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*Some new applications of resolutions*

The method of resolutions was introduced in [1] (see also [2]). This method allows us to construct new spaces using given collections of spaces. Many examples of applications of this method are given in [3]. By applying iterated resolutions and fully closed mappings one can obtain more sophisticated examples [4]. Here we present several new applications of resolutions.

**Theorem 1** *For any prime  $p$  there exists a 2-dimensional homogeneous separable first countable compact space  $T_p$  such that  $\dim(T_p \times T_q) = 3$  for  $p \neq q$ .*

**Question 1** Are there homogeneous metrizable compacta  $X$  and  $Y$  such that  $\dim(X \times Y) < \dim X + \dim Y$ ?

Recent results by J. L. Bryant [5] imply that if  $X$  and  $Y$  are homogeneous metrizable ANR-compacta, then

$$\dim(X \times Y) = \dim X + \dim Y \quad (1)$$

**Question 2** Does the equality (1) hold if  $X$  is a homogeneous ANR-compactum and  $Y$  is an arbitrary (homogeneous) metrizable compactum?

**Remark 1** As for Question 1, we cannot omit homogeneity of  $Y$ , since Pontryagin's surface  $\Pi_2$  is homogeneous.

Another two results are joint with A. V. Ivanov and J. van Mill.

**Theorem 2 (CH; [6])** *For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists a family of separable compacta  $X_i$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that for every non-empty finite subset  $M$  of  $\mathbb{N}$  and every non-empty closed subset  $F$  of  $\prod_{i \in M} X_i$  we have  $\dim F = k(F)n$ , where  $k(F)$  is integer such that  $k(F) \geq 1$  for infinite  $F$ . Moreover,  $|F| = 2^c$  for infinite closed  $F$ .*

**Theorem 3 (CH; [6])** *There exists an infinite separable compactum  $X$  such that for any positive integer  $m$ , if  $F$  is an infinite closed subset of  $X^m$ , then  $|F| = 2^c$  and  $F$  is strongly infinite-dimensional.*

**Question 3** Does there exist in ZFC an  $n$ -dimensional compactum  $Y_n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , such that for every  $m \geq 2$ , every non-empty closed subset  $F$  of  $Y_n^m$  has dimension  $kn$ , where  $k$  is some integer between 0 and  $m$ ?

**Question 4** Does there exist in ZFC an infinite-dimensional compactum  $Z$  such that for every non-empty closed subset  $F$  of  $Z^2$  we have either  $\dim F = 0$  or  $F$  is infinite-dimensional?

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