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Abstract

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ON CONSTRUCTIVE MAPPINGS OF POLYHEDRA

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In the present communication we use the notions of a constructive metric space, of a constructive operator from one constructive metric space to another, of a continuous constructive operator, and of a uniformly continuous constructive operator. Definitions of these notions may be found in ⁽¹⁾. Sets specified by means of lists will be called **finite sets**.

A **constructive locally finite simplicial complex** will mean any list of the form $(A, \mathfrak{M}, \mathfrak{N}, \mathfrak{A})$, where:

- 1) A is an alphabet containing the alphabet of constructive real numbers*;
- 2) \mathfrak{M} is an enumerable set of words in the alphabet A ;
- 3) \mathfrak{N} is an enumerable family consisting of certain nonempty finite subsets of \mathfrak{M} and satisfying the following conditions: a) every nonempty subset of each element of the family \mathfrak{N} belongs to \mathfrak{N} , and b) for any word P belonging to \mathfrak{M} , the set of those elements of the family \mathfrak{N} which contain P is nonempty and finite;
- 4) \mathfrak{A} is an algorithm transforming any element of the set \mathfrak{M} into the list of all elements of the family \mathfrak{N} that contain it.

The elements of the set \mathfrak{M} will be called the **vertices** of the complex, and the elements of the family \mathfrak{N} the **simplices** of the complex. In this article, constructive locally finite simplicial complexes will be called **complexes**.

Denote by A^+ the standard two-letter extension of the alphabet A . Let us construct algorithms \mathfrak{B} and \mathfrak{C} such that, whatever the algorithm Φ in the alphabet A^+ transforming all elements of the set \mathfrak{M} into constructive real numbers, and at least one of these elements into a number different from zero, the following conditions are satisfied:

- 1) the algorithm \mathfrak{B} is applicable to the record** of the algorithm Φ , and

$$\mathfrak{B}(\{\Phi\}) \in \mathfrak{M} \ \& \ \Phi(\mathfrak{B}(\{\Phi\})) \neq 0;$$

- 2) the algorithm \mathfrak{C} transforms the record of the algorithm Φ into the union of all finite sets that are members of the list $\mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{B}(\{\Phi\}))$.

A **point of the complex** $(A, \mathfrak{M}, \mathfrak{N}, \mathfrak{A})$ will mean the record of any algorithm Φ in the alphabet A^+ such that the following conditions are satisfied:

- 1) Φ transforms any vertex of the complex into a nonnegative constructive real number, and at least one vertex into a number different from zero;
- 2) whatever finite subset M of the set \mathfrak{M} may be, if the result of applying Φ to each element of M is different from zero, then M belongs to the family \mathfrak{N} ;

* Here and below, by a constructive real number we mean a real duplex (a real FR-number) (see ⁽¹⁾).

** The record of the algorithm Φ will be denoted by $\{\Phi\}$.

- 3) for any vertex P , if P does not belong to $\mathfrak{C}(\varphi)$, then $\Phi(P) = 0$;

4)

$$\sum_{P \in \mathfrak{C}(\varphi)} \Phi(P) = 1.$$

The **body of the complex** $(A, \mathfrak{M}, \mathfrak{N}, \mathfrak{A})$ will be called* the constructive metric space whose elements are the points of this complex, and whose metric function is an algorithm ρ such that, for any points φ and ψ ,

$$\rho(\varphi \square \psi) = \left[\sum_{P \in M} (\Phi(P) - \Psi(P))^2 \right]^{1/2},$$

where M denotes the union of the finite sets $\mathfrak{C}(\varphi)$ and $\mathfrak{C}(\psi)$, and Φ and Ψ are algorithms in the alphabet A^+ whose records are, respectively, the words φ and ψ .

Analogously to how this is done in classical mathematics (see ⁽²⁾, Ch. II), one introduces the notions of a linear mapping of one complex into another, of a simplicial mapping, of the open star of a complex and the closed star of a complex with a given vertex, of the direct product of complexes, of a linearly connected complex, of the n -dimensional skeleton of a complex, and of the n -fold barycentric subdivision of a complex. The term “subdivision” in this article will mean “barycentric subdivision.”

By a **constructive operator** from a complex K into a complex L we shall mean a constructive operator from the body of the complex K into the body of the complex L .

Theorem 1. For any constructive operator F from a complex K into a complex L , if F is applicable to at least one point of K , then one can construct a complex R , a linear mapping g of the complex R into K , and a simplicial mapping f of the complex R into L such that:

- 1) the mapping g is one-to-one;
- 2) for any point φ of K , if F is applicable to φ , then there is a potentially realizable point ψ of R such that $g(\psi) = \varphi$;
- 3) *the mapping f is a simplicial approximation of the mapping $F \circ g$.*

Remark 1. For a uniformly continuous constructive operator F from a finite complex K into a complex L , defined on the entire body of the complex K , one may take as the complex R the n -fold subdivision of K for sufficiently large n .

Remark 2. One can construct a constructive operator from a finite complex K into a finite complex L , defined on the entire body of the complex K , for which the complex R occurring in the formulation of the theorem will necessarily be infinite. Examples of such an operator may be: a continuous but not uniformly continuous mapping of the segment $0\Delta 1$ into itself, constructed in the proof of Theorem 5.2 of ⁽⁴⁾, and a retraction of the square onto its boundary, constructed in the proof of Theorem 1 of ⁽⁵⁾.

In the proof of Theorem 1 the following lemma is used, whose proof differs only insignificantly from the proof of the main theorem of ⁽³⁾.

Lemma 1. For any constructive operator F from a complex K into a complex L , one can construct algorithms σ, σ' , and τ such that:

* The definitions of points and of the body of a complex formulated here correspond to the geometric realization of an abstract complex that is described in ⁽²⁾. This realization is called **standard** below.

** This theorem is a direct extension, to the case of a standardly realized complex, of G. S. Tseitin's theorem on the approximation of constructive functions by pseudo-polygonal functions (Theorem 4 of ⁽³⁾).

- 1) whatever n may be, if σ is applicable to n , then σ' is applicable to n and $\sigma(n)$ is a vertex of the $\sigma'(n)$ -fold subdivision of K ;
- 2) whatever n may be, if τ is applicable to n , then $\tau(n)$ is a vertex of the complex L ;
- 3) whatever n may be, if σ is applicable to n and F is applicable to a point φ belonging to the open star of the $\sigma'(n)$ -fold subdivision of K with vertex $\sigma(n)$, then τ is applicable to n and the point $F(\varphi)$ belongs to the open star of the complex L with vertex $\tau(n)$;

- 4) whatever the point φ of K may be, if F is applicable to φ , then there is potentially realizable an n such that σ is applicable to n and the point φ belongs to the open star of the $\sigma'(n)$ -fold subdivision with vertex $\sigma(n)$.

For the proof of Theorem 1, such regular* algorithms α , α' , and β are constructed that:

- 1) whatever n may be, if α is applicable to n , then $\alpha(n)$ and $\beta(n)$ are natural numbers and σ is applicable to $\beta(n)$;
- 2) whatever n may be, $\alpha(n)$ is a vertex of the $\alpha'(n)$ -fold subdivision of the complex K , and the closed star of this subdivision with vertex $\alpha(n)$ is contained in the open star of the $\sigma(\beta(n))$ -fold subdivision of the same complex with vertex $\sigma(\beta(n))$;
- 3) whatever the point φ of K may be, if F is applicable to φ , then there is potentially realizable an n such that φ belongs to the open star of the $\alpha'(n)$ -fold subdivision of K with vertex $\alpha(n)$;
- 4) whatever n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k may be, if $\alpha'(n_1) \geq \alpha'(n_2) = \dots = \alpha'(n_k)$ and $\alpha(n_2), \dots, \alpha(n_k)$ belong to one simplex of the $\alpha'(n_2)$ -fold subdivision of the complex K and are contained in the closed star of the $\alpha'(n_1)$ -fold subdivision of K with vertex $\alpha(n_1)$, then $\tau(\beta(n_1)), \tau(\beta(n_2)), \dots, \tau(\beta(n_k))$ belong to one simplex of the complex L .

Denote by R_0 the complex whose set of vertices is the set of points of K enumerated by the algorithm α , and whose simplexes are the finite sets of the form $\{\alpha(n_1), \alpha(n_2), \dots, \alpha(n_k)\}$ such that: a) $\alpha'(n_1) \geq \alpha'(n_2) = \dots = \alpha'(n_k)$, and b) $\alpha(n_2), \dots, \alpha(n_k)$ belong to one simplex of the $\alpha'(n_2)$ -fold subdivision of K and are contained in the closed star of the $\alpha'(n_1)$ -fold subdivision of K with vertex $\alpha(n_1)$. Denote by g_0 the natural linear embedding of R_0 into the complex K , and by f_0 such a simplicial mapping of R_0 into L under which every vertex $\alpha(n)$ goes to the vertex $\tau(\beta(n))$ of the complex L . It is easy to see that f_0 is a simplicial approximation to the mapping $F \circ g$.

From Lemma 1 there also follows the following theorem.

Theorem 2. *Every constructive operator from one complex to another is continuous at every point to which it is applicable.*

We shall call a complex L an **algorithmic subcomplex** of a complex K if the set of its vertices is an algorithmically decidable subset of the set of vertices of the complex K , and the set of simplexes is an algorithmically decidable subset of the set of simplexes of the complex K . In this paper the term “subcomplex” everywhere means an algorithmic subcomplex.

Theorem 3. *Whatever the complex K , its subcomplex L , the linearly connected complex R , and the constructive operator F from L to R , applicable to all points of the complex L , one can construct an operator H from K to R , applicable to all points of the complex K and being an extension of the operator F to the complex K .*

In the proof of the theorem the following lemma will be used.

Lemma 2. *Whatever the complex I , if the dimension of I is greater than one, then one can construct a constructive operator from I to the boundary of I , leaving the boundary points fixed.*

* An algorithm is called **regular** if, for every n , from the applicability of this algorithm to $n + 1$ there follows its applicability to n .

This lemma follows from the potential realizability of a constructive retraction of the square onto its boundary (see (5)).

Let K_1, L_1 be the one-dimensional skeleta of the complexes K and L . Using an algorithm that recognizes whether a simplex belongs to the subcomplex L , and the linear connectedness of the complex R , we extend the operator F , considered only on L_1 , to the complex K_1 . Using the above-mentioned algorithm and Lemma 2, we extend the operator so obtained to the two-dimensional skeleton of the complex K . Continuing this process, and relying on the local finiteness of the complex K , we extend F to the whole complex K .

Remark. For the identity mapping of the boundary of a two-dimensional simplex into itself there can be no pseudouniformly continuous extension to the whole two-dimensional simplex (see (5)), although a continuous extension is realizable by virtue of the preceding theorem.

We shall say that operators f_1 and f_2 from a complex K to a complex L , applicable to all points of the complex K , are homotopic (uniformly homotopic) if there is a potentially realizable constructive (respectively, constructive uniformly continuous) operator F from the complex $K \times 0\Delta 1$ to L , applicable to all points of the complex $K \times 0\Delta 1$ and such that: a) at each point of the subcomplex $K \times 0$ the value F is equal to the value f_1 ; b) at each point of the subcomplex $K \times 1$ the value F is equal to the value f_2 . Exactly as in classical mathematics, the relations of homotopy equivalence and uniform homotopy equivalence of two complexes are defined.

The following theorems follow from Theorem 3.

Theorem 4. *Any two constructive operators from a complex K to a linearly connected complex L , applicable to all points of the complex K , are homotopic.*

Theorem 5. *A complex is homotopy equivalent to a one-point space if and only if it is linearly connected.*

Remark. If in the formulations of Theorems 4 and 5 the words “homotopic” and “homotopy equivalent” are replaced by the words “uniformly homotopic” and “uniformly homotopy equivalent,” then the resulting assertions will be false.

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