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## ***The Thickening of Combinatorial $n$ -Manifolds in $(n+1)$ -Space***

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### **1. Introduction**

The Schönflies conjecture for dimension  $n$  is the following statement:  
*Let a combinatorial  $(n-1)$ -sphere  $S^{n-1}$  be piecewise linearly imbedded in Euclidean  $n$ -space  $R^n$ . Then the closure of the bounded component of  $R^n - S^{n-1}$  is a combinatorial  $n$ -cell.* For  $n \leq 3$  this has been affirmatively proved, see Alexander [1], Graeub [2] and Moise [5].

The purpose of this paper is to prove the following (Theorem 3 in section 6): *Let a combinatorial, closed (=compact and without boundary), orientable  $n$ -manifold  $M^n$  be imbedded as a subcomplex of a combinatorial, orientable  $(n+1)$ -manifold  $W^{n+1}$  without boundary. Let  $U(M^n, W^{n+1})$  be a regular neighborhood of  $M^n$  in  $W^{n+1}$ . Suppose that the Schönflies conjecture is true for dimension  $\leq n$ . Then there is a piecewise linear homeomorphism into  $\theta: M^n \times J \rightarrow W^{n+1}$  such that  $\theta(x, 0) = x$  for all  $x \in M^n$  and such that  $\theta(M^n \times J) = U(M^n, W^{n+1})$ , where  $J$  is the interval  $-1 \leq s \leq 1$ . (The regular neighborhood  $U(M^n, W^{n+1})$  in this paper is necessarily a closed neighborhood of  $M^n$  in  $W^{n+1}$  in the sense of the set-theory, see Definition 1 in section 3. The simplicial subdivision of  $M^n$  gives, in the usual way [3], p. 35, a simplicial subdivision of  $M^n \times J$ ; and the mapping  $\theta$  is to be piecewise linear relative to such an induced simplicial subdivision of  $M^n \times J$ .)*

In fact, the above theorem is a consequent of the following main theorem (Theorem 2 in section 5): *Let a combinatorial, closed  $n$ -manifold  $M_i^n$  be imbedded as a subcomplex of a combinatorial, oriented (=orientable, oriented)  $(n+1)$ -manifold  $W_i^{n+1}$  without boundary,  $i=1, 2$ . Let  $U(M_i^n, W_i^{n+1})$  be a regular neighborhood of  $M_i^n$  in  $W_i^{n+1}$ , and  $\phi: M_1^n \rightarrow M_2^n$  be a piecewise linear homeomorphism onto. Suppose that the Schönflies conjecture is true for dimension  $\leq n$ . Then there is a piecewise linear homeomorphism onto  $\psi: U(M_1^n, W_1^{n+1}) \rightarrow U(M_2^n, W_2^{n+1})$  such that  $\psi|_{M_1^n} = \phi$ , and such that the oriented image of oriented  $U(M_1^n, W_1^{n+1})$  is the oriented  $U(M_2^n, W_2^{n+1})$ , where the orientation of  $U(M_i^n, W_i^{n+1})$  is induced by that of  $W_i^{n+1}$ . Another application of Theorem 2 is Theorem 4 in section 6.*

In the proofs of these theorems, we shall make extensive use of

combinatorial methods and results of J. H. C. Whitehead [7] and V. K. A. M. Gugenheim [3], [4]. In particular, the following (Theorem 1 in section 3) is a modification of results of Whitehead. *Let a finite polyhedron  $P$  be imbedded as a subcomplex of a combinatorial manifold  $W$  without boundary, and let  $U_i(P, W)$  be regular neighborhoods of  $P$  in  $W$ ,  $i=1, 2$ . Then there is a piecewise linear homeomorphism onto  $\psi: W \rightarrow W$  such that  $\psi(U_1(P, W)) = U_2(P, W)$  and such that  $\psi|_P = \text{identity}$  where  $\psi$  is an orientation preserving piecewise linear homeomorphism onto if  $W$  is orientable.*

The expositions is as follows: In section 2 Definitions and notation will be explained. In section 3 a modification of the regular neighborhood of Whitehead and Theorem 1 will be given. Section 4 will prepare the preliminary lemmas and notation needed in the latter. Section 5 will be devoted to prove Theorem 2. In section 6 applications of Theorem 2 will be stated.

In his delightful paper "Embeddings of spheres", Bull. Amer. Math. Soc., vol. 65 (1959), pp. 59-65, Professor B. Mazur mentioned an unpublished lemma of mine. The present paper is the revised version of the manuscript in question.

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## 2. Definition and Notation

By a *simplex* we shall always mean a closed Euclidean simplex and the word *complex* will mean a closed, rectilinear, locally finite, simplicial complex of some Euclidean space. If  $K$  is a complex, then  $|K|$  denotes the point-set which is the union of the simplices of  $K$ . Such a set  $|K|$  will be called a *polyhedron*, and  $K$  will be called a simplicial subdivision of the polyhedron  $|K|$ .  $K'$  and  $K''$  will stand for the first and second barycentric subdivisions of  $K$ . Let  $K$  be a  $q$ -complex. We say that  $K$  is homogeneous (see, [6], p. 48), if every  $p$ -simplex ( $p < q$ ) is a face of at least one  $q$ -simplex. Then  $\partial K$  denotes its *boundary* (modulo 2), that is, the totality of all  $(q-1)$ -simplices which are incident to an odd number of  $q$ -simplices; and if  $P = |K|$ , then  $\partial P$  denotes the polyhedron  $|\partial K|$ . The point set  $P - \partial P$  will be called the *interior* of  $P$ , and will be denoted by  $\text{Int } P$ . A polyhedron will be called *finite* if it has a simplicial subdivision which is a finite complex.

Let  $K$  be a complex and  $\Delta$  one of its simplex. The set of all simplices of  $K$  having  $\Delta$  as a face is called the *star* of  $\Delta$  in  $K$ , whose polyhedron is denoted by  $St(\Delta, K)$  and is called the *star set* of  $\Delta$  in  $K$ . The set of simplices of  $K$  which are faces opposite  $\Delta$  in some simplex

of the star of  $\Delta$  in  $K$  is called the *link* of  $\Delta$  in  $K$ , whose polyhedron is denoted by  $Lk(\Delta, K)$  and is called the *link set* of  $\Delta$  in  $K$ . Let  $x$  be a point of  $|K|$ . We denote by  $St(x, K)$  the point set of points of all simplices of  $K$  containing  $x$  and by  $Lk(x, K)$  the point set of points of simplices of  $St(x, K)$  not containing  $x$ . If  $x$  is a vertex of  $K$ , these definitions coincide with those given just above, see [4], p. 134. Let  $L$  be a subcomplex of  $K$ . Then  $N(L, K)$  will stand for the point set of points of all simplices of  $K$  meeting  $|L|$ , and will be called the *star neighborhood* of  $L$  in  $K$ , see [7], p. 251.

As usual two complexes  $K_1, K_2$  are combinatorially equivalent if  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  have isomorphic simplicial subdivisions  $L_1, L_2$ . In this case, we shall say that the polyhedra  $|K_1|$  and  $|K_2|$  are *equivalent*. By a  $q$ -cell we shall mean a polyhedron equivalent to  $q$ -simplex, by a  $q$ -sphere one equivalent to the boundary of  $(q+1)$ -simplex. When polyhedra  $|K_1|$  and  $|K_2|$  are equivalent, there is a homeomorphism

$$\phi: |K_1| \leftrightarrow |K_2|$$

which maps each simplex of  $L_1$  linearly onto the corresponding simplex of  $L_2$ . This  $\phi$  is simplicial relative to  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , and *piecewise linear* relative to the original complexes  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ . All mappings used in this paper will be piecewise linear homeomorphisms. *Thus, whenever we mention a homeomorphism, it should be understood that we mean a piecewise linear homeomorphism.* If the mapping is onto, this will be indicated by a double-headed arrow, as in the displayed formula above. If  $P, Q$  are polyhedra and  $\phi: P \rightarrow Q$  is a homeomorphism of  $P$  into  $Q$ , and  $\partial P$  is well defined, then  $\partial\phi$  denotes the homeomorphism  $\phi|_{\partial P}$ .

A complex  $K$  is called the *combinatorial  $q$ -manifold* if for each point  $x$  of  $|K|$ ,  $St(x, K)$  is the  $q$ -cell, alternatively  $Lk(x, K)$  is the  $(q-1)$ -cell if  $x \in |\partial K|$  and  $Lk(x, K)$  is the  $(q-1)$ -sphere if  $x \in \text{Int } |K|$ . (See [3], p. 31) A polyhedron is called the *combinatorial  $q$ -manifold* if it has a simplicial subdivision which is a combinatorial  $q$ -manifold. *Whenever we mention a manifold, it should be understood that we mean a combinatorial, connected manifold.* We shall call a finite manifold *closed* if it has no boundary. For the sake of convenience, a polyhedron  $P$  in a polyhedron  $Q$  will stand for the polyhedron  $P$  being piecewise linearly imbedded as a subcomplex of a simplicial subdivision of the polyhedron  $Q$ .

If a polyhedron  $M$  is an orientable  $q$ -manifold, we shall denote by  $\langle M \rangle$  the oriented manifold obtained by assigning one of the possible orientations;  $M$  with the opposite orientation will be denoted by  $-\langle M \rangle$ . As a matter of convention,  $1\langle M \rangle, -1\langle M \rangle$  will mean  $\langle M \rangle, -\langle M \rangle$  respectively. If  $N \subset M$  is an orientable  $q$ -manifold, we shall write

$\langle N \rangle \subset \langle M \rangle$  if  $\langle N \rangle$  has been oriented by giving to each of  $q$ -simplices the orientation of  $\langle M \rangle$ . If  $\partial M$  is not empty and orientable, by  $\partial \langle M \rangle$  we shall denote the oriented  $\partial M$  obtained by giving to each of its  $(q-1)$ -simplices the orientation coherently induced by that of the oriented  $q$ -simplex  $\langle \Delta \rangle \subset \langle M \rangle$  which is incident to the former. Let  $\langle M \rangle, \langle N \rangle$  be oriented  $q$ -manifolds and  $\phi: M \rightarrow N$  be a homeomorphism. If the orientation of  $\langle N \rangle$  and the orientation induced by  $\phi$  and that of  $\langle M \rangle$  are identical, we shall write  $\phi: \langle M \rangle \rightarrow \langle N \rangle$ , and denote the oriented image of  $M$  by  $\phi \langle M \rangle$ .

Let  $P, Q \subset M$  be polyhedra,  $M$  be an orientable manifold and  $\phi: M \rightarrow M$  be an orientation preserving homeomorphism such that  $\phi P = Q$ . In this case, we shall say that  $P, Q$  are *congruent* in  $M$ .

By  $I$  and  $J$  we shall denote the linear intervals  $0 \leq t \leq 1$  and  $-1 \leq s \leq 1$  respectively. We shall denote by  $Cl_Y X$  or  $Cl X$  the closure of  $X$  in  $Y$ . Let  $X, Y$  be point sets of some Euclidean space. We shall denote by  $XY = YX$  the *join* of  $X$  and  $Y$ , that is, the set of points  $tx + (1-t)y$  where  $x \in X, y \in Y$  and  $t \in I$ , using vector notation.

### 3. The Regular Neighborhood

Let  $P$  be a finite polyhedron in an  $m$ -manifold  $V$ . The regular neighborhood of  $P$  in  $V$ , defined by Whitehead [7], p. 297, is an  $m$ -manifold  $U(P, V)$  contained in  $V$  and containing  $P$ , which contracts geometrically into  $P$ . The following results of Whitehead are necessary in this paper, see [7], pp. 293-296.

- (1)  $N(K'', L'')$  is a regular neighborhood of  $P$  in  $V$  where  $K, L$  are simplicial subdivisions of  $P, V$  and where  $K$  is a subcomplex of  $L$ .
- (2) If  $P$  is a cell, then  $U(P, V)$  is an  $m$ -cell.

The regular neighborhood defined above is not necessarily a neighborhood in the point-set theoretic sense and Theorem 1 in this section does not hold for this regular neighborhood. Therefore we shall put some restrictions to it as follows.

**DEFINITION 1.** Let  $P$  be a finite polyhedron in an  $m$ -manifold  $W$  without boundary. The *regular neighborhood*  $U(P, W)$  of  $P$  in  $W$  means an  $m$ -manifold contained in  $W$  and containing  $P$  in the interior, which contracts geometrically into  $P$ .

In sections 3 and 4 however we shall use the regular neighborhood defined by Whitehead which will be called the *regular neighborhood in the weak sense* there.

**Lemma 1.** *The properties (1) and (2) above mentioned still hold for the regular neighborhood.*

**Proof.** Since the regular neighborhood is also the regular neighborhood in the weak sense, it is enough to prove (1) that  $N(K'', L'')$  contains  $P$  in the interior where  $K, L$  are simplicial subdivisions of  $P, W$  and where  $K$  is a subcomplex of  $L$ . Let  $x$  be a point  $P$ . Then  $St(x, L'')$  is an  $m$ -cell containing  $x$  in the interior, for  $W$  is an  $m$ -manifold without boundary. Since  $Int\ St(x, L'')$  is open in  $W$  and contained in  $Int\ N(K'', L'')$ ,  $P$  is contained in  $Int\ N(K'', L'')$ . The property (2) follows immediately from the property (2) for the regular neighborhood in the weak sense.

Let  $N$  be a  $q$ -manifold and  $C$  a  $q$ -cell such that

$$N \cap C = \partial N \cap \partial C = F,$$

a  $(q-1)$ -cell. We shall say that  $N$  and  $C$  have *regular contact* in  $F$ . In this situation, a transformation

$$N \Rightarrow N \cup C,$$

or the resultant of a finite sequence of such transformations will be called the *regular expansion* of  $N$ , see [7], p. 291. Then, suppose that  $N$  is in an  $m$ -manifold  $W$  without boundary. Let  $D \subset N$  be a  $q$ -cell such that

$$\partial N \cap \partial D \supset F.$$

Let  $G \subset W$  be an  $m$ -cell containing  $C \cup D$  in the interior, and

$$\theta: G \rightarrow R \text{ be a homeomorphism such that } \theta(C \cup D) = \Delta,$$

a  $q$ -simplex in Euclidean  $m$ -space  $R$ . Then we call  $C$  a *flat attachment* to  $N$ , see [3], p. 33.

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $N$  be an  $m$ -manifold in an  $m$ -manifold  $W$  without boundary, and  $N$  and an  $m$ -cell  $C \subset W$  have regular contact in an  $(m-1)$ -cell  $F$ . Then  $C$  is a flat attachment to  $N$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $D$  be a regular neighborhood  $U(F, N)$  in the weak sense. By the property (2) of Whitehead,  $D$  is an  $m$ -cell in  $N$  and  $\partial N \cap \partial D \supset F$ . Since  $C$  and  $D$  have regular contact in  $F$ ,  $C$  and  $C \cup D$  are equivalent, see [3], p. 35, and  $C \cup D$  is an  $m$ -cell. By (2) of Lemma 1, a regular neighborhood  $U(C \cup D, W) = G$ , say, is an  $m$ -cell containing  $C \cup D$  in the interior. Let  $\theta': G \rightarrow R$  be a homeomorphism. This is possible, for  $G$  is an  $m$ -cell. By Theorem 3 in [3], p. 32, there is a homeomorphism  $\phi: R \rightarrow R$  such that  $\phi\theta'(C \cup D) = \Delta$ , an  $m$ -simplex in  $R$ . Therefore  $\theta = \phi\theta': G \rightarrow R$  is a homeomorphism such that  $\theta(C \cup D) = \Delta$ . Hence  $C$  is a flat attachment to  $N$ .

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $P$  be a finite polyhedron in an  $m$ -manifold  $W$  without boundary. Let  $U_1(P, W)$  and  $U_2(P, W)$  be regular neighborhoods of  $P$  in  $W$  such that  $U_1(P, W)$  expands regularly into  $U_2(P, W)$ . Then there is a homeomorphism  $\psi: W \leftrightarrow W$  such that*

$$\psi(U_1(P, W)) = U_2(P, W) \text{ and } \psi|P = \text{identity}$$

where  $\psi$  is an orientation preserving homeomorphism if  $W$  is orientable.

*Proof.* Let  $N_1, \dots, N_k$  be a sequence of  $m$ -manifolds in  $W$  such that  $N_1 = U_1(P, W)$ ,  $N_k = U_2(P, W)$  and  $N_{i-1} \Rightarrow N_i = N_{i-1} \cup C_i$  is a regular expansion where  $N_{i-1}$  and an  $m$ -cell  $C_i$  have regular contact in an  $(m-1)$ -cell  $F_i$  ( $i=2, \dots, k$ ). By Lemma 2,  $C_i$  is a flat attachment to  $N_{i-1}$ . Namely there are  $m$ -cell  $G_i \subset W$  containing  $C_i$  and  $D_i = U(F_i, N_{i-1})$  in the interior, and a homeomorphism  $\theta_i: G_i \rightarrow R$  such that  $\theta_i(C_i \cup D_i) = \Delta$ , an  $m$ -simplex. By Theorem 6 in [3], pp. 48-49, there is a homeomorphism

$$\eta_i: \theta_i G_i \leftrightarrow \theta_i G_i$$

such that

$$\eta_i| \theta_i(\partial G_i \cup (Cl(N_{i-1} - D_i) \cap G_i)) = \text{identity and } \eta_i \theta_i D_i = \Delta.$$

Then  $\psi_i: W \leftrightarrow W$  defined by taking

$$\psi_i|Cl(W - G_i) = \text{identity and } \psi_i|G_i = \theta_i^{-1} \eta_i \theta_i$$

is a homeomorphism such that

$$\psi_i N_{i-1} = N_i \text{ and } \psi_i|Cl(N_{i-1} - D_i) = \text{identity},$$

where  $\psi_i$  is an orientation preserving homeomorphism if  $W$  is orientable.

In this situation,  $D_i = U(F_i, N_{i-1})$  will be taken so that  $D_i$  does not meet  $P$ . This is possible, because  $P \subset \text{Int } N_i \subset \text{Int } N_{i-1}$  and by the property (2) of Whitehead if we give a sufficiently fine simplicial subdivision to  $N_{i-1}$ , then  $D_i$  may be arbitrarily near  $F_i$  which is contained in  $\partial N_{i-1}$ . Then  $P \subset Cl(N_{i-1} - D_i)$  and  $\psi_i|P = \text{identity}$ .

Hence  $\psi: W \leftrightarrow W$  defined by taking

$$\psi = \psi_k \cdots \psi_2$$

is the required homeomorphism.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $P$  be a finite polyhedron in an manifold  $W$  without boundary. Then for any two regular neighborhoods  $U_1(P, W)$  and  $U_2(P, W)$  of  $P$  in  $W$  there is a homeomorphism  $\psi: W \leftrightarrow W$  such that*

$$\psi(U_1(P, W)) = U_2(P, W), \psi|P = \text{identity},$$

where  $\psi$  is an orientation preserving homeomorphism if  $W$  is orientable.

Proof. Let  $K, L$  be simplicial subdivisions of  $P, W$  where  $K$  is a subcomplex of  $L$  and where each of  $U_i(P, W)$ , considering it as subcomplex of  $L$ , contracts formally into  $K$ . Then by Whitehead [7], p. 296, we have the following

$$U_i''(P, W) \Rightarrow N(U_i''(P, W), L'') \Leftarrow N(K'', L''),$$

where  $i=1, 2$  and  $\Rightarrow$  means the regular expansion.

By the property (1) of Whitehead and Definition 1,  $N(U_i''(P, W), L'')$  is a regular neighborhood of  $U_i(P, W)$  in  $W$  and a regular neighborhood of  $P$  in  $W$ . By Lemma 3 we have homeomorphisms  $\psi_i, \rho_i: W \leftrightarrow W$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_i U_i''(P, W) &= N(U_i''(P, W), L''), \\ \rho_i N(U_i''(P, W), L'') &= N(K'', L'')\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\psi_i|P = \rho_i|P = \text{identity},$$

where  $\psi_i, \rho_i$  are orientation preserving homeomorphisms if  $W$  is orientable. Therefore

$$\psi = \psi_2^{-1} \rho_2^{-1} \rho_1 \psi_1: W \leftrightarrow W$$

is the required homeomorphism.

#### 4. Preliminaries for Thickening

Let  $M$  be a closed  $n$ -manifold in an  $m$ -manifold  $W$  without boundary, where  $n < m$ .

NOTATION 1. By  $K$  and  $L$  we shall denote simplicial subdivisions of  $M$  and  $W$  respectively where  $K$  is a subcomplex of  $L$ . By  $\Delta$  we shall denote a simplex of  $L'$  and then  $x$  will denote the barycenter of  $\Delta$ . If  $\Delta$  is an  $(n-q)$ -simplex of  $K'$ , we shall denote by  $\nabla$  the  $q$ -cell dual to  $\Delta$  in  $K'$  with the simplicial subdivision  $Y$  which is a subcomplex of  $K''$ , and by  $\square$  we shall denote the  $q+(m-n)$ -cell dual to  $\Delta$  in  $L'$  with the simplicial subdivision  $Z$  which is a subcomplex of  $L''$ . Let us denote the  $q$ -skeleton of  $K'$  by  $(K')^q$  where  $(K')^{-1}$  means the empty set. By  $\mathfrak{R}^q$  we shall denote the polyhedron of the  $q$ -cellcomplex which consists of all the dual cells  $\nabla$  and by  $\mathfrak{R}^{q+(m-n)}$  the polyhedron of the  $q+(m-n)$ -cellcomplex which consists of all the dual cells  $\square$ , where  $\Delta$  ranges over  $K' - (K')^{n-q-1}$ .



**Lemma 4.** *Let  $\Delta$  be an  $(n-q)$ -simplex of  $K'$ . Then*

$$\bigcup_j \square_j = N(\partial Y, \partial Z)$$

*and  $\bigcup_j \square_j$  is a regular neighborhood of the  $(q-1)$ -sphere  $\partial \nabla$  in the  $(q+(m-n)-1)$ -sphere  $\partial \square$ , where  $\Delta_j$  ranges over the  $(n-q+1)$ -simplices of  $K'$  incident to  $\Delta$ .*

*Proof.* As a matter of convenience  $N$  will stand for  $N(\partial Y, \partial Z)$ . If  $\Delta_a, \dots, \Delta_\omega$  are simplices of  $K'$  which have  $\Delta$  as a proper face and  $\Delta_a \subset \dots \subset \Delta_\omega$ , then by the proof of Theorem II of [6], p. 230, the join  $x_a \dots x_\omega$  is a simplex of  $\partial Y$  and conversely every simplex of  $\partial Y$  is such a join. Similarly a join  $x_b \dots x_\beta$  is a simplex of  $\partial Z$  if and only if the simplices  $\Delta_b, \dots, \Delta_\beta$  are in  $L'$ , which have  $\Delta$  as a proper face and  $\Delta_b \subset \dots \subset \Delta_\beta$ .

By the definition of  $N$ , a simplex  $B = x_b \dots x_\beta$  of  $\partial Z$  is in  $N$  if and only if there is a simplex  $A = x_a \dots x_\omega$  of  $\partial Y$  such that  $AB$  is a simplex of  $\partial Z$ . Let  $\Delta_a \subset \dots \subset \Delta_\omega$ . Then  $\Delta_a$  is a simplex of  $K'$  having  $\Delta$  as a proper face, and there is an  $(n-q+1)$ -simplex  $\Delta_j$  of  $K'$ , incident to  $\Delta_b$ , which is a face of  $\Delta_a$ . Then the simplex  $x_j x_b \dots x_\beta$  is in the complex  $Z_j$ , and  $\bigcup_j \square_j \supset N$ . Conversely every  $(q+(m-n)-1)$ -simplex  $C$  of  $\square_j$  is written by  $x_j x_1 \dots x_{q+(m-n)-1}$  where  $\Delta_i$  is an  $(n-q+1)+i$ -simplex of  $L'$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq q+(m-n)-1$ , such that  $\Delta_j \subset \Delta_1 \subset \dots \subset \Delta_{q+(m-n)-1}$ . Since  $x_j$  is a vertex of  $\partial Y$ ,  $C$  is in  $N$ . Since  $Z_j \subset L''$  is a  $(q+(m-n)-1)$ -homogeneous complex,  $\bigcup_j \square_j \subset N$ . Therefore  $\bigcup_j \square_j = N$ .

Let  $p$  be a point in  $\partial \nabla$ . Then  $St(p, \partial Z)$  is a  $(q+(m-n)-1)$ -cell containing  $p$  in the interior, for  $\partial \square$  is a  $(q+(m-n)-1)$ -sphere. Since  $Int St(p, \partial Z) \subset Int N$ , we have  $\partial \nabla \subset Int N$ .

It remains to prove that  $N$  is a regular neighborhood of  $\partial \nabla$  in  $\partial \square$  in the weak sense. To show this we first prove the following three assertions (see, [7], p. 293).

(a) None of the simplices and its interior of  $\partial Z - \partial Y$  has all its vertices in  $\partial \nabla$ .

(b) If a simplex  $A$  of  $\partial Z$  does not meet  $\partial \nabla$ , then  $\partial \nabla \cap Lk(A, \partial Z)$  is a cell (possibly the empty set).

(c) If  $B$  is a simplex of  $\partial Z$ , then the complexes  $\partial Y \cap Lk(B, \partial Z)$  and  $Lk(B, \partial Z)$  also satisfy the conditions (a) and (b).

*Proof of (a).* If a simplex  $x_c \dots x_d$  of  $\partial Z$  or its interior has all its vertices in  $\partial \nabla$ , then the simplices  $\Delta_c, \dots, \Delta_d$  are in  $K'$ . Hence the simplex  $x_c \dots x_d$  and its interior are in  $\partial \nabla$ , proving (a).

*Proof of (b).* Let  $A = x_a \dots x_\omega$  where  $\Delta_a, \dots, \Delta_\omega$  are simplices of  $L'$

having  $\Delta$  as a proper face and  $\Delta_a \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq \Delta_\alpha$ . Since  $A$  does not meet  $\partial\nabla$ , there does not exist  $i$  among  $a, \dots, \alpha$  such that  $\Delta_i$  is in  $K'$ . In particular  $\Delta_a$  is not in  $K'$ .

Suppose that  $\partial\nabla \cap Lk(A, \partial Z)$  is not empty. Since  $Lk(A, \partial Z) = \bigcup_B Lk(A, B)$  where  $B$  ranges over all simplices of  $\partial Z$  having  $A$  as a face, there is a  $B$  for which  $\partial\nabla \cap Lk(A, B)$  is not empty. Let  $Lk(A, B) = C$ , a simplex of  $\partial Z$ . If  $\Delta_s \subsetneq \Delta_t$  and  $\Delta_t$  is in  $K'$ , then  $\Delta_s$  is also in  $K'$ . Then  $C = x_c \dots x_e x_f \dots x_\gamma$ , where  $\Delta_c, \dots, \Delta_e$  are simplices of  $K'$  having  $\Delta$  as a proper face and  $\Delta_f, \dots, \Delta_\gamma$  are not simplices of  $K'$  but simplices of  $L'$  such that  $\Delta_c \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq \Delta_e \subsetneq \Delta_f \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq \Delta_\gamma$ . Then  $\partial\nabla \cap Lk(A, B) = \partial\nabla \cap C = x_c \dots x_e$  which is not empty. Since  $B$  is a simplex of  $L''$  having  $A, C$  as faces,  $\Delta_c$  is a face of  $\Delta_a$ , which is in  $K'$  and has  $\Delta$  as a proper face.

Let  $p \geq n - q + 1$  be the dimension of a face of  $\Delta_a$  as follows. There is a  $p$ -face  $\Delta^p$  having  $\Delta$  as a proper face, which is in  $K'$ , and there is no  $s$ -face  $\Delta^s$  ( $s > p$ ) having  $\Delta$  as a proper face, which is in  $K'$ . This is possible, because  $\Delta_c$  is in  $K'$  and  $\Delta_a$  is not in  $K'$ , and both of which have  $\Delta$  as a proper face. Suppose that there is an  $r$ -face  $\Delta^r$  of  $\Delta_a$ , in  $K'$ , having  $\Delta$  as a proper face, and that none of  $\Delta^p$  and  $\Delta^r$  is a face of the other. Then all vertices of the simplex  $\Delta^p \Delta^r$ , a face of  $\Delta_a$ , is in  $K'$  and the simplex  $\Delta^p \Delta^r$  is in  $L'$ . The dimension of  $\Delta^p \Delta^r$  is at least  $p + 1$ . By the maximum property of  $p$ ,  $\Delta^p \Delta^r$  is not in  $K'$ . This contradicts the well known result [7], p. 294, that no simplex of  $L'$  has all its vertices in  $K'$ . Therefore every face of  $\Delta_a$  which is in  $K'$  and has  $\Delta$  as a proper face is a face of  $\Delta^p$ . Therefore every simplex of  $\partial\nabla \cap Lk(A, \partial Z)$  is the join  $x_g \dots x_h$  where  $\Delta \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq \Delta_g \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq \Delta_h \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq \Delta^p$ , the dimension of  $\Delta_g \geq n - q + 1$  and  $p \leq n$ , and conversely.

By  $\Delta_u$  we denote the  $(p - n + q - 1)$ -simplex such that  $\Delta^p = \Delta \Delta_u$ . Then every simplex  $x_g \dots x_h$  is in  $Lk(x, x\Delta_u)$ , where  $x\Delta_u$  will be thought of as a subcomplex of  $K''$ . Conversely every simplex of  $Lk(x, x\Delta_u)$  is such a join. Hence  $\partial\nabla \cap Lk(A, \partial Z) = Lk(x, x\Delta_u)$  which is a  $(p - n + q - 1)$ -cell, because  $x\Delta_u$  is the  $(p - n + q)$ -simplex containing  $x$  on the boundary, proving (b).

*Proof of (c).* For (a) is obviously satisfied. If  $A$  is a simplex of  $Lk(B, \partial Z)$  not meeting  $\partial\nabla \cap Lk(B, \partial Z)$ , then  $AB$  is a simplex in  $\partial Z$  not meeting  $\partial\nabla$  and  $\partial\nabla \cap Lk(AB, \partial Z)$  is a cell, by (b). Since  $Lk(AB, \partial Z) = Lk(A, L(B, \partial Z))$  and  $Lk(AB, \partial Z) \subsetneq Lk(B, \partial Z)$ ,

$$\partial\nabla \cap Lk(B, \partial Z) \cap Lk(A, L(B, \partial Z)) = \partial\nabla \cap Lk(AB, \partial Z),$$

a cell, satisfying (b) and also proving (c).

Finally we shall prove that  $N$  is a regular neighborhood of  $\partial\nabla$  in

$\partial\Box$  in the weak sense (see, [7], p. 293–294). This will be proved by induction on the dimension  $q+(m-n)-1$  of  $\partial\Box$ . This is trivial if  $q+(m-n)-1=0$ . By (a) and the definition of  $N$ ,  $N$  is a normal neighborhood of  $\partial Y$  (see, [7], p. 250). Since  $\partial\nabla\subset N$  and  $Lk(A, N)=Lk(A, \partial Z)\cap N$ , we have that  $\partial\nabla\cap Lk(A, N)=\partial\nabla\cap Lk(A, \partial Z)$ , which is a cell, by (b), where  $A$  is a simplex of  $N$  not meeting  $\partial\nabla$ . Then  $N$  is a contractible neighborhood of  $\partial Y$ , [7], p. 250. By Theorem 2 of [7], p. 250,  $N$  contracts into  $\partial Y$ . It remains to prove that  $N$  is a manifold. Let  $b$  be a vertex in  $N$ . If  $b$  is in  $\partial Y$ , then  $Lk(b, N)=Lk(b, \partial Z)$  which is a  $(q+(m-n)-2)$ -sphere, for  $\partial\Box$  is a  $(q+(m-n)-1)$ -sphere. Suppose that  $b$  is not in  $\partial Y$ . A simplex  $Ab$  of  $\partial Z$  meets  $\partial\nabla$  if and only if  $A$  meets  $\partial\nabla$ . Therefore  $Lk(b, N)=N(\partial Y\cap Lk(b, \partial Z), Lk(b, \partial Z))$ . By the hypothesis of induction and (c),  $Lk(b, N)$  is a regular neighborhood of the cell  $\partial\nabla\cap Lk(b, \partial Z)$  in  $Lk(b, \partial Z)$  in the weak sense, and  $Lk(b, N)$  is a  $(q+(m-n)-2)$ -cell, by the property (2) of Whitehead in section 3. Therefore  $N$  is a manifold, and a regular neighborhood of  $\partial\nabla$  in  $\partial\Box$  in the weak sense, completing the proof of Lemma 4.

DEFINITION 2. Let us take a finite sequence  $\alpha=\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_a$  of successively incident simplices of  $K'$  such that  $\Delta_1=\Delta^*$ , a fixed  $n$ -simplex. We call  $\alpha$  the way in  $K'$  to  $\Delta_a$ . By  $\langle\Delta^*\rangle$  we shall denote the oriented  $n$ -simplex. Since  $\Delta_1=\Delta^*$ , we have the well defined oriented simplex, written  $\langle\Delta_a\rangle_\alpha$ , inductively such that  $\langle\Delta_i\rangle$  is either  $\partial\langle\Delta_i\rangle\supset\langle\Delta_{i-1}\rangle$  or  $\langle\Delta_i\rangle\subset\partial\langle\Delta_{i-1}\rangle$  according to the case.

Let  $M_i$  be a closed  $n$ -manifold in an oriented  $m$ -manifold  $\langle W_i\rangle$  without boundary where  $n\leq m$  and  $i=1, 2$ . Let  $\phi: M_1\leftrightarrow M_2$  be a homeomorphism.

NOTATION 2. Using Notation 1, suppose that  $\phi$  is simplicial relative to the complexes  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  which are isomorphic under the isomorphism induced by  $\phi$ . Then  $\phi$  is also simplicial relative to  $K'_1$  and  $K'_2$ , and relative to  $K''_1$  and  $K''_2$ . From now on by  $\Delta_i, \Delta_{ij}$  we denote simplices of  $K'_i$  satisfying  $\phi\Delta_1=\Delta_2, \phi\Delta_{1j}=\Delta_{2j}$ . Then  $\phi\nabla_1=\nabla_2$  and thus,  $\phi$  will induce a homeomorphism onto between the polyhedra  $\mathfrak{R}_1^n$  and  $\mathfrak{R}_2^n$ . The correspondence between cells of  $\mathfrak{R}_1^n$  and cells of  $\mathfrak{R}_2^n$  induced by the correspondence between  $\Box_1$  and  $\Box_2$  is one-to-one. By  $\langle\Delta_i^*\rangle$  we shall denote  $n$ -simplices with orientations such that  $\phi\langle\Delta_1^*\rangle=\langle\Delta_2^*\rangle$ , which will keep fixed in the rest of the paper. Let  $\alpha$  be a way in  $K'_1$  to  $\Delta_1$ , then the simplices of  $K'_2$  corresponding the simplices of the way in  $K'_1$  will be naturally thought of as a way in  $K'_2$  to  $\Delta_2$ , which will be again denoted by  $\alpha$ , and these are called the ways to  $\Delta_i$ . It is well known [6], p. 249, that for the oriented simplex  $\langle\Delta_i\rangle_\alpha$  in the oriented manifold  $\langle W_i\rangle$  there

is the oriented dual cell, written  $\langle \square_i \rangle_\alpha$ , whose orientation is uniquely determined such that the intersection number of  $\langle \Delta_i \rangle_\alpha$  and  $\langle \square_i \rangle_\alpha$  is equal to 1 in  $\langle W_i \rangle$ .

**Lemma 5.** *Let  $\alpha, \beta$  be the ways to  $\Delta_i$ . If  $\langle \square_1 \rangle_\alpha = \langle \square_1 \rangle_\beta$ . Then  $\langle \square_2 \rangle_\alpha = \langle \square_2 \rangle_\beta$ , and if  $\Delta_i$  is a vertex and  $\langle \square_1 \rangle_\alpha \subset \langle W_1 \rangle$ , then  $\langle \square_2 \rangle_\alpha \subset \langle W_2 \rangle$ , where  $\in = 1$  or  $-1$ .*

*Proof.* If  $\langle \square_1 \rangle_\alpha = \langle \square_1 \rangle_\beta$ , then  $\langle \Delta_1 \rangle_\alpha = \langle \Delta_1 \rangle_\beta$ . Since  $K'_1$  and  $K'_2$  are isomorphic under the correspondence  $\phi \Delta_1 = \Delta_2$ ,  $\langle \Delta_2 \rangle_\alpha = \langle \Delta_2 \rangle_\beta$  and then  $\langle \square_2 \rangle_\alpha = \langle \square_2 \rangle_\beta$ . If  $\langle \square_1 \rangle_\alpha \subset \langle W_1 \rangle$  then  $\langle \Delta_1 \rangle_\alpha = \langle \Delta_1 \rangle$ . By the same reason mentioned above and  $\phi \langle \Delta_1^* \rangle = \langle \Delta_2^* \rangle$  we have that  $\langle \Delta_2 \rangle_\alpha = \langle \Delta_2 \rangle$ , and that  $\langle \square_2 \rangle_\alpha \subset \langle W_2 \rangle$ .

## 5. The Proof of Theorem 2

**Lemma 6.** *Let  $T$  be a  $(q-1)$ -sphere in a  $q$ -sphere  $S$  and  $U(T, S)$  a regular neighborhood of  $T$  in  $S$ . Suppose that the Schönflies conjecture is true for dimension  $q$ . Then there is a homeomorphism  $\theta: T_0 \times J \rightarrow S$  such that*

$$\theta(T_0 \times J) = U(T, S) \text{ and } \theta(T_0 \times 0) = T,$$

where  $T_0$  is a  $(q-1)$ -sphere.

*Proof.* Let  $\Delta_a, \Delta_0$  and  $\Delta_b$  be  $q$ -simplices in  $S$  similarly situated with respect to a center of similitude in  $\text{Int } \Delta_a$  such that  $\Delta_a \subset \text{Int } \Delta_0$  and  $\Delta_0 \subset \text{Int } \Delta_b$ . By Corollary to Theorem 8 of [7], p. 260,  $Cl(\Delta_b - \Delta_a)$  is a regular neighborhood of  $\partial \Delta_0$  in  $S$ . There is a homeomorphism

$$\phi: \partial \Delta_0 \times J \leftrightarrow Cl(\Delta_b - \Delta_a)$$

such that  $\phi(\partial \Delta_0 \times 0) = \partial \Delta_0$ . By the assumption and Theorems 3 and 4 of [3], p. 32, there is an orientation preserving homeomorphism

$$\psi_1: S \leftrightarrow S$$

such that  $\psi_1 \partial \Delta_0 = T$ . It is immediate that  $\psi_1(Cl(\Delta_b - \Delta_a))$  is a regular neighborhood of  $T$  in  $S$ . By Theorem 1 in section 3 there is an orientation preserving homeomorphism

$$\psi_2: S \leftrightarrow S$$

such that  $\psi_2 \psi_1(Cl(\Delta_b - \Delta_a)) = U(T, S)$  and  $\psi_2|_T = \text{identity}$ . Putting  $T_0 = \partial \Delta_0$  and  $\theta = \psi_2 \psi_1 \phi$ , it completes the proof.

**Lemma 7.** *Let  $\langle S_i \rangle$  be an oriented  $q$ -sphere and  $T_i \subset S_i$  a  $(q-1)$ -sphere where  $i=1, 2$ . Suppose that the Schönflies conjecture is true for*

dimension  $q$ , and that there is a homeomorphism

$$\phi: \langle U(T_1, S_1) \rangle \leftrightarrow \langle U(T_2, S_2) \rangle$$

such that  $\phi T_1 = T_2$  where  $\langle U(T_i, S_i) \rangle \subset \langle S_i \rangle$ . Then there is a homeomorphism

$$\psi: \langle S_1 \rangle \leftrightarrow \langle S_2 \rangle$$

such that  $\psi|_{U(T_1, S_1)} = \phi$ .

**Proof.** By Lemma 6 there are a  $(q-1)$ -sphere  $T_0$  and homeomorphisms  $\theta_i: T_0 \times J \leftrightarrow U(T_i, S_i)$  such that  $\theta_i(T_0 \times 0) = T_i$ . By the assumption the  $(q-1)$ -spheres  $\theta_i(T_0 \times 1)$  and  $\theta_i(T_0 \times -1)$  are congruent to the boundary of  $q$ -simplex in  $S_i$ . Then  $Cl(S_i - U(T_i, S_i))$  consists of two  $q$ -cells  $C_i$  and  $D_i$  such that  $\partial C_i = \theta_i(T_0 \times 1)$  and  $\partial D_i = \theta_i(T_0 \times -1)$ . If we put  $\rho_c = \phi|_{\partial C_1}$ , then  $\rho_c(\partial C_1)$  is either  $\partial C_2$  or  $\partial D_2$ , say  $\partial C_2$ . If we put  $\rho_d = \phi|_{\partial D_1}$ , then  $\rho_d(\partial D_1) = \partial D_2$ . By  $\phi \langle U(T_1, S_1) \rangle = \langle U(T_2, S_2) \rangle$ , we have that

$$\rho_c: \partial \langle C_1 \rangle \leftrightarrow \partial \langle C_2 \rangle \text{ and } \rho_d: \partial \langle D_1 \rangle \leftrightarrow \partial \langle D_2 \rangle,$$

where  $\langle C_i \rangle, \langle D_i \rangle \subset \langle S_i \rangle$ .

By Lemma in 3.12 of [3], p. 37, there are homeomorphisms

$$\eta_c: \langle C_1 \rangle \leftrightarrow \langle C_2 \rangle, \text{ and } \eta_d: \langle D_1 \rangle \leftrightarrow \langle D_2 \rangle$$

such that  $\partial \eta_c = \rho_c$  and  $\partial \eta_d = \rho_d$ . Then  $\psi: \langle S_1 \rangle \leftrightarrow \langle S_2 \rangle$  defined by taking

$$\psi|_{U(T_1, S_1)} = \phi, \quad \psi|_{C_1} = \eta_c \text{ and } \psi|_{D_1} = \eta_d$$

is the required homeomorphism.

**Lemma 8.** Let  $M_i^n$  be a closed  $n$ -manifold in an oriented  $(n+1)$ -manifold  $\langle W_i^{n+1} \rangle$  without boundary,  $i=1, 2$ . Using Notation 2, let

$$\phi: M_1^n \leftrightarrow M_2^n$$

be a homeomorphism which is simplicial relative to  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ . Suppose that the Schönflies conjecture is true for dimension  $\leq n$ . Then there is a homeomorphism

$$\psi: \langle \mathfrak{N}_1^{n+1} \rangle \leftrightarrow \langle \mathfrak{N}_2^{n+1} \rangle \text{ such that } \psi|_{M_i^n} = \phi \text{ where } \langle \mathfrak{N}_i^{n+1} \rangle \subset \langle W_i^{n+1} \rangle.$$

To prove the lemma we first prove the following;

(0). Let a homeomorphism  $\phi: M_1^n \leftrightarrow M_2^n$  be simplicial relative to  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ . Then there is a homeomorphism

$$\psi^0: \mathfrak{N}_1^1 \leftrightarrow \mathfrak{N}_2^1 \text{ such that } \psi^0|_{\mathfrak{R}_1^0} = \phi \text{ and } \psi^0 \langle \square_1 \rangle_\alpha = \langle \square_2 \rangle_\alpha$$

for each  $n$ -simplex  $\Delta_i$  of  $K_i'$  and each way  $\alpha$  to  $\Delta_i$ .

*Proof of (0).* Since  $\Delta_i$  is an  $n$ -simplex,  $\partial\Box_i$  is a 0-sphere and we have a homeomorphism

$$\psi''_\alpha: \partial\langle\Box_1\rangle_\alpha \leftrightarrow \partial\langle\Box_2\rangle_\alpha \quad \text{for a way } \alpha.$$

Since  $\nabla_i$  is the point such that  $\Box_i = \nabla_i(\partial\Box_i)$ , we have a homeomorphism

$$\psi'_\alpha: \langle\Box_1\rangle_\alpha \leftrightarrow \langle\Box_2\rangle_\alpha$$

such that

$$\partial\psi'_\alpha = \psi''_\alpha \text{ and } \psi'_\alpha \nabla_1 = \nabla_2, \text{ by 3.11 of [3], p. 36.}$$

Let  $\beta$  be another way to  $\Delta_i$ , then  $\langle\Box_1\rangle_\beta = \in \langle\Box_1\rangle_\alpha$  implies  $\langle\Box_2\rangle_\beta = \in \langle\Box_2\rangle_\alpha$ , by Lemma 5. Therefore we have that

$$\psi'_\alpha \langle\Box_1\rangle_\beta = \langle\Box_2\rangle_\beta.$$

Thus we can put  $\psi' = \psi'_\alpha$ . Then  $\psi^0: \mathfrak{N}_1^1 \leftrightarrow \mathfrak{N}_2^1$  defined by taking  $\psi^0|_{\Box_1} = \psi'$  is a homeomorphism such that

$$\psi^0|_{\mathfrak{N}_1^0} = \phi \text{ and } \psi^0 \langle\Box_1\rangle_\alpha = \langle\Box_2\rangle_\alpha$$

for  $\Delta_i$  and  $\alpha$  to  $\Delta_i$ , proving (0).

Next we shall prove the following;

$(q-1) \rightarrow (q)$ . Suppose that there is a homeomorphism

$$\psi^{q-1}: \mathfrak{N}_1^q \leftrightarrow \mathfrak{N}_2^q$$

such that

$$\psi^{q-1}|_{\mathfrak{N}_1^{q-1}} = \phi \text{ and } \psi^{q-1} \langle\Box_1\rangle_\gamma = \langle\Box_2\rangle_\gamma$$

for each  $(n-q+1)$ -simplex  $\Delta_i$  of  $K'_i$  and for each way  $\gamma$  to  $\Delta_i$ , and suppose that the Schönflies conjecture is true for dimension  $q$ . Then there is a homeomorphism

$$\psi^q: \mathfrak{N}_1^{q+1} \leftrightarrow \mathfrak{N}_2^{q+1}$$

such that

$$\psi^q|_{\mathfrak{N}_1^q} = \phi \text{ and } \psi^q \langle\Box_1\rangle_\alpha = \langle\Box_2\rangle_\alpha$$

for each  $(n-q)$ -simplex  $\Delta_i$  of  $K'_i$  and for each way  $\alpha$  to  $\Delta_i$ .

*Proof of  $(q-1) \rightarrow (q)$ .* By  $\Delta_{ij}$  we denote an  $(n-q+1)$ -simplex of  $K'_i$  incident to an  $(n-q)$ -simplex  $\Delta_i$ . By  $\gamma$  we denote the way to  $\Delta_{ij}$  which is obtained from a way  $\alpha$  to  $\Delta_i$  adding  $\Delta_{ij}$  as the final term. Then  $\langle\Box_{ij}\rangle_\gamma \subset \partial\langle\Box_i\rangle_\alpha$ . Since  $\psi^{q-1} \langle\Box_1\rangle_\gamma = \langle\Box_2\rangle_\gamma$ , we have that

$$\psi^{q-1} \langle\bigcup_j \Box_{1j}\rangle_\alpha = \langle\bigcup_j \Box_{2j}\rangle_\alpha, \text{ where } \langle\bigcup_j \Box_{ij}\rangle_\alpha \subset \partial\langle\Box_i\rangle_\alpha.$$

By Lemma 4,  $\bigcup_j \square_{ij}$  is a regular neighborhood of the  $(q-1)$ -sphere  $\partial \nabla_i$  in the  $q$ -sphere  $\partial \square_i$ . Then by the assumption and Lemma 7 there is a homeomorphism

$$\psi''_\alpha: \partial \langle \square_1 \rangle_\alpha \leftrightarrow \partial \langle \square_2 \rangle_\alpha$$

such that

$$\psi''_\alpha|_{\bigcup_j \square_{ij}} = \psi^{q-1}.$$

Let  $x_i$  be the barycenter of  $\Delta_i$ , then  $\square_i = x_i(\partial \square_i)$  and  $\nabla_i = x_i(\partial \nabla_i)$ , by Theorem II of [6], p. 230. By 3.11 of [3], p. 36, we have a homeomorphism

$$\psi'_\alpha: \langle \square_1 \rangle_\alpha \leftrightarrow \langle \square_2 \rangle_\alpha \text{ such that } \partial \psi'_\alpha = \psi''_\alpha,$$

and  $\psi'_\alpha|_{\nabla_i}$  is simplicial relative to  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$ , see Notation 1. Let  $\beta$  be another way to  $\Delta_i$ , then we have that

$$\psi'_\alpha \langle \square_1 \rangle_\beta = \langle \square_2 \rangle_\beta, \text{ by Lemma 5.}$$

Thus we can put  $\psi'_\alpha = \psi'$ . Then  $\psi^q: \mathfrak{N}_1^{q+1} \leftrightarrow \mathfrak{N}_2^{q+1}$  defined by taking

$$\psi^q|_{\square_1} = \psi'$$

is a homeomorphism such that

$$\psi^q|_{\mathfrak{N}_1^q} = \phi \text{ and } \psi^q \langle \square_1 \rangle_\alpha = \langle \square_2 \rangle_\alpha$$

for each  $(n-q)$ -simplex  $\Delta_i$  and  $\alpha$  to  $\Delta_i$ , proving  $(q-1) \rightarrow (q)$ .

*Proof of Lemma 8.* By assertions (0) and  $(q-1) \rightarrow (q)$  there is a homeomorphism

$$\psi^n: \mathfrak{N}_1^{n+1} \leftrightarrow \mathfrak{N}_2^{n+1}$$

such that

$$\psi^n|_{\mathfrak{N}_1^n} = \phi \text{ and } \psi^n \langle \square_1 \rangle_\alpha = \langle \square_2 \rangle_\alpha$$

for each 0-simplex  $\Delta_i$  and each way  $\alpha$  to  $\Delta_i$ . By Lemma 5 we have that if  $\langle \square_1 \rangle_\alpha \subset \in \langle W_1^{n+1} \rangle$  then  $\langle \square_2 \rangle_\alpha \subset \in \langle W_2^{n+1} \rangle$ . Therefore  $\psi^n \langle \square_1 \rangle = \langle \square_2 \rangle$ , and

$$\psi^n \langle \mathfrak{N}_1^{n+1} \rangle = \langle \mathfrak{N}_2^{n+1} \rangle, \text{ where } \langle \square_i \rangle \subset \langle W_i^{n+1} \rangle.$$

If we put  $\psi^n = \psi$ , then this completes the proof of the lemma.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $M_i^n$  be a closed  $n$ -manifold in an oriented  $(n+1)$ -manifold  $\langle W_i^{n+1} \rangle$  without boundary where  $i=1, 2$  and let

$$\phi: M_1^n \leftrightarrow M_2^n$$

be a homeomorphism. Suppose that the Schönflies conjecture is true for dimension  $\leq n$ . Then for any regular neighborhoods  $U(M_i^n, W_i^{n+1})$  there is a homeomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \psi : \langle U(M_1^n, W_1^{n+1}) \rangle &\leftrightarrow \langle U(M_2^n, W_2^{n+1}) \rangle \text{ such that} \\ \psi|_{M_1^n} &= \phi \text{ where } \langle U(M_i^n, W_i^{n+1}) \rangle \subsetneq \langle W_i^{n+1} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Let  $K_i, L_i$  be simplicial subdivisions of  $M_i^n, W_i^{n+1}$  where  $K_i$  is a subcomplex of  $L_i$  and  $\phi$  is simplicial relative to  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ . By Lemma 8 there is a homeomorphism

$$\psi' : \langle \mathfrak{N}_1^{n+1} \rangle \leftrightarrow \langle \mathfrak{N}_2^{n+1} \rangle$$

such that

$$\psi'|_{M_1^n} = \phi \text{ where } \langle \mathfrak{N}_i^{n+1} \rangle \subsetneq \langle W_i^{n+1} \rangle.$$

Let  $\Delta_{ij}$  be a 0-simplex of  $K'_i$ , then  $\square_{ij} = N(\Delta_{ij}, L_i'')$ . On the other hand it is well known [7], p. 294, that  $N(K_i'', L_i'') = \bigcup_j \square_{ij}$ . Therefore we have that  $N(K_i'', L_i'') = \mathfrak{N}_i^{n+1}$ . Hence  $\psi'$  is a homeomorphism

$$\psi' : \langle N(K_1'', L_1'') \rangle \leftrightarrow \langle N(K_2'', L_2'') \rangle$$

such that

$$\psi'|_{M_1^n} = \phi \text{ where } \langle N(K_i'', L_i'') \rangle \subsetneq \langle W_i^{n+1} \rangle.$$

By Theorem 1 there are orientation preserving homeomorphisms

$$\psi_i : W_i^{n+1} \leftrightarrow W_i^{n+1}$$

such that

$$\psi_i(U(M_i^n, W_i^{n+1})) = N(K_i'', L_i'') \text{ and } \psi_i|_{M_i^n} = \text{identity}.$$

Then  $\psi = \psi_2^{-1} \psi' \psi_1$  is the required homeomorphism.

## 6. Applications

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $M^n$  be an orientable, closed  $n$ -manifold in an orientable  $(n+1)$ -manifold  $W^{n+1}$  without boundary. Let  $U(M^n, W^{n+1})$  be a regular neighborhood of  $M^n$  in  $W^{n+1}$ . Suppose that the Schönflies conjecture is true for dimension  $\leq n$ . Then there is a homeomorphism*

$$\theta : M^n \times J \rightarrow W^{n+1}$$

where  $J$  is the linear interval  $-1 \leq s \leq 1$ , such that

$$\theta(x, 0) = x \text{ for each point } x \text{ of } M^n$$

and such that

$$\theta(M^n \times J) = U(M^n, W^{n+1}).$$

Proof. Let us consider the Cartesian product  $M^n \times R$  where  $R$  is a Euclidean 1-space containing  $J$ . Then  $M^n \times R$  is an orientable  $(n+1)$ -manifold without boundary. By Theorem 8 of [7], p. 260, and Definition



1,  $M^n \times J$  is a regular neighborhood of  $M^n \times 0$  in  $M^n \times R$ . A map  $\phi: M^n \times 0 \rightarrow M^n$  defined by  $\phi(x, 0) = x$  for each  $x$  is a homeomorphism onto. If we give orientations to  $M^n \times R$  and  $W^{n+1}$ , then by Theorem 2 we have a homeomorphism

$$\theta: M^n \times J \rightarrow W^{n+1}$$

which satisfies the theorem.

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $M^n$  be an orientable, closed  $n$ -manifold in an orientable  $(n+1)$ -manifold  $W^{n+1}$  without boundary. Let*

$$\phi: M^n \hookrightarrow M^n$$

*be a homeomorphism which is onto isotopic to the identity (see, [3], p. 30). Suppose that the Schönflies conjecture is true for dimension  $\leq n$ . Then there is an orientation preserving homeomorphism*

$$\psi: W^{n+1} \hookrightarrow W^{n+1} \text{ such that } \psi|_{M^n} = \phi.$$

**Proof.** By Theorem 3 each point of a regular neighborhood  $U(M^n, W^{n+1})$  will be denoted by a pair  $(x, s)$  where  $x$  is a point of  $M^n$  and  $s \in J$  and  $(x, 0) = x$ . Let  $\phi_t: M^n \hookrightarrow M^n$ ,  $t \in I$ , be an onto isotopy between  $\phi_0 = \phi$  and  $\phi_1 = \text{identity}$ . Then  $\psi: W^{n+1} \hookrightarrow W^{n+1}$  defined by taking

$$\psi(z) = z, \text{ if a point } z \in Cl(W^{n+1} - U(M^n, W^{n+1}))$$

$$\text{and } \psi(z) = (\phi_{|s|}(x), s), \text{ if } z \in U(M^n, W^{n+1}) \text{ and } z = (x, s)$$

is the required homeomorphism.

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