

# The orbit spaces of linearly ordered systems on continuums

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## Abstract

In this paper, the concept of an orbit space is generalized from a discrete dynamical system  $(X, f)$  to a linearly ordered system  $\{X_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^\beta, \Gamma\}$ , and it is shown that a general orbit space is a continuum if each  $X_\alpha$  is a continuum in a linearly ordered system  $\{X_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^\beta, \Gamma\}$ . As a special case, it is obtained that the orbit space of any discrete dynamical system  $(X, f)$  is a continuum if  $X$  is a continuum.

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## 1 Introduction

In recent years, the inverse limits has been widely used in Dynamical Systems, a series of good results were obtained (cf. [1]-[6]). But the applications of inverse limits in Dynamical Systems have been encountered many difficulties because the direction of the chain maps of inverse limits is exactly the opposite

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to the tracks of the relative dynamical system. In this paper, we introduce the concepts of the orbit spaces by reversing the direction of chain maps of inverse limit space, and discuss to preserve the nature of continuums in their orbit space.

Let  $\{X_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Gamma}$  be a family of topological spaces, where  $\Gamma$  is linearly ordered set[7], we denote by  $\Pi_{\alpha \in \Gamma} X_\alpha$  the product space of  $\{X_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Gamma}$ , and assume that  $\pi_\alpha^\beta : X_\alpha \rightarrow X_\beta$  is a continuous mapping when  $\alpha \leq \beta$  for any  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ . The triples  $\{X_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^\beta, \Gamma\}$  is called to be a linearly ordered system if the following two conditions are satisfied:

$$(A1) \pi_\beta^\gamma \pi_\alpha^\beta = \pi_\alpha^\gamma \text{ when } \alpha \leq \beta \leq \gamma \text{ for any } \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \Gamma,$$

(A2)  $\pi_\alpha^\alpha = id_{X_\alpha}$  for any  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , where  $id_{X_\alpha}$  is an identity mapping from  $X_\alpha$  to  $X_\alpha$ .

Usually, the subspace  $\{x = (x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Gamma} \in \Pi_{\alpha \in \Gamma} X_\alpha : \pi_\alpha^\beta(x_\alpha) = x_\beta, \alpha \leq \beta (\forall \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma)\}$  of the product space  $\Pi_{\alpha \in \Gamma} X_\alpha$  is called to be the orbit space of the linearly ordered system  $\{X_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^\beta, \Gamma\}$  and is denoted by  $\mathcal{O}\{X_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^\beta, \Gamma\}$ , where each point  $x \in \mathcal{O}\{X_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^\beta, \Gamma\}$  is called to be an orbit(or, a direct limit) of  $\{X_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^\beta, \Gamma\}$ , each mapping  $\pi_\alpha^\beta$  is called to be a link mapping of  $\{X_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^\beta, \Gamma\}$ .

Assume that  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is a continuous mapping where  $X$  is a topological space. In Dynamical Systems, we call that  $(X, f)$  is a discrete dynamical system, and for every  $x_0 \in X$ , the sequence  $\{x_0, f(x_0), f^2(x_0), \dots\}$  is called to be an orbit of  $(X, f)$  and is denoted by  $\mathcal{O}_f^+(x_0)$ . The set of all orbits of  $(X, f)$  is a subspace of the product space  $\Pi_{n=0}^\infty X_n$  where each  $X_n = X$ , we call it an orbit space of  $(X, f)$  and denote it by  $\mathcal{O}_f^+(X)$ .

As a special case of a linearly ordered system, when  $\Gamma = Z^+$  (the set of all non-negative integers), let us put  $X_n = X$  and  $\pi_n^{n+1} = f$  for each  $n \in Z^+$ . It is easy to see that the linearly ordered system  $\{X, f^{m-n}, Z^+\}$  is the discrete system  $(X, f)$  and  $\mathcal{O}\{X, f^{m-n}, Z^+\} = \mathcal{O}_f^+(X)$ .

As a discrete dynamical system  $(X, f)$ , the following two questions should be fundamental questions :

**Question 1.1.** *Is  $\mathcal{O}_f^+(X)$  a compact space if  $X$  is a compact space?*

**Question 1.2.** *Is  $\mathcal{O}_f^+(X)$  a continuum space if  $X$  is continuum?*

In this paper, we first study orbit spaces of a linearly ordered system  $\{X_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^\beta, \Gamma\}$ , several topological properties are obtained. By using them, the following theorem is proved:

MAIN THEOREM Let  $\{X_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^\beta, \Gamma\}$  be a linearly ordered system, if each link map  $\pi_\alpha^\beta$  is a continuous and onto map, the following two conclusions hold:

(B1)  $\mathcal{O}\{X_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^\beta, \Gamma\}$  is a compact space if each  $X_\alpha$  is a compact space.

(B2)  $\mathcal{O}\{X_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^\beta, \Gamma\}$  is a continuum if each  $X_\alpha$  is a continuum.

As a special case of these results, the above two questions will be given certainly answer.

In this paper,  $X$  denotes a topological space,  $\phi$  denotes empty set,  $\mathcal{N}_Y(x)$  denotes the open neighborhood system of a point  $x$  in a subspace  $Y$  of  $X$  and is denoted by  $\mathcal{N}(x)$  when  $Y = X$ .  $\bar{A}$  denotes the closure of a subset  $A$  of  $X$ . Let  $X = \mathcal{O}\{X_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^\beta, \Gamma\}$ , we denote by  $p_\alpha$  the mapping of the projection from  $\prod_{\alpha' \in \Gamma} X_{\alpha'}$  onto  $X_\alpha$ , and put  $\pi_\alpha = p_\alpha|_X : X \rightarrow X_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ .

Throughout this paper, all concepts and terminologies on topological spaces are from [7] and all topological spaces are Hausdorff spaces.

## 2 The fundamental proposition of orbit spaces

**Proposition 2.1.** *The orbit space of a linearly order system  $\{X_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^\beta, \Gamma\}$  is a closed set of the product space  $\prod_{\alpha \in \Gamma} X_\alpha$*

PROOF. Let  $X = \mathcal{O}\{X_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^\beta, \Gamma\}$ . For any  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$  satisfying  $\alpha \leq \beta$ , let's pick

$$M_\alpha^\beta = \{x = (x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Gamma} \in \prod_{\alpha \in \Gamma} X_\alpha : \pi_\alpha^\beta(x_\alpha) = x_\beta\}.$$

Because  $\pi_\alpha^\beta \pi_\alpha(x) = \pi_\alpha^\beta(x_\alpha) = x_\beta = \pi_\beta(x)$ , i.e.,

$$M_{\alpha\beta} = \{x = (x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Gamma} \in \prod_{\alpha \in \Gamma} X_\alpha : \pi_\alpha^\beta \pi_\alpha(x) = \pi_\beta(x)\},$$

then  $M_{\alpha\beta}$  is a closed subset of the product space  $\prod_{\alpha' \in \Gamma} X_{\alpha'}$  by [7, Theorem 1.5.4].

Thus,

$$X = \bigcap_{\alpha \leq \beta} M_{\alpha\beta}$$

is closed in  $\prod_{\alpha \in \Gamma} X_\alpha$ .

It is known that a closed subset of a compact space is compact. Therefore, the following corollary holds trivially by Tychonoff Theorem ([7, Theorem 3.2.4]),

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $\{X_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^\beta, \Gamma\}$  be a linearly ordered system, then  $\mathcal{O}\{X_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^\beta, \Gamma\}$  is a nonempty compact subset of the product space  $\prod_{\alpha \in \Gamma} X_\alpha$  if  $X_\alpha$  is a compact space and  $X_\alpha \neq \phi$  for every  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ .*

**PROPOSITION 2.3** *Assume that  $X$  is the orbit space of a linearly ordered system  $\{X_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^\beta, \Gamma\}$ , then the following family of open subsets of  $X$ :*

$$\mathcal{B} = \{\pi_\alpha^{-1}(U_\alpha) : U_\alpha \text{ is an open subset of } X_\alpha, \alpha \in \Gamma\}$$

*is a base of  $X$ .*

**PROOF** *Let  $X = \mathcal{O}\{X_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^\beta, \Gamma\}$ . For any  $x \in X$  and for any  $U \in \mathcal{N}_X(x)$ , there exists an open subset  $V$  of the product space  $\prod_{\alpha \in \Gamma} X_\alpha$  such that  $U = X \cap V$ . Thus, there are  $W_{\alpha_1}, W_{\alpha_2}, \dots, W_{\alpha_k}$  which are respectively open subsets of  $X_{\alpha_1}, \dots, X_{\alpha_k}$  such that*

$$x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^k p_{\alpha_i}^{-1}(W_i) \subset V.$$

*where  $k$  is a nature number. Put  $\alpha = \min\{\alpha_i : 1 \leq i \leq k\}$ , then  $\alpha \leq \alpha_i$  and  $(\pi_\alpha^{\alpha_i})^{-1}(W_i)$  is an open subset of  $X_\alpha$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , then  $U_\alpha = \bigcap_{i=1}^k (\pi_\alpha^{\alpha_i})^{-1}(W_i)$  is an open subset of  $X_\alpha$ . We can readily check that  $x \in \pi_\alpha^{-1}(U_\alpha) = \pi_\alpha^{-1}(\bigcap_{i=1}^k (\pi_\alpha^{\alpha_i})^{-1}(W_i)) = \bigcap_{i=1}^k (\pi_\alpha^{-1}(\pi_\alpha^{\alpha_i})^{-1}(W_i)) = X \cap (\bigcap_{i=1}^k (p_{\alpha_i}^{-1}(W_i))) \subset X \cap V = U$ .*

*Thus,  $\mathcal{B}$  is a topological base of  $X$ .*

**Proposition 2.3.** *Let  $X = \mathcal{O}\{X_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^\beta, \Gamma\}$ ,  $A \subset X$  and  $A_\alpha = \pi_\alpha(A)$  for every  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . If  $\widehat{\pi}_\alpha^\beta = \pi_\alpha^\beta|_{\overline{A}_\alpha}$  when  $\alpha \leq \beta$  for any pair  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ , then  $\{\overline{A}_\alpha, \widehat{\pi}_\alpha^\beta, \Gamma\}$  is a linearly ordered system and  $\mathcal{O}\{\overline{A}_\alpha, \widehat{\pi}_\alpha^\beta, \Gamma\} = \overline{A}$ , where  $\overline{A}$  and  $\overline{A}_\alpha$  are respectively closures of  $A$  and  $A_\alpha$  in  $X$ .*

**PROOF.** For any  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$  satisfying  $\alpha \leq \beta$ , it is easy to check that

$$\widehat{\pi}_\alpha^\beta(\overline{A}_\alpha) = \widehat{\pi}_\alpha^\beta(\overline{\pi_\alpha(A)}) \subset \overline{\widehat{\pi}_\alpha^\beta \pi_\alpha(A)} = \overline{\pi_\beta(A)} = \overline{A}_\beta,$$

then  $\widehat{\pi}_\alpha^\beta : \overline{A}_\alpha \rightarrow \overline{A}_\beta$  is a well continuous map. Thus  $\{\overline{A}_\alpha, \widehat{\pi}_\alpha^\beta, \Gamma\}$  is a linearly ordered system.

Let us put  $Y = \mathcal{O}\{\overline{A}_\alpha, \widehat{\pi}_\alpha^\beta, \Gamma\}$ , we assert first that  $Y$  is a closed set of  $X$ .

For any  $x = (x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Gamma} \in X - Y$ , there exists  $\alpha_0 \in \Gamma$  such that  $x_0 \in X_{\alpha_0} - \overline{A}_{\alpha_0}$ , i.e.,  $\pi_{\alpha_0}^{-1}(X_{\alpha_0} - \overline{A}_{\alpha_0}) \in \mathcal{N}(x)$  and  $\pi_{\alpha_0}^{-1}(X_{\alpha_0} - \overline{A}_{\alpha_0}) \cap Y = \phi$ . In fact, if there is some  $y \in \pi_{\alpha_0}^{-1}(X_{\alpha_0} - \overline{A}_{\alpha_0}) \cap Y$ , i.e.,  $y \in \pi_{\alpha_0}^{-1}(X_{\alpha_0} - \overline{A}_{\alpha_0})$  and  $y \in Y \subset \prod_{\alpha \in \Gamma} \overline{A}_\alpha$ ,

then  $\pi_{\alpha_0}(y) = y_{\alpha_0} \in (X_{\alpha_0} - \overline{A_{\alpha_0}}) \cap \overline{A_{\alpha_0}} = \phi$ . This is a contradiction. So,  $Y$  is a closed set of  $X$ .

Moreover, we show that  $\overline{A} = Y$ .

In fact, for any  $x \in Y$  and for any  $V \in \mathcal{N}_Y(x)$ , there exist  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  and  $U_\alpha \in \mathcal{N}_{X_\alpha}(x_\alpha)$  such that  $x \in \pi_\alpha^{-1}(U_\alpha) \cap Y \subset V$  since  $\mathcal{B}_Y(x) = \{\pi_\alpha^{-1}(U_\alpha) \cap Y : U_\alpha \in \mathcal{N}(x_\alpha), \alpha \in \Gamma\}$  is a neighborhood base of a point  $x$  in  $Y$ , then  $\pi_\alpha(x) = x_\alpha \in U_\alpha \cap \pi_\alpha(Y) \subset U_\alpha \cap \overline{A_\alpha}$ . Therefore,

$$V \cap A \supset (\pi_\alpha^{-1}(U_\alpha) \cap Y) \cap A = (\pi_\alpha^{-1}(U_\alpha)) \cap A \neq \phi,$$

i.e.,  $x \in \overline{A}$ . Thus  $Y \subset \overline{A}$ . On the other hand, it is obvious that  $\overline{A} \subset \overline{Y} = Y \subset X$  holds because  $A \subset Y$ . Thus,  $Y = \overline{A}$ . The proof is completed.

### 3 The proof of main theorems

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $\{X_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^\beta, \Gamma\}$  be a linearly ordered system, if each link map  $\pi_\alpha^\beta$  is an onto map, then  $\mathcal{O}\{X_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^\beta, \Gamma\}$  is a continuum if and only if each  $X_\alpha$  is a continuum.*

**PROOF** Take  $X = \mathcal{O}\{X_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^\beta, \Gamma\}$ , it has been shown that  $X$  is compact if each  $X_\alpha$  is compact in Corollary 2.2.

Now we assert that  $X$  is a connected space.

Assume that there exist two closed subsets  $A_1, A_2$  of  $X$  such that  $X = A_1 \cup A_2$  and  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \phi$ , now we show that it is inevitable that either  $A_1 = \phi$  or  $A_2 = \phi$ .

For every  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , let us pick  $A_{i\alpha} = \pi_\alpha(A_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2$  and let  $B_\alpha = A_{1\alpha} \cap A_{2\alpha}$ , where  $\pi_\alpha$  is the projection mapping from  $X$  to  $X_\alpha$ . Then three subsets  $A_{1\alpha}, A_{2\alpha}, B_\alpha$  of  $X_\alpha$  are compact and connected, i.e., they are subcontinua of  $X_\alpha$ .

Let's put  $\widehat{\pi}_\alpha^\beta = \pi_\alpha^\beta|_{B_\alpha}$  for any pair  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$  satisfying  $\alpha \leq \beta$ , it is obvious that  $\widehat{\pi}_\alpha^\beta$  is well defined as a map from  $B_\alpha$  to  $B_\beta$  since  $\widehat{\pi}_\alpha^\beta(B_\alpha) = \pi_\alpha^\beta(B_\alpha) = \pi_\alpha^\beta(A_{1\alpha} \cap A_{2\alpha}) \subset \pi_\alpha^\beta(A_{1\alpha}) \cap \pi_\alpha^\beta(A_{2\alpha}) = \pi_\alpha^\beta \pi_\alpha(A_1) \cap \pi_\alpha^\beta \pi_\alpha(A_2) = \pi_\beta(A_1) \cap \pi_\beta(A_2) = A_{1\beta} \cap A_{2\beta} = B_\beta$ . So,  $\{B_\alpha, \widehat{\pi}_\alpha^\beta, \Gamma\}$  be a linearly ordered system.

Similarly, it is easily seen that each  $\{A_{i\alpha}, \pi_i^\beta, \Gamma\}$  is also a linearly ordered system when we put each  $\pi_{i\alpha}^\beta = \pi_\alpha^\beta|_{A_i}$ , since  $\pi_{i\alpha}^\beta(A_{i\alpha}) = \pi_\alpha^\beta \pi_\alpha(X_i) = \pi_\beta(A_i) =$

$A_{i\beta}$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . By using Proposition 2.3, we have  $\mathcal{O}\{A_{i\alpha}, \pi_{i\alpha}^\beta, \Gamma\} = A_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .

Let  $B = \mathcal{O}\{B_\alpha, \widehat{\pi}_\alpha^\beta, \Gamma\}$ , it is obvious that  $B \subset \mathcal{O}\{A_{i\alpha}, \pi_{i\alpha}^\beta, \Gamma\} = A_i$  since each  $B_\alpha \subset A_{i\alpha}$  and  $\widehat{\pi}_\alpha^\beta = \pi_\alpha^\beta|_{B_\alpha} = (\pi_\alpha^\beta|_{A_{i\alpha}})|_{B_\alpha} = \pi_{i\alpha}^\beta|_{B_\alpha}$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . So,  $B = \phi$  because  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \phi$ . Moreover, there exists  $\alpha_0 \in \Gamma$  such that  $B_{\alpha_0} = A_{1\alpha_0} \cap A_{2\alpha_0} = \phi$  since each  $\pi_\alpha^\beta : X_\alpha \rightarrow X_\beta$  is an onto mapping for  $\alpha \leq \beta$ .

Since  $\pi_{\alpha_0}(X)$  is a normal subspace of  $X_{\alpha_0}$ , there exist two open subsets  $U_{1\alpha_0}, U_{2\alpha_0}$  of  $\pi_{\alpha_0}(X)$  such that

$$(1) A_{1\alpha_0} \subset U_{1\alpha_0}, A_{2\alpha_0} \subset U_{2\alpha_0} \text{ and } U_{1\alpha_0} \cap U_{2\alpha_0} = \phi.$$

For any  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , we put  $Z_\alpha = X_\alpha - (U_{1\alpha} \cup U_{2\alpha})$  where  $U_{i\alpha} = (\pi_{\alpha_0}^{\alpha_0})^{-1}(U_{i\alpha_0})$  when  $\alpha \leq \alpha_0$  and  $i = 1, 2$ , and let  $Z_\alpha = X_\alpha$  when  $\alpha > \alpha_0$ . Then

$$(2) \{Z_\alpha, \overline{\pi}_\alpha^\beta, \Gamma\} \text{ is a linearly order system, where } \overline{\pi}_\alpha^\beta = \pi_\alpha^\beta|_{Z_\alpha} \text{ for any } \alpha \in \Gamma.$$

In fact, for any pair  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$  satisfying  $\alpha \leq \beta$ , if  $\beta \leq \alpha_0$ , then  $\overline{\pi}_\alpha^\beta(Z_\alpha) = \overline{\pi}_\alpha^\beta[X_\alpha - (\pi_{\alpha_0}^{\alpha_0})^{-1}(A_{1\alpha_0} \cup A_{2\alpha_0})] = \overline{\pi}_\alpha^\beta(\pi_{\alpha_0}^{\alpha_0})^{-1}[X_{\alpha_0} - (A_{1\alpha_0} \cup A_{2\alpha_0})] = \overline{\pi}_\alpha^\beta(\pi_{\alpha_0}^{\alpha_0} \pi_\alpha^\beta)^{-1}[X_{\alpha_0} - (A_{1\alpha_0} \cup A_{2\alpha_0})] = \overline{\pi}_\alpha^\beta(\pi_\alpha^\beta)^{-1}(\pi_{\alpha_0}^{\alpha_0})^{-1}[X_{\alpha_0} - (A_{1\alpha_0} \cup A_{2\alpha_0})] \subset X_\beta - (U_{1\beta} \cup U_{2\beta}) = Z_\beta$ . If  $\alpha_0 < \beta$ , then  $\overline{\pi}_\alpha^\beta(Z_\alpha) \subset \pi_\alpha^\beta(X_\alpha \subset X_\beta = Z_\beta)$ . I.e., (2) is true.

Put  $Z = \mathcal{O}\{Z_\alpha, \overline{\pi}_\alpha^\beta, \Gamma\}$ , since  $Z \subset X$  and  $\pi_{\alpha_0}(X) = \pi_{\alpha_0}(A_1) \cup \pi_{\alpha_0}(A_2) = A_{1\alpha_0} \cup A_{2\alpha_0} \subset U_{1\alpha_0} \cup U_{2\alpha_0}$ , then  $\pi_{\alpha_0}(X) \cap Z_{\alpha_0} = \phi$ . If  $Z \neq \phi$ , we can put  $x = (x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Gamma} \in Z \subset \prod_{\alpha \in \Gamma} Z_\alpha$ , then  $x_{\alpha_0} = \pi_{\alpha_0}(x) \in \pi_{\alpha_0}(X) \cap Z_{\alpha_0}$ . This contradicts to  $\pi_{\alpha_0}(X) \cap Z_{\alpha_0} = \phi$ . So, we have  $Z = \phi$ .

Then, there exists some  $\alpha^* \in \Gamma$  such that  $Z_{\alpha^*} = \phi$ . It holds obviously that  $\alpha^* \leq \alpha_0$ , since  $Z_\alpha = X_\alpha \neq \phi$  for every  $\alpha > \alpha_0$ . Then

$$\pi_{\alpha^*}(X) = A_{1\alpha^*} \cup A_{2\alpha^*} \subset U_{1\alpha^*} \cup U_{2\alpha^*} \subset \pi_{\alpha^*}(X),$$

i.e.,  $\pi_{\alpha^*}(X) = U_{1\alpha^*} \cup U_{2\alpha^*}$ , therefore it is true that either  $U_{1\alpha^*} = \phi$  or  $U_{2\alpha^*} = \phi$  holds because  $\pi_{\alpha^*}(X)$  is connected, and

$$\begin{aligned} U_{1\alpha^*} \cap U_{2\alpha^*} &= (\pi_{\alpha^*}^{\alpha_0})^{-1}(U_{1\alpha_0}) \cap (\pi_{\alpha^*}^{\alpha_0})^{-1}(U_{2\alpha_0}) \\ &= (\pi_{\alpha^*}^{\alpha_0})^{-1}(U_{1\alpha_0} \cap U_{2\alpha_0}) = \phi. \end{aligned}$$

By (1), it is true that either  $A_{1\alpha^*} = \phi$  or  $A_{2\alpha^*} = \phi$  holds. So,  $A_1 = \phi$  or  $A_2 = \phi$ .

This proof is completed.

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $X$  be continuum,  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is a continuous map from  $X$  onto self, then  $\mathcal{O}_f^+(X)$  is a continuum.*

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