

ON THE COMPACTIFICATION OF TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

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There are two kinds of compactification of a complete regular space due to H. Wallman [5] and E. Čech [2].

The Wallman compactification \mathcal{W} is the set of all maximal collections \mathcal{P} of the lattice \mathcal{L} consisting of all closed subsets F of a completely regular space S and its topology is defined by taking the elements of \mathcal{L} as the basis of the closed sets of \mathcal{W} associating with all maximal collections which contain the elements as coordinates.

On the other hand, the Čech compactification \mathcal{M} is the set of all maximal ideals M of the Banach algebra R consisting of all realvalued and bounded continuous functions $x(s)$ defined on S . (c. f. I. Gel'fand and G. Šilov [3]). The topology of \mathcal{M} is introduced by the following method, known as Stone-topology: M belongs to the closure of subset \mathcal{O} of \mathcal{M} if and only if M divides the intersection of all M'_α 's belonging to \mathcal{O} .

These two compactifications are not equivalent in general since the former gives a compact T_1 -space and the later a compact Hausdorff space. But the relation of them is given by the following theorems due to P. Alexandroff [1] and A. Komatu [4].

Theorem 1. A continuous mapping from \mathcal{W} to \mathcal{M} exists preserving all points of S .

Theorem 2. \mathcal{W} coincides with \mathcal{M} if and only if S is normal.

In this note we give an alternative proof of them using the method due to Gel'fand and Šilov.

Proof of Theorem 1. If we put for a closed set F in S

$$(1) \quad I(F) = \{x \mid x \in F \rightarrow x(s) = 0\},$$

then $I(F)$ is an ideal of R . The join ideal $I(\mathcal{P})$ or $I(\mathcal{P})$ for all $F \in \mathcal{P}$ is a proper ideal of R since \mathcal{P} has the finite intersection property. Hence by Zorn's Lemma a maximal ideal M divides $I(\mathcal{P})$. By this definition, M belongs to the closure (in \mathcal{M}) of \mathcal{P} for each $F \in \mathcal{P}$, whence

$$(2) \quad H = \{s \mid x(s) \geq \varepsilon \text{ for } x \in M, \varepsilon > 0\}$$

meets F for any $F \in \mathcal{P}$, and so H belongs to \mathcal{P} , for \mathcal{P} is maximal.

If M and M' divide $I(\mathcal{P})$, then an element x of M exists such that $x \equiv 1(M')$ and $0 \leq x \leq 1$. Hence

$$(3) \quad H' = \{s \mid x(s) \leq \frac{1}{3}\}, \quad H'' = \{s \mid x(s) \geq \frac{2}{3}\}$$

belong to \mathcal{P} with $H' \cap H'' = \emptyset$. This is a contradiction. Hence only one maximal ideal M divides $I(\mathcal{P})$, namely, it defines a mapping $M(\mathcal{P})$ from \mathcal{W} into \mathcal{M} . Evidently, this mapping preserves all points of S .

Next, suppose that f is the set of all F such as $F \in \mathcal{P}_\alpha$ for all $\mathcal{P}_\alpha \in A \subset \mathcal{W}$, and suppose further a maximal collection \mathcal{P} contains f , namely, \mathcal{P} belongs to the closure (in \mathcal{W}) of A . If we put $M(\mathcal{P}) = M$, $M(\mathcal{P}_\alpha) = M_\alpha$ and M does not belong to the closure (in \mathcal{M}) of $\{M_\alpha\}$, then by the normality of \mathcal{M} there exists an element x in M such that $x \equiv 1(M)$ for all α and $0 \leq x \leq 1$. Hence H'' of (3) belongs to f , and so to \mathcal{P} , on the other hand $H' \cap H'' = \emptyset$. This is clearly a contradiction since $H' \in \mathcal{P}$ and \mathcal{P} has the finite intersection property. Therefore this mapping is continuous. Furthermore, as S is dense in \mathcal{W} and also in \mathcal{M} , $M(\mathcal{P})$ maps \mathcal{W} onto \mathcal{M} . This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

Proof of Theorem 2. Since a lemma of H. Wallmann [5] states that M is normal if and only if S is normal, it suffices to show the sufficiency. To prove this, it is sufficient to show the one-to-one correspondence of the mapping under the normality of S . Assume the contrary and suppose that $M(P) = M(P') = M$. Then there exists a pair of disjoint closed sets $F \in \mathcal{P}$ and $F' \in \mathcal{P}'$. Hence an element x of R exists by the normality such that $x(s) = 0$ for $s \in F$ and $x(s) = 1$ for $s \in F'$. This is a contradiction since by the later excludes x .

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