

The product of CW-complexes

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Definition: CW-complex

Let X be a Hausdorff space. A **CW-structure** on X consists of a family of indexing sets $(I_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and a family of maps $(Q_i^n: D_i^n \rightarrow X)_{n \geq 0, i \in I_n}$ s.t.

- (i) $Q_i^n|_{\text{int}(D_i^n)}: \text{int}(D_i^n) \rightarrow Q_i^n(\text{int}(D_i^n))$ is a homeomorphism. We call $e_i^n := Q_i^n(\text{int}(D_i^n))$ an **n -cell** (or a cell of dimension n).
- (ii) For all $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$, $i \in I_n$ and $j \in I_j$, $Q_i^n(\text{int}(D_i^n))$ and $Q_j^m(\text{int}(D_j^m))$ are disjoint.
- (iii) For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $i \in I_n$, $Q_i^n(\partial D_i^n)$ is contained in the union of a finite number of cells of dimension less than n .
- (iv) $A \subseteq X$ is closed iff $Q_i^n(D_i^n) \cap A$ is closed for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $i \in I_n$.
- (v) $\bigcup_{n \geq 0} \bigcup_{i \in I_n} e_i^n = X$.

Lean: Definition of CW-Complexes

Lean: CW-complex

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class CWComplex.{u} {X : Type u} [TopologicalSpace X] (C : Set X) where
  cell (n : ℕ) : Type u
  map (n : ℕ) (i : cell n) : PartialEquiv (Fin n → ℝ) X
  source_eq (n : ℕ) (i : cell n) : (map n i).source = closedBall 0 1
  cont (n : ℕ) (i : cell n) : ContinuousOn (map n i) (closedBall 0 1)
  cont_symm (n : ℕ) (i : cell n) : ContinuousOn (map n i).symm (map n i).target
  pairwiseDisjoint :
    (univ : Set (Σ n, cell n)).PairwiseDisjoint (fun ni ↦ map ni.1 ni.2 " ball 0 1)
  mapsto (n : ℕ) (i : cell n) : ∃ I : Π m, Finset (cell m),
    MapsTo (map n i) (sphere 0 1) (⋃ (m < n) (j ∈ I m), map m j "
      closedBall 0 1)
  closed (A : Set X) (asubc : A ⊆ C) : IsClosed A ↔ ∀ n j, IsClosed
    (A ∩ map n j " closedBall 0 1)
  union : ⋃ (n : ℕ) (j : cell n), map n j " closedBall 0 1 = C
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Definition: k-ification

Let X be a topological space. Then we can define another topological space X_c on the same set by setting:

$$A \subseteq X_c \text{ open} \iff A \cap C \text{ open in } C \text{ for every compact set } C \subseteq X.$$

We call X_c the **k-ification** of X .

Lean: k-ification

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def kification (X : Type*) := X

instance instkification {X : Type*} [t : TopologicalSpace X] :
  TopologicalSpace (kification X) where
  isOpen A := ∀ (B : t.Compacts), ∃ (C : t.Opens), A ∩ B.1 = C.1 ∩ B.1
  isOpen_univ := ...
  isOpen_inter := ...
  isOpen_sUnion := ...
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Product of CW-complexes

Theorem (product of CW-complexes)

Let X, Y be CW-complexes with families of characteristic maps

$(Q_i^n: D_i^n \rightarrow X)_{n,i}$ and $(P_j^m: D_j^m \rightarrow Y)_{m,j}$.

Then we get a CW-structure on $(X \times Y)_c$ with characteristic maps

$(Q_i^n \times P_j^m: D_i^n \times D_j^m \rightarrow (X \times Y)_c)_{n,m,i,j}$.

Lean: product of CW-complexes

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def ProdKification X Y := kification (X × Y)
infixr:35 " ×k " => ProdKification

instance CWComplex_product : CWComplex (X := X ×k Y) (C ×s D) where
  cell n := (Σ' (m : ℕ) (l : ℕ) (hml : m + l = n), cell C m × cell D l)
  map n i := match i with
  | ⟨m, l, hmln, j, k⟩ =>
    hmln ► Equiv.transPartialEquiv ((IsometryEquivFinMap m
    l).symm).toEquiv
    (PartialEquiv.prod (map m j) (map l k))
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Why don't people care about the proof?

- Answer: Most important spaces are already k -spaces.

Lemma (Examples of k -spaces)

- (i) Weakly locally compact spaces are k -spaces.
- (ii) Sequential spaces (e.g. first countable spaces, metric spaces) are k -spaces.

Examples of spaces that are not k -spaces

- (i) The cocountable topology on an uncountable space is not a k -space.
- (ii) The product of uncountably many copies of \mathbb{R} is not a k -space.