

## On f.p.p. and f.\*p.p. of some not locally connected continua

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**Abstract.** Let  $X$  be a continuum with the fixed point property (f.p.p.) and  $f: X \rightarrow X$  a continuous mapping. A component  $C$  of the fixed point set of  $f$  is called *essential* if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that every continuous mapping  $f': X \rightarrow X$  with  $|f' - f| < \delta$  has a fixed point in the  $\varepsilon$ -neighborhood  $U_\varepsilon(C)$  of  $C$ ; and  $X$  has *f.\*p.p.* if the fixed point set of every continuous mapping  $f: X \rightarrow X$  has at least one essential component. For instance, a compact absolute retract has f.\*p.p. We give some examples of not locally connected continua with f.p.p., but without f.\*p.p. Also, we exhibit a not locally connected continuum which has both f.p.p. and f.\*p.p.

Let  $X$  be a continuum. If every mapping  $f: X \rightarrow X$  <sup>(1)</sup> has at least one fixed point,  $X$  is said to have the *fixed point property* (f.p.p.). In this paper we investigate the existence of essential components of fixed point sets and the property f.\*p.p., which are defined as follows: a component  $C$  of the fixed point set of  $f$  is called *essential* if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that every mapping  $f': X \rightarrow X$  with  $|f' - f| < \delta$  has a fixed point in the  $\varepsilon$ -neighborhood  $U_\varepsilon(C)$  of  $C$ ; and  $X$  has *f.\*p.p.* if it has f.p.p. and the fixed point set of every mapping  $f: X \rightarrow X$  has at least one essential component.

A retract of a continuum with f.\*p.p. has f.\*p.p., and the Hilbert cube  $I^\omega$  has f.\*p.p. Hence every absolute retract has f.\*p.p. (see [2]). Further, if  $X$  and  $Y$  are two continua with f.\*p.p. and  $X \cap Y$  is a single point, then  $X \cup Y$  has f.\*p.p. (see [1], [5]). The last statement can be extended to the case where the number of continua is countably infinite (see [5]).

The following question is posed in [2]: "Does there exist a space which has f.p.p., but does not have f.\*p.p.?" The purpose of this paper is to give an answer to this problem. In Section I, we will construct some examples of continua with f.p.p., but without f.\*p.p. None of them is locally connected. Next, in Section II, we will give an example of a not locally connected continuum which has f.\*p.p.

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<sup>(1)</sup> All spaces considered in the paper are separable metric and every mapping is continuous.

**Notations and definitions**

$$|f' - f| = \sup_{x \in X} d(f'(x), f(x)).$$

$I$ : the interval  $[0, 1]$ .

$\partial B$ : boundary of the 2-disk  $B$ .

$\text{Int}B$ : the interior of  $B$ .

**I. Some examples of not locally connected continua with f.p.p., but without f\**p.p.***

First we state Borsuk's lemma on f.p.p. (see [1] or [4], p. 343).

**LEMMA 1 (Borsuk).** *Let  $X$  and  $X_n$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ) be compact metric spaces such that  $X \supset X_n$  for every  $n$ . Assume that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $f_n: X \rightarrow X_n$  with  $|f_n(x) - x| < \varepsilon$ . Then, if each  $X_n$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ) has f.p.p., so does  $X$ .*

The next lemma can be proved similarly to Lemma 1.

**LEMMA 2.** *Let  $X$  and  $X_n$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ) be compact metric spaces such that  $X_n \supset X$  for every  $n$ . Assume that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $f_n: X_n \rightarrow X$  with  $|f_n(x) - x| < \varepsilon$ . Then, if each  $X_n$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ) has f.p.p., so does  $X$ .*

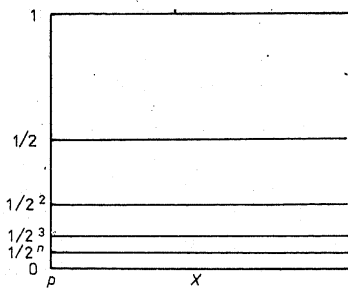


Fig. 1.  $Y_1$  (a comb space)

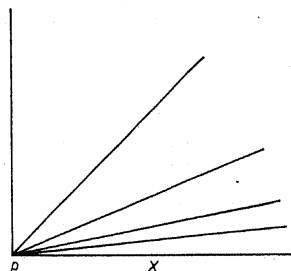


Fig. 2.  $Y_2$

Now we state the main theorems, which give the answer to our problem.

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $X$  be a continuum which satisfies the following conditions:*

- (i)  $X$  has f.p.p., and
- (ii) there exist a point  $p \in X$  and a continuous mapping  $f: X \rightarrow X$  such that  $f(p) = p$  and the component  $C$  of the fixed point set of  $f$  which contains  $p$  is not essential.

Define the subset  $Y_1 \subset X \times I$  as follows:

$$Y_1 = (\{p\} \times I) \cup (X \times \{0\}) \cup \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} (X \times \{1/2^n\}).$$

Then  $Y_1$  has f.p.p., but does not have f\**p.p.*

**Proof.** By Lemma 1, we can easily see that  $Y_1$  has f.p.p. Now, define  $F: Y_1 \rightarrow Y_1$  by  $F(x, y) = (f(x), 0)$ , where  $x \in X$  and  $y \in I$ . Then  $F$  is continuous, and the components

of the fixed point set of  $F$  are  $C \times \{0\}$  and  $C_\alpha \times \{0\}$ , where  $\{C_\alpha\}$  is the collection of all components of the fixed point set of  $f$  other than  $C$ . We will show that neither  $C \times \{0\}$  nor  $C_\alpha \times \{0\}$  is essential.

1) Since  $C$  is not an essential component of the fixed point set of  $f$ , there exists an open set  $U \supset C$  such that for any  $\delta > 0$  there exists a mapping  $f': X \rightarrow X$  satisfying

- (i)  $|f' - f| < \delta$ , and
- (ii)  $f'$  has no fixed point in  $U$ .

Define  $F': Y_1 \rightarrow Y_1$  by  $F'(x, y) = (f'(x), 0)$ . It is easy to see that  $F': Y_1 \rightarrow Y_1$  is continuous and satisfies

- (i)  $|F' - F| < \delta$ , and
- (ii)  $F'$  has no fixed point in  $U \times \{0\}$ .

Since  $F'$  has no fixed point in  $Y_1 - (X \times \{0\})$ ,  $C \times \{0\}$  is not an essential component of the fixed point set of  $F$ .

2) For any  $\delta > 0$  there exists a natural number  $N$  such that  $1/2^N < \delta$ . Define  $F_N: Y_1 \rightarrow Y_1$  as follows:

$$F_N(x, y) = \begin{cases} (f(x), 0) & \text{for } y \geq 1/2^N, \\ (f(x), 1/2^N) & \text{for } y \leq 1/2^{N+1}, \\ (p, 1/2^{N-1} - 2y) & \text{for } 1/2^{N+1} < y < 1/2^N. \end{cases}$$

It is easy to see that  $F_N$  is continuous and its unique fixed point is  $(p, 1/(3 \cdot 2^{N-1}))$ .

Let  $U_\alpha$  be an open set such that  $U_\alpha \supset C_\alpha \times \{0\}$  and  $U_\alpha \cap (\{p\} \times I) = \emptyset$ . Then

- (i)  $|F_N - F| < \delta$ , and
- (ii)  $F_N$  has no fixed point in  $U_\alpha$ .

Hence  $C_\alpha \times \{0\}$  is not an essential component of the fixed point set of  $F$ , which completes the proof.

By using a similar argument to the above, we can show the following:

**THEOREM 1'.** *Let  $Y_2$  be the quotient space  $Y_1/I \times \{p\}$  of  $Y_1$  above. Then  $Y_2$  has f.p.p., but does not have f\**p.p.**

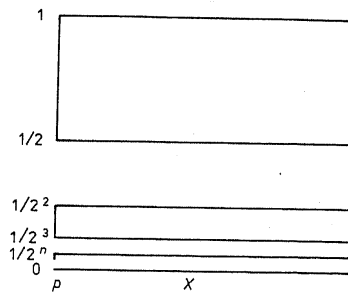


Fig. 3.  $Y_3$

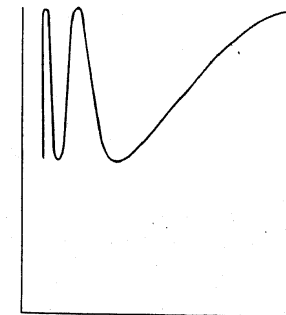


Fig. 4.  $Y_4$

**THEOREM 2.** Let  $X$  be a continuum which satisfies the following conditions:

- (i)  $X$  has f.p.p., and
- (ii) there exists a continuous mapping  $f: X \rightarrow X$  such that  $f(p) = p$ ,  $f(q) = q$ , and  $C_p \cap C_q = \emptyset$ , where  $C_p$  and  $C_q$  are the components of the fixed point set of  $f$  which contain  $p$  and  $q$ , respectively.

Define the subset  $Y_3 \subset X \times I$  as follows:

$$Y_3 = (X \times \{0\}) \cup \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} (X \times \{1/2^n\}) \cup \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} (\{p\} \times [1/2^{2n}, 1/2^{2n+1}]) \\ \cup \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} (\{q\} \times [1/2^{2n+1}, 1/2^{2(n+1)}]).$$

Then  $Y_3$  has f.p.p., but does not have  $f^*p.p.$

**Proof.** By Lemma 1, we can easily see that  $Y_3$  has f.p.p. Now, define  $F: Y_3 \rightarrow Y_3$  by  $F(x, y) = (f(x), 0)$ , where  $x \in X$  and  $y \in I$ . Then  $F$  is continuous, and the components of the fixed point set of  $F$  are  $C_p \times \{0\}$ ,  $C_q \times \{0\}$  and  $C_\alpha \times \{0\}$ , where  $\{C_\alpha\}$  is the collection of all components of the fixed point set of  $f$  other than  $C_p$  and  $C_q$ . We will show that neither  $C_p \times \{0\}$ ,  $C_q \times \{0\}$  nor  $C_\alpha \times \{0\}$  is essential.

1) Let  $U_p$  be an open set such that  $U_p \supset C_p \times \{0\}$  and  $U_p \cap (\{q\} \times I) = \emptyset$ , and  $U_\alpha$  such that  $U_\alpha \supset C_\alpha \times \{0\}$  and  $U_\alpha \cap (\{q\} \times I) = \emptyset$ . For any  $\delta > 0$  there exists a natural number  $N$  with  $1/2^{2N-1} < \delta$ . Define  $F_N: Y_3 \rightarrow Y_3$  as follows:

$$F_N(x, y) = \begin{cases} (f(x), 1/2^{2N}) & \text{for } y \geq 1/2^{2N-1}, \\ (f(x), 1/2^{2N-1}) & \text{for } y \leq 1/2^{2N}, \\ (q, 3/2^{2N} - y) & \text{for } 1/2^{2N} < y < 1/2^{2N-1}. \end{cases}$$

It is easy to see that  $F_N$  is continuous and its unique fixed point is  $(q, 3/2^{2N+1})$ . Thus  $|F_N - F| < \delta$ , and  $F_N$  has no fixed point in  $U_p$  and  $U_\alpha$ . Hence neither  $C_p \times \{0\}$  nor  $C_\alpha \times \{0\}$  is an essential component of the fixed point set of  $F$ .

2) Let  $U_q$  be an open set such that  $U_q \supset C_q \times \{0\}$  and  $U_q \cap (\{p\} \times I) = \emptyset$ . Define  $F'_N: Y_3 \rightarrow Y_3$  as follows:

$$F'_N(x, y) = \begin{cases} (f(x), 1/2^{2N+1}) & \text{for } y \geq 1/2^{2N}, \\ (f(x), 1/2^{2N}) & \text{for } y \leq 1/2^{2N+1}, \\ (p, 3/2^{2N+1} - y) & \text{for } 1/2^{2N+1} < y < 1/2^{2N}. \end{cases}$$

It is easy to see that  $F'_N$  is continuous and its unique fixed point is  $(p, 3/2^{2N+2})$ . Thus again  $|F'_N - F| < \delta$ , and  $F'_N$  has no fixed point in  $U_q$ . Hence  $C_q \times \{0\}$  is not essential either, which completes the proof.

**EXAMPLES.** By letting  $X$  be the interval  $I$  in each of Theorems 1, 1' and 2, we obtain the examples shown in Figures 1, 2, and 3, respectively.

**Remark 1.** From Lemma 2 we can also derive that  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  have f.p.p. For instance, this lemma can be applied to  $Y_1$  by taking

$$X_n = (\{p\} \times I) \cup (X \times [1/2^n, 0]) \cup \bigcup_{k=0}^{n-1} (X \times \{1/2^k\}), \\ f_n(x, y) = \begin{cases} (x, y) & \text{for } y \geq 1/2^{n-1}, \\ (x, 0) & \text{for } y \leq 1/2^n, \\ (p, 2y - 1/2^{n-1}) & \text{for } 1/2^n < y < 1/2^{n-1}. \end{cases}$$

**Remark 2** ( $f^*p.p.$  and Borsuk's lemma). Using Borsuk's lemma, we have proved that each of  $Y_1$ ,  $Y_2$  and  $Y_3$  has f.p.p., but by Theorems 1, 1' and 2, none of them has  $f^*p.p.$  Hence, in Borsuk's lemma, f.p.p. cannot be replaced by  $f^*p.p.$  A similar argument is true for Lemma 2.

**THEOREM 2'.** Let

$$C = \{(x, y) \mid y = (1/2)\sin(1/x) + 1/2, 0 < x \leq 2/\pi\}, \\ I_1 = \{(0, y) \mid -1 \leq y \leq 1\}, \\ I_2 = \{(x, -1) \mid 0 \leq x \leq 2/\pi\}, \\ I_3 = \{(2/\pi, y) \mid -1 \leq y \leq 1\}.$$

Let  $Y_4 = C \cup I_1 \cup I_2 \cup I_3$ . Then  $Y_4$  has f.p.p., but does not have  $f^*p.p.$

**Remark.** It is well known that  $Y_4$  has f.p.p. The space  $Y_4$  is called the *Polish* (or *Warsaw*) circle.

**Proof.** Define  $F: Y_4 \rightarrow Y_4$  by  $F(x, y) = (0, y^2)$ . Then by a similar argument to Theorem 2, we can see that neither of the two fixed points  $(0, 0)$  and  $(0, 1)$  of  $F$  is essential.

### II. A not locally connected continuum with $f^*p.p.$

**LEMMA 3.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be compact metric spaces such that  $X \cap Y = \{p\}$ . Assume that  $X$  has  $f^*p.p.$  If  $f: X \cup Y \rightarrow X \cup Y$  satisfies  $f(p) \in X - p$ , then its fixed point set has an essential component.

**Proof.** Apply the same argument as in the proof of Theorem 1 in [5].

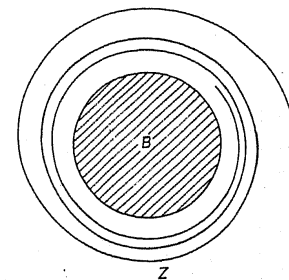


Fig. 5

Now we construct a not locally connected continuum which has both f.p.p. and  $f^*p.p.$

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be given in polar coordinates by*

$$A = \{(r, \theta) \mid r = 2\pi/\theta + 1, \theta \geq 2\pi\}, \quad B = \{(r, \theta) \mid r \leq 1\}.$$

*Let  $Z = A \cup B$ . Then  $Z$  has  $f^*p.p.$*

**Proof.** First we note that  $Z$  has f.p.p. by [3]. Now we prove that  $Z$  has  $f^*p.p.$ , i.e. the fixed point set of every mapping  $f: Z \rightarrow Z$  has an essential component.

Case 1:  $f(A) \subset A$ .

Case 1(a): There exists a point  $p = (2\pi/\theta_0 + 1, \theta_0) \in A$  such that  $f(p) \in A - A_p$ , where  $A_p = \{(r, \theta) \mid r = 2\pi/\theta + 1, \theta \geq \theta_0\}$ . It then follows from Lemma 3 that the fixed point set of  $f$  has an essential component.

Case 1(b):  $f(p) \in A_p$  for every  $p \in A$ . In this case,  $f(\partial B) = \partial B$  and  $f(B) \subset B$ . Further, it is easy to see that the degree of  $f|_{\partial B}: \partial B \rightarrow \partial B$  is not 0. Then  $f(B) = B$ . Hence every mapping  $f': Z \rightarrow Z$  with  $|f' - f| < 1$  satisfies  $f'(B) \subset B$ . Therefore the fixed point set of  $f'$  has an essential component.

Case 2:  $f(A) \subset B$ . In this case we have  $f(B) \subset B$ .

Case 2(a):  $f(Z) \cap \text{Int} B \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $x_0 \in Z$  be such that  $f(x_0) \in \text{Int} B$  and let  $d_0 = d(f(x_0), \partial B)$ . Hence, every mapping  $f': Z \rightarrow Z$  with  $|f' - f| < d_0$  satisfies  $f'(B) \subset B$ . Therefore the fixed point set of  $f$  has an essential component.

Case 2(b):  $f(Z) \subset \partial B$ . For convenience, we define another metric  $d^*$  on  $A$  as a half-line as follows:

$$d^*(x, y) = |x - y|^* = |\theta_0 - \theta_1| \quad \text{for } x = (r_0, \theta_0), y = (r_1, \theta_1),$$

and let  $V_\varrho(C)$  be the  $\varrho$ -neighborhood of  $C$  in  $A$  with metric  $d^*$ .

Let  $g = f|_{\partial B}: \partial B \rightarrow \partial B$ . First, we note that the degree of  $g$  is 0 and hence there exists  $x \in \partial B$  with  $f(x) \neq x$ . Using polar coordinates, define the projection  $P: A \rightarrow \partial B$  by  $P(r, \theta) = (1, \theta)$ . Let

$$I_n = \{(r, \theta) \mid r = 2\pi/\theta + 1, 2n\pi \leq \theta < 2(n+1)\pi\}.$$

Choose a point  $a$  with  $g(a) = a$  and let  $P^{-1}(a) = \{a_n\}$ , where  $a_n \in I_n$ . Since the degree of  $g$  is 0, there exists  $g_n: A \rightarrow A$ , the lift of  $g$  with  $g_n(a_n) = a_n$ . Note that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n|_{A_n} = g$ , where  $A_n$  is the closure of  $V_\varrho(g_n A)$ . Let  $C_n$  be any component of the fixed point set of  $g_n|_{A_n}: A_n \rightarrow A_n$ . Let  $x_n \in A_n$  and  $x = P(x_n) \in \partial B$ . Since  $g_n(x_n) \neq x_n$  for  $x_n$  with  $g(x) \neq x$ ,  $P(C_n) = C$  is a component of the fixed point set of  $g$ . Note that every  $g'_n: A \rightarrow A$  with  $|g'_n - g_n|^* < \varrho$  ( $\varrho < \pi$ ) is the lift of some  $g': \partial B \rightarrow \partial B$  with  $|g' - g| < \varrho$ . Hence, if  $C_n$  is an essential component of the fixed point set of  $g_n|_{A_n}$ ,  $P(C_n) = C$  is an essential component of the fixed set of  $g$ , and vice versa.

Let  $C^*$  be an essential component of the fixed point set of  $f|_B: B \rightarrow B$ . Then  $C^*$  is also an essential component of the fixed point set of  $g = f|_{\partial B}: \partial B \rightarrow \partial B$ . Therefore, the component  $C_n^*$  of the fixed point set of  $g_n|_{A_n}$  such that  $P(C_n^*) = C^*$  is essential.

We will show  $C^*$  is an essential component of the fixed point set of  $f: Z \rightarrow Z$ , i.e. for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that every  $f': Z \rightarrow Z$  with  $|f' - f| < \delta$  has a fixed point in  $U_\varepsilon(C^*)$ .

Case 2(b)(i):  $f'(Z) \subset B$ . Since  $C^*$  is an essential component of the fixed point set of  $f|_B: B \rightarrow B$ , for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta_B > 0$  such that every  $f'|_B: B \rightarrow B$  with  $|f'|_B - f|_B| < \delta_B$  has a fixed point in  $U_\varepsilon(C^*)$ .

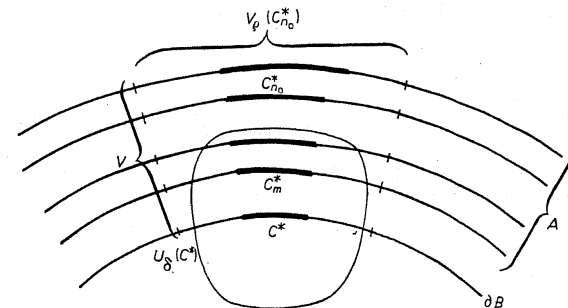


Fig. 6

Case 2(b)(ii):  $f'(Z) \subset A$ . There exists  $n_0$  such that for every  $n \geq n_0$ ,  $C_n^*$  is contained in  $U_{\varepsilon/2}(C^*)$ . Let  $\varrho_0 > 0$  be a real number such that  $(1/n_0 + 1)\varrho_0 < \varepsilon/2$ . Then  $V_{\varrho_0}(C_n^*) \subset U_\varepsilon(C^*)$  ( $n \geq n_0$ ). Since  $C_n^*$  is an essential component of the fixed point set of  $g_n|_{A_n}: A_n \rightarrow A_n$  and  $g_n$  is the lift of  $g$ , for every  $n$  there exists  $\varrho > 0$  such that every  $g'_n: A \rightarrow A$  with  $|g'_n|_{A_n} - g_n|_{A_n}|^* < \varrho$  has a fixed point in  $V_{\varrho_0}(C_n^*)$ . Let  $V = \bigcup_{n=n_0}^\infty V_\varrho(C_n^*)$  and let  $\delta > 0$  be a real number such that  $U_\delta(C^*) \cap A \subset V$ . By the continuity of  $f$ , there exists  $N$  such that  $|f(x) - f(P(x))| < \delta/4$  for every  $n \geq N$  and  $x \in A_n$ .

Now let  $\delta_A = \min\{\delta/4, \kappa\}$  and let  $f'$  be a mapping with  $|f' - f| < \delta_A$ , where  $\kappa = \sup\{d(x, \partial B) \mid x \in A_n\}$ . Since  $f(C_n^*) \subset \partial B$ , we have

$$d(f'(C_n^*), \partial B) \leq d(f'(C_n^*), f(C_n^*)) \leq |f' - f| < \kappa.$$

Furthermore, for every  $n \geq N$  and  $x \in A_n$ , we have

$$|f'(x) - f(P(x))| \leq |f'(x) - f(x)| + |f(x) - f(P(x))| < \delta/4 + \delta/4 = \delta/2.$$

Hence,  $d(f'(x), f(C^*)) = d(f'(x), C^*) < \delta/2$  for  $x \in C_n^*$ . Then,  $f'(C_n^*) \subset U_\delta(C^*)$  ( $n \geq N$ ). Since the degree of  $Pf'|_{\partial B}$  is 0, there exists  $m \geq N$  such that  $f'(C_m^*) \subset V_\varrho(C_m^*)$  for every  $n \geq N$ . Hence  $f''(C_m^*) \subset U_\delta(C^*) \subset V$  and  $f''(C_m^*) \subset V_\varrho(C_m^*)$ . Since  $|f(P(x)) - g_m(x)| < 2|f' - f| < \delta/2$  for  $x \in A_m$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f'(x) - g_m(x)| &\leq |f'(x) - f(x)| + |f(x) - f(P(x))| + |f(P(x)) - g_m(x)| \\ &< \delta/4 + \delta/4 + \delta/2 = \delta. \end{aligned}$$

By the continuity of  $f'$ , we have  $|f'|_{A_m} - g_m|_{A_m}|^* < \varrho$ . Hence  $f'|_{A_m}: A_m \rightarrow A_m$  has a fixed point in  $V_{\varrho_0}(C_m^*)$ . Thus,  $f'$  has a fixed point in  $V_{\varrho_0}(C_m^*) \subset U_\varepsilon(C^*)$ .

From Cases 2(b)(i) and (ii) it follows that every mapping  $f': Z \rightarrow Z$  with  $|f' - f| < \min\{\delta_A, \delta_B\}$  has a fixed point in  $U_\varepsilon(C^*)$ . This completes the proof.

Remark. While  $Z$  has  $f^*$ -p.p., the cone over  $Z$  does not have f.p.p. (see [3]).

**Addendum.** We can construct an example of a locally connected continuum which has f.p.p. but does not have  $f^*$ -p.p. Define

$$B_n = \{x \mid (x - 1/2^n)^2 + y^2 \leq 1/(3 \cdot 2^n)^2\},$$

$$Y_5 = (\{(0,0)\} \times I) \cup \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} (\partial B_n \times I) \cup \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} (B_n \times \{0\}).$$

By a similar argument to that of Theorem 1, we can prove that  $Y_5$  has f.p.p. but does not have  $f^*$ -p.p. Another similar example corresponding to Theorem 2 can also be easily constructed.

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## Torsion free types

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**Abstract.** It is shown how the known classification of nonsingular, injective modules  $M$  into Types I, II, and III as well as corresponding direct sum decompositions  $M = M_I \oplus M_{II} \oplus M_{III}$  are merely special cases of a more general phenomenon. There is a functor  $\mathcal{E}$  from rings  $R$  to complete Boolean lattices (equivalently Boolean rings)  $\mathcal{E}(R)$ , where each point of  $\mathcal{E}(R)$  is a class of similar nonsingular modules. Types I, II, III, continuous, discrete, and certain other classes of modules correspond to unique elements of  $\mathcal{E}(R)$ . Appropriate finite sets of disjoint classes of modules induce direct sum decompositions of  $\mathcal{E}$  as a direct sum of subfunctors. The latter give rise to corresponding direct sum decompositions of nonsingular injective modules  $M$ , such as  $M = M_I \oplus M_{II} \oplus M_{III}$ .

**Introduction.** This article will show how the classification of certain torsion free modules into Types I, II, and III ([MN], [K], [B], and [GB]) is a special case of a classification scheme developed in [D]. If  $A$  is a unital right  $R$ -module and  $ZA$  its singular submodule, then the second singular submodule  $ZA \subseteq Z_2A \subseteq A$  is defined by  $Z[A/Z_2A] = (Z_2A)/ZA$ . A module is *torsion free* if  $ZA = Z_2A = 0$ , and *torsion* if it equals its *torsion submodule*  $Z_2A = A$ . This is a continuation of [D] where the following was shown. There exists a contravariant functor  $\mathcal{E}$  applicable to any associative ring  $R$  with identity. The result is a complete Boolean lattice  $\mathcal{E}(R)$ . The functor  $\mathcal{E}$  classifies or partitions the class of all torsion free right  $R$ -modules  $\{A, B, \dots\}$  into equivalence classes  $\mathcal{E}(R) = \{[A], [B], \dots\}$  where  $A \in [A]$ , and  $[A]$  consists of a class of modules that are similar, or are like  $A$ . An appropriate ring homomorphism  $R \rightarrow S$  induces a lattice (equivalently Boolean ring) homomorphism  $\mathcal{E}(S) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}(R)$ .

Goodearl and Boyle ([GB]) extended the Murray-von Neumann-Kaplansky ([MN], [K], and [B]) classification of operator algebras,  $W^*$ -algebras, and Baer  $*$ -rings into Types I =  $I_f \cup I_\infty$ , II =  $II_f \cup II_\infty$ , III, abelian, directly finite, and purely infinite to all torsion free injective modules. Here this latter theory is extended to all torsion free modules over any ring by defining  $M$  to belong to any of the latter classes if and only if its injective hull  $EM$  does (e.g.  $M \in III$  iff  $EM \in III$ ). In order to obtain necessary and sufficient conditions for  $M$  (as opposed to  $EM$ ) to be of Types I, II, III, abelian etc. (4.2, 4.4, and 4.5), the usual definitions are reformulated without reference to idempotents (3.3, 3.4).

It is shown that there exist unique largest elements  $[I]$ ,  $[II]$ ,  $[III] \in \mathcal{E}(R)$  which determine Type I, II, and III modules (Corollary 3.16). More specifically,  $[III]$  consists