

95. Homological Dimension and Product Spaces

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Let X be a topological space and A a closed subset. Let us denote by $H_n(X, A; G)$ the n -dimensional unrestricted Čech homology group of (X, A) with coefficients in an abelian group G . The *homological dimension of X with respect to G* (notation: $D_*(X; G)$) is the largest integer n such that there exists a pair (A, B) of closed subsets of X whose n -dimensional Čech homology group $H_n(A, B; G)$ is not zero. It is obvious that the relation $D_*(X; G) \leq \dim X$ holds for any space X and any group G , where \dim means the covering dimension. A topological space X is called *full-dimensional with respect to an abelian group G* in case $D_*(X; G) = \dim X$. Then the following problem arises naturally:

(*) $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Given an abelian group } G, \text{ what is a space which is full-dimen-} \\ \text{sional with respect to the group?} \end{array} \right.$

The object of this paper is to give an answer to this problem (*) in case X is a locally compact fully normal space and G belongs to a class which includes several important groups. The following theorems hold.

Theorem 1. *Let R be the additive group of all rationals. Then there exists a Cantor manifold M_0 with the property that a locally compact fully normal space X is full-dimensional with respect to R if and only if $\dim(X \times M_0) = \dim X + \dim M_0$.*

Theorem 2. *Let Q_p be the additive group of all rationals reduced mod 1 whose denominators are powers of a prime p . Then there exists a Cantor manifold M_p with the property that a locally compact fully normal space X is full-dimensional with respect to Q_p if and only if $\dim(X \times M_p) = \dim X + \dim M_p$.*

A sequence $\alpha = \{q_1, q_2, \dots\}$ is called a k -sequence if q_i is a divisor q_{i+1} for each i and $q_i > 1$ for some i . Let us denote by Z_{q_i} the cyclic group with order q_i . There exists a natural homomorphism h_i^{i+1} from $Z_{q_{i+1}}$ onto Z_{q_i} , $i = 1, 2, \dots$. By $Z(\alpha)$ we mean the limit group of the inverse system $\{Z_{q_i} : h_i^{i+1} \mid i = 1, 2, \dots\}$. In a previous paper [2, p. 390], we constructed the Cantor manifold $Q(\alpha)$ for each k -sequence α . The following theorem is a consequence of [3, Theorem 1].

Theorem 3. *Let α be a sequence. Then a locally compact fully normal space X is full-dimensional with respect to $Z(\alpha)$ if and only if $\dim(X \times Q(\alpha)) = \dim X + \dim Q(\alpha)$.*

Since the cyclic group Z_q with order q is the group $Z(\alpha)$ for the