

# Characterizations of $K$ - Semimetric Spaces

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ABSTRACT: In this paper, we prove, for a space  $X$ , the following are equivalent:

1.  $X$  is a  $\omega \Delta_1$  space with a regular- $G_\delta$ -diagonal,
2.  $X$  is a  $\omega \Delta_2$  space with a regular- $G_\delta$ -diagonal,
3.  $X$  is a semi-developable space with  $G_\delta(3)$ -diagonal,
4.  $X$  is a  $\omega \Delta_1$ -space with a  $G_\delta(3)$ -diagonal,
5.  $X$  is a  $\omega \Delta_2$ -space with a  $G_\delta(3)$ -diagonal,
6.  $X$  is a  $q, \beta$ -space with a  $G^*_\delta(2)$ -diagonal,
7.  $X$  is a semi-developable space with  $G^*_\delta(2)$ -diagonal,
8.  $X$  is a semimetrizable,  $c$ -stratifiable space,
9.  $X$  is a  $c$ -Nagata  $\beta$ -space,
10.  $X$  is a  $K$ -semimetrizable.

KEYWORDS:  $\omega \Delta$  - space, Semi- developable space,  $K$  -semimetrizable space,  $\beta$  -space,  $G^*_\delta(2)$ -diagonal,  $G_\delta(3)$ -diagonal, regular- $G_\delta$  -diagonal, semi-stratifiable,  $c$  -semi-stratifiable.

## 1. Introduction

A space  $X$  is semimetrizable if there exists a real valued function  $d$  on  $X \times X$  such that

1.  $d(x, y) = d(y, x) \geq 0$ .
2.  $d(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ .
3. for  $M \subset X, x \in \overline{M}$  if and only if  $d(x, M) = \inf \{d(x, y) : y \in M\} = 0$ . If in addition,  $d$  satisfies.
4.  $d(H, K) > 0$  whenever  $H$  and  $K$  are disjoint compact subsets of  $X$ , then  $X$  is said to be  $K$  -semimetrizable (Arhangel'skii, 1966).

Let  $\{G_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of covers of a space  $X$ .

1. Suppose  $\{G_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  satisfies the following property: if,  $x_n \in st(x, G_n)$ , then the sequence  $\langle x_n \rangle$  has a cluster point.

- (a) If, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $G_n$  is an open cover of  $X$ , then  $X$  is called a  $\omega\Delta$ -space (Borges, 1968).  
 (b) If, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $st(x, G_n)$  is an open subset of  $X$ , then  $X$  is called a  $\omega\Delta_1$ -space (Gittings, 1975).  
 (c) If, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x \in \text{Int } st(x, G_n)$ , then  $X$  is called a  $\omega\Delta_2$ -space (Gittings, 1975).

2. If for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\{st(x, G_n)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a local base at  $x$ , then  $X$  is called a semi-developable space. If in addition, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $st(x, G_n)$  is an open subset of  $X$ , then  $X$  is called a semi-developable space.

3. If, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $G_n$  is an open cover of  $X$  and for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\bigcap_n st^3(x, G_n) = \{x\}$ , then  $X$  has a  $G_\delta(3)$ -diagonal.

4. If, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $G_n$  is an open cover of  $X$  and for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\bigcap_n \overline{st^2(x, G_n)} = \{x\}$ , then  $X$  has a  $G_\delta^*(2)$ -diagonal.

5. If, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $st(x, G_n)$  is an open subset of  $X$  and for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\bigcap_n \overline{st(x, G_n)} = \{x\}$ , then  $X$  has a  $S_2$ -diagonal.

6. If, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x \in \text{Int } st(x, G_n)$  and for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\bigcap_n \overline{st(x, G_n)} = \{x\}$ , then  $X$  has a  $\alpha_2$ -diagonal.

7. If, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $G_n$  is an open cover of  $X$  and for any pair of distinct points  $x, y \in X$ , there exist neighborhoods  $U$  and  $V$  of  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively, and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $st(U, G_n) \cap V = \emptyset$ , equivalently,  $st(V, G_n) \cap U = \emptyset$ , then  $X$  has a regular- $G_\delta$ -diagonal.

A COC-map (= countable open covering map) for a topological space  $X$  is a function from  $\mathbb{N} \times X$  into the topology of  $X$  such that for every  $x \in X$ , and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x \in g(n, x)$  and  $g(n+1, x) \subseteq g(n, x)$ . A space  $X$  is called  $\beta$ -space if  $X$  has a COC-map  $g$  such that if  $x \in g(n, x_n)$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then the sequence  $\langle x_n \rangle$  has a cluster point.

A space  $X$  is called  $q$ -space if  $X$  has a COC-map  $g$  such that if  $x_n \in g(n, x)$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then the sequence  $\langle x_n \rangle$  has a cluster point.

A space  $X$  is called  $c$ -semi-stratifiable (Martin, 1973) ( $c$ -stratifiable) 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  $\bigcap \{g(n, K) : n \geq 1\} = K$  ( $\bigcap \{g(n, K) : n \geq 1\} = K$ ).

The COC-map  $g : \mathbb{N} \times X \rightarrow \tau$  is called a  $c$ -semi-stratification ( $c$ -stratification) of  $X$ . A space  $X$  is called  $c$ -Nagata if it is first countable,  $c$ -stratifiable space.

Throughout this paper, all spaces are assumed to be  $T_2$ -spaces unless otherwise stated explicitly. The letter  $\mathbb{N}$  always denotes the set of all positive integers.

## 2. Main results

*Lemma 1* : Every space with a  $G_\delta(3)$ -diagonal has a  $G_\delta^*(2)$ -diagonal.

*Proof.* Let  $\{G_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a  $G_\delta(3)$ -diagonal sequence for  $X$ . We want to prove that  $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} st^2(x, G_n) = \{x\}$  for every  $x \in X$ . Suppose we have  $q \in \bigcap_n \overline{st^2(x, G_n)}$ . For every open set  $U$  such that  $q \in U$  and for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$st^2(x, G_n) \cap U \neq \emptyset.$$

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In particular, if  $G \in G_n$  is such that  $q \in G$  then  $st^2(x, G_n) \cap G \neq \emptyset$ . So,  $q \in st^3(x, G_n)$ . As this holds for all  $n$ , it follows that  $x = q$ .

*Lemma 2:* Any space with a  $G_\delta^*$  (2)-diagonal is a c-stratifiable space.

*Proof.* Let  $\langle G_n \rangle$  be a sequence of open covers of a space  $X$  such that  $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \overline{st^2(x, G_n)} = \{x\}$ .

Define a COC-map  $g$  by

$$g(n, x) = \overline{st(x, G_n)}.$$

We must prove that  $\bigcap g(n, K) = K$  for any compact subset of  $X$ .

Let  $p \notin K$ . Then, for each  $k \in K$ , there exists an integer  $n(k)$  such that  $p \notin \overline{st^2(k, G_{n(k)})}$ .

Therefore there is an open set  $U(k)$  containing  $p$  such that  $U(k) \cap st^2(k, G_{n(k)}) = \emptyset$ . Since  $K$  is compact, we can find a finite number of points  $k_1, k_2, \dots, k_r$  of  $K$  such that  $\{st(k_i, G_{n(k_i)}): i = 1, 2, \dots, r\}$  covers  $K$ . Let  $n = \max\{n(k_i): i = 1, 2, \dots, r\}$ , and  $U = \bigcap_{i=1}^r U(k_i)$ .

Then

$$U \cap st(k, G_n) = \emptyset.$$

That is,  $U \cap g(n, K) = \emptyset$ . This implies  $p \notin \overline{g(n, K)}$ .

*Theorem 1:* Every  $\omega \Delta_1$ -space with  $S_2$ -diagonal is an o-semidevelopable space.

*Proof.* Let  $\{G_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a countable family of covers of a space  $X$  illustrating that  $X$  is a  $\omega \Delta_1$ -space. Since  $X$  has an  $S_2$ -diagonal, there exists a sequence  $\langle v_n : n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  of covers of  $X$  such that, for each  $x \in X$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $st(x, v_n)$  is an open subset of  $X$  and  $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \overline{st(x, v_n)} = \{x\}$ . For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let

$$u_n = \{U : U = (\bigcap_{i=1}^n G_i) \cap (\bigcap_{i=1}^n V_i), G_i \in G_i, V_i \in v_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}.$$

It is easy to see that  $u_{n+1}$  refines  $u_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and that, for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \overline{st(x, u_n)} = \{x\}$ . Furthermore, for each  $x \in X$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$st(x, u_n) = (\bigcap_{i=1}^n st(x, G_i)) \cap (\bigcap_{i=1}^n st(x, v_i))$$

and thus  $st(x, u_n)$  is an open subset of  $X$ . Also it is easy to check that  $\langle u_n : n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  is a  $\omega \Delta_1$ -sequence for  $X$ .

It remains to show that  $\langle u_n : n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  is a semi-development for  $X$ . Suppose instead that  $\langle u_n : n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  is not a semi-development for  $X$ . Then there is a point  $x$ , an open neighborhood  $W$  of  $x$ , and a sequence  $\langle x_n \rangle$  such that for all  $n$ ,  $x_n \in st(x, u_n)$  and  $x_n \notin W$ . Since  $\langle u_n : n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  is a  $\omega \Delta_1$ -sequence for  $X$ , the sequence  $\langle x_n \rangle$  has a cluster point  $p$ . Clearly  $p \notin W$  so  $p \neq x$ . By choice of  $\langle v_n : n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$ , there are  $k$  in  $\mathbb{N}$  and a neighborhood  $V$  of  $p$  such that  $V \cap st(x, v_k) = \emptyset$ . Now for  $n \geq k$ ,  $x_n \in st(x, u_n) \subset st(x, u_k) \subset st(x, v_k)$  so  $x_n \notin V$ . This contradicts the fact that  $p$  is a cluster point of  $\langle x_n \rangle$ . Thus  $\langle u_n : n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  is a semi-development for  $X$ .

*Theorem 2:* The following are equivalent for a regular  $\omega \Delta_2$ -space  $X$  :

- (1)  $X$  is semimetrizable;
- (2)  $X$  is semi-stratifiable;
- (3)  $X$  is  $\theta$ -refinable and has a  $G_\delta$ -diagonal;
- (4)  $X$  has a  $G_\delta^*$ -diagonal;

(5)  $X$  has  $\alpha_2$ -diagonal.

(6)  $X$  is semidevelopable.

*Proof.* The only implications requiring comment are (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (6) and (6)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). To prove (5)  $\Rightarrow$

(6), let  $\{G_n\}$  be a countable family of covers of  $X$  illustrating that  $X$  is a  $\omega\Delta_2$ -space. Let

$\langle \nu_n : n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  be an  $\alpha_2$ -sequence for  $X$ . Let the sequence  $\langle u_n : n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  be defined as in the proof

of Theorem 2.3. Since for each  $x \in X$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$Inst(x, u_n) = \left( \bigcap_{i=1}^n Inst(x, G_i) \right) \cap \left( \bigcap_{i=1}^n Inst(x, \nu_i) \right),$$

we have  $x \in Inst(x, u_n)$ . It follows, exactly as before, that  $\langle u_n : n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  is a semi-development for

$X$ . The implication (6)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) follows from (Alexander, 1971), Theorem 1.3.

*Theorem 3:*

For a space  $X$ , the following are equivalent:

1.  $X$  is a  $\omega\Delta_1$ -space with a regular  $G_\delta$ -diagonal,
2.  $X$  is a  $\omega\Delta_2$ -space with a regular  $G_\delta$ -diagonal,
3.  $X$  is a semi-developable space with  $G_\delta(3)$ -diagonal,
4.  $X$  is a  $\omega\Delta_1$ -space with a  $G_\delta(3)$ -diagonal,
5.  $X$  is a  $\omega\Delta_2$ -space with a  $G_\delta(3)$ -diagonal,
6.  $X$  is a  $q, \beta$ -space with a  $G_\delta^*(2)$ -diagonal,
7.  $X$  is a semi-developable space with  $G_\delta^*(2)$ -diagonal,
8.  $X$  is a semimetrizable,  $c$ -stratifiable space,
9.  $X$  is a  $c$ -Nagata  $\beta$ -space,
10.  $X$  is a  $K$ -semimetrizable.

*Proof.* It is clear that  $1 \Rightarrow 2, 3 \Rightarrow 4, 4 \Rightarrow 5, 8 \Rightarrow 9$ .

The implication  $5 \Rightarrow 6$  follows by Lemma 2.5 and since every  $\omega\Delta_2$ -space is a  $q, \beta$ -space. The implication  $6 \Rightarrow 7$  follows by facts every  $\beta$ -space with a  $G_\delta^*$ -diagonal is a semi-stratifiable space, every  $q$ -space with a  $G_\delta^*$ -diagonal is first countable and every first countable, semi-stratifiable space is a semimetrizable.

The implication  $7 \Rightarrow 8$  follows by Lemma 2.2 and since every  $T_0$  semi-developable space is a semimetrizable.

The implication  $9 \Rightarrow 8$  follows by facts every  $c$ -stratifiable,  $\beta$ -space is semi-stratifiable and every first countable, semi-stratifiable space is a semimetrizable.

$1 \Rightarrow 8$  follows by Lemma 2.2, Theorem 2.3.

For  $2 \Rightarrow 3$ . Suppose that  $X$  is a  $\omega\Delta_2$ -space with a regular- $G_\delta$ -diagonal. Every space with a regular- $G_\delta$ -diagonal has a  $G_\delta^*$ -diagonal. By Theorem 2.4,  $X$  is a semi-developable space. Let  $\{G_n\}$  be a semi-development and regular- $G_\delta$ -diagonal-sequence. To see that  $G_n$  satisfies the  $G_\delta(3)$ -diagonal-sequence, let  $x \neq y$  points in  $X$ ,  $U$  and  $V$  open sets containing  $x$  and  $y$  respectively, and  $n_0$  an integer such that if  $n > n_0$ , then no member of  $G_n$  meets both  $U$  and  $V$ . Let  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  be integers such that  $st(x, G_{n_1}) \subset U$  and  $st(y, G_{n_2}) \subset V$ .  $N = \max\{n_0, n_1, n_2\}$ . Then no member of  $G_n$  meets both  $st(x, G_n)$  and  $st(y, G_n)$ . Thus  $y \notin st^3(y, G_n)$ .

For  $10 \Leftrightarrow 3$ . Let  $G_n = \{1/n \text{ sphere centered at } x\}$ . It is clear that  $\langle G_n \rangle$  is a sequence of covers of  $X$  and  $y \in st(x, G_n)$  if and only if  $d(x, y) < 1/n$ . Therefore  $\langle G_n \rangle$  is a semidevelopment for  $X$ . Now let  $G_n = \{\text{interior of } 1/n \text{ sphere centered at } x\}$ . It is clear that  $\langle G_n \rangle$  is a sequence of open covers of  $X$  and if  $y \in st(x, G_n)$  then  $d(x, y) < 1/n$ . If there exist distinct points  $x$  and

$y$  such that  $y \in st^3(x, G_n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then there are sequences  $\langle x_n \rangle$  and  $\langle y_n \rangle$  such that  $x_n \in st(x, G_n)$ ,  $y_n \in st(y, G_n)$  and  $y_n \in st(x_n, G_n)$ . Let  $K_1 = \{x\} \cup \{x_n : n \in \omega\}$  and  $K_2 = \{y\} \cup \{y_n : n \in \omega\}$ . We may assume  $K_1 \cap K_2 = \emptyset$  with both sets compact. But  $d(K_1, K_2) = 0$ , a contradiction.

Conversely, let  $G_n$  be a semi-development and  $G_\delta(3)$ -diagonal-sequence for  $X$ . Define a semimetric  $d$  on  $X$  by  $d(x, y) = 1/\inf \{j \in \mathbb{N} : x \notin st(y, G_j)\}$ . From the definition  $x \in st(y, G_n)$  if and only if  $d(x, y) < 1/n$ . Assume there exist disjoint compacta  $K$  and  $H$  such that  $d(K, H) = 0$ . We can find two sequences  $\langle x_n \rangle$  and  $\langle y_n \rangle$  in  $K$  and  $H$  respectively, such that  $d(x_n, y_n) < 1/n$ . Note that  $X$  is sequential and  $T_2$  so that  $\langle x_n \rangle$  and  $\langle y_n \rangle$  have convergent subsequences. Let  $\langle x_{n_i} \rangle$  and  $\langle y_{n_i} \rangle$  be subsequences of  $\langle x_n \rangle$  and  $\langle y_n \rangle$  converging to  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively. Without loss of generality, we may assume  $d(x, x_{n_i}) < 1/i$  and  $d(y, y_{n_i}) < 1/i$  for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $d(x_{n_i}, y_{n_i}) < 1/i$ , it follows that there is no  $k$  such that  $y \notin st^3(x, G_k)$ . This contradiction completes the proof.

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