

# Definable $t$ -regularity theorem

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## Abstract

We consider locally definable  $C^\infty$  manifolds, locally definable  $C^\infty$  maps and study  $t$ -regularity of locally definable  $C^\infty$  maps

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## 1. Introduction.

Let  $\mathcal{M} = (\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot, <, e^x, \dots)$  be an exponential o-minimal expansion of the standard structure  $\mathcal{R} = (\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot, <)$  of the field  $\mathbb{R}$  of real numbers. General references on o-minimal structures are [1], [2], see also [7]. For example, the Nash category is a special case of the definable  $C^\infty$  category and it coincides with the definable  $C^\infty$  category based on  $\mathcal{R} = (\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot, <)$  ([8]). Equivariant definable category is studied in [3], [4], [5].

In this paper “definable” means “definable with parameters in  $\mathcal{M}$ ”, everything is considered in  $\mathcal{M}$ , “countable” means finite or countably infinite and each locally definable map is continuous unless otherwise stated.

A subset  $X$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is called *locally definable* if for every  $x \in X$  there exists a definable open neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $X \cap U$  is a definable subset of  $X$ . Clearly every definable set is locally definable, every compact locally definable set is definable and any open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is locally definable.

Let  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  be locally definable sets. We say that a continuous map  $f : U \rightarrow V$  is a *locally definable map* if for any  $x \in U$  there exists a definable open neighborhood  $W_x$  of  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $f|_{U \cap W_x}$  is definable.

Two locally definable maps  $f, h : X \rightarrow Y$  between locally definable sets are *locally definably homotopic* if there exists a locally definable map  $H : X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow Y$  such that  $H(x, 0) = f(x)$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $H(x, 1) = h(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .

Let  $M^n, N^p$  be locally definable  $C^\infty$  manifolds of dimension  $n, p$ , respectively,  $f : M^n \rightarrow N^p$  a locally definable  $C^\infty$  map,  $N_1^{p-q}$  a  $(p - q)$ -dimensional locally definable  $C^\infty$  submanifold of  $N^p$ . We say that  $f$  is  *$t$ -regular* on  $N_1^{p-q}$  if for any  $x \in f^{-1}(N_1^{p-q})$ ,  $(df)_x(T_x M^n) + T_{f(x)} N_1^{p-q} = T_{f(x)} N^p$ .

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $M^n, N^p$  be locally definable  $C^\infty$  manifolds of dimension  $n, p$ , respectively,  $f : M^n \rightarrow N^p$  a locally definable  $C^\infty$  map,  $N_1^{p-q}$  a  $(p - q)$ -dimensional locally definable  $C^\infty$  submanifold of  $N^p$ . Let*

Let  $A$  be a locally definable closed subset of  $M^n$  such that there exists a locally definable open neighborhood  $U$  of  $A$  such that  $f|_U$  is  $t$ -regular on  $N_1^{p-q}$ . For every positive locally definable continuous function  $\delta : M^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , there exists a locally definable  $C^\infty$  map  $h : M^n \rightarrow N^p$  satisfies the following conditions.

- (1)  $h$  is locally definable homotopic to  $f$ .
- (2)  $g$  is a  $\delta$ -approximation of  $f$ .
- (3)  $g$  is  $t$ -regular on  $N_1^{p-q}$ .
- (4)  $h|_A = f|_A$ .

**Theorem 1.2.** *Every  $n$ -dimensional locally definable  $C^\infty$  manifold  $X$  is locally definably  $C^\infty$  imbeddable into  $\mathbb{R}^{2n+1}$ .*

Theorem 1.2 is proved in [6] the case where  $r$  is a positive integer.

## 2 Proof of results

Remark that for any locally definable map  $f$  between locally definable sets  $X$  and  $Y$ , if  $X$  is compact, then  $f(X)$  is a definable set and  $f : X \rightarrow f(X) (\subset Y)$  is a definable map.

Note that the maps  $f_1, f_2 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f_1(x) = \sin x, f_2(x) = \cos x$ , respectively, are analytic but not locally definable in  $\mathcal{R} = (\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot, <)$ , and that the field  $\mathbb{Q} (\subset \mathbb{R})$  of rational numbers is not a locally definable subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . For example, if  $\mathcal{M} = \mathbf{R}_{an,exp}$ , then  $f : (-1, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \sin \frac{1}{1-x^2}$  is locally definable but not definable.

Let  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  be open sets. A  $C^r$  map  $f : U \rightarrow V$  is called a *locally definable  $C^r$  map* if  $f$  is locally definable. A locally definable  $C^r$  map  $f : U \rightarrow V$  is called a *locally definable  $C^r$  diffeomorphism* if there exists a locally definable  $C^r$  map  $h : V \rightarrow U$  such that  $f \circ h = id$  and  $h \circ f = id$ .

**Definition 2.1** ([6]). Let  $1 \leq r \leq \omega$ .

(1) A locally definable subset  $X$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is called a  *$d$ -dimensional locally definable  $C^r$  submanifold of  $\mathbb{R}^n$*  if for any  $x \in X$  there exists a definable  $C^r$  diffeomorphism  $\phi$  from some definable open neighborhood  $U$  of the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  onto some definable open neighborhood  $V$  of  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\phi(0) =$

$x, \phi(\mathbb{R}^d \cap U) = X \cap V$ . Here  $\mathbb{R}^d = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \text{last } (n-d) \text{ components of } x \text{ are zero}\}$ .

(2) A *locally definable  $C^r$  manifold  $X$  of dimension  $d$*  is a  $C^r$  manifold with a countable system of charts  $\{\phi_i : U_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d\}$  such that for each  $i$  and  $j$   $\phi_i(U_i \cap U_j)$  is a definable open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  and the map  $\phi_j \circ \phi_i^{-1}|_{\phi_i(U_i \cap U_j)} : \phi_i(U_i \cap U_j) \rightarrow \phi_j(U_i \cap U_j)$  is a definable  $C^r$  diffeomorphism. We call these atlas *locally definable  $C^r$* . Locally definable  $C^r$  manifolds with compatible atlases are identified. Clearly every definable  $C^r$  manifold is a locally definable  $C^r$  manifold. A subset  $Y$  of a locally definable  $C^r$  manifold  $X$  is called a  *$k$ -dimensional locally definable  $C^r$  submanifold of  $X$*  if each point  $x \in Y$  there exists a locally definable  $C^r$  chart  $\phi_i : U_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  of  $X$  such that  $x \in U_i$  and  $U_i \cap Y = \phi_i^{-1}(\mathbb{R}^k)$ , where  $\mathbb{R}^k \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  is the vectors whose last  $(d-k)$  components are zero.

(3) A locally definable  $C^r$  manifold is *affine* if it can be imbedded into some  $\mathbb{R}^n$  in a locally definable  $C^r$  way.

Since a locally definable set  $X$  is paracompact, for any countable definable open cover  $\{U_\alpha\}$  of  $X$ , there exists a partition of unity  $\{f_\alpha\}$  subordinate to  $\{U_\alpha\}$  such that each  $f_\alpha$  is locally definable. Thus we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $X$  be a locally definable  $C^\infty$  manifold. Every locally definable open cover of  $X$  has a subordinate locally definable  $C^\infty$  partition of unity.*

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^n, Y \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  be locally definable sets,  $f, h : X \rightarrow Y$  locally definable maps and  $\delta : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a positive locally definable function. We say that  $g$  is a  *$\delta$ -approximation* of  $f$  if  $d_m(f(x), g(x)) < \delta(x)$  for any  $x \in X$ , where  $d_m$  means the standard metric of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

**Proposition 2.4.** *Let  $X$  be a locally definable  $C^\infty$  manifold. Then every  $C^\infty$  map  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is approximated in the  $C^\infty$  Whitney topology by a locally definable  $C^\infty$  map  $h : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 2.2, we have a locally definable  $C^\infty$  partition of unity  $\{\phi_j\}_{j=1}^\infty$  subordinates to some locally finite open definable cover  $\{X_j\}_{j=1}^\infty$  of  $X$  such that  $X = \cup_{j=1}^\infty \text{supp } \phi_j$  and  $\overline{X_j}$  is compact. For any  $j$ , take an open neighborhood  $U_j$  of  $\text{supp } \phi_j$  in  $X$  such that  $\overline{U_j}$  is compact. Applying the polynomial approximation theorem, we have a locally definable  $C^\infty$  map  $h_j : U_j \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  which approximates  $f|_{U_j}$ . If our approximation is sufficiently close, then  $\sum_{j=1}^\infty \phi_j h_j$  is a locally definable  $C^r$  approximation of  $f$ .  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 1.2.* By Whitney's imbedding Theorem, there exists a  $C^r$  imbedding  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n+1}$ . Since imbeddings from  $X$  to  $\mathbb{R}^{2n+1}$  are open in  $C^r(X, \mathbb{R}^{2n+1})$ , we have the required locally definable  $C^r$  imbedding  $h : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n+1}$ .  $\square$

For a positive number  $k$ ,  $C^n(k)$  means the open ball of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with center 0 and radius  $k$  and  $\overline{C^n(k)}$  denotes the closure of  $C^n(k)$ .

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* Since  $N_1^{p-q}$  is a locally definable  $C^\infty$  submanifold, it is covered by a system of chart of  $N^q$  such that:

- (1)  $N_1^{p-q} \subset \cup_{i=1}^\infty Y_i$
- (2)  $(Y_i, k_i)$  is a chart of  $N^p$ .
- (3)  $k_i : Y_i \cap N_1^{p-q} \rightarrow Y_i \cap N_1^{p-q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{p-q}$ .

Let  $Y_0 = N^p - N_1^{p-q}$ . Then  $\{Y_i | i \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}\}$  is a locally definable open cover and  $\{f^{-1}(Y_i) | i \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}\}$  is a locally definable open cover of  $M^n$ . On the other hand,  $M^n = U \cup (M^n - A)$  is a locally definable open cover. Thus there exists a locally definable  $C^\infty$  atlas  $\{(V_j, h_j) | j \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  such that:

- (1)  $\{V_j\}$  is a locally finite refinement of  $\{f^{-1}(Y_i)\}$  and  $\{U, M - A\}$ .
- (2)  $h_j(V_j) = C^n(3)$ .
- (3) Let  $W_j = h_j^{-1}(C^n(1))$ . Then  $\{W_j\}$  is a locally definable open cover of  $M^n$ .

Renumbering  $V_j$ , if necessary,  $j \leq 0$  if  $V_j \subset U$ .

We can take a locally definable  $C^\infty$  function  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that:

- (1)  $\phi(\overline{C^n(1)}) = 1$ .
- (2)  $0 < \phi(C^n(2) - \overline{C^n(1)}) < 1$ .
- (3)  $\phi(\mathbb{R}^n - C^n(2)) = 0$ .

We define  $\phi_i : M^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  to be

$$\phi_i(x) = \begin{cases} \phi \circ h_i(x), & x \in V_i \\ 0, & x \notin V_i \end{cases}. \text{ Then } \phi_i \text{ is a}$$

locally definable  $C^\infty$  function and for each  $f(V_j)$ , there exists an  $i(j)$  such that  $f(V_j) \subset Y_{i(j)}$ .

By induction, we construct the required map  $g$ . Let  $f_0 = f$ . Then  $f_0|_U$  is  $t$ -regular on  $N_1^{p-q}$ . Assume that a locally definable  $C^\infty$  map  $f_{k-1} : M^n \rightarrow N^p$  is constructed such that:

- (1)  $f_{k-1}|_{\cup_{j < k} W_j}$  is  $t$ -regular on  $N_1^{p-q}$ .
- (2)  $f_{k-1}(\overline{U_j}) \subset Y_{i(j)}$ .

We now construct a locally definable  $C^\infty$  map  $f_k : M^n \rightarrow N^p$  such that:

- (1)  $f_k|_{\cup_{j \leq k} W_j}$  is  $t$ -regular on  $N_1^{p-q}$ .
- (2)  $f_k(\overline{U_j}) \subset Y_{i(j)}$ .
- (3)  $f_k$  is a  $\frac{\delta}{2^k}$  approximation of  $f_{k-1}$ .

Put  $i = i(k)$  and  $\lambda_k := p_2 \circ k_i \circ f_{k-1} \circ (h_k)^{-1} : C^n(2) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$ , where  $p_2 : \mathbb{R}^{p-q} \times \mathbb{R}^q$  denotes the projection onto the second factor. Then  $\lambda_k$  is a locally definable  $C^\infty$  map. For any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exist  $(q, n)$  matrix  $A$  and  $(q, 1)$  matrix  $B$  such that:

- (1) The absolute value of any element of  $A$  and  $B$  is less than  $\epsilon$ .
- (2) Put  $L(x) := Ax + B$ . Then 0 is a regular value of  $\lambda_k + L$ .

Define  $f_k(x) =$

$$\begin{cases} k_i^{-1}(k_i \circ f_{k-1}(x) + L(h_k(x))\phi_k(x)), & x \in V_k \\ f_{k-1}(x), & x \in M - U_k \end{cases}.$$

Then  $f_k$  is a locally definable  $C^\infty$  map.

Since we take sufficiently small  $A, B$ ,  $f_k$  is a  $\frac{\delta}{2^k}$  approximation of  $f_{k-1}$  and  $f_k(\overline{U_j}) \subset Y_{i(j)}$ .

Thus  $f_k|_{\cup_{j \leq k} W_j}$  is  $t$ -regular on  $N_1^{p-q}$ . Let  $g(x) = \lim_k f_k(x)$ . Then  $g$  is a locally definable  $C^\infty$  map with required properties.  $\square$

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