

MONOTONE AND OPEN MAPPINGS ONTO ANR'S

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ABSTRACT. Let M be either a compact, connected p.l. manifold of dimension at least three or a compact, connected Hilbert cube manifold and let Y be a compact, connected ANR (= absolute neighborhood retract). The main results of this paper are: (i) a mapping f from M to Y is homotopic to a monotone mapping from M onto Y if and only if $f_*: \pi_1(M) \rightarrow \pi_1(Y)$ is surjective; (ii) a mapping f from M to Y is homotopic to an open mapping from M onto Y if and only if $f_*(\pi_1(M))$ has finite index in $\pi_1(Y)$.

In [5] and [6], the author showed that a mapping f from a p.l. manifold M^m ($m \geq 3$) to a polyhedron P is homotopic to a monotone mapping from M onto P if $f_*: \pi_1(M) \rightarrow \pi_1(P)$ is surjective and is homotopic to an open mapping from M onto P if $f_*(\pi_1(M))$ has finite index in $\pi_1(P)$. Using these results, a recent result on open mappings, and results from infinite dimensional topology, we show that the above results are true if P is only assumed to be an ANR.

Terminology. We will use M^m to denote either an m -dimensional compact, connected, p.l. (= piecewise linear) manifold with or without boundary or, if $m = Q$, a compact, connected Q -manifold (where Q is the Hilbert cube). By a *mapping* we mean a continuous function; a mapping is *open* if the image of each open set is open; a mapping is *monotone* (= UV^0) if each point-inverse is connected. We refer the reader to [1] for the definition of an *absolute neighborhood retract* (= ANR). Spaces are assumed to be separable and metric.

Main results.

THEOREM 1. *Let M be a compact, connected, p.l. manifold with dimension at least three or a compact, connected Q -manifold and let Y be a compact, connected ANR. A mapping f from M to Y is homotopic to a monotone mapping from M onto Y if and only if $f_*: \pi_1(M) \rightarrow \pi_1(Y)$ is surjective.*

THEOREM 2. *Let M and Y be as above. A mapping f from M to Y is homotopic to an open mapping from M onto Y if and only if $f_*(\pi_1(M))$ has finite index in $\pi_1(Y)$.*

REMARK. The "only if" half of each of these theorems is well known; see

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Smale [3] and [4]. It follows from Fact 2 below that if $f_*: \pi_1(M) \rightarrow \pi_1(Y)$ is surjective, then f is homotopic to a mapping from M onto Y which is both monotone and open.

We present below several results which will be used in the proofs of the above theorems.

FACT 1. Theorems 1 and 2 are true if Y is assumed to be a polyhedron or a Q -manifold. These cases are "essentially" contained in [5, Theorem 2.0] and [6, Theorem 4.0]. The theorems in [5] and [6] are stated for finite dimensional p.l. manifolds and polyhedra; however, using Chapman's result in [2] that every compact Q -manifold is homeomorphic to the product of a polyhedron and Q , the proofs in [5] and [6] "work" without difficulty.

FACT 2. The main result in [7] is that a monotone mapping f from a compact manifold M^m , $m \geq 3$, onto any space Y can be homotoped (by an arbitrarily small homotopy) to a monotone open mapping g from M onto Y (with $g^{-1}(y)$ and $f^{-1}(y)$ having the same shape for each $y \in Y$). The proof in [7] "works" equally well if M is a compact Q -manifold.

FACT 3. A "key" step in the proofs depends on West's recent result in [8] that every compact ANR is the CE (= cell-like) image of a Q -manifold.

PROOF OF THEOREM 1. Let $g: W \rightarrow Y$ be a CE mapping of a Q -manifold W onto Y and let $\tilde{f}: M \rightarrow W$ be a "lift" of f with $g \circ \tilde{f}$ homotopic to f (for example, let $\tilde{f} = i \circ f$ where i is a "homotopy inverse" of g). Since g is a homotopy equivalence, we have that $\tilde{f}_*: \pi_1(M) \rightarrow \pi_1(W)$ is surjective. Fact 1 implies that \tilde{f} is homotopic to a monotone mapping \tilde{h} from M onto W ; letting $h = g \circ \tilde{h}$, h is a monotone mapping of M onto Y homotopic to f .

PROOF OF THEOREM 2. Let $x_0 \in M$, $y_0 \in Y$ with $f(x_0) = y_0$ and let $p: (\tilde{Y}, \tilde{y}_0) \rightarrow (Y, y_0)$ be the covering projection with

$$p_*(\pi_1(\tilde{Y}, \tilde{y}_0)) = f_*(\pi_1(M, x_0)).$$

Since $f_*(\pi_1(M, x_0))$ has finite index in $\pi_1(Y, y_0)$, we have that $p^{-1}(y_0)$ is finite and, hence, \tilde{Y} is compact; also, \tilde{Y} is an ANR (see [1, Chapter 4, §10]). Let $\tilde{f}: (M, x_0) \rightarrow (\tilde{Y}, \tilde{y}_0)$ be a lifting of f ; it follows that $\tilde{f}_*: \pi_1(M, x_0) \rightarrow \pi_1(\tilde{Y}, \tilde{y}_0)$ is onto. Applying Theorem 1 and Fact 2 to \tilde{f} , we have that \tilde{f} is homotopic to a monotone open mapping \tilde{h} from M onto \tilde{Y} ; letting $g = p \circ \tilde{h}$, g is an open mapping from M onto Y homotopic to f .

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