## ON THE SPACE OF LIPSCHITZ HOMEOMORPHISMS OF A COMPACT POLYHEDRON

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Let X be a positive dimensional compact Euclidean polyhedron. Let H(X),  $H_{\text{LIP}}(X)$  and  $H_{\text{PL}}(X)$  be respectively the space of homeomorphisms, the space of Lipschitz homeomorphisms and the space of piecewise-linear homeomorphisms of X onto itself. In this paper, we establish a homeomorphism taking the triple  $(H(X), H_{\text{LIP}}(X),$  $H_{\text{PL}}(X)$ ) onto the triple  $(H(X) \times s, H_{\text{LIP}}(X) \times \Sigma, H_{\text{PL}}(X) \times \sigma)$ , where  $s = (-1, 1)^{\omega}$ ,  $\Sigma = \{(x_i) \in s | \sup | x_i | < 1\}$  and  $\sigma = \{(x_i) \in s | x_i = 0$ except for finitely many  $i\}$ . As a consequence we prove that when X is a PL manifold with dim  $x \neq 4$  and  $\partial X = \emptyset$ , in case dim X = 5,  $(H(X), H_{\text{LIP}}(X))$  is an  $(s, \Sigma)$ -manifold pair if H(X) is an s-manifold. We also prove that if dim X = 1 or 2, then  $(H(X), H_{\text{PL}}(X))$  is an  $(s, \sigma)$ -manifold pair and  $(H(X), H_{\text{LIP}}(X))$  is an  $(s, \Sigma)$ -manifold.

**0.** Introduction. Let X = (X, d) and  $Y = (Y, \rho)$  be metric spaces. A map  $f: X \to Y$  is said to be *Lipschitz* (resp. *bi-Lipschitz*) if there is some  $k \ge 0$  (resp.  $k \ge 1$ ) such that  $\rho(f(x), f(x')) \le k \cdot d(x, x')$  (resp.  $k^{-1} \cdot d(x, x') \le \rho(f(x), f(x')) \le k \cdot d(x, x')$ ) for all  $x, x' \in X$ . The minimum of such  $k \ge 0$  (resp.  $k \ge 1$ ) is called the *Lipschitz* (resp. *bi-Lipschitz*) constant of f and denoted by lip(f) (resp. bilip(f)). If lip(f)  $\le k$  (resp. bilip(f)  $\le k$ ), f is said to be k-Lipschitz (resp. *k-bi-Lipschitz*). A bi-Lipschitz map is also called a Lipschitz embedding. A homeomorphism  $f: X \to Y$  is called a Lipschitz homeomorphism if both f and  $f^{-1}$  are Lipschitz, namely, f is bi-Lipschitz. Then bilip(f) = max{lip(f), lip( $f^{-1}$ )}.

In this paper, we deal mainly with the cases where X and Y are positive dimensional Euclidean polyhedra and X is compact. The space of all (continuous) maps from X to Y is denoted by C(X, Y), with the topology of C(X, Y) induced by the sup-metric  $\rho(f, g) =$  $\sup\{\rho(f(x), g(x))|x \in X\}$ . By LIP(X, Y) and PL(X, Y), we denote the subspaces of C(X, Y) consisting of all Lipschitz maps and PL maps, respectively. By E(X, Y),  $E_{LIP}(X, Y)$ , and  $E_{PL}(X, Y)$ , we denote the subspaces of C(X, Y) consisting of all embeddings, all Lipschitz embeddings and all PL embeddings. Finally by H(X),  $H_{LIP}(X)$  and  $H_{PL}(X)$ , we denote respectively the spaces of all homeomorphisms, all Lipschitz homeomorphisms and all PL homeomorphisms of X onto itself (as subspaces of C(X, X)).

A paracompact (topological) manifold modeled on a given space Eis called an *E*-manifold. For  $F \subset E$ , an (E, F)-manifold pair is a pair (M, N) of an *E*-manifold *M* and an *F*-manifold *N* which admits an open cover  $\mathscr{U}$  of M and open embeddings  $\phi_U: U \to E, U \in \mathscr{U}$ , such that  $\phi_U(N \cap U) = F \cap \phi_U(U)$ . For  $G \subset F \subset E$ , an (E, F, C)-manifold *triple* can be defined in similar manner. Let Q denote the Hilbert cube  $[-1, 1]^{\omega}$ ,  $s = (-1, 1)^{\infty}$ ,  $\Sigma = \{(x_i) \in S | \sup |x_i| < 1\}$  and  $\sigma = \{(x_i) \in S | \sup |x_i| < 1\}$  $s|x_i = 0$  except for finitely many i}. By  $[An_1] s$  is homeomorphic to  $(\cong)$ the separable Hilbert space  $l_2$ . Denote  $l_2^Q = \{(x_i) \in l_2 | \sup |ix_i| < \infty\}$ and  $l_2^{\tilde{f}} = \{(x_i) \in l_2 | x_i = 0 \text{ except for finitely many } i\}$ . It is well known that  $(s, \Sigma) \cong (l_2, l_2^Q)$ ,  $(s, \sigma) \cong (l_2, l_2^f)$  and  $(Q, Q \setminus s) \cong (Q, \Sigma)$ [An<sub>2</sub>]. It is also well known that (M, N) is an  $(s, \Sigma)$ -manifold (resp.  $(s, \sigma)$ -manifold) pair if and only if M is an s-manifold and N is a cap (resp. f.d. cap) set for M, and that (M, N) is a  $(Q, \Sigma)$ -manifold (resp.  $(Q, \sigma)$ -manifold) pair if and only if M is a Q-manifold and N is a cap (resp. f.d. cap) set for M. For the definition of (f.d.) cap sets and related results, we refer to [Ch]. The same type of characterizations of  $(s, \Sigma, \sigma)$ -manifold triples and  $(Q, \Sigma, \sigma)$ -manifold triples are given in **[SW]** and, as an application, we show that  $(s, \Sigma, \sigma) \cong (l_2, l_2^Q, l_2^f)$ .

In §1, we prove a stability theorem for the triple  $(H(\bar{X}), \tilde{H}_{LIP}(X), H_{PL}(X))$ ; that is,

 $(H(X) \times s, H_{\text{LIP}}(X) \times \Sigma, H_{\text{PL}}(X) \times \sigma) \cong (H(X), H_{\text{LIP}}(X), H_{\text{PL}}(X)),$ 

where X is a compact polyhedron in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with positive dimension. We also establish a similar stability theorem for the triple  $(E(X, Y), E_{LIP}(X, Y), E_{PL}(X, Y))$ .

In §2, it is shown that for a compact PL manifold X in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with dim  $X \neq 4$  and  $\partial X = \emptyset$  in case dim X = 5,  $(H(X), H_{\text{LIP}}(X))$  is an  $(s, \Sigma)$ -manifold pair if H(X) is an s-manifold (Theorem 2.3). Since it is known that when dim X = 1 or 2, H(X) is an s-manifold ([An<sub>3</sub>], [LM] and [To]),  $(H(X), H_{\text{LIP}}(X))$  is an  $(s, \Sigma)$ -manifold pair. In fact, this is true for any compact polyhedron X in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with dim X = 1 or 2 (Theorem 2.4).

Let d and d' be metrics on X. We say that d and d' are Lipschitz equivalent if the identity map id:  $(X, d) \rightarrow (X, d')$  is a Lipschitz homeomorphism.

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1. The  $\Sigma$ -stability of  $H_{LIP}(X)$  and  $E_{LIP}(X, Y)$ . In this section, we prove the following stability theorems:

1.1. THEOREM. For any positive dimensional compact Euclidean polyhedron X,

 $(H(X) \times s, H_{\text{LIP}}(X) \times \Sigma, H_{\text{PL}}(X) \times \sigma) \cong (H(X), H_{\text{LIP}}(X), H_{\text{PL}}(X)).$ 

1.2. THEOREM. Let X and Y be positive dimensional Euclidean polyhedra where X is compact. If  $E_{PL}(X, Y) \neq \emptyset$  then

$$(E(X, Y) \times s, E_{\text{LIP}}(X, Y) \times \Sigma, E_{\text{PL}}(X, Y) \times \sigma)$$
  

$$\cong (E(X, Y), E_{\text{LIP}}(X, Y), E_{\text{PL}}(X, Y)).$$

To prove Theorem 1.1, we first establish several lemmas. The procedure employed here is a modification of some technique developed by [K-W] in studying  $H_{PL}(X)$ . These are put together in a non-trivial way to obtain the result stated in Theorem 1.1. (The proof of Theorem 1.2 is entirely analogous to Theorem 1.1 and therefore will be omitted.)

First, let us recall the definition of Morse's  $\mu$ -length of paths [Mo] (cf. [Ge<sub>1</sub>]). Let  $f:[a, b] \to X$  be a path where  $a < b \in \mathbb{R}$ . For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $A_n = \{(t_0, t_1, \ldots, t_n) | a \le t_0 \le \cdots \le t_n \le b\}$ . Define

$$\delta(f; t_0, \dots, t_n) = \min\{d(f(t_i), f(t_{i-1})) | i = 1, \dots, n\}$$

for each  $(t_0, \ldots, t_n) \in A_n$  and

$$\mu_n(f) = \sup\{\delta(f; t_0, \ldots, t_n) | (t_0, \ldots, t_n) \in A_n\}.$$

The  $\mu$ -length of f is defined as  $\mu(f) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{-n} \mu_n(f)$ . Then  $\mu$ :  $C([a, b], X) \to [0, \infty)$  is continuous. The following is obvious from the definition.

(0) Given  $f \in E([a, b], X)$ ,  $f' \in E([a', b'], X)$ , if  $f([a, b]) \subset f'([a', b'])$  then  $\mu(f) \leq \mu(f')$ .

1.3. LEMMA. There exists a map  $\tau: E([-1, 1], X) \rightarrow (-1, 1)$  having the following properties:

(1)  $\tau(f) = t$  if and only if  $\mu(f|[-1, t]) = \mu(f|[t, 1])$ , (2)  $\tau(f) = 0$  if f is linear (affine).

*Proof.* Define  $\tilde{\gamma}: E([-1, 1], X) \times [-1, 1] \to [-1, 1]$  by  $\tilde{\gamma}(f, t) = \mu(f)^{-1}(\mu(f|[-1, t]) - \mu(f|[t, 1])).$  197

By similar argument as in [Ge<sub>1</sub>, Corollary 1.6], we can show that  $\tilde{\gamma}$  is continuous. For each  $f \in ([-1, 1], X)$ , let  $\gamma(f): [-1, 1] \rightarrow [-1, 1]$  be the map defined by  $\gamma(f)(t) = \tilde{\gamma}(f, t)$ . Then  $\gamma(f) \in H([-1, 1])$  since  $\gamma(f)(t) < \gamma(f)(t')$  for t < t' and  $\gamma(f)(\pm 1) = \pm 1$ . Thus we have a map  $\gamma: E([-1, 1], X) \rightarrow H([-1, 1])$ . Finally we define  $\tau: E([-1, 1], X) \rightarrow (-1, 1)$  by  $\tau(f) = \gamma(f)^{-1}(0)$ . It is obvious  $\tau$  satisfies properties (1) and (2) as required.

The following lemma is a consequence of [LV, Lemma 2.22].

1.4. LEMMA. Let  $f: C \to Y$  be a function from a convex set C in a normed linear space to a metric space Y, A a closed convex subset of C and  $B = C \setminus \operatorname{int}_C A$ . If f|A and f|B are Lipschitz then so is f and  $\operatorname{lip}(f) = \max\{\operatorname{lip}(f|A), \operatorname{lip}(f|B)\}.$ 

Let us consider the norm  $||x||_1 = |x_1| + \cdots + |x_n|$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , which is Lipschitz equivalent to the Euclidean norm  $||x|| = (x_1^2 + \cdots + x_n^2)^{1/2}$ . Let  $B_1^n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n | ||x||_1 \le 1\}$ . Then  $B_1^n$  is a convex polyhedron. We should remark  $H_{PL}(B_1^n) \subset H_{LIP}(B_1^n, ||\cdot||) = H_{LIP}(B_1^n, ||\cdot||_1)$ . Let  $e_n = (0, \ldots, 0, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\alpha: [-1, 1] \to B_1^n$  be the arc defined by  $\alpha(t) = t \cdot e_n$ . For each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $\alpha_i: [-1, 1] \to B_1^n$  be the arc defined by  $\alpha_i(t) = \alpha(2^{-(i+2)}(t+4))$ .



FIGURE 1

1.5. LEMMA. There exists a map  $\xi: (s, \Sigma, \sigma) \to (H(B_1^n), H_{LIP}(B_1^n), H_{PL}(B_1^n))$  such that for each  $z \in s$  and  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , (3)  $\xi(z)|B_1^n \setminus \frac{3}{4}B_1^n = \mathrm{id}$ , (4)  $\xi(z)(\alpha_i([-1, 0])) = \alpha_i([-1, z_i])$  and (5)  $\xi(z)(\alpha_i([0, 1])) = \alpha_i([z_i, 1])$ .

*Proof.* For each  $t \in (-1, 1)$ , let  $\theta(t) \in H_{PL}(B_1^n)$  be such that  $\theta(t)$  maps the straight line segment between  $b \in \partial B_1^n$  and 0 linearly onto the one between b and  $te_n$ , that is,

$$\theta(t)(x) = x + t(1 - ||x||_1) \cdot e_n$$
  
=  $(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, t(1 - |x_1| - \dots - |x_n|)).$ 



FIGURE 2

Then clearly  $\theta: (-1, 1) \to H_{PL}(B_1^n)$  is continuous and  $\theta(0) = id$ . For each  $y \in B_1^n$  and  $t \in (-1, 1)$ . Let  $\zeta(y, t) = y_n - t(1 - |y_1| - \dots - |y_{n-1}|)$ . Let  $A_t^- \{y \in B_1^n | \zeta(y, t) \ge 0\}$  and  $A_t^- = \{y \in B_1^n | \zeta(y, t) \le 0\}$ . We observe that

$$\theta(t)^{-1}(y) = \begin{cases} (y_1, \dots, y_{n-1}, (1-t)^{-1}\zeta(y, t)) & \text{if } y \in A_t^+, \\ (y_1, \dots, y_{n-1}, (t+1)^{-1}\zeta(y, t)) & \text{if } y \in A_t^-. \end{cases}$$

We first want to show  $\text{bilip}(\theta(t)) = (1 - |t|)^{-1}$ : For each  $x, x' \in B_1^n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} ||\theta(t)(x) - \theta(x')||_1 &\leq ||x - x'||_1 + |t| \cdot |, ||x||_1 - ||x'||_1| \\ &\leq (1 - |t|)||x - x'||_1, \end{aligned}$$



FIGURE 3

which implies  $lip(\theta(t)) \le 1 + |t|$ . For each  $y, y' \in B_1^n$ , if  $\zeta(y, t) \cdot \zeta(y', t') \ge 0$  then

$$\begin{aligned} ||\theta(t)^{-1}(y) - \theta(t)^{-1}(y')||_{1} \\ &\leq |y_{1} - y'_{1}| + \dots + |y_{n-1} - y'_{n-1}| \\ &+ (1 - |t|)^{-1}(|y_{n} - y'_{n}| + |t|(||y_{1}| - |y'_{1}|| + \dots + ||y_{n-1}| - |y'_{n-1}||)) \\ &\leq (1 - |t|)^{-1}(|y_{1} - y'_{1}| + \dots + |y_{n} - y'_{n}|) \\ &= (1 - |t|)^{-1}||y - y'||_{1}. \end{aligned}$$

We observe that  $A_t^+$  is convex if  $t \le 0$  and  $A_t^-$  is convex if  $t \ge 0$ . Then by Lemma 1.4,  $\operatorname{lip}(\theta(t)^{-1}) \le (1 - |t|)^{-1}$ . We have

$$||\theta(t)(0) - \theta(t)(e_n)||_1 = 1 - |t| \text{ if } t \ge 0$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} ||\theta(t)(0) - \theta(t)(-e_n)||_1 &= 1 - |t| & \text{if } t < 0. \end{aligned}$$
  
Therefore  $\operatorname{lip}(\theta(t)^{-1}) = (1 - |t|)^{-1}$ . Since  $1 + |t| \le (1 - |t|)^{-1}$ ,  
 $\operatorname{bilip}(\theta(t)) = \max\{\operatorname{lip}(\theta(t)), \operatorname{lip}(\theta(t))^{-1}\} = (1 - |t|)^{-1}. \end{aligned}$ 

For each  $i \in \mathbf{N}$ , let  $\phi_i: \mathbf{R}^n \to \mathbf{R}^n$  be the linear (affine) homeomorphism defined by  $\phi_i(x) = w^{-(i+2)}(x+4e_n)$  and let  $C_i = \phi_i(B_1^n)$ . Then  $\alpha_i = \phi_i \cdot \alpha$  for each  $i \in \mathbf{N}$ . For each  $z \in s$ , we define  $\xi(z) \in H(B_1^n)$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \xi(z)|C_i &= \phi_i \cdot \theta(z_1) \cdot \phi_i^{-1} \in H_{\mathrm{PL}}(C_i) \quad \text{for } i \in \mathbf{N}, \\ \xi(z)|B_1^n \setminus \bigcup_{i \in \mathbf{N}} C_i &= \mathrm{id}. \end{aligned}$$

For each  $z \in \sigma$ ,  $\xi(z)|C_i = \text{id}$  except for finitely many  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , which implies  $\xi(z) \in H_{PL}(B_1^n)$ . Hence  $\xi(\sigma) \subset H_{PL}(B_1^n)$ .

Finally we will show  $\xi(\Sigma) \subset H_{LIP}(B_1^n)$ : For each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , let

$$A_i = \{x \in B_1^n | 2^{-(i+2)} \cdot 3 \le x_n \le 2^{-(i+1)} \cdot 3\}.$$

It follows from Lemma 1.4 that for each  $z \in \Sigma$  and  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\xi(z)|A_i \in H_{\text{LIP}}(A_i)$  and

$$\operatorname{bilip}(\xi(z)|A_i) = \operatorname{bilip}(\xi(z)|C_i) = \operatorname{bilip}(\phi_i \cdot \theta(z_i) \cdot \phi_i^{-1})$$
$$= \operatorname{bilip}(\theta(z_i)) = (1 - |z_1|)^{-1} \le \left(1 - \sup_{j \in \mathbf{N}} |z_j|\right)^{-1}.$$

By using Lemma 1.4 inductively, we can verify

$$\xi(z) | \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_i \in H_{\text{LIP}} \left( \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_i \right)$$

and

bilip 
$$\left(\xi(z)|\bigcup_{i\in\mathbb{N}}A_i\right) = (1 - \sup|z_i|)^{-1}.$$

It is clear that if f is k-Lipschitz when restricted to a dense subset of X, f is itself k-Lipschitz. Using this and Lemma 1.4, we have  $\xi(z) \in H_{\text{LIP}}(B_1^n)$  with  $\text{bilip}(\xi(z)) = (1 - \sup |z_i|)^{-1}$ . Thus we have a map

$$\boldsymbol{\xi}: (s, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}) \to (H(\boldsymbol{B}_1^n), H_{\mathrm{LIP}}(\boldsymbol{B}_1^n), H_{\mathrm{PL}}(\boldsymbol{B}_1^n)).$$

From the definition, it is clear that  $\xi$  satisfies the desired conditions.

Proof of Theorem 1.1. Let C be a simplex in X with dim  $C = \dim X = n$  and  $\beta: B_1^n \to C$  a linear embedding. We define a map  $F: s \to H(X)$  by  $F(z)|\beta(B_1^n) = \beta \cdot \xi(z) \cdot \beta^{-1}$  and  $F(z)|X \setminus \beta(B_1^n) = id$ . Then for each  $z \in \Sigma$ , F(z) and  $F(z)^{-1}$  are (locally) Lipschitz by the definition and property (3) in Lemma 1.5. Hence  $F(\Sigma) \subset H_{\text{LIP}}(X)$  (clearly  $F(\sigma) \subset H_{\text{PL}}(X)$ ). Let  $g = \beta \alpha$ ,  $g_i = \beta \alpha_i \in E_{\text{PL}}([-1, 1], X)$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $g_i(t) = g(2^{-(i+2)}(t+4))$ . From (4) and (5), we have

(6)  $F(z) \cdot g_i([-1, 0]) = g_i([-1, z_i])$  and

(7)  $F(z) \cdot g_i([0,1]) = g_i([z_i,1])$ 

for each  $z \in s$  and  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

We define a map  $T: H(x) \to s$  by  $T(h) = (\tau(hg_i))_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ . For each  $h \in H_{PL}(X)$ ,  $hg_i$  is linear except for finitely many  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , which implies  $T(h) \in \sigma$  by (2). Hence  $T(H_{PL}(X)) \subset \sigma$ . We will show that  $T(H_{LIP}(X)) \subset \Sigma$ . To this end, let  $h \in H_{LIP}(X)$  and T(h) = z. Then for

each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\tau(hg_i) = z_i$ , which means  $\mu(hg_i|[-1, z_i]) = \mu(hg_i|[z_i, 1])$ by (1). Since  $g_i(t) = g(2^{-(i+2)}(t+4))$ , we have by (0)  $\mu(hg|[2^{-(i+2)} \cdot 3, 2^{-(i+2)}(z_i+r)]) = \mu(hg|[2^{-(i+2)}(z_i+4), 2^{-(i+2)} \cdot 5]).$ 

Note that  $hg \in E_{\text{LIP}}([-1, 1], X)$ . Let  $k = \text{bilip}(hg) \ge 1$ . From the

definition of  $\mu$ -length, it is easy to verify that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 2^{-j} \cdot k^{-1} \cdot 2^{-(i+2)} \cdot \frac{1+z_i}{j}$$
  

$$\leq \mu(hg|[2^{-(i+2)} \cdot 3, 2^{-(i+2)}(z_i+4)])$$
  

$$\leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 2^{-j} \cdot k \cdot 2^{-(i+2)} \cdot \frac{1+z_i}{j}$$

and

$$\begin{split} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 2^{-j} \cdot k^{-1} \cdot 2^{-(i+2)} \cdot \frac{1-z_i}{j} \\ &\leq \mu(hg|[2^{-(i+2)}(z_i+4), 2^{-(i+2)} \cdot 5]) \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 2^{-j} \cdot k \cdot 2^{-(i+2)} \cdot \frac{1-z_i}{j}. \end{split}$$

It follows that  $l^{-1}(1 + z_i) \le k(1 - z_i)$  and  $k^{-1}(1 - z_1) \le k(1 + z_i)$ . This yields  $|z_i| \le (k_1^2)/(k^2 + 1) < 1$ . Therefore  $T(h) = z \in \Sigma$ .

Let  $H^{0}(X) = T^{-1}(0)$ ,  $H^{0}_{\text{LIP}}(X) = H_{\text{LIP}}(X) \cap T^{-1}(0)$  and  $H^{0}_{\text{PL}}(X) = H_{\text{PL}}(X) \cap T^{-1}(0)$ . Then  $h \cdot FT(h) \in H^{0}(X)$  for each  $h \in H(X)$ . In fact, let T(h) = z; that is,  $\tau(hg_{i}) = z_{i}$  for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $\mu(hg_{i}|[-1, z_{i}]) = \mu(gh_{i}|[z_{i}, 1])$  by (1). From (6) and (7),

$$h \cdot FT(h) \cdot g_i([-1,0]) = hg_i([-1,z_i])$$
 and  
 $h \cdot FT(h) \cdot g_i([0,1]) = hg_i([z_i,1]).$ 

By (0), we have

$$\mu(h \cdot FT(h) \cdot g_i | [-1, 0]) = \mu(hg_i | [-1, z_i])$$
  
=  $\mu(hg_i | [z_i, 1]) = \mu(h \cdot FT(h) \cdot g_i | [0, 1]).$ 

This means  $\tau(h \cdot FT(h) \cdot g_i) = 0$  by (1). Hence  $T(h \cdot FT(h)) = 0$ , namely  $h \cdot FT(h) \in H^0(X)$ . Thus we have a map  $G: H(X) \to H^0(X)$  defined by  $G(h) = h \cdot FT(h)$ . Then  $G(H_{\text{LIP}}(X)) \subset H^0_{\text{LIP}}(X)$  and  $G(H_{\text{PL}}(X)) \subset H^0_{\text{PL}}(X)$  since  $FT(H_{\text{LIP}}(X)) \subset F(\Sigma) \subset H_{\text{LIP}}(X)$  and  $FT(H_{\text{PL}}(X)) \subset F(\sigma) \subset H_{\text{PL}}(X)$ .

Now we define maps

$$P: (H(X), H_{\text{LIP}}(X), H_{\text{PL}}(X)) \rightarrow (H^0(X) \times s, H^0_{\text{LIP}}(X) \times \Sigma, H^0_{\text{PL}}(X) \times \sigma), Q: (H^0(X) \times s, H^0_{\text{LIP}}(X) \times \Sigma, H^0_{\text{PL}}(X) \times \sigma) \rightarrow (H(X), H_{\text{LIP}}(X), H_{\text{PL}}(X))$$

by P(h) = (G(h), T(h)) and  $Q(h, z) = h \cdot F(z)^{-1}$ , where  $h \in H(X)$ . We will show that PQ = id and QP = id. Let  $h \in H^0(X)$  and  $z \in s$ . Then for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\tau(hg_i) = 0$ , which means  $\mu(hg_i|[-1, 0]) = \mu(hg_i|[0, 1])$  by (1). From (6) and (7),

$$h \cdot F(z)^{-1} \cdot g_i([-1, z_i]) = hg_i([-1, 0])$$
 and  
 $h \cdot F(z)^{-1} \cdot g_i([z_i, 1]) = hg_i([0, 1]).$ 

By (0), we have

$$\mu(h \cdot F(z)^{-1} \cdot g_i | [-1, z_i]) = \mu(hg_i | [-1, 0])$$
  
=  $\mu(hg_i | [0, 1]) = \mu(h \cdot F(z)^{-1} \cdot g_i | [z_i, 1])$ 

This implies  $\tau(h \cdot F(z)^{-1} \cdot g_i) = z_i$  by (1). Hence  $T(h \cdot F(z)^{-1}) = z$ . It follows that

$$G(h \cdot F(z)^{-1}) = h \cdot F(z)^{-1} \cdot FT(h \cdot F(z)^{-1})$$
  
=  $h \cdot F(z)^{-1} \cdot F(z) = h.$ 

Therefore PQ = id. On the other hand, let  $h \in H(X)$ . Then

$$QP(h) = Q(G(h), T(h)) = G(h) \cdot FT(h)^{-1}$$
  
=  $h \cdot FT(h) \cdot FT(h)^{-1} = h.$ 

Hence we have QP = id. Consequently

$$(H^0(X) \times s, H^0_{\text{LIP}}(X) \times \Sigma, H^0_{\text{PL}}(X) \times \sigma) \cong (H(X), H_{\text{LIP}}(X), H_{\text{PL}}(X)).$$

Since  $(s \times s, \Sigma \times \Sigma, \sigma \times \sigma) \cong (s, \Sigma, \sigma)$ , we have the desired result.  $\Box$ 

A proof for Theorem 1.2 can be given entirely analogous to the proof of Theorem 1.1 and will be omitted.

Let X be a compactum. Suppose there is a Lipschitz embedding  $\beta: B_1^n \to X$  for some  $n \ge 1$  such that  $\beta(\mathring{B}_1^n)$  is open, where  $\mathring{B}_1^n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n | ||x||_1 < 1\}$ ; then the arguments in the proof of Theorem 1.1 can be applied to show

$$(H(X) \times s, H_{LIP}(X) \times \Sigma) \cong (H(X), H_{LIP}(X)).$$

Hence we have the following stability theorem:

1.6. THEOREM. Let X be a metric compactum. If X has an open set which is Lipschitz homeomorphic to an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  for some  $n \ge 1$ , then

$$(H(X) \times s, H_{LIP}(X) \times \Sigma) \cong (H(X), H_{LIP}(X)).$$

Similarly we have

1.7. THEOREM. Let X be a metric compactum and Y a metric space. If X has an open set which is Lipschitz homeomorphic to an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  for some  $n \ge 1$  and  $E_{LIP}(X, Y) \neq \emptyset$ , then

 $(E(X, y) \times s, E_{\text{LIP}}(X, Y) \times \Sigma) \cong (E(X, Y), E_{\text{LIP}}(X, Y)).$ 

2. The compact absorption property of  $H_{LIP}(X)$  for H(X). First we remark that the Deformation Theorem in [SS] implies the following.

**2.2. THEOREM.** Let X be a compact Euclidean polyhedron. Then  $H_{\text{LIP}}(X)$  is locally contractible.

2.2. THEOREM. Let X be a compact PL manifold in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  with dim X  $\neq$  4 and  $\partial X = \emptyset$  in case dim X = 5. Then the closure of  $H_{PL}(X)$  in  $H_{LIP}(X)$  is the union of components of  $H_{LIP}(X)$ .

*Proof.* As it was shown in the proof of [GH, Theorem 1], for each component H of  $H(X), H \cap H_{PL}(X)$  is either dense in H or empty. This yields the same property for  $H_{PL}(X) \subset H_{LIP}(X)$ . By uniform local contractibility of  $H_{LIP}(X)$ , the same arguments as in the proof of [GH, Theorem 1] also show that the closure of  $H_{PL}(X)$  in  $H_{LIP}(X)$  is the union of components of  $H_{LIP}(X)$ .

Let X be a compact PL manifold in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Let  $H^*(X)$  denote the subset of H(X) consisting of those homeomorphisms which are isotopic to PL homeomorphisms and let  $H^*_{\text{LIP}}(X) = H^*(X) \cap H_{\text{LIP}}(X)$ .

2.3. THEOREM. Let X be compact PL manifold in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  with dim X  $\neq$  4, and  $\partial X = \emptyset$  in case dim X = 5. Then  $(H(X), H_{LIP}(X))$  is an  $(s, \Sigma)$ -manifold pair if H(X) is an s-manifold.

**Proof.** Since  $H_{PL}(X)$  is a  $\sigma$ -compact ANR ([Ge<sub>2</sub>] and [Ha]),  $H_{PL}(X) \times \Sigma$  is a  $\Sigma$ -manifold by the result of Toruńczyk [To]. Then by Theorem 1.1, we have a  $\Sigma$ -manifold M with  $H_{PL}(X) \subset M \subset H^*_{LIP}(X)$ . By [GH,

Theorem 2],  $H_{PL}(X)$  is an f.d. cap set for  $H^*(X)$ . Then for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  and each compact set  $A \subset H^*(X)$ , we have a map  $h: A \to M$  which is  $\varepsilon$ -close to id. By using a  $\Sigma$ -manifold version of [Sa<sub>1</sub>, Lemma 2], we can show that M is a cap set for  $H^*(X)$  (cf. [Sa<sub>2</sub>, Proof of Proposition 2.1]. If H(X) is an *s*-manifold, so is  $H^*(X)$  ([GH, Theorem 1]). By using Arzela-Ascoli's Theorem, it is easy to show that  $H_{LIP}(X)$  is  $\sigma$ -compact. Then  $H^*_{LIP}(X)$  is  $\sigma$ -compact by Theorem 1.2, hence a  $Z_{\sigma}$ -set in  $H^*(X)$ . By [Ch, Theorem 6.6f],  $H^*_{LIP}(X)$  is a cap set for  $H^*(X)$ . Hence  $(H^*(X), H^*_{LIP}(X))$  is an  $(s, \Sigma)$ -manifold pair. Since  $H_{LIP}(X)$  is dense in H(X) [Su, Corollary 3] and H(X) is homogeneous,  $(H(X), H_{LIP}(X))$  is also an  $(s, \Sigma)$ -manifold pair.  $\Box$ 

It is well known that H(X) is an s-manifold in case dim X = 1 or 2 ([An<sub>3</sub>], [To]). Hence  $(H(X), H_{LIP}(X))$  is an  $(s, \Sigma)$ -manifold pair. But in these dimensions it was also shown that H(X) is an s-manifold for any compact polyhedron X ([An<sub>3</sub>] for n = 1 and [Ja] for n =2). Furthermore,  $H_{PL}(X)$  is a  $\sigma$ -manifold ([Ja]) and dense in H(X)([Br]). Using uniform local contractibility of  $H_{PL}(X)$ , the proof of [GH, Theorem 2] implies that  $H_{PL}(X)$  is an f.d. cap set for H(X), that is,  $(H(X), H_{PL}(X))$  is an  $(s, \sigma)$ -manifold pair. Applying the same arguments as in the proof of Theorem 2.3,  $(H(X), H_{LIP}(X))$  is an  $(s, \Sigma)$ -manifold. We summarize the above remarks as

2.4. THEOREM. Let X be a compact Euclidean polyhedron with dim X = 1 or 2. Then  $(H(X), H_{PL}(X))$  is an  $(s, \sigma)$ -manifold pair and  $(H(X), H_{LIP}(X))$  is an  $(s, \Sigma)$ -manifold pair.

Actually,  $H_{PL}(X)$  can be shown to be a  $\sigma$ -manifold for any positive dimensional compact polyhedron X. We outline a proof of this fact as follows:  $H_{PL}(X)$  is locally contractible by [Ga]; hence  $H_{PL}(X)$  is a  $\sigma$ fd-compact ANR by [Ge<sub>2</sub>] and [Ha]. By [KW],  $H_{PL}(X) \times \sigma \cong H_{PL}(X)$ (cf. Theorem 1.1). Hence  $H_{PL}(X)$  is a  $\sigma$ -manifold by [To].

Moreover it can be shown that  $H_{PL}(X)$  is an f.d. cap set for the closure  $\overline{H_{PL}(X)}$  of  $H_{PL}(X)$  in H(X). In fact, for each finite-dimensional compact set  $A \subset \overline{H_{PL}(X)}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , it suffices to construct a map  $f: A \to H_{PL}(X)$  which is  $\varepsilon$ -close to id (cf. [Sa<sub>2</sub>, Proposition 2.1]). Using uniform local contractibility of  $H_{PL}(X)$ , we can construct such a map (cf. the proof of [GH, Theorem 2]). Thus we have the following version of Theorem 2.3.

2.5. THEOREM. Let X be a positive dimensional compact Euclidean polyhedron. If H(X) is an s-manifold and  $\overline{H_{PL}(X)} = H^*(X)$  then

 $(H^*(X), H_{PL}(X))$  is an  $(s, \sigma)$ -manifold pair and  $(H^*(X), H^*_{LIP}(X))$  is an  $(s, \Sigma)$ -manifold pair.

## We close the paper by posting the following

2.6. CONJECTURE. Let X be a positive dimensional compact PL manifold in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Then  $(H^*(X), H^*_{\text{LIP}}(X), H_{\text{PL}}(X))$  is an  $(s, \Sigma, \sigma)$ -manifold triple. (Note that  $H^*(X) = H(X)$  in case dim  $X \leq 3$  [**Ra**, Bi].)

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