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Theorem 1 of this paper establishes a necessary and sufficient condition that a locally flat imbedding  $f: B^k \to R^n$  of a k-cell in euclidean n-space  $R^n$  admits an extension to a homeomorphism  $F: R^n \to R^n$  onto  $R^n$  such that  $F \mid (R^n - B^k)$  is a diffeomorphism which is the identity outside some compact set in  $R^n$ . An analogous result for locally flat imbeddings of a euclidean (n-1)-sphere into  $R^n$  is proved. A lemma which generalizes a theorem of Huebsch and Morse concerning Schoenflies extensions without interior differential singularities is also established.

Let the points of euclidean *n*-space  $R^n$  be written  $x = (x^1, \dots, x^n)$ , and provide  $R^n$  with the usual euclidean norm  $||x|| = [\Sigma(x^i)^2]^{1/2}$ . We set  $S_r = \{x \in R^n \mid ||x|| = r\}$ , (and  $S = S_1$ ). If M is a topological (n-1)sphere in  $R^n$ , we denote the bounded component of  $R^n - M$  by  $\mathring{J}M$ , and the closure of  $\mathring{J}M$  in  $R^n$  by JM. We refer the reader to §1 of [2] for the definition of the terms admissible cone  $K_z$ , conical point, axis of singular approach, and cone  $K_z(\Sigma)$ , where  $\Sigma$  is a euclidean (n-1)-sphere in  $R^n$ .

LEMMA 1. Let z be an arbitrary point of S and  $\varphi$  a sensepreserving homeomorphism into  $\mathbb{R}^n$  of an open neighborhood N of S such that  $\varphi$  carries points inside S to points inside  $\varphi(S)$ , and  $\varphi \mid (N-S)$  is a  $\mathbb{C}^m$ -diffeomorphism. There then exists a homeomorphism  $\varphi$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  onto  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and a cone  $K_z$  (resp.  $\check{K}_z$ ) with axis interiorly normal (resp. exteriorly normal) to S at z, such that if  $X \subset N$  is a sufficiently small open neighborhood of S,

$$arPsi_{z}(x) = arphi(x) \qquad [x \in X - \{K_{z}(S) \cup \check{K}_{z}\}],$$

 $\Phi \mid (R^n - S)$  is a  $C^m$ -diffeomorphism, and  $\Phi$  is the identity outside some compact set in  $R^n$ .

REMARK. We note that a direct application of the proof of Theorem 1.2 of [2] will yield the conclusions of Lemma 1 except for single differential singularities in each component of  $R^n - S$ .

Proof of Lemma 1. The proof of Lemma 1 will be a variation of the proof of Theorem 1.2 of [2]. We can assume that  $0 \in \mathring{J}\varphi(S)$ . Let  $\delta \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$  be a constant so near 1 that  $S_{\delta} \subset N$ . Using Theorem 1.1 of [2], there is a homeomorphism  $f: JS \to \mathbb{R}^n$  into  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$f \,|\, (JS - \r{J}S_{\scriptscriptstyle \delta}) = arphi \,|\, (JS - \r{J}S_{\scriptscriptstyle \delta}) \;,$$

and  $f \mid (\mathring{J}S - 0)$  is a  $C^m$ -diffeomorphism. We can also assume that f(0) = 0. We now apply Lemma 5.3 of [2] to  $f \mid (\mathring{J}S \cap N)$ ,  $S_{\delta}$ , and the fixed point  $y = \delta z \in S_{\delta}$ , and conclude that if  $\rho > 1$  is a sufficiently large constant, there exists a homeomorphism  $\Theta$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  onto  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\Theta(x) = f(x)$  for  $x \in Y \cup JS_{\delta}$ , where Y is a suitable neighborhood of  $S_{\delta}, \Theta \mid (\mathbb{R}^n - \{0 \cup \rho z\})$  is a  $C^m$ -diffeomorphism, where the point  $\rho z$  is a conical point of  $\Theta$  with cone  $K_{\rho z}$  of singular approach to  $\rho z$  whose axis is interiorly normal to  $S_{\rho}$  at  $\rho z$ , and if a constant  $\nu \in (0, 1)$  is sufficiently near 1,  $\Theta$  reduces to the identity on  $\mathbb{R}^n - \{B_{\nu\rho} \cup K_{\rho z}(S_{\rho})\}$ .

Let  $\omega$  be a radial  $C^{\infty}$ -diffeomorphism of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  onto  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\omega(x) = x$  for  $||x|| \leq \varepsilon$ , and  $\omega(x) = \rho x$  for  $||x|| \geq 1 - \varepsilon$ , where  $0 < \varepsilon < \frac{1}{2}$ . We then set  $\Phi(x) = f\omega^{-1}\Theta^{-1}\omega(x)$  for  $x \in JS$ . If  $\zeta \colon \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$  is the  $C^{\infty}$ -diffeomorphism  $\zeta(x) = \rho x$ , we set  $K_z = \zeta^{-1}(K_{\rho_z})$  and  $\hat{X} = \zeta^{-1}(JS_{\rho} - B_{\nu\rho})$ . We can assume that  $\nu$  is so near 1 that  $1 - \varepsilon < \nu$  and  $\delta < \nu$ , so that  $\zeta^{-1}(JS_{\rho} - B_{\nu\rho}) = \omega^{-1}(JS_{\rho} - B_{\nu\rho})$  and  $\hat{X} \subset JS - JS_{\delta}$ . Then we see that  $\Phi \mid (\hat{X} - K_z(S)) = \varphi \mid (\hat{X} - K_z(S))$  and  $\Phi \mid \hat{J}S$  is a  $C^m$ -diffeomorphism (which reduces to the identity on a neighborhood of 0). We have therefore defined  $\Phi \mid JS$  with the desired properties. We then define  $\Phi$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n - \hat{J}S$  in an analogous manner to satisfy the conclusions of Lemma 1 by regarding  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , with the "point at infinity" added, as an *n*-sphere, and using the geometry of inversion. This completes the proof of Lemma 1.

REMARK. As the proof of Lemma 1 shows, we also could state corresponding "one-sided" lemmas in which the differentability is only assumed either outside or inside of S. For example, if only  $\varphi \mid (N-JS)$ is a  $C^m$ -diffeomorphism, then  $\breve{K}_z$  and  $\varPhi$  exist where  $\varPhi \mid (R^n - JS)$  is a  $C^m$ -diffeomorphism which is the identity outside some compact set in  $R^n$ .

We now fix the integer n, and for any integer  $k \leq n$ , we regard  $R^k \subset R^n$  as consisting of those points  $x = (x^1, \dots, x^n)$  with  $x^{k+1} = \dots = x^n = 0$ . We denote the unit k-cell in  $R^k \subset R^n$  by  $B^k$ . For convenience, we assume in what follows that "diffeomorphism" means " $C^{\infty}$ -diffeomorphism."

**THEOREM 1.** Let  $f: B^k \to R^n$  be a homeomorphism into  $R^n$  such that each point  $x \in B^k$  has an open neighborhood  $V_x$  in  $R^n$  and a sense-preserving homeomorphism  $f_x: V_x \to R^n$  into  $R^n$  satisfying

$$f_x \mid (V_x \cap B^k) = f \mid (V_x \cap B^k)$$

and  $f_x | (V_x - B^k)$  is a diffeomorphism. Then there exists a homeomorphism F of  $R^n$  onto  $R^n$  such that

(i)  $F \mid B^k = f$ ,

(ii)  $F | (R^n - B^k)$  is a diffeomorphism,

(iii) F is the identity outside some compact set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Proof.** An examination and easy modification of the proof of Proposition C in [1] shows that there exists an open neighborhood N of  $B^k$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and a sense-preserving homeomorphism  $\varphi: N \to \mathbb{R}^n$  into  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\varphi \mid B^k = f$  and  $\varphi \mid (N - B^k)$  is a diffeomorphism. Let  $J\mathscr{G} \subset N$  be a smooth convex *n*-cell in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , where  $\mathscr{G}$  is a smooth (n-1)-sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $B^k \subset \mathscr{G}$ , and let z be an arbitrary point in  $B^k$ . Using the remark following Lemma 1, there exists an open neighborhood Y of  $\mathscr{G}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , a cone  $K_z$  with axis exteriorly normal to  $\mathscr{G}$  at z, and a homeomorphism  $\Phi$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  onto itself such that  $\Phi(x) = \varphi(x)$  for  $x \in (Y - K_z)$ , and  $\Phi \mid (\mathbb{R}^n - J\mathscr{G})$  is a diffeomorphism which is the identity outside some compact subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . We then define  $F: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$  by

$$egin{aligned} F(x) &= arphi(x) & [x \in (Y-K_z) \cup J\mathscr{S}] \ F(x) &= arPhi(x) & [x \in Y \cup (R^n-J\mathscr{S})] \ . \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that F satisfies the conclusions of Theorem 1.

LEMMA 2. Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^{n-1} \to \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \geq 4$  be an imbedding of  $\mathbb{R}^{n-1}$  as a closed subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Suppose for each  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$  there is a neighborhood  $V_x$  of x in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and a homeomorphism  $f_x: V_x \to \mathbb{R}^n$  into  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $f_x \mid (V_x \cap \mathbb{R}^{n-1}) = f \mid (V_x \cap \mathbb{R}^{n-1})$ , and  $f_x \mid (V_x - \mathbb{R}^{n-1})$  is a diffeomorphism. Then there is a homeomorphism F of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  onto  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $F \mid \mathbb{R}^{n-1} =$ f and  $F \mid (\mathbb{R}^n - \mathbb{R}^{n-1})$  is a diffeomorphism.

PROOF. As in the proof of Lemma 2, (cf. Proposition  $C_1$  of [1]), there is an open neighborhood U of  $R^{n-1}$  in  $R^n$  and a homeomorphism  $\emptyset: U \to R^n$  into  $R^n$  such that  $\emptyset | R^{n-1} = f$  and  $\emptyset | (U - R^{n-1})$  is a diffeomorphism. Let  $\mathscr{R}_1^{n-1}, \mathscr{R}_2^{n-1}$  be diffeomorphs (under good  $C^1$ approximations to the inclusion) of  $R^{n-1}$  as closed subsets of  $R^n$  such that  $\mathscr{R}_1^{n-1}$  and  $\mathscr{R}_2^{n-1}$  are contained in opposite components of  $R^n - R^{n-1}$ , and if V denotes the component of  $R^n - \{\mathscr{R}_1^{n-1} \cup \mathscr{R}_2^{n-1}\}$  which contains  $R^{n-1}$ , then  $\overline{V} = V \cup \mathscr{R}_1^{n-1} \cup \mathscr{R}_2^{n-1} \subset U$ . Let  $V_1$  (resp.  $V_2$ ) denote that component of  $R^n - \mathscr{R}_1^{n-1}$  (resp.  $R^n - \mathscr{R}_2^{n-1}$ ) which does not contain  $\mathscr{R}_2^{n-1}$  (resp.  $\mathscr{R}_1^{n-1}$ ). Applying the corollary to Theorem 1 of [3], there are diffeomorphisms  $\theta_1, \theta_2$  of  $R^n$  onto  $R^n$  such that  $\theta_i | \mathscr{R}_i^{n-1} = \Phi | \mathscr{R}_i^{n-1}$ , i = 1, 2. Since any orientation-preserving diffeomorphism of  $R^{n-1}$  on itself is diffeotopic to the identity, we may assume that  $\theta | 0_i = \emptyset | 0_i$ , where  $0_i$  is an open neighborhood of  $\mathscr{R}_i^{n-1}$ in  $R^n - R^{n-1}$ , i = 1, 2. Then  $F: R^n \to R^n$  defined by

$$egin{array}{lll} F(x) &= artheta_1(x) & \left[x \in 0_1 \cup V_1
ight], \ F(x) &= artheta_2(x) & \left[x \in 0_2 \cup V_2
ight], \ F(x) &= arphi(x) & \left[x \in 0_1 \cup 0_2 \cup V
ight] \end{array}$$

satisfies the conclusions of Lemma 2.

Using one point compactification and stereographic projection, Theorem 2 below is obtained readily from Lemmas 2 and 1.

THEOREM 2. Let  $f: S \to \mathbb{R}^n$  be a homeomorphism into  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \geq 4$ , and let p be an arbitrary point in S. Suppose each point  $x \in S - p$ has an open neighborhood  $V_x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and a sense preserving homeomorphism  $f_x: V_x \to \mathbb{R}^n$  into  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $f_x | (V_x \cap S) = f | (V_x \cap S)$ ,  $f | (V_x - S)$  is a diffeomorphism, and  $f_x$  carries points inside S to points inside f(S). Then there is a homeomorphism F of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  onto itself such that F | S = f, and  $F | (\mathbb{R}^n - S)$  is a diffeomorphism which is the identity outside some compact subset in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

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