

RELATIVE SEMI-METRICS

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**Abstract:** In this paper we study relative properties of semi-metrizable type and give relative versions of the Alexandroff-Urysohn Metrization Theorem.

**Theorem.** For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ , the following are equivalent:

- 1)  $Y$  is semi-metrizable in  $X$ ,
- 2) Fréchet in  $X$  and symmetrizable in  $X$ .
- 3)  $Y$  is first countable in  $X$  and semi-stratifiable in  $X$ ,
- 4)  $Y$  is first countable in  $X$  and a semi-stratifiable subspace of  $X$ ,
- 5)  $Y$  is first countable in  $X$  and a semi-metric subspace of  $X$ .

**Theorem.** For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ ,  $Y$  is Ometrizable in  $X$  if and only if there is a regular development for  $Y$  in  $X$ .

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## 1. Introduction

In [1] and [2] Arhangel'skii and Gordienko introduce properties of relative symmetrizable type as a platform for a study of relative metrizable type. Along the same lines we introduce properties of relative semi-metric type related to but different from the relative properties of symmetrizable type of [1] and [2]. The goal of this paper is to investigate the nature of these relative properties of semi-metrizable type and use them as a platform for finding relative versions of the Alexandroff-Urysohn Metrization Theorem.

For  $Y \subseteq X$  a function  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is called a symmetric on  $(Y, X)$  provided for all  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$ :

- s1.  $d(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ ;
- s2.  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ , [1].

Clearly if  $d$  is a symmetric on  $(X, X)$  then  $d$  is a symmetric on  $X$  in the usual sense. For a space  $X$ ,  $Y \subseteq X$  and a symmetric  $d$  on  $(Y, X)$ , for all  $x \in X$  and  $\epsilon > 0$  let  $B_d(x, \epsilon) = \{y \in X : d(x, y) < \epsilon\}$  and  $O_d(x, \epsilon) = \text{int}(B_d(x, \epsilon))$ . Unless it will cause confusion, we will normally drop the subscript.

Recall that a space  $X$  is said to be symmetrizable with respect to a symmetric  $d$  provided  $U \subseteq X$  is open if and only if for every  $x \in U$  there is an  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $B(x, \epsilon) \subseteq U$ . A space  $X$  is said to be semi-metrizable provided there is a symmetric  $d$  on  $X$  such that for all  $x \in X$  the collection  $\{B(x, \frac{1}{n}) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a neighborhood base for  $x$ .

For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$  we say that

1.  $Y$  is *symmetrizable in  $X$*  provided there is a symmetric  $d$  on  $(Y, X)$  such that for every  $U \subseteq X$ ,  $U \cap Y = \text{int}(U) \cap Y$  if and only if for every  $y \in U \cap Y$  there is an  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $B(y, \epsilon) \subseteq U$ .
2.  $Y$  is *semi-metrizable in  $X$*  provided there is a symmetric  $d$  on  $(Y, X)$  such that for all  $x \in Y$  the collection  $\{B(x, \frac{1}{n}) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a neighborhood base for  $x$  (in the space  $X$ ).
3.  $Y$  is *3semi-metrizable in  $X$*  provided there is a semi-metric  $d$  on  $(Y, X)$  such that for every open set  $U$  and  $x \in U$  there is an  $\epsilon > 0$  with  $B(x, \epsilon) \cap Y \subseteq U$ .
4.  $Y$  is *Osemi-metrizable in  $X$*  provided there is a semi-metric  $d$  on  $(Y, X)$  such that for all  $x \in \overline{Y}$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $x \in O(x, \epsilon)$ .
5.  $Y$  is *strongly semi-metrizable in  $X$*  provided there is a symmetric  $d$  on  $(Y, X)$  which is an Osemi-metric and a 3semi-metric on  $(Y, X)$ .

**Theorem 1.** (see [3]) *The following are equivalent for a space  $X$ :*

1.  $X$  is semi-metrizable;
2.  $X$  is first countable and symmetrizable;
3.  $X$  is Frechet and symmetrizable;
4.  $X$  is first countable and semi-stratifiable.

We give several relative versions of Theorem 1. For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ ,  $Y$  is semi-metrizable in  $X$  if and only if  $Y$  is first countable in  $X$  and a semi-stratifiable subspace of  $X$ , Theorem 15, if and only if  $Y$  is Fréchet in  $X$  and symmetrizable in  $X$ , Corollary 11. A subspace  $Y$  is 3semi-metrizable in  $X$  if and only if  $Y$  is first countable in  $X$  and 3semi-stratifiable in  $X$ , Theorem 19. A subspace  $Y$  is strongly semi-metrizable in  $X$  if and only if  $Y$  is strongly semi-stratifiable in  $X$  and strongly first countable in  $X$ , Theorem 26.

Suppose  $Y$  is a subset of a space  $X$ . A sequence  $\{\mathcal{G}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of open covers of  $X$  (of collections of open subsets of  $X$  such that, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $Y \subseteq \cup \mathcal{G}_n$ ) is said to be a (2-) *development for  $Y$  in  $X$*  provided for all  $y \in Y$  if  $U$  is an open neighborhood of  $y$  in  $X$  then there is an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $st(y, \mathcal{G}_n) \subseteq U$ , [6]. Clearly if  $Y$  is 2-developable in  $X$  then  $Y$  is a developable subspace of  $X$  and every point of  $Y$  has a countable local base in  $X$ . However a closed metrizable subset of a compact space  $X$  need not be 2- developable in  $X$ , Example 3. We say that  $Y$  is *strong developable in  $X$*  provided there is a development  $\{\mathcal{G}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  for  $Y$  in  $X$  such that for all  $x \in X$  and every open neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  there is an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $st(x, \mathcal{G}_n) \cap Y \subseteq U$ . Such a collection is called a *strong development for  $Y$  in  $X$* . If  $Y$  is developable in  $X$  then  $Y$  is Osemi-metrizable in  $X$ , Theorem 27, but need not be 3semi-metrizable in  $X$ , Example 5. If  $Y$  is strongly developable in  $X$  then  $Y$  is strongly semi-metrizable in  $X$ , Theorem 29.

We say that a semi-metric  $d$  on  $(Y, X)$  is a *metric on  $(Y, X)$*  ( $Y$  is metrizable in  $X$ ) provided  $d$  satisfies the triangle inequality. Note that this version of a metric on  $(Y, X)$  different from the definition of a metric on  $(Y, X)$  given in [1]. If  $d$  is an Osemi-metric or a strong semi-metric on  $(Y, X)$  that satisfies the triangle inequality then we say  $d$  is an *Ometric* or a *strong metric on  $(Y, X)$* . A semi-metric  $d$  on  $(Y, X)$  is a *middle metric on  $(Y, X)$*  ( $Y$  is middle metrizable in  $X$ ) provided for all  $x, z \in X$  and  $y \in Y$ ,  $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$ . For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ ,  $Y$  is metrizable in  $X$  if and only if there is a regular 2-development for  $Y$ , Theorem 30. If a regular space  $X$  has a dense subspace  $Y$  which is strongly metrizable in  $X$  then  $X$  is metrizable, Theorem 37.

For a collection  $\mathcal{B}$  of subsets of a set  $X$ ,  $x \in X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ ,  $(\mathcal{B})_x = \{B \in \mathcal{B} : x \in B\}$  and  $(\mathcal{B})_Y = \cup\{(\mathcal{B})_y : y \in Y\}$ . Suppose  $Y$  a subspace of a space  $X$ .

When a set  $U$  is said to be open (closed), we mean open (closed) with respect to the topology on  $X$  even if  $U$  happens to be a subset of  $Y$ . A collection  $\mathcal{B}$  of open subsets of the space  $X$  is said to be an *outerbase for  $Y$  in  $X$*  provided for every  $y \in Y$  the collection  $(\mathcal{B})_y$  is a local base for  $y$  in  $X$ . Throughout this paper all spaces are assumed to be  $T_2$ .

## 2. Basic Properties and Definitions

**Theorem 2.** (see [7]) *Let  $X$  be a space, and  $d$  be a symmetric on  $X$ . Then:*

- (1)  $X$  is symmetrizable with respect to  $d$  if and only if for each  $H \subseteq X$   $H$  is closed if and only if  $d(x, H) > 0$  for all  $x \in X \setminus H$ .
- (2)  $X$  is semi-metrizable with respect to  $d$  if and only if for each  $x \in X$  and  $H \subseteq X$   $x \in \overline{H}$  if and only if  $d(x, H) = 0$ .

The following gives natural relative versions of these characterizations of symmetrizable and semi-metric spaces.

**Theorem 3.** *Suppose  $X$  is a space,  $Y \subseteq X$  and  $d$  a symmetric on  $(Y, X)$ . Then:*

- (1)  $Y$  is symmetrizable in  $X$  with respect to  $d$  if and only if for each  $H \subseteq X$ ,  $H \cap Y = \overline{H} \cap Y$  if and only if  $d(y, H) > 0$  for all  $y \in Y \setminus H$ .
- (2)  $Y$  is semi-metrizable in  $X$  with respect to  $d$  if and only if for each  $y \in Y$  and  $H \subseteq X$ ,  $y \in \overline{H}$  if and only if  $d(y, H) = 0$ .

For a symmetric  $d$  on  $(Y, X)$  consider the following conditions from [1]:

- 01) for every closed subset  $H$  of  $X$ ,  $d(y, H) > 0$  for all  $y \in Y \setminus H$ ;
- 02) if  $H \subseteq Y$  and  $d(x, H) > 0$  for all  $x \in X \setminus H$  then  $H$  is closed in  $X$ ;
- 03) for every closed subset  $H$  of  $X$ ,  $d(x, H \cap Y) > 0$  for all  $x \in X \setminus H$ ;
- 04) if  $y \in Y$  and  $H \subseteq X$  such that  $d(y, H) > 0$  then  $y \notin \overline{H}$ .

In [1] they say that a symmetric on  $(Y, X)$  satisfying conditions 01), 02) and 03) *defines  $Y$  in  $X$*  and if it also satisfies condition 04) the symmetric *properly defines  $Y$  in  $X$* . The following lemma gives alternate characterizations of conditions 01) – 04).

**Lemma 4.** *For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ , symmetric  $d$  on  $(Y, X)$  satisfies:*

1. condition 01) if and only if for every open  $U \subseteq X$  and each  $y \in U \cap Y$  there is an  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $B(y, \epsilon) \subseteq U$ .
2. condition 02) if and only if for each  $U \subseteq X$  with  $Y \subseteq U$ , if for all  $x \in U$

there is an  $\epsilon_x > 0$  such that  $B(x, \epsilon_x) \subseteq U$  then  $U$  is open.

3. condition 03) if and only if for every open  $U \subseteq X$  and each  $x \in U$  there is an  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $B(x, \epsilon) \cap Y \subseteq U$ .
4. condition 04) if and only if for each  $x \in Y$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $x \in O_d(x, \epsilon)$ .

**Lemma 5.** For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ , a symmetric  $d$  on  $(Y, X)$  is a semi-metric on  $(Y, X)$  if and only if  $d$  satisfies conditions 01) and 04).

We say that a subspace  $Y$  is *first countable in  $X$*  provided every point of  $Y$  has a countable neighborhood base in the space  $X$ . If  $Y$  is first countable in  $X$  and for every  $x \in X \setminus Y$  there is a countable collection  $\{V_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of open neighborhoods of  $x$  such that for every open neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  there is an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $V_n \cap Y \subseteq U$ , we say that  $Y$  is *strongly first countable in  $X$* . Clearly if  $Y$  is (strongly) semi-metrizable in  $X$  then  $Y$  is (strongly) first countable in  $X$ .

**Theorem 6.** For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ , the following are equivalent:

1. there is a symmetric on  $(Y, X)$  satisfying conditions 01) and 04),
2.  $Y$  is semi-metrizable in  $X$ ,
3.  $Y$  is first countable in  $X$  and a semi-metrizable subspace of  $X$

*Proof.* (1 $\leftrightarrow$ 2) Lemma 5.

(2  $\rightarrow$  3) If  $d$  is a semi-metric on  $(Y, X)$  then  $d|_Y$  is a semi-metric on  $(Y, Y)$  and so  $Y$  is a semi-metric subspace of  $X$ . As noted earlier if  $Y$  is semi-metrizable in  $X$  it is first countable in  $X$ .

(3  $\rightarrow$  2) Suppose  $d : Y \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is a semi-metric on  $Y$  and note that for all  $x \in Y$  and  $H \subseteq Y$ ,  $d(x, H) = 0$  if and only if  $x \in cl_Y(H)$ . For each  $y \in Y$  let  $\{G_n(y) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a local base for  $y$  in  $X$  such that  $G_1(y) = X$ ,  $G_{n+1}(y) \subseteq G_n(y)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $Y \cap G_n(y) \subseteq B_d(y, \frac{1}{n})$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$ . For each  $x \in X \setminus Y$  and  $y \in Y$  let  $m(x, y) = \min\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x \notin G_n(y)\}$ . Define  $d^* : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} d^*(x, x) &= 0 \text{ for all } x \in X, \\ d^*(x, y) &= d(x, y) \text{ for all } x, y \in Y, \\ d^*(x, y) &= 1 \text{ for all } x, y \in X \setminus Y \text{ with } x \neq y, \\ d^*(x, y) &= d^*(y, x) = \frac{1}{m(x, y)} \text{ for all } x \in X \setminus Y \text{ and } y \in Y. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly  $d^*$  is a symmetric on  $X$ . We will show that  $d^*$  is a semi-metric on  $(Y, X)$  using Theorem 3.

Let  $H \subseteq X$  and  $y \in Y$ . Suppose  $d^*(y, H) = 0$ . For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  let  $x_n \in H$  such that  $d^*(x_n, y) < \frac{1}{n}$ . Let  $A = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in Y\}$ . If  $|A| = \omega$  then  $0 = d^*(y, \{x_n : n \in A\}) = d(y, \{x_n : n \in A\})$  and so  $y \in cl_Y(\{x_n : n \in A\}) \subseteq \overline{H}$ . Suppose that  $A$  is finite and let  $m^* = \max\{A \cup \{0\}\}$  and  $V$  be an open

neighborhood of  $y$  in  $X$ . Then there is an  $n > m^*$  such that  $G_n(y) \subseteq V$ . For all  $m \geq n$ , since  $x_m \in X \setminus Y$  and  $d^*(y, x_m) < \frac{1}{m} \leq \frac{1}{n}$ ,  $x_m \in G_n(y)$ . Thus  $y \in \overline{\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}} \subseteq \overline{H}$ . Hence if  $d^*(y, H) = 0$  then  $y \in \overline{H}$ .

Suppose that  $y \in \overline{H}$ . For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  let  $x_n \in H \cap G_n(y)$ . Notice that if  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x_n \in Y$  then since  $G_n(y) \cap Y \subseteq B_d(y, \frac{1}{n})$ ,  $d^*(y, x_n) = d(y, x_n) < \frac{1}{n}$ . If  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x_n \in X \setminus Y$  then since  $x_n \in G_n(y)$ ,  $m(x, y) > n$  and so  $d^*(y, x_n) < \frac{1}{n}$ . Hence  $d^*(y, H) \leq d^*(y, \{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}) = 0$ . Thus if  $y \in \overline{H}$  then  $d^*(y, H) = 0$ . Therefore by Theorem 3,  $d^*$  is a semi-metric on  $(Y, X)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 7.** *For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ , a symmetric  $d$  on  $(Y, X)$  is a 3semi-metric on  $(Y, X)$  if and only if it satisfies conditions 01), 03) and 04).*

For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ , it is readily seen that if  $d$  is a symmetric on  $(Y, X)$  satisfying the condition that for all  $x \in \overline{Y}$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $x \in O(x, \epsilon)$  then  $d$  satisfies both conditions 02) and 04).

**Corollary 8.** *For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ , if  $d$  is a strong semi-metric (Osemi-metric) on  $(Y, X)$  then  $d$  satisfies conditions 01) through 04) (conditions 01), 02) and 04)).*

Before we continue let us give examples distinguishing the relative properties of semi-metrizable type discussed here.

1. There is a space  $X$  with a subspace  $Y$  with a symmetric on  $(Y, X)$  satisfying conditions 01) through 03) ( $Y$  is defined in  $X$ ) but  $Y$  is not semi-metrizable in  $X$ , Example 1.
2. There is a space  $X$  with a subspace  $Y$  which is both Osemi-metrizable in  $X$  and 3semi-metrizable in  $X$  but not defined in  $X$ , Example 7.
3. There is a space  $X$  with a subspace  $Y$  with a symmetric on  $(Y, X)$  satisfying conditions 01) through 04) ( $Y$  is properly defined in  $X$ ) but  $Y$  is not strongly semi-metrizable in  $X$ , Example 8.
4. There is a space  $X$  with a subspace  $Y$  such that  $Y$  is Osemi-metrizable in  $X$  but not 3semi-metrizable in  $X$ , Example 3.
5. There is a space  $X$  with a subspace  $Y$  such that  $Y$  is 3semi-metrizable in  $X$  but not Osemi-metrizable in  $X$ , Example 2. In fact no symmetric on  $(Y, X)$  can satisfy both conditions 01) and 02).
6. There is a space  $X$  with a subspace  $Y$  such that  $Y$  is semi-metrizable in  $X$  but neither Osemi-metrizable in  $X$  or 3semi-metrizable in  $X$ , Example 4.

Recall that if a space  $X$  is symmetrizable with respect to the symmetric  $d$ ,  $\{x_n : n < \omega\} \subseteq X$  and  $x \in X$  then the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $x_n \rightarrow x$ ;
- (ii)  $d(x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$ ;
- (iii) for all  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\{x_n : n < \omega\} \setminus B(x, \epsilon)$  is finite, see [7].

This often used property of symmetrizable spaces has natural relative versions.

**Lemma 9.** For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ , suppose  $Y$  is symmetrizable in  $X$  with respect to the symmetric  $d$  on  $(Y, X)$ ,  $\{x_n : n < \omega\} \subseteq X$  and  $y \in Y$ . The following are equivalent:

- (i)  $x_n \rightarrow y$ ;
- (ii)  $d(x_n, y) \rightarrow 0$ ;
- (iii) for all  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\{x_n : n < \omega\} \setminus B(y, \epsilon)$  is finite.

The following is also a relative version of this property that we will need later.

**Lemma 10.** Suppose  $d$  is a symmetric on  $(Y, X)$  satisfying condition 02) and 03). For  $\{y_n : n < \omega\} \subseteq Y$  and  $x \in X$  the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $y_n \rightarrow x$ ;
- (ii)  $d(y_n, x) \rightarrow 0$ ;
- (iii) for all  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\{y_n : n < \omega\} \setminus B(x, \epsilon)$  is finite.

We say that a subspace  $Y$  of  $X$  is *Fréchet in  $X$*  provided for every  $A \subseteq X$  and every  $y \in \overline{A} \cap Y$  there is a sequence in  $A$  converging to  $y$ . Clearly if  $Y$  is first countable in  $X$  then it is Fréchet in  $X$ . The following corollary to Theorem 6 follows from Lemma 9 and the characterization of condition 04) in Lemma 4.

**Corollary 11.** For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ ,  $Y$  is semi-metrizable in  $X$  if and only if  $Y$  is Fréchet in  $X$  and symmetrizable in  $X$ .

### 3. First Countable Semi-Stratifiable Spaces are Semi-Metrizable

A space  $X$  is semi-stratifiable if there is a function  $G$  which assigns to each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and closed  $H \subseteq X$ , an open set  $G_n(H)$  containing  $H$  such that:

- (i)  $H = \bigcap \{G_n(H) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ;
- (ii) if  $H \subseteq K$  then  $G_n(H) \subseteq G_n(K)$ , [7].

Equivalently, a space  $X$  is semi-stratifiable iff there exists a function  $g : \mathbb{N} \times X \rightarrow T(X)$  such that:

- (i) for all  $x \in X$ ,  $\{x\} = \cap\{g_n(x) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ;
- (ii) if for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $y \in g_n(x_n)$  then  $x_n \rightarrow y$ , [7].

We say that  $Y$  is *3semi-stratifiable in  $X$*  provided there exists a function  $G$  which assigns to each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and closed  $H \subseteq X$ , an open set  $G_n(H)$  containing  $H \cap Y$  such that:

- (i)  $\cap\{G_n(H) : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq H$ ;
- (ii) if  $H \subseteq K$  then  $G_n(H) \subseteq G_n(K)$ .

Clearly if  $Y = X$  then this is just the definition of semi-stratifiable.

**Lemma 12.** *A subspace  $Y$  is 3semi-stratifiable in  $X$  if and only if there exists a function  $g : \mathbb{N} \times X \rightarrow T(X)$  such that*

- (i) for all  $x \in Y$ ,  $\{x\} = \cap\{g_n(x) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ;
- (ii) if  $x \in X$  and for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $y_n \in Y$  such that  $x \in g_n(y_n)$  then  $y_n \rightarrow x$ .

Suppose  $Y$  is 3semi-stratifiable in  $X$  and  $g : \mathbb{N} \times X \rightarrow T(X)$  satisfying the conditions of Lemma 12. Then the function  $h : \mathbb{N} \times X \rightarrow T(X)$  defined by

$$h_n(x) = \begin{cases} g_n(x), & \text{if } x \in Y \\ \phi, & \text{if } x \in X \setminus Y \end{cases}, \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N},$$

satisfies the conditions of Lemma 12 along with the condition

(iii) if  $y \in Y$  and for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x_n \in X$  with  $y \in h_n(x_n)$  then  $x_n \rightarrow y$ . Also the function  $k : \mathbb{N} \times X \rightarrow T(X)$  defined by

$$k_n(x) = \begin{cases} g_n(x), & \text{if } x \in Y \\ X, & \text{if } x \in X \setminus Y \end{cases}, \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N},$$

satisfies the conditions of Lemma 12 along with the condition

(o) for all  $x \in X$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x \in k_n(x)$ .

This suggests more properties of relative semi-stratifiable type relevant to our study. For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ ,

1.  $Y$  is said to be *semi-stratifiable in  $X$*  provided there exists a function  $g : \mathbb{N} \times X \rightarrow T(X)$  such that
  - (i) for all  $x \in Y$ ,  $\{x\} = \cap\{g_n(x) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ;
  - (iii) if  $y \in Y$  and for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x_n \in X$  such that  $y \in g_n(x_n)$  then  $x_n \rightarrow y$ .
2.  $Y$  is said to be *Osemi-stratifiable in  $X$*  provided there exists a function  $g : \mathbb{N} \times X \rightarrow T(X)$  such that
  - (o) for all  $x \in X$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x \in g_n(x)$ ,
  - (i) for all  $y \in Y$ ,  $\{y\} = \cap\{g_n(y) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ,
  - (iii) if  $y \in Y$  and for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x_n \in X$  such that  $y \in g_n(x_n)$  then  $x_n \rightarrow y$ .



3.  $Y$  is said to be *strongly semi-stratifiable in  $X$*  provided there exists a function  $g : \mathbb{N} \times X \rightarrow \mathcal{T}(X)$  such that:

- (o) for all  $x \in X$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x \in g_n(x)$ ,
- (i) for all  $y \in Y$ ,  $\{y\} = \cap\{g_n(y) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ,
- (ii) if  $x \in X$  and for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $y_n \in Y$  such that  $x \in g_n(y_n)$  then  $y_n \rightarrow x$ ,
- (iii) if  $y \in Y$  and for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x_n \in X$  such that  $y \in g_n(x_n)$  then  $x_n \rightarrow y$ .

**Theorem 14.** *For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ ,  $Y$  is *Osemi-stratifiable in  $X$*  if and only if there is a function  $G$  which assigns to each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and closed  $H \subseteq X$ , an open set  $G_n(H)$  containing  $H$  such that*

- (i)  $H \cap Y = (\cap\{G_n(H) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}) \cap Y$ ;
- (ii) if  $H \subseteq K$  then  $G_n(H) \subseteq G_n(K)$ .

Clearly if  $Y$  is semi-stratifiable in  $X$  then  $Y$  is a semi-stratifiable subspace of  $X$  and points of  $Y$  are  $G_\delta$ s in the space  $X$ .

**Lemma 15.** *For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ ,  $Y$  is semi-stratifiable in  $X$  if and only if  $Y$  is a semi-stratifiable subspace and points of  $Y$  are  $G_\delta$ s in the space  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $Y$  is a semi-stratifiable subspace of the space  $X$  and points of  $Y$  are  $G_\delta$ s in the space  $X$ . For each  $y \in Y$  let  $\{G_n(y) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a collection of open subsets of  $X$  such that  $\{y\} = \cap\{G_n(y) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and  $h : \mathbb{N} \times Y \rightarrow \mathcal{T}(X)$  such that

- (i) for all  $y \in Y$ ,  $\{y\} = \cap\{h_n(y) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ;
- (ii) if for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $y \in h_n(x_n)$  then  $x_n \rightarrow y$ .

For each  $y \in Y$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  let  $H_n(y)$  be an open subset of  $X$  such that  $h_n(y) = H_n(y) \cap Y$ . For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \in X$  let

$$g_n(x) = \begin{cases} G_n(x) \cap H_n(x), & \text{if } x \in Y \\ \phi, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The function  $g : \mathbb{N} \times X \rightarrow \mathcal{T}(X)$  satisfies conditions (i) and (iii) above. □

We now can bring together Theorem 6 and Corollary 11 to give a relative version of Theorem 1.

**Theorem 16.** *For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ , the following are equivalent*

- 1)  $Y$  is semi-metrizable in  $X$ ,
- 2) Fréchet in  $X$  and symmetrizable in  $X$ .
- 3)  $Y$  is first countable in  $X$  and semi-stratifiable in  $X$ ,
- 4)  $Y$  is first countable in  $X$  and a semi-stratifiable subspace of  $X$ ,
- 5)  $Y$  is first countable in  $X$  and a semi-metric subspace of  $X$ .

**Corollary 16.** *For a space  $X$ , if  $Y$  is a  $G_\delta$  set and semi-metrizable in  $X$  then  $Y$  is 3semi-metrizable in  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\{G'_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a collection of open subsets of  $X$  such that  $Y = \cap\{G'_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and for all  $n < m$   $G'_n \supseteq G'_m$ . We need to modify the symmetric constructed in Theorem 6. Suppose  $d : Y \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is a semi-metric on  $Y$  For each  $x \in Y$  let  $\{G_n(x) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a local base for  $x$  in  $X$  such that

1.  $G_n(x) \subseteq G'_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,
2.  $G_{n+1}(x) \subseteq G_n(x)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,
3.  $Y \cap G_n(x) \subseteq B(x, \frac{1}{n})$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

For each  $x \in X \setminus Y$  and  $y \in Y$  let  $m(x, y) = \min\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x \notin G_n(y)\}$ . Define  $d^* : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  as follows:

1.  $d^*(x, x) = 0$  for all  $x \in X$ ,
2.  $d^*(x, y) = d(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in Y$ ,
3.  $d^*(x, y) = 1$  for all  $x, y \in X \setminus Y$  with  $x \neq y$ ,
4.  $d^*(x, y) = d^*(y, x) = \frac{1}{m(x, y)}$  for all  $x \in X \setminus Y$  and  $y \in Y$ .

As in Theorem 15,  $d^*$  is a semi-metric on  $(Y, X)$ . Suppose that  $H$  is a closed subset of  $X$ . Let  $x \in X \setminus Y$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x \notin G'_n$ . Then  $d^*(x, H \cap Y) \geq d^*(x, Y) \geq \frac{1}{n} > 0$ . Thus for all  $x \in X \setminus Y$   $d(x, H \cap Y) > 0$ . Since  $H \cap Y$  is closed in  $Y$  and  $d$  is a semi-metric on  $Y$ , for all  $y \in Y \setminus H$   $d^*(y, H \cap Y) = d(y, H \cap Y) > 0$ . Thus  $d^*$  satisfies condition 03). □

The following lemma is essentially Theorem 3 from [1].

**Lemma 17.** *For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ , if  $Y$  is 3semi-metrizable in  $X$  then every subset of  $Y$  which is closed in  $X$  is a  $G_\delta$  set.*

For a space  $X$  and  $Y$  a closed subset of  $X$ , if  $d$  is a semi-metric on  $(Y, X)$  then  $d$  is an  $O$ semi-metric on  $(Y, X)$ . The following theorem follows directly from this observation, Corollary 16 and Lemma 17.

**Theorem 18.** *For a space  $X$  and  $Y$  a closed subset of  $X$ ,  $Y$  is strongly semi-metrizable in  $X$  if and only if  $Y$  is semi-metrizable in  $X$  and a  $G_\delta$  set.*

Note that a closed subset of a space  $X$  can be  $O$ semi-metrizable in  $X$  but not a  $G_\delta$  set, Example 3.

In [8] Heath shows that a space  $X$  is a semi-metric space if and only if there is a function  $g : \mathbb{N} \times X \rightarrow T(X)$  satisfying condition A. That is, there is a function  $g : \mathbb{N} \times X \rightarrow T(X)$  such that

1. for all  $x \in X$ ,  $\{g_n(x) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a neighborhood base for  $x$  in  $X$  and for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $g_{n+1}(x) \subseteq g_n(x)$ ;
2. if  $y \in X$  and for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x_n \in X$  such that  $y \in g_n(x_n)$  then  $x_n \rightarrow y$ .

For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ , we say a function  $g : \mathbb{N} \times X \rightarrow T(X)$  satisfies condition  $A(Y)$  provided

- 1(a) For all  $y \in Y$ ,  $\{g_n(y) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a local base for  $y$  in  $X$  and for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \in X$ ,  $g_{n+1}(x) \subseteq g_n(x)$ .
- (b) For all  $x \in X$  and open neighborhoods  $U$  of  $x$  in  $X$  there is an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $g_n(x) \cap Y \subseteq U$ .
- 2(a) If  $y \in Y$  and for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x_n \in X$  such that  $y \in g_n(x_n)$  then  $x_n \rightarrow y$ .
- (b) If  $x \in X$  and for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $y_n \in Y$  such that  $x \in g_n(y_n)$  then  $y_n \rightarrow x$ .

**Theorem 19.** *For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ , the following are equivalent:*

1.  $Y$  is first countable in  $X$  and 3semi-stratifiable in  $X$ ;
2. there is a function  $g : N \times X \rightarrow T(X)$  satisfying condition  $A(Y)$ ;
3.  $Y$  is 3semi-metrizable in  $X$ .

*Proof.* (1  $\Rightarrow$  2) For all  $y \in Y$  suppose that  $\{V_n(y) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a local base for  $y$  in  $X$  such that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $V_{n+1}(x) \subseteq V_n(x)$ . Suppose  $h : \mathbb{N} \times X \rightarrow \mathcal{T}(X)$  satisfies the conditions of Lemma 12. For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \in X$  let  $g'_n(x) = \cap\{h_k(x) : k \leq n\}$  and

$$g_n(x) = \begin{cases} g'_n(x) \cap V_n(x) & , \text{ if } x \in Y \\ \phi & , \text{ otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

It is straightforward to show that  $g$  satisfies condition  $A(Y)$  (note that in proving that  $g$  satisfies 1(b) and 2(a), the fact that  $g_n(x) = \phi$  for all  $x \in X \setminus Y$  is useful).

(2  $\Rightarrow$  3) Suppose  $g : \mathbb{N} \times X \rightarrow \mathcal{T}(X)$  satisfying condition  $A(Y)$ . For all  $x, y \in X$  let  $A(x, y) = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x \notin g_n(y) \text{ and } y \notin g_n(x)\}$  and

$$n(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } A(x, y) = \phi \\ \min A(x, y), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Define  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  as follows:

$$d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n(x, y) = 0 \\ \frac{1}{n(x, y)}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Clearly for all  $x, y \in X$ ,  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$  and for all  $x \in X$ ,  $d(x, x) = 0$ . Suppose that  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$  with  $x \neq y$ . Since  $X$  is  $T_2$  there are disjoint open subsets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \in V$ . By condition 1(b) of  $A(Y)$  there is an  $m(x) \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $g_{m(x)}(x) \cap Y \subseteq U$ . Since  $y \in Y$  by condition 1(a) of  $A(Y)$  there is an  $n(y) \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $g_{n(y)}(y) \subseteq V$ . Let  $n^* = \max(m(x), n(y))$

and note that  $x \notin g_{n^*}(y)$  and  $y \notin g_{n^*}(x)$ . Hence  $A(x, y) \neq \phi$  and so  $d(x, y) > 0$ . Thus  $d$  is a symmetric on  $(Y, X)$ .

Suppose  $H \subseteq X$  and  $y \in Y \setminus H$  with  $d(y, H) = 0$ . For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  let  $x_n \in H$  such that  $0 \neq d(y, x_n) < \frac{1}{n}$ . Then for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  either  $x_n \in g_n(y)$  or  $y \in g_n(x_n)$ . Let  $S_1 = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in g_n(y)\}$  and let  $S_2 = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : y \in g_n(x_n)\}$ .

Suppose  $S_2$  is infinite. For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  let  $k(n) = \min\{m \in S_2 : n \leq m\}$  and  $z_n = x_{k(n)}$ . Then for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  since  $n \leq k(n)$ ,  $y \in g_{k(n)}(x_{k(n)}) \subseteq g_n(x_{k(n)}) = g_n(z_n)$ . Thus by condition 2(a),  $z_n \rightarrow y$  and so  $y \in \overline{H}$ .

Suppose  $S_1$  is infinite and that  $U$  is an open neighborhood of  $y$  in  $X$ . Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $g_n(y) \subseteq U$  and  $m \in S_1$  with  $m > n$ . Then  $x_m \in g_m(y) \subseteq g_n(y) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $U \cap H \neq \phi$ . Thus  $y \in \overline{H}$ .

Now suppose  $H \subseteq X$ ,  $y \in Y \setminus H$  and  $y \in \overline{H}$ . For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  choose an  $x_n \in H \cap g_n(y)$ . For each  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  since  $y \in Y$ ,  $x_m \neq y$  and  $x_m \in g_m(y)$ ,  $n(x, y) > m$  and so  $d(x_n, y) < \frac{1}{m}$ . Therefore  $d(y, H) = 0$ . Hence by Theorem 3,  $d$  is a semi-metric on  $(Y, X)$ .

Suppose that  $H$  is a closed subset of  $X$ ,  $x \in X \setminus H$  and  $d(x, H \cap Y) = 0$ , i.e.  $d$  does not satisfy 03). For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  choose  $y_n \in H \cap Y$  such that  $d(x, y_n) < \frac{1}{n}$ . Since  $x \notin H$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  either  $x \in g_n(y_n)$  or  $y_n \in g_n(x)$ . Since  $H$  is a closed subset of  $X$  by condition 1(b) of  $A(Y)$  there is an  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $g_m(x) \cap Y \subseteq X \setminus H$ . Hence for all  $n \geq m$ ,  $y_n \notin g_n(x)$  and therefore  $x \in \overline{g_n(y_n)}$  for all  $n \geq m$ . Thus by condition 2(b) of  $A(Y)$ ,  $y_n \rightarrow x$  and so  $x \in \overline{\{y_n : n \geq m\}} \subseteq H$ , a contradiction.

(3  $\Rightarrow$  1) Suppose  $d$  is a 3semi-metric on  $(Y, X)$ . For each closed  $H \subseteq X$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  let  $G_n(H) = \cup\{O(y, \frac{1}{n}) : y \in H \cap Y\}$ . Since  $d$  is a semi-metric on  $(Y, X)$ , for all  $y \in Y$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $y \in O(y, \frac{1}{n})$ . Thus for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $H \cap Y \subseteq G_n(H)$ . Clearly if  $H$  and  $K$  are closed subsets of  $X$  and  $H \subseteq K$  then  $G_n(H) \subseteq G_n(K)$ . Suppose  $H$  is a closed subset of  $X$  and  $x \in X \setminus H$ . By condition 03),  $d(x, H \cap Y) > 0$ . Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $d(x, H \cap Y) > \frac{1}{n}$ . Then for all  $y \in H \cap Y$ ,  $x \notin O(y, \frac{1}{n})$  and so  $x \notin G_n(H)$ . Thus  $\cap\{G_n(H) : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq H$ .  $\square$

A weaker relative version of Heath’s condition A can be used to characterize being semi-metrizable in  $X$ .

**Theorem 20.** For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ ,  $Y$  is semi-metrizable in  $X$  if and only if there is a function  $g : N \times X \rightarrow T(X)$  such that:

1. For all  $y \in Y$ ,  $\{g_n(y) : n \in N\}$  is a local base for  $y$  in  $X$  and for all  $n \in N$ ,  $g_{n+1}(y) \subseteq g_n(y)$ .
2. If  $y \in Y$  and for all  $n \in N$ ,  $x_n \in X$  such that  $y \in g_n(x_n)$  then  $x_n \rightarrow y$ .

**Lemma 21.** For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ ,  $Y$  is 0semi-metrizable in  $X$  if and

only if there is a function  $g : N \times X \rightarrow T(X)$  such that:

- 0. For all  $x \in X$  and  $n \in N$ ,  $x \in g_n(x)$ .
- 1. For all  $y \in Y$ ,  $\{g_n(y) : n \in N\}$  is a local base for  $y$  in  $X$  and for all  $n \in N$ ,  $g_{n+1}(y) \subseteq g_n(y)$ .
- 2. If  $y \in Y$  and for all  $n \in N$ ,  $x_n \in X$  such that  $y \in g_n(x_n)$  then  $x_n \rightarrow y$ .

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $d$  is a 0semi-metric on  $(Y, X)$ . For all  $x \in \overline{Y}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  let  $g_n(x) = O(x, \frac{1}{n})$ . For all  $x \in X \setminus \overline{Y}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  let  $g_n(x) = X \setminus \overline{Y}$ . That  $g$  satisfies conditions 0 and 1 follows directly from the fact that  $d$  is an 0semi-metric on  $(Y, X)$  and condition 2 from Lemma 9.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose  $g : N \times X \rightarrow T(X)$  satisfying condition 0, 1 and 2 above. For all  $x, y \in X$  let  $A(x, y) = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : x \notin g_n(y) \text{ and } y \notin g_n(x)\}$  and

$$n(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } A(x, y) = \phi \\ \min A(x, y), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Define  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  as follows:

$$d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n(x, y) = 0 \\ \frac{1}{n(x, y)}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

As in Theorem 19  $d$  is a semi-metric on  $(Y, X)$  and for all  $x, y \in X$ ,  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ . Also for all  $x \in X$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x \in g_n(x) \subseteq B(x, \frac{1}{n})$ . Thus  $d$  is an 0semi-metric on  $(Y, X)$ . □

Notice the semi-metric on  $(Y, X)$  constructed in the proof above satisfies the condition that for all  $x \in X$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $x \in O(x, \epsilon)$ . This appears to be stronger than the condition in the definition of 0semi-metric on  $(Y, X)$  that for all  $x \in \overline{Y}$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $x \in O(x, \epsilon)$ . However if  $d$  is an 0semi-metric (strong semi-metric) on  $(Y, X)$  then the function  $d' : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  defined by

$$d'(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & , \text{ if } x, y \in X \setminus \overline{Y} \\ d(x, y) & , \text{ otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

is an Osemi-metric (strong semi-metric) on  $(Y, X)$  satisfying this stronger condition.

**Lemma 22.** For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ , if  $Y$  is Osemi-metrizable (strongly semi-metrizable) in  $X$  then there is an Osemi-metric (a strong semi-metric) on  $(Y, X)$  such that for all  $x \in X$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $x \in O(x, \epsilon)$ .

Note that if  $d$  is an Ometric (a strong metric) on  $(Y, X)$  then the function  $d'$  constructed above need not be a metric on  $(Y, X)$ . It is for this reason that

we do not use this stronger condition in the definition of *Osemi-metrizable* in a space  $X$ .

**Theorem 23.** *For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ ,  $Y$  is *Osemi-metrizable* in  $X$  if and only if  $Y$  is first countable in  $X$  and *Osemi-stratifiable* in  $X$ .*

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Construct the same function  $g$  as in Lemma 21. Then  $g$  satisfies conditions *o*), *i*) and *iii*) of the definition of *Osemi-stratifiable* in  $X$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) For all  $y \in Y$  suppose that  $\{V_n(y) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a local base for  $y$  in  $X$  such that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $V_{n+1}(x) \subseteq V_n(x)$ . Suppose  $h : \mathbb{N} \times X \rightarrow \mathcal{T}(X)$  satisfies conditions *o*), *i*) and *iii*) of the definition of *Osemi-stratifiable* in  $X$ . For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \in X$  let  $g'_n(x) = \cap\{h_k(x) : k \leq n\}$  and

$$g_n(x) = \begin{cases} g'_n(x) \cap V_n(x) & , \text{ if } x \in Y \\ g'_n(y) & , \text{ otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Clearly  $g$  satisfies conditions 1 and 2 of Lemma 21. Suppose  $y \in Y$  and for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x_n \in X$  such that  $y \in g_n(x_n)$ . Then for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $y \in h_n(x_n)$ . Therefore since  $h$  satisfies condition *iii*),  $x_n \rightarrow y$ . Hence  $g$  satisfies condition 3 of Lemma 21.  $\square$

**Lemma 24.** *For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ , if  $d$  is a strong semi-metric on  $(Y, X)$  then for all  $x \in X$ ,  $\{\{x\} \cup (O(x, \frac{1}{n}) \cap Y) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a countable neighborhood base for  $x$  in the subspace  $\{x\} \cup Y$ .*

**Lemma 25.** *For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ ,  $Y$  is strongly semi-metrizable in  $X$  if and only if there is a function  $g : \mathbb{N} \times X \rightarrow \mathcal{T}(X)$  satisfying property  $A(Y)$  such that for all  $x \in X$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x \in g_n(x)$ .*

*Proof.* ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose  $g : \mathbb{N} \times X \rightarrow \mathcal{T}(X)$  satisfying property  $A(Y)$  such that for all  $x \in X$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x \in g_n(x)$ . Let  $d$  be the same 3semi-metric on  $(Y, X)$  as constructed in Theorem 19. Let  $x \in X$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and suppose  $z \in g_n(x)$ . Then  $n(x, z) = 0$  or  $n(x, z) > n$ . In either case  $d(x, z) < \frac{1}{n}$ . Thus  $g_n(x) \subseteq B(x, \frac{1}{n})$  and so, since  $g_n(x)$  is open,  $x \in O(x, \frac{1}{n})$ . Thus for all  $x \in X$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $x \in O(x, \epsilon)$ . Hence  $d$  is a strong semi-metric on  $(Y, X)$ .

( $\Rightarrow$ ) By Lemma 22 let  $d$  be a strong semi-metric on  $(Y, X)$  such that for all  $x \in X$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $x \in O(x, \epsilon)$ . For all  $x \in X$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  let  $g_n(x) = O(x, \frac{1}{n})$ . As in Theorem 19,  $g$  satisfies property  $A(Y)$  and for all  $x \in X$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x \in O(x, \frac{1}{n}) = g_n(x)$ . (Note that condition 1(b) of property  $A(Y)$  follows from Lemma 24).  $\square$

**Theorem 26.** *For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ ,  $Y$  is strongly semi-metrizable in  $X$  if and only if  $Y$  is strongly semi-stratifiable in  $X$  and strongly first countable in  $X$ .*

*Proof* ( $\Leftarrow$ ) For all  $y \in Y$  let  $\{V_n(y) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a local base for  $y$  in  $X$  such that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $V_{n+1}(y) \subseteq V_n(y)$ . For all  $x \in X \setminus Y$  let  $\{V_n(x) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a collection of open subsets of  $x$  such that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $V_{n+1}(x) \subseteq V_n(x)$  and for any open neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  there is an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $V_n(x) \cap Y \subseteq U$ . Suppose  $g : \mathbb{N} \times X \rightarrow \mathcal{T}(X)$  satisfies conditions (0)-(iii) of the definition of strongly semi-stratifiable in  $X$ . For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \in X$  let  $g'_n(x) = \cap\{g_k(x) : k \leq n\}$  and

$$h_n(x) = \begin{cases} g'_n(x) \cap V_n(x) & , \text{ if } x \in Y \\ g'_n(x) & , \text{ otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The function  $h$  satisfies  $A(Y)$  and for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \in X$ ,  $x \in h_n(x)$ . By Lemma 25,  $Y$  is strongly semi-metrizable in  $X$ .

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Use the same function  $g$  constructed in the proof of Lemma 25. □

#### 4. Developable Spaces are Semi-Metrizable

Suppose  $X$  is a space,  $Y \subseteq X$  and  $\cup\{\mathcal{G}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a developement (strong developement) [2-developement] for  $Y$  in  $X$ . For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  let  $\mathcal{H}_n = \{U \subseteq X : U \text{ is open and } U \subseteq G \text{ some } G \in \mathcal{G}_n\}$ . Then, as with developements in general,  $\cup\{\mathcal{H}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a developement (strong developement) [2-developement] for  $Y$  in  $X$  such that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_n$  is a base for  $X$  (base for  $X$ ) [outerbase for  $Y$  in  $X$ ]. The following is a modification of Heath's proof that developable spaces are semi-metrizable, [8].

**Theorem 27.** *For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ , if  $Y$  is developable in  $X$  then  $Y$  is Osemi-metrizable in  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\mathcal{G} = \cup\{\mathcal{G}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a development for  $Y$  in  $X$  such that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_n$  is a base for  $X$ . Let  $\mathcal{G}_o = \{X\}$ . For each  $x \in X$  and  $n < \omega$  choose  $G_n(x) \in (\mathcal{G}_n)_x$  such that for all  $n < \omega$  and  $x \in X$ ,  $G_{n+1}(x) \subseteq G_n(x)$ . Note for  $n < \omega$  and  $x, y \in X$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} x \in st(y, (\mathcal{G}_n)_Y) & \text{ if and only if } y \in st(x, (\mathcal{G}_n)_Y) \\ & \text{ if and only if } x, y \in G \text{ for some } G \in (\mathcal{G}_n)_Y. \end{aligned}$$

For all  $x, y \in X$  define  $A(x, y) = \{n < \omega : y \in st(x, (\mathcal{G}_n)_Y)\}$ . For all  $x, y \in X$ , let  $n(x, y) = \sup A(x, y)$ . Notice that for all  $x, y \in X$ ,

- (a)  $0 \in A(x, y)$ ,
- (b)  $A(x, y) = A(y, x)$ , and so  $n(x, y) = n(y, x)$ ,
- (c) if  $n \in A(x, y)$  then  $[0, n] \subseteq A(x, y)$ .

Define  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  as follows:

$$d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n(x, y) = \omega \\ 2^{-n(x,y)}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \text{ for all } x, y \in X.$$

Clearly  $d(x, x) = 0$  for all  $x \in X$ . Note that for all  $x, y \in X$ ,

- A. since  $n(x, y) = n(y, x)$ ,  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ ,
- B.  $d(x, y) = 0$  iff for all  $n < \omega$  there is an  $G \in (\mathcal{G}_n)_Y$  with  $x, y \in G$ ,
- C. if  $d(x, y) \neq 0$  then  $A(x, y) = [0, n(x, y)]$ ,
- D. for all  $k \in A(x, y)$ ,  $d(x, y) \leq 2^{-k}$ .

Also note since  $X$  is  $T_1$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  is a development for  $Y$  in  $X$ ,

- E. for all  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$ ,  $d(x, y) = 0$  iff  $x = y$ .

Observations A and E imply that  $d$  is a symmetric on  $(Y, X)$ .

Let  $x \in \overline{Y}$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ . Since  $x \in \overline{Y}$ , for all  $m < \omega$   $G_m \in (\mathcal{G}_{n+1})_Y$ . Choose  $n < \omega$  such that  $2^{-n} < \epsilon$  and note that  $B(x, 2^{-n}) \subseteq B(x, \epsilon)$ . Suppose  $y \in G_{n+1}(x)$ . If  $n(x, y) = \omega$  then  $d(x, y) = 0$  and so  $y \in B(x, \epsilon)$ . Suppose  $n(x, y) = m < \omega$ . Since  $y \in G_{n+1}(x) \in (\mathcal{G}_{n+1})_Y$ ,  $n + 1 \in A(x, y)$  and so  $d(x, y) = 2^{-m} \leq 2^{-(n+1)} < 2^{-n}$ . Thus  $y \in B(x, \epsilon)$ . Hence  $G_{n+1}(x) \subseteq B(x, \epsilon)$ . Since  $G_n(x)$  is an open neighborhood of  $x$  in  $X$ ,  $x \in \text{int}(B(x, \epsilon)) = O(x, \epsilon)$ . Hence for all  $x \in \overline{Y}$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $O(x, \epsilon)$  is an open neighborhood of  $x$  in  $X$ .

Suppose  $y \in Y$ . Then for all  $n < \omega$ ,  $B(y, 2^{-n}) \subseteq st(y, \mathcal{G}_n)$ . Since  $\{st(y, \mathcal{G}_n) : n < \omega\}$  is a local base for  $y$  in  $X$ . The collection  $\{B(y, \epsilon) : \epsilon > 0\}$  is a local base for  $y$  in  $X$ . Hence  $Y$  is Osemi-metrizable in  $X$ .  $\square$

Using essentially the same construction as in Theorem 27 we get the following result. Note that in the proof of Theorem 30 we will construct this semi-metric on  $(Y, X)$ .

**Theorem 28.** For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ , if  $Y$  is 2- developable in  $X$  then it is a semi-metrizable in  $X$ .

**Theorem 29.** For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ , if  $Y$  is strongly developable in  $X$  then  $Y$  is strongly semi-metrizable in  $X$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\mathcal{G} = \cup\{\mathcal{G}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a strong development for  $Y$  in  $X$  such that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{G}_n$  is a base for  $X$ . Let  $\mathcal{G}_o = \{X\}$ . Define a symmetric  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  as in Theorem 27. We need only show that  $d$  has property 03) of a symmetric on  $(Y, X)$ .

Suppose that  $H$  is a closed subset of  $X$  and  $x \in X \setminus H$ . There is an  $m \in \mathbb{N}$



such that  $st(x, \mathcal{G}_m) \cap Y \subseteq X \setminus H$ . Suppose  $y \in Y \cap H$ . Then  $y \notin st(x, \mathcal{G}_m)$  and so  $x \notin st(y, \mathcal{G}_m)$ . Since  $y \in Y$ ,  $st(y, \mathcal{G}_m) = st(y, (\mathcal{G}_m)_Y)$ . Hence  $n(x, y) < m$  and so  $d(x, y) > 2^{-m}$ . Therefore  $d(x, H \cap Y) \geq 2^{-m} > 0$  and so  $d$  has property 03) of a symmetric on  $(Y, X)$ .  $\square$

### 5. Relative Versions of the Alexandroff-Urysohn Metrization Theorem

A (2-) development  $\{\mathcal{H}_n : n < \omega\}$  for  $Y$  in  $X$  is said to be *regular* [*Y-regular*] provided for all  $n < \omega$  and  $H, H' \in (\mathcal{H}_{n+1})_Y$  with  $H \cap H' \neq \emptyset$  [ $H \cap H' \cap Y \neq \emptyset$ ] there is a  $K \in \mathcal{H}_n$  with  $H \cup H' \subseteq K$ .

We proceed along the lines suggested in [9] and Frink's proof, [5], in the proof of the following relative version of the Alexandroff-Urysohn Metrization Theorem.

**Theorem 30.** *For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ ,  $Y$  is metrizable in  $X$  if and only if there is a regular 2-development for  $Y$  in  $X$ .*

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $d$  is a metric on  $(Y, X)$ . Let  $\mathcal{H}_0 = \{X\}$  and for all  $0 < n < \omega$  let  $\mathcal{H}_n = \{O(x, 3^{-n}) : x \in Y\}$ . Since for all  $y \in Y$  the collection  $\{B(y, 3^{-n}) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a neighborhood base for  $y$  in  $X$  it is readily seen that  $\{\mathcal{H}_n : n < \omega\}$  is a 2-development for  $Y$  in  $X$ . Suppose  $x, z \in Y$  such that  $O(x, 3^{-(n+1)}) \cap O(z, 3^{-(n+1)}) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $w \in O(x, 3^{-(n+1)}) \cap O(z, 3^{-(n+1)})$ . Then  $d(x, z) \leq d(x, w) + d(w, z) < 3^{-(n+1)} + 3^{-(n+1)} = 2/3^{(n+1)}$ . Let  $y \in O(z, 3^{-(n+1)})$ . Then  $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y) < 2 \cdot 3^{-(n+1)} + 3^{-(n+1)} = 3^{-n}$  and so  $y \in B(x, 3^{-n})$ . Thus  $O(x, 3^{-(n+1)}) \cup O(z, 3^{-(n+1)}) \subseteq B(x, 3^{-n})$  and so  $O(x, 3^{-(n+1)}) \cup O(z, 3^{-(n+1)}) \subseteq O(x, 3^{-n}) \in \mathcal{H}_n$ . Thus  $\{\mathcal{H}_n : n < \omega\}$  is a regular 2-development for  $Y$  in  $X$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose that  $\{\mathcal{H}_n : n < \omega\}$  is a regular 2-development for  $Y$  in  $X$  with  $\mathcal{H}_0 = \{X\}$  and such that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_n$  is an outerbase for  $Y$  in  $X$ . For each  $y \in Y$  and  $n < \omega$  choose  $H_n(y) \in (\mathcal{H}_n)_y$  such that for all  $n < \omega$  and  $y \in Y$ ,  $H_{n+1}(y) \subseteq H_n(y)$ . For every  $x, y \in X$ , let  $A(x, y) = \{n < \omega : y \in st(x, (\mathcal{H}_n)_Y)\}$  and  $n(x, y) = \sup A(x, y)$ . Define  $g : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$g(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n(x, y) = \omega \\ 2^{-n(x, y)}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{for all } x, y \in X.$$

Then proceeding as in Theorem 27 we can show that  $g$  is a semi-metric on  $(Y, X)$  and that for all  $x, y \in X$ ,

- A. since  $n(x, y) = n(y, x)$ ,  $g(x, y) = g(y, x)$ ,
- B.  $g(x, y) = 0$  if and only if for all  $n < \omega$  there is a  $H \in (\mathcal{H}_n)_Y$  with  $x, y \in H$ ,
- C. if  $g(x, y) \neq 0$  then  $A(x, y) = [0, n(x, y)]$ ,
- D. for all  $k \in A(x, y)$ ,  $g(x, y) \leq 2^{-k}$ .

Also note since  $X$  is  $T_1$  and  $\mathcal{H}$  is a 2- development for  $Y$  in  $X$ ,

- E. for all  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$ ,  $g(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ .

(Note if  $\{\mathcal{H}_n : n < \omega\}$  is a development for  $Y$  in  $X$  then  $g$  is an Osemi-metric on  $(Y, X)$ .)

**Claim 1.** Suppose that  $x, y, z \in X$ ,  $0 < \epsilon$ ,  $g(x, y) < \epsilon$  and  $g(y, z) < \epsilon$ . Then  $g(x, z) < 2\epsilon$ . In particular  $g(x, z) \leq 2g(x, y)$  or  $g(x, z) \leq 2g(y, z)$ .

*Proof.* Case 1. Suppose  $g(x, y) = 0 = g(y, z)$ .

Let  $n < \omega$ . By note A there are sets  $H, H' \in (\mathcal{H}_{n+1})_Y$  such that  $x, y \in H$  and  $y, z \in H'$ . Let  $K \in \mathcal{H}_n$  such that  $H \cup H' \subseteq K$ . Since  $x, z \in K$ ,  $n \in A(x, z)$ . Thus  $n(x, z) = \omega$  and so  $g(x, z) = 0 < 2\epsilon$ .

Case 2. Suppose that  $g(x, y) = 0$  and  $0 < g(y, z) < \epsilon$ .

Since  $g(x, y) = 0$ ,  $A(x, y) = \omega$ . Since  $0 < g(y, z)$ ,  $n(y, z) < \omega$ . Let  $k = n(y, z)$  and note that  $k \in A(y, z)$ . If  $k = 0$  then  $g(x, z) \leq 1 = 2^{-0} = g(y, z) < 2g(y, z) < 2\epsilon$ .

Suppose  $k > 0$ . Let  $H, H' \in (\mathcal{H}_k)_Y$  such that  $x, y \in H$  and  $y, z \in H'$ . Let  $K \in \mathcal{H}_{k-1}$  such that  $H \cup H' \subseteq K$ . Then, as in Case 1,  $x, z \in K \in (\mathcal{H}_{k-1})_Y$  and hence  $g(x, z) \leq 2^{-(k-1)} = 2 \cdot 2^{-k} = 2g(y, z) < 2\epsilon$ .

(Same for  $0 < g(x, y) < \epsilon$  and  $g(y, z) = 0$ .)

Case 3. Suppose  $0 < g(x, y) < \epsilon$  and  $0 < g(y, z) < \epsilon$ .

Let  $k = \min\{n(x, y), n(y, z)\}$ . Notice that  $k < \omega$  and  $2^{-k} < \epsilon$ . If  $k = 0$  then  $g(x, z) \leq 1 = 2^{-k} < \epsilon < 2\epsilon$ .

Suppose  $0 < k$ . Since  $k \in A(x, y) \cap A(y, z)$ , let  $H, H' \in (\mathcal{H}_k)_Y$  such that  $x, y \in H$  and  $y, z \in H'$ . Let  $K \in \mathcal{H}_{k-1}$  such that  $H \cup H' \subseteq K$ . Then  $x, z \in K \in (\mathcal{H}_{k-1})_Y$  and so  $n(x, z) > k - 1$ . Hence by notes B and D,  $g(x, z) \leq 2^{-(k-1)} \leq 2 \cdot 2^{-k} < 2\epsilon$ .

Notice that in either case ( $k = 0$  or  $k > 0$ ),  $g(x, z) \leq 2 \cdot 2^{-k}$ . Hence  $g(x, z) \leq 2g(x, y)$  or  $g(x, z) \leq 2g(y, z)$ . □

**Claim 2.** If  $a, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, b \in X$  then

$$g(a, b) \leq 2g(a, x_1) + 4g(x_1, x_2) + \dots + 4g(x_{n-1}, x_n) + 2g(x_n, b).$$

*Proof.* The same as in Frink's proof, [5]. □

Define  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as follows:

$$d(a, b) = \inf \{ g(a, x_1) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} g(x_i, x_{i+1}) + g(x_n, b) : n < \omega \text{ and } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in X \}$$

**Claim 3.** For all  $a, b, c \in X$ ,  $d(a, c) \leq d(a, b) + d(b, c)$ .

Using Claim 2 the following is readily established.

**Claim 4.** For all  $a, b \in X$ ,  $g(a, b)/4 \leq d(a, b) \leq g(a, b)$ .

Suppose  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$ . Since  $g(x, y) = g(y, x)$ ,  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ . Also since  $g(x, y)/4 \leq d(x, y)$  and  $g(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ ,  $d(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ . Hence  $d$  is a symmetric on  $(Y, X)$ .

Suppose that  $y \in Y$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ . Since  $g$  is a semi-metric on  $(Y, X)$ ,  $y \in O_g(y, \epsilon) \subseteq B_g(y, \epsilon)$ . Since, by Claim 4, for all  $x \in X$ ,  $d(x, y) \leq g(x, y)$ ,  $B_g(y, \epsilon) \subseteq B_d(y, \epsilon)$  and so  $y \in O_d(y, \epsilon)$ .

Suppose  $y \in Y$  and  $U$  is an open neighborhood of  $y$  in  $X$ . Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $B_g(y, \frac{1}{n}) \subseteq U$ . Since for all  $x \in X$ ,  $g(x, y)/4 \leq d(x, y)$  and thus  $g(x, y) \leq 4d(x, y)$ ,  $y \in O_d(y, \frac{1}{4n}) \subseteq B_d(x, \frac{1}{4n}) = \{x \in X : d(x, y) < \frac{1}{4n}\} \subseteq \{x \in X : g(x, y) < \frac{1}{n}\} = B_g(y, \frac{1}{n}) \subseteq U$ . Thus the collection  $\{B_d(y, \frac{1}{n}) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a neighborhood base for  $y$  in  $X$ . Hence  $d$  is a semi-metric on  $(Y, X)$ . This along with Claim 3 establishes that  $d$  is a metric on  $(Y, X)$ . □

**Theorem 31.** For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ ,  $Y$  is Ometrizable in  $X$  if and only if there is a regular development for  $Y$  in  $X$ .

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $d$  is an Ometric on  $(Y, X)$ . Let  $\mathcal{H}_o = \{X\}$  and for all  $0 < n < \omega$  let  $\mathcal{H}_n = \{O(x, 3^{-n}) : x \in \overline{Y}\} \cup \{X \setminus \overline{Y}\}$ . Then  $\{\mathcal{H}_n : n < \omega\}$  is a regular development for  $Y$  in  $X$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) If we proceed as in Theorem 27, the function  $g$  is an Osemi-metric on  $(Y, X)$  having the same properties as  $g$  in Theorem 30. Thus  $d$  is a metric on  $(Y, X)$ . Suppose that  $x \in \overline{Y}$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then  $x \in O_g(x, \epsilon)$ . Since by Claim 4, for all  $y \in X$ ,  $d(x, y) \leq g(x, y)$ , and so  $x \in O_g(x, \epsilon) \subseteq B_g(x, \epsilon) \subseteq B_d(x, \epsilon)$ . Hence  $x \in O_d(x, \epsilon)$ . Thus  $d$  is an Ometric on  $(Y, X)$ . □

**Corollary 32.** For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ ,  $Y$  is strongly metrizable in  $X$  if and only if there is a regular strong development for  $Y$  in  $X$ .

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $d$  is a strong metric on  $(Y, X)$ . Let  $\mathcal{H}_o = \{X\}$  and for all  $0 < n < \omega$  let  $\mathcal{H}_n = \{O(x, 3^{-n}) : x \in \overline{Y}\} \cup \{X \setminus \overline{Y}\}$ . Then, as in Theorem 31,  $\{\mathcal{H}_n : n < \omega\}$  is a regular development for  $Y$  in  $X$ .

Let  $x \in X \setminus Y$  and  $U$  be an open neighborhood of  $x$ . Since  $d$  satisfies condition 03) there is and  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $B_d(x, \epsilon) \cap Y \subseteq U$ . Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $3^{-n} <$

$\epsilon$  and note that  $B_d(x, 3^{-n}) \cap Y \subseteq U$ . Suppose  $y \in \overline{Y}$  such that  $x \in O_d(y, 3^{-(n+1)})$ . If  $z \in O_d(y, 3^{-(n+1)})$  then  $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z) < 3^{-(n+1)} + 3^{-(n+1)} < 3^{-n}$ . Thus  $O_d(y, 3^{-(n+1)}) \subseteq B_d(x, 3^{-n})$  and so  $st(x, 3^{-(n+1)}) \cap Y \subseteq U$ . Hence  $\{\mathcal{H}_n : n < \omega\}$  is a regular strong development for  $Y$  in  $X$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Proceeding as in Theorem 31, we only need show that the Ometric  $d$  on  $(Y, X)$  determined by the strong development  $\{\mathcal{H}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  for  $Y$  in  $X$  also satisfies condition 03) of a symmetric on  $(Y, X)$ . Suppose that  $H$  is a closed subset of  $X$  and that  $x \in X \setminus H$ . In Theorem 29 we show that the symmetric  $g$  on  $(Y, X)$  satisfies condition 03). Thus  $g(x, H \cap Y) > 0$  and so  $d(x, H \cap Y) \geq g(x, H \cap Y)/4 > 0$ . Hence  $d$  meets condition 03) of a symmetric on  $(Y, X)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 33.** *For a space  $X$  and  $Y$  a dense subset of  $X$ , if  $Y$  is Ometrizable (strongly metrizable) in  $X$  then there is an Ometric (strong metric)  $d$  on  $(Y, X)$  which is also a pseudometric on  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\{\mathcal{H}_n : n < \omega\}$  is a regular (strong)development for  $Y$  in  $X$  with  $\mathcal{H}_o = \{X\}$  and such that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_n$  is a base for  $X$ . Construct an Ometric (strong metric)  $d$  on  $(Y, X)$  as in Theorem 31 (Corollary 32). Then  $d$  satisfies the triangle inequality and as noted after Claim 4 in Theorem 30, for all  $x, y \in X$ ,  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ . Since  $Y$  is dense in  $X$  and for all  $n < \omega$  the collection  $\mathcal{H}_n$  covers  $X$ , for all  $x \in X$  and  $n < \omega$  there is an  $H_n \in (\mathcal{H}_n)_Y = \mathcal{H}_n$  with  $x \in H_n$ . Thus by observation B in Theorem 30, for all  $x \in X$ ,  $g(x, x) = 0$  and so  $d(x, x) = 0$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 34.** *For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ ,  $Y$  is middle metrizable in  $X$  if and only if there is a  $Y$ -regular 2- development for  $Y$  in  $X$ .*

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $d$  is a middle metric on  $(Y, X)$ . Let  $\mathcal{H}_o = \{X\}$  and for all  $0 < n < \omega$  let  $\mathcal{H}_n = \{O(x, 3^{-n}) : x \in Y\}$ . Then  $\{\mathcal{H}_n : n < \omega\}$  is a 2-development for  $Y$  in  $X$ . Suppose  $x, z \in Y$  such that  $O(x, 3^{-(n+1)}) \cap O(z, 3^{-(n+1)}) \cap Y \neq \phi$ . Let  $w \in O(x, 3^{-(n+1)}) \cap O(z, 3^{-(n+1)}) \cap Y$ . Then as in the proof of Theorem 30, we can show that  $O(x, 3^{-(n+1)}) \cup O(z, 3^{-(n+1)}) \subseteq O(x, 3^{-n}) \in \mathcal{H}_n$ . Thus  $\{\mathcal{H}_n : n < \omega\}$  is a  $Y$ -regular 2- development for  $Y$  in  $X$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose that  $\{\mathcal{H}_n : n < \omega\}$  is a  $Y$ -regular 2- development for  $Y$  in  $X$  with  $\mathcal{H}_o = \{X\}$  and such that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_n$  is an outerbase for  $Y$  in  $X$ . Proceed as in the proof of Theorem 30, to construct the same semi-metric  $g$  on  $(Y, X)$ . Then for all  $a, b \in X$  let  $d(a, b) = \inf\{g(a, x_1) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} g(x_i, x_{i+1}) + g(x_n, b) : n < \omega \text{ and } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in Y\}$ . Then  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a middle metric on  $(Y, X)$ .  $\square$

If  $X$  is metrizable with respect to the metric  $d$  then for all  $x \in X$  and  $\epsilon > 0$   $B(x, \epsilon) \cap Y$  is an open neighborhood of  $x$ .

**Theorem 35.** For a space  $X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ ,

1. if  $d$  is a middle metric on  $(Y, X)$  then for all  $y \in Y$ , and  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $B(y, \epsilon) \cap Y = O(y, \epsilon) \cap Y$ .
2. if  $d$  is a metric on  $(Y, X)$ . Then for all  $x \in X$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $B(x, \epsilon) \cap Y = O(x, \epsilon) \cap Y$ .

**Lemma 36.** For a space  $X$  and  $Y$  a dense subset of  $X$ ,

1. if  $d$  is an Ometric on  $(Y, X)$  then for all  $x \in X$  and  $\epsilon > 0$   $B(x, \epsilon) = O(x, \epsilon)$ .
2. if  $X$  is regular and  $d$  is a strong metric on  $(Y, X)$  then for all  $x \in X$  the collection  $\{B(x, \epsilon) : \epsilon > 0\}$  is an open neighborhood base for  $x$ .

*Proof.* 1) Let  $x \in X$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ . To show  $B(x, \epsilon)$  is open we proceed in the usual manner. Suppose  $z \in B(x, \epsilon)$  and let  $\delta = d(x, z)$ . Let  $y \in B(z, \epsilon - \delta)$ . Then  $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y) < \delta + \epsilon - \delta = \epsilon$ . Thus  $y \in O(y, \epsilon - \delta) \subseteq B(Y, \epsilon - \delta) \subseteq B(x, \epsilon)$ . Hence  $B(x, \epsilon)$  is open.

2) Let  $x \in X$  and  $U$  is an open neighborhood of  $x$ . Let  $V$  be an open neighborhood of  $x$  such that  $\bar{V} \subseteq U$ . Suppose for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$   $B(x, \frac{1}{n}) \not\subseteq \bar{V}$ . This implies that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $B(x, \frac{1}{n}) \setminus \bar{V}$  is a nonempty open set. For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  let  $y_n \in Y \cap (B(x, \frac{1}{n}) \setminus \bar{V})$ . Then  $d(y_n, x) \rightarrow 0$  but  $y_n \not\rightarrow x$  a contradiction of Lemma 10. □

The following is an easy consequence of the Alexandroff-Urysohn Metrization Theorem.

**Theorem 37.** If a regular space  $X$  has a dense subspace  $Y$  which is strongly metrizable in  $X$  then  $X$  is metrizable.

*Proof.* Use a regular strong development for  $Y$  in  $X$  to construct a strong metric  $d$  on  $(Y, X)$  as in Corollary 32. As noted in Corollary 33  $d$  is also a pseudometric on  $X$ . By Lemma 36,  $X$  is pseudometrizable with respect to  $d$  and since  $X$  is  $T_1$ ,  $d$  is a metric on  $X$ . □

### 6. Examples

**Example 1.** Let  $X$  be the one point compactification of an uncountable discrete space. Let  $*$  be the one nonisolated point of  $X$  and  $Y = \{*\}$ .

1. There is a symmetric on  $(Y, X)$  defining  $Y$  in  $X$  (satisfies conditions 01), 02) and 03)) but no symmetric on  $(Y, X)$  satisfies condition 04).
  2. The subspace  $Y$  is not first countable in  $X$  ( $\{*\}$  is not a  $G_\delta$  set).
  3. The subspace  $Y$  is not symmetrizable in  $X$ .
1. Define  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  as follows:

$$d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x, y \in X \setminus \{*\} \text{ or } x = * = y \\ 1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $d$  is a symmetric on  $(Y, X)$  which defines  $Y$  in  $X$ . Since  $* \in \overline{H}$  for every infinite  $H \subseteq X$  and  $X \setminus Y$  is uncountable no symmetric on  $(Y, X)$  can satisfy condition 04).

3. Suppose  $d$  is a symmetric on  $(Y, X)$ . For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  let  $A_n = \{x \in X \setminus Y : d(*, x) > \frac{1}{n}\}$ . Since  $\cup\{A_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} = X \setminus Y$  is uncountable. There is an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $A_n$  is infinite. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be any sequence of distinct members of  $A_n$ . Then  $x_n \rightarrow *$  but  $d(x_n, *) \not\rightarrow 0$ . Hence, by Lemma 9,  $Y$  is not symmetrizable in  $X$  with respect to symmetric  $d$ .

**Example 2.** Let  $X = \omega_1$  with the order topology and  $Y$  the set of all non-limit ordinals in  $\omega_1$ . Notice that  $Y$  is first countable in  $X$  and any symmetric on  $(Y, X)$  will satisfy condition 04).

1. There is a function  $g : \mathbb{N} \times X \rightarrow \mathcal{T}(X)$  satisfying property  $A(Y)$  and thus  $Y$  is 3 semi-metrizable in  $X$ .
2. The subspace  $Y$  is not  $O$ semi-metrizable in  $X$  since no symmetric on  $(Y, X)$  satisfying 01) can also satisfy 02).

1. For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\alpha < \omega_1$  let

$$g_n(\alpha) = \begin{cases} \{\alpha\}, & \text{if } \alpha \in Y \\ \phi, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The function  $g : \mathbb{N} \times X \rightarrow \mathcal{T}(X)$  satisfying property  $A(Y)$ . 2. Suppose  $d$  is a symmetric on  $X$  satisfying condition 01). For each  $\alpha \in Y$ ,  $X \setminus \{\alpha\}$  is closed in  $X$  and so by condition 01),  $d(\alpha, X \setminus \{\alpha\}) > 0$ . Let  $n(\alpha) \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $d(\alpha, X \setminus \{\alpha\}) > \frac{1}{n(\alpha)}$ . Note that for all  $\alpha \in Y$  and  $\beta \in X \setminus \{\alpha\}$ ,  $d(\alpha, \beta) \geq \frac{1}{n(\alpha)}$ . Since  $Y$  is an uncountable set there is an  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and an uncountable  $H \subseteq Y$  such that for all  $\alpha \in H$ ,  $n(\alpha) = m$ . For all  $\alpha \in X \setminus H$ ,  $d(x, H) \geq \frac{1}{m} > 0$  but no uncountable (infinite) subset of  $Y$  is closed in  $X$ . Hence  $d$  does not satisfy property 02).

**Example 3.** Let  $X$  be Alexandorff's double circle ([4] Example 3.1.26). Let  $X = C_1 \cup C_2$  where  $C_i = \{(r_1, r_2) \in \mathbf{R}^2 : r_1^2 + r_2^2 = i\}$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . For every  $z \in C_1$  and  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $U_j(z) = V_j(z) \cup p(V_j(z) - \{z\})$  where  $V_j(z)$  is the

arc of  $C_1$  centered at  $z$  with length  $\frac{2}{j}$  and  $p$  is the projection of  $C_1$  to  $C_2$  from the origin  $O = (0, 0)$ . Points of  $C_2$  are isolated and for all  $z \in C_1$  the collection  $\{U_j(z) : j = 1, 2, \dots\}$  is a neighborhood base for  $z$ . The space  $X$  is compact and first countable and  $C_1$  is a closed metrizable subspace of  $X$  but not a  $G_\delta$  subset of  $X$ , [4]. For  $x, y \in C_1$ , let  $\theta(x, y)$  be length of the shortest arc between  $x$  and  $y$  on  $C_1$ .

1.  $C_1$  is  $O$  semi-metrizable in  $X$  but since  $C_1$  is not a  $G_\delta$  subset of  $X$  it is not 3semi-metrizable in  $X$ .
2. Since  $C_1$  does not have a countable outerbase in  $X$ , it is not 2- developable in  $X$ .
3. There is a symmetric on  $(C_2, X)$  such that for all  $x \in X$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $x \in O(x, \epsilon)$ .
4. No symmetric on  $(C_2, X)$  can satisfy both conditions 01) and 02).

1. We define a symmetric  $d$  on  $(C_1, X)$  as follows:

$$d(x, y) = d(y, x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x = y, \\ \theta(x, y), & \text{if } x, y \in C_1 \\ \theta(x, p^{-1}(y)), & \text{if } x \in C_1, y \in C_2, y \neq p(x), \\ \pi, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then for all  $y \in C_1$  and  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $B_d(y, \frac{1}{j}) = U_j(y)$ . Thus for every  $y \in C_1$ ,  $\{B_d(y, \frac{1}{j}) : j = 1, 2, \dots\}$  is a neighborhood base of  $y$  in  $X$  and  $d$  satisfies condition  $O$ ). Thus  $d$  is an Osemi-metric on  $(C_1, X)$ .

3. The symmetric  $d$  above is a symmetric on  $(C_2, X)$  satisfying the desired condition.

4. Note that  $C_2$  is not an  $F_\sigma$  subset of  $X$ . Suppose  $d_1$  be a symmetric on  $(C_2, X)$  satisfying the conditions 01) and 02). Assume that  $d_1$  satisfies condition 01). For every  $z \in C_2$  let  $H_z = X - \{z\}$  then  $H_z$  is closed in  $X$  because every point of  $C_2$  is isolated. By condition 01),  $d_1(z, H_z) > 0$ . For every  $z \in C_2$  let  $j_z \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $d_1(z, H_z) > \frac{1}{j_z}$ . For every  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  put  $K_j = \{z \in C_2 : j = j_z\}$  then  $X - K_j = X - \cup\{\{z\} : z \in K_j\} = \cap\{X - \{z\} : z \in K_j\} = \cap\{H_z : z \in K_j\}$ . Therefore for every  $x \in X - K_j$ ,  $d_1(x, K_j) > \frac{1}{j}$ , and so by condition 02),  $K_j$  is closed in  $X$ . Then  $C_2 = \cup\{K_j : j = 1, 2, \dots\}$ , a contradiction, since  $C_2$  is not  $F_\sigma$  subset of  $X$ .

**Example 4.** Let  $X_1 = \omega_1$  with the order topology and  $Y_1$  be the set of isolated points of  $X_1$ . Let  $X_2$  be the space given in Example 2 and  $Y_2 = C_1$ . Let  $X$  be the topological sum of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  and  $Y = Y_1 \cup Y_2$ .

1.  $Y$  is semi-metrizable in  $X$ .
2.  $Y$  is neither Osemi-metrizable or 3semi-metrizable in  $X$ .

1. Let  $d_1$  be a 03)– semi-metric on  $(Y_1, X_1)$ , see Example 3, and let  $d_2$  be an 02)– semi-metric on  $(Y_2, X_2)$ , see Example 2. Define a symmetric  $d$  on  $(Y, X)$  as follows:

$$d(x, y) = \begin{cases} d_1(x, y), & \text{if } x, y \in X_1, \\ d_2(x, y), & \text{if } x, y \in X_2, \\ 1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Since both  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  satisfy conditions 01) and 04) so does  $d$ . Thus  $d$  is a semi-metric on  $(Y, X)$ .

2. Suppose that  $d$  is a symmetric on  $(Y, X)$ . Notice that if  $d$  satisfies any of the conditions 01) to 04) then  $d|_{X_1}$  is a symmetric on  $(Y_1, X_1)$  and  $d|_{X_2}$  is a symmetric on  $(Y_2, X_2)$  satisfying the same conditions. Thus since  $Y_1$  is not  $O$ semi-metrizable in  $X_1$ ,  $Y$  is not  $O$ semi-metrizable in  $X$ . Since  $Y_2$  is not 3semi-metrizable in  $X_1$ ,  $Y$  is not 3semi-metrizable in  $X$ .

**Example 5.** Let  $X = \omega_1$  and  $Y$  be the set of all limit ordinals in  $\omega_1$ . Define a topology on  $X$  by letting points of  $X \setminus Y$  be isolated and for all  $\alpha \in Y$  basic open sets are of the form  $((\beta, \alpha) \setminus Y) \cup \{\alpha\}$ . Notice that  $Y$  is a closed discrete non  $G_\delta$  subset of the Hausdorff space  $X$ .

1.  $Y$  is developable in  $X$ .
2. No semi-metric on  $(Y, X)$  can satisfy condition 03).

**Example 6.** Let  $X = \mathbb{R} \times [0, \infty)$  with the tangent disk topology with points above the  $x$ –axis isolated and  $Y = \mathbb{R} \times \{0\}$ . Since  $X$  is developable  $Y$  is strongly developable in  $X$ . Note  $Y$  is a closed discrete  $G_\delta$  subset of  $X$ . For the same reason that  $X$  is not paracompact, no development for  $Y$  in  $X$  can be regular.

Although  $Y$  is not metrizable in  $X$  consider the following function  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  :

- i.  $d((a, b), (c, e)) = 0,$  for all  $a, c \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $b, e \in (0, \infty)$
- ii.  $d((a, 0), (c, 0)) = 1,$  for all  $a, c \in \mathbb{R}$
- iii.  $d((a, 0), (c, e)) = d((c, e), (a, 0))$   
 $= \sqrt{\frac{(a-c)^2 + (b-e)^2}{2e}}$  for all  $a, c \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $e \in (0, \infty)$ .

Note that  $d((a, 0), (c, e))$  is the radius of the circle tangent to the  $x$ –axis at  $(a, 0)$  passing through  $(c, e)$ . The function  $d$  is a strong semi-metric on  $(Y, X)$ . Although  $d$  does not satisfy the triangle inequality it is a middle metric on  $(Y, X)$ .

**Example 7.** Let  $\mathcal{A} = \{A_\alpha : \alpha < \omega_1\}$  be a collection of uncountable subsets of  $\omega_1$  such that



- 1) for all  $\alpha < \beta < \omega_1$   $A_\alpha \neq A_\beta$  and there is a  $\gamma < \omega_1$  such that  $A_\gamma \subseteq A_\alpha \cap A_\beta$ .
- 2) if  $\mathcal{A}' \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  is infinite then  $\bigcap \mathcal{A}' = \emptyset$ .

Also assume that for all  $n < \omega$ ,  $A_{n+1} \subset A_n$ . Let  $X = [0, \omega_1]$  and topologize  $X$  as follows:

- a) points of  $\omega_1$  are isolated;
- b) basic neighborhoods of the point  $\omega_1$  are of the form  $A_\alpha \cup \{\omega_1\}$  where  $\alpha < \omega_1$ .

The space  $X$  is regular. Let  $Y = \omega_1$ .

- 1. The subspace  $Y$  is  $O$ semi-metrizable in  $X$ .
- 2. Since  $Y$  consists of isolated points of  $X$ , it is 3semi-metrizable in  $X$ .
- 3. No symmetric on  $(Y, X)$  defines  $Y$  in  $X$ .

- 1. For each  $\alpha < \omega_1$  let  $n(\alpha) = \min\{k < \omega : \alpha \notin A_k\}$ . For all  $\alpha, \beta \leq \omega_1$  let

$$d(\alpha, \beta) = d(\beta, \alpha) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \alpha = \beta; \\ 1, & \text{if } \alpha \neq \beta \text{ and } \alpha, \beta < \omega_1; \\ \frac{1}{n(\alpha)}, & \text{if } \alpha < \omega_1 \text{ and } \beta = \omega_1. \end{cases}$$

Then  $d$  is an  $O$ semi-metric on  $(Y, X)$ .

3. Suppose that  $h : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is a symmetric on  $(Y, X)$  which defines  $Y$  in  $X$ . Since every countable subset of  $\omega_1$  is closed in  $X$ , by condition 03) for every  $\alpha < \omega_1$  there is an  $n_\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $h(\omega_1, [0, \alpha]) > \frac{1}{n_\alpha}$ . Thus there is an  $n^* \in \mathbb{N}$  and an uncountable  $S \subseteq \omega_1$  such that, for all  $\alpha \in S$ ,  $h(\omega_1, [0, \alpha]) > \frac{1}{n^*}$ . Hence  $h(\omega_1, Y) = h(\omega_1, \cup\{[0, \alpha] : \alpha \in S\}) > \frac{1}{n^*} > 0$ . Hence by condition 02),  $Y$  is closed in  $X$ , which it is not. Therefore no symmetric on  $(Y, X)$  can define  $Y$  in  $X$ .

**Example 8.** (see [4] Example 1.6.19) Let  $X = \{0\} \cup (\cup\{X_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\})$  where for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $X_n = \{\frac{1}{n}\} \cup \{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{j} : j = n^2, n^2 + 1, \dots\}$ . Note that for  $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$  if  $i \neq j$  then  $X_i \cap X_j = \emptyset$ . For convenience let  $A_n = \{n^2, n^2 + 1, \dots\}$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . The topology on  $X$  is defined as follows:

- i) All points of  $\cup\{X_n \setminus \{\frac{1}{n}\} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  are isolated.
- ii) For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  a basic neighborhood of  $\frac{1}{n}$  is of the form  $B(n, j) = \{\frac{1}{n}\} \cup \{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{k} : k = j, j + 1, \dots\}$  some  $j \in A_n$ .
- iii) A basic neighborhood of 0 is of the form  $\{0\} \cup (\cup\{B(i, j_i) : i \geq n\})$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and choice of  $j_i \in A_i$  for each  $i \geq n$ .

As noted in [4] the space  $X$  is a countable perfectly normal sequential space which is not Fréchet and the point 0 does not have a countable local base. Let

$Y = X \setminus \{0\}$ .

1. There is a symmetric on  $(Y, X)$  satisfying conditions 01)-04).
2. If  $g : X \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}(X)$  satisfying condition  $A(Y)$  then there is an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $0 \notin g_n(0)$ . Thus  $Y$  is not strongly semi-metrizable in  $X$ . and  $Y$  is not strongly first countable in  $X$ .

1. Define a symmetric  $d$  on  $(Y, X)$  as follows:

$$d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x = y \\ 1, & \text{if } x \neq y \end{cases}, \text{ for all } x, y \in X \setminus \{\frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \text{ and}$$

$$d(\frac{1}{n}, x) = d(x, \frac{1}{n}) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n}, & \text{if } x = 0 \\ |\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{k}|, & \text{if } x = \frac{1}{k} \text{ some } k \in \mathbb{N} \\ \frac{1}{j}, & \text{if } x = \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{j} \text{ some } j \in A_n \\ 1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } x \in X.$$

The symmetric  $d$  on  $(Y, X)$  satisfying conditions 01)-04).

2. Suppose that  $g : \mathbb{N} \times X \rightarrow \mathcal{T}(X)$  satisfies condition  $A(Y)$ . Note that if  $0 \in g_n(0)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  then by condition 1(b) of  $A(Y)$  the collection  $\{\{0\} \cup g_n(0) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  would be a local base for  $0$  in  $X$ , but  $0$  does not have a countable local base.

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