\alpha)$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha = f(\mathcal{B}_\alpha)$ . Then  $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  is a point-countable cover for  $X$ , and  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  is a countable network for  $X_\alpha$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.8.** *Let  $X$  be a space has a point-countable cover  $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  such that each  $X_\alpha$  has a countable network  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$ . Then  $X$  is an  $s$ -image of a locally separable metric space.*

**Proof** For each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  put  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha = \{P_\beta : \beta \in \Gamma^\alpha\}$  where  $\Gamma^\alpha$  is countable. Let  $\Gamma_n^\alpha$  be the set  $\Gamma^\alpha$  with the discrete topology for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Denote

$$M_\alpha = \left\{ b = (\beta_n) \in \prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \Gamma_n^\alpha : \{P_{\beta_n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \right. \\ \left. \text{forms a network in } X_\alpha \text{ at some point } x_b \in X_\alpha \right\}.$$

Then  $M_\alpha$  is a hereditarily separable metric space of the space  $\prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \Gamma_n^\alpha$ . It implies that  $M = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} M_\alpha$  is a locally separable metric space.

For every  $b = (\beta_n) \in M_\alpha$ ,  $\{P_{\beta_n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a network at some point  $x_b$  in  $X_\alpha$ . Put  $f_\alpha(b) = x_b$ . It is easy to check that  $f_\alpha : M_\alpha \rightarrow X_\alpha$  is a map. For every  $b \in M$  put  $f(b) = f_\alpha(b)$  whenever  $b \in M_\alpha$ . Then  $f$  is a map from  $M$  onto  $X$ . Let  $x \in X$ . Since  $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  is point-countable,  $\Lambda_x = \{\alpha \in \Lambda : x \in X_\alpha\}$  is countable. For each  $\alpha \in \Lambda_x$  because  $f_\alpha^{-1}(x) \subset M_\alpha$  and  $M_\alpha$  is hereditarily separable, we get  $f_\alpha^{-1}(x)$  is separable. Therefore  $f^{-1}(x) = \bigcup \{f_\alpha^{-1}(x) : \alpha \in \Lambda_x\}$  is separable. It implies that  $f$  is an  $s$ -map from a locally separable metric space  $M$  onto  $X$ .  $\square$

Using notations in Lemma 2.8 we get the following two lemmas which play important roles in our proofs. The first proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2 in [11], the second one is similar to that of Theorem 1 in [8].

**Lemma 2.9.** *If  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  is a countable cfp-network for a compact subset  $K_\alpha$  in  $X_\alpha$ , then there is a compact subset  $L_\alpha$  in  $M_\alpha$  such that  $f_\alpha(L_\alpha) = K_\alpha$ .*

**Lemma 2.10.** *If  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  is a countable cs-network for a convergent sequence  $S_\alpha$  in  $X_\alpha$ , then there is a convergent sequence  $C_\alpha$  in  $M_\alpha$  such that  $f_\alpha(C_\alpha) = S_\alpha$ .*

Now, we give a characterization of a subsequence-covering  $s$ -image of a locally separable metric space.

**Theorem 2.11.** *The following are equivalent for a space  $X$ .*

1.  $X$  is a subsequence-covering  $s$ -image of a locally separable metric space,
2.  $X$  is a sequentially-quotient  $s$ -image of a locally separable metric space,

3.  $X$  has a point-countable cover  $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  where each  $X_\alpha$  has a countable network  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  satisfying that for each convergent sequence  $S$  of  $X$ , there is  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  such that  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  is a  $cs$ -network in  $X_\alpha$  for some subsequence of  $S$ .

**Proof** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). By Lemma 2.2.(6).

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Let  $f : M \rightarrow X$  be a sequentially-quotient  $s$ -map from a locally separable metric space  $M$  onto  $X$ . It follows from Lemma 2.7 that  $X$  has a point-countable cover  $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  where each  $X_\alpha = f(M_\alpha)$  has a countable network  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha = f(\mathcal{B}_\alpha)$  with  $M = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} M_\alpha$  and  $\mathcal{B}_\alpha$  being a countable base for a separable metric space  $M_\alpha$ . Let  $S$  be a convergent sequence in  $X$ , we shall prove that there is  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  such that  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  is a  $cs$ -network in  $X_\alpha$  for some subsequence of  $S$ . Indeed, since  $f$  is sequentially-quotient, there is a convergent sequence  $L$  of  $M$  such that  $f(L)$  is a subsequence of  $S$ . Since  $L$  is a convergent sequence,  $L$  is eventually in  $M_\alpha$  for some  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ . It is clear that  $\mathcal{B}_\alpha$  is a  $cs$ -network for  $L \cap M_\alpha$  in  $M_\alpha$  and  $f(L \cap M_\alpha)$  is a subsequence of  $S$ . It follows from Lemma 2.1 that  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  is a  $cs$ -network for  $f(L \cap M_\alpha)$  in  $X_\alpha$ . It implies that  $X$  has a cover  $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  having required properties.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). It follows from Lemma 2.8 that there exists an  $s$ -map  $f : M \rightarrow X$  from a locally separable metric space  $M = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} M_\alpha$  onto  $X$  where  $f(b) = f_\alpha(b)$  whenever  $b \in M_\alpha$  with each  $f_\alpha : M_\alpha \rightarrow X_\alpha$  being a map from a separable metric space  $M_\alpha$  onto  $X_\alpha$ . We shall prove that  $f$  is subsequence-covering. Let  $S$  be a convergent sequence in  $X$ . Then there is  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  such that  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  is a  $cs$ -network in  $X_\alpha$  for a subsequence  $T$  of  $S$ . Therefore  $T = f_\alpha(C_\alpha) = f(C_\alpha)$  where  $C_\alpha$  is a convergent sequence in  $M_\alpha$  by Lemma 2.10. It implies that  $f$  is a sequentially-quotient map. Then  $f$  is subsequence-covering.  $\square$

From Theorem 2.11, it is easy to get the following corollary by the fact that sequential spaces and Fréchet spaces are preserved by quotient maps and pseudo-open maps respectively. If we drop the parenthetic part, then we get Theorem 2.2 in [10] (see Theorem 1.1).

**Corollary 2.12.** *The following are equivalent for a space  $X$ .*

1.  $X$  is a quotient (resp. pseudo-open)  $s$ -image of a locally separable metric space,
2.  $X$  is a sequential (resp. Fréchet) space having a point-countable cover  $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  where each  $X_\alpha$  has a countable network  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  satisfying that for each convergent sequence  $S$  of  $X$ , there is  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  such that  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  is a  $cs$ -network in  $X_\alpha$  for some subsequence of  $S$ .

Next, we give an another result based on the relation between a convergent sequence and some  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  as follows.

**Theorem 2.13.** *The following are equivalent for a space  $X$ .*

1.  $X$  is a sequence-covering  $s$ -image of a locally separable metric space,

2.  $X$  has a point-countable cover  $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  where each  $X_\alpha$  has a countable network  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  satisfying that for each convergent sequence  $S$  of  $X$ , there is  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  such that  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  is a  $cs$ -network for a subsequence  $T$  of  $S$  in  $X_\alpha$  with  $S - T$  finite.

**Proof** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $f : M \rightarrow X$  be a sequence-covering  $s$ -map from a locally separable metric space  $M$  onto  $X$ . It follows from Lemma 2.7 that  $X$  has a point-countable cover  $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  where each  $X_\alpha = f(M_\alpha)$  has a countable network  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha = f(\mathcal{B}_\alpha)$  with  $M = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} M_\alpha$  and  $\mathcal{B}_\alpha$  being a countable base for a separable metric space  $M_\alpha$ . Let  $S$  be a convergent sequence in  $X$ , we shall prove that there is  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  such that  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  is a  $cs$ -network for a subsequence  $T$  of  $S$  in  $X_\alpha$  with  $S - T$  finite. Indeed, since  $f$  is sequence-covering,  $S = f(L)$  with some convergent sequence  $L$  in  $M$ . Since  $L$  is a convergent sequence in  $M$ ,  $L$  is eventually in  $M_\alpha$  for some  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ . It is clear that  $\mathcal{B}_\alpha$  is a  $cs$ -network for  $L \cap M_\alpha$  in  $M_\alpha$ . It follows from Lemma 2.1 that  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  is a  $cs$ -network for  $T = f(L \cap M_\alpha)$  in  $X_\alpha$  where  $T$  is a subsequence of  $S$ . Since  $L$  is eventually in  $M_\alpha$ ,  $S - T$  is finite. It implies that  $X$  has a cover  $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  having required properties.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). It follows from Lemma 2.8 that there exists an  $s$ -map  $f : M \rightarrow X$  from a locally separable metric space  $M = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} M_\alpha$  onto  $X$  where  $f(b) = f_\alpha(b)$  whenever  $b \in M_\alpha$  with each  $f_\alpha : M_\alpha \rightarrow X_\alpha$  being a map from a separable metric space  $M_\alpha$  onto  $X_\alpha$ . We shall prove that  $f$  is sequence-covering. Let  $S$  be a convergent sequence in  $X$ . Then there is  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  such that  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  is a  $cs$ -network for a subsequence  $T$  of  $S$  with  $S - T$  finite. It follows from Lemma 2.10 that  $T = f_\alpha(C_\alpha)$  where  $C_\alpha$  is a convergent sequence in  $M_\alpha$ . Since  $S - T$  is finite, there is finite set  $F$  in  $M$  such that  $f(F) = S - T$ . Put  $L = F \cup C_\alpha$ , then  $L$  is a convergent sequence in  $M$  such that  $f(L) = S$ . It implies that  $f$  is sequence-covering.  $\square$

The following corollary is routine.

**Corollary 2.14.** *The following are equivalent for a space  $X$ .*

1.  $X$  is a sequence-covering quotient (resp. pseudo-open)  $s$ -image of a locally separable metric space,
2.  $X$  is a sequential (resp. Fréchet) space having a point-countable cover  $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  where each  $X_\alpha$  has a countable network  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  satisfying that for each convergent sequence  $S$  of  $X$ , there is  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  such that  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  is a  $cs$ -network for a subsequence  $T$  of  $S$  in  $X_\alpha$  with  $S - T$  finite.

**Definition 2.15** ([12], Definition 2.1). A space  $X$  is *sequentially separable* if  $X$  has a countable subset  $D$  such that for each  $x \in X$  there is a sequence  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subset D$  with  $x_n \rightarrow x$ .

By the above notion and results we get a nice characterization of sequence-covering  $s$ -images of locally separable metric spaces as follows.



**Corollary 2.16.** *The following are equivalent for a space  $X$ .*

1.  $X$  is a sequence-covering  $s$ -image of a locally separable metric space,
2.  $X$  has a point-countable  $cs$ -network consisting of  $\aleph_0$ -subspaces.

**Proof** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). It follows from Theorem 2.13 that  $X$  has a point-countable cover  $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  where each  $X_\alpha$  has a countable network  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  satisfying that for each convergent sequence  $S$  of  $X$  there is  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  such that  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  is a  $cs$ -network for a subsequence  $T$  of  $S$  in  $X_\alpha$  with  $S - T$  finite. Put  $\mathcal{P} = \bigcup\{\mathcal{P}_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$ , then  $\mathcal{P}$  is a point-countable  $cs$ -network for  $X$ . We need only to prove that each element  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  is an  $\aleph_0$ -subspace. By (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) in Proof of Theorem 2.13 we can assume that  $P = f(B)$  where  $B$  is separable metric. Note that every separable metric space is a sequentially separable space and sequential separability is preserved by a map, then  $P$  is a sequentially separable subspace having a point-countable  $cs$ -network  $\mathcal{P}_P = \{Q \cap P : Q \in \mathcal{P}\}$ . It follows from Lemma 2.4(3) in [12] that  $P$  is an  $\aleph_0$ -space.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $\mathcal{P} = \{X_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  be a point-countable  $cs$ -network for  $X$  consisting of  $\aleph_0$ -subspaces. So each  $X_\alpha$  has a countable  $cs$ -network  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$ . Then  $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  satisfies (2) in Theorem 2.13. It implies that  $X$  is a sequence-covering  $s$ -image of a locally separable metric space.  $\square$

Next, we characterize pseudo-sequence-covering  $s$ -images of locally separable metric spaces based on the relation between a convergent sequence and some finite collection of  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$ 's as follows.

**Theorem 2.17.** *The following are equivalent for a space  $X$ .*

1.  $X$  is a pseudo-sequence-covering  $s$ -image of a locally separable metric space,
2.  $X$  has a point-countable cover  $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  where each  $X_\alpha$  has a countable network  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  satisfying that for each convergent sequence  $S$  of  $X$ , there is a finite subset  $\Lambda_S$  of  $\Lambda$  such that  $S = \bigcup\{S_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda_S\}$  where  $S_\alpha$  is compact and  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  is a  $cs^*$ -network for  $S_\alpha$  in  $X_\alpha$  for every  $\alpha \in \Lambda_S$ .

**Proof** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $f : M \rightarrow X$  be a pseudo-sequence-covering  $s$ -map from a locally separable metric space  $M$  onto  $X$ . It follows from Lemma 2.7 that  $X$  has a point-countable cover  $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  where each  $X_\alpha = f(M_\alpha)$  has a countable network  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha = f(\mathcal{B}_\alpha)$  with  $M = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} M_\alpha$  and each  $\mathcal{B}_\alpha$  being a countable base for a separable metric space  $M_\alpha$ . Let  $S$  be a convergent sequence in  $X$ , we shall prove that there is a finite subset  $\Lambda_S$  of  $\Lambda$  such that  $S = \bigcup\{S_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda_S\}$  where  $S_\alpha$  is compact and  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  is a  $cs^*$ -network for  $S_\alpha$  in  $X_\alpha$  for every  $\alpha \in \Lambda_S$ . Indeed, since  $f$  is pseudo-sequence-covering,  $S = f(L)$  with some compact subset  $L$  of  $M$ . Because  $L$  is a compact subset of  $M$ ,  $\Lambda_S = \{\alpha \in \Lambda : M_\alpha \cap L \neq \emptyset\}$  is finite. For each  $\alpha \in \Lambda_S$  put  $L_\alpha = L \cap M_\alpha$ , then  $L_\alpha$  is compact and  $L = \bigcup\{L_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda_S\}$ . Denote  $S_\alpha = f(L_\alpha)$ , then

$S_\alpha$  is compact for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda_S$ . We get  $S = f(L) = f(\bigcup\{L_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda_S\}) = \bigcup\{f(L_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Lambda_S\} = \bigcup\{S_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda_S\}$ . It follows from Claim 4.2 in [1] that  $\mathcal{B}_\alpha$  is a  $cfp$ -network of  $M_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ , then  $\mathcal{B}_\alpha$  is a  $cfp$ -network for  $L_\alpha$  in  $M_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda_S$ . From Lemma 2.1.(3),  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  is a  $cfp$ -network for  $S_\alpha$  in  $X_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda_S$ . Since  $S_\alpha$  is compact in a convergent sequence  $S$ ,  $S_\alpha$  is a convergent sequence for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda_S$ . Then  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  is a  $cs^*$ -network for  $S_\alpha$  in  $X_\alpha$  by Lemma 2.6 for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda_S$ . It implies that  $X$  has a cover  $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  having required properties.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). It follows from Lemma 2.8 that there exists an  $s$ -map  $f : M \rightarrow X$  from a locally separable metric space  $M = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} M_\alpha$  onto  $X$  where  $f(b) = f_\alpha(b)$  whenever  $b \in M_\alpha$  with each  $f_\alpha : M_\alpha \rightarrow X_\alpha$  being a map from a separable metric  $M_\alpha$  onto  $X_\alpha$ . We shall prove that  $f$  is pseudo-sequence-covering. Let  $S$  be a convergent sequence in  $X$ , then there is a finite subset  $\Lambda_S$  of  $\Lambda$  such that  $S = \bigcup\{S_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda_S\}$  where  $S_\alpha$  is compact and  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  is a  $cs^*$ -network for  $S_\alpha$  in  $X_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda_S$ . Since  $S_\alpha$  is compact in a convergent sequence  $S$ ,  $S_\alpha$  is a convergent sequence for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda_S$ . It follows from Lemma 2.6 that  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  is a  $cfp$ -network for  $S_\alpha$  in  $X_\alpha$ . Then for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda_S$  there is a compact subset  $L_\alpha$  of  $M_\alpha$  such that  $S_\alpha = f_\alpha(L_\alpha)$  by Lemma 2.9. Put  $L = \bigcup\{L_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda_S\}$ , then  $L$  is compact and  $S = \bigcup\{S_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda_S\} = \bigcup\{f_\alpha(L_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Lambda_S\} = f(\bigcup\{L_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda_S\}) = f(L)$ . It implies that  $f$  is a pseudo-sequence-covering map.  $\square$

It is easy to get the following from Theorem 2.17.

**Corollary 2.18.** *The following are equivalent for a space  $X$ .*

1.  $X$  is a pseudo-sequence-covering quotient (resp. pseudo-open)  $s$ -image of a locally separable metric space,
2.  $X$  is a sequential (resp. Fréchet) space having a point-countable cover  $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  where each  $X_\alpha$  has a countable network  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  satisfying that for each convergent sequence  $S$  of  $X$ , there is a finite subset  $\Lambda_S$  of  $\Lambda$  such that  $S = \bigcup\{S_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda_S\}$  where  $S_\alpha$  is compact and  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  is a  $cs^*$ -network for  $S_\alpha$  in  $X_\alpha$  for every  $\alpha \in \Lambda_S$ .

The following is a general result of Corollary 2.3 in [10].

**Corollary 2.19.** *If  $X$  is a space with a point-countable  $cs^*$ -network consisting of  $\aleph_0$ -subspaces, then  $X$  is a pseudo-sequence-covering  $s$ -image of a locally separable metric space.*

Finally, we characterize compact-covering  $s$ -images of locally separable metric spaces based on the relation between a compact subset and some finite collection of  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$ 's.

**Theorem 2.20.** *The following are equivalent for a space  $X$ .*

1.  $X$  is a compact-covering  $s$ -image of a locally separable metric space,

2.  $X$  has a point-countable cover  $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  where each  $X_\alpha$  has a countable network  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  satisfying that for each compact subset  $K$  of  $X$ , there is a finite subset  $\Lambda_K$  of  $\Lambda$  such that  $K = \bigcup\{K_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda_K\}$  where  $K_\alpha$  is compact and  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  is a  $cfp$ -network for  $K_\alpha$  in  $X_\alpha$  for every  $\alpha \in \Lambda_K$ .

**Proof** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $f : M \rightarrow X$  be a compact-covering  $s$ -map from a locally separable metric space  $M$  onto  $X$ . It follows from Lemma 2.7 that  $X$  has a point-countable cover  $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  where each  $X_\alpha = f(M_\alpha)$  has a countable network  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha = f(\mathcal{B}_\alpha)$  with  $M = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} M_\alpha$  and  $\mathcal{B}_\alpha$  being a countable base for a separable metric space  $M_\alpha$ . Let  $K$  be a compact subset of  $X$ , we shall prove that there is a finite subset  $\Lambda_K$  of  $\Lambda$  such that  $K = \bigcup\{K_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda_K\}$  where  $K_\alpha$  is compact and  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  is a  $cfp$ -network for  $K_\alpha$  in  $X_\alpha$  for every  $\alpha \in \Lambda_K$ . Indeed, since  $f$  is compact-covering,  $K = f(L)$  with some compact subset  $L$  of  $M$ . Because  $L$  is a compact subset of  $M$ ,  $\Lambda_K = \{\alpha \in \Lambda : M_\alpha \cap L \neq \emptyset\}$  is finite. For each  $\alpha \in \Lambda_K$  put  $L_\alpha = L \cap M_\alpha$ , then  $L_\alpha$  is compact and  $L = \bigcup\{L_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda_K\}$ . Denote  $K_\alpha = f(L_\alpha)$ , then  $K_\alpha$  is compact for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda_K$ . We get  $K = f(L) = f(\bigcup\{L_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda_K\}) = \bigcup\{f(L_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Lambda_K\} = \bigcup\{K_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda_K\}$ . It follows from Claim 4.2 in [1] that  $\mathcal{B}_\alpha$  is a  $cfp$ -network of  $M_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ , then  $\mathcal{B}_\alpha$  is a  $cfp$ -network for  $K_\alpha$  in  $M_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda_K$ . From Lemma 2.1.(3),  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  is a  $cfp$ -network for  $K_\alpha$  in  $X_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda_K$ . It implies that  $X$  has a cover  $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  having required properties.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). It follows from Lemma 2.8 that there exists an  $s$ -map  $f : M \rightarrow X$  from a locally separable metric space  $M = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} M_\alpha$  onto  $X$  where  $f(b) = f_\alpha(b)$  whenever  $b \in M_\alpha$  with each  $f_\alpha : M_\alpha \rightarrow X_\alpha$  being a map from a separable metric space  $M_\alpha$  onto  $X_\alpha$ . We shall prove that  $f$  is compact-covering. Let  $K$  be a compact subset of  $X$ . By assumption, there is a finite subset  $\Lambda_K$  of  $\Lambda$  such that  $K = \bigcup\{K_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda_K\}$  where  $K_\alpha$  is compact and  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  is a  $cfp$ -network of  $K_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda_K$ . Then for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda_K$  there is a compact subset  $L_\alpha$  in  $M_\alpha$  such that  $K_\alpha = f_\alpha(L_\alpha)$  by Lemma 2.9. Put  $L = \bigcup\{L_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda_K\}$ , then  $L$  is compact and  $K = \bigcup\{K_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda_K\} = \bigcup\{f_\alpha(L_\alpha) : \alpha \in \Lambda_K\} = f(\bigcup\{L_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda_K\}) = f(L)$ . It implies that  $f$  is a compact-covering map.  $\square$

The following corollary is routine.

**Corollary 2.21.** *The following are equivalent for a space  $X$ .*

1.  $X$  is a compact-covering quotient (resp. pseudo-open)  $s$ -image of a locally separable metric space,
2.  $X$  is a sequential (resp. Fréchet) space having a point-countable cover  $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  where each  $X_\alpha$  has a countable network  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  satisfying that for each compact subset  $K$  of  $X$ , there is a finite subset  $\Lambda_K$  of  $\Lambda$  such that  $K = \bigcup\{K_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda_K\}$  where  $K_\alpha$  is compact and  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  is a  $cfp$ -network for  $K_\alpha$  in  $X_\alpha$  for every  $\alpha \in \Lambda_K$ .

The following is similar to the Corollary 2.19.

**Corollary 2.22.** *If  $X$  is a space with a point-countable  $cfp$ -network consisting of  $\aleph_0$ -subspaces, then  $X$  is a compact-covering  $s$ -image of a locally separable metric space.*

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