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# GENERALIZED WAŻEWSKI DENDRITES, GENERIC SUBCONTINUA, AND GENERIC CHAINS

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# Introduction

A compact, connected, and metrizable space is a **continuum**. If it is locally connected, it is a **Peano continuum**.

## **Definition 1.2**

A continuum X is **hereditarily equivalent** if every non-degenerate subcontinuum of it is homeomorphic to X. In this case we say X is HEC.

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#### A continuum X is generically hereditarily equivalent if

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## Generalized Ważewski dendrites are GHEC

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Given a topological space X and  $A \subseteq X$ , the **order** of A in X is the least cardinal number  $\alpha$  for which every open set  $U \supseteq A$  there exists an open set V such that

 $A \subseteq V \subseteq U$  and  $|\partial V| \leq \alpha$ .

We write that

 $\operatorname{ord}(A, X) = \alpha.$ 

#### **Definition 2.3**

Let  $M \subseteq \{3, 4, 5, \ldots\} \cup \{\omega\}$ . The dendrite  $W_M$  is defined as the dendrite whose set of branching points are of order  $m \in M$  and for all  $m \in M$ 

$$\{x \in W_M \mid \operatorname{ord}(x, W_M) = m\}$$

is arcwise dense in  $W_M$ .

Let X, Y be dendrites with  $X \subseteq Y$ . The first point map  $r_{Y,X} : Y \to X$  takes  $y \in Y$  to the first point in the arc starting from y to any  $x \in X$  that is also in X.

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#### Lemma 2.5

Let X, Y be dendrites with  $X \subseteq Y$ . A branching point x of X is **maximal** in Y if one of the following are satisfied:

(i) 
$$|r_{Y,X}^{-1}(x)| = 1$$

(ii) there is no arc  $A \subseteq Y$  from  $y \in Y \setminus X$  to x with  $A \cap X = \{x\}$ .

(iii) every open neighborhood of x in X meets each component of  $Y \setminus \{x\}$ .

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#### **Definition 2.7**

Let Y be a dendrite. If  $X \subseteq Y$  is a non-degenerate subdendrite, we say that X is full if for every  $b \in \mathcal{B}(Y) \cap X$ , it holds that  $b \in \mathcal{B}(X)$  and b is maximal in Y. We denote

 $\operatorname{Full}(Y) = \{ K \in \operatorname{Cont}(Y) \mid K \text{ is full in } Y \}.$ 

#### **Proposition 2.8**

If X is a dendrite, then Full(X) is a  $G_{\delta}$  dense subset of Cont(X).

#### Theorem 2.9

For every  $K \in Full(W_M)$  it holds that  $K \simeq W_M$  and

 $\operatorname{End}(K) \cap \mathcal{B}(W_M) = \emptyset.$ 

Corollary 2.10

 $W_M$  is GHEC.

## **Proposition 2.11**

The collection of nowhere dense subcontinua of  $W_M$  is a  $G_\delta$  dense subset of  $Cont(W_M)$ .

#### Theorem 2.12

If X is a Peano GHEC, then X is an arc or a dendrite such that for every  $m \in \{3, 4, \ldots\} \cup \{\omega\}$  the collection of branching points of order m is either dense or empty. Moreover, the collection of branching points is arcwise dense.

A continuum X is strongly GHEC if

$$\{K \in \operatorname{Cont}(X) \mid K \simeq X\}$$

contains a comeager subset  $\mathscr{H}$  of  $\operatorname{Cont}(X)$  such that whenever  $K_1, K_2 \in \mathscr{H}$  there exists a homeomorphism  $\psi : X \to X$  such that  $\psi(K_1) = K_2$ .

#### Theorem 2.14

 $W_{M}$  is strongly GHEC. Precisely, the collection of subcontinua K of  $W_{M}$  satisfying

(i)  $K \in \operatorname{Full}(W_M)$ .

(ii) K is nowhere dense in  $W_M$ .

is  $G_{\delta}$  dense and for any pair  $K_1, K_2$  in this collection there exists a homeomorphism  $\psi : W_M \to W_M$  with  $\psi(K_1) = K_2$ .



An order arc in Cont(X) is a subcontinuum  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq Cont(X)$  homeomorphic to [0,1] such that for every pair of points  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ , either  $A \subseteq B$  or  $B \subseteq A$ . We denote the space of order arcs by

 $OA(X) \subseteq Cont(Cont(X)).$ 

#### Definition 3.2

A maximal order arc in Cont(X) is an order arc starting from a set  $\{x\}$  for some  $x \in X$  and ending in X. We can restrict OA(X) space to the collection of maximal order arcs, denoted by MOA(X), which is a Polish space.

Let X be a continuum, we say that

• GCHEC holds for X if and only if

 $\{C \in \mathsf{MOA}(X) \mid \forall C \in C, C \text{ nondegenerate implies } C \simeq X\}$ 

is a comeager subset of MOA(X).

• GCGHEC holds for X if and only if

$$\{\mathcal{C} \in \mathsf{MOA}(X) \mid \forall^* C \in \mathcal{C} \ (C \simeq X)\}$$

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#### Theorem 3.4

If Z and Y are Polish spaces and  $f : Z \to Y$  in a continuous and comeager way, then a set S with Baire property is comeager in Z if and only if  $S \cap f^{-1}(y)$  is comeager in  $f^{-1}(y)$  for comeager many y in Y.

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#### Lemma 3.5

If  $C \in MOA(W_M)$  and the collection of  $K \in C$  with  $K \simeq W_M$  is dense in C, then every nondegenerate element of C is homeomorphic to  $W_M$ .

#### Theorem 3.6

GCHEC holds for  $W_M$ .

# Properties of the comeager maximal order arc in $MOA(W_M)$

A chain  $C \in MOA(W_M)$  is willful if for every arc  $A \subseteq W_M$  and  $K_1, K_2 \in C$  with

(i)  $K_1 \subsetneq K_2$ , (ii)  $\emptyset \neq K_1 \cap A \subsetneq A$ , then  $K_1 \cap A \subsetneq K_2 \cap A$ .

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The set of chains  $\mathcal{C} \in \mathsf{MOA}(W_M)$  satisfying

(i) The root of C is an endpoint of  $W_M$ .

(ii) If  $K, L \in C$  with  $K \subsetneq L$ , then K is nowhere dense in L.

(iii) If 
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 $C_1, C_2 \in MOA(X)$  are ambiently equivalent if there exists  $h \in Homeo(X)$  for which

 ${h(K) \mid K \in \mathcal{C}_1} = \mathcal{C}_2$ 













