



## SEMI- $w\Delta$ SPACES AND METRIZATION

*(To the Memory of My Mother)*

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### Abstract

The semi- $w\Delta$  spaces are defined in terms of semi-open covers and they generalize simultaneously the  $w\Delta$  spaces and the semi-developable spaces. We prove the following results in this paper:

- A topological space is a semi- $w\Delta$  space if and only if it is a  $q$ -space and a  $\beta$ -space.
- The semi- $w\Delta$  property is invariant under continuous, finite to one, pseudo-open maps.
- An isocompact semi- $w\Delta$  space with a semi- $(C_2)$  property is  $\theta$ -refinable.
- A topological space is semi-metrizable if and only if it is a semi-developable space with a quasi  $(\alpha_1)$ -diagonal.
- A topological space is a Hausdorff semi-metrizable space if and only if it is a semi- $w\Delta$  space with an  $(\alpha_2)$ -diagonal.
- A topological space is a regular semi-metrizable space if and only if it is a semi- $w\Delta$  space with a semi- $(C_2)$  property and a quasi  $(\alpha_1)$ -diagonal.

The following results are corollaries of the main results about the semi- $w\Delta$  spaces:

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- A topological space is a Moore space if and only if it is a  $w\Delta$ -space with a semi- $(C_2)$  property and a quasi  $(\alpha_1)$ -diagonal.
- A regular topological space is a Moore space if and only if it is a  $w\Delta$ -space with an  $(\alpha_2)$ -diagonal.
- A topological space is a metrizable space if and only if it is a  $wM$  space with a semi- $(C_2)$  property and a quasi  $(\alpha_1)$ -diagonal.
- A topological space is a metrizable space if and only if it is a  $wM$  space with an  $(\alpha_2)$ -diagonal.

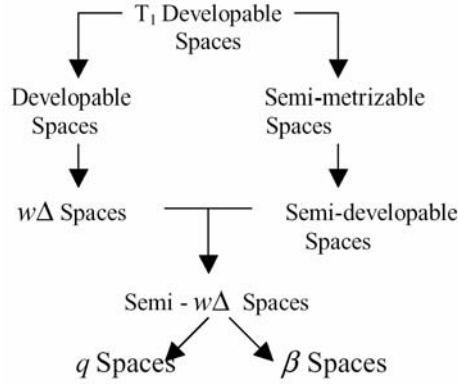
## 0. Introduction

By a space  $X$  we mean a topological space  $X$  without assuming any separation axiom it satisfies unless specifically mentioned. Let  $X$  be a space and  $A \subset X$ . Let  $A^0$  denote the interior of  $A$  in  $X$  and  $\overline{A}$  denote the closure of  $A$  in  $X$ . We use the standard notations and definitions in [6]. Let  $N$  denote the set of natural numbers. Let  $\xi$  and  $\eta$  be collections of subsets of a space  $X$ . Let  $\xi^* = \bigcup \xi$ .  $\xi$  is called a *refinement* of  $\eta$  (written  $\xi \prec \eta$ ), if  $\xi^* = \eta^*$  and for each  $O \in \xi$ , there is a  $G \in \eta$  such that  $O \subset G$ . Let  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  be a sequence of covers of a space  $X$ .  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  is called a *decreasing sequence* provided  $\xi_{n+1} \prec \xi_n$  for each  $n \in N$ . Let  $\xi$  be a collection of subsets of a space  $X$ . Let  $St(x, \xi) = \bigcup \{G \in \xi \mid x \in G\}$ .  $\xi$  is called a *semi-open collection* in  $X$  provided  $x \in St(x, \xi)^0$  for each  $x \in \xi^*$ . A space  $X$  is called a *semi- $w\Delta$  space* provided it admits a sequence of semi-open covers  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  such that if  $x_n \in St(x, \xi_n)$  for each  $n \in N$ , then the sequence  $\{x_n\}_n$  clusters [12]. The sequence  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  is called a *semi- $w\Delta$  sequence* and without loss of generality we may assume that  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  is a decreasing sequence. A space  $X$  is called a  *$w\Delta$  space* provided it admits a sequence of open covers  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  such that if  $x_n \in St(x, \xi_n)$  for each  $n \in N$ , then the sequence  $\{x_n\}_n$  clusters [4]. The sequence  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  is called a  *$w\Delta$  sequence* and without loss of generality we may assume that  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  is a decreasing sequence. A space  $X$  is called a *semi-developable*

space provided it admits a sequence of semi-open covers  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  such that for each  $x \in X$ , the collection  $\{St(x, \xi_n) \mid n \in N\}$  is a neighborhood (in short, nhd) base at  $x$  [1]. The sequence  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  is called a *semi-development* and may be assumed to be decreasing. The class of semi- $w\Delta$  spaces includes the  $w\Delta$  spaces and the semi-developable spaces. A space  $X$  is said to have a *semi- $C_2$  property* (resp.  $C_2$ ), if every semi-open cover (resp. open cover)  $\xi$  admits a sequence of semi-open covers (resp. open covers)  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  such that for each  $x \in X$  there is  $n_x \in N$  such that  $\overline{St(x, \xi_{n_x})} \subset St(x, \xi)$ . The sequence  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  is called a *semi- $C_2$*  (resp.  $C_2$ ) *refinement* for  $\xi$  and without loss of generality we may assume that the sequence  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  is decreasing [8, 11]. A space  $X$  is called a *q space* provided each  $x \in X$  admits a sequence of its open neighborhoods  $\{q_n(x)\}_n$  such that if  $x_n \in q_n(x)$  for each  $n \in N$ , then the sequence  $\{x_n\}_n$  clusters in  $X$  [20]. The sequence  $\{q_n(x)\}_n$  is called a *q sequence* of  $x$  and may be assumed to be decreasing. A space  $X$  is called a  $\beta$  *space* provided each  $x \in X$  admits a sequence of its open neighborhoods  $\{\beta_n(x)\}_n$  such that if  $x \in \beta_n(x_n)$  for each  $n \in N$ , then the sequence  $\{x_n\}_n$  clusters in  $X$  [14]. The sequence  $\{\beta_n(x)\}_n$  is called a  $\beta$  *sequence* and may be assumed to be a decreasing sequence. A space  $X$  is called an *isocompact space* provided the closed countably compact sets in  $X$  are compact in  $X$  [3]. A space  $X$  has a  $G_\delta$  diagonal if and only if the space  $X$  admits a sequence of open covers  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  such that  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} St(x, \xi_n) = \{x\}$  for each  $x \in X$  [5]. In a similar manner, we define the concept of  $\alpha_i$  diagonal for  $i = 1, 2$  in terms of semi-open covers. A space  $X$  is said to have an  $\alpha_1$ - (resp.  $\alpha_2$ -) *diagonal* provided it admits a sequence of semi-open covers  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  such that  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} St(x, \xi_n) = \{x\}$   $\left( \text{resp. } \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{St(x, \xi_n)} = \{x\} \right)$  for each  $x \in X$  [7]. The sequence  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  is called an  $\alpha_i$  *diagonal sequence* for  $X$  and may be assumed to be a decreasing sequence. The  $\alpha_1$ -diagonal

property generalizes both the  $\alpha_2$ -diagonal and the  $G_\delta$  diagonal which are different generalizations of  $G_\delta^*$  diagonal [14]. A space  $X$  is said to have a *quasi  $G_\delta$  diagonal* provided it admits a sequence of open collections  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  in  $X$  such that  $\bigcap \{St(x, \xi_n) | n \in N(x)\} = \{x\}$ , where  $N(x) = \{n | x \in \xi_n^*\}$ , for each  $x \in X$  [16]. The sequence  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  is called a *quasi  $G_\delta$  diagonal sequence*. The quasi  $G_\delta$  diagonal property generalizes the  $G_\delta$  diagonal property. A space  $X$  is said to have a *quasi  $\alpha_1$ -diagonal* provided it admits a sequence of semi-open collections  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  such that  $\bigcap \{St(x, \xi_n) | n \in N(x)\} = \{x\}$ , where  $N(x) = \{n | x \in \xi_n^*\}$ , for each  $x \in X$ . The quasi  $\alpha_1$ -diagonal generalizes the  $\alpha_1$ -diagonal property as well as the quasi  $G_\delta$  diagonal property, but the quasi  $G_\delta$  diagonal property and an  $\alpha_1$ -diagonal property are different generalizations of the  $G_\delta$  diagonal property. A space  $X$  is called a *wM space* provided it admits a sequence of open covers  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  such that if  $x_n \in St^2(x, \xi_n)$  for each  $n \in N$ , where  $St^2(x, \xi_n) = St(St(x, \xi_n), \xi_n)$ , then the sequence  $\{x_n\}_n$  clusters [17]. The definitions of the Nagata spaces and the  $wN$  spaces are available in [15]. A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called a *pseudo-open map* if for each  $y \in Y$ , whenever  $G$  is a nhd of  $f^{-1}(y)$ ,  $f(G)$  is a nhd of  $y$  [2].

#### Implication Diagram of Developable Spaces

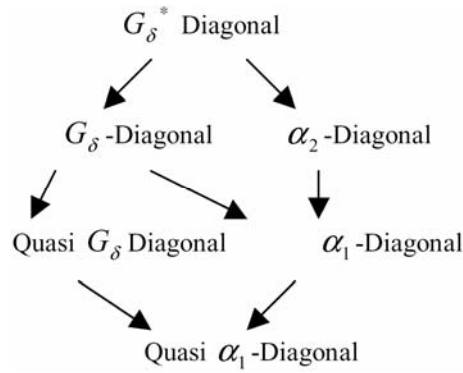


## Implication Diagram of Nagata Spaces

Nagata Spaces

 $wN$  SpacesSemi -  $w\Delta$  Spaces

## Implication Diagram of Diagonal Properties



## 1. Main Section

1.1. Semi- $w\Delta$  spaces

**Lemma 1.1.1.** *A space  $X$  is a semi- $w\Delta$  space if and only if it admits a sequence of semi-open covers  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  such that if  $x \in St(x_n, \xi_n)$  for each  $n \in N$ , then the sequence  $\{x_n\}_n$  clusters.*

**Theorem 1.1.2.** *A space  $X$  is a semi- $w\Delta$  space if and only if it is a  $q$  space as well as a  $\beta$  space.*

**Proof.** Suppose  $X$  is a semi- $w\Delta$  space and  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  is a semi- $w\Delta$  sequence for  $X$ . Define  $g_n(x) = St(x, \xi_n)^0$  for each  $x \in X$  and each  $n \in N$ . Assign the sequence  $\{g_n(x)\}_n$  to  $x$  for each  $x \in X$ . From the

definition of a semi- $w\Delta$  space and Lemma 1.1.1, it follows that if  $x_n \in g_n(x)$  for each  $n \in N$  or if  $x \in g_n(x_n)$  for each  $n \in N$ , then the sequence  $\{x_n\}_n$  clusters. Therefore  $X$  is a  $q$  space as well as a  $\beta$  space.

Conversely, suppose  $X$  is a  $q$  space as well as a  $\beta$  space. Let  $\{q_n(x)\}_n$  be a decreasing  $q$  assignment to  $x$  and  $\{\beta_n(x)\}_n$  be a decreasing  $\beta$  assignment to  $x$  for each  $x \in X$ . Let  $h_n(x) = q_n(x) \cap \beta_n(x)$  for each  $x \in X$  and each  $n \in N$ . Then, if  $x_n \in h_n(x)$  for each  $n \in N$  or if  $x \in h_n(x_n)$  for each  $n \in N$ , the sequence  $\{x_n\}_n$  clusters. Let  $S_n(x) = \{\{x, y\} \mid y \in h_n(x)\}$  for each  $x \in X$  and each  $n \in N$ . Let  $\xi_n = \bigcup \{S_n(x) \mid x \in X\}$  for each  $n \in N$ . Since  $h_n(x) = \bigcup S_n(x) \subset St(x, \xi_n)$  for each  $x \in X$  and each  $n \in N$ , each  $\xi_n$  is a semi-open cover. If  $x_n \in St(x, \xi_n)$  for each  $n \in N$ , then either  $x_n \in S_n(x)$  or  $x \in S_n(x_n)$ . It follows that  $x_n \in h_n(x)$  for infinitely many  $n \in N$  or  $x \in h_n(x_n)$  for infinitely many  $n \in N$ . Since  $\{h_n(x)\}$  is decreasing, it follows that the sequence  $\{x_n\}_n$  clusters. Therefore  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  is a semi- $w\Delta$  sequence for  $X$ .

**Corollary 1.1.2.1.** *A space  $X$  is a semi- $w\Delta$  space if and only if it admits a map  $g$  on  $N \times X$  into the topology on  $X$  such that if  $x_n \in g(n, x)$  for each  $n \in N$  or if  $x \in g(n, x_n)$  for each  $n \in N$ , then the sequence  $\{x_n\}_n$  clusters.*

**Lemma 1.1.3** [11]. *Let a space  $X$  have a semi- $C_2$  property. Then every sequence of semi-open covers  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  admits a sequence of semi-open covers  $\{\eta_n\}_n$  such that*

(1)  $\eta_{n+1} \prec \eta_n \prec \xi_n$  for each  $n$  and

(2) for  $x \in X$ ,  $n \in N$  there is an  $m$  such that  $\overline{St(x, \eta_m)} \subset St(x, \eta_n)$ .

*We call the sequence  $\{\eta_n\}_n$  a semi- $C_2$  regular refinement of the sequence  $\{\xi_n\}_n$ .*

**Proof.** This is Lemma 9 in [11].

**Theorem 1.1.4.** *An isocompact semi- $w\Delta$  space  $X$  with a semi- $C_2$  property is  $\theta$ -refinable.*

**Proof.** Let  $\xi$  be an open cover of  $X$ . Let  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  be a decreasing semi- $w\Delta$  sequence such that  $\xi_1 \prec \xi$ . By Lemma 1.1.3, there is a semi- $C_2$  regular refinement  $\{\eta_n\}_n$  for  $\{\xi_n\}_n$ . Define  $C(x) = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} St(x, \eta_n)$  for  $x \in X$ . Then  $C(x) = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{St(x, \eta_n)} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} St(x, \eta_n)$  for  $x \in X$ . It follows that  $C(x)$  is a closed countably compact set and hence, by the isocompactness of  $X$ ,  $C(x)$  is a compact set in  $X$ . Also,  $\{St(x, \eta_n) | n \in N\}$  is a nhd base for  $C(x)$ . For, let  $G$  be an open nhd for  $C(x)$ . Suppose there is  $x_n \in St(x, \eta_n) - G$  for each  $n \in N$ . Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}_n$  clusters in  $C(x)$  and hence  $x_n \in G$  for some  $n$ , a contradiction. Since  $C(x) \subset St(x, \eta_n) \subset St(x, \xi)$  for some  $n \in N$  and  $C(x)$  is a compact set, it follows that there is a finite subcollection  $\xi(x)$  of  $\xi$  such that  $C(x) \subset \bigcup \xi(x)$  and  $x \in \bigcap \xi(x)$ . Therefore there is an  $n$  such that  $St(x, \eta_n) \subset \bigcup \xi(x)$ . Thus, for any given open cover  $\xi$  of  $X$  there is a sequence of semi-open covers  $\{\eta_n\}_n$  such that for each  $x \in X$  there exists  $n_x$  such that  $St(x, \eta_{n_x}) \subset \bigcup \xi(x)$  for some finite  $\xi(x) \subset \xi$  such that  $x \in \bigcap \xi(x)$ . By Theorem 3.2 of Junnila in [18],  $X$  is  $\theta$ -refinable.

**Lemma 1.1.5** [13]. *A first countable space  $X$  is a  $T_1$  space if and only if it has an  $\alpha_1$ -diagonal.*

**Lemma 1.1.6.** *A space  $X$  is first countable if and only if each  $x \in X$  is assigned a sequence of its open neighborhoods  $\{G_n(x)\}_n$  such that if  $x_n \in G_n(x)$  for each  $n \in N$ , then the sequence  $\{x_n\}_n$  clusters at  $x$ .*

**Theorem 1.1.7** [13]. *A regular space  $X$  is a  $T_1$  first countable space if and only if it is a  $q$  space with a quasi  $\alpha_1$ -diagonal.*

**Lemma 1.1.8.** *Let  $X$  be a  $T_1$  semi- $w\Delta$  space that satisfies (\*): Each countable closed discrete set  $D$  admits a locally finite open collection  $\{G_d \mid d \in D, d \in D\}$ . Then  $X$  admits a semi- $w\Delta$  sequence  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  such that*

(1) *if  $x_n \in \overline{St(x, \xi_n)}$  for each  $n \in N$ , then the sequence  $\{x_n\}_n$  clusters;*

(2) *if  $C(x) = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{St(x, \xi_n)}$ , then  $C(x)$  is countably compact and*

*$\{\overline{St(x, \xi_n)} \mid n \in N\}$  is a network at  $C(x)$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  be a decreasing semi- $w\Delta$  sequence. To prove (1), suppose  $x_n \in \overline{St(x, \xi_n)}$  for each  $n \in N$  and the sequence  $\{x_n\}_n$  does not cluster. Then  $\{x_n \mid n \in N\}$  is a closed discrete set. Let  $\{G_n \mid x_n \in G_n, n \in N\}$  be a locally finite open collection. Choose  $y_n \in G_n \cap St(x, \xi_n)$  for each  $n \in N$  such that the  $y_n$ 's are distinct. Then the sequence  $\{y_n\}_n$  does not cluster, a contradiction.

To prove (2), let  $C(x) = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{St(x, \xi_n)}$ . Then from (1) it follows that  $C(x)$

is countably compact. Let  $G$  be an open neighborhood of  $C(x)$ . Suppose  $x_n \in \overline{St(x, \xi_n)} - G$  for each  $n \in N$ . Then, since the sequence  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  is assumed to be decreasing, from (1) it follows that the sequence  $\{x_n\}_n$  clusters in  $C(x)$ , a contradiction.

**Theorem 1.1.9.** *A Hausdorff isocompact semi- $w\Delta$  space  $X$  with (\*) (as defined in Lemma 1.1.8) is a regular space.*

**Proof.** Let  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  be a decreasing semi- $w\Delta$  sequence and  $C(x) = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{St(x, \xi_n)}$  for  $x \in X$ . From Lemma 1.1.8,  $C(x)$  is countably compact and hence it is compact. Let  $x \notin F = \overline{F}$ . If  $C(x) \cap F = \emptyset$ , then  $\overline{St(x, \xi_n)} \subset (X - F)$  for some  $n$ . Hence,  $St(x, \xi_n)^0$  and  $X - \overline{St(x, \xi_n)}$  are the disjoint



open neighborhoods of  $x$  and  $F$ , respectively. If  $C(x) \cap F = L \neq \emptyset$ , then since  $X$  is Hausdorff, there are disjoint open neighborhoods  $G$  and  $H$  of  $x$  and  $L$ , respectively. Let  $M = F - H$ . Since  $M \cap C(x) = \emptyset$ , by the above argument, there are disjoint open neighborhoods  $U$  and  $V$  of  $x$  and  $M$ , respectively. Then  $G \cap U$  and  $H \cup V$  are the disjoint open neighborhoods of  $x$  and  $F$ , respectively. Therefore  $X$  is regular.

**Definitions.** A space  $X$  is called a *strongly semi- $w\Delta$*  (resp. a *point-star-open semi- $w\Delta$* ) *space* if it admits a semi- $w\Delta$  sequence  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  such that  $y \in St(x, \xi_n)^0$  implies  $x \in St(y, \xi_n)^0$  for each  $n \in N$  and any  $x, y \in X$  (resp.  $St(x, \xi_n)$  is open for each  $n \in N$  and each  $x \in X$ ). In case of a strongly semi- $w\Delta$  space,  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  is called a *strongly semi- $w\Delta$  sequence* and in case of a point-star-open semi- $w\Delta$  space,  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  is called a *point-star-open semi- $w\Delta$  sequence*.

**Lemma 1.1.10.** *Let  $\xi$  be a strongly semi-open cover of a space  $X$  and  $A \subset X$ . Then  $A$  admits a subset  $B$  such that*

- (1)  $B \cap St(x, \xi_n)^0 = \{x\}$  for each  $x \in B$ ,
- (2)  $A \subset \bigcup \{St(x, \xi_n)^0 \mid x \in B\}$ ,
- (3)  $\{\{x\} \mid x \in B\}$  is a discrete collection in  $X$ .

*If  $X$  is a  $T_1$  space, then  $B$  is a closed set in  $X$ .*

**Theorem 1.1.11.** *A  $T_1$ ,  $\aleph_1$ -compact, isocompact strongly semi- $w\Delta$  space  $X$  satisfying (\*) is a Lindelöf space.*

**Proof.** Let  $\xi$  be an open cover of  $X$  and  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  be a strongly semi- $w\Delta$  sequence. For each  $x \in X$ , define  $C(x) = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{St(x, \xi_n)}$ . From Lemma 1.1.8 and isocompactness, it follows that for each  $x \in X$  there is  $n$  such that  $x \in C(x) \subset St(x, \xi_n) \subset \bigcup \xi^f$  for some finite subcollection  $\xi^f$  of  $\xi$ . Let  $A_n = \{x \in X \mid St(x, \xi_n) \subset \bigcup \xi^f \text{ for some finite subcollection } \xi^f \text{ of } \xi\}$  for

each  $n \in N$ . Then  $X = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$ . From Lemma 1.1.10,  $A_n$  admits a closed discrete subset  $B_n$  such that  $A_n \subset St(B_n, \xi_n)$  for each  $n \in N$ . Since  $X$  is  $\aleph_1$ -compact, each  $B_n$  is countable. Hence,  $\xi$  admits a countable subcover for  $X$ .

**Theorem 1.1.12.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous, pseudo-open, finite to one map of a semi- $w\Delta$  space  $X$  onto a space  $Y$ . Then  $Y$  is a semi- $w\Delta$  space.*

**Proof.** Let  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  be a decreasing semi- $w\Delta$  sequence in  $X$  and  $\eta_n = f(\xi_n) = \{f(G) \mid G \in \xi_n\}$  for each  $n \in N$ . Observe the following:

- (i) For each  $y \in Y$  and  $n \in N$ ,  $St(y, \eta_n) = f(St(f^{-1}(y), \xi_n))$ .
- (ii) If a sequence  $\{x_n\}_n$  clusters in  $X$ , then the sequence  $\{f(x_n)\}_n$  clusters in  $Y$ .

We prove the following:

- (iii) For any finite non-empty set  $A$  in  $X$ , if  $x_n \in St(A, \xi_n)$  for each  $n \in N$ , then the sequence  $\{x_n\}_n$  clusters: Since  $A$  is finite, there is  $x \in A$  such that  $x_{n_k} \in St(x, \xi_{n_k})$  for each  $k$  for some subsequence  $\{n_k\}_k$  of the sequence  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ . Since  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  is decreasing, we can define a sequence  $\{z_n\}_n$  such that  $z_n \in St(x, \xi_n)$  for each  $n \in N$ , where  $z_n = x_{n_1}$  for each  $n \leq n_1$  and  $z_n = x_{n_{i+1}}$  for each  $n$  such that  $n_i < n \leq n_{i+1}$  for each integer  $i \in N$ . Then the sequence  $\{z_n\}_n$  clusters and hence the sequence  $\{x_n\}_n$  clusters. Now we prove that the sequence  $\{\eta_n\}_n$  is a semi- $w\Delta$  sequence in  $Y$ : Let  $y_n \in St(y, \eta_n)$  for each  $n \in N$ . From (i), there is a sequence  $\{x_n\}_n$  in  $X$  such that  $x_n \in St(f^{-1}(y), \xi_n)$  and  $f(x_n) = y_n$  for each  $n \in N$ . From (iii), the sequence  $\{x_n\}_n$  clusters in  $X$ . From (ii), the sequence  $\{y_n = f(x_n)\}_n$  clusters in  $Y$ . Therefore the sequence  $\{\eta_n\}_n$  is a semi- $w\Delta$  sequence in  $Y$  and  $Y$  is a semi- $w\Delta$  space.

### 1.2. Semi-metrizable spaces

Since a space is semi-metrizable if and only if it is a  $T_0$  semi-developable space and quasi  $(\alpha_1)$  diagonality implies  $T_1$ , it follows that semi-metrizable spaces are exactly semi-developable spaces with a quasi  $(\alpha_1)$ -diagonal. We generalize this result:

(1) A space is a Hausdorff semi-metrizable space if and only if it is a semi- $w\Delta$  space with an  $(\alpha_2)$ -diagonal.

(2) A space is a regular semi-metrizable space if and only if it is a semi- $w\Delta$  space with a semi- $(C_2)$  property and a quasi  $(\alpha_1)$ -diagonal.

**Lemma 1.2.1.** *A semi- $w\Delta$  space  $X$  with an  $\alpha_2$ -diagonal is a semi-metrizable space.*

**Proof.** By an  $\alpha_2$ -diagonal property,  $X$  is Hausdorff. Let  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  be a decreasing semi- $w\Delta$  sequence and  $\{\eta_n\}_n$  be a decreasing  $\alpha_2$ -diagonal sequence. Let  $\varsigma_n = \xi_n \wedge \eta_n = \{G \cap H \mid G \in \xi_n, H \in \eta_n\}$  for each  $n \in N$ . We claim that the sequence  $\{\varsigma_n\}_n$  is a semi-development. Clearly, each

$\varsigma_n$  is a semi-open cover of  $X$  and  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} St(x, \xi_n) = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{St(x, \xi_n)} = \{x\}$  for each

$x \in X$ . Let  $x \in X$  and  $G$  be an open nhd of  $x$ . If  $x_n \in St(x, \varsigma_n) - G$  for each  $n \in N$ , then the sequence  $\{x_n\}_n$  clusters at  $x$ , a contradiction because  $G$  is an open set containing  $x$  and no  $x_n$  belongs to  $G$ . Therefore  $St(x, \varsigma_n) \subset G$  for some  $n$  and  $\{\varsigma_n\}_n$  is a semi-development for  $X$ . Since a Hausdorff semi-developable space is semi-metrizable [1],  $X$  is semi-metrizable.

**Theorem 1.2.2.** *A space  $X$  is a Hausdorff semi-metrizable space if and only if it is a semi- $w\Delta$  space with an  $\alpha_2$ -diagonal.*

**Proof.** Suppose  $X$  is a Hausdorff semi-metrizable space.  $X$  is a semi- $w\Delta$  space (by Theorem 1.1.2) and  $X$  has an  $\alpha_2$ -diagonal [10]. The converse part of the theorem follows from Lemma 1.2.1.

**Corollary 1.2.2.1.** *If  $X$  is a Hausdorff semi- $w\Delta$  space with a  $G_\delta$  diagonal, which is  $\theta$ -refinable and satisfies  $(*)$ , then  $X$  is a semi-metrizable space.*

**Proof.** By Theorem 1.1.9,  $X$  is regular.  $X$  is a  $\theta$ -refinable,  $T_3$  space and so, it has  $(C_2)$  [8]. A space with a  $G_\delta$  diagonal and  $(C_2)$  has a  $G_\delta^*$  diagonal [8]. So,  $X$  is semi-metrizable (by Theorem 1.2.2).

**Remark 1.2.2.2.** We cannot replace an  $(\alpha_2)$ -diagonal condition by a quasi  $(\alpha_2)$ -diagonal condition in Lemma 1.2.1 and Theorem 1.2.2.

**Corollary 1.2.2.3.** *A regular space  $X$  is a Moore space if and only if it is a  $w\Delta$ -space with  $(\alpha_2)$ -diagonal.*

**Remark 1.2.2.4.** We cannot replace an  $(\alpha_2)$ -diagonal condition by a quasi  $(\alpha_2)$ -diagonal condition in Corollary 1.2.2.3.

**Corollary 1.2.2.5.** *A space  $X$  is a metrizable space if and only if it is a  $wM$ -space with an  $(\alpha_2)$ -diagonal.*

**Proof.** Since a Hausdorff semi-metrizable  $wM$ -space is metrizable [17], the result is a corollary to Theorem 1.2.2.

**Remark 1.2.2.6.** We cannot replace an  $(\alpha_2)$ -diagonal condition by a quasi  $(\alpha_2)$ -diagonal condition in Corollary 1.2.2.5.

**Lemma 1.2.3** [13]. *A regular semi-metrizable space  $X$  has a semi- $C_2$  property.*

**Theorem 1.2.4.** *A space  $X$  is a regular-semi-metrizable space if and only if it is a semi- $w\Delta$  space with a semi- $C_2$  property and a quasi  $(\alpha_1)$ -diagonal.*

**Proof.** Suppose  $X$  is a semi- $w\Delta$  space with a semi- $C_2$  property and a quasi  $(\alpha_1)$ -diagonal. By the quasi  $(\alpha_1)$ -diagonal property and the semi- $C_2$  property,  $X$  is a  $T_1$  regular space [11]. It follows from Theorem 1.1.7 that  $X$  is a first countable space and hence, by Lemma 1.1.5, it has an

$(\alpha_1)$ -diagonal. Let  $\{\eta_n\}_n$  be a decreasing  $(\alpha_1)$ -diagonal sequence and  $\{\varsigma_n\}_n$  be a decreasing semi- $w\Delta$  sequence. Let  $\xi_n = \eta_n \wedge \varsigma_n = \{G \cap H \mid G \in \eta_n, H \in \varsigma_n\}$  for each  $n$ . Then  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  is a decreasing semi- $w\Delta$  sequence such that  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} St(x, \xi_n) = \{x\}$  for each  $x \in X$ . Since  $X$  has a semi- $C_2$  property, by Lemma 1.1.3 there is a semi- $C_2$  regular refinement  $\{\tau_n\}_n$  for  $\{\xi_n\}_n$ . Then  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} St(x, \tau_n) = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{St(x, \tau_n)} = \{x\}$  for each  $x \in X$ . We claim that  $\{St(x, \tau_n) \mid n \geq 1\}$  is a nhd base at  $x$ : Let  $x \in X$  and  $G$  be an open nhd of  $x$  in  $X$ . If  $x_n \in St(x, \tau_n) - G$  for each  $n$ , then the sequence  $\{x_n\}_n$  clusters in  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{St(x, \tau_n)} = \{x\}$  and hence the sequence  $\{x_n\}_n$  clusters at  $x$ . Since  $G$  is an open nhd of  $x$ ,  $x_n \in G$  for some  $n$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $St(x, \tau_n) \subset G$  for some  $n$ . Thus, the sequence  $\{\tau_n\}_n$  is semi-development for  $X$  and since  $X$  is a  $T_1$  regular space it follows that  $X$  is a semi-metrizable space [1]. The converse follows from Theorem 1.1.2 and Lemma 1.2.3.

**Corollary 1.2.4.1** [13]. *A space  $X$  is a Moore space if and only if it is a  $w\Delta$ -space with a semi- $C_2$  property and a quasi  $(\alpha_1)$ -diagonal.*

**Proof.** Suppose  $X$  is a Moore space. Then  $X$  is a  $w\Delta$ -space and a semi-metrizable space. Therefore  $X$  has a semi- $C_2$  property and a quasi  $(\alpha_1)$ -diagonal. Conversely, suppose  $X$  is a  $w\Delta$ -space with a semi- $C_2$  property and a quasi  $(\alpha_1)$ -diagonal. Then  $X$  is a  $T_1$  regular semi-metrizable space (from Theorem 1.2.4). Therefore  $X$  is a Moore space [14].

**Corollary 1.2.4.2** [13]. *A space  $X$  is metrizable if and only if it is a  $wM$ -space with a semi- $C_2$  property and a quasi  $(\alpha_1)$ -diagonal.*

**Proof.** Suppose  $X$  is a  $wM$  space with a semi- $C_2$  property and a quasi  $(\alpha_1)$ -diagonal.  $X$  is a Moore space (from Corollary 1.2.4.1). Therefore  $X$  is a metrizable space [7], [17]. The converse part is clear.

**Corollary 1.2.4.3** [13]. *A countably compact space is metrizable if it has a semi- $C_2$  property and a quasi  $(\alpha_1)$ -diagonal.*

**Theorem 1.2.5.** *A Hausdorff space  $X$  is a semi-metrizable space if it is a  $\theta$ -refinable, semi- $w\Delta$  space satisfying  $(*)$  and having a quasi  $G_\delta$  diagonal.*

**Proof.** Suppose  $X$  is a  $\theta$ -refinable, semi- $w\Delta$  space satisfying  $(*)$  and has a quasi  $G_\delta$  diagonal. It follows from Theorems 1.1.7 and 1.1.9 that  $X$  is a first countable,  $T_1$  regular space. By Theorem 3.2 in [16],  $X$  is semi-stratifiable and hence it is semi-metrizable.

**Remark 1.2.6.** The converse of Theorem 1.2.5 is not true. The Niemytzki plane defined in [6], which is a Moore space, does not satisfy  $(*)$ .

**Theorem 1.2.7.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a pseudo-open map of a Hausdorff semi-metrizable space  $X$  onto a space  $Y$ . Let  $y_0 \in Y$  and  $K$  be a compact set in  $X$ . Let  $f^{-1}(y)$  be finite for each  $y \in Y - \{y_0\}$  and  $f^{-1}(y_0) = K$ . Then  $Y$  has an  $(\alpha_1)$ -diagonal.*

**Proof.** Let  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  be a decreasing semi-development of  $X$  and  $\eta_n = f(\xi_n) = \{f(G) \mid G \in \xi_n\}$  for each  $n$ . We claim that the sequence  $\{\eta_n\}_n$  is an  $(\alpha_1)$ -diagonal sequence of  $Y$ . Suppose the contrary holds. There exist distinct points  $z$  and  $y$  in  $Y$  such that  $z \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} St(y, \eta_n)$ . Then for each  $n$  there is a  $G_n \in \xi_n$  such that  $z, y \in f(G_n)$ . If neither of  $z$  and  $y$  is  $y_0$ , then  $f^{-1}(\{z, y\})$  is finite implies there are distinct points  $x_1, x_2 \in G_{n_k}$  such that  $x_1 \in f^{-1}(y)$  and  $x_2 \in f^{-1}(z)$  for each  $k$  for some subsequence  $\{n_k\}_k$ . Since the sequence  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  is decreasing, it follows that  $x_1, x_2 \in$  some  $G \in \xi_n$  for each  $n$ . But then  $x_1 = x_2$ , a contradiction. If one of  $z$  and  $y$  is  $y_0$ , say  $y = y_0$ . Then there exist sequences  $\{p_n\}_n$  and  $\{q_n\}_n$  such that  $p_n \in f^{-1}(z)$ ,  $q_n \in K$ , and  $p_n, q_n \in$  some  $G_n \in \xi_n$  for each  $n$ .

Then we can find a constant sequence  $\{p_{n_k}\}_k$  with  $p_{n_k} = p \in f^{-1}(z)$  for each  $k$  and a convergent sequence  $\{q_{n_k}\}_k$  that converges to some  $q \in K$  for some subsequence  $\{n_k\}_k$ . Since  $p \neq q$ , let  $G(p)$  and  $G(q)$  be disjoint open nhds of  $p$  and  $q$ . There is an  $n$  such that  $St(p, \xi_n) \subset G(p)$  and since  $\{\xi_n\}_n$  is decreasing,  $q_{n_k} \in St(p, \xi_n)$  for all  $n_k \geq n$ . Since the sequence  $\{q_{n_k}\}_k$  converges to  $q$ ,  $q_{n_k} \in G(q)$  for all  $n_k \geq$  some  $m$ . Therefore  $q_{n_k} \in G(p) \cap G(q)$  for all  $n_k \geq$  maximum of  $n$  and  $m$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $\{\eta_n\}_n$  is an  $(\alpha_1)$ -diagonal sequence.

## 2. Examples

(1.1) The ordinal space  $[0, \omega_1]$  has no quasi  $(\alpha_1)$ -diagonal; otherwise by Theorem 1.1.7 the space becomes a first countable space.

(1.2) There is a Hausdorff compact space that does not have a semi- $C_2$  property. The Alexandroff double circle  $A(C)$  is a first countable space and hence by Lemma 1.1.5 it has an  $(\alpha_1)$ -diagonal. This space cannot have a semi- $C_2$  property otherwise by Corollary 1.2.4.3 this space becomes a metrizable space. Also, this space has a quasi  $(\alpha_2)$ -diagonal. Refer to the Example 1.20 in [9]. This example justifies Remarks 1.2.2.2, 1.2.2.4 and 1.2.2.6.

(1.3) There is a Hausdorff compact space that has a semi- $C_2$  property, but it cannot have a quasi  $(\alpha_1)$ -diagonal. Let  $X$  be a set such that  $|X| > \aleph_0$ . Let  $x_0 \in X$  and  $\tau = \{G \subset X \mid x_0 \notin G \text{ or } |X - G| < \aleph_0\}$ . Then  $\tau$  is a Hausdorff compact topology on  $X$ , the Example 1.1.8 in [6]. Let  $\xi$  be a semi-open cover of  $X$ . Let  $\eta = \{\{x\} \mid x \in X - \{x_0\}\} \cup \{\{x, x_0\} \mid \{x, x_0\} \subset \text{some } G \in \xi\}$ . Then  $St(x, \eta) \subset \{x, x_0\}$  for each  $x \in X - \{x_0\}$ . Therefore  $\overline{St(x, \eta)} = St(x, \eta) \subset St(x, \xi)$  for each  $x \in X - \{x_0\}$ . Also,  $\overline{St(x_0, \eta)} = St(x_0, \eta) \subset St(x, \xi)$ . Therefore  $X$  has a semi- $C_2$  property. Since this space is not first countable, by Theorem 1.1.7 the space  $X$  cannot have a quasi  $(\alpha_1)$ -diagonal. However, if  $|X| \leq \aleph_0$ , then  $X$  is first countable and by Corollary 1.2.4.3,  $X$  is metrizable.

(1.4) Let  $X$  be the set of real numbers with the usual open interval topology. Let  $N$  be the set of natural numbers. Let  $Y = X/N$  be the quotient space obtained from  $X$  by identifying the natural numbers. Refer to the Example 1.4.7 in [6]. Then  $Y$  is a continuous, closed image of  $X$  and hence it is a  $T_4$  semi-stratifiable space. The space  $Y$  is not first countable, but it has a  $G_\delta^*$  diagonal. Hence, by Theorem 1.1.7, this space cannot be a  $q$ -space (and it cannot be a semi- $w\Delta$  space).

(1.5) A semi- $w\Delta$  property is not a perfect invariant property. Refer to Example 9.11 on page 486 in [19]. Let  $R$  be the set of real numbers. Let  $X$  be the subspace  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$  of the space  $R \times R$  with the 'bowtie' topology. Let  $K = [0, 1] \times \{0\}$ . Then  $K$  is a compact subset of  $X$ . Let  $Y = X/K$  be the quotient space obtained by identifying the points of  $K$ . Then  $Y$  is a perfect image of  $X$ . By Theorem 1.2.7,  $Y$  has an  $(\alpha_1)$ -diagonal. Since  $Y$  is not first countable, by Theorem 1.1.7,  $Y$  cannot be a  $q$ -space and hence it cannot be a semi- $w\Delta$  space. This example shows that both  $q$  property and semi- $w\Delta$  are not perfect invariants.

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