

## FILTER SPACES AND BASICALLY DISCONNECTED COVERS

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, we first show that for any space  $X$ , there is a  $\sigma$ -complete Boolean subalgebra  $Z(\Lambda_X)^\#$  of  $\mathcal{R}(X)$  and that the subspace  $\{\alpha \mid \alpha \text{ is a fixed } \sigma Z(X)^\# \text{-ultrafilter}\}$  of the Stone-space  $S(Z(\Lambda_X)^\#)$  is the minimal basically disconnected cover of  $X$ . Using this, we will show that for any countably locally weakly Lindelöf space  $X$ , the set  $\{M \mid M \text{ is a } \sigma\text{-complete Boolean subalgebra of } \mathcal{R}(X) \text{ containing } Z(X)^\# \text{ and } s_M^{-1}(X) \text{ is basically disconnected}\}$ , when partially ordered by inclusion, becomes a complete lattice.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

All spaces in this paper are Tychonoff spaces and  $\beta X$  denotes the Stone-Čech compactification of a space  $X$ .

Vermeer([10]) showed that every space  $X$  has the minimal basically disconnected cover  $(\Lambda X, \Lambda_X)$  and if  $X$  is a compact space, then  $\Lambda X$  is given by the Stone-space  $S(\sigma Z(X)^\#)$  of a  $\sigma$ -complete Boolean subalgebra  $\sigma Z(X)^\#$  of  $\mathcal{R}(X)$ . Henriksen, Vermeer and Woods([4])(Kim [7], resp.) showed that the

minimal basically disconnected cover of a weakly Lindelöf space (a locally weakly Lindelöf space, resp.)  $X$  is given by the subspace  $\{\alpha \mid \alpha \text{ is a fixed } \sigma Z(X)^\# \text{-ultrafilter}\}$  of the Stone-space  $S(\sigma Z(X)^\#)$ .

In this paper, we first show that for any space  $X$ , there is a  $\sigma$ -complete Boolean subalgebra  $Z(\Lambda_X)^\#$  of  $\mathcal{R}(X)$  and that the subspace  $\{\alpha \mid \alpha \text{ is a fixed } \sigma Z(X)^\# \text{-ultrafilter}\}$  of the Stone-space  $S(Z(\Lambda_X)^\#)$  is the the minimal basically disconnected cover of  $X$ . Using this, we will show that  $S(Z(\Lambda_X)^\#)$  and  $\beta \Lambda X$  are homeomorphic. Moreover, we show that for any  $\sigma$ -complete Boolean subalgebra  $M$  of  $\mathcal{R}(X)$  containing  $Z(X)^\#$ , the Stone-space  $S(M)$  of  $M$  is a basically disconnected cover of  $X$  and that the subspace  $\{\alpha \mid \alpha \text{ is a fixed } M\text{-ultrafilter}\}$  of the Stone-space  $S(M)$  is the the

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minimal basically disconnected cover of  $X$  if and only if it is a basically disconnected space and  $M \subseteq Z(\Lambda_X)^\#$ . Finally, we will show that for any countably locally weakly Lindelöf space  $X$ , the set  $\{M \mid M \text{ is a } \sigma\text{-complete Boolean subalgebra of } \mathcal{R}(X) \text{ containing } Z(X)^\# \text{ and } s_M^{-1}(X) \text{ is basically disconnected}\}$ , when partially ordered by inclusion, becomes a complete lattice.

For the terminology, we refer to [1] and [9].

## 2. FILTER SPACES

The set  $\mathcal{R}(X)$  of all regular closed sets in a space  $X$ , when partially ordered by inclusion, becomes a complete Boolean algebra, in which the join, meet, and complementation operations are defined as follows : for any  $A \in \mathcal{R}(X)$  and any  $\{A_i : i \in I\} \subseteq \mathcal{R}(X)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \vee\{A_i : i \in I\} &= cl_X(\cup\{A_i : i \in I\}), \\ \wedge\{A_i : i \in I\} &= cl_X(int_X(\cap\{A_i : i \in I\})), \text{ and} \\ A' &= cl_X(X - A) \end{aligned}$$

and a sublattice of  $\mathcal{R}(X)$  is a subset of  $\mathcal{R}(X)$  that contains  $\emptyset$ ,  $X$  and is closed under finite joins and meets.

We recall that a map  $f : Y \longrightarrow X$  is called a *covering map* if it is a continuous, onto, perfect, and irreducible map.

**Lemma 2.1** ([5]).

- (1) Let  $f : Y \longrightarrow X$  be a covering map. Then the map  $\psi : \mathcal{R}(Y) \longrightarrow \mathcal{R}(X)$ , defined by  $\psi(A) = f(A) \cap X$ , is a Boolean isomorphism and the inverse map  $\psi^{-1}$  of  $\psi$  is given by  $\psi^{-1}(B) = cl_Y(f^{-1}(int_X(B))) = cl_Y(int_Y(f^{-1}(B)))$ .
- (2) Let  $X$  be a dense subspace of a space  $K$ . Then the map  $\phi : \mathcal{R}(K) \longrightarrow \mathcal{R}(X)$ , defined by  $\phi(A) = A \cap X$ , is a Boolean isomorphism and the inverse map  $\phi^{-1}$  of  $\phi$  is given by  $\phi^{-1}(B) = cl_K(B)$ .

A lattice  $L$  is called  $\sigma$ -complete if every countable subset of  $L$  has the join and the meet. For any subset  $M$  of a Boolean algebra  $L$ , there is the smallest  $\sigma$ -complete Boolean subalgebra  $\sigma M$  of  $L$  containing  $M$ . Let  $X$  be a space and  $Z(X)$  the set of all zero-sets in  $X$ . Then  $Z(X)^\# = \{cl_X(int_X(Z)) \mid Z \in Z(X)\}$  is a sublattice of  $\mathcal{R}(X)$ .

We recall that a subspace  $X$  of a space  $Y$  is  $C^*$ -embedded in  $Y$  if for any real-valued continuous map  $f : X \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , there is a continuous map  $g : Y \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $g|_X = f$ .

Let  $X$  be a space. Since  $X$  is  $C^*$ -embedded in  $\beta X$ , by Lemma 2.1.,  $\sigma Z(X)^\#$  and  $\sigma Z(\beta X)^\#$  are Boolean isomorphic.

Let  $X$  be a space and  $\mathcal{B}$  a Boolean subalgebra of  $\mathcal{R}(X)$ . Let  $S(\mathcal{B}) = \{\alpha \mid \alpha \text{ is a } \mathcal{B}\text{-ultrafilter}\}$  and for any  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  $\Sigma_B^\mathcal{B} = \{\alpha \in S(\mathcal{B}) \mid B \in \alpha\}$ . Then the space  $S(\mathcal{B})$ , equipped with the topology for which  $\{\Sigma_B^\mathcal{B} \mid B \in \mathcal{B}\}$  is a base, called *the Stone-space of  $\mathcal{B}$* . Then  $S(\mathcal{B})$  is a compact, zero-dimensional space and the map  $s_\mathcal{B} : S(\mathcal{B}) \rightarrow \beta X$ , defined by  $s_\mathcal{B}(\alpha) = \bigcap \{cl_{\beta X}(A) \mid A \in \mathcal{B}\}$ , is a covering map ([7]).

**Definition 2.2.** A space  $X$  is called *basically disconnected* if for any zero-set  $Z$  in  $X$ ,  $int_X(Z)$  is closed in  $X$ , equivalently, every cozero-set in  $X$  is  $C^*$ -embedded in  $X$ .

A space  $X$  is a basically disconnected space if and only if  $\beta X$  is a basically disconnected space. If  $X$  is a basically disconnected space, every element in  $Z(X)^\#$  is clopen in  $X$  and so  $X$  is a basically disconnected space if and only if  $Z(X)^\#$  is a  $\sigma$ -complete Boolean algebra.

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $X$  be a space. Then a pair  $(Y, f)$  is called

- (1) *a cover of  $X$*  if  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  is a covering map,
- (2) *a basically disconnected cover of  $X$*  if  $(Y, f)$  is a cover of  $X$  and  $Y$  is a basically disconnected space, and
- (3) *a minimal basically disconnected cover of  $X$*  if  $(Y, f)$  is a basically disconnected cover of  $X$  and for any basically disconnected cover  $(Z, g)$  of  $X$ , there is a covering map  $h : Z \rightarrow Y$  such that  $f \circ h = g$ .

Vermeer([10]) showed that every space  $X$  has a minimal basically disconnected cover  $(\Lambda X, \Lambda_X)$  and that if  $X$  is a compact space, then  $\Lambda X$  is the Stone-space  $S(\sigma Z(X)^\#)$  of  $\sigma Z(X)^\#$  and  $\Lambda_X(\alpha) = \bigcap \{A \mid A \in \alpha\}$  ( $\alpha \in \Lambda X$ ).

Let  $X$  be a space. Since  $\sigma Z(X)^\#$  and  $\sigma Z(\beta X)^\#$  are Boolean isomorphic,  $S(\sigma Z(X)^\#)$  and  $S(\sigma Z(\beta X)^\#)$  are homeomorphic.

Let  $X, Y$  be spaces and  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  a map. For any  $U \subseteq X$ , let  $f_U : f^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U$  denote the restriction and co-restriction of  $f$  with respect to  $f^{-1}(U)$  and  $U$ , respectively.

In the following, for any space  $X$ ,  $(\Lambda \beta X, \Lambda_\beta)$  denotes the minimal basically disconnected cover of  $\beta X$ .

**Lemma 2.4** ([7]). *Let  $X$  be a space. If  $\Lambda_\beta^{-1}(X)$  is a basically disconnected space, then  $(\Lambda_\beta^{-1}(X), \Lambda_{\beta X})$  is the minimal basically disconnected cover of  $X$ .*

For any covering map  $f : Y \longrightarrow X$ , let  $Z(f)^\# = \{cl_Y(int_X(f(Z))) \mid Z \in Z(Y)^\#\}$ . Since  $\mathcal{R}(\Lambda X)$  and  $\mathcal{R}(X)$  are Boolean isomorphic and  $Z(\Lambda X)^\#$  is a  $\sigma$ -complete Boolean subalgebra of  $\mathcal{R}(\Lambda X)$ , by Lemma 2.1,  $Z(\Lambda_X)^\#$  is a  $\sigma$ -complete Boolean subalgebra of  $\mathcal{R}(X)$ .

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $X$  be a space and  $\mathcal{B}$  a sublattice of  $\mathcal{R}(X)$ . Then a  $\mathcal{B}$ -filter  $\mathcal{F}$  is called *fixed* if  $\{F \mid F \in \mathcal{F}\} \neq \emptyset$ .

Let  $X$  be a space and for any  $Z(\Lambda_X)^\#$ -ultrafilter  $\alpha$ , let  $\alpha_\lambda = \{A \in Z(\Lambda X)^\# \mid \Lambda_X(A) \in \alpha\}$ .

**Proposition 2.6.** Let  $X$  be a space and  $\alpha$  a fixed  $Z(\Lambda_X)^\#$ -ultrafilter. Then  $\alpha_\lambda$  is a fixed  $Z(\Lambda X)^\#$ -ultrafilter and  $|\cap\{A \mid A \in \alpha_\lambda\}| = 1$ .

*Proof.* Clearly,  $\alpha_\lambda$  is a  $Z(\Lambda X)^\#$ -filter. Suppose that  $A \in Z(\Lambda X)^\# - \alpha_\lambda$ . Then  $\Lambda_X(A) \in Z(\Lambda_X)^\# - \alpha$ . Since  $\alpha$  is a  $Z(\Lambda_X)^\#$ -ultrafilter, there is a  $C \in \alpha$  such that  $C \wedge \Lambda_X(A) = \emptyset$  and hence  $A \wedge cl_{\Lambda X}(\Lambda_X^{-1}(int_X(C))) = \emptyset$ . Since  $\Lambda_X(cl_{\Lambda X}(\Lambda_X^{-1}(int_X(C)))) = C \in \alpha$ ,  $cl_{\Lambda X}(\Lambda_X^{-1}(int_X(C))) \in \alpha_\lambda$  and hence  $\alpha_\lambda$  is a  $Z(\Lambda X)^\#$ -ultrafilter. Since  $\alpha$  is fixed, there is an  $x \in \cap\{B \mid B \in \alpha\}$ . Then  $\{A \cap \Lambda_X^{-1}(x) \mid A \in \alpha_\lambda\}$  has a family of closed sets in  $\Lambda_X^{-1}(x)$  with the finite intersection property. Since  $\Lambda_X^{-1}(x)$  is a compact subset of  $\Lambda X$ ,  $\cap\{A \cap \Lambda_X^{-1}(x) \mid A \in \alpha_\lambda\} \neq \emptyset$  and hence  $\cap\{A \mid A \in \alpha_\lambda\} \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $Z(\Lambda X)^\#$  is a base for  $\Lambda X$  and  $\alpha_\lambda$  is a  $Z(\Lambda X)^\#$ -ultrafilter,  $|\cap\{A \mid A \in \alpha_\lambda\}| = 1$ .  $\square$

Let  $X$  be a space and  $FX = \{\alpha \mid \alpha \text{ is a fixed } Z(\Lambda_X)^\# \text{-ultrafilter}\}$  the subspace of the Stone space  $S(Z(\Lambda_X)^\#)$ . Define a map  $h_X : FX \longrightarrow \Lambda X$  by  $h_X(\alpha) = \cap\{A \mid A \in \alpha_\lambda\}$ . In the following, let  $\Sigma_B = \Sigma_B^{Z(\Lambda_X)^\#}$  for any  $B \in Z(\Lambda_X)^\#$ .

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $X$  be a space. Then  $h_X : FX \longrightarrow \Lambda X$  is a homeomorphism.

*Proof.* Take any  $\alpha, \delta$  in  $FX$  with  $\alpha \neq \delta$ . Since  $\alpha$  and  $\delta$  are  $Z(\Lambda_X)^\#$ -ultrafilters, there are  $A, B$  in  $Z(\Lambda X)^\#$  such that  $\Lambda_X(A) \in \alpha$ ,  $\Lambda_X(B) \in \delta$  such that  $\Lambda_X(A) \wedge \Lambda_X(B) = \emptyset$ . Then  $A \in \alpha_\lambda$ ,  $B \in \delta_\lambda$  and  $A \wedge B = \emptyset$ . By Lemma 2.1,  $cl_{\Lambda X}(A) \cap cl_{\Lambda X}(B) = \emptyset$  and  $h_X(\alpha) = \cap\{G \mid G \in \alpha_\lambda\} \neq \cap\{H \mid H \in \delta_\lambda\} = h_X(\delta)$ . Thus  $h_X$  is an one-to-one map.

Let  $y \in \Lambda X$  and  $\gamma = \{\Lambda_X(C) \mid y \in C \in Z(\Lambda X)^\#\}$ . Since every element of  $Z(\Lambda X)^\#$  is a clopen set in  $\Lambda X$ ,  $\gamma \in FX$  and  $h_X(\gamma) = y$  and hence  $h_X$  is an onto map.

Let  $E \in Z(\Lambda X)^\#$ . Suppose that  $\mu \in FX - h_X^{-1}(E)$ . Since  $\Lambda_X(E) \notin \mu$ ,  $\mu \notin \Sigma_{\Lambda_X(E)}$  and so  $\Sigma_{\Lambda_X(E)} \subseteq h^{-1}(E)$ . Suppose that  $\theta \in h_X^{-1}(E)$ . Then  $h_X(\theta) \in E$  and hence for any  $A \in \theta_\lambda$ ,  $A \cap E \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $\theta_\lambda$  is a  $Z(\Lambda X)^\#$ -ultrafilter,  $E \in \theta_\lambda$  and so  $E \in \Sigma_{\Lambda X(E)}$

and  $h_X(\theta) \in E$ . Hence  $\Sigma_{\Lambda_X(E)} = h_X^{-1}(E)$  and since  $h_X$  is one-to-one and onto,  $h_X$  is a homeomorphism.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.8.** *Let  $X$  be a space and  $F_X = \Lambda_X \circ h_X$ . Then  $(FX, F_X)$  is the minimal basically disconnected cover of  $X$  and  $F(\alpha) = \cap\{A \mid A \in \alpha\}$  for all  $\alpha \in FX$ .*

It is well-known that a space  $X$  is  $C^*$ -embedded in its compactification  $Y$  if and only if  $\beta X = Y$ .

**Theorem 2.9.** *Let  $X$  be a space. Then there is a homeomorphism  $k : \beta\Lambda X \longrightarrow S(Z(\Lambda_X)^\#)$  such that  $k \circ \beta\Lambda X \circ h_X = j$ , where  $j : FX \longrightarrow S(Z(\Lambda_X)^\#)$  is the inclusion map.*

*Proof.* By Theorem 2.7.,  $\beta FX = \beta\Lambda X$  and  $S(Z(\Lambda_X)^\#)$  is a compactification of  $FX$ . Hence there is a continuous map  $k : \beta\Lambda X \longrightarrow S(Z(\Lambda_X)^\#)$  such that  $k \circ \beta\Lambda X \circ h_X = j$ , where  $j : \Lambda X \longrightarrow S(Z(\Lambda_X)^\#)$  is the dense embedding. Let  $T = S(Z(\Lambda_X)^\#)$  and  $A, B$  be disjoint zero-sets in  $FX$ . Then there are disjoint zero-sets  $C, D$  in  $FX$  such that  $A \subseteq \text{int}_{FX}(C)$  and  $B \subseteq \text{int}_{FX}(D)$ . Since  $h_X : FX \longrightarrow \Lambda X$  is a homeomorphism,  $cl_{FX}(\text{int}_{FX}(C)) = \Sigma_{FX}(cl_{FX}(\text{int}_{FX}(C))) \cap FX$  and since  $FX$  is dense in  $T$ ,  $cl_T(cl_{FX}(\text{int}_{FX}(C))) = \Sigma_{FX}(cl_{FX}(\text{int}_{FX}(C)))$ . Similarly,

$$cl_T(cl_{FX}(\text{int}_{FX}(D))) = \Sigma_{FX}(cl_{FX}(\text{int}_{FX}(D))).$$

Since  $cl_{FX}(\text{int}_{FX}(C)) \wedge cl_{FX}(\text{int}_{FX}(D)) = \emptyset$ ,

$$FX(cl_{FX}(\text{int}_{FX}(C))) \wedge FX(cl_{FX}(\text{int}_{FX}(D))) = \emptyset.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & cl_T(cl_{FX}(\text{int}_{FX}(C))) \cap cl_T(cl_{FX}(\text{int}_{FX}(D))) \\ &= \Sigma_{FX}(cl_{FX}(\text{int}_{FX}(C))) \cap \Sigma_{FX}(cl_{FX}(\text{int}_{FX}(D))) \\ &= \Sigma_{FX}(cl_{\Lambda X}(\text{int}_{\Lambda X}(C))) \wedge FX(cl_{FX}(\text{int}_{FX}(D))) \\ &= \emptyset. \end{aligned}$$

By the Uryshon's extension theorem,  $FX$  is  $C^*$ -embedded in  $T$  and so  $k$  is a homeomorphism.  $\square$

It is known that  $\beta\Lambda X = \Lambda\beta X$  if and only if  $\{\Lambda_X(A) \mid A \in Z(\Lambda X)^\#\} = \sigma Z(X)^\#$  ([5]). Hence we have the following :

**Corollary 2.10.** *Let  $X$  be a space. Then  $\beta\Lambda X = \Lambda\beta X$  if and only if  $Z(\Lambda_X)^\# = \sigma Z(X)^\#$ .*

## 3. BASICALLY DISCONNECTED COVERS

Let  $X$  be a space and  $M$  a  $\sigma$ -complete Boolean subalgebra of  $\mathcal{R}(X)$  containing  $Z(X)^\#$ . By the definition of  $\sigma Z(X)^\#$ ,  $\sigma Z(X)^\# \subseteq M$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $X$  be a space and  $M$  a  $\sigma$ -complete Boolean subalgebra of  $\mathcal{R}(X)$  containing  $Z(X)^\#$ . Then  $S(M)$  is a basically disconnected space.*

*Proof.* Let  $D$  be a cozero-set in  $S(M)$ . Since  $S(M)$  is a compact space,  $D$  is a Lindelöf space and hence there is a sequence  $(A_n)$  in  $M$  such that  $D = \cup\{\Sigma_{A_n}^M \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Clearly,  $cl_{S(M)}(D) \subseteq \Sigma_{\bigvee\{A_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}}^M$ . Let  $\alpha \in S(M) - cl_{S(M)}(\cup\{\Sigma_{A_n}^M \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\})$ . Then there is a  $B \in M$  such that  $\alpha \in \Sigma_B^M$  and  $(\cup\{\Sigma_{A_n}^M \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}) \cap \Sigma_B^M = \emptyset$ . Hence for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\Sigma_{A_n}^M \cap \Sigma_B^M = \Sigma_{A_n \wedge B} = \emptyset$  and hence  $A_n \wedge B = \emptyset$ . So,  $\bigvee\{A_n \wedge B \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} = (\bigvee\{A_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}) \wedge B = \emptyset$ . Since  $B \in \alpha$ ,  $\bigvee\{A_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \notin \alpha$  and so  $\alpha \notin \Sigma_{\bigvee\{A_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}}^M$ . Hence  $cl_{S(M)}(D)$  is open in  $S(M)$  and thus  $S(M)$  is a basically disconnected space.  $\square$

Let  $X$  be a space and  $M$  a  $\sigma$ -complete Boolean subalgebra of  $\mathcal{R}(X)$  containing  $Z(X)^\#$ . By Theorem 3.1, there is a covering map  $t : S(M) \rightarrow \Lambda\beta X$  such that  $\Lambda\beta \circ t = s_M$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $X$  be a space and  $M$  a  $\sigma$ -complete Boolean subalgebra of  $\mathcal{R}(X)$  containing  $Z(X)^\#$ . Then we have the following :*

- (1) *There is a covering map  $g : S(M) \rightarrow \beta\Lambda X$  such that  $s_{Z(\Lambda X)^\#} \circ g = s_M$  if and only if  $Z(\Lambda X)^\# \subseteq M$ .*
- (2) *There is a covering map  $f : \beta\Lambda X \rightarrow S(M)$  such that  $s_M \circ f = s_{Z(\Lambda X)^\#}$  if and only if  $M \subseteq Z(\Lambda X)^\#$ .*
- (3)  *$(s_M^{-1}(X), s_{M_X})$  is the minimal basically disconnected cover of  $X$  if and only if  $(s_M^{-1}(X), s_{M_X})$  is a basically disconnected cover of  $X$  and  $M \subseteq Z(\Lambda X)^\#$ .*

*Proof.* (1)  $(\Rightarrow)$  Take any  $Z \in Z(\Lambda X)^\#$ . Then there is an  $A \in Z(\beta\Lambda X)^\#$  such that  $Z = A \cap \Lambda X$ . Since  $\beta\Lambda X$  is basically disconnected,  $g^{-1}(A)$  is a clopen-set in  $S(M)$ . Since  $S(M)$  is compact, there is a  $D \in M$  such that  $g^{-1}(A) = \Sigma_D^M$ . Since  $s_M$  and  $s_{Z(\Lambda X)^\#}$  are covering maps,  $cl_{\beta\Lambda X}(D) = s_M(g^{-1}(A)) = s_{Z(\Lambda X)^\#}(A)$ . By Lemma 2.1,  $D = s_M(g^{-1}(A)) \cap X = s_{Z(\Lambda X)^\#}(A) \cap X = \Lambda_X(A \cap \Lambda X) = \Lambda_X(Z)$  and hence  $\Lambda_X(Z) \in M$ .

$(\Leftarrow)$  It is trivial([9]).

Similarly, we have (2)

(3) ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose that  $(s_M^{-1}(X), s_{M_X})$  is the minimal basically disconnected cover of  $X$ . Then there is a homeomorphism  $l : s_M^{-1}(X) \rightarrow \Lambda X$  such that  $\Lambda_X \circ l = s_{M_X}$ . Hence there is a covering map  $f : \beta\Lambda X \rightarrow S(M)$  such that  $f \circ \beta_{\Lambda X} \circ l = j$ , where  $j : s_M^{-1}(X) \rightarrow S(M)$  is the inclusion map. Take any  $D \in M$ . Then  $f^{-1}(\Sigma_D^M)$  is a clopen set in  $\beta\Lambda X$  and since  $\beta\Lambda X$  is a compact space, there is an  $A \in Z(\Lambda_X)^\#$  such that  $\Sigma_A = f^{-1}(\Sigma_D^M)$ . Hence  $s_{Z(\Lambda_X)^\#}(\Sigma_A) = cl_{\beta X}(A) = s_{Z(\Lambda_X)^\#}(f^{-1}(\Sigma_D^M))$ . Since  $s_M \circ f \circ \beta_{\Lambda X} \circ l = s_M \circ j = \beta_X \circ \Lambda_X \circ l = s_{Z(\Lambda_X)^\#} \circ \beta_{\Lambda X} \circ l$  and  $\beta_{\Lambda X} \circ l$  is a dense embedding,  $s_M \circ f = s_{Z(\Lambda_X)^\#}$ . By (2), we have the result.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Since  $s_M^{-1}(X)$  is a basically disconnected space, there is a covering map  $l : s_M^{-1}(X) \rightarrow \Lambda X$  such that  $\Lambda_X \circ l = s_{M_X}$ . Since  $M \subseteq Z(\Lambda_X)^\#$ , by (2), there is a covering map  $f : \beta\Lambda X \rightarrow S(M)$  such that  $s_M \circ f = s_{Z(\Lambda_X)^\#}$ . Since  $s_M \circ f \circ \beta_{\Lambda X} = s_{Z(\Lambda_X)^\#} \circ \beta_{\Lambda X} = \beta_X \circ \Lambda_X$ , there is a covering  $m : \Lambda X \rightarrow s_M^{-1}(X)$  such that  $s_{M_X} \circ m = \Lambda_X$  and  $j \circ m = f \circ \beta_{\Lambda X}$ . Since  $\Lambda_X \circ l \circ m = s_{M_X} \circ m = \Lambda_X = \Lambda_X \circ 1_{\Lambda X}$  and  $\Lambda_X, l \circ m$  are coevring maps,  $l \circ m = 1_{\Lambda X}$ . Hence  $s_M^{-1}(X)$  and  $\Lambda X$  are homeomorphic.  $\square$

We recall that a space  $X$  is called a *weakly Lindelöf space* if for any open cover  $\mathcal{U}$ , there is a countable subset  $\mathcal{V}$  of  $\mathcal{U}$  such that  $\cup \mathcal{V}$  is dense in  $X$  and that  $X$  is called a *countably locally weakly Lindelöf space* if for any countable set  $\{\mathcal{U}_n | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of open covers of  $X$  and any  $x \in X$ , there is a neighborhood  $G$  of  $x$  in  $X$  and for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there is a countable subset  $\mathcal{V}_n$  of  $\mathcal{U}_n$  such that  $G \subseteq cl_X(\cup \mathcal{V}_n)$ .

It was shown that for any countably locally weakly Lindelöf space  $X$ ,  $\Lambda_\beta^{-1}(X)$  is a basically disconnected space([8]). Using Lemma 2.4 and Theorem 3.2, we have the following corollary :

**Corollary 3.3.** *Let  $X$  be a countably locally weakly Lindelöf space. Then the set  $\{M | M \text{ is a } \sigma\text{-complete Boolean subalgebra of } \mathcal{R}(X) \text{ containing } Z(X)^\# \text{ and } s_M^{-1}(X) \text{ is basically disconnected}\}$ , when partially ordered by inclusion, becomes a complete lattice. Moreover,  $\sigma Z(X)^\#$  is the bottom element and  $Z(\Lambda_X)^\#$  is the top element.*

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