

# ONE-FLAT SUBMANIFOLDS WITH CODIMENSION TWO

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The following is in the *PL*-category. Manifolds are orientable and oriented and homeomorphisms are onto and orientation-preserving.

Some of the deep results recently obtained by C. T. C. Wall [8] and the theory of block bundles [7], [3] enable us to generalize a result by the author [5], [6] as follows. (For terminology, see [5], [6].)

**THEOREM.** *Let  $(M_i, W_i)$  be one-flat  $(n, n + 2)$ -manifold pairs, let  $N_i$  be regular neighborhoods of  $M_i$  in  $W_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , and let  $f: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  be a homeomorphism.*

*Then  $f$  extends to a homeomorphism  $g: N_1 \rightarrow N_2$  if and only if  $f_* \chi_1 = \chi_2$  and the singularities at  $x$  and  $fx$  are the same for each point  $x \in M_1$ , where  $\chi_i$  is the Euler class of  $(M_i, W_i)$ .*

(In [5]  $\chi_i$  was called by the Stiefel-Whitney class.)

It is shown to be true by C. T. C. Wall [8] that each locally flat  $(p, p + 2)$ -elementary (i.e., sphere or ball) pair  $(M, W)$  is *collared*, that is to say, a regular neighborhood  $N$  of  $M$  in  $W$  is  $M \times B^2$ , where  $B^2$  is a 2-ball.

Let  $T$  be the frontier of  $N$  which is an admissible regular neighborhood (i.e.,  $N \cap W'$  is a regular neighborhood of  $M'$  in  $W'$  and  $N$  admissibly collapses to  $M$ ) of a locally flat elementary pair  $(M, W)$ . Then  $T = M \times S^1$  where  $S^1$  is a 1-sphere  $B^2$ . A  $p$ -cycle mod  $T$  denoted by  $M \times O^1$ , and a 1-cycle  $O^p \times S^1$  are called *longitude*  $l$  and *meridian*  $m$  of  $T$  respectively where  $O^1$ ,  $O^p$  are points of  $S^1$  and of the interior  $M^\circ$ . (The cycles should be consistent with the orientation of  $M, W$ , see [6].)

The theorem has been proved for  $n \geq 3$  in [5], [6] (where it is assumed that the manifolds  $M_i$  are closed). The stumbling block was the following lemma for dimension  $p = 3$ . In the lemma,  $\rho_*$  means the homomorphism between homology groups with integer coefficients induced by  $\rho$  and  $\sim$  means homologous.

**LEMMA 1.** *Let  $(M, W)$  be a locally flat  $(p, p + 2)$ -elementary pair and let  $N$  be an admissible regular neighborhood of  $(M, W)$ . Let  $\rho: N \rightarrow N$  be a homeomorphism such that  $\rho|_M = \text{identity}$  and  $\rho_* m \sim m$  on  $T$  and  $\rho_* l \sim l$  on  $T \text{ mod } T'$ . Then  $\rho$  is pseudo-isotopic to the identity in  $N$ .*

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*Proof.* The similar lemma is true for  $p = 1$  by the classical Baer theorem, see [6]. Let us assume that  $p \geq 2$ .

At first we note that  $\pi_p(\tilde{P}L_2) = 0$  if  $p \neq 1$ , for notation, see [7]. By Theorem 3 of [8] and Theorems 5.6 and 5.7 of [7] we have  $\pi_3(\tilde{P}L_2, PL_2(I)) = 0$ . Since  $PL_2(I)$  has the homotopy type of the orthogonal group  $O_2$  by Lemma 3 of [8],  $\pi_2(PL_2(I)) = 0$ , and hence  $\pi_3(\tilde{P}L_2) = 0$  by the exactness of the homotopy sequence. Then by the corollary B1 of [3, Part II],  $\pi_p(\tilde{P}L_2) = 0$  if  $p \neq 1$ .

Let  $K, H, J$  be subdivisions of  $M, N, W$  such that  $K, H$  are subcomplexes of  $J$ . Then by Theorem 4.3 of [7] there is a 2-block bundle  $\xi$  over  $K$  with  $N$  as the total space. Let  $\xi_P$  be the principal  $\tilde{P}L_2^p$ -bundle over  $K$  associated with  $\xi$ . Since  $N$  is a collar of  $(M, W)$ ,  $\xi$  is trivial and there is a cross section  $s : K \rightarrow E(\xi_P)$ , the total space. By Theorem 4.4 of [7] it may be assumed that  $\rho : E(\xi) \rightarrow E(\xi)$  is an automorphism. For each  $k$ -simplex  $\Delta_i^k$  of  $K$ ,

$$s(\Delta_i^k)^{-1} \cdot \rho | E(\xi | \Delta_i^k) \cdot s(\Delta_i^k) : \sigma^k \times I^2 \rightarrow \sigma^k \times I^2$$

is an automorphism of the trivial block bundle, where  $\sigma^k$  is the standard  $k$ -simplex. Then we may define a map  $f : K \rightarrow \tilde{P}L_2$  by taking

$$f(\Delta_i) = s(\Delta_i)^{-1} \cdot \rho | E(\xi | \Delta_i) \cdot s(\Delta_i)$$

for each simplex  $\Delta_i$  of  $K$ ; for a map see [7]. Since the process can be reversed, we say that  $\rho$  and  $f$  are related to each other (with respect to the cross section  $s$ ).

Now suppose that  $(M, W)$  is a sphere pair. Since  $\pi_p(\tilde{P}L_2) = 0$ , there is a homotopy

$$F : K \times I \rightarrow \tilde{P}L_2$$

between  $f$  and the identity. Let  $r : K \times I \rightarrow \tilde{P}L_2$  be an extension of  $s$  (for example,  $r$  is the composition of the projection  $p : K \times I \rightarrow K$  and  $s$ ). Then the automorphism

$$\eta : E(\xi \times I) \rightarrow E(\xi \times I)$$

of the product bundle  $\xi \times I$  related to  $F$  (with respect to  $r$ ) is a pseudo-isotopy between  $\rho$  and the identity.

Next suppose that  $(M, W)$  is a ball pair. Then

$$\rho' = \rho | E(\xi | K') : E(\xi | K') \rightarrow E(\xi | K')$$

is a homeomorphism which satisfies the condition of Lemma 1 where  $M, N, W$  are replaced by  $M', N \cap W', W'$  respectively. Since  $(M', W')$  is a sphere pair, there is a pseudo-isotopy between  $\rho'$  and the identity by Lemma 1 for sphere pairs. Let

$$F : K' \times I \rightarrow \tilde{P}L_2$$

be a map related to the pseudo-isotopy. Then  $F | K' \times \{0\} = f^b$  (the map

related to  $\rho$ ) and  $F|K \times \{1\} = \text{identity}$ . Let us define a map

$$g : (K \times I)' \rightarrow \tilde{P}L_2$$

by  $g|K \times \{0\} = f$  (the map related to  $\rho$ ),  $g|K \times \{1\} = \text{identity}$  and  $g|K \times I = F$ . Since  $(K \times I)'$  is a  $p$ -sphere and  $\pi_p(\tilde{P}L_2) = 0$ ,  $g$  extends to  $G : K \times I \rightarrow \tilde{P}L_2$ . Then the pseudo-isotopy related to  $G$  is the required one.

Now following Gluck [2], we have

**COROLLARY 1.** *The group of pseudo-isotopy classes of automorphisms of  $S^p \times S^1$  for  $p > 1$  is isomorphic to  $Z_2 + Z_2 + Z_2$ .*

See [1], [4] for comparison.

**COROLLARY 2.** *There are at most two knots  $(S^p, S^{p+2})$   $p > 1$ , which have equivalent complements.*

For higher dimensional knots, see [6].

Let us review some notions used in [5], [6]. Let  $(M, W)$  be an  $(n, n + 2)$ -manifold pair and  $(K, J)$  a full subdivision of the pair. Let  $\Delta$  be a  $q$ -simplex of  $K$ . Let  $\nabla, \square$  denote  $n - q, n - q + 2$ -balls which are dual to  $\Delta$  in  $K, J$  respectively. Then  $(\nabla, \square)$  is an  $(n - q, n - q + 2)$ -ball pair such that  $(\nabla, \square) = x * (\gamma, \Gamma)$ , the join of the barycenter  $x$  of  $\Delta$  and  $(\gamma, \Gamma)$  where  $\gamma, \Gamma$  are isomorphic to the first barycentric subdivision of links  $\text{Lk}(\Delta, K)', \text{Lk}(\Delta, J)'$  respectively, see [6], so that  $(\gamma, \Gamma)$  is an  $(n - q - 1, n - q + 1)$ -elementary pair, i.e.,  $(\gamma, \Gamma)$  is a sphere pair if the interior  $\Delta^\circ$  is in the interior  $M^\circ$  and  $(\gamma, \Gamma)$  is a ball pair otherwise. By  $\mathcal{R}^q, \mathcal{H}^{q+2}$  we denote polyhedra consisting of dual balls  $\nabla, \square$  respectively where  $\Delta \in K - K^{n-q-1}$ . They may be regarded as subcomplexes of  $K', J'$  respectively such that  $\mathcal{R}^n = K'$  and  $\mathcal{H}^{n+2} = N(K, J')$ , the star neighborhood. We say that  $(M, W)$  is flat at a point  $x$  of  $M$  if the star pair  $(\text{St}(x, K), \text{St}(x, J))$  is flat and that  $(M, W)$  is  $q$ -flat if  $(M, W)$  is flat at each point  $x \in K - K^{q-1}$ . We say that  $(M, W)$  is locally flat if it is 0-flat.

The following lemma will be proved by induction on  $p$  assuming the lemma is true for  $p - 1$ , because it has been proved for  $p = 1, 2$ , see [5], [6].

**LEMMA 2.** *Let  $(M_i, W_i)$  be  $(n - p + 1)$ -flat  $(n, n + 2)$ -pairs and let  $(K_i, J_i)$  be full subdivisions,  $i = 1, 2$ . Let  $f : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  be a homeomorphism which is simplicial with respect to  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  such that  $f_* \chi_1 = \chi_2$  and the pair  $(\gamma_{1j}, \Gamma_{1j})$  is homeomorphic to  $(\gamma_{2j}, \Gamma_{2j})$  for each pair of corresponding  $(n - p)$ -simplexes  $\Delta_{1j}$  of  $K_1$  and  $\Delta_{2j} = f\Delta_{1j}$  of  $K_2$ . Then there is a homeomorphism  $g^p : \mathcal{H}_1^{p+2} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_2^{p+2}$  such that  $g^p| \mathcal{R}_1^p = f$  and  $g^p \square_{1j} = \square_{2j}$  for each pair of  $r$ -simplexes  $\Delta_{ij}$  of  $K_i$  ( $r \geq n - p, i = 1, 2$ ).*

*Proof.* Since  $(M_i, W_i)$  is  $(n - p + 1)$ -flat,  $(\gamma_{ijk}, \Gamma_{ijk})$  is flat for each  $(n - p + 1)$ -simplex  $\Delta_{ijk}$  of  $K_i$  [5], [6]. By the inductive hypothesis there is

a homeomorphism  $g^{p-1} : \mathcal{F}C_1^{p+1} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}C_2^{p+1}$  satisfying the conditions. By [6]  $\bigcup_k \square_{ijk}$ , say  $N_{ij}$ , is an admissible regular neighborhood of  $\gamma_{ij}$  in  $\Gamma_{ij}$  where  $\Delta_{ijk}$  are  $(n - p + 1)$ -simplexes incident with an  $(n - p)$ -simplex  $\Delta_{ij}$  of  $K_i$ . Since  $(M_i, W_i)$  are  $(n - p + 1)$ -flat, the  $(p - 1, p + 1)$ -pairs  $(\gamma_{ij}, \Gamma_{ij})$  are locally flat [6]. By the corollary to Theorem 3 of [8]  $(\gamma_{ij}, \Gamma_{ij})$  are collared. By the construction of  $g^{p-1}$  it is verified that

$$g^{p-1} | N_{1j} : N_{1j} \rightarrow N_{2j}$$

is a homeomorphism such that  $g^{p-1}\gamma_{1j} = \gamma_{2j}$ ,  $g^{p-1}m_{1j} \sim m_{2j}$  on  $T_{2j}$ ,  $g^{p-1}l_{1j} \sim l_{2j}$  on  $T_{2j} \bmod T_{2j}'$  where  $m_{ij}$  and  $l_{ij}$  are meridians and longitudes of  $T_{ij}$  which are the frontiers of  $N_{ij}$ .

Since  $(\gamma_{1j}, \Gamma_{1j})$  is homeomorphic to  $(\gamma_{2j}, \Gamma_{2j})$ , there is a homeomorphism  $\theta : \Gamma_{1j} \rightarrow \Gamma_{2j}$  such that  $\theta\gamma_{1j} = \gamma_{2j}$ . By Theorem 4.4 of [7] it is assumed that  $\theta N_{1j} = N_{2j}$  and

$$\rho = g^{p-1}\theta^{-1} | N_{2j} : N_{2j} \rightarrow N_{2j}$$

is a homeomorphism which satisfies the conditions in Lemma 1. Hence  $\rho$  is pseudo-isotopic to the identity in  $N_{2j}$ . Using a collar of  $N_{2j}$  in  $\Gamma_{2j}$  we have a homeomorphism  $g_j' : \Gamma_{1j} \rightarrow \Gamma_{2j}$  such that  $g_j' | N_{1j} = \rho\theta | N_{1j} = g^{p-1} | N_{1j}$ . Since  $(\nabla_{ij}, \square_{ij}) = x_{ij}*(\gamma_{ij}, \Gamma_{ij})$ , we have the conical extension  $g_j : \square_{1j} \rightarrow \square_{2j}$  of  $g_j'$ . Then  $g^p : \mathcal{F}C_1^{p+2} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}C_2^{p+2}$  is obtained by taking  $g^p | \square_{1j} = g_j$  for each  $\Delta_{1j}$  of  $K_1$ , completing the inductive step for  $p$ .

*Proof of theorem.* The necessity follows from [5], [6]. Let  $(K_i, J_i)$  be full subdivisions of  $(M_i, W_i)$  satisfying the conditions of Lemma 2. If  $p = n$ , then  $n - p + 1 = 1$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_i^p = \mathcal{R}_i^n = M_i$  and  $\mathcal{F}C_i^{p+2} = \mathcal{F}C_i^{n+2} = N(K_i, J_i')$ , proving the theorem.

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