## A GENERALIZED BORSUK-ULAM THEOREM IN A REAL CLOSED FIELD

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ABSTRACT. Let  $C_k$  be the cyclic group of order k and  $\mathcal{N} = (R, +, \cdot, <, ...)$  an o-minimal expansion of a real closed field R. Let X be a definably connected definable set with a free definable  $C_k$ -action. Assume that there exists a positive integer n such that  $H_q(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) = 0$  for  $1 \leq q \leq n$ . If Y is a definable set with a free definable  $C_k$ -action such that  $H_{n+1}(Y/C_k, \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) = 0$ , then there is no definable  $C_k$ -map from X to Y. We also prove the topological version of this definable version.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $C_k$  be the cyclic group of order k. Let  $\mathbb{S}^n$  be the *n*-dimensional unit sphere of the (n + 1)-dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  with the antipodal  $C_2$ -action. From the viewpoint of transformation groups, the classical Borsuk-Ulam theorem states that if there exists a continuous  $C_2$ -map from  $\mathbb{S}^n$  to  $\mathbb{S}^m$ , then  $n \leq m$ . There are several equivalent statements of it and many related generalizations (e.g. [2], [12], [13], [14], [16]).

The classical Borsuk-Ulam theorem is generalized to topological spaces by several authors. For example, J.W. Walker [20], Pedro L. Q Pergher, Denise de Mattos and Edivaldo L. dos Santos [17].

Several  $C_k$ -versions of the classical Borsuk-Ulam theorem are discussed in [10] and [7]. The following two theorems are  $C_k$ -versions for topological spaces which are generalizations of [20], [17], [10] and [7].

**Theorem 1.1.** Let X be an arcwise connected free  $C_k$ -space and Y a Hausdorff free  $C_k$ -space. If there exists a positive integer n such that  $H_q(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) = 0$  for  $1 \le q \le n$  and  $H_{n+1}(Y/C_k; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) = 0$ , then there is no continuous  $C_k$ -map from X to Y. Here this homology means the singular homology.

Let k be a prime. For a topological space Y, let  $D = \{(y_1, \ldots, y_k) \in Y \times \cdots \times Y | y_1 = \cdots = y_k\}$  be the diagonal and write  $Y^* = Y \times \cdots \times Y - D$  admitting the free  $C_k$ -action defined by  $g(y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_k) = (y_k, y_1, \ldots, y_{k-1})$ , where g generates  $C_k$ .

**Theorem 1.2.** Let k be a prime and X an arcwise connected free  $C_k$ -space. If there exists a positive integer n such that  $H_q(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) = 0$  for  $1 \le q \le n$  and Y is a Hausdorff free  $C_k$ -space with  $H_{n+1}(Y^*/C_k; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) = 0$ , then every continuous map  $f : X \to Y$  has a

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 $C_k$ -coincidence point, that is, a point x such that f(x) = f(gx), where g is a generator of  $C_k$ .

The purpose of this paper is to consider the definable versions of Theorem 1.1 and Theorem 1.2

Let  $\mathcal{N} = (R, +, \cdot, <, ...)$  be an o-minimal expansion of a real closed field R. Any definable category is a generalization of the semialgebraic category. Many results in the semialgebraic geometry hold in the o-minimal setting and there exist uncountably many o-minimal expansions of the standard structure of the field  $\mathbb{R}$  of real numbers ([18]). See also [4], [6], [11] for examples and constructions of o-minimal structures. General references on them are [3], [5], [19]. In this paper "definable" means "definable with parameters in  $\mathcal{N}$ ", everything is considered in  $\mathcal{N}$  and each definable map is continuous unless otherwise stated.

The singular definable homology is introduced in [21].

**Theorem 1.3** (Definable Borsuk-Ulam Theorem). Let X be a definably connected definable set with a free definable  $C_k$ -action. If there exists a positive integer n such that  $H_q(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) = 0$  for  $1 \le q \le n$  and Y is a definable set with a free definable  $C_k$ -action such that  $H_{n+1}(Y/C_k; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) = 0$ , then there is no definable  $C_k$ -map from X to Y. Here this homology means the singular definable homology.

If Y is a definable set with a definable  $C_k$ -action, then by 10.2.18 [3],  $Y/C_k$  is a definable set and the orbit map  $\pi : Y \to Y/C_k$  is definable. If dim  $Y \leq n$ , then by 4.1.6 [3] dim  $Y/C_r \leq n$ . Thus if dim  $Y \leq n$ , then  $H_{n+1}(Y/C_k; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) = 0$ .

Let  $S^n$  denote the *n*-dimensional unit sphere of  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ .

**Corollary 1.4.** (1) Suppose that  $k \geq 3$  and that  $C_k$  acts on  $S^{2m+1}$  and  $S^{2n+1}$  definably and freely. If there exists a definable  $C_k$ -map  $f: S^{2m+1} \to S^{2n+1}$ , then  $m \leq n$ .

(2) If  $S^m$  and  $S^n$  have free definable  $C_2$ -actions and there exists a definable  $C_2$ -map  $f: S^m \to S^n$ , then  $m \leq n$ .

Corollary 1.4 is a generalization of 1.1 [15].

**Theorem 1.5.** Let k be a prime and X a definably connected definable set with a free definable  $C_k$ -action. Assume that there exists a positive integer n such that  $H_q(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) = 0$ for  $1 \le q \le n$ . If Y is a definable set with  $H_{n+1}(Y^*/C_k; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) = 0$ , then every definable map  $f: X \to Y$  has a  $C_k$ -coincidence point, that is, a point x such that f(x) = f(gx), where g is a generator of  $C_k$ .

### 2. Proof of results

We first prove Theorem 1.3. Let  $\mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}[C_k]$  denote the group ring of  $C_k$  over  $\mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}$ . For any  $q \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ , the q-dimensional chain group  $C_q(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z})$  has the standard  $C_k$ -action. Then this action induces  $\mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}[C_k]$ -action on  $C_q(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z})$ .

Let g be a generator of  $C_k$ ,  $\alpha = 1 + g + \cdots + g^{k-1}$ , and  $\beta = 1 - g$ . Then by definition  $\alpha\beta = \beta\alpha = 0$ , for every q,  $\alpha C_q(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z})$  and  $\beta C_q(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z})$  are  $\mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}[C_k]$ submodules of  $C_q(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z})$  and  $\alpha\partial = \partial\alpha, \beta\partial = \partial\beta$ , where  $\partial$  is the boundary operator of  $\{C_q(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z})\}$ . Therefore  $\{\alpha C_q(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z})\}$  and  $\{\beta C_q(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z})\}$  are subchain complexes of  $\{C_q(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z})\}$ . **Proposition 2.1.** For every q, the following two sequences are exact.

$$0 \to \alpha C_q(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{i} C_q(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\beta} \beta C_q(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) \to 0,$$
  
$$0 \to \beta C_q(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{j} C_q(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\alpha} \alpha C_q(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) \to 0,$$

where i, j denote the inclusions and  $\alpha$  (resp.  $\beta$ ) stands for the multiplication of  $\alpha$  (resp.  $\beta$ ).

*Proof.* Since  $\beta \circ i = 0, \alpha \circ j = 0$ , Im  $i \subset \text{Ker } \beta$ , Im  $j \subset \text{Ker } \alpha$ .

Let  $s = \sum_{j} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} n_{ji} g^{i} \sigma_{j} \in \text{Ker } \beta$ , where g is a generator of  $C_{k}$ . If  $l \neq l'$  and  $0 \leq i \leq k-1$ , then  $g^{i} \sigma_{l} \neq \sigma_{l'}$ . Since  $\beta s = 0$ , for any j,  $\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} n_{ji} g^{i} (1-g) \sigma_{j} = 0$ . Thus for every j,  $\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (n_{ji} - n_{j(i-1)}) g^{i} \sigma_{i} + (n_{j0} - n_{j(k-1)}) \sigma_{j} = 0$ . Hence for each j,  $n_{j0} = n_{j1} = \cdots = n_{jk-1}$ . We set  $n_{j} = n_{j0} (= n_{j1} = \cdots = n_{jk-1})$ . Then We have  $s = \sum_{j} n_{j} (1 + g + \cdots + g^{k-1}) \sigma_{j} = \alpha \sum_{i} n_{j} \sigma_{j} \in \text{Im } i$ .

Let  $s = \sum_{j} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} n_{ji} g^i \sigma_j \in \text{Ker } \alpha$ . Since  $\alpha s = \sum_{j} (n_{j0} + \dots + n_{j(k-1)})(1 + \dots + g^{k-1})\sigma_j = 0$ ,  $n_{j0} + \dots + n_{j(k-1)} = 0$ .

Thus  $s = \sum_{j} (n_{j0}(1-g) + (n_{j0}+n_{j1})g(1-g) + (n_{j0}+n_{j1}+n_{j2})g^2(1-g) + \dots + (n_{j0}+n_{j1}+\dots+n_{j(k-2)})g^{k-2}(1-g))\sigma_j \in \text{Im } j.$ 

Let  $H_q^{\alpha}(X, \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z})$  (resp.  $H_q^{\beta}(X, \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z})$ ) denote the homology group induced from the chain complex  $\{\alpha C_q(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z})\}$  (resp.  $\{\beta C_q(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z})\}$ ).

By Proposition 2.1, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.2.** The following two sequences are exact.

$$\cdots \to H_q^{\alpha}(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{i_*} H_q(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\beta_*} H_q^{\beta}(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\partial_*} H_{q-1}^{\alpha}(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) \to \dots$$

 $\dots \to H_q^\beta(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{j_*} H_q(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\alpha_*} H_q^\alpha(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\partial'_*} H_{q-1}^\beta(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) \to \dots$ In particular, if p = 2, then  $\alpha = \beta$  and

$$\cdots \to H_q^{\alpha}(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{i_*} H_q(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\alpha_*} H_q^{\alpha}(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\partial_*} H_{q-1}^{\alpha}(X; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) \to \dots$$

is exact.

Definable fiber bundles are introduced in [8].

**Proposition 2.3.** Let X be a definable set with a free definable  $C_k$ -action. Then  $(X, \pi, X/C_k, C_k)$  is a principal definable  $C_k$ -fiber bundle, where  $\pi : X \to X/C_k$  denotes the orbit map. In particular  $\pi : X \to X/C_k$  is a definable covering map.

Let  $p: E \to X$  be a definable map. We say that p has the definable homotopy lifting property if for any definable set Y, each definable homotopy  $h: Y \times [0,1] \to X$  and a definable map  $F: Y \to E$  such that  $p \circ F(y) = h(y,0)$  for all  $y \in Y$ , there exists a definable homotopy  $H: Y \times [0,1] \to E$  such that  $p \circ H = h$  and H(y,0) = F(y) for all  $y \in Y$ . **Theorem 2.4** (4.10 [1]). Every definable covering map has the definable homotopy lifting property.

**Corollary 2.5.** Let X be a definable set with a free definable  $C_k$ -action. Then the orbit map  $\pi : X \to X/C_k$  has the definable homotopy lifting property.

**Proposition 2.6.** Under the assumptions in Theorem 1.3, for every q,  $H_q^{\alpha}(Y, \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) \cong H_q(Y/C_k, \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z})$ .

*Proof.* We first show that the map  $\alpha : C(Y; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) \to C(Y; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z})$  and the map  $\pi_* : C(Y; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}) \to C(Y/C_k; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z})$  induced from the orbit map  $\pi : Y \to Y/C_k$  have the same kernel. Let  $\sigma$  be a singular s-simplex of Y. We need only to consider elements of  $C(C_k\sigma)$ , since  $C(Y) \cong \bigoplus_{[\sigma] \in \Delta(s)/C_k} C(C_k\sigma)$ , where  $\Delta(s)$  is the set of singular s-simplexes of Y and  $\Delta(s)/C_k$  is its orbit set under the induced action.

Since  $\alpha(\sum n_i g^i \sigma) = (\sum n_i)\alpha(\sigma)$ ,  $\alpha(\sum n_i g^i \sigma) = 0$  if and only if  $\sum n_i = 0$ , and similarly  $\pi_*(\sum n_i g^i \sigma) = (\sum n_i)\pi \circ \sigma = 0$  if and only if  $\sum n_i = 0$ ; therefore, both kernels coincide.

We next show that  $\pi_*$  is surjective; namely, there is a definable lift  $\tilde{\tau} : \Delta^s \to Y$  of  $\tau : \Delta^s \to Y/C_k$ , where  $\Delta^s$  denotes the affine span of (s + 1)-points which are affine independent. Since  $\Delta^s$  is definably contractible, there is a definable homotopy  $H' : \Delta^s \times [0,1] \to \Delta^s$  such that  $H'(-,0) = c_{e_0}$  and  $H'(-,1) = id_{\Delta^s}$ , where  $c_{e_0}$  denotes the constant map whose value is  $e_0 \in \Delta^s$ . Then the composition  $H = \tau \circ H'$  is a definable homotopy from the constant map  $c_{\tau(e_0)}$  to  $\tau$ . Let  $y_0$  be a point of Y such that  $\pi(y_0) = \tau(e_0)$ , and  $c_{y_0} : \Delta^s \to Y$  the constant map whose value is  $y_0$ . Since  $H(-,0) = \pi \circ c_{y_0}$ , it follows from Corollary 2.5 that there exists a definable lift  $\tilde{H} : \Delta^s \times [0,1] \to Y$  of H such that  $\tilde{H}(-,0) = c_{y_0}$ . Then  $\tilde{\tau} := \tilde{H}(-,1)$  is a definable lift of  $\tau = H(-,1)$ .

Since  $\pi_*$  is surjective,  $\alpha C(Y; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z})$  and  $C(Y/C_p; \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z})$  are isomorphic as chain complexes. Accordingly their homology groups are also isomorphic.

The topological version of Proposition 2.6 is studied in 5.33 [9].

Proof of Theorem 1.3. Assume that there exists a definable  $C_k$ -map  $f : X \to Y$ under the conditions of Theorem 1.3. Since X is definably connected, f(X) is definable connected. Hence f(X) is contained in a definably connected component of Y. Therefore it is sufficient to prove the case where Y is definably connected.

We first prove the case where k = 2. Since f is a definable  $C_2$ -map,  $\alpha f_{\sharp} = f_{\sharp} \alpha$ .

For simplicity, we abbreviate the coefficient  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  in the definable homology. By Theorem 2.2, we have a commutative diagram

with exact rows.

By definition,  $(i_*^X)_0 = 0$  and  $(i_*^Y)_0 = 0$ . Thus  $(\alpha_*^X)_0 : H_0(X) \to H_0^{\alpha}(X)$  and  $(\alpha_*^Y)_0 : H_0(Y) \to H_0^{\alpha}(Y)$  are isomorphisms. By assumption,  $H_0(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ . Hence  $H_0(X) \cong$ 

 $H_0^{\alpha}(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ . Similarly,  $H_0(Y) \cong H_0^{\alpha}(Y) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ . Since  $(f_*)_0 : H_0(X) \to H_0(Y)$ is an isomorphism and  $(\alpha_*^Y)_0 \circ (f_*)_0 = (f_*^{\alpha})_0 \circ (\alpha_*^X)_0$ ,  $(f_*^{\alpha})_0 : H_0^{\alpha}(X) \to H_0^{\alpha}(Y)$  is an isomorphism. Since  $(i_*^X)_0 = 0$ , we have  $\operatorname{Im}(\partial_*^X)_1 = \operatorname{Ker}(i_*^X)_0 = H_0^{\alpha}(X)$ . Thus we see that  $(\partial_*^Y)_1 \circ (f_*^{\alpha})_1 = (f_*^{\alpha})_0 \circ (\partial_*^X)_1 : H_1^{\alpha}(X) \to H_0^{\alpha}(Y)$  is a non-zero homomorphism. Hence  $(f_*^{\alpha})_1 : H_1^{\alpha}(X) \to H_1^{\alpha}(Y)$  is a non-zero homomorphism. Using the assumptions on X, we see that  $(\partial_*^X)_q : H_q^{\alpha}(X) \to H_{q-1}^{\alpha}(X)$  is an isomorphism for each  $1 \leq q \leq n$ . Using this fact and by induction, we have the claim that  $(f_*^{\alpha})_q : H_q^{\alpha}(X) \to H_q^{\alpha}(Y)$  is a non-zero homomorphism for each  $0 \leq q \leq n$ .

By Proposition 2.6,  $H_{n+1}^{\alpha}(Y) \cong H_{n+1}(Y/C_p)$ . Thus  $H_{n+1}^{\alpha}(Y) = 0$ . Hence  $(i_*^Y)_n : H_n^{\alpha}(Y) \to H_n(Y)$  is injective and  $(i_*^Y)_n \circ (f_*^{\alpha})_n : H_n^{\alpha}(X) \to H_n(Y)$  is a non-zero homomorphism.

On the other hand, since  $H_n(X) = 0$ ,  $(i_*^Y)_n \circ (f_*^\alpha)_n = (f_*)_n \circ (i_*^X)_n = 0$ . This contradiction proves the theorem in this case.

Next we prove the case where k > 2. For simplicity, we abbreviate the coefficient  $\mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}$  in the definable homology. By Theorem 2.2, we have two commutative diagrams

and

with exact rows.

We easily see that  $(i_*^X)_0 = 0$  and  $(i_*^Y)_0 = 0$ . Thus  $(\beta_*^X)_0 : H_0(X) \to H_0^\beta(X)$  and  $(\beta_*^Y)_0 : H_0(Y) \to H_0^\beta(Y)$  are isomorphisms. Since  $(f_*)_0 : H_0(X) \to H_0(Y)$  is an isomorphism, we have the claim that  $(f_*^\beta)_0 : H_0^\beta(X) \to H_0^\beta(Y)$  is an isomorphism. Similarly we see that  $(f_*^\alpha)_0 : H_0^\alpha(X) \to H_0^\alpha(Y)$  is an isomorphism from the second diagram. Since  $H_1(X) = 0$  and  $(i_*^X)_0 = 0, (\partial_*^X)_1 : H_1^\beta(X) \to H_0^\alpha(X)$  is an isomorphism. Similarly  $(\partial_*'^X)_1 : H_1^\alpha(X) \to H_0^\beta(X)$  is an isomorphism. Since  $(\partial_*^Y)_1 \circ (f_*^\beta)_1 = (f_*^\alpha)_0 \circ (\partial_*^X)_1$  and  $(\partial_*'^Y)_1 \circ (f_*^\alpha)_1 = (f_*^\beta)_0 \circ (\partial_*'^X)_1$ ,  $(f_*^\alpha)_1 : H_1^\alpha(X) \to H_1^\alpha(Y)$  and  $(f_*^\beta)_1 : H_1^\alpha(X) \to H_1^\alpha(Y)$  are non-zero homomorphisms. By induction, we have the claim that  $(f_*^\alpha)_q : H_q^\alpha(X) \to H_q^\alpha(Y)$  and  $(f_*^\beta)_q : H_1^\alpha(X) \to H_q^\beta(Y)$  are non-zero homomorphism for each  $0 \le q \le n$ . By Proposition

2.6,  $H_{n+1}^{\alpha}(Y) \cong H_{n+1}(Y/C_p)$ . Hence  $H_{n+1}^{\alpha}(Y/C_p) = 0$  and  $(j_*^Y)_n : H_n^{\beta}(Y) \to H_n(Y)$  is injective. Therefore  $(j_*^Y)_n \circ (f_*^{\beta})_n$  is a non-zero homomorphism.

On the other hand,  $(j_*^Y)_n \circ (f_*^\beta)_n = (f_*)_n \circ (j_*^X)_n = 0$  because  $H_n(X) = 0$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore the proof is complete.

Proof of Theorem 1.5. Suppose that  $f(x) \neq f(gx)$  for any  $x \in X$ . Then the map  $F: X \to Y^*$  defined by  $F(x) = (f(x), f(gx), \dots, f(g^{k-1}x))$  is a definable  $C_k$ -map. This contradicts Theorem 1.3.

*Proof of Theorem* 1.1 *and Theorem* 1.2. Similar proofs of Theorem 1.3 and Theorem 1.5 prove Theorem 1.1 and Theorem 1.2, respectively.  $\Box$ 

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