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## O-MINIMAL EXPANSIONS OF REAL CLOSED FIELDS AND COMPLETENESS IN THE SENSE OF SCOTT

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ABSTRACT. We consider an o-minimal expansion  $\mathcal{M}_0 = (R_0, <, +, \cdots)$  of a real closed field, and a real closed field R, complete in the sense of D. Scott, containing  $R_0$  as a dense subfield. We show that  $\mathcal{M}_0$  has an elementary extension  $\mathcal{M} = (R, <, +, \cdots)$  with domain R. Moreover, such a structure  $\mathcal{M}$  with domain R is unique.

#### Note

In an unpublished article, Antongiulio Fornasiero proved a more general result than the main theorem of this paper. Indeed, he showed a similar result for d-minimal expansions of a real closed field [1, Proposition 11.6]. However our proofs are very different.

#### 1. Introduction

By the Compactness Theorem, it is easy to elementarily embed any expansion  $\mathcal{M}_0 = (R_0, <, +, \cdots)$  of a real closed field in an expansion  $\mathcal{M} = (R, < +, \cdots)$  of a Scott-complete real closed field, that is complete in the sense of Dana Scott (Definition 1.1). However, we have little control on the size of the elementary extension obtained. For instance, if  $R_0$  is countable, it is possible that the field R has no countable dense subfield. The main result of this paper shows that any o-minimal expansion of a real closed field  $R_0$  is elementarily embedded in an expansion of a Scott-complete real closed field, in which  $R_0$  is dense (Theorem 1.2). We note that, since we consider an expansion of a real closed field, not just the field structure, the model completeness of the theory of real closed fields will not help us.

We recall the definition of a *complete* real closed field in the sense of [2].

**Definition 1.1.**. – If K and L are ordered fields and  $K \subseteq L$ , then K is dense in L if between any two distinct elements of L there lies an element of K.

A given ordered field is called Scott-complete if it has no proper extension to an ordered field in which the given field is dense.

The main result of this paper is the following.

**Theorem 1.2..** – Any o-minimal expansion of a real closed field  $R_0$  has an elementary extension of domain a Scott-complete field R in which  $R_0$  is dense. Moreover, for a fixed field R, this elementary extension is unique.

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#### 2. Notations and preliminary results

For the rest of this paper, we fix an o-minimal expansion  $\mathcal{M}_1 = (R_0, <, \cdots)$  of a real closed field  $R_0$ , and we denote by R a Scott-complete field in which  $R_0$  is dense: its existence is ensured by Fact 2.1 below.

Fact 2.1.. – [2, Theorem 1] Given any ordered field K, there is a Scott-complete ordered field  $\hat{K}$  in which K is dense. Any other Scott-complete ordered field in which K is dense is isomorphic to  $\hat{K}$  by a unique isomorphism that is the identity on K.

In the following, we say that a set X is definable if it is definable in the structure  $\mathcal{M}_1$ .

For each integer k and each subset A of  $R^k$ , we denote by  $\overline{A}$  its (topological) closure in  $R^k$ . For each subset X of  $R_0^k$ , we denote by X the union of subsets  $\overline{F}$  for F a  $R_0$ -closed definable subset contained in X.

For clarity, we use a very different notation for the closure in  $R_0^k$  of a subset X of  $R_0^k$ : we denote it by  $\operatorname{cl} X$ . Moreover, we denote by  $\partial X$  its frontier:  $\partial X = \operatorname{cl} X \setminus X$ . For any element  $X = (x_1, \ldots, x_k)$  of  $R^k$ , we consider

$$|x| = \max\{|x_i| \mid i \in \{1, \dots, k\}\}$$

#### Remark 2.2.. -

- For any subset X of  $R_0^k$ , it follows from the definition of  $\check{X}$  that  $X = \check{X} \cap R_0^k$ .
- The proof of Theorem 1.2 will show that the elementary extension of  $\mathcal{M}_1$  of domain R has the following property:

for any two integers k and m, if A is any subset of  $R_0^k$  defined by a formula  $\varphi(\overline{x}, \overline{a})$  with free variables  $\overline{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_k)$  and parameters  $\overline{a} \in R_0^m$ , then the subset of  $R^k$  defined by  $\varphi(\overline{x}, \overline{a})$  is  $\check{A}$ .

The first lemma is certainly well-known, but we could not find a reference for it.

**Lemma 2.3.**. – Let k be an integer, X a subset of  $R_0^k$ , and  $f: X \to R_0$  be a uniformly continuous map. Then for each  $x \in \overline{X}$ , the following limit exists:

$$\lim_{\substack{y \in X \\ y \to x}} f(y)$$

PROOF – Let  $\varepsilon \in R_0^{>0}$ . Since f is uniformly continuous on X, then we may associate with  $\varepsilon$  some  $\delta(\varepsilon) \in R_0^{>0}$  such that whenever  $|v-u| < \delta(\varepsilon)$  for u and v in X, we have  $|f(v)-f(u)| < \varepsilon$ . Then for each  $y \in X$  and  $z \in X$  such that  $|y-x| < \delta(\varepsilon)/2$  and  $|z-x| < \delta(\varepsilon)/2$ , we have  $|z-y| < \delta(\varepsilon)$  and  $|f(z)-f(y)| < \varepsilon$ . Let  $C_\varepsilon^-$  (resp.  $C_\varepsilon^+$ ) be the set of elements  $\alpha \in R_0$  such that  $\alpha < f(y) - \varepsilon$  (resp.  $\alpha > f(y) + \varepsilon$ ) for some  $y \in X$  satisfying  $|y-x| < \delta(\varepsilon)/2$ . Let  $C^-$  (resp.  $C^+$ ) be the union of subsets of the form  $C_\varepsilon^-$  (resp.  $C_\varepsilon^+$ ) for  $\varepsilon \in R_0^{>0}$ .

Claim 1: for each  $a \in C^-$  and each  $b \in C^+$ , we have a < b. In particular, the set  $C^- \cap C^+$  is empty.

There exist  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  in X, and  $\varepsilon_1$  and  $\varepsilon_2$  in  $R_0^{>0}$ , such that  $|y_1-x|<\delta(\varepsilon_1)/2$ ,  $|y_2-x|<\delta(\varepsilon_2)/2$ ,  $a< f(y_1)-\varepsilon_1$  and  $b>f(y_2)+\varepsilon_2$ . Let  $\delta=\min\{\delta(\varepsilon_1),\delta(\varepsilon_2)\}$ . We fix  $y\in X$  such that  $|y-x|<\delta/2$ . Then we have  $|f(y)-f(y_1)|<\varepsilon_1< f(y_1)-a$  and  $|f(y)-f(y_2)|<\varepsilon_2< b-f(y_2)$ , so we obtain a< f(y)< b.

**Claim 2:** for each  $r \in R_0^{>0}$ , there is  $a \in C^-$  and  $b \in C^+$  such that b - a < r.

Let  $y \in X$  such that  $|y - x| < \delta(r/3)/2$ . Then for a = f(y) - r/2 and b = f(y) + r/2, we have  $a \in C^-_{r/3}$  and  $b \in C^+_{r/3}$ , and we obtain  $a \in C^-$ ,  $b \in C^+$  and b - a < r.

**Conclusion:** By [3, §2, Lemma 2.8] (or [2]), there is a unique  $\omega \in R$  satisfying  $a < \omega < b$  for every  $a \in C^-$  and  $b \in C^+$ . Hence for each  $\varepsilon \in R_0^{>0}$ , there is  $\delta(=\delta(\varepsilon)) \in R_0^{>0}$  such that whenever  $|y-x| < \delta/2$  for  $y \in X$ , we have  $\omega \ge f(y) - \varepsilon$  and  $\omega \le f(y) + \varepsilon$ , so  $|f(y) - \omega| \le \varepsilon$ . Now  $\omega = \lim_{\substack{y \in X \\ y \to x}} f(y)$  exists.  $\square$ 

**Lemma 2.4.**. – Let k be an integer. If E and F are two closed definable subsets of  $R_0^k$ , then  $\overline{E} \cap \overline{F} = \overline{E \cap F}$ . In particular, if  $\overline{E} \cap \overline{F}$  is non-empty, then  $E \cap F$  is non-empty too.

PROOF – We have just to prove that  $\overline{E \cap F}$  contains  $\overline{E} \cap \overline{F}$ . Let  $x \in \overline{E} \cap \overline{F}$ . For each  $\varepsilon \in R_0^{>0}$ , we fix  $u_{\varepsilon} \in E$  such that  $|u_{\varepsilon} - x| < \varepsilon$ . Let  $B_{\varepsilon} = \{y \in R_0^k \mid |u_{\varepsilon} - y| \le \varepsilon\}$ . Since  $x \in \overline{E} \cap \overline{F}$  and since  $|u_{\varepsilon} - x| < \varepsilon$ , we have  $x \in \overline{E_{\varepsilon}} \cap \overline{F_{\varepsilon}}$  where  $E_{\varepsilon} = B_{\varepsilon} \cap E$  and  $F_{\varepsilon} = B_{\varepsilon} \cap F$ . Moreover, we note that  $E_{\varepsilon}$  and  $F_{\varepsilon}$  are closed and bounded definable subsets of  $R_0^k$ .

We show that  $E_{\varepsilon} \cap F_{\varepsilon}$  is non-empty. Let  $f_{\varepsilon} : E_{\varepsilon} \times F_{\varepsilon} \to R_0$  defined by  $f_{\varepsilon}(z,z') = |z-z'|$ . It is a definable continuous function, so its image is closed and bounded (see [4, Chapter 6 §1]). For each  $\eta \in R_0^{>0}$ , there exist  $u \in E_{\varepsilon}$  and  $v \in F_{\varepsilon}$  such that  $|u-x| < \eta/2$  and  $|v-x| < \eta/2$ , so we have  $f(u,v) = |u-v| < \eta$ . Since the image of  $f_{\varepsilon}$  is closed and bounded, this implies that it contains zero. Hence there exist  $a \in E_{\varepsilon}$  and  $b \in F_{\varepsilon}$  such that  $f_{\varepsilon}(a,b) = 0$ . Now we have  $a = b \in E_{\varepsilon} \cap F_{\varepsilon}$ , and  $E_{\varepsilon} \cap F_{\varepsilon}$  is non-empty.

Since  $|u_{\varepsilon} - x| < \varepsilon$ , we have  $|y - x| < 2\varepsilon$  for any  $y \in B_{\varepsilon}$ . Thus, the previous paragraph proves that for each  $\varepsilon \in R_0^{>0}$ , there exists  $y \in E \cap F$  such that  $|y - x| \le 2\varepsilon$ , so  $x \in \overline{E \cap F}$ , as desired.  $\square$ 

**Corollary 2.5.**. – For each subset X of  $R_0^k$ , and each  $x \in \check{X}$ , there is a closed and bounded definable subset F of X such that  $x \in \overline{F}$ .

PROOF – Since  $x \in \check{X}$ , there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $|x - x_0| < 1$ . We consider  $F_1 = \{y \in R_0^k \mid |y - x_0| \le 1\}$ . Then  $F_1$  is a closed and bounded definable subset of  $R_0^k$ . By density of  $R_0$  in R and since  $|x - x_0| < 1$ , we have  $x \in \overline{F_1}$ .

Moreover, by the definition of  $\check{X}$ , there is a closed definable subset  $F_2$  of X such that  $x \in \overline{F_2}$ . Then  $F = F_1 \cap F_2$  is a closed and bounded definable subset of X, and Lemma 2.4 gives  $x \in \overline{F}$ .  $\square$ 

**Proposition 2.6.** – Let k be an integer. If  $\{A_1, \ldots, A_m\}$  is a partition of  $R_0^k$  into definable subsets, then  $\{\check{A}_1, \ldots, \check{A}_m\}$  is a partition of  $R^k$ .

PROOF – First we show that  $R^k$  is the union of  $A_1, \ldots, A_m$ . Since each definable subset of  $R_0^k$  has a decomposition into cells (see [4, Chapter 3 §2] for more details), we may assume that  $A_1, \ldots, A_m$  are cells.

Let  $x \in R^k$ . We show that  $x \in A_j$  for some  $j \in \{1, ..., m\}$ . We may assume  $x \notin R_0^k$ . By finiteness of the partition  $\{A_1, ..., A_m\}$ , there exists  $r \in R^{>0}$  such that, for any  $s \in ]0, r]$ , the set  $I = \{i \in \{1, ..., m\} \mid \exists a \in A_i, |x - a| < s\}$  is constant. Since  $R_0$  is dense in R, the set I is non-empty, and by the definition of I, the point x is in the  $R^k$ -closure  $\overline{A_i}$  of  $A_i$  for each  $i \in I$ .

Let d be the smallest integer such that there is  $j \in \{1, \ldots, m\}$  and a definable subset B of  $A_j$  of dimension d with x contained in  $\overline{B}$ . Let  $B_i = A_i \cap \partial B$  for each  $i \in \{1, \ldots, m\}$ . Then for each  $i \in \{1, \ldots, m\}$ , the subset  $B_i$  of  $A_i$  is definable (see [4, Chapter 1 §3]) and we have  $\dim B_i \leq \dim \partial B < \dim B = d$  [4, Chapter 4 §1]. By the minimality of d, the point x is contained in the  $R^k$ -closure  $\overline{B_i}$  of  $B_i$  for no  $i \in \{1, \ldots, m\}$ . Consequently, there is  $t \in R^{>0}$  such that |y - x| > t for any  $y \in \bigcup_{i=1}^m B_i$ , and we may choose  $t \in R_0$  as  $R_0$  is dense in R. Since  $\bigcup_{i=1}^m B_i = \partial B$  and since  $x \in \overline{B}$ , there exists  $b_0 \in B$  such that  $|b_0 - x| < t/2$ . Let  $B_f = \{b \in B \mid |b - b_0| \leq t/2\}$ . By the choices of t and t0, we have t1 and t2. This implies that the set t3 is a closed definable subset of t3 and that t3 belongs to t4, as desired.

We show that  $\check{A}_i \cap \check{A}_j = \emptyset$  for any distinct elements i and j of  $\{1, \ldots, m\}$ . Otherwise there is a closed definable subset  $F_i$  (resp.  $F_j$ ) of  $A_i$  (resp.  $A_j$ ) such that  $\overline{F_i} \cap \overline{F_j} \neq \emptyset$ . By Lemma 2.4, the set  $F_i \cap F_j$  is non-empty, contradicting  $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$ . Thus  $\{\check{A}_1, \ldots, \check{A}_m\}$  is a partition of  $R^k$ .  $\square$ 

#### 3. Proof of the main theorem

We provide three preparatory results before the final argument.

**Lemma 3.1.**. – Let  $S_0 = \{(u, v) \in R_0^2 \mid u < v\}$  and  $S = \{(u, v) \in R^2 \mid u < v\}$ . Then we have  $S = \breve{S_0}$ .

PROOF – First we show that  $\check{S}_0$  contains S. Let  $(u,v) \in S$ . Then there exists  $r \in R_0^{>0}$  such that v-u>r. Let  $(u_0,v_0) \in R_0^2$  such that  $|u-u_0| < r/4$  and  $|v-v_0| < r/4$ , and let  $F = \{(x,y) \in R_0^2 \mid |x-u_0| \le r/4, |y-v_0| \le r/4\}$ . In particular, we have  $(u,v) \in \overline{F}$ . Moreover we have  $v_0-u_0>r/2$ , so we obtain y-x>0 for each  $(x,y) \in F$ , and F is a closed definable subset of  $S_0$ . Consequently (u,v) belongs to  $\check{S}_0$ , and  $\check{S}_0$  contains S.

Now we show that S contains  $S_0$ . Let  $(u,v) \in S_0$ . By Corollary 2.5, there is a closed and bounded definable subset  $F_0$  of  $S_0$  such that  $(u,v) \in \overline{F_0}$ . Let  $f: F_0 \to R_0$  defined by f(x,y) = y-x. Then f is a definable continuous function, so its image is closed and bounded. Let  $m = \min\{f(x,y) \mid (x,y) \in F_0\}$ . Then we have  $b-a \ge m$  for each  $(a,b) \in \overline{F_0}$ . Since  $F_0 \subseteq S_0$ , we have m > 0 and we obtain  $(u,v) \in S$ .  $\square$ 

**Corollary 3.2.** - Let  $T_0 = \{(u, v) \in R_0^2 \mid u = v\}$  and  $T = \{(u, v) \in R^2 \mid u = v\}$ . Then we have  $T = \tilde{T_0}$ .

PROOF – Let  $S_0 = \{(u,v) \in R_0^2 \mid u < v\}$  and  $S_1 = \{(u,v) \in R_0^2 \mid u > v\}$ . Then  $\{S_0, S_1, T_0\}$  is a partition of  $R_0^2$ , and Proposition 2.6 says that  $\{\check{S}_0, \check{S}_1, \check{T}_0\}$  is a partition of  $R^2$ . Now Lemma 3.1 gives  $\check{T}_0 = R^2 \setminus (\check{S}_0 \cup \check{S}_1) = T$ .  $\square$ 

**Lemma 3.3.**. – If  $G_0$  (resp.  $H_0$ ,  $K_0$ ) denotes the graph of · (resp. +, -) in  $R_0^3$  (resp.  $R_0^3$ ,  $R_0^2$ ), then the graph of · (resp. +, -) in  $R^3$  (resp.  $R^3$ ,  $R^2$ ) is  $\check{G}_0$  (resp.  $\check{H}_0$ ,  $\check{K}_0$ ).

PROOF – Since · is a continuous map over  $R_0$ , its graph  $G_0$  in  $R_0^3$  is closed, and we have  $\breve{G}_0 = \overline{G}_0$ . Moreover, since · is a continuous map over R, its graph G in  $R^3$  is closed, and since G contains  $G_0$ , it contains  $\overline{G}_0$  too. But  $R_0$  is dense in R, hence for each  $(x,y) \in R^2$  we have  $(x,y,x \cdot y) \in \overline{G}_0$ , and G is contained in  $\overline{G}_0$ . We conclude that  $G = \overline{G}_0 = \breve{G}_0$ , as desired.

In the same way, we show that the graph of + (resp. -) in  $R^3$  (resp.  $R^2$ ) is  $\check{H}_0$  (resp.  $\check{K}_0$ ).  $\square$ 

PROOF OF THEOREM 1.2 – We denote by  $\mathcal{L}_1$  the language of  $\mathcal{M}_1 = (R_0, <, \cdots)$ . For each function symbol f of  $\mathcal{L}_1$  with arity k, we consider a relation symbol  $S_f$  such that  $S_f^{\mathcal{M}_1}$  is the graph of  $f^{\mathcal{M}_1}$ , and for each constant symbol c of  $\mathcal{L}_1$ , we consider a relation symbol  $S_c$  such that  $S_c^{\mathcal{M}_1} = c^{\mathcal{M}_1}$ . We obtain a relational language  $\mathcal{L}$  and a structure  $\mathcal{M}_0 = (R_0, <, \cdots)$  in  $\mathcal{L}$ . We have just to prove that there is a unique  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure  $\mathcal{M}$  with domain R such that  $\mathcal{M}$  is an elementary extension of  $\mathcal{M}_0$ .

We note that, for any integer k, a subset X of  $R_0^k$  is definable (in  $\mathcal{M}_1$ ) if and only if it is definable in  $\mathcal{M}_0$ .

#### Uniqueness:

First we assume that the structure  $\mathcal{M}$  exists. Let S be any relation symbol of arity k of  $\mathcal{L}$ . Let F be a closed and bounded definable subset of  $S^{\mathcal{M}_0}$ , and let  $\varphi(\overline{x}, \overline{a})$  be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula with free variables  $\overline{x} = (x_1, \ldots, x_k)$  and parameters  $\overline{a} \in R_0^m$  such that F is defined by  $\varphi(\overline{x}, \overline{a})$ . Let  $\tilde{F}$  be the subset of  $R^k$  defined by  $\varphi(\overline{x}, \overline{a})$ . Since  $\mathcal{M}$  is an elementary extension of  $\mathcal{M}_0$ , then  $\tilde{F}$  contains F and it is closed and bounded in  $R^k$ . Thus  $\tilde{F}$  contains  $\overline{F}$ . By Corollary 2.5, this implies that  $S^{\mathcal{M}}$  contains  $\tilde{S}^{\mathcal{M}_0}$ .

In the same way, the complementary of  $S^{\mathcal{M}}$  in  $R^k$  contains  $\widehat{R_0^k \setminus S^{\mathcal{M}_0}}$ . Now Proposition 2.6 gives  $S^{\mathcal{M}} = \check{S}^{\mathcal{M}_0}$ , so, if it exists such a structure  $\mathcal{M}$ , then it is unique.

#### Existence:

We consider the  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure  $\mathcal{M} = (R, <, \cdots)$  where for each relation symbol S of arity k of  $\mathcal{L}$ , we define  $S^{\mathcal{M}}$  by  $S^{\mathcal{M}} = \check{S}^{\mathcal{M}_0}$ . By Lemmas 3.1 and 3.3 and Corollary 3.2, it is sufficient to show that  $\mathcal{M}$  is an elementary extension of  $\mathcal{M}_0$ .

First we note that for each relation symbol S of arity k of  $\mathcal{L}$ , we have  $S^{\mathcal{M}_0} = \check{S}^{\mathcal{M}_0} \cap R_0^k$  (Remark 2.2), so  $\mathcal{M}_0$  is a substructure of  $\mathcal{M}$ .

**Claim 1:** if A is a definable subset of  $R_0^k$  for an integer k, then we have  $\check{A}_0 = R^k \setminus \check{A}$  where  $A_0 = R_0^k \setminus A$ .

Since  $\{A, A_0\}$  is a partition of  $R_0^k$ , then Proposition 2.6 says that  $\{\check{A}, \check{A}_0\}$  is a partition of  $R^k$ .

Claim 2: if A and B are two definable subsets of  $R_0^k$  for an integer k, then we have  $\check{A} \cap \check{B} = \overbrace{A \cap B}$ .

It is sufficient to prove that  $\widehat{A \cap B}$  contains  $\widecheck{A} \cap \widecheck{B}$ . Let  $x \in \widecheck{A} \cap \widecheck{B}$ . Then there exist a closed definable subset E of A and a closed definable subset F of B such that  $x \in \overline{E} \cap \overline{F}$ . Now x belongs to  $\overline{E \cap F} \subseteq \widehat{A \cap B}$  by Lemma 2.4, and we obtain  $\widecheck{A} \cap \widecheck{B} = \widehat{A \cap B}$ .

Claim 3: for any two integers k and l, if A and B are definable subsets of  $R_0^k$  and  $R_0^l$  respectively, then we have  $\breve{A} \times \breve{B} = \overbrace{A \times B}$ .

Let  $x \in \check{A} \times \check{B}$ . We show that x belongs to  $\widehat{A \times B}$ . We have x = (u, v) for  $u \in \check{A}$  and  $v \in \check{B}$ . Then there are two closed definable subsets F and G of A and B respectively such that  $u \in \overline{F}$  and  $v \in \overline{G}$ . For each  $\varepsilon \in R^{>0}$ , there  $f \in F$  and

 $g \in G$  such that  $|u - f| < \varepsilon$  and  $|v - g| < \varepsilon$ , so  $|(u, v) - (f, g)| < \varepsilon$ . Consequently, x = (u, v) belongs to  $F \times G \subseteq A \times B$ .

By Corollary 2.5, for any  $x \in \widehat{A \times B}$ , there is a closed and bounded definable subset H of  $A \times B$  such that  $x \in \overline{H}$ . If  $H_1$  (resp.  $H_2$ ) denotes the image of H by the projection  $\pi_1: A \times B \to A$  (resp.  $\pi_2: A \times B \to B$ ), then by the continuity of the projections maps, the set  $H_1$  (resp.  $H_2$ ) is closed and bounded, and H is contained in  $H_1 \times H_2$ . Now  $\overline{H}$  is contained in  $\overline{H_1 \times H_2}$ . But  $\overline{H_1} \times \overline{H_2}$  is closed in  $R^{k+l}$  and it contains  $H_1 \times H_2$ , so it contains  $\overline{H_1 \times H_2}$ . Hence  $\overline{H}$  is contained in  $\overline{H_1} \times \overline{H_2}$ , and  $\overline{A} \times \overline{B}$  contains  $\overline{A \times B}$ .

Claim 4: let  $\pi: R^{k+1} \to R^k$  be the projection on the first k coordinates for an integer k. If A is a definable subset of  $R_0^{k+1}$ , then we have  $\pi(\check{A}) = \widehat{\pi(A)}$ .

integer k. If A is a definable subset of  $R_0^{k+1}$ , then we have  $\pi(\check{A}) = \widehat{\pi(A)}$ . First we note that the restriction  $\pi_{|R_0^{k+1}|}: R_0^{k+1} \to R_0^k$  of  $\pi$  to  $R_0^{k+1}$  is definable and continuous. In particular, the set  $\pi(A)$  is definable.

Let  $x \in \check{A}$ . By Corollary 2.5, there is a closed and bounded definable subset F of A such that  $x \in \overline{F}$ . Then, for each  $\varepsilon \in R^{>0}$ , there exists  $y \in F$  such that  $|y-x| < \varepsilon$ , so we have  $|\pi(y) - \pi(x)| < \varepsilon$ , and thus we obtain  $\pi(x) \in \overline{\pi(F)}$  But the restriction  $\pi_{|R_0^{k+1}}$  is definable and continuous, so  $\pi(F)$  is a closed and bounded definable subset contained in  $\pi(A)$ . Hence  $\pi(x)$  belongs to  $\widehat{\pi(A)}$ , and  $\widehat{\pi(A)}$  contains  $\pi(\check{A})$ 

Let  $x \in \pi(A)$ . We show that x belongs to  $\pi(\check{A})$ . By definable choice [4, Chapter 6 §1], there is a definable map  $f: \pi(A) \to R_0$  such that  $\{(\alpha, f(\alpha)) \mid \alpha \in \pi(A)\}$  is contained in A. By cell decomposition [4, Chapter 3 §2], there are finitely many cells  $C_1, \ldots, C_s$  of  $\pi(A)$  such that  $\pi(A) = \bigcup_{i=1}^s C_i$  and f is continuous on  $C_i$  for each i. By Proposition 2.6, we have  $x \in \check{C}_r$  for some  $r \in \{1, \ldots, s\}$ . By Corollary 2.5, there is a closed and bounded definable subset G of G such that G is a closed and definable subset of G is restriction G in G in G in a closed and definable subset of G is a closed and definable subset of G in G

$$u = \lim_{\substack{y \in G \\ y \to x}} f(y)$$

Now (x, u) belongs to  $\overline{\Gamma}$ , and since  $\Gamma$  is a closed and definable subset of A, we obtain  $(x, u) \in \check{A}$  and  $x \in \pi(\check{A})$ .

Claim 5: if  $\varphi(\overline{x}, \overline{a})$  is an atomic formula with free variables  $\overline{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_k)$  and parameters  $\overline{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_m)$  in  $R_0^m$ , and if A is the definable subset of  $R_0^k$  defined by  $\varphi(\overline{x}, \overline{a})$ , then  $\check{A}$  is the  $\mathcal{M}$ -definable subset of  $R^k$  defined by  $\varphi(\overline{x}, \overline{a})$ .

Let S be a relation symbol such that  $\varphi(\overline{x}, \overline{a}) = S(\overline{x}, \overline{a})$ . By the definition of  $S^{\mathcal{M}}$ , we have  $S^{\mathcal{M}} = \check{S}^{\mathcal{M}_0}$ . Therefore, if  $B = S^{\mathcal{M}_0}$  is the subset of  $R_0^{k+m}$  defined by  $\varphi(\overline{x}, \overline{y})$ , if  $C = R_0^k \times \{\overline{a}\}$ , and if  $\pi: R^{k+m} \to R^k$  is the projection on the first k coordinates, then we have  $A = \pi(B \cap C)$ . In the same way, the  $\mathcal{M}$ -definable subset of  $R^k$  defined by  $\varphi(\overline{x}, \overline{a})$  is  $\pi(S^{\mathcal{M}} \cap (R^k \times \{\overline{a}\}))$ . Since by Claim 3 we have  $\check{C} = \check{R_0^k} \times \{\overline{a}\} = R^k \times \{\overline{a}\}$ , and since by Claims 2 and 4 we have  $\check{A} = \pi(\check{B} \cap \check{C})$ , Claim 5 is proven.

Claim 6: let  $\varphi(\overline{x}, y, \overline{a})$  be a formula with free variables  $\overline{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_k)$  and y, and parameters  $\overline{a} \in R_0^m$ . Let A be the subset of  $R_0^{k+1}$  defined by  $\varphi(\overline{x}, y, \overline{a})$ , and B be the subset of  $R_0^k$  defined by  $\exists y \varphi(\overline{x}, y, \overline{a})$ . If the subset of  $R^{k+1}$  defined by  $\varphi(\overline{x}, y, \overline{a})$  is  $\check{A}$ , then the subset of  $R^k$  defined by  $\exists y \varphi(\overline{x}, y, \overline{a})$  is  $\check{B}$ .

This follows from Claim 4.

Claim 7: let  $\varphi(\overline{x}, \overline{a})$  be a formula with free variables  $\overline{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_k)$  and parameters  $\overline{a} \in R_0^m$ . Let A be the subset of  $R_0^k$  defined by  $\varphi(\overline{x}, \overline{a})$ , and B be the subset of  $R_0^k$  defined by  $\neg \varphi(\overline{x}, \overline{a})$ . If the subset of  $R^k$  defined by  $\varphi(\overline{x}, \overline{a})$  is  $\check{A}$ , then the subset of  $R^k$  defined by  $\neg \varphi(\overline{x}, \overline{a})$  is  $\check{B}$ .

This follows from Claim 1.

Claim 8: let  $\varphi(\overline{x}, \overline{a})$  and  $\phi(\overline{x}, \overline{a})$  be formulas with free variables  $\overline{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_k)$  and parameters  $\overline{a} \in R_0^m$ . Let A be the subset of  $R_0^k$  defined by  $\varphi(\overline{x}, \overline{a})$ , and B be the subset of  $R_0^k$  defined by  $\phi(\overline{x}, \overline{a})$ . If the subset of  $R^k$  defined by  $\varphi(\overline{x}, \overline{a})$  is A and the one defined by  $\phi(\overline{x}, \overline{a})$  is B, then the subset of B defined by  $\varphi(\overline{x}, \overline{a}) \wedge \phi(\overline{x}, \overline{a})$  is  $A \cap B$ .

This follows from Claim 2.

**Conclusion:** it follows from Claims 5, 6, 7 and 8, and from Remark 2.2, that the structure  $\mathcal{M}$  is an elementary extension of  $\mathcal{M}_0$ .

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