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Productivity of Zariski-compactness for constructs of affine spaces

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Abstract

We study compactness for hereditary coreflective subconstructs \mathbf{X} of SSET, the construct of affine spaces over the two point set S and with affine maps as morphisms, endowed with the Zariski closure operator z. We formulate necessary conditions for productivity of z-compactness. Moreover, if in \mathbf{X} arbitrary products of quotients are quotients, then our conditions are also sufficient. We apply the results to some well-known subconstructs of SSET, in particular we investigate situations in which another sufficient condition for productivity of compactness, known as finite structure property for products (FSPP), is not fulfilled by the Zariski closure. © 2005 Published by Elsevier B.V.

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1. Introduction

An affine space X over the two point set $S = \{0, 1\}$ is a structured set, where the structure on the underlying set X is a collection of subsets of X. The sets belonging to the structure are called the "open" sets of X. An affine map from $X \to Y$ is a function f such

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that inverse images of open sets are open. An affine space can of course be equivalently described by defining a collection of maps to S instead of giving a family of open subsets of X. It was pointed out by Giuli in [10] that affine spaces and maps coincide with normal Boolean Chu spaces and continuous maps, as introduced by Pratt for modelling concurrent computation [16]. More general settings have been considered where S is replaced by some arbitrary fixed set K [8,11].

In this paper we will restrict ourselves to affine spaces X for which \emptyset and X are open. As in [10], the corresponding construct of affine spaces and affine maps as morphisms is denoted by SSET. The space $S = (S, \{\emptyset, X, \{1\}\})$ is called the Sierpinski affine space. The construct SSET is well-fibered topological and it is endowed with the usual $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{M})$ factorization structure, where \mathcal{E} is the class of epimorphisms and where \mathcal{M} is the class of embeddings. On this category lives a natural closure operator, called the Zariski closure z. For $M \to X$ in \mathcal{M} and $x \in X$ we put $x \in z(M)$ if and only if for every α and β , affine maps to S, whenever α and β coincide on M they also coincide in x. The Zariski closure is the regular closure associated with the class of T_0 -objects in SSET in the sense of [15]. Moreover this closure operator is known to be hereditary. Well-known constructs such as **TOP**, the construct of topological spaces or **CL**, the construct of closure spaces are hereditary coreflective full subconstructs of SSET. Such coreflective and hereditary subconstructs inherit the factorization structure as well as the Zariski closure operator from **SSET.** A thorough investigation on categorical completeness (absolutely z-closedness) in T_0X , the class of T_0 -objects for some hereditary and coreflective subconstruct X of SSET, has been carried out by Giuli in [10] and we make frequent use of the results obtained there. In [9] internal characterizations are given for z-completeness in T_0X .

In this paper we will be dealing with the categorical notion of compactness as developed in [6] and applied to the Zariski closure z on SSET and on some of its subconstructs. In particular we will investigate productivity of Zariski-compactness. For an arbitrary hereditary coreflective subconstruct X, we prove that productivity of z-compactness in X implies the property that either all z-compact objects are indiscrete or z-compactness coincides with z-completeness (i.e., absolutely z-closedness) on T_0 -objects of X. Moreover we prove that, when in X arbitrary products of quotients are quotients, our conditions are also sufficient. We apply these results to some well-known subconstructs such as CL and TOP and to some of their subconstructs, in particular to some constructs on which the Zariski closure fails to satisfy the FSPP condition (the finite structure property for products) [6].

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2. Notations and preliminary results

The Sierpinski space S plays an important role in SSET, in particular it is an initially dense object. Also SSET has some other nice properties. The following preliminary result about the interaction of products and quotients in SSET will be usefull for us.

Proposition 2.1. *In SSET arbitrary products of quotients are quotients.*

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