

# FIBRES OF HUREWICZ AND APPROXIMATE FIBRATIONS

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A mapping  $p: E \rightarrow B$  is a *Hurewicz fibration* if given mappings  $H: X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow B$  and  $h: X \rightarrow E$  such that  $ph(x) = H(x, 0)$  for all  $x \in X$ , then there exists  $G: X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow E$  such that  $pG = H$  and  $G(x, 0) = h(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . If  $x \in B$ , then  $p^{-1}(x)$  is called a *fibre* of  $p$ . Suppose that  $p: E \rightarrow B$  is a Hurewicz fibration between closed connected manifolds of dimensions  $m$  and  $n$ , respectively. If  $E, B$  and  $p$  are smooth, then  $p$  is locally trivial and the fibres are smooth manifolds of dimension  $m - n$ . If  $p$  is not smooth, then  $p$  need not be locally trivial nor need the fibre be a manifold [9]. In [12], F. Raymond showed that the fibre must be a generalized manifold. One of the main results of this paper is the following.

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $p: E \rightarrow B$  be a Hurewicz fibration from a closed connected  $m$ -dimensional CAT manifold onto an  $n$ -dimensional TOP manifold with fibre  $F$ . If  $m - n \geq 5$  and if  $\text{Wh}(\pi_1(F) \oplus \mathbb{Z}^r) = 0$  for all  $r \leq n - 1$ , then the fibre of  $p$  has the homotopy type of a closed CAT manifold of dimension  $m - n$ .*

$\text{Wh}(\pi_1(F) \oplus \mathbb{Z}^r)$  denotes the Whitehead group [11] of the direct sum of the fundamental group of  $F$  and the free Abelian group of rank  $r$ . Recall that if  $F$  is simply connected or has fundamental group isomorphic to a free Abelian group, then  $\text{Wh}(\pi_1(F) \oplus \mathbb{Z}^r) = 0$  for all  $r$  [11]. CAT denotes one of the three categories: DIFF = differentiable, PL = piecewise linear or TOP = topological.

A mapping  $p: E \rightarrow B$  is an *approximate fibration* if given an open cover  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $B$  and mappings  $H: X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow B$  and  $h: X \rightarrow E$  such that  $ph(x) = H(x, 0)$  for all  $x \in X$ , then there exists  $G: X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow E$  such that  $pG$  and  $H$  are  $\mathcal{U}$ -close (i.e., given  $(x, t) \in X \times [0, 1]$ , then there exists  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  such that  $pG(x, t)$  and  $H(x, t)$  are elements of  $U$ ) and  $G(x, 0) = h(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . Coram and Duvall [3] introduced the concept of approximate fibrations and showed that they have many similar properties as Hurewicz fibrations if one uses shape-theoretic

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concepts in place of their homotopy-theoretic counterparts. For example, if  $p: E \rightarrow B$  is an approximate fibration between compact ANR's and if  $B$  is connected, then each fibre is an FANR and any two fibres have the same shape. Coram and Duvall construct an approximate fibration from the torus to the 1-sphere such that all the fibres except one are 1-spheres and the exceptional fibre is a Warsaw circle.

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $p: E \rightarrow B$  be an approximate fibration from a closed connected  $m$ -dimensional CAT manifold onto an  $n$ -dimensional TOP manifold with fibre  $F$ . If  $m - n \geq 5$ ,  $\text{Wh}(\tilde{\pi}_1(F) \oplus \mathbb{Z}^r) = 0$  for  $r \leq n$ , and if  $F$  has the shape of a finite complex, then  $F$  has the shape of a closed CAT manifold of dimension  $m - n$ .*

$\tilde{\pi}_1(F)$  denotes the shape fundamental group [1] of  $F$ .

The author does not know whether the hypotheses on the fibre are necessary. However, it should be noted that S. Ferry [6] has constructed an approximate fibration from a compact ANR onto the 1-sphere such that the fibre does not have the shape of a finite complex.

First, we recall some results from the thesis of L. C. Siebenmann [13]. Although these results are stated in the DIFF category, they are also valid in any of the three categories  $\text{CAT} = \text{DIFF}$ ,  $\text{PL}$  or  $\text{TOP}$  by the work of Kirby and Siebenmann [10]. Let  $M$  be an open connected  $r$ -dimensional CAT manifold with a finite number of ends  $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_t$ . The end  $\varepsilon_i$  is *stable* if there exists a sequence of connected neighborhoods  $\{U_i\}$  of the end  $\varepsilon_i$  such that  $U_i \supseteq U_{i+1}$  for all  $i$ ,  $\bigcap_i \text{cl}(U_i) = \emptyset$ , and if  $\alpha_i: \pi_1(U_{i+1}, x_{i+1}) \rightarrow \pi_1(U_i, x_i)$  denotes the homomorphism induced by inclusion and a path between  $x_{i+1}$  and  $x_i$ , then  $\alpha_i | \text{image } \alpha_{i+1}: \text{image } \alpha_{i+1} \rightarrow \text{image } \alpha_i$  is an isomorphism of finitely presented groups. The inverse limit of this sequence of groups is called the *fundamental group of the end*  $\varepsilon_i$  and is denoted by  $\pi_1(\varepsilon_i)$ . A submanifold  $V \subseteq M$  is called a *1-neighborhood* of the end  $\varepsilon_i$  if  $V$  is a closed connected neighborhood of  $\varepsilon_i$  with compact connected boundary  $\partial V$  such that the inclusions  $\partial V \subseteq V$  and of the end  $\varepsilon_i$  into  $V$  induce isomorphisms of fundamental groups. Siebenmann shows that if  $r \geq 5$  and if the end  $\varepsilon_i$  is stable, then  $\varepsilon_i$  has arbitrarily small 1-neighborhoods.

**THEOREM 3 (Siebenmann).** *Let  $M$  be an open connected CAT manifold of dimension  $\geq 6$  with a finite number of ends  $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_t$ .  $M$  is homeomorphic to the interior of a compact CAT manifold if and only if*

- 3.1 *each end is stable;*
- 3.2 *each end has arbitrarily small 1-neighborhoods which are dominated by a finite complex;*
- 3.3 *for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, t$ , a certain invariant  $\sigma_i \in \tilde{K}_0(\pi_1(\varepsilon_i))$  must be zero.*

The invariant  $\sigma_i$  vanishes if and only if  $\varepsilon_i$  has arbitrarily small 1-neighborhoods which have the homotopy type of a finite complex.

Let  $T^r$  denote the product of  $r$  1-spheres.

**THEOREM 4.** *Let  $F$  be a compact connected ANR such that for some  $r \geq 0$ ,  $F \times T^r$  has the homotopy type of a closed connected CAT  $n$ -manifold,  $n \geq r + 5$ . If  $\text{Wh}(\pi_1(F) \oplus \mathbb{Z}^i) = 0$  for  $i \leq r$ , then  $F$  has the homotopy type of a closed connected  $(n-r)$ -dimensional CAT manifold.*

**PROOF.** The proof will be by induction on  $r$ . The theorem is trivially true for  $r = 0$ . Let  $f: V \rightarrow F \times T^r$  be a homotopy equivalence of a closed connected CAT  $n$ -dimensional manifold onto  $F \times T^r$ . Since  $\text{Wh}(\pi_1(F) \oplus \mathbb{Z}^r) = 0$ , the torsion [2] of  $f$  is zero. Let  $Q$  denote the Hilbert cube. By [14],  $f \times \text{id}: V \times Q \rightarrow F \times T^r \times Q$  is homotopic to a homeomorphism  $h$ .

Let  $p: F \times \mathbb{R} \times T^{r-1} \rightarrow F \times T^r$  be a covering map ( $\mathbb{R}$  = real numbers) and let  $q: \tilde{V} \rightarrow V$  be the pull-back of  $p$  by  $f$ . By covering space theory, there exists a homeomorphism  $\tilde{h}: \tilde{V} \times Q \rightarrow F \times \mathbb{R} \times T^{r-1} \times Q$  such that  $(p \times \text{id})\tilde{h} = h(q \times \text{id})$ . Note that  $\tilde{V}$  is a CAT manifold which is a proper deformation retract of  $\tilde{V} \times Q$ . Hence,  $\tilde{V}$  has two ends  $\varepsilon_1$  and  $\varepsilon_2$ ,  $\tilde{V}$  is stable at each end and  $\pi_1(\varepsilon_i)$  is isomorphic to  $\pi_1(F \times T^{r-1})$ . Let  $V_1 \subseteq \tilde{V}$  be a 1-neighborhood of one of the ends of  $\tilde{V}$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that there exists  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $F \times [a, +\infty) \times T^{r-1} \times Q \subseteq \text{int } \tilde{h}(V_1 \times Q)$ . Let  $C$  be the compact subset of  $F \times \mathbb{R} \times T^{r-1} \times Q$  whose frontier is  $(F \times \{a\} \times T^{r-1} \times Q) \cup \tilde{h}(\partial V_1 \times Q)$ . Note that  $C$  is a deformation retract of  $\tilde{h}(V_1 \times Q)$  and since  $C$  is a compact ANR,  $V_1$  has the homotopy type of a finite complex [15]. By Theorem 3,  $\tilde{V}$  is homeomorphic to the interior of a compact CAT manifold  $W$ . If  $W_1$  is a component of  $\partial W$ , then it is straightforward to check that the inclusion of  $W_1$  into  $W$  is a homotopy equivalence. Hence  $F \times T^{r-1}$  is homotopy equivalent to the closed connected CAT manifold  $W_1$ . The induction hypothesis implies that  $F$  has the homotopy type of a closed, connected CAT manifold of dimension  $n-r$ .

**PROOF OF THEOREM 1.** Suppose  $F$  is not connected. Since  $F$  is a compact ANR,  $F$  has a finite number of components. Hence, from the long exact homotopy sequence of a fibration,  $p_*(\pi_1(E))$  has finite index in  $B$ . Let  $\tau: \tilde{B} \rightarrow B$  be the covering space corresponding to  $p_*(\pi_1(E))$ . Let  $\tilde{p}: \tilde{E} \rightarrow \tilde{B}$  be the pull-back of  $p$  by  $\tau$ . It is easily checked that  $\tilde{E}$  and  $\tilde{B}$  are compact manifolds,  $\tilde{p}$  is a Hurewicz fibration the fibre of  $\tilde{p}$  is homeomorphic to a component of  $F$  and each component of  $F$  is some fibre of  $\tilde{p}$ . Thus it suffices to consider the case when  $F$  is connected.

Let  $U_0$  be an open  $n$ -cell in  $B$  and let  $U \subseteq U_0$  be an open subset which is homeomorphic to  $T^{n-1} \times \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $W = p^{-1}(U)$ ; note that  $W$  is an open

connected CAT manifold with two ends. By [5], there exists a fibre homotopy equivalence  $p^{-1}(U_0) \rightarrow F \times U_0$ ; consider the restriction  $\alpha: W \rightarrow F \times U$  of this fibre homotopy equivalence to  $W$ . It is easily checked that  $W$  is stable at each end and that the fundamental group of each end is isomorphic to  $\pi_1(F \times T^{n-1})$ . Let  $W_1$  be a 1-neighborhood of an end of  $W$ . Identify  $U$  with  $T^{n-1} \times \mathbb{R}$  such that there exists  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $p^{-1}(T^{n-1} \times [a, \infty)) \subseteq W_1$ . Analogous to the proof of the corresponding fact in the proof of Theorem 4, one can show that the compactum  $C \subseteq W_1$  whose frontier (in  $W_1$ ) is  $p^{-1}(T^{n-1} \times \{a\})$  is a deformation retract of  $W_1$ . Thus  $C$  is a compact ANR and  $W_1$  has the homotopy type of a finite complex [15]. By Theorem 3,  $W$  is homeomorphic to the interior of a compact CAT manifold  $S$ ; let  $V$  be a component of  $\partial S$ . Again, it is easily checked that the inclusion  $V \subseteq S$  is a homotopy equivalence. Therefore  $V$  is homotopy equivalent to  $F \times T^{n-1}$  and the theorem follows from Theorem 4.

PROOF OF THEOREM 2. As in the proof of Theorem 1, it suffices to consider the case when the fibre is connected. Let  $K$  be a finite complex which has the same shape as  $F$ . We now attempt to follow the proof of Theorem 1. Choose  $U$ ,  $U_0$  and  $W$  as before; in general, there does not exist a fibre homotopy equivalence  $\alpha: W \rightarrow F \times U$ . However, by [8], there exists a proper homotopy equivalence  $\beta: W \rightarrow K \times U$ . Hence, again it is easily checked that  $W$  is an open CAT manifold with two ends,  $W$  is stable at each end and the fundamental group of each end is isomorphic to  $\pi_1(K \times T^{n-1}) \cong \pi_1(F \times T^{n-1})$ . Let  $W_1$  be a 1-neighborhood of an end of  $W$  and choose  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $p^{-1}(T^{n-1} \times [a, +\infty)) \subseteq W_1$ . Let  $C$  be the compactum in  $W_1$  whose frontier is  $p^{-1}(T^{n-1} \times \{a\})$ ; now  $C$  need not be locally connected and, hence, we cannot proceed as before to show that  $W$  satisfies the hypotheses of Theorem 3.

However, we claim that  $C$  is an FANR [1]. For, suppose that  $a$  was chosen such that

$$\partial W_1 \cap p^{-1}(T^{n-1} \times (a-1, a)) = \emptyset.$$

Let  $B_i = p^{-1}(T^{n-1} \times (a-1, a+1/i))$  for each positive integer  $i$ . It follows from the long exact homotopy sequence of an approximate fibration [3] and the Whitehead theorem that the inclusion  $B_{i+1} \subseteq B_i$  is a homotopy equivalence for each  $i$ . Hence  $C \cup B_{i+1} \subseteq C \cup B_i$  is a homotopy equivalence for each  $i$ . Since  $C = \bigcap_i (C \cup B_i)$ , this implies that  $C$  has the pointed shape of a simplicial complex. Hence by [4],  $C$  is an FANR.

By [1; p. 254],  $C$  is pointed shape dominated by a finite complex. Since the inclusion of  $C \cup B_i$  into  $W_1$  is a homotopy equivalence (by exactly the same argument showing that  $B_{i+1} \subseteq B_i$  is a homotopy equivalence), the inclusion of  $C$  into  $W_1$  is a pointed shape equivalence. Hence  $W_1$  is pointed shape dominated by a finite complex. Since  $W_1$  is an ANR, this implies that  $W_1$  is dominated by a finite complex [1; p. 102].

The author is unable to show that  $W_1$  has the homotopy type of a finite complex. However, by the product formula for Wall's obstruction [7],  $W_1 \times S^1$  ( $S^1 = 1$ -sphere) has the homotopy type of a finite complex. By Theorem 3,  $W \times S^1$  is homeomorphic to the interior of a CAT compact manifold  $S$ ; let  $V$  be a component of  $\partial S$ . Again,  $V \subseteq S$  is a homotopy equivalence and, hence,  $V$  is homotopy equivalent to  $K \times U \times S^1$ . Thus  $V$  is homotopy equivalent to  $K \times T^n$ ; by Theorem 4,  $K$  is homotopy equivalent to a closed connected  $(m-n)$ -dimensional CAT manifold. Since  $K$  has the same shape as  $F$ , Theorem 2 follows.

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