

Weak Reflections and Remainders in Compactifications

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Abstract. In this paper, we introduce Fan-Gottesman remainder. We characterize the spaces having a weak reflection in compact spaces as the spaces with the finite Fan-Gottesman remainder.

1 Introduction and Some Preliminaries

A compactification of a space X is a compact space containing X as a dense subspace. Recall the Fan-Gottesman compactification is defined by Ky Fan and Noel Gottesman. In 1952, they constructed the compactification for a space X with a base β for the open sets, containing \emptyset and satisfying the following conditions:

- (i) $A, B \in \beta$ implies $A \cap B \in \beta$
- (ii) $A \in \beta$ implies $X - clA \in \beta$
- (iii) For every open set U in X and every $A \in \beta$ such that $clA \subset U$, there exists a set $B \in \beta$ such that $clA \subset B \subset clB \subset U$

The compactification associated with β is obtained as follows. A centered system x^* is defined as a family of elements in β such that

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^m clA_i \neq \emptyset$$

for every finite family A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m in x^* . By Teichmüller-Tukey lemma each centered system of β is contained in a maximal one. The set of all maximal centered systems of β is denoted by X^* . For each $A \in \beta$, A^* is defined as the set of all maximal centered systems x^* such that $B \in x^*$ for some $B \in \beta$ where $clA \subset B$. Namely;

$$A^* = \{x^* \in X^* : \text{there exists a } B \in x^* \text{ with } clA \subset B\}$$

A topology on X^* is defined by taking

$$\beta^* = \{A^* : A \in \beta\}$$

as a base for its open sets. X^* is compact and Hausdorff space with this topology. X^* is called Fan-Gottesman compactification [2].

Now, we will define this compactification via ultra-open filter

$$X^* = X \cup \{cl(G) : G \in y, y \text{ is a nonconvergent ultra-open filter in } X\}$$

where "ultra-open" means maximal among all filters, having a base consisting of open sets. The sets

$$S(G) = G \cup \{cl(G) : y \in X^* - X, cl(G) \in y\}$$

where G is open in X , constitute an open base of X^* .

In this paper, we will say that $X^* - X$ is Fan-Gottesman remainder.

The notion of weak reflection is a natural generalization of the concept of *reflection*. It is well known that any continuous mapping $f : X \rightarrow Y$ to compact Hausdorff space Y may be uniquely factorized through the Stone-Čech compactification $\beta_c X$ of the completely regular T_1 -modification cX of X . Then the space $\beta_c X$ is the reflection of X in compact Hausdorff spaces.

Any compactification γX of X is said to be a *weak reflection* of X in the class of compact space if for every compact Y and every continuous mapping $f : X \rightarrow Y$ there exists a mapping

$g : \gamma X \rightarrow Y$ continuously extending f . Note that for a compact Hausdorff space Y , the Fan-Gottesman compactification X^* also has the extension property described above.

It is natural to ask whether every topological space has, at least, a weak reflection in general compact space. This question was asked by J. Adámek and J. Rosický [1] and was answered in the negative by M. Hušek [3]. In fact, he described some spaces having a weak reflection in compact spaces and some spaces having no weak reflection in compact spaces. He also fully characterized all normal spaces which have a weak reflection in compact spaces; they are exactly the spaces with the finite Wallman (or, equivalently, Stone-Ćech) remainder. In this paper we show that every space with finite Fan-Gottesman remainder has a weak reflection in compact regular space.

2 Main Results

Theorem 2.1. *If the Fan-Gottesman remainder of X is finite, then the Fan-Gottesman compactification of X is the weak reflection of X in compact space.*

Proof. Let $X^* - X$ is finite, $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be continuous, Y be compact. For $x \in X^* - X$ put $f^\sim(x)$ to be an accumulation point of $\{A : clA \text{ is in } Y, f^{-1}(A) \in x\}$ for $x \in X$ define $f^\sim(x) = f(x)$. We shall prove that $f^\sim : X^* \rightarrow Y$ is continuous. Clearly, f^\sim is continuous on X since the restriction of f^\sim to X coincides with f and X is open in X^* . Take $x \in X^* - X$ and an open set G in Y containing $f^\sim(x)$. Then $f^{-1}(G)$ is open in X . Since there is some $F \in x$ such that $F \subset f^{-1}(G)$, we can choose an open subset U of $f^{-1}(G)$ such that $X - U$ belongs to all elements of $X^* - X$ but not to x . Then $U \cup (x)$ is neighborhood of in X^* and f^\sim maps this neighborhood into G . \square

Lemma 2.2. *Let X be an infinite topological T_1 space. Then X contains an infinite subspace with discrete space or an infinite subspace with the topology of finite complements [4].*

Lemma 2.3. *If X contains an infinite family $\{F_i\}$ of closed noncompact subsets such that $F_p \cap F_q$ is compact for $p \neq q$, then X has no weak reflection in compact space [3].*

Lemma 2.4. *Let X be a topological space. Suppose that $X^* - X$ contains an infinite subspace with discrete topology. Then there exists a sequence F_1, F_2, \dots of closed noncompact subsets of X which are pairwise disjoint.*

Proof. Assume that $\mathbb{N} \subseteq X^* - X$ and the topology of \mathbb{N} , induced from X^* , is discrete. Let β be collection of all open sets in X . There exist open sets $G_n \in \beta$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n \in S(G_n)$ and $m \notin S(G_n)$ for $n \neq m$. Since $G_n \in n$, there is some open set U_n such that $U_n \in n$ with $U_n \subseteq G_n$. The sets $F_n = U_n - \bigcup_{i=1}^{n-1} G_i$, where $n \in \mathbb{N}$, constitutes the desired family. \square

Indeed, every F_n is closed and disjoint from F_m for $n \neq m$. The noncompactness of F_n follows from the fact that every $n \in \mathbb{N} \subseteq X^* - X$ constitutes a nonconvergent ultra-closed filter in X .

Lemma 2.5. *Let X be a topological space. Suppose that $X^* - X$ contains an infinite subspace having the topology of finite complements. Then there exists a sequence H_1, H_2, \dots of closed noncompact subsets of X which are pairwise disjoint.*

Proof. We may assume that $\mathbb{N} \subseteq X^* - X$ and the topology of \mathbb{N} , induced from X^* , is the topology of finite complements. Denote by β the collection of all open sets in X . By induction we define the desired sequence:

- (i) Let $N_1 = \mathbb{N}, x_1 = 1, y_1 = 2$. There exists an open set $G_1 \in \beta$ such that $x_1 \notin S(G_1)$ and $y_1 \in S(G_1)$. Since $N_1 \cap S(G_1) \neq \emptyset$, the set $N_1 - S(G_1)$ is finite and then the set $N_2 = N_1 \cap S(G_1)$ is infinite. Since $x_1 \notin S(G_1)$ it follows that $G_1 \notin x_1$ which implies that $X - G_1 \in x_1$. We put $F_1 = X - G_1$. Evidently, F_1 is closed in X and nonempty since $F_1 \in x_1$. Moreover, it is noncompact because x_1 is a nonconvergent ultraclosed filter in X .
- (ii) Suppose that for some $k \geq 1$ there exist open set $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_k \in \beta$ sets $N_1, N_2, \dots, N_k \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ and noncompact closed sets $F_1, F_2, \dots, F_k \subseteq X$ such that

- i $G_1 \supseteq G_2 \supseteq \dots \supseteq G_k$,
- ii $G_{i+1} = G_i \cap S(G_i)$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$,
- iii G_{k+1} is finite ,

iv $F_i \subseteq (X - G_i) \cap G_{i-1}$ for $i = 2, 3, \dots, k$.

We shall prove that (2) is fulfilled for $k + 1$.

By (iii) there are two distinct points $x_{k+1}, y_{k+1} \in N_{k+1}$ and an open set $G_{k+1} \in \beta$ such that $x_{k+1} \notin S(G_{k+1})$ and $y_{k+1} \in S(G_{k+1})$. Because $N_{k+1} \subseteq S(G_k)$ by (ii), one can easily check that we may assume $G_k \supseteq G_{k+1}$. Hence (i) is fulfilled. We put $N_{k+2} = N_{k+1} \cap S(G_{k+1})$. The set $\mathbb{N} \cap S(G_{k+1})$ is open in \mathbb{N} and nonempty because it contains y_{k+1} . Hence its complement $\mathbb{N} - S(G_{k+1})$ is finite; therefore $N_{k+1} - S(G_{k+1})$ is also finite. It follows that N_{k+2} is infinite. Notice that (ii) and (iii) are satisfied for $k + 1$. Since $x_{k+1} \notin S(G_{k+1})$, it follows $G_{k+1} \notin x_{k+1}$ and then $X - G_{k+1} \in x_{k+1}$. On the other hand, since $x_{k+1} \in N_{k+1} \subseteq S(G_k)$, we have $G_k \in x_{k+1}$. Then there exists a set $U_{k+1} \in x_{k+1}$, closed in X , such that $U_{k+1} \subset G_k$. We put

$$F_{k+1} = U_{k+1} \cap (X - G_{k+1})$$

Evidently, F_{k+1} is closed in X and since $F_{k+1} \in x_{k+1}$ it is nonempty. Moreover, it is noncompact because x_{k+1} is a nonconvergent ultraclosed filter in X . Since $U_{k+1} \subset G_k$ it follows that $F_{k+1} \subseteq (X - G_{k+1}) \cap G_k$. Hence (iv) is fulfilled for $k + 1$, which completes the induction.

Now let $p, r \in \mathbb{N}, p < r$. Then, by (iv) and (i), it follows that $F_r \subseteq G_{r-1} \subseteq \dots \subseteq G_p$. On the other hand, by (iv) we have $F_p \subseteq X - G_p$, which implies that $F_p \cap F_r = \emptyset$. It follows that $\{F_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ is the desired sequence. \square

Theorem 2.6. *Let X be a topological space. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i) The Fan-Gottesman compactification of X is its weak reflection in compact spaces.
- (ii) The space X has a weak reflection in compact spaces.
- (iii) There exists such that any pairwise disjoint family of closed sets in X contains at most k noncompact elements.
- (iv) Every infinite sequences F_1, F_2, \dots of closed sets such that $F_p \cap F_q$ is compact for $p \neq q$ has a compact member
- (v) The Fan-Gottesman remainder of X is finite.

Proof. We will show that (i) \Rightarrow (ii) \Rightarrow (iv) \Rightarrow (v) \Rightarrow (vi) \Rightarrow (i) and (vi) \Rightarrow (iii) \Rightarrow (v). But (i) \Rightarrow (ii), (iii) \Rightarrow (v) and (iv) \Rightarrow (v) are clear; Lemma 2.2 implies that (ii) \Rightarrow (iv). The implication (vi) \Rightarrow (i) follows from Theorem 2.1

(v) \Rightarrow (vi) Suppose that Fan-Gottesman remainder is infinite. Since the Fan-Gottesman remainder is a T_1 -space, it follows from Lemma 2.1 that Fan-Gottesman remainder contains an infinite discrete subspace or an infinite subspace with the topology of finite complements. Then by Lemma 2.3 or Lemma 2.4, we obtain that there is a sequence F_1, F_2, \dots of subsets of X which are closed, noncompact and pairwise disjoint.

(vi) \Rightarrow (iii) Let $k \in \mathbb{N}$ be the cardinality of Fan-Gottesman remainder. Assume that for $m \in \mathbb{N}$ there are pairwise disjoint, closed and noncompact sets $F_1, F_2, \dots, F_m \subseteq X$. Then since every F_i is noncompact and closed, there are nonconvergent ultra-closed filters $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m \in X^* - X$ such that $F_i \in y_i$ for every $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$. Since $F_p \cap F_q = \emptyset$ for $p \neq q$, it follows that $y_p \neq y_q$. Therefore $m \leq k$, which completes the proof. \square

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