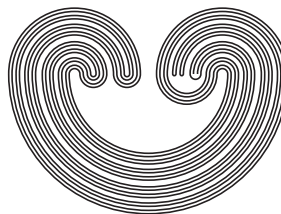


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ABSTRACT. We study how forcing destroys connectedness of topological spaces. A topological space is called strongly connected if every continuous real-valued function on it is constant. We give an example where forcing destroys strong connectedness of a space.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let $\mathbf{V}$ be a ground model. For a forcing $\mathbb{P}$, let $\mathbf{V}^{\mathbb{P}}$ denote the forcing extension of $\mathbf{V}$ by $\mathbb{P}$. For a topological space $(X, \mathcal{T}_X)$ in $\mathbf{V}$, we consider a topological space $(X, \mathcal{T}_X^{\mathbb{P}})$ in $\mathbf{V}^{\mathbb{P}}$ such that $\mathcal{T}_X^{\mathbb{P}}$ is the topology generated by $\mathcal{T}_X$ in $\mathbf{V}^{\mathbb{P}}$. By definition, $\mathcal{T}_X$ is a base for $\mathcal{T}_X^{\mathbb{P}}$. For a topological property φ , we say that a forcing $\mathbb{P}$ preserves φ , provided whenever $(X, \mathcal{T}_X)$ has property φ , $(X, \mathcal{T}_X^{\mathbb{P}})$ also has property φ . If a forcing $\mathbb{P}$ does not preserve property φ , then we say that $\mathbb{P}$ destroys property φ .

In [4], Renata Grunberg, L'ucia R. Junqueira, and Franklin D. Tall studied conditions under which normality is preserved by adding Cohen reals. In [3], William G. Fleissner, Tim LaBerge, and Adrienne Stanley invented a machine that turns a Dowker space into another Dowker space whose normality is destroyed by adding a Cohen real. In [5], we studied how forcing destroys Fréchet-Urysohn property. The purpose of this note is to study how forcing destroys connectedness of topological spaces. Let us give definitions.

Definition 1.1. A topological space is said to be *connected* if the empty set and the whole space are the only clopen (= closed and open) subsets of the space.

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