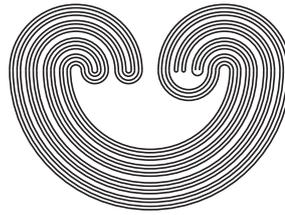


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**ABSTRACT.** Sam B. Nadler, Jr. and Patricia Pellicer-Covarrubias studied the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -homogeneity of the hyperspace of subcontinua of a continuum  $X$ . We continue this investigation and include results about the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -homogeneity of the hyperspace suspension of  $X$ .

### 1. INTRODUCTION

An investigation of  $\frac{1}{2}$ -homogeneity of the hyperspace of subcontinua,  $\mathcal{C}(X)$ , of a continuum  $X$  is initiated in [23]. We continue with this investigation and we include results on the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -homogeneity of the hyperspace suspension,  $HS(X)$ , of  $X$ , which is introduced in [21].

In this paper we investigate the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -homogeneity of the hyperspace of subcontinua,  $\mathcal{C}(X)$ , of a continuum  $X$  and present some general results we use later to provide partial answers to [23, Question, p. 142] (Theorems 3.9, 3.11, and 3.12). We study the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -homogeneity of  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  when  $X$  is an indecomposable continuum in section 4. In section 5 we prove that a continuum  $X$  is a simple closed curve when  $X$  is homogeneous and  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  is  $\frac{1}{2}$ -homogeneous (Theorem 5.3). We investigate the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -homogeneity of the hyperspace suspension,  $HS(X)$ , of the continuum  $X$  in section 6.

The present work started in the first half of 2008, while the first named author spent a sabbatical year at the University of Toledo, Ohio (2007-2008). After I left Toledo, we worked on the paper via e-mail. After some

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