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A LINEAR EXTENSION OPERATOR FOR WHITNEY FIELDS ON CLOSED O-MINIMAL SETS

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Abstract. — A continuous linear extension operator, different from Whitney’s, for \(C^p\)-Whitney fields (\(p\) finite) on a closed o-minimal subset of \(\mathbb{R}^n\) is constructed. The construction is based on special geometrical properties of o-minimal sets earlier studied by K. Kurdyka with the author.

Résumé. — On construit un opérateur d’extension linéaire et continu pour les champs de Whitney de classe \(C^p\) (\(p\) fini) sur un sous-ensemble fermé o-minimal de \(\mathbb{R}^n\). La construction, différente de celle de Whitney, est basée sur des propriétés géométriques spéciales des ensembles o-minimaux, étudiées avant par K. Kurdyka et l’auteur.

1. Introduction

In 1997 K. Kurdyka and the author gave in [6] the following o-minimal version of the Whitney extension theorem:

**Theorem 1.1** ([6]). — Given any o-minimal structure on the ordered field of real numbers \(\mathbb{R}\), a compact definable subset \(E \subset \mathbb{R}^n\), a definable \(C^p\)-Whitney field \(F\) on \(E\), where \(p \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}\), then for any integer \(q \geq p\), there exists a definable \(C^p\)-extension \(f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\) of \(F\) which is \(C^q\) on \(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus E\).

However, the extension operator \(F \mapsto f\) from [6] is not linear and it was not clear how the construction from [6] based on o-minimal geometry could be adapted to get an extension operator for *all* Whitney fields on

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any compact (or more generally closed) o-minimal subset $E$ of $\mathbb{R}^n$. The present paper is devoted to this question. The main goal here is to prove the following

**Theorem 1.2.** — Let $E$ be a closed o-minimal subset of $\mathbb{R}^n$ and $p \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $\mathcal{E}^p(E)$ denote the Fréchet algebra of all $C^p$-Whitney fields on $E$.

Then there exists a continuous linear extension operator $\mathcal{L} : \mathcal{E}^p(E) \rightarrow C^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ which has the following properties

1. $\mathcal{L}$ is a finite composition of operators each of which either preserves definability or (only if $p > 0$) is an integration with respect to a parameter;
2. operators preserving definability in (1) are only of the following five types: substituting with a definable mapping; taking a linear combination with definable coefficients; differentiation; restriction to a definable subset and extending by zero;
3. there exists a constant $M > 0$ such that if $\omega$ is a modulus of continuity of a field $F$, then $M\omega$ is a modulus of continuity of $\mathcal{L}F$.

Since $\mathcal{L}$ involves integration, it may not preserve definability in the initial o-minimal structure where $E$ is definable. For example, if $F$ is a (globally) subanalytic $C^p$-Whitney field, then $\mathcal{L}F$ can a priori involve the function $t \mapsto t \log t$, not subanalytic at $0$. By a result of Lion and Rolin [7], we get in this case the following

**Corollary 1.3.** — Let $A$ denote the algebra of real functions generated by (globally) subanalytic functions and their logarithms; i.e. $A$ consists of all functions of the form $P(h_1, \ldots, h_m, \log h_1, \ldots, \log h_m)$, where $h_i : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ($i = 1, \ldots, m$) are subanalytic, $m \in \mathbb{N}\setminus\{0\}$, $P \in \mathbb{R}[Y_1, \ldots, Y_{2m}]$, and where we adopt the convention: $\log t = 0$, for $t \leq 0$. Let $E$ be a closed subanalytic subset of $\mathbb{R}^n$ and $p \in \mathbb{N}$.

Then there exists a continuous linear extension operator $\mathcal{L} : \mathcal{E}^p(E) \rightarrow C^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ which has the following properties:

1. if $F$ is a $C^p$-Whitney field on $E$ all derivatives of which $F^\kappa$ are (restrictions to $E$ of) functions in $A$, then $\mathcal{L}F \in A$;
2. there exists a constant $M > 0$ such that if $\omega$ is a modulus of continuity of a field $F$, then $M\omega$ is a modulus of continuity of $\mathcal{L}F$.

The case $p = 0$ in Theorem 1.2, when integration is not used seems worth being stated separately

**Corollary 1.4.** — Let $E$ be a closed o-minimal subset of $\mathbb{R}^n$ and let $\mathcal{C}(E)$ denote the Fréchet space of all real continuous functions on $E$
Then there exists a continuous linear extension operator $\mathcal{L} : \mathcal{C}(E) \to \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ preserving definability and such that there exists $M > 0$ such that, if $\omega$ is a modulus of continuity for $F \in \mathcal{C}(E)$, then $M \omega$ is a modulus of continuity for $\mathcal{L} F$.

By an o-minimal subset of an Euclidean space $\mathbb{R}^n$ we mean a subset definable in any o-minimal structure on the ordered field of real numbers $\mathbb{R}$ (see [2, 3] for the definition and fundamental properties).

We refer the reader to [13], [4], [8], [11] or/and [12] for basic facts on Whitney fields. It will be convenient for us to adopt the following definition of a Whitney field.

Let $p \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ and let $A$ be a locally closed subset of $\mathbb{R}^n$; i.e. contained and closed in some open subset $G \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. A $C^p$-Whitney field on $A$ is a polynomial

$$F(u, X) = \sum_{|\kappa| \leq p} \frac{1}{\kappa!} F^\kappa(u) X^\kappa \in \mathcal{C}(A)[X] = \mathcal{C}(A)[X_1, \ldots, X_n],$$

which fulfills the following condition

\((*)\) for each $c \in A$ and each $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n$ such that $|\alpha| \leq p$

$$D^\kappa_X F(a,0) - D^\kappa_X F(b,a-b) = o(|a-b|^{p-|\alpha|}), \quad \text{when } A \ni a \to c, A \ni b \to c,$$

or equivalently (see [8], Chapter I, Theorem 2.2) - the condition

\((**))\) for each $c \in A$

$$F(a, x - a) - F(b, x - b) = o(|x - a|^p + |x - b|^p),$$

uniformly with respect to $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, when $A \ni a \to c, A \ni b \to c$.

We will denote by $\mathcal{E}^p(A)$ the real algebra of all $C^p$-Whitney fields on $A$. It is a Fréchet algebra with the topology defined by the following system of seminorms

$$||F||_p^K = ||F||_p^K + \sup_{a, b \in K \atop a \neq b \atop |\alpha| \leq p} \frac{|D^\alpha_X F(a, 0) - D^\alpha_X F(b, a - b)|}{|a - b|^{p-|\alpha|}},$$

where $K$ is a compact subset of $A$ and $| . |_p^K$ is a seminorm defined by

$$|F||_p^K = \sup_{a \in K \atop |\alpha| \leq p} |F^\alpha(a)|.$$

Let $\mathcal{C}^p(G)$ denote the usual Fréchet algebra of real functions of class $\mathcal{C}^p$ ($C^p$-functions) on $G$. Then we have the following homomorphism of Fréchet
algebras
\[ T : C^p(G) \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}^p(A), \quad Tf(a, X) = T^p(f)(X) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq p} \frac{1}{\alpha!} D^\alpha f(a) X^\alpha, \]
and the Whitney extension theorem [13] says that there exists a linear continuous mapping
\[ W : \mathcal{E}^p(A) \longrightarrow C^p(G) \]
such that \( T \circ W = \text{id}_{\mathcal{E}^p(A)} \), called an extension operator.

A subset \( E \) of \( \mathbb{R}^n \) is said to be 1-regular (with a constant \( C \geq 1 \)) if any two points \( a, b \) of \( E \) can be joined in \( E \) by a rectifiable arc \( \gamma : [0, 1] \longrightarrow E \) of length \( |\gamma| \leq C|a - b| \).

If \( F \in \mathcal{E}^p(A) \) and \( K \) is a compact 1-regular subset of \( A \) with a constant \( C \), then
\[ |F|^K_p \leq ||F||^K_p \leq 2n^\frac{k}{2} C^p |F|^K_p \quad \text{(See [12], p.76, (2.5.1))}. \]
Consequently, if every compact subset \( L \) of \( A \) is contained in a 1-regular compact subset \( K \) of \( A \), then the topology of \( \mathcal{E}^p(A) \) is defined by the system of seminorms \( |.|^K_p \).

As was shown by Glaeser [4] (see also [8], [12] or [11]) it is convenient to use a notion of a modulus of continuity in connection with Whitney fields. By a modulus of continuity we will understand any continuous, increasing and concave function \( \omega : [0, +\infty) \longrightarrow [0, +\infty) \), vanishing at 0. By a modulus of continuity of a \( C^p \)-Whitney field
\[ F(u, X) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq p} \frac{1}{\alpha!} F^\alpha(u) X^\alpha \]
on a subset \( A \) of \( \mathbb{R}^n \) we will understand such a modulus of continuity \( \omega \) that
\[ |D^\alpha_X(a, 0) - D^\alpha_X(b, a - b)| \leq \omega(|a - b|)|a - b|^{|\alpha|}, \]
whenever \( |\alpha| \leq p \) and \( a, b \in A \). For a \( C^p \)-function \( f \in C^p(G) \) on an open subset \( G \), by its modulus of continuity we will understand a modulus of continuity of the \( C^p \)-Whitney field \( Tf \) on \( G \).

Every \( C^p \)-Whitney field on a compact subset of \( \mathbb{R}^n \) admits a modulus of continuity. If a \( C^p \)-Whitney field \( F \) on a subset \( A \) has a modulus of continuity \( \omega \), then it is easily seen that \( F \) extends by uniform continuity to a \( C^p \)-Whitney field on \( \overline{A} \) with the same modulus of continuity. Whitney’s extension operator [13] has the following property (see [4]):

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There exists a constant $M$ depending only on $p$ and $n$ such that, for every $F \in \mathcal{E}^p(A)$ admitting a modulus of continuity $\omega$, $M\omega$ is a modulus of continuity for $WF$. (In fact a localization by a partition of unity is necessary.)

We have also the following

**Proposition 1.5.** — Let $F$ be a $\mathcal{C}^p$-Whitney field on a (locally) closed $1$-regular with constant $C$ subset $A$.

1. If $\omega$ is a modulus of continuity of $F$ on $A$, then $|F^\alpha(a) - F^\alpha(b)| \leq \omega(|a - b|)$, whenever $|\alpha| = p$, $a, b \in A$.
2. If $\omega$ is a modulus of continuity such that $|F^\alpha(a) - F^\alpha(b)| \leq \omega(|a - b|)$, whenever $|\alpha| = p$, $a, b \in A$, then $n^{p\over 2}C^p\omega$ is a modulus of continuity of $F$ on $A$.

**Proof.** — (1) being trivial, for (2) see again [12], (2.5.1), p.76. □

Shortly, our construction of the extension operator $L$ is as follows. First we show how to extend $\mathcal{C}^p$-Whitney fields from a linear subspace $\mathbb{R}^k \times 0$ of $\mathbb{R}^n$. Then we generalize the construction to the set of the form $\overline{\Omega} \times 0$, where $\Omega$ is open in $\mathbb{R}^k$ for fields flat on $\partial\Omega \times 0$, simply by Hestenes Lemma. Using induction on dimension of $A$, this gives an extension operator for $A = \overline{\Gamma}$, where $\Gamma = \Omega \times 0$ assuming we have it already built for the boundary $\partial\Gamma = \overline{\Gamma} \setminus \Gamma$ of $\Gamma$ in which this case is $\partial\Omega \times 0$. The next generalization is by taking $A = \overline{\Gamma}$, where $\Gamma$ is a $\Lambda_p$-regular leaf of dimension $k$ in the sense of [6], and again assuming the fields are flat on $\partial\Gamma$. Additionally, the extension can be chosen vanishing outside a conical neighbourhood of $\Gamma$; i.e. the set $\{x \in \overline{\Omega} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-k} : d(x, \Gamma) < \varepsilon d(x, \partial\Gamma)\}$, where $\overline{\Omega}$ is the orthogonal projection of $\Gamma$ to $\mathbb{R}^k \times 0$ and $\varepsilon$ is a positive arbitrary constant. The next generalization is to the closure of a finite tower of $\Lambda_p$-regular leaves lying over a common open $\Lambda_p$-regular cell in $\mathbb{R}^k$. To finish the construction we will prove that every closed definable $k$-dimensional subset $A$ admits a finite decomposition $A = M_0 \cup \cdots \cup M_s$ such that each $M_i$ is a finite tower of definable $\Lambda_p$-regular leaves in a suitable linear coordinate system and for any $i, j \in \{0, \ldots, s\}$, where $i \neq j$, $\overline{M}_i$ and $\overline{M}_j$ are simply separated relative to $\partial M_i$; i.e. $d(x, M_j) \geq Cd(x, \partial M_i)$, for each $x \in M_i$, with some positive constant $C$. (The proof of this $\Lambda_p$-regular Decomposition Theorem is based on [6] and [10].)
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2. Extension operator for a linear subspace

Observe that if $\Omega$ is an open subset of $\mathbb{R}^k$ and $A = \Omega \times 0 \subset \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^{n-k} = \mathbb{R}^n$, then the algebra $\mathcal{E}^p(A)$ can be identified with the algebra of polynomials

$$F(u,W) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq p} \frac{1}{\alpha!} F^\alpha(u) W^\alpha = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq p} \frac{1}{\alpha!} F^\alpha(u) W_1^{\alpha_1} \ldots W_l^{\alpha_l},$$

where $l = n - k$ and $F^\alpha \in C^{p-|\alpha|}(\Omega)$, for each $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^l$ such that $|\alpha| \leq p$ (cf. [4], Chap.III, (8.4)).

Let us now consider the case $k = n - 1$ and $A = \mathbb{R}^k \times 0$. Then the extension operator will be produced using regularization of functions $F^\alpha$ by convolution. Strictly, we have the following

**Proposition 2.1.** — Let $\sigma \in \{0,\ldots,p\}$, $g \in C^{p-\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^k)$, $\varphi \in C^p(\mathbb{R}^k)$. Assume that $\text{supp}\varphi$ is compact and put

$$\varphi_w(v) = \frac{1}{w^k} \varphi\left(\frac{v}{w}\right)$$

and

$$G(u,w) = \frac{1}{\sigma!} (g \ast \varphi_w)(u) w^\sigma = \frac{1}{\sigma!} \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} g(u-v) \varphi_w(v) w^\sigma dv,$$

for $u \in \mathbb{R}^k$ and $w \in \mathbb{R}$, $w > 0$.

Then $G : \mathbb{R}^k \times (0,\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a $C^p$-function and for every $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{N}^k \times \mathbb{N}$ such that $|\alpha| + \beta \leq p$

$$\lim_{w \to 0} D^{(\alpha,\beta)}G(u,w) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \beta < \sigma \\ D^\alpha g(u) \int \varphi, & \text{if } \beta = \sigma \\ \sum_{|\gamma| = \beta - \sigma} \omega_{\gamma\sigma} D^{\alpha + \gamma} g(u), & \text{if } \beta > \sigma \end{cases}$$

uniformly on compact subsets with respect to $u$, where $\omega_{\gamma\sigma}$ are some constants depending only on $\gamma$, $\sigma$ and $\varphi$.

To prove Proposition 2.1 one needs the following
Lemma 2.2. — For any $r \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\lambda \in \{0, \ldots, p\}$
\[ \frac{\partial^\lambda}{\partial w^\lambda} \left[ w^r \varphi \left( \frac{v}{w} \right) \right] = w^{r-\lambda} \varphi_\lambda \left( \frac{v}{w} \right), \]
where $\varphi_\lambda$ is a $C^p-\lambda$-function on $\mathbb{R}^k$ with a compact support and $\int \varphi_\lambda = (k+r)(k+r-1) \cdots (k+r-\lambda+1) \int \varphi$.

Proof of Lemma 2.2. — \[
\frac{\partial}{\partial w} \left[ w^r \varphi \left( \frac{v}{w} \right) \right] = rw^{r-1} \varphi \left( \frac{v}{w} \right) + w^r \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial v_i} \left( \frac{v}{w} \right) \left( -\frac{v_i}{w^2} \right) = w^{r-1} \varphi_1 \left( \frac{v}{w} \right),
\]
where $\varphi_1(v) = r \varphi(v) - \sum_{i=1}^k v_i \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial v_i}(v)$. Moreover, integrating by parts,
\[
\int \varphi_1 = r \int \varphi - \sum_{i=1}^k \int v_i \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial v_i} = (r+k) \int \varphi
\]
and Lemma 2.2 follows by induction. \[\square\]

Proof of Proposition 2.1. — $G$ is of class $C^p$ on $\mathbb{R}^k \times (0, +\infty)$, because \[
G(u, w) = \int g(v) \frac{1}{w^k} \varphi \left( \frac{u-v}{w} \right) w^\sigma dv.
\]

(I) Assume first that $\beta \leq \sigma$ and $|\alpha| \leq p - \sigma$. Then \[
D^{(\alpha, \beta)} G(u, w) = \frac{1}{\sigma!} \int D^\alpha g(u-v) w^{\sigma-\beta-k} \varphi_\beta \left( \frac{v}{w} \right) dv =
\]
\[
\frac{1}{\sigma!} w^{\sigma-\beta} \int D^\alpha g(u-v) \frac{1}{w^k} \varphi_\beta \left( \frac{v}{w} \right) dv \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sigma!} 0^{\sigma-\beta} D^\alpha g(u) \int \varphi_\beta,
\]
when $w \to 0$, the convergence being uniform on compact subsets with respect to $u$. Consequently, the limit is $0$, if $\beta < \sigma$ and $D^\alpha g \int \varphi$, if $\beta = \sigma$.

(II) Now assume that $\beta \leq \sigma$ and $|\alpha| > p - \sigma$. Then $\alpha = \gamma + \delta$, where $|\gamma| = p - \sigma$ and $\delta \neq 0$.
\[
D^{(\gamma, \beta)} G(u, w) = \frac{1}{\sigma!} \int D^\gamma g(u-v) w^{\sigma-\beta-k} \varphi_\beta \left( \frac{v}{w} \right) dv =
\]
\[
\frac{1}{\sigma!} \int D^\gamma g(v) w^{\sigma-\beta-k} \varphi_\beta \left( \frac{u-v}{w} \right) dv.
\]
\[
D^{(\alpha, \beta)} G(u, w) = \frac{1}{\sigma!} \int D^\gamma g(v) w^{\sigma-\beta-k} w^{-|\delta|} D^\delta \varphi_\beta \left( \frac{u-v}{w} \right) dv =
\]
\[
\frac{1}{\sigma!} w^{\sigma-\beta-|\delta|} \int D^\gamma g(u-wv) D^\delta \varphi_\beta(v) dv.
\]
Notice that $\sigma - \beta - |\delta| = p - |\alpha| - \beta \geq 0$ and $\int D^\delta \varphi_\beta(v) dv = 0$, since $\varphi_\beta$ has a compact support. Consequently, $D^{(\alpha, \beta)} G(u, w) \to 0$, when $w \to 0$. 

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(III) Finally, let $\beta > \sigma$. Then $|\alpha| \leq p - \beta < p - \sigma$ and $\beta = \sigma + \rho$, where $\rho > 0$. By the case (I),

$$D^{(\alpha,\sigma)} G(u, w) = \frac{1}{\sigma!} \int D^{\alpha} g(u - vw) \varphi_{\sigma}(v) dv.$$ 

$D^{\alpha} g$ being of class $p - \sigma - |\alpha| \geq \rho$, one obtains

$$D^{(\alpha,\beta)} G(u, w) = D^{(0,\rho)}(D^{(\alpha,\sigma)} G)(u, w)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma!} \sum_{|\mu| = \rho} \int D^{\alpha + \mu} g(u - vw)(-v)^{\mu} \varphi_{\sigma}(v) dv,$$

which tends to $\sum_{|\mu| = \rho} \omega_{\mu\sigma} D^{\alpha + \mu} g(u)$ uniformly on compact subsets with respect to $u$, when $w \to 0$, where $\omega_{\mu\sigma} = \frac{1}{\sigma!} \int (-v)^{\mu} \varphi_{\sigma}(v) dv$. \hfill $\Box$

**Proposition 2.3.** — Let $\varphi \in C^p(\mathbb{R}^k)$ be with compact support and such that $\int \varphi = 1$. Then the formula

$$L(gW^\sigma)(u, w) = \left( \frac{w}{|w|} \right)^{\sigma} \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma!} (g \star \varphi_{|w|})(u)|w|^\sigma \right.$$

$$- \sum_{0 < |\gamma| \leq p - \sigma} \frac{1}{(\sigma + |\gamma|)!} \omega_{\gamma\sigma} L(D^\gamma gW^{\sigma + |\gamma|})(u, |w|) \bigg],$$

for $\sigma \in \{1, \ldots, p\}$, $g \in C^{p-\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^k)$, $u \in \mathbb{R}^k$ and $w \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, completed by putting

$$L(gW^\sigma)(u, 0) = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad L(gW^0) = L(g) = g, \quad \text{for} \ g \in C^p(\mathbb{R}^k),$$

defines (inductively) a continuous linear extension operator $L = L_p : \mathcal{E}^p(\mathbb{R}^k \times 0) \to C^p(\mathbb{R}^{k+1})$.

Moreover, there exists a constant $M > 0$ (depending only on $k, p$ and $\varphi$) such that if $\omega$ is a modulus of continuity of a field $F \in \mathcal{E}^p(\mathbb{R}^k \times 0)$, then $M \omega$ is a modulus of continuity of the $C^p$-function $LF$.

**Proof.** — This follows immediately from Proposition 2.1. \hfill $\Box$

Now we generalize our extension operator to any linear subspace of $\mathbb{R}^n$.

**Proposition 2.4.** — Let $\mathbb{R}^k \times 0 \subset \mathbb{R}^n = \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^l$, where $l > 1$. Then the formula

$$L_p(gW_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots W_l^{\alpha_l}) = L_p(L_{p-\alpha_l}(gW_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots W_{l-1}^{\alpha_{l-1}})W_l^{\alpha_l}),$$
where $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_l) \in \mathbb{N}^l$, $|\alpha| \leq p$ and $g \in C^{p-|\alpha|}(\mathbb{R}^k)$, defines by induction on $l$ a linear continuous extension operator $L = L_p : \mathcal{E}^p(\mathbb{R}^k \times 0) \rightarrow C^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Moreover, there is a constant $M > 0$ such that if $\omega$ is a modulus of continuity for $F \in \mathcal{E}^p(\mathbb{R}^k \times 0)$, then $M \omega$ is a modulus of continuity for $LF$.

**Proof.** — This follows easily by induction from Proposition 2.3. \[\Box\]

### 3. A generalization to the ideal of $C^p$-Whitney fields on $\Omega \times 0$ p-flat on $\partial \Omega \times 0$ ($\Omega$- an open $\Lambda_p$-regular cell in $\mathbb{R}^k = \mathbb{R}^k \times 0 \subset \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^l$)

If $A$ is any locally closed subset of $\mathbb{R}^n$ and $B$ any closed subset of $A$, $\mathcal{E}^p(A, B)$ will denote the ideal of all $C^p$-Whitney fields $F$ on $A$ p-flat on $B$; i.e. $F^\alpha(u) = 0$, when $|\alpha| \leq p$ and $u \in B$. It is closed in $\mathcal{E}^p(A)$.

Let first $\Omega$ be any open subset of $\mathbb{R}^k$. By the Hestenes Lemma (see [12], Lemma 4.3, p.80)

$$\mathcal{E}^p(\Omega \times 0, \partial \Omega \times 0) = \{ F = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq p} \frac{1}{\alpha!} F^\alpha W^\alpha : F^\alpha \in C^{p-|\alpha|}(\Omega), \quad \lim_{u \rightarrow a} D^\beta F^\alpha(u) = 0, \text{ if } a \in \partial \Omega, |\beta| \leq p - |\alpha| \},$$

and putting

$$\tilde{F}^\alpha(u) = \begin{cases} F^\alpha(u), & \text{if } u \in \Omega \\ 0, & \text{if } u \in \mathbb{R}^k \setminus \Omega \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{F} = \sum_\alpha \frac{1}{\alpha!} \tilde{F}^\alpha W^\alpha,$$

one obtains a linear continuous extension operator $\mathcal{E}^p(\Omega \times 0, \partial \Omega \times 0) \ni F \rightarrow \tilde{F} \in \mathcal{E}^p(\mathbb{R}^k \times 0, (\mathbb{R}^k \setminus \Omega) \times 0)$ preserving modulus of continuity.

Now we will consider the case when $\Omega$ is an open $\Lambda_p$-regular cell in $\mathbb{R}^k$ (cf. [6]). We will first recall the notion of $\Lambda_p$-regular mapping. Let $\psi : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a mapping on an open subset $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. We say that $\psi$ is $\Lambda_p$-regular (on $D$) if it is of class $C^p$ and there is a constant $C \geq 0$ such that

$$|D^\kappa \psi(x)| \leq C / d(x, \partial D)^{|\kappa| - 1}, \text{ whenever } 1 \leq |\kappa| \leq p \text{ and } x \in D.$$

**Remark 3.1.** — Let $\psi$ be $\Lambda_p$-regular on $D$. Then

1. it is $\Lambda_p$-regular on every open $D' \subset D$;
(2) if \( A \subset \Omega \) is a 1-regular subset, then the restriction \( \psi|A \) is Lipschitz and thus it has a continuous extension \( \overline{\psi}|A \) to \( \overline{A} \).

We shall say (after [6]) that \( S \) is an open \( \Lambda_p \)-regular (definable in a given \( o \)-minimal structure) cell in \( \mathbb{R}^n \) iff

1. \( S \) is an open interval in \( \mathbb{R} \), when \( n = 1 \);
2. \( S = \{(x', x_n) : x' \in T, \quad \psi_1(x') < x_n < \psi_2(x')\} \), where \( T \) is an open \( \Lambda_p \)-regular (definable) cell in \( \mathbb{R}^{n-1} \) and each \( \psi_i \) (\( i = 1, 2 \)) is a function on \( T \) being either real \( \Lambda_p \)-regular (definable) function on \( T \), or identically equal to \(-\infty \), or identically equal to \(+\infty \), and \( \psi_1(x') < \psi_2(x') \), for all \( x' \in T \), when \( n > 1 \).

**Remark 3.2.**— Such a cell \( S \) is 1-regular and if \( \psi_i \) is finite it is Lipschitz on \( T \), thus it admits a continuous extension \( \overline{\psi_i} \) to \( \overline{T} \).

For any open (definable) \( \Lambda_p \)-regular cell in \( \mathbb{R}^n \), one defines, by induction on \( n \), a sequence \( \rho_j : \overline{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\} \) (\( j = 1, \ldots, 2n \)) of the functions associated with the cell \( S \):

1. When \( n = 1 \) and \( S = (a_1, a_2) \), we put
   \[
   \rho_1(x) = \begin{cases} 
   x - a_1, & \text{if } a_1 \in \mathbb{R} \\
   +\infty, & \text{if } a_1 = -\infty
   \end{cases}
   \quad \text{and} \quad
   \rho_2(x) = a_2 - x, \quad \text{if } a_2 \in \mathbb{R}
   \quad \text{and} \quad
   \rho_2(x) = +\infty, \quad \text{if } a_2 = +\infty.
   \]
2. When \( n > 1 \) and \( S = \{(x', x_n) : x' \in T, \quad \psi_1(x') < x_n < \psi_2(x')\} \), let \( \sigma_j (j = 1, \ldots, 2n - 2) \) be the functions associated with \( T \). We put, for any \( x = (x', x_n) \in \overline{S} \), \( \rho_j(x) = \sigma_j(x') \) for \( j = 1, \ldots, 2n - 2 \) and
   \[
   \rho_{2n-1}(x) = \begin{cases} 
   x_n - \overline{\psi}_1(x'), & \text{if } \psi_1 : T \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\
   +\infty, & \text{if } \psi_1 \equiv -\infty
   \end{cases}
   \quad \text{and} \quad
   \rho_{2n}(x) = \begin{cases} 
   \overline{\psi}_2(x') - x_n, & \text{if } \psi_2 : T \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\
   +\infty, & \text{if } \psi_2 \equiv +\infty.
   \end{cases}
   \]

**Remark 3.3 ([6], Lemma 3).**— There exists a constant \( \Theta > 0 \) such that
   \[
   \Theta \min_j \rho_j(x) \leq d(x, \partial S) \leq \min_j \rho_j(x), \quad \text{for} \quad x \in \overline{S}.
   \]

(We adopt the convention: \( d(x, \emptyset) = +\infty \).)

**Remark 3.4 ([6], Lemma 4).**— The functions \( \rho_j \) which are finite are \( \Lambda_p \)-regular on \( S \), Lipschitz on \( \overline{S} \) and definable, if \( S \) is so.

**Lemma 3.5 (cf. [6], Lemma 5).**— Let \( \varphi_\nu : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \) (\( \nu = 1, \ldots, m \)) be \( \Lambda_p \)-regular functions on an open subset \( \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^k \). Assume that \( r(u) := \)
\[
\sum_{\nu=1}^{m} \varphi_{\nu}^2(u) \frac{1}{2} \neq 0 \text{ for each } u \in \Omega. \text{ Then there exists a constant } \tilde{C} > 0 \text{ such that for each } u \in \Omega \\
\left| D^\alpha \left( \frac{1}{r} \right)(u) \right| \leq \frac{\tilde{C}}{r(u) \min(r(u), d(u, \partial \Omega))^{|\alpha|}} \text{, where } 0 \leq |\alpha| \leq p; \\
\text{consequently } \left| D^\alpha \left( \frac{1}{r} \right)(u) \right| \leq \frac{\tilde{C}}{\min(r(u), d(u, \partial \Omega))^{|\alpha|+1}}.
\]

Proof. — Induction on |\alpha|. \hfill \Box

**Proposition 3.6** (cf. [6], Lemmas 6-7). — Let \( \Omega \) be an open subset of \( \mathbb{R}^k \), let \( f \in C^p(\Omega \times \mathbb{R}^l) \) and \( r \in C^p(\Omega) \), and let \( t: \Omega \to (0, +\infty) \) be any positive function such that \( t(u) \leq d(u, \partial \Omega) \) for any \( u \in \Omega \). Let \( \varepsilon > 0 \) and put 

\[
\Delta_\varepsilon := \{(u, w) \in \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^l : |w| < \varepsilon t(u)\}.
\]

Assume that there exists a constant \( \tilde{C} > 0 \) such that \( |D^\alpha \left( \frac{1}{r} \right)| \leq \frac{\tilde{C}}{t^{|\alpha|+1}} \), when \( \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^k \), and for each \( c \in \partial \Omega \), \( D^\alpha f(u, w) = o(t(u)^{p-|\alpha|}) \), when \( \Delta_\varepsilon \ni (u, w) \to (c, 0) \) and \( \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^k \times \mathbb{N}^l \), \( |\alpha| \leq p \).

Let \( \xi: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R} \) be any \( C^p \)-function. Fix \( i \in \{1, \ldots, l\} \) and put 

\[
g(u, w) := \xi \left( \frac{w_i}{r(u)} \right) f(u, w), \quad \text{for } (u, w) \in \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^l.
\]

Then for each \( c \in \partial \Omega \), \( D^\alpha g(u, w) = o(t(u)^{p-|\alpha|}) \), when \( \Delta_\varepsilon \ni (u, w) \to (c, 0) \) and \( \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^k \times \mathbb{N}^l \), \( |\alpha| \leq p \).

Proof. — Put \( h(u, w) = \xi \left( \frac{w_i}{r(u)} \right) \). By the Leibniz formula 

\[
D^\alpha g = \sum_{\lambda \leq \alpha} \binom{\alpha}{\lambda} D^\lambda h D^{\alpha-\lambda} f,
\]

so it suffices to check that there exists a constant \( C'_\varepsilon > 0 \) such that \( |D^\lambda h(u, w)| \leq C'_\varepsilon t(u)^{-|\lambda|} \), when \( (u, w) \in \Delta_\varepsilon \) and \( |\lambda| \leq p \). First, it is easy to see this for \( h_0(u, w) := \frac{w_i}{r(u)} \) using Lemma 3.5.

Then for \( h = \xi \circ h_0 \) we have 

\[
\frac{\partial h}{\partial x_j} = (\xi' \circ h_0) \frac{\partial h_0}{\partial x_j}, \quad \text{where } (x_1, \ldots, x_n) = (u_1, \ldots, u_k, w_1, \ldots, w_l)
\]

and 

\[
D^\lambda \left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_j} \right) = \sum_{\mu \leq \lambda} \binom{\lambda}{\mu} D^\mu (\xi' \circ h_0) D^{\lambda-\mu} \left( \frac{\partial h_0}{\partial x_j} \right), \quad \text{if } |\lambda| \leq p-1, \text{ so we conclude by induction.} \hfill \Box
\]
Remark 3.7. — Suppose that $f$ is a $C^p$-function on the whole space $\mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^l$ and such that for each $c \in \partial \Omega$, $D^\kappa f(u,0) = o(t(u)^{p-|\kappa|})$, when $\Omega \ni u \to c$ and $\kappa \in \mathbb{N}^k \times \mathbb{N}^l$, $|\kappa| \leq p$.

Then for each $c \in \partial \Omega$, $D^\kappa f(u, w) = o(t(u)^{p-|\kappa|})$, when $\Delta_\epsilon \ni (u, w) \to (c, 0)$ and $\kappa \in \mathbb{N}^k \times \mathbb{N}^l$, $|\kappa| \leq p$. This follows immediately from the Taylor formula

$$D^\kappa f(u, w) = \sum_{|\lambda| \leq p-|\kappa|} \frac{1}{\lambda!} D^{\kappa+\lambda} f(u, 0) w^\lambda + o(|w|^{p-|\kappa|}),$$

when $u \to c$, $w \to 0$.

Let now $\Omega$ be an open $\Lambda_p$-regular cell in $\mathbb{R}^k$ and $\rho_j$ ($j = 1, \ldots, 2k$) - the functions associated with $\Omega$. We define an extension operator

$$\mathcal{L} : \mathcal{E}^p(\Omega \times 0, \partial \Omega \times 0) \to C^p(\mathbb{R}^n), \quad \text{where } \mathbb{R}^n = \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^l,$$

by the following formula

$$\mathcal{L} F(u, w) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll}
\prod_{i=1}^{l} \prod_{j=1}^{2k} \xi \left( Q \frac{w_i}{\rho_j(u)} \right) (\tilde{L} F)(u, w), & \text{if } u \in \Omega \\
0, & \text{if } u \in \mathbb{R}^k \setminus \Omega,
\end{array} \right.$$

where $Q$ is any real number $> \sqrt{l} \Theta^{-1}$, $\Theta$ is a constant from Remark 3.3 and $\xi : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ is a (definable, if we wish) $C^p$-function equal to 1 in a neighborhood of 0, and equal to 0 outside the open interval $(-1, 1)$.

To check that $\mathcal{L} F \in C^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ we use repeatedly Proposition 3.6 with $r = \rho_j \neq +\infty$ and $t(u) = d(u, \partial \Omega)$(at the beginning we take $f = \tilde{L} F$ as in Remark 3.7) and the Hestenes Lemma. The factors involving $\rho_j \equiv +\infty$ being obviously 1 can be omitted in the above formula.

Observe that if $\epsilon$ is any constant from $(0, 1)$, we can choose $Q$ in such a way that $\mathcal{L} F$ is $p$-flat outside the set

$$\Delta_\epsilon(\Omega \times 0) := \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : d(x, \Omega \times 0) < \epsilon d(x, \partial \Omega \times 0) \}$$

$$= \{ (u, w) \in \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^l : |w| < \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{1-\epsilon^2}} d(u, \partial \Omega) \}.$$

Remark 3.8. — If $r$ and $t$ are as in Proposition 3.6 and $F \in \mathcal{E}^p(\Omega \times 0, \partial \Omega \times 0)$ is such that, for each $c \in \partial \Omega$, $F^\kappa(u, 0) = o(t(u)^{p-|\kappa|})$, when $\Omega \ni u \to c$ and $|\kappa| \leq p$, the above formula for an extension of $F$ can be modified by putting

$$\mathcal{L}' F(u, w) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll}
\prod_{i=1}^{l} \xi \left( \sqrt{l} \frac{w_i}{r(u)} \right) \mathcal{L} F(u, w), & \text{if } u \in \Omega \\
0, & \text{if } u \in \mathbb{R}^k \setminus \Omega.
\end{array} \right.$$
Then $L'F$ is $p$-flat, outside the neighborhood \{(u, w) \in \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^l : |w| < r(u)\} of \Omega \times 0$ and outside $\Delta_{\varepsilon}(\Omega \times 0)$.

In order that $LF$ (or $L'F$) and $F$ have the same (up to a multiplicative constant) modulus of continuity we will prove the following

**Proposition 3.9.** — Under the assumptions of Proposition 3.6 assume additionally that $\Omega$ is $1$-regular, $r \in C^{p+1}(\Omega)$ such that

$$|D^\alpha \left( \frac{1}{r} \right)| \leq \frac{c}{t^{||\alpha||+1}}, \text{ when } \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^k, ||\alpha|| \leq p + 1$$

and $t$ is Lipschitz. Then there exists a constant $M > 0$ such that if $\omega$ is a modulus of continuity for $f$ on $\Delta_{\varepsilon}$ satisfying

$$|D^\kappa f(u, w)| \leq \omega(t(u)) t(u)^{p-|\kappa|},$$

when $(u, w) \in \Delta_{\varepsilon}$ and $|\kappa| \leq p$, then $M\omega$ is a modulus of continuity for $g$ on $\Delta_{\varepsilon}$ satisfying

$$|D^\kappa g(u, w)| \leq M\omega(t(u)) t(u)^{p-|\kappa|},$$

when $(u, w) \in \Delta_{\varepsilon}$ and $|\kappa| \leq p$.

**Proof.** — In view of the proof of Proposition 3.6, it suffices to check that, for a constant $M > 0$, $M\omega$ is a modulus of continuity for $g$ on $\Delta_{\varepsilon}$. First observe that $\Delta_{\varepsilon}$ is $1$-regular, because $\Omega$ is so and the function $t$ is Lipschitz. There exists a constant $C \geq 1$ such that $|t(u_1) - t(u_2)| \leq C|u_1 - u_2|$, for any $u_1, u_2 \in \Omega$.

Fix any $\kappa \in \mathbb{N}^{k+l}$ such that $|\kappa| = p$, any $\lambda \leq \kappa$ and any two points $x_i = (u_i, w_i) \in \Delta_{\varepsilon}$ ($i = 1, 2$). We have to estimate

$$|D^\lambda h(x_1)D^{\kappa - \lambda} f(x_1) - D^\lambda h(x_2)D^{\kappa - \lambda} f(x_2)|. $$

**Case I:** $t(u_i) \leq 2C|x_1 - x_2|$ ($i = 1, 2$).

Then $|D^\lambda h(x_1)D^{\kappa - \lambda} f(x_1)| \leq C' t(u_i)^{-|\lambda|} \omega(t(u_i)) t(u_i)^{p-|\kappa - \lambda|}$

$$\leq C' \omega(2C|x_1 - x_2|) \leq 2CC' \omega(|x_1 - x_2|).$$

**Case II:** $t(u_1) > 2C|x_1 - x_2|$. Then $|u_1 - u_2| \leq C|x_1 - x_2| < \frac{1}{2} t(u_1) \leq \frac{1}{2} d(u_1, \Omega)$; thus $[x_1, x_2] \subset \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^l$.

We have $|D^\lambda h(x_1) [D^{\kappa - \lambda} f(x_1) - D^{\kappa - \lambda} f(x_2)]| \leq |D^\lambda h(x_1)| \times$

$$\left| \sum_{1 \leq |\mu| \leq p - |\kappa - \lambda|} \frac{1}{\mu!} D^{\kappa - \lambda + \mu} f(x_1) \right| |x_1 - x_2|^{|\mu|} + \omega(|x_1 - x_2|) |x_1 - x_2|^{p-|\kappa - \lambda|} \leq$$

$$M_1 \omega(t(u_1)) t(u_1)^{-1} |x_1 - x_2| + M_2 \omega(|x_1 - x_2|) \leq M' \omega(|x_1 - x_2|),$$
where $M_1, M_2$ and $M'$ are positive constants and we use: $\omega(s)t \leq \omega(t)s$ if $t \leq s$.

On the other hand $|(D^\lambda h(x_1) - D^\lambda h(x_2))| \leq \sup_{x \in [x_1, x_2]} \sum_{j=1}^{k+l} |D^{\lambda+(j)}h(x)||x_1 - x_2||D^{\kappa-\lambda}f(x_2)|$.

For any $(u, w) \in [x_1, x_2]$, $2|t(u_1) - t(u)| \leq 2C|u_1 - u| \leq 2C|x_1 - x_2| < t(u_1)$ and $2|w_1 - w| \leq 2C|x_1 - x_2| < t(u_1)$; thus $\frac{1}{2} t(u_1) < t(u) < \frac{3}{2} t(u_1)$ and $|w| \leq |w_1| + |w_1 - w| < \varepsilon t(u_1) + t(u) \leq (2\varepsilon + 1)t(u)$.

Consequently $x \in \Delta_{2\varepsilon+1}$ and

$$|D^{\lambda+(j)}h(x)| \leq C_{2\varepsilon+1}' t(u)^{-|\lambda|-1} \leq 2^{\lambda+1} C_{2\varepsilon+1}' t(u_1)^{-|\lambda|-1}$$

and

$$|D^{\kappa-\lambda}f(x_2)| \leq \omega(t(u_2)) t(u_2)^{|\lambda|} \leq \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)^{|\lambda|+1} \omega(t(u_1)) t(u_1)^{|\lambda|}.$$

The needed inequality follows.

**Remark 3.10.** — Suppose that $f$ is a $C^p$-function on the whole space $\mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^t$ and $\omega$ is its modulus of continuity such that

$$|D^{\kappa}f(u, 0)| \leq \omega(t(u)) t(u)^{p-|\kappa|},$$

when $u \in \Omega$ and $\kappa \in \mathbb{N}^{k+l}$, $|\kappa| \leq p$.

Then there exists a constant $M'' > 0$ such that

$$|D^{\kappa}f(u, w)| \leq M'' \omega(t(u)) t(u)^{p-|\kappa|},$$

when $(u, w) \in \Delta_{\varepsilon}$, and $\kappa \in \mathbb{N}^{k+l}$, $|\kappa| \leq p$.

Indeed, this follows immediately from

$$|D^{\kappa}f(u, w) - \sum_{|\lambda| \leq p-|\kappa|} \frac{1}{\lambda!} D^{\kappa+(0, \lambda)}f(u, 0) w^\lambda| \leq \omega(|w|)|w|^{p-|\kappa|}.$$

**Remark 3.11.** — If $\Omega$ is an open $\Lambda_{p+1}$-regular cell in $\mathbb{R}^k$ and $\xi$ is a $C^{p+1}$-function, then there exists a positive constant $M$, such that, for any $F \in \mathcal{E}^p(\Omega \times 0, \partial \Omega \times 0)$ (respectively, fulfilling additional conditions: $|F^{\kappa}(u, 0)| \leq \omega(r(u)) r(u)^{p-|\kappa|}$, when $u \in \Omega$, $\kappa \in \mathbb{N}^{k+l}$, $|\kappa| \leq p$) if $\omega$ is a modulus of continuity for $F$, then $M \omega$ is a modulus of continuity for $\mathcal{L}F$ (respectively, for $\mathcal{L}'F$).
4. A generalization to the ideal of $C^p$-Whitney fields on the closure of a $\Lambda_p$-regular leaf $p$-flat on its boundary

Now we will transpose the extension operator $\mathcal{L}$ to the closure of any $\Lambda_p$-regular leaf. A subset $E \subset R^n$ is called a (definable) $\Lambda_p$-regular leaf of dimension $k$ in $R^n$ if it is the graph $E = \{(u, \varphi(u)) : u \in \Omega\}$ of a (definable) $\Lambda_p$-regular mapping $\varphi : \Omega \rightarrow R^l$ defined on an open (definable) $\Lambda_p$-regular cell $\Omega$ in $R^k$. A reduction of this case to the previous one will be by the following Lipschitz automorphism

$$\overline{\Omega} \times R^l \ni (u, w) \mapsto (u, w + \varphi(u)) \in \overline{\Omega} \times R^l$$

and the following

**Proposition 4.1** (cf. [6], Proposition 3). — Let $\varphi : \Omega \rightarrow R^l$ be a $\Lambda_p$-regular mapping defined on an open subset $\Omega \subset R^k$. Let $t : \Omega \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$ be any function such that $t(u) \leq d(u, \partial \Omega)$, for each $u \in \Omega$. Let $E$ be any closed subset of $\Omega \times R^l$ and

$$F(u, w; U, W) = \sum_{|\alpha| + |\beta| \leq p} \frac{1}{\alpha! \beta!} F^{(\alpha, \beta)}(u, w) U^\alpha W^\beta \left\{ \begin{array}{l} U = (U_1, \ldots, U_k), \\ W = (W_1, \ldots, W_l) \end{array} \right.$$ 

a $C^p$-Whitney field on $E$ such that, for any $c \in \partial \Omega$

$$F^{(\alpha, \beta)}(u, w) = o(t(u)^{p - |\alpha| - |\beta|})$$

when $u \rightarrow c$ and $|\alpha| + |\beta| \leq p$.

Let $F_{\varphi}(u, v; U, V)$ be a polynomial in $(U, V)$ of degree $\leq p$ such that

$$F_{\varphi}(u, v; U, V) = \sum_{|\alpha| + |\beta| \leq p} \frac{1}{\alpha! \beta!} F^{(\alpha, \beta)}(u, v + \varphi(u)) U^\alpha$$

$$(V + \sum_{1 \leq |\kappa| \leq p} \frac{1}{\kappa!} D^\kappa \varphi(u) U^\kappa)^\beta \bmod (U, V)^{p+1}$$

defined for $(u, v) \in E_\varphi$, where $E_\varphi = \{(u, v) \in \Omega \times R^l : (u, v + \varphi(u)) \in E\}$.

Then $F_{\varphi}$ is a $C^p$-Whitney field on $E_\varphi$ such that, for any $c \in \partial \Omega$

$$F^{(\alpha, \beta)}_{\varphi}(u, v) = o(t(u)^{p - |\alpha| - |\beta|})$$

when $u \rightarrow c$ and $|\alpha| + |\beta| \leq p$.

**Proof.** — It is easy to check that $F_{\varphi}$ fulfills the condition $(\ast \ast)$ from Introduction, thus it is a $C^p$-Whitney field on $E_{\varphi}$. Besides

$$F_{\varphi}(u, v; U, V) = \sum_{|\alpha| + |\beta| \leq p} \frac{1}{\alpha! \beta!} F^{(\alpha, \beta)}(u, v + \varphi(u)) U^\alpha \times$$

$$\sum_{\gamma + \sum_{\delta, \omega = \beta} \frac{\beta!}{\gamma! \prod \delta! \omega!} \prod_{\kappa} \frac{1}{\kappa! \delta_{\omega}} U^{\delta_{\omega} \kappa} (D^\kappa \varphi(u))^{\delta_{\kappa}} \bmod (U, V)^{p+1},$$

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thus
\[ F^{(\sigma, \gamma)}(u, v) = \sum_{\alpha + \sum_{\xi} |\delta_\xi| = \sigma} \left[ . \right] F^{(\alpha, \gamma + \sum_{\xi} \delta_\xi)}(u, v + \varphi(u)) \prod_{\xi} (D^{\xi} \varphi(u))^\delta_\xi, \]
where \([ . ]\) denotes constants. To conclude notice that
\[ F^{(\alpha, \gamma + \sum_{\xi} \delta_\xi)}(u, v + \varphi(u)) \prod_{\xi} (D^{\xi} \varphi(u))^\delta_\xi = \]
\[ o(1) t(u)^{p - |\sigma| - |\gamma| - \sum_{\xi} |\delta_\xi|} C \prod_{\xi} d(u, \partial \Omega)^{-|\delta_\xi| |\xi| + |\delta_\xi|} = \]
\[ o(t(u)^{p - |\sigma| - |\gamma|}). \]
\[ \square \]

Remark 4.2. — If \( E = \{(u, \varphi(u)) : u \in \Omega\} \) (resp. \( E = \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^l \)), then \( F_\varphi \) extends to a \( C^p\)-Whitney field on \( E_\varphi = \overline{\Omega} \times 0 \) (resp. \( E_\varphi = \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^l \)) \( p\)-flat on \( \partial E_\varphi = \partial \Omega \times 0 \) (resp. \( \partial E_\varphi = \partial \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^l \)).

Proof. — The both cases follow from the Hestenes Lemma. \( \square \)

Proposition 4.3. — Under the assumptions of Proposition 4.1, assume additionally that the mapping \( \varphi \) is \( \Lambda_{p+1}\)-regular, \( E \) and \( \Omega \) are both \( 1\)-regular and \( E \) and \( \partial \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^l \) are simply separated \((\ast)\). Then there exists a constant \( M > 0 \) such that, for each \( F \in \mathcal{E}^p(E, \partial E) \), if \( \omega \) is a modulus of continuity of \( F \), then \( M \omega \) is a modulus of continuity of \( F_\varphi \).

Moreover, if \( |F^{\xi}(u, w)| \leq \omega(t(u)) t(u)^{p - |\xi|} \), when \( (u, w) \in E \) and \( |\xi| \leq p \), then \( |F^{\xi}(u, v)| \leq M \omega(t(u)) t(u)^{p - |\xi|} \), when \( (u, v) \in E_\varphi \) and \( |\xi| \leq p \).

Proof. — Observe that \( E_\varphi \) is \( 1\)-regular. Let \( \sigma \in \mathbb{N}^k \), \( \gamma \in \mathbb{N}^l \) be such that \( |\sigma| + |\gamma| = p \) and let \( (u_i, v_i) \in E_\varphi, (i = 1, 2) \). We have to estimate
\[ |F^{(\sigma, \gamma)}(u_1, v_1) - F^{(\sigma, \gamma)}(u_2, v_2)| \leq \]
\[ \sum_{\alpha + \sum_{\xi} |\delta_\xi| = \sigma} \left[ . \right] F^{(\alpha, \gamma + \sum_{\xi} \delta_\xi)}(u_1, v_1 + \varphi(u_1)) \prod_{\xi} (D^{\xi} \varphi(u_1))^\delta_\xi - \]
\[ F^{(\alpha, \gamma + \sum_{\xi} \delta_\xi)}(u_2, v_2 + \varphi(u_2)) \prod_{\xi} (D^{\xi} \varphi(u_2))^\delta_\xi |. \]

Fix \( \lambda = (\alpha, \gamma + \sum_{\xi} \delta_\xi) \) and put \( x_i = (u_i, v_i + \varphi(u_i)) \) and
\[ \theta(u) = \prod_{\xi} (D^{\xi} \varphi(u))^\delta_\xi . \]

\((\ast)\) See the beginning of Section 5 for the definition of simple separation.
Case I: $|x_1 - x_2| \geq \frac{1}{2}d(u_i, \partial \Omega)$ for $i = 1, 2$.

$|F^\lambda(x_i)\theta(u_i)| \leq \omega(d(x_i, \partial E))d(x_i, \partial E)^{p-|\lambda|}|\theta(u_i)| \leq \omega(Cd(u_i, \partial \Omega))[Cd(u_i, \partial \Omega)]^{p-|\lambda|}|\theta(u_i)| \leq \omega(2C|x_1 - x_2|)[Cd(u_i, \partial \Omega)]^{p-|\lambda|} \prod_{\kappa} d(u_i, \partial \Omega)^{-|\delta_{\kappa}||x|+|\delta_{\kappa}|} \leq M\omega(|x_1 - x_2|).

Case II: $|x_1 - x_2| \leq \frac{1}{2}d(u_i, \partial \Omega)$.

$|F^\lambda(x_1)\theta(u_1) - F^\lambda(x_2)\theta(u_2)| \leq \left[ \sum_{1 \leq |\mu| \leq p-|\lambda|} \frac{1}{\mu!} |F^\lambda+\mu(x_1)||x_2 - x_1|^{|\mu|} + \omega(|x_1 - x_2|)|x_1 - x_2|^{p-|\lambda|}\right]|\theta(u_2)| +$ $|F^\lambda(x_1)| \sup_{z \in [u_1, u_2]} \sum_{j=1}^{k} |D^{(j)}\theta(z)||u_1 - u_2| \leq$ $\left[ \sum_{1 \leq |\mu| \leq p-|\lambda|} \frac{1}{\mu!} \omega(d(x_1, \partial E))d(x_1, \partial E)^{p-|\lambda|-|\mu|} |x_1 - x_2|d(u_1, \partial \Omega)^{|\mu|-1} + \omega(|x_1 - x_2|)d(u_1, \partial \Omega)^{p-|\lambda|}\right]|\theta(u_2)| +$ $\omega(d(x_1, \partial \Omega))|x_1 - x_2| \sup_{z \in [u_1, u_2]} \sum_{j=1}^{k} |D^{(j)}\theta(z)|$ $\left[ C_1 \omega(d(u_1, \partial \Omega))|x_1 - x_2|d(u_1, \partial \Omega)^{p-|\lambda|-1} + \omega(|x_1 - x_2|)d(u_1, \partial \Omega)^{p-|\lambda|}\right]|\theta(u_2)| +$ $C_2\omega(d(u_1, \partial \Omega))|x_1 - x_2| \prod_{\kappa} d(z, \partial \Omega)^{-|\delta_{\kappa}||x|+|\delta_{\kappa}|-1}.$

Now it suffices to observe that $\omega(d(u_1, \partial \Omega))|x_1 - x_2| \leq \omega(|x_1 - x_2|)d(u_1, \partial \Omega)$ and $d(z, \partial \Omega) \geq d(u_1, \partial \Omega) - |z - u_1| \geq d(u_1, \partial \Omega) - |x_1 - x_2| \geq \frac{1}{2}d(u_1, \partial \Omega)$, if $z \in [u_1, u_2]$. \hfill \qed

Assume now that $E = \{(u, \varphi(u)) : u \in \Omega\}$ is a $\Lambda_p$-regular leaf of dimension $k$ in $\mathbb{R}^n$. We define an extension operator $L : \mathcal{E}^p(E, \partial E) \rightarrow C^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ by the formula

$L F = \begin{cases} \ (LF)_{\varphi} - \varphi, & \text{on } \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^l \\ 0, & \text{on } (\mathbb{R}^k \setminus \Omega) \times \mathbb{R}^l. \end{cases}$
For any constant $\varepsilon > 0$, we can specify this operator in such a way that for each $F \in \mathcal{E}^p(E, \partial E)$, $\mathcal{L}F$ is flat outside the neighborhood $\Delta_\varepsilon(E) := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : d(x, E) < \varepsilon d(x, \partial E)\}$.

5. A generalization to a finite tower of $\Lambda_p$-regular leaves

Here we will generalize the extension operator $\mathcal{L}$ to the ideal $\mathcal{E}^p(E, \partial E)$, where $E$ is a finite disjoint union $E = E_1 \cup \cdots \cup E_s$ of graphs of $\Lambda_p$-regular mappings $\varphi_\sigma : \Omega \to \mathbb{R}^l$ ($\sigma = 1, \ldots, s$) defined on a common open $\Lambda_p$-regular cell $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^k$. Put $r_\sigma(u) := |\varphi_\sigma(u) - \varphi_s(u)|$ for $\sigma = 1, \ldots, s-1$ and $u \in \Omega$.

We first define $\mathcal{L}F$ for any $F \in \mathcal{E}^p(E, E_1 \cup \cdots \cup E_{s-1} \cup \partial E_s)$.

Then we put

$$\mathcal{L}F = \begin{cases} \prod_{\sigma=1}^{s-1} \prod_{i=1}^l \xi \left(\frac{w_i}{r_\sigma(u)}\right) \mathcal{L}((F|E_s)_{\varphi_s}) - \varphi_s, & \text{on } \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^l \\ 0, & \text{on } (\mathbb{R}^k \setminus \Omega) \times \mathbb{R}^l, \end{cases}$$

which gives an extension operator according to Proposition 3.6 (used repeatedly with $t(u) := \min(\{r_\sigma(u)\}, d(u, \partial \Omega))$), Remark 3.8 and Proposition 4.1.

Let now consider a general case where $F$ is any element of $\mathcal{E}^p(E, \partial E)$. Proceeding by induction, assume that $\mathcal{L}(F|E_1 \cup \cdots \cup E_{s-1})$ has already been defined. Then $H := F - T\mathcal{L}(F|E_1 \cup \cdots \cup E_{s-1})|E \in \mathcal{E}^p(E, E_1 \cup \cdots \cup E_{s-1} \cup \partial E_s)$ and we put

$$\mathcal{L}F = \mathcal{L}H + \mathcal{L}(F|E_1 \cup \cdots \cup E_{s-1}).$$

For any $\varepsilon > 0$, we can specify this operator in such a way that $\mathcal{L}F$ is $p$-flat outside the set $\Delta_\varepsilon(E) := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : d(x, E) < \varepsilon d(x, \partial E)\}$.

6. Extension operator for a closed definable subset of $\mathbb{R}^n$

**Definition 6.1** (cf. [10]). — Let $A, B, Z \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. We say that $A$ and $B$ are simply $Z$-separated if one of the following equivalent conditions holds

1. $\exists M > 0 \forall x \in A, \quad d(x, B) \geq Md(x, Z)$;
2. $\exists C > 0 \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad d(x, A) + d(x, B) \geq Cd(x, Z)$. (If (1) holds, one can take $C = M/(M + 1)$.)
We say that $A$ and $B$ are simply separated if they are simply $A \cap B$-separated.

**Proposition 6.2.** — Let $E_i \supset E'_i$ ($i = 1, \ldots, s$) be closed subsets of $\mathbb{R}^n$ and let $C > 0$ be a constant such that, for any $i, j \in \{1, \ldots, s\}, i \neq j$ and any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$d(x, E_i) + d(x, E_j) \geq Cd(x, E'_i).$$

Let $\varepsilon \in (0, C/2]$. Put $\Gamma_\varepsilon(E_i, E'_i) := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : d(x, E_i) < \varepsilon d(x, E'_i)\}$.

Suppose that, for each $i = 1, \ldots, s$

$$L_i : \mathcal{E}^p(E_i, E'_i) \longrightarrow C^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

is an extension operator such that $L_iF$ is $p$-flat outside $\Gamma_\varepsilon(E_i, E'_i)$, for any $F \in \mathcal{E}^p(E_i, E'_i)$.

Then the formula

$$L F = \sum_{i=1}^{s} L_i(F|E_i)$$

defines an extension operator $L : \mathcal{E}^p(\bigcup_i E_i, \bigcup_i E'_i) \longrightarrow C^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Moreover, if each $L_i$ preserves (up to a multiplicative constant) a modulus of continuity, then $L$ has the same property.

**Proof.** — It suffices to check that $\Gamma_\varepsilon(E_i, E'_i) \cap \Gamma_\varepsilon(E_j, E'_j) = \emptyset$, if $i \neq j$. If there were $x \in \Gamma_\varepsilon(E_i, E'_i) \cap \Gamma_\varepsilon(E_j, E'_j)$, then

$$2\varepsilon[d(x, E'_i) + d(x, E'_j)] > 2[d(x, E_i) + d(x, E_j)] \geq C[d(x, E'_i) + d(x, E'_j)],$$

a contradiction. \qed

A proof of the following theorem will be given in the next section.

**$\Lambda_p$-regular Decomposition Theorem 6.3.** — Let $E$ be a closed subset of $\mathbb{R}^n$ definable in some fixed o-minimal structure on the ordered field of the real numbers $\mathbb{R}$. Let $k = \dim E$. Let $Z$ be any definable subset of $E$ of dimension $< k$.

Then there exists a finite decomposition

$$E = M_1 \cup \cdots \cup M_s \cup A$$

such that each $M_i$ is a finite tower of $\Lambda_p$-regular $k$-dimensional definable leaves in an appropriate linear coordinate system, $A$ is a closed definable subset of $\dim < k$ containing $Z$ and, for any $i, j \in \{1, \ldots, s\}$ ($i \neq j$), $\overline{M}_i$ and $\overline{M}_j$ are simply $\partial M_i$-separated and, for any $i$, $\overline{M}_i$ and $A$ are simply $\partial M_i$-separated.
In order to define an extension operator for any closed definable subset $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ we will use induction on $\dim E$. By the induction hypothesis we have an extension operator 
\[ L_0 : \mathcal{E}^p(\bigcup_{i=1}^s \partial M_i \cup A) \to \mathcal{C}^p(\mathbb{R}^n), \]
and by Section 5 combined with Proposition 6.2 we have an extension operator 
\[ L_1 : \mathcal{E}^p(E, \bigcup_{i=1}^s \partial M_i \cup A) \to \mathcal{C}^p(\mathbb{R}^n). \]
Now an extension operator for $E$ is defined by the formula 
\[ L_F = L_1[F - T L_0(F|\bigcup_i \partial M_i \cup A)|E] + L_0(F|\bigcup_i \partial M_i \cup A). \]

7. Proof of $\Lambda_p$-regular Decomposition Theorem

Let $P \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be any definable subset and $V$ - a linear subspace of $\mathbb{R}^n$ of dimension $n - k$. Following [10], we will say that $P$ is perfectly situated relative to $V$ if, for a/any linear complement $W$ of $V$ in $\mathbb{R}^n$, $P$ can be represented as a disjoint union 
\[ P = \bigcup \{ \hat{\varphi} : \varphi \in \mathcal{F} \} \]
of a finite family $\mathcal{F}$ of definable $C^1$-mappings $\varphi : \Delta_\varphi \to V$ defined on connected $C^1$-submanifolds $\Delta_\varphi \subset W$ and with bounded derivatives ($\hat{\varphi}$ stands here for the graph $\{ u + \varphi(u) : u \in \Delta_\varphi \}$ of $\varphi$).

We will use the following

**Theorem 7.1** (cf. [10], Theorem 0). — Let $\Sigma = \{ \sigma \subset \{1, \ldots, n\} : \text{card } \sigma = n - k \} = \{ \sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_q \}$, where $q = \binom{n}{k}$.

Let $V_i = \bigoplus_{\nu \in \sigma_i} \mathbb{R} e_\nu$ ($i = 1, \ldots, q$), where $e_1, \ldots, e_n$ is the canonical basis in $\mathbb{R}^n$.

Any definable closed subset $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ of dimension $k$ is a union $E = \bigcup_{i=1}^q E_i$ of definable closed subsets $E_i$ such that, for each $i$, $E_i$ is perfectly situated relative to $V_i$ and, for each $j \neq i$, $E_i$ and $E_j$ are simply separated and $\dim(E_i \cap E_j) < k$.

From the last theorem and easy properties of simply separated sets (see [10], Proposition 2; (1) and (3)), it follows that it suffices to prove $\Lambda_p$-regular Decomposition Theorem for each $E_i$ and $Z_i = (Z \cap E_i) \cup (\bigcup_{j \neq i} E_i \cap E_j)$ separately, therefore - up to a permutation of variables - it suffices to prove it assuming that $E$ is perfectly situated relative to $0 \times \mathbb{R}^l$, where $l = n - k$. The proof in this case is based on the following two propositions.
Proposition 7.2 ([6], Proposition 2). — If \( \varphi : \Omega \to \mathbb{R}^l \) is a definable \( \Lambda_1 \)-regular mapping defined on an open \( \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^k \), then there exists a closed definable subset \( Z \) of \( \Omega \) such that \( \dim Z < k \) and \( \varphi | \Omega \setminus Z \) is \( \Lambda_p \)-regular mapping on \( \Omega \setminus Z \).

Proposition 7.3 ([6], Proposition 4). — For any definable open subset \( \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^k \), there exists a finite family \( S \) of disjoint subsets of \( \Omega \) such that \( \dim (\Omega \setminus \bigcup S) < k \) and each \( S \in S \) is an open definable \( \Lambda_p \)-regular cell in an appropriate linear system of coordinates in \( \mathbb{R}^k \).

Proof of Proposition 7.3. — See [6], Proposition 4, where the set is assumed bounded, but this assumption is not essential. Alternatively, first one can apply [10]; Theorem 1, \((B_k)\) to get the case \( p = 1 \) of Proposition 7.3, which is the theorem of Kurdyka [5] and Parusiński [9], and then by induction on \( k \) one gets the case of any \( p \geq 1 \), applying Proposition 7.2. \( \square \)

To finish the proof of the theorem, first represent \( E \) as union of graphs with bounded derivatives:

\[
E = \bigcup \{ \hat{\varphi} : \varphi \in \mathcal{F} \},
\]
as in the beginning of the section. Adding to \( Z \) all the graphs with \( \dim \Delta \varphi < k \), one can assume that

\[
E = Z \cup \bigcup \{ \hat{\varphi} : \varphi \in \mathcal{F}_* \},
\]
where \( \mathcal{F}_* = \{ \varphi \in \mathcal{F} : \Delta \varphi \text{ non-empty open in } \mathbb{R}^k \} \). By Proposition 7.2, for each \( \varphi \in \mathcal{F}_* \) there exists a closed definable subset \( K_\varphi \) of \( \Delta \varphi \) of \( \dim < k \) such that \( \varphi | \Delta \varphi \setminus K_\varphi \) is \( \Lambda_p \)-regular. Let

\[
\Theta := \pi(Z) \cup \bigcup \{ \partial \Delta \varphi \cup K_\varphi : \varphi \in \mathcal{F}_* \},
\]
where \( \pi : \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^l \to \mathbb{R}^k \) is the canonical projection. Take a family \( S \) as in Proposition 7.3 for the open subset

\[
\Omega := \bigcup \{ \Delta \varphi : \varphi \in \mathcal{F}_* \} \setminus \Theta.
\]
Now it suffices to define, for each \( S \in \mathcal{S} \)

\[
M_S := E \cup \pi^{-1}(S) \quad \text{and} \quad A := E \setminus \bigcup \{ M_S : S \in \mathcal{S} \}.
\]
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