

# MAPPING CYLINDER NEIGHBORHOODS<sup>(1)</sup>

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1. Let  $X$  be a triangulated 3-manifold and  $C$  a subcomplex of  $X$ . A regular neighborhood of  $C$  in  $X$  is the union of all simplexes in a second derived subdivision of  $X$  that intersect  $C$ . Every subcomplex  $C$  of  $X$  has a regular neighborhood. We consider the converse using a generalization of regular neighborhoods.

Let  $C$  be a closed subset of a space  $X$ . A subspace  $U$  of  $X$  is called a *mapping cylinder neighborhood* (MCN) of  $C$  if  $U = f(M \times I) \cup C$  where  $f$  is a map of a space  $M \times I$  into  $X$  such that  $f|_{M \times [0, 1]}$  is a homeomorphism into  $X - C$ ,  $f(M \times 1) = C \cap \text{Cl}(X - C)$  and  $f(M \times (0, 1)) \cup C$  is open in  $X$ . As noted in [12], regular neighborhoods are MCN's.

Suppose  $C$  is a closed subset of a 3-manifold  $X$  and  $U = f(M \times I) \cup C$  a MCN of  $C$ . We note some properties of  $U$ .

(a) Since  $M \times (0, 1)$  is a 3-manifold,  $M$  is a generalized 2-manifold [17] and thus a 2-manifold [19]. Hence  $U$  is a 3-manifold with boundary.

(b) If  $C$  is compact then  $U$  is compact (Lemma 1).

(c) If  $C$  is compact and  $U'$  is another MCN of  $C$  then  $\text{Int } U$  and  $\text{Int } U'$  are homeomorphic [12]. Thus  $U$  and  $U'$  are homeomorphic [9, Theorem 3].

Our converse: Suppose  $X$  is a 3-manifold and  $C \subset X$  is a topological complex, i.e.,  $C$  is homeomorphic to a locally finite simplicial complex. Suppose also that  $C$  is closed in  $X$  and  $C$  has a MCN. Then  $C$  must be a subcomplex of some triangulation of  $X$ .

**THEOREM 1.** *If  $C$  is a topological complex which is a closed subset of a 3-manifold  $X$ , then  $C$  is tame if and only if  $C$  has a MCN.*

Our motivation for Theorem 1 was the special case where  $C$  is a 1, 2 or 3-cell and  $M$  is a 2-sphere [6], [10]. An immediate corollary to Theorem 1 is

**THEOREM 2.** *Suppose  $C$  is a tame topological complex in a 3-manifold  $X$ ,  $g$  is a map of  $X$  into a 3-manifold  $Y$  such that  $g^{-1}g(C) = C$ ,  $g$  is a homeomorphism on  $X - C$ , and  $g(C)$  is a topological complex. Then  $g(C)$  is tamely embedded in  $Y$ .*

**Proof.** By Theorem 1,  $C$  has a MCN  $U$ . The conditions on  $g$  guarantee that  $g(U)$  is a MCN of  $g(C)$ .

A special case of Theorem 1 in dimension four is also immediate. Suppose  $N$  is a space,  $f: N \rightarrow N$  an onto map, and  $N_f$  the mapping cylinder defined by  $N$  and

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$f$ . Let  $g: N \times I \rightarrow N_f$  be the natural map. If there exists a pseudo-isotopy  $k_t(N) \rightarrow N$  such that  $k_0 = \text{id}$  and  $k_1 = f$ , then the map  $h: N_f \rightarrow N \times I$  defined by  $h[g(x, t)] = (k_t(x), t)$  is a homeomorphism. If  $G$  is a cellular upper semicontinuous decomposition of a 3-manifold  $M$  and  $M/G$  is a 3-manifold, then there exists a pseudo-isotopy of  $M$  onto itself that shrinks the nondegenerate elements to points [18]. Thus such a pseudo-isotopy exists when  $N$  and  $f(N)$  are 3-manifolds and  $f$  is the projection map of a cellular upper semicontinuous decomposition of  $N$ . We have

**THEOREM 3.** *Suppose  $N$  is a compact connected 3-manifold in a 4-manifold  $Y$ . Suppose  $M$  is a 3-manifold and  $U = f(M \times I)$  is a MCN of  $N$  where the restriction of  $f$  to each component of  $M \times 1$  is a cellular map. Then  $U$  is a bicollar for  $N$  in  $Y$ .*

Is the cellularity condition given in Theorem 3 implied by the fact that  $Y$  is a 4-manifold? This is the case in  $\dim 3$ ; see Lemma 3(2).

**2. Proof of Theorem 1.** We have placed the lemmas in the sections following the proof.

**Proof.** Suppose  $C$  has a MCN. By the procedure described at the first of the proof of Lemma 6 the union of the 1 and 2-skeleton of  $C$  has a MCN. Thus the interior of each 2-simplex is tame by Lemma 3(3). By Lemmas 5 and 6 the 1-skeleton of  $C$  is tame. In particular, the boundary of each 2-simplex in  $C$  is tame. It is a consequence of Lemmas 5.1 and 5.2 of [13] that a disk is tame if its interior and boundary are tame. Therefore the star of each vertex in  $C$  is tame, since each 2-simplex is tame and the 1-skeleton is tame [7, Theorem 3.3]. Thus  $C$  is locally tame and hence tame [3]. Suppose  $C$  is tame. Then  $C$  has a regular neighborhood under some triangulation of  $X$ . This regular neighborhood is a MCN. This completes the proof.

2.a. Suppose  $C$  is a closed subset of a 3-manifold  $X$  and  $U = f(M \times I) \cup C$  is a MCN of  $C$ . We let  $F = f|_{M \times 1}$  and  $i_t(t \in I)$  denote the identification of  $M \times t$  with  $M$ . For example, if  $x \in C \cap \text{Cl}(X - C)$  then  $f(i_1 F^{-1}(x) \times 0) \subset \text{Bd } U$ .

**LEMMA 1.** *Suppose  $C$  is a closed subset of a 3-manifold  $X$  and  $U = f(M \times I) \cup C$  is a MCN of  $C$ . (1) If  $A$  is open in  $F(M \times 1)$  and contractible then every simple closed curve in  $F^{-1}(A)$  separates  $F^{-1}(A)$ . (2) If  $A \subset C$  is compact then  $F^{-1}(A)$  is compact.*

**Proof.** Suppose not. There exist simple closed curves  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  in  $f(i_1 F^{-1}(A) \times 0) \subset \text{Bd } U$  which intersect in one point and cross there. Both curves are inessential in  $U$  because of the mapping cylinder structure over  $A$ . A simple closed curve which bounds a singular disk has a neighborhood homeomorphic to a solid torus. Thus  $S_1 \cup S_2$  has an orientable neighborhood in  $\text{Bd } U$ . This is a contradiction. A 3-manifold with boundary having orientable boundary cannot contain two inessential simple closed curves in its boundary which cross at an odd number of points. See [11, p. 29] or [15, Lemma 6.1].

(2) The local compactness of the MCN implies that  $F$  is a compact map. For let  $T$  be any compact subset of  $C$ . There exists an open set  $Q \subset U$  such that  $T \subset Q$

$\subset \bar{Q} \subset \text{Int } U$  and  $\bar{Q}$  is compact. For each point  $p \in F^{-1}(T)$ , the arc  $f(i_1(p) \times I)$  intersects  $\bar{Q} - Q$ . Since  $F^{-1}(T)$  is closed,  $J = f(i_1 F^{-1}(T) \times I) \cap (\bar{Q} - Q)$  is compact. Thus  $F^{-1}(T)$  is compact, since the projection of  $M \times I$  onto  $M \times 1$  carries  $f^{-1}(J)$  onto  $F^{-1}(T)$ .

2.b. *2-simplexes*. First some definitions. Let  $x \in L$  where  $L$  is a 2-manifold with boundary in a 3-manifold  $X$ . The *local separation theorem* [1, §2, Corollary 2] yields: For every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists an  $\varepsilon$ -neighborhood  $N$  of  $x$  in  $X$  such that  $N - L$  has two components  $O_1$  and  $O_2$ . If  $x \in \text{Bd } L$ , then  $O_2 = \emptyset$ . If  $x \in \text{Int } L$ , then  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  are nonempty. We say  $U' \subset X$  is a *1-sided neighborhood* of  $x$  if there exists a neighborhood  $N$  of  $x$  from the local separation theorem such that  $O_1 \cup (N \cap L) \subset U'$  and  $O_2 \cap U' = \emptyset$ .

Let  $C$  be a topological complex which is closed in  $X$  and consists of 1 and 2-simplexes. Let  $U = f(M \times I)$  be a MCN of  $C$  and  $\Delta$  a 2-simplex of  $C$ . We say  $U$  contains a *1-sided MCN*,  $U'$ , of  $x \in \text{Int } \Delta$  if there exists a disk  $D \subset M$  such that  $U' = f(D \times I)$  is a 1-sided neighborhood of  $X$ . We shall show in Lemma 3 that 1-sided MCN's always exist. Lemma 2 is a standard type of result for 2-manifolds; we omit a proof.

LEMMA 2. *Let  $M$  be a 2-manifold,  $B$  a nonempty, proper open connected subset of  $M$  such that  $\bar{B}$  is compact and every simple closed curve in  $B$  separates  $B$ . If  $E$  is a continuum in  $B$  and  $K$  is a continuum in  $B$  which separates  $E$  from  $\text{Bd } B$ , then  $E$  lies in the interior of a disk  $D \subset B$ .*

Consider a fixed  $x \in \text{Int } \Delta$ . We distinguish two sets,  $H$  and  $L$ , in  $M \times 1$  which correspond to the two sides of  $\Delta$  near  $x$ . Let  $N$ ,  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  be given for  $x$  by the local separation theorem. Let  $P$  be a disk such that  $x \in \text{Int } P \subset P \subset (N \cap \text{Int } \Delta)$  and  $z \in \text{Int } P$ . For  $y \in F^{-1}(z)$ , let  $A_y$  denote the arc  $f(i_1(y) \times I)$ . There exists a first point  $p$  from  $z$  in  $A_y \cap (\bar{N} - N)$ . Then  $[z, p] \subset N$  and  $(z, p) \subset O_1$  or  $O_2$ . We say  $A_y$  ends through  $O_1$  or  $O_2$ , respectively. Let  $H_z(L_z)$  be the set of all points  $y$  such that  $A_y$  ends through  $O_1(O_2)$ . Let  $H = \bigcup H_z$ ,  $L = \bigcup L_z$ ,  $z \in \text{Int } P$ .

We show  $H$  and  $L$  are open and separated. We assume the neighborhood  $N$  was chosen to lie inside a neighborhood  $Q$  of  $x$  homeomorphic to  $E^3$ . Suppose there exist  $y \in H$  and  $b \in L$  lying in the same component of  $F^{-1}(\text{Int } P)$ . There exist an arc  $by \subset F^{-1}(\text{Int } P)$  and an arc  $F(b)F(y) \subset \text{Int } P$ . There exists  $0 < t < 1$  so that the arc  $f(i_1(by) \times t)$  together with  $F(b)F(y)$  and subarcs of  $A_y$  and  $A_b$  form a simple closed curve  $S \subset Q$ . Since  $A_y$  ends through  $O_1$  and  $A_b$  ends through  $O_2$ ,  $S$  links  $\text{Bd } P$  (homology linking mod 2; see [4]). But since  $by \subset F^{-1}(\text{Int } P)$ ,  $S$  can be shrunk to a point in  $Q - \text{Bd } P$  by first pulling it into  $\text{Int } P$  using the mapping cylinder. Contradiction. Therefore  $H$  and  $L$  are the union of components of  $F^{-1}(\text{Int } P)$ . Thus they are open and separated.

LEMMA 3. *Suppose  $C$  is a topological complex which is a closed subset of a 3-manifold  $X$ . Suppose  $C$  consists of 1 and 2-simplexes and  $U = f(M \times I)$  is a MCN of  $C$ . Also suppose  $\Delta$  is a 2-simplex in  $C$  and  $x \in \text{Int } \Delta$ . Then (1)  $U$  contains a 1-sided MCN*

of  $x$  on each side of  $\Delta$  and the two disks defining the MCN's are disjoint, (2)  $H_x$  and  $L_x$  are cellular in  $M$ , and (3)  $\text{Int } \Delta$  is locally tame.

**Proof.** (1) Let  $x$  be a distinguished point in  $\text{Int } \Delta$  and  $N$ ,  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  be given for  $x$  by the local separation theorem such that  $N$  lies in a neighborhood of  $x$  homeomorphic to  $E^3$ . Let  $P$  be a disk such that  $x \in \text{Int } P \subset P \subset (N \cap \text{Int } \Delta)$  and let  $H$  and  $L$  be given as in the discussion preceding the lemma. We consider only  $H$ . By Lemma 1,  $F^{-1}(x)$ , and hence  $H_x$ , is compact. If  $H_x$  were not connected we could separate two of its components, say  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ , in  $M \times 1$  with a finite number of simple closed curves  $S_i \subset H$ . But points in  $f(T_1 \times I)$  and  $f(T_2 \times I)$  can be joined by small arcs in  $O_1$ . A contradiction is reached since  $f(\bigcup S_i \times [0, 1])$  separates  $f(M \times [0, 1])$  and  $x$  is not a limit point of  $f(\bigcup S_i \times I)$ . Thus  $F|H$  is monotone. There exist disks  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  such that  $x \in \text{Int } D_1 \subset D_1 \subset \text{Int } D_2 \subset D_2 \subset \text{Int } P$ . Let  $E = H_x$  and  $B = \bigcup H_y$ ,  $y \in \text{Int } D_2$ . Let  $K = \bigcup H_y$ ,  $y \in \text{Bd } D_1$ . The map  $F$  is closed on  $F^{-1}(D_2) \cap H$ . The inverse image of a connected set is connected under a monotone closed map. Thus the sets  $E$ ,  $K$  and  $B$  satisfy the hypothesis of Lemma 2. Let  $D \subset M \times 1$  be a disk given by Lemma 2. Then  $U' = f(i_1(D) \times I)$  is a 1-sided MCN of  $x$ . For since  $D \subset H$ , there exists  $t < 1$  such that  $f(i_1(D) \times [t, 1]) \subset O_1$ . Picking a neighborhood  $N(q)$  of  $x$  by the local separation theorem such that  $N(q) \subset N$  and  $N(q) \cap f(i_1(D) \times [0, t]) = \emptyset$ , we have  $O_2(q) \cap f(i_1(D) \times I) = \emptyset$ . Since  $H_x \cap \text{Bd } D = \emptyset$  and  $i_1(\text{Bd } D) \times I$  separates  $M \times I$ , there exists a neighborhood  $N(r)$  of  $x$  from the local separation theorem such that  $O_1(r) \subset U'$ . For a neighborhood  $N(s)$  of  $x$  from the local separation theorem contained in  $N(q) \cap N(r)$  we have  $O_1(s) \subset U'$  and  $O_2(s) \cap U' = \emptyset$ . Therefore  $U'$  is a 1-sided MCN of  $x$ . A similar argument using  $L$  yields a disk disjoint from  $D$  and a 1-sided MCN of  $x$  on the  $O_2$  side of  $\Delta$ .

(2) Let  $N(s)$  be the neighborhood of  $x$  given above and  $D_3$  a disk such that  $x \in \text{Int } D_3 \subset D_3 \subset (N(s) \cap \text{Int } \Delta)$ . Then  $H \cap F^{-1}(\text{Int } D_3)$  is an open connected subset of  $\text{Int } D$  and not separated by  $H_x$ . Thus  $H_x$ , and similarly  $L_x$ , is cellular.

(3) We shall show that  $X - \text{Int } \Delta$  is locally simply connected at  $x$ . Consider the 1-sided MCN of  $x$ ,  $U' = f(i_1(D) \times I)$  and let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . There exists an  $\varepsilon$ -neighborhood  $N(\varepsilon)$  of  $x$  from the local separation theorem such that  $O_1(\varepsilon) \subset U'$  and  $O_2(\varepsilon) \cap U' = \emptyset$ . Since  $F^{-1}(N(\varepsilon) \cap U')$  is open in  $i_1(D) \times I$  and  $H_x$  is cellular, there exists a disk  $G \subset i_1(D)$  and a number  $t < 1$  such that  $G \times [t, 1] \subset F^{-1}(N(\varepsilon) \cap U')$  and  $H_x \subset \text{Int } G \times 1$ . Let  $T = (\text{Int } G) \times (t, 1]$ . There exists a neighborhood  $Q$  of  $x$  from the local separation theorem such that  $Q \subset N(\varepsilon)$  and  $Q \cap f((D \times I) - T) = \emptyset$ . The component  $O_1(q)$  of  $Q - \text{Int } \Delta$  lies in  $f(T)$ . Let  $J$  be any simple closed curve in  $O_1(q)$ . There exists  $r < 1$  such that  $f(D \times r)$  separates  $J$  from  $F(D)$  in  $f(i_1(D) \times I)$ . Thus  $J$  can be shrunk to a point in the interior of the 3-cell  $f(G \times [t, r]) \subset N(\varepsilon)$ . Using the 1-sided MCN of  $x$  on the other side of  $\text{Int } \Delta$ , we have that  $X - \text{Int } \Delta$  is locally simply connected at  $x$ . Since  $X - \text{Int } \Delta$  is locally simply connected at each  $x \in \text{Int } \Delta$ ,  $\text{Int } \Delta$  is locally tame [5].

2.c. 1-complexes. Let  $n$  be a positive integer. An  $n$ -frame  $T$  is the union of  $n$ -arcs  $A_i = [p, a_i]$  such that  $A_i \cap A_j = p$ . The points  $a_i$  are the endpoints of  $T$ . The interior of  $T$ ,  $\text{Int } T$ , is  $T$  minus its endpoints. We define a MCN of the interior of  $T$ . No confusion should result from this different use of MCN. Let  $S^2$  denote the 2-sphere and  $D_i$ ,  $i=1, \dots, n$ , be disjoint disks in  $S^2$ . Let  $M = S^2 - \bigcup D_i$  and consider  $M \times I$  as a subspace of  $S^2 \times I$ . If  $T$  is an  $n$ -frame in a 3-manifold  $X$  then  $\text{Int } T$  is said to have a MCN,  $U = f(M \times I)$ , if there exists a map  $f$  of  $M \times I$  into  $X$  such that (1)  $f|_{M \times [0, 1)}$  is a homeomorphism into  $X - T$ , (2)  $f(M \times 1) = \text{Int } T$ , (3)  $U$  is a neighborhood of  $\text{Int } T$  in  $X$ , and (4) for any sequence  $\{b_j\}$  in  $M \times I$  which converges to a point of  $\text{Bd } D_i \times 1$ ,  $\{f(b_j)\}$  converges to the endpoint  $a_i$  of  $T$ .

LEMMA 4. Suppose  $T$  is an  $n$ -frame in a 3-manifold  $X$ . If there exists a MCN,  $f(M \times I)$ , of  $\text{Int } T$  then  $\text{Int } T$  is locally tame.

**Proof.** The proof of Lemma 4 follows the procedure used to prove Theorem 1 in [6]. We partition a neighborhood of  $\text{Int } T$  and a neighborhood of the interior of a standard  $n$ -frame in  $E^3$  into homeomorphic pieces. We then obtain a homeomorphism between the neighborhoods which carries  $T$  onto the standard  $n$ -frame. Since for each  $t \in (0, 1)$ ,  $f(M \times t)$  is bicollared, we may assume that  $f(M \times 0)$  is locally tame. Let  $C$  be a circle,  $A = C \times (0, 1) \times I$  and  $(x, y, z) \in A$  such that  $x \in C$ ,  $y \in (0, 1)$  and  $z \in I$ . Let  $B$  denote the half-open annulus in  $A$ ,  $B = \{(x, y, z) : y = 1/2z + 1/2\}$ .

The properties given in Lemma 1 also hold for a MCN of  $\text{Int } T$ . It therefore follows that  $F$  is closed and monotone. Thus the inverse image under  $F$  of any connected subset of  $\text{Int } T$  is connected. For each  $i$ ,  $F^{-1}(\text{Int } A_i)$  is a component of  $(M \times 1) - F^{-1}(p)$  and  $F^{-1}(\text{Int } A_i) \cup D_i$  is a component of  $(S^2 \times 1) - F^{-1}(p)$ . Since each component of  $S^2$  minus the continuum  $F^{-1}(p)$  is homeomorphic to  $E^2$ , subtracting the disk  $D_i$  yields that  $F^{-1}(\text{Int } A_i)$  is an open annulus. Thus there exist homeomorphisms  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  of  $A$  into  $i_1 F^{-1}(\text{Int } A_i) \times I$  such that  $B(a_i) = \text{Cl}(fk_1(B))$  is a disk with  $B(a_i) \cap T = a_i$ ,  $B(p_i) = \text{Cl}(fk_2(B))$  is a disk with  $B(p_i) \cap T = p$ ,  $\text{Int } B(a_i) - a_i$  and  $\text{Int } B(p_i) - p$  are locally tame, and  $B(p_i) \cap B(a_i) = \emptyset$ . Similarly, for each  $x \in \text{Int } A_i$ ,  $F^{-1}(\text{Int } A_i) - F^{-1}(x)$  is the union of two disjoint open annuli. By mapping  $A$  homeomorphically into one of these annuli we can define a disk  $B(x)$  such that  $B(x) \cap T = x$  and  $B(x) - x$  is locally tame. For distinct  $x$  and  $y$  in  $A_i$  there exist numbers  $t_1 < t_2 < 1$  such that if  $W = \text{Cl}(f(M \times [t_1, 1]) - f(M \times [t_2, 1]))$  and if  $P$  is the closure of the component of  $f(M \times I) - (B(x) \cup B(y))$  that intersects  $\text{Int } A_i$  then  $W \cap P$  is a tame solid torus. Let  $O$  be the closure of the component of  $f(M \times I) - \bigcup B(a_i)$  that contains  $\text{Int } T$ . Let  $L_i$  be the closure of the component of  $O - \bigcup B(p_i)$  that contains  $\text{Int } A_i$  and  $L = \text{Cl}(O - \bigcup L_i)$ . Let  $O'$  be the unit ball in  $E^3$  and  $T'$  an  $n$ -frame whose vertex is the origin, whose endpoints lie in  $\text{Bd } O'$  and which is composed of straight line segments. Partition  $O'$  into regions  $L'$  and  $L'_i$  corresponding to  $L$  and  $L_i$ . It follows from the proof of Theorem 1 of [6] that we may partition  $L_i - A_i$  and  $L'_i - A'_i$  into tame solid tori as above whose diameters

go to zero as the tori approach  $T$  in such a way that a homeomorphism  $R_i: L_i \rightarrow L'_i$  can be obtained by defining homeomorphisms on corresponding tori. Let  $J_1 = f(M \times [0, 1/2]) \cap L$ ,  $J_j = f(M \times [1/j, 1/(j+1)]) \cap L$ ,  $j \geq 2$ . Each  $J_j$  ( $j \geq 1$ ) has tame boundary and is homeomorphic to  $M \times I$ . There exists a collection of regions  $\{J'_j\}$  in  $L'$  and a sequence of onto homeomorphisms  $S_j$  ( $j \geq 1$ ) such that  $S_j: J_j \rightarrow J'_j$  and  $S_j$  extends  $R_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) and  $S_k$  ( $k < j$ ). The union of the  $S_j$  and the  $R_i$  can be extended to a homeomorphism of  $O$  onto  $O'$  that carries  $T$  onto  $T'$ . Thus  $\text{Int } T$  is locally tame.

**LEMMA 5.** *Suppose  $C$  is a topological 1-complex which is a closed subset of a 3-manifold  $X$ . Suppose  $C$  has a MCN,  $f(M \times I)$ . Then  $C$  is tame.*

**Proof.** Let  $p$  be a vertex of  $C$  and  $T$  the  $n$ -frame consisting of all simplexes in  $C$  containing  $p$ . We shall show that  $f(i_1 F^{-1}(\text{Int } T) \times I)$  is a MCN of  $\text{Int } T$ . It follows from Lemma 1 that  $F$  is closed and monotone. Let  $[p, a_i]$  be a 1-simplex in  $T$ . Let  $x, y \in (p, a_i)$  and  $q \in (x, y)$ . Let  $K_z = f(i_1 F^{-1}(z) \times 0)$ ,  $z = x, y$  and  $q$ . There exist simple closed curves  $S$  and  $S'$  which separate  $K_q$  from  $K_x$  and  $K_q$  from  $K_y$  in  $f(i_1 F^{-1}[x, y] \times 0)$ , respectively. The curves  $S$  and  $S'$  can be shrunk to points on disjoint subsets of  $f(M \times (0, 1]) \cup S \cup S'$ . They therefore bound disjoint disks there by Dehn's Lemma [16]. Let  $K$  be the union of the two disks and the component of  $f(i_1 F^{-1}[x, y] \times 0) - (S \cup S')$  that contains  $K_q$ . Since a simple closed curve in  $K$  can be pushed off of the two disks, we can obtain from Lemma 1 that every simple closed curve in  $K$  separates  $K$ . Thus  $K$  is a 2-sphere [2]. It follows that  $F^{-1}(p, a_i)$  is an open annulus. Thus for each  $i$ , there exists a disk  $B_i$  in  $f(i_1 F^{-1}(p, a_i) \times I) \cup a_i$  constructed as in the proof of Lemma 4 such that  $B_i \cap T = a_i$ . The component of  $f(M \times 0) - \bigcup \text{Bd } B_i$  which contains  $f(i_1 F^{-1}(p) \times 0)$  is a sphere with  $n$ -holes since its union with the disks  $B_i$  is a 2-sphere (again by Lemma 1 and [2]). By the construction of the  $B_i$ ,  $F^{-1}(\text{Int } T)$  is a sphere with  $n$ -holes. It follows that  $f(i_1 F^{-1}(\text{Int } T) \times I)$  is a MCN of  $\text{Int } T$ . By Lemma 4,  $C$  is locally tame and hence tame [3].

**LEMMA 6.** *Suppose  $C$  is a topological complex which is a closed subset of a 3-manifold  $X$ . If  $C$  has a MCN then the 1-skeleton of  $C$  has a MCN.*

**Proof.** Let  $M'$  be a 2-manifold and  $f'$  a map of  $M' \times I$  into  $X$  such that  $f'(M' \times I) \cup C$  is a MCN of  $C$ . Let  $\{K_i\}$  be the collection of all 3-simplexes in  $C$ . Let  $N_i$  be a layer in the collar for  $\text{Bd } K_i$  in  $K_i$ . Let  $M = M' \cup \{N_i\}$  and  $f: M \times I \rightarrow X$  be such that  $f|M' \times I = f'$ ,  $f|N_i \times I$  is a homeomorphism onto the region between  $N_i$  and  $\text{Bd } K_i$ , and  $f(N_i \times 0) = N_i$ . Then  $f(M \times I) \cup C$  is a MCN of  $C_0$ , the union of the 1- and 2-skeleton of  $C$ . Having removed the 3-simplexes we proceed to eliminate the 2-simplexes. Let  $\Delta$  be a 2-simplex in  $C_0$ . We shall show there exists a 2-manifold  $M_1$  and a map  $H_1$  of  $M_1 \times I$  into  $X$  such that  $H_1(M_1 \times I)$  is a MCN of  $C_0 - \text{Int } \Delta$  and  $H_1(M_1 \times I)$  agrees with  $f(M \times I)$  outside of  $f(i_1 F^{-1}(\text{Int } \Delta) \times I)$ . Defining such a map for each 2-simplex in  $C_0$  will yield a MCN of the 1-skeleton of  $C$ . Let

$p \in \text{Int } \Delta$ . By Lemma 3 there exist disjoint disks  $D_i$  ( $i=1, 2$ ) in  $M$  such that  $F(D_i \times I) \subset \text{Int } \Delta$  and  $U_i = f(D_i \times I)$  are 1-sided MCN's of  $p$  on opposite sides of  $\Delta$ . Let  $\Delta_1$  and  $\Delta_2$  be disks lying in the intersection of the interiors of  $F(D_1 \times I)$  and  $F(D_2 \times I)$  such that  $p \in \text{Int } \Delta_1 \subset \Delta_1 \subset \text{Int } \Delta_2$ .

*The MCN of  $C_0 - \text{Int } \Delta_2$ .* Intuitively, we bore a hole through the MCN. Let  $A = F^{-1}(\text{Bd } \Delta_1) \cap (D_1 \times I)$  and  $J = F^{-1}(\text{Bd } \Delta_2) \cap (D_1 \times I)$ . The region between  $A$  and  $J$  is an open annulus. Let  $B$  be a simple closed curve lying in this region and concentric to  $A$  and  $J$ . There exists a map  $k$  of  $D_1 \times I$  onto itself that carries each region in Figure 1 onto the corresponding region (labeled with a prime) in Figure 2,  $k$  is fixed on the boundary of  $D_1 \times I$  and the region labeled  $h$  is collapsed into

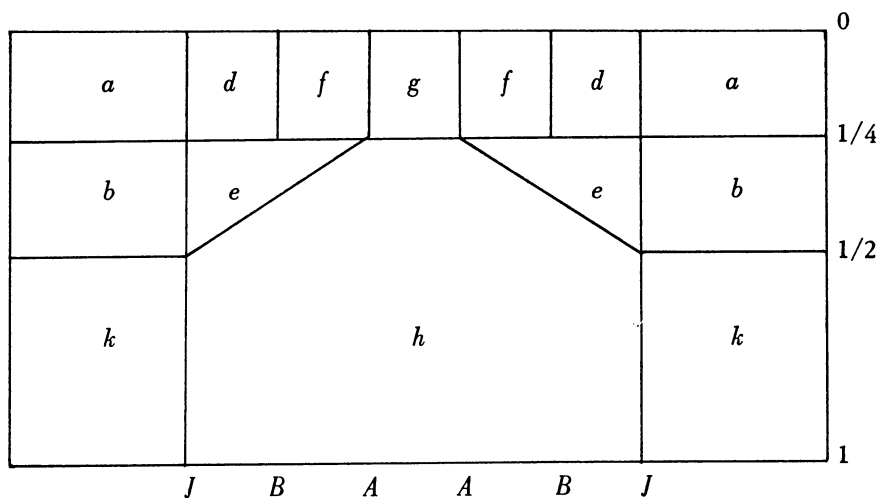


FIGURE 1

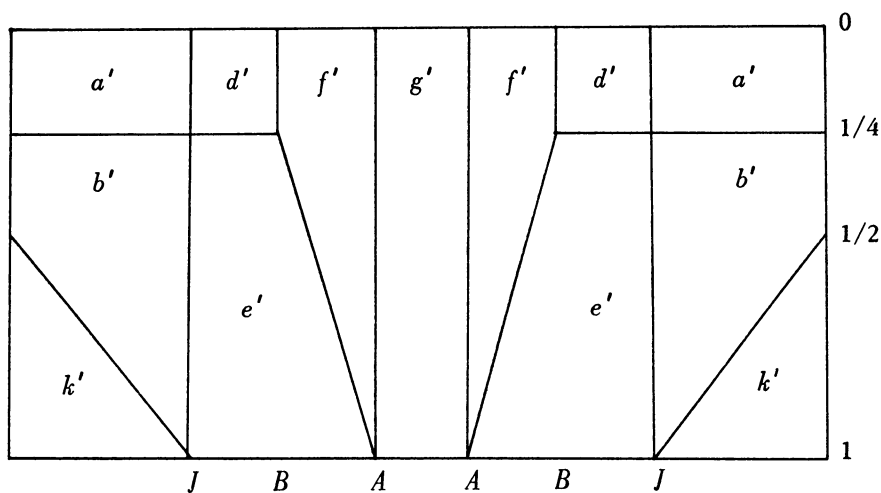


FIGURE 2

$D_1 \times 1$ . The map  $k$  may be extended to map  $D_2 \times I$  onto itself in the same manner as  $k$  maps  $D_1 \times I$  onto itself. The spaces  $fk(\text{Int } D_i \times t)$ ,  $t = 1/2, 1/4$ ;  $i = 1, 2$ , are each homeomorphic to  $E^2$  because they are homeomorphic to spaces of cellular upper semicontinuous decompositions of  $E^2$ , by Lemma 3(2) and [14]. Let  $E_1$  denote the annulus

$$f\{([\text{Bd } D_1, i_1(B)] \times 0) \cup (i_1(B) \times [0, 1/4]) \cup k([i_1(B), i_1(A)] \times 1/4)\} \cup \text{Bd } \Delta_1$$

and  $T_1$  the torus

$$f\{((\text{Bd } D_1) \times [0, 1/2]) \cup k([\text{Bd } D_1, i_1(J)] \times 1/2)\} \cup [\text{Bd } \Delta_1, \text{Bd } \Delta_2] \cup E_1.$$

It follows from Lemmas 5.1 and 5.2 of [13] that  $T_1$  is tame. Let  $E_2$  and  $T_2$  be the corresponding annulus and torus in  $U_2$ . Let  $M_1$  be  $f(M \times 0)$  minus  $f(\text{Int } D_1 \times 0) \cup f(\text{Int } D_2 \times 0)$  plus  $E_1 \cup E_2$ . A homeomorphism  $\beta$  may be defined to map  $(E_1 \cup E_2) \times I$  onto the tori  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  plus their interiors such that the extension of  $\beta$  on  $M_1 \times I$  agrees with  $f$  and yields a MCN of  $C_0 - \text{Int } \Delta_2$ .

*The MCN of  $C_0 - \text{Int } \Delta$ .* We show there exists a map  $P$  of  $X$  onto itself which collapses the annulus  $[\text{Bd } \Delta_2, \text{Bd } \Delta]$  onto  $\text{Bd } \Delta$ ,  $P$  is a homeomorphism on  $X - [\text{Bd } \Delta_2, \text{Bd } \Delta]$ , and  $P$  moves no point of  $X - f(F^{-1}(\text{Int } \Delta) \times I)$ . Letting  $H_1 = P\beta$  will give us that  $H_1(M_1 \times I)$  is a MCN of  $C_0 - \text{Int } \Delta$ . The following spaces are described in cylindrical coordinates in  $E^3$ . Let  $S$  be the simple closed curve ( $r = 1/4$ ,  $z = 0$ ). Let  $L$  be the solid annulus ( $1/4 \leq r \leq 1$ ,  $-1 \leq z \leq 1$ ). Let  $P'$  be the map of  $L$  onto itself defined by

$$\begin{aligned} P'(r, \theta, z) &= (r + r(1 - |z|), \theta, z), & 0 \leq r \leq 1/2, \\ &= (r + (1 - r)(1 - |z|), \theta, z), & 1/2 \leq r \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

The map  $P'$  is a homeomorphism on  $\text{Bd } L$  and collapses the annulus ( $1/2 \leq r \leq 1$ ,  $z = 0$ ) into the simple closed curve ( $r = 1$ ,  $z = 0$ ). Let  $S_1$  be a simple closed curve lying in the annulus  $[\text{Bd } \Delta_1, \text{Bd } \Delta_2]$  concentric to  $\text{Bd } \Delta_1$ . There exists a homeomorphism  $\alpha$  of the annulus ( $1/4 \leq r \leq 1$ ,  $z = 0$ ) onto the annulus  $[S_1, \text{Bd } \Delta]$  in  $\Delta$  such that  $\alpha(1/4, \theta, 0) \in S_1$ ,  $\alpha(1/2, \theta, 0) \in \text{Bd } \Delta_2$  and  $\alpha(1, \theta, 0) \in \text{Bd } \Delta$ , for every  $\theta$ . Since  $\text{Int } \Delta$  is locally tame there exists a homeomorphism  $g$  of  $L$  into  $X$  such that  $g$  extends  $\alpha$  and  $(g(L) - \text{Bd } \Delta) \subset \beta(M_1 \times (0, 1]) \cap f(i_1 F^{-1}(\text{Int } \Delta) \times I)$ . The required map  $P$  is:  $P(w) = gP'g^{-1}(w)$  for  $w \in g(L)$  and the identity elsewhere. This completes the proof.

**3. 1-sided MCN's.** Let  $L$  be a 2-manifold with boundary in a 3-manifold  $X$ . Let  $x \in L$ ,  $U$  a 1-sided neighborhood of  $x$  and  $N$ ,  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  given for  $U$ . We say  $X - L$  is *locally simply connected on the  $U$  side* of  $L$  at  $x$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a neighborhood  $N(\varepsilon)$  of  $x$  from the local separation theorem such that  $N(\varepsilon) \subset N$  and any simple closed curve in  $O_1(\varepsilon)$  can be shrunk to a point in  $X - L$  on a set of diameter less than  $\varepsilon$ . If  $x \in \text{Int } L$  ( $x \in \text{Bd } L$ ) then  $L$  is said to be *locally tame from the  $U$  side* at  $x$  if  $x$  has a neighborhood in  $U$  homeomorphic to a 3-cell



( $C$  is locally tame at  $x$ ). It follows from Theorems 4 and 8 of [5] that  $L$  is locally tame from the  $U$  side at  $x$  if  $L$  is locally simply connected on the  $U$  side at each point in a neighborhood of  $x$ . Let  $D$  be a disk. A point  $x \in L$  is said to have a 1-sided MCN,  $U = f(D \times I)$ , if there exists a map  $f: D \times I \rightarrow X$  such that  $f(D \times 1) \subset L$ ,  $f|D \times [0, 1)$  is a homeomorphism into  $X - L$ , and  $U$  is a 1-sided neighborhood of  $x$ .

**THEOREM 4.** *Suppose  $L$  is a 2-manifold with boundary in a 3-manifold  $X$ . If  $x \in L$  and  $x$  has a 1-sided MCN then  $L$  is locally tame from the  $U$  side at  $x$ .*

**Proof.** The proof of Lemma 3(3) essentially shows that  $X - L$  is locally simply connected on the  $U$  side at  $x$  for  $x \in \text{Int } L$ . The case for  $x \in \text{Bd } L$  is a consequence of Theorem 1. Consider a small neighborhood of  $x$  in  $L$  as the topological complex and let  $X$  be a properly chosen subset of the 1-sided MCN.

We give a short proof of a result which is part of the folklore of upper semicontinuous decompositions.

**THEOREM 5.** *Suppose  $L$  is a 3-manifold with boundary and  $G$  an upper semicontinuous decomposition of  $L$  all of whose nondegenerate elements lie in  $\text{Bd } L$  and are cellular in  $\text{Bd } L$ . Then  $L/G$  is a 3-manifold with boundary.*

**Proof.** If  $G$  is an upper semicontinuous decomposition of  $E^3_+$  all of whose nondegenerate elements lie in  $E^2$  and are cellular in  $E^2$ , then  $E^2/G$  has a neighborhood in  $E^3_+/G$  homeomorphic to  $E^2_+$ . For consider  $E^2_+ \subset E^3$ ; then  $E^2/G$  is homeomorphic to  $E^2$  by [14] and  $E^3/G$  is homeomorphic to  $E^3$  by [8]. Let  $P$  denote the projection map of  $E^3$  onto  $E^3/G$ . For each  $x \in E^2/G$ , there exists a disk  $D$  such that  $P^{-1}(x) \subset \text{Int } D$ . Let  $U = \{(x, y, z) : (x, y, 0) \in D, 0 \leq z \leq 1\}$ . Then  $P(U)$  is a 1-sided MCN of  $x$  in  $E^3_+/G$ . By Theorem 4,  $x$  has a 3-cell neighborhood in  $P(U)$ . Hence  $E^3_+/G$  contains a neighborhood of  $E^2/G$  homeomorphic to  $E^3_+$ .

Let  $h$  be the projection map of  $L$  onto  $L/G$  and  $x \in \text{Bd } L/G$ . There exists a neighborhood  $Q$  of  $h^{-1}(x)$  in  $\text{Bd } L$  which is homeomorphic to  $E^2$  and is the union of elements of  $G$ . There exists a neighborhood  $B$  of  $Q$  in  $L$  homeomorphic to  $E^3_+$ . By the above,  $h(B)$  contains a neighborhood of  $x$  in  $L/G$  homeomorphic to  $E^3_+$ . Thus  $L/G$  is a 3-manifold with boundary.

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