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Introduction

Let I^n be the *n*-dimensional cube. In [2] some special factor spaces of the cube I^n called s-cubes were introduced and a necessary and sufficient condition (called the property "M") was given for an s-cube X to be a manifold.

In the present paper the full topological classification of those s-cubes of dimension $n \leq 3$, which are manifolds, is given.

1. Notation and basic definitions

Let $n \ge 1$ be an integer. According to [2] we shall use the following notation: $N_n = \{1, 2, ..., n\}$ $I^n = \{x \in R^n : |x_i| \le 1, i \in N_n\}$ is the *n*-dimensional cube ∂I^n is the boundary of I^n $B^n = \{x \in R^n; \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + ... + x_n^2} \le 1\}$ is the *n*-dimensional ball $S^n = \partial B^{n+1}$ is the *n*-dimensional sphere, $n \ge 0$ $J_i^n = \{x \in \partial I^n; |x_i| = 1\}$ is the *i*-th double face of I^n $s_i: I^n \to I^n, x \mapsto (x_1, ..., x_{i-1}, -x_i, x_{i+1}, ..., x_n)$ is the symmetry of I^n with respect to the hyperplane $x_i = 0, i \in N_n$.

Let G be a subgroup of the group of all tranformations of I^n generated by the set $\{s_i; i \in N_n\}$. Since $s_i \circ s_j = s_j \circ s_i$ for every $i, j \in N_n$, the group G is abelian and $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_2^n$. Each $s \in G$, $s \neq id$, is a product of mutually different transformations s_{i_1}, \ldots, s_{i_k} and it can be uniquely written in the form

$$s_{i_1i_2...i_k} = s_{i_1} \circ s_{i_2} \circ ... \circ s_{i_k}$$
, where $i_1 < i_2 < ... < i_k$.

Further, the map τ_n : $G \rightarrow 2^{N_n}$, $\tau_n(s_{i_1i_2...i_k}) = \{i_1, i_2, ..., i_k\}$, $\tau_n(\mathrm{id}) = \emptyset$, is a bijection.

Definition 1.1. Let $u^1, ..., u^n \in G$. An s-cube $X = I^n/(u^1, ..., u^n)$ is a factor space I^n/T , where T is the equivalence relation on I^n defined as follows:

 $x T y \Leftrightarrow x = y$ or there are integers $i_1, ..., i_k \in N_n$ such that $x, y \in \bigcap_{j=1}^n J_{i_j}^n$ and $x = u^{i_1} \circ u^{i_2} \circ ... \circ u^{i_k}(y)$.

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The integer *n* is called the dimension of the s-cube X. The s-cube X can be alternately written in the form $X = I^n/(U_1, ..., U_n)$, where $U_i = \tau_n(u^i)$, $i \in N_n$.

Definition 1.2. An s-cube $X = I^n/(u^1, ..., u^n)$ is called regular if for every $i, j \in N_n u^i = s_j$ implies $u^j = s_j$. Regular cubes are called briefly r-cubes.

Definition 1.3. An r-cube $X = I^n/(u^1, ..., u^n)$ has the property "M" if for each nonempty subset $P \subset N_n$ such that

i) $\forall i, j \in P: i \neq j \Rightarrow u^i \neq u^j$,

ii) $\forall i \in P$: card $\tau_n(u^i) \neq 1$

we have

$$P\cap\tau_n\left(\prod_{j\in P}u^j\right)\neq\emptyset$$

According to [2], Proposition 2.10, every s-cube is homeomorphic to some r-cube. Further, an r-cube is a manifold if and only if it has the property "M" ([2], Theorem 3.18).

Definition 1.4. An r-cube $I^n/(U_1, ..., U_n)$ is called cube-fibrable (briefly c-fibrable) if there is a set $Q, \ \emptyset \subseteq Q \subseteq N_n$, such that

i)
$$Q \cap \left(\bigcup_{j \in N_n - Q} U_j\right) = \emptyset$$
,

ii) if $U_i = U_j$ for some $i, j \in N_n$, then $i, j \in Q$ or $i, j \in N_n - Q$. An r-cube which is not c-fibrable is called c-nonfibrable.

2. Homeomorphism Theorem

Let X be a topological space, $f: X \to X$ a homeomorphism. The symbol $X \times I/E_f$ will always denote a quotient space of $X \times I$ which arises by the identification of the pairs (x, -1), (f(x), 1), $x \in X$, in the space $X \times I$.

Lemma 2.1. Let X be a topological space and let $f, g: X \to X$ be isotopic homeomorphisms. Then $X \times I/E_f \approx X \times I/E_g$.

Proof. Let H: $(0, 1) \times X \rightarrow X$ be an isotopy such that $H_0 = f$ and $H_1 = g$. Denote

F:
$$X \times I \to X \times I$$
, $(x, t) \mapsto (g \circ H_{\frac{1-t}{2}}^{-1}(x), t)$
G: $X \times I \to X \times I$, $(x, t) \mapsto (H_{\frac{1-t}{2}} \circ g^{-1}(x), t)$.

One easily verifies that F, G are homeomorphisms inverse to each other and compatible with the equivalences E_f and E_g . This clearly implies that F and G induce a homeomorphism between the spaces $X \times I/E_f$ and $X \times I/E_g$.

Lemma 2.2. Let $X = I^n/(u^1, ..., u^n)$ be an r-cube, $u \in G$. Then the homeomorphism $u: I^n \to I^n$ induces a map $\tilde{u}: X \to X$, $[x] \mapsto [u(x)]$ which is a homeomorphism.

Proof. Let $X = I^n/T$. Making use of Definition 1.1 it is not difficult to prove that

$$x T y \Leftrightarrow u(x) Tu(y)$$

for every $x, y \in I^n$. Since the map u is a homeomorphism, the map \tilde{u} is a homeomorphism.

Now we are going to prove that in some special cases an *n*-dimensional r-cube X can be represented as a space $Y \times I/E_f$, where Y is an (n-1)-dimensional r-cube and $f: Y \rightarrow Y$ is a homeomorphism.

Lemma 2.3. Let $X = I^n/(U_1, ..., U_n)$ be an r-cube such that $n \in U_n$, $n \notin U_i$ for $i \in N_{n-1}$. Denote $Y = I^{n-1}/(U_1, ..., U_{n-1})$, $f = \tau_{n-1}^{-1}(U_n - \{n\})$, $f: I^{n-1} \to I^{n-1}$. Let $\tilde{f}: Y \to Y$ be the map induced by f. Then $X \approx Y \times I/E_f$. Proof: Let $X = I^n/T$. We prove that for every $x, y \in I^n$ we have

$$x T y \Leftrightarrow ([(x_1, ..., x_{n-1})], x_n) E_f([(y_1, ..., y_{n-1})], y_n)$$
(2)

We shall discus two cases:

a) $x, y \notin J_n^n$, b) $x, y \in J_n^n$.

In the case a) and in the case b) for $x_n = y_n$ the condition (2) is satisfied. Now we prove (2) in the case b) for $x_n = y_n$. Denote $\bar{x} = (x_1, ..., x_{n-1}), \ \bar{y} = (y_1, ..., y_{n-1}).$

Let x T y. Then there are integers $i_1, ..., i_k \in N_n$, $i_1 < i_2 < ... < i_k = n$ such that

$$x, y \in \bigcap_{j=1}^{k} J_{i_j}^n, x = u^{i_1} \circ u^{i_2} \circ \ldots \circ u^{i_k}(y)$$

Since $\tau_n(u^n \circ s_n) \cap \{n\} = \emptyset$, we have

$$\bar{x} = u^{i_1} \circ \ldots \circ u^{i_{k-1}} \circ (u^n \circ s_n)(\bar{y}) = u^{i_1} \circ \ldots \circ u^{i_{k-1}} \circ f(\bar{y}).$$

Hence $f(\bar{x}) = u^{i_1} \circ \ldots \circ u^{i_{k-1}}(\bar{y})$, because G is commutative and $s^2 = id$ for every $s \in G$. Then we have $[f(\bar{x})] = [\bar{y}]$, $\tilde{f}[\bar{x}] = [\bar{y}]$ and finally $([\bar{x}], x_n) E_f([\bar{y}], y_n)$.

Let now $([\bar{x}], x_n) E_f([\bar{y}], y_n)$. Since $x_n \neq y_n$, we can suppose $\tilde{f}[\bar{x}] = \bar{y}$. Then $[f(\bar{x})] = [\bar{y}]$ and there are integers $i_1, \ldots, i_k \in N_{n-1}$ such that $f(\bar{x}), \ \bar{y} \in \bigcap_{j=1}^k J_{i_j}^{n-1}$ and $f(\bar{x}) = u^{i_1} \circ \ldots \circ u^{i_k}(\bar{y})$. Then

$$\bar{x} = u^{i_1} \circ \ldots \circ u^{i_k} \circ f(\bar{y}) = u^{i_1} \circ \ldots \circ u^{i_k} \circ (u^n \circ s_n)(\bar{y}).$$

Since $|x_n| = |y_n| = 1$, $x_n \neq y_n$, we have $x, y \in J_n^n \cap \left(\bigcap_{j=1}^k J_{i_j}^n\right)$ and $x = u^{i_1} \circ \ldots \circ u^{i_k} \circ u^n(y)$. Hence x T y.

Homeomorphism Theorem. Let $X_U = I^n/(U_1, ..., U_n)$, $X_V = I^n/(V_1, ..., V_n)$ be such r-cubes that $n \in U_n \cap V_n$ and for every $i \in N_{n-1}$ there is $U_i = V_i$ and $n \notin U_i$. Let $f_U, f_V: I^{n-1} \to I^{n-1}, f_U = \tau_{n-1}^{-1}(U_n - \{n\}), f_V = \tau_{n-1}^{-1}(V_n - \{n\})$ and let $\tilde{f}_U, \tilde{f}_V: I^{n-1}/(V_n - \{n\})$

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 $(U_1, ..., U_{n-1}) \rightarrow I^{n-1}/(U_1, ..., U_{n-1})$ be the isotopic homeomorphisms induced by f_U, f_V . Then $X_U \approx X_V$.

Proof. Let $Y = I^{n-1}/(U_1, ..., U_{n-1})$. With regard to Lemma 2.3 we get $X_U \approx Y \times I/E_{f_U}, X_V \approx Y \times I/E_{f_V}$. Then by Lemma 2.1 we have $X_U \approx X_V$.

3. Classification in dimension 1 and 2

In the classification we can limit ourselves only to r-cubes because every s-cube is homeomorphic to some r-cube.

There is only one r-cube with the property "M" in dimension 1, it is the r-cube $I/(s_1) \approx S^1$.

Let $I^2/(u^1, u^2)$ be the 2-dimensional r-cube with the property "M". There are only three possibilities for u^1, u^2 ; namely s_1, s_2, s_{12} , and only 6 possibilities for X: $I^2/(s_1, s_1), I^2/(s_2, s_2), I^2/(s_1, s_2), I^2/(s_{12}, s_{12}), I^2/(s_{12}, s_{12})$. Making use of [2], Proposition 1.3, we obtain

$$I^2/(s_1, s_1) \approx I^2/(s_2, s_2), I^2/(s_1, s_{12}) \approx I^2/(s_{12}, s_2).$$

Let

$$X_{1} = I^{2}/(s_{1}, s_{1}), \quad X_{2} = I^{2}/(s_{1}, s_{2}), \quad X_{3} = I^{2}/(s_{1}, s_{12}),$$

$$X_{4} = I^{2}/(s_{12}, s_{12}). \quad (3)$$

It is not difficult to see that

$$X_1 \approx S^2, \quad X_2 \approx S^1 \times S^1, \quad X_3 \approx Kb, \quad X_4 \approx RP^2$$
 (4)

where Kb is the Klein bottle and RP^2 is the real projective plane.

Classification Theorem A. Let X be the n-dimensional s-cube which is a manifold.

1) If n=1, then $X \approx I/(s_1)$.

2) If n=2, then X is homeomorphic to one of the r-cubes $X_1, ..., X_4$ (see (3), (4)). The r-cubes $X_1, ..., X_4$ are mutually nonhomeomorphic.

4. Classification in dimension 3

Let $X = I^3/(U_1, U_2, U_3)$ be an r-cube with the property "M". In the case when X is c-nonfibrable, there is $X \approx X_1 = I^3/(s_1, s_1, s_1)$ or $X \approx X_2 = I^3/(s_{123}, s_{123}, s_{123})$, see [2], Proposition 3.13.

Now let us suppose that X is c-fibrable and consider the following two cases :

- I. If X is c-fibrable with regard to a subset $Q \subset N_3$, then card Q = 2.
- II. X is c-fibrable with regard to a subset $Q \subset N_3$ with card Q = 1.

First we shall discuss the case I, supposing without loss of generality

$$\operatorname{card} U_1 \leq \operatorname{card} U_2 \leq \operatorname{card} U_3. \tag{5}$$

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Our assumptions imply that X can be c-fibrable only with regard to $Q = \{1, 2\}$, $\{1, 3\}$ or $\{2, 3\}$. If there were $Q = \{1, 2\}$, there would be, by Definition 1.4, $U_3 = \{3\}$, and therefore, by (5), card $U_1 = \text{card } U_2$. This and the definitions 1.2—1.4 would, however, imply $3 \notin U_1 \cup U_2$, and thus X would be c-fibrable with regard to $Q' = \{3\}$, which would be contrary to our assumption. Similarly for $Q = \{1, 3\}$ we would obtain a contrary by showing X to be c-fibrable with regard to $Q' = \{3\}$ or $\{2\}$. Hence X is c-fibrable with regard to $Q = \{2, 3\}$ and, clearly, $U_1 = \{1\}$.

Lemma 4.1. Under the assumptions I and (5) we have card $U_2 > 1$ and card $U_3 > 1$.

Proof. Supposing card $U_2 = \text{card } U_3 = 1$ we obtain that X is c-fibrable with regard to $Q' = \{1\}$. Similarly the assumption card $U_2 = 1$ and card $U_3 > 1$ yields that X is c-fibrable with regard to $Q' = \{3\}$.

Lemma 4.2. Under the assumptions I and (5) we have $X = I^3/(s_1, s_{123}, s_{123})$. Proof. By virtue of Lemma 4.1 we only need to show that there can be neither card $U_2 = \text{card } U_3 = 2$ nor $2 = \text{card } U_2 < \text{card } U_3 = 3$. This is, however easily done by considering all the possibilities and showing that each of them leads to a contrary either to the assumption I or to the property "M".

Now we shall continue with the case II. With regard to [2], Proposition 1.3, we can take $Q = \{3\}$. Since X has the property "M", $Y = I^2/(U_1, U_2)$ is the 2-dimensional r-cube with the property "M" ([2], Lemma 3.16). Hence there are only four possibilities for the r-cube Y, namely $I^2/(s_1, s_1)$, $I^2/(s_1, s_2)$, $I^2/(s_1, s_{12})$, $I^2/(s_{12}, s_{12})$.

Proposition 4.3. In the case II the r-cube X is homeomorphic to one of the following r-cubes: $X_4 = I^3/(s_1, s_1, s_3)$, $X_5 = I^3/(s_1, s_1, s_1)$, $X_6 = I^3/(s_1, s_2, s_3)$, $X_7 = I^3/(s_1, s_2, s_{13})$, $X_8 = I^3/(s_1, s_2, s_{123})$, $X_9 = I^3/(s_1, s_{12}, s_{23})$, $X_{10} = I^3/(s_{12}, s_{12}, s_3)$. To prove Proposition 4.3, we shall need some lemmas.

Lemma 4.4. a) $I^3/(s_1, s_1, s_3) \approx I^3/(s_1, s_1, s_{123})$, b) $I^3/(s_1, s_1, s_{13}) \approx I^3/(s_1, s_1, s_{23})$. Proof. Let $X_U = I^3/(s_1, s_1, s_3)$, $X_V = I^3/(s_1, s_1, s_{123})$. Making use of the Homeomorphism Theorem it is sufficient to prove that the maps \tilde{f}_U , \tilde{f}_V , induced by the maps $f_U = id$, $f_V = s_{12}$, are isotopic. It is easy to see that identifying $I^2/(s_1, s_1)$ with S^2 in a suitable way, we can view \tilde{f}_U , \tilde{f}_V as the homeomorphisms \tilde{f}_U , \tilde{f}_V : $S^2 \rightarrow$ S^2 defined by $\tilde{f}_U(x) = x$, $\tilde{f}_V(x) = (-x_1, -x_2, x_3)$. These homeomorphisms are, however, wellknown to be isotopic. The assertion b) is proved in a similar way.

Lemma 4.5. a) $I^3/(s_1, s_2, s_{13}) \approx I^3/(s_1, s_2, s_{23})$, b) $I^3/(s_1, s_2, s_{13}) \approx I^3/(s_1, s_{12}, s_3)$.

Proof. In [2], Proposition 1.3, it is sufficient to take $f: N_3 \rightarrow N_3$, f(1) = 2, f(2) = 1, f(3) = 3 in the case a) and f(1) = 1, f(2) = 3, f(3) = 2 in the case b).

Lemma 4.6. a) $I^{3}/(s_{1}, s_{12}, s_{3}) \approx I^{3}/(s_{1}, s_{12}, s_{13})$,

b) $I^3/(s_1, s_{12}, s_{23}) \approx I^3/(s_1, s_{12}, s_{123}).$

Proof. a) We shall use the Homeomorphism Theorem. Let $X_U = I^3/(s_1, s_{12}, s_3)$, $X_V = I^3/(s_1, s_{12}, s_{13})$. We prove that the maps \tilde{f}_U , \tilde{f}_V : $I^2/(s_1, s_{12}) \rightarrow I^2/(s_1, s_{12})$ are isotopic. Let

$$H: \langle 0, 1 \rangle \times I^{2}/(s_{1}, s_{12}) \to I^{2}/(s_{1}, s_{12})$$

$$H_{t}[(x_{1}, x_{2})] = \begin{cases} [(x_{1}, x_{2} + 2t)] & \text{if } 1 - x_{2} \ge 2t \\ [-(x_{1}, 2t - 2 + x_{2})] & \text{if } 1 - x_{2} \le 2t \end{cases}$$

We see that for every $t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle$ H_t is a homeomorphism and $H_0 = \tilde{f}_U = id$, $H_1 = \tilde{f}_V = \tilde{s}_1$.

b) It is sufficient to apply [2], Proposition 3.7, for k = 2.

Lemma 4.7. a) $I^3/(s_{12}, s_{12}, s_3) \approx I^3/(s_{12}, s_{12}, s_{123})$,

b) $I^3/(s_{12}, s_{12}, s_{23}) \approx I^3/(s_{12}, s_{12}, s_{123}),$

c) $I^{3}/(s_{12}, s_{12}, s_{13}) \approx I^{3}/(s_{12}, s_{12}, s_{123}).$

Proof. Let $X_U = I^3/(s_{12}, s_{12}, s_3)$, $X_V = I^3/(s_{12}, s_{12}, s_{123})$. We shall use the Homeomorphism Theorem. We prove that the maps $\tilde{f}_U = id$, $\tilde{f}_V = \tilde{s}_{12}$, \tilde{f}_U , \tilde{f}_V :

 $I^2/(s_{12}, s_{12}) \rightarrow I^2/(s_{12}, s_{12})$ are isotopic. By suitable identification of the spaces $I^2/(s_{12}, s_{12})$ and B^2/Ω (Ω identifies the antipodal points on ∂B^2) we can view \tilde{f}_U, \tilde{f}_V as the homeomorphisms $\bar{f}_U, \bar{f}_V: B^2/\Omega \rightarrow B^2/\Omega, \bar{f}_U[(x, y)] = [(x, y)], \bar{f}_V[(x, y)] = [(-x, -y)]$. It is not difficult to see that the homeomorphisms \bar{f}_U, \bar{f}_V are isotopic. To prove assertions b), c) it is sufficient to take k = 2, 1 in [2], Proposition 3.7.

Proof of Proposition 4.3. Since $3 \in U_3$, we have only four possibilities for U_3 , namely {3}, {1, 3}, {2, 3}, {1, 2, 3}. Then for $U_1 = U_2 = \{1\}$ we have $X \approx X_4$ or $X \approx X_5$ by Lemma 4.4, for $U_1 = \{1\}$, $U_2 = \{2\}$ we have $X \approx X_6$ or $X \approx X_7$ or $X \approx X_8$ by Lemma 4.5, for $U_1 = \{1\}$, $U_2 = \{1, 2\}$ we have $X \approx X_7$ or $X \approx X_9$ by Lemma 4.5 and Lemma 4.6 and finally for $U_1 = U_2 = \{1, 2\}$ we have $X \approx X_{10}$ by Lemma 4.7.

It was proved in [1] that on any given s-cube X it is possible to introduce a structure of a CW space. In the case when the s-cube X is a manifold, one can sometimes define a CW decomposition of X with a smaller number of cells than in the general case (see [3]).

Let X be an r-cube from the set $X_1, ..., X_{10}$. By standard computation making use of the CW decomposition of X introduced in [1] or [3] one can compute the following table of homology groups (over Z) of the r-cubes $X_1, ..., X_{10}$.

With regard to the classification procedure, Lemma 4.2, Proposition 4.3 and Table 1 we get

Classification Theorem B. Let X be a 3-dimensional s-cube which is a manifold. Then X is homeomorphic to one of the r-cubes $X_1, ..., X_{10}$ listed in Table 2. The r-cubes $X_1, ..., X_{10}$ are mutually nonhomeomorphic.

X	$H_n(X)$ $n > 3$	$H_3(X)$	$H_2(X)$	$H_1(X)$	$H_0(X)$
$X_1 \approx S^3$	0	Z	0	0	Z
$X_2 \approx RP^3$	0	Z	0	Z_2	Ζ
X_3	0	Ζ	0	Z_2^2	Ζ
$X_4 \approx S^2 \times S^1$	0	Ζ	Ζ	Ζ	Ζ
X_5	0	0	Z_2	Ζ	Ζ
$X_6 \approx S^1 \times S^1 \times S^1$	0	Z	Z^3	Z^3	Ζ
$X_7 \approx Kb \times S^1$	0	0	$Z + Z_2$	$Z^2 + Z_2$	Ζ
X_8	0	Ζ	Z	$Z + Z_{2}^{2}$	Ζ
<i>X</i> ₉	0	0	Z_2	$Z + Z_{2}^{2}$	Ζ
$X_{10} \approx RP^2 \times S^1$	0	0	Z_2	$Z + Z_2$	Ζ

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Table 2
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$X_1 = I^3/(s_1, s_1, s_1)$	$X_6 = I^3/(s_1, s_2, s_3)$		
$X_2 = I^3 / (s_{123}, s_{123}, s_{123})$	$X_7 = I^3/(s_1, s_2, s_{13})$		
$X_3 = I^3 / (s_1, s_{123}, s_{123})$	$X_8 = I^3/(s_1, s_2, s_{123})$		
$X_4 = I^3 / (s_1, s_1, s_3)$	$X_9 = I^3/(s_1, s_{12}, s_{23})$		
$X_5 = I^3/(s_1, s_1, s_{13})$	$X_{10} = I^3 / (s_{12}, s_{12}, s_3)$		

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КЛАССИФИКАЦИЯ s-КУБОВ РАЗМЕРНОСТИ n≦3

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Резюме

В статье дана полная топологическая классификация тех s-кубов размерности n ≤ 3, которые являются многообразиями.