

CELLULARITY CRITERIA FOR MAPS

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In [13], D. R. McMillan gave a criterion for cellularity of a compact set A in a PL n -manifold M ($n \neq 4$). Clearly, any such criterion must say that A behaves topologically like a cell (a sphere can never be cellular), and it must also say something about the way A is embedded in M (an arc may fail to be cellular in euclidean space). This is not necessarily the case with cellularity criteria for maps.

It is known, for example, that a proper map $f: M \rightarrow N$ between topological n -manifolds ($n \geq 5$) is cellular provided for each $y \in N$ the space $f^{-1}(y)$ is cell-like (a topological property, defined below): thus there is no need for assumptions on the embeddings $f^{-1}(y) \subset M$ ($y \in N$). In the present paper, we relax the topological conditions on point-inverses in two situations: for self-maps of a PL-manifold, and for maps between topological manifolds. The general idea of the criteria is to assume that point-inverses behave like k -connected spaces (that is, have property UV^k), where k is almost $n/2$. Then properties of the induced map on homology, together with duality and a kind of Hurewicz theorem for UV -properties, imply that point-inverses actually behave like contractible spaces, which implies that they are cell-like and that each inclusion $f^{-1}(y) \subset M$ satisfies McMillan's criterion. Our conditions for maps are best possible codimensionally, and they are necessary as well as sufficient.

Addendum. In Section 7, we examine the case in which point-inverses have property UV^{k-1} and M has dimension $2k$. In this, the critical codimension, we show that all but a finite number of point-inverses must be cellular in M (assuming M is compact and PL, and $k \neq 2$). A result of L. C. Siebenmann then implies that M is homeomorphic to the connected sum of N and a finite number of closed, $(k-1)$ -connected manifolds.

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Conventions. R^k is euclidean k -space, B^k is the closed unit ball in R^k , and $S^{k-1} = \partial B^k$. The symbols H_* , H^* , and \check{H}^* denote singular homology, singular cohomology, and Čech cohomology, each with integer (Z) coefficients. The symbol \sim over a (co)homology symbol indicates "reduced". See [20] for a general reference on algebraic topics.

ANR's are always assumed to be metrizable. When $A \subset X$, a *neighborhood* of A in X is always understood to be an open set of X containing A . A map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is *proper* if and only if $f^{-1}(K)$ is compact for all compact sets $K \subset Y$.

Convention on manifolds. In all statements and proofs, a *manifold* will be taken to be a connected, locally euclidean metric space. (No boundary points are allowed.)

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1. STATEMENT OF RESULTS

We shall use, at various times, all of the following hypotheses on maps. The two criteria are stated in terms of property UV^k .

Cellular maps. A set A in the n -manifold M is *cellular* in M if it is the intersection of a sequence of topological n -cells Q_1, Q_2, \dots , where $Q_{i+1} \subset \text{Int } Q_i \subset M$ for all i .

A mapping $f: M \rightarrow Y$, where M is a manifold, is called *cellular* if $f^{-1}(y)$ is cellular in M for each $y \in Y$.

Cell-like maps. A space A is *cell-like* if there exist a manifold M and an embedding $\phi: A \rightarrow M$ such that $\phi(A)$ is cellular in M .

A mapping $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is *cell-like* if $f^{-1}(y)$ is a cell-like space for each $y \in Y$.

UV^k -maps. An inclusion $A \subset X$ has *property* k - UV if for each neighborhood U of A in X there exists a neighborhood V of A in U such that each map $S^k \rightarrow V$ can be extended to a map $B^{k+1} \rightarrow U$. We say $A \subset X$ has *property* UV^k if it has property q - UV for $0 \leq q \leq k$.

A mapping $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is *UV^k -trivial* (or is a *UV^k -map*) if $f^{-1}(y) \subset X$ has property UV^k for each $y \in Y$.

THEOREM 1.1. *Let $f: S^n \rightarrow S^n$ be an onto UV^k -map. If $2k + 2 \geq n$, then f is cell-like. Hence, if $n \neq 4$, f is cellular.*

(Essentially the same result holds when S^n is replaced by any compact PL n -manifold. See Section 7.)

Theorem 1.1 fails whenever $2k + 2 < n$. The condition $n \neq 4$ is not known to be necessary. By strengthening the assumption codimensionally, we obtain a generalization to topological manifolds, as follows.

THEOREM 1.2. *Let M and N be n -manifolds, and let $f: M \rightarrow N$ be a proper, onto UV^k -map. If $2k + 1 \geq n$, then f is cell-like. Hence, if $n \neq 3, 4$, then f is cellular.*

Theorem 1.2 fails whenever $2k + 1 < n$. Again, the condition $n \neq 3, 4$ is possibly unnecessary. In fact, if $n = 3$, f is cellular if M contains no fake cubes or if M and N are compact and homeomorphic. (See [13] and [14].)

Cell-like maps preserve many properties of spaces. To illustrate this point, we quote two theorems.

THEOREM 1.3. *Let X and Y be euclidean neighborhood retracts, and let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a proper, cell-like map. Then, for each open set U of Y (including $U = Y$), $f|_{f^{-1}(U)}: f^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U$ is a proper homotopy equivalence.*

THEOREM 1.4 (Siebenmann). *Let M and N be manifolds of dimension at least 5, and let $f: M \rightarrow N$ be a proper cell-like map. Then f is properly homotopic to a homeomorphism of M onto N .*

Theorem 1.3 is proved in [12]. Theorem 1.4 has recently been proved by Siebenmann [18] as stated above. The simply-connected case had previously been proved by D. Sullivan. (See [16], [21].)

The proofs of Theorems 1.1 and 1.2, as well as some appropriate examples, are given in Section 6. Generalizations of Theorems 1.1 and 1.2 (in which the image of f is not necessarily a manifold) follow from Section 5 below together with Section 4 of [12].

Remarks. 1. Property k -UV is an intrinsic topological property of spaces in the following sense: If A is a compact set in the ANR X , and if $A \subset X$ has property k -UV, then every embedding of A into any ANR has property k -UV (see [1]). Moreover, if A is a compact ANR, then A has property k -UV if and only if $\pi_k A = 0$ (see [3]). Thus UV^k should be thought of as a kind of Čech k -connectivity.

2. A compact, finite-dimensional metric space is cell-like if and only if it has property UV^k for all k (see [11]).

2. PRODUCING THE ZERO HOMOMORPHISM

Let R be a principal ideal domain.

When G is an R -module, we let $\text{Hom } G = \text{Hom}_R(G; R)$ and $\text{Ext } G = \text{Ext}_R(G; R)$. If $\psi: G \rightarrow H$ is a homomorphism of R -modules, we denote by

$$\psi^*: \text{Hom } H \rightarrow \text{Hom } G \quad \text{and} \quad \psi^\#: \text{Ext } H \rightarrow \text{Ext } G$$

the induced homomorphisms. When G is an R -module, let

$$T(G) = \{a \in G \mid ra = 0 \text{ for some nonzero } r \in R\}.$$

When $\psi: G \rightarrow H$ is a homomorphism of R -modules, let $T(\psi): T(G) \rightarrow T(H)$ be the restriction of ψ to $T(G)$. The following will be needed in Section 3.

THEOREM 2.1. *Let $F \xrightarrow{\phi} G \xrightarrow{\psi} H$ be homomorphisms of finitely generated R -modules. If $\phi^* = 0$ and $\psi^\# = 0$, then $\psi\phi = 0$.*

Theorem 2.1 follows from Lemma 2.2 and Corollary 2.5 below.

LEMMA 2.2. *Let $\psi: G \rightarrow H$ be a homomorphism of finitely generated R -modules. If $\psi^* = 0$, then $\text{Im } \psi \subset T(H)$.*

Proof. Let $x \in G$, $y = \psi(x)$. Suppose that $y \notin T(H)$. Then there exists a homomorphism $\hat{y}: H \rightarrow R$ such that $\hat{y}(y) \neq 0$. But

$$[\psi^*(\hat{y})](x) = (\hat{y} \circ \psi)(x) = \hat{y}(y) = 0,$$

by hypothesis, so that $y \in T(H)$.

LEMMA 2.3. *In the category of finitely generated torsion R -modules, there exists a natural isomorphism $G \simeq \text{Ext Ext } G$.*

Proof. Let G be a torsion R -module, and let C_1 and C_0 be finitely generated free R -modules such that

$$0 \rightarrow C_1 \rightarrow C_0 \rightarrow G \rightarrow 0$$

is exact. Then $\text{Ext } G$ makes the "Hom" sequence

$$0 \leftarrow \text{Ext } G \leftarrow \text{Hom } C_1 \leftarrow \text{Hom } C_0 \leftarrow 0$$

exact. ($\text{Hom } G = 0$, since G is a torsion module.)

Since $\text{rank Hom } C_1 = \text{rank Hom } C_0$, $\text{Ext } G$ is a torsion module. (In fact, $\text{Ext } G \simeq G$.) Thus, $\text{Ext Ext } G$ makes the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom Hom } C_1 \rightarrow \text{Hom Hom } C_0 \rightarrow \text{Ext Ext } G \rightarrow 0$$

exact. It is well-known that there are natural isomorphisms $h_i: C_i \simeq \text{Hom Hom } C_i$ ($i = 0, 1$), since the C_i are free. Thus a unique homomorphism $h: G \rightarrow \text{Ext Ext } G$ is induced, and this is the desired isomorphism. The naturality of h follows from that of the h_i .

COROLLARY 2.4. *In the category of finitely generated R-modules, there is a natural isomorphism $T(G) \simeq \text{Ext Ext } G$.*

Proof. If G is a finitely generated R-module, then $\text{Ext } G$ is naturally isomorphic to $\text{Ext } T(G)$ under $i^\#$, where $i: T(G) \subset G$. Hence

$$T(G) \simeq \text{Ext Ext } T(G) \simeq \text{Ext Ext } G,$$

each isomorphism being natural.

COROLLARY 2.5. *Let $\psi: G \rightarrow H$ be a homomorphism of finitely generated R-modules. If $\psi^\# = 0$, then $T(\psi) = 0$.*

Proof. $\psi^\# = 0$ implies $\psi^{\#\#} = 0$; therefore $T(\psi) = 0$, by Corollary 2.4.

3. HOMOLOGICAL UV-PROPERTIES AND COACYCLICITY

In [15], McMillan introduced the concept of strong acyclicity.

Definition. Let A be a compact set in the ANR X . We say A has *property k-uv* if to each neighborhood U of A in X there corresponds a neighborhood V of A in U such that the inclusion-induced map $\check{H}_k V \rightarrow \check{H}_k U$ (on reduced singular homology) is zero. If A has properties $q\text{-uv}$ for $0 \leq q \leq k$, we say it has property uv^k .

Property $k\text{-uv}$ does not depend on the embedding $A \subset X$, as long as X is an ANR and A is compact. (See [15], and the argument that (a) \Rightarrow (d) in [11].)

Remark. If A is a finite-dimensional compactum, "A has property uv^k for all k " is equivalent to "A is strongly acyclic" in the sense of [15].

THEOREM 3.1. *Let A be a compact set in the ANR X . If $\check{H}^k A = \check{H}^{k+1} A = 0$, then $A \subset X$ has property $k\text{-uv}$.*

Proof. We may assume that X is (separable) Hilbert space, since the properties do not depend on particular embeddings.

Let $\{U_1, U_2, \dots\}$ be a sequence of neighborhoods of A in X with the properties

- (1) $\bar{U}_{i+1} \subset U_i$ for each i , and $A = \bigcap U_i$,
- (2) each U_i is a finite union of open (round) balls.

By (1) and the continuity property of \check{H}^* , we see that $0 = \lim_{\leftarrow} H^\ell U_i$ for $\ell = k, k + 1$. Thus, each element of $H^\ell U_i$ hits zero somewhere in the sequence $H^\ell U_i \rightarrow H^\ell U_{i+1} \rightarrow \dots$. By (2), each $H^\ell U_i$ is finitely generated, and hence some finite composition $H^\ell U_i \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow H^\ell U_{j(i)}$ is zero for $\ell = k, k + 1$ and all i . Taking the subsequence indexed by $1, j(1), jj(1), \dots$, we may assume that the following is satisfied:

(3) The inclusion-induced maps $H^\ell U_i \rightarrow H^\ell U_{i+1}$ are zero for $\ell = k, \ell = k + 1$, and $i \geq 1$.

We now apply the universal coefficient theorem to obtain commutative diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Ext } H_{\ell-1} U_{i+1} & \longrightarrow & H^\ell U_{i+1} & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom } H_\ell U_{i+1} \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Ext } H_{\ell-1} U_i & \longrightarrow & H^\ell U_i & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom } H_\ell U_i \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

in which the vertical arrows are induced by inclusion and the horizontal rows are exact ($\ell = k, k + 1$). By (3), the middle vertical arrow is zero, hence all vertical arrows are zero. In particular, the inclusion-induced maps

$$\text{Ext } H_k U_i \rightarrow \text{Ext } H_k U_{i+1} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Hom } H_k U_i \rightarrow \text{Hom } H_k U_{i+1}$$

are zero for all i . Applying Theorem 2.1, we obtain the following conclusion.

(4) The inclusion-induced maps $H_k U_{i+2} \rightarrow H_k U_i$ are zero for all i . Thus, $A \subset X$ has property k -uv.

THEOREM 3.2. *Let A be a compact set in the ANR X . If $A \subset X$ has properties $(k - 1)$ -uv and k -uv, then $\check{H}^k A = 0$.*

Proof. Let V_1, V_2, \dots be neighborhoods of A in X such that

(1) $\bar{V}_{i+1} \subset V_i$ for each i , and $\bigcap \bar{V}_i = A$, and

(2) the inclusion-induced maps $H_\ell V_{i+1} \rightarrow H_\ell V_i$ are zero for $\ell = k - 1, \ell = k$, and all i .

Applying again the universal coefficient theorem, we obtain commutative diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Ext } H_{k-1} V_{i+1} & \longrightarrow & H^k V_{i+1} & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom } H_k V_{i+1} \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \phi_i & & \uparrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Ext } H_{k-1} V_i & \longrightarrow & H^k V_i & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom } H_k V_i \longrightarrow 0,
 \end{array}$$

with exact rows. Moreover, (2) implies that the vertical arrows on either end are zero. We deduce easily that $\text{Im } \phi_i \subset T(H^k V_{i+1})$ and $\phi_i | T(H^k V_i) = 0$. Hence $\phi_{i+1} \phi_i = 0$, and the proof is complete.

COROLLARY 3.3. *Let A be a finite-dimensional compact set in the ANR X . Then A is strongly acyclic (in the sense of [15]) if and only if $\check{H}^* A = 0$.*

Remark. The above results hold equally well for property k -uv(R) and $\check{H}(-; R)$, where R is a principal ideal domain.

4. HUREWICZ THEOREMS FOR UV-PROPERTIES

THEOREM 4.1. *Let A be a compact set in the ANR X . If $A \subset X$ has property UV^k , then it has property uv^k .*

Proof. Let U be a neighborhood of A in X . Find open sets U_0, \dots, U_{k+1} , with

$A \subset U_0 \subset \dots \subset U_{k+1} \subset U$, such that each map $S^q \rightarrow U_q$ extends to a map $B^{q+1} \rightarrow U_{q+1}$ ($0 \leq q \leq k$). Let $V = U_0$.

Let K be a complex of dimension at most k , and let $C(K)$ denote the cone on K . If $f: K \rightarrow V$ is a map, we can extend f successively over $K \cup C(K^q)$, using the inclusion $U_q \subset U_{q+1}$, to obtain a map $C(K) \rightarrow U$. In this way, we can easily see that each singular q -cycle in V is null-homologous in U ($0 \leq q \leq k$), so that $A \subset X$ has property uv^k .

THEOREM 4.2. *Suppose that A is a compact set in the ANR X , and that $k \geq 2$. If $A \subset X$ has properties UV^{k-1} and k - uv , then it has property UV^k .*

Proof. (Compare with [8, pp. 483-485].) Since A is connected, it has arbitrarily small path-connected neighborhoods. Let $V \subset U_0 \subset \dots \subset U_k \subset U$ be path-connected neighborhoods of A in X , chosen so that $H_k V \rightarrow H_k U_0$ is zero, $\pi_q U_q \rightarrow \pi_q U_{q+1}$ is zero for $0 \leq q \leq k - 1$, and \bar{U} is compact. We shall show that $\pi_k V \rightarrow \pi_k U$ is zero.

Let $\alpha: S^k \rightarrow V$ be a map. Then $[\alpha] = 0$ in $H_k U_0$. Therefore, there is a subdivision L of S^k such that $\sum_i \alpha \tau_i = \partial c$ for some finite singular $(k + 1)$ -chain $c = \sum_j n_j \sigma_j$. (Here, the τ_i are the simplicial maps $\Delta^k \rightarrow L$ determined by some ordering of the vertices of L .) Letting K be the geometric realization of the (finite) singular complex determined by $\{\sigma_j\}$, we obtain a complex containing L and an extension $\beta: K \rightarrow U_0$ of α . Let K' be the union of K and the cone on its $(k - 1)$ -skeleton. Since $\pi_q U_q \rightarrow \pi_q U_{q+1}$ is zero for $0 \leq q \leq k - 1$, we can extend β over successive skeleta to a map $\bar{\alpha}: K' \rightarrow U$. Now, $[L] = 0$ in $H_k K$, hence in $H_k K'$; therefore, by the classical Hurewicz theorem, $[S^k] = 0$ in $\pi_k |K'|$. Hence $[\bar{\alpha} | S^k] = [\alpha] = 0$ in $\pi_k U$, and the proof is complete.

Remark. If A is a compact set in the locally path-connected metric space X , then property 0-UV and property 0- uv are each equivalent to connectivity of A .

COROLLARY 4.3. *Let A be a compact set in the ANR X . Suppose $A \subset X$ has property 1-UV. Then $A \subset X$ has property UV^k if and only if it has property uv^k .*

COROLLARY 4.4. *Let A be a compact set in the ANR X .*

1. *If $A \subset X$ has property UV^k , then $\check{H}^q A = 0$ for $0 \leq q \leq k$.*
2. *If $A \subset X$ has property UV^{k-1} and $\check{H}^k A = \check{H}^{k+1} A = 0$, where $k \geq 2$, then $A \subset X$ has property UV^k .*

Corollary 4.3 follows from Theorems 4.1 and 4.2 together with the Remark. Corollary 4.4 requires, in addition, some results from Section 3.

5. CRITERIA FOR MAPS TO BE CELL-LIKE

LEMMA 5.1. *Let X and Y be connected, locally compact ANR's, and let f be a proper UV^k -map of X onto Y . Let V be an open set in Y , and let $U = f^{-1}(V)$. Then*

$$f_{\#}: \pi_q(X, U) \rightarrow \pi_q(Y, V) \quad \text{and} \quad f_*: H_q(X, U) \rightarrow H_q(Y, V)$$

are isomorphisms for $0 \leq q \leq k$ and epimorphisms for $q = k + 1$.

Proof. First assume $U = V = \emptyset$. Then $f_{\#}: \pi_q X \rightarrow \pi_q Y$ is an isomorphism for

$0 \leq q \leq k$ and an epimorphism for $q = k + 1$ (see [12, Corollary 2.4]). If Z_f denotes the mapping cylinder of f , we see that $\pi_q(Z_f, X) = 0$ for $q \leq k + 1$. By the relative Hurewicz theorem, $H_q(Z_f, X) = 0$ for $q \leq k + 1$, and hence $f_*: H_q X \rightarrow H_q Y$ is an isomorphism for $q \leq k$ and an epimorphism for $q = k + 1$. The general cases now follow from a standard generalization of the five-lemma.

LEMMA 5.2. *If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a proper, onto map between euclidean neighborhood retracts, and if f is UV^k -trivial for all k , then f is cell-like.*

This is a special case of Theorem 2.1 of [12].

THEOREM 5.3. *Let Y be a compact ANR such that $\check{H}_p(Y - \{y\}) = 0$ for all $p \leq n - k - 2$ and all $y \in Y$, and let $f: S^n \rightarrow Y$ be an onto UV^k -map. If $2k + 2 \geq n$, then f is cell-like.*

Proof. (\check{H}_* is reduced homology.) Let $A = f^{-1}(y)$ for some $y \in Y$. Then, by Alexander duality and Lemma 4.1,

$$\check{H}^q A \simeq \check{H}_{n-q-1}(S^n - A) \simeq \check{H}_{n-q-1}(Y - \{y\}) = 0,$$

provided $n - q - 1 \leq k$ and $n - q - 1 \leq n - k - 2$. Since $n - k - 2 \leq k$, we see that $\check{H}^q A = 0$ whenever $n - q - 1 \leq n - k - 2$, that is, whenever $q \geq k + 1$. Thus, at least when $k \geq 1$, the inclusion $A \subset S^n$ has property UV^q for all q , by Corollary 4.4.2, so that f is cell-like, by Lemma 5.2.

If, on the other hand, $k = 0$ and $n = 2$, it is to be shown that $A \subset S^2$ has property UV^1 whenever $S^2 - A$ and A are connected. We leave this statement, as well as the case $k = 0, n = 1$, to the reader. (See [22].)

THEOREM 5.4. *Let M and N be n -manifolds. If $f: M \rightarrow N$ is a proper, onto UV^k -map, and $2k + 1 \geq n$, then f is cell-like.*

Proof. Let $A = f^{-1}(y)$ for some y . Then $A \subset M$ has property UV^k . Assuming $n \geq 2$, we can let V be an open n -cell of N containing y , so that $U = f^{-1}(V)$ is a simply connected (hence orientable) neighborhood of $f^{-1}(y)$ in M . Consider the composition

$$\check{H}^q A \xrightarrow{D_A} H_{n-q}(U, U - A) \xrightarrow{f_*} H_{n-q}(V, V - \{y\}),$$

where D_A is the duality isomorphism of Theorem 6.2.17 of [20]. If $n - q \leq k$, then f_* is an isomorphism, by Lemma 5.1. Hence, $\check{H}^q A = 0$ for $q \geq n - k$. Since $n - k \leq k + 1$, $\check{H}^q A = 0$ for $q \geq k + 1$. Again, if $k \geq 1$, we are through, by Corollary 4.4.2 and Lemma 5.2, and we leave the case $k = 0, n = 1$ to the reader.

(*Note.* The referee has pointed out that the triviality of $\check{H}^* A$ follows from Theorem 4 of [10].)

Remark. Theorem 5.4 has a generalization similar to Theorem 5.3.

6. PROOFS AND EXAMPLES

Theorems 1.1 and 1.2 follow from Section 5 together with results from [12] and [13]. In [12], it is shown that proper, cell-like maps between (unbounded) topological manifolds of dimension at least 5 are cellular, which takes care of Theorem 1.2. Also, from Theorem 1.3 (which is proved in [12]), we see that if $f: M \rightarrow N$ is a proper cell-like map between topological manifolds of dimension at least 3, then each

inclusion $f^{-1}(y) \subset M$ satisfies McMillan's criterion [13], so that Theorem 1.1 follows. The cases $n \leq 2$ follow from classical results. (See [22].)

We now give some examples to show that the codimensional restrictions in Theorems 5.3 and 5.4 are best possible.

Example (compare with [2, p. 7]). Let $n = k + \ell + 1$, and write S^n as the join $S_0^k * S_1^\ell$ of two spheres. (That is, let $S^n = (S_0 \times S_1 \times I) / \sim$, where " \sim " identifies $S_0 \times y \times 1$ and $x \times S_1 \times 0$ to points, for all $x \in S_0, y \in S_1$.) If $0 < t < 1$, let T_t be the copy of $S_0 \times S_1 \times t$ at level t in the join, and let

$$W_t = (S_0 \times s_1 \times t \cup s_0 \times S_1 \times t) / \sim,$$

where s_i is a base point in S_i . Note that $T_t / W_t \approx S^{n-1}$. Making the homeomorphism "independent" of t , we see that there are maps $f_t: T_t \rightarrow S^{n-1}$ such that the only nondegenerate point-inverse of f_t is W_t , and f_t varies continuously with t ($0 < t < 1$). Now we map S^n onto $S(S^{n-1}) \approx S^n$ by defining

$$f|T_t = f_t \times t \quad (0 < t < 1), \quad f(S_0) = 0, \quad f(S_1) = 1.$$

COROLLARY 6.1. *If $2k + 3 \leq n$ and $k \geq -1$, there exists a map f of S^n onto itself whose point-inverses are tame, k -connected polyhedra but that has some point-inverses that are not $(k + 1)$ -connected. Hence, f is UV^k -trivial but not cell-like.*

Example. If Corollary 6.1 fails to show that Theorem 5.4 is best possible, then $2k + 3 > n$ while $2k + 2 \leq n$. In other words, $2k + 2 = n$. For this case, we can map $S^{k+1} \times S^{k+1}$ onto S^n by a map whose only nondegenerate inverse set is $S^{k+1} \times s \cup s \times S^{k+1}$.

COROLLARY 6.2. *If $2k + 2 \leq n$, there exist closed, orientable, k -connected, PL n -manifolds M and N and an onto map $f: M \rightarrow N$ whose point-inverses are tame, k -connected polyhedra but not all of whose point-inverses are $(k + 1)$ -connected. Thus, f is UV^k -trivial but not cell-like.*

7. THE NONCELLULAR POINTS OF A MAP BETWEEN EVEN-DIMENSIONAL MANIFOLDS

Let M and N be n -manifolds, and let $f: M \rightarrow N$ be an onto, proper UV^{k-1} -map. Define

$$C_f = \{y \in N \mid f^{-1}(y) \text{ is not cellular in } M\}.$$

As the "join" example in Section 6 shows, C_f may be one-dimensional, whenever $2k < n$, even if $M = N = S^n$. Moreover, Theorem 1.2 shows (modulo certain plausible conjectures when $n = 3$ or 4) that $C_f = \emptyset$ whenever $2k > n$. In this addendum, we consider the remaining case $2k = n$.

It is easy, but instructive, to see that in case $n = 2k$, C_f can be a finite set with any number of points: For $p \geq 0$, let T_p be the connected sum of S^{2k} and p copies of $S^k \times S^k$. Then, if $0 \leq q \leq p$, there exists a map of T_p onto T_q that has exactly $p - q$ nondegenerate point-inverses, each of which is a wedge of two k -spheres. (In the noncompact case, a similar construction shows that C_f can be an infinite discrete set in N .) We show below that these examples are typical. (Compare with [14].)

Throughout this section, we assume that

- (i) M and N are closed manifolds of even dimension $2k$,
- (ii) $f: M \rightarrow N$ is an onto UV^{k-1} -map,
- (iii) for each $y \in N$, there is a neighborhood V of $f^{-1}(y)$ in M such that $V - f^{-1}(y)$ can be triangulated as an open PL-manifold, and
- (iv) $k \neq 2$.

Note. When $k = 1$, assumption (ii) means simply that f is a monotone map of M onto N .

THEOREM 7.1. C_f is a finite set.

Proof. Let $y \in N$ and $W = M - f^{-1}(y)$. Then W is an open $2k$ -manifold that is $(k - 1)$ -connected at infinity (by Lemma 5.1).

Assume first that $k \geq 3$. Let

$$U = f^{-1}(\text{open } 2k\text{-cell containing } y).$$

U is $(k - 1)$ -connected, hence orientable. We want to calculate the homology of W . If $q \leq k - 1$, then $H_q W \simeq H_q(N - \{y\})$. For $k + 1 \leq q \leq 2k - 1$, the homology sequence of the pair (M, W) implies that $H_q W \simeq H_q M$, since

$$H_q(M, W) \simeq H_q(U, U - f^{-1}(y)) \simeq \check{H}^{2k-q} f^{-1}(y) = 0$$

by excision, duality, and Corollary 4.4.1. Finally, the middle of the sequence of (M, W) looks like

$$H_{k+1}(M, W) \rightarrow H_k W \rightarrow H_k M,$$

where $H_{k+1}(M, W) = 0$, as we noted above. Thus

$$H_q W \simeq \begin{cases} H_q(N - \{y\}) & \text{for } q \leq k - 1, \\ \text{a subgroup of } H_k M & \text{for } q = k, \\ H_q M & \text{for } k + 1 \leq q \leq 2k - 1, \\ 0 & \text{for } 2k \leq q. \end{cases}$$

From this, we see that $H_* W$ is finitely generated. Therefore, we can apply the main result of [4] (for PL-manifolds; see [17]) to see that there exists a compact manifold \bar{W} such that $W = \bar{W} - \partial\bar{W}$. Since $\partial\bar{W}$ is $(k - 1)$ -connected, it is a $(2k - 1)$ -sphere, by the generalized Poincaré conjecture [6], [19]. It follows that there exists a compact set K in W such that $W - K$ is homeomorphic to $S^{2k-1} \times \mathbb{R}$.

In the case $k = 1$, W is an open 2-manifold with exactly one end. An easy argument shows that W is the connected sum of infinitely many closed manifolds. Since M is compact, almost all of these closed manifolds must be spheres. As above, it follows that $W - K$ is homeomorphic to $S^1 \times \mathbb{R}$ for some compact set K .

In terms of neighborhoods of $f^{-1}(y)$, we have proved the following result.

COROLLARY 7.2. For each $y \in N$, $f^{-1}(y)$ has a neighborhood V in M such that

$$V - f^{-1}(y) \approx S^{2k-1} \times \mathbb{R}.$$

Now let

$$D = \{y \in N \mid f^{-1}(y) \text{ does not lie in a topological copy of } S^{2k-1} \times \mathbb{R} \text{ in } M\}.$$

An easy argument with limit points proves that D is a finite set. Let $y \in N - D$. Then $f^{-1}(y)$ has two neighborhoods $V \subset U$, where

$$U \approx S^{2k-1} \times \mathbb{R} \quad \text{and} \quad V - f^{-1}(y) \approx S^{2k-1} \times \mathbb{R}.$$

Since the two-point compactification of U is a $2k$ -sphere, the generalized Schoenflies theorem [5] implies that $f^{-1}(y)$ is cellular in U , and hence in M . Thus $C_f = D$, and C_f is finite. The proof of Theorem 7.1 is now complete.

Let $C_f = \{y_1, \dots, y_t\}$. For each y_j , let V_j be a neighborhood of $f^{-1}(y_j)$ such that

$$V_j - f^{-1}(y_j) \approx S^{2k-1} \times \mathbb{R}.$$

Choose the V_j so that they are pairwise disjoint. Let M_j be the one-point compactification of V_j , and let M' be the end-point compactification of $M - f^{-1}(C_f)$.

Define $f': M' \rightarrow N$ by letting

$$f' = f \text{ on } M - f^{-1}(C_f) \quad \text{and} \quad f'(\text{end-point determined by } f^{-1}(y_j)) = y_j.$$

COROLLARY 7.3. *M' is a closed manifold, and $f': M' \rightarrow N$ is a cellular map. Moreover, M is homeomorphic to the connected sum of M' and the closed, $(k-1)$ -connected manifolds M_1, \dots, M_t .*

The result of Siebenmann (Theorem 1.4) now implies that f' is homotopic to a homeomorphism. Thus we obtain the following result.

COROLLARY 7.4. *M is homeomorphic to the connected sum of N and a closed, $(k-1)$ -connected manifold.*

We can now prove the following generalization of Theorem 1.1.

THEOREM 7.5. *If $H_k M$ and $H_k N$ are isomorphic, then f is a cellular map.*

The proof is separated into two cases.

Case 1. $k = 1$. We have three two-manifolds, M , M' , and N , where M' is homotopy-equivalent to N and $H_1 M \simeq H_1 N$. Thus $M \approx M'$. That is, M is homeomorphic to the connected sum of itself and M_1, \dots, M_t . A Meyer-Vietoris argument shows that each M_j is a sphere, and hence each V_j is an open 2-cell.

Case 2. $k \geq 3$. In this case, we need only show that $H_k V_j = 0$ for $j = 1, \dots, t$; for then f is UV^{k-1} -trivial and uv^k -trivial, and therefore it is UV^k -trivial (by Theorem 4.2) and hence cellular (by Theorem 1.2).

Applying the Meyer-Vietoris sequence in homology, we see that

$$H_k M \simeq H_k M' \oplus H_k V_1 \oplus \dots \oplus H_k V_t.$$

Since f' is cellular, $H_k M' \simeq H_k N$; moreover, $H_k N \simeq H_k M$ by hypothesis. But $H_k M$ is finitely generated, and we conclude that $H_k V_j = 0$ for all j . This concludes the proof.

Remark 1. (a) Assume that either $k \geq 3$ or M is orientable. Then the manifolds M_j are $(k - 1)$ -connected and orientable, and therefore the only nonvanishing homology groups of M_j occur in dimensions $0, k,$ and $2k$; hence $H_k M_j$ is a free abelian group of even rank. Moreover, we have isomorphisms

$$\check{H}^q f^{-1}(y_j) \simeq H^q M_j \simeq H_{2k-q} M_j$$

for $q < 2k$. Hence, for each $y \in N$, $\check{H}^q f^{-1}(y)$ is a free abelian group of even rank for $q = k$, and

$$\check{H}^q f^{-1}(y) \simeq \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & \text{for } q = 0, \\ 0 & \text{for } q \neq 0, k. \end{cases}$$

Thus, $f^{-1}(y)$ can be a wedge of an *even* number of k -spheres (as in the standard examples) but never a wedge of an *odd* number of k -spheres.

(b) When $k = 1$ and M is not orientable, $\check{H}^1 f^{-1}(y)$ is a free abelian group, but *not* necessarily of even rank: the projective plane maps onto S^2 by shrinking the center line of a Möbius band to a point.

Remark 2. Assumption (iii) can be dropped, except possibly when $k = 4$. For, when $k \geq 5$, each $f^{-1}(y)$ has a 4-connected neighborhood with a (unique) PL-manifold structure, by the triangulation theorem of R. C. Kirby and L. C. Siebenmann [9]. When $k = 3$, duality and Theorem 5.1 imply that

$$\check{H}^4(f^{-1}(y); \mathbb{Z}_2) \simeq H_2(M, M - f^{-1}(y); \mathbb{Z}_2) = 0;$$

therefore some neighborhood of $f^{-1}(y)$ has a PL-manifold structure, by a new result of J. Hollingsworth and R. B. Sher [7]. In fact, duality and [7] yield the following (this was pointed out to me by McMillan).

PROPOSITION. *Let X and Y be (open or closed) topological n -manifolds, and let $g: X \rightarrow Y$ be a proper, onto map. Suppose that each inclusion $g^{-1}(y) \subset X$ has property $uv^k(\mathbb{Z}_2)$, where $k = \min \{4, n - 4\}$ and $n \geq 5$. Then each $g^{-1}(y)$ has a neighborhood in X that can be triangulated as a PL-manifold.*

(Property $uv^k(\mathbb{Z}_2)$ is defined similarly to property uv^k , except that we use homology with \mathbb{Z}_2 -coefficients.)

Remark 3. There is a version of Theorem 7.1 for open manifolds. The proof is essentially the same as that of Theorem 7.1, but the proposition is used to complete assumption (iii).

THEOREM 7.6. *Let X and Y be $2k$ -manifolds (without boundary), and let $g: X \rightarrow Y$ be a proper, onto UV^{k-1} -map. Assume that $k \neq 2$, and if $k = 4$, that each $g^{-1}(y)$ has a neighborhood V in X such that $V - g^{-1}(y)$ has a PL-manifold structure. Then C_g is a closed, locally finite subset of Y .*

Remark 4. The analogue of Theorem 7.5 for open manifolds is false: There exists a proper UV^{k-1} -map g of T_∞^{2k} onto itself for which C_g is infinite.

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