



## Certain observations on local properties of topological spaces

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### Abstract

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be any topological property of a space  $X$ . We say that  $X$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $x \in X$  if there exist an open set  $U$  and a subspace  $Y$  of  $X$  satisfying  $\mathcal{P}$  such that  $x \in U \subseteq Y$ . We also say that  $X$  is locally  $\mathcal{P}$  if  $X$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at every point of  $X$ . We study this local property and obtain the following results under certain topological assumptions on  $\mathcal{P}$ .

- (1) Every locally  $\mathcal{P}$  Hausdorff  $P$ -space can be densely embedded in a  $\mathcal{P}$  Hausdorff  $P$ -space.
- (2) If a Hausdorff  $P$ -space  $X$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $x \in X$ , then  $\chi(x, X) \leq \psi(x, X)^\omega$ .
- (3) For a locally  $\mathcal{P}$  Hausdorff  $P$ -space  $X$ ,  $w(X) \leq nw(X)^\omega \leq |X|^\omega$ .

Besides, few separation like properties are obtained and preservation under certain topological operations are also investigated. Finally we present certain observations on remainders of locally  $\mathcal{P}$  spaces.

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### 1. Introduction

By a space  $X$  we always mean a topological space. All notation and terminology not defined in this paper are given in [9, 19]. This article deals with the local variant of a topological property  $\mathcal{P}$ . Given a selective property  $\mathcal{P}$  its local version have been recently studied in [1, 2, 8] for the case of Menger, star-Menger, Menger-bounded, Hurewicz-bounded and Rothberger-bounded properties. For the notions of such selective covering properties we refer the reader to consult the papers [11–13].

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be any topological property of a space  $X$ . We say that  $X$  is a  $\mathcal{P}$  space (or, in short  $X$  is  $\mathcal{P}$ ) if  $X$  has the property  $\mathcal{P}$ . We now give the main definition of the paper.

**Definition 1.1.** We say that  $X$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $x \in X$  if there exist an open set  $U$  and a subspace  $Y$  of  $X$  satisfying  $\mathcal{P}$  such that  $x \in U \subseteq Y$ . We also say that  $X$  is locally  $\mathcal{P}$  if  $X$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at every point of  $X$ .

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Note that a space  $X$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  implies  $X$  is locally  $\mathcal{P}$ . In this article we investigate the property  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $x$  of a space  $X$  for arbitrary topological property  $\mathcal{P}$ . We present reformulations of the local version of any such  $\mathcal{P}$  in the context of regular spaces and Hausdorff  $P$ -spaces as well (recall that a space is called a  $P$ -space if every  $G_\delta$  set is open). We observe that a locally  $\mathcal{P}$  Hausdorff  $P$ -space can be densely embedded in a  $\mathcal{P}$  Hausdorff  $P$ -space. Relations between character and pseudocharacter of a point, and weight and network weight are established in this context. We also obtain some separation like properties. A few intriguing investigations on preservation under certain topological operations are carefully carried out. We also present certain observations on remainders of this local variant.

## 2. Preliminaries

The weight  $w(X)$  of  $X$  is the smallest possible cardinality of a base for  $X$  and the character  $\chi(x, X)$  of a point  $x$  in  $X$  is the smallest cardinality of a local base for  $x$ . A family  $\mathcal{N}$  of subsets of  $X$  is said to be a network for  $X$  if for each  $x \in X$  and any neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x$  there exists a  $A \in \mathcal{N}$  such that  $x \in A \subseteq U$ . The network weight  $nw(X)$  of  $X$  is defined as the smallest cardinal number of the form  $|\mathcal{N}|$ , where  $\mathcal{N}$  is a network for  $X$ . Clearly  $nw(X) \leq w(X)$  and  $nw(X) \leq |X|$ . A family  $\mathcal{U}$  of open sets of a  $T_1$  space  $X$  is called a pseudobase for  $X$  at  $x \in X$  if  $\cap \mathcal{U} = \{x\}$ . The pseudocharacter  $\psi(x, X)$  of a point  $x$  in a  $T_1$  space  $X$  is the smallest cardinality of a pseudobase for  $X$  at  $x$ .

Recall that a  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq P(\mathbb{N})$  is said to be an almost disjoint family if each  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  is infinite and for any two distinct elements  $B, C \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $|B \cap C| < \omega$ . For an almost disjoint family  $\mathcal{A}$ , let  $\Psi(\mathcal{A}) = \mathcal{A} \cup \mathbb{N}$  be the Isbell-Mrówka space [15]. A space  $X$  is said to have the Rothberger property [11, 17] if for each sequence  $(\mathcal{U}_n)$  of open covers of  $X$  there is a sequence  $(U_n)$  such that  $U_n \in \mathcal{U}_n$  for each  $n$  and  $\{U_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  covers  $X$ . Note that the Rothberger property is preserved under  $F_\sigma$  subsets, countable unions and continuous mappings [11].

## 3. Main results

### 3.1. The locally $\mathcal{P}$ property

We start by observing that if a property  $\mathcal{P}$  implies a property  $\mathcal{Q}$ , then  $X$  is locally  $\mathcal{P}$  implies  $X$  is locally  $\mathcal{Q}$ . Note that an uncountable discrete space is locally compact but not Lindelöf. Accordingly for any property  $\mathcal{P}$  between compactness and the Lindelöf property the properties  $\mathcal{P}$  and locally  $\mathcal{P}$  are different. Also note that if  $\mathcal{P}$  implies the Lindelöf property and  $\mathcal{P}$  is closed under countable unions, then the properties  $\mathcal{P}$  and locally  $\mathcal{P}$  coincide. So, in this case, to distinguish between the local properties is equivalent to distinguish between the original properties.

A space  $X$  is said to be regular with respect to  $x \in X$  if for each closed set  $F$  not containing  $x$  there exist disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $F \subseteq V$  (or equivalently, for each open set  $U$  containing  $x$  there exists an open set  $V$  containing  $x$  such that  $\bar{V} \subseteq U$ ).

**Lemma 3.1.** *If  $X$  is regular with respect to  $x$  and  $\mathcal{P}$  is inherited by closed subspaces, then the following statements are equivalent.*

- (1)  $X$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $x$ .
- (2) For every open set  $V$  containing  $x$  there are an open set  $U$  and a subspace  $Y$  of  $X$  satisfying  $\mathcal{P}$  such that  $x \in U \subseteq Y \subseteq V$ .
- (3) There is an open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $\bar{U}$  has  $\mathcal{P}$ .
- (4)  $X$  has a base at  $x$  consisting of closed neighbourhoods of  $x$  satisfying  $\mathcal{P}$ .

Note that every Lindelöf subspace of a Hausdorff  $P$ -space is closed.

**Lemma 3.2** (Folklore). *If a subspace  $Y$  of a Hausdorff  $P$ -space  $X$  is Lindelöf at any point  $y \in Y$ , then  $Y$  is of the form  $U \cap F$  where  $U$  is open and  $F$  is closed in  $X$ .*

**Remark 3.3.** Let  $X$  be a Hausdorff  $P$ -space. If  $\mathcal{P}$  is inherited by closed subspaces and  $\mathcal{P}$  implies the Lindelöf property, then  $X$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $x$  implies that  $X$  is regular with respect to  $x$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a property of a space  $X$  satisfying that if there exists a point  $x$  of  $X$  such that the complement of each open neighbourhood of  $x$  has  $\mathcal{P}$ , then  $X$  has  $\mathcal{P}$ . If in addition  $\mathcal{P}$  implies the Lindelöf property, and  $\mathcal{P}$  is invariant under closed subspaces and countable unions, then every locally  $\mathcal{P}$  Hausdorff  $P$ -space can be densely embedded in a  $\mathcal{P}$  Hausdorff  $P$ -space.*

**Proof.** Consider a locally  $\mathcal{P}$  Hausdorff  $P$ -space  $(X, \tau)$ . Suppose that  $X$  does not satisfy  $\mathcal{P}$ . Let  $X' = X \cup \{p\}$ , where  $p \notin X$ . Clearly  $\tau' = \tau \cup \{U \subseteq X' : X' \setminus U \text{ is a } \mathcal{P} \text{ subspace of } X'\}$  is a topology on  $X'$ . We now show that  $X'$  is a Hausdorff  $P$ -space. Choose  $x, y \in X'$  such that  $x \in X$  and  $y \notin X$ . Let  $U$  be an open set and  $Y$  be a  $\mathcal{P}$  subspace of  $X$  such that  $x \in U \subseteq Y$ . Thus we obtain two disjoint open sets  $U$  and  $X' \setminus Y$  in  $X'$  with  $x \in U$  and  $y \in X' \setminus Y$ . Hence  $X'$  is Hausdorff. Obviously  $X'$  is a  $P$ -space. Also observe that  $X$  is dense in  $X'$ . The inclusion mapping  $\iota : X \rightarrow X'$  is an embedding of  $X$  into  $X'$ . From the construction of  $X'$  we can say that  $X'$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $X$  be a Hausdorff  $P$ -space. If  $X$  is Lindelöf at  $x$ , then  $\chi(x, X) \leq \psi(x, X)^\omega$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $W$  be a Lindelöf neighbourhood of  $x$ . Since  $\chi(x, X) = \chi(x, W)$  and  $\psi(x, X) = \psi(x, W)$ , we can assume that  $X$  is Lindelöf. Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a pseudobase for  $X$  at  $x$  of cardinality  $\psi(x, X)$  consisting of closed neighbourhoods of  $x$  and let  $\mathcal{I}$  be the family all intersections of countable subfamilies of  $\mathcal{B}$ . If  $U$  is a neighbourhood of  $x$ , then  $X \setminus U \subseteq \bigcup \{X \setminus B : B \in \mathcal{B}\} = \bigcup \{X \setminus B_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , where  $B_n \in \mathcal{B}$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . So  $x \in I = \bigcap \{B_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq U$ . It follows that  $\mathcal{I}$  is a base for  $X$  at  $x$ . Thus  $\chi(x, X) \leq \psi(x, X)^\omega$  because  $|\mathcal{I}| \leq \psi(x, X)^\omega$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.6.** *Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be any property stronger than the Lindelöf property and  $X$  be a Hausdorff  $P$ -space. If  $X$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $x$ , then  $\chi(x, X) \leq \psi(x, X)^\omega$ .*

**Lemma 3.7** ([2, Lemma 3.1]). *Let  $X$  be a Hausdorff  $P$ -space.*

- (1) *There exists a continuous bijective mapping of  $X$  onto a Hausdorff  $P$ -space  $Y$  such that  $w(Y) \leq nw(X)^\omega$ .*
- (2) *Moreover if  $X$  is Lindelöf, then  $w(X) \leq nw(X)^\omega$ .*

**Theorem 3.8.** *For a locally Lindelöf Hausdorff  $P$ -space  $X$ ,  $w(X) \leq nw(X)^\omega$ .*

**Proof.** Assume that  $nw(X) = \kappa$ . Let  $\mathcal{N}$  be a network for  $X$  such that  $|\mathcal{N}| = \kappa$ . For each  $x \in X$  pick an open set  $V_x$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  with  $\overline{V_x}$  is Lindelöf. Later for each  $x \in X$  choose a  $A_x \in \mathcal{N}$  with  $x \in A_x \subseteq V_x$ . It follows that there exists a collection  $\{A_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \subseteq \mathcal{N}$  such that for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ ,  $\overline{A_\alpha}$  is Lindelöf and  $X = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} A_\alpha$ . For each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  one can easily obtain an open set  $V_\alpha$  in  $X$  with  $\overline{A_\alpha} \subseteq V_\alpha$  and  $\overline{V_\alpha}$  is Lindelöf. By Lemma 3.7(2),  $w(\overline{V_\alpha}) \leq \kappa^\omega$  because  $nw(\overline{V_\alpha}) \leq nw(X) = \kappa$ . Thus  $w(V_\alpha) \leq \kappa^\omega$ , i.e. there is a base  $\mathcal{B}_\alpha$  for  $V_\alpha$  such that  $|\mathcal{B}_\alpha| \leq \kappa^\omega$ . Since  $\mathcal{B} = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \mathcal{B}_\alpha$  is a base for  $X$  and  $|\mathcal{B}| \leq \kappa^\omega$ , we get  $w(X) \leq \kappa^\omega$ , i.e.  $w(X) \leq nw(X)^\omega$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.9.** *Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be any property stronger than the Lindelöf property and  $X$  be a Hausdorff  $P$ -space. If  $X$  is locally  $\mathcal{P}$ , then  $w(X) \leq nw(X)^\omega \leq |X|^\omega$ .*

In this connection we mention the classical result of F. Galvin, given in [10]. If  $X$  is a Lindelöf space, then  $X$  is a  $P$ -space if and only if  $X$  is a  $\gamma$ -set. If  $\mathcal{P}$  lies between Lindelöf and  $\gamma$ -set, then any  $P$ -space  $X$  is locally  $\mathcal{P}$  if and only if  $X$  is locally Lindelöf.

### 3.2. Separation like properties

**Theorem 3.10.** *If  $\mathcal{P}$  is preserved under closed subspaces and countable unions and  $X$  is a regular locally  $\mathcal{P}$  space, then for each Lindelöf subspace  $L$  of  $X$  and each  $x \in X \setminus L$  there exists a subset  $B \subseteq X$  satisfying  $\mathcal{P}$  such that  $L \subseteq B \subseteq X \setminus \{x\}$ .*

**Proof.** For each  $y \in L$  choose an open set  $U_y$  such that  $x \notin U_y$ . By Lemma 3.1, we get an open subset  $V_y$  and a  $\mathcal{P}$  subspace  $B_y$  of  $X$  such that  $y \in V_y \subseteq B_y \subseteq U_y$ . Then  $\{V_y : y \in L\}$  is a cover of  $L$  by open sets in  $X$  and hence there is a countable subfamily  $\{V_{y_n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  that covers  $L$ . Thus  $B = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} B_{y_n}$  is a  $\mathcal{P}$  subspace of  $X$  such that  $L \subseteq B \subseteq X \setminus \{x\}$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.11.** *If  $\mathcal{P}$  implies the Lindelöf property and is preserved under closed subspaces and countable unions, and  $X$  is a locally  $\mathcal{P}$  Hausdorff  $\mathcal{P}$ -space, then for each Lindelöf subspace  $L$  of  $X$  and each  $x \in X \setminus L$  there exists a closed subset  $B \subseteq X$  satisfying  $\mathcal{P}$  such that  $L \subseteq B \subseteq X \setminus \{x\}$ .*

**Theorem 3.12.** *If  $\mathcal{P}$  is preserved under closed subspaces and finite unions and  $X$  is a regular locally  $\mathcal{P}$  space, then for each compact subspace  $C$  of  $X$  and each  $x \in X \setminus C$  there exists a closed subset  $B \subseteq X$  satisfying  $\mathcal{P}$  such that  $C \subseteq B \subseteq X \setminus \{x\}$ .*

**Theorem 3.13.** *If  $\mathcal{P}$  implies the Lindelöf property and is preserved under closed subspaces and finite unions, and  $X$  is a regular locally  $\mathcal{P}$  space, then for each compact subspace  $C$  and each open subset  $V$  of  $X$  with  $C \subseteq V$  there exists a closed subset  $B \subseteq X$  satisfying  $\mathcal{P}$  such that  $C \subseteq B \subseteq V$ . Moreover there exists a continuous function  $f : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  satisfying  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in C$  and  $f(x) = 1$  for all  $x \in X \setminus B$ .*

**Proof.** For each  $x \in C$  choose an open set  $U_x$  such that  $x \in U_x \subseteq \overline{U_x} \subseteq V$  and  $\overline{U_x}$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}$ . Since  $C$  is compact, we get a finite subset  $F \subseteq C$  such that  $C \subseteq \bigcup_{x \in F} U_x$ . Thus  $B = \bigcup_{x \in F} \overline{U_x}$  is a closed  $\mathcal{P}$  (hence normal) subspace of  $X$  with  $C \subseteq B \subseteq V$ . Observe that  $B \setminus \text{Int}(B)$  and  $C$  are disjoint closed subsets of  $B$ . Since  $B$  is normal, there exists a continuous function  $g : B \rightarrow [0, 1]$  with  $g(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in C$  and  $g(x) = 1$  for all  $x \in B \setminus \text{Int}(B)$ . We define a continuous function  $f : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by  $f(x) = g(x)$  if  $x \in B$  and  $f(x) = 1$  otherwise. This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.14.** *If  $\mathcal{P}$  implies the Lindelöf property and is preserved under closed subspaces and countable unions, and  $X$  is a locally  $\mathcal{P}$  Hausdorff  $\mathcal{P}$ -space, then for each Lindelöf subspace  $L$  and each open subset  $V$  of  $X$  with  $L \subseteq V$  there exists a closed subset  $B \subseteq X$  satisfying  $\mathcal{P}$  such that  $L \subseteq B \subseteq V$ . Moreover there exists a continuous function  $f : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  satisfying  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in L$  and  $f(x) = 1$  for all  $x \in X \setminus B$ .*

### 3.3. Preservation under certain topological operations

Observe that if  $\mathcal{P}$  is preserved under  $F_\sigma$  (respectively, closed, clopen) subsets and if a space  $X$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $x \in X$ , then any  $F_\sigma$  (respectively, closed, clopen) subset of  $X$  containing  $x$  is also  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $x$ . If  $X$  is regular and  $\mathcal{P}$  is preserved under closed subsets, then  $X$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $x$  implies any locally closed subset of  $X$  containing  $x$  is also  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $x$ . Moreover if  $\mathcal{P}$  is preserved under closed subsets, then a locally closed subset of a regular  $\mathcal{P}$  space need not be  $\mathcal{P}$ , the one point compactification of an uncountable discrete space is a counter example to it.

Note that if  $\mathcal{P}$  is preserved under continuous mappings, then continuous image of a locally  $\mathcal{P}$  space need not be locally  $\mathcal{P}$ . If  $\mathcal{P}$  is the Rothberger property, then the identity mapping  $i : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous, where  $X = \mathbb{R}$  with the discrete topology and  $Y = \mathbb{R}$  with the usual topology, but  $Y$  is not locally  $\mathcal{P}$ . Recall from [14] that a surjective continuous mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called

- (1) weakly perfect if  $f$  is closed and for each  $y \in Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(y)$  is Lindelöf.

- (2) bi-quotient if  $\mathcal{U}$  is a cover of  $f^{-1}(y)$  by open sets in  $X$  for some  $y \in Y$ , then  $\{f(U) : U \in \mathcal{U}\}$  has a finite subset that covers some open set containing  $y$  in  $Y$ .

Clearly open continuous surjective (and also perfect) mappings are bi-quotient.

**Theorem 3.15.** *Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be invariant under continuous mappings and countable unions. If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a weakly perfect mapping and  $X$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at every point of  $f^{-1}(f(x))$  for some  $x \in X$ , then  $Y$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $f(x)$ .*

**Proof.** Choose  $y = f(x)$  and  $w \in f^{-1}(y)$ . Let  $U_w$  be an open and  $Z_w$  be a  $\mathcal{P}$  subspace of  $X$  such that  $w \in U_w \subseteq Z_w$ . Then  $\{U_w : w \in f^{-1}(y)\}$  is a cover of  $f^{-1}(y)$  by open sets in  $X$ . Thus we get a set  $\{w_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq f^{-1}(y)$  such that  $f^{-1}(y) \subseteq \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} U_{w_n}$  and  $f^{-1}(y) \subseteq \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} Z_{w_n}$ . Observe that  $Y \setminus f(X \setminus \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} U_{w_n})$  is an open subset and  $f(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} Z_{w_n})$  is a  $\mathcal{P}$  subspace of  $Y$  with  $y \in Y \setminus f(X \setminus \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} U_{w_n}) \subseteq f(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} Z_{w_n})$ . Hence the result.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.16.** *Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be invariant under continuous mappings and finite unions. If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a bi-quotient mapping and  $X$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at every point of  $f^{-1}(f(x))$  for some  $x \in X$ , then  $Y$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $f(x)$ .*

**Proof.** Choose  $y = f(x)$  and  $w \in f^{-1}(y)$ . Let  $U_w$  be an open and  $Z_w$  be a  $\mathcal{P}$  subspace of  $X$  such that  $w \in U_w \subseteq Z_w$ . Then  $\{U_w : w \in f^{-1}(y)\}$  is a cover of  $f^{-1}(y)$  by open sets in  $X$ . Then we get a finite set  $\{w_i : 1 \leq i \leq k\} \subseteq f^{-1}(y)$  and an open set  $V \subseteq Y$  containing  $y$  such that  $V \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^k f(U_{w_i})$ . One can readily observe that  $y \in \text{Int } f(\bigcup_{i=1}^k U_{w_i})$  and  $f(\bigcup_{i=1}^k Z_{w_i})$  is a  $\mathcal{P}$  subspace of  $Y$  such that  $\text{Int } f(\bigcup_{i=1}^k U_{w_i}) \subseteq f(\bigcup_{i=1}^k Z_{w_i})$ . Hence  $Y$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $y$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.17.** *Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be invariant under continuous mappings and finite unions. If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a perfect mapping and  $X$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at every point of  $f^{-1}(f(x))$  for some  $x \in X$ , then  $Y$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $f(x)$ .*

Also observe that if  $\mathcal{P}$  is invariant under continuous mappings and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is an open continuous mapping from  $X$  onto  $Y$ , and if  $X$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $x$ , then  $Y$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $f(x)$ . It follows that if  $\mathcal{P}$  is invariant under continuous mappings and closed subsets, and if  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is an injective closed continuous mapping and  $Y$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $y \in f(X)$ , then  $X$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $f^{-1}(y)$ . If we replace ‘injective closed continuous mapping’ by ‘open continuous mapping’, then the result does not hold. For example, take  $\mathcal{P}$  as the Rothberger property and consider the projection mapping  $p_1 : X \rightarrow X_1$   $X = X_1 \times X_2$ , where  $X_1 = \Psi(\mathcal{A})$  is a  $\Psi$ -space and  $X_2 = \mathbb{R}$  is the set of reals.

**Theorem 3.18.** *Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be such that the collection of all  $\mathcal{P}$  subspaces of a space covers the space. If  $\mathcal{P}$  is invariant under continuous mappings, then for a space  $X$  the following assertions are equivalent.*

- (1) A subset  $U$  is open in  $X$  provided that  $U \cap Y$  is open in  $Y$  for every  $\mathcal{P}$  subspace  $Y$  of  $X$ .
- (2) A subset  $F$  is closed in  $X$  provided that  $F \cap Y$  is closed in  $Y$  for every  $\mathcal{P}$  subspace  $Y$  of  $X$ .
- (3)  $X$  is a quotient image of some locally  $\mathcal{P}$  space.

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). If  $\{Y_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  is the collection of all  $\mathcal{P}$  subspaces of  $X$ , then  $\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} Y_\alpha$  is locally  $\mathcal{P}$ . Observe that  $f : \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} Y_\alpha \rightarrow X$  given by  $f(x, \alpha) = x$  is a quotient mapping.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $Z$  be a locally  $\mathcal{P}$  space and  $q : Z \rightarrow X$  be a quotient mapping. Consider a set  $U \subseteq X$  with  $U \cap Y$  is open in  $Y$  for each  $\mathcal{P}$  subspace  $Y$  of  $X$ . Pick  $x \in q^{-1}(U)$ , an open set  $V$  and a  $\mathcal{P}$  subspace  $Y$  of  $Z$  such that  $x \in V \subseteq Y$ . Since  $q(Y)$  is a  $\mathcal{P}$  subspace of  $X$ ,  $U \cap q(Y)$  is open in  $q(Y)$  and  $U \cap q(Y) = W \cap q(Y)$  for some open set  $W$  in  $X$ . It follows that  $x \in q^{-1}(W) \cap V$ . Since  $q^{-1}(W) \cap V$  is open in  $Z$  with  $q^{-1}(W) \cap V \subseteq q^{-1}(U)$ ,  $q^{-1}(U)$  is open in  $Z$  and so  $U$  is open in  $X$ . Hence  $Z$  satisfies (1).  $\square$

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be such that if  $(x_n)$  is a sequence in a space  $X$  convergent to some  $x \in X$ , then the subspace  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{x\}$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}$ . Note that every sequential space satisfies each of the conditions of Theorem 3.18 for such  $\mathcal{P}$ . Next we observe that a quotient image of a locally  $\mathcal{P}$  space need not be locally  $\mathcal{P}$ .

**Example 3.19.** Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the Rothberger property. The space  $X = \bigoplus_{\alpha < \omega_1} [0, 1]$  is a quotient image of some locally  $\mathcal{P}$  space by Theorem 3.18 (as  $X$  is a sequential space), but  $X$  is not locally  $\mathcal{P}$ .

Let  $X = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$ . If for some  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ ,  $X_\alpha$  is an open subspace of  $X$  such that  $X_\alpha$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $x \in X_\alpha$ , then  $X$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $x$ . Note that if  $\mathcal{P}$  is the Rothberger property, then  $[0, \omega_1) = \bigcup_{\alpha < \omega_1} [0, \alpha)$  does not satisfy  $\mathcal{P}$ , on the other hand for each  $\alpha < \omega_1$ ,  $[0, \alpha)$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}$ . If  $\mathcal{P}$  is preserved under closed subsets, then the topological sum  $\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $(x, \alpha)$  for some  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  if and only if  $X_\alpha$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $x$ . Similarly this result need not hold for  $\mathcal{P}$  spaces if  $\mathcal{P}$  is the Rothberger property. The space  $Y = \bigoplus_{\alpha < \omega_1} L$  does not satisfy the Rothberger property, where  $L$  is a Lusin set (i.e. an uncountable subset of reals whose intersection with every first category set of reals is countable).

Let  $X = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$  and  $x \in X$ . We use  $\Lambda(x)$  to denote the collection of all  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  such that  $x \in X_\alpha$ .

**Theorem 3.20.** Consider  $X = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$  with each  $X_\alpha$  is closed in  $X$ . Let  $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  be locally finite in  $X$  and  $x \in X$ . If  $\mathcal{P}$  is invariant under continuous mappings and finite unions, and if  $X_\alpha$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $x$  for all  $\alpha \in \Lambda(x)$ , then  $X$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $x$ .

**Proof.** Clearly  $Y = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $(x, \alpha)$  for all  $\alpha \in \Lambda(x)$  because  $X_\alpha$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $x$  for all  $\alpha \in \Lambda(x)$ . Let  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  be defined by  $f(y, \alpha) = y$  and for each  $\alpha$ ,  $\varphi_\alpha : X_\alpha \rightarrow Y$  be defined by  $\varphi_\alpha(y) = (y, \alpha)$ . Observe that for each closed  $F$  in  $Y$ ,  $f(F) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \varphi_\alpha^{-1}(F)$  is closed in  $X$ . Let  $y \in X$ . Since  $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  is locally finite in  $X$ , there exists an open set  $V$  containing  $y$  such that  $V$  intersects only finitely many members of it, say  $X_{\alpha_1}, X_{\alpha_2}, \dots, X_{\alpha_k}$ . It is easy to see that  $f^{-1}(y) = \bigoplus_{\{\alpha_i : 1 \leq i \leq k\}} \{y\}$ . Thus  $f$  is perfect. By Corollary 3.17,  $X$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $x$ .  $\square$

A similar result in the context of  $P$ -spaces can be observed by using Lemma 3.21.

**Lemma 3.21** (Folklore). For any locally countable family  $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  of closed sets in a  $P$ -space  $X$ ,  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$  is closed.

**Theorem 3.22.** Consider  $X = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$  with each  $X_\alpha$  closed in  $X$ . Let  $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  be locally countable in  $X$  and  $x \in X$ . Suppose that  $\mathcal{P}$  is invariant under continuous mappings and countable unions. If  $X$  is a  $P$ -space and  $X_\alpha$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $x$  for all  $\alpha \in \Lambda(x)$ , then  $X$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $x$ .

**Theorem 3.23.** Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be preserved under closed subsets, continuous mappings and finite unions, and let  $\mathcal{P}$  imply the Lindelöf property. Then a regular space  $X$  is both locally  $\mathcal{P}$  and locally metrizable if and only if  $X$  is bi-quotient image of some locally  $\mathcal{P}$  metrizable space.

**Proof.** If  $X$  is both locally  $\mathcal{P}$  and locally metrizable, then by Lemma 3.1,  $X$  has a basis consisting of closed  $\mathcal{P}$  neighbourhoods. It follows that  $X$  has a cover  $\{X_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  with each  $X_\alpha$  metrizable closed  $\mathcal{P}$  subspace. We can obtain a metrizable locally  $\mathcal{P}$  space  $Y = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} Y_\alpha$  such that  $Y_\alpha$ 's are pairwise disjoint metrizable open  $\mathcal{P}$  subspaces of  $Y$  and for each  $\alpha$   $Y_\alpha$  is homeomorphic to  $X_\alpha$ . For each  $\alpha$  let  $h_\alpha : Y_\alpha \rightarrow X_\alpha$  be a homeomorphism. Clearly the function  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  given by  $f(y) = h_\alpha(y)$  for  $y \in Y_\alpha$  is bi-quotient.

Conversely let  $Y$  be a locally  $\mathcal{P}$  metrizable space and  $g : Y \rightarrow X$  be a bi-quotient mapping. Then  $X$  is locally  $\mathcal{P}$  by Theorem 3.16. Let  $\mathcal{U} = \{U_y : y \in Y\}$  be an open cover of  $Y$  with  $y \in U_y \subseteq Z_y$  and  $Z_y$  is  $\mathcal{P}$ . Pick a  $x \in X$ . Then we get a finite set

$\{U_{y_i} : 1 \leq i \leq k\} \subseteq \mathcal{U}$  and an open set  $U$  in  $X$  with  $x \in U \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^k g(U_{y_i})$ . Clearly  $\bigcup_{i=1}^k Z_{y_i}$  is metrizable  $\mathcal{P}$ , i.e. second countable. Thus  $g(\bigcup_{i=1}^k Z_{y_i})$  is a regular second countable  $\mathcal{P}$  space because the second countability is preserved under bi-quotient mappings and hence  $g(\bigcup_{i=1}^k Z_{y_i})$  is metrizable. Thus  $X$  is locally metrizable  $\square$

**Theorem 3.24.** *Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be preserved under closed subsets and continuous mappings, and let  $\mathcal{P}$  imply the Lindelöf property. Then a regular space  $X$  is both locally  $\mathcal{P}$  and locally metrizable if and only if  $X$  is open continuous image of some locally  $\mathcal{P}$  metrizable space.*

The following facts can be easily verified.

- (1) If  $\mathcal{P}$  is closed under finite products, then  $X$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $x$  and  $Y$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $y$  imply  $X \times Y$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $(x, y)$ .
- (2) Suppose that  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{Q}$  are such that if  $X$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $Y$  is  $\mathcal{Q}$ , then  $X \times Y$  is  $\mathcal{P}$ . Then  $X$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $x$  and  $Y$  is  $\mathcal{Q}$  at  $y$  imply  $X \times Y$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $(x, y)$ .
- (3) If  $\mathcal{P}$  is invariant under continuous mappings and if the Cartesian product  $\prod_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $x$ , then each  $X_\alpha$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $p_\alpha(x)$  where for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ ,  $p_\alpha : \prod_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha \rightarrow X_\alpha$  is the projection mapping.

Also the following result can be obtained.

**Proposition 3.25.** *If  $\mathcal{P}$  is invariant under continuous mappings and the Cartesian product  $\prod_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  at some point  $x$ , then  $X_\alpha$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  for all but finitely many  $\alpha$ .*

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be invariant under continuous mappings. Then it is immediate from the above result that if  $\prod_{\alpha \in \Lambda} X_\alpha$  is locally  $\mathcal{P}$ , then  $X_\alpha$  is  $\mathcal{P}$  for all but finitely many  $\alpha$ . But the converse of this result does not hold. If  $\mathcal{P}$  is the Rothberger property, then the Cantor space  $2^\omega$  is the product of  $\omega$  copies of  $\mathcal{P}$  spaces, whereas  $2^\omega$  is not  $\mathcal{P}$ .

### 3.4. Remainders and locally Lindelöf spaces

In this section it is assumed that every space is Tychonoff. For any compactification  $bX$  of  $X$ ,  $bX \setminus X$  is called a remainder of  $X$ . Recall from [2, 4] that a space  $X$  is called a  $p$ -space if in any (in some) compactification  $bX$  of  $X$  if for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there is a collection  $\mathcal{U}_n$  of open sets in  $bX$  such that for each  $x \in X$ ,  $x \in \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup \{U \in \mathcal{U}_n : x \in U\} \subseteq X$ . Every metrizable space is a  $p$ -space (see [3, 5]) and every closed subspace of a  $p$ -space is a  $p$ -space (see [2]). A space  $X$  is said to be a Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ -space [16] if it is a continuous image of a Lindelöf  $p$ -space. An  $s$ -space [6] is a space which has a countable open source [6] in any (in some) compactification of it. Also recall that every Lindelöf  $p$ -space is an  $s$ -space [6] and any remainder of a Lindelöf  $p$ -space is also a Lindelöf  $p$ -space (see [5, Theorem 2.1]). Let  $Y$  be a subspace of  $X$ . Then  $X$  has the property  $\mathcal{P}$  outside of  $Y$  whenever each closed set  $F \subseteq X$  with  $Y \cap F = \emptyset$  has the property  $\mathcal{P}$ .

**Theorem 3.26.** *If  $Y$  is a remainder of a locally Lindelöf  $p$ -space  $X$ , then  $Y$  is a Lindelöf  $p$ -space outside of  $K$  (hence an  $s$ -space outside of  $K$ ) for some compact subset  $K$  of it.*

**Proof.** Let  $bX$  be a compactification of  $X$  such that  $Y = bX \setminus X$ . Since  $X$  is a locally Lindelöf  $p$ -space, we get an open cover  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $X$  with  $\overline{U}^X$  Lindelöf for each  $U \in \mathcal{U}$ . For each  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  let  $V_U$  be an open set in  $bX$  with  $V_U \cap X = U$ . If  $W = \bigcup \{V_U : U \in \mathcal{U}\}$ , then  $W$  is open in  $bX$  with  $X \subseteq W$  and  $K = bX \setminus W$  is compact with  $K \subseteq Y$ . We claim that  $Y$  is a Lindelöf  $p$ -space outside of  $K$ . Pick a closed set  $F \subseteq Y$  with  $K \cap F = \emptyset$ . Observe that  $\overline{F}^{bX} \subseteq W$  and consequently we get a finite set  $\{V_{U_i} : 1 \leq i \leq k\} \subseteq \{V_U : U \in \mathcal{U}\}$  such that  $\overline{F}^{bX} \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^k V_{U_i}$ . Clearly  $C = \bigcup_{i=1}^k \overline{U_i}^X$  is a Lindelöf  $p$ -space and  $Z = \overline{C}^{bX}$  is a compactification of  $C$ . Thus  $Z \cap Y$  is a Lindelöf  $p$ -space because it is the remainder of  $C$  in  $Z$ . It is easy to see that  $F$  is a closed subset of  $Z \cap Y$ . Consequently  $F$  is a Lindelöf  $p$ -space and the proof is now complete.  $\square$



**Corollary 3.27.** *Let  $\mathcal{P}$  imply the Lindelöf property. If  $Y$  is a remainder of a locally  $\mathcal{P}$   $p$ -space  $X$ , then  $Y$  is a Lindelöf  $p$ -space outside of  $K$  (hence an  $s$ -space outside of  $K$ ) for some compact subset  $K$  of it.*

We call a space  $X$  homogeneous if for any  $x, y \in X$  there is a homeomorphism  $f : X \rightarrow X$  with  $f(x) = y$ .

**Lemma 3.28** ([18]). *A finite union of closed  $s$ -spaces is an  $s$ -space.*

**Theorem 3.29.** *Every homogeneous remainder of a locally Lindelöf  $p$ -space is an  $s$ -space.*

**Proof.** Let  $Y$  be a homogeneous remainder of a locally Lindelöf  $p$ -space  $X$ . Then we get a compact set  $K \subseteq Y$  such that  $Y$  is a Lindelöf  $p$ -space outside of  $K$  (see Theorem 3.26). The case is trivial when  $Y = K$ . Suppose that  $K \subsetneq Y$ . Since  $Y \setminus K$  is open in  $Y$  for every  $y \in Y \setminus K$ , we get an open subset  $U_y$  of  $Y$  such that  $y \in U_y \subseteq \overline{U_y}^Y \subseteq Y \setminus K$  and  $\overline{U_y}^Y$  is a Lindelöf  $p$ -space. Pick  $x \in Y$ . Let  $y \in Y \setminus K$  be fixed. Since  $Y$  is homogeneous, there exists a homeomorphism  $f : Y \rightarrow Y$  such that  $f(y) = x$ . Then we can obtain an open set  $U_y \subseteq Y$  such that  $y \in U_y$  and  $\overline{U_y}^Y$  is a Lindelöf  $p$ -space. Thus  $V_x = f(U_y)$  is an open subset of  $Y$  with  $x \in V_x$  and  $\overline{V_x}^Y$  is a Lindelöf  $p$ -space, i.e. an  $s$ -space. Consequently we have a finite set  $\{x_i : 1 \leq i \leq k\} \subseteq Y$  such that  $K \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^k V_{x_i}$ . Obviously  $Y \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^k V_{x_i}$  is an  $s$ -space. By Lemma 3.28,  $Y = (\bigcup_{i=1}^k \overline{V_{x_i}}^Y) \cup (Y \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^k V_{x_i})$  is an  $s$ -space.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.30.** *Let  $\mathcal{P}$  imply the Lindelöf property. Every homogeneous remainder of a locally  $\mathcal{P}$   $p$ -space is an  $s$ -space.*

**Lemma 3.31** ([7, Theorem 2.7]). *Any (some) remainder of an  $s$ -space in a compactification of it is a Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ -space.*

**Theorem 3.32.** *If a locally Lindelöf  $p$ -space  $X$  has a homogeneous remainder, then  $X = L \cup Z$  for some closed Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ -subspace  $L$  and open locally compact subspace  $Z$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $bX$  be a compactification of  $X$  such that  $Y = bX \setminus X$  is homogeneous. Then  $Y$  is an  $s$ -space (see Theorem 3.29). Since  $bY = \overline{Y}^{bX}$  is a compactification of  $Y$  and  $L = bY \cap X$  is a closed subset of  $X$ ,  $L = bY \setminus Y$  and hence  $L$  is a Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ -space (see Lemma 3.31). Obviously  $Z = bX \setminus bY$  is a locally compact subspace of  $X$  and  $X = L \cup Z$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.33.**

- (1) *Let  $\mathcal{P}$  imply the Lindelöf property. If a locally  $\mathcal{P}$   $p$ -space  $X$  has a homogeneous remainder, then  $X = L \cup Z$  for some closed Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ -subspace  $L$  and open locally compact subspace  $Z$ .*
- (2) *Let  $\mathcal{P}$  imply the Lindelöf property. If a locally  $\mathcal{P}$   $p$ -space  $X$  that is nowhere locally compact has a homogeneous remainder, then  $X$  is a Lindelöf  $\Sigma$ -space.*

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