

Sperner's Lemma

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Summary. In this article we introduce and prove properties of simplicial complexes in real linear spaces which are necessary to formulate Sperner's lemma. The lemma states that for a function f , which for an arbitrary vertex v of the barycentric subdivision \mathcal{B} of simplex \mathcal{K} assigns some vertex from a face of \mathcal{K} which contains v , we can find a simplex S of \mathcal{B} which satisfies $f(S) = \mathcal{K}$ (see [10]).

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The notation and terminology used in this paper have been introduced in the following papers: [2], [11], [19], [9], [6], [7], [1], [5], [3], [4], [13], [15], [12], [22], [23], [16], [18], [20], [14], [17], [21], and [8].

1. PRELIMINARIES

We follow the rules: x, y, X denote sets and n, k denote natural numbers.

The following two propositions are true:

- (1) Let R be a binary relation and C be a cardinal number. If for every x such that $x \in X$ holds $\text{Card}(R^\circ x) = C$, then $\text{Card } R = \text{Card}(R \upharpoonright (\text{dom } R \setminus X)) + C \cdot \text{Card } X$.
- (2) Let Y be a non empty finite set. Suppose $\text{Card } X = \overline{\overline{Y}} + 1$. Let f be a function from X into Y . Suppose f is onto. Then there exists y such that $y \in Y$ and $\text{Card}(f^{-1}(\{y\})) = 2$ and for every x such that $x \in Y$ and $x \neq y$ holds $\text{Card}(f^{-1}(\{x\})) = 1$.

Let X be a 1-sorted structure. A simplicial complex structure of X is a simplicial complex structure of the carrier of X . A simplicial complex of X is a simplicial complex of the carrier of X .

Let X be a 1-sorted structure, let K be a simplicial complex structure of X , and let A be a subset of K . The functor ${}^{\textcircled{A}}$ yielding a subset of X is defined by:

(Def. 1) ${}^{\textcircled{A}}A = A$.

Let X be a 1-sorted structure, let K be a simplicial complex structure of X , and let A be a family of subsets of K . The functor ${}^{\textcircled{A}}$ yielding a family of subsets of X is defined by:

(Def. 2) ${}^{\textcircled{A}}A = A$.

We now state the proposition

- (3) Let X be a 1-sorted structure and K be a subset-closed simplicial complex structure of X . Suppose K is total. Let S be a finite subset of K . Suppose S is simplex-like. Then the complex of $\{{}^{\textcircled{S}}\}$ is a subsimplicial complex of K .

2. THE AREA OF AN ABSTRACT SIMPLICIAL COMPLEX

For simplicity, we adopt the following rules: R_1 denotes a non empty RLS structure, K_1, K_2, K_3 denote simplicial complex structures of R_1 , V denotes a real linear space, and K_4 denotes a non void simplicial complex of V .

Let us consider R_1, K_1 . The functor $|K_1|$ yields a subset of R_1 and is defined by:

(Def. 3) $x \in |K_1|$ iff there exists a subset A of K_1 such that A is simplex-like and $x \in \text{conv}^{\textcircled{A}}$.

One can prove the following propositions:

- (4) If the topology of $K_2 \subseteq$ the topology of K_3 , then $|K_2| \subseteq |K_3|$.
- (5) For every subset A of K_1 such that A is simplex-like holds $\text{conv}^{\textcircled{A}} \subseteq |K_1|$.
- (6) Let K be a subset-closed simplicial complex structure of V . Then $x \in |K|$ if and only if there exists a subset A of K such that A is simplex-like and $x \in \text{Int}^{\textcircled{A}}$.
- (7) $|K_1|$ is empty iff K_1 is empty-membered.
- (8) For every subset A of R_1 holds $|\text{the complex of } \{A\}| = \text{conv } A$.
- (9) For all families A, B of subsets of R_1 holds $|\text{the complex of } A \cup B| = |\text{the complex of } A| \cup |\text{the complex of } B|$.

3. THE SUBDIVISION OF A SIMPLICIAL COMPLEX

Let us consider R_1, K_1 . A simplicial complex structure of R_1 is said to be a subdivision structure of K_1 if it satisfies the conditions (Def. 4).

- (Def. 4)(i) $|K_1| \subseteq |it|$, and
(ii) for every subset A of it such that A is simplex-like there exists a subset B of K_1 such that B is simplex-like and $\text{conv}^{\textcircled{a}} A \subseteq \text{conv}^{\textcircled{a}} B$.

The following proposition is true

- (10) For every subdivision structure P of K_1 holds $|K_1| = |P|$.

Let us consider R_1 and let K_1 be a simplicial complex structure of R_1 with a non-empty element. Observe that every subdivision structure of K_1 has a non-empty element.

We now state four propositions:

- (11) K_1 is a subdivision structure of K_1 .
(12) The complex of the topology of K_1 is a subdivision structure of K_1 .
(13) Let K be a subset-closed simplicial complex structure of V and S_1 be a family of subsets of K . Suppose $S_1 = \text{SubFin}(\text{the topology of } K)$. Then the complex of S_1 is a subdivision structure of K .
(14) For every subdivision structure P_1 of K_1 holds every subdivision structure of P_1 is a subdivision structure of K_1 .

Let us consider V and let K be a simplicial complex structure of V . Note that there exists a subdivision structure of K which is finite-membered and subset-closed.

Let us consider V and let K be a simplicial complex structure of V . A subdivision of K is a finite-membered subset-closed subdivision structure of K .

We now state the proposition

- (15) Let K be a simplicial complex of V with empty element. Suppose $|K| \subseteq \Omega_K$. Let B be a function from $2_+^{\text{the carrier of } V}$ into the carrier of V . Suppose that for every simplex S of K such that S is non empty holds $B(S) \in \text{conv}^{\textcircled{a}} S$. Then $\text{subdivision}(B, K)$ is a subdivision structure of K .

Let us consider V, K_4 . One can verify that there exists a subdivision of K_4 which is non void.

4. THE BARYCENTRIC SUBDIVISION

Let us consider V, K_4 . Let us assume that $|K_4| \subseteq \Omega_{(K_4)}$. The functor $\text{BCS } K_4$ yields a non void subdivision of K_4 and is defined by:

- (Def. 5) $\text{BCS } K_4 = \text{subdivision}(\text{the center of mass of } V, K_4)$.

Let us consider n and let us consider V, K_4 . Let us assume that $|K_4| \subseteq \Omega_{(K_4)}$. The functor $\text{BCS}(n, K_4)$ yields a non void subdivision of K_4 and is defined by:

(Def. 6) $\text{BCS}(n, K_4) = \text{subdivision}(n, \text{the center of mass of } V, K_4)$.

Next we state several propositions:

- (16) If $|K_4| \subseteq \Omega_{(K_4)}$, then $\text{BCS}(0, K_4) = K_4$.
- (17) If $|K_4| \subseteq \Omega_{(K_4)}$, then $\text{BCS}(1, K_4) = \text{BCS } K_4$.
- (18) If $|K_4| \subseteq \Omega_{(K_4)}$, then $\Omega_{\text{BCS}(n, K_4)} = \Omega_{(K_4)}$.
- (19) If $|K_4| \subseteq \Omega_{(K_4)}$, then $|\text{BCS}(n, K_4)| = |K_4|$.
- (20) If $|K_4| \subseteq \Omega_{(K_4)}$, then $\text{BCS}(n+1, K_4) = \text{BCS } \text{BCS}(n, K_4)$.
- (21) If $|K_4| \subseteq \Omega_{(K_4)}$ and $\text{degree}(K_4) \leq 0$, then the topological structure of $K_4 = \text{BCS } K_4$.
- (22) If $n > 0$ and $|K_4| \subseteq \Omega_{(K_4)}$ and $\text{degree}(K_4) \leq 0$, then the topological structure of $K_4 = \text{BCS}(n, K_4)$.
- (23) Let S_2 be a non void subsimplicial complex of K_4 . If $|K_4| \subseteq \Omega_{(K_4)}$ and $|S_2| \subseteq \Omega_{(S_2)}$, then $\text{BCS}(n, S_2)$ is a subsimplicial complex of $\text{BCS}(n, K_4)$.
- (24) If $|K_4| \subseteq \Omega_{(K_4)}$, then $\text{Vertices } K_4 \subseteq \text{Vertices } \text{BCS}(n, K_4)$.

Let us consider n, V and let K be a non void total simplicial complex of V . Note that $\text{BCS}(n, K)$ is total.

Let us consider n, V and let K be a non void finite-vertices total simplicial complex of V . Note that $\text{BCS}(n, K)$ is finite-vertices.

5. SELECTED PROPERTIES OF SIMPLICIAL COMPLEXES

Let us consider V and let K be a simplicial complex structure of V . We say that K is affinely-independent if and only if:

(Def. 7) For every subset A of K such that A is simplex-like holds ${}^{\textcircled{A}}$ A is affinely-independent.

Let us consider R_1, K_1 . We say that K_1 is simplex-join-closed if and only if:

(Def. 8) For all subsets A, B of K_1 such that A is simplex-like and B is simplex-like holds $\text{conv}^{\textcircled{A}} A \cap \text{conv}^{\textcircled{B}} B = \text{conv}^{\textcircled{A \cap B}} A \cap B$.

Let us consider V . Note that every simplicial complex structure of V which is empty-membered is also affinely-independent. Let F be an affinely-independent family of subsets of V . Observe that the complex of F is affinely-independent.

Let us consider R_1 . One can verify that every simplicial complex structure of R_1 which is empty-membered is also simplex-join-closed.

Let us consider V and let I be an affinely-independent subset of V . One can check that the complex of $\{I\}$ is simplex-join-closed.

Let us consider V . One can check that there exists a subset of V which is non empty, trivial, and affinely-independent.

Let us consider V . One can check that there exists a simplicial complex of V which is finite-vertices, affinely-independent, simplex-join-closed, and total and has a non-empty element.

Let us consider V and let K be an affinely-independent simplicial complex structure of V . One can verify that every subsimplicial complex of K is affinely-independent.

Let us consider V and let K be a simplex-join-closed simplicial complex structure of V . One can check that every subsimplicial complex of K is simplex-join-closed.

Next we state the proposition

- (25) Let K be a subset-closed simplicial complex structure of V . Then K is simplex-join-closed if and only if for all subsets A, B of K such that A is simplex-like and B is simplex-like and $\text{Int}(@A)$ meets $\text{Int}(@B)$ holds $A = B$.

For simplicity, we follow the rules: K_5 is a simplex-join-closed simplicial complex of V , A_1, B_1 are subsets of K_5 , K_6 is a non void affinely-independent simplicial complex of V , K_7 is a non void affinely-independent simplex-join-closed simplicial complex of V , and K is a non void affinely-independent simplex-join-closed total simplicial complex of V .

Let us consider V, K_6 and let S be a simplex of K_6 . Note that $@S$ is affinely-independent.

One can prove the following propositions:

- (26) If A_1 is simplex-like and B_1 is simplex-like and $\text{Int}(@A_1)$ meets $\text{conv}^@B_1$, then $A_1 \subseteq B_1$.
- (27) If A_1 is simplex-like and $@A_1$ is affinely-independent and B_1 is simplex-like, then $\text{Int}(@A_1) \subseteq \text{conv}^@B_1$ iff $A_1 \subseteq B_1$.
- (28) If $|K_6| \subseteq \Omega_{(K_6)}$, then $\text{BCS } K_6$ is affinely-independent.

Let us consider V and let K_6 be a non void affinely-independent total simplicial complex of V . Observe that $\text{BCS } K_6$ is affinely-independent. Let us consider n . Observe that $\text{BCS}(n, K_6)$ is affinely-independent.

Let us consider V, K_7 . One can verify that (the center of mass of V)|the topology of K_7 is one-to-one.

We now state the proposition

- (29) If $|K_7| \subseteq \Omega_{(K_7)}$, then $\text{BCS } K_7$ is simplex-join-closed.

Let us consider V, K . Note that $\text{BCS } K$ is simplex-join-closed. Let us consider n . Observe that $\text{BCS}(n, K)$ is simplex-join-closed.

The following four propositions are true:

- (30) Suppose $|K_4| \subseteq \Omega_{(K_4)}$ and for every n such that $n \leq \text{degree}(K_4)$ there exists a simplex S of K_4 such that $\overline{S} = n + 1$ and $@S$ is affinely-independent. Then $\text{degree}(K_4) = \text{degree}(\text{BCS } K_4)$.
- (31) If $|K_6| \subseteq \Omega_{(K_6)}$, then $\text{degree}(K_6) = \text{degree}(\text{BCS } K_6)$.
- (32) If $|K_6| \subseteq \Omega_{(K_6)}$, then $\text{degree}(K_6) = \text{degree}(\text{BCS}(n, K_6))$.

- (33) Let S be a simplex-like family of subsets of K_7 . If S has non empty elements, then $\text{Card } S = \text{Card}((\text{the center of mass of } V)^\circ S)$.

For simplicity, we adopt the following convention: A_2 denotes a finite affinely-independent subset of V , A_3, B_2 denote finite subsets of V , B denotes a subset of V , S, T denote finite families of subsets of V , S_3 denotes a \subseteq -linear finite finite-membered family of subsets of V , S_4, T_1 denote finite simplex-like families of subsets of K , and A_4 denotes a simplex of K .

The following propositions are true:

- (34) Let S_6, S_5 be simplex-like families of subsets of K_7 . Suppose that
- (i) $|K_7| \subseteq \Omega_{(K_7)}$,
 - (ii) S_6 has non empty elements,
 - (iii) $(\text{the center of mass of } V)^\circ S_5$ is a simplex of BCS K_7 , and
 - (iv) $(\text{the center of mass of } V)^\circ S_6 \subseteq (\text{the center of mass of } V)^\circ S_5$.
- Then $S_6 \subseteq S_5$ and S_5 is \subseteq -linear.
- (35) Suppose S has non empty elements and $\bigcup S \subseteq A_2$ and $\overline{\overline{S}} + n + 1 \leq \overline{\overline{A_2}}$. Then the following statements are equivalent
- (i) B_2 is a simplex of $n + \overline{\overline{S}}$ and BCS (the complex of $\{A_2\}$) and $(\text{the center of mass of } V)^\circ S \subseteq B_2$,
 - (ii) there exists T such that T misses S and $T \cup S$ is \subseteq -linear and has non empty elements and $\overline{\overline{T}} = n + 1$ and $\bigcup T \subseteq A_2$ and $B_2 = (\text{the center of mass of } V)^\circ S \cup (\text{the center of mass of } V)^\circ T$.
- (36) Suppose S_3 has non empty elements and $\bigcup S_3 \subseteq A_2$. Then the following statements are equivalent
- (i) $(\text{the center of mass of } V)^\circ S_3$ is a simplex of $\overline{\overline{\bigcup S_3}} - 1$ and BCS (the complex of $\{A_2\}$),
 - (ii) for every n such that $0 < n \leq \overline{\overline{\bigcup S_3}}$ there exists x such that $x \in S_3$ and $\text{Card } x = n$.
- (37) Let given S . Suppose S is \subseteq -linear and has non empty elements and $\overline{\overline{S}} = \text{Card} \bigcup S$. Let given A_3, B_2 . Suppose A_3 is non empty and A_3 misses $\bigcup S$ and $\bigcup S \cup A_3$ is affinely-independent and $\bigcup S \cup A_3 \subseteq B_2$. Then $(\text{the center of mass of } V)^\circ S \cup (\text{the center of mass of } V)^\circ \{\bigcup S \cup A_3\}$ is a simplex of $\overline{\overline{S}}$ and BCS (the complex of $\{B_2\}$).
- (38) Let given S_3 . Suppose S_3 has non empty elements and $\overline{\overline{S_3}} = \overline{\overline{\bigcup S_3}}$. Let v be an element of V . Suppose $v \notin \bigcup S_3$ and $\bigcup S_3 \cup \{v\}$ is affinely-independent. Then $\{S_6; S_6 \text{ ranges over simplexes of } \overline{\overline{S_3}} \text{ and BCS (the complex of } \{\bigcup S_3 \cup \{v\}\})\}$: $(\text{the center of mass of } V)^\circ S_3 \subseteq S_6 = \{(\text{the center of mass of } V)^\circ S_3 \cup (\text{the center of mass of } V)^\circ \{\bigcup S_3 \cup \{v\}\})\}$.
- (39) Let given S_3 . Suppose S_3 has non empty elements and $\overline{\overline{S_3}} + 1 = \overline{\overline{\bigcup S_3}}$ and $\bigcup S_3$ is affinely-independent. Then $\text{Card}\{S_6; S_6 \text{ ranges over simplexes of } \overline{\overline{S_3}} \text{ and BCS (the complex of } \{\bigcup S_3\})\}$: $(\text{the center of mass of } V)^\circ S_3 \subseteq S_6 = 2$.

- (40) Suppose A_2 is a simplex of K . Then B is a simplex of BCS (the complex of $\{A_2\}$) if and only if B is a simplex of BCS K and $\text{conv } B \subseteq \text{conv } A_2$.
- (41) Suppose S_4 has non empty elements and $\overline{S_4} + n \leq \text{degree}(K)$. Then the following statements are equivalent
- (i) A_3 is a simplex of $n + \overline{S_4}$ and BCS K and (the center of mass of V) $^\circ S_4 \subseteq A_3$,
 - (ii) there exists T_1 such that T_1 misses S_4 and $T_1 \cup S_4$ is \subseteq -linear and has non empty elements and $\overline{T_1} = n + 1$ and $A_3 =$ (the center of mass of V) $^\circ S_4 \cup$ (the center of mass of V) $^\circ T_1$.
- (42) Suppose S_4 is \subseteq -linear and has non empty elements and $\overline{S_4} = \overline{\bigcup S_4}$ and $\bigcup S_4 \subseteq A_4$ and $\overline{A_4} = \overline{S_4} + 1$. Then $\{S_6; S_6 \text{ ranges over simplexes of } \overline{S_4} \text{ and BCS } K : (\text{the center of mass of } V)^\circ S_4 \subseteq S_6 \wedge \text{conv}^\circ S_6 \subseteq \text{conv}^\circ A_4\} = \{(\text{the center of mass of } V)^\circ S_4 \cup (\text{the center of mass of } V)^\circ \{A_4\}\}$.
- (43) Suppose S_4 is \subseteq -linear and has non empty elements and $\overline{S_4} + 1 = \overline{\bigcup S_4}$. Then $\text{Card}\{S_6; S_6 \text{ ranges over simplexes of } \overline{S_4} \text{ and BCS } K : (\text{the center of mass of } V)^\circ S_4 \subseteq S_6 \wedge \text{conv}^\circ S_6 \subseteq \text{conv}^\circ \bigcup S_4\} = 2$.
- (44) Let given A_3 . Suppose that
- (i) K is a subdivision of the complex of $\{A_3\}$,
 - (ii) $\overline{A_3} = n + 1$,
 - (iii) $\text{degree}(K) = n$, and
 - (iv) for every simplex S of $n - 1$ and K and for every X such that $X = \{S_6; S_6 \text{ ranges over simplexes of } n \text{ and } K : S \subseteq S_6\}$ holds if $\text{conv}^\circ S$ meets $\text{Int } A_3$, then $\text{Card } X = 2$ and if $\text{conv}^\circ S$ misses $\text{Int } A_3$, then $\text{Card } X = 1$.
Let S be a simplex of $n - 1$ and BCS K and given X such that $X = \{S_6; S_6 \text{ ranges over simplexes of } n \text{ and BCS } K : S \subseteq S_6\}$. Then
 - (v) if $\text{conv}^\circ S$ meets $\text{Int } A_3$, then $\text{Card } X = 2$, and
 - (vi) if $\text{conv}^\circ S$ misses $\text{Int } A_3$, then $\text{Card } X = 1$.
- (45) Let S be a simplex of $n - 1$ and BCS(k , the complex of $\{A_2\}$) such that $\overline{A_2} = n + 1$ and $X = \{S_6; S_6 \text{ ranges over simplexes of } n \text{ and BCS}(k, \text{ the complex of } \{A_2\}): S \subseteq S_6\}$. Then
- (i) if $\text{conv}^\circ S$ meets $\text{Int } A_2$, then $\text{Card } X = 2$, and
 - (ii) if $\text{conv}^\circ S$ misses $\text{Int } A_2$, then $\text{Card } X = 1$.

6. THE MAIN THEOREM

In the sequel v is a vertex of BCS(k , the complex of $\{A_2\}$) and F is a function from Vertices BCS(k , the complex of $\{A_2\}$) into A_2 .

The following two propositions are true:

- (46) Let given F . Suppose that for all v, B such that $B \subseteq A_2$ and $v \in \text{conv } B$ holds $F(v) \in B$. Then there exists n such that $\text{Card}\{S; S \text{ ranges over}$

simplexes of $\overline{A_2} - 1$ and $\text{BCS}(k, \text{the complex of } \{A_2\})$: $F^\circ S = A_2\} = 2 \cdot n + 1$.

- (47) Let given F . Suppose that for all v, B such that $B \subseteq A_2$ and $v \in \text{conv } B$ holds $F(v) \in B$. Then there exists a simplex S of $\overline{A_2} - 1$ and $\text{BCS}(k, \text{the complex of } \{A_2\})$ such that $F^\circ S = A_2$.

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