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*Some new versions of an old game*

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**Abstract:** The old game is the point-open one discovered independently by F. Galvin [7] and R. Telgársky [17]. Recall that it is played on a topological space  $X$  as follows: at the  $n$ -th move the first player picks a point  $x_n \in X$  and the second responds with choosing an open  $U_n \ni x_n$ . The game stops after  $\omega$  moves and the first player wins if  $\cup\{U_n : n \in \omega\} = X$ . Otherwise the victory is ascribed to the second player.

In this paper we introduce and study the games  $\theta$  and  $\Omega$ . In  $\theta$  the moves are made exactly as in the point-open game, but the first player wins iff  $\cup\{U_n : n \in \omega\}$  is dense in  $X$ . In the game  $\Omega$  the first player also takes a point  $x_n \in X$  at his (or her)  $n$ -th move while the second picks an open  $U_n \subset X$  with  $x_n \in \overline{U_n}$ . The conclusion is the same as in  $\theta$ , i.e. the first player wins iff  $\cup\{U_n : n \in \omega\}$  is dense in  $X$ .

It is clear that if the first player has a winning strategy on a space  $X$  for the game  $\theta$  or  $\Omega$ , then  $X$  is in some way similar to a separable space. We study here such spaces  $X$  calling them  $\theta$ -separable and  $\Omega$ -separable respectively. Examples are given of compact spaces on which neither  $\theta$  nor  $\Omega$  are determined. It is established that first countable  $\theta$ -separable (or  $\Omega$ -separable) spaces are separable. We also prove that

- 1) all dyadic spaces are  $\theta$ -separable;
- 2) all Dugundji spaces as well as all products of separable spaces are  $\Omega$ -separable;
- 3)  $\Omega$ -separability implies the Souslin property while  $\theta$ -separability does not.

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