

## FINITE-TO-ONE OPEN MAPS OF GENERALIZED METRIC SPACES

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We investigate the invariance of certain classes of generalized metric spaces under finite-to-one open maps. In particular, the following classes of spaces are invariant:  $w\mathcal{A}$ -spaces,  $\beta$ -spaces,  $\Sigma^*$ -spaces,  $w\gamma$ -spaces,  $\gamma$ -spaces, quasi-metrizable  $T_1$ -spaces,  $\sigma$ -spaces and Moore spaces. Several applications are given, including a metrization theorem via finite-to-one open maps. We also show that  $M$ -spaces,  $wM$ -spaces,  $wN$ -spaces, and  $M_i$ -spaces ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) are not necessarily preserved by finite-to-one open maps. Further, an example is presented which shows that some of those classes of space which are invariant under finite-to-one open maps are not necessarily invariant under compact open maps.

1. Introduction. Y. Tanaka [28] showed that several classes of generalized metric spaces are invariant under finite-to-one open maps. In this paper we extend his results to other classes of spaces. A map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is *finite-to-one* if, for every  $y \in Y$ , the set  $f^{-1}(y)$  is a finite subset of  $X$ . All maps are assumed to be continuous and onto. For other pertinent references the reader is referred to ([8], [9], [24]).

In § 2, the investigation of the invariance of many classes of spaces under finite-to-one open maps is undertaken. An interesting consequence of invariance under finite-to-one open maps is a result on point-finite open covers in Corollary 2.4. Also, in § 2, an example is presented which discusses the situation for compact open maps. Further results on finite-to-one open maps, with respect to certain classes of spaces defined by Hodel [13], are presented in § 4.

In § 3, we use the results of § 2 to obtain some interesting mapping theorems of the following sort: Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a finite-to-one open map of a regular  $w\mathcal{A}$ -space  $X$  onto a space  $Y$ : (1) If  $Y$  is a space with a  $G_\delta^*$ -diagonal, then both  $X$  and  $Y$  are developable; (2) If  $Y$  is a collectionwise normal,  $\sigma^*$ -space, then both  $X$  and  $Y$  are metrizable.

Before proceeding to our theorems, we consider some of the basic terminology needed for this paper.

A space  $X$  is called a  $w\mathcal{A}$ -space [5] if there is a sequence  $\langle \mathcal{U}_n \rangle$  of open covers of  $X$  such that if  $x_n \in \text{St}(x, \mathcal{U}_n)$ , then the sequence  $\langle x_n \rangle$  clusters. If there is a sequence  $\langle \mathcal{U}_n \rangle$  of open covers of  $X$  such that  $\{\text{St}(x, \mathcal{U}_n): n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  is an open basis at  $x \in X$ , then  $X$  is said to be a *developable space*. A regular developable space is called a *Moore*



space.

A space  $X$  is called a  $\beta$ -space [14] if, for each  $x \in X$ , there is a sequence  $\{g_n(x): n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  of open neighborhoods of  $X$  such that if  $x \in g_n(x_n)$ , then the sequence  $\langle x_n \rangle$  clusters.

Instead of giving the definitions of  $\sigma^*$ -spaces [27],  $\Sigma^*$ -spaces [20] and quasi-metrizable spaces [29], we present equivalent formulations which are used in the proof of Theorem 2.1. For the actual definitions of these concepts, the reader is referred to the above references.

LEMMA 1.1 (Heath). *A space  $X$  is a  $\sigma^*$ -space if and only if, for each  $x \in X$ , there is a sequence  $\{g_n(x): n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  of open neighborhoods of  $x$  satisfying*

- (a)  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} g_n(x) = \{x\}$  for all  $x \in X$ .
- (b) If  $y \in g_n(x)$ , then  $g_n(y) \subset g_n(x)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $n \in N$ .

LEMMA 1.2 (Nagata [23]; see also [2]). *A space  $X$  is a  $\Sigma^*$ -space if and only if, for each  $x \in X$ , there is a sequence  $\{g_n(x): n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  of open neighborhoods of  $x$  satisfying:*

- (a) If  $y \in g_n(x)$ , then  $g_n(y) \subset g_n(x)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $n \in N$ .
- (b) If  $x \in g_n(x_n)$ , then the sequence  $\langle x_n \rangle$  clusters.

LEMMA 1.3 (Ribeiro [25]). *A  $T_1$ -space  $X$  is quasi-metrizable if and only if, for each  $x \in X$ , there is an open basis  $\{g_n(x): n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  such that if  $y \in g_n(x)$ , then  $g_n(y) \subset g_{n-1}(x)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $n \geq 2$ .*

Unless otherwise stated no separation axioms are assumed; however, regular spaces are always assumed to be  $T_1$  and paracompact means paracompact  $T_2$ . The set of positive integers will be denoted by  $N$ .

## 2. Basic results on finite-to-one open maps.

THEOREM 2.1. *Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a finite-to-one open map.*

- (A): *If  $X$  is a  $w\Delta$ -space, then  $Y$  is a  $w\Delta$ -space.*
- (B): *If  $X$  is a  $\beta$ -space, then  $Y$  is a  $\beta$ -space.*
- (C): *If  $X$  is a  $\sigma^*$ -space, then  $Y$  is a  $\sigma^*$ -space.*
- (D): *If  $X$  is a  $\Sigma^*$ -space, then  $Y$  is a  $\Sigma^*$ -space.*
- (E): *If  $X$  is a quasi-metrizable  $T_1$ -space, then  $Y$  is quasi-metrizable  $T_1$ -space.*

*Proof.* (A): Suppose  $\langle \mathcal{U}_n \rangle$  is a sequence of open covers of  $X$  illustrating that  $X$  is a  $w\Delta$ -space. We may assume  $\mathcal{U}_{n+1} < \mathcal{U}_n$  for each  $n \in N$ . Let  $\mathcal{V}_n = f(\mathcal{U}_n) = \{f(U): U \in \mathcal{U}_n\}$  for each  $n \in N$ . Since  $f$  is an open map,  $\{\mathcal{V}_n\}$  is a sequence of open covers of  $Y$ . Suppose



$y \in Y$  and  $y_n \in \text{St}(y, \mathcal{V}_n)$  for each  $n \in N$ . Then, for each  $n$ , there is an element  $V_n \in \mathcal{V}_n$  such that  $\{y, y_n\} \subset V_n = f(U_n)$  for some  $U_n \in \mathcal{U}_n$ . Choose  $x_n \in U_n$  such that  $f(x_n) = y$ . Since  $f$  is a finite-to-one map, there is an  $x \in f^{-1}(y)$  and a subsequence  $\langle x_{n_i} \rangle_{i=1}^\infty$  of  $\langle x_n \rangle$  such that  $x_{n_i} = x$  for all  $i \in N$ . Since  $y_{n_i} \in f(U_{n_i})$ , there is a  $z_{n_i} \in U_{n_i}$  such that  $f(z_{n_i}) = y_{n_i}$ . But then,  $\{x, z_{n_i}\} \subset U_{n_i}$  and thus  $z_{n_i} \in \text{St}(x, \mathcal{U}_{n_i})$ . Hence the sequence  $\langle z_{n_i} \rangle$  clusters and it follows that the sequence  $\langle y_{n_i} \rangle = \langle f(z_{n_i}) \rangle$  clusters. Thus  $Y$  is a  $w\Delta$ -space.

(B): For each  $x \in X$ , let  $\{g_n(x): n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  be a sequence of open neighborhoods of  $x$  illustrating that  $X$  is a  $\beta$ -space. We may assume  $g_{n+1}(x) \subset g_n(x)$  for each  $n \in N$ . For each  $y \in Y$ , let  $h_n(y) = \bigcap \{f(g_n(x)): x \in f^{-1}(y)\}$ . Since  $f$  is an open map,  $\{h_n(y): n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  is a sequence of open neighborhoods of  $y$ . Suppose  $y \in h_n(y_n)$ . Then, for each  $n$ , there is a  $z_n \in f^{-1}(y_n)$  such that  $y \in f(g_n(z_n))$  and thus an  $x_n \in g_n(z_n)$  such that  $f(x_n) = y$ . Since  $f$  is a finite-to-one map, there is an  $x \in f^{-1}(y)$  and a subsequence  $\langle x_{n_i} \rangle_{i=1}^\infty$  of  $\langle x_n \rangle$  such that  $x_{n_i} = x$  for all  $i \in N$ . Thus  $x \in g_{n_i}(z_{n_i}) \subset g_n(z_{n_i})$  and the subsequence  $\{z_{n_i}\}_{i=1}^\infty$  has a cluster point. Therefore  $\langle z_n \rangle$  has a cluster point and thus so does  $\langle f(z_n) \rangle = \langle y_n \rangle$  showing that  $Y$  is a  $\beta$ -space.

(C): Since  $X$  is a  $\sigma^*$ -space, there is a sequence  $\{g_n(x): n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  of open neighborhoods of each  $x \in X$  satisfying conditions (a) and (b) of Lemma 1.1. For each  $y \in Y$ , let  $h_n(y) = \bigcap \{f(g_n(x)): x \in f^{-1}(y)\}$ . Since  $f$  is an open map,  $\{h_n(y): n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  is a sequence of open neighborhoods of  $y$ . To verify condition (1) of Lemma 1.1, suppose  $y \in Y$ . If  $z \in Y$  and  $z \neq y$ , then  $f^{-1}(z) \cap f^{-1}(y) = \emptyset$ . Since  $f^{-1}(z)$  and  $f^{-1}(y)$  are finite sets, there is an integer  $n$  such that  $g_n(x) \cap f^{-1}(z) = \emptyset$  for all  $x \in f^{-1}(y)$ . It follows that  $z \notin \bigcap \{f(g_n(x)): x \in f^{-1}(y)\} = h_n(y)$ . Thus  $\{y\} = \bigcap_{n=1}^\infty h_n(y)$ . For condition (2) of Lemma 1.1, we suppose  $z \in h_n(y)$ . Then  $z \in f(g_n(x))$  for every  $x \in f^{-1}(y)$  and thus there is an  $x_z \in g_n(x)$  such that  $f(x_z) = z$ . Since  $x_z \in g_n(x)$ ,  $g_n(x_z) \subset g_n(x)$  and thus  $f(g_n(x_z)) \subset f(g_n(x))$ . Thus  $\bigcap \{f(g_n(x_z)): x \in f^{-1}(y)\} \subset \bigcap \{f(g_n(x)): x \in f^{-1}(y)\}$ . It follows that  $h_n(z) \subset h_n(y)$  and thus  $Y$  is a  $\sigma^*$ -space.

(D): Using the characterization of  $\Sigma^*$ -spaces given in Lemma 1.2, (D) is proved by essentially combining the arguments presented in proving (B) and (C).

(E): By Lemma 1.3, for each  $x \in X$ , there exists an open basis  $\{g_n(x): n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  such that if  $y \in g_n(x)$ , then  $g_n(y) \subset g_{n-1}(x)$  for every  $x, y \in X$  and  $n \geq 2$ . For each  $y \in Y$ , let  $h_n(y) = \bigcap \{f(g_n(x)): x \in f^{-1}(y)\}$ . It is easy to verify that  $\{h_n(y): n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  is an open basis for  $y$ . Also, using an argument analogous to that used in (C), it follows that if  $z \in h_n(y)$ , then  $h_n(z) \subset h_{n-1}(y)$ . Thus, since  $Y$  is clearly a  $T_1$ -space,  $Y$  is quasi-metrizable by Lemma 1.3.

As immediate consequences of Theorem 2.1, we have the follow-



ing results concerning  $\sigma$ -spaces and Moore spaces. As in [28], we define a  $\sigma$ -space to be a space with a  $\sigma$ -locally-finite closed net.

**COROLLARY 2.2** (Tanaka [28]). *Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a finite-to-one open map of a  $\sigma$ -space  $X$  onto a space  $Y$ . Then  $Y$  is a  $\sigma$ -space.*

*Proof.* Since  $X$  is a  $\sigma$ -space,  $X$  is clearly both a  $\Sigma^*$  and  $\sigma^*$ -space. Thus, by Theorem 2.1,  $Y$  is a  $\Sigma^*$  and  $\sigma^*$ -space. But a  $\Sigma^*$  and  $\sigma^*$ -space is a  $\sigma$ -space [26].

**COROLLARY 2.3.** *Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a finite-to-one open map of a Moore space  $X$  onto a space  $Y$ . Then  $Y$  is a Moore space.*

*Proof.* Since  $X$  is a Moore space,  $X$  is a  $w\Delta$  and  $\sigma^*$ -space. Thus, by Theorem 2.1,  $Y$  is a  $w\Delta$  and  $\sigma^*$ -space. Also, since  $f$  is a finite-to-one open map and  $X$  is regular, it follows that  $Y$  is regular. But a regular,  $w\Delta$  and  $\sigma^*$ -space is a Moore space [6].

As an immediate consequence of the results of this section we have the following:

**COROLLARY 2.4.** *Let  $\{0_\alpha: \alpha \in A\}$  be a point-finite open covering of  $X$ . If each  $0_\alpha$  is a  $w\Delta$ -space ( $\beta$ -space;  $\sigma^*$ -space;  $\Sigma^*$ -space, quasi-metrizable  $T_1$ -space;  $\sigma$ -space; Moore space), then so is  $X$ .*

The following example shows that Corollary 2.4 and thus Theorem 2.1 do not hold for  $M$ -spaces [21],  $M^*$ -spaces [27],  $M^*$ -spaces [15],  $wM$ -spaces [16] or  $M_i$ -spaces ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) [7].

**EXAMPLE 2.5.** In [10] Corson and Michael constructed a non-normal, completely regular space  $X$  which is the union of two open metrizable subsets. By Corollary 2.4,  $X$  is developable. It follows that  $X$  is not an  $M$ ,  $M^*$ ,  $M^*$ ,  $wM$  or  $M_i$ -space ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ).

The following example shows that we can not replace the finite-to-one open map by a compact open map in Theorem 2.1 (A), (B), (D) and Corollaries 2.2 and 2.3. This example also shows that semi-metrizable and semi-stratifiable spaces [11] are not preserved by compact open maps.

**EXAMPLE 2.6.** Let  $Q$  be an uncountable subset of  $[0, 1]$  whose only compact sets are countable, such spaces exist [17, p. 514]. Let  $Y$  be  $[0, 1]$  retopologized so that the open sets have the form  $U \cup V$  where  $U$  is open in the usual topology of  $[0, 1]$  and  $V \subset Q$ . The space  $Y$  is a nonmetrizable, paracompact space with a  $G_\delta$ -diagonal. It [19] Michael showed that the product of  $Y$  with a metric space



is not normal. It follows from [18, Proposition 5] that there is a closed subset of  $Y$  which is not a  $G_\delta$ -set. Thus  $Y$  is not semi-stratifiable and hence not a semimetrizable space,  $\sigma$ -space, nor a developable space. Further, since  $Y$  is a paracompact space with a  $G_\delta$ -diagonal,  $Y$  is not a  $\beta$ -space nor a  $\Sigma^*$ -space. In [3] Bennett showed that there is a  $T_2$ , metacompact developable space  $X$  and a compact open map from  $X$  onto  $Y$ .

We remark that Tanaka [28] constructs many other interesting examples concerning finite-to-one open maps and compact open maps.

**3. Applications.** A space  $X$  is said to have a  $G_\delta^*$ -diagonal [14] if there exists a sequence  $\langle \mathcal{S}_n \rangle$  of open covers of  $X$  such that, for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{\text{St}(x, \mathcal{S}_n)} = \{x\}$ . According to Hodel [14], a space is a Moore space if and only if it is a regular,  $w\Delta$ -space with a  $G_\delta^*$ -diagonal.

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a finite-to-one open map of a regular  $w\Delta$ -space onto a space  $Y$ . If  $Y$  has a  $G_\delta^*$ -diagonal or is a  $\sigma^*$ -space, then both  $X$  and  $Y$  are Moore spaces.*

*Proof.* By Theorem 2.1,  $Y$  is a  $w\Delta$ -space. If  $Y$  has a  $G_\delta^*$ -diagonal, then  $Y$  is a Moore space by Hodel's theorem. If  $Y$  is a  $\sigma^*$ -space, then  $Y$  is a Moore space by a result of Burke [6, Theorem 2.4]. Thus, in either case,  $Y$  is a Moore space. On the other hand, using a result of Tanaka [28] (see also Coban [9]), it follows that  $X$  is a  $\sigma$ -space since  $Y$  is a Moore space. But, a  $\sigma$ -space which is a  $w\Delta$ -space is a Moore space. Thus  $X$  is a Moore space.

Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a collection of open subsets of a space  $X$ . The collection  $\mathcal{U}$  is called *point-countable* if each point  $x \in X$  belongs to at most countable many members of  $\mathcal{U}$ . The collection  $\mathcal{U}$  is called *point-separating* provided that if  $p \neq q$  are points in  $X$ , there is some  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  such that  $p \in U$  and  $q \notin U$ . Nagata [22] proved that a space is metrizable if and only if it is a paracompact,  $w\Delta$ -space with a point-countable, point-separating open cover.

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be an open finite-to-one map of a regular  $w\Delta$ -space  $X$  onto a space  $Y$ . If  $Y$  has any one of the following properties, then both  $X$  and  $Y$  are metrizable.*

- (a)  $Y$  is a paracompact space with a point-countable, point-separating open cover.
- (b)  $Y$  is a paracompact space with a  $G_\delta$ -diagonal.
- (c)  $Y$  is a collectionwise normal,  $\sigma^*$ -space.

*Proof.* By Theorem 2.1,  $Y$  is a  $w\Delta$ -space. Thus, in case (a),



$Y$  is a paracompact,  $w\mathcal{A}$ -space with a point-countable, point-separating open cover and therefore metrizable by Nagata's result. For (b), we note that it is easy to verify that a paracompact space with a  $G_\delta$ -diagonal has a point-countable, point-separating open cover. Thus (b) follows from (a). For (c), we note that since  $Y$  is clearly a regular space,  $Y$  is a Moore space by Theorem 3.1. Consequently, since  $Y$  is a collectionwise normal Moore space,  $Y$  is metrizable [4]. The above arguments show that if  $Y$  satisfies (a), (b) or (c), then  $Y$  is metrizable. It remains to show that  $X$  is metrizable.

To verify the metrizability of  $X$  we use the fact that, since  $Y$  is metrizable,  $Y$  is a hereditarily paracompact,  $\sigma$ -space. Since  $Y$  is hereditarily paracompact and  $f$  is a finite-to-one open map,  $X$  is hereditarily paracompact [8, Theorem 3]. Furthermore, since  $Y$  is a  $\sigma$ -space and  $f$  is a finite-to-one open map,  $X$  is a  $\sigma$ -space ([9], [28]). However, it is well known that a paracompact,  $\sigma$ ,  $w\mathcal{A}$ -space is metrizable. Thus  $X$  is metrizable.

In order to prove Theorems 3.3 and 3.4 we need the following results:

LEMMA A (Shiraki [26, Corollary 2.2]). *A space  $X$  is a  $\sigma$ -space if and only if  $X$  is a  $\Sigma^*$  and  $\sigma^*$ -space.*

LEMMA B (Hodel [14]). *A  $T_2$ -space  $X$  is semi-stratifiable if and only if  $X$  is a  $\beta$  and  $\sigma^*$ -space.*

THEOREM 3.3. *Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a finite-to-one open map of a  $\sigma^*$ -space  $X$  onto a  $\Sigma^*$ -space  $Y$ . Then both  $X$  and  $Y$  are  $\sigma$ -spaces. Moreover, we may interchange the roles of  $X$  and  $Y$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 2.1,  $Y$  is a  $\sigma^*$ -space and thus a  $\sigma$ -space by Lemma A. Since  $Y$  is a  $\sigma$ -space and  $f$  a finite-to-one open map  $X$  is a  $\sigma$ -space ([9], [28]). The "moreover" is proved in exactly the same manner.

THEOREM 3.4. *Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be finite-to-one open map of a  $T_2$ ,  $\sigma^*$ -space onto a  $\beta$ -space  $Y$ . Then both  $X$  and  $Y$  are semi-stratifiable. Moreover, we may interchange the roles of  $X$  and  $Y$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 2.1,  $Y$  is a  $\sigma^*$ -space and thus a semi-stratifiable space by Lemma B. Since  $Y$  is semi-stratifiable,  $X$  is semi-stratifiable [28, Theorem 2]. The "moreover" is proved in exactly the same manner.

4. Hodel's spaces. The author is very grateful to the referee



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By Hodel's spaces we mean those classes of spaces which were introduced in [13]; these include  $w\gamma$ -spaces,  $w\theta$ -spaces and  $wN$ -spaces.

A space  $X$  is a  $w\gamma$ -space if, for each  $x \in X$ , there is a sequence  $\{g_n(x): n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  of open neighborhoods of  $x$  such that if  $y_n \in g_n(x)$  and  $x_n \in g_n(y_n)$ , then the sequence  $\langle x_n \rangle$  has a cluster point. If we require that  $x$  is a cluster point of the sequence  $\langle x_n \rangle$ , then  $X$  is called  $\gamma$ -space [13].

For  $w\gamma$ -spaces and  $\gamma$ -spaces we have the following results analogous to Theorem 2.1

**THEOREM 4.1.** *Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a finite-to-one open map.*

(a) *If  $X$  is a  $w\gamma$ -space, then  $Y$  is a  $w\gamma$ -space.*

(b) *If  $X$  is a  $\gamma$ -space, then  $Y$  is a  $\gamma$ -space.*

*Proof.* (A): For each  $x \in X$ , let  $\{g_n(x): n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  be a sequence of open neighborhoods of  $x$  illustrating that  $X$  is a  $w\gamma$ -space. We may assume  $g_{n+1}(x) \subset g_n(x)$  for each  $n \in N$ . For each  $y \in Y$ , let  $h_n(y) = \bigcap \{f(g_n(x)): x \in f^{-1}(y)\}$ . Since  $f$  is an open map,  $\{h_n(y): n \in N\}$  is a sequence of open neighborhoods of  $y$ . Suppose, for  $y \in Y$ , that  $t_n \in h_n(y)$  and  $s_n \in h_n(t_n)$ . Since  $f$  is a finite-to-one map and  $t_n \in h_n(y)$ , there is a subsequence  $\langle t_{n_i} \rangle_{i=1}^{\infty}$  of  $\langle t_n \rangle$  such that  $t_{n_i} \in f(g_{n_i}(x))$  for some  $x \in f^{-1}(y)$ . Thus, there is an  $x_{n_i} \in g_{n_i}(x)$  such that  $f(x_{n_i}) = t_{n_i}$ . Also, since  $s_{n_i} \in h_{n_i}(t_{n_i}) \subset f(g_{n_i}(x_{n_i}))$ , there is a  $z_{n_i} \in g_{n_i}(x_{n_i})$  such that  $f(z_{n_i}) = s_{n_i}$ . Since  $x_{n_i} \in g_{n_i}(x)$  and  $z_{n_i} \in g_{n_i}(x_{n_i})$ , it follows that  $\langle z_{n_i} \rangle_{i=1}^{\infty}$  has a cluster point. Therefore,  $\langle s_{n_i} \rangle_{i=1}^{\infty} = \langle f(z_{n_i}) \rangle_{i=1}^{\infty}$  has a cluster point and thus so does  $\langle s_n \rangle$  showing that  $Y$  is a  $w\gamma$ -space.

To prove (B), we merely have to observe that if  $x$  were a cluster point of  $\langle z_{n_i} \rangle_{i=1}^{\infty}$  in the preceding argument, then  $y = f(x)$  would be a cluster point of  $\langle s_{n_i} \rangle_{i=1}^{\infty}$ .

The author has not been successful in obtaining an analogue of the preceding result for  $w\theta$ -spaces and  $\theta$ -spaces, although a straight forward argument for these cases yields the following.

**THEOREM 4.2.** *Let  $\{O_\alpha: \alpha \in A\}$  be a point-finite open covering of  $X$ . If each  $O_\alpha$  is a  $\gamma$ -space ( $w\gamma$ -space;  $w\theta$ -space;  $\theta$ -space), then so is  $X$ .*

Turning our attention to  $wN$ -spaces, we note the following result of Hodel [13]: A space  $X$  is a  $wM$ -space if and only if it is  $wN$ -space and a  $w\gamma$ -space. As an immediate consequence of this result and Theorem 4.2, Example 2.5 shows that  $wN$ -spaces are not preserved by finite-to-one open maps and that Theorem 4.2 does not hold for  $wN$ -spaces.



5. Summary. In this section we summarize the known results concerning the invariance of certain classes of generalized metric spaces under finite-to-one open maps.

(A): *Classes of spaces invariant under finite-to-one open maps:* In this paper we have shown that  $w\mathcal{A}$ -spaces,  $w\gamma$ -spaces,  $\gamma$ -spaces,  $\beta$ -spaces,  $\sigma^*$ -spaces,  $\Sigma^*$ -spaces, quasi-metrizable  $T_1$ -spaces,  $\sigma$ -spaces (see also [28]), and Moore spaces are invariant. Also, according to Tanaka [28],  $P$ -spaces, strict  $p$ -spaces, symmetric spaces, semimetrizable spaces and semi-stratifiable spaces are invariant. In fact, Henry [12], showed that semi-stratifiable spaces are invariant under pseudo-open finite-to-one maps.

(B): *Classes of spaces not invariant under finite-to-one open maps:* We have shown in Example 2.5 that  $M$ -spaces,  $wN$ -spaces  $M^*$ -spaces,  $M^*$ -spaces,  $wM$ -spaces and  $M_i$ -spaces ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) are not invariant. Also, Example 3.3 of [28] shows that  $\Sigma$ -spaces and subparacompact spaces are not invariant.

Finally, we note that it does not seem to be known if  $p$ -spaces [1] or quasi-complete spaces [11] are preserved by finite-to-one open maps. As mentioned previously, the invariance of  $w\theta$ -spaces and  $\theta$ -spaces is not known.

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