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PROJECTION SPECTRA AND DIMENSION

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1.

1. We shall consider for a bicom pactum X three types of inverse spectra $S = (X_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^{\alpha'})$:

a) *Combinatorial spectra* — the X_α are finite complexes (= finite T_0 -spaces),¹⁾ and the projections are continuous mappings of T_0 -spaces.

b) *Polyhedral spectra*: the X_α are polyhedra, the projections $\pi_\alpha^{\alpha'}$ are continuous (“into”).

c) *Simplicial spectra*: the X_α are polyhedra, each projection $\pi_\alpha^{\alpha'}$ is a simplicial continuous mapping of the polyhedron $X_{\alpha'}$ (with a certain triangulation) into the polyhedron X_α (also with a certain triangulation).

2. Let us define the dimension of each spectrum $S = (X_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^{\alpha'})$ as

$$\text{ind } S = \sup_{\alpha \in S} \text{ind } X_\alpha ;$$

thus for a bicom pactum X there result the combinatorial dimension $\text{dim}_c X$, the polyhedral dimension $\text{dim}_p X$ and the simplicial dimension $\text{dim}_s X$, each defined as the minimum of dimensions $\text{ind } S$ of all spectra of the given kind (combinatorial, polyhedral, simplicial) having the bicom pactum X as limit space.

It is known that every bicom pactum is the limit space of a simplicial spectrum (with projections which are in general not onto) — this is proved in the monograph [1] of S. EILENBERG and N. STEENROD; there are still older results of P. ALEXANDROFF and A. KUROSCHE stating that every bicom pactum is the limit space of a combinatorial spectrum (whose elements are finite simplicial complexes in the classical sense with projections onto); the Alexandroff-Kurosch theorem has been generalized to paracompact spaces by V. PONOMAREV (see his communication).

3. The following results seem to be new (for the proofs see [2] to appear in the *Matematičeskij Sbornik*).

I. There exist bicom pacts which cannot be represented as limit spaces of polyhedral (a fortiori of simplicial) spectra with projections “onto”.

¹⁾ Every finite T_0 -space can be realized as a finite simplicial complex in the general sense: a face of a simplex of the given complex may not belong to this complex.

II. The following relations hold for every bicom pactum:

$$\begin{aligned} \dim X &\leq \dim_p X \leq \dim_s X, \\ \text{Ind } X &\leq \dim_c X \leq \dim_s X. \end{aligned}$$

If $\dim_p X \leq 1$ then moreover

$$\text{Ind } X \leq \dim_p X.$$

III. There exists a bicom pactum X with

$$\dim X = \text{ind } X = \text{Ind } X = \dim_c X = 1$$

and

$$\dim_p X > 1.$$

IV. For $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ there exist bicom pacts X_n with

$$\dim X_n = \text{ind } X_n = \text{Ind } X_n = \dim_c X_n = 1$$

and

$$\dim_s X = n.$$

These results shows a certain analogy with the beautiful results of P. VOPĚNKA (concerning $\dim X$, $\text{ind } X$, $\text{Ind } X$).

V. The "dimensional sum theorem" for a countable number of summands holds neither for $\dim_p X$ nor for $\dim_s X$; it does not hold for $\dim_c X$ even for two summands.

The following questions remain open, as far as I know:

a) Does there exist a bicom pactum X with

$$\text{Ind } X < \dim_c X.$$

b) Is the sum theorem true for $\dim_p X$ and $\dim_s X$ in the case of a finite numbers of summands.

2.

By means of inverse spectra of the form $S = (X_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^\beta)$, where the X_α are Hausdorff spaces (and the projections are continuous) the following theorem can be proved (see [3], [4]).

Theorem². *Let G be a local bicom pact group and H a closed subgroup of G . Then for the quotient space $X = G/H$ the following identity holds:*

$$\text{ind } X = \text{Ind } X = \dim X = \text{ind } G - \text{ind } H.$$

(As a corollary we obtain that

$$\text{ind } G = \text{Ind } G = \dim G, \quad \text{ind } H = \text{Ind } H = \dim H).$$

For the case $\text{ind } X < \infty$ (which includes the case $\text{ind } G < \infty$), as well as for the case $\text{ind } H < \infty$ I gave a direct proof of this theorem; in the infinite dimensional case the following theorem of E. SKLYARENKO [5] has been used: If $\dim X = \infty$, then X contains a topological image of the infinite dimensional Hilbert cube.

²) This theorem answers a problem raised by E. MICHAEL.

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