# O-MINIMAL STRUCTURES: LOW ARITY VERSUS GENERATION 

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#### Abstract

We show that an analogue of Hilbert's Thirteenth Problem fails in the real subanalytic setting. Namely we prove that, for any integer $n$, the o-minimal structure generated by restricted analytic functions in $n$ variables is strictly smaller than the structure of all global subanalytic sets, whereas these two structures define the same subsets in $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$.


## 1. Introduction

The aim of this paper is to prove that, for any fixed $n \in \mathbb{N}$, the o-minimal structure generated by the family of all global subanalytic subsets of $\mathbb{R}^{n}$ is strictly smaller than the structure of all global subanalytic sets: some subanalytic subsets of $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ are "transcendental" over the family of all subanalytic subsets of $\mathbb{R}^{n}$.

The main motivation for this work was to prove that the statement
"Given an o-minimal structure $\mathcal{S}$ over $X$, there is an integer $n$ such that $\mathcal{S}$ and $\operatorname{str}\left(\mathcal{S}^{(n)}\right)$-its reduct generated by $\mathcal{S}$-definable subsets of $X^{n}$-define the same subsets of $X^{N}$, for all $N$."
is false. We now know it fails in the case $\mathcal{S}$ is the structure of global subanalytic sets.

This result can be seen as a negative answer to a generalized real analytic version of the second part of Hilbert's Thirteenth Problem: subanalytic functions do not have the superposition property (see [12] for the positive answer in the continuous setting).

In Section 2, we give the following definitions: o-minimal structure, generated structure, subanalytic sets and sub- $n$-analytic sets; only the last one is original. We then recall some well known properties.

In Section 3, we show that restricted analytic functions in $n$ variables and subanalytic subsets of $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ have the same definability power. This elegant

[^0]proof is due to Daniel J. Miler and is based on Hironaka's Uniformization Theorem for subanalytic sets.

In Section 4-7, we use Gabrielov's "Explicit Fibre Cutting Lemma", a diagonal argument on formal series and metric control on truncation of translated power series, to prove that there is a restricted analytic function $f$ : $[-1,1]^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ whose graph cannot be defined by mean of restricted analytic functions in $n$ variables.

## 2. Definitions

Definition 2.1. We call $\mathcal{S}=\left(\mathcal{S}^{(n)}\right)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ a structure over $(\mathbb{R} ;+, \cdot)$ if it has the following properties:
(S1) $\mathcal{S}^{(n)}$ is a boolean subalgebra of $\mathcal{P}\left(\mathbb{R}^{n}\right)$ for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$.
(S2) If $n$ is an integer and $A$ is a semialgebraic subset of $\mathbb{R}^{n}$ then $A \in \mathcal{S}^{(n)}$.
(S3) If $A \in \mathcal{S}^{(n)}$, then $\mathbb{R} \times A \in \mathcal{S}^{(n+1)}$.
(S4) If $A \in \mathcal{S}^{(n+1)}$ and $\pi: \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n}$ is the cartesian projection $\pi\left(x_{1}, \ldots\right.$, $\left.x_{n+1}\right)=\left(x_{1}, \ldots x_{n}\right)$ then $\pi(A) \in \mathcal{S}^{(n)}$.
It is said to be an $o$-minimal structure over $(\mathbb{R} ;+, \cdot)$, if, in addition, it has the following property:
(S5) Every element of $\mathcal{S}^{(1)}$ is a finite union of singletons and open intervals.
In other words, a structure over $(\mathbb{R} ;+, \cdot)$ is a collection of real sets, containing the family of all semialgebraic sets and stable under natural set theoretical operations: union, intersection, complementation, cartesian projection and cartesian product. The structure is o-minimal if the elements of $\mathcal{S}^{(1)}$ are the simplest possible: finite unions of intervals and points.

Elements of $\bigcup_{n} \mathcal{S}^{(n)}$ are called $\mathcal{S}$-definable sets; given an $\mathcal{S}$-definable set $A$, we call the integer $n$ such that $A \in \mathcal{S}^{(n)}$ the arity of $A$.

A function $f$ from some $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n}$ to $\mathbb{R}^{m}$ is said to be $\mathcal{S}$-definable if its graph is an $\mathcal{S}$-definable set.

For an introduction to the geometry in o-minimal structure, see, for instance, [6] or [7].

Let us now define the notion of generated structure.
If $\mathcal{U}=\left(\mathcal{U}^{(n)}\right)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $\mathcal{V}=\left(\mathcal{V}^{(n)}\right)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ are such that $\mathcal{U}^{(n)} \subseteq \mathcal{P}\left(\mathbb{R}^{n}\right)$ and $\mathcal{V}^{(n)} \subseteq \mathcal{P}\left(\mathbb{R}^{n}\right)$, we will denote by $\mathcal{U} \sqsubseteq \mathcal{V}$ the property ' $\mathcal{U}^{(n)} \subseteq \mathcal{V}^{(n)}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}^{\prime \prime}$.

If $\mathcal{A}=\left(\mathcal{A}^{(n)}\right)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is such that $\mathcal{A}^{(n)} \subseteq \mathcal{P}\left(\mathbb{R}^{n}\right)$, there exists a smallest element (for the partial order $\sqsubseteq$ on $\prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{P}\left(\mathcal{P}\left(\mathbb{R}^{n}\right)\right)$ ) among the $\mathcal{S}=\left(\mathcal{S}^{(n)}\right)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ forming a structure over $(\mathbb{R} ;+, \cdot)$ and satisfying $\mathcal{A} \sqsubseteq \mathcal{S}$. We will denote this structure by $\operatorname{str}(\mathcal{A})$, and call it the structure generated by $\mathcal{A}$.

REmARK 2.2. Let $n_{0}$ be an integer and $\mathcal{F}{ }^{\left(n_{0}\right)}$ a subset of $\mathcal{P}\left(\mathbb{R}^{n_{0}}\right)$; when no confusion is possible, we will identify $\mathcal{F}^{\left(n_{0}\right)}$ and the family

$$
\mathcal{G}=\left(\mathcal{G}^{(n)}\right)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{P}\left(\mathcal{P}\left(\mathbb{R}^{n}\right)\right)
$$

where $\mathcal{G}^{(n)}=\emptyset$ if $n \neq n_{0}$ and $\mathcal{G}^{\left(n_{0}\right)}=\mathcal{F}^{\left(n_{0}\right)}$.
In such a case $\operatorname{str}\left(\mathcal{F}^{\left(n_{0}\right)}\right)$ stands for $\operatorname{str}(\mathcal{G})$.
Given an $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we let $\mathcal{B}(n)$ be the algebra of all functions $f:[-1,1]^{n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $f$ admits an analytical continuation in a neighbourhood of $[-1,1]^{n}$. We call such a function $f$ a restricted analytic function (in $n$ variables).

Let $\mathcal{E}=\left(\mathcal{E}^{(n)}\right)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^{*}}$ be the element of $\prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}^{*}} \mathcal{P}\left(\mathcal{P}\left(\mathbb{R}^{n}\right)\right)$ defined by

$$
\mathcal{E}^{(n+1)}:=\{\operatorname{graph}(f), f \in \mathcal{B}(n)\} .
$$

With the previous notation, we denote by $\mathbb{R}_{\text {an }}$ the structure $\operatorname{str}(\mathcal{E})$.
Theorem 2.3 (Gabrielov). $\mathbb{R}_{\mathrm{an}}$ is an o-minimal structure.
An element $A$ in $\mathbb{R}_{\mathrm{an}}$ is called a global subanalytic set.
Definition 2.4. Given an integer $n$ we let

$$
\mathbb{R}_{\mathrm{an}(n)}:=\operatorname{str}\left(\mathcal{E}^{(n+1)}\right)
$$

$\mathbb{R}_{\mathrm{an}(n)}$-definable sets are called global sub-n-analytic sets.
In other words, $\mathbb{R}_{\mathrm{an}(n)}$ is the structure generated by the graphs of all restricted analytic functions in at most $n$ variables (whereas there is no bound on the number of variables for the restricted analytic functions used to generate $\mathbb{R}_{\mathrm{an}}$ ).

For instance,

$$
\left\{\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}\right) \in[-1,1]^{3} ; \cos \frac{x_{1}+x_{2}}{2}+\sin \frac{x_{3}-\cos x_{2}}{2}>0\right\}
$$

is a $\mathbb{R}_{\mathrm{an}(1) \text {-definable subset of }} \mathbb{R}^{3}$.
Proposition 2.5. $\quad \mathbb{R}_{\mathrm{an}(n)}$ is model complete (as a $\mathcal{B}(n)$-structure).
Let $p$ be an integer; we will denote by $A_{p}(\mathcal{B}(n))$ the subalgebra of $\mathcal{B}(p)$ generated by all the functions

$$
\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{p}\right) \mapsto f\left(x_{\sigma(1)}, \ldots, x_{\sigma(n)}\right)
$$

as $\sigma$ ranges over $\{1, \ldots, p\}^{\{1, \ldots, n\}}$ (the set of functions from $\{1, \ldots, n\}$ to $\{1, \ldots, p\}$ ) and $f$ ranges over $\mathcal{B}(n)$ (the set of restricted analytic functions in $n$ variables).

Once we have noted that, for every $p \in \mathbb{N}$, the algebra $A_{p}(\mathcal{B}(n))$ is stable under the action of partial derivation operators, Proposition 2.5 easily follows from Gabrielov's "Explicit Model Completeness" ([11, Theorem 1 and Corollary]).

We will use a more precise version of this result in Sections 4 and 5 to show how $\mathbb{R}_{\mathrm{an}(n) \text {-definable functions are controlled by restricted analytic functions }}$ in at most $n$ variables.

## 3. Sub-n-analytic sets

Proposition 3.1. $\mathbb{R}_{\mathrm{an}(n)}$ is the structure generated by global subanalytic sets of arity $n+1$.

The following proof is due to Daniel J. Miller.
The inclusion $\mathbb{R}_{\mathrm{an}(n)} \sqsubseteq \operatorname{str}\left(\mathbb{R}_{\mathrm{an}}^{(n+1)}\right)$ is easy.
Let us prove the other inclusion by induction on $n$. The case $n=0$ is clear, so let $n>0$ and assume the results holds for $n-1$.

Denote by $K$ the set $[-1,1]^{n}$. By the cell decomposition theorem ([7, Theorem 2.11]), it is enough to prove that, given an $\mathbb{R}_{\text {an }}$-definable function $f: C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, where $C$ is an $\mathbb{R}_{\text {an }}$-cell either included in or disjoint from $K$, then $f$ is $\mathbb{R}_{\mathrm{an}(n)}$-definable.

Note that the mapping $i:\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right) \mapsto\left(1 / x_{1}, \ldots, 1 / x_{n}\right)$ is $\mathbb{R}_{\operatorname{an}(n)^{-}}$ definable and sends $\mathbb{R} \backslash K$ to $K$; we thus can suppose that $A \subseteq K$.

Up to a finer cell decomposition, we can furthermore suppose that $|f(\bar{x})|-1$ has constant sign on $C$ and, since $y \mapsto 1 / y$ is $\mathbb{R}_{\mathrm{an}(n)}$-definable, we can assume that $|f(\bar{x})| \leq 1$ for all $\bar{x} \in C$.

Let $G$ be the closure of the graph of $f ; G$ is a compact subanalytic set of dimension $d \leq n$.

Hironaka's uniformization theorem ([1, Theorem 0.1]) gives a $d$-dimensional analytic manifold $Y$ and a surjective analytic proper mapping $\psi: Y \rightarrow G$.

Since $G$ is compact and $\psi$ surjective and proper, $Y$ is compact; we then easily get a finite family $\left\{\phi_{i}:[-1,1]^{d} \rightarrow Y\right\}_{i=1, \ldots, s}$ of restricted analytic functions such that the union of their images is covering $Y$.

Hence $G=\bigcup_{i=1}^{s} \psi \circ \phi_{i}\left([-1,1]^{d}\right)$ is an $\mathbb{R}_{\mathrm{an}(d)}$-definable set and thus an $\mathbb{R}_{\mathrm{an}(n)}$-definable set.

By the induction hypothesis, $C$ is an $\mathbb{R}_{\mathrm{an}(n-1)}$-definable set and thus an $\mathbb{R}_{\operatorname{an}(n)}$-definable set. The function $f$ is $\mathbb{R}_{\mathrm{an}(n)}$-definable, for its graph, $G \cap$ $(C \times \mathbb{R})$, is.

## 4. n-regularity

In the following sections, we prove that there are some $\mathbb{R}_{\text {an }}$-definable analytic functions in $n+1$ variables which are not $\mathbb{R}_{\mathrm{an}(n)}$-definable. We first show how each $\mathbb{R}_{\operatorname{an}(n)}$-definable function is "controlled", through the notion
of $n$-regularity, by the restricted analytic functions in $n$ variables used to define it.

Let $n$ and $p$ be two integers; in the proof of Proposition 2.5 we have defined the algebra $A_{p}(\mathcal{B}(n))$.

By definition, each $g \in A_{p}(\mathcal{B}(n))$ can be written in the form

$$
g\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{p}\right)=Q\left(h_{1}\left(x_{\sigma_{1}(1)}, \ldots, x_{\sigma_{1}(n)}\right), \ldots, h_{q}\left(x_{\sigma_{q}(1)}, \ldots, x_{\sigma_{q}(n)}\right)\right),
$$

where $q$ is an integer, $Q$ is a polynomial in $q$ variables with integer coefficients, the $h_{i}$ 's are restricted analytic functions in $n$ variables and the $\sigma_{i}$ 's are mappings from $\{1, \ldots, n\}$ to $\{1, \ldots, p\}$.

We will call an element of $A_{p}(\mathcal{B}(n))$ a restricted analytic function in $p$ variables which essentially depends on at most $n$ variables.

In some sense, the graph of an $\mathbb{R}_{\mathrm{an}(n)}$-definable function looks almost everywhere like an analytic variety defined as a zero-set of restricted analytic functions depending on at most $n$ variables.

Let us make this statement more precise: we first recall a special case of Gabrielov's "Explicit Fibre Cutting Lemma" (see [11, Lemma 3 and Theorem 1]):

Theorem 4.1 (Gabrielov). Given a d-dimensional sub-n-analytic set $Y \subseteq$ $\mathbb{R}^{m}$, there is a $p \in \mathbb{N}$, a finite family $\left\{X_{\nu}\right\}$ of sub- $n$-analytic subsets of $\mathbb{R}^{m+p}$ and a sub-n-analytic subset $V$ of $\mathbb{R}^{m+p}$ such that, if $\pi: \mathbb{R}^{m} \times \mathbb{R}^{p} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m}$ is given by $\pi\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{m+p}\right)=\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{m}\right)$, one has:
(1) $Y=\pi(V) \cup \bigcup \pi\left(X_{\nu}\right)$;
(2) $\operatorname{dim} \pi(V)<d$;
(3) for each $\nu, \operatorname{dim} X_{\nu}=d$ and $\pi_{\mid X_{\nu}}: X_{\nu} \rightarrow Y$ has rank $d$ at every point of $X_{\nu}$;
(4) for each $\bar{s} \in X_{\nu},\left\{\bar{x}-\bar{s} ; \bar{x} \in X_{\nu}\right\}$ is near $\overline{0}$ the zero-set of $m+p-d$ elements $f_{i}: \mathbb{R}^{m+p} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ of $A_{m+p}(\mathcal{B}(n)),\left(d f_{i}\right)_{i}$ having rank $m+p-d$ at $\overline{0}$;
(5) $X_{\lambda} \cap X_{\mu}=\emptyset$ for $\lambda \neq \mu$.

This theorem leads us to the following definition:
Definition 4.2. Let $f$ be a function from a neighbourhood $U$ of $\overline{0}$ in $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$, to $\mathbb{R}$. $f$ is said to be $n$-regular at $\overline{0}$ if there exist

- an integer $p$,
- a $(p+1)$-tuple $\left(g_{1}, \cdots, g_{p+1}\right)$ of elements of $A_{n+p+2}\left(\mathcal{B}_{n}\right)$,
- a neighbourhood $V \subseteq U$ of $\overline{0} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$, and
- for each $\bar{x} \in V$, a point $\left(y_{1}(\bar{x}), \ldots, y_{p}(\bar{x})\right)$ in $\mathbb{R}^{p}$,
such that
- $g_{i}\left(\bar{x}, y_{1}(\bar{x}), \ldots, y_{p}(\bar{x}), f(\bar{x})\right)=0$, for all $i$, and
- the rank of

$$
\left(\frac{\partial g_{i}}{\partial z_{j}}\right)_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq p+1 \\ n+2 \leq j \leq n+p+2}}
$$

is full at the point $\left(\bar{x}, y_{1}(\bar{x}), \ldots, y_{p}(\bar{x}), f(\bar{x})\right)$.
A function $f$ from a neighbourhood $U$ of $\bar{a} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ is said to be $n$-subregular at $\bar{a}$ if $\bar{x} \mapsto f(\bar{a}+\bar{x})$ is $n$-regular at $\overline{0}$.

In other words, $f$ is $n$-regular at $\overline{0}$ if, as in Theorem 4.1 , the germ of its graph is the germ of the projection $\pi(X)$ of an analytic manifold $X$ given as the zero-set of some functions depending essentially on at most $n$ variables, and $\pi_{\mid X}$ is locally a diffeomorphism.
 there is a point $\bar{a} \in]-1,1\left[{ }^{n}\right.$ such that $f$ is n-regular at $\bar{a}$.

This proposition follows from an easy dimensional argument and Theorem 4.1.

## 5. Diagonalization

In the sequel we will build a function $h:[-1,1]^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

- there is no $\bar{a} \in]-1,1\left[{ }^{n+1}\right.$, at which $h$ is $n$-regular (and thus $h$ cannot be $\mathbb{R}_{\mathrm{an}(n)}$-definable),
- but $h$ is a restriction to $[-1,1]^{n+1}$ of some analytic function from $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ to $\mathbb{R}$ (and consequently is $\mathbb{R}_{\mathrm{an}}$-definable).
We will now "enumerate" the germs (above $\overline{0} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ ) of $n$-regular (at $\overline{0}$ ) functions $f: \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

We first have to choose a value $y$ for $f(0, \ldots, 0)$.
By the definition of $n$-regularity, it is enough to consider, as $p$ ranges over $\mathbb{N}$, all $(p+1)$-tuples $\left(g_{1}, \ldots, g_{p+1}\right)$ of elements in $\mathcal{A}_{n+p+2}\left(\mathcal{B}_{n}\right)$ such that $g_{i}(0, \ldots, 0, y)=0$ and the rank of

$$
\left(\frac{\partial g_{i}}{\partial z_{j}}\right)_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq p+1 \\ n+2 \leq j \leq n+p+2}}
$$

is full at points $(0, \ldots, 0, y)$.
Let us fix such a $p \in \mathbb{N}$.
By definition, each $g \in \mathcal{A}_{n+p+2}\left(\mathcal{B}_{n}\right)$ is of the following form:

- there is a $q \in \mathbb{N}$ and a $Q \in \mathbb{Z}\left[T_{1}, \ldots, T_{q}\right]$,
- there are some $h_{1}, \ldots, h_{q} \in \mathcal{B}(n)$,
- for each $i \in\{1, \ldots, q\}$, there is a mapping $\sigma_{i}$ from $\{1, \ldots, n\}$ to $\{1, \ldots, n+p+2\}$,
such that

$$
g\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n+p+2}\right)=Q\left(h_{1}\left(x_{\sigma_{1}(1)}, \ldots, x_{\sigma_{1}(n)}\right), \ldots, h_{q}\left(x_{\sigma_{q}(1)}, \ldots, x_{\sigma_{q}(n)}\right)\right)
$$

So let us fix a $q \in \mathbb{N}$, a $(p+1)$-tuple of elements in $\mathbb{Z}\left[T_{1}, \ldots, T_{q}\right]$ and, for each $1 \leq j \leq q$ and $1 \leq i \leq p+1$, a mapping $\sigma_{j}^{i}$ from $\{1, \ldots, n\}$ to $\{1, \ldots, n+p+2\}$.

The only parameters left free are now

- the value of $y$ of $f(0, \ldots, 0)$,
- the $(p+1) q$-tuple of restricted analytic functions $h$ in $n$ variables.

All those germs are thus built by choosing a set of "assembly instructions" (the integers $p$ and $q$, polynomials $Q$ and mappings $\sigma$ ) and then by assembling "pieces" (the restricted analytic functions $h$ in $n$ variables) that fit this set of instructions.

Let

$$
s \mapsto\left((p(s), q(s)),\left(Q_{k}(s)\right)_{1 \leq k \leq p(s)+1},\left(\sigma_{j}^{i}(s)\right)_{\substack{1 \leq j \leq q(s) \\ 1 \leq k \leq p(s)+1}}\right)
$$

be a surjective mapping from $\mathbb{N}$ to

$$
\coprod_{(p, q) \in \mathbb{N}^{2}}\{(p, q)\} \times\left(\mathbb{Z}\left[T_{1}, \ldots, T_{q}\right]\right)^{p+1} \times\left(\left(\{1, \ldots, n+p+2\}^{\{1, \ldots, n\}}\right)^{q}\right)^{p+1}
$$

Fix an $s \in \mathbb{N}$, and thus some integers $p(s), q(s)$, some polynomials

$$
\left(Q_{k}(s)\right)_{1 \leq k \leq p(s)+1}
$$

and some mappings

$$
\left(\sigma_{j}^{k}(s)\right) \underset{\substack{1 \leq j \leq q(s) \\ 1 \leq k \leq p(s)+1}}{ } .
$$

Then let $M_{s}$ be the subset of

$$
\mathbb{R} \times\left(\mathbb{R}\left\{X_{1}, \ldots, X_{n}\right\}^{q(s)}\right)^{p(s)+1}
$$

consisting of the elements

$$
\left(y,\left(\left(g_{j}^{k}\right)_{1 \leq j \leq q(s)}\right)_{1 \leq k \leq p(s)+1}\right)
$$

that satisfy the conditions in Definition 4.2:
(1) $h_{i}(0, \ldots, 0, y)=0, \forall i \in\{1, \ldots, p(s)+1\}$,
(2) the rank of

$$
\left(\frac{\partial h_{i}}{\partial x_{j}}\right)_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq p+1 \\ n+1 \leq j \leq n+p+2}}
$$

at $(0, \ldots, 0, y)$ is full, with

$$
h_{k}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n+p(s)+2}\right)=Q_{k}(s)\left(g_{1}^{k}\left(\bar{x}^{\sigma(s)_{1}^{k}}\right), \ldots, g_{q(s)}^{k}\left(\bar{x}^{\left.\sigma(s)_{q(s)}^{k}\right)}\right)\right),
$$

and

$$
\bar{x}^{\sigma(s)_{j}^{k}}=\left(x_{\sigma(s)_{j}^{k}(1)}, \ldots, x_{\sigma(s)_{j}^{k}(n)}\right) .
$$

Then, by the Implicit Function Theorem, we have a mapping

$$
\Phi^{s}: M_{s} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}\left\{Y_{1}, \ldots, Y_{n+1}\right\}
$$

which sends

$$
\left(y,\left(g_{j}^{k}\right) \underset{\substack{1 \leq j \leq q(s) \\ 1 \leq k \leq p(s)+1}}{ }\right)
$$

to an analytic function $f$ defined in a neighbourhood of $\overline{0} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ and satisfying

- $f(0, \ldots, 0)=y$;
- there are analytic functions $\left(f_{1}, \ldots, f_{p(s)}\right)$ in a neighbourhood of $(0$, $\ldots, 0)$ such that the graph of $\left(f_{1}, \ldots, f_{p(s)}, f\right)$ is, in a neighbourhood of $(0, \ldots, 0, y)$, the zero-set of the $h_{i}$ 's.

REMARK 5.1. By the definition of $n$-regularity, if $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is $n$-regular at $\overline{0} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$, then the germ of $f$ at $\overline{0}$ is in $\bigcup_{s \in \mathbb{N}} \Phi^{s}\left(M_{s}\right)$.

Let us denote by $\mathbb{R}_{D, E}\left[X_{1}, \ldots X_{m}\right]$ the set of polynomials in $k$ variables, of degree $<D$ and of order $\geq d$ at the origin, with real coefficients.

Definition 5.2. We denote the truncation mapping by

$$
\begin{aligned}
T_{D E}^{m}: \mathbb{R}\left\{X_{1}, \ldots, X_{m}\right\} & \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{D, E}\left[X_{1}, \ldots X_{m}\right] \\
h & \mapsto \sum_{D \leq|\nu|<E} \frac{\partial^{|\nu|} h}{\partial \bar{X}^{\nu}}(\overline{0}) \cdot \bar{X}^{\nu}
\end{aligned}
$$

The chain rule for derivatives and an easy induction on $E$ gives us the next proposition, which will be useful in deducing the non-surjectivity of the map $\Phi^{s}$ from the non-surjectivity of some rational mapping $\Phi_{D E}^{s}$ between finite dimensional spaces.

Proposition 5.3. Given three integers $s, D$ and $E$ with $D<E$, let $\widetilde{M}_{s}$ be the image of $M_{s}$ by the truncation

$$
\Pi:=\operatorname{Id} \otimes\left(T_{0 E}^{n \otimes q(s)}\right)^{\otimes(p(s)+1)}
$$

of power series

$$
\Pi: \mathbb{R} \times\left(\mathbb{R}\left\{X_{1}, \ldots, X_{n}\right\}^{q(s)}\right)^{p(s)+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times\left(\mathbb{R}_{0, E}\left[X_{1}, \ldots, X_{n}\right]^{q(s)}\right)^{p(s)+1}
$$

Then there is a rational mapping $\Phi_{D E}^{s}$ such that the diagram

is commutative.
This proposition simply says that the derivatives at the origin of order $<E$ of an element $\xi$ in the image of $\Phi^{s}$ depend only on $y$ and on the derivatives at the origin of order $<E$ of the $g_{j}^{k}$ used to define $\xi$ in the source space of $\Phi^{s}$, and that this dependence is in a rational manner.

## 6. Translation in the source space

The previous section would help us to produce, by a diagonal argument, an analytic function which is outside of the image of each $\Phi^{s}$ and thus is not $n$-regular at $\overline{0} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$.

However, we want to construct a function which is nowhere $n$-regular in a neighbourhood of $\overline{0}$. Hence we have to consider $\bar{x} \mapsto h(\bar{\alpha}+\bar{x})$ as $\bar{\alpha}$ ranges over a neighbourhood (let us say $]-1,1\left[{ }^{n+1}\right.$ ) of $\overline{0}$; unfortunately, we then lose the finite dimensional dependency we found in the previous section.

More precisely, for $\bar{\alpha} \in]-1,1\left[{ }^{n+1}\right.$, if we let $\tau_{\bar{\alpha}}$ be the function that assigns to an analytic function $h$ near $[-1,1]^{n+1}$ the function $\bar{x} \mapsto h(\bar{x}+\bar{\alpha})$ (which is analytic near $\overline{0}$ ), we do not have the equality

$$
T_{D E}^{n+1}\left(\tau_{\bar{\alpha}}(h)\right)=T_{D E}^{n+1}\left(\tau_{\bar{\alpha}}\left(T_{D E}^{n+1}(h)\right)\right)
$$

each partial derivative of $h_{\bar{\alpha}}$ at the origin depends on all partial derivatives of $h$ at zero.

The aim of this section is to show that this dependency can, however, be handled by metric arguments.

We first equip each $\mathbb{R}_{D, E}\left[Y_{1}, \ldots, Y_{n+1}\right]$ with the norm

$$
\left\|\sum_{\nu} a_{\nu} \bar{Y}^{\nu}\right\|_{\infty}=\max _{\nu}\left\{\left|a_{\nu}\right|\right\}
$$

Proposition 6.1. Let $\left(D_{k}\right)$ be a increasing sequence of integers, $\eta$ a positive real number, $\bar{\alpha}$ a point in $]-1,1[n+1, h$ an analytic function in a neighbourhood of $[-1,1]^{n+1}$ and $K$ an integer.

If for all $k>K$ we have

$$
\left\|T_{D_{k} D_{k+1}}^{n+1}(h)\right\|_{\infty} \leq \frac{\eta}{2^{k}\left(D_{k+1}!\right)^{n+1}},
$$

then

$$
\left\|T_{D_{K} D_{K+1}}^{n+1}\left(\tau_{\bar{\alpha}}(h)\right)-T_{D_{K} D_{K+1}}^{n+1}\left(\tau_{\bar{\alpha}}\left(T_{D_{K} D_{K+1}}^{n+1}(h)\right)\right)\right\|_{\infty} \leq \eta
$$

This is an easy consequence of the fact that, if $D_{k} \leq|\mu|<D_{k+1}$, then

$$
\frac{\partial^{|\mu|}\left(\tau_{\alpha}(h)\right)}{\partial Y_{1}^{\mu_{1}} \ldots Y_{n+1}^{\mu_{n+1}}}(\overline{0})=\sum_{j \geq k} \sum_{\substack{\nu_{i} \geq \mu_{i} \\ D_{j} \leq|\nu|<D_{j+1}}} \frac{\partial^{|\nu|} h}{\partial Y_{1}^{\nu_{1}} \ldots Y_{n+1}^{\nu_{n+1}}}(\overline{0}) \cdot \prod_{i}\binom{\nu_{i}}{\mu_{i}} \alpha_{i}^{\nu_{i}-\mu_{i}}
$$

and

$$
\left|\prod_{i}\binom{\nu_{i}}{\mu_{i}} \alpha_{i}^{\nu_{i}-\mu_{i}}\right| \leq\left(D_{k+1}!\right)^{n+1}
$$

if $|\nu|<D_{k+1}$ and $|\bar{\alpha}| \leq 1$.
REmARK 6.2. The linear mapping $L_{\bar{\alpha}}^{k}$ on $\mathbb{R}_{D_{k}, D_{k+1}}\left[Y_{1}, \ldots, Y_{n+1}\right]$ defined by $L_{\bar{\alpha}}^{k}(P)=T_{D_{k} D_{k+1}}\left(\tau_{\bar{\alpha}}(P)\right)$ is an isomorphism, since the image of a monomial $\bar{X}^{\nu}$ is the sum of $\bar{X}^{\nu}$ and some lower degree monomials.

Furthermore we have the identity

$$
\left\|\left(L_{\bar{\alpha}}^{k}\right)^{-1}\right\|_{\infty}=\max \left\{1 /\left\|L_{\bar{\alpha}}^{k}(P)\right\|_{\infty} ;\|P\|_{\infty}=1\right\}
$$

and the mapping $(P, \bar{\alpha}) \mapsto 1 /\left\|L_{\bar{\alpha}}^{k}(P)\right\|_{\infty}$ is continuous on the compact set $\left\{\|P\|_{\infty}=1\right\} \times[-1,1]^{n+1}$.

Thus we have a bound $S_{k}$ for the norm of $\left(L_{\bar{\alpha}}^{k}\right)^{-1}$ that is independent of $\bar{\alpha} \in]-1,1\left[{ }^{n+1}\right.$.

## 7. Construction

We will use the good behaviour through truncation of the $\Phi^{s}$ to build a sequence of integers $\left(D_{s}\right)$ and, for each $s \in \mathbb{N}$, a polynomial $P_{s}$ in $\mathbb{R}_{D_{s}, D_{s+1}}\left[Y_{1}, \ldots Y_{n}\right]$, such that the formal power series $h\left(Y_{1}, \ldots, Y_{n+1}\right)=$ $\sum_{s} P_{s}\left(Y_{1}, \ldots, Y_{n+1}\right)$ is the power expansion of an analytic function on $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$, while $\tau_{\bar{\alpha}}(h)$ is outside of the image of $\Phi^{s}$ for each $s \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\left.\bar{\alpha} \in\right]-1,1\left[{ }^{n+1}\right.$. The restriction to $[-1,1]^{n+1}$ of this function (which is clearly $\mathbb{R}_{\text {an }(n+1)}$-definable) will thus not be $\mathbb{R}_{\mathrm{an}(n)}$-definable as announced in Section 5 .

As we noted before Proposition 5.3, the lack of surjectivity of each $\Phi^{s}$ will follow from the lack of surjectivity of some mapping $\Phi_{D_{s} D_{s+1}}^{s}$ between finite dimensional spaces.

More precisely, if we fix $s$ and $D$, the function

$$
E \mapsto \operatorname{dim}\left(\mathbb{R} \times\left(\mathbb{R}_{0, E}\left[X_{1}, \ldots, X_{n}\right]^{q(s)}\right)^{p(s)+1}\right)
$$

is a polynomial of degree $n$ in $E$, whereas

$$
E \mapsto \operatorname{dim}\left(\mathbb{R}_{D, E}\left[Y_{1}, \ldots, Y_{n+1}\right]\right)
$$

is a polynomial of degree $n+1$.
We thus can build an increasing sequence of integers $\left(D_{s}\right)$ such that

$$
\operatorname{dim}\left(\mathbb{R} \times\left(\mathbb{R}_{0, D_{s+1}}\left[X_{1}, \ldots, X_{n}\right]^{q(s)}\right)^{p(s)+1}\right)+n+1
$$

is smaller than

$$
\operatorname{dim}\left(\mathbb{R}_{D_{s}, D_{s+1}}\left[Y_{1}, \ldots, Y_{n+1}\right]\right)
$$

for each $s$.
Suppose we have built for $r<s$ some $P_{r} \in \mathbb{R}_{D_{r}, D_{r+1}}\left[Y_{1}, \ldots Y_{n+1}\right]$ and $\eta_{r}>0$ such that
$\left(\mathrm{A}_{r}\right) \forall t<r,\left\|P_{r}\right\|_{\infty} \leq \frac{\eta_{t}}{2^{r}\left(D_{r+1}!\right)^{n+1}} ;$
$\left(\mathrm{B}_{r}\right)$ the ball of center $P_{r}$ and radius $\eta_{r} S_{r}$, where $S_{r}$ is such that

$$
\forall \bar{\alpha} \in]-1,1\left[{ }^{n+1}, S_{r} \geq\left\|\left(T_{D_{r} D_{r+1}}^{n+1} \circ \tau_{\bar{\alpha}}\right)^{-1}\right\|_{\infty}\right.
$$

(see Remark 6.2), does not meet the image of

$$
\rho_{r}:(\alpha, \xi) \mapsto\left(T_{D_{r} D_{r+1}}^{n+1} \circ \tau_{\bar{\alpha}}\right)^{-1} \circ \Phi_{D_{r} D_{r+1}}^{r}(\xi),
$$

where $\alpha$ ranges over ] $-1,1\left[^{n+1}\right.$ and $\xi$ over $\widetilde{M}_{s}$.
We can then choose $P_{s} \in \mathbb{R}_{D_{s}, D_{s+1}}\left[Y_{1}, \ldots Y_{n+1}\right]$ and $\eta_{s}>0$ satisfying $\left(\mathrm{A}_{s}\right)$ and $\left(\mathrm{B}_{s}\right)$ as follows:

Let

$$
\delta=\min \left\{\frac{\eta_{t}}{2^{r}\left(D_{r+1}!\right)^{n+1}} ; t<s\right\}
$$

by the dimensional inequality of source and image space (due to the choice of $\left.D_{s+1}\right)$ and the rationality of $\rho_{s}:(\alpha, \xi) \mapsto\left(T_{D_{s} D_{s+1}}^{n+1} \circ \tau_{\bar{\alpha}}\right)^{-1} \circ \Phi_{D_{s} D_{s+1}}^{s}(\xi)$, we know that the image of $\rho_{s}$ is nowhere dense in $\mathbb{R}_{D_{s}, D_{s+1}}\left[Y_{1}, \ldots Y_{n+1}\right]$. We thus can choose $P_{s}$ and $\eta_{s}$ such that $\left\|P_{s}\right\|<\delta$ and

$$
B\left(P_{s} ; \eta_{s} S_{s}\right) \cap \rho_{s}(]-1,1\left[^{n+1} \times \widetilde{M}_{s}\right)=\emptyset
$$

Let $h\left(Y_{1}, \ldots, Y_{n+1}\right)$ be the formal series $\sum_{s} P_{s}\left(Y_{1}, \ldots, Y_{n+1}\right)$. We easily get from the inequalities $\left(\mathrm{A}_{r}\right)$ that $h$ is the power expansion of an analytic function on $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$.

Let $\bar{\alpha}$ be a point in $]-1,1\left[{ }^{n+1}\right.$. From condition $\left(B_{r}\right)$ we get that

$$
\left(T_{D_{r} D_{r+1}}^{n+1} \circ \tau_{\bar{\alpha}}\right)\left(B\left(T_{D_{r} D_{r+1}}^{n+1} h ; \eta_{r} S_{r}\right)\right) \cap T_{D_{r} D_{r+1}}^{n+1} \Phi_{r}\left(M_{r}\right)=\emptyset
$$

and then, by the definition of $S_{r}$,

$$
B\left(\left(T_{D_{r} D_{r+1}}^{n+1} \circ \tau_{\bar{\alpha}} \circ T_{D_{r} D_{r+1}}^{n+1}\right) h ; \eta_{r}\right) \cap T_{D_{r} D_{r+1}}^{n+1} \Phi_{r}\left(M_{r}\right)=\emptyset
$$

By $\left(\mathrm{A}_{s}\right)$ for $s>r$, we get from Proposition 6 that

$$
\left\|\left(T_{D_{r} D_{r+1}}^{n+1} \circ \tau_{\bar{\alpha}}\right) h-\left(T_{D_{r} D_{r+1}}^{n+1} \circ \tau_{\bar{\alpha}} \circ T_{D_{r} D_{r+1}}^{n+1}\right) h\right\|_{\infty} \leq \eta_{r}
$$

thus

$$
\left(T_{D_{r} D_{r+1}}^{n+1} \circ \tau_{\bar{\alpha}}\right) h \notin T_{D_{r} D_{r+1}}^{n+1} \Phi_{r}\left(M_{r}\right)
$$

Hence

$$
\tau_{\bar{\alpha}} h \notin \Phi_{r}\left(M_{r}\right) .
$$

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