

# Productive Lindelöfness and a class of spaces considered by Z. Frolík

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## Abstract

We prove that closed subspaces of countable products of  $\sigma$ -compact spaces are productively Lindelöf if and only if there are no Michael spaces. We also prove that, assuming  $CH$ , if  $X$  is productively Lindelöf and the union of  $\aleph_1$  compact sets, then  $X^\omega$  is Lindelöf.

## 1 Introduction – Frolík Spaces

On this 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *TopoSym* it is appropriate to pay tribute to an early participant in these symposia, Zdeněk Frolík, by referring to a paper of his [12] written in the year of the first symposium. We thank Wis Comfort for suggesting we consult [12], which has proved highly relevant to our current research on productively Lindelöf spaces. For convenience, we will assume all spaces in this paper are  $T_{3\frac{1}{2}}$ .

**Definition 1.1.** *A space will be called **Frolík** if it is homeomorphic to a closed subspace of a countable product of  $\sigma$ -compact spaces.*

Rather surprisingly, Frolík [12] proved:

**Lemma 1.1.** *A space is Frolík if and only if it is  $K_{\sigma\delta}$ , that is, an intersection of countably many  $\sigma$ -compact subspaces of its Čech-Stone compactification.*

Note that:

**Lemma 1.2.** *Every Frolík space is powerfully Lindelöf, that is, all of its countable powers are Lindelöf.*

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This is well-known and follows immediately from the following observation. Consider a Frolík space  $F \subseteq \prod_{n < \omega} C_n$ , where each  $C_n$  is  $\sigma$ -compact. Then  $F^\omega$  is closed in  $(\prod_{n < \omega} C_n)^\omega$ , which is itself a countable product of  $\sigma$ -compact spaces, and hence  $F^\omega$  is Lindelöf.

Lately we have been investigating powerfully Lindelöf spaces and **productively Lindelöf** spaces, that is, those space  $X$  such that  $X \times Y$  is Lindelöf for every Lindelöf space  $Y$ . Examples of this work include [1], [4], [26], [27] and [25]. An old question of E.A. Michael asks:

**Problem 1.1.** *Is every productively Lindelöf space powerfully Lindelöf?*

The motivation is:

**Lemma 1.3.** *Every  $\sigma$ -compact space is powerfully ([12], [16]) and productively Lindelöf.*

Here are some partial results:

**Lemma 1.4.** [19] *The Continuum Hypothesis (CH) implies that every productively Lindelöf metrizable space is  $\sigma$ -compact.*

**Lemma 1.5.** [2] *CH implies that every productively Lindelöf space of weight  $\leq \aleph_1$  is powerfully Lindelöf.*

Another classic problem of Michael is:

**Problem 1.2.** *Does there exist a **Michael space**, that is, a Lindelöf space  $X$  such that  $X \times \mathbb{P}$  is not Lindelöf? Here,  $\mathbb{P}$  denotes the space of irrationals. In other words, does  $\mathbb{P}$  fail to be productively Lindelöf?*

It is known that (see for example [20]):

**Lemma 1.6.**  $\mathfrak{b} = \aleph_1$  or  $\mathfrak{d} = \text{Cov}(\mathcal{M})$  *implies there is a Michael space.*

**Theorem 1.1.** *There is no Michael space if and only if every Frolík space is productively Lindelöf.*

*Proof.* Since the irrationals themselves are a Frolík space, it is clear that there can be no Michael space if Frolík spaces are productively Lindelöf. Thus, let us consider a Lindelöf space  $L$  such that  $\omega^\omega \times L$  is Lindelöf. It suffices to show that  $\prod_{n < \omega} C_n \times L$  is Lindelöf for any sequence  $\{C_n\}_{n < \omega}$  of  $\sigma$ -compact spaces.

By 3.8.G. in [11], we know that for each  $n$  there is a compact space  $K_n$  such that  $C_n$  can be written as a continuous image of a closed subspace of  $\omega \times K_n$ . Thus,  $\prod_{n < \omega} C_n$  is a continuous image of a closed subspace of  $\prod_{n < \omega} (\omega \times K_n)$ , which

is homeomorphic to  $\omega^\omega \times \prod_{n < \omega} K_n$ . But  $\prod_{n < \omega} K_n \times L$  is a Lindelöf space, so by

assumption  $\omega^\omega \times \prod_{n < \omega} K_n \times L$  is a Lindelöf space. So,  $\prod_{n < \omega} C_n$  is a continuous image of a closed subspace of a Lindelöf space and we have the result.  $\square$

In fact, the above proof gives a slightly sharper statement: if  $L$  is a Lindelöf space, and there exists a Frolík space  $F$  with  $L \times F$  not Lindelöf, then  $L$  is a Michael space. The following is another new result.

**Theorem 1.2.** *Every Frolík space is the union of  $\leq \mathfrak{d}$  compact sets, where  $\mathfrak{d}$  is the least cardinality of a family of functions cofinal in  $\omega^\omega$  under the  $\leq^*$  ordering.*

*Proof.* Firstly, consider a family  $\mathcal{C}$  cofinal in  $(\omega^\omega, \leq^*)$ . For  $f \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $n < \omega$ , define  $f_n : \omega \rightarrow \omega$  by  $f_n(k) = \max(f(k), n)$ . If we take  $\mathcal{D} = \{f_n\}_{f \in \mathcal{C}, n < \omega}$ , then  $\mathcal{D}$  is cofinal in  $(\omega^\omega, \leq)$ . Moreover, since  $\omega < \mathfrak{d} \leq |\mathcal{C}|$ , we have  $|\mathcal{D}| = |\mathcal{C}| \cdot \omega = |\mathcal{C}|$ .

Now, for  $n < \omega$ , let  $C_n = \bigcup_{m < \omega} K_n^m$  be a  $\sigma$ -compact space, where  $K_n^m$  is compact. Write  $Y = \prod_{n < \omega} C_n$ . For  $i \in \mathcal{D}$ , we define a compact  $W_i \subseteq Y$  by

$$W_i = \prod_{n < \omega} \left( \bigcup_{k \leq i(n)} K_n^k \right). \text{ Claim } Y = \bigcup_{i \in \mathcal{D}} W_i.$$

If  $y = (y_0, y_1, \dots) \in Y$ , then  $y_n \in C_n$  for each  $n < \omega$ , which implies that for every  $n < \omega$  there is a  $j(n) < \omega$  such that  $y_n \in K_n^{j(n)}$ . Then,  $y \in \prod_{n < \omega} K_n^{j(n)}$ .

Choose an  $i \in \mathcal{D}$  with  $j \leq i$ . Then,  $\prod_{n < \omega} K_n^{j(n)} \subseteq W_i$ , which implies  $y \in W_i$  and we have the claim. If  $F \subseteq Y$  is closed, then  $F \cap W_i$  is compact and  $F = \bigcup_{i \in \mathcal{D}} F \cap W_i$ .  $\square$

Notice that this provides many examples of Lindelöf spaces which are not Frolík.

## 2 Okunev's Space

There is a Frolík space due to O. Okunev in [3] that has proven to be of considerable interest in our investigations of productive Lindelöfness.

**Definition 2.1.** *A space  $X$  is **Rothberger** if for any sequence  $\{\mathcal{U}_n\}_{n < \omega}$  of open covers of  $X$ , there are open sets  $\{U_n\}_{n < \omega}$  such that  $U_n \in \mathcal{U}_n$  and  $\bigcup_{n < \omega} U_n = X$ .*

*This is the selection principle  $S_1^\omega(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O})$ . We can also define the corresponding **Rothberger game**  $G_1^\omega(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O})$  as follows. In the  $n^{\text{th}}$  round, ONE chooses an open cover  $\mathcal{U}_n$  and TWO chooses a single  $U_n \in \mathcal{U}_n$ . TWO wins if  $\{U_n\}_{n < \omega}$  covers  $X$ .*

It is a nontrivial result of Pawlikowski [22] that ONE has no winning strategy in the Rothberger game on a space  $X$  exactly when  $X$  is Rothberger.

**Definition 2.2.** A space  $X$  is **projectively countable** if  $f(X)$  is countable for every continuous map  $f$  from  $X$  to a separable metric space.

Arhangel'skii [3] calls projectively countable spaces  $\omega$ -**simple**. Note that Lindelöf projectively countable spaces are Rothberger [6].

**Example 2.1.** Okunev's space  $V$  is formed by taking the Alexandrov duplicate  $A(\mathbb{P})$  of the space of irrationals and collapsing the nondiscrete copy of  $\mathbb{P}$  to a point. We will let  $p$  denote the unique nonisolated point of  $V$ , and let  $q$  denote the quotient mapping  $A(\mathbb{P}) \rightarrow V$ . We will also write  $\mathbb{P}_i$  for the copy of  $\mathbb{P}$  in  $A(\mathbb{P})$  that is homeomorphic to the usual irrationals, and write  $\mathbb{P}_d$  for the discrete copy. This construction has the following properties.

- (i)  $V$  is  $K_{\sigma\delta}$ , hence Frolík [3],
- (ii)  $V$  is not  $\sigma$ -compact [3],
- (iii)  $V$  is projectively countable [3],
- (iv)  $V$  is Rothberger,
- (v)  $V$  does not include a closed copy of  $\mathbb{P}$  [27].

**Definition 2.3.** [17] A space is  **$\mathbf{K}$ -analytic** if it is the continuous image of a Lindelöf Čech-complete space.

In [27], we asked whether productively Lindelöf  $\mathbf{K}$ -analytic spaces must be  $\sigma$ -compact, and in [25] the second author claimed this follows from  $CH$ . This is not the case:

- (vi)  $V$  is  $\mathbf{K}$ -analytic.

This is immediate from the following.

**Theorem 2.1.** [12] If  $F$  is a Frolík space, then there is a Čech-complete Frolík space  $\tilde{F}$  which maps continuously onto  $F$ .

Another interesting fact about Okunev's space is that since  $V$  is  $K_{\sigma\delta}$ , its growth  $V^* = \beta V \setminus V$  is Borel but  $V^*$  is not Baire. That is,  $V^*$  is an element of the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by the open sets of  $\beta V$ , but not in the corresponding  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{Z}$  generated by the zero-sets. To see this, recall that the elements of  $\mathcal{Z}$  are Lindelöf (see for example [7]), so supposing  $V^* \in \mathcal{Z}$ ,  $V$  would be Lindelöf at infinity. A space is Lindelöf at infinity if and only if every compact set is included in a compact set of countable character [18]. We claim this is a contradiction, since no compact set including the nonisolated point  $p$  can be a  $G_\delta$ . To see this last assertion, suppose  $p \in G$ , where  $G \subseteq V$  is a  $G_\delta$ . Then  $q^{-1}(G) \subseteq A(\mathbb{P})$  is a  $G_\delta$ , and  $\mathbb{P}_i \subseteq G$ . Thus,  $q^{-1}(G)$  is cocountable, which implies that  $G$  is cocountable. But if  $G$  were compact,  $V$  would be  $\sigma$ -compact.

The second author created unnecessary confusion in [27] by using nonstandard definitions of 'Borel' and 'Baire'. In the same paper we noted that the

**Hurewicz Dichotomy** does not hold for Okunev's space, since it is not  $\sigma$ -compact nor does it include a closed copy of  $\mathbb{P}$ . Thus, contrary to [27], the dichotomy does not hold for absolute Borel spaces, but we can ask:

**Problem 2.1.** *Must every Baire subspace of a compact Hausdorff space either include a closed copy of  $\mathbb{P}$  or be  $\sigma$ -compact?*

Using  $K$ -analyticity, we can improve Corollary ???. Note that by Lemma 1.6 as well as the argument given above,  $\mathfrak{d} = \aleph_1$  implies there is a Michael space. In [26] it is observed that:

**Lemma 2.1.** *The existence of a Michael space implies that productively Lindelöf analytic metrizable spaces are  $\sigma$ -compact.*

**Definition 2.4.** *A space is **projectively  $\sigma$ -compact** if any continuous image in a separable metric space is  $\sigma$ -compact.*

In [23] it is shown that  $K$ -analytic metrizable spaces are analytic. Clearly, continuous images of  $K$ -analytic spaces are  $K$ -analytic, so we can conclude:

**Theorem 2.2.** *The existence of a Michael space implies that productively Lindelöf Frolík spaces are projectively  $\sigma$ -compact.*

Now, if productively Lindelöf Frolík spaces are projectively  $\sigma$ -compact, then  $\mathbb{P}$  is not productively Lindelöf, so there is a Michael space. Rewriting the resulting equivalence, we have:

**Corollary 2.1.** *There is no Michael space if and only if there is a productively Lindelöf Frolík space which is not projectively  $\sigma$ -compact.*

**Corollary 2.2.** *There is a productively Lindelöf Frolík space which is not projectively  $\sigma$ -compact if and only if every Frolík space is productively Lindelöf*

**Definition 2.5.** *A space is **Alster** if whenever each compact set is included in some member of a  $G_\delta$  cover, then that cover must have a countable subcover.*

(vii)  $V$  is Alster and hence ([2]) productively Lindelöf.

*Proof.* The complement of an open set containing the nonisolated point is Lindelöf and discrete, hence countable. Thus a  $G_\delta$  containing the nonisolated point is cocountable. It follows that any  $G_\delta$  cover has a countable subcover.  $\square$

Furthermore,

(viii) TWO has a winning strategy for the Rothberger game on  $V$ .

*Proof.* ONE picks the first open cover  $\mathcal{U}_0$ . Let TWO choose an element  $U_0 \in \mathcal{U}_0$  such that  $p \in U_0$ . Then  $\mathbb{P}_i \subseteq q^{-1}(U_0)$ . Notice that we can choose  $\{x_n\}_{n < \omega}$  such that each  $x_n \in \mathbb{P}_i$ , and symmetric intervals  $I_n$  centered at  $x_n$ , so that  $\mathbb{P}_i = \bigcup_{n < \omega} I_n$ . But since  $q^{-1}(U_0)$  is open in  $A(\mathbb{P})$ , we must then have  $(I_n \setminus x_n) \cap \mathbb{P}_d \subseteq$

$q^{-1}(U_0)$ . So, no matter what subsequent sequence  $\{\mathcal{U}_n\}_{1 \leq n < \omega}$  of open covers of  $V$  ONE chooses, TWO can pick an element  $U_n \in \mathcal{U}_n$  with  $q(x_{n-1}) \in U_n$ .  $\bigcup_{n < \omega} U_n$  is then a cover of  $V$ .  $\square$

(viii) yields an unusual proof that:

(ix) The nonisolated point  $p$  is not a  $G_\delta$  in  $V$ .

This is immediate from the following result of F. Galvin.

**Lemma 2.2.** [13] *If TWO has a winning strategy for the Rothberger game on  $X$  and each point of  $X$  is a  $G_\delta$ , then  $X$  is countable.*

Lemma 2.2 can also be used to show that TWO winning the Rothberger game is not equivalent to projectively countable.

**Theorem 2.3.** *TWO having a winning strategy for the Rothberger game implies that a space is projectively countable, but the converse is false.*

*Proof.* Assume TWO has a winning strategy for the Rothberger game on  $X$ , and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  map  $X$  continuously onto a separable metrizable space  $Y$ . Consider the Rothberger game on  $Y$ . Any open cover  $\mathcal{U}_n$  of  $Y$  that ONE chooses gives rise to an open cover  $\tilde{\mathcal{U}}_n = \{f^{-1}(U) : U \in \mathcal{U}_n\}$  of  $X$ . So, TWO can choose some  $f^{-1}(U_n)$  from each  $\tilde{\mathcal{U}}_n$  such that  $\bigcup_{n < \omega} f^{-1}(U_n) = X$ . But then,

$\bigcup_{n < \omega} U_n = Y$ , so the winning strategy for TWO on  $X$  determines a winning strategy on  $Y$ .  $Y$  is metrizable, thus points of  $Y$  are  $G_\delta$  and Lemma 2.2 implies that  $Y$  is countable.

Moore's L-space  $M$  in [21] is projectively countable [24]. Hereditarily Lindelöf  $T_3$  spaces have points  $G_\delta$ , so if TWO had a winning strategy for the Rothberger game on  $M$ , Lemma 2.2 would imply that  $M$  is countable, which is not the case.  $\square$

### 3 An Application of Elementary Submodels

Another partial result akin to Lemma 1.5 is:

**Lemma 3.1.** [27] *CH implies every productively Lindelöf space of size  $\leq \aleph_1$  is powerfully Lindelöf.*

We can now generalize Lemma 3.1 to obtain:

**Theorem 3.1.** *CH implies that every productively Lindelöf space which is the union of  $\leq \aleph_1$  compact sets is powerfully Lindelöf.*

*Proof.* This proof is nontrivial, employing a novel application of elementary submodels. Recall that the **Lindelöf number**  $L(X)$  of a space  $X$  is the least cardinal  $\lambda$  such that every open cover of  $X$  has a subcover of size  $\leq \lambda$ . We straightforwardly generalize the second half of Lemma 1.3 to obtain:

**Lemma 3.2.** *Suppose  $X$  is the union of  $\leq \aleph_1$  compact sets. Then  $L(X^\omega) \leq \aleph_1$ .*

Since  $X$  is  $T_{3\frac{1}{2}}$ , it embeds in a compact space  $Z$ . Therefore  $X^\omega$  embeds in the compact space  $Z^\omega$ . Write  $\pi_n$  for the projection  $Z^\omega \rightarrow Z$  and let  $X = \bigcup_{\alpha < \omega_1} K_\alpha$ , for  $K_\alpha$  compact. Then  $K_\alpha$  is closed in  $Z$ , so  $\pi_n^{-1}(K_\alpha)$  is closed in  $Z^\omega$ . It follows that  $\{\pi_n^{-1}(K_\alpha)\}_{n < \omega, \alpha < \omega_1}$  is a family satisfying the hypotheses of the following.

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $Y \subseteq Z$  where  $Z$  is compact. Suppose there is a family  $\{F_\alpha\}_{\alpha < \omega_1}$  of sets closed in  $Z$  such that if  $x_0 \in Y$  and  $x_1 \in Z \setminus Y$ , we have  $x_0 \in F_{\alpha_0}$  and  $x_1 \notin F_{\alpha_0}$  for some  $\alpha_0 < \omega_1$ . Then  $L(Y) \leq \aleph_1$ .*

*Proof of Proposition 3.1.* Let  $\mathcal{U} = \{U_\beta\}_{\beta < \kappa}$  be an open cover of  $Y$ . Take  $V_\beta = Z \setminus \overline{Y \setminus U_\beta}$ , where the closure is taken with respect to  $Z$ . Since  $Y \setminus U_\beta$  is closed in  $Y$ ,  $\overline{Y \setminus U_\beta} \cap Y = Y \setminus U_\beta$ . This implies  $Y \subseteq \bigcup_{\beta < \kappa} V_\beta = V$ . Furthermore,  $Y \cap V_\beta \subseteq U_\beta$ .

Take  $x \in Y$  and note that for each  $y \in Z \setminus V$  there is a compact  $F_{\alpha_y}$  with  $x \in F_{\alpha_y}$  but  $y \notin F_{\alpha_y}$ . It follows that  $\bigcap_{y \in Z \setminus V} F_{\alpha_y} \subseteq V$  and hence  $\bigcup_{y \in Z \setminus V} Z \setminus F_{\alpha_y}$  covers  $Z \setminus V$ , which is compact. Take a finite subcover  $\{Z \setminus F_{\alpha_m}\}_{m \leq M}$  of  $Z \setminus V$ . Then  $x \in \bigcap_{m \leq M} F_{\alpha_m} \subseteq V$ . This demonstrates that, if we let  $F$  be the union of all such finite intersections of  $F_\alpha$  which meet  $Y$  but not  $Z \setminus V$ , then  $Y \subseteq F \subseteq V$ .

$F$  is a union of  $\aleph_1$  compact sets, so we can take a subcover  $\{V_{\beta_\alpha}\}_{\alpha < \omega_1}$ .  $\{Y \cap V_{\beta_\alpha}\}_{\alpha < \omega_1}$  will then be a refinement of  $\mathcal{U}$ .  $\square$

To prove Theorem 3.1, it then suffices to establish:

**Lemma 3.3.** *CH implies that if  $X$  is productively Lindelöf and  $L(X^\omega) \leq \aleph_1$ , then  $X^\omega$  is Lindelöf.*

*Proof.* In addition to the elementary submodel topology considered in [15], an alternate method of constructing a topology from a space and an elementary submodel containing it is explored in [5], [8] and [10]. Given  $X$  and an elementary submodel  $M$  with  $X \in M$ , we define an equivalence relation by letting  $x_0 \sim x_1$  for  $x_0, x_1 \in X$  if and only if  $f(x_0) = f(x_1)$  for every continuous  $f : X \rightarrow R$  such that  $f \in M$ . Letting  $X/M$  be the resulting quotient and  $\pi$  the projection  $X \rightarrow X/M$ , we topologize  $X/M$  by taking a base of the form  $\pi(U)$ , where  $U$  is a cozero set in  $X$  such that  $U \in M$ . The basic properties of this

construction can be found in any of the papers above, but the most important fact is probably the following.

**Lemma 3.4.** [10] *For a  $T_3$  space  $X$ ,  $X/M$  is a  $T_3$  space which is a continuous image of  $X$ .*

It follows that if  $X$  is productively Lindelöf, then so is  $X/M$ . Let  $M$  be an elementary submodel of size  $\leq \aleph_1$  such that  $X \in M$ . By  $CH$ , we can get such an  $M$  which is countably closed. Then  $w(X/M) \leq \aleph_1$ , since  $X/M$  has a base of sets which are members of  $M$ . By Lemma 1.5,  $X/M$  is powerfully Lindelöf.

Now, take an open cover  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $X^\omega$  and assume without loss of generality that  $\mathcal{U}$  has size  $\aleph_1$ . Additionally, assume that every element of  $\mathcal{U}$  is basic open of the form  $U = \prod_{n < \omega} U_n$ , where each  $U_n$  is a cozero set in  $X$  and cofinitely many  $U_n = X$ . Assume that  $U_n \in M$  for each  $n < \omega$  and each  $U \in \mathcal{U}$ . Consider the map  $\Theta : X^\omega \rightarrow (X/M)^\omega$  given by reducing each coordinate of a point in  $X^\omega$  modulo  $M$ . More explicitly, if  $\pi : X \rightarrow X/M$  is the quotient map described above, we let  $\Theta(x_0, x_1, \dots) = (\pi(x_0), \pi(x_1), \dots)$ , for  $(x_0, x_1, \dots) \in X^\omega$ . I claim that  $\Theta^{-1}\Theta(U) = U$  for each  $U \in \mathcal{U}$ .

Suppose  $x = (x_0, x_1, \dots) \in X^\omega$  and  $\Theta(x) = \Theta(y)$ , where  $y = (y_0, y_1, \dots) \in U$ . If we write  $[x_n]$  for the equivalence class  $/M$  of a point in  $X$ , the statement  $\Theta(x) = \Theta(y)$  says  $[x_n] = [y_n]$  for every  $n$ . By Proposition 2.4.2 in [10], this implies that whenever  $H \in M$  is a cozero set, then  $x_n \in H$  if and only if  $y_n \in H$ . But,  $y \in U$  implies  $y_n \in U_n$  for every  $n$  and we assumed  $U_n \in M$ , hence  $x_n \in U_n$  for each  $n$ . We have shown  $x \in U$ , which gives the claim.

So, consider  $\{\Theta(U) : U \in \mathcal{U}\}$ , which is an open cover of  $(X/M)^\omega$ . Since  $X/M$  is powerfully Lindelöf, there is a countable subcover  $\{\Theta(U^k)\}_{k < \omega}$ . Pulling this back to  $\{\Theta^{-1}\Theta(U^k)\}_{k < \omega} = \{U^k\}_{k < \omega}$  gives a countable subcover of  $\mathcal{U}$ . This concludes the proof of Lemma 3.3 and hence we have Theorem 3.1.  $\square$

This result raises the following question.

**Problem 3.1.** *If  $X$  is productively Lindelöf, is it consistent that  $L(X^\omega) \leq 2^{\aleph_0}$ ?*

This could be combined with  $CH$  to solve Problem 1.1. Nothing is known towards an answer except for the following results.

**Theorem 3.2.** *If  $X$  is Lindelöf,  $L(X^\omega)$  is less than the first strongly compact cardinal*

*Proof.* In [9], Drake characterizes the first strongly compact cardinal  $\kappa_0$  as the least uncountable  $\kappa$  such that if  $\mathcal{C}$  is a family of spaces such that every open cover of every  $C \in \mathcal{C}$  has a subcover of size  $< \kappa$ , then every open cover of  $\prod \mathcal{C}$  has a subcover of size  $< \kappa$ . If  $X$  is Lindelöf, then clearly  $L(X) = \omega < \kappa_0$ , so  $L(X^\omega) < \kappa_0$ .  $\square$



This result is notably unsatisfying, since the same argument shows that if  $X$  is Lindelöf, then  $L(X^\lambda)$  is less than the first strongly compact cardinal for every  $\lambda$ . In terms of possible counterexamples, there is:

**Example 3.1.** [14] *It is consistent with CH that there is a space  $X$  with  $X^n$  Lindelöf for every  $n < \omega$ , but  $L(X^\omega) = \aleph_2$ .*

The natural attempt to solve Problem 3.1 would be to Lévy-collapse a supercompact to  $\aleph_2$  with countable conditions. We do not know what happens in such a model.

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