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**CW DECOMPOSITIONS AND ORIENTABILITY
OF s -CUBES**

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Introduction

In [3] some special factorspaces of an n -dimensional cube I^n , so called s -cubes, were introduced.

In the present paper a CW decomposition \mathcal{F}^n of I^n is defined in such a way that for any given s -cube $I^n/(u^1, \dots, u^n) = I^n/T$ the equivalence relation T is a cellular one on the CW space (I^n, \mathcal{F}^n) . This enables to construct a CW decomposition \mathcal{F}^n/T of I^n/T and to introduce a CW structure to the s -cube X . In the case when the s -cube X is a manifold, computing then n -th homology group we give a simple condition to decide whether X is orientable or not.

1. Notation and basic definitions

Let $n \geq 1$ be an integer. We shall use the following notation:

$N_n = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

$I^n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n; |x_i| \leq 1, i \in N_n\}$ is the n -dimensional cube, $I^0 = \{0\}$

∂I^n is the boundary of I^n

$B^n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n; \|x\| \leq 1\}$ is the n -dimensional ball

$S^{n-1} = \partial B^n$ is the $(n-1)$ -dimensional sphere

$J_i^n = \{x \in I^n; |x_i| = 1\}$ is the i -th double-face of the cube I^n

$s_i: \partial I^n \rightarrow \partial I^n, x \mapsto (x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, -x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)$ is the symmetry of ∂I^n with respect to the hyperplane $x_i = 0$; $i \in N_n$

G is the subgroup of the group of all transformations of ∂I^n generated by the set $\{s_i; i \in N_n\}$

Group G is abelian, because $G \cong (\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$. Each $u \in G, u \neq 1$, is the product of mutually different transformations s_{i_1}, \dots, s_{i_k} and it can be uniquely written in the form $s_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_k} = s_{i_1} \circ s_{i_2} \circ \dots \circ s_{i_k}$, where $i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k$.

Definition 1. Let $u^1, \dots, u^n \in G$ be given. An s -cube $I^n/(u^1, u^2, \dots, u^n)$ is a factorspace I^n/T where T is the equivalence relation on I^n defined as follows:

$x T y \Leftrightarrow x = y$ or there are numbers $i_1, \dots, i_k \in N_n$ such that

$$x, y \in \bigcap_{j=1}^k J_{i_j} \text{ and } x = u^{i_1} \circ \dots \circ u^{i_k}(y).$$

Example. For $n=2$ we have: $I^2/(s_1, s_1) \approx S^2$, $I^2/(s_1, s_2) \approx T^2$, $I^2/(s_1, id) \approx S^1 \times I$, $I^2/(s_1, s_{12}) \approx Kb$, ..., where T^2 is the 2-dimensional torus and Kb is the Klein bottle.

2. CW decomposition \mathcal{F}^n of I^n

In this section we shall construct a CW decomposition \mathcal{F}^n of the cube I^n in such a way that for any s -cube $I^n/(u^1, \dots, u^n) = I^n/T$ the equivalence relation T will be cellular on the CW space (I^n, \mathcal{F}^n) .

In the construction of CW decomposition \mathcal{F}^n we shall identify $I^n \equiv B^n$ via the standard homeomorphism $v: (I^n, \partial I^n) \rightarrow (B^n, S^{n-1})$ defined by the radial projection, see [1], page 55.

CW decomposition \mathcal{E}^1 of I^1 .

The set \mathcal{E}^1 consists of 5 cells: three 0-cells e_{-1}^0, e_0^0, e_1^0 and two 1-cells e_{-1}^1, e_1^1 . The characteristic maps are:

$$f_{-1}^0, f_0^0, f_1^0: I^0 \rightarrow I^1, f_{-1}^0(0) = -1, f_0^0(0) = 0, f_1^0(0) = 1,$$

$$f_{-1}^1, f_1^1: I \rightarrow I, f_{-1}^1(x) = \frac{-x-1}{2}, f_1^1(x) = \frac{x+1}{2}.$$

CW decomposition \mathcal{E}^n of I^n .

The CW decomposition \mathcal{E}^n of I^n is the product CW decomposition $\mathcal{E}^n = \mathcal{E}^1 \times \dots \times \mathcal{E}^1$ (n times). We shall use the following notation:

$\mathcal{E}^n = \{e(q, p(q)); q \in \{0, 1\}^n, p: \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{-1, 0, 1\}^n$ is a map such that $p_i(q) \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$ for $q_i = 0$ and $p_i(q) \in \{-1, 1\}$ for $q_i = 1\}$.

The dimension of the cell $e(q, p(q))$ is $\sum_{i=1}^n q_i$ and the characteristic map of a k -dimensional cell $e(q, p(q))$ is the map $f(q, p(q)): I^k \rightarrow I^n, (t_1, \dots, t_k) \mapsto (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ where $x_j = p_j(q)$ for $q_j = 0$ and $x_j = f_{p_j(q)}^1(t_r)$ for $q_j = 1, r = \sum_{i=1}^j q_i$.

The CW decomposition \mathcal{E}^n of I^n is such that for any given s -cube $I^n/(u^1, \dots, u^n) = I^n/T$ the relation T is the cellular equivalence relation¹⁾ on the CW

¹⁾ See [2], page 32.

space (I^n, \mathcal{E}^n) . But for the future computation the number of cells of CW decomposition \mathcal{E}^n is rather high, card $\mathcal{E}^n = 5^n$. Since the glueing operation by which the cube I^n is turned to the s -cube X deals only with the boundary ∂I^n of I^n , we can simplify the CW decomposition \mathcal{E}^n by exchanging all interior cells with only one new n -dimensional cell e^n .

CW decomposition \mathcal{F}^n of I^n .

Definition 2. A cell $e(q, p(q)) \in \mathcal{E}^n$ is called a boundary cell if there is $i \in N_n$ such that $q_i = 0$ and $p_i(q) = \pm 1$.

Denoting by \mathcal{B}^n the set of all boundary cells in \mathcal{E}^n we have the following

Proposition 1. The set $\mathcal{F}^n = \mathcal{B}^n \cup \{e^n\}$ of cells, where e^n is the n -dimensional cell in I^n with the characteristic map $\text{id}: I^n \rightarrow I^n$, is the CW decomposition of I^n . The number of cells in \mathcal{F}^n is $5^n - 3^n + 1$. A cell $e(q, p(q)) \in \mathcal{F}^n$ is contained in the double-face J_i of I^n if and only if $q_i = 0$ and $p_i(q) = \pm 1$.

3. CW decomposition of s -cube $I^n/(u^1, \dots, u^n)$

Let $X = I^n/(u^1, \dots, u^n) = I^n/T$ be an s -cube and $\{i_1, \dots, i_k\}$ a nonempty subset of N_n . We introduce the following notation:

$h_n: I^n \rightarrow I^n/T$ is the canonical projection

$$J(\{i_1, \dots, i_k\}) = \bigcap_{j=1}^k J_{i_j}$$

$G(\{i_1, \dots, i_k\})$ is the subgroup of G generated by the set $\{u^{i_1}, \dots, u^{i_k}\}$

$\Psi: G \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}^n$, $s_i \mapsto (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ where $x_i = -1$ and $x_j = 1$ for $j \neq i$

$S(e(q, p(q))) = \{k \in N_n, e(q, p(q)) \subset J_k^n\}$, $e(q, p(q)) \in \mathcal{F}^n$.

Now a CW decomposition of the s -cube X will be constructed as a factor decomposition of \mathcal{F}^n .

Let $e(q, p(q))$ be a cell from \mathcal{F}^n and $u \in G(S(e(q, p(q))))$. Denote by $e(p, u \circ p(q))$ the cell $e(q, (u_1 p_1(q), \dots, u_n p_n(q)))$, where $(u_1, \dots, u_n) = \Psi(u)$. Then

- $h_n^{-1} \circ h_n(e(q, p(q))) = \bigcup \{e(q, u \circ p(q)); u \in G(S(e(q, p(q))))\}$.
- $v|_{e(q, p(q))}: e(q, p(q)) \rightarrow e(q, v \circ p(q))$ is a homeomorphism for any $v \in G(S(e(q, p(q))))$.
- $h_n|_{e(q, p(q))}: e(q, p(q)) \rightarrow h_n(e(q, p(q)))$ is a homeomorphism

With regard to a), b), c), we have

Theorem 1. The equivalence relation T on I^n is cellular with respect to CW decomposition \mathcal{F}^n of I^n .

Corollary. The set $\mathcal{F}^n/T = \{h_n(e); e \in \mathcal{F}^n\}$ is a CW decomposition of I^n/T .

The characteristic maps for cells from \mathcal{F}^n/T can be chosen in this way: For every $e \in \mathcal{F}^n/T$ we find one cell $\tilde{e} \in \mathcal{F}^n$ such that $h_n(\tilde{e}) = e$. Denoting by f the characteristic map of \tilde{e} , the map $h_n \circ f$ is characteristic for e .

4. Orientability of s -cubes

In this section we shall deal with the problem of orientability of those s -cubes which are manifolds. To decide whether a given s -cube is orientable or not, it is sufficient to compute its n -th homology group over Z .

Let $X = I^n / (u^1, \dots, u^n) = I^n / T$ be an s -cube and let \mathcal{F}^n / T be the CW decomposition of I^n / T introduced in part 3. We recall that in this decomposition there is only one n -cell, namely $h_n(e^n)$. Denoting by CX the cell chain complex of the CW space $(X, \mathcal{F}^n / T)$ (and by ∂ the boundary operator), we have $H_n X = \text{Ker } \partial_n$, because $\text{Im } \partial_{n+1} = 0$. To describe the boundary operator $\partial_n: C_n X \rightarrow C_{n-1} X$, we compute all incidence numbers $[a: b]$, where $a = h_n(e^n)$ and $b \in C_{n-1} X$ is an $(n-1)$ -dimensional cell of $(X, \mathcal{F}^n / T)$.

Lemma 1. Let $b = h_n(e(q, p(q)))$ be an $(n-1)$ -cell in \mathcal{F}^n / T such that $e(q, p(q)) \subset J_i^n$ for some $i \in N_n$. Suppose that $u^i = \text{id} \circ s_{i_1} \circ s_{i_2} \circ \dots \circ s_{i_k}$ for $i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k$, $k \geq 0$. Then

- a) $u^i = \text{id} \Rightarrow [a: b] = \pm 1$
- b) $u^i \neq \text{id} \Rightarrow [a: b] = 0$ for k odd, $[a: b] = \pm 2$ for k even.

Proof: Let us denote by Φ^a and φ^a the characteristic and the attaching maps of the cell a , similarly Φ^b , φ^b for the cell b . According to [1], Corollary 6.11, the incidence number $[a: b]$ coincides with the local degree of the map

$$F = (\Phi^b)^{-1} \circ \varphi^a: (\varphi^a)^{-1} b \rightarrow I^{n-1}$$

over any point $Q \in \text{int}(I^{n-1})$. We are going to discuss cases a), b).

a) In this case the set $(\varphi^a)^{-1} Q$ consists of one point P . Since F is a homeomorphism, it is $[a: b] = \pm 1$.

b) We have $(\varphi^a)^{-1} Q = \{P_1, P_2\}$ and $\deg_Q F = \mu(P_1) + \mu(P_2) = \mu(P_1) + \deg u^i \mu(P_1) = \mu(P_1) (1 + (-1)^k)$. Since F is a local homeomorphism, it is $\mu(P_1) = \pm 1$ and $\deg_Q F = \pm 2$ for k even, $\deg_Q F = 0$ for k odd.

Let $i \in N_n$ and let $M_i \subset N_n$ be such a set that $u^i = \prod_{j \in M_i} s_j$. Put $M_i = \emptyset$ if $u^i = \text{id}$.

Denote $c_i = \text{card } M_i$, $c = c_1 c_2 \dots c_n$.

Theorem 2. $H_n X = 0$ for c even, $H_n X = Z$ for c odd.

Proof. Applying Lemma 1 we get: $\text{Ker } \partial_n = Z$ if and only if c_i is odd for every $i \in N_n$. The assertion follows.

Corollary: Let $X = I^n / (u^1, \dots, u^n)$ be a manifold. Then X is orientable if and only if c is odd.

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SÚHRN

CW ROZKLADY A ORIENTOVIATEĽNOSŤ s -KOCIEK

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V práci je definovaný taký CW rozklad \mathcal{F}^n n -rozmernej kocky I^n , že pre každú s -kocku $X = I^n / (u^1, \dots, u^n) = I^n / T$ je ekvivalencia T bunečná relácia ekvivalencie na (I^n, \mathcal{F}^n) . To umožňuje zaviesť štruktúru CW komplexu na ľubovoľnú s -kocku X . Pre také s -kocky, ktoré sú variety, je v práci daná nutná a postačujúca podmienka ich orientovateľnosti.

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КЛЕТОЧНЫЕ РАЗБИЕНИЯ И ОРИЕНТИРУЕМОСТЬ s -КУБОВ

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В работе определено клеточное разбиение \mathcal{F}^n n -мерного куба I^n и показано, что для любого s -куба $X = I^n / (u^1, \dots, u^n)$ соответствующее отношение эквивалентности T на I^n является клеточным отношением на (I^n, \mathcal{F}^n) . Разбиение \mathcal{F}^n позволяет ввести клеточную структуру для любого s -куба. С ее помощью доказывается необходимое и достаточное условие для ориентируемости любого s -куба, являющегося многообразием.

