## The $\omega_{\alpha+1}$ -Compact $T_1$ -Space with Submeta- $\mathcal B$ -Property is $\omega_{\alpha}$ -Lindelöf \*

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**Abstract** The main result of the paper is that the  $\omega_{\alpha+1}$ -compact  $T_1$ -space with submeta- $\mathcal{B}$ -property is  $\omega_{\alpha}$ -Lindelöf. This result improves the main results of [1].

**Key words**  $\omega_{\alpha}$ -compact,  $\omega_{\alpha}$ -Lindelöf, submeta- $\beta$ -property.

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In this paper, the space means the topological space without any separation axioms assumed unless especially stated.  $\omega = \omega_0$  denotes the first infinite ordinal. For any ordinal  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\omega_{\alpha}$  denotes the  $\alpha$ -th uncountable ordinal. The cardinal of a set A is denoted by |A|. Cardinals are initial ordinals. The space X is said to have  $\beta$ - property<sup>[1]</sup> if for any monotone increasing open cover  $\mathcal{U} = \{U_{\alpha} : \alpha \in A\}$  of X, there is a monotone increasing open cover  $\mathcal{V} = \{V_{\alpha} : \alpha \in A\}$  of X s.t.  $\tilde{V}_{\alpha} \subset U_{\alpha}$  for any  $\alpha \in A$ .  $\beta$ -property is between paracompactness and countable paracompactness and is studied by many authors<sup>[2]</sup>. For the sake of unity, we appoint that  $|A| \leq \omega_{-1}$  denotes |A| is a finite cardinal and  $\omega_{-1}$ -Lindelöf denotes compact. After making these appointments, all results in the paper hold for  $\alpha \geq -1$  unless especially stated.

**Definition 1** A space X is called  $\omega_{\alpha}$ -Lindelöf if any open cover  $\mathcal{U}$  of X has a subcover  $\mathcal{V}$  s.t.  $|\mathcal{V}| \leq \omega_{\alpha}$ .

**Definition 2** A space X is called  $\omega_{\alpha}$ -compact if any subset B with the cardinal  $\omega_{\alpha}$  has an accumulation point.

Clearly, the  $\omega_{-1}$ -Lindelöf ( $\omega_0$ -Lindelöf) space coincides with the compact (Lindelöf) space, and if X is  $T_1$ , then X is  $\omega_0$ -compact iff X is countably compact. The following implications are obvious:

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where com. = compact, Lin. = Lindelöf.

None of the above implications is reversible:

**Example** (1)  $[0,\omega_{\alpha+2})$  is  $\omega_{\alpha+1}$ -compact, but it is not  $\omega_{\alpha}$ -Lindelöf: Let  $A \subset [0,\omega_{\alpha+2})$  and  $|A| = \omega_{\alpha+1}$ , then  $\beta_0 = \sup A < \omega_{\alpha+2}$  since  $\omega_{\alpha+2}$  is regular. Since  $[0,\beta_0]$  is compact the infinite set  $B = [0,\beta_0] \cap A$  has an accumulation point  $\xi \in [0,\beta_0]$  which is also an accumulation point of A. Thus  $[0,\omega_{\alpha+2})$  is  $\omega_{\alpha+1}$ -compact. Take an open cover  $\mathcal{U} = \{[0,\beta]: \beta \in [0,\omega_{\alpha+2})\}$  of X. If  $\mathcal{U}' \subset \mathcal{U}$  and  $|\mathcal{U}'| \leq \omega_{\alpha}$ , then  $\mathcal{U}'$  can not cover  $[0,\omega_{\alpha+2})$ . Therefore  $[0,\omega_{\alpha+2})$  is not  $\omega_{\alpha}$ -Lindelöf. (2) Let X be a discrete space and  $|X| = \omega_{\alpha+1}$ . Then X is an  $\omega_{\alpha+1}$ -Lindelöf ( $\omega_{\alpha+2}$ -compact) space, but it is not an  $\omega_{\alpha}$ -Lindelöf ( $\omega_{\alpha+1}$ -compact) space.

A question is naturally asked: under what condition the  $\omega_{\alpha+1}$ - compactness implies the  $\omega_{\alpha}$ -Lindelöfness? Our Theorem answers this question.

**Definition 3** The space X is said to have submeta-B-property if every infinite open cover  $\mathcal{U}$  of X has an open refinement sequence  $\{\mathcal{V}_n : n \in \omega\}$  s.t. for every  $x \in X$ , there is an  $n(x) \in \omega$  s.t.  $|\{V \in \mathcal{V}_{n(x)} : x \in V\}| < |\mathcal{U}|$ .

From the following Lemma 1, we can easily see that the  $\beta$ -property implies the submeta- $\beta$ -property. But the implication is not reversible: Let F be Bing's Example  $G^{[2]}$ , then the subspace Y of F described in [3] is metacompact and so Y has submeta- $\beta$ -property, but Y does not have  $\beta$ -property (cf. [2] and [3]).

The sequence  $\{\mathcal{V}_n : n \in \omega\}$  of open covers of the space X is said to be an open point star refinement sequence of the open cover  $\mathcal{U} = \{U_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa\}$  if for every  $x \in X$ , there exist an  $n(x) \in \omega$  and an  $\alpha(x) < \kappa$  s.t.  $\operatorname{st}(x, \mathcal{V}_{n(x)}) \subset U_{\alpha(x)}$ .

**Lemma 1** For a space X, the following are equivalent:

- (1) X has submeta-B-property.
- (2) Any monotone increasing open cover  $\mathcal{U} = \{U_{\alpha} : \alpha < \kappa\}$  of X has an open point star refinement sequence.
- (3) Any monotone increasing open cover  $\mathcal{U} = \{U_{\alpha} : \alpha < \kappa\}$  of X has a closed cover  $\mathcal{F} = \{F_{n\alpha} : n \in \omega, \ \alpha < \kappa\}$  s.t.  $F_{n\alpha} \subset U_{\alpha}$  and  $F_{n\alpha_1} \subset F_{n\alpha_2}$  if  $\alpha_1 < \alpha_2$ .

Proof (1)  $\rightarrow$  (2): If  $cf\kappa = \kappa$ , then by (1)  $\mathcal{U}$  has an open refinement sequence  $\{\mathcal{V}_n : n \in \omega\}$  s.t. for every  $x \in X$ , there is an  $n(x) \in \omega$  and  $|\{V \in \mathcal{V}_{n(x)} : x \in V\}| < \kappa$ . Let  $\mathcal{V}' = \{V \in \mathcal{V}_{n(x)} : x \in V\}$ . Since  $\mathcal{V}_{n(x)}$  is a refinement of  $\mathcal{U}$ , for every  $V \in \mathcal{V}'$ , there is an  $\alpha(V) < \kappa$  s.t.  $V \subset U_{\alpha(V)}$ . Since  $cf\kappa = \kappa$  and  $|\mathcal{V}'| < \kappa$ , there is an  $\alpha(x) < \kappa$  s.t. for every  $V \in \mathcal{V}'$ ,  $\alpha(V) < \alpha(x)$ . Therefore  $st(x, \mathcal{V}_{n(x)}) \subset U_{\alpha(x)}$ . So  $\{\mathcal{V}_n : n \in \omega\}$  is an open point star refinement sequence of  $\mathcal{U}$ . If  $cf\kappa < \kappa$ , then for  $\mathcal{U} = \{U_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa\}$ ,  $\kappa$  has a monotone increasing cofinal subset  $\{\alpha_\eta : \eta < cf\kappa\}$ . Put  $V_\eta = U_{\alpha_\eta}$ . Then  $\mathcal{V} = \{V_\eta : \eta < cf\kappa\}$  is a monotone increasing open cover and  $|\mathcal{V}| = cf\kappa$  is regular. According to the above proof  $\mathcal{V}$  has an open point star refinement sequence, so does  $\mathcal{U}$ .

- (2)  $\to$  (3): By (2),  $\mathcal{U}$  has an open point star refinement sequence,  $\{\mathcal{V}_n : n \in \omega\}$ . Put  $F_{n\alpha} = \{x \in U_\alpha : \operatorname{st}(x, \mathcal{V}_n) \subset U_\alpha\}$ , then  $\{F_{n\alpha} : n \in \omega, \alpha < \kappa\}$  is a closed cover of X s.t.  $F_{n\alpha} \subset U_\alpha$  and if  $\alpha_1 < \alpha_2$ , then  $F_{n\alpha_1} \subset F_{n\alpha_2}$ .
  - (3)  $\rightarrow$  (1). Let  $\mathcal{U} = \{U_{\alpha} : \alpha < \kappa\}$  be an infinite open cover of X. Put  $V_{\alpha} = \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} U_{\beta}$ , then

 $\mathcal{V}=\{V_{\alpha}: \alpha<\kappa\}$  is a monotone increasing open cover of X, by (3), there is a closed cover  $\{F_{n\alpha}: n\in\omega, \ \alpha<\kappa\}$  s.t.  $F_{n\alpha}\subset V_{\alpha}$ , and when  $\alpha_1<\alpha_2$ ,  $F_{n\alpha_1}\subset F_{n\alpha_2}$ . Put  $V_{n\alpha}=U_{\alpha}-F_{n\alpha}$ ,  $n\in\omega$ ,  $\alpha<\kappa$ , and  $\mathcal{V}_n=\{V_{n\alpha}: \alpha<\kappa\}$ ,  $n\in\omega$ . It is obvious that  $\{\mathcal{V}_n: n\in\omega\}$  is an open refinement sequence of  $\mathcal{U}$ . For every  $x\in X=\bigcup_{n\in\omega}\bigcup_{\alpha<\kappa}F_{n\alpha}$ , there is the smallest n(x) s.t.

 $x \in \bigcup_{\alpha < \kappa} F_{n(x)\alpha}$ , and there is the smallest  $\alpha(x)$  s.t.  $x \in F_{n(x)\alpha(x)}$ . If  $\alpha \ge \alpha(x) + 1$ , then  $x \in F_{n(x)\alpha}$  and so  $x \notin U_{\alpha} - F_{n(x)\alpha} = V_{n(x)\alpha}$ , therefore  $|\{V \in \mathcal{V}_{n(x)} : x \in V\}| < \mathcal{V}$ . This shows (1).

A space X is said to have property (\*) if any monotone increasing open cover  $\mathcal{U} = \{U_{\alpha} : \alpha \in A\}$  of X has a closed refinement  $\mathcal{F} = \{F_{n\alpha} : \alpha \in A, n \in \omega\}$  satisfying  $F_{n\alpha} \subset U_{\alpha}$  for any  $n \in \omega, \alpha \in A$ .

**Lemma 2** Let X be a space,  $A = \{U : U \text{ is an open cover of } X \text{ satisfying that if } V \subset U$  and  $|V| \leq \omega_{\alpha}$ , then V does not cover X} and  $\kappa = \min\{|U| : U \in A\}$ . If  $\alpha = -1$ , then  $\kappa$  is regular. If  $\alpha \geq 0$  and X has property (\*), then  $\kappa$  is also regular.

**Proof** Suppose  $\operatorname{cf} \kappa = \kappa$  and choose a  $\mathcal{U} \in \mathcal{A}$  s.t.  $\kappa = |\mathcal{U}|$ . Let  $f : \operatorname{cf} \kappa \to \kappa$  be a monotone increasing cofinal mapping,  $\mathcal{U} = \{U_{\alpha} : \alpha < \kappa\}$  and  $W_{\alpha} = \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} U_{\beta}$ ,  $\alpha < \kappa$ . Then

 $\mathcal{W}=\{W_{f(\alpha)}: \alpha<\mathrm{cf}\kappa\}$  is a monotone increasing open cover of X. Since  $\mathrm{cf}\kappa<\kappa$ , there is a  $\kappa_1\leq \omega_\alpha$  s.t.  $\mathcal{W}'=\{W_{f(\alpha_\beta)}: \beta<\kappa_1\}\subset \mathcal{W}$  also covers X. Without loss of generality, we may assume that if  $\beta_1<\beta_2$ , then  $\alpha_{\beta_1}<\alpha_{\beta_2}$ . If  $\alpha=-1$ , then  $\kappa_1$  is finite. So  $X=W_{f(\alpha_{\kappa_1-1})}=\bigcup_{\xi< f(\alpha_{\kappa_1-1})}U_{\xi}$ . Since  $f(\alpha_{\kappa_1-1})<\kappa$ , there is a finite set

 $\{\xi_1, \xi_2, \cdots, \xi_m\} \subset [0, f(\alpha_{\kappa-1})) \text{ s.t. } \{U_{\xi_1}, U_{\xi_2}, \cdots, U_{\xi_m}\} \subset \mathcal{U} \text{ covers } X, \text{ this contradicts the hypothesis. If } \alpha \geq 0 \text{ and } X \text{ has property } (*), \text{ then for } \mathcal{W}', \text{ there is a closed cover } \mathcal{F} = \{F_{n\beta} : \beta < \kappa_1, n \in \omega\} \text{ of } X \text{ s.t. } F_{n\beta} \subset W_{f(\alpha_{\beta})} = \bigcup_{\xi < f(\alpha_{\beta})} U_{\xi} \text{ for any } \beta < \kappa_1, n \in \omega. \text{ For } \xi < f(\alpha_{\beta})$ 

every  $n \in \omega$ , the family  $\{U_{\xi} : \xi < f(\alpha_{\beta})\} \cup \{X - F_{n\beta}\}$  covers X and has the cardinal  $< \kappa$ . So it has a subfamily with the cardinal  $\le \omega_{\alpha}$  covering X. Thus the cover  $\{U_{\xi} : \xi < f(\alpha_{\beta})\}$  of  $F_{n\beta}$  has a subcover  $\mathcal{U}_{n\beta}$  with the cardinal  $\le \omega_{\alpha}$ . Put  $\mathcal{U}_{\beta} = \bigcup \{\mathcal{U}_{n\beta} : n \in \omega\}$ , then  $\mathcal{U}_{\beta}$  covers  $F_{\beta} = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} F_{n\beta}$  and  $|\mathcal{U}_{\beta}| \le \omega_{\alpha}$ . Therefore the subfamily  $\mathcal{U}' = \bigcup \{\mathcal{U}_{\beta} : \beta < \kappa_1\}$  of  $\mathcal{U}$ 

covers X since  $\mathcal{F}$  covers X. But  $|\mathcal{U}'| \leq \omega_{\alpha}$  and this contradicts the hypothesis. Therefore  $cf\kappa = \kappa$ .

**Theorem 1** If a  $T_1$ -space X is  $\omega_{\alpha+1}$ -compact and has submeta- $\beta$ -property, then X is  $\omega_{\alpha}$ -Lindelöf.

**Proof** Suppose X is not  $\omega_{\alpha}$ -Lindelöf. Let  $A = \{\mathcal{U} : \mathcal{U} \text{ is an open cover of } X \text{ whose any subfamily with the cardinal } \leq \omega_{\alpha} \text{ can not cover } X\}$  and  $\kappa = \min\{|\mathcal{U}| : \mathcal{U} \in \mathcal{A}\}$ . Take a  $\mathcal{U} \in \mathcal{A}$  s.t.  $|\mathcal{U}| = \kappa$ . If  $\alpha \geq 0$ , then  $\kappa \geq \omega_{\alpha+1}$ . If  $\alpha = -1$ , then  $\kappa \geq \omega_1$  because if  $\kappa = \omega_0$  then  $\mathcal{U}$  has a finite subcover since the  $\omega_0$ -compact and  $T_1$  space is countably compact. By Lemma 1, submeta- $\mathcal{B}$ -property implies property (\*). According to Lemma 2, cf $\kappa = \kappa$ . We may assume that  $\mathcal{U} = \{U_{\alpha} : \alpha < \kappa\}$  satisfies that for any  $\alpha < \kappa$ ,  $U_{\alpha} - \bigcup_{\alpha < \kappa} U_{\beta} \neq \emptyset$ . Let

 $\{\alpha_{\eta}: \eta < \kappa\}$  be a monotone increasing cofinal subset of  $\kappa$  and  $V_{\eta} = \bigcup_{\alpha < \alpha_{\eta}} U_{\alpha}$ . By Lemma

1 the monotone increasing open cover  $\mathcal{V}=\{V_\eta:\eta<\kappa\}$  of X has an open point star refinement sequence  $\{\mathcal{V}_n:n\in\omega\}$ . Take an  $x_0\in X$ , then there exist an  $n(x_0)\in\omega$  and an  $\eta_0<\kappa$  s.t.  $\operatorname{st}(x_0,\mathcal{V}_{n(x_0)})\subset V_{\eta_0}$ . Take an  $x_1\in X-V_{\eta_0}$ , then there exist an  $n(x_1)\in\omega$  and an  $\eta_1<\kappa$  s.t.  $\operatorname{st}(x_1,\mathcal{V}_{n(x_1)})\subset V_{\eta_1}$ . Suppose for v, when  $\rho< v$ ,  $x_\rho,n(x_\rho)$  and  $\eta_\rho$  have been defined. If  $\xi=\sup\{\eta_\rho:\rho< v\}<\kappa$ , take an  $x_v\in X-V_\xi$ , then there exist an  $n(x_v)$  and an  $\eta_v$  s.t.  $\operatorname{st}(x_v,\mathcal{V}_{n(x_v)})\subset V_{\eta_v}$ . If  $\xi=\kappa$ , then  $v=\kappa$  and we finish the definition. Put  $B=\{x_\rho:\rho<\kappa\}$ . Obviously, if  $\rho_1<\rho_2$ , then  $\eta_{\rho_1}<\eta_{\rho_2}$ . There must be  $n_0\in\omega$  and  $A\subset B$  s.t.  $|A|=\kappa$  and for every  $x_{\rho_\lambda}\in A$ ,  $\operatorname{st}(x_{\rho_\lambda},\mathcal{V}_{n_0})\subset\mathcal{V}_{\eta_{\rho_\lambda}}$ . We may assume that  $A=\{x_{\rho_\lambda}:\lambda<\kappa\}$  satisfies  $\rho_{\lambda_1}<\rho_{\lambda_2}$  if  $\lambda_1<\lambda_2$ . For any  $x\in X$ , if  $x\notin\operatorname{st}(A,\mathcal{V}_{n_0})$ , then there is a  $v\in\mathcal{V}_{n_0}$  s.t.  $v\in\mathcal{V}_{n_0}$  and  $v\in\mathcal{V}_{n_0}$ . Clearly  $\operatorname{st}(x_{\rho_{\lambda_0}},\mathcal{V}_{n_0})\cap A=\{x_{\rho_{\lambda_0}}\}$ . thus  $v\in\mathcal{V}_{n_0}$  has no accumulation point since  $v\in\mathcal{V}$  is  $v\in\mathcal{V}_{n_0}$ . But  $v\in\mathcal{V}_{n_0}$ . This contradicts  $v\in\mathcal{V}_{n_0}$ .

Noticing the cases  $\alpha = 0$  and  $\alpha = -1$  in Theorem 1, we obtain

Corollary 1 The regular  $T_1$ -space X is Lindelöf iff X is  $\omega_1$ -compact and has submeta- $\mathcal{B}$ -property.

Corollary 2 The  $T_2$ -space X is compact iff X is countably compact and has submeta-B-property.

Remark (1) By Lemma 1 the developable space has submeta- $\mathcal{B}$ - property, so the developable  $T_1$ -space with  $\omega_{\alpha+1}$ -compactness is  $\omega_{\alpha}$ -Lindelöf. Thus if the  $T_1$ -space X has submeta- $\mathcal{B}$ - property (or X is developable), then  $\omega_{\alpha}$ -Lindelöfness and  $\omega_{\alpha+1}$ -compactness are equivalent. (2) Corollary 1 and Corollary 2 improve the main results of [1], i.e., a regular  $T_1$ -space X is Lindelöf (compact) iff X is  $\omega_1$ -compact (countably compact) and has  $\mathcal{B}$ -property.

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## 具有次亚 B 性质的 $\omega_{\alpha+1}$ 紧 $T_1$ 空间是 $\omega_{\alpha}$ -Lindelöf 空间

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## 摘要

在本文中,我们证明了具有次亚B 性质的 $\omega_{\alpha+1}$ - 紧 $T_1$  空间是 $\omega_{\alpha}$ -Lindelöf 空间. 此结果改进并推广了[1] 中的主要结果.