

The Bolzano property and the cube-like complexes

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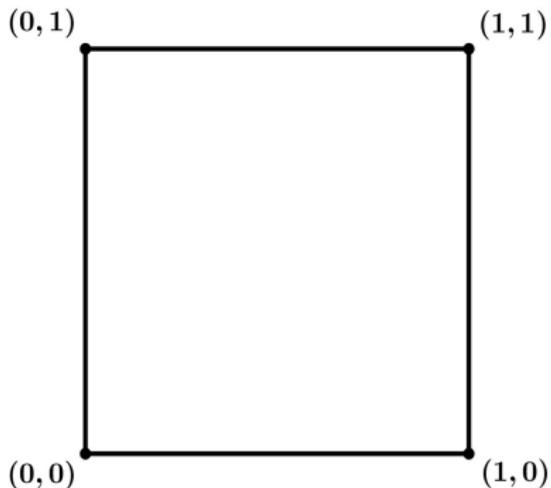
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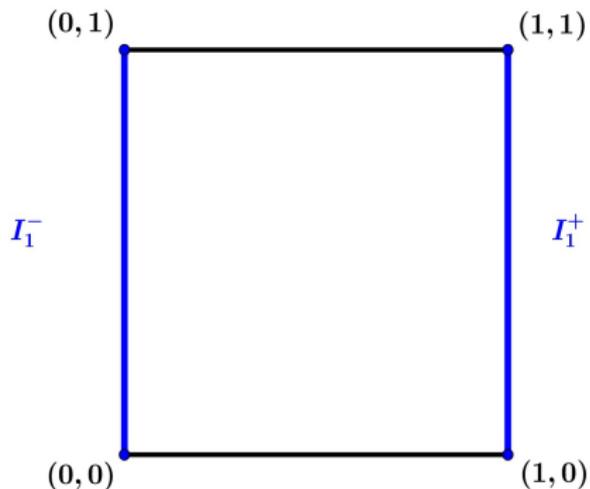


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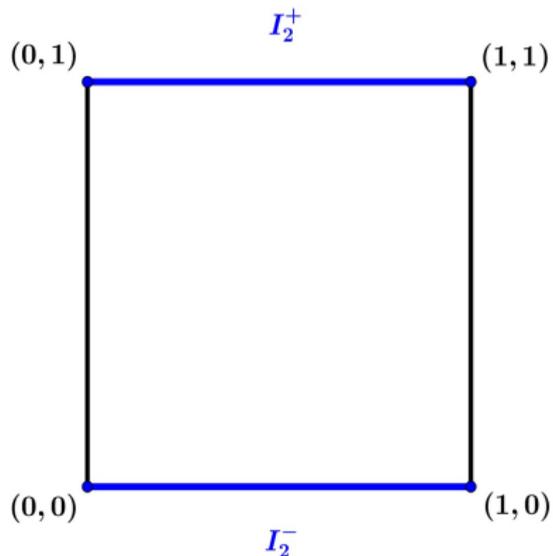


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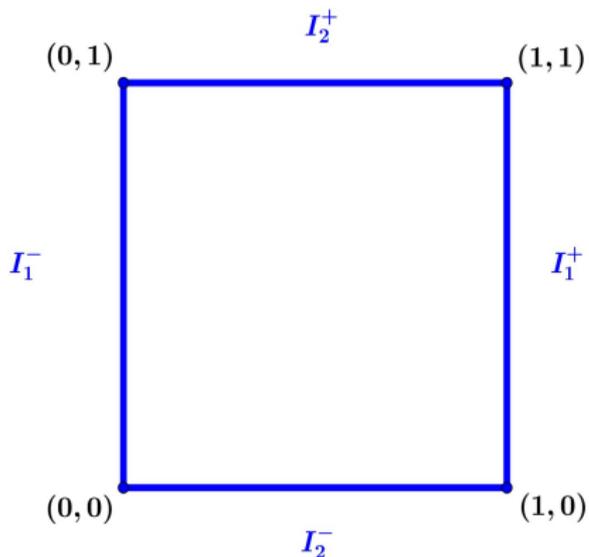


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Theorem (Miranda 1940)

The Poincaré theorem is equivalent to the Brouwer fixed point theorem.

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Definition (Kulpa 1994)

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$$A_i \subset H_i^-, B_i \subset H_i^+ \text{ and } H_i^- \cup H_i^+ = X$$

we have

$$\bigcap \{H_i^- \cap H_i^+ : i = 1, \dots, n\} \neq \emptyset.$$

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Corollary

Let $I_1, I_2 \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$, $I_1 \cap I_2 = \emptyset$. Then the subspace

$$\bigcap_{i \in I_1} A_i \cap \bigcap_{i \in I_2} B_i$$

has an $(n - (\text{card}(I_1) + \text{card}(I_2)))$ -dimensional Bolzano property.

An n -cube-like polyhedron

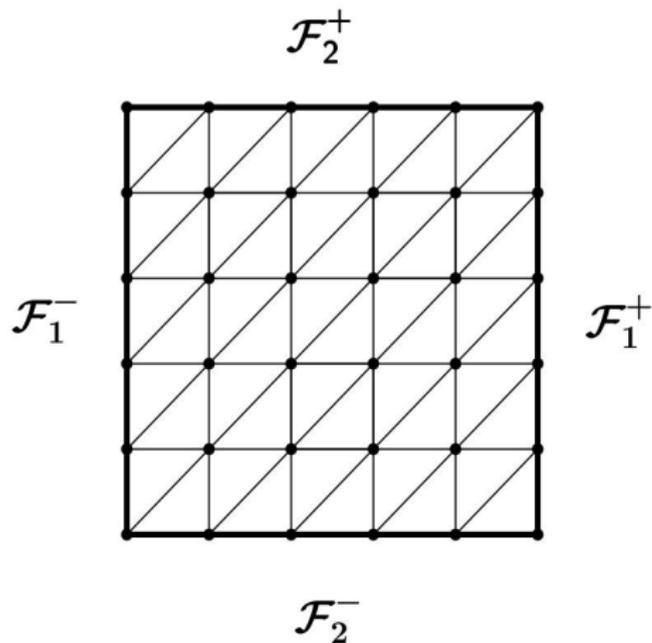
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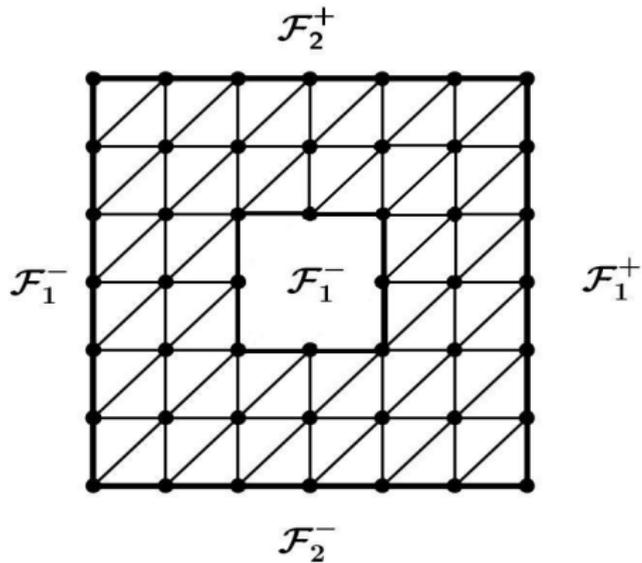
All complexes consisting of a single vertex are 0-cube-like (\mathcal{K}^0). The complex \mathcal{K}^n generated by the family $\mathcal{S} \subset P_{n+1}(A)$ is said to be an *n -cube-like complex* if:

- (A) for every $(n-1)$ -face $T \in \mathcal{K}^n \setminus \partial\mathcal{K}^n$ there exists exactly two n -simplexes $S, S' \in \mathcal{K}^n$ such that $S \cap S' = T$.
- (B) there exists a sequence of n pairs of subcomplexes $\mathcal{F}_i^-, \mathcal{F}_i^+$ called *i -th opposite faces* such that:
 - (B₁) $\partial\mathcal{K}^n = \bigcup_{i=1}^n \mathcal{F}_i^- \cup \mathcal{F}_i^+$,
 - (B₂) $\mathcal{F}_i^- \cap \mathcal{F}_i^+ = \emptyset$ for $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$,
 - (B₃) for each $i_0 \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ and each $\epsilon \in \{-, +\}$, $\mathcal{F}_{i_0}^\epsilon$ is an $(n-1)$ -cube-like complex such that its opposite faces have a form $\mathcal{F}_{i_0}^\epsilon \cap \mathcal{F}_i^-$, $\mathcal{F}_{i_0}^\epsilon \cap \mathcal{F}_i^+$ for $i \neq i_0$.

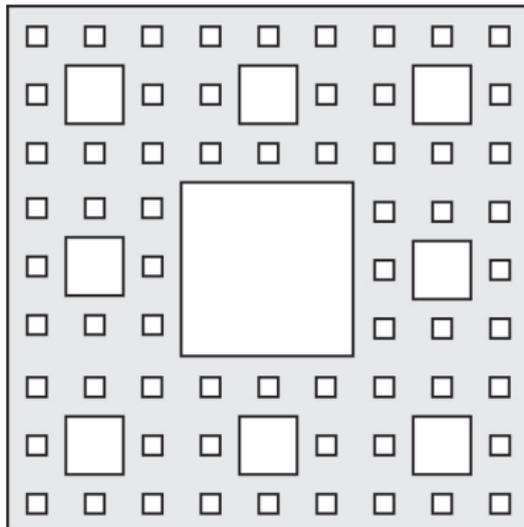
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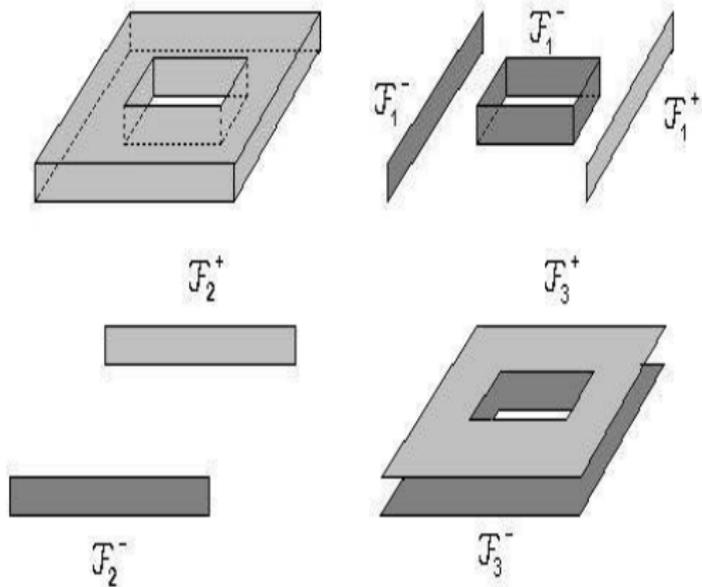
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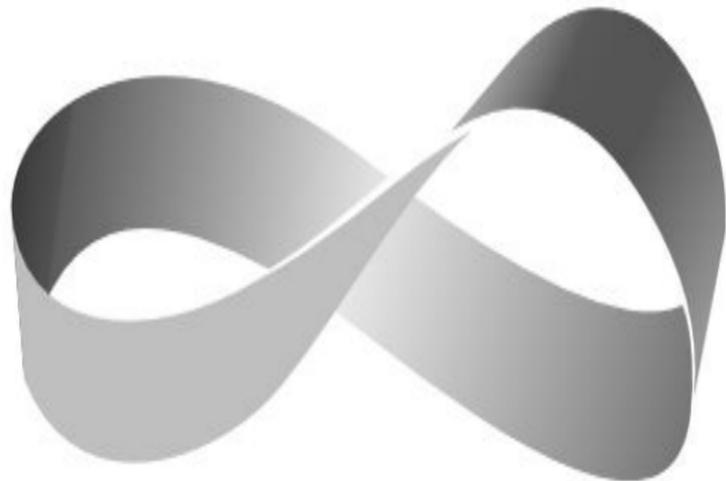
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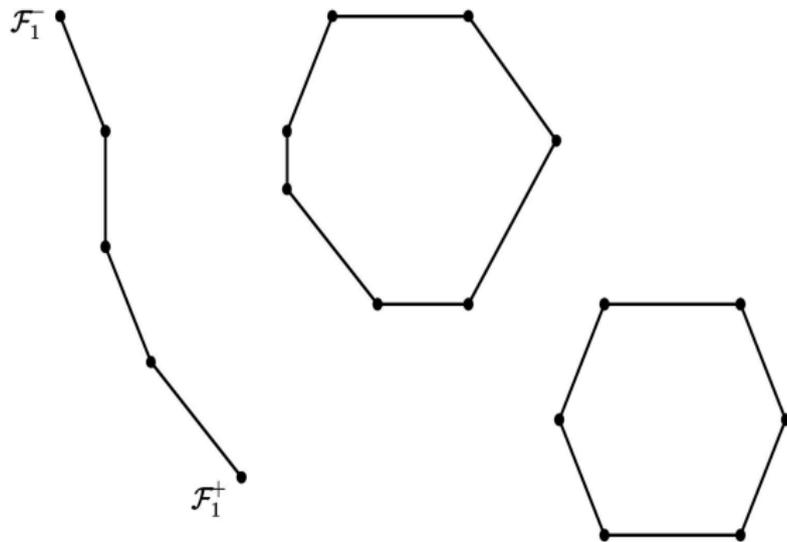
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Let $(\bar{K}, \bar{\mathcal{K}})$ be an n -cube-like polyhedron in R^m . Then \bar{K} has an n -dimensional Bolzano property.

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For an arbitrary decomposition of n -dimensional cube I^n onto k^n cubes and an arbitrary coloring function $F: T(k) \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\}$ for some natural number $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ there exists an i -th colored chain P_1, \dots, P_r such that

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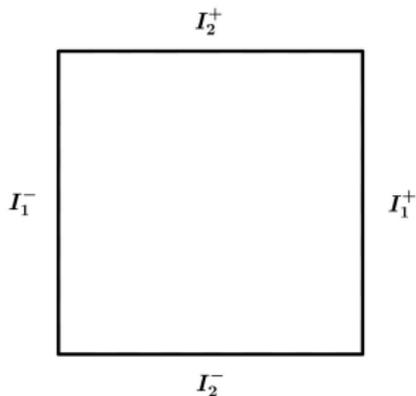
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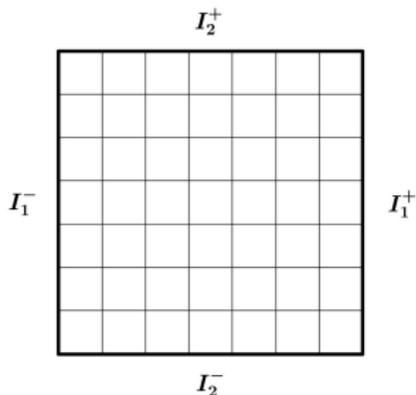
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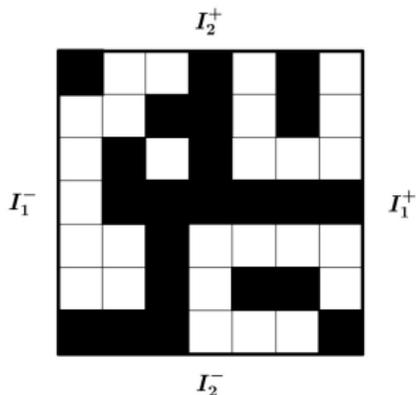
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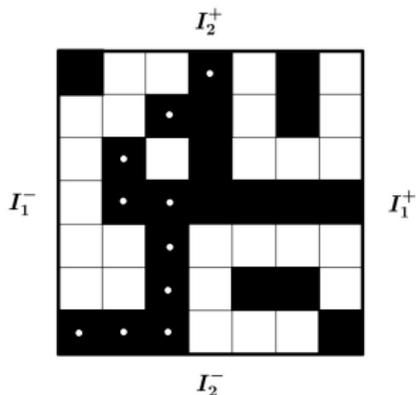
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Theorem (Topological version)

Let $\{U_i : i = 1, \dots, n\}$ be an open covering of I^n . Then for some $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ there exists continuum $W \subset U_i$ such that

$$W \cap I_i^- \neq \emptyset \neq W \cap I_i^+.$$

Theorem (PT and Turzański)

The following statements are equivalent:

- 1. Theorem (on the existence of a chain)*
- 2. The Poincaré theorem*
- 3. The Brouwer Fixed Point theorem.*

The Steinhaus chains

Theorem (Michalik, P T, Turzański 2015)

Let \mathcal{K}^n be an n -cube-like complex. Then for every map $\phi: |\mathcal{K}^n| \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\}$ there exist $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ and i -th colored chain $\{s_1, \dots, s_m\} \subset |\mathcal{K}^n|$ such that

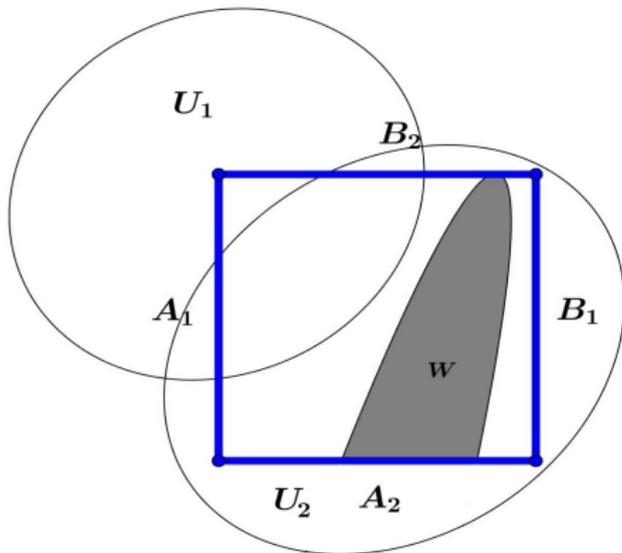
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(The sequence $\{s_1, \dots, s_m\} \subset |\mathcal{K}^n|$ is a *chain* if for each $i \in \{1, \dots, m-1\}$ we have $\{s_i, s_{i+1}\} \in \mathcal{K}^n$.)

Characterization of the Bolzano property

Theorem

Let X be a locally connected space. A family $\{(A_i, B_i) : i = 1, \dots, n\}$ of pairs of disjoint closed subsets is an n -dimensional boundary system iff for each open covering $\{U_i\}_{i=1}^n$ for some $i \leq n$ there exists a connected set $W \subset U_i$ such that $W \cap A_i \neq \emptyset \neq W \cap B_i$.



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Pseudo-arc has the Bolzano property.

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Problem

Is there a gap between the Bolzano property and the dimension of X ?