# DEVELOPABLE AND METRIZABLE SPACES AND PROBLEMS OF FLETCHER AND LINDGREN AND GITTINGS

### Abdul M. Mohamad

Department of Mathematics and Statistics, College of Science, Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat, Oman

# Dedicated to Professor Hans Sachs on his 60th birthday

Received: April 2001

MSC 2000: 54 E 30, 54 E 35

Keywords: Quasi- $w\Delta$ -space, quasi-developable space, quasi- $\gamma$ -space,  $\beta$ -space, quasi- $G_{\delta}^*$ -diagonal, semi-stratifiable, c-semi-stratifiable, wM-space, metrizable space.

Abstract: In this paper, we answers two questions of P. Fletcher and W. Lindgren [1] and R. Gittings [4], one of which is partially answered. We prove that a space X is developable if and only if it is  $w\Delta$ -space with a quasi- $G_{\delta}^*$ -diagonal; a space X is developable if and only if it is quasi-developable,  $\beta$ -space; a space X is developable if and only if it is  $\beta$ , quasi- $\gamma$ -space with a quasi- $G_{\delta}^*$ -diagonal; a space is metrizable if and only if it is wM-space with a quasi- $G_{\delta}^*$ -diagonal.

# 1. Introduction

In this brief note we present some conditions which imply develop-

E-mail address: mohamad@math.auckland.ac.nz

The author acknowledge the support of the Marsden Fund Award UOA 611, from the Royal Society of New Zealand.

ability and metrizability, and consequently we give a full positive answer to Fletcher and Lindgren's question [1] and a partial answer to R. Gittings's question [4] respectively: is every quasi-developable  $\beta$ -space developable? Is every wM-space with  $G_{\delta}$ -diagonal metrizable?

In [13], the author makes it possible to factorize quasi-developability into two parts: a space X is quasi-developable if and only if it is a quasi- $w\Delta$ -space with a quasi- $G^*_{\delta}$ -diagonal. This result plays an important role in getting the results in this paper.

A COC-map (= countable open covering map) for a topological space X is a function from  $N \times X$  into the topology of X such that for every  $x \in X$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}, x \in g(n,x)$  and  $g(n+1,x) \subseteq g(n,x)$ . It is well known that many important classes of generalized metrizable spaces can be characterized in terms of a COC-map. In particular, X is developable [5] ( $w\Delta$ -space) if and only if X has a COC-map g such that if  $\{p, x_n\} \subseteq g(n, x_n)$  for all n, then  $\langle x_n \rangle$  converges to p (then  $\langle x_n \rangle$  has a cluster point).

A space X is called quasi- $\gamma$  [10] if and only if X has a COC-map g such that if  $x_n \in g(n, y_n)$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and the sequence  $\langle y_n \rangle$  converges in X, then the sequence  $\langle x_n \rangle$  has a cluster point; a space X is called semi-stratifiable [7] ( $\beta$ -space [6]) if and only if X has a COC-map g such that if for each  $x \in g(n, x_n)$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  then x is a cluster point of  $\langle x_n \rangle$  ( $\langle x_n \rangle$  has a cluster point).

Let  $\mathcal{G} = \{\mathcal{G}_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of open families of X. Define  $c(x) = \{n : x \in \mathcal{G}^*_n = \bigcup \{G : G \in \mathcal{G}_n\}\}$ . A space X has a quasi- $G^*_{\delta}$ -diagonal [13] (quasi- $G^*_{\delta}(2)$ -diagonal) if there is such a sequence  $\mathcal{G}$  such that for any distinct  $x, y \in X$ , there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x \in \overline{st(x, \mathcal{G}_n)} \subset X - \{y\}$  ( $x \in \overline{st^2(x, \mathcal{G}_n)} \subset X - \{y\}$ ); a space X is called a quasi- $w\Delta$ -space [13] if X has such a sequence  $\mathcal{G}$  such that

- (1) for all x, c(x) is infinite,
- (2) if  $\langle x_n \rangle$  is a sequence with  $x_n \in st(x, \mathcal{G}_n)$  for all  $n \in c(x)$  then  $\langle x_n \rangle$  has a cluster point.

If we take  $\mathcal{G}$  as a sequence of open covers of X with the condition (2)  $(\langle x_n \rangle)$  is a sequence with  $x_n \in st^2(x, \mathcal{G}_n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  then  $\langle x_n \rangle$  has a cluster point), then X is a  $w\Delta$ -space (wM-space).

A space X is called an c-semi-stratifiable [10] if there is a sequence  $\langle g(n,x)\rangle$  of open neighborhoods of x such that for each compact set  $K\subset X$ , if  $g(n,K)=\bigcup\{g(n,x):x\in K\}$ , then  $\bigcap\{g(n,K):n\geq 1\}=K$ . The COC-map  $g:\mathbb{N}\times X\to \tau$  is called a c-semi-stratification

of X.

A space X is quasi-developable if there exists a sequence  $\langle \mathcal{G}_n \rangle$  of families of open subsets of X such that for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\{st(x, \mathcal{G}_n) : n \in \mathbb{N}\} - \{\emptyset\}$  is a base at x.

All spaces will be regular, unless we state otherwise.

# 2. Main results

**Lemma 2.1.** Let X be a space with a quasi- $G_{\delta}^*$ -diagonal sequence. Then X has a quasi- $G_{\delta}^*$ -diagonal sequence  $\langle \mathcal{G}_n : n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  such that for each  $x \in X$  there is an infinite subset  $d(x) \subseteq c_{\mathcal{G}}(x)$  such that if  $x_n \in st(x, \mathcal{G}_n)$  for each  $n \in d(x)$  then  $\langle x_n \rangle$  either clusters at x or it does not cluster at all.

**Proof.** Let  $\langle \mathcal{H}_n : n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  be a quasi- $G_{\delta}^*$ -diagonal sequence of X. Without loss of generality we may assume that  $c_{\mathcal{H}}(x)$  is infinite for each  $x \in X$  and  $\mathcal{H}_1 = \{X\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}$  denote the non-empty finite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ . For each  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  set

$$\mathcal{G}_F = \left\{ \bigcap_{i \in F} H_i : H_i \in \mathcal{H}_i \right\}.$$

For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \in X$ , set  $F_n(x) = c_{\mathcal{H}}(x) \cap \{1, 2, ..., n\}$ . Put  $d(x) = \{F_n(x) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Note that  $d(x) \subseteq c_{\mathcal{G}}(x)$ . Since  $c_{\mathcal{H}}(x)$  is infinite, d(x) is infinite. Because  $F_n(x) \subseteq F_m(x)$  for  $m \geq n$ ,  $st(x, \mathcal{G}_{F_m(x)}) \subseteq st(x, \mathcal{G}_{F_n(x)})$  for  $m \geq n$ .

For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  suppose that  $x_n \in st(x, \mathcal{G}_{F_n(x)})$ . Then for  $m \geq n$  we have

$$x_m \in st(x, \mathcal{G}_{F_m(x)}) \subset st(x, \mathcal{G}_{F_n(x)}),$$

so

$$\overline{\{x_m \mid m \geq n\}} \subset \overline{st(x, \mathcal{G}_{F_n(x)})}.$$

Since  $\bigcap_{n\in\mathbb{N}} \overline{st(x,\mathcal{G}_{F_n(x)})} = \{x\}$  it follows that either  $\langle x_n \rangle$  clusters at x or does not cluster at all.  $\Diamond$ 

Remark 2.2. Let X be a space and  $\langle \mathcal{G}_n : n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  a countable family of collections of open subsets of a space X, such that for all x,  $c(x) = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x \in \mathcal{G}_n^*\}$  is infinite. Consider the following condition on  $\langle \mathcal{G}_n : n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$ : if  $\langle x_n : n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  is a sequence with  $x_n \in st(x, \mathcal{G}_n)$  for all  $n \in c(x)$  then x is a cluster point of  $\langle x_n : n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$ . For all spaces, this condition is equivalent to the following condition: for each point  $x \in X$  the set  $st(x, \mathcal{G}_n)$  is nonempty for infinitely many n and the nonempty

sets of the form  $st(x, \mathcal{G}_n)$  form a local base at x for all  $x \in X$ . Thus the condition above is a characterization of a quasi-developable space.

**Theorem 2.3.** Every quasi-developable space is a c-semi-stratifiable space.

**Proof.** Let  $\langle \mathcal{G}_n : n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  be a quasi-development sequence in a space X. Define

$$g(n,x) = \begin{cases} st(x,\mathcal{G}_n) & \text{if } x \in \mathcal{G}^*_n. \\ X & \text{if } x \notin \mathcal{G}^*_n. \end{cases}$$

Let  $h(n,x) = \bigcap_{i=1}^n g(i,x)$ . We prove that h(n,x) is a c-semi-stratifiable-map. We claim that  $C = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} h(n,C)$  for any compact  $C \subset X$ , where  $h(n,C) = \bigcup_{c \in C} h(n,c)$ . As  $\mathcal{G}_1 = \{X\}$  it follows readily that  $C \subset \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} h(n,C)$  so it is appropriate concentrate on the reverse inclusion. To prove that, let  $y \in \bigcap h(n,C)$ , so  $y \in h(n,c_n)$  for some  $c_n \in C$ . Then  $y \in st(c_n,\mathcal{G}_n)$  for infinitely many  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . It follows that  $c_n \in st(y,\mathcal{G}_n)$  for infinitely many  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . From Remark 2.2,  $\langle c_n \rangle$  clusters at y. Hence,  $y \in C$ .  $\Diamond$ 

**Lemma 2.4.** A space is semi-stratifiable if and only if it is a c-semi-stratifiable  $\beta$ -space.

**Proof.** Only if part is clear. If part: Let X be a regular c-semi-stratifiable  $\beta$ -space. Let f be a c-semi-stratifiable-map and g be a  $\beta$ -map. Define  $h(n,x)=f(n,x)\cap g(n,x)$ . It is clear that h is a c-semi-stratifiable,  $\beta$ -map. Since X is a regular and h is a c-semi-stratifiable,  $\beta$ -map,  $\overline{h(n+1,x)}\subset h(n,x)$  for all  $x\in X$  and all  $n\in \mathbb{N}$  and such that if  $x\in h(n,x_n)$  for  $n\in \mathbb{N}$ , then the sequence  $\langle x_n\rangle$  has a cluster point. Now to prove that h is a semi-stratifiable-map, let  $x\in h(n,x_n)$  for  $n\in \mathbb{N}$ , we must prove that the sequence  $\langle x_n\rangle$  is convergent to x.

Now, the sequence  $\langle x_n \rangle$  has at least one cluster point. Moreover, it is easy to show that every subsequence of  $\langle x_n \rangle$  also has at least one cluster point. Suppose p is a cluster point of  $\langle x_n \rangle$  and that  $p \neq x$ . Choose a subsequence of  $\langle x_{n_i} \rangle$  of  $\langle x_n \rangle$  such that  $x_{n_i} \in g(i,p)$  for  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \neq x_{n_i}$  for all i. Since every subsequence of  $\langle x_{n_i} \rangle$  has a cluster point, it follows that  $\langle x_{n_i} \rangle$  converges to p. Therefore  $K = \{p\} \cup \{x_{n_i}\}$  is compact. There exists m such that  $x \notin h(m,K)$ . Choose k > m such that  $x_k \in K$ ; then  $x \notin h(m,x_k)$ . But  $h(k,x_k) \subset h(m,x_k)$ , so  $x \notin h(k,x_k)$ , which is a contradiction. It follows that x is the only cluster point of  $\langle x_n \rangle$ . Since every subsequence of  $\langle x_n \rangle$  has a cluster point, necessarily  $\langle x_n \rangle$  converges to x.  $\Diamond$ 

Theorem 2.5. A space is developable if and only if it is quasi-develop-

able  $\beta$ -space.

**Proof.** Only if part: clear. If part: follows from Lemma 2.4 and Th.  $2.3. \diamondsuit$ 

Corollary 2.6. A space X is developable if and only if X is  $w\Delta$ -space with a quasi- $G_{\delta}^*$ -diagonal

**Proof.** This follows from [13, Th. 3.1], Th. 2.7 and since every  $w\Delta$ -space is  $\beta$ -space.  $\Diamond$ 

**Theorem 2.7.** A space X is developable if and only if it is  $\beta$ , quasi- $\gamma$ -space with a quasi- $G_{\delta}^*$ -diagonal.

**Proof.** The necessity of the conditions is obvious. To prove the sufficiency of the conditions, let f be a  $\beta$ -map and g a quasi- $\gamma$ -map of X. Define  $h(n,x)=f(n,x)\cap g(n,x)$ . It is clear that h is a  $\beta$  and quasi- $\gamma$ -map of X. We prove that h is a  $w\Delta$ -map of X. Let  $\{x,x_n\}\subset h(n,y_n)$ . By the  $\beta$ -condition,  $\langle y_n\rangle$  converges and so by the quasi- $\gamma$ -condition  $\langle x_n\rangle$  has a cluster point. Thus h is  $w\Delta$ -map of X. From Cor. 2.6, X is a developable space.  $\Diamond$ 

Corollary 2.8. A space is metrizable if and only if it is wM-space with a quasi- $G_{\kappa}^*$ -diagonal.

**Proof.** Let X be a regular, wM-space with a quasi- $G_{\delta}^*$ -diagonal. Every wM-space is a  $w\Delta$ -space so that (by Cor. 2.6) X is developable. Every developable, wM-space is metrizable, this completes the proof.  $\Diamond$ 

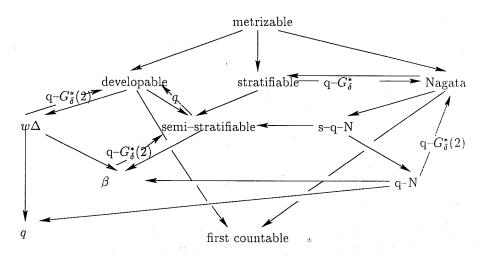
Now, it is natural to ask:

Question 2.9. Is every quasi-w $\Delta$ -space (quasi-wM-space) with  $G_{\delta}^*$ -diagonal developable (metrizable)?

We answer this question in negative manner.

Example 2.10. There is a p-adic analytic manifold which is separable, submetrizable, quasi-wM, quasi-developable, but not perfect ([12, Ex. 7.4.7]). This example also can serve as a quasi-semi-stratifiable space (see [8] for the definition) which has a  $G_{\delta}^*$ -diagonal but which is not semi-stratifiable.  $\Diamond$ 

**Example 2.11.** There is a quasi-developable manifold which has a  $G_{\delta}$ -diagonal but not a  $G_{\delta}^*$ -diagonal (see [3, Ex. 2.2]) This example also can serve as a quasi-w $\Delta$  manifold which is not w $\Delta$ . (It is not even a  $\beta$ -manifold).  $\Diamond$ 



Relationships between some generalized metric spaces and quasi- $G_{\delta}^*$ -diagonal.

**Acknowledgement.** The author is grateful to Prof. David Gauld for his kind help and valuable comments and suggestions on this paper.

# References

- [1] FLETCHER, P. and LINDGREN, W.: On  $w\Delta$ -spaces,  $w\sigma$ -spaces and  $\Sigma^{\sharp}$ -spaces, Pacific J. Math, 71 (1977), 419–428.
- [2] GARTSIDE, P. M. and MOHAMAD, A. M.: Cleavability of manifolds, to appear in Topology Proceedings.
- [3] GARTSIDE, P.M., GOOD, C., KNIGHT, R. and MOHAMAD, A.M.: Quasi-developable manifolds, *Topology Appl.* (to appear).
- [4] GITTINGS, R.: Strong quasi-complete spaces, *Topology Proc.* **1** (1976), 243–251.
- [5] HEATH, R. W.: Arc-wise connectedness in semi-metric spaces, Pacific J. Math. 12 (1962), 1301–1319.
- [6] HODEL, R.: Moore spaces and  $w\Delta$ -spaces, Pacific J. Math. 38 (1971), 641–652.
- [7] LUTZER, D.: Semimetrizable and stratifiable spaces, General Topology and Appl. 1 (1971), 43-48.
- [8] LEE, I.: On quasi-semidevelopable spaces, J. Korean Math. Soc. 12 (1975), 71–77.
- [9] LEE, K. B.: Spaces in which compacts are uniformly regular  $G_{\delta}$ , Pacific J. Math. **61** (1979), 435–446.
- [10] MARTIN, H. W.: Remarks on the Nagata-Smirnov metrization theorem, Topology, Proc. Conf. Memphis, Tennessee, 1975, Dekker, New York, 1976, 217–224.

- [11] MARTIN, H. W.: Metrizability of M-spaces, Canad. J. Math. 25 (1973), 840–841.
- [12] MOHAMAD, A. M.: Metrization and manifolds, Ph.D. thesis, 1999.
- [13] MOHAMAD, A. M.: Generalization of  $G_{\delta}^*$ -diagonals and  $w\Delta$ -spaces, Acta Math. Hung. 80 (1998), 285–291.
- [14] MOHAMAD, A. M.: Some Results on Quasi- $\sigma$  and  $\theta$  Spaces, Houston J. Math. **26**/3 (2000)