

## FUNCTORIAL PROPERTIES OF THE SPACE $Z(X)$ FOR STRATIFIABLE SPACES

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## INTRODUCTION

A simplicial complex is defined as a set  $K$  for which its representation is fixed in the form of a union of some family of closed simplices, each two of which are not intersected, either one of them is a face of the other, or is intercepted by a simplex that is a face of each of them. The set  $K$  itself is called the body of the complex under consideration. In the presence of a complex, its body is uniquely determined, but one and the same set can be the body of various complexes. A simplicial complex is called complete if the complex  $K$  by an arbitrary given simplex  $\sigma \in K$  also contains all the faces of this simplex.

Let  $K$  be a simplicial complex. By  $K^{(n)}$ , we denote the set of  $n$ -dimensional simplices (skeletons) of the simplicial complex  $K$ .  $|K|$  is a polyhedron, i.e.  $|K| = \bigcup K$  in weak topology.

For each simplex  $\sigma \in K$ , the barycentre, the interior and the boundary of the simplex  $\sigma$  are denoted by  $\hat{\sigma}$ ,  $\circ\sigma$  and  $\partial\sigma$ , respectively. A simplex, whose vertices are  $g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n$ , is denoted by  $\langle g_0, g_1, K, g_n \rangle$ . Thus,  $\tau \leq \sigma$  ( $\tau < \sigma$ ) implies that  $\tau$  is an integral part (facade or component) of the simplex



$\sigma$ . For each point  $x \in |K|$  through  $(x(\hat{\sigma}))$  of the simplex  $\sigma \in K$ , the barycentric coordinates with respect to the barycentre of the  $S_d K$  subdivision are denoted.

A simplicial subdivision of a simplex  $\sigma \in K$  is a family  $P = \{\sigma_i; i = \overline{1, k}\}$  of simplices in  $K$  satisfying the following three conditions:

- a)  $\sigma = \bigcup_{i=1}^k \sigma_i$ ;
- b) For any  $i, j \leq k$ , the intersection  $S_i \cap S_j$  is either empty or is a common face of the simplices  $\sigma_i$  and  $\sigma_j$ .
- c) For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , all faces of the simplex  $\sigma_i$  belong to  $P$ .

The fineness of the simplicial subdivision  $\{\sigma_i; i = \overline{1, k}\}$  of the simplex  $\sigma$  is defined as the largest among the numbers  $\delta(\sigma_1), \delta(\sigma_2), \dots, \delta(\sigma_k)$ . For each simplex  $\sigma = \overline{a_0, a_1, \dots, a_m}$ , the point

$$b(\sigma) = \frac{1}{m+1}a_0 + \frac{1}{m+1}a_1 + \dots + \frac{1}{m+1}a_m$$

is referred to as the barycentre (or centre of gravity) of the simplex  $\sigma$ . It is evident that  $b(\sigma) \in \sigma$ , and  $b(\sigma)$  do not belong to any  $(m-1)$ -dimensional face of the simplex  $\sigma$ .

Consider an arbitrary simplex  $\sigma = \langle a_0, a_1, \dots, a_m \rangle$ . For each decreasing sequence  $\sigma_0 \supset \sigma_1 \supset \dots \supset \sigma_k$  of different faces of the simplex  $\sigma$ , the points  $b(\sigma_0), b(\sigma_1), \dots, b(\sigma_k)$  are linearly independent. The family  $\Pi$  of all simplices of the form  $\langle b(\sigma_0), b(\sigma_1), \dots, b(\sigma_k) \rangle$  will be a simplicial subdivision of the simplex  $\sigma$ . Each  $(m-1)$ -dimensional simplex  $T \in \Pi$  is a face of one or two  $m$ -dimensional simplices of the family  $\Pi$ , depending on whether the simplex is contained or not  $T$  in some  $(m-1)$ -dimensional face of the simplex  $\sigma$ . This particular simplicial subdivision, as described above, is referred to as the barycentric subdivision of the simplex  $\sigma$ .

Consider a number  $t \in [0, 1]$  and  $\sigma(t) = \{x \in \sigma: 0 \leq \hat{x}(\sigma) \leq t, (\hat{x}(\sigma))\}$  are barycentric coordinates of the point  $x$ . For each  $t \in [0, 1]$ , the set  $\sigma(t)$  is an open neighbourhood of the boundary  $\partial\sigma$  of the simplex  $\sigma$ , and  $\sigma(t) = cl_\sigma \sigma(t)$ . Note that  $\sigma(1) = \sigma \setminus \{\hat{\sigma}\}$ .

Each point  $x \in \sigma(1)$  can be expressed as as:

$$x = (1 - x(\hat{\sigma})) \pi_\sigma(x) + x(\hat{\sigma}) \hat{\sigma},$$

where  $\pi_\sigma(x) \in \partial\sigma$  and  $\pi_\sigma(x): \sigma(1) \rightarrow \partial\sigma$  is a radial projection for each  $\sigma \in K$ . Furthermore, each point  $x \in \nu_0, \nu_1, \dots, \nu_n$  can be written as:

$$x = \sum_{i=0}^n b(\nu_i) \nu_i,$$

where  $\nu_i \in K^0$ , and  $b(\nu_i)$  represent the barycentric coordinates of the point  $x$ .

## MAIN PART

Let  $X$  be a topological space, and  $|F(X)|$  be a complete simplicial complex whose vertices are points of  $X$ , i.e.  $|F(X)^0| = X$ . The space  $|F(X)|$  is equipped with the weak topology. Now, a topology on the space  $|F(X)|$  is defined, denoting the basis of open sets as  $Z(X)$ , which consists of  $W$  open in  $F(X)$ , and satisfy the following conditions:

- o1.  $W \cap X$  open in  $X$ ;
- o2.  $|F(W \cap X)| \subset W$ ;
- i.e.  $\tau_{Z(X)} = \{W \in \tau_{|F(X)|}: W \text{ satisfies the conditions o1-o2}\}.$



Condition o2 means that every simplex  $\sigma \in F(X)$  is contained in  $W$  if all vertices of this simplex  $\sigma$  lie entirely in  $W \cap X$ .

For the subset  $A \subset X$ , the set  $F(A)$  is a subcomplex of the full complex  $F(X)$  and  $Z(X)$  is a subspace of the space  $Z(X)$ . Obviously,  $Z(A)$  is closed in  $Z(X)$  if  $A$  is closed in  $X$ .

For each  $n \in Z_+ = N \cup \{0\}$ , define  $Z_n(X) = |F(X)^n|$ , which is a subspace of  $Z(X)$ . Then,  $Z_0(X) \cong X$  and  $Z(X) = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} Z_n(X)$ . It is evident that for any  $n \in Z_+$ , the subspace  $Z_n(X)$  is closed in  $Z(X)$ .

Let us introduce the following notation:

$$T(A) = \{\sigma \in F(X) \setminus F(A) : \sigma \cap A \neq \emptyset\};$$

$$M(A) = \{x \in Z(X) : \text{there exists } \sigma \in F(A) \text{ such that } x(\hat{\sigma}) < 0\};$$

$$T_n(A) = T(A) \cap (F(X)^n \setminus F(X)^{n-1});$$

$$M_n(A) = Z(A) \cup (M(A) \cap Z_n(X));$$

For each  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)^{T(A)}$  and for each  $n \in N$ , we define the set:

$$M(A, \varepsilon) = \bigcup_{n \in Z_+} M_n(A, \varepsilon),$$

where  $M_0(A, \varepsilon) = Z(A) = |F(A)|$  and

$$M_n(A, \varepsilon) = Z(A) \cup \{\sigma(\varepsilon(\sigma)) \cap \pi_{\sigma}^{-1}(M_{n-1}(A, \varepsilon)) : \sigma \in T_n(A)\}.$$

Then the equality  $M_n(A, \varepsilon) \cap X = A$  holds.

For each open set  $U$  of the space  $X$ , the set  $M(U, \varepsilon)$  is open in  $Z(X)$ . In this case, the family  $B(M) = \{(U, \varepsilon) : U \text{ is open in } X \text{ and } \varepsilon \in (0, 1)^{T(U)}\}$  is an open base of the space  $Z(X)$ .

Therefore, if for every  $n \in N$  and every  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)^{T_1(A) \cup T_2(A) \cup \dots \cup T_n(A)}$ , the set  $M_n(A, \varepsilon)$  is defined, then the family

$B(M) = \{(M_1, (U, \varepsilon)) : U \text{ is open in } X \text{ and } \varepsilon \in (0, 1)^{T_1(U)}\}$  is an open base for  $Z_1(X)$ , i.e the following holds.

**Lemma [5].** Families  $\{M(U, \varepsilon) : U \text{ is open in } X \text{ and } \varepsilon \in (0, 1)^{T_1(U)}\}$  and  $\{(M_1, (U, \varepsilon)) : U \text{ is open in } X \text{ and } \varepsilon \in (0, 1)^{T_1(U)}\}$  is the base of the space  $Z(X)$ , (respectively, the space  $Z_1(X)$ ).

Let  $A \subset X$ , then the subspace  $Z(X) \setminus Z(A)$  of the space  $Z(X)$  consists of points of the form:  $z = (1-t)x + ty$ , where  $x \in Z(X \setminus A)$ ,  $y \in Z(A)$ ,  $t \in [0, 1)$ , i.e.

$$Z(X) \setminus Z(A) = \{z = (1-t)x + ty \in Z(X) : x \in Z(X \setminus A), y \in Z(A), t \in [0, 1)\}.$$

Obviously, if the set  $A$  is closed in  $X$ , then  $Z(A)$  is closed in  $Z(X)$ . It should be noted that the set itself is also closed in  $Z(X)$ , i.e.  $X; Z_1(X)$ .

Note that for  $z \in Z(X)$ , based on the structure of the space  $Z(X)$ , the point has the form:  $z = m_0 \bar{x}_0 + m_2 \bar{x}_2 + \dots + m_n \bar{x}_n$ , where  $\sum_{i=0}^n m_i = 1$ ,  $m_i \geq 0$ , and  $x_i \in X$ . In other words, the point  $z$  belongs to the simplex  $\sigma = \langle \bar{x}_0, \dots, \bar{x}_n \rangle$ , whose vertices are points  $x_i$  of space  $X$ , denoted by  $\bar{x}_0, \bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n$ , which are the points (vertices) of the simplex  $\sigma = \langle \bar{x}_0, \dots, \bar{x}_n \rangle$ .

If  $z \in Z_1(X)$ , then the point  $z$  has the form  $z = x$ , where  $x \in X$ . Hence, for each point  $z \in Z(X) \setminus Z_1(X)$  there exists a simplex  $\sigma \in Z(X)$  such that  $z \in \sigma = \langle \bar{x}_0, \bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n \rangle$  and  $z = \sum_{i=0}^n m_i \bar{x}_i$ ,  $m_i > 0$ , and  $\sum_{i=0}^n m_i = 1$ . The vertices of the simplex  $\sigma = \langle \bar{x}_0, \bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n \rangle$  are referred to supports of the point  $z \in \sigma$ , i.e.  $\text{supp } z = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ .

In this case, there exists at least  $j_1$  and  $j_2 \in \overline{0, n}$  such that  $m_{j_1} \neq 0$  and  $m_{j_2} \neq 0$ , indicating that the point  $z \in Z(X) \setminus Z_1(X)$  has at least two points in its support. Therefore, if  $z \in Z(X) \setminus Z_1(X)$ , then  $|\text{supp} z| \geq 2$ . On the other hand, given the construction of the space  $Z(X)$ , for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there is a point  $z \in Z(X)$  such that  $|\text{supp} z| \geq n$ . If  $z \in Z_n(X)$ , then  $|\text{supp} z| \geq n$ .

In the paper [1] by R. Coty, it was demonstrated that the space  $Z(X)$  is stratifiable (in short, a  $S$ -space) if and only if  $X$  is a  $S$ -space.

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous mapping between the  $S$ -spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ . The continuous mapping  $Z(f): Z(X) \rightarrow Z(Y)$  is defined as follows: for each point  $z \in Z(X)$  and  $z = \langle \bar{x}_0, \dots, \bar{x}_k \rangle$

$z_x = m_0 \bar{x}_0 + \dots + m_k \bar{x}_k$ ,  $\sum_{k=1}^k m_i = 1$ ,  $m_i \geq 0$  assign point  $z_y \in Z(Y)$ ,  $z_y = \langle \bar{y}_0, \dots, \bar{y}_k \rangle$   $z_y = m_0 \bar{y}_1 + m_2 \bar{y}_2 + \dots + m_k \bar{y}_k$ , where  $f(\bar{x}_i) = \bar{y}_i$ .

The mapping  $Z(f): Z(X) \rightarrow Z(Y)$  is simplicial. Therefore,  $Z(f)$  is continuous. Note that  $Z(f)(Z(X)) = Z(f(X))$  and  $Z(f)(Z(X) \setminus X) \subset Z(Y) \setminus Y$ . Hence, if the mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is surjective, then  $Z(f): Z(X) \rightarrow Z(Y)$  is also surjective and vice versa.

- a) If  $id_x: X \rightarrow X$  is the identity mapping, then  $Z(id_x): Z(X) \rightarrow Z(X)$  is also the identity mapping, i.e.  $Z(id_x) = id_{Z(X)}$ .
- b) Let  $p: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow L$  be continuous mappings between the stratifiable spaces  $X, Y$  and  $L$ .

If  $f = g \circ p: X \rightarrow L$ , where the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{p} & Y \\ & f \downarrow [g & \\ & L & \end{array} \quad (1)$$

is commutative, then  $Z(f) = Z(p \circ g): Z(X) \rightarrow Z(L)$ , which is the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Z(X) & \xrightarrow{Z(p)} & Z(Y) \\ & Z(f) \downarrow [Z(g) & \\ & Z(L) & \end{array} \quad (2)$$

is also commutative.

Hence, we see that the mapping  $Z: X \rightarrow Z(X)$  forms a covariant functor between stratifiable spaces and their continuous mappings.

If  $f = p \circ g$ , then  $Z(f) = Z(p \circ g) = Z(p) \circ Z(g)$ . Hence, the mapping of the stratifiable space  $Z: X \rightarrow Z(X)$  is functorial. Each mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  can be associated with the above defined simplicial mapping  $Z(f): Z(X) \rightarrow Z(Y)$ . From properties a) and b), we can assert that this mapping  $Z$  is a covariant functor on the category of  $S$ -spaces and continuous mappings into itself.

Thus, the following is true:

**Theorem 1.** *is a covariant functor.*

Note that the functor  $Z: S \rightarrow S$  has the following properties:

- 1°. From the construction of the space  $Z(X)$  and Lemma [5], it follows that the functor  $Z: S \rightarrow S$  preserves the entire space  $\omega(Z(X)) \leq \omega(X)$ , i.e.  $\omega(Z(X)) \leq \omega(X)$ .
- 2°. For  $X \in S$ , the mapping or embedding  $\eta_z: X \rightarrow Z(X)$  is constructed by defining  $\eta(X) = \langle \bar{x} \rangle$ , where  $x \in Z(X)$ , and  $\bar{x}$  is vertex, i.e.  $\bar{x}$  is a zero-dimensional simplex in  $Z(X)$ . The mapping  $\eta: X \rightarrow Z(X)$  is continuous and one-to-one, implying that  $\eta_z: X \rightarrow Z(X)$  is an embedding.

An immediate check shows that the functor  $Z: S \rightarrow S$  preserves

- 3°. a point and an empty set;
- 4°. intersection of closed sets;
- 5°. preimages of mappings;
- 6°. continuous in the sense of Shchepin [2];
- 7°. monomorphic; and,
- 8°. epimorphic.

Note that the functor  $Z: S \rightarrow S$  with finite supports does not have finite degrees. Hence, the functor  $Z: S \rightarrow S$  preserves a point, an empty set, intersections of closed sets, and inverse images of mappings. It is continuous, epimorphic, and monomorphic, i.e. the functor  $Z: S \rightarrow S$  is normal.

For each  $n \in N_+$  define  $Z_n(X) = \{z \in Z(X) : |\text{supp} z| \leq n-1\}$ , where  $z_x = \sum_{i=0}^n m_i \bar{x}_i$ ,  $\text{supp} z_x = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ ,  $\sum_{i=0}^n m_i = 1$ ,  $m_i \geq 0$ ,  $\text{supp} z_x \subset X$ .

- a) The set  $Z_n(X)$  is closed in  $Z(X)$ ;
- b) for  $n = 0$ ,  $Z_0(X) \cong X$ ;
- c) for each mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  between  $S$  spaces, the mapping  $Z_n(f): Z_n(X) \rightarrow Z_n(Y)$  is defined as follows:  $Z_n(f) = Z(f)|_{Z_n(X)}: Z_n(X) \rightarrow Z_n(Y)$ .

The mapping  $Z_n(f): Z_n(X) \rightarrow Z_n(Y)$  is also continuous, i.e.  $Z_n: S \rightarrow S$  is a subfunctor of the functor  $Z$ . The functor  $Z_n: S \rightarrow S$  possesses all properties of the functor  $Z: S \rightarrow S$ . Functor  $Z_n: S \rightarrow S$  is a functor with finite  $n$ -supports.

Since the mappings  $Z(f)$  and  $Z_n(f)$  are simplicial, we can assert:

**Theorem 2.** *A mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  between  $S$ -spaces is open if and only if  $Z(f): Z(X) \rightarrow Z(Y)$  is open (or  $Z_n(f): Z_n(X) \rightarrow Z_n(Y)$  is open).*

The following is easily proved.

**Theorem 3.** *A map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  between  $S$ -spaces mapping  $Z(f): Z(X) \rightarrow Z(Y)$ ,  $Z_n(f): Z_n(X) \rightarrow Z_n(Y)$  is a homeomorphism if and only if  $f$  is a homeomorphism.*

Note that the covariant functors  $Z: S \rightarrow S$  and  $Z_n: S \rightarrow S$  is a normal functor.

A monad (or triplet) on the category  $G$  is a triplet  $T = \langle F, \psi, \eta \rangle$ , where  $F: G \rightarrow G$  is a functor  $\eta: Id \rightarrow F$  (unit) and  $\psi: F^2 \rightarrow F$  (multiplication) are natural transformations. Additionally, for each object  $X$ , the following equalities are satisfied:

$$\psi_X \circ F(\eta_X) = id_{F(X)},$$

$$\psi_X \circ \eta_{F(X)} = id_{F(X)}$$

$$\psi_X \circ F(\psi_X) = \psi_X \circ \psi_{F(X)}$$

A functor  $F$  is called monadic if it can be included in some monad.

**Theorem 4.** *The covariant functor  $Z: S \rightarrow S$  is monadic.*

*Proof.* As previously mentioned, the mapping  $\eta: Z(X) \rightarrow Z(Y)$  which assigns to each point  $x \in X$  the vertex  $\bar{x}$  of the simplex in  $Z(X)$  is continuous, i.e.  $\eta(x) = \bar{x}$ .

Let  $z \in Z(Z(X)) = Z^2(X)$ . Then the point  $z$  has the form  $z = \sum_{k=1}^k \mu_i z_i$ , where  $z_i \in Z(X)$ ,

$$z_i = \sum_{j=0}^{i_j} m_s^i \bar{x}_s^i, \sum_{i=0}^k \mu_i = 1, \sum_{s=0}^{i_j} m_s^i = 1, x_s^i \in X,$$

$$z = \sum_{i=0}^k \mu_i z_i = \mu_0 z_0 + \mu_1 z_1 + \dots + \mu_k z_k = \mu_0 \sum_{s=0}^{i_0} m_s^0 \bar{x}_s^0 + \mu_1 \sum_{s=0}^{i_1} m_s^1 \bar{x}_s^1 + \dots + \mu_k \sum_{s=0}^{i_k} m_s^k \bar{x}_s^k = \sum_{i=0}^k \sum_{s=0}^{i_j} \mu_i m_s^i \bar{x}_s^i; \text{ We}$$

$$\text{put } a_s^i = m_s^i \mu_i \geq 0, \sum_{i=0}^k \sum_{s=0}^{i_j} a_s^i = 1. \text{ Hence, } z = \sum_{i=0}^k \sum_{s=0}^{i_j} a_s^i \bar{x}_s^i, \bar{x}_s^i \in X. \text{ Hence, } z \in Z(X) \text{ that is the}$$

mapping  $\psi \in Z(Z(X)) \rightarrow Z(X)$  is defined. The mapping  $\Psi_x$  is continuous because  $\Psi_x$  is linear.

A simple check shows that for the triple  $Z = Z, \Psi, \eta_X$  satisfies the following conditions:

- a)  $\Psi_X \circ Z(\eta_X) = id_{Z(X)}$ ;
- b)  $\Psi_X \circ \eta_{Z(X)} = id_{Z(X)}$ ;
- c)  $\Psi_X \circ Z(\Psi_X) = \Psi_X \Psi_{Z(X)}$ ;

$Z: S \rightarrow S$  functor,  $\eta_Z: id \rightarrow Z$  (one) and  $\Psi: Z^2 \rightarrow Z$  (multiplication) natural transformation. Hence, the triple  $T = \langle Z, \Psi, \eta_X \rangle$  is monadic. Theorem 4 is proved.

**Theorem 5.** For any stratifiable space  $X$ , the space  $Z(X)$  is convex and the subspace  $Z_v(X)$  is homotopically dense in  $Z(X)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $X \in S$ . Two cases are possible : a)  $X$  is finite. b)  $X$  is infinite. In case a) the space  $Z(X)$  consists of one simplex  $\sigma = \langle x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle$ . This simplex  $\sigma$  is convex and the subspace  $Z_v(X) = Z(X) \setminus X = \sigma \setminus \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  is homotopy and dense in  $Z(X)$ . Let  $X$  be infinite. In this case, the space  $Z(X)$  is convex. Indeed, for any points  $z_0 \in Z(X)$ ,  $z_1 \in Z(X)$ , the segment  $[z_0, z_1]$  lies entirely in the space  $Z(X)$ , i.e.  $[z_0, z_1] \subset Z(X)$ . Now we can that the subspace  $Z_v(X)$  is homotopically dense in  $Z(X)$ .

We construct the desired homotopy  $h(z, t): Z(X) \times [0, 1] \rightarrow Z(X)$  supposing  $h(z, t) = (1-t)z + tz_0$ , where  $z \in Z(X)$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $z_0 = m_0 \bar{x}_0 + \dots + m_n \bar{x}_n$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n m_i = 1$ ,  $m_i > 0$ ,  $m_i \neq 0$ .

If  $t = 0$ , then  $h(z, 0) = (1-0)z + 0 \cdot z_0 = z$ , i.e.  $h(z, 0) = id_{Z(X)}$ .

If  $t \in (0, 1]$ , that is,  $t > 0$ ,  $t \leq 1$ , then the point  $h(z, 1) = (1-t)z + t \cdot \bar{z}_0 \in Z_1(X)$ , i.e.  $h(z, 0) = id_{Z(X)}$ , i.e. point  $h(z, 1) \in Z_v(X)$ . This means that the subspace  $Z_v(X)$  is homotopically dense in  $Z(X)$ . The theorem is proved.

A subset  $A \subset X$  of the space  $X$  is said to be homotopically dense in  $X$  [9] if there exists a homotopy  $h: X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  such that  $h(x, 0) = id_x$  and  $h(X \times (0, 1]) \subset A$ . Therefore, the subset  $A \subset X$  is called homotopy negligible [9] if the complements  $X \setminus A$  is homotopy dense in  $X$ . The above theorem implies.

**Corollary.** For any stratifiable space  $X$ , the space  $Z_1(X)$  itself is homotopically negligible in  $Z(X)$

**Theorem 6.** Let  $X$  be a finite-dimensional  $St$ -space. Then  $Z_n(X)$  is a finite-dimensional  $St$ -space. Moreover, the inequality  $\dim Z_n(X) \leq \dim X^n + n-1 \leq n \dim X + n-1$  is true.

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be a  $St$ -space and  $\dim X < \infty$ . Note that for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  the space  $Z_n(X)$  is also  $St$ -space, therefore,  $Z_n(X)$  is a perfectly normal paracompact space. It follows from the results of [8, 10] that

$$\dim X^n \times \sigma^{n-1} \leq \dim X^n + \dim \sigma^{n-1} \leq n \dim X + n - 1$$

Through induction on  $n$ , =

$$\dim Z_n(X) \leq n \dim X + n - 1 \quad (3)$$

For  $n = 1$ , this inequality (3) is valid, since the space  $Z_1(X)$  is homeomorphic to  $X$  by definition. those  $Z_1(X); X$ .

Let the inequality  $\dim Z_{n-1}(X) \leq (n-1) \dim X + \dim Z_{n-1}(\overline{n-1})$ . The theorem is proved.

First, it is demonstrated that  $rd_{Z_n(X) \setminus Z_{n-1}(X)} \leq n \dim X + n - 1$ , where  $rd_X A$  is the relative dimension of the subspace  $A$  in the space  $X$  [7]. The subspace  $Z_n(X) \setminus Z_{n-1}(X)$  is also  $St$ -space, hence it is paracompact. The space  $Z_n(X)$  at the points of the set  $Z_n(X) \setminus Z_{n-1}(X)$  is locally homeomorphic to the open subspace of the product  $X^n \times \sigma^{n-1}$ . From Theorem 21 of [7] Dowker-Nagami we obtain that  $rd_{Z_n(X) \setminus Z_{n-1}(X)} \leq n \dim X + n - 1$ .

Then, applying another Dowker's theorem 10 [7], we obtain that

$$\dim Z_n(X) \leq n \cdot \dim X + n - 1.$$

The theorem 6 is proved.

A space  $X$  is weakly star countable if for each open cover  $U$  of  $X$  there exists a countable subset  $F$  of  $X$  such that  $(\bigcup_{x \in F} St(x, U)) = X$ .

**Theorem 7.** *If  $X$  is a weakly countable  $St$ -space, then  $Z_n(X)$  is also weakly countable.*

**Theorem 8.** *For any weakly countable or finite-dimensional  $St$ -space, the space  $Z(X)$  is weakly countable.*

**Theorem 9.** *For any infinite  $St$ -space  $X$ , the space  $Z(X)$  is infinite-dimensional.*

**Definition.** For the subset of the normal space  $X$ , we write  $[7] rd_X A \leq n$  (relative dimension  $A$  in  $X \leq n$ ), if for any set  $F$  lying in  $A$  and closed in  $X$  the inequality  $\dim F \leq n$ ,  $n = -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots$ .

**Theorem 10 [7].** *If in the normal space  $X$  there exists a closed set  $F$  such that  $\dim F \leq n$  and  $rd_X(X \setminus F) \leq n$ , then  $\dim X \leq n$ .*

**Theorem 11 [7].** *For paracompact the following is always true*

$$\text{loc dim } X = \dim X$$

**Definition [7].** For a normal space  $X$ , we assume  $\text{loc dim } X \leq n$  if for any point  $x \in X$  there exists a neighborhood  $Ox$  for which  $\dim[Ox] \leq n$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . (For empty  $X$  we get  $\text{loc dim } X = -1$ ).

## CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The authors declare that there is no conflict of interest.

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