

EMBEDDINGS OF COMPACTA WITH SHAPE DIMENSION IN THE TRIVIAL RANGE

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ABSTRACT. In this paper a loop condition is defined which generalizes the cellularity criterion and applies to compacta with nontrivial shape. It is shown that if $X, Y \subset E^n$, $n \geq 5$, are compacta which satisfy this loop condition and whose shape classes include a space having dimension in the trivial range with respect to n , then $\text{Sh}(X) = \text{Sh}(Y)$ is equivalent to $E^n - X \approx E^n - Y$. An application is given to compacta with the shape of a compact connected abelian topological group.

1. Introduction and statements of main results. Recently several individuals have studied special cases of the following general problem: if X and Y are compacta in Euclidean n -space E^n , under what conditions is $E^n - X \approx E^n - Y$ equivalent to $\text{Sh}(X) = \text{Sh}(Y)$? The results of this paper concern compacta whose shape classes include a space having dimension in the trivial range with respect to n . We give a global homotopy condition under which the equivalence holds for such compacta. Before stating our main result we make some definitions.

DEFINITION. Let X be a compact subset of the manifold M . X is said to satisfy the *inessential loops condition* (ILC) if for every neighborhood U of X in M there exists a neighborhood V of X in U such that each loop in $V - X$ which is null-homotopic in V is also null-homotopic in $U - X$. (See §2 for the definitions of other loop conditions and a discussion of some of the relationships among them.) For any compactum X , the *shape dimension of X* ($\text{Sd}(X)$) is defined by $\text{Sd}(X) = \min\{\dim Y: \text{Sh}(X) = \text{Sh}(Y)\}$. We say that k is in the *trivial range* with respect to n if $2k + 2 \leq n$.

THEOREM 1. *Let X and Y be compacta in E^n , $n \geq 5$, satisfying ILC and having shape dimension in the trivial range with respect to n . Then $E^n - X \approx E^n - Y$ if and only if $\text{Sh}(X) = \text{Sh}(Y)$.*

As a consequence of Theorem 1 we prove the following theorem about compacta with the shape of a topological group. For example, A and B in Theorem 2 could be solenoids. Recall that every finite dimensional compact connected abelian topological group is metrizable [16].

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THEOREM 2. *Let $X, Y \subset E^n$, $n \geq 5$, be globally 1-*alg* compacta and let A, B be compact connected abelian topological groups with $2 \dim A + 2 \leq n$. If $\text{Sh}(X) = \text{Sh}(A)$ and $\text{Sh}(Y) = \text{Sh}(B)$ then the following are equivalent:*

- (i) $E^n - X \approx E^n - Y$,
- (ii) $\text{Sh}(X) = \text{Sh}(Y)$, and
- (iii) A and B are topologically isomorphic.

Theorem 1 is related to several other recent results. Chapman [3] proved that if $\dim X, \dim Y \leq k$ and $3k + 3 \leq n$, then there are copies X' and Y' of X and Y , respectively, in E^n so that $\text{Sh}(X) = \text{Sh}(Y)$ if and only if $E^n - X' \approx E^n - Y'$. Geoghegan and Summerhill [5] refined Chapman's theorem by reducing the unnecessary condition $3k + 3 \leq n$ to the trivial range and by making more explicit which copies of X and Y are acceptable. Specifically, they required that the copies of X and Y be 1-ULC. Hollingsworth and Rushing [7] improved this result by replacing 1-ULC (which is a local condition) with the small loops condition (which is global). The global condition is more desirable for a weak flatness theorem of this type—see [7] for more details.

The work of Hollingsworth and Rushing is generalized in Theorem 1 since the same conclusion is drawn for compacta which themselves do not necessarily have dimension in the trivial range but merely have the shape of such. Coram, Daverman and Duvall [4] have previously proved Theorem 1 in the special case that $\dim X \leq n - 3$ and Y is a finite polyhedron with dimension in the trivial range.

Theorem 2 answers a question raised by J. Keesling.

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2. Definitions and notation. Let X be a compactum in the manifold M^n . X is said to satisfy the *cellularity criterion* (*small loops condition*) if given a neighborhood U of X there exists a neighborhood V of X in U (and a number $\epsilon > 0$) such that any loop in $V - X$ (any ϵ -loop in $V - X$) is null-homotopic in $U - X$. X is said to be *globally 1-*alg** in M if given a neighborhood U of X there exists a neighborhood V of X in U such that any loop in $V - X$ which is null-homologous in $U - X$ is null-homotopic in $U - X$.

These loop conditions are closely related. For example if $\dim X \leq n - 2$, then ILC is equivalent to the small loops condition. On the other hand, if X has the shape of a point, then ILC is equivalent to the cellularity criterion. In case $\text{Sd}(X) \leq n - 3$, Alexander duality shows that the inclusion induced homomorphism $H_1(V - X) \rightarrow H_1(V)$ is an isomorphism. Hence if $\text{Sd}(X) \leq n - 3$, X globally 1-*alg* implies X satisfies ILC. Finally, it can easily be seen that if X has the shape of the inverse limit of a sequence of ANR's where each of these ANR's has abelian fundamental group, then X is globally 1-*alg* whenever X satisfies ILC.

Throughout this paper the symbols \approx and \simeq will have the following meanings: \approx means "is homeomorphic to," "is isomorphic to," or "is topologically isomorphic to," depending on the context; while \simeq means "is homotopic to." H_* denotes reduced singular homology, H^* Čech cohomology and H_c^* Alexander cohomology with compact supports [13] all with integer coefficients.

All spaces are assumed to be metric.

For definitions of concepts related to shape theory, the reader is referred to [1] and [10]. For all other definitions consult [12].

3. Compacta in standard position. We begin by making a definition [3] which is basic to the entire proof of Theorem 1.

DEFINITION. Let $X \subset E^n$ be a compactum and $k = \text{Sd}(X)$. X is in *standard position* if there exist sequences $\{P_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$ and $\{N_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$ such that

- (i) each P_i is a compact polyhedron in E^n , $\dim P_i \leq k$,
- (ii) each N_i is a regular neighborhood of P_i in E^n ,
- (iii) each $N_{i+1} \subset \text{int } N_i$, and
- (iv) $X = \bigcap_{i=1}^\infty N_i$.

If $\dim X = k$ and $2k + 1 \leq n$, then the set of embeddings $f: X \rightarrow E^n$ such that $f(X)$ is in standard position is a dense G_δ -subset of the set of maps of X into E^n [5, Theorem 3.3]. In this section we show that compacta in E^n which satisfy ILC and have shape dimension less than $n - 2$ are in standard position.

For any pair (A, B) , the notation $\pi_i(A, B) = 0$ means that every map $f: (\Delta^i \times 0, \partial \Delta^i \times 0) \rightarrow (A, B)$ extends to a map $\tilde{f}: (\Delta^i \times [0, 1], \partial \Delta^i \times [0, 1] \cup \Delta^i \times 1) \rightarrow (A, B)$. (Δ^i denotes the standard i -simplex.)

LEMMA 1. Let $X \subset E^n$ be a compactum satisfying ILC and let $k = \text{Sd}(X)$. Then $\pi_i(U, U - X) = 0$, $0 \leq i \leq n - k - 1$, for every compact neighborhood U of X in E^n .

PROOF. It may be assumed that U is connected because otherwise the following proof can be applied to each component of U . Since $\text{Sd}(X) = k$, there exists a compactum Y with $\dim Y = k$ and $\text{Sh}(X) = \text{Sh}(Y)$. Embed Y in E^{2k+1} in standard position; say $Y = \bigcap_{i=1}^\infty N_i$ where each N_i is a regular neighborhood of P_i in E^{2k+1} , $\dim P_i \leq k$ and $N_{i+1} \subset \text{int } N_i$.

We first construct a convenient sequence of neighborhoods whose intersection is X . Let $\{f_i, X, Y\}_{E^n, E^{2k+1}}$ and $\{g_i, Y, X\}_{E^{2k+1}, E^n}$ be fundamental sequences which show that X and Y have the same shape [2, Theorem 2.4]. Choose an integer j such that $g_i(N_j) \subset U$ for almost all i . Now choose a neighborhood V of X such that $f_i(V) \subset N_j$ and $g_i|_V \simeq 1_V$ in U for almost all i . It may be assumed that $g_i|_{P_j}$ is piecewise linear. Thus the inclusion map $\beta: V \hookrightarrow U$ is homotopic in U to a map of V into $g_i(P_j)$. Inductively then we can construct a sequence of neighborhoods V_i in U and polyhedra K_i such that $\dim K_i \leq k$, $V_i \cup K_i \subset V_{i-1}$, $\bigcap_{i=1}^\infty V_i = X$ and the inclusion map $V_i \rightarrow V_{i-1}$ is homotopic in V_{i-1} to a map of V_i into K_i .

Consider the universal cover $p: \tilde{U} \rightarrow U$. Denote $p^{-1}(V_i)$ by \bar{V}_i and $p^{-1}(X)$ by \bar{X} . We show that $H_c^q(\bar{X}) = 0$ for $q > k$. Let $f: V_i \times [0, 1] \rightarrow V_{i-1}$ be a homotopy such that $f_0 = 1_{V_i}$ and $f_1(V_i) \subset K_i$. The diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \tilde{U} \\ & \nearrow & \downarrow p \\ \bar{V}_i & \xrightarrow{f_0 p|_{\bar{V}_i}} & U \end{array}$$

commutes, so $f_i p|_{\bar{V}_i}$ can be lifted to a homotopy g_i . Since $g_i(\bar{V}_i) \subset p^{-1}(K_i)$ and p is a local homeomorphism, $\dim g_i(\bar{V}_i) \leq k$.

Let \bar{V}_i^+ and \bar{X}^+ denote the one-point compactifications of \bar{V}_i and \bar{X} respectively. Since g_i is a proper map, g_i can be extended to $\bar{g}_i: \bar{V}_i^+ \rightarrow \bar{V}_{i-1}^+$. Hence the inclusion $\bar{V}_i^+ \hookrightarrow \bar{V}_{i-1}^+$ factors up to homotopy through a map into a space of dimension at most k . Thus the continuity axiom implies that $H^q(\bar{X}^+) = 0$ for $q > k$. Finally [13, Corollary 6.6.12] shows that $H_c^q(\bar{X}) = 0$, $q > k$.

Now Alexander duality [13, Theorem 6.9.10] gives $H_q(\tilde{U}, \tilde{U} - \bar{X}) \approx H_c^{n-q}(\bar{X}) \approx 0$ for $n - q \geq k + 1$. We look at the homology sequence of the pair $(\tilde{U}, \tilde{U} - \bar{X})$ and see that $H_0(\tilde{U} - \bar{X}) = 0$. So $\tilde{U} - \bar{X}$ is connected.

$\pi_1(U, U - X) = 0$ since if $f: (\Delta^1 \times 0, \partial\Delta^1 \times 0) \rightarrow (U, U - X)$, f can be lifted to $f': (\Delta^1 \times 0, \partial\Delta^1 \times 0) \rightarrow (\tilde{U}, \tilde{U} - \bar{X})$. $\tilde{U} - \bar{X}$ is connected, so $f'(0)$ and $f'(1)$ can be joined by an arc in $\tilde{U} - \bar{X}$. The resulting loop is null-homotopic in \tilde{U} . The projection down of this homotopy is the desired homotopy in U .

We next prove that $\pi_1(\tilde{U} - \bar{X}) = 0$. Let $f: S^1 \rightarrow \tilde{U} - \bar{X}$ be a loop. f extends to $\bar{f}: \Delta^2 \rightarrow \tilde{U}$. Consider $p\bar{f}: (\Delta^2, S^1) \rightarrow (U, U - X)$. Choose $V \subset U$ to be a neighborhood of X satisfying the inessential loops condition relative to U . Now triangulate Δ^2 so that each simplex whose image intersects X is mapped into V . Using the fact that $\pi_1(V, V - X) = 0$ (by the same argument as was used to show that $\pi_1(U, U - X) = 0$), we can push the image of the 1-skeleton of this triangulation off X . If σ is a 2-simplex in Δ^2 , $p\bar{f}|_{\partial\sigma}: \partial\sigma \rightarrow V - X$ and $p\bar{f}|_{\partial\sigma} \approx 0$ in V , so $p\bar{f}|_{\sigma}$ may be replaced by a map of σ into $U - X$ which agrees with $p\bar{f}$ on $\partial\sigma$. Thus $p\bar{f}|_{S^1} \approx 0$ in $U - X$. Lifting this homotopy, we see that $f \approx 0$ in $\tilde{U} - \bar{X}$.

Finally, we apply the relative Hurewicz Theorem [13, Theorem 7.5.4] and conclude that $\pi_i(\tilde{U}, \tilde{U} - \bar{X}) \approx H_i(\tilde{U}, \tilde{U} - \bar{X}) = 0$, $2 \leq i \leq n - k - 1$. The homotopy lifting property now can be used to show that $\pi_i(U, U - X) = 0$, $i \leq n - k - 1$.

LEMMA 2. *Let $X \subset E^n$ be a compactum such that $\text{Sd}(X) \leq n - 3$. Given a neighborhood U of X there exists a neighborhood V of X such that for any compact polyhedron $K \subset V$ with $\dim K \leq n - 3$ there is a polyhedron P and a regular neighborhood N of P such that $K \subset \text{int } N \subset N \subset U$ and $\dim P \leq \text{Sd}(X)$.*

PROOF. The proof is by induction on $k = \dim K$. If $k \leq \text{Sd}(X)$, $P = K$ and $V = U$ will work; so it may be assumed that $k > \text{Sd}(X)$ and that the lemma is true for polyhedra of dimension less than k . Choose $V' \subset U$ using this inductive hypothesis. As before choose a neighborhood V of X in V' and a polyhedron $P' \subset V'$ such that $\dim P' \leq \text{Sd}(X)$ and the inclusion $A \hookrightarrow V'$ is homotopic in V' to a map of V into P' .

Let $f: K \times [0, 1] \rightarrow V'$ be a homotopy such that $f_0 = 1_K$ and $f_1(K) \subset P'$. By Zeeman's Piping Lemma [15, Lemma 48], we may assume that there exists a polyhedron $J \subset K \times I$ such that

- (1) $S(f) \subset J$,
- (2) $\dim J \leq 2k - n + 2 \leq k - 1$,
- (3) $\dim[J \cap (K^{k-1} \times [0, 1])] \leq 2k - n + 1 \leq k - 2$, and
- (4) $K \times [0, 1] \rightarrow J \cup (K^{k-1} \times [0, 1]) \cup K \times 1$. (Here K^i denotes the i -skeleton of K .)

Let L be a $(k-2)$ -dimensional subpolyhedron of K such that $L \supset K^{k-2}$ and $L \times [0, 1] \supset J \cap (K^{k-1} \times [0, 1])$. By induction it may be assumed that $f(L \times [0, 1] \cup J) \cup P' \subset N \subset U$ where N is a regular neighborhood of some polyhedron P with dimension $\leq \text{Sd}(X)$. It remains only to engulf $(k-1)$ - and k -simplexes of K .

$$K^{k-1} \times [0, 1] \searrow K^{k-2} \times [0, 1] \cup K^{k-1} \times 1 \cup (L \cap K^{k-1}) \times [0, 1].$$

The image of the latter set is already contained in N and contains $S(f|K^{k-1} \times [0, 1])$. Following the image of this collapse, K^{k-1} can be engulfed with N . Similarly $K \times [0, 1] \searrow J \cup K^{k-1} \times [0, 1] \cup K \times 1$, so N can be pushed out to cover all of K .

LEMMA 3. *Let $X \subset E^n$, $n \geq 5$, be a compactum with $\text{Sd}(X) \leq n-3$. Then X satisfies ILC if and only if X is in standard position.*

PROOF. It suffices to show that given a neighborhood U of X there exists a polyhedron P in U with $\dim P \leq \text{Sd}(X)$ and a regular neighborhood N of P such that $X \subset \text{int } N \subset N \subset U$. Let $V \subset U$ be given by Lemma 2 and let M be a compact PL manifold neighborhood of X in V . Denote the $(n-3)$ -skeleton of M by M^{n-3} and the dual 2-skeleton by M_*^2 . By Lemma 2 there exists a polyhedron P with $\dim P \leq \text{Sd}(X)$ and a regular neighborhood N of P such that $M^{n-3} \subset \text{int } N \subset N \subset U$.

By Lemma 1 and Stallings' engulfing theorem [14], there exists a PL homeomorphism $h_1: \text{int } M \rightarrow \text{int } M$ with compact support such that $h_1(\text{int } M - X) \supset M_*^2 \cap \text{int } M$. Extend h_1 via the identity to U . Let h_2 be a homeomorphism of U which pushes N across the join structure between M^{n-3} and M_*^2 until $M \subset h_1(U - X) \cup h_2(\text{int } N)$. Then $h_1^{-1}h_2(N)$ is the regular neighborhood we are looking for.

4. Proofs of Theorems 1 and 2. In this section we complete the proof of Theorem 1 and prove Theorem 2. The following lemma is used to keep an inductive argument going in the proof of Theorem 1.

LEMMA 4. *Let $X, Y \subset E^n$, $n \geq 5$, be compacta in standard position with shape dimensions in the trivial range with respect to n and let $\{f_i, X, Y\}$ and $\{f'_i, Y, X\}$ be fundamental sequences which are homotopy inverse to one another. Let U_0 be a neighborhood of X and h be a PL homeomorphism of E^n such that $Y \subset h(U_0)$ and such that there exists a neighborhood W_0 of Y with $h^{-1}|W_0 \simeq f'_i|W_0$ in U_0 for almost all i . Then for every open set V_0 , $Y \subset V_0 \subset h(U_0)$, there exists a PL homeomorphism q of E^n such that $q|E^n - U_0 = h|E^n - U_0$, $X \subset q^{-1}(V_0)$, and $q|U_1 \simeq f_i|U_1$ in V_0 for almost all i where U_1 is some neighborhood of X .*

PROOF. Assume that $X = \bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} M_j$ where each M_j is a regular neighborhood of a compact polyhedron L_j and that $\dim L_j \leq \text{Sd}(X)$. Choose neighborhoods $V \subset V_0$ of Y and $U \subset U_0$ of X and an integer i_0 such that $h^{-1}|V \simeq f'_i|V$ in U_0 , $f_i|U \simeq f_{i+1}|U$ in V , and $f'_i f_i|U \simeq 1_U$ in U_0 for $i \geq i_0$. Let j be an integer large enough so that $M_j \subset U$. $f_{i_0}|L_j$ can be approximated by a PL embedding \hat{f} .

Notice that $h^{-1} \circ \hat{f} \simeq f'_{i_0} \circ \hat{f} \simeq f'_{i_0} \circ f_{i_0}|L_j \simeq 1_{L_j}$ in U_0 . So $\hat{f} \simeq h|L_j$ in $h(U_0)$. Hence there exists a PL homeomorphism r of E^n which is the identity outside $h(U_0)$ and such that $rh|L_j = \hat{f}$ [6]. It may be assumed

that $rh(M_j) \subset V$. Taking $q = rh$ and $U_1 = M_j$ gives the desired conclusion.

PROOF OF THEOREM 1. Suppose that $Sh(X) = Sh(Y)$. A homeomorphism of $E^n - X$ onto $E^n - Y$ can be constructed using the technique of [5, Lemma 4.2]. Lemma 4 above replaces Lemma 4.1 of [5]. Now suppose that $E^n - X \approx E^n - Y$. There exist X' and Y' with dimension in the trivial range satisfying $Sh(X) = Sh(X')$ and $Sh(Y) = Sh(Y')$. It may be assumed that X' and Y' are embedded in E^n as 1-ULC subsets [7, Lemmas 2 or 5, §3]. The first part of the theorem implies that $E^n - X' \approx E^n - Y'$, so $Sh(X) = Sh(Y)$ by [5] again.

PROOF OF THEOREM 2. The implication (iii) \Rightarrow (ii) is obvious and (ii) \Rightarrow (iii) is exactly Corollary 1.3 of [9]. Theorem 1 gives (iii) \Rightarrow (i). Our proof that (i) \Rightarrow (iii) actually establishes a stronger result which we state as Theorem 3.

THEOREM 3. *Let $X, Y \subset E^n$ be compacta and let A, B be compact connected abelian topological groups with $Sh(X) = Sh(A)$ and $Sh(Y) = Sh(B)$. Then $E^n - X \approx E^n - Y$ implies $A \approx B$.*

PROOF. Suppose $E^n - X \approx E^n - Y$. Then by Alexander duality [13, Theorem 6.2.16] $H^1(X) \approx H^1(Y)$; hence $H^1(A) \approx H^1(B)$ [10, Theorem 16]. Therefore $\text{char } A \approx \text{char } B$ [8, Theorem 1.4] and so Pontryagin duality [11, Theorem 52] shows that $A \approx B$.

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