

## AFFINENESS OF DEFINABLE $C^r$ MANIFOLDS AND ITS APPLICATIONS

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**ABSTRACT.** Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be an exponentially bounded o-minimal expansion of the standard structure  $\mathcal{R} = (\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot, <)$  of the field of real numbers. We prove that if  $r$  is a non-negative integer, then every definable  $C^r$  manifold is affine. Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a definable  $C^1$  map between definable  $C^1$  manifolds. We show that the set  $S$  of critical points of  $f$  and  $f(S)$  are definable and  $\dim f(S) < \dim Y$ . Moreover we prove that if  $1 < s < r < \infty$ , then every definable  $C^s$  manifold admits a unique definable  $C^r$  manifold structure up to definable  $C^r$  diffeomorphism.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  denote an o-minimal expansion of the standard structure  $\mathcal{R} = (\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot, <)$  of the field of real numbers. The term “definable” means “definable with parameters in  $\mathcal{M}$ ”, and any manifold in this paper does not have boundary, unless otherwise stated. Several properties of definable  $C^r$  manifolds and definable  $C^r$  maps are studied in [9], [10], [8]. The Nash category coincides with the definable  $C^\infty$  category based on  $\mathcal{R}$  [15], and definable  $C^r$  categories based on  $\mathcal{M}$  are generalizations of the  $C^r$  Nash category. General references on o-minimal structures are [3], [5], see also [14]. Further properties and constructions of them are studied in [4], [6], [12].

We say that  $\mathcal{M}$  is *polynomially bounded* if for every function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  definable in  $\mathcal{M}$ , there exist a natural number  $k$  and a real number  $x_0$  such that  $|f(x)| \leq x^k$  for any  $x > x_0$ . Otherwise,  $\mathcal{M}$  is called *exponential*. One of typical examples of polynomially bounded structures is  $\mathcal{R}$ . By a result of C. Miller [11], if  $\mathcal{M}$  is exponential,

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then the exponential function  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, x \mapsto e^x$  is definable. We call  $\mathcal{M}$  *exponentially bounded* if for every function  $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  definable in  $\mathcal{M}$ , there exist a natural number  $l$  and a real number  $x_1$  such that  $|h(x)| \leq \text{exp}_l(x)$  for any  $x > x_1$ , where  $\text{exp}_l(x)$  denotes the  $l$ th iterate of the exponential function, e.g.  $\text{exp}_2(x) = e^{e^x}$ . Note that the problem that every o-minimal expansion  $\mathcal{M}$  of  $\mathcal{R}$  is exponentially bounded is still open (e.g. [2]).

**THEOREM 1.1.** *If  $\mathcal{M}$  is exponentially bounded and  $0 \leq r < \infty$ , then every definable  $C^r$  manifold is affine.*

Theorem 1.1 is a generalization of 1.1 [10] and an equivariant  $C^\infty$  version of Theorem 1.1 is true if  $\mathcal{M}$  is exponential and the manifold is compact (see 1.2 [10]). If  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{R}$  and  $r = \infty$ , then Theorem 1.1 is not true [13].

As applications of Theorem 1.1, we have the following two results.

Let  $A$  be a subset of an  $n$ -dimensional definable  $C^r$  manifold  $X$  with a definable  $C^r$  atlas  $\{(U_i, \phi_i : U_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n)\}_i$  and  $r > 0$ . We say that  $A$  *has measure 0 in  $X$*  if each  $\phi_i(U_i \cap A) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  has measure 0 (e.g. see P.68 [7]).

**THEOREM 1.2.** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be definable  $C^1$  manifolds and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  a definable  $C^1$  map. If  $\mathcal{M}$  is exponentially bounded, then the set  $S$  of critical points of  $f$  and  $f(S)$  are definable and  $\dim f(S) < \dim Y$ . In particular, the measure of  $f(S)$  in  $Y$  is 0.*

Without assuming that  $f$  is definable, there exists a  $C^1$  map from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^1$  whose critical point set has positive measure [17]. Note that if  $\dim X < \dim Y$  and  $f$  is a definable  $C^1$  imbedding, then  $S = X$ , in particular,  $\dim f(S) = \dim X$ . Thus in Theorem 1.2, one cannot replace  $\dim f(S) < \dim Y$  by  $\dim f(S) < \min(\dim X, \dim Y)$ .

**THEOREM 1.3.** *If  $\mathcal{M}$  is exponentially bounded and  $1 < s < r < \infty$ , then every definable  $C^s$  manifold admits a unique definable  $C^r$  manifold structure up to definable  $C^r$  diffeomorphism.*

By [13], there exists an uncountable family  $\{X\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$  of Nash manifolds such that they are  $C^2$  Nash diffeomorphic and that  $X_\lambda$  is not Nash diffeomorphic to  $X_\mu$  for  $\lambda \neq \mu$ . Thus if  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{R}$  and  $r = \infty$ , then Theorem 1.3 does not hold.

## 2. Proof of results

To prove Theorem 1.1, we need the following three results.

PROPOSITION 2.1 (3.2 [10]). *Let  $X$  be an affine definable  $C^r$  manifold and  $0 \leq r < \infty$ . Then  $X$  can be definably  $C^r$  imbeddable into some  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $X$  is closed in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Moreover it is possible to definably  $C^r$  imbeddable into some  $\mathbb{R}^k$  such that  $X$  is bounded and  $\overline{X} - X$  consists of at most one point, where  $\overline{X}$  denotes the closure of  $X$  in  $\mathbb{R}^k$ .*

Let  $e_n : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, n \in \mathbb{N}$  be the function defined by

$$e_n(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-\exp_{n-1}(1/x^2)}, & x \neq 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases},$$

where  $\exp_0(x) = x$ . Then elementary computations show the following proposition.

PROPOSITION 2.2. (1) *For any polynomial function  $P(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  in  $n$  variables,*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} P\left(\frac{1}{x}, \exp_1\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right), \dots, \exp_{n-1}\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)\right) e_n(x) = 0.$$

(2) *Every  $e_n$  is a  $C^\infty$  function.*

Since  $\mathcal{M}$  is exponentially bounded, in the proof of C.5 [5], we can take  $\phi(t) = te_n(t)$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence a similar proof of C.14 [5] proves the following proposition.

PROPOSITION 2.3 ([5]). *Let  $A$  be a non-empty compact definable subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $f, g$  two continuous definable functions on  $A$  such that  $f^{-1}(0) \subset g^{-1}(0)$ . If  $\mathcal{M}$  is exponentially bounded, then there exist a natural number  $k$  and a positive constant  $c$  such that  $e_k(g) \leq c|f|$  on  $A$ .*

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* Let  $X$  be a definable  $C^r$  manifold. If  $\dim X = 0$ , then  $X$  consists of finitely many points. Thus the result holds.

Assume that  $m := \dim X \geq 1$ . Let  $\{\phi_i : U_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m\}_{i=1}^l$  be a definable  $C^r$  atlas of  $X$ . Then each  $\phi_i(U_i)$  is a noncompact definable  $C^r$  submanifold of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Hence by Proposition 2.1, we have a definable  $C^r$  imbedding  $\phi'_i : \phi_i(U_i) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m'}$  such that the image is bounded in  $\mathbb{R}^{m'}$  and

$$\overline{\phi'_i \circ \phi_i(U_i)} - \phi'_i \circ \phi_i(U_i)$$

consists of one point, say 0. For a sufficiently large positive integer  $n$ , set

$$\eta : \mathbb{R}^{m'} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m'}, \eta(x_1, \dots, x_{m'}) = \left( \sum_{j=1}^{m'} e_n(x_j)x_1, \dots, \sum_{j=1}^{m'} e_n(x_j)x_{m'} \right),$$

$$g_i : U_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m'}, \eta \circ \phi'_i \circ \phi_i.$$

Then  $g_i$  is a definable  $C^r$  imbedding of  $U_i$  into  $\mathbb{R}^{m'}$ .

We now prove that the extension  $\tilde{g}_i : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  of  $g_i$  is defined by  $\tilde{g}_i = 0$  on  $X - U_i$  is of class definable  $C^r$ . It is sufficient to see this on each definable  $C^r$  coordinate neighborhood of  $X$ . Hence we may assume that  $X$  is open and bounded in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . We only have to prove that for any sequence  $\{a_t\}_{t=1}^\infty$  in  $U_i$  convergent to a point of  $X - U_i$  and for any  $\alpha \in (\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\})^m$  with  $|\alpha| \leq r$ ,  $\{D^\alpha g_i(a_t)\}_{t=1}^\infty$  converges to 0. On the other hand,  $g_i = (\sum_{j=1}^{m'} e_n(\phi_{ij})\phi_{i1}, \dots, \sum_{j=1}^{m'} e_n(\phi_{ij})\phi_{im'})$ , where  $\phi'_i \circ \phi_i = (\phi_{i1}, \dots, \phi_{im'})$ . By the construction of  $\phi_{ij}$ ,  $\{\phi_{ij}(a_t)\}_{t=1}^\infty$  converges to 0. Hence for any natural number  $k$ ,  $\{e_k(\phi_{ij}(a_t))\phi_{is}(a_t)\}_{t=1}^\infty$  converges to 0. Assume that if  $|\alpha| \leq r-1$ , then there exists some  $K \in \mathbb{N}$  such that if  $k \geq K$ , then  $D^\alpha(e_k(\phi_{ij}(a_t))\phi_{is}(a_t)) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . Let  $D^\alpha(e_k(\phi_{ij}(x))\phi_{is}(x)) = F(x)e_k(\phi_{ij}(x))$ . Then  $F$  is a definable  $C^{r-|\alpha|}$  map on  $U$ .

Let

$$\psi = \max \left\{ 1, \left| \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_1} \right|, \left| \frac{\partial \phi_{ij}}{\partial x_1} \right| \right\}.$$

Define

$$\theta_{ij} = \begin{cases} \min\{|\phi_{ij}|, 1/\psi\} & \text{on } U_i \\ 0 & \text{on } X - U_i, \end{cases} \quad \tilde{\phi}_{ij} = \begin{cases} \phi_{ij} & \text{on } U_i \\ 0 & \text{on } X - U_i. \end{cases}$$

Then  $\theta_{ij}$  and  $\tilde{\phi}_{ij}$  are continuous definable maps on  $X$  such that

$$X - U_i \subset (\theta_{ij})^{-1}(0) = (\tilde{\phi}_{ij})^{-1}(0).$$

Moreover by the construction of  $\phi_{ij}$ ,  $\theta_{ij}$  and  $\tilde{\phi}_{ij}$ ,  $\theta_{ij}$  and  $\tilde{\phi}_{ij}$  are extendable to continuous definable maps on  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Hence by Proposition 2.3, there exist a positive integer  $a$ , a positive number  $b$  and a definable open neighborhood  $V$  of  $X - U_i$  in  $X$  such that  $e_a(\tilde{\phi}_{ij}) \leq b|\theta_{ij}|$  on  $V$ .

On the other hand, by the definition of  $\theta_{ij}$ ,  $|\psi\theta_{ij}| \leq 1$  on  $U_i$ . Thus  $|\psi|e_a(\tilde{\phi}_{ij}) \leq b$ . Hence if  $n \geq N := K + a + 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}(D^\alpha(e_n(\phi_{ij})\phi_{is})) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}(Fe_n(\phi_{ij})) \\ &= \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_1}e_n(\phi_{ij}) + FR_1e_n(\phi_{ij}) \\ &= \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_1}e_n(\phi_{ij}) + (Fe_K(\phi_{ij}))(R_1 \frac{e_n(\phi_{ij})}{e_K(\phi_{ij})}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $R_1 = 2(\frac{\partial \phi_{ij}}{\partial x_1} / \phi_{ij}^3) \exp_1(\frac{1}{\phi_{ij}^2}) \cdots \exp_{n-1}(\frac{1}{\phi_{ij}^2})$ . Thus using the inductive hypothesis and Proposition 2.2,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} (D^\alpha(e_n(\phi_{ij})\phi_{is})) \right| \\ & \leq \left| \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_1} |e_n(\phi_{ij}) + Fe_K(\phi_{ij})| \right| R_1 \left| \frac{e_n(\phi_{ij})}{e_K(\phi_{ij})} \right| \\ & \leq b \frac{e_n(\phi_{ij})}{e_a(\phi_{ij})} + |Fe_K(\phi_{ij})| \frac{2be_n(\phi_{ij})}{e_a(\phi_{ij})e_K(\phi_{ij})} \frac{\exp_1(\frac{1}{\phi_{ij}^2}) \cdots \exp_{n-1}(\frac{1}{\phi_{ij}^2})}{|\phi_{ij}^3|} \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

By the above argument, replacing some larger  $N$ , if  $|\alpha| \leq r$  and  $n \geq N$ , then  $|D^\alpha(e_n(\phi_{ij})\phi_{is})| \rightarrow 0$ . Therefore if  $n \geq N$ , then each  $\tilde{g}_i$  is a definable  $C^r$  map and the function  $h_i : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $h_i = \sqrt{(\tilde{g}_{i1})^2 + \cdots + (\tilde{g}_{im'})^2 + 1}$  is a definable  $C^r$  function with  $h_i(X - U_i) = 1$ , ( $1 \leq i \leq l$ ), where  $\tilde{g}_i = (\tilde{g}_{i1}, \cdots, \tilde{g}_{im'})$ , ( $1 \leq i \leq l$ ). It is easy to see that

$$(\tilde{g}_1, \cdots, \tilde{g}_l, h_1, \cdots, h_l) : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{lm'} \times \mathbb{R}^l$$

is a definable  $C^r$  imbedding.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 1.2.* Since  $\mathcal{M}$  is exponentially bounded and by Theorem 1.1, we may assume that  $X$  and  $Y$  are affine.

The first half of the theorem is obvious. We have only to prove the latter half. If  $\dim X < \dim Y$ , then  $\dim f(S) \leq \dim f(X) \leq \dim X < \dim Y$ . Thus we assume that  $\dim Y \leq \dim X$ .

By Sard's theorem (e.g. 3.1.3 [7]), if  $r > \max(0, \dim X - \dim Y)$ , then the set of critical values of every  $C^r$  map from  $X$  to  $Y$  has measure 0 in  $Y$ . Fix such an  $r$ .

By the definable  $C^r$  cell decomposition theorem (e.g. 7.3.3 [3]), there exists a finite partition  $\{C_i\}_i$  of  $X$  into definable  $C^r$  cells such that each  $f|C_i : C_i \rightarrow Y$  is a definable  $C^r$  map. Note that every  $C_i$  is a definable  $C^r$  submanifold of  $X$  and that  $C_i$  is open in  $X$  if  $\dim C_i = \dim X$ .

Let  $K_i$  denote the set of critical values of  $f|C_i : C_i \rightarrow Y$  and let  $K = f(S)$ . Then by Sard's theorem, each  $K_i$  has measure 0 in  $Y$ . Thus  $\dim K_i < \dim Y$ . Hence  $\dim \cup_i K_i < \dim Y$ .

We now prove  $K \subset \cup_i K_i \cup_{\dim C_i < \dim Y} f(C_i)$ . Let  $y \in K$ . Then there exists an  $x \in X = \cup_i C_i$  such that  $y = f(x)$  and the rank of the Jacobian of  $f$  at  $x$  is smaller than  $\dim Y$ . Assume that  $x \in C_i$ . If  $\dim C_i < \dim Y$ , then  $y = f(x) \in \cup_{\dim C_i < \dim Y} f(C_i)$ . If  $\dim C_i = \dim X$ , then  $y = f(x) \in K_i$  because  $C_i$  is open in  $X$ . Assume that  $\dim Y \leq \dim C_i < \dim X$ . Since  $C_i$  is a definable  $C^r$  submanifold of  $X$ .

there exists a definable  $C^r$  chart  $\phi : U \rightarrow V \subset \mathbb{R}^k$  of  $X$  around  $x$  such that  $\phi(x) = 0$  and  $\phi(C_i \cap U) = V \cap \mathbb{R}^l$ , where  $k = \dim X$ ,  $l = \dim C_i$  and  $\mathbb{R}^l = \mathbb{R}^l \times 0 \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ . The Jacobian  $A$  of  $(f|_{C_i}) \circ \phi^{-1}$  at  $\phi(x)$  is a submatrix of the Jacobian  $B$  of  $f \circ \phi^{-1}$  at  $\phi(x)$ . Then the determinant of every minor of  $B$  of degree  $\dim Y$  at  $x$  is 0 because  $\dim Y \leq \dim C_i < \dim X$ . Hence the rank of  $A$  at  $\phi(x)$  is smaller than  $\dim Y$ . Thus  $y \in K_i$ . Therefore  $K \subset \cup_i K_i \cup_{\dim C_i < \dim Y} f(C_i)$ .

Since  $\dim \cup_i K_i < \dim Y$  and  $\dim f(C_i) \leq \dim C_i$ ,  $\dim K = \dim f(S) < \dim Y$ .  $\square$

To prove Theorem 1.3, we need the following several results.

**PROPOSITION 2.4** (1.3 [8]). *Let  $1 \leq r < \infty$ . Then every definable  $C^r$  submanifold  $X$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  has a definable  $C^r$  tubular neighborhood  $(U, p)$  of  $X$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , namely  $U$  is a definable open neighborhood of  $X$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $p : U \rightarrow X$  is a definable  $C^r$  map with  $p|_X = id_X$ .*

**THEOREM 2.5** (1.2 [9]). *If  $0 < r < \infty$ , then every noncompact affine definable  $C^r$  manifold is definably  $C^r$  diffeomorphic to the interior of some compact affine definable  $C^r$  manifold with boundary.*

**THEOREM 2.6** (5.8 [8]). *If  $2 \leq r < \infty$ , then every compact affine definable  $C^r$  manifold with boundary admits a definable  $C^r$  collar, namely there exists a definable  $C^r$  imbedding  $\phi : \partial X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  such that  $\phi|(\partial X \times \{0\})$  is the inclusion  $\partial X \rightarrow X$ , where the action on  $[0, 1]$  is trivial.*

Note that Proposition 2.4, Theorem 2.5 and 2.6 are true in more general settings (see 1.3 [8], 1.2 [9] and 5.8 [8]).

The following two results are algebraic realizations of compact  $C^\infty$  manifolds.

**THEOREM 2.7** ([16]). *Every compact  $C^\infty$  manifold is  $C^\infty$  diffeomorphic to a nonsingular algebraic set.*

**THEOREM 2.8** ([1]). *Let  $X'$  be a compact  $C^\infty$  submanifold of a compact  $C^\infty$  manifold  $X$ . Then there exist a nonsingular algebraic set  $Y$  and its nonsingular algebraic subset  $Y'$  such that  $(X; X')$  is  $C^\infty$  diffeomorphic to  $(Y; Y')$ .*

The following is a result for raising differentiability of manifolds

**THEOREM 2.9** (2.2.9 [7]). *If  $1 \leq s < \infty$ , then every  $C^s$  manifold admits a compatible  $C^\infty$  manifold structure. In other words, for any  $C^s$  manifold  $(X, \theta)$ , there exists a  $C^\infty$  structure  $\theta'$  on  $X$  such that  $id_X : (X, \theta) \rightarrow (X, \theta')$  is a  $C^s$  diffeomorphism.*

Some refinement of the proof of 2.2.9 [7] proves the following relative version of it.

**THEOREM 2.10.** *Let  $X'$  be a compact  $C^s$  submanifold of a compact  $C^s$  manifold  $X$  and  $1 \leq s < \infty$ . Then there exist a compact  $C^\infty$  manifold  $Y$  and its compact  $C^\infty$  submanifold  $Y'$  such that  $(X; X')$  is  $C^s$  diffeomorphic to  $(Y; Y')$ .*

The following is useful to approximate a relative  $C^1$  diffeomorphism by relative definable  $C^r$  diffeomorphisms.

**THEOREM 2.11.** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  compact definable  $C^r$  manifolds and  $1 \leq r < \infty$ . Suppose that  $X'$  and  $Y'$  are compact definable  $C^r$  submanifolds of  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively, and that  $f : (X; X') \rightarrow (Y; Y')$  is a  $C^1$  diffeomorphism. Then there exists a definable  $C^r$  diffeomorphism  $h : (X; X') \rightarrow (Y; Y')$  as an approximation of  $f$  in the  $C^1$  Whitney topology.*

*Proof.* Since  $X, Y$  are compact and by 1.1 [10] and 1.2 [10], we may assume that  $X$  and  $Y$  are definable  $C^r$  submanifolds of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , respectively.

Since  $f|_{X'} : X' \rightarrow Y'$  is a  $C^1$  diffeomorphism and by the polynomial approximation theorem and Proposition 2.4, there exists a definable  $C^r$  diffeomorphism  $f_1 : X' \rightarrow Y'$  as an approximation of  $f|_{X'} : X' \rightarrow Y'$  in the  $C^1$  Whitney topology. Similarly, one can find a definable  $C^r$  diffeomorphism  $f_2 : X \rightarrow Y$  as an approximation of  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  in the  $C^1$  Whitney topology.

By Proposition 2.4, there exists a definable  $C^r$  tubular neighborhood  $(U, p)$  of  $X'$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (resp.  $(V, q)$  of  $Y$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ). Then  $U' := U \cap X$  is a definable open neighborhood of  $X'$  in  $X$ . Thus we have a definable  $C^r$  map  $f_3 : U' \rightarrow Y'$  with  $f_3|_{X'} = f_1$ . Take a definable open neighborhood  $U_1$  of  $X'$  in  $U'$  such that the closure of  $U_1$  in  $X$  is properly contained in  $U'$  and take a definable  $C^r$  function  $\lambda : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\lambda = 1$  on  $U_1$  and its support lies in  $U'$ . Then we have a definable  $C^r$  map  $h : (X; X') \rightarrow (Y; Y')$ ,  $h(x) = q(\lambda(x)f_3(x) + (1 - \lambda(x))f_2(x))$  as an approximation of  $f : (X; X') \rightarrow (Y; Y')$  in the  $C^1$  Whitney topology. If our approximation is sufficiently close, then  $h$  is the required definable  $C^r$  diffeomorphism.  $\square$

One can define the definable  $C^s$  topology on the set of definable  $C^s$  maps between affine definable  $C^s$  manifolds (see [9]). This definable  $C^s$  topology is different from the  $C^s$  Whitney topology in general, but they coincide if the domain manifold is compact.

**THEOREM 2.12** ([14], 4.11 [9]). *Let  $0 \leq s < r < \infty$ . Then every definable  $C^s$  map between affine definable  $C^r$  manifolds is approximated in the definable  $C^s$  topology by definable  $C^r$  maps.*

Note that Theorem 2.12 are true in a more general setting (see 1.1 [8]).

**PROPOSITION 2.13** ([14], 4.10 [9]). *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be definable  $C^s$  submanifolds of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $0 < s < \infty$ . If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a definable  $C^s$  diffeomorphism, then an approximation of  $f$  in the definable  $C^s$  topology is a definable  $C^s$  diffeomorphism.*

*Proof of Theorem 1.3.* Let  $X$  be a definable  $C^s$  manifold. Then by Theorem 1.1 and since  $\mathcal{M}$  is exponentially bounded,  $X$  is affine.

Assume that  $X$  is compact. By Theorem 2.9,  $X$  is  $C^s$  diffeomorphic to a compact  $C^\infty$  manifold  $X'$ . Thus by Theorem 2.7,  $X'$  is  $C^\infty$  diffeomorphic to a nonsingular algebraic set  $X''$ . In particular,  $X$  is  $C^s$  diffeomorphic to an affine definable  $C^\infty$  manifold  $X''$ . By Theorem 2.11,  $X$  is definably  $C^s$  diffeomorphic to  $X''$ . Thus in this case,  $X$  admits a definable  $C^r$  manifold structure.

Assume that  $X$  is not compact. By Theorem 2.5,  $X$  is definably  $C^s$  diffeomorphic to the interior of some compact affine definable  $C^s$  manifold  $Y$  with boundary  $\partial Y$ . Thus by Theorem 2.6,  $Y$  admits a definable  $C^s$  collar. Hence we have the double  $D$  of  $Y$ . By Theorem 1.1,  $D$  is affine and compact. Using Theorem 2.10, there exist a compact  $C^\infty$  manifold  $D'$  and a compact  $C^\infty$  submanifold  $Z$  of  $D'$  such that  $(D, \partial Y)$  is  $C^s$  diffeomorphic to  $(D', Z)$ . By Theorem 2.8, one can find a nonsingular algebraic set  $D''$  and a nonsingular algebraic subset  $Z'$  of  $D''$  such that  $(D', Z)$  is  $C^\infty$  diffeomorphic to  $(D'', Z')$ . In particular,  $D''$  is an affine definable  $C^\infty$  manifold,  $Z'$  is a definable  $C^\infty$  submanifold of  $D''$  and  $(D, \partial Y)$  is  $C^s$  diffeomorphic to  $(D'', Z')$ . Using Theorem 2.11,  $(D, \partial Y)$  is definably  $C^s$  diffeomorphic to  $(D'', Z')$ . Thus  $X$  is definably  $C^s$  diffeomorphic to some union of connected components of  $D'' - Z'$ . Therefore  $X$  admits a definable  $C^r$  manifold structure.

Uniqueness follows from Theorem 1.1, Theorem 2.12 and Proposition 2.13.  $\square$

Remark that the above proof shows that every definable  $C^s$  manifold is definably  $C^s$  diffeomorphic to an affine definable  $C^\infty$  manifold.



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