The complemented subspace problem for C(K)-spaces

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There is a lot of research done on the interplay between combinatorial properties of \mathscr{A} and topology of $\Psi_{\mathscr{A}}$ (or $K_{\mathscr{A}}$), see **Hrušák** [2014].

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 - C(K_A) ≃ c₀ ⊕ C(K_A) is essentially the unique decomposition into a direct sum of infinitely dimensional summands.

Two basic observations

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