

## SOME KINDS OF NETWORK AND WEAK BASE

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**Abstract** In this paper, we study some kinds of network, and investigate relations between the kinds of network and the point-countable weak base. It is showed that, if a space has a point-countable  $kn$ -network (strong- $k$ -network), then so is its closed compact-covering image.

### 1. Introduction

Since D. Burke, E. Michael, G. Gruenhagen and Y. Tanaka established the fundamental theory on point-countable covers in generalized metric spaces, many topologists have discussed the point-countable covers with various characters. Then, the conceptions of  $k$ -network, weak base,  $cs$ -network,  $cs^*$ -network,  $wcs^*$ -network ... were introduced. The study on relations among certain point-countable covers has become one of the most important subjects in general topology. In this paper we shall study some kinds of network, consider relations among certain networks and prove a closed compact-covering mapping theorem on spaces with a point-countable  $kn$ -network or strong- $k$ -network.

We adopt the convention that all spaces are  $T_1$ , and all mappings are continuous and surjective. We begin with some basic definitions.

**1.1. Definition.** Let  $X$  be a space,  $A \subset X$ . A collection  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $X$  is called a *full cover* of  $A$  if  $\mathcal{F}$  is a finite and each  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ , there is a closed set  $C(F)$  in  $X$  with  $C(F) \subset F$  such that  $A \subset \bigcup \{C(F) : F \in \mathcal{F}\}$ .

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

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

(2)  $\mathcal{P}$  is a *network* if for every  $x \in X$  and  $U$  open in  $X$  such that  $x \in U$ , then  $x \in \bigcup \mathcal{F} \subset U$  for some finite  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{P}$ .

(3)  $\mathcal{P}$  is a *strong- $k$ -network* if, whenever  $K \subset U$  with  $K$  compact and  $U$  open in  $X$ , then there is a full cover  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{P}$  of  $K$  such that  $\bigcup \mathcal{F} \subset U$ .

(4)  $\mathcal{P}$  is a  *$kn$ -network* if, whenever  $K \subset U$  with  $K$  compact and  $U$  open in  $X$ , then  $K \subset (\bigcup \mathcal{F})^o \subset \bigcup \mathcal{F} \subset U$  for some finite  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{P}$ .

(5)  $\mathcal{P}$  is a  *$cs$ -network* if, whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence converging to a point  $x \in X$  and  $U$  is an open neighborhood of  $x$ , then  $\{x\} \cup \{x_m : m \geq k\} \subset P \subset U$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and some  $P \in \mathcal{P}$ .

(6)  $\mathcal{P}$  is a  *$cs^*$ -network* if, whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence converging to a point  $x \in X$  and  $U$  is an open neighborhood of  $x$ , then  $\{x\} \cup \{x_{n_i} : i \in \mathbb{N}\} \subset P \subset U$  for some subsequence  $\{x_{n_i}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  and some  $P \in \mathcal{P}$ .

(7)  $\mathcal{P}$  is a *wcs\*-network* if, whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence converging to a point  $x \in X$  and  $U$  is an open neighborhood of  $x$ , then  $\{x_{n_i} : i \in \mathbb{N}\} \subset P \subset U$  for some subsequence  $\{x_{n_i}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  and some  $P \in \mathcal{P}$ .

The following character of *kn-network* will be used in some next proofs.

**1.3. Proposition.** *For any space, the following statements are equivalent*

(a)  $\mathcal{P}$  is *kn-network*;

(b) For every  $x \in X$  and any open neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$ , there is a finite subcollection  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $\mathcal{P}$  such that  $x \in (\cup \mathcal{F})^\circ \subset \cup \mathcal{F} \subset U$ .

*Proof.* The necessity is trivial.

We only need to prove the sufficiency. Let  $K$  be a compact subset of  $X$  and  $U$  an open set in  $X$  such that  $K \subset U$ . For every  $x \in K$ , there exists a finite subcollection  $\mathcal{F}_x \subset \mathcal{P}$  such that  $x \in (\cup \mathcal{F}_x)^\circ \subset \cup \mathcal{F}_x \subset U$ . Then the collection  $\{(\cup \mathcal{F}_x)^\circ : x \in K\}$  covers  $K$ . Because  $K$  is compact, there are the points  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  in  $K$  such that the finite subcollection  $\{(\cup \mathcal{F}_{x_i})^\circ : i = 1, \dots, k\}$  covers  $K$ . Denote

$$\mathcal{F} = \{F : F \in \mathcal{F}_{x_i}, i = 1, \dots, k\}.$$

Then, the finite subcollection  $\mathcal{F}$  satisfies

$$K \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n (\cup \mathcal{F}_{x_i})^\circ \subset (\cup \mathcal{F})^\circ \subset \cup \mathcal{F} \subset U.$$

**1.4. Definition.** For a space  $X$  and  $x \in P \subset X$ ,  $P$  is a *sequential neighborhood* at  $x$  in  $X$  if, whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is sequence converging to  $x$  in  $X$ , then there is an  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\{x_n : n \geq m\} \subset P$ .

For a collection of subsets  $\mathcal{F}$  of a space  $X$ , we write

$$\text{Int}_s(\mathcal{F}) = \{x \in X : \cup \mathcal{F} \text{ is a sequential neighborhood at } x\}.$$

A cover  $\mathcal{P}$  of  $X$  is called is a *ksn-network* if, whenever  $x \in U$  with  $x \in X$  and  $U$  open in  $X$ , then  $x \in \text{Int}_s(\cup \mathcal{F}) \subset \cup \mathcal{F} \subset U$  for some finite  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{P}$ .

**1.5. Definition.** Let  $X$  be a space, and  $\mathcal{P} = \cup\{P_x : x \in X\}$  be a family of subsets of  $X$  which satisfies that for each  $x \in X$ ,

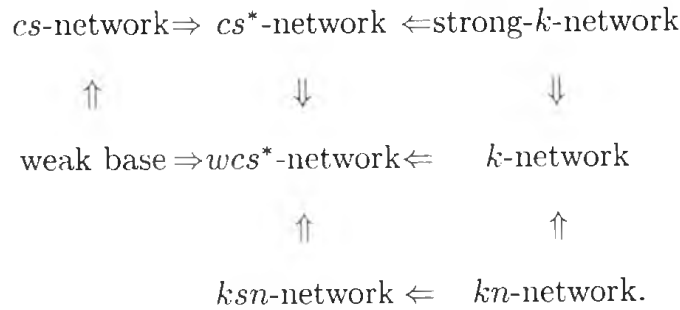
(1)  $x \in P$  for all  $P \in \mathcal{P}_x$ ;

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

$\mathcal{P}$  is called a *weak base* for  $X$  iff a subset  $G$  of  $X$  is open in  $X$  if and only if for each  $x \in G$  there exists  $P \in \mathcal{P}_x$  such that  $P \subset G$ .

**1.6. Definition.** Let  $X$  be a space, a cover  $\mathcal{P}$  of  $X$  is called *point-countable* if for every  $x \in X$ , the set  $\{P \in \mathcal{P} : x \in P\}$  is at most countable.

We have the following diagram



It is well known from [10] that  $\text{weak base} \Rightarrow cs\text{-network} \Rightarrow cs^*\text{-network} \Rightarrow wcs^*\text{-network}$ ,  $k\text{-network} \Rightarrow wcs^*\text{-network}$ . From the above definitions, it is easily to prove that  $\text{strong-}k\text{-network} \Rightarrow k\text{-network}$ ,  $kn\text{-network} \Rightarrow k\text{-network}$ ,  $kn\text{-network} \Rightarrow ksn\text{-network}$ , and  $ksn\text{-network} \Rightarrow wcs^*\text{-network}$ .

In this paper we shall provide some partial answers to connections between kinds of network and weak base.

## 2. Main results

The following lemma is due to [5].

**2.1. Lemma.** *Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a point-countable  $cs$ -network for a space  $X$ . If  $x \in K \cap U$  with  $U$  open and  $K$  compact, first countable in  $X$ , then  $x \in \text{Int}_K(P \cap K) \subset P \subset U$  for some  $P \in \mathcal{P}$ .*

First we present some connections between kinds of network

**2.2. Proposition.** *For any space, if  $\mathcal{P}$  is a strong- $k$ -network, then  $\mathcal{P}$  is a  $cs^*$ -network.*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a strong  $k$ -network, a sequence converging  $\{x_n\}$  to a point  $x \in X$  and an open neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$ , then there is a full cover  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{P}$  of compact sets  $\{x\} \cup \{x_n : n \geq 1\}$  such that  $\cup \mathcal{F} \subset U$ . From the definition of a full cover, it follows that there exist a  $P \in \mathcal{F}$  and a subsequence  $\{x_{n_i}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $\{x\} \cup \{x_{n_i}\} \subset P$  so this shows that  $\mathcal{P}$  is a  $cs^*$ -network.

**2.3. Proposition.** *Let  $X$  be a locally compact, first countable space. If  $\mathcal{P}$  is a point-countable  $cs$ -network for  $X$ , then  $\mathcal{P}$  is a point-countable  $ksn$ -network.*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a point-countable  $cs$ -network. For every  $x \in X$  and any open neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$ , since  $X$  is locally compact, there is a compact neighborhood  $K$  of  $x$ . By the first countability of  $X$  it follows from Lemma 2.1 that there exists  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  such that  $x \in \text{Int}_K(P \cap K) \subset P \subset U$ . Now, let  $\{x_n\}$  be an any sequence converging to  $x$ . Because  $K$  is a neighborhood of  $x$  and  $\text{Int}_K(K \cap P)$  is neighborhood of  $x$  in  $K$ , there is an  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\{x\} \cup \{x_n : n \geq m\} \subset \text{Int}_K(K \cap P) \subset P \subset U$ . This implies that  $x \in \text{Int}(\mathcal{P}) \subset \mathcal{P}$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{P}$  is a  $ksn$ -network.

**2.4. Proposition.** *Let  $X$  be first countable. If  $\mathcal{P}$  is a point-countable  $s$ -network for  $X$ , then  $\mathcal{P}$  is a  $k$ -network.*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a point-countable  $cs$ -network. Let  $K$  be a compact subset and  $U$  an open subset of  $X$  such that  $K \subset U$ . For every  $x \in K$ , it follows from Lemma 2.1 that

$x \in \text{Int}_K(K \cap P_x) \subset P_x \subset U$  for some  $P_x \in \mathcal{P}$ . By compactness of  $K$  there exist  $x_1, \dots, x_m$  in  $K$  so that  $K \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^m \text{Int}_K(K \cap P_{x_i}) \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^m P_{x_i} \subset U$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{P}$  is a point-countable  $k$ -network.

Now we shall give some partial answers to the inversion of above implications

**2.5. Theorem.** *Let  $X$  be first countable. Then,  $\mathcal{P}$  is a point-countable  $ksn$ -network for  $X$  if and only if  $\mathcal{P}$  is a  $kn$ -network.*

*Proof.* The sufficiency is obvious.

We only need to prove the necessity. Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a  $ksn$ -network for  $X$ . For every  $x \in X$  and any open set  $U$  in  $X$  such that  $x \in U$ , there exists a finite subcollection  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{P}$  satisfying  $x \in \text{Int}_s(\cup \mathcal{F}) \subset \cup \mathcal{F} \subset U$ . By  $\{G_n\}$  we denote the countable base of neighborhoods of  $x$  such that  $G_{n+1} \subset G_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then there is an  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $G_m \subset \cup \mathcal{F}$ . Otherwise, for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists an  $x_n \in G_n \setminus (\cup \mathcal{F})$ . It is easily seen that the obtained sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x$  but  $x_n \notin \cup \mathcal{F}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . This is contrary to  $x \in \text{Int}_s(\cup \mathcal{F})$ . Hence,  $x \in (\cup \mathcal{F})^o \subset \cup \mathcal{F} \subset U$ . It follows from Proposition 1.3 that  $\mathcal{P}$  is a  $kn$ -network.

It follows immediately from the proof of Theorem 2.5 that

**2.6. Corollary.** *Let  $X$  be first countable. If  $\mathcal{P}$  is a point-countable  $ksn$ -network for  $X$ , then  $\mathcal{P}$  is a  $k$ -network.*

**2.7. Theorem.** *A space  $X$  is the first countable if only if  $X$  has a point-countable  $kn$ -network.*

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be first countable. For every  $x \in X$  by  $\mathcal{P}_x$  the base of open neighborhoods of  $x$ . Let  $\mathcal{P} = \cup \mathcal{P}_x$ . Then  $\mathcal{P}$  is a point-countable weak base.

Conversely, let  $\mathcal{P} = \cup \mathcal{P}_x$  be a point-countable  $kn$ -network. For every  $x \in X$ , let  $\mathcal{P}_x = \{P \in \mathcal{P} : x \in P\}$  and

$$\mathcal{B}_x = \{(\cup \mathcal{F})^o : \mathcal{F} \text{ is finite, } \mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{P}_x\}$$

**2.8. Theorem.** *Let  $X$  be first countable. Then  $X$  has a point-countable  $wcs^*$ -network for  $X$  if and only if it has a point-countable weak base.*

*Proof.* The "if" part holds by the above diagram, so we prove the "only if" part. Without loss of generality we may assume that  $\mathcal{P}$  is a point-countable  $wcs^*$ -network for  $X$  which is closed under finite intersections. For every  $x \in X$  by  $\mathcal{Q}_x = \{Q_n(x) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  we denote the countable base of neighborhoods of  $x$  such that  $Q_{n+1}(x) \subset Q_n(x)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and put  $\mathcal{P}_x = \{P \in \mathcal{P} : Q_n(x) \subset P \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Then,  $P$  is a neighborhood of  $x$  for each  $P \in \mathcal{P}_x$ . Now we show that  $\mathcal{B} = \cup \mathcal{P}_x$  is a point-countable weak base.

It is easily seen that for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_x$  is point-countable, and if  $P_1 \in \mathcal{P}_x, P_2 \in \mathcal{P}_x$ , then we have  $P_1 \cap P_2 \in \mathcal{P}_x$ . Now we prove that a subset  $G$  of  $X$  is open in  $X$  if and only if for each  $x \in G$ , there exists  $P \in \mathcal{P}_x$  such that  $P \subset G$ .

In fact, let  $G$  be an open subset of  $X$ ,  $x$  any element of  $G$ , and  $\{P \in \mathcal{P} : x \in P \subset G\} = \{P_m(x) : m \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Assume the contrary that  $Q_n(x) \not\subset P_m(x)$  for each  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then, take  $x_{n,m} \in Q_n(x) \setminus P_m(x)$  for every  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Now for  $n \geq m$  we choose  $y_k = x_{n,m}$ , where  $k = m + \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ . Then the sequence  $\{y_k\}$  converges to the point  $x$ . Thus, there exist a subsequence  $\{y_{k_s}\}$  of  $\{y_k\}$ , and  $m, i \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\{y_{k_s} : k_s \geq i\} \subset P_m(x) \subset G$ . Take  $k_s \geq i$  with  $y_{k_s} = x_{n,m}$  for some  $n \geq m$ . Then  $x_{n,m} \in P_m(x)$ . This is a contradiction.

Conversely, if  $G \subset X$  satisfies the following condition: for each  $x \in G$  there exists  $P \in \mathcal{P}_x$  with  $P \subset G$ . Then, since  $P$  is a neighborhood of  $x$  for each  $P \in \mathcal{P}_x$ ,  $G$  is a neighborhood of  $x$ . Thus,  $G$  is open in  $X$ . Hence  $\mathcal{B} = \cup \mathcal{P}_x$  is a point-countable weak base for  $X$ .

Finally, it is well known that spaces with a point-countable  $cs$ -network,  $cs^*$ -network, or closed  $k$ -network are not necessarily preserved by closed maps (even if the domains are locally compact metric). But, spaces with a point-countable  $k$ -network are preserved by perfect maps [4]. In the remain part we give some properties of closed compact-covering maps.

The following lemma in [1] shall be used in the proof of Theorem 2.12

**2.9. Lemma.** *If  $\mathcal{P}$  is a point-countable cover of a set  $X$ , then every  $A \subset X$  has only countably many minimal finite covers by elements of  $\mathcal{P}$ .*

**2.10. Definition.** A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is *compact-covering* if every compact  $K \subset Y$  is the image of some compact  $C \subset X$ .

A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is *perfect* if  $X$  is a Hausdorff space,  $f$  is a closed mapping and all fibers  $f^{-1}(y)$  are compact subsets of  $X$ .

**2.11. Proposition.** ([3]) *If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a perfect mapping, then for every compact subset  $Z \subset Y$  the inverse image  $f^{-1}(Z)$  is compact.*

**2.12. Proposition.** *Every a perfect map is compact-covering.*

*Proof.* It follows directly from their definitions and Proposition 2.10.

**2.13. Theorem.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be closed, compact-covering. If  $X$  has a point-countable  $kn$ -network (strong- $k$ -network), then so does  $Y$  respectively.*

*Proof.* Assume  $\mathcal{P}$  is a point-countable  $kn$ -network for  $X$ . Let  $\Phi$  be the family of all finite subcollections of  $\mathcal{P}$ . For  $\mathcal{F} \in \Phi$ , let

$$M(\mathcal{F}) = \{y \in Y : \mathcal{F} \text{ is a minimal cover of } f^{-1}(y)\}$$

and let  $\mathcal{P}' = \{M(\mathcal{F}) : \mathcal{F} \in \Phi\}$ . It follows from Lemma 2.8 that  $\mathcal{P}'$  is a point-countable collection of subsets of  $Y$ . Let us now show that  $\mathcal{P}'$  is a  $kn$ -network. Let  $K$  be compact in  $Y$  and  $U$  an open subset of  $Y$  such that  $K \subset U$ . As  $f$  is compact-covering, there exists a compact set  $C \subset X$  such that  $f(C) = K$ . By continuity of  $f$  we obtain an open set  $f^{-1}(U)$  in  $X$  and  $C \subset f^{-1}(U)$ . Then, there exists a finite subcollection  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{P}$  such that  $C \subset (\cup \mathcal{F})^\circ \subset \cup \mathcal{F} \subset f^{-1}(U)$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}' = \{M(\mathcal{E}) : \mathcal{E} \subset \mathcal{F}\}$ , then  $\mathcal{F}'$  is a finite subcollection of  $\mathcal{P}'$  and  $\cup \mathcal{F}' = \cup \{u \in Y : f^{-1}(u) \subset \cup \mathcal{F}\} \subset U$ . If  $W = Y \setminus f[X \setminus (\cup \mathcal{F})^\circ]$ , then, because  $f$  is closed, it follows that  $W$  is open in  $Y$ , and  $K \subset (\cup \mathcal{F}')^\circ \subset \cup \mathcal{F}' \subset U$  and therefore the theorem is proved.

The proof of the Theorem in the case  $X$  having a strong- $k$ -network is similar.

From Theorem 2.12, Proposition 1.3 and Proposition 2.11, it follows that

**2.14. Corollary.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a perfect map. If  $X$  has a point-countable  $kn$ -network (strong- $k$ -network), then so does  $Y$  respectively.*

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