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ON A ROHLIN HYPOTHESIS

I. Introduction. Let \mathcal{C}_n^m be the complete m -complex (m -dimensional complex) with n vertices, and $\mathcal{K} \vee L$ be the join of complexes \mathcal{K} and L . The following result of

B. Grunbaum [1] is well known:

Theorem A. Let n, k, n_1, \dots, n_k be positive integers, such that $n_1 + \dots + n_k = n + 1$, then the n -complex

$$(1) \quad B^n = \mathcal{C}_{2n_1+1}^{n_1-1} \vee \dots \vee \mathcal{C}_{2n_k+1}^{n_k-1}$$

is not embeddable in \mathbb{R}^{2n} .

This result is an extension of results due to Van Kampen [2] and A. Flores [3] on the existence of n -complexes which are not (topologically) embeddable in \mathbb{R}^{2n} . (For $n=1$ see [2]).

The present paper is in fact a part of the author's [4] M.S. thesis, written in 1966-67 under the guidance of prof. V.A. Rohlin.

In that time it was not published, because prof. V.A. Rohlin relied on the author, that he would prove the next results :

(B) [Hypothesis of V.A. Rohlin].

Let p_i be the number of the $(i-1)$ -complexes \mathcal{C}_{2i+i}^{i-1} in the decomposition of the complex B^n in the form (1). We shall express this fact writing

$$B^n = B^n(p_1, \dots, p_m), \text{ where}$$

$$(2) \quad n = \left(\sum_{i=1}^m i \cdot p_i \right) - 1$$

In order that $|B^n(p_1, \dots, p_m)|$ and $|B^n(q_1, \dots, q_k)|$ ($p_m \neq 0, q_k \neq 0$) be homeomorphic it is necessary and sufficient that $m = k, p_1 = q_1, \dots, p_m = q_m$.

After 1969, the author was not engaged in this subject. Moreover, the author has learnt about of a more elementary proof of Theorem A than in [4], due to B. Grünbaum [1], [6].

On the other hand the paper of J. Zaks [5] contained the more general results about a minimality property of complexes B^n , than there were in [4]. The only results of [4] (see the Theorem 1 and Corollary 3 below), which are not improved for present time are the results referring to the Rohlin hypothesis.

II. Notations and results

Let \mathbb{N} be the set of positive integers, \mathbb{R} be the real line, \mathbb{Z} be the subgroup of rational integers. Let $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$. We denote by $[\xi]$ the greatest integer less than or equal to ξ . By $\binom{n}{m}$ we denote as usual $n! / (m! (n-m)!)$, where $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $m \in \{0\} \cup \mathbb{N}$. By $\overline{\pi}$ we denote the function: $(\mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, $\overline{\pi}(n) = \text{card} \{x \in \mathbb{N} : 2 \leq x \leq n, x \text{ is a prime number}\}$.

If L is a subcomplex of complex K and K is embedded (topologically) in \mathbb{R}^k , $|K|$ will denote its realization in \mathbb{R}^k , and $|L|$ will be the subset of $|K|$ in the usual way.

Let $B^n (n \geq 0)$ be a n -dimensional complex.

By $H_1(B^n)$, $\prod_j (|B^n|)$ we denote, as usual, the i -th homology

group of B^n , the j -th homotopy group of $|B^n|$, ($i=0,1,\dots,n$; $j=1,\dots,n$, $n \geq 0$).

In the sequel, we shall use the symbol B^n for denoting both

$$B^n = B^n(p_1, \dots, p_m) \text{ and } B^n = B^n(p_1, \dots, p_m, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{i \text{ times}}), \quad (i=1, 2, \dots).$$

Proposition 1. Let $B^n = \zeta^n = B^n \left(\underbrace{0, \dots, 0, 1}_{n \text{ times}} \right)$, $n \geq 1$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} H_0(B^n) &= \mathbb{Z}, \quad H_1(B^n) = \dots = H_{n-1}(B^n) = 0 \text{ for } n \geq 2, \\ H_n(B^n) &= \underbrace{\mathbb{Z} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}}_{\binom{2n+2}{n+1} \text{ times}} \text{ for } n \geq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. The case $n = 1$ is trivial.

Let $n \geq 2$. It is not difficult to see that ζ^n has the homotopy type of the union of $\binom{2n+2}{n+1}$ copies of the n -dimensional sphere. Then it is easy to see [7] that

$$(3) \quad H_n(B^n) = \underbrace{\mathbb{Z} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}}_{\binom{2n+2}{n+1} \text{ times}}, \quad H_1(B^n) = \dots = H_{n-1}(B^n) = 0.$$

Finally, by connectedness of B^n ($n > 1$) we have

$$(4) \quad H_0(B^n) = \mathbb{Z}$$

Corollary 1. Let $B^n = B^n(p_1, \dots, p_n)$, $p_m \neq 0$, $n \geq 1$. Then

$$(5) \quad H_0(B^n) = \mathbb{Z}, \quad H_1(B^n) = \dots = H_{n-1}(B^n) = 0 \text{ for } n \geq 2;$$

$$(6) \quad H_n(B^n) = \underbrace{\mathbb{Z} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}}_{\prod_{i=1}^m \binom{2i}{1}^{p_i} \text{ times}} \text{ for } n \geq 1.$$

Proof. The case $n=1$ is trivial. Let $B_1^{n_1}$ and $E_2^{n_2}$ are

the complexes of the form (1). Then by using the join operation properties (see, for example, [10], VIII, exercise 5) we obtain:

$$H_{n_1+n_2+1}(B_1^{n_1} \vee B_2^{n_2}) = H_{n_1}(B_1^{n_1}) \otimes H_{n_2}(B_2^{n_2}).$$

From here and Proposition 1 we get immediately (5) and (6).

Lemma 1. Let $B_1^n = B^n(p_1, \dots, p_1)$, $B_2^n = B^n(0, \dots, 0, p_r, \dots, p_k)$, $p_1 \neq 0$, $p_r \neq 0$, $(n > 1)$. If $r > 1$, then

$$H_n(B_1^n) \neq H_n(B_2^n)$$

Proof. From the Proposition 1 one conclude that

$$H_n(B_1^n) = \underbrace{\mathbb{Z} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}}_{\prod_{i=1}^k \binom{2i}{i}^{p_i} \text{ times}}, \quad H_n(B_2^n) = \underbrace{\mathbb{Z} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}}_{\prod_{j=r}^k \binom{2j}{j}^{p_j} \text{ times}}$$

Let (x_n) be a sequence of integers such that $x_0 = \binom{2}{1}$.

$x_j = \binom{4}{2} / \binom{2}{1}$, \dots , $x_{n-1} = \binom{2n}{n} / \binom{2n-2}{n-1}$, \dots . It is easy to see that

$$(8) \quad \binom{2i}{i} = \prod_{j=1}^i x_{j-1}, \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots) \text{ and}$$

$$(9) \quad x_n \uparrow 4.$$

By (8) there exists $\xi(i) \in [2, x_1]$ such that

$$(10) \quad (\xi(i))^i = \binom{2i}{i}, \quad i \geq 1.$$

Let $m \in \mathbb{N}$, $t(1), \dots, t(m) \in (0, +\infty)$, $s(1), \dots, s(m) \in \mathbb{N}$.

It is well know that there exists $h \in [\min_{\mu=1, \dots, m} t(\mu), \max_{\mu=1, \dots, m} t(\mu)]$

such that

$$(11) \quad \prod_{\mu=1}^m (t(\mu))^{s(\mu)} = h \sum_{\mu=1}^m s(\mu)$$

Therefore this together with (8) and (10) give

$$\prod_{i=1}^1 \binom{2i}{i} P_i = \prod_{i=1}^1 (\xi(i))^{i P_i} = (h_1)^{\sum_{i=1}^1 i P_i}$$

$$\prod_{j=r}^k \binom{2j}{j} P_j = \prod_{j=r}^k (\xi(j))^{j P_j} = (h_2)^{\sum_{j=r}^k j P_j}$$

From (9) and (10) one concludes that if $r > 1$ we have

$$\xi(r) > \xi(1). \quad \text{Since } \sum_{i=1}^k i P_i = \sum_{j=r}^k j P_j = n + 1 \text{ and}$$

$h_1 \in [\xi(1), \xi(1)]$, $h_2 \in [\xi(r), \xi(k)]$ we infer that

$$\prod_{j=r}^k \binom{2j}{j} P_j = \prod_{i=1}^1 \binom{2i}{i} P_i .$$

This together with the Proposition 1 give the assertion.

Definition 1. Let $B_1^n = B^n(p_1, \dots, p_m)$ and

$B_2^n = B^n(q_1, \dots, q_m)$ be n -complexes of the form (1), $n > 1$.

Let $f_i = \min\{p_i, q_i\}$, $\tilde{p}_i = p_i - f_i$, $\tilde{q}_i = q_i - f_i$, $i=1, \dots, m$.

If not all f_1, \dots, f_m are zero then the k -complexes

$\tilde{B}_1^k = B^k(\tilde{p}_1, \dots, \tilde{p}_m)$, $\tilde{B}_2^k = B^k(\tilde{q}_1, \dots, \tilde{q}_m)$ are called reciprocal

simple parts of B_1^n, B_2^n . Thus we have

$$(12) \quad B_1^n = B^t \vee \tilde{B}_1^k, \quad B_2^n = B^t \vee \tilde{B}_2^k, \quad \text{where } B^t = B^t(f_1, \dots, f_m).$$

If all f_1, \dots, f_m are zero then the complexes B_1^n, B_2^n are

called reciprocal simple. (For example, the complexes

B_1^n, B_2^n from Lemma 1 are the reciprocal simple complexes).

Lemma 2. Let $B_1^n = B^n(p_1, \dots, p_m)$, $B_2^n = B^n(q_1, \dots, q_m)$

be the reciprocal simple complexes, $p_m \neq 0, q_r \neq 0$.

Let

$$(1) \quad r < (3/4)m, \text{ if } m \text{ is even,}$$

(11) $r < \lfloor (3/4)m \rfloor$, if m is odd.

If $m \geq 12$, then

$$H_n \binom{m}{1} \neq H_n \binom{m}{2}$$

Proof. By the factorization of the number $\prod_{j=1}^r \binom{2j}{j}^{q_j}$

into prime factors, using Bertrand's postulate (proved by P.L. Chebyshev), saying that for any $k \geq 2$ there exists such a prime number p that $k < p < 2k$ (see, for example, [8] p.134), it is easy to see that the greatest prime number is in the factorization of $\binom{2r}{r}$.

Next we want to establish that by (1) or (11) there exists a prime number in the factorization of the number $\binom{2m}{m}$ which belongs to $(2r, 2m)$. Since this fact we would have in the factorization of $\binom{2m}{m}$ into prime factors a prime number which is absent in the factorization of $\binom{2r}{r}$. Using Proposition 1 this would end the proof.

Let $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$. If is well know the result of Chebyshev:

$$(12) \quad 0,92 \frac{n}{\ln n} < \pi(n) < 1,11 \frac{n}{\ln n} \quad *$$

Assume that m is even, i.e. exists $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $m = 2k$. Hence by (1) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(2m) - \pi(2r) &> \pi(4k) - \pi(3k) > 0,92 \frac{4k}{\ln 4k} - 1,11 \frac{3k}{\ln 3k} = \\ &= \frac{0,35 k (\ln k - 1,67)}{(\ln 4k) \cdot (\ln 3k)} \quad * \end{aligned}$$

If $k \geq 6$, then $\ln k > 1,67$, and therefore $\pi(2m) - \pi(2r) > 0$.

Now assume that m is odd i.e. exists $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $m = 2k + 1$. Note that $\lfloor \frac{3}{2} (2k + 1) \rfloor - 1 = 3k$. Hence if

$k \geq 6$, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \zeta(2m) - \zeta(2r) = \zeta(4k+2) - \zeta(2r) = \zeta(4k+2) - \zeta(3k) \\ & > 0.92 \frac{4k+2}{\ln(4k+2)} - 1.11 \frac{3k}{\ln 3k} > 0.92 \frac{4k}{\ln 4k} - \\ & - 1.11 \frac{3k}{\ln 3k} > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Remark 1. Let $B_1^n = B^n(p_1, \dots, p_s)$, $B_2^n = B^n(q_1, \dots, q_k)$,

$n \geq 1$, $p_s \neq 0$.

Let $s = 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13$. If $s > k$, then

$H_n(B_1^n) \neq H_n(B_2^n)$. This follows from Lemma 1, applying the factorization of $\binom{2s}{s}$. In the same way we can obtain the next result:

If $n \leq 21$, then there exist exactly three pairs (for $s=8, 11, 14$) of the reciprocal simple complexes of the form (1), which have the same homology groups. These are

$$(14) \quad \begin{cases} B_1^{16} = B^{16} \underbrace{(4, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1)}_{s=8} \\ B_2^{16} = B^{16} \underbrace{(0, 3, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1)}_{k=7} \end{cases}$$

$$(15) \quad \begin{cases} B_1^{20} = B^{20} \underbrace{(0, 2, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1)}_{s=11} \\ B_2^{20} = B^{20} \underbrace{(1, 0, 0, 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1)}_{k=10} \end{cases}$$

$$(16) \quad \begin{cases} B_1^{21} = B^{21} \underbrace{(1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 1)}_{s=14} \\ B_2^{21} = B^{21} \underbrace{(0, 3, 1, 0, \dots, 0, 1)}_{k=13} \end{cases}$$

Theorem 1. Let $B_1^n = B^n(p_1, \dots, p_k)$, $B_2^n = B^n(q_1, \dots, q_k)$ be the n -complexes of the form (1). Then $|B_1^n|$ and $|B_2^n|$

are nonhomeomorphic, provided

- (i) $p_u \neq 0, q_u = 0$ or $p_u = 0, q_u \neq 0$
for some $u \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$,

or

- (ii) the reciprocal simple parts \bar{B}_1^k, \bar{B}_2^k of B_1^n, B_2^n are such that

$$H_u(\bar{B}_1^k) \neq H_k(\bar{B}_2^k)$$

Proof. (i) We shall begin with the case where $p_u \neq 0, q_u = 0$. (The proof in the case $p_u = 0, q_u \neq 0$ is analogous). Then there exists a factor \mathcal{C}_{2u+1}^{u-1} in the decomposition of B_1^n . Denote by \mathcal{L}_u the set of vertices of \mathcal{C}_{2u+1}^{u-1} . Let σ^{n-1} be a $(n-1)$ -dimensional simplex of B_1^n such that σ^{n-1} contains exactly $(u-1)$ vertices of \mathcal{L}_u . By the simplicial structure of B_1^n the simplex σ^{n-1} is a face of exactly u n -dimensional simplexes of B_1^n . Let a point $a_0 \in \text{Int} |\sigma^{n-1}|$. Then the n -th local group is $\underbrace{\mathbb{Z} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}}_{(u-1)\text{times}}$.

Let $P_2 \subset |B_1^n|$, $(1 = 1, 2)$ be a set of points for which the n -th local group is $\underbrace{\mathbb{Z} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}}_{(u-1)\text{times}}$. Clearly, we get $\dim P_1 = n-1$, $\dim P_2 \leq n-2$, because in B_2^n there is no $(n-1)$ -simplex, which is a face of exactly $(u-1)$ n -simplexes. Finally, recall that the n -th local group is a topological invariant. This completes the proof.

The proof in the case (ii) follows immediately from Corollary 1.

From the Theorem we get immediately two results:

Corollary 2. Let B_1^n, B_2^n be the reciprocal simple complexes. Then $|B_1^n|$ is not homeomorphic to $|B_2^n|$.

Corollary 3. Let B_1^n, B_2^n be the n -complexes of the form (1). Let for B_1^n and B_2^n the conditions of Lemma 1 or Lemma 2 be satisfied. Then $|B_1^n|$ is not homeomorphic to $|B_2^n|$.

Remark 3. Let $B_1^n = B^n(p_1, \dots, p_t)$, $B_2^n = B^n(q_1, \dots, q_t)$ be the n -complexes. Let $n \leq 37$. If $\sum_{i=1}^t |p_i - q_i| \neq 0$ then $|B_1^n|$ is not homeomorphic to $|B_2^n|$.

Indeed, we can assume that the condition of Theorem 1 does not hold. Therefore we can restrict to the case $p_t \neq 0$, $q_t \neq 0$ and $(p_i q_i = 0) \Leftrightarrow (p_i = q_i = 0)$ for all $i < t$. Let $\tilde{B}^k = B^k(\tilde{p}_1, \dots, \tilde{p}_s)$, $\tilde{B}_2^k = B^k(\tilde{q}_1, \dots, \tilde{q}_r)$ be the reciprocal simple parts of B_1^n, B_2^n ($\tilde{p}_s \neq 0, \tilde{q}_r \neq 0$). Since $s \neq r$, then without loss of generality we can assume $s > r$. Let B^m be a m -complex of the form (1) for which $B_1^n = B^m \vee \tilde{B}_1^k$, $B_2^n = B^m \vee \tilde{B}_2^k$. By our assumption it is easy to see that if $\max\{\tilde{p}_1, \tilde{q}_1\} > 0$ then $\min\{p_i, q_i\} \neq 0$ ($i=1, \dots, s$) and

$$(17) \quad m \geq \sum_{i=1}^s i \cdot \text{sign}(\max\{p_i, q_i\}) \geq r+s.$$

Let $s \leq 14$. By Remark 1, only if $s \in \{8, 11, 14\}$ the condition (ii) of Theorem 1 does not hold. If $s = 8$, then by Remark 1 $H_k(\tilde{B}_1^k) = H_k(\tilde{B}_2^k)$ only for $k \geq 16$. If $k \leq 21$, then from view of B_1^{16}, B_2^{16} (see Remark 1) and from (17) we get: $m \geq 28$. Hence $n \geq k + m + 1 = 16 + 28 + 1 = 45$. If $k \geq 22$, then by (17) $m \geq s + r = 8 + 7$. Because the equality $H_k(\tilde{B}_1^k) = H_k(\tilde{B}_2^k)$ holds only for $r = 7$. Therefore $n \geq 22 + 15 + 1 = 38$.

If $s = 11$ or $s = 14$, we can consider in the same way that $n \geq 45$.

If $s = 15$, then the factorization of $\binom{30}{15}$ contains the prime number 29. By $r < s$ and by Proposition 1 we get $H_k(\check{B}_1^k) \neq H_k(\check{B}_2^k)$, which contradicts our assumption.

If $s \geq 16$, then by Corollary 3 we have $r \geq 12$. By (17) $m \geq s + r \geq 16 + 12 = 28$. Hence $n \geq m + k + 1 \geq m + s + 1 \geq 28 + 16 + 1 = 45$, so the proof is finished.

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Streszczenie

Niech \mathcal{C}_{2n+1}^{n-1} będzie $(n-1)$ -wymiarowym szkieletem $2n$ -wymiarowego simpleksu.

Niech $|K \vee L|$ będzie złączeniem (join) wielościanów $|K|$ i $|L|$. Oznaczmy następnie

$$(*) \quad |B^m(p_1, \dots, p_k)| = \underbrace{\mathcal{C}_1^0 \vee \dots \vee \mathcal{C}_1^0}_{r_1} \vee \underbrace{\mathcal{C}_3^1 \vee \dots \vee \mathcal{C}_3^1}_{p_2} \vee \dots \vee \underbrace{\mathcal{C}_{2k+1}^{k-1} \vee \dots \vee \mathcal{C}_{2k+1}^{k-1}}_{p_k}$$

gdzie m jest wymiarem wielościanu $|B^m(p_1, \dots, p_k)|$, a

$$1 + m = \sum_{i=1}^k 1p_i, \quad (p_k \neq 0).$$

Wiadomo (Tw. B. Grunbauma 1967), że wielościany typu $(*)$ wymiaru m nie daje się topologicznie zanurzyć w \mathbb{R}^{2m} .

Z drugiej strony wielościany typu $(*)$ posiadają szereg interesujących własności dotyczących np. minimalności. Badania w szczególnych przypadkach były zainicjowane pracami K. Kuratowskiego (1931), A. Floresa (1932/33) i Van Kampena (1932). W 1967 r. W.A. Rochlin sformułował hipotezę, że dwa wielościany $|B^m(p_1, \dots, p_k)|$ i $|B^m(q_1, \dots, q_s)|$ są homeomorficzne wtedy i tylko wtedy, gdy $k = s$, $p_1 = q_1, \dots, p_k = q_k$. W niniejszym artykule podano szereg wyników dotyczących tej hipotezy.

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Резюме

Пусть \mathcal{C}_{2n+1}^{n-1} — $(n-1)$ -мерный остов $2n$ -мерного симплекса. Пусть $|K \vee L|$ двойн полиэдров $|K|$ и $|L|$. Пусть

$$(*) |B^m(p_1, \dots, p_k)| = \left| \underbrace{\mathcal{C}_1^c \vee \dots \vee \mathcal{C}_1^c}_{p_1} \vee \underbrace{\mathcal{C}_3^c \vee \dots \vee \mathcal{C}_3^c}_{p_2} \vee \dots \vee \underbrace{\mathcal{C}_{2k+1}^{k-1} \vee \dots \vee \mathcal{C}_{2k+1}^{k-1}}_{p_k} \right|$$

где m — размерность полиэдра $|B^m(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k)|$, $(m = (\sum_{i=1}^k i p_i) - 1)$, $p_k \neq 0$. Известно, (теорема Бранко Гринбаума (1967)), что полиэдр $(*)$ размерности m не вкладывается топологически в \mathbb{R}^{2m} . С другой стороны полиэдры типа $(*)$ обладают рядом замечательных свойств, например, минимальности. Их изучение в частных случаях восходит к работам К. Куратовского (1931), А. Флореса (1932/1933), Ван Кампена (1932).

В 1967 г. В. А. Рохлин высказал гипотезу, что два полиэдра $|B^m(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k)|$ и $|B^m(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_s)|$ гомеоморфны тогда и только тогда, когда $k=s$, $p_1=q_1, \dots, p_k=q_k$.

В настоящей работе приведен ряд результатов в обоснование этой гипотезы.