

**ABSORBING SYSTEMS IN THE HILBERT CUBE  
RELATED TO HAUSDORF AND COVERING DIMENSION**

The topology of the system  $(D_{\geq k}^{>\gamma_n}(Q))_{k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, \gamma_n \in \Gamma, \gamma_{n+1} \geq k}$ , where  $D_{\geq k}^{>\gamma_n}(Q) = \{A \in \exp(Q) \mid \dim_H(A) > \gamma_n, \dim(A) \geq k\}$  and  $\Gamma = \{\gamma_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$  is a countable ordered set with  $0 < \gamma_1 < \gamma_2 < \dots < \infty$ , is described.

**Introduction.** The theory of absorbing systems is one of powerful tools of modern infinite-dimensional topology that received numerous applications to the general problem of recognition of infinite-dimensional model spaces in topology, functional analysis, measure theory etc.

One of the directions of investigations concerns the hyperspaces of compacta with prescribed dimensional properties lying in the Euclidean spaces or, more generally, in ANR-spaces (see [3, 6, 8]). The author first considered the hyperspaces of compacta of given Hausdorff dimension [7]. It turned out that these hyperspaces lead to absorbing systems ordered by some linearly ordered subsets of real line.

In this paper, we consider the hyperspaces of compacta in the Hilbert cube with given both Hausdorff and covering dimension. Our main result (theorem 2) states that, in some cases, these hyperspaces form absorbing systems in the Hilbert cube ordered by partially ordered set. This allows us to describe the topology of the hyperspaces under consideration.

The paper is organized as follows. In section 1 we recall the necessary definitions and facts from the theory of absorbing systems. In particular, we construct a model absorbing system ordered by product of linearly ordered sets. Theorem 1 is proved in subsection 1.3.

**1. Preliminaries.** A typical metric will be denoted by  $d$ . By  $\text{diam}(A)$  we denote the diameter of a subset  $A$  in a metric space. Given a cover  $\mathcal{U}$  of a metric space, we define  $\text{mesh}(\mathcal{U})$  as  $\sup\{\text{diam}(U) \mid U \in \mathcal{U}\}$ . For  $x \in X$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  the set  $O_\varepsilon(x) = \{y \in X \mid d(x, y) < \varepsilon\}$  is an *open  $\varepsilon$ -ball* centered at  $x$ . Further, all spaces are separable metrizable, all maps are continuous.

By  $Q$  we denote the Hilbert cube,  $Q = \prod_{i=1}^\infty [-1, 1]_i$ . The class of absolute neighborhood retracts is denoted by *ANR*. A closed subset  $A$  of  $X \in \text{ANR}$  is called a *Z-set* in  $X$  if for every continuous function  $\varepsilon: X \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  there exists a map  $f: X \rightarrow X \setminus A$  which is  $\varepsilon$ -close to the identity in the sense that  $d(x, f(x)) < \varepsilon(x)$ , for every  $x \in X$ . An embedding  $g: Y \rightarrow X$  is called a *Z-embedding* if its image  $g(Y)$  is a Z-set in  $X$ . By  $B(Q)$  we denote the *pseudoboundary* of  $Q$ ,  $B(Q) = Q \setminus \prod_{i=1}^\infty (-1, 1)_i$ .

**1.1. Hyperspaces.** Let  $X$  be a metric space. The *hyperspace* of  $X$  is the space  $\exp X$  of nonempty compact subsets of  $X$  endowed with the Vietoris topology. A base of this topology consists of the sets

$$\langle V_1, \dots, V_n \rangle = \{A \in \exp X \mid A \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_i \text{ and for every } i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\} A \cap V_i \neq \emptyset\},$$

where  $V_1, \dots, V_n$  run over the topology of  $X$ . The Vietoris topology is generated by the Hausdorff metric  $d_H$ ,

$$d_H(A, B) = \inf\{\varepsilon > 0 \mid A \subset O_\varepsilon(B), B \subset O_\varepsilon(A)\}.$$

For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we denote by  $\exp_n X$  the subspace of  $\exp X$  consisting of sets of cardinality  $\leq n$ . Let  $\exp_\omega X = \cup\{\exp_n X \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .

**1.2. Hausdorff dimension.** Let  $X$  be a complete separable metric space, let  $F$  be a compact nonempty subset of  $X$  and  $s$  a non-negative number. For  $\varepsilon > 0$  define

$$\mathcal{H}_\varepsilon^s(F) = \inf_{\mathcal{B}} \sum_{B \in \mathcal{B}} (\text{diam} B)^s,$$

where the infimum is taken over all covers  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $F$  with  $\text{mesh}(\mathcal{B}) < \varepsilon$ .

Let  $\mathcal{H}^s(F) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{H}_\varepsilon^s(F)$ . There exists a unique number  $s_0$ , the *Hausdorff dimension* of  $F$ , such that  $\mathcal{H}^s(F) = \infty$  whenever  $0 \leq s < s_0$  and  $\mathcal{H}^s(F) = 0$  whenever  $s_0 < s < \infty$ . We write  $\dim_H F = s_0$ .

**Proposition 1 [7].** *Let  $X$  be a complete separable metric space. For every  $\alpha \geq 0$  the set  $C_\alpha = \{A \in \exp(X) \mid \dim_H(A) \leq \alpha\}$  is a  $G_\delta$ -subset of  $\exp(X)$ .*

**1.3. Absorbing systems.** We briefly recall some definitions from the theory of absorbing systems; see [1, 2, 6, 8] for details.

A space  $X$  has the *Z-approximation property* if for every compact space  $B$ , every map  $f: B \rightarrow X$  that restricts to a  $Z$ -embedding on some compact subset  $K$  of  $B$ , can be approximated arbitrarily closely by a  $Z$ -embedding  $g: B \rightarrow X$  such that  $g|K = f|K$ .

Let  $\Gamma$  be an ordered set and  $\mathcal{M}_\gamma$  a class of metric spaces for  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . Put  $\mathcal{M}_\Gamma = (\mathcal{M}_\gamma)_{\gamma \in \Gamma}$ . An  $\mathcal{M}_\Gamma$ -system in a space  $X$  is an order preserving (with respect to inclusion) indexed collection  $(A_\gamma)_{\gamma \in \Gamma}$  of subsets of  $X$  such that  $A_\gamma \in \mathcal{M}_\gamma$  for every  $\gamma$ .

An  $\mathcal{M}_\Gamma$ -system  $\mathfrak{X}$  in  $X \in ANR$  is called *strongly  $\mathcal{M}_\Gamma$ -universal* in  $X$  if for every  $\mathcal{M}_\Gamma$ -system  $(A_\gamma)$  in  $Q$ , every map  $f: Q \rightarrow X$  that restricts to a  $Z$ -embedding on some compact subset  $K$  of  $Q$  can be approximated by a  $Z$ -embedding  $g: Q \rightarrow X$  such that  $g|K = f|K$  and for every  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  we have  $g^{-1}(X_\gamma) \setminus K = A_\gamma \setminus K$ .

An  $\mathcal{M}_\Gamma$ -system  $\mathfrak{X}$  is called  *$\mathcal{M}_\Gamma$ -absorbing* in  $X$  if the set  $\bigcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma} X_\gamma$  is contained in a  $\sigma$ -compact  $\sigma$ - $Z$ -set in  $X$  and  $\mathfrak{X}$  is strongly  $\mathcal{M}_\Gamma$ -universal in  $X$ .

By  $\mathcal{F}_\sigma$  we denote the class of  $\sigma$ -compact spaces.

We shall now consider a special case when the system  $\mathfrak{X}$  is a decreasing sequence of absorbers (so  $\Gamma$  is ordered by the relation  $\geq$ ) and we assume that all the classes  $\mathcal{M}_\gamma$  are equal to a fixed class  $\mathcal{M}$ . In this situation we shall use the term  $\mathcal{M}$ -absorbing system.

Let  $\mathfrak{X} = (X_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$ ,  $\mathfrak{Y} = (Y_\beta)_{\beta \in B}$  be decreasing systems of sets (the sets  $A$  and  $B$  are ordered by the relation  $\geq$ ). The system  $\mathfrak{X} \times \mathfrak{Y} = (X_\alpha \times Y_\beta)_{\alpha \in A, \beta \in B}$  of sets is partially ordered by the relation  $\supseteq$ :  $X_\alpha \times Y_\beta \supseteq X_{\alpha'} \times Y_{\beta'}$  if and only if  $\alpha \geq \alpha'$  and  $\beta \geq \beta'$  where  $\alpha, \alpha' \in A$ ,  $\beta, \beta' \in B$ .

**Theorem 1.** *For  $i = 1, 2$  let  $E_i$  be a topologically complete ANR with the  $Z$ -approximation property and  $\Gamma_i$  be a countable ordered by the relation  $\geq$  set with the first element. If  $\mathfrak{X}^i = (X_\gamma^i)_{\gamma \in \Gamma_i}$  is a strongly  $\mathcal{M}$ -universal system in  $E_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ , then the system  $\mathfrak{X}^1 \times \mathfrak{X}^2 = (X_\gamma^1 \times X_{\gamma'}^2)_{(\gamma, \gamma') \in \Gamma_1 \times \Gamma_2}$  is strongly  $\mathcal{M}$ -universal in  $E = E_1 \times E_2$ .*

**P r o o f.** For  $i = 1, 2$ , let  $d_i$  be an admissible metric on  $E_i$  that is bounded by 1. Then  $\rho(x, y) = \max\{d_i(x_i, y_i)\}$  is an admissible metric on  $E$ .

Consider a map  $f: Q \rightarrow E$  that restricts to a  $Z$ -embedding on some compact subset  $K \subseteq Q$ , and let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . In addition, let  $\mathfrak{A} = (\mathcal{A}_{(\gamma, \gamma')})_{(\gamma, \gamma') \in \Gamma_1 \times \Gamma_2}$  be an order preserving (with respect to inclusion) indexed system of subsets of  $Q$  consisting of elements of  $\mathcal{M}$  (that is  $\mathcal{A}_{(\gamma, \gamma')} \supseteq \mathcal{A}_{(\bar{\gamma}, \bar{\gamma}'})$  if and only if  $\gamma \geq \bar{\gamma}$  and  $\gamma' \geq \bar{\gamma}'$ ). It is obvious that the system  $\mathfrak{A}$  in addition should satisfy the condition:

- (1) if  $x \in \mathcal{A}_{(\gamma, \gamma')} \setminus \mathcal{A}_{(\bar{\gamma}, \bar{\gamma}'})$  for any  $\gamma \geq \bar{\gamma}$  and  $\gamma' \geq \bar{\gamma}'$  then  $x \in \mathcal{A}_{(\gamma_0, \gamma')} \setminus \mathcal{A}_{(\gamma_0, \bar{\gamma}'})$  and, similarly,  $x \in \mathcal{A}_{(\gamma, \gamma'_0)} \setminus \mathcal{A}_{(\bar{\gamma}, \gamma'_0)}$ , where  $\gamma_0$  and  $\gamma'_0$  are initial elements of sets  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$  respectively.

We may assume without loss of generality that  $f$  is a  $Z$ -embedding. Write  $Q \setminus K = \bigcup_{i=0}^{\infty} F_i$ , where  $F_0 = \emptyset$ , each  $F_i$  is compact, and  $F_i \subset \text{Int}(F_{i+1})$  for every  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . For every  $i \geq 0$  put

$$\varepsilon_i = \min \left\{ 2^{-i} \cdot \varepsilon, \frac{1}{2} \rho(f[K], f[F_i]) \right\}$$

and observe that

$$\varepsilon_0 \geq \varepsilon_1 \geq \dots \geq \varepsilon_i \geq \dots > 0, \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \varepsilon_i = 0.$$

Now consider the  $k$ th component function  $f_k: Q \rightarrow E_k$  for  $k = 1, 2$ . Put  $\alpha_0 = f_k$  and assume that we have constructed  $\alpha_i: Q \rightarrow E_k$  such that

- (2)  $\hat{d}_k(\alpha_i, \alpha_{i-1}) < \varepsilon_i, \alpha_i|_{F_{i-1}} = \alpha_{i-1}|_{F_{i-1}}$ ;  
(3)  $\alpha_i|_{Q \setminus F_{i+1}} = f_k|_{Q \setminus F_{i+1}}$  and  $\alpha_i|_{F_i}$  is a  $Z$ -embedding;  
(4)  $\alpha_i^{-1}[X_\gamma^1] \cap F_i = \mathcal{A}_{(\gamma, \gamma'_0)} \cap F_i$  for every  $\gamma \in \Gamma_1$  and  $\alpha_i^{-1}[X_\gamma^2] \cap F_i = \mathcal{A}_{(\gamma_0, \gamma)} \cap F_i$  for every  $\gamma \in \Gamma_2$ .

For the construction of  $\alpha_{i+1}$  satisfying our inductive hypotheses, use the strong  $\mathcal{M}$ -universality of the system  $\mathfrak{X}^k$  for  $k = 1, 2$ . We can find a  $Z$ -imbedding  $\beta: F_{i+1} \rightarrow E_k$ , close to  $\alpha_i|_{F_{i+1}}$ , with  $\beta|_{F_i} = \alpha_i|_{F_i}$  and  $\beta^{-1}[X_\gamma^1] = \mathcal{A}_{(\gamma, \gamma'_0)} \cap F_{i+1}$  for every  $\gamma \in \Gamma_1$  (similarly,  $\beta^{-1}[X_\gamma^2] = \mathcal{A}_{(\gamma_0, \gamma)} \cap F_{i+1}$  for every  $\gamma \in \Gamma_2$ ). Using the fact that  $E_k$  is an  $ANR$ , we can assume that  $\beta$  and  $\alpha_i|_{F_{i+1}}$  are sufficiently close so we could extend a map  $\beta \cup (\alpha_i|_{Q \setminus F_{i+2}}): F_{i+1} \cup Q \setminus F_{i+2} \rightarrow E_k$  to a map  $\alpha_{i+1}: Q \rightarrow E_k$  such that  $\hat{d}_k(\alpha_{i+1}, \alpha_i) < \varepsilon_{i+1}$ .

The maps  $\alpha_i$  obviously form a Cauchy sequence and thus the function

$$g_k = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_i$$

is continuous. It is easy to verify that  $g_k$  has the following properties (for  $k = 1, 2$ )

- (5)  $\hat{d}_k(g_k, f_k) < \varepsilon$ ;  
(6) if  $x \in F_{i+1} \setminus F_i$  then  $d_k(g_k(x), f_k(x)) < \rho(f[K], f[F_{i+1}])$ ;  
(7)  $g_k|_K = f_k|_K$ ,  $g_k|_{F_i}$  is a  $Z$ -embedding for every  $i$ ;  
(8)  $g_k^{-1}[X_\gamma^1] \setminus K = \mathcal{A}_{(\gamma, \gamma'_0)} \setminus K$  for every  $\gamma \in \Gamma_1$  and  $g_k^{-1}[X_\gamma^2] \setminus K = \mathcal{A}_{(\gamma_0, \gamma)} \setminus K$  for every  $\gamma \in \Gamma_2$ .

Define  $g = (g_1, g_2): Q \rightarrow E_1 \times E_2$ . It is easily seen that  $g$  is one-to-one, hence an embedding. The compact set  $g[Q]$  is contained in the  $Z$ -set  $f[K] \cup \bigcup_{i=0}^{\infty} \bigcup_{j=0}^{\infty} g_1[F_i] \times g_2[F_j]$  and is therefore a  $Z$ -set. Moreover, the maps  $f$  and  $g$  are clearly  $\varepsilon$ -close and satisfy  $g|K = f|K$ .

If  $x$  is an element of  $\mathcal{A}_{(\gamma, \gamma')} \setminus K$  for any  $(\gamma, \gamma') \in \Gamma_1 \times \Gamma_2$  then it is easy to see that  $x \in \mathcal{A}_{(\gamma_0, \gamma'_0)}$  and  $x \in \mathcal{A}_{(\gamma, \gamma'_0)}$ . Therefore, taking into account condition **(8)**, we obtain that  $g_1(x) \in X_{\gamma}^1$ ,  $g_2(x) \in X_{\gamma'}^2$ , and hence  $g(x) \in X_{\gamma}^1 \times X_{\gamma'}^2$ .

If  $x$  is not an element of  $\mathcal{A}_{(\gamma, \gamma')} \setminus K$  for any  $(\gamma, \gamma') \in \Gamma_1 \times \Gamma_2$  then we consider two possible cases:

(a)  $x \in Q \setminus \bigcup_{(\gamma, \gamma') \in \Gamma_1 \times \Gamma_2} \mathcal{A}_{(\gamma, \gamma')}$ . Then from condition **(8)** it follows that  $g(x) \in E \setminus \bigcup_{(\gamma, \gamma') \in \Gamma_1 \times \Gamma_2} (X_{\gamma}^1 \times X_{\gamma'}^2)$ . This implies that  $g(x) \notin X_{\gamma}^1 \times X_{\gamma'}^2$ .

(b)  $x \in \mathcal{A}_{(\bar{\gamma}, \bar{\gamma}')} \setminus K$ , where  $\bar{\gamma} > \gamma$  or (and)  $\bar{\gamma}' > \gamma'$ . Without loss of generality we may assume that  $\bar{\gamma} > \gamma$ . Then, by condition **(1)**,  $x \in \mathcal{A}_{(\bar{\gamma}, \gamma'_0)} \setminus \mathcal{A}_{(\gamma, \gamma'_0)}$  and by condition **(8)**, clearly,  $g_1(x) \notin X_{\gamma}^1$ . Therefore  $g(x) \notin X_{\gamma}^1 \times X_{\gamma'}^2$ .  $\diamond$

**Corollary 1.** *If  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{F}_{\sigma}$  and a system  $\mathfrak{X}^i$  is  $\mathcal{F}_{\sigma}$ -absorbing in  $E_i$  (for  $i = 1, 2$ ) then the system  $\mathfrak{X}^1 \times \mathfrak{X}^2$  is  $\mathcal{F}_{\sigma}$ -absorbing in  $E_1 \times E_2$ .*

*P r o o f* follows from Theorem 1 and the definition of absorbing system.  $\diamond$

**Corollary 2.** *The system  $(B(Q)^k \times Q \times \cdots \times B(Q)^n \times Q \times \cdots)_{k, n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}}$  is  $\mathcal{F}_{\sigma}$ -absorbing in  $Q^{\infty} \times Q^{\infty}$ .*

*P r o o f* follows from the standard results of the theory of absorbing sets in  $Q$  (see [6, 8]) and Corollary 1.  $\diamond$

**2. Main result.** For any non-negative integer number  $k$  and non-negative real number  $\gamma$  denote by  $D_{\geq k}^{> \gamma}(Q)$  the collection of all compacta in  $Q$  for which the Hausdorff dimension is  $> \gamma$  and the covering dimension is  $\geq k$ . In this section we consider a system  $(D_{\geq k}^{> \gamma}(Q))$  indexed by the partially ordered set  $\Gamma \times (\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\})$  where  $\Gamma = \{\gamma_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  with  $0 < \gamma_1 < \gamma_2 < \cdots < \gamma_n < \cdots < \infty$  and the set  $\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  is ordered naturally. It is easy to verify that the system  $(D_{\geq k}^{> \gamma_i}(Q))_{(\gamma_i, k) \in \Gamma \times (\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\})}$  is  $\mathcal{F}_{\sigma}$ -system if and only if a condition  $\gamma_{i+1} \geq k$  holds. We shall prove that the system  $\mathfrak{D} = (D_{\geq k}^{> \gamma_i}(Q))_{(\gamma_i, k) \in \Gamma \times (\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}), \gamma_{i+1} \geq k}$  is an absorbing system in  $\exp(Q)$  for the class of all  $\sigma$ -compact spaces. Hence the pair

$$\left( \exp(Q), D_{\geq k}^{> \gamma_n}(Q) \right)_{(\gamma_n, k) \in \Gamma \times (\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}), \gamma_{n+1} \geq k}$$

is homeomorphic to the pair

$$(Q^{\infty} \times Q^{\infty}, B(Q)^n \times Q \times \cdots \times B(Q)^k \times Q \times \cdots)_{k, n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, \gamma_{n+1} \geq k}.$$

A topological characterization of the pair  $(Q^{\infty} \times Q^{\infty}, B(Q)^n \times Q \times \cdots \times B(Q)^k \times Q \times \cdots)_{k, n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, \gamma_{n+1} \geq k}$  is given in Theorem 1.

Now we have to prove the strong  $\mathcal{F}_\sigma$ -universality of the system  $\mathfrak{D}$  in  $\exp(Q)$ .

**Theorem 2.** *The system  $\mathfrak{D}$  is strongly  $\mathcal{F}_\sigma$ -universal in  $\exp(Q)$ .*

**P r o o f.** Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $f: Q \rightarrow \exp(Q)$  be a continuous map that restricts to a  $Z$ -embedding on some compact subset  $K$  of  $Q$ . Without loss of generality we may assume that  $f$  is a  $Z$ -embedding because  $\exp(Q)$  is a Hilbert cube.

We consider the sets  $\Gamma$  and  $\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  with inverted order. Now choose an any order preserving (with respect to inclusion) system of  $\sigma$ -compact subsets  $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{A}_{(\gamma_n, k)})_{(\gamma_n, k) \in \Gamma \times (\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}), \gamma_{n+1} \geq k}$  in  $Q$ . It is obvious that the system  $\mathcal{A}$  should satisfy a condition analogical to condition **(1)** in the proof of Theorem 1:

- (1)** if  $x \in \mathcal{A}_{(\gamma, k)} \setminus \mathcal{A}_{(\bar{\gamma}, \bar{k})}$  for any  $\gamma \leq \bar{\gamma}$  and  $k \leq \bar{k}$  then  $x \in \mathcal{A}_{(\gamma_{k'}, k)} \setminus \mathcal{A}_{(\bar{\gamma}_{\bar{k}'}, \bar{k})}$  and similarly  $x \in \mathcal{A}_{(\gamma, 0)} \setminus \mathcal{A}_{(\bar{\gamma}, 0)}$ , where  $k' = \max\{i \in \mathbb{N} \mid \gamma_i \leq k\}$ . (Here, for technical reasons, we accept that  $\max\{\emptyset\} = 1$ .) Clearly,  $\gamma_{k'} \leq \gamma$  and  $\bar{\gamma}_{\bar{k}'} \leq \bar{\gamma}$ .

Define  $\mu: Q \rightarrow \mathbb{I}$  by

$$\mu(x) = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \min\{\varepsilon, d_H(f(x), f[K])\}.$$

The set  $\exp(Q) \setminus \exp_\omega(Q)$  is locally homotopy negligible in  $\exp(Q)$  (see [6]), therefore there is a homotopy  $H: \exp(Q) \times \mathbb{I} \rightarrow \exp(Q)$  such that

- (2)**  $H_0 = 1_{\exp(Q)}$ ;  
**(3)** for every  $t \in (0, 1]$ ,  $H_t(\exp(Q)) \subseteq \exp_\omega(Q)$ .

It is clear that we may additionally assume that

- (4)** for every  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\hat{d}_H(H_t, 1_{\exp(Q)}) \leq 2t$ ;  
**(5)** for every  $t \in (0, 1]$  and  $A \in \exp(Q)$ ,  $H_t(A) \in \exp_\omega([-1+t, 1-t]^\infty)$ .

For every  $x \in Q$  let  $F(x) = H(f(x), \mu(x))$ . Then if  $\mu(x) > 0$ ,  $F(x)$  is a finite approximation of the set  $f(x)$ .

Consider a sequence of compact subsets  $\{B_p^n\}_{p=1}^\infty$  in the finite-dimensional cube  $[0, 1]^n \times \{(0, 0, \dots)\}$  in  $Q$  defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} B_1^n &= \frac{1}{2}[0, 1]^n \times \{(0, 0, \dots)\}, \\ B_2^n &= \left[ \frac{1}{2^2}[0, 1]^n + \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{(1, 1, \dots, 1)}_n \right] \times \{(0, 0, \dots)\}, \\ &\dots, \\ B_p^n &= \left[ \frac{1}{2^p}[0, 1]^n + \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{p-1}}\right) \underbrace{(1, 1, \dots, 1)}_n \right] \times \{(0, 0, \dots)\}, \\ &\dots \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that the sets  $B_p^n$  are smaller copies of the cube  $[0, 1]^n \times \{(0, 0, \dots)\}$  located on its diagonal, and the sequence of these sets converges to the point  $(\underbrace{1, 1, \dots, 1}_n, 0, 0, \dots)$ . Let  $\beta_p^n: [0, 1]^n \times \{(0, 0, \dots)\} \rightarrow B_p^n$  any homeomorphism that is a similarity. Observe, that in this case the homeomorphism  $\beta_p^n$  does not change the Hausdorff dimension (see [4]).

For every  $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  write  $\mathcal{A}_{(\gamma, k)} = \bigcup_{p=1}^\infty A_{(\gamma, k)}^p$ , where for every  $p \in \mathbb{N}$   $A_{(\gamma, k)}^p$  is a compact subset of  $Q$ . Denote for every  $x \in Q$ ,  $t_{(\gamma, k)}^p(x) = d(x, A_{(\gamma, k)}^p)$ .

For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , using locally homotopy negligibility of the set  $\exp([0, 1]^n) \setminus \exp_\omega([0, 1]^n)$ , we can construct a homotopy  $H^n: \exp([0, 1]^n) \times \mathbb{I} \rightarrow \exp([0, 1]^n)$  that satisfies conditions similar to conditions (2)–(4). Besides, obviously, for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and for every real  $\gamma \in [0, n)$ , there is a set  $A_\gamma \in \exp([0, 1]^n)$  such that the following condition is satisfied (see [4, 5]):

$$(6) \quad \dim_H(A_\gamma) = \gamma \text{ and } \dim(A_\gamma) = 0.$$

Let  $\varphi_\gamma^n: [0, 1] \rightarrow \exp(Q)$  be a map defined by the formula

$$\varphi_\gamma^n(t) = H^n(A_\gamma, t) \times \{(0, 0, \dots)\}.$$

Clearly, the map  $\varphi_\gamma^n$  is defined for all  $\gamma \leq n$ .

Now we define maps  $h_{\gamma_i}, h_\Gamma: Q \rightarrow \exp(Q)$  by the formulas

$$h_{\gamma_i}(x) = \bigcup_{p=1}^{\infty} \beta_p^{[\gamma_{i+1}]+1} \left( \varphi_{\gamma_{i+1}}^{[\gamma_{i+1}]+1} \left( t_{(\gamma_i, 0)}^p(x) \right) \right)$$

and

$$h_\Gamma(x) = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{2^i} h_{\gamma_i}(x) + \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2^{i-1}} \right) (1, 0, 0, \dots) \right] \cup \{(1, 0, 0, \dots)\}.$$

It is easy to verify that the map  $h_\Gamma: Q \rightarrow \exp(Q)$  satisfies the following conditions:

(7)  $h_\Gamma$  is continuous;

(8)  $h_\Gamma(Q) \subseteq \exp([0, 1]^\infty)$ ;

(9) if  $x \in \mathcal{A}_{(\gamma, k)} \setminus \mathcal{A}_{(\gamma', k')}$  then  $\gamma < \dim_H(h_\Gamma(x)) \leq \gamma'$ ;

(10) for every  $x \in Q$ ,  $\dim(h_\Gamma(x)) = 0$ .

The condition (9) is easy to verify, using the condition (1) and the construction of the maps  $h_\gamma$  and  $h_\Gamma$ . Condition (10) follows from condition (6).

Now we construct maps  $h_k, h_{\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}}: Q \rightarrow \exp(Q)$  by the formulas

$$h_k(x) = \bigcup_{p=1}^{\infty} \beta_p^k \left( H^k \left( [0, 1]^k, t_{(\gamma_{k'}, k)}^p(x) \right) \times \{(0, 0, \dots)\} \right),$$

where  $k'$  is defined in condition (1) and

$$h_{\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}}(x) = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{2^k} h_k(x) + \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2^{k-1}} \right) (1, 0, 0, \dots) \right] \cup \{(1, 0, 0, \dots)\}.$$

The map  $h_{\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}}: Q \rightarrow \exp(Q)$  satisfies the following conditions:

(11)  $h_{\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}}$  is continuous;

(12)  $h_{\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}}(Q) \subseteq \exp([0, 1]^\infty)$ ;

(13) if  $x \in \mathcal{A}_{(\gamma, k)} \setminus \mathcal{A}_{(\gamma', k+1)}$  for some  $\gamma, \gamma' \in \Gamma$  then  $\dim(h_{\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}}(x)) = k$ .

Condition (13) can be easily verified by using condition (1) and the construction of the maps  $h_k$  and  $h_{\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}}$ .

Now define the map  $h: Q \rightarrow \exp(Q)$  as

$$h(x) = \frac{1}{2} h_{\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}}(x) \cup \frac{1}{2} [h_\Gamma(x) + (1, 0, 0, \dots)].$$

Taking into account conditions (7)–(13), we can conclude that

(14)  $h$  is continuous;

(15)  $h(Q) \subseteq \exp([0, 1]^\infty)$ ;

(16) for every  $\gamma_i \in \Gamma$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  where  $\gamma_{i+1} \geq k$ ,  $h^{-1} \left[ D_{\geq k}^{\gamma_i}(Q) \right] = \mathcal{A}_{(\gamma_i, k)}$ .

Actually, we have constructed a map which creates a set from  $\exp(Q)$  with required covering and Hausdorff dimensions. Let us construct now an injective map. This is a final stage of our constructions.

Write the segment  $\mathbb{I} = [0, 1]$  as  $\mathbb{I} = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{I}_k \cup \{1\}$ , where  $\mathbb{I}_k = \left[1 - \frac{1}{2^{k-1}}, 1 - \frac{1}{2^k}\right]$ .

Let  $\alpha_k$  be any homeomorphism of the segment  $[-1, 1]$  onto the segment  $\mathbb{I}_k$ . For every  $x \in Q$ ,  $x = (x_i)_{i=1}^{\infty}$  let  $\hat{x} \in Q$  be defined as follows:

$$\hat{x} = \left( \underbrace{x_1}_{x_1}, \underbrace{x_1, x_2}_{x_1, x_2}, \underbrace{x_1, x_2, x_3}_{x_1, x_2, x_3}, \underbrace{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4}_{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4}, \dots \right).$$

Define a map  $\xi: Q \rightarrow \exp(Q)$  by the formula

$$\xi(x) = \left[ \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \{\alpha_k(\hat{x}_k)\} \cup \{1\} \right] \times \{(0, 0, \dots)\}.$$

It is clear that  $\xi$  is continuous and, for every  $x \in Q$ ,  $\xi(x) \in \exp(Q)$ . On the other hand,  $\xi(x)$  is a countable subset of  $Q$ , therefore, from properties of Hausdorff dimension (see [4, 5]) it follows that  $\dim_H(\xi(x)) = 0$  for every  $x \in Q$ . Clearly,  $\dim(\xi(x)) = 0$ .

Fix any  $x, x' \in Q$ ,  $x = (x_i)_{i=1}^{\infty}$ ,  $x' = (x'_i)_{i=1}^{\infty}$ . If  $x \neq x'$ , then there is  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x_i \neq x'_i$ . In this case, for some  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\alpha_j(\hat{x}_j) \neq \alpha_j(\hat{x}'_j)$ . Therefore,  $\xi(x) \neq \xi(x')$ . This implies that the map  $\xi$  is an embedding.

Finally, we define the map  $g: Q \rightarrow \exp(Q)$  by the formula

$$g(x) = \bigcup_{y \in F(x)} y + \frac{\mu(x)}{4} (\xi(x) \cup [h(x) + (1, 0, 0, \dots)] \cup [\xi(x) + (2, 0, 0, \dots)]).$$

We claim that this map,  $g$ , is an approximation of  $f$  which is required in the definition of strong  $\mathcal{F}_\sigma$ -universality. That  $g$  is continuous is a consequence of the continuity of all used maps.  $\diamond$

**Claim 1.** The map  $g$  is well-defined and satisfies  $g|K = f|K$ . Moreover, for every  $x \in Q$ , we have  $d_H(f(x), g(x)) \leq \frac{11}{12} \min\{\varepsilon, d_H(f(x), f[K])\}$ .

(a) Fix  $x \in Q$ . Then, by condition (5),  $F(x) \subseteq [-1 + \mu(x), 1 - \mu(x)]^n$ . For every  $y \in F(x)$ , the diameter of the set

$$y + \frac{\mu(x)}{4} (\xi(x) \cup [h(x) + (1, 0, 0, \dots)] \cup [\xi(x) + (2, 0, 0, \dots)])$$

does not exceed  $\mu(x)/4 + \mu(x)/4 + \mu(x)/4 = 3\mu(x)/4$ , which implies that  $g(x) \subseteq Q$ .

(b) If  $\mu(x) > 0$ , then the set  $g(x)$  is compact and non-empty, being a finite union of compact non-empty sets. If  $\mu(x) = 0$ , then the set  $g(x) = f(x)$  which is also compact and non-empty. Therefore, for every  $x \in Q$ ,  $g(x) \in \exp(Q)$ .

(c) Fix  $x \in Q$ . It is clear that  $d_H(f(x), g(x)) \leq 2\mu(x) + 3\mu(x)/4 = 11\mu(x)/4$ , from which it follows that  $d_H(f(x), g(x)) \leq 11/12 \min\{\varepsilon, d_H(f(x), f[K])\}$ . So we are done because this inequality implies that  $g|K = f|K$ .

**Claim 2.** The map  $g$  is injective. Let us first observe that from the fact that  $f$  is an embedding and Claim 1 it follows that

$$g[Q \setminus K] \cap g[K] = \emptyset. \tag{1}$$

Now fix  $x, x' \in Q$ . If both  $x$  and  $x'$  belong to  $K$ , then since  $g|_K = f|_K$  and since  $f$  is an imbedding, it is trivial that the equality  $g(x) = g(x')$  implies the equality  $x = x'$ . If  $x \notin K$  and  $x' \in K$ , then from (1) it follows that  $g(x) \neq g(x')$ . So without loss of generality we may assume that  $x, x' \in Q \setminus K$ .

Let  $g(x) = g(x')$ . Our aim is to show that  $x = x'$ . We will first prove that  $\mu(x) = \mu(x')$ . Assume the contrary, i.e. assume that  $\mu(x) < \mu(x')$ . Let  $\pi: Q \rightarrow [-1, 1]$  be the projection onto the first coordinate. Choose a point  $y = (a, y') \in \pi \circ g(x) = \pi \circ g(x')$  such that

$$a = \min \pi \circ g(x) = \min \pi \circ g(x').$$

Observe that the point  $y$  is an element of both sets  $F(x)$  and  $F(x')$ . Since these sets are finite, by construction of the map  $g$ , it is easy to see that the set  $\pi \left( y + \left[ -\frac{\mu(x)}{4}, \frac{\mu(x)}{4} \right]^\infty \right) \cap \pi \circ g(x) = \pi \left( y + \frac{\mu(x)}{4} \xi(x) \right) \cup \mathcal{C}$  (where, clearly,  $\mathcal{C}$  is a finite union of finite sets) is infinite (because  $\xi(x)$  is infinite), while the set

$$\pi \left( y + \left[ -\frac{\mu(x)}{4}, \frac{\mu(x)}{4} \right]^\infty \right) \cap \pi \circ g(x')$$

is finite being a finite union of finite sets. This contradiction establishes that  $\mu(x) = \mu(x')$ .

Again, consider a point  $y_1 = (b, y'_1) \in \pi \circ g(x) = \pi \circ g(x')$  such that

$$b = \max \pi \circ g(x) = \max \pi \circ g(x').$$

Since  $F(x)$  and  $F(x')$  are finite, we can choose  $\lambda > 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(y_1 + [-\lambda, \lambda]^\infty) \cap \pi \circ g(x) &= \pi \left( \frac{\mu(x)}{4} [\xi(x) \cap [1 - \lambda, 1]^\infty] + \left( b - \frac{\mu(x)}{4} \right) \right) = \\ &= \pi \left( \frac{\mu(x)}{4} [\xi(x') \cap [1 - \lambda, 1]^\infty] + \left( b - \frac{\mu(x)}{4} \right) \right) = \pi(y_1 + [-\lambda, \lambda]^\infty) \cap \pi \circ g(x'). \end{aligned}$$

Since the coordinates of  $x$  appear infinitely often in the coordinates of  $\hat{x}$  (at pregiven places), and the same is true for  $x'$ , it now easily follows that  $x = x'$ .

**Claim 3.** The map  $g$  is a  $Z$ -embedding. Since  $g[K] = f[K]$  is a  $Z$ -set, it suffices to show that  $g[Y]$  is a  $Z$ -set whenever  $Y \subseteq Q \setminus K$  is compact. But this is clear, because the map  $g': Q \rightarrow \exp(Q)$  defined by the formula

$$g'(x) = \overline{O_\delta(g(x))}$$

maps  $Q$  into the complement of  $g[Y]$ , for every positive  $\delta$ , and is  $\delta$ -close to  $g$ .

**Claim 4.** We have  $g^{-1} \left[ D_{\geq k}^{>\gamma_i}(Q) \right] \setminus K = \mathcal{A}_{(\gamma_i, k)} \setminus K$  for  $(\gamma_i, k) \in \Gamma \times (\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\})$  where  $\gamma_{i+1} \geq k$ .

The proof follows from condition (16) and from the fact that for every  $x \in Q$ ,  $\dim_H(\xi(x)) = \dim(\xi(x)) = 0$ .

**Corollary 3.** The pair  $\left( \exp(Q), D_{\geq k}^{>\gamma_n}(Q) \right)_{(\gamma_n, k) \in \Gamma \times (\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}), \gamma_{n+1} \geq k}$  is homeomorphic to the pair  $\left( Q^\infty \times Q^\infty, B(Q)^n \times Q \times \dots \times B(Q)^k \times Q \times \dots \right)_{k, n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, \gamma_{n+1} \geq k}$ .

*P r o o f.* The set  $\exp(Q) \setminus \exp_\omega(Q)$  is locally homotopy negligible in  $\exp(Q)$  (see [6]) and obviously  $D_{\geq k}^{>\gamma_n}(Q) \subseteq \exp(Q) \setminus \exp_\omega(Q)$  for every  $(\gamma_n, k) \in \Gamma \times (\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\})$ , therefore, taking into account Theorem 2 and Proposition 1, we can conclude that



the system  $\left(D_{\geq k}^{>\gamma_n}(Q)\right)_{(\gamma_n, k) \in \Gamma \times (\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}), \gamma_{n+1} \geq k}$  is  $\mathcal{F}_\sigma$ -absorbing in  $\exp(Q)$ . Now, the proof follows from Corollary 2 and the uniqueness theorem for absorbing systems (see [8]) in a Hilbert cube.  $\diamond$

**3. Conclusions and remarks.** The results of the paper demonstrate that the topology of the hyperspaces of compacta of given Hausdorff and covering dimension can be described by means of model absorbing system in the Hilbert cube in the case when the values of the Hausdorff dimension form a countable subset of the real line ordered by the type of natural numbers. A natural question arises whether the results remain valid for other sets of values of the Hausdorff dimension (countable or noncountable).

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