

# Relative properties of definable $C^rG$ manifolds

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## Abstract

Let  $G$  be a compact definable  $C^r$  group and  $1 \leq r < \infty$ .

We prove that if  $X$  is a noncompact affine definable  $C^rG$  manifold and  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are noncompact definable  $C^rG$  submanifolds of  $X$  in general position such that  $(X; X_1, \dots, X_n)$  satisfies the frontier condition, then  $(X; X_1, \dots, X_n)$  is simultaneously definably  $C^rG$  compactifiable.

Moreover we prove that if  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  (resp.  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$ ) are definable  $C^rG$  submanifolds of an affine definable  $C^rG$  manifold  $X$  (resp.  $Y$ ) in general position, then every definable  $C^1G$  map  $(X; X_1, \dots, X_n) \rightarrow (Y; Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$  is approximated by a definable  $C^rG$  map  $(X; X_1, \dots, X_n) \rightarrow (Y; Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$ .

Furthermore we prove that we can raise simultaneously differentiability of a definable  $C^2$  manifold and its definable  $C^2$  submanifolds such that they satisfy some condition.

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## 1. Introduction.

Let  $\mathcal{M} = (\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot, <, \dots)$  be an o-minimal expansion of the standard structure  $\mathcal{R} = (\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot, <)$  of the field of real numbers. General references on o-minimal structures are [2], [5], see also [15]. It is known in [14] that there exist uncountably many o-minimal expansions of  $\mathcal{R}$ . For example, the Nash category is a special case of the definable  $C^r$  category and it coincides with the definable  $C^\infty$  category based on  $\mathcal{R} = (\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot, >)$  [16]. Further properties and constructions of them are studied in [3], [4], [6], [13]. Equivariant definable category is studied in [8], [9], [10], [12].

In this paper “definable” means “definable with parameters in  $\mathcal{M}$ ”, everything is considered in  $\mathcal{M}$ , every manifold does not have boundary, each definable map is continuous and  $1 \leq r < \infty$  unless otherwise stated.

Let  $X$  be a  $C^r$  manifold and  $X_1, \dots, X_n$   $C^r$  submanifolds of  $X$ . We say that  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are in *general position* in  $X$  if for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  and  $J \subset \{1, \dots, n\} - \{i\}$ ,  $X_i$  intersects transverse to  $\bigcap_{j \in J} X_j$ .

Let  $G$  be a compact definable  $C^r$  group,  $X$  a noncompact definable  $C^rG$  manifold and  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  noncompact definable  $C^rG$  submanifolds of  $X$  in general position. If  $X$  is affine, then by 2.10 [10], we may assume

that  $X$  is a bounded definable  $C^rG$  submanifold of some representation  $\Omega$  of  $G$ . We say that  $(X; X_1, \dots, X_n)$  satisfies the *frontier condition* if each  $\overline{X_i} - X_i$  is contained in  $\overline{X} - X$ , where  $\overline{X_i}$  (resp.  $\overline{X}$ ) denotes the closure of  $X_i$  (resp.  $X$ ) in  $\Omega$ . We say that  $(X; X_1, \dots, X_n)$  is *simultaneously definably  $C^rG$  compactifiable* if there exist a compact definable  $C^rG$  manifold  $Y$  with boundary  $\partial Y$ , compact definable  $C^rG$  submanifolds  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  of  $Y$  with boundary  $\partial Y_1, \dots, \partial Y_n$ , respectively, and a definable  $C^rG$  diffeomorphism  $f : X \rightarrow \text{Int } Y$  such that for any  $i$ ,  $f(X_i) = \text{Int } Y_i$ , each  $\partial Y_i$  is contained in  $\partial Y$ , and  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  and  $\partial Y$  are in general position in  $Y$ . Here  $\text{Int } Y$  (resp.  $\text{Int } Y_i$ ) denotes the interior of  $Y$  (resp.  $Y_i$ ).

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $G$  be a compact definable  $C^r$  group,  $X$  a noncompact affine definable  $C^rG$  manifold and  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  noncompact definable  $C^rG$  submanifolds of  $X$  in general position such that  $(X; X_1, \dots, X_n)$  satisfies the frontier condition. Then  $(X; X_1, \dots, X_n)$  is simultaneously definably  $C^rG$  compactifiable.*

Theorem 1.1 is a relative version of 1.2 [10].

Let  $G$  be a compact definable  $C^r$  group. Let  $X$  be a definable  $C^rG$  manifold with boundary  $\partial X$  and  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  definable  $C^rG$  submanifolds of  $X$  with boundary  $\partial X_1, \dots, \partial X_n$ , respectively, such that every  $\partial X_i$  is contained in  $\partial X$ . A *relative definable  $C^rG$  collar* of  $(\partial X; \partial X_1, \dots, \partial X_n)$  is a definable  $C^rG$  imbedding  $\phi : (\partial X \times [0, 1]; \partial X_1 \times [0, 1], \dots, \partial X_n \times [0, 1]) \rightarrow (X; X_1, \dots, X_n)$  such that  $\phi|_{\partial X \times \{0\}}$  is the inclusion  $\partial X \rightarrow X$ , where the action on  $[0, 1]$  is trivial.

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $G$  be a compact definable  $C^r$  group. Let  $X$  be a compact affine definable  $C^rG$  manifold with boundary  $\partial X$ , and  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  compact definable  $C^rG$  submanifolds of  $X$  with boundary  $\partial X_1, \dots, \partial X_n$ , respectively, such that  $X_1, \dots, X_n, \partial X$  are in general position, every  $\partial X_i$  is contained in  $\partial X$  and  $2 \leq r < \infty$ . Then there exists a relative definable  $C^rG$  collar  $\phi : (\partial X \times$*

$[0, 1]; \partial X_1 \times [0, 1], \dots, \partial X_n \times [0, 1]) \rightarrow (X; X_1, \dots, X_n)$  of  $(\partial X; \partial X_1, \dots, \partial X_n)$ .

Theorem 1.2 is a relative version of 4.6 [9].

Let  $\text{Def}^r(\mathbb{R}^n)$  denote the set of definable  $C^r$  functions on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . For each  $f \in \text{Def}^r(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and for each positive definable function  $\epsilon : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , the  $\epsilon$ -neighborhood  $N(f; \epsilon)$  of  $f$  in  $\text{Def}^r(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is defined by  $\{h \in \text{Def}^r(\mathbb{R}^n) \mid |\partial^\alpha(h - f)| < \epsilon, \forall \alpha \in (\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\})^n, |\alpha| \leq r\}$ , where  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in (\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\})^n, |\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n, \partial^\alpha F = \frac{\partial^{|\alpha|} F}{\partial x_1^{\alpha_1} \dots \partial x_n^{\alpha_n}}$ . We call the topology defined by these  $\epsilon$ -neighborhoods the *definable  $C^r$  topology*. By taking relative topology, we can define the *definable  $C^r$  topology* on a definable  $C^r$  submanifold of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

The following is a relative version of 1.1 [9].

**Theorem 1.3.** *Let  $G$  be a compact definable  $C^r$  group. Let  $X, Y$  be affine definable  $C^rG$  manifolds and  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  (reps.  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$ ) definable  $C^rG$  submanifolds of  $X$  (resp.  $Y$ ) such that  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  (resp.  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$ ) are in general position. Suppose that  $f : (X; X_1, \dots, X_n) \rightarrow (Y; Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$  is a definable  $C^1G$  map. Then  $f$  is approximated by a definable  $C^rG$  map  $h : (X; X_1, \dots, X_n) \rightarrow (Y; Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$  in the definable  $C^1$  topology. Moreover if for  $1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n$ ,  $f|_{X_{i_1}}, \dots, f|_{X_{i_k}}$  are definable  $C^rG$  maps, then we can take  $h$  such that  $h|_{\cup_{j=1}^k X_{i_j}} = f|_{\cup_{j=1}^k X_{i_j}}$ .*

The following proposition is obtained by II.5.3 [15] and II.5.11 [15].

**Theorem 1.4** ([15]). *Let  $X, Y$  be definable  $C^r$  submanifolds of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a definable  $C^r$  map. If  $f$  is an immersion (resp. a diffeomorphism, a diffeomorphism onto its image), then an approximation of  $f$  in the definable  $C^r$  topology is an immersion (resp. a diffeomorphism, a diffeomorphism onto its image). Moreover if  $f$  is a diffeomorphism, then  $h^{-1} \rightarrow f^{-1}$  as  $h \rightarrow f$ .*

Let  $X$  be a definable  $C^s$  manifold,  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  definable  $C^s$  submanifolds of  $X$  and  $1 \leq s < r \leq \omega$ . A *simultaneous definable  $C^r$  manifold structure*  $(Y; Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$  of  $(X; X_1, \dots, X_n)$  is a definable  $C^r$  manifold  $Y$  and definable  $C^r$  submanifolds  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  of  $Y$  such that there exists a definable  $C^s$  diffeomorphism  $(X; X_1, \dots, X_n) \rightarrow (Y; Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$ .

**Theorem 1.5.** *Let  $X$  be a definable  $C^2$  manifold,  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  definable  $C^2$  submanifolds of  $X$  in general position and  $2 \leq r < \infty$ . If either  $X, X_1, \dots, X_n$  are compact or  $X, X_1, \dots, X_n$  are noncompact and  $(X; X_1, \dots, X_n)$  satisfies the frontier condition, then  $(X; X_1, \dots, X_n)$  admits a simultaneous definable  $C^r$  manifold structure  $(\tilde{X}; \tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_n)$ . Moreover if  $(\hat{X}; \hat{X}_1, \dots, \hat{X}_n)$  is another simultaneous definable  $C^r$  manifold structure of  $(X; X_1, \dots, X_n)$ , then  $(\tilde{X}; \tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_n)$  is definably  $C^r$  diffeomorphic to  $(\hat{X}; \hat{X}_1, \dots, \hat{X}_n)$ .*

Theorem 1.5 is a relative version of 1.2 [11].

## 2 Proof of our results

Let  $G$  be a compact definable  $C^r$  group. A *representation map* of  $G$  is a group homomorphism from  $G$  to some orthogonal group which is a definable  $C^r$  map. A *representation* means the representation space of a representation map of  $G$ . In this paper, we assume that every representation of  $G$  is orthogonal.

Definable  $C^rG$  manifolds are studied in [9], [10], [12]. A *definable  $C^rG$  submanifold* of a representation  $\Omega$  of  $G$  is a  $G$  invariant definable  $C^r$  submanifold of  $\Omega$ . A definable  $C^rG$  manifold is *affine* if it is definably  $C^rG$  diffeomorphic to a definable  $C^rG$  submanifold of some representation of  $G$ .

Let  $f$  be a  $G$  invariant surjective submersive definable  $C^r$  map from a definable  $C^rG$  manifold  $S$  to a definable  $C^r$  manifold  $A$ . We say that  $f$  is *piecewise definably  $C^rG$*

*trivial* if there exists a finite partition of  $A$  into definable  $C^r$  submanifolds  $C_i$  of  $A$  such that for each  $C_i$  there exists a definable  $C^rG$  diffeomorphism  $k_i : f^{-1}(C_i) \rightarrow C_i \times f^{-1}(a_i)$  with  $f|_{f^{-1}(C_i)} = p_i \circ k_i$ , where  $a_i \in C_i$  and  $p_i$  denotes the projection  $C_i \times f^{-1}(a_i) \rightarrow C_i$ .

**Theorem 2.1** (1.1 [10]). *Let  $G$  be a compact definable  $C^r$  group. Let  $S$  be a definable  $C^rG$  submanifold of a representation of  $G$  and let  $A$  be a definable  $C^r$  submanifold of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then every  $G$  invariant surjective submersive definable  $C^r$  map  $f : S \rightarrow A$  is piecewise definably  $C^rG$  trivial.*

By a way similar to the proof of 2.10 [10], we have the following proposition.

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $G$  be a compact definable  $C^r$  group,  $X$  a noncompact affine definable  $C^rG$  manifold and  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  noncompact definable  $C^rG$  submanifolds of  $X$  in general position such that  $(X; X_1, \dots, X_n)$  satisfies the frontier condition. Then we may assume that  $X$  is a bounded definable  $C^rG$  submanifold of some representation  $\Omega$  of  $G$  such that  $\overline{X_1} - X_1 = \dots = \overline{X_n} - X_n = \overline{X} - X = \{0\}$ , where  $\overline{X}$  (resp.  $\overline{X_i}$ ) denotes the closure of  $X$  (resp.  $X_i$ ) in  $\Omega$ .*

**Theorem 2.3** (4.6 [9]). *Let  $G$  be a compact definable  $C^r$  group,  $X$  a compact affine definable  $C^rG$  manifold with boundary  $\partial X$  and  $2 \leq r < \infty$ . Then there exists a definable  $C^rG$  collar, namely there exists a definable  $C^rG$  imbedding  $\phi : \partial X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  such that  $\phi|_{(\partial X \times \{0\})}$  is the inclusion  $\partial X \rightarrow X$ , where the action on  $[0, 1]$  is trivial.*

**Theorem 2.4** (1.2 [9]). *If  $G$  is a compact definable  $C^r$  group, then every definable  $C^rG$  submanifold  $X$  of a representation  $\Omega$  of  $G$  has a definable  $C^rG$  tubular neighborhood  $(U, \theta)$  of  $X$  in  $\Omega$ , namely  $U$  is a  $G$  invariant definable open neighborhood of  $X$  in  $\Omega$  and  $\theta : U \rightarrow X$  is a definable  $C^rG$  map with  $\theta|_X = id_X$ .*

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* By Proposition 2.2, we may assume that  $X$  is a bounded definable  $C^rG$  submanifold of a representation  $\Omega$  of  $G$  such that  $\overline{X_1} - X_1 = \cdots = \overline{X_n} - X_n = \overline{X} - X = \{0\}$ .

Let  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \|x\|^{-1}$ , where  $\|x\|$  denotes the standard norm of  $x$  in  $\Omega$ . Since  $f$  is submersive and  $G$  invariant and by Theorem 2.1, there exist a sufficiently large positive number  $\alpha$  and a definable  $C^rG$  map  $h_1 : f^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)) \rightarrow f^{-1}(\alpha)$  such that  $h := (f, h_1) : f^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)) \rightarrow (\alpha, \infty) \times f^{-1}(\alpha)$  is a definable  $C^rG$  diffeomorphism.

Let  $f_i := f|_{X_i}$ . Since  $(X; X_1, \dots, X_n)$  satisfies the frontier condition and  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are in general position, each  $f_i^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))$  is a definable  $C^rG$  submanifold of  $f^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))$ ,  $f_1^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)), \dots, f_n^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))$  are in general position in  $f^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))$  and every  $f_i|_{f_i^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))} : f_i^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)) \rightarrow (\alpha, \infty)$  is a surjective submersive definable  $C^rG$  map. Moreover  $f_1^{-1}(\alpha), \dots, f_n^{-1}(\alpha)$  are in general position in  $f^{-1}(\alpha)$ .

**Assertion.** (1) There exists a definable  $C^rG$  map  $h_2 : f^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)) \rightarrow f^{-1}(\alpha)$  such that for any  $i$ ,  $h_2(f_i^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))) \subset f_i^{-1}(\alpha)$  and  $h_2$  is an approximation of  $h_1$ .

(2) Let  $Y, Z$  be affine definable  $C^rG$  manifolds,  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  (resp.  $Z_1, \dots, Z_n$ ) definable  $C^rG$  submanifolds of  $Y$  (resp.  $Z$ ) in general position.  $F : (\cup_{i=1}^n Y_i; Y_1, \dots, Y_n) \rightarrow (\cup_{i=1}^n Z_i; Z_1, \dots, Z_n)$  be a definable  $G$  map. If each  $F|_{Y_i}$  is a definable  $C^rG$  map  $(Y_i; Y_i \cap Y_1, \dots, Y_i \cap Y_{i-1}, Y_i \cap Y_{i+1}, \dots, Y_i \cap Y_n) \rightarrow (Z_i; Z_i \cap Z_1, \dots, Z_i \cap Z_{i-1}, Z_i \cap Z_{i+1}, \dots, Z_i \cap Z_n)$ , then there exist a  $G$  invariant definable open neighborhood  $W_n$  of  $\cup_{i=1}^n Y_i$  in  $Y$  and a definable  $C^rG$  map  $\Psi : (W_n; Y_1, \dots, Y_n) \rightarrow (Z; Z_1, \dots, Z_n)$  such that  $\Psi|_{\cup_{i=1}^n Y_i} = F$ .

Assertion (2) is proved by Assertion in the proof of Theorem 1.3 without using Theorem 1.1.

We now prove Assertion (1) by induction on  $n$ . If  $n = 0$ , then Assertion (1) is trivial.

Let  $n \geq 1$ . Since  $f_1^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)), \dots, f_n^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))$  are in general position in  $f^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))$ , for each  $i$ ,  $f_i^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)) \cap f_1^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)), \dots, f_i^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)) \cap f_{i-1}^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)), f_i^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)) \cap f_{i+1}^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)), \dots, f_i^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)) \cap f_n^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))$  are de-

finable  $C^rG$  submanifolds of  $f_i^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))$ .

By the inductive hypothesis of Assertion (1), for any  $i$ , there exists a definable  $C^rG$  map  $\phi_i : f_i^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)) \rightarrow f_i^{-1}(\alpha)$  such that for each  $j$  with  $j \neq i$ ,  $\phi_i(f_i^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)) \cap f_j^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))) \subset (f_i|_{f_j^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))})^{-1}(\alpha)$  and  $\phi_i$  is an approximation of  $h_1|_{f_i^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))}$ .

Applying Assertion (2) to  $\phi_1|_{f_2^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))}$ , there exist a  $G$  invariant definable open neighborhood  $W_1$  of  $f_2^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)) \cap f_1^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))$  in  $f_2^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))$  and a definable  $C^rG$  map  $\psi_1 : (W_1; f_2^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)) \cap f_1^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)), f_2^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)) \cap f_3^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)) \cap f_1^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)), \dots, f_2^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)) \cap f_n^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)) \cap f_1^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))) \rightarrow (f_2^{-1}(\alpha); f_2^{-1}(\alpha) \cap f_1^{-1}(\alpha), f_2^{-1}(\alpha) \cap f_3^{-1}(\alpha) \cap f_1^{-1}(\alpha), \dots, f_2^{-1}(\alpha) \cap f_n^{-1}(\alpha) \cap f_1^{-1}(\alpha))$ . Take a  $G$  invariant definable open neighborhood  $W'_1 \subset W_1$  of  $f_2^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)) \cap f_1^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))$  in  $f_2^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))$  whose closure in  $f_2^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))$  is properly contained in  $W_1$  and a  $G$  invariant definable  $C^r$  function  $a : f_2^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that its support lies in  $W_1$  and  $a|_{W'_1} = 1$ . By Theorem 2.4, we have a  $G$  invariant definable open neighborhood  $O$  of  $f_2^{-1}(\alpha)$  in  $\Omega$  and a definable  $C^rG$  map  $\theta_{f_2^{-1}(\alpha)} : O \rightarrow f_2^{-1}(\alpha)$  with  $\theta|_{f_2^{-1}(\alpha)} = id_{f_2^{-1}(\alpha)}$ .

Define  $\psi'_2(x) =$

$$\begin{cases} \theta_{f_2^{-1}(\alpha)}((1 - a(x))\phi_2(x) + a(x)\psi_1(x)), & x \in W_1 \\ \phi_2(x), & x \in f_2^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)) - W_1 \end{cases}.$$

Then  $\psi'_2 : f_2^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)) \rightarrow f_2^{-1}(\alpha)$  is a definable  $C^rG$  map which is an approximation of  $h_1|_{f_2^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))}$ .

Thus  $\phi_1|_{f_2^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))}$  is extensible to a definable  $G$  map  $\phi'_1 : f_1^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)) \cup f_2^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)) \rightarrow f^{-1}(\alpha)$  such that  $\phi'_1|_{f_1^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))}, \phi'_1|_{f_2^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))}$  are definable  $C^rG$  maps and  $\phi'_1|_{f_1^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))} \subset f_1^{-1}(\alpha), \phi'_1|_{f_2^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))} \subset f_2^{-1}(\alpha)$ .

Repeating this process, we have a definable  $G$  map  $\Phi : (\cup_{i=1}^n f_i^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)); f_1^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)), \dots, f_n^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))) \rightarrow (f^{-1}(\alpha); f_1^{-1}(\alpha), \dots, f_n^{-1}(\alpha))$  such that each  $\Phi|_{f_i^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))}$  is a definable  $C^rG$  map which is an approximation of  $h_1|_{f_i^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))}$ .

By Assertion (2), we have a  $G$  invariant definable open neighborhood  $U$  of  $\cup_{i=1}^n f_i^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))$

$\alpha, \infty)$  in  $f^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))$  and a definable  $C^rG$  map  $F : U \rightarrow f^{-1}(\alpha)$  extending  $\Phi$ .

Take a  $G$  invariant definable open neighborhood  $U'$  of  $\cup_{i=1}^n f_i^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))$  in  $f^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))$  whose closure in  $f^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))$  is properly contained in  $U$  and a  $G$  invariant definable  $C^r$  function  $b : f^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that its support lies in  $U$  and  $b|_{U'} = 1$ .

By Theorem 2.4, we have a  $G$  invariant definable open neighborhood  $V$  of  $f^{-1}(\alpha)$  in  $\Omega$  and a definable  $C^rG$  map  $\theta_{f^{-1}(\alpha)} : V \rightarrow f^{-1}(\alpha)$  with  $\theta_{f^{-1}(\alpha)}|_{f^{-1}(\alpha)} = id_{f^{-1}(\alpha)}$ .

Define  $h_2(x) =$

$$\begin{cases} \theta_{f^{-1}(\alpha)}((1 - b(x))h_1(x) + b(x)F(x)), & x \in U \\ h_1(x), & x \in f^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)) - U \end{cases}.$$

Then  $h_2 : f^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)) \rightarrow f^{-1}(\alpha)$  is the required definable  $C^rG$  map and the proof of Assertion (1) is complete.

Since  $h_2$  is an approximation of  $h_1$  and Theorem 1.4,  $H := (f, h_2) : (f^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)); f_1^{-1}((\alpha, \infty)), \dots, f_n^{-1}((\alpha, \infty))) \rightarrow (\alpha, \infty) \times (f^{-1}(\alpha); f_1^{-1}(\alpha), \dots, f_n^{-1}(\alpha))$  is a definable  $C^rG$  diffeomorphism. If  $\alpha$  is sufficiently large, then  $f^{-1}([0, \alpha + 1])$  is a compact definable  $C^rG$  manifold with boundary  $f^{-1}(\alpha + 1)$  and each  $f_i^{-1}([0, \alpha + 1])$  is a compact definable  $C^rG$  submanifold of  $f^{-1}([0, \alpha + 1])$  with boundary  $f_i^{-1}(\alpha + 1)$ . Therefore using  $H$ ,  $(X; X_1, \dots, X_n)$  is definably  $C^rG$  diffeomorphic to  $(f^{-1}([0, \alpha + 1]); f_1^{-1}([0, \alpha + 1]), \dots, f_n^{-1}([0, \alpha + 1]))$ .  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 1.2.* By induction on  $n$ , we simultaneously prove the theorem and the following assertion.

**Assertion.** Let  $f : \cup_{i=1}^n \partial X_i \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \cup_{i=1}^n X_i$  ( $\subset X$ ) be a definable  $G$  map. If each  $f|_{\partial X_i \times [0, 1]}$  is a relative definable  $C^rG$  collar of  $(\partial X_i; \partial X_i \cap \partial X_1, \dots, \partial X_i \cap \partial X_{i-1}, \partial X_i \cap \partial X_{i+1}, \dots, \partial X_i \cap \partial X_n)$  in  $(X_i; X_i \cap X_1, \dots, X_i \cap X_{i-1}, X_i \cap X_{i+1}, \dots, X_i \cap X_n)$ , then there exists a positive number  $\epsilon$  such that  $f|_{\cup_{i=1}^n \partial X_i \times [0, \epsilon]}$  is extensible to a relative definable  $C^rG$  collar  $\phi : (\partial X; \partial X_1, \dots, \partial X_n) \times [0, \epsilon] \rightarrow (X; X_1, \dots, X_n)$  of  $(\partial X; \partial X_1, \dots, \partial X_n)$  in  $(X; X_1, \dots, X_n)$ .

If  $n = 0$ , then the theorem is proved by Theorem 2.3 and Assertion is trivial.

Let  $n \geq 1$ . By the inductive hypothesis of Theorem 1.2, we can find a relative definable  $C^rG$  collar  $(\partial X_1; \partial X_1 \cap \partial X_2, \dots, \partial X_1 \cap \partial X_n) \times [0, 1] \rightarrow (X_1; X_1 \cap X_2, \dots, X_1 \cap X_n)$  of  $(\partial X_1; \partial X_1 \cap \partial X_2, \dots, \partial X_1 \cap \partial X_n)$  in  $(X_1; X_1 \cap X_2, \dots, X_1 \cap X_n)$ . Applying the inductive hypothesis of Assertion, one has a positive number  $\epsilon'$  and a definable  $G$  map  $\tilde{\phi} : \cup_{i=1}^n \partial X_i \times [0, \epsilon'] \rightarrow \cup_{i=1}^n X_i$  such that each  $\tilde{\phi}|_{\partial X_i \times [0, \epsilon']}$  is a relative definable  $C^rG$  collar of  $(\partial X_i; \partial X_i \cap \partial X_1, \dots, \partial X_i \cap \partial X_{i-1}, \partial X_i \cap \partial X_{i+1}, \dots, \partial X_i \cap \partial X_n)$  in  $(X_i; X_i \cap X_1, \dots, X_i \cap X_{i-1}, X_i \cap X_{i+1}, \dots, X_i \cap X_n)$ . After composing  $id \times f_{\epsilon'}$ , we may assume that the domain of  $\tilde{\phi}$  is  $\cup_{i=1}^n \partial X_i \times [0, 1]$ , where  $f_{\epsilon'}$  denotes a definable  $C^\omega$  diffeomorphism from  $[0, 1]$  onto  $[0, \epsilon']$ .

We now extend  $\tilde{\phi}$  to a definable  $C^rG$  map  $\bar{\phi} : U \times [0, 1] \rightarrow X$ , where  $U$  is a  $G$  invariant definable open neighborhood of  $\cup_{i=1}^n \partial X_i$  in  $\partial X$ .

Let  $\Omega$  be a representation of  $G$  containing  $X$  as a closed definable  $C^rG$  manifold. By Theorem 2.4, we can take a definable  $C^rG$  tubular neighborhood  $(U_X, \theta)$  of  $X$  in  $\Omega$ . If  $n = 1$ , then the composition  $\tilde{\phi}$  and  $\theta$  is the required extension.

Let  $n > 1$ . By the inductive hypothesis, there exist  $G$  invariant definable open neighborhoods  $U_{n-1} \subset U'_{n-1}$  of  $\cup_{i=1}^{n-1} \partial X_i$  in  $\partial X$ , a  $G$  invariant definable open neighborhood of  $U_n$  of  $\partial X_n$  in  $\partial X$ , and definable  $C^rG$  maps  $f_{n-1} : U'_{n-1} \times [0, 1] \rightarrow X \subset \Omega$ ,  $f_n : U_n \times [0, 1] \rightarrow X \subset \Omega$  such that the closure of  $U_{n-1}$  in  $\partial X$  is properly contained in  $U'_{n-1}$ ,  $f_{n-1}|_{(\cup_{i=1}^{n-1} \partial X_i \times [0, 1])} = \tilde{\phi}|_{(\cup_{i=1}^{n-1} \partial X_i \times [0, 1])}$  and  $f_n|_{\partial X_n \times [0, 1]} = \tilde{\phi}|_{\partial X_n \times [0, 1]}$ . Take a  $G$  invariant definable  $C^r$  function  $h$  on  $U_n \times [0, 1]$  whose support lies in  $(U_n \cap U'_{n-1}) \times [0, 1]$  with  $h|(U_n \cap U'_{n-1}) \times [0, 1] = 1$ . Then  $hf_{n-1}|_{(U_n \cap U'_{n-1}) \times [0, 1]}$  is extensible to a definable  $C^rG$  map  $\bar{f}_{n-1}$  defined on  $U_n \times [0, 1]$ . Let  $U := U_{n-1} \cup U_n$ . Then  $f_{n-1}|_{U_{n-1} \times [0, 1]}$  is extensible to a definable  $C^rG$  map  $f'_{n-1}$  defined on  $U \times [0, 1]$ . Take a  $G$  invariant definable  $C^r$  function  $\bar{h}$  on  $U \times [0, 1]$  such that  $\bar{h} = 1$  on some  $G$  invariant definable open

neighborhood of  $\partial X_n \times [0, 1]$  in  $U_n \times [0, 1]$  and its support lies in  $U_n \times [0, 1]$ . Define  $\bar{\phi} : U \times [0, 1] \rightarrow X, \bar{\phi}(x) =$

$$\begin{cases} \theta((1 - \bar{h}(x))f'_{n-1}(x) + \bar{h}(x)f_n(x)), & x \in U_n \times [0, 1] \\ f'_{n-1}(x), & x \in (U - U_n) \times [0, 1] \end{cases} .$$

Then  $\bar{\phi}$  is the required extension.

We now construct a relative definable  $C^r$   $G$  collar  $\phi : (\partial X; \partial X_1, \dots, \partial X_n) \times [0, 1] \rightarrow (X; X_1, \dots, X_n)$  as an extension of  $\bar{\phi}$ . Let  $V \subset U$  be a  $G$  invariant definable open neighborhood of  $\cup_{i=1}^n \partial X_i$  whose closure in  $\partial X$  is properly contained in  $U$  and let  $\psi$  be a  $G$  invariant definable  $C^r$  function on  $\partial X \times [0, 1]$  such that its support lies in  $U \times [0, 1]$  and  $\psi|V \times [0, 1] = 1$ . By Theorem 2.3, we have a definable  $C^r G$  collar  $\phi' : \partial X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  of  $\partial X$  in  $X$ . Then  $\phi : (\partial X; \partial X_1, \dots, \partial X_n) \rightarrow (X; X_1, \dots, X_n)$  defined by  $\phi(x) =$

$$\begin{cases} \theta((1 - \psi(x))\phi'(x) + \psi(x)\bar{\phi}(x)), & x \in U \times [0, 1] \\ \phi'(x), & x \in (\partial X - U) \times [0, 1] \end{cases}$$

is a relative definable  $C^r G$  collar of  $(\partial X; \partial X_1, \dots, \partial X_n)$  in  $(X; X_1, \dots, X_n)$  such that  $\phi|(\cup_{i=1}^n \partial X_i) \times [0, 1] = \bar{\phi}$ .  $\square$

The following is an approximation theorem in the equivariant definable category.

**Theorem 2.5** (1.1 [9]). *If  $G$  is a compact definable  $C^r$  group and  $1 \leq s < r < \infty$ , then every definable  $C^s G$  map between affine definable  $C^r G$  manifolds is approximated by a definable  $C^r G$  map in the definable  $C^s$  topology.*

*Proof of Theorem 1.3.* Since  $X, Y$  are affine, we may assume that they are definable  $C^r G$  submanifolds of some representation  $\Omega$  of  $G$ .

We simultaneously prove the theorem and the following assertion by induction on  $n$ .

**Assertion.** Let  $F : (\cup_{i=1}^n X_i; X_1, \dots, X_n) \rightarrow (\cup_{i=1}^n Y_i; Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$  be a definable  $G$  map. If each  $F|X_i$  is a definable  $C^r G$  map  $(X_i; X_i \cap$

$X_1, \dots, X_i \cap X_{i-1}, X_i \cap X_{i+1}, \dots, X_i \cap X_n) \rightarrow (Y_i; Y_i \cap Y_1, \dots, Y_i \cap Y_{i-1}, Y_i \cap Y_{i+1}, \dots, Y_i \cap Y_n)$ , then there exist a  $G$  invariant definable open neighborhood  $W_n$  of  $\cup_{i=1}^n X_i$  in  $X$  and a definable  $C^r G$  map  $\phi : (W_n; X_1, \dots, X_n) \rightarrow (Y; Y_1, \dots, Y_k)$  such that  $\phi| \cup_{i=1}^n X_i = F$ .

If  $n = 0$ , then Theorem 2.5 proves the theorem and Assertion is trivial.

Let  $n \geq 1$ . Since  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  and  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  are in general position, for each  $i$ ,  $X_i \cap X_1, \dots, X_i \cap X_{i-1}, X_i \cap X_{i+1}, \dots, X_i \cap X_n$  (resp.  $Y_i \cap Y_1, \dots, Y_i \cap Y_{i-1}, Y_i \cap Y_{i+1}, \dots, Y_i \cap Y_n$ ) are definable  $C^r G$  submanifolds of  $X_i$  (resp.  $Y_i$ ). Thus  $f|X_i : (X_i; X_i \cap X_1, \dots, X_i \cap X_{i-1}, X_i \cap X_{i+1}, \dots, X_i \cap X_n) \rightarrow (Y_i; Y_i \cap Y_1, \dots, Y_i \cap Y_{i-1}, Y_i \cap Y_{i+1}, \dots, Y_i \cap Y_n)$  is a definable  $C^1 G$  map. By the inductive hypothesis of Theorem 1.3, we can find a definable  $C^r G$  map  $f_i : (X_i; X_i \cap X_1, \dots, X_i \cap X_{i-1}, X_i \cap X_{i+1}, \dots, X_i \cap X_n) \rightarrow (Y_i; Y_i \cap Y_1, \dots, Y_i \cap Y_{i-1}, Y_i \cap Y_{i+1}, \dots, Y_i \cap Y_n)$  as an approximation of  $f|X_i$ .

Applying the inductive hypothesis of Assertion to  $f_n|X_1 \cap X_n : X_1 \cap X_n \rightarrow Y_n$ , we have a  $G$  invariant definable open neighborhood  $V_1$  of  $X_1 \cap X_n$  in  $X_1$  and a definable  $C^r G$  map  $k_1 : V_1 \rightarrow Y_n$  such that  $k_1|X_1 \cap X_n = f_n|X_1 \cap X_n$ .

Take a smaller  $G$  invariant definable open neighborhood  $V'_1 \subset V_1$  of  $X_1 \cap X_n$  in  $X_1$  and a  $G$  invariant definable  $C^r$  function  $a_1$  on  $X_1$  such that the closure of  $V'_1$  in  $X_1$  is properly contained in  $V_1$ , the support of  $a_1$  lies in  $V_1$  and  $a_1|V'_1 = 1$ . By Theorem 2.4, we have a  $G$  invariant definable open neighborhood  $W_1$  of  $Y_1$  in  $\Omega$  and a definable  $C^r G$  map  $\theta_{Y_1} : W_1 \rightarrow Y_1$  with  $\theta_{Y_1}|Y_1 = id_{Y_1}$ .

Define  $k'_1 : X_1 \rightarrow Y_1, k'_1(x) =$

$$\begin{cases} \theta_{Y_1}((1 - a_1(x))f_1(x) + a_1(x)k_1(x)), & x \in V_1 \\ f_1(x), & x \in X_1 - V_1 \end{cases} .$$

Then  $k'_1$  is a definable  $C^r G$  map extending  $f_n|X_1 \cap X_n$ .

Repeating this process, we have a definable  $G$  map  $\phi_n : (\cup_{i=1}^n X_i; X_1, \dots, X_n) \rightarrow (\cup_{i=1}^n Y_i; Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$  such that each  $\phi_n|X_i$  is a definable  $C^r G$  map which is an approximation of  $f|X_i$ .

By the inductive hypothesis of Assertion, there exist  $G$  invariant definable open neighborhood  $U_{n-1}$  of  $\cup_{i=1}^{n-1} X_i$  in  $X$  and a definable  $C^rG$  map  $f'_{n-1} : (U_{n-1}; X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}) \rightarrow (Y; Y_1, \dots, Y_{n-1})$  such that  $f'_{n-1}|_{\cup_{i=1}^{n-1} X_i} = \phi_n|_{\cup_{i=1}^{n-1} X_i}$ .

By Theorem 2.4,  $\phi_n|_{X_n}$  is extensible to a definable  $C^rG$  map  $F_n$  from a  $G$  invariant definable open neighborhood  $U_n$  of  $X_n$  in  $X$ , and we have a  $G$  invariant definable open neighborhood  $V$  of  $Y$  in  $\Omega$  and a definable  $C^rG$  map  $\theta_Y : V \rightarrow Y$  with  $\theta_Y|_Y = id_Y$ .

Take a smaller  $G$  invariant definable open neighborhood  $U'_n \subset U_n$  of  $X_n$  of  $X$  and a  $G$  invariant definable  $C^r$  function  $b : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that the closure of  $U'_n$  in  $X$  is properly contained in  $U_n$ , its support lies in  $U_n$  and  $b|_{U'_n} = 1$ .

Define  $H_n : U_{n-1} \cup U_n \rightarrow Y$ ,  $H_n(x) =$

$$\begin{cases} \theta_Y((1 - b(x))f'_{n-1}(x) + b(x)F_n(x)), & x \in U_n \\ f'_{n-1}(x), & x \in U_{n-1} - U_n \end{cases}.$$

Then  $H_n$  is a definable  $C^rG$  map. Since  $F_n|(X_n \cap (\cup_{i=1}^{n-1} X_i)) = \phi_n|(X_n \cap (\cup_{i=1}^{n-1} X_i)) = f'_{n-1}|(X_n \cap (\cup_{i=1}^{n-1} X_i))$ ,  $H_n$  is a definable  $C^rG$  map  $(U_{n-1} \cup U_n; X_1, \dots, X_n) \rightarrow (Y; Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$  and Assertion is proved.

Take a  $G$  invariant definable open neighborhood  $\tilde{U}_n$  of  $\cup_{i=1}^n X_i$  in  $X$  whose closure in  $X$  is properly contained in  $U_{n-1} \cup U_n$  and a  $G$  invariant definable  $C^r$  function  $c : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that its support lies in  $U_{n-1} \cup U_n$  and  $c|_{\tilde{U}} = 1$ .

Applying Theorem 2.5 to  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ , there exists a definable  $C^rG$  map  $\tilde{f} : X \rightarrow Y$  as an approximation of  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ .

Define  $h(x) =$

$$\begin{cases} \theta_Y((1 - c(x))\tilde{f}(x) + c(x)H_n(x)), & x \in U_{n-1} \cup U_n \\ \tilde{f}(x), & x \in X - U_{n-1} \cup U_n \end{cases}.$$

Then  $h$  is the required definable  $C^rG$  map.  $\square$

By a way similar to the proof of Theorem 1.3 proves the following stronger version.

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $X, Y$  be affine definable  $C^rG$  manifolds and  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  (reps.  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$ ) definable  $C^rG$  submanifolds of  $X$  (resp.  $Y$ ) such that  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  (resp.  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$ ) are in general position. Suppose that  $f : (X; X_1, \dots, X_n) \rightarrow (Y; Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$  is a definable  $C^sG$  map and  $1 \leq s < r < \infty$ . Then  $f$  is approximated by a definable  $C^rG$  map  $h : (X; X_1, \dots, X_n) \rightarrow (Y; Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$  in the definable  $C^s$  topology. Moreover if for  $1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n$ ,  $f|_{X_{i_1}}, \dots, f|_{X_{i_k}}$  are definable  $C^rG$  maps, then we can take  $h$  such that  $h|_{\cup_{j=1}^k X_{i_j}} = f|_{\cup_{j=1}^k X_{i_j}}$ .*

A subset  $V$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is an *algebraic subset* of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  if it is the zero set of some polynomial function on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . An *algebraic set* means an algebraic subset of some  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . A point  $x$  in an algebraic set  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is called *nonsingular of dimension  $d$  in  $V$*  if there exist polynomial functions  $p_i : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , ( $1 \leq i \leq n - d$ ), and an open neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that:

1.  $p_i(V) = 0$ , ( $1 \leq i \leq n - d$ ).
2.  $V \cap U = U \cap (\cap_{i=1}^{n-d} p_i(0))$ .
3. The gradients  $(\nabla p_i)_x$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n - d$ ) are linearly independent on  $U$ .

The *dimension*  $\dim V$  of  $V$  is  $\max\{d | \text{there exists an } x \in V \text{ which is nonsingular of dimension } d\}$ . *Nonsing*  $V = \{x \in V | x \text{ is nonsingular of dimension } \dim V\}$  and *Sing*  $V = V - \text{Nonsing } V$ . An algebraic set is *nonsingular* if *Sing*  $V = \emptyset$ . Remark that *Sing*  $V$  is an algebraic subset of  $V$  with  $\dim \text{Sing } V < \dim V$ . An algebraic subset  $W$  of a nonsingular algebraic set  $V$  is a *nonsingular algebraic subset* of  $V$  if  $W$  is nonsingular.

**Theorem 2.7** ([1]). *Let  $X$  be a compact  $C^\infty$  manifold and  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  compact  $C^\infty$  submanifolds of  $X$  in general position. Then there exist a nonsingular algebraic set  $Y$  and a  $C^\infty$  diffeomorphism  $\phi : X \rightarrow Y$  such that each  $\phi(X_i)$  is a nonsingular algebraic subset  $Y_i$  of  $Y$ . In particular,  $(X; X_1, \dots, X_n)$  admits a simultaneous Nash manifold structure  $(Y; Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$ .*

Some refinement of the proof of 2.2.9 [7] proves the following relative version of it.

**Theorem 2.8.** *Let  $X$  be a compact  $C^s$  manifold and  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  compact  $C^s$  submanifolds of  $X$  in general position and  $1 \leq s < \infty$ . Then there exist a compact  $C^\infty$  manifold  $Y$  and its compact  $C^\infty$  submanifolds  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  of  $Y$  such that  $(X; X_1, \dots, X_n)$  is  $C^s$  diffeomorphic to  $(Y; Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$ .*

**Theorem 2.9** (1.1 [11]). *Every definable  $C^r$  manifold is affine.*

By Theorem 2.9, the polynomial approximation theorem, the set of  $C^r$  diffeomorphisms is dense in the set of  $C^1$  diffeomorphisms in the  $C^1$  Whitney topology and by a way similar to the proof of Theorem 1.3, we have the following result.

**Theorem 2.10.** *Let  $X, Y$  be compact definable  $C^r$  manifolds and  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  (reps.  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$ ) compact definable  $C^r$  submanifolds of  $X$  (resp  $Y$ ) such that  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  (resp.  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$ ) are in general position. Suppose that  $f : (X; X_1, \dots, X_n) \rightarrow (Y; Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$  is a  $C^1$  diffeomorphism. Then there exists a definable  $C^r$  diffeomorphism  $h : (X; X_1, \dots, X_n) \rightarrow (Y; Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$  as an approximation of  $f$  in the  $C^1$  Whitney topology.*

*Proof of Theorem 1.5.* By Theorem 2.9,  $X$  is affine.

Assume that  $X, X_1, \dots, X_n$  are compact. By Theorem 2.8, there exist compact  $C^\infty$  manifold  $X'$  and compact  $C^\infty$  submanifolds  $X'_1, \dots, X'_n$  of  $X'$  such that  $(X; X_1, \dots, X_n)$  is  $C^2$  diffeomorphic to  $(X'; X'_1, \dots, X'_n)$ .

Thus by Theorem 2.7<sub>2</sub>, we can find a nonsingular algebraic set  $\tilde{X}$  and nonsingular algebraic subsets  $\tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_n$  of  $\tilde{X}$  such that  $(X'; X'_1, \dots, X'_n)$  is  $C^\infty$  diffeomorphic to  $(\tilde{X}; \tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_n)$ . Hence  $(X; X_1, \dots, X_n)$  is  $C^2$  diffeomorphic to  $(\tilde{X}; \tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_n)$ . By Theorem 2.10 and since  $X, X_1, \dots, X_n$  are compact,  $(X; X_1, \dots, X_n)$  is definably  $C^2$  diffeomorphic to  $(\tilde{X}; \tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_n)$ .

Assume that  $X, X_1, \dots, X_n$  are noncompact and  $(X; X_1, \dots, X_n)$  satisfies the frontier condition. By Theorem 1.1, there exist a compact definable  $C^2$  manifold  $Y$  with boundary  $\partial Y$ , compact definable  $C^2$  submanifolds  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  of  $Y$  with boundary  $\partial Y_1, \dots, \partial Y_n$ , respectively, and a definable  $C^2$  diffeomorphism  $f : X \rightarrow \text{Int } Y$  such that  $f(X_i) = \text{Int } Y_i$ , each  $\partial Y_i$  is contained in  $\partial Y$ , and  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  and  $\partial Y$  are in general position in  $Y$ . Thus by Theorem 1.2,  $(Y; Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$  admits a relative definable  $C^2$  collar. Hence we have the relative definable  $C^2$  double  $(D; D_1, \dots, D_n)$  of  $(Y; Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$ . Note that  $D, D_1, \dots, D_n$  and  $\partial Y$  are compact and  $D_1, \dots, D_n, \partial Y$  are in general position.

By the argument in the first case, there exist a definable  $C^r$  manifold  $W$  and definable  $C^r$  submanifolds  $W_1, \dots, W_n, U$  of  $W$  such that  $(D; D_1, \dots, D_n, \partial Y)$  is definably  $C^2$  diffeomorphic to  $(W; W_1, \dots, W_n, U)$ .

Therefore we can find some unions  $\tilde{X}, \tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_n$  of connected components of  $W - U, W_1 - U, \dots, W_n - U$ , respectively, such that  $\tilde{X}$  is a definable  $C^r$  manifold, each  $\tilde{X}_i$  is a definable  $C^r$  submanifold of  $\tilde{X}$  and  $(X; X_1, \dots, X_n)$  is definably  $C^2$  diffeomorphic to  $(\tilde{X}, \tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_n)$ .

The latter half follows from Theorem 1.3 and Theorem 1.4.  $\square$

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