

A definable strong G retract of a definable G set in a real closed field

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In this presentation, *everything* is considered in an o-minimal expansion $\mathcal{N} = (\mathbf{R}, +, \cdot, <, \dots)$ of a real closed field $(\mathbf{R}, +, \cdot, <)$ unless otherwise stated.

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We say that f (resp. L) is an **m -place function symbol** (resp. an **m -place relation symbol**) if $f : \mathbf{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is a function (resp. $L \subset \mathbf{R}^m$ is a relation).

- A **term** is a finite string of symbols obtained by repeated applications of the following three rules:
 - ① Constants are terms.
 - ② Variables are terms.
 - ③ If f is an m -place function symbol of \mathcal{N} and t_1, \dots, t_m are terms, then the concatenated string $f(t_1, \dots, t_m)$ is a term.

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Arbitrary formulas are generated inductively by the following three rules:

- 1 For any two terms t_1 and t_2 , $t_1 = t_2$ and $t_1 > t_2$ are formulas.
- 2 If L is an m -place relation symbol and t_1, \dots, t_m are terms, then $L(t_1, \dots, t_m)$ is a formula.
- 3 If ϕ and ψ are formulas, then the negation $\neg\phi$, the disjunction $\phi \vee \psi$, and the conjunction $\phi \wedge \psi$ are formulas. If ϕ is a formula and v is a variable, then $(\exists v)\phi$ and $(\forall v)\phi$ are formulas.

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 - (1) Adaptation of methods of real analytic geometry and Nash setting to the o-minimal setting.
 - (2) Construction of new interesting examples of o-minimal structures.
 - (3) New insights originated from model-theoretic methods into the real analytic setting and Nash setting.
 - (4) O-minimal structures give a generalization, a uniform treatment and new tools.

- The field $\mathbb{R}[\mathbf{X}]^\wedge$ of Puiseux series with real coefficients, namely the set of expressions $\sum_{i=k}^{\infty} a_i X^{\frac{i}{q}}$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, $q \in \mathbb{N}$, $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$. $\mathbb{R}[\mathbf{X}]^\wedge$ is non-Archimedean.

Theorem

- (1) *The characteristic of every real closed field is 0.*
- (2) *For any cardinality $\kappa \geq \aleph_0$, there exist 2^κ many non-isomorphic real closed fields with cardinality κ .*
- (3) *There exists uncountably many o-minimal expansions of the field \mathbb{R} of real numbers.*

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$\mathbf{R} = \mathbb{R}_{alg} := \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \text{ is algebraic over } \mathbb{Q}\}$, then $[0, 1]_{\mathbb{R}_{alg}} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}_{alg} \mid 0 \leq x \leq 1\}$ is definably compact and definably connected but neither compact nor connected.

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Definition

(1) Let r be a non-negative integer or ∞ . A Hausdorff space X is an *n -dimensional definable C^r manifold* if there exist a **finite** open cover $\{U_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ of X , **finite** open sets $\{V_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ of \mathbb{R}^n , and **finite** homeomorphisms $\{\phi_\lambda : U_\lambda \rightarrow V_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ such that for any λ, ν with $U_\lambda \cap U_\nu \neq \emptyset$, $\phi_\lambda(U_\lambda \cap U_\nu)$ is definable and $\phi_\nu \circ \phi_\lambda^{-1} : \phi_\lambda(U_\lambda \cap U_\nu) \rightarrow \phi_\nu(U_\lambda \cap U_\nu)$ is a definable C^r diffeomorphism.

- This pair $(U_\lambda, \phi_\lambda)$ of sets and homeomorphisms is called a *definable C^r coordinate system*.

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- (1) For any positive integer r , a definable group G admits a unique definable C^r group structure up to definable C^r group isomorphism.
- (2) If \mathcal{N} is an o-minimal expansion of the standard structure of \mathbb{R} and it admits the C^∞ cell decomposition, then we can take $r = \infty$ in (1).

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Corollary

If $\mathbb{R} = \mathbb{R}$ and G is a compact Lie group of *positive* dimension, then $\chi(G) = 0$.

Theorem

(1) (*Definable triangulation*). Let $S \subset \mathbf{R}^n$ be a definable set and S_1, \dots, S_k definable subsets of S . Then there exist a finite simplicial complex K in \mathbf{R}^n and a definable map $\phi : S \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$ such that ϕ maps S and each S_i definably homeomorphically onto a union of open simplexes of K . If S is definably compact, then we can take $K = \phi(S)$.

(2) (*Piecewise definable trivialization*). Let X and Z be definable sets and $f : X \rightarrow Z$ a definable map. Then there exist a finite partition $\{T_i\}_{i=1}^k$ of Z into definable sets and definable homeomorphisms $\phi_i : f^{-1}(T_i) \rightarrow T_i \times f^{-1}(z_i)$ such that $f|_{f^{-1}(T_i)} = p_i \circ \phi_i$, ($1 \leq i \leq k$), where $z_i \in T_i$ and $p_i : T_i \times f^{-1}(z_i) \rightarrow T_i$ denotes the projection.

(3) (*Existence of definable quotient*). Let G be a definably compact definable group and X a definable G set. Then the orbit space X/G exists as a definable set and the orbit map $\pi : X \rightarrow X/G$ is surjective, definable and definably proper.

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Let G be a definable group. A *definable set with a definable G action* is a pair (X, ϕ) consisting of a definable set X and a group action $\phi : G \times X \rightarrow X$ such that ϕ is a definable map.

- This action is not necessarily linear (orthogonal). Similarly, we can define *definable G maps* and *definable G homeomorphisms* between them.

- Using Theorem, if H is a definable subgroup of a definably compact definable group G , then G/H is a definable set, and the standard action $G \times G/H \rightarrow G/H$ defined by $(g, g'H) \mapsto gg'H$ of G on G/H makes G/H a definable set with a definable G action.

Definition

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(1) A **definable G CW complex** is a finite G CW complex $(X, \{c_i | i \in I\})$ satisfying the following three conditions.

(a) The underlying space $|X|$ of X is a definable G set.

(b) The characteristic map $f_{c_i} : G/H_{c_i} \times \Delta \rightarrow \overline{c_i}$ of each open G cell c_i is a definable G map and $f_{c_i}|_{G/H_{c_i} \times \text{Int } \Delta} : G/H_{c_i} \times \text{Int } \Delta \rightarrow c_i$ is a definable G homeomorphism, where H_{c_i} is a definable subgroup of G , Δ denotes a standard closed simplex, $\overline{c_i}$ is the closure of c_i in X , and $\text{Int } \Delta$ means the interior of Δ .

(c) For each c_i , $\overline{c_i} - c_i$ is a finite union of open G cells.

(2) Let X and Z be definable G CW complexes. A cellular G map $f : X \rightarrow Z$ is **definable** if $f : |X| \rightarrow |Z|$ is definable.

- Since G and every standard closed simplex are definably compact and by definition, every definable G CW complex X is definably compact. Note that a G CW subcomplex of a definable G CW complex is a definable G CW complex itself.

Definition

Let X be a definable G set and Y a definable G subset of X .

(1) We say that a definable G map $l : X \rightarrow Y$ is a *definable G retraction from X to Y* if $l|_Y = id_Y$.

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Definition

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Remark

*Even a non-equivariant version of the above theorem is **not true in general** \mathcal{N} .*

Theorem

Let G be a definably compact definable group. Let X be a definable G set and Y a definable closed G subset of X . Then there exist a definable G CW complex Z in a representation space Ξ of G , a G CW subcomplex W of Z , and a definable G map $f : X \rightarrow Z$ such that:

- ① f maps X and Y definably G homeomorphically onto G invariant definable subsets Z_1 and W_1 of Z and W obtained by removing some open G cells from Z and W , respectively.
- ② The orbit map $\pi : Z \rightarrow Z/G$ is a definable cellular map.
- ③ The orbit space Z/G is a finite simplicial complex compatible with $\pi(Z_1)$ and $\pi(W_1)$.
- ④ For each open G cell c of Z , $\pi|_{\bar{c}} : \bar{c} \rightarrow \pi(\bar{c})$ has a definable section $s : \pi(\bar{c}) \rightarrow \bar{c}$, where \bar{c} denotes the closure of c in Z .

Moreover, if X is definably compact, then $Z = f(X)$ and $W = f(Y)$.

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Theorem (Equivariant piecewise definable trivialization)

Let G be a definably compact definable group, X a definable G set, Z a definable set and $f : X \rightarrow Z$ a G invariant definable map. Then there exist a finite decomposition $\{T_i\}_{i=1}^k$ of Z into definable sets and definable G homeomorphisms $\phi_i : f^{-1}(T_i) \rightarrow T_i \times f^{-1}(z_i)$ such that $f|_{f^{-1}(T_i)} = p_i \circ \phi_i$, ($1 \leq i \leq k$), where p_i denotes the projection $T_i \times f^{-1}(y_i) \rightarrow T_i$ and $z_i \in T_i$.

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To complete the proof, we find a definable strong G deformation retraction L and prove that Y is a definable strong G deformation retract of X .

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