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# **On Statistically Sequentially Covering Maps**

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**Abstract.** A mapping  $f : X \to Y$  is statistically sequence covering map if whenever a sequence  $\{y_n\}$  convergent to y in Y, there is a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  statistically converges to x in X with each  $x_n \in f^{-1}(y_n)$  and  $x \in f^{-1}(y)$ . In this paper, we introduce the concept of statistically sequence covering map which is a generalization of sequence covering map and discuss the relation with covering maps by some examples. Using this concept, we prove that every closed and statistically sequence-covering image of a metric space is metrizable. Also, we give characterizations of statistically sequence covering compact images of spaces with a weaker metric topology.

#### 1. Introduction

In 1971, Siwiec [12] introduced the concept of sequence covering maps which is closely related to the question about compact covering and s-images of metric spaces. In 1982, Chaber gave a characterization of perfect images and open and compact images of spaces that can be mapped onto metrizable spaces by a mapping with fibers having a given property *P* in [3]. After that characterizations of sequence covering compact images and sequentially quotient compact images of spaces with a weaker metric topology are studied. In this paper, we characterize statistically sequence covering compact images of spaces with a weaker metric topology. Also, we prove that every closed and sequence covering image of a metric space is metrizable. Also, we introduce *ssn*-cover and *scs*-cover which is a generalization of *sn*-cover and *cs*-cover, respectively, to characterize statistically sequence covering compact map.

Throughout this paper, all spaces are regular and  $T_1$ , all maps are continuous and onto, and  $\mathbb{N}$  is the set of natural numbers.  $x_n \to x$  denote a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converging to x. Let X be a space and  $P \subset X$ . A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converging to x in X is eventually in P if  $\{x_n \mid n > k\} \cup \{x\} \subset P$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ; it is frequently in P if  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  is eventually in P for some subsequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a family of subsets of X. Then  $\cup \mathcal{P}$  and  $\cap \mathcal{P}$  denote the union  $\cup \{P \mid P \in \mathcal{P}\}$  and the intersection  $\cap \{P \mid P \in \mathcal{P}\}$ , respectively. Let A be a subset of a space X,  $x \in X$ , and  $\mathcal{U}$  be a family of subsets of X. We write  $st(x, \mathcal{U}) = \bigcup \{U \in \mathcal{U} \mid x \in U\}$  and  $st(A, \mathcal{U}) = \bigcup \{U \in \mathcal{U} \mid U \cap A \neq \emptyset\}$ .

**Definition 1.1.** Let X be a space,  $P \subset X$  and  $x \in P$ . Then P is called a *sequential neighborhood* [5] of x in X if whenever  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence converging to the point x, then  $\{x_n\}$  is eventually in P.

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**Definition 1.2.** ([7]) Let *X* be a space, and let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a cover of *X*.

- (1)  $\mathcal{P}$  is a cs-cover of *X*, if for any convergent sequence *S* in *X*, there exists  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  such that *S* is eventually in *P*.
- (2)  $\mathcal{P}$  is an sn-cover of *X*, if each element of  $\mathcal{P}$  is a sequential neighborhood of some point of *X* and for each  $x \in X$ , there exists  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  such that *P* is the sequential neighborhood of *x*.

**Definition 1.3.** A space *X* is *strongly Fréchet* [12] if whenever  $\{A_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a decreasing sequence of sets in *X* and *x* is a point which is in the closure of each  $A_n$  where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists an  $x_n \in A_n$  such that the sequence  $x_n \to x$ .

**Definition 1.4.** A space *X* is said to have *property*  $\omega D$  [14] if every infinite closed discrete subset has an infinite subset *A* such that there exists a discrete open family { $U_x | x \in A$ } with  $U_x \cap A = \{x\}$  for each  $x \in A$ .

**Definition 1.5.** A class of mappings is said to be *hereditary* [1] if whenever  $f : X \to Y$  is in the class, then for each subspace *H* of *Y*, the restriction of *f* to  $f^{-1}(H)$  is in the class.

**Definition 1.6.** Let  $f : X \to Y$  be a mapping.

- (a) f is a sequence covering map [7] if for every convergent sequence S in Y, there is a convergent sequence L in X such that f(L) = S. Equivalently, if whenever  $\{y_n\}$  is a convergent sequence in Y, there is a convergent sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in X with each  $x_n \in f^{-1}(y_n)$  [12].
- (b) *f* is a *sequentially quotient map* [7] if for every convergent sequence *S* in *Y*, there is a convergent subsequence *L* in *X* such that f(L) is an infinite subsequence of *S*. Equivalently, if whenever  $\{y_n\}$  is a convergent sequence in *Y*, there is a convergent sequence  $\{x_k\}$  in *X* with each  $x_k \in f^{-1}(y_{n_k})$  [12].

**Definition 1.7.** If *X* is a space that can be mapped onto a metric space by a one-to-one mapping, then *X* is said to have a *weaker metric topology* [3].

**Definition 1.8.** [4, 11] If  $K \subset \mathbb{N}$ , then  $K_n$  will denote the set  $\{k \in K \mid k \le n\}$  and  $|K_n|$  stands for the cardinality of  $K_n$ . The *natural density* of K is defined by  $d(K) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{|K_n|}{n}$ , if limit exists.

**Definition 1.9.** A subset *K* of the set  $\mathbb{N}$  is called *statistically dense* [2] if d(K) = 1.

**Definition 1.10.** A subsequence *S* of the sequence *L* is called *statistically dense in L* if the set of all indices of elements from *S* is statistically dense.

**Definition 1.11.** Let *X* be a space and  $P \subset X$ . *P* is called a *statistically sequential neighborhood* of  $x \in P$ , if every sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to *x* is frequently statistically dense in *P*, that is,  $d(\{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid x_n \notin P\}) = 0$ .

**Definition 1.12.** Let *X* be a space and  $\mathcal{P}$  be a cover of *X*.

- (a)  $\mathcal{P}$  is a *scs-cover* of *X* if for any convergent sequence *S* in *X*, there exists  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  such that *S* is frequently statistically dense in *P*.
- (b)  $\mathcal{P}$  is a *ssn-cover* of *X* if each element of  $\mathcal{P}$  is a statistically sequential neighborhood of some point of *X* and for each  $x \in X$ , there exists  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  such that *P* is the statistically sequential neighborhood of *x*.

**Definition 1.13.** A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in a topological space *X* is said to *converge statistically* [8] to  $x \in X$ , if for every neighborhood *U* of *x*,  $d(\{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid x_n \notin U\}) = 0$ .

**Lemma 1.14.** ([8]) Let X be a first countable space. If a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in X statistically converges to x, then there exists a statistically dense subsequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges to x.

**Lemma 1.15.** ([16]) Let X be a space with a weaker metric topology. Then there is a sequence  $\{\mathcal{P}_i\}_{i\in\mathbb{N}}$  of locally finite open covers of X such that  $\bigcap_{i\in\mathbb{N}} st(K, \mathcal{P}_i) = K$  for each compact subset K of X.

## 2. Statistically Sequence Covering Map

In this section, we introduce a map, namely, statistically sequence covering map and give their properties. A mapping  $f : X \to Y$  is said to be a *statistically sequence covering map* if for given  $y_n \to y$  in Y, there exists a sequence  $x_n$  statistically converges to  $x, x \in f^{-1}(y)$  and  $x_n \in f^{-1}(y_n)$ 

**Proposition 2.1.** Let  $f : X \to Y$  and  $q : Y \to Z$  be any two maps. Then the following hold:

(a) If f and g are statistically sequence covering map and Y is a first countable space, then  $g \circ f$  is statistically sequence cover.

(b) If  $g \circ f$  is statistically sequence covering map, then g is statistically sequence cover.

*Proof.* (a) Let  $z \in Z$  and  $z_n \to z$  be a sequence. Since g is a statistically sequence covering map, there exists a sequence statistically converges to y with  $y_n \in g^{-1}(z_n)$  and  $y \in g^{-1}(z)$ . By Lemma 1.14, there exists a statistically dense subsequence  $y_{n_k}$  converges to y. Since f is a statistically sequence covering map, there exists a statistically convergent sequence  $x_{n_k} \to x$ , where  $x_{n_k} \in f^{-1}(y_{n_k})$  and  $x \in f^{-1}(y)$ . Choose  $x_n \in f^{-1}(y_n)$  for  $n \neq n_k$ .

To prove  $\{x_n\}$  is statistically convergent to x, it is enough to prove  $d(\{n \mid x_n \notin U_x\}) = 0$  for every open neighborhood  $U_x$  of x.

Since  $y_{n_k}$  is statistically dense in  $y_n$ ,  $x_{n_k}$  is statistically dense in  $x_n$  and so  $d(K_1) = 0$  where  $K_1 = \{n \mid n \neq n_k\}$ . Also,  $x_{n_k}$  statistically converges to x implies that for every open set U,  $d(K_2) = 0$  where  $K_2 = \{n_k \mid x_{n_k} \notin U\}$ . Now for  $U_{x_i}$ ,

$$d(K) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{|[n_0 \le n \mid x_{n_0} \notin U_x]|}{n}$$
  
=  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{|[n_0 \le n \mid x_{n_0} \notin U_x \text{ and } n_0 \neq n_k] \cup [n_0 \le n \mid x_{n_0} \notin U_x \text{ and } n_0 = n_k]|}{n}$   
=  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{|[n_0 \le n \mid x_{n_0} \notin U_x \text{ and } n_0 \neq n_k]| + |[n_0 \le n \mid x_{n_0} \notin U_x \text{ and } n_0 = n_k]|}{n}$   
=  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{|[n_0 \le n \mid x_{n_0} \notin U_x \text{ and } n_0 \neq n_k]|}{n} + \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{|[n_0 \le n \mid x_{n_0} \notin U_x \text{ and } n_0 = n_k]|}{n}$   
=  $d(K_1) + d(K_2)$   
= 0

(b) Since *f* is continuous and by Theorem 3 in [6], *g* is a statistically sequence covering map.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 2.2.** (a) *Finite product of statistically sequence covering mapping is a statistically sequence covering map.* 

(b) Statistically sequence covering mappings are hereditarily statistically sequence covering mappings.

*Proof.* (a) Let  $\prod_{i=1}^{N} f_i : \prod_{i=1}^{N} X_i \to \prod_{i=1}^{N} Y_i$  be a map where each  $f_i : X_i \to Y_i$  is statistically sequence covering map for i = 1, 2, 3, ..., N. Let  $\{(y_{i,n})\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be converges to  $(y_i)$  in  $\prod_{i=1}^{N} Y_i$ . Then each  $\{y_{i,n}\}$  is a sequence converges to  $y_i$  in  $Y_i$ . Since each  $f_i$  is a statistically sequence covering map, there exists a sequence  $\{x_{i,n}\}$  statistically converges to  $x_i$  such that  $f_i(x_{i,n}) = y_{i,n}$ . Take a sequence  $\{(x_{i,n})\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  which is statistically converges to  $(x_i)$  by inductive application of Corollary 2.1 (a) and (b) in [2]. Therefore,  $\prod_{i=1}^{N} f_i$  is a statistically sequence covering map.

(b) Let  $f : X \to Y$  be a statistically sequence covering map and H be a subspace of Y. Take  $g = f|_{f^{-1}(H)}$  such that  $g : f^{-1}(H) \to H$  be a map.

Given a sequence  $\{y_n\}$  convergence to y in H, there exists a sequence  $x_n \in f^{-1}(y_n) \in f^{-1}(H)$  such that  $(x_n)$  statistically converges to  $x \in f^{-1}(y) \in f^{-1}(H)$ , since f is statistically sequence covering map and  $\{y_n\}$  statistically converges to y in Y. Therefore, g is a statistically sequence covering map.  $\Box$ 

We observe that every sequence covering map is a statistically sequence covering map. But the reverse implication need not be true as shown by the following Example 2.3. Also, Example 2.4 and Example 2.5 below shows that statistically sequence covering map and sequentially quotient map are independent.

**Example 2.3.** Let  $\land = \{K \mid d(K) = 1, K \text{ is a subsequence of } \mathbb{N} \text{ obtained by deleting infinitely many elements} \}$ and  $S_{\alpha}$  be a convergent sequence with its limit  $x_{\alpha}$  where  $\alpha = K \in \land$ . That is,  $S_{\alpha} = \{x_{\alpha,i}, x_{\alpha} \mid i \in K\}$ . Let X be a disjoint union of  $S_{\alpha}$  and Y be a sequence  $\{x_n\} \rightarrow x$ . Then  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  defined by  $f(x_{\alpha,i}) = f(x_i)$  and  $f(x_{\alpha}) = f(x)$  is a statistically sequence covering map and a sequentially quotient map but not a sequence covering map.

**Example 2.4.** Let *X* be a topological sum of a collection  $\{I, S_{\alpha} \mid \alpha \in I\}$ , where *I* is the closed unit interval and each  $S_{\alpha}$  is a sequence with its limit for each  $\alpha \in I$  and *Y* be the space obtained from *X* by identifying the limit point of  $S_{\alpha}$  with  $\alpha$ . Let  $f : X \to Y$  be the obvious map. Then *Y* is the quotient, finite to one image of a locally compact metric space *X* under *f* so that *f* is sequentially quotient. But *f* is not a statistically sequence covering map.

**Example 2.5.** Let  $\land = \{K \mid d(K) = 1, K \text{ is a subsequence of } \mathbb{N} \text{ obtained by deleting infinitely many elements} \$  and  $S_{\alpha}$  be a statistically convergent sequence with its limit  $x_{\alpha}$  where  $\alpha = K \in \land$ . That is,  $S_{\alpha} = \{x_{\alpha,i}, x_{\alpha} \mid i \in K\}$ . Let *X* be a disjoint union of  $S_{\alpha}$  and *Y* be a sequence  $\{x_n\} \rightarrow x$ . Note that each  $S_{\alpha}$  is not a sequential space, since singleton set  $\{x_{\alpha}\}$  is vacuously sequentially open but not open, that is, there is no convergent sequence in  $S_{\alpha}$  converges to  $x_{\alpha}$ . Therefore, *X* is not a sequential space, since its open subspace must be. Then  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  defined by  $f(x_{\alpha,i}) = f(x_i)$  and  $f(x_{\alpha}) = f(x)$  is a statistically sequence covering map but not a sequentially quotient map.

### 3. Statistically Sequence Covering and Compact Map

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $f : X \to Y$  be a statistically sequence covering compact map. Then for each  $y \in Y$ , there exists  $x \in f^{-1}(y)$  such that if U is an open neighborhood of x, then f(U) is a sequential neighborhood of y.

*Proof.* Suppose not, that is, there exists  $y \in Y$ , for every  $x \in f^{-1}(y)$ , there exists an open neighborhood  $U_x$  of x such that  $f(U_x)$  is not a sequential neighborhood of y. Since  $f^{-1}(y) \subset \bigcup_{x \in f^{-1}(y)} U_x$  and f is a compact map, there exists a finite  $U_i$  such that  $f^{-1}(y) \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^{n_0} U_i$ . Since each  $f(U_i)$  is not a sequential neighborhood of y, choose  $\{y_{m,n}\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \to y$  such that  $y_{m,n} \notin f(U_m)$  for all  $m \in \{1, 2, ..., n_0\}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Now form a sequence  $y_k = y_{m,n}$  where  $k = (n-1)n_0 + m, 1 \leq m \leq n_0$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $\{y_k\}$  is a sequence converging to y in Y. Since f is a statistically sequence covering map, there exists  $x \in f^{-1}(y)$  and  $x_k \in f^{-1}(y_k)$  such that  $\{x_k\} \to x$  statistically. Since  $x \in f^{-1}(y) \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^{n_0} U_i$ , there exist  $U_{m_0}$  such that  $x \in U_{m_0}$  so that  $d(\{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid x_n \notin U_{m_0}\}) = 0$  and hence  $d(\{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid y_n \notin f(U_{m_0})\}) = 0$  which is a contradiction. Since  $y_{m_0,n} \notin f(U_{m_0}), d(\{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid y_n \notin f(U_{m_0})\}) \ge d(\{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n = (n'-1)n_0 + m_0, n' \in \mathbb{N}\}) > \frac{1}{m_0}$ .  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.2.** *The following conditions are equivalent for a space* Y:

- (a) Y is a statistically sequence covering compact image of a space with a weaker metric topology.
- (b) Y has a sequence  $\{\mathcal{F}_i\}_{i\in\mathbb{N}}$  of point-finite ssn-covers such that  $\bigcap_{i\in\mathbb{N}} st(y,\mathcal{F}_i) = \{y\}$  for each  $y \in Y$ .
- (c) *Y* has a sequence  $\{\mathcal{F}_i\}_{i\in\mathbb{N}}$  of point-finite scs-covers such that  $\bigcap_{i\in\mathbb{N}} st(y,\mathcal{F}_i) = \{y\}$  for each  $y \in Y$ .
- (*d*) *Y* has a sequence  $\{\mathcal{F}_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  of point-finite sn-covers such that  $\bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{N}} st(y, \mathcal{F}_i) = \{y\}$  for each  $y \in Y$ .
- (e) *Y* has a sequence  $\{\mathcal{F}_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  of point-finite cs-covers such that  $\bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{N}} st(y, \mathcal{F}_i) = \{y\}$  for each  $y \in Y$ .

*Proof.* It is clear that (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c), (d)  $\Rightarrow$  (e), (d)  $\Rightarrow$  (b), (e)  $\Rightarrow$  (c).

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (d) Suppose  $f : X \to Y$  is a statistically sequence covering compact mapping. As X being a space with a weaker metric topology, there is a sequence  $\{\mathcal{P}_i\}_{i\in\mathbb{N}}$  of locally finite open covers of X such that  $\bigcap_{i\in\mathbb{N}} st(K, \mathcal{P}_i) = K$  for each compact subset  $K \subset X$ , by Lemma 1.15. For each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , put  $\mathcal{F}_i = f(\mathcal{P}_i)$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}_i$  is a point finite cover of Y, since f is compact. By Theorem 3.1, for each  $y \in Y$ , there exists  $x \in f^{-1}(y)$  such that for every open neighborhood  $U_x$  of x,  $f(U_x)$  is a sequential neighborhood of y. Since each  $\mathcal{P}_i$  is an open cover of X, there exists  $P \in \mathcal{P}_i$  such that  $x \in P$ , and so F = f(P) is a sequential neighborhood of y. Choose  $\mathcal{F}'_i \subset \mathcal{F}_i$  which are sequential neighborhoods of y.  $\mathcal{F}'_i$  is a point finite sn-cover of Y. For each  $y \in Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(y)$  is a compact subset of X and  $\bigcap_{i\in\mathbb{N}} st(f^{-1}(y), \mathcal{P}_i) = f^{-1}(y)$ . Thus,  $\bigcap_{i\in\mathbb{N}} st(y, \mathcal{F}_i) = \{y\}$ .

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (d) First we collect the set of all sequential neighborhoods  $\mathcal{F}'_i$  from  $\mathcal{F}_i$ . Suppose there is no such sequential neighborhood in  $\mathcal{F}_i$ . For each  $y \in Y$ , put  $(\mathcal{F}_i)_y = \{F \mid y \in F, F \in \mathcal{F}_i\} = \{F_m \mid m \le k\}$ . Since each  $F_m$  is

not a sequential neighborhood for each  $F_m$ , there exists a convergent sequence  $y_{m,n} \rightarrow y$  such that  $y_{m,n} \notin F_m$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Now form a new sequence  $\{z_{n'}\}$  by taking  $z_{n'} = y_{m,n}$ , where n' = (n - 1)k + m,  $1 \le m \le k$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then the sequence  $\{z_{n'}\}$  is also converging to y, but  $d(\{n' \mid z_{n'} \notin F_m\}) \ge \frac{1}{k} > 0$ , for all m. That is,  $\mathcal{F}_i$  is not a *scs*-covers, which is a contradiction.

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a) For each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , take  $\mathcal{F}_i = \{F_\alpha \mid \alpha \in X_i\}$  and each  $X_i$  is endowed with discrete topology. Let  $M = \{(\alpha_i) \in \prod_{i \in \mathbb{N}} X_i \mid \text{there is } y \in Y \text{ such that } \bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{N}} F_{\alpha_i} = \{y\}\}$  and give M the subspace topology induced from the usual product topology. Then M is a metric space. Let  $X = \{(y, (\alpha_i)) \in Y \times M \mid y \in \bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{N}} F_{\alpha_i}\}$ . Let  $f : X \to Y$  and  $P : X \to M$  be the onto projection map.

(1) *X* is a space with weaker metric topology.

Since  $P : X \to M$  is the onto projection map, for each  $(\alpha_i) \in M$ , there is  $y \in Y$  such that  $\bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{N}} F_{\alpha_i} = \{y\}$  which implies  $P^{-1}((\alpha_i)) = (y, (\alpha_i))$  and hence P is a one-to-one mapping. Thus, X is a space with a weaker metric topology.

(2) f is a compact map.

 $f^{-1}(y) = \{(y, (\alpha_i)) \in Y \times M | \bigcap F_{\alpha_i} = \{y\}\}.$ 

Let  $\{U_{\beta}\}_{\beta \in \Lambda'}$  be a cover of  $f^{-1}(y)$ . Since M being a subspace topology induced from the usual product topology, for  $\beta' \in \Lambda'$ ,  $P(U_{\beta'}) = V_M = (.., V_{i_1}, ..., V_{i_2}, ..., V_{i_n}, ..)$ , that is,  $\prod_i (V_M) = X_i \cap \prod_i (M)$  except some finite place  $i = \{i_1, i_2, ..., i_n\}$  where  $\prod_i : M \to X_i$  is a projection map. Since  $\mathcal{F}_i$  is a point finite cover of Y for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\prod_{i_j} (P(f^{-1}(y)))$  is finite for each  $j \in \{i_1, i_2, ..., i_n\}$ . Therefore, we can choose a finite subcover of  $\{U_\beta\}$  to cover the element of  $\prod_{i_j} (P(f^{-1}(y)))$  where  $j \in \{i_1, i_2, ..., i_n\}$ . In addition,  $U_{\beta'}$  will cover  $f^{-1}(y)$ . Therefore, f is a compact map.

(3) *f* is a statistically sequence covering map.

Take  $y_0 \in Y$  and then choose  $\beta_0 \in f^{-1}(y_0) \subset Y \times M$  such that for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , choose  $\alpha_i \in X_i$  such that  $F_{\alpha_i}$  is a statistically sequential neighborhood of  $y_0$ . Let  $\beta_0 = (y_0, (\alpha_i)) \in Y \times \prod_{i \in \mathbb{N}} X_i$ . Then  $\beta_0 \in f^{-1}(y_0) \subset Y \times M$ . Now for given convergent sequence  $\{y_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in Y converging to  $y_0$ , we choose a sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in X as follows: Since  $F_{\alpha_i}$  is a *ssn*-neighborhood of  $y_0, \{y_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is frequently statistically dense in  $F_{\alpha_i}$  for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Choose  $\alpha_{i_n} = \alpha_i$  if  $y_n \in F_{\alpha_i}$ , otherwise choose  $\beta_i \in X_i$  such that  $y_n \in F_{\beta_i}$  so that  $\alpha_{i_n} = \beta_i$ . Then  $\{\alpha_{i_n}\}$  statistically converges to  $\alpha_i$  in  $X_i$  and hence  $\{(\alpha_{i_n})\}$  statistically converges to  $(\alpha_i)$  in M. Put  $\beta_n = (y_n, (\alpha_{i_n}))$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $f(\beta_n) = y_n$  and the sequence  $\{\beta_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is statistically converges to  $\beta_0$  in X. Therefore, f is a statistically sequence covering mapping.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let X be a strongly Fréchet space with property  $\omega D$ . If  $f : X \to Y$  is a closed and statistically sequence covering map, then Y is strongly Fréchet.

*Proof.* Clearly, Y is a Fréchet space, since it is a closed image of a strongly Fréchet, in particular, Fréchet. Suppose Y is not strongly Fréchet. Then Y contains a homeomorphic copy of the sequential fan  $S_{\omega}$  [13], and the copy can be closed in Y [10]. Hence let  $S_{\omega} \subset Y$  as a closed set. Let it be  $S_{\omega} = \{y\} \cup \{y_{m,n} \mid m, n \in \omega\}$  where each  $S_m = \{y_{m,n}\}_{n \in \omega}$  is a convergent sequence converges to y. For each  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , choose

$$y_{m_k} = \begin{cases} y_{0,\frac{k+1}{2}}, & \text{if } k \text{ is odd} \\ y_{m,\frac{k}{2}}, & \text{if } k \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Then the sequence  $\{y_{m_k}\}$  converges to y. Since f is statistically sequence cover, there exist  $x_m \in f^{-1}(y)$  and a sequence  $Q_m$  statistically converges to  $x_m$  such that  $f(Q_m) = \{y_{m_k}\}$ . For each  $k \in \omega$ , let  $T_k = \bigcup \{f^{-1}(S_m) \mid m \ge k\}$  Suppose that there exists  $z \in X$  such that for every open neighborhood U of z,  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid x_n \in U\}$  is infinite. Then  $z \in \bigcap_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \overline{T_k}$ . Since X is strongly Fréchet, there exists a convergent sequence  $\{z_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to z, where  $z_k \in T_k$ . But  $\{f(z_k)\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  does not converge to y, which is a contradiction. Suppose the set  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is finite. Let it be  $z = x_n$ ,  $n \in N'$ , N' is a infinite subset of  $\mathbb{N}$ . Then for every open neighborhood U of z,  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid x_n \in U\}$  is infinite which is a contradiction. Therefore, the set  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is infinite, closed and discrete

in X.

Since *X* has the property  $\omega D$ , there exist an infinite subset  $\{x_{n_j}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and a discrete open family  $\{U_j\}_{j \in \omega}$  such that  $U_j \cap \{x_{n_j}\}_{j \in \omega} = \{x_{n_j}\}$ . Recall that  $Q_{n_j}$  statistically converges to  $x_{n_j}$  and  $f(Q_{n_j}) = \{y_{n_j}\}$ . Therefore, we can take  $u_j \in U_j \cap Q_{n_j}$  such that  $\{f(u_j)\}_{j \in \omega}$  is infinite and contained in  $\{y_{0,n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Since  $\{u_j\}_{j \in \omega}$  is closed in *X*,  $\{f(u_j)\}_{j \in \omega}$  is closed in *S*<sub> $\omega$ </sub>, which is a contradiction. Thus, *Y* is strongly Fréchet.  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 3.4.** Every closed and statistically sequence covering image of a metric space is metrizable.

*Proof.* Since every metrizable space has  $\omega D$  property [14], Y is strongly Fréchet by Theorem 3.3. Also, m every strongly Fréchet space which is a closed image of a metric space is metrizable [9]. Hence Y is metrizable.  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 3.5.** ([15]) Every closed and sequence covering image of a metric space is metrizable.

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