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Let H be a PL -homology sphere such that its multisuspension $S^k * H$ is topologically homeomorphic to the sphere. We prove that every cell-like subset of S^k is cellular. Also, every non-compact PL -manifold of dimension greater than four accepts uncountably many simplicial triangulations each of which contains a non-cellular k -simplex for every $k \neq 0$.

Introduction. The double suspension problem introduces many different simplicial triangulations for a PL -manifold; in particular, the case of the sphere. It is easy to see that these strange triangulations are not locally flat, however, we ask whether their simplexes are cellular. A positive answer is given for every cell-like subset of S^k , where S^k is the suspension sphere in $S^k * H$ (Theorem 1), and for every cell-like subset of a codimension-2 simplex which *properly* meets every nontrivial face of this simplex (Theorem 2). But it is negative for general cases (Theorem 4).

Finally, combining Theorem 4 and Theorem 5, it follows that there are uncountably many noncellular simplicial triangulations for a noncompact PL -manifold of dimension greater than four.

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DEFINITIONS AND NOTATION. Let \mathbf{R}^n denote the n -dimensional Euclidean space, S^n the boundary $\partial\Delta^{n+1}$ of the standard $(n+1)$ -simplex Δ^{n+1} .

Let X be a compact subset of a metric space M . X satisfies the *small loops condition (SLC)* if $UV(X \subset M)$ and there is a $\delta > 0$ such that each δ -loop in $V - X$ is null-homotopic in $U - X$ (see [3]).

For the notion of cellularity refer to Rushing [8] or McMillan [7]. A finite-dimensional compactum X is *cell-like* if X has the shape of a point (see [6]).

A *simplicial triangulation* of a space M is a pair (T, φ) where T is a simplicial complex and φ is a homeomorphism from $|T|$, the underlying space of T , onto M . Two triangulations (T, φ) and (T', φ') are said to be *equivalent* if there is a PL -homeomorphism $\psi: |T| \rightarrow |T'|$ such that $\varphi = \varphi' \psi$. (We refer to Hudson [5] for general notions in the PL -category.)

A triangulation (T, φ) of a manifold M^m is said to be *locally flat*, if $\varphi|_{\text{Int } \sigma}$ is locally flat for every simplex $\sigma \in T$; i.e. for every $x \in \text{Int } \sigma$ there is a neighborhood U of $\varphi(x)$ in M^m such that

$$(U, U \cap \varphi(\sigma)) \stackrel{\text{TOP}}{\approx} (\mathbf{R}^m, \mathbf{R}^1).$$

If the $(k+1)$ -suspension of a non-simply connected PL -homology sphere H^m is homeomorphic to S^{m+k+1} , (e.g. $k \geq 1, m \geq 3$ by Edwards [4]), then from the suspension procedure, S^{m+k+1} can be naturally endowed with a simplicial triangulation T that is PL -homeomorphic to $S^k * H^m$, the join of S^k and H^m . Now, if K is any subdivision of S^k , then $K * H^m$ is a subdivision of $S^k * H^m$. T also denotes this triangulation.

Let P be a subpolyhedron of S^k . Then there are subdivisions K and L of S^k and P respectively such that L is a subcomplex of K .

Let $\sigma \in L$ and $\epsilon > 0$. Denote

$$\mathring{\sigma} = \{x \in \sigma \mid \text{all barycentric coordinates of } x \text{ are positive}\}.$$

$$\bar{V}(\sigma, \epsilon) = \left\{ \alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z \mid \begin{array}{l} \alpha, \beta, \gamma \geq 0, \alpha + \beta + \gamma = 1 \\ \alpha + \beta + \gamma = 1, \beta + \gamma \leq \epsilon \\ x \in \sigma, y \in \text{link}(\sigma, K) \\ z \in H \end{array} \right\}.$$

$$V(\sigma, \epsilon) = \{\alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z \in \bar{V}(\sigma, \epsilon) \mid \beta + \gamma < \epsilon\},$$

$$V(\mathring{\sigma}, \epsilon) = \{\alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z \in V(\sigma, \epsilon) \mid x \in \mathring{\sigma}\}.$$

Results and details of proofs.

LEMMA 1. *Every proper subpolyhedron of $S^k \subset S^k * H^m$ satisfies the SLC in $S^k * H^m$, $k \geq 1$.*

Proof. We will use the notation K, L, T as above. Given a neighborhood U of L in S^n , there is an $\epsilon > 0$ such that $\bar{V}(\sigma, \epsilon) \subset U$ for every $\sigma \in L$.

Let

$$V = \bigcup_{\sigma \in L} V(\sigma, \epsilon/2) \subset \bigcup_{\sigma \in L} \bar{V}(\sigma, \epsilon/2).$$

Then V is a neighborhood of L in U and the family $\{V(\mathring{\sigma}, \epsilon) \mid \sigma \in L\}$ is an open cover of the compact subset $\bigcup \{\bar{V}(\sigma, \epsilon/2) \mid \sigma \in L\}$.

Let δ be the Lebesgue number of this covering. Then, we claim that (V, δ) is a *SLC* data for $X \subset U$.

Given a loop $f: \partial\Delta^2 \rightarrow V - L$ of diameter less than δ , we have $f(\partial\Delta^2) \subset V(\hat{\sigma}, \epsilon)$ for some $\sigma \in L$. By a small homotopy in $V - L$, we can assume that $f(\partial\Delta^2) \cap S^k = \emptyset$.

Moreover, every point in $V(\hat{\sigma}, \epsilon) - ((\sigma * H) \cup S^k)$ can be written uniquely in the form $\alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z$ where $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in (0, 1)$ with $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 1$, $\beta + \gamma < \epsilon$, and $x \in \text{link}(\sigma, K)$, $z \in H$. Hence, if Σ denotes $\{t \in \partial\Delta^2 \mid f(t) \notin \sigma * H\}$ then $f|_{\Sigma}$ can be defined to be

$$f(t) = \alpha(t)x(t) + \beta(t)y(t) + \gamma(t)z(t),$$

where $\alpha, \beta, \gamma: \Sigma \rightarrow (0, 1)$ with $\beta(t) + \gamma(t) < \epsilon$, and x, y, z are continuous maps from Σ to $\sigma, \text{link}(\sigma, K), H$ respectively.

Now, define $F: \partial\Delta^2 \times I \rightarrow V(\sigma, \epsilon) - L$ by

$$F(t, s) = \begin{cases} f(t), & \text{if } t \notin \Sigma; \\ \alpha(t)x(t) + (1-s)\beta(t)y(t) + (\gamma(t) + s\beta(t))z(t), & \text{if } t \in \Sigma. \end{cases}$$

Then, it can be shown that the restriction of F on each closed subset $f^{-1}(\tau)$ is continuous, where τ is a $(k + m + 1)$ -simplex of $S^k * H$. Hence, F homotopes $F_0 = f$ to F_1 whose image lies in $[(\sigma * H) \cap V(\sigma, \epsilon)] - L$.

By use of the convex structure of the simplex σ and the property $0 < \gamma(t) < \epsilon$, one then can homotope F_1 in $V(\sigma, \epsilon) - L$ into a loop, say f' , in $[(v * H) \cap V(\sigma, \epsilon)] - \{v\}$, where v is a vertex of σ .

Moreover, since L is a proper subcomplex of K , there are vertices $w_0 = v_0, w_1, \dots, w_{q+1}$ of K such that the 1-simplex $\langle w_{i-1}, w_i \rangle \in L$ for $i = 1, \dots, q$ and $\langle w_q, w_{q+1} \rangle \notin L$. Thereby, it is easy to show inductively that f' is homotopic in $[U \cap (\bigcup_{i=1}^q \langle w_{i-1}, w_i \rangle * H)] - L$ to a loop

$$f'': \partial\Delta^2 \rightarrow [V(w_q, \epsilon) \cap w_q * H] - L.$$

Denote

$$f''(t) = \alpha_q(t)w_q + \gamma(t)z(t), \quad (0 < \gamma(t) < \epsilon).$$

Now, if one defines homotopies $F', F'': \partial\Delta^2 \times I \rightarrow U - L$ by

$$F'(t, s) = (\alpha_q(t) - s\epsilon/2)w_q + s\epsilon w_{q+1}/2 + \gamma(t)z(t),$$

$$F''(t, s) = (\alpha_q(t) - \epsilon/2 + s\gamma(t))w_q + \epsilon w_{q+1}/2 + (1-s)\gamma(t)z(t);$$

then, the glueing of F' and F'' homotopes f'' to a constant map in $U - L$. Thus, the lemma is proved.

THEOREM 1. *If $S^k * H^m$ is homeomorphic to S^{k+m+1} , then every cell-like subset X of $S^k \subset S^k * H^m$ is cellular in S^n . In particular, every simplex of S^k is cellular in S^n .*

Proof. By [3], it suffices to show that X satisfies the *SLC* (or X satisfies the cellularity criterion, then apply the main theorem of [7]), since X has the shape of a point.

Given an open neighborhood U of X in S^n . Let K be such a fine triangulation of S^k that

$$L = \cup \{ \sigma \in K \mid \sigma \cap X \neq \emptyset \} \subset U \cap S^k.$$

Furthermore, using a regular neighborhood argument, we may assume that L is a neighborhood of X in S^k .

By Lemma 1, it follows that there is a neighborhood V of L in U (also a neighborhood of X in U) and $\delta > 0$ such that every δ -loop in $V - L$ is null-homotopic in $U - L$. We claim that $(V, \delta/2)$ is a *SLC* data for X in U .

Let $f: \partial \Delta^2 \rightarrow V - X$ such that $\text{diam } f(\partial \Delta^2) < \delta/2$. Since L is a codimension-4 compact subset of V (*PL*-manifold), $V - L$ is 0-*ULC*. Thus, by use of a fine triangulation of $\partial \Delta^2$ we can redefine f skeletonwise to obtain a new map f' such that

- (i) $f'(\partial \Delta^2) \subset V - L$,
- (ii) $\text{diam } f'(\partial \Delta^2) < \delta$,
- (iii) f is homotopic to f' in $V - X \subset U - X$.

The claim follows by homotoping f' to a constant map in $U - L \subset U - X$. Then, Theorem follows.

It is interesting to point out the following corollary.

COROLLARY. *If H^n is a homology n -sphere ($n \geq 3$) and for $n = 3$, H^3 bounds a contractible topological 4-manifold, then every subarc of S^1 in $S^1 * H^n$ is cellular.*

We omit the standard proof of the following sublemma.

SUBLEMMA. *Given a codimension-2 cell-like subset X of the sphere S^n , then X is globally 1-*alg* (refer to [9]) if it satisfies the *SLC*.*

A compact subset X of a manifold M properly intersects a simplex σ of a simplicial triangulation K of M if $X \cap |\sigma| \neq |\sigma|$.

THEOREM 2. *Given a cell-like subset X of an $(n - 2)$ -simplex σ of a simplicial triangulation K of a *PL*-manifold M^n ($n \geq 5$), if X properly intersects every nontrivial face (not a vertex) of σ , then it is cellular in M .*

In particular, every proper subarc of a 1-simplex is cellular.

Proof. By Theorem 1 of [9], it suffices to show that X is globally 1-*alg* (or X satisfies the cellularity criterion in order to apply the main theorem of [7]), since X has the shape of a point. However, by Sublemma it suffices to show that X satisfies the *SLC*.

Similar to the proof of Theorem 1, it suffices to show that X has arbitrarily small *PL*-manifold neighborhood L 's in σ^{n-2} which satisfy the *SLC* (i.e. the conclusion of Lemma 1).

Let K' be a triangulation of M such that $\sigma' * \text{link}(\sigma, K)$ is a subcomplex, where σ' is the fine subdivision of σ used to define the small neighborhood L of X in σ . Since X intersects every face of σ properly, we may assume L does also.

Similar to Lemma 1, given a neighborhood U of L , there correspond a neighborhood V of L in U and $\delta > 0$, a Lebesgue number of the open cover $\{V(\hat{\sigma}, \epsilon) \mid \sigma \in L\}$ less than $\frac{1}{2} \text{mesh}(L)$ (refer to [8]).

Given a loop $f: \partial\Delta^2 \rightarrow V - L$, we have the following cases.

Case 1. $f(\partial\Delta^2) \subset V(v, \epsilon)$ for some vertex v of L lying in $\hat{\sigma}$.

Since $\hat{\sigma}$ is locally flat and codimension-2, we may assume that $f(\partial\Delta^2) \cap \sigma = \emptyset$ by a small homotopy in $V - L$. Hence, $f(t)$ can be written uniquely in the form

$$(*) \quad f(t) = \alpha(t)x(t) + \beta(t)y(t) \quad (t \in \partial\Delta^2),$$

where $x(t) \in \hat{\sigma}$ near v , $y(t) \in |\text{link}(\sigma, K)|$ etc... as in Lemma 1.

Then, we can homotope f into $|v * \text{link}(\sigma, K)| - |\sigma|$. As in Lemma 1, f is homotopic to f' such that $f'(\partial\Delta^2) \subset |w_q * \text{link}(\sigma, K)| - |\sigma|$, where w_q is a vertex of L in $\hat{\sigma}$ such that $\text{star}(w_q, \sigma') \not\subset L$. Finally, by a small homotopy we can move f' into $|(\epsilon w_{q+1}/2 + (2 - \epsilon)w_q/2) * \text{link}(\sigma, K)|$ and shrink it in there. This completes the proof of the Case 1.

Case 2. $f(\partial\Delta^2) \subset V(\hat{\tau}, \epsilon)$, where τ is a simplex of L such that $\hat{\tau} \subset \hat{\sigma}$.

As in the Case 1, we may assume that $f(\partial\Delta^2) \cap \sigma = \emptyset$. Hence, $f(t)$ can be written in the form (*).

Now, the join structure and a homotopy in $\hat{\tau}$ moving $x(t)$ close to a vertex v of τ ($v \in \hat{\sigma}$) provide a homotopy in $V - \sigma \subset V - L$ that moves f into $V(v, \epsilon) - \sigma$. Then, case 1 will complete the shrinking.

Case 3. $f(\partial\Delta^2) \subset V(\hat{\tau}, \epsilon)$, where τ is a simplex of L and $\hat{\tau} \subset \sigma_1$ with σ_1 being a nontrivial proper face of σ .

Extend f to $\bar{f}: \Delta^2 \rightarrow V(\tau, \epsilon)$.

Since $V(\tau, \epsilon) - |\sigma|$ is 0-ULC ($\dim \sigma = n - 2$), by use of a fine subdivision J of Δ^2 we can redefine skeletonwise $\bar{f} | J^{(1)}$ to obtain a map f' on the 1-skeleton $J^{(1)}$ of J such that

- (i) $f': J^{(1)} \rightarrow V(\tau, \epsilon) - |\sigma|$,
- (ii) $\bar{f} | J^{(1)}$ is homotopic to f' in $V(\tau, \epsilon) - L$.

Therefore, without loss of generality we may assume that $f(\partial\Delta^2) \cap |\sigma| = \emptyset$. Then, the equation (*) can be used for this case with $y(t) \in |\text{link}(\sigma_1, K)| - |\sigma_2|$, where $\sigma_2 \in K$ such that $\sigma = \sigma_1 * \sigma_2$.

Combining appropriately the proof of Cases 1 and 2 to homotope $x(t)$, it follows that f is homotopic in $V - L$ to a loop f'' in $|w * (|\text{link}(\sigma_1, K)| - |\sigma_2|)|$ where w is a vertex of L in σ_1 . Then, the last step in Case 1 completes the proof.

Case 4. $f(\partial\Delta^2) \subset V(v, \epsilon)$, where v is a vertex of σ .

Extend f to $\bar{f}: \Delta^2 \rightarrow V(v, \epsilon)$. We assume that $\bar{f}(\Delta^2)$ misses an open neighborhood of v ; hence, $\bar{f}^{-1}(L - \{v\})$ is a compact subset of $\text{Int} \Delta^2$ and it is covered by the family $\{V(\tau, \epsilon) | \tau \in L \text{ with } v \text{ as a vertex}\}$.

By use of a fine triangulation of Δ^2 , we can obtain a compact PL-manifold N of $\bar{f}^{-1}(L - \{v\})$ such that N is carried into the union of the family $\{V(\tau, \epsilon) | \tau \in L \text{ with } v \text{ as a vertex}\}$.

Now, we subdivide N so fine that the diameter of $\bar{f}(\eta)$ is less than the Lebesgue number of the covering for every 2-simplex η of this new subdivision N_1 .

Again, we can redefine \bar{f} on the 1-skeleton $N_1^{(1)}$ of N_1 to obtain a map f' such that

- (i) $f': \partial\eta \rightarrow V(\tau, \epsilon)$, for some τ ,
- (ii) $f' | \partial N = \bar{f} | \partial N$,
- (iii) $\bar{f} | N_1^{(1)}$ is homotopic to f' in $V - L$.

Hence, the problem is reduced to Case 1, 2 or 3.

The proof of Theorem 2 is complete.

REMARK. It should be mentioned that the condition that X properly meet every nontrivial face of σ seems to be essential by Theorem 4 below.

LEMMA 2. *Let $\sigma = \sigma_1 * \sigma_2$ be a simplex of T , where σ_1, σ_2 are simplexes of K and H respectively. Then, $|\sigma| - |\sigma_1|$ is locally flat in S^n .*

LEMMA 3. *Let D_1 be a PL-ball in S^k and D_2 a PL-ball in H^m . Then, $D_1 * D_2 - D_1$ is locally flat in S^n .*

Proof. Lemma follows by use of the join structure, the unknottedness of D_1 and D_2 in S^k and H and Lemma 2.

Before stating the consequence of this Lemma, the notion of pseudo-flatness should be defined.

DEFINITION. Let D be a d -cell in \mathbf{R}^n (or S^n), X a subset of D such that $D - X$ is locally flat in \mathbf{R}^n (or S^n). The pair (D, X) is said to be *pseudo-flat* in \mathbf{R}^n if given a homeomorphism g from D onto the standard d -ball B , there is a function G extending g over \mathbf{R}^n onto itself such that

$$G \mid \mathbf{R}^n - X: \mathbf{R}^n - X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n - g(X)$$

is a homeomorphism.

THEOREM 3. Given PL-balls D_1 and D_2 of S^k and H respectively, then the pair $(D_1 * D_2, D_1)$ is pseudo flat in $\mathbf{R}^n = (S^n - pt)$.

Proof. From Lemma 2, it follows that $D_1 * D_2 - D_1$ is locally flat in S^n . It is clear that D_1 is cellular $D_1 * D_2$; thus, since D_1 is cellular in S^n by Theorem 1, the proof of Theorem 3 is completed by Cantrell and Lacher's theorem [2].

Let us introduce some convenient notation before proceeding to construct noncellular triangulations of a PL-manifold.

Let $\bigcup_{i=1}^n \langle a_i, b \rangle * L$ be a subcomplex of a simplicial complex K and

$$\varphi: \bigcup_{i=1}^n \langle a_i, b \rangle * L \rightarrow b * L$$

the linear map determined by

- (i) $\varphi = id.$ on $b * L$, and
- (ii) $\varphi(a_i) = b$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$).

A decomposition G of $|K|$ is said to be associated with φ if each of its nondegenerate elements is the set $\varphi^{-1}(x)$ for some $x \in b * L$.

Let A be a G -saturated subset of $|K|$. Denote $G_A, G \mid A$ the decompositions of $|K|, A$ respectively, whose nondegenerate elements are those of G lying in A .

LEMMA 4. Every n -sphere ($n \geq 5$) accepts a simplicial triangulation having a noncellular 1-simplex.

Proof. Let v be a vertex of a PL-homology $(n - 2)$ -sphere H such that $H * S^1 \approx S^n$. Denote w_1, w'_1, w_2, w'_2 the vertices of the suspension sphere $S^1 = S^0_1 * S^0_2$. The outline of the proof is as follows.

Consider the 2-cell $v * S^1$ whose complement in S^n is not simply connected. We will construct a decomposition G of S^n whose quotient space S^n/G has a simplicial triangulation with $v * S^1/(G \mid v * S^1)$ as a non-cellular 1-simplex, and $S^n/G \approx S^n$.

To do that, first consider the decomposition G_1 of $S^n \approx H * S^1$ associated with the linear map

$$\varphi: S_1^0 * v * S_2^0 \rightarrow v * S_2^0$$

defined by

- (i) $\varphi = id.$ on $v * S_2^0$,
- (ii) $\varphi(S_1^0) = v$.

Then, Fact 1 below shows that $S^n/G_1 \approx S^n$, and it is easy to show that S^n/G_1 induces from T a simplicial triangulation T_1 of S^n with $\tilde{v} * \tilde{S}_2^0$ as a subcomplex, where $\tilde{v} = \{v * S_1^0\}$ and $\tilde{S}_2^0 \equiv S_2^0$.

Then, by Fact 2 below $\langle \tilde{v}, \tilde{w}_2 \rangle$ is cellular in S^n/G_1 . Hence, we have

$$S^n / \langle \tilde{v}, \tilde{w}_2 \rangle \approx S^n$$

(Corollary 1.8.1, [8].)

Therefore, we can obtain naturally from T_1 a desired simplicial triangulation of S^n .

Now, we will complete the proof of Lemma 4 by proving Facts 1 and 2.

Fact 1. $(H * S^1)/G_1 \approx S^n$.

Consider the arc $\alpha = v * S_1^0$ in $H * S_1^0$. It is clear that $(H * S^1)/G_1 = ((H * S_1^0)/\alpha) * S_2^0$.

Hence, it suffices to show that

$$((H * S_1^0)/\alpha) \times \mathbf{R} \approx (H * S_1^0) \times \mathbf{R}.$$

However, the proof of Andrews and Curtis' theorem $((\mathbf{R}^n/\alpha) \times \mathbf{R} \approx \mathbf{R}^{n+1})$ also works if we replace \mathbf{R}^n by $H^n * S^0$ (see Chapter 2.5 of [8]). So, Fact 1 follows.

Fact 2. $\langle \tilde{v}, \tilde{w}_2 \rangle$ is cellular in $S^n/G_1 \approx S^n$.

It is easy to see that every homeomorphism of $v * S^1$ onto itself induces from the join structure a homeomorphism of $S^n \approx H * S^1$ onto itself.

Now, consider a homeomorphism h of $v * S^1$ such that

- (i) $h \circ \varphi = \varphi \circ h$
- (ii) $h(\langle v, w_2 \rangle)$ is the proper subarc $\langle h(v), w_2 \rangle$ of $\langle v, w_2 \rangle$, where φ is the linear map defining G_1 .

Since such a homeomorphism of $v * S^1$ induces a homeomorphism of S^n/G_1 which carries $\langle \tilde{v}, \tilde{w}_2 \rangle$ onto the proper subarc $\langle h(\tilde{v}), \tilde{w}_2 \rangle$ being cellular in S^n by Theorem 2, it follows trivially that $\langle \tilde{v}, \tilde{w}_2 \rangle$ is cellular as desired.

The proof of Lemma 4 is complete.

LEMMA 5. For each k ($2 \leq k \leq n$), there is a simplicial triangulation of S^n ($n \geq 5$) with a noncellular k -simplex.

Proof. For a fixed $n \geq 5$, since the ideas of the proof for all cases are exactly the same, we only prove in details for $k = 2$ and then will point out necessary modifications for other cases.

Consider $v * S^1 = v * S_1^0 * S_2^0$. We will define a decomposition G of $S^n \approx H^{n-2} * S^1$ which induces from T a simplicial triangulation of $S^n/G \approx S^n$ such that $(v * S^1)/(G|v * S^1)$ is a noncellular 2-simplex.

Step 1. Let G_1 be the decomposition of S^n associated with the linear map $\varphi: v * w_1 * S_2^0 \rightarrow w_1 * S_2^0$ defined by

- (i) $\varphi = \text{identity on } w_1 * S_2^0$,
- (ii) $\varphi(v) = w_1$.

Then, it is easy to see that there is a *pseudo isotopy* (refer to [8]) starting at the identity of the ball $|v * S^1 * \text{link}(v, H)|$ and ending up with a natural surjective map μ whose point-inverse images are the elements of G_1 , and $\mu = \text{identity on } \partial(v * S^1 * \text{link}(v, H)) = \partial(H_+ * S^1)$, where H_+ is the closure of $(H - \text{star}(v, H))$ in H .

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} S^n/G &= (H_+ * S^1) \cup (\text{star}(v, H) * S^1)/G_1 \\ &= (H_+ * S^1) \cup \text{star}(v, H) * S^1 \\ &\approx S^n. \end{aligned}$$

This decomposition induces naturally from T a simplicial triangulation T_1 of S^n which has only one new vertex in the interior of each 1-simplex $\langle \tilde{w}_1, b \rangle$, where b is a vertex of $\text{link}(v, H)$ and $\tilde{w}_1 = \mu(w_1)$.

Step 2. We now think of S^n as S^n/G_1 endowed with this new triangulation T_1 . Then, $\mu(v * S^1)$ is a subcomplex of S^n consisting of two 2-simplexes.

Let G_2 be the decomposition of S^n associated with the collapsing map $\varphi: \langle \tilde{w}_1, \tilde{w}'_1, \tilde{w}_2 \rangle \rightarrow \langle \tilde{w}'_1, \tilde{w}_2 \rangle$ where \tilde{w} 's are $\mu(w)$'s. We want to claim that $S^n/G_2 \approx S^n$; hence, it induces from T_1 a desired simplicial triangulation of S^n .

In fact, a similar proof as in Lemma 4 shows that $\langle \tilde{w}_1, \tilde{w}_2 \rangle$ is cellular in S^n . Therefore, $S^n/\langle \tilde{w}_1, \tilde{w}_2 \rangle \approx S^n$ (Corollary 1.8.1, [8]).

Now, the shrinking corresponding to the rest of G_2 only happens in the ball $(|\text{star}(v, H) * S^1|/G_1)/\langle \tilde{w}_1, \tilde{w}_2 \rangle$ and keeps its boundary fixed. Hence, a similar proof as in step 1 shows that $S^n/G_2 \approx S^n$.

Finally, this decomposition also induces a simplicial triangulation of S^n with $(v * S^1)/(G_2|v * S^1)$ being a noncellular 2-simplex. This completes the proof for $k = 2$.

For $k > 2$, we consider a simplex $v * \tau$ of H . The first decomposition G_1 will be the one associated with the collapsing map $\varphi_1: v * w_1 * S_2^0 * \tau \rightarrow w_1 * S_2^0 * \tau$ carrying v onto w_1 . Then, also $S^n/G_1 \approx S^n$.

Now, the collapsing map $\varphi_2: \langle \tilde{w}'_1, \tilde{w}_1, \tilde{w}_2 \rangle * \tau \rightarrow \langle \tilde{w}'_1, \tilde{w}_2 \rangle * \tau$ carrying \tilde{w}_1 to \tilde{w}_2 defines the second decomposition G_2 . Then, we divide the shrinking process defining by G_2 into 3 steps:

- (a) $S^n / \langle \tilde{w}_1, \tilde{w}_2 \rangle \approx S^n$ (as above).
- (b) $S^n / (G_2)_{|\langle \tilde{w}_1, \tilde{w}_2 \rangle * \tau|} \approx S^n$.

Since the ball $(\langle \tilde{w}_1, \tilde{w}_2 \rangle * \tau) / \langle \tilde{w}_1, \tilde{w}_2 \rangle$ is locally flat, possibly except at $\{\langle \tilde{w}_1, \tilde{w}_2 \rangle\}$, in $S^n / \langle \tilde{w}_1, \tilde{w}_2 \rangle$, it is flat (Corollary 3.4.2, in [8]). Hence, using Theorem 5 of [1], it follows that

$$S^n / (G_2)_{|\langle \tilde{w}_1, \tilde{w}_2 \rangle * \tau|} \approx S^n.$$

(c) The rest of the shrinking process determined by G_2 only happens in the ball

$$(|\text{star}(v * \tau, H) * S^1| (G_1) / (G_2)_{|\langle \tilde{w}_1, \tilde{w}_2 \rangle * \tau|})$$

and keeps its boundary fixed. So, we can prove $S^n/G_2 \approx S^n$ and a desired simplicial triangulation of S^n can be obtained.

The proof of Lemma 5 is complete.

THEOREM 4. *Every PL-manifold of dimension greater than 4 accepts a simplicial triangulation that contains a noncellular k -simplex for every $k \neq 0$.*

Proof. Lemmas 4 and 5 provide a family $\{S_k^n \mid k = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ of simplicial triangulations of S^n such that each S_k^n contains a non-cellular k -simplex. Then, for every PL n -manifold M , we have

$$M \approx M \# S_1^n \# \dots \# S_n^n$$

where the connected sum happens only in the interior of an n -simplex of S_k^n . It is clear that we can obtain naturally a desired simplicial triangulation of M .

According to the referee's suggestion, it is interesting to include the proof of the following result that appears in the original version as an observation. Basically, the ideas of our proofs are the same.

THEOREM 5. *Every noncompact PL-manifold M^m ($m \geq 5$) accepts uncountably many simplicial triangulations.*

Proof. We consider a countable collection of *PL* homology sphere $\{H_i^{m-2}\}$ ($m \geq 3$), such that

- (i) $\pi_1(H_i) \neq \pi_1(H_j)$ for $i \neq j$, and
- (ii) $S^1 * H_i \approx S_i^m$.

(Such sequences exist by Glaser and Edwards.) Hence, it induces a sequence of simplicial triangulations $\{T_i\}$ of $\{S_i^m\}$ such that every simplex of each T_i is locally flat, except the suspension circle S_i^1 (the link of each 1-simplex of S_i^1 is H_i).

Now, we enumerate the m -simplexes of a *PL* triangulation of M , say $\{\sigma_k^m\}_{k=1,2,\dots}$. To each infinite sequence $\{i_k\}$ we assign a simplicial triangulation of M induced naturally from $M \approx M \# S_{i_1}^m \# S_{i_2}^m \# \dots$, where the connected sum is defined in the interior of σ_k^m and that of an m -simplex of $S_{i_k}^m$ for each $k = 1, 2, \dots$.

These triangulations will be *PL* except for the suspension circles.

To see that the triangulations are different, consider a *PL* homeomorphism h from $M \# S_{i_1}^m \# S_{i_2}^m \# \dots$ to $M \# S_{i'_1}^m \# S_{i'_2}^m \# \dots$.

Since the triangulations are *PL* except on the various suspension circles, the various circles must be carried onto each other. But then, since some H_λ occurs more in one sequence than the other, the link of a 1-simplex in S^1 corresponding to this extra H_λ will be H_λ , and the link of this 1-simplex under h (or h^{-1}) will not be homeomorphic to H_λ . Since there are uncountably many infinite sequences of positive integers, this contradiction completes the proof.

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