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Abstract

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On a Class of Transitive One-to-One Spectra for Bicompecta

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In this note we solve the problem posed by P. S. Aleksandrov in 1935 of establishing a one-to-one correspondence between spectra of a certain class and bicompecta.

Definition 1. By a **spectrum** $S = \{X_\alpha, \omega_\alpha^\beta\}$ we shall mean a set of complexes X_α (the totality of indices α forms a directed partially ordered set) and simplicial mappings $\omega_\alpha^\beta : X_\beta \rightarrow X_\alpha$, defined whenever $\beta > \alpha$. The mappings $\beta > \alpha$, called **projections**, satisfy the condition of **transitivity**:

$$\omega_\alpha^\beta \omega_\beta^\gamma = \omega_\alpha^\gamma \quad \text{for } \gamma > \beta > \alpha.$$

Remark. The complexes X_α are not assumed to be complete, i.e., the set X_α need not contain, together with a simplex t_α , all its faces. If t_α is a face of t'_α , then we shall write $t_\alpha \ll t'_\alpha$. In this way X_α is turned into a partially ordered set, which may also be understood as a T_0 -space ⁽¹⁾.

Definition 2. A set $t = \{t_\alpha\}$, one simplex t_α from each X_α , will be called a **projection set** if, for $\beta > \alpha$, we always have

$$t_\alpha = \omega_\alpha^\beta t_\beta.$$

A projection set $t = \{t_\alpha\}$ will be called a **thread** if there is no projection set $t' = \{t'_\alpha\}$, distinct from t , such that for every α , $t_\alpha \geq t'_\alpha$. In what follows, the complexes X_α are everywhere assumed to be finite, and the projections ω_α^β are mappings "onto."

Definition 3. A simplex $t_\alpha \in X_\alpha$ will be called **minimal** if X_α contains no proper faces of t_α .

Definition 4. We shall call a simplex t_α **essential** if in some X_β ($\beta \geq \alpha$) there is a minimal simplex t_β projecting onto t_α

$$(\omega_\alpha^\beta t_\beta = t_\alpha).$$

Theorem 1. *The condition that the simplex t_α be essential is necessary and sufficient in order that "a thread pass through it" (i.e., that there exist a thread containing among its elements the simplex t_α).*

Definition 5. A spectrum S will be called **separated from above** if, for any two essential simplices t_α and t'_α , separated from below in the sense of the equality

$$[t_\alpha] \cap [t'_\alpha] = \Lambda,$$

there exists $\beta > \alpha$ for which “separation from above” takes place in the sense

$$O_\beta(\omega_\alpha^\beta)^{-1}[t_\alpha] \cap O_\beta(\omega_\alpha^\beta)^{-1}[t'_\alpha] = \Lambda,$$

where, as always, O_β denotes the star in the complex X_β , and square brackets denote closure (in the present case in the complex X_α).

Theorem 2. *The condition that the spectrum S be separated from above is equivalent to the Hausdorff condition for this spectrum, namely, that for any two threads $t = \{t_\alpha\}$ and $t' = \{t'_\alpha\}$ there exists an α such that t_α and t'_α have disjoint stars in X_α .*

By definition, the threads are the points of the **limit space** X of the spectrum S .

The topology in X is introduced as follows: a neighborhood $U_{\alpha_0} t$ of the thread $t = \{t_\alpha\}$, by definition, consists of all threads $t' = \{t'_\alpha\}$ for which $t'_{\alpha_0} \in Ot_{\alpha_0}$.

If to each thread $t = \{t_\alpha\}$ we put in correspondence t_α (its α -th coordinate), then we obtain a continuous mapping (projection) φ_α of the space X into X_α . It is clear that if the spectrum S is essential, i.e. all simplexes of its complexes are essential, then φ_α and φ_α^β are mappings “onto.” For transitive spectra $\varphi_\alpha = \varphi_\alpha^\beta \varphi_\beta$ for $\beta > \alpha$.

In what follows, by a spectrum is meant a Hausdorff essential spectrum.

Definition 6. We shall call a subspectrum $S' = \{X_{\alpha'}, \varphi_{\alpha'}^{\beta'}\}$ of the spectrum $S = \{X_\alpha, \varphi_\alpha^\beta\}$ a **nonseparating** subspectrum of the spectrum S , if: 1) in S there is an X_{α_0} , and in it such simplexes $t_{1\alpha_0}$ and $t_{2\alpha_0}$, that $[t_{1\alpha_0}] \cap [t_{2\alpha_0}] = \Lambda$; 2) for every $\beta > \alpha_0$ in X_β there exist $t_{1\beta}$ and $t_{2\beta}$, for which $\varphi_{\alpha_0}^\beta t_{1\beta} = t_{1\alpha_0}$, $\varphi_{\alpha_0}^\beta t_{2\beta} = t_{2\alpha_0}$, and which are “glued together” in S' , i.e. $\varphi_{\alpha'}^\beta t_{1\beta} \leq \varphi_{\alpha'}^\beta t_{2\beta}$ for $X_{\alpha'} \in S'$. If these conditions are not fulfilled, then the subspectrum is naturally called separating.

Definition 6 can also be given the following form: a subspectrum S' of a spectrum S is separating if and only if for any two threads t_1 and t_2 of the spectrum S there exists in S' such a complex $X_{\alpha'}$ that the simplexes $t_{1\alpha'} = t_1 \cap X_{\alpha'}$ and $t_{2\alpha'} = t_2 \cap X_{\alpha'}$ have disjoint stars in $X_{\alpha'}$.

Theorem 3. *In order that a subspectrum S' of a spectrum S give the same limit space as S , it is necessary and sufficient that S' be a separating subspectrum.*

Definition 7. We shall say that a spectrum \tilde{S} is obtained from a spectrum $S = \{X_\alpha, \varphi_\alpha^\beta\}$ by a **weakening of the order**, if \tilde{S} consists of the same complexes X_α as S , from $\beta > \alpha$ in \tilde{S} there follows $\beta > \alpha$ in S , and the projections in both spectra are the same.

Definition 8. Given a spectrum $S = \{X_\alpha, \varphi_\alpha^\beta\}$. We shall call complexes X_α and X_β **isomorphic with respect to the spectrum S** (S -isomorphic), if between X_α and X_β one can establish an isomorphism such that, under $t_\alpha \leftrightarrow t_\beta$, the conditions $\varphi_\alpha^\gamma t_\gamma = t_\alpha$ and $\varphi_\beta^\gamma t_\gamma = t_\beta$ are equivalent for every $\gamma > \beta, \alpha$.

Basic definition. A spectrum Σ is called **extremal** if it satisfies the following conditions:

- 1) The spectrum Σ contains no two Σ -isomorphic complexes (minimality condition).
- 2) The spectrum Σ cannot be obtained from another spectrum by weakening the order (first maximality condition).
- 3) The spectrum Σ is not a separating subspectrum of any spectrum satisfying conditions 1) and 2) (second maximality condition).

Main theorem. *Every bicom pactum X is the limit space of some—and, up to isomorphism, of only one—extremal spectrum.*

Remark. It is known ⁽¹⁾ that every Hausdorff transitive spectrum of finite complexes, in particular an extremal one, has as its limit space a bicom pactum. Therefore our main theorem establishes a one-to-one correspondence between bicom pacts and their extremal spectra, i.e. solves the problem posed at the beginning of the paper.

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