Inverse limits and Cook continua

FANS OF COOK CONTINUA

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DEFINITION

An inverse sequence is a double sequence $\{X_n, f_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ of metric spaces X_n and functions $f_n: X_{n+1} \to X_n$. The spaces X_n are called the coordinate spaces and the functions f_n are called the bonding functions. The inverse limit of an inverse sequence $\{X_n, f_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is the subspace of the product space $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$ that consists of all points $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \ldots) \in \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$ such that $x_n = f_n(x_{n+1})$ for each positive integer n:

$$\varprojlim \{X_n, f_n\}_{n=1}^\infty = \left\{ (x_1, x_2, x_3, \ldots) \in \prod_{n=1}^\infty X_n \mid x_n = f_n(x_{n+1}) \text{ for each } n \right\}.$$

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A nondegenerate continuum X is a Cook continuum if for any nondegenerate subcontinuum S of X and any non-constant continuous function $f:S\to X$, it follows that

$$f(x) = x$$

for any $x \in S$.

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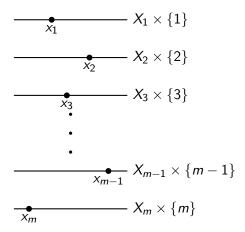
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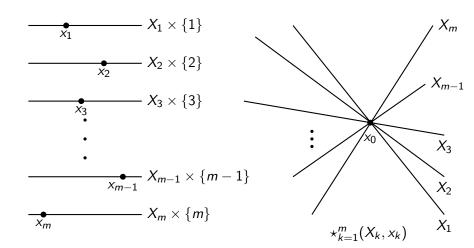
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COROLLARY

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$$\operatorname{degrig}(\star_{k=1}^{m}(X_{k},x_{k})) = \operatorname{lcm}(1,2,\ldots,m).$$

Inverse limits and Cook continua

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$$f: \star_{k=1}^m(X_k, x_k) \to \star_{k=1}^m(X_k, x_k)$$

be any non-constant continuous function. Then $f = 1_{\star_{k-1}^m}(X_k, x_k)$. Therefore, $\star_{k=1}^m(X_k, x_k)$ is rigid and $\operatorname{degrig}(\star_{k=1}^m(X_k, x_k)) = 1$.

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Let X be a continuum such that $\operatorname{degrig}(X) \neq \infty$. For each positive integer n let

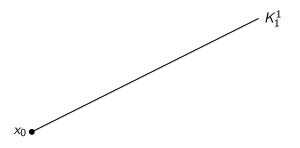
$$f_n: X \to X$$

be any continuous surjective function. Then for each positive integer n the function f_n is a homeomorphism. Moreover, the inverse limit $\lim_{n \to \infty} \{X, f_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is homeomorphic to X.

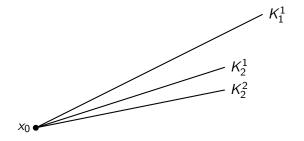
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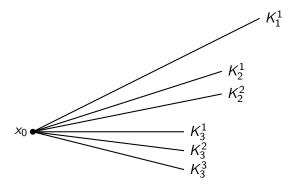
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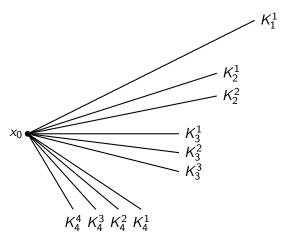




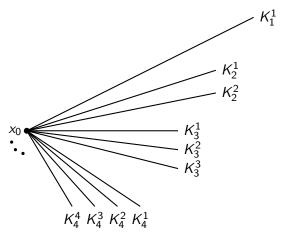


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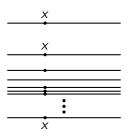
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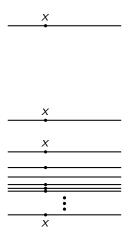
Let X be a Cook continuum, $x_0 \in X$, and let $A = \left\{\frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\right\} \cup \{0\}$. The harmonic fan of a Cook continuum X is defined to be the quotient

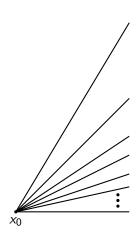
$$(X \times A)|_{\sim}$$

where \sim is the equivalence relation on $X \times A$, defined by $(x,a) \sim (x,a)$ for each $x \in X$ and for each $a \in A$ and $(x_0,a) \sim (x_0,b)$ for each $a,b \in A$.









PROPERTIES OF HARMONIC FANS

Let X be a Cook continuum. Y be a harmonic fan of Cook continuum X and let $f: Y \to Y$ be a continuous surjective function.

- 1. x_0 is the only cut point for Y.
- 2. $f(x_0) = x_0$.
- 3. For each $a \in A$ there is $b \in A$ such that $f(X \times \{a\}) \subseteq X \times \{b\}$. Moreover, either $f(X \times \{a\})$ is homeomorphic to X either $f(X \times \{a\}) = \{x_0\}.$
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CANTOR FAN OF COOK CONTINUUM

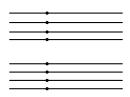
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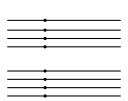
Let X be a Cook continuum, $x_0 \in X$, and let C be a Cantor set. Cantor fan of Cook continuum X is defined to be the quotient

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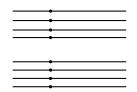
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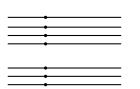
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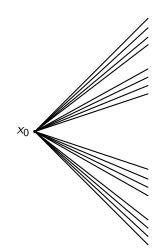




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