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#### A DEFINABLE, p-ADIC ANALOGUE OF KIRSZBRAUN'S THEOREM ON EXTENSIONS OF LIPSCHITZ MAPS

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Abstract. A direct application of Zorn's Lemma gives that every Lipschitz map  $f: X \subset \mathbb{Q}_p^n \to \mathbb{Q}_p^{\ell}$  has an extension to a Lipschitz map  $\widetilde{f}: \mathbb{Q}_p^n \to \mathbb{Q}_p^{\ell}$ . This is analogous, but more easy, to Kirszbraun's Theorem about the existence of Lipschitz extensions of Lipschitz maps  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^\ell$ . Recently, Fischer and Aschenbrenner obtained a definable version of Kirszbraun's Theorem. In the present paper, we prove in the p-adic context that  $f$  can be taken definable when  $f$  is definable, where definable means semi-algebraic or subanalytic (or, some intermediary notion). We proceed by proving the existence of definable, Lipschitz retractions of  $\mathbb{Q}_p^n$  to the topological closure of X when X is definable.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

A Lipschitz continuous map  $f$  with Lipschitz constant 1 (a Lipschitz map for short) from any subset  $X \subset \mathbb{Q}_p^n$  to  $\mathbb{Q}_p^\ell$  can be extended to a Lipschitz map  $f: \mathbb{Q}_p^n \to$  $\mathbb{Q}_p^{\ell}$ , by Zorn's lemma. This is explained in the proof of Theorem 1.2 of [\[Bha83\]](#page-16-0), the key point being that if X is moreover closed and  $a \in \mathbb{Q}_p^n$  is arbitrary, then f can be extended to a Lipschitz map  $X \cup \{a\} \to \mathbb{Q}_p^{\ell}$  by defining the value of a as  $f(x_a)$  for a chosen  $x_a \in X$  which lies closest to a among the elements of X. By Zorn's lemma and an easy passing to the topological closure like in Lemma  $4$  below,  $f$  can thus be extended to a Lipschitz map  $\tilde{f}: \mathbb{Q}_p^n \to \mathbb{Q}_p^\ell$ . The aim of this paper is to render this construction of  $\tilde{f}$  constructive, when more is known about  $f$ . Such a question was raised to us by M. Aschenbrenner, after work by him and Fischer [\[AF11\]](#page-16-1) on making such results constructive (more precisely definable) in the real case.

Let us first briefly recall the real situation, where we refer to [\[AF11\]](#page-16-1) for a more complete context and history. A Lipschitz map  $g: S \subset \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^{\ell}$  can always be extended to a Lipschitz map  $\tilde{g} : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^\ell$ , but the argument is more subtle than just<br>consider  $Z$  and is however. In the space that  $\ell$  and the arguilt was absenced by MaShana applying Zorn's lemma. In the case that  $\ell = 1$ , the result was observed by McShane [\[McS34\]](#page-16-2) and independently by Whitney [\[Whi34\]](#page-17-0) in 1934 and can be explained in terms of moduli of continuity of  $f$  (see Proposition 5.4 of  $[AF11]$ ). The case of general  $\ell$  is more delicate and was obtained by Kirszbraun [\[Kir34\]](#page-16-3) also in 1934, partially relying on Zorn's lemma. Recently, Fischer and Aschenbrenner [\[AF11\]](#page-16-1) showed that  $\tilde{g}$  can be taken definable when g is definable (in a very general sense). This can be seen as a constructiveness result. Results related to Whitney's extension theorem continue to play a role in differential topology (see e.g. [\[MROD92\]](#page-16-4)).

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We prove the definability of  $\tilde{f}$  in the p-adic case when f is definable, where definable can mean semi-algebraic or subanalytic, or some intermediary notion, coming respectively from  $[\text{Mac76}]$ ,  $[\text{DvdD88}]$  and  $[\text{CL11}]$ . We approach our p-adic result via showing that, for any closed definable subset  $X \subset \mathbb{Q}_p^n$ , there exists a definable Lipschitz retraction

$$
r: \mathbb{Q}_p^n \to X,
$$

namely, a Lipschitz map  $r: \mathbb{Q}_p^n \to X$  such that  $r(x) = x$  whenever  $x \in X$ , see Theorem [2](#page-3-0) below. The existence of Lipschitz retractions in the real case exists onto convex closed sets (see Corollary 2.14 of [\[AF11\]](#page-16-1)), but not for general closed sets. The general existence of Lipschitz retractions in our setting may be somewhat surprising, but in fact, the absence of a convexity condition in whatever form in the p-adic case reminds one of a similar absence in the results on piecewise Lipschitz continuity of [\[CH12\]](#page-16-8).

In the p-adic case, there is in fact no difference in difficulty between the  $\ell = 1$ case and the case of general  $\ell$ , by the usual definition of the ultra-metric norm as the sup-norm. Naturally, the case where  $n = 1$ , namely, when the domain of f is a subset of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ , is more easy than the case of general n and has been treated recently in Kui. We prove our results by an induction on  $n$ , where we use a certain form of cell decomposition/preparation with Lipschitz continuous centers, similar to such a result of [\[CH12\]](#page-16-8) but which treated no form of preparation, see Theorem [16](#page-9-0) below. This decomposition/preparation result is used to geometrically simplify the set  $X$ by replacing it by what we call a centred cell. Once we have reduced to the case that X is a centred cell, we use an almost explicit construction of the Lipschitz retraction r, with as only non-explicit part some choices of definable Skolem functions. On the way, we obtain a result on the existence of definable isometries with properties adapted to the geometry of  $X$ , see Proposition [10.](#page-6-0)

Our results also hold in families of definable functions, see the variants given by Theorems [19](#page-15-0) and [20](#page-16-10) at the end of the paper, and for any fixed finite field extension K of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ .

1.1. Main results. To state our main results we first fix some notation. We consider a finite extension K of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . We denote by ord :  $K \to \mathbb{Z} \cup \{+\infty\}$  the associated valuation and  $|\cdot|: K \to \mathbb{R}_+$  the associated norm, defined by  $|x| = q^{-\text{ord}(x)}$  with q the number of elements of the residue field of  $K$ . We equip  $K^n$  with the product metric, namely  $d(x, y) = \max_{i=1...n} |x_i - y_i|$  for  $x = (x_1 ... x_n)$  and  $y = (y_1 ... y_n)$  in  $K<sup>n</sup>$ , and with the metric topology.

Write  $\mathcal{O}_K$  for the valuation ring,  $\mathcal{M}_K$  for the maximal ideal of K and  $k_K$  for the residue field. Let us fix  $\varpi$  some uniformizer of  $\mathcal{O}_K$ . We denote by  $\overline{ac}_m : K \to$  $\mathcal{O}_K/(\mathcal{M}_K^m)$  the map sending nonzero  $x \in K$  to  $x\overline{\omega}^{-\text{ord}(x)}$  mod  $\mathcal{M}_K^m$ , and sending zero to zero. This map is called the  $m$ -th angular component map.

We denote by RV the union of  $K^{\times}/(1 + M_K)$  and  $\{0\}$  and by  $rv : K \to RV$ the quotient map sending 0 to 0. More generally, if  $m$  is a positive integer, we set  $RV_m = K^{\times}/(1 + \mathcal{M}_K^m) \cup \{0\}$  and  $rv_m : K \to RV_m$  the quotient map.

For 
$$
m, n > 0 \in \mathbb{N}
$$
, we set

 $Q_{m,n} = \{x \in K^\times \mid \text{ord}(x) \in n\mathbb{Z} \text{ and } \overline{ac}_m(x) = 1\}.$ 

When  $X \subset Y \subset K^n$ , a retraction from Y to a X is a map  $r: Y \to X$  which is the identity on  $X$ . By definable we mean either semi-algebraic, or, subanalytic, or an intermediary structure given by an analytic structure on  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  as in [\[CL11\]](#page-16-7).

The notions of semi-algebraic sets and of subanalytic sets are recalled in [\[CH12\]](#page-16-8) and based on quantifier elimination results from [\[Mac76\]](#page-16-5), [\[DvdD88\]](#page-16-6), and we refer to [\[CL11\]](#page-16-7) for background on more general analytic structures. A function

$$
f: X \subset \mathbb{Q}_p^n \to \mathbb{Q}_p^\ell
$$

is called Lipschitz (in full, Lipschitz continuous with Lipschitz constant 1) when

$$
|f(x) - f(y)| \le |x - y| \text{ for all } x, y \in X.
$$

We call a function  $\tilde{f}: A \to B$  an extension of a function  $f: A_0 \to B$  when  $A_0 \subset A$ and  $\tilde{f}$  coincides with f on  $A_0$ .

The following results, and their family versions given below as Theorems [19](#page-15-0) and [20,](#page-16-10) are the main results of the paper.

<span id="page-3-1"></span>**Theorem 1** (Ext<sub>n</sub>). Let  $X \subset K^n$  be a definable set. Let  $f : X \to K^{\ell}$  be a definable and Lipschitz function. Then there exists a definable Lipschitz  $\hat{f}: K^n \to K^{\ell}$  which is an extension of f. Moreover, we can ensure that the range of  $\tilde{f}$  is contained in the topological closure of the range of f.

<span id="page-3-0"></span>**Theorem 2** (Ret<sub>n</sub>). Let  $X \subset K^n$  be a definable set. There exists a definable Lipschitz retraction  $r: K^n \to \overline{X}$ . Here,  $\overline{X}$  is the topological closure of X in  $K^n$ .

Theorem [1](#page-3-1) can be seen as a consequence of Theorem [2,](#page-3-0) as follows.

*Proof of Theorem [1](#page-3-1) knowing Theorem [2.](#page-3-0)* Let  $\overline{f} : \overline{X} \to K$  be the unique definable Lipschitz extension of f to the topological closure  $\overline{X}$  of X, as given by Lemma [4](#page-4-0) below. Let  $r: K^n \to \overline{X}$  be a definable Lipschitz retraction as given by Theorem [2.](#page-3-0) Then  $f = \overline{f} \circ r$  extends f, and is Lipschitz.

In fact, we will prove these two theorems together with Proposition [10](#page-6-0) by a joint induction on n in Section [3.](#page-11-0)

Remark 3 (Some remarks about Theorem [2\)](#page-3-0).

- (1) One really need to consider  $\overline{X}$  in Theorem [2.](#page-3-0) For instance, there is no continuous retraction from  $K$  to  $K^{\times}$ .
- (2) The Archimedean analogue of Theorem [2](#page-3-0) is false. For instance, there is no continuous retraction  $r : \mathbb{R} \to \{-1,1\}$ . However, when  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is a closed convex set, the projection  $r : \mathbb{R}^n \to X$  to the closest point of X is a Lipschitz retraction, see Corollary 2.14 of [\[AF11\]](#page-16-1).
- (3) It would be interesting to know if Theorems [1](#page-3-1) and [2](#page-3-0) hold in some form for other classes of valued fields K. Natural examples would be  $\mathbb{R}((t)), \mathbb{C}((t))$ or algebraically closed valued fields (see below). Some difficulties in more general settings are: the absence of definable Skolem functions in general (they are used in the proof of Theorem [2\)](#page-3-0), and, infiniteness of the residue field (we use the finiteness of the residue field in Corollary [13\)](#page-8-0).
- (4) In this form, the analogue of Theorem [2](#page-3-0) does not hold for ACVF, the theory of algebraically closed valued fields. Indeed, let  $L$  be an algebraically closed valued field, and let  $X = \{x \in L \mid |x| > 1\}$ . Then X is a closed set, but one can check that there is no Lipschitz retraction  $r: L \to X$ . However, in this example  $X$  might not be considered as a closed set, because it is defined by means of <. One might hope that for a "good" notion of definable closed set (such as a set defined with  $\leq$ ,  $=$ , finite unions and intersections), an

analogue of Theorem [2](#page-3-0) holds in ACVF. For instance, there exists a definable Lipschitz retraction from L onto  $\{x \in L \mid |x| \geq 1\}.$ 

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#### 2. Preliminary results

2.1. Dimension of definable sets. To a nonempty definable set  $X \subset K^n$ , one can associate a dimension, denoted by  $dim(X) \in \mathbb{N}$ . It is defined as the maximum of the numbers  $k \geq 0$  such that there is a coordinate projection  $p: K^n \to K^k$ such that  $p(X)$  has nonempty interior in  $K<sup>k</sup>$ . This dimension, studied in [\[HM97\]](#page-16-11) in the slightly more general context of P-minimal structures, enjoys some nice properties that we will freely use. Let us mention that  $\dim(\overline{X}) = \dim(X)$  and that if  $f: X \to Y$  is a definable map then  $\dim(f(X)) \leq \dim(X)$ .

<span id="page-4-2"></span>2.2. Presburger sets. A Presburger set is a subset of  $\mathbb{Z}^n$  defined in the language  $\mathcal{L}_{Pres}$  consisting of  $+, -, 0, 1, <$  and, for each  $n > 0$ , the binary relation  $\cdot \equiv_n \cdot$ for congruence modulo n. Since  $(\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{L}_{Pres})$  eliminates quantifiers by [\[Pre91\]](#page-17-1), any Presburger set can be seen to be a finite union of sets of the following form:

$$
\{(u,v)\in\mathbb{Z}^n\,\bigm| \,u\in U,\ v\in a\mathbb{Z}+b\ \text{and}\ \alpha(u)\ \Box_1\ v\ \Box_2\ \beta(u)\}
$$

where  $U \subset \mathbb{Z}^{n-1}$  is a Presburger set,  $a, b$  are positive integers,  $\alpha, \beta : U \to \mathbb{Z}$  are definable functions and each  $\overline{\Box}_i$  is  $\lt$  or no condition; see [\[Clu03\]](#page-16-12) for related results and some background.

2.3. Retractions. We begin with three basic lemmas.

<span id="page-4-0"></span>**Lemma 4.** Let  $X \subset K^n$  and  $Y \subset K^{\ell}$  be definable sets. Let  $f : X \to Y$  be a definable Lipschitz function. There exists a unique Lipschitz extension  $\overline{f} : \overline{X} \to \overline{Y}$ which is also definable.

*Proof.* Simple topological and definability argument.  $\Box$ 

<span id="page-4-1"></span>**Lemma 5.** Let  $X \subset Y \subset K^n$ . Let  $r : Y \to X$  be a Lipschitz retraction. Then for all  $y \in Y$ ,  $|r(y) - y| = d(y, X)$ , where  $d(y, X)$  is the infimum of  $d(y, x)$  for  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* Let us assume that  $|r(y)-y| > d(y, X)$ , and let  $x \in X$  such that  $|r(y)-y| >$  $|x - y|$ . Then

$$
|r(y) - r(x)| = |r(y) - x| = |(r(y) - y) + (y - x)| = |r(y) - y| > |y - x|.
$$

This contradicts the fact that r is Lipschitz.  $\Box$ 

The following result is inspired by [\[Kui\]](#page-16-9)[Lemma 11].

<span id="page-5-5"></span>**Lemma 6** (Gluing Lemma). Let  $X \subset K^n$  be a definable set. Let  $X_i \subset X$  for  $i = 1, \ldots, m$  be a finite collection of definable sets and let  $r_i : X \to X_i$  be definable Lipschitz retractions. Then there exists a definable Lipschitz retraction

$$
r: X \to \bigcup_{i=1}^{m} X_i.
$$

*Proof.* With an easy induction on m, we can assume that  $m = 2$ . So, we have two definable sets  $X_1, X_2$ . Let us define r by

$$
\begin{array}{rcl}\nr: & X & \to & X_1 \cup X_2 \\
x & \mapsto & \begin{cases} r_1(x) & \text{if } d(x, X_1) \leq d(x, X_2) \\
r_2(x) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}\n\end{array}
$$

Let  $x, y \in X$  and let us prove that  $|r(x) - r(y)| \leq |x - y|$ .

**Case 1.**  $d(x, X_1) \leq d(x, X_2)$  and  $d(y, X_1) \leq d(y, X_2)$ .

Then  $r(x) = r_1(x)$  and  $r(y) = r_1(y)$ , so  $|r(x) - r(y)| \leq |x - y|$  because  $r_1$  is Lipschitz.

**Case 2.** 
$$
d(x, X_1) > d(x, X_2)
$$
 and  $d(y, X_1) > d(y, X_2)$ .

Then  $r(x) = r_2(x)$  and  $r(y) = r_2(y)$ , so  $|r(x) - r(y)| \leq |x - y|$  because  $r_2$  is Lipschitz.

**Case 3.**  $d(x, X_1) \leq d(x, X_2)$  and  $d(y, X_1) > d(y, X_2)$ .

<span id="page-5-0"></span>This implies that  $r(x) = r_1(x) \in X_1$  and  $r(y) = r_2(y) \in X_2$ . We obtain:

(1) 
$$
|x - r(y)| \ge d(x, X_2) \ge d(x, X_1) = |r(x) - x|.
$$

The last equality follows from Lemma [5.](#page-4-1) Then

<span id="page-5-2"></span>(2) 
$$
|x - r(y)| \ge \max(|r(x) - x|, |x - r(y)|) \ge |r(x) - r(y)|
$$

where the first inequality follows from [\(1\)](#page-5-0). Moreover

<span id="page-5-1"></span>(3) 
$$
|y - r(x)| \ge d(y, X_1) > d(y, X_2) = |y - r(y)|.
$$

The last equality follows from Lemma [5](#page-4-1) again. Then

<span id="page-5-3"></span>(4) 
$$
|r(y) - r(x)| = |(r(y) - y) + (y - r(x))| \stackrel{(3)}{=} |y - r(x)|.
$$

With one more step, we get

(5) 
$$
|x - r(y)| \ge |r(x) - r(y)| \stackrel{(4)}{=} |y - r(x)| \stackrel{(3)}{>} |y - r(y)|.
$$

Finally

<span id="page-5-4"></span>
$$
|x-y| = |(x-r(y)) + (r(y)-y)| \stackrel{(5)}{=} |x-r(y)| \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} |r(x)-r(y)|,
$$

which is what we have to show.  $\square$ 

#### 2.4. Centred cells.

**Definition 7** (Centred cells). Let m and  $n' \leq n$  be integers. We say that a definable set  $C \subset (K^{\times})^n$  is an open centred cell if it is of the form

$$
C = rv_m^{-1}(G) \cap (K^\times)^n,
$$

for some set  $G \subset (RV_m)^n$ , that is,

$$
C = \{ x \in (K^{\times})^n \mid (rv_m(x_1), \ldots, rv_m(x_n)) \in G \}.
$$

Furthermore, if  $C' \subset K^{n'}$  is an open centred cell, we say that

$$
C := C' \times \{(\underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n-n' \text{ times}}\} \subset K^n
$$

is a centred cell.

A centred cell is thus just a pullback under  $rv_m$  of some definable subset G of  $RV_m$  for some m, where we call a subset A of  $K^n \times \mathbb{Z}^{\ell} \times \prod_{i=1}^N RV_{m_i}$  a definable set whenever its natural pullback in  $K^{n+\ell+N}$  (coordinatewise under ord and  $rv_{m_i}$ ) is a definable set.

**Definition 8** (Monomial function). Let  $C' \subset K^{n'}$  be an open centred cell, and  $C = C' \times \{(0, \ldots, 0)\} \subset K^n$  be the associated centred cell. We say that a definable map  $f: C \to \mathbb{Z}$  is a monomial function if there exists an integer m, and a definable map  $f_0: (RV_m)^{n'} \to \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $f = f_0 \circ \pi$  where  $\pi: C \to (RV_m)^{n'}$  is defined by

$$
(x_1,\ldots,x_n)\mapsto (rv_m(x_1),\ldots,rv_m(x_{n'})).
$$

A monomial function is thus just a definable function induced by a function purely on the  $RV_m$  side for some m.

The following lemma illustrates how monomial functions are useful to build new centred cells.

<span id="page-6-1"></span>**Lemma 9.** Let  $C = rv_m^{-1}(G) \subset K^n$  be an open centred cell. Let  $C' \subset K^{n+1}$  be a set of the form

$$
C' = \{(y, t) \in C \times K \mid |\alpha(y)| \square_1 |t| \square_2 |\beta(y)| \text{ and } t \in \lambda Q_{m',n'}\}
$$

with the  $\Box_i$  either  $\langle$  or no condition for  $i = 1, 2$ , and let us assume that ord  $\alpha$  and ord  $\beta$  are monomial functions on C. Then C' is an open centred cell.

*Proof.* It is well known that a set like C' is definable, since the condition  $Q_{m',n'}$ is a definable set. The centred cell comes with an  $m$ , as an  $RV_m$ -pullback, and so do the monomial functions ord  $\alpha$  and ord  $\beta$  come with integers  $m_1, m_2$ , witnessing the definition of monomial function. Increasing some of these  $m, m_1, m_2$  and  $m'$  if necessary, there is no harm in assuming that they are all equal. Now the lemma follows easily.  $\Box$ 

The following result forms part of the induction scheme for the proofs of Theorems [1](#page-3-1) and [2](#page-3-0) and will be proved together with these theorems in Section [3.2.](#page-12-0)

<span id="page-6-0"></span>**Proposition 10**  $(Mon_n)$ . Let  $X \subset K^n$  be a definable set. For each  $i = 1, \ldots, m$ , let  $f_i: X \to \mathbb{Z}$  be a definable map. Then there exists a decomposition  $X = \prod_{i=1}^{\ell}$  $j=1$  $A_j$ in disjoint definable sets such that for each index  $j \in \{1, \ldots, \ell\}$  there is a definable

isometry  $\varphi_j: K^n \stackrel{\sim}{\to} K^n$  such that  $\varphi_j^{-1}(A)$  is a centred cell and  $f \circ \varphi_j$  is a monomial function.

Remark 11. In [\[Hal10,](#page-16-13) [Hal11\]](#page-16-14), it is conjectured that the trees of balls  $T(X)$  of definable sets  $X \subset \mathbb{Z}_p^n$  are characterised by a simple combinatorial condition. The trees satisfying this combinatorial condition are called trees of level d. One can easily check that if  $X \subset \mathbb{Z}_p^n$  is a centred cell, its associated tree  $T(X)$  is a tree of level d where  $d = \dim(\hat{X})$ . Hence Proposition [10](#page-6-0) implies that up to cutting a definable set in finitely many pieces, the Conjecture 1.1 of [\[Hal10\]](#page-16-13) holds.

#### 2.5. Retraction of centred cells.

<span id="page-7-1"></span>**Lemma 12.** Let  $C \subset (K^{\times})^n$  be an open centred cell. Put  $G := \text{ord}(C) \subset \mathbb{Z}^n$  and  $C' := \text{ord}^{-1}(G) \subset (K^{\times})^n$ . Suppose that the function

$$
x \mapsto (\overline{ac}_m(x_1), \ldots, \overline{ac}_m(x_n))
$$

is constant on  $C$ . Then there is a definable Lipschitz retraction  $r$  from  $C'$  to  $C$ .

*Proof.* The set  $(\mathcal{O}_K^{\times}/1 + \mathcal{M}_K^m)$  is finite, of size  $N = (q-1)q^{m-1}$ . Let

$$
\xi_1, \xi_2, \ldots, \xi_N \in \mathcal{O}_K^{\times}
$$

be a set of representatives of  $(\mathcal{O}_K^{\times}/1 + \mathcal{M}_K^m)$  with the extra condition (6)  $\xi_1 = 1$ .

For  $(u_1, \ldots, u_n) \in (RV_m)^n$  let us set

$$
(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n) := \text{ord}(u_1, \dots, u_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n
$$

$$
A := rv_m^{-1}(u_1 \dots, u_n) \subset (K^\times)^n
$$

$$
B := \text{ord}^{-1}(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n) \subset (K^\times)^n.
$$

One has the following decomposition

(7) 
$$
B = \coprod_{(i_1...i_n) \in \{1...N\}^n} (\xi_{i_1}, \dots, \xi_{i_n}) \cdot A.
$$

By definition of C and C', if  $x \in C'$ , there exists a unique n-uple  $(i_1 \ldots i_n) \in$  $\{1,\ldots,N\}^n$  such that  $(\xi_{i_1}x_1,\ldots,\xi_{i_n}x_n)$  lies in C. We define r as follows.

$$
\begin{array}{cccc}r : & C' & \rightarrow & C \\ & x & \mapsto & (\xi_{i_1}, \ldots, \xi_{i_n}) \cdot x\end{array}
$$

where  $(i_1 \ldots i_n)$  is the unique *n*-uple of  $\{1, \ldots, N\}^n$  such that  $(\xi_{i_1}, \ldots, \xi_{i_n}) \cdot x \in C$ . Let us check that r is Lipschitz by a disjunction case. Let  $x = (x_1, \ldots, x_n)$  and  $y=(y_1,\ldots,y_n)$  be in C'. Let  $(\xi_{i_1},\ldots,\xi_{i_n}),$  resp.  $(\xi'_{i_1},\ldots,\xi'_{i_n}),$  be the *n*-uple that appears in the definition of r for x, resp. for y. Let us fix some index  $j \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$ , and let us check that  $|r(x)_j - r(y)_j| \leq |x_j - y_j|$ .

**Case 1:**  $|x_i| = |y_i|$ .

**Case 1.1:**  $\overline{ac}_m(x_j) = \overline{ac}_m(y_j)$ .

In this case the constancy condition of the lemma implies that  $\xi_{i_j} = \xi'_{i_j}$ . So

<span id="page-7-0"></span>
$$
|r(x)_j - r(y)_j| = |\xi_{i_j}(x_j - y_j)| = |x_j - y_j|.
$$

**Case 1.2:**  $\overline{ac}_m(x_i) \neq \overline{ac}_m(y_i)$ .

The case condition implies that

$$
(8) \t\t |\t\t\varpi^m| \cdot |x_j| \le |x_j - y_j|
$$

By the constancy hypotheses, and according to the definition of  $r$ :

$$
\overline{ac}_m(r(x)_j) = \overline{ac}_m(r(y)_j)
$$

and

<span id="page-8-1"></span>
$$
|r(x)_j| = |x_j| = |y_j| = |r(y)_j|.
$$

It follows that

(9) 
$$
rv_m(r(x)_j) = rv_m(r(y)_j).
$$

So [\(8\)](#page-7-0) and [\(9\)](#page-8-1) imply that

$$
|r(x)_{j} - r(y)_{j}| \stackrel{(9)}{\leq} |\varpi^{m}| \cdot |x_{j}| \stackrel{(8)}{\leq} |x_{j} - y_{j}|.
$$

**Case 2:** $|x_j| < |y_j|$ .

In this case we have

$$
|r(x_j)| = |x_j| < |y_j| = |r(y)_j|.
$$

So,

$$
|r(x)_j - r(y)_j| = |r(y)_j| = |y_j| = |x_j - y_j|,
$$

and we are done.  $\hfill \square$ 

<span id="page-8-0"></span>**Corollary 13.** Let 
$$
C \subset (K^{\times})^n
$$
 be an open centred cell. Put  $G := \text{ord}(C) \subset \mathbb{Z}^n$   
and  $X := \text{ord}^{-1}(G) \subset (K^{\times})^n$ . Then there exists a definable Lipschitz retraction  
 $r : X \to C$ .

*Proof.* Since  $(\mathcal{O}_K^{\times}/1 + \mathcal{M}_K^m)$  is finite, there exists a finite partition  $C = \coprod C_j$  such j∈J that for each  $j \in J$ ,  $C_j$  is an open centred cell and such that the map  $(\overline{ac}_m)^n$ :  $C_j \to (\mathcal{O}_K^{\times}/1+\mathcal{M}_K^m)$  is constant. Thanks to Lemma [12,](#page-7-1) for each  $j \in J$  there exists a definable Lipschitz retraction  $r_j : X \to C_j$ . Finally, by Lemma [6,](#page-5-5) there exists a definable Lipschitz retraction  $r : X \to C$ .

<span id="page-8-2"></span>**Lemma 14.** Let  $U \subset \mathbb{Z}^{n-1}$  be a Presburger set. Let a, b be positive integers.  $\alpha, \beta : U \to b + a\mathbb{Z}$  be definable functions. Let us set

$$
V' = \{ (u, v) \in U \times \mathbb{Z} \mid \alpha(u) \square_1 v \square_2 \beta(u) \},
$$
  
\n
$$
V = V' \cap (\mathbb{Z}^{n-1} \times (b + a\mathbb{Z})),
$$

where  $\Box_i$  is  $\angle$  or no-condition for  $i = 1, 2$ . Then there exists a definable Lipshitz *retraction*  $r : \text{ord}^{-1}(V') \to \text{ord}^{-1}(V)$ .

Proof. Define r by

$$
r: \quad \text{ord}^{-1}(V') \rightarrow \quad \text{ord}^{-1}(V)
$$

$$
(x_1, \ldots, x_n) \rightarrow (x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}, \varpi^i x_n)
$$

where i is the unique index  $i \in \{0, \ldots, a-1\}$  such that  $(x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}, \varpi^i x_n) \in$ ord<sup>-1</sup>(V). Thanks to the definitions of V and V', r is well defined. Let us prove that  $r$  is Lipschitz.

So let  $x = (x_1, \ldots, x_n)$  and  $x' = (x'_1, \ldots, x'_n) \in \text{ord}^{-1}(V')$ , and let us prove that  $|r(x) - r(x')| \leq |x - x'|$ . Since r does not change the first  $n - 1$  coordinates, it suffices to check that  $|r(x)_n - r(x')_n| \leq |x_n - x'_n|$ . Let i (resp. i') be the integer such that  $r(x)_n = \varpi^i x_n$  (resp.  $r(x')_n = \varpi^{i'} x'_n$ ).

Case 1:  $|x_n| = |x'_n|$ .

In this case  $i = i'$  because i (resp. i') is the smallest integer  $\geq 0$  such that  $\mathrm{ord}(x_n)+i\in b+a\mathbb{Z}$  (resp.  $\mathrm{ord}(x'_n)+i'\in a\mathbb{Z}+b$ ). So

$$
|r(x)_n - r(x')_n| = |\varpi^{i}(x_n - x'_n)| \le |x_n - x'_n|.
$$

Case 2:  $|x_n| > |x'_n|$ . We have

$$
|r(x)_n - r(x')_n)| \le \max(|\varpi^i x_n|, |\varpi^{i'} x_n'|) \le |x_n| = |x_n - x_n'|,
$$

which finishes the proof.  $\Box$ 

2.6. Cell decomposition and preparation with Lipschitz centers. In this section, we improve Proposition 4.6 of [\[CH12\]](#page-16-8) (and Proposition 2.4 of [\[CCL10\]](#page-16-15)) by adding a kind of preparation to a cell decomposition statement. Instead of reproving 4.6 completely and observing that the preparation can be ensured as required, we give a blueprint on how to derive preparation from cell decomposition, in our context. This blueprint does not yet seem to work in more general P-minimal structures as in [\[HM97\]](#page-16-11). Recall that the idea of cell decomposition/preparation in the p-adic context goes back to P. Cohen [\[Coh69\]](#page-16-16) and J. Denef [\[Den84\]](#page-16-17). Let us first recall the notion of cells in our context, slightly adapted from the notion of [\[CCL10,](#page-16-15) Definition 3.1].

**Definition 15** (*p*-adic cells). Let Y be a definable set of  $\mathbb{Z}^M \times K^N$ . A cell  $A \subset$  $K \times Y$  over Y is a (nonempty) set of the form (10)

$$
A = \{(t, y) \in K \times Y \mid y \in Y', \ \alpha(y) \square_1 \ \text{ord}(t - c(y)) \square_2 \ \beta(y), \ t - c(y) \in \lambda Q_{m,n}\},
$$

with  $Y' \subset Y$  a definable set, constants  $n > 0$ ,  $m > 0$ ,  $\lambda$  in  $K$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \colon Y' \to \mathbb{Z}$  and  $c: Y' \to K$  all definable functions, and  $\Box_i$  either  $\Diamond$  or no condition, and such that A projects surjectively onto Y'. We call c the center of the cell A,  $\lambda Q_{m,n}$  the coset of A,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  the boundaries of A, the  $\Box_i$  the boundary conditions of A, and Y' the base of A. If  $\lambda = 0$  we call A a 0-cell and if  $\lambda \neq 0$  we call A a 1-cell.

<span id="page-9-0"></span>**Theorem 16** (*p*-adic cell decomposition/preparation with Lipschitz centers). Let Y be a definable set of  $\mathbb{Z}^M \times K^N$  and  $X \subset Y \times K^n$  be a definable set, and  $f_i: X \to \mathbb{Z}$  be

definable functions, for  $i = 1...m$ . Then there exists a partition  $X = \prod_{i=1}^{k}$ that for each j, for a well chosen coordinate projection  $\pi_j: Y \times K^n \to Y \times K^{n-1}$ ,  $X_j$  such

one has

- a)  $X_j$  is a cell over  $\pi_j(Y \times K^n)$  with center  $c_j : \pi_j(X_j) \to K$  which is Lipschitz with respect to the variables of  $K^{n-1}$  (i.e. for all  $y \in Y$ , the map  $c_j(y, \cdot)$ is Lipschitz on  $\pi_j(X_j)_y$ ) and with coset  $\lambda_j Q_{m_j,n_j}$  for some  $\lambda_j \in K$  and positive integers  $m_j$ ,  $n_j$ .
- <span id="page-9-1"></span>b) for all  $i = 1 ... m$  and  $j = 1 ... l$ , there exists a rational number  $a_{i,j} \in \frac{1}{n_j} \mathbb{Z}$ and a definable map  $h_{i,j} : \pi_j(X_j) \to \mathbb{Z}$  such that for all  $(y, x) \in X_j$

(11) 
$$
f_i(y, x) = h_{i,j}(y, \hat{x}) + a_{i,j} \text{ ord}\left(\frac{x_n - c_j(y, \hat{x})}{\lambda_j}\right),
$$

where we write  $(y, x) = (y, \hat{x}, x_n) = (y, \pi_i(x), x_n)$  and with the convention that  $0/0 = 1$  in [\(11\)](#page-9-1).

The argument we will give derives preparation from cell decomposition and some additional properties which seem to be unknown in more general P-minimal structures than our structures. We now give two of these additional properties.

A definable function  $f: \mathbb{Z}^m \times K^n \to \mathbb{Z}^\ell$  is piecewise (with definable pieces) equal to the restriction to the piece of a function

$$
\gamma(z)+h(x)
$$

for definable functions  $\gamma : \mathbb{Z}^m \to \mathbb{Z}^\ell$  and  $h : K^n \to \mathbb{Z}^\ell$ , by quantifier elimination.

Similarly, a definable function  $g: \mathbb{Z}^m \times K^n \to K^{\ell}$  is piecewise (with definable pieces) induced by definable functions  $h: K^n \to K^{\ell}$ , again by quantifier elimination.

These properties will be used in the following proof of Theorem [16.](#page-9-0) We first give an extra definition (by induction on  $n$ ) and a lemma.

<span id="page-10-0"></span>**Definition 17.** Let Y and  $X \subset Y \times K^n$  be definable sets. We call X a full cell over Y with full centers  $(c_1, \ldots, c_n)$  if it is a cell over  $Y \times K^{n-1}$  with center  $c_n$  and if the base of X is itself a full cell over Y with full centers  $(c_1, \ldots, c_{n-1})$ . For such a full cell X over Y, the image in  $Y \times (\mathbb{Z} \cup \{+\infty\})^n$  of X under the map

$$
(y,z)\in X\mapsto (y,\mathrm{ord}(z_1-c_1(y)),\ldots,\mathrm{ord}(z_n-c_n(y,z_1,\ldots,z_{n-1}))
$$

is called the skeleton of the full cell  $X$  over  $Y$ .

<span id="page-10-1"></span>**Lemma 18.** Let  $X \subset \mathbb{Z}^m \times K^n$  be a full cell over  $\mathbb{Z}^m$  with skeleton  $A \subset \mathbb{Z}^{m+n}$ over  $\mathbb{Z}^m$ . Suppose that for each natural number N, there are infinitely many tuples  $z \in \mathbb{Z}^m$  such that  $A_z := \{w \in \mathbb{Z}^n \mid (z, w) \in A\}$  is of cardinality at least N. Then there are z and z' in  $\mathbb{Z}^m$  with  $z \neq z'$  such that  $X_z := \{x \in K^n \mid (z, x) \in X\}$  and  $X_{z'}$  have nonempty intersection.

Proof. The lemma follows from the cell decomposition theorem for Presburger sets, namely Theorem 1 of  $\lbrack \text{Clu03} \rbrack$ , and the property about g mentioned just before Definition [17,](#page-10-0) applied to the occurring centers of the full cell  $X$ .

Proof of Theorem [16.](#page-9-0) First note that the result including a) but without b) is Proposition 4.6 of [\[CH12\]](#page-16-8), for a general definable subset Y of  $\mathbb{Z}^M \times K^N$  for  $M, N >$ 0.

Clearly we are allowed to work piecewise, and hence, by induction on  $m$  we may assume that the  $f_i$  do not vanish on X.

The simple case that the function  $x \in X_y \mapsto f_i(y, x)$  is constant for each  $y \in Y$ and each *i* is immediate, where  $X_y = \{x \in K^n \mid (y, x) \in X\}.$ 

Let us now consider the graph  $X'$  of the function

$$
F: (y, x) \in X \mapsto (\text{ord } f_1(y, x), \dots, \text{ord } f_m(y, x)) \in \mathbb{Z}^m
$$

and let us put  $Y' := Y \times \mathbb{Z}^m$  so that X' can be naturally seen as a subset of  $Y' \times K^n$ . Let  $f'_i$  be the induced function on X' coming from  $f_i$  and the natural bijection between  $X$  and  $X'$ . By the simple case treated above, the theorem holds for X' and the functions  $f'_i$ , yielding cells  $X'_j$ , functions  $h'_{i,j}$  and so on. We now derive from this the result for X and the  $f_i$ . By the induction hypothesis (with induction on  $n$ ) applied recursively to the base of the cell  $X'$ , we may suppose that  $X'$  is a full cell over Y'. Let  $A'$  be its skeleton. By the graph construction, the fibers  $X'_{z,y} := \{x \in K^n \mid (z,y,x) \in X'\}$  are all disjoint when z runs over  $\mathbb{Z}^m$  and when y is any fixed value in Y. By Lemma [18,](#page-10-1) this implies that we

can partition  $X'$  further without changing the centers and reduce to the case that  $A'_{z,y} := \{ s \in \mathbb{Z}^n \mid (z,y,s) \in A' \}$  is either empty or a singleton for each  $z \in \mathbb{Z}^m$  and each  $y \in Y$ . Now the theorem for X and the  $f_i$  follows from the piecewise linearity of Presburger definable functions of the cell decomposition theorem for Presburger sets, namely Theorem 1 of [\[Clu03\]](#page-16-12). Indeed, the dependence of  $z$  on  $s$  for any fixed y under the condition  $(z, y, s) \in A'$  is a piecewise linear function, uniformly so in  $y.$ 

#### 3. Proofs of the main result by a joint induction

<span id="page-11-0"></span>We prove Theorems [1](#page-3-1) and [2,](#page-3-0) and Proposition [10](#page-6-0) by a joint induction, that is, we prove the properties  $(Mon_n)$ ,  $(Ret_n)$  and  $(Ext_n)$  by induction on n.

<span id="page-11-1"></span>3.1. **Proofs for the case**  $n = 1$ . When  $n = 1$ , Proposition [10](#page-6-0) follows from the p-adic cell decomposition (Theorem [16\)](#page-9-0). For this, one does not need the Lipschitz assertion on the centers of the cells.

To prove Theorem [2](#page-3-0) for  $n = 1$ , thanks to Lemma [6,](#page-5-5) Theorem [16,](#page-9-0) and up to translating with the center, one is reduced to find a definable Lipschitz retraction  $r: K \to \overline{C}$  where  $C \subset K^{\times}$  is an open centred cell. By Corollary [13,](#page-8-0) one can assume that  $C = \text{ord}^{-1}(G)$  for a Presburger set  $G \subset \mathbb{Z}$ . Such a set is a finite union of sets of the form

$$
\{g\in\mathbb{Z}\,\,\big|\,\,g\in a\mathbb{Z}+b,\,\,\text{and}\,\,\alpha\Box_1\,g\,\Box_2\,\beta\}
$$

where  $a, b, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}$  and each  $\Box_i$  is  $\Diamond$  or no condition. Thanks to Lemma [14,](#page-8-2) we can drop the congruence relation  $g \in a\mathbb{Z} + b$  and assume that

$$
G = \{ g \in \mathbb{Z} \mid \alpha \Box_1 g \Box_2 \beta \}
$$

and are reduced to construct a definable Lipschitz retraction  $r: K \to \overline{C}$ . Depending on the values of the  $\Box_i$ 's (namely  $\Diamond$  or no-condition) this leaves four cases:

(1)  $C = K^{\times}$ . Then,  $\overline{C} = K$ , and we take  $r = id$ . (2)  $C = \{x \in K \mid 0 < |x| \leq s\}$ , so  $\overline{C} = \{x \in K \mid |x| \leq s\}$ . Then we take

$$
\begin{array}{rcl} r: & K & \rightarrow & C \\ & x & \mapsto & \begin{cases} x & \text{if } |x| \le s \\ 0 & \text{if } |x| > s \end{cases} \end{array}
$$

(3)  $C = \{x \in K \mid s \leq |x| \leq s'\} = \overline{C}$ . Let us pick  $x_0 \in K$  such that  $|x_0| = s$ . Then we consider

$$
r: K \rightarrow \overline{C}
$$
  

$$
x \rightarrow \begin{cases} x & \text{if } |x| \in C \\ x_0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}
$$

(4)  $C = \{x \in K \mid s \leq |x|\} = \overline{C}$ . Let us pick  $x_0 \in K$  such that  $|x_0| = s$ . Then we consider

$$
\begin{array}{rcl} r: & K & \rightarrow & C \\ & x & \mapsto & \begin{cases} x & \text{if } |x| \in C \\ x_0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{array}
$$

One easily checks the required conditions in each of these cases. This proves The-orem [2](#page-3-0) when  $n = 1$  $n = 1$ , and implies Theorem 1 for  $n = 1$  as explained on page [3.](#page-3-0)

<span id="page-12-0"></span>3.2. **Proofs for**  $n > 1$ . We now prove by induction the properties  $(Mon_n)$ ,  $(Ret_n)$ and  $(Ext_n)$  listed in the introduction. The basis of the induction has been obtained in Section [3.1.](#page-11-1)

So let us fix an integer  $n > 1$  and let us assume that  $(Ret_{n-1})$ ,  $(Mon_{n-1})$  and  $(Ext_{n-1})$  hold. We will prove the statements in the following order:  $(Mon_n)$ ,  $(Ret_n)$  and  $(Ext_n)$ .

#### Proof of Proposition [10](#page-6-0)  $(Mon_n)$ .

Let us apply Theorem [16](#page-9-0) to the functions  $f_i$ . So we can assume that  $X \subset K^n$ is a cell

$$
X = \{(y, t) \in Y \times K \mid |\alpha(y)| \square_1 |t - c(y)| \square_2 |\beta(y)| \text{ and } t - c(y) \in \lambda Q_{m', n'}\}
$$

over  $K^{n-1}$  with a base Y and a Lipschitz center  $c: Y \to K$ , and that for each  $i \in \{1, \ldots, m\}$  there is some  $a_i \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $h_i : Y \to K$  some definable function such that, for each  $y \in Y, t \in K$  with  $(y, t) \in X$ , one has that  $f_i(y, t)$  is of a prepared form, coming from [\(11\)](#page-9-1). By induction hypothesis  $(Ext_{n-1})$ , we can extend  $c: Y \to K$  to a definable Lipschitz function  $\overline{c}: K^{n-1} \to K$ . Let us consider the definable isometry  $\varphi: K^n \to K^n$  defined by  $(y,t) \in K^{n-1} \times K \mapsto (y, t + \overline{c}(y)).$ Then, considering  $\varphi^{-1}(X)$ , we can assume that  $c \equiv 0$ . Hence, for any  $(y, t) \in X$ one has

$$
f_i(y, t) = h_i(y) + a_i \operatorname{ord}(t/\lambda),
$$

for some rational numbers  $a_i$  and some definable functions  $h_i$ . By induction hypothesis  $(Mon_{n-1})$  applied to the functions  $h_i$ , ord $\alpha$ , ord  $\beta$ , and up to cutting X in finitely many pieces, we can assume that

- $Y \subset K^{n-1}$  is a centred cell.
- $X$  is the cell over Y defined by:

$$
X = \{(y,t) \in Y \times K \mid |\alpha(y)| \square_1 |t| \square_2 |\beta(y)| \text{ and } t \in \lambda Q_{m',n'}\}
$$

 $-$  for each index i and each  $(y, t) \in X$  one has:

$$
f_i(y, t) = h_i(y) + a_i \operatorname{ord}(t/\lambda).
$$

 $−$  The functions  $h_i$ , ordα, and ord $β$  are monomial functions on Y.

Then according to Lemma [9,](#page-6-1)  $X$  is a centred cell, and each  $f_i$  is a monomial function.  $\Box$ 

Proof of Theorem [2](#page-3-0)  $(Ret_n)$ .

**Step 1.** Let us show first that when  $dim(X) < n$ , there exists a definable Lipschitz retraction  $r: K^n \to \overline{X}$ .

By Lemma [6,](#page-5-5) we can cut  $X$  in definable pieces. Thanks to Proposition [10,](#page-6-0) we can assume that there exists a definable set  $X' \subset K^{n-1}$  such that  $X = X' \times \{0\}.$ So we can apply our induction hypothesis  $(Ret_{n-1})$  to X' and conclude.

**Step 2.** According to  $(Mon_n)$ , we can assume that  $X = \overline{C}$  where C is a centred cell, let us say of the form  $C = C' \times \{(0, \ldots, 0)\}$  for some open centred cell  $C' \subset K^{n'}$ . If  $n' < n$ , we are reduced to Step 1.

If  $n = n'$ , then C is an open centred cell. So according to Corollary [13,](#page-8-0) we can assume that

$$
X = \text{ord}^{-1}(G)
$$

for some Presburger set  $G \subset \mathbb{Z}^n$ .

**Step 3.** For each  $i \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$ , let

$$
G_i := \{ (g_1, \ldots, g_n) \in G \mid g_i \ge g_j \text{ for all } j = 1, \ldots, n \}.
$$

Then

$$
G = \bigcup_{i=1}^n G_i
$$

and

$$
X = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n} \text{ord}^{-1}(G_i).
$$

By Lemma [6,](#page-5-5) we are reduced to prove the result for each  $X = \text{ord}^{-1}(G_i)$ . So, replacing G by the  $G_i$ 's, and up to a permutation of the coordinates, we can assume that G satisfies the following condition

(12) 
$$
g_n \ge g_j \text{ for all } j = 1, \dots, n \text{ and all } (g_1, \dots, g_n) \in G.
$$

Using the results mentioned in Section [2.2,](#page-4-2) one can assume that  $G$  still satisfies condition [\(12\)](#page-13-0) and is moreover of the form

<span id="page-13-0"></span>
$$
G = \{(u, v) \in \mathbb{Z}^n \mid u \in U, v \in a\mathbb{Z} + b \text{ and } \alpha(u) \square_1 v \square_2 \beta(u)\}\
$$

where  $U \subset \mathbb{Z}^{n-1}$  is a Presburger set,  $\alpha, \beta : U \to \mathbb{Z}$  are definable functions, and each  $\Box_i$  is  $\angle$  or no condition. Then, using Lemma [14,](#page-8-2) we can remove the congruence condition  $v \in a\mathbb{Z} + b$ .

Step 4. We are reduced to the following assertion. Given the following data

- − a Presburger set  $U \subset \mathbb{Z}^{n-1}$ ;
- $−$  definable functions  $α, β : U → Z$  such that for any  $u ∈ U$  there exists some  $v \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $\alpha(u) < v < \beta(u)$  and such that for any  $(u_1, \ldots, u_{n-1}) \in U$ , we have, by  $(12)$ ,

$$
\alpha(u) \ge \max_{i=1,\dots,n-1} u_i;
$$

− a Presburger set

$$
G = \{(u, v) \in \mathbb{Z}^n \mid u \in U, v \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } \alpha(u) \square_1 v \square_2 \beta(u)\}.
$$

We then have to show that there exists a definable Lipschitz retraction

<span id="page-13-1"></span>
$$
r: K^n \to \overline{\text{ord}^{-1}(G)}.
$$

Step 4.1. We first construct a definable Lipschitz map

(13) 
$$
r : \text{ord}^{-1}(U \times \mathbb{Z}) \to \text{ord}^{-1}(G)
$$

such that  $r(x) = x$  for all  $x \in \text{ord}^{-1}(G)$ .

If both  $\Box_1$  and  $\Box_2$  are no condition, then  $G = U \times \mathbb{Z}$  and the map

$$
r: x \in \text{ord}^{-1}(U \times \mathbb{Z}) \mapsto x
$$

works. So we can assume that one of  $\Box_1$  or  $\Box_2$  is <.

Recall that the theory of our one-sorted structure  $K$  has definable Skolem functions, see [\[Dri84\]](#page-16-18)[Theorem 3.2] in the semi-algebraic case and [\[DvdD88\]](#page-16-6) in the subanalytic case, but this also follows directly from the above cell decomposition result in any of our settings. If  $\Box_2$  is  $\lt$ , we let

$$
f_-: \text{ord}^{-1}(U) \to K^\times
$$

be a definable Skolem function satisfying

$$
\mathrm{ord}(f_-(u)) = \beta(u) - 1 \text{ for all } u \in \mathrm{ord}^{-1}(U).
$$

Similarly, if  $\Box_1$  is  $\lt$ , we let

$$
f_+:\text{ord}^{-1}(U)\to K^\times
$$

be a definable Skolem function which satisfies

 $\mathrm{ord}(f_+(u)) = \alpha(u) + 1$  for all  $u \in \mathrm{ord}^{-1}(U)$ .

Let us set write H for the union of the graph of  $f_$  (when  $f_$  is defined) and the graph of  $f_+$  (when  $f_+$  is defined), namely,

$$
H = \{(u, f_+(u)) \mid u \in \text{ord}^{-1}(U)\} \cup \{(u, f_-(u)) \mid u \in \text{ord}^{-1}(U)\} \text{ when } \square_1 \text{ and } \square_2 \text{ are } H = \{(u, f_+(u)) \mid u \in \text{ord}^{-1}(U)\} \text{ when } \square_1 \text{ is } < \text{and } \square_2 \text{ is no condition}
$$

$$
H = \{(u, f_-(u)) \mid u \in \text{ord}^{-1}(U)\} \text{ when } \square_1 \text{ is no condition and } \square_2 \text{ is } <.
$$

By construction,  $H \subset \text{ord}^{-1}(G)$ , so  $\overline{H} \subset \text{ord}^{-1}(G)$  and  $\dim(H) = \dim(\overline{H}) = n - 1$ . According to step 1, we can find a definable Lipschitz retraction

$$
s: K^n \to \overline{H}.
$$

We now define our Lipschitz map as desired for [\(13\)](#page-13-1) like this:

$$
r: \quad \text{ord}^{-1}(U \times \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \qquad \qquad \overline{\text{ord}^{-1}(G)}
$$
\n
$$
z \qquad \mapsto \qquad \begin{cases} z & \text{if } z \in \text{ord}^{-1}(G) \\ s(z) & \text{if } z \notin \text{ord}^{-1}(G) \end{cases}
$$

The key remaining work is to prove that r is Lipschitz. Let us consider  $z = (y, x)$ and  $z' = (y', x') \in \text{ord}^{-1}(U \times \mathbb{Z})$  and let us prove that  $|r(z) - r(z')| \leq |z - z'|$ .

If  $z = (y, x)$  and  $z' = (y', x')$  belong simultaneously to ord<sup>-1</sup>(G), or to its complement ord<sup>-1</sup>(G)<sup>c</sup>, then  $|r(z) - r(z')| \leq |z - z'|$  because the identity map and the function s are Lipschitz. So we will assume that  $\text{ord}(z) \in G$  and  $\text{ord}(z') \notin G$ .

Since  $|(y,x)-(y',x')| = \max(|y-y'|, |x-x'|)$  it follows that  $|(y,x)-(y',x)|$  and  $|(y',x)-(y',x')|$  are less or equal than  $|(y,x)-(y',x')|$ . So we can assume that  $x = x'$  or  $y = y'$ .

**Case 1:**  $x = x'$ . So  $z = (y, x) \in \text{ord}^{-1}(G)$  and  $z' = (y', x) \notin \text{ord}^{-1}(G)$ . For simplicity of notation, let us assume that  $|y_1| \neq |y'_1|$ . In particular,  $|z - z'| \geq |y_1|$ . If  $\Box_2$  is  $\lt$ , let  $z'' = (y, f_-(y)) \in \text{ord}^{-1}(G)$  (otherwise  $\Box_2$  is no condition,  $\Box_1$  is  $\lt$ , then we set  $z'' = (y, f_+(y)) \in \text{ord}^{-1}(G)$  and the undermentioned reasoning can also been applied). Since  $z, z'' \in \text{ord}^{-1}(G)$ , according to condition  $(12), |f_-(y)| \le |y_1|$ and  $|x| \leq |y_1|$ . So

$$
|z - z''| = |x - f_-(y)| \le |y_1| \le |z - z'|.
$$

Likewise

$$
|z'' - z'| = |(y, f_{-}(y)) - (y', x)| = \max(|y - y'|, |x - f_{-}(y)|)
$$
  

$$
\leq \max(|y - y'|, |y_1|) \leq |z - z'|
$$

So it suffices to show that  $|r(z) - r(z'')| \leq |z - z''|$  and that  $|r(z'') - r(z')| \leq$  $|z'' - z'|$ . Since  $z, z'' \in \text{ord}^{-1}(G), r(z) = z$  and  $r(z'') = z''$  and this implies the first inequality. Finally,  $z'' \in H$  and  $z' \notin \text{ord}^{-1}(G)$  so by definition of  $r, r(z'') = s(z'')$ and  $r(z') = s(z')$ . Since s is Lipschitz,  $|r(z'') - r(z')| = |s(z'') - s(z')| \le |z'' - z'|$ .

**Case 2**:  $y = y'$ . So  $z = (y, x) \in \text{ord}^{-1}(G)$  and  $z' = (y, x') \notin \text{ord}^{-1}(G)$ . **Case 2.1.**  $\Box$ <sub>2</sub> is the condition  $\angle$  and  $\beta$ (ord  $y$ )  $\leq$  ord  $x'$ , where ord  $y$  stands for

 $(\text{ord }y_1,\ldots,\text{ord }y_{n-1}).$ 

So  $|z - z'| = |x - x'| = |x|$ . Let us consider  $z'' = (y, f_-(y))$ . Then

 $|x'| < |f_-(y)| \leq |x|.$ 

So

$$
|z' - z''| = |f_{-}(y)| \le |x| \le |z - z'|.
$$

Likewise,

$$
|z'' - z| = |f_{-}(y) - x| \le |x| \le |z - z'|.
$$

So it suffices to show that  $|r(z'') - r(z')| \leq |z'' - z'|$  and that  $|r(z) - r(z'')| \leq$ |z – z''. The first inequality is true because  $r(z') = z'$  and  $r(z'') = z''$  since  $z', z'' \in \text{ord}^{-1}(G)$ . The second inequality is true because  $z'' \in H$  and  $\text{ord}(z) \notin G$ so by definition of r,  $r(z'') = s(z'')$  and  $r(z) = s(z)$  and s is Lipschitz.

**Case 2.2.**  $\square_1$  is the condition  $\lt$  and  $\alpha(\text{ord } y) \geq \text{ord } x'$ , where  $\text{ord } y$  stands for  $(\text{ord }y_1,\ldots,\text{ord }y_{n-1}).$ 

So 
$$
|z - z'| = |x - x'| = |x'|
$$
. Let us consider  $z'' = (y, f_+(y))$ . Then

$$
|f_+(y)| < |x'|.
$$

So

$$
|z'-z''| = |x'-f_+(y)| = |x'| = |z-z'|.
$$

Likewise,

$$
|z''-z|=|f_+(y)-x|\leq |f_+(y)|<|x'|=|z-z'|.
$$
 So it suffices to show that  $|r(z'')-r(z')|\leq |z''-z'|$  and that  $|r(z)-r(z'')|\leq |z-z''|$ . This is shown as at the end of Case 2.1.

**Step 4.2.** By induction hypothesis  $(Ret_{n-1})$ , there is a definable Lipshitz retraction

$$
\sigma: K^{n-1} \to \overline{\mathrm{ord}^{-1}(U)}.
$$

It induces a definable Lipschitz retraction

$$
\tau: \quad K^n \quad \to \quad \overline{\text{ord}^{-1}(U \times \mathbb{Z})} = \overline{\text{ord}^{-1}(U)} \times K
$$
\n
$$
(x_1, \dots, x_n) \quad \mapsto \quad (\sigma(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}), x_n)
$$

Using lemma [4,](#page-4-0) we can extend r of  $(13)$  as constructed in Step 4.1 in a Lipschitz way to

$$
\overline{r} : \overline{\mathrm{ord}^{-1}(U \times \mathbb{Z})} \to \overline{\mathrm{ord}^{-1}(G)}
$$

which is a definable Lipschitz retraction. Then  $\overline{r} \circ \tau : K^n \to \text{ord}^{-1}(V)$  is a definable Lipschitz retraction as desired for property  $(Ret_n)$ .

*Proof of Theorem [1](#page-3-1) (Ext<sub>n</sub>)*. Property (*Ext<sub>n</sub>*) follows from Property (*Ret<sub>n</sub>*) simi-larly as how Theorem [1](#page-3-1) is obtained from Theorem [2](#page-3-0) just below Theorem [2.](#page-3-0)  $\Box$ 

To end the paper, we give family versions of Theorems [1](#page-3-1) and [2.](#page-3-0)

<span id="page-15-0"></span>**Theorem 19.** Let  $Y \subset K^m$  and  $X \subset Y \times K^n$  be definable sets. Let  $f : X \to K^{\ell}$ be a definable and suppose that for each  $y \in Y$ , the function  $f_y$  sending z to  $f(y, z)$ is a Lipschitz function on  $X_y := \{z \mid (y, z) \in X\}$ . There exists a definable function  $\widehat{f}: Y \times K^n \to K^{\ell}$  such that, for each  $y \in Y$ ,

$$
f_y: z \mapsto f(y, z)
$$

is a Lipschitz extension of  $f_y$ .

<span id="page-16-10"></span>**Theorem 20.** Let  $Y \subset K^m$  and  $X \subset Y \times K^n$  be definable sets. There exists a definable function  $r: Y \times K^n \to Y \times K^n$  such that, for each  $y \in Y$ ,  $r_y$  is a retraction from  $K^n$  to  $\overline{X_y}$ , with  $X_y = \{z \mid (y, z) \in X\}$  and  $\overline{X_y}$  its topological closure.

These two theorems follow by noting that the proofs of Theorems [1](#page-3-1) and [2](#page-3-0) and of Proposition [10](#page-6-0) work completely uniformly in  $y \in Y$ , and that definable Skolem functions can be used to pick the elements like  $x_0$  in Section [3.1](#page-11-1) for the case  $n = 1$ . In these last theorems, Y is not allowed to be a definable subset of  $\mathbb{Z}^m \times K^{m'}$  since that would render impossible the above usage of definable Skolem functions, which indeed only exist in the one-sorted structure K.

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