

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 χ_i is the Euler class of (M_i, W_i) .*

(In [5] χ_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 $M \times 0^1$, and a 1-cycle $0^p \times S^1$ are called *longitude l* and *meridian m* of T respectively where $0^1, 0^p$ are points of S^1 and of the interior M° . (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, ρ_* means the homomorphism between homology groups with integer coefficients induced by ρ 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 mod T . Then ρ 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 ξ over K with N as the total space. Let ξ_P be the principal $\tilde{P}L_2^p$ -bundle over K associated with ξ . Since N is a collar of (M, W) , ξ 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 Δ_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 σ^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 Δ_i of K ; for a map see [7]. Since the process can be reversed, we say that ρ 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 ρ 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 ρ' 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 $F | K' \times \{0\} = f'$ (the map

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

$$g : (K \times I)^* \rightarrow \tilde{PL}_2$$

by $g|K \times \{0\} = f$ (the map related to ρ), $g|K \times \{1\} =$ identity and $g|K \times I = F$. Since $(K \times I)^*$ is a p -sphere and $\pi_p(\tilde{PL}_2) = 0$, g extends to $G : K \times I \rightarrow \tilde{PL}_2$. 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 Δ be a q -simplex of K . Let ∇, \square denote $n-q, n-q+2$ -balls which are dual to Δ in K, J respectively. Then (∇, \square) is an $(n-q, n-q+2)$ -ball pair such that $(\nabla, \square) = x * (\gamma, \Gamma)$, the join of the barycenter x of Δ and (γ, Γ) where γ, Γ are isomorphic to the first barycentric subdivision of links $\text{Lk}(\Delta, K)', \text{Lk}(\Delta, J)'$ respectively, see [6], so that (γ, Γ) is an $(n-q-1, n-q+1)$ -elementary pair, i.e., (γ, Γ) is a sphere pair if the interior Δ° is in the interior M° and (γ, Γ) is a ball pair otherwise. By $\mathfrak{R}^q, \mathfrak{SC}^{q+2}$ we denote polyhedra consisting of dual balls ∇, \square respectively where $\Delta \in K - K^{n-q-1}$. They may be regarded as subcomplexes of K', J' respectively such that $\mathfrak{R}^q = K'$ and $\mathfrak{SC}^{q+2} = N(K, J')$, 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 $f_* x_1 = x_2$ and the pair $(\gamma_{1j}, \Gamma_{1j})$ is homeomorphic to $(\gamma_{2j}, \Gamma_{2j})$ for each pair of corresponding $(n-p)$ -simplices Δ_{1j} of K_1 and $\Delta_{2j} = f\Delta_{1j}$ of K_2 . Then there is a homeomorphism $g^p : \mathfrak{SC}_1^{p+2} \rightarrow \mathfrak{SC}_2^{p+2}$ such that $g^p|_{\mathfrak{R}_1^p} = f$ and $g^p \square_{1j} = \square_{2j}$ for each pair of r -simplices Δ_{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 Δ_{ijk} of K_i [5], [6]. By the inductive hypothesis there is

a homeomorphism $g^{p-1} : \mathcal{K}_1^{p+1} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_2^{p+1}$ satisfying the conditions. By [6] $\bigcup_k \square_{ijk}$, say N_{ij} , is an admissible regular neighborhood of γ_{ij} in Γ_{ij} where Δ_{ijk} are $(n-p+1)$ -simplexes incident with an $(n-p)$ -simplex Δ_{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} mod 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 ρ is pseudo-isotopic to the identity in N_{2j} . Using a collar of N_{2j} in Γ_{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 $g^p : \mathcal{K}_1^{p+2} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_2^{p+2}$ is obtained by taking $g^p | \square_{1j} = g_j$ for each Δ_{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 $\mathcal{K}_i^{p+2} = \mathcal{K}_i^{n+2} = N(K_i, J'_i)$, proving the theorem.

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