

# Zero-dimensional spaces as topological and Banach fractals

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A topological space  $X$  is called a *topological fractal* if  $X = \bigcup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} f(X)$  for a finite system  $\mathcal{F}$  of continuous self-maps of  $X$  which is *topologically contracting* in the sense that for every open cover  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $X$  there is a number  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for any functions  $f_1, \dots, f_n \in \mathcal{F}$  the set  $f_1 \circ \dots \circ f_n(X)$  is contained in some set  $U \in \mathcal{U}$ . If, in addition, all functions  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  has Lipschitz constant  $< 1$  with respect to some metric generating the topology of  $X$ , then the space  $X$  is called a *Banach fractal*. It is known that each topological fractal is compact and metrizable. We prove that a zero-dimensional compact metrizable space  $X$  is a topological fractal if and only if  $X$  is a Banach fractal if and only if  $X$  is either uncountable or  $X$  is countable and its scattered height  $\bar{h}(X)$  is a successor ordinal.