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REGULAR AVERAGING OPERATORS

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The aim of the present paper is to construct examples of open maps of bicompecta, which do not admit of regular averaging operators.

Definition 1 (see [2]). Let $\varphi: X \rightarrow Y$ be a continuous map of bicompectum X onto bicompectum Y . Then we say that φ admits of a regular averaging operator if there exists a linear operator $u: C(X) \rightarrow C(Y)$ such that $\|u\| = 1$ and the relation $f \equiv C(Y)$ is fulfilled for any function $u(f \circ \varphi) = f$.

As Michael [6] showed, any open map of compacta (i.e., of metric bicompecta) admits of a regular averaging operator. In [7] this result was strengthened in the following way: an open map of a Milyutin space onto a compactum admits of a regular averaging operator. We recall that a bicompectum which is the image of the generalized Cantor disctoninum D^τ under a map admitting of a regular averaging operator is called a Milyutin space. An example of an open map not admitting of a regular averaging operator has been constructed in [5]. In this example the preimage is not a dyadic bicompectum and, all the more, not a Milyutin space. On the other hand, from Shchepin's results [4] it follows that if an open image of Milyutin space has a weight not exceeding \aleph_1 , then it is a Milyutin space. Therefore, the question naturally arises: does any open map of a Milyutin space of weight not exceeding \aleph_1 admit of a regular averaging operator? We construct an example of an open map of D^{\aleph_1} onto itself, which does not admit of a regular averaging operator. In passing we obtain as well an example of an open triple map of dyadic bicompecta of weight \aleph_1 , which does not admit of a regular averaging operator (it is easy to see that any open double map admits of a regular averaging operator).

We recall that for an arbitrary topological space X , by $\exp X$ we denote the space of all its nonempty closed subsets in the Vietoris topology, i.e., the base in $\exp X$ is formed by sets of the form

$$\langle U_1, \dots, U_n \rangle = \left\{ \hat{F} \in \exp X: F \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_i \text{ and } F \cap U_i \neq \emptyset \text{ for any } i \right\},$$

where U_1, \dots, U_n are sets open in X and \hat{F} denotes the point from $\exp X$ corresponding to the set $F = [F] \subset X$. Also let $\exp_n X = \{ \hat{F} \in \exp X: |F| \leq n \}$ be the n -th symmetric degree of space X and $A_n(X) = \{ \hat{F} \in \exp X: |F| = n \}$. It is clear that $A_n(X) \subset \exp_n X \subset \exp X$.

Proposition 1. Let $X = D^\tau, \tau \geq \aleph_1$. Then a continuous map $g: A_n(X) \rightarrow X$ such that $(\hat{F}) \in F$ does not exist.

Proof. Suppose that such a map does exist. We consider the natural map $h_n: X^n \rightarrow \exp_n X$, "neglecting order," i.e., $h_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \overline{\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}}$. It will be continuous. Let $B_n(X) = h_n^{-1}(A_n(X))$ be a dense subset of X^n . The point $\xi = \{x_i\} \in B_n(X)$ if and only if $x_i \neq x_j$ for $i \neq j$. We define the function $f: B_n(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ as follows: $f(\xi) = i$ if and only if $gh_n(\xi) = x_i$. Then f is a continuous finite-valued function. Since $X = D^\tau, X^\mathbb{N} = \beta B_n(X)$ is the Stone-Cech compactification of space $B_n(X)$. Let \bar{f} be the continuation of function f onto $X^\mathbb{N}$. We take an arbitrary point $\xi = \{x_i\}$, lying on the diagonal, i.e., $x_i = x_j = x$ for any i and j . Let $\bar{f}(\xi) = k$. Then a neighborhood U of point ξ exists such that $\bar{f}(U) = k$. Since point ξ lies on the diagonal, we can find a neighborhood V of point $x \in X$, such that $\xi \in V^n \subset U$. We take an arbitrary point $\eta \in V^n \cap B_n(X)$. Then $f(\eta) = k$, i.e., $gh_n(\eta) = x_k$. Let $k_1 \neq k$. We take a point $\eta_1 = \{y_i\}$ such that $y_i = x_i$ for $i \neq k, k_1, y_k = x_{k_1}, y_{k_1} = x_k$. Then $\eta_1 \in V^n \cap B_n(X)$. Since $f(\eta_1) = k$, then

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$gh_n(n_i) = y_k = x_k \neq x_k$. But this contradicts the fact that $gh_n(\eta) = gh_n(\eta_i)$, since $h_n(\eta) = h_n(\eta_i)$. The proposition has been proved.

We remark that Proposition 1 with $n = 2$ was first proved by Shchepin by another method.

As usual, by $P(X)$ we denote the space of probability measures in the weak topology, i.e., $P(X) = \{\mu \in M(X) : \|\mu\| = 1 \text{ and } \langle \mu, 1_X \rangle = 1\}$.

Proposition 2. Let $X = D^\tau, \tau \geq \aleph_1$. Then a continuous map $g: \exp_3 X \rightarrow P(X)$ such that $\text{supp } g(\hat{F}) \subset F$ does not exist.

The proof of Proposition 2 uses Proposition 1.

We are now ready to describe the examples.

Example 1. There exists an open map of D^{\aleph_1} onto D^{\aleph_1} , not admitting of a regular averaging operator.

Let X and Y be homeomorphic to D^{\aleph_1} . Then by virtue of Sirota's theorem [3] there exists a homeomorphism $f: X \rightarrow \exp Y$. We consider the space $Z = \{(x, y) \in X \times Y : y \in f(x)\}$, viz., the graph of map f . Using the result in [3] we can show that Z is homeomorphic to D^{\aleph_1} . Then the map $\pi_X: Z \rightarrow X$ is open-closed (see [1]). However, it does not admit of a regular averaging operator. Indeed, if this is not so, then by virtue of the statement on p. 33 in [2] there exists a continuous map $\varphi: X \rightarrow P(Z)$ such that $\text{supp } \varphi(x) \subset \pi_X^{-1}(x)$. We consider as well the map $P(\pi_Y): P(Z) \rightarrow P(Y)$. Then the composition $P(\pi_Y) \circ \varphi \circ f^{-1}$ is a map of space $\exp Y$ into space $P(Y)$ such that to every element of \hat{F} there corresponds a measure whose support is contained in set F , which contradicts Proposition 2.

Example 1'. There exists an open triple map of dyadic bicompecta of weight \aleph_1 , not admitting of a regular averaging operator.

In order to see this it is sufficient to consider the restriction of the map $\pi_X: Z \rightarrow X$ to the subspace $\pi_X^{-1}f^{-1}(\exp_3 Y)$. The space $\exp_3 Y$ is, obviously, a dyadic compactum. The proof that the bicompectum $\pi_X^{-1}f^{-1}(\exp_3 Y)$ is dyadic is more cumbersome and we shall not carry it out here.

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