

## On the semi-developable spaces

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The notation and terminology used in this paper are to follow those of J. Dugundji [2] mainly and any mapping is to be continuous surjective. We shall assume that the terminology of neighborhood is used in the general sense, not necessarily open. We define semi-developable spaces due to Charles C. Alexander [1] as follows.

Let  $\mathcal{A} = \{g_n | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a sequence of (not necessarily open) covers of a space  $X$ , where  $\mathbb{N}$  is the set of positive integers.  $\mathcal{A}$  is a *semi-development* for  $X$  if and only if for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\{\text{St}(x, g_n) | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a neighborhood base at  $x$ . A space  $X$  is called *semi-developable* if and only if there exists a semi-development for  $X$ .

A mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is *pseudo-open* if for each  $y \in Y$  and any open neighborhood  $U$  of  $f^{-1}(y)$ , it follows that  $y \in \text{Int}[f(U)]$ .

For later use, we note that semi-developability is hereditary and every semi-developable space has a semi-development  $\{g_n | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  having the property  $g_{n+1} < g_n$  ( $g_{n+1}$  is a refinement of  $g_n$ ) for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Semi-developments having this property shall be called *refining semi-developments*. We may assume that every semi-developable space has a refining semi-development [1].

We shall use the following results due to Charles C. Alexander and M. Henry for some parts of our discussion:

(A) A space  $X$  is semi-metrizable if and only if it is a semi-developable  $T_0$ -space [1].

(B) The image of a semi-metric space under an open finite to one mapping is semi-metrizable [3].

Now we prove the following.

**THEOREM 1.** *If a space  $X$  is the union of a locally finite family of open semi-developable subspaces, then  $X$  is also semi-developable.*

*Proof.* Let  $X = \bigcup \{A_i | i \in I\}$  be the union of a locally finite family of open semi-developable subspaces and  $\mathcal{A}_i = \{g_n^i | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a refining semi-development for the space  $A_i$  for each  $i \in I$ . Consider the set  $\mathcal{A} = \{g_n | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , where  $g_n$  is the union  $\bigcup \{g_n^i | i \in I\}$ . We shall show that  $\mathcal{A}$  is a semi-development for  $X$ . Each  $g_n \in \mathcal{A}$  is a cover of  $X$  since every  $g_n^i, i \in I$ , is a cover of  $A_i$ . Suppose that  $U_x$  is any neighborhood of an arbitrary point  $x \in X$ . Since each  $A_i, i \in I$ , is open in  $X$  and  $\{A_i | i \in I\}$  is a locally finite family, there is a neighborhood  $v_x$  of  $x$  such that  $v_x = \text{St}(x, g_n^i)$  for some  $n_i \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $v_x \subset U_x$  for  $x \in A_i, i \in I$ . Hence,  $\text{St}(x, g_n) \subset U_x$  where  $n = \text{Max}\{n_i | x \in A_i\}$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{A} = \{g_n | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a semi-development for the space  $X$ .

**COROLLARY.** *If  $X$  is the union of a locally finite family of open semi-metric subspaces, then  $X$  is a semi-metric space.*

*Proof.* It clear that  $X$  is a  $T_0$ -space. But it is semi-developable by (A) and hence semi-metric.

**THEOREM 2.** *The product space  $X = \prod \{X_\alpha | \alpha \in \mathcal{A}\}$  of topological spaces is semi-*

developable if and only if  $\aleph(\mathcal{A}) \leq \aleph_0$  and each space  $X_\alpha, \alpha \in \mathcal{A}$ , is semi-developable.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\aleph(\mathcal{A}) > \aleph_0$ . Then  $X$  is not first countable. But the semi-developable space  $X$  is first countable. Hence  $\aleph(\mathcal{A}) \leq \aleph_0$ . The semi-developability is hereditary [1]. Thus each  $X_\alpha, \alpha \in \mathcal{A}$ , is semi-developable.

Now conversely we consider firstly the case  $\aleph(\mathcal{A}) = \aleph_0$ , where we can set  $\mathcal{A} = N$ . Let  $X$  be a semi-developable space with  $\Delta_i = \{g^n | n \in N\}$  as semi-development for each  $i \in N$ .

Set  $g_{i_1, \dots, j_n} = \{\langle G_{i_1} \rangle \cap \dots \cap \langle G_{j_n} \rangle | G_{i_1} \in g^{i_1}, \dots, G_{j_n} \in g^{j_n}\}$  for a finite set  $\{i_1, \dots, j_n\} \subset N$  of distinct elements and  $\{m_1, \dots, n\} \subset N$ , where  $\langle G_{i_m} \rangle = P_i^{-1}(G_{i_m})$  is a slab in  $X$ .

We will construct a semi-development for  $X$  as following. Let  $\Delta = \{g_{i_1, \dots, j_n} | i_1, \dots, j_n, m_1, \dots, n \in N\}$  where  $\{i_1, \dots, j_n\}$  is a finite set of distinct elements of  $N$ . The set  $\Delta$  is a countable set of covers of  $X$ . Consider a fixed  $g_{i_1, \dots, j_n}$ . For any  $x \in X$ , there exists  $\langle G_{p_q} \rangle$  such that  $x \in \langle G_{p_q} \rangle$  and  $G_{p_q} \in g^{p_q}$  for each  $p = i_1, \dots, j_n, q = m_1, \dots, n$ . Thus  $x \in \langle G_{i_1} \rangle \cap \dots \cap \langle G_{j_n} \rangle \in g_{i_1, \dots, j_n}$ . Hence  $\bigcup g_{i_1, \dots, j_n} = \bigcup \{\langle G_{i_1} \rangle \cap \dots \cap \langle G_{j_n} \rangle | G_{i_1} \in g^{i_1}, \dots, G_{j_n} \in g^{j_n}\} = X$ .

For any neighborhood  $U_x$  of  $x \in X$ , there exists a neighborhood  $V_x$  of  $x$  such that  $V_x = \langle G_i \rangle \cap \dots \cap \langle G_j \rangle \subset U_x$ , where  $G_i \subset X_{i_1}, \dots, G_j \subset X_{j_n}$  are neighborhoods of  $x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{j_n}$  respectively with  $P_i(x) = x_{i_1}, \dots, P_j(x) = x_{j_n}$ . Since each  $X_k, k \in N$ , is semi-developable, there exist  $\text{St}(x_{i_1}, g^{i_1}) \subset G_{i_1}, \dots, \text{St}(x_{j_n}, g^{j_n}) \subset G_{j_n}$ .

Hence  $\langle \text{St}(x_{i_1}, g^{i_1}) \rangle \cap \dots \cap \langle \text{St}(x_{j_n}, g^{j_n}) \rangle \subset V_x \subset U_x$ . Clearly  $\langle \text{St}(x, g^{i_1}) \rangle \supset \text{St}(x, g_{i_1, \dots, j_n}), \dots, \langle \text{St}(x, g^{j_n}) \rangle \supset \text{St}(x, g_{i_1, \dots, j_n})$ .

Hence  $\text{St}(x, g_{i_1, \dots, j_n}) \subset \langle \text{St}(x_{i_1}, g^{i_1}) \rangle \cap \dots \cap \langle \text{St}(x_{j_n}, g^{j_n}) \rangle$  and therefore  $\text{St}(x, g_{i_1, \dots, j_n}) \subset U_x$ . We shall show that  $\text{St}(x, g_{i_1, \dots, j_n})$  is a neighborhood of  $x$ . For any point  $a \in \langle \text{St}(x_{i_1}, g^{i_1}) \rangle \cap \dots \cap \langle \text{St}(x_{j_n}, g^{j_n}) \rangle$ , there exist  $G_{i_1}, \dots, G_{j_n}$  with  $a_{i_1}, x_{i_1} \in G_{i_1} \in g^{i_1}, \dots, a_{j_n}, x_{j_n} \in G_{j_n} \in g^{j_n}$ . Hence  $a, x \in \langle G_i \rangle \cap \dots \cap \langle G_j \rangle \subset \text{St}(x, g_{i_1, \dots, j_n})$ . Hence  $\langle \text{St}(x_{i_1}, g^{i_1}) \rangle \cap \dots \cap \langle \text{St}(x_{j_n}, g^{j_n}) \rangle \subset \text{St}(x, g_{i_1, \dots, j_n})$  and then  $\text{St}(x, g_{i_1, \dots, j_n})$  is a neighborhood of  $x$  since  $\langle \text{St}(x_{i_1}, g^{i_1}) \rangle \cap \dots \cap \langle \text{St}(x_{j_n}, g^{j_n}) \rangle$  is a neighborhood of  $x$ . Hence  $\Delta$  is a semi-development for  $X$ . For the second case  $\aleph(\mathcal{A}) < \aleph_0$ , is clear the sufficiency

**THEOREM 3.** *If  $X$  is semi-developable and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a pseudo open finite to one mapping, then  $Y$  is semi-developable.*

*Proof.* Let  $\Delta = \{g_n | n \in N\}$  be a semi-development for  $X$ . Set  $\Delta' = \{f(g_n) | n \in N\}$ , where  $f(g_n) = \{f(G) | G \in g_n\}$ . For any neighborhood  $U_y$  of a point  $y \in Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(U_y)$  is a neighborhood of  $f^{-1}(y)$ . Since  $f$  is finite to one mapping, we can write  $f^{-1}(y) = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k\}$ . There exists  $n \in N$  such that  $\text{St}(x_i, g_n) \subset f^{-1}(U_y)$ , for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . If  $a \in \text{St}(y, f(g_n))$ , there exists  $f(G)$  such that  $a, y \in f(G)$  and  $G \in g_n$ . But  $G \subset \text{St}(f^{-1}(y), g_n)$ , and hence  $a \in f(G) \subset f[\text{St}(f^{-1}(y), g_n)]$ . Conversely, if  $b \in f[\text{St}(f^{-1}(y), g_n)]$  there is  $G \in g_n$  such that  $b, y \in f(G)$  and  $G \in g_n$ . Hence  $b \in \text{St}(y, f(g_n))$ . Therefore we obtained  $\text{St}(y, f(g_n)) = f[\text{St}(f^{-1}(y), g_n)]$ . Since  $\text{St}(f^{-1}(y), g_n) \subset f^{-1}(U_y)$ ,  $f[\text{St}(f^{-1}(y), g_n)] = \text{St}(y, f(g_n)) \subset U_y$ . The fact that  $f$  is pseudo-open and  $\text{St}(f^{-1}(y), g_n)$  is a neighborhood of  $f^{-1}(y)$  implies that  $\text{St}(y, f(g_n))$  is a neighborhood of  $y$ . Thus  $\Delta'$  is a semi-development for  $Y$ .

**COROLLARY.** *The image of a semi-metric space under a pseudo-open finite to one mapping is semi-metrizable.*

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be a semi-metric space and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a pseudo-open finite to one mapping. Since  $X$  is  $T_0$  and semi-developable,  $Y$  is  $T_0$  and semi-developable. Hence  $Y$  is a semi-metric space by (A).

REMARK. The above corollary is a generalization of the (B) which has been proved by M. Henry through some different methods used in the semi-stratifiable spaces.

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