

## The Gromov-Hausdorff Hyperspaces

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The Gromov-Hausdorff distance  $d_{\text{GH}}$  was introduced by M. Gromov. It turns the set  $\text{GH}$  of all isometry classes of nonempty compact metric spaces into a metric space. Recall that for two compact metric spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ , the number  $d_{\text{GH}}(X, Y)$  is defined to be the infimum of all Hausdorff distances  $d_{\text{H}}(i(X), j(Y))$  for all metric spaces  $M$  and all isometric embeddings  $i : X \hookrightarrow M$  and  $j : Y \hookrightarrow M$ .

For a given metric space  $X$ , the Gromov-Hausdorff hyperspace  $\text{GH}(X)$  is the subspace of  $\text{GH}$  consisting of the classes  $[E] \in \text{GH}$  whose representative  $E$  is a metric subspace of  $X$ .

In this talk we shall discuss the Gromov-Hausdorff hyperspaces  $\text{GH}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and related spaces. In particular, we prove that  $\text{GH}([0, 1])$  is homeomorphic to the Hilbert cube, thus giving a positive answer to question 1307 from the book: E. Pearl (ed.), *Open problems in Topology II*, Elsevier, Amsterdam, 2007 (see the paper by T. Banach, R. Cauty and M. Zarichnyi therein).