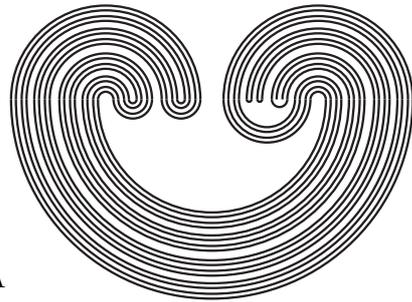


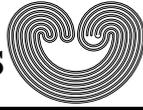
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## WHITNEY PRESERVING MAPS ONTO DECOMPOSITION SPACES

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ABSTRACT. We prove that if  $X$  has a continuous decomposition  $\mathcal{A}$  into terminal continua, then the projection  $\pi : X \rightarrow X/\mathcal{A}$  is a Whitney preserving map.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

In [1], the author introduced the notion of Whitney preserving functions and proved that every Whitney preserving map  $f : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ , from a continuum  $X$  containing a dense arc component onto the unit interval  $[0, 1]$ , is a homeomorphism. Example 3 in [1] shows the necessity of  $X$  having a dense arc component; in this paper, the author generalizes Example 3 of [1] by proving that, if  $X$  has a continuous decomposition  $\mathcal{A}$  into terminal continua, then the projection  $\pi : X \rightarrow X/\mathcal{A}$  is a Whitney preserving map, where  $X/\mathcal{A}$  is the decomposition space. This result is combined with the construction given in [4] to prove that for any one-dimensional continuum  $Y$ , there exists a one-dimensional continuum  $X$ , different from  $Y$ , such that there exists a Whitney preserving map from  $X$  to  $Y$ .

A *continuum* is a nonempty compact connected metric space. Throughout this paper,  $X, Y$ , and  $Z$  will denote continua, unless otherwise specified.  $C(X)$  denotes the *hyperspace of subcontinua*

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of  $X$ ; the topology for  $C(X)$  is given by the Hausdorff metric (see [2]). The unit interval  $[0, 1]$  will be denoted by  $I$ .

A continuous function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called *weakly confluent* if for each subcontinuum  $C$  of  $Y$  there is a component  $A$  of  $f^{-1}(C)$  such that  $f(A) = C$ .

A collection  $\mathcal{A}$  of nonempty compact subsets of  $X$  is called a *set-theoretic decomposition of  $X$*  provided the elements of  $\mathcal{A}$  are mutually disjoint and  $\bigcup \mathcal{A} = X$ . If  $\mathcal{A}$  is a set-theoretic decomposition of  $X$ , then  $X/\mathcal{A}$  will denote the decomposition space obtained by identifying all the points of each member of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Definition 1.1.** A continuous function  $\mu : C(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called a *Whitney map* for  $C(X)$  if it satisfies the following two conditions:

- (i)  $\mu(\{x\}) = 0$  for all  $x \in X$ , and
- (ii)  $\mu(A) < \mu(B)$  whenever  $A \subseteq B$  and  $A \neq B$ .

Let  $t \in [0, \mu(X)]$ ; the set  $\mu^{-1}(t)$  is called a *Whitney level of  $C(X)$* .

**Definition 1.2.** An *order arc*  $\alpha$  in  $C(X)$  is an arc in  $C(X)$  such that if  $A, B \in \alpha$ , then either  $A \subseteq B$  or  $B \subseteq A$ .

It is well known that for any two elements  $A, B \in C(X)$  such that  $A \subseteq B$  and  $A \neq B$ , there exists an order arc in  $C(X)$  from  $A$  to  $B$  (see [2, Theorem 14.6]). For more about order arcs and the structure of  $C(X)$ , see [2] or [6].

**Definition 1.3.** Let  $X$  be a continuum and let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a subset of  $C(X)$ . We define the set  $C_{\mathcal{A}}(X)$  as

$$C_{\mathcal{A}}(X) = \{B \in C(X) : B \supseteq A \text{ for some } A \in \mathcal{A}\}.$$

**Remark.** Note that if the set  $\mathcal{A}$  is a Whitney level, say  $\mathcal{A} = \mu^{-1}(t)$  for some Whitney map  $\mu$  and some  $t$ , then the set  $C_{\mathcal{A}}(X)$  is the “top”  $\mu^{-1}([t, \mu(X)])$ .

**Definition 1.4.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous function. The *induced map*  $\hat{f} : C(X) \rightarrow C(Y)$  is given by

$$\hat{f}(A) = f(A), \text{ for all } A \in C(X).$$

We will make use of the following known results about induced maps.

- (a) If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a continuous function, then  $\hat{f}$  is continuous, and

(b)  $f$  is weakly confluent if and only if  $\widehat{f}$  is onto.

**Definition 1.5.** A continuous function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called a *Whitney preserving map* if there exist two Whitney maps

$$\mu : C(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ and } \nu : C(Y) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ such that}$$

for all  $t \in [0, \mu(X)]$ ,  $\widehat{f}(\mu^{-1}(t)) = \nu^{-1}(s)$  for all  $s \in [0, \nu(Y)]$ .

In other words, a map  $f$  is Whitney preserving if there exist two Whitney maps for which the induced map  $\widehat{f}$  maps Whitney levels of  $C(X)$  onto Whitney levels of  $C(Y)$ . In this case, we say that  $f$  is  $\mu, \nu$ -Whitney preserving.

**Proposition 1.6.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous function, and let  $\mu : C(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\nu : C(Y) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be two Whitney maps. Suppose there exist  $t \in [0, \mu(X)]$  and  $s \in [0, \nu(Y)]$  such that  $\widehat{f}(\mu^{-1}(t)) \subseteq \nu^{-1}(s)$ . If  $f$  is weakly confluent, then  $\widehat{f}(\mu^{-1}(t)) = \nu^{-1}(s)$ .*

*Proof:* Let  $t \in [0, \mu(X)]$  and  $s \in [0, \nu(Y)]$  such that  $\widehat{f}(\mu^{-1}(t)) \subseteq \nu^{-1}(s)$ . To prove the equality, we will show that the reverse contention holds.

Let  $C \in \nu^{-1}(s)$ . Since  $f$  is weakly confluent,  $\widehat{f}$  is onto; hence, there exists  $B \in C(X)$  such that

$$(1) \quad f(B) = C.$$

Now let  $x \in B$  and let  $\alpha$  be an order arc from  $\{x\}$  to  $X$  such that  $B \in \alpha$ . (This can be done by constructing, first, an order arc from  $\{x\}$  to  $B$  and then another from  $B$  to  $X$ .)

Let  $A = \alpha \cap \mu^{-1}(t)$ . Note that either

$$(2) \quad B \subseteq A \text{ or } A \subseteq B.$$

By hypothesis, since  $A \in \mu^{-1}(t)$ ,  $\nu(\widehat{f}(A)) = s$ ; hence, by (1) and (2), either  $C \subseteq f(A)$  or  $f(A) \subseteq C$ . Therefore, since  $\nu(\widehat{f}(A)) = s$  and  $\nu(C) = s$ ,  $f(A) = C$ . This proves  $\nu^{-1}(s) \subseteq \widehat{f}(\mu^{-1}(t))$ .  $\square$

The following corollary is an immediate consequence of Proposition 1.6. We leave it without a proof.

**Corollary 1.7.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a weakly confluent map, and let  $\mu : C(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\nu : C(Y) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be two Whitney maps. If for all  $t \in [0, \mu(X)]$  there exists  $s \in [0, \nu(Y)]$  such that  $\widehat{f}(\mu^{-1}(t)) \subseteq \nu^{-1}(s)$ , then  $f$  is  $\mu, \nu$ -Whitney preserving.*

**Example 1.8.** Every homeomorphism is a Whitney preserving map.

To prove this, let  $h : X \rightarrow Y$  be a homeomorphism. Let  $\mu : C(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be any Whitney map. We define  $\nu : C(Y) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $\nu(K) = \mu(\widehat{h^{-1}(K)})$  for all  $K \in C(Y)$ . The continuity of  $\widehat{h}$  and  $\mu$  and the fact that  $h$  is a homeomorphism imply that  $\nu$  is a Whitney map for  $C(Y)$ .

Next we prove that  $h$  is  $\mu, \nu$ -Whitney preserving. Take two continua  $A$  and  $B$  in any Whitney level  $\mu^{-1}(t)$  of  $C(X)$ . By the definition of  $\nu$ , we have that

$$\nu(\widehat{h(A)}) = \mu(\widehat{h^{-1}(\widehat{h(A)})}) = \mu(h^{-1}(h(A))) = \mu(A) = t \quad \text{and}$$

$$\nu(\widehat{h(B)}) = \mu(\widehat{h^{-1}(\widehat{h(B)})}) = \mu(h^{-1}(h(B))) = \mu(B) = t.$$

Hence,  $\nu(\widehat{h(A)}) = \nu(\widehat{h(B)})$ , implying  $\widehat{h}(\mu^{-1}(t)) \subseteq \nu^{-1}(s)$ . Therefore, by Corollary 1.7,  $h$  is  $\mu, \nu$ -Whitney preserving, since  $h$  (being a homeomorphism) is weakly confluent.

**Proposition 1.9.** *Let  $g : X \rightarrow Y$  and let  $f : Y \rightarrow Z$  be two continuous functions. If  $g$  is a  $\mu, \lambda$ -Whitney preserving map and  $f$  is a  $\lambda, \nu$ -Whitney preserving map, then  $f \circ g$  is a  $\mu, \nu$ -Whitney preserving map.*

*Proof:* Let  $t \in [0, \mu(X)]$ ; since  $g$  is  $\mu, \lambda$ -Whitney preserving, and  $\widehat{g}(\mu^{-1}(t)) = \lambda^{-1}(r)$  for some  $r \in [0, \lambda(Y)]$ , and since  $f$  is  $\lambda, \nu$ -Whitney preserving,  $\widehat{f}(\lambda^{-1}(r)) = \nu^{-1}(s)$  for some  $s \in [0, \nu(Z)]$ . Therefore,  $\widehat{g \circ f}(\mu^{-1}(t)) = \nu^{-1}(s)$  for some  $s \in [0, \nu(Z)]$ . Hence,  $g \circ f$  is a  $\mu, \nu$ -Whitney preserving map.  $\square$

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $X$  be a continuum. A subcontinuum  $A$  of  $X$  is called a *terminal continuum* if for every subcontinuum  $B$  of  $X$  such that  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ , then either  $A \subseteq B$  or  $B \subseteq A$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $X$  be a continuum and let  $\mu : C(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a Whitney map for  $C(X)$ . If there is  $t > 0$  such that  $\mu^{-1}(t)$  is a set-theoretic decomposition of  $X$ , then every element of  $\mu^{-1}(t)$  is a terminal continuum.*

*Proof:* Let  $A \in \mu^{-1}(t)$ . To prove that  $A$  is a terminal continuum, take  $B \in C(X)$  such that  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ .

Assume first that  $\mu(B) \leq t$ . Let  $x \in B$  be any point, and let  $\alpha$  be an order arc from  $\{x\}$  to  $A \cup B$  such that  $B \in \alpha$ . Now, since  $A \subseteq A \cup B$ ,  $t = \mu(A) \leq \mu(A \cup B)$ ; hence, there exists  $C \in \alpha$  such that  $\mu(C) = t$ ; that is,  $C \in \mu^{-1}(t)$ . Since  $\alpha$  is an order arc and  $B \in \alpha$ , we have that  $B \subseteq C$ . Therefore,  $C \cap A \neq \emptyset$ , but  $\mu^{-1}(t)$  is a decomposition of  $X$ ; hence,  $C = A$ . This implies  $B \subseteq A$ .

Now assume  $\mu(B) > t$ . Take a point  $x$  in  $A \cap B$ . Let  $\alpha$  be an order arc from  $\{x\}$  to  $B$ . Again, since  $\mu(B) > t$ , there exists  $C \in \alpha$  such that  $\mu(C) = t$  and  $C \subseteq B$ . Since  $x \in C$ ,  $A \cap C \neq \emptyset$ . Then, since  $\mu^{-1}(t)$  is a decomposition,  $A = C$ . Hence,  $A \subseteq B$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a  $\mu, \nu$ -Whitney preserving map and let  $s_0 = \max \{s \in [0, \mu(X)] : \widehat{f}(\mu^{-1}(s)) = \nu^{-1}(0)\}$ . If  $s_0 > 0$ , then  $\mu^{-1}(s_0)$  is a continuous decomposition of  $X$  and every element of  $\mu^{-1}(s_0)$  is a terminal continuum.*

*Proof:* Let  $s_0 = \max \{s \in [0, \mu(X)] : \widehat{f}(\mu^{-1}(s)) = \nu^{-1}(0)\}$ . Assume  $s_0 > 0$ , since  $\mu^{-1}(s_0)$  is a Whitney level, we have that  $\bigcup \mu^{-1}(s_0) = X$ . Now let  $A, B \in \mu^{-1}(s_0)$ , and assume that  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $A \cup B$  is a continuum with  $A \subseteq A \cup B$ , and  $f(A) \subseteq f(A \cup B) = f(A) \cup f(B)$ . Then, since  $f(A)$  and  $f(B)$  are points and  $f(A \cup B)$  is connected, we have that  $f(A \cup B)$  is a point. Hence, by the definition of  $s_0$ ,  $A \cup B \in \mu^{-1}(s_0)$ . Therefore,  $A = A \cup B$ ; that is,  $A = B$ . This shows that  $\mu^{-1}(s_0)$  is a set-theoretic decomposition of  $X$ . Now, since  $\mu^{-1}(s_0)$  is compact in  $C(X)$ ,  $\mu^{-1}(s_0)$  is a continuous decomposition of  $X$ .

By Proposition 2.2, every element of  $\mu^{-1}(s_0)$  is a terminal continuum.  $\square$

**Remark.** Notice that the previous theorem says that the largest Whitney level that is mapped to the singletons is a continuous decomposition of  $X$  into terminal continua, which does not imply that the set  $\{f^{-1}(y) : y \in Y\}$  is a continuous decomposition into terminal continua; for instance, the elements  $f^{-1}(y)$  may not be connected.

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $X$  be a continuum. Assume  $X$  has a continuous decomposition  $\mathcal{A}$  into nondegenerate terminal continua. Then, for*

every  $t > 0$ , there exists a Whitney map  $\mu : C(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\mathcal{A} = \mu^{-1}(t)$ .

*Proof:* Let  $X$  be a continuum such that  $X$  has a continuous decomposition  $\mathcal{A}$  into nondegenerate terminal continua, and let  $t > 0$ .

Let  $m : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the constant function such that  $m(A) = t$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then, from [2, 16.10, p. 132] and the fact that  $\mathcal{A}$  is closed in  $C(X)$ ,  $m$  can be extended to a Whitney map  $\mu : C(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Therefore, by the definition of  $m$ ,

$$(3) \quad \mathcal{A} \subseteq \mu^{-1}(t).$$

Now we prove the reverse contention. Let  $B \in \mu^{-1}(t)$ . Since  $\mathcal{A}$  is a decomposition of  $X$ , there exists  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ . This and the fact that  $A$  is a terminal continuum imply that either  $A \subseteq B$  or  $B \subseteq A$ . On the other hand,  $\mu(A) = \mu(B) = t$ ; hence,  $A = B$ , implying

$$(4) \quad \mu^{-1}(t) \subseteq \mathcal{A}.$$

Combining (3) and (4), we have  $\mathcal{A} = \mu^{-1}(t)$ . □

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $X$  be a continuum such that  $X$  has a continuous decomposition  $\mathcal{A}$  into nondegenerate terminal continua. Then the projection  $\pi : X \rightarrow X/\mathcal{A}$  is a Whitney preserving map.*

*Proof:* Let  $t_0 > 0$ . By Lemma 2.4, there exists a Whitney map  $\mu : C(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\mathcal{A} = \mu^{-1}(t_0)$ . Define  $\nu : C(X/\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as

$$\nu(B) = \mu(\pi^{-1}(B)) - t_0 \text{ for all } B \in C(X/\mathcal{A}).$$

We prove that  $\pi$  is a  $\mu, \nu$ -Whitney preserving map, but first we prove that  $\nu$  is a Whitney map. Observe that, since  $\mathcal{A}$  is a continuous decomposition into terminal continua,  $\pi$  is open and monotone. Hence,  $\nu$  is a continuous function. Let  $\{y\}$  be a singleton of  $C(X/\mathcal{A})$ . Then  $\pi^{-1}(y) \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\mu(\pi^{-1}(y)) = t_0$ . Therefore,  $\nu(y) = 0$ .

Now let  $C, D \in C(X/\mathcal{A})$  such that  $C \subseteq D$  and  $C \neq D$ . Then  $\pi^{-1}(C) \subseteq \pi^{-1}(D)$  and  $\pi^{-1}(C) \neq \pi^{-1}(D)$ . Since  $\pi$  is monotone,  $\pi^{-1}(C), \pi^{-1}(D)$  are subcontinua of  $X$ . Therefore,  $\mu(\pi^{-1}(C)) < \mu(\pi^{-1}(D))$ , implying  $\nu(C) < \nu(D)$ . That is,  $\nu$  is a Whitney map for  $C(X/\mathcal{A})$ .

To prove that  $\pi$  is a  $\mu, \nu$ -Whitney preserving map, first, observe that for any subcontinuum  $A$  of  $X$  such that  $\mu(A) \leq t_0$ ,  $\widehat{\pi}(A)$  is a singleton of  $C(X/\mathcal{A})$ . That is,  $\widehat{\pi}$  maps every Whitney level  $\mu^{-1}(t)$  with  $t \leq t_0$  to the Whitney level  $\nu^{-1}(0)$ . Now let  $A$  be such that  $\mu(A) > t_0$ . Then, since every element of  $\mathcal{A}$  is a terminal continuum,  $\pi^{-1}(\pi(A)) = A$ . Therefore, if  $A$  and  $B$  belong to the same Whitney level  $\mu^{-1}(t)$ ,  $t > t_0$ , then  $\widehat{\pi}(A)$  and  $\widehat{\pi}(B)$  belong to the same Whitney level  $\nu^{-1}(t - t_0)$ . This proves that for every  $t$  there exists  $s$  such that  $\widehat{\pi}(\mu^{-1}(t)) \subseteq \nu^{-1}(s)$ . Then, by Corollary 1.7,  $\pi$  is a Whitney preserving map.  $\square$

**Remark.** Notice that, since all the elements of  $\mathcal{A}$  are terminal continua, the function  $\widehat{\pi}|_{\mu^{-1}([t_0, \mu(X)])} : \mu^{-1}([t_0, \mu(X)]) \rightarrow C(X/\mathcal{A})$  is a one-to-one function. Also, since  $\pi$  is monotone,  $\widehat{\pi}|_{\mu^{-1}([t_0, \mu(X)])}$  is onto, implying that  $\mu^{-1}([t_0, \mu(X)])$  is homeomorphic to  $C(X/\mathcal{A})$ .

Therefore, using the Remark following Definition 1.3 and the fact, in this case, that  $\mathcal{A}$  is the Whitney level  $\mu^{-1}(t_0)$ , we can summarize the previous observation into the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.6.** *Let  $X$  be a continuum. If  $\mathcal{A}$  is a continuous decomposition of  $X$  into terminal continua, then  $C_{\mathcal{A}}(X)$  is homeomorphic to  $C(X/\mathcal{A})$ .*

Relative to Theorem 2.5 and the Remark following the proof of Theorem 2.3, we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.7.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous function. If  $f$  is a monotone open map such that  $f^{-1}(y)$  is a nondegenerate terminal continuum for all  $y \in Y$ , then  $f$  is a Whitney preserving map.*

*Proof:* Note that in this case, the set  $\mathcal{A} = \{f^{-1}(y) : y \in Y\}$  is a continuous decomposition into terminal continua. In this case, the natural projection onto  $X/\mathcal{A}$  coincides with  $f$ . Hence, by Theorem 2.5,  $f$  is Whitney preserving.  $\square$

In [4], Wayne Lewis proved the following theorem. (See also [5, Theorem 76, p. 117].)

**Theorem 2.8** (W. Lewis [4], [5]). *For every one-dimensional continuum  $M$  there exists a one-dimensional continuum  $\widehat{M}$  with a continuous decomposition  $G$  into pseudo-arcs such that  $\widehat{M}/G$  is homeomorphic to  $M$ .*

**Remark.** Lewis's construction of  $\widehat{M}$  has the property that the elements of  $G$  are terminal continua. (See Construction of  $\widehat{M}$ , [4, p. 93] and paragraph above Question 1, [4, p. 98].)

Combining Theorem 2.5 and Theorem 2.8, we obtain the following theorem, which yields a lot of examples of Whitney preserving maps.

**Theorem 2.9.** *For every one-dimensional continuum  $M$  there exists a one-dimensional continuum  $\widehat{M}$  (other than  $M$ ) such that there is a Whitney preserving map  $f : \widehat{M} \rightarrow M$ .*

*Proof:* Let  $M$  be a one-dimensional continuum. By Theorem 2.8, there exists a one-dimensional continuum  $\widehat{M}$  with a continuous decomposition  $G$  into pseudo-arcs such that  $\widehat{M}/G$  is homeomorphic to  $M$ . Furthermore,  $\widehat{M}$  can be constructed in such a way that the elements of  $G$  are terminal continua. We will consider that this is the case; see Remark above.

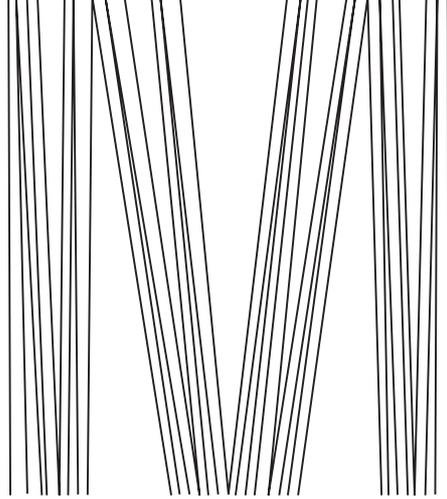
Let  $h : \widehat{M}/G \rightarrow M$  be a homeomorphism. From Example 1.8,  $h$  is Whitney preserving and, from the proof of Example 1.8, given any Whitney map  $\mu' : C(\widehat{M}/G) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , there exists a Whitney map  $\nu : C(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $h$  is a  $\mu', \nu$ -Whitney preserving map.

Note that, since the elements of  $G$  are terminal continua,  $\widehat{M}$  and  $G$  satisfy the hypothesis of Theorem 2.5. Therefore, the projection  $\pi : \widehat{M} \rightarrow \widehat{M}/G$  is a  $\mu, \lambda$ -Whitney preserving map, for some Whitney maps  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$ . Hence, from the previous paragraph and Proposition 1.9, the function  $h \circ \pi : \widehat{M} \rightarrow M$  is a  $\mu, \nu$ -Whitney preserving map, for some Whitney map  $\nu$ .  $\square$

We end this paper with an example, showing the necessity in Theorem 2.5 of  $\mathcal{A}$  to be a continuous decomposition and the elements of  $\mathcal{A}$  to be terminal continua. In other words, we show a continuum  $\Gamma$  with an upper semi-continuous decomposition  $\mathcal{A}$ , such that the projection is not Whitney preserving. Furthermore, there is not a Whitney preserving map, at all, from  $\Gamma$  to  $\Gamma/\mathcal{A}$ .

**Example 2.10.** Let  $\Gamma$  be the *V-lambda-continuum* (see Figure 1). For a construction of  $\Gamma$ , see [3, pp. 191-192].

The subcontinua of  $\Gamma$  which are maximal with respect to being an arc will be called *traunches*. Notice that there are three types


 FIGURE 1.  $\Gamma$ 

of traunches. The traunches having the form of  $V$  will be called  $V$ -traunches, the traunches having the form  $\Lambda$  will be called  $\Lambda$ -traunches, and the traunches which are straight lines will be called  $I$ -traunches. The set of traunches form an upper semi-continuous decomposition of  $X$  into nondegenerate continua. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  denote this decomposition.

It is known that the quotient space  $\Gamma/\mathcal{A}$  is homeomorphic to the unit interval  $I$ . Since homeomorphisms are Whitney preserving, (see Example 1.8), to prove that there is not a Whitney preserving map from  $\Gamma$  to  $\Gamma/\mathcal{A}$ , we will prove that there is not a Whitney preserving map from  $\Gamma$  to the unit interval  $I$ , rather than to  $\Gamma/\mathcal{A}$ .

Suppose, to the contrary, that there exists a  $\mu, \nu$ -Whitney preserving map  $f : \Gamma \rightarrow I$ . If this is the case, then we prove that the image of every traunch is constant.

First, we show that  $f$  is constant for all  $I$ -traunches. Let  $A = [a, b]$  be an  $I$ -traunch. Then there exists a sequence of  $\Lambda$ -traunches  $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that

$$(5) \quad A_n \rightarrow A.$$

Denote each  $\Lambda$ -traunch  $A_n$ , of this sequence, by  $[a_n, b_n, c_n]$ , where  $a_n$  and  $c_n$  are the end points of  $A_n$ , and  $b_n$  is the bending point of  $A_n$ .

Because  $A_n \rightarrow A$ , we have that

$$(6) \quad a_n \rightarrow a, c_n \rightarrow a, \text{ and } b_n \rightarrow b.$$

Assume, without loss of generality, that  $f|_{A_n}$  is nondegenerate for all  $n$ ; otherwise, by continuity,  $f(A)$  would be a point. Then for every  $n$ , by Lemma 10 and Lemma 12 of [1],

$$(7) \quad f|_{A_n} \text{ is a homeomorphism.}$$

Hence, the image  $f(A_n)$  is an arc for all  $n$ , and the images  $f(a_n)$  and  $f(c_n)$ , of the end points  $a_n$  and  $c_n$ , are end points of  $f(A_n)$ . Therefore, by continuity and (6),  $f(a_n) \rightarrow f(a)$  and  $f(c_n) \rightarrow f(a)$ . This and (7) imply that  $f(A)$  is a point.

Now let  $[a, b, c]$  be any  $\Lambda$ -traunch, where  $b$  denotes the bending point. Note that  $[a, b]$  and  $[b, c]$  are limits of  $I$ -traunches. Therefore, by continuity,  $f([a, b])$  and  $f([b, c])$  are points. Hence, since  $[a, b, c] = [a, b] \cup [b, c]$  and  $[a, b] \cap [b, c] \neq \emptyset$ ,  $f([a, b, c])$  is a point. This shows that the image of any  $\Lambda$ -traunch is a point. A similar argument can be used to prove that the image of any  $V$ -traunch is a point. Therefore, we have proved so far that if  $f$  is a  $\mu, \nu$ -Whitney preserving map, then the image of every traunch is a point.

Next, let  $s_0 = \max \left\{ s \in [0, \mu(X)] : \widehat{f}(\mu^{-1}(s)) = \nu^{-1}(0) \right\}$ . The previous argument implies that  $s_0 > 0$ . Hence, by Theorem 2.3,  $\mu^{-1}(s_0)$  is a continuous decomposition of  $\Gamma$  into nondegenerate terminal continua. On the other hand, the only terminal continua of  $\Gamma$  are the  $I$ -traunches. Then, since the images of the  $\Lambda$ -traunches and  $V$ -traunches are degenerate,  $\mu^{-1}(s_0)$  contains elements which are not terminal continua, a contradiction. Therefore, there is not a Whitney preserving map from  $\Gamma$  to  $I$ , implying that there is not a Whitney preserving map from  $\Gamma$  to  $\Gamma/\mathcal{A}$ .

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