

# On the semialgebraic Whitney extension problem

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Given  $H(X)$ , define its **Glaeser refinement**  $\tilde{H}(X)$ : fix a large integer  $k = k(m, n)$ . For  $x_0 \in X$  and  $P_0 \in H(x_0)$ , we have  $P_0 \in \tilde{H}(x_0)$  iff  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \forall x_1, \dots, x_k \in X \cap B(x_0, \delta) \exists P_1, \dots, P_k$  with  $P_j \in H(x_j)$  and  $|\partial^\alpha(P_i - P_j)(x_j)| \leq \varepsilon |x_i - x_j|^{m-|\alpha|}$  for  $|\alpha| \leq m$ ,  $0 \leq i, j \leq k$ .

$\tilde{H}(X)$  is a bundle. Each section  $F$  of  $H(X)$  is also a section of  $\tilde{H}(X)$ .

We get a sequence of bundles  $H_0(X) \supseteq H_1(X) \supseteq \dots$  which stabilizes:

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## Model-theoretic definition

A structure  $(\mathbb{R}, -, +, \cdot, <, 0, 1, \dots)$  is **o-minimal** if every  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  given by a first-order formula of the structure is a finite union of intervals and points.

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### Some properties

- Finitely many connected components which again are definable.
- Monotonicity theorem, cell decomposition theorem, etc.
- Stability under composition, implicit and inverse functions.
- Derivatives of definable functions are definable, but not antiderivatives.
- Miller's dichotomy.



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All spaces are equipped with their natural norms.

**Theorem A [Parusiński–R 2023]**

Let  $\omega$  be a definable modulus of continuity (e.g. any  $t^\alpha$  with  $\alpha \in (0, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}$ ),  
 $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  definable,  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  closed. TFAE:

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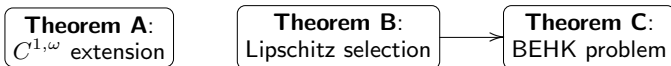
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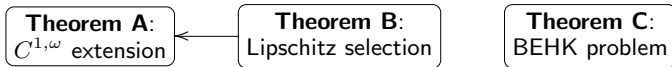
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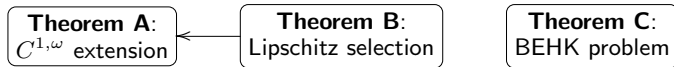


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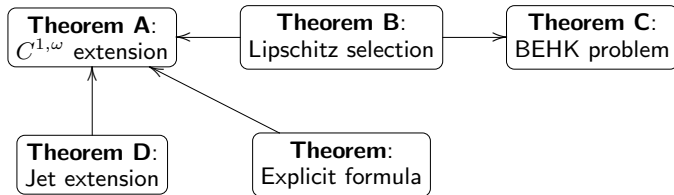
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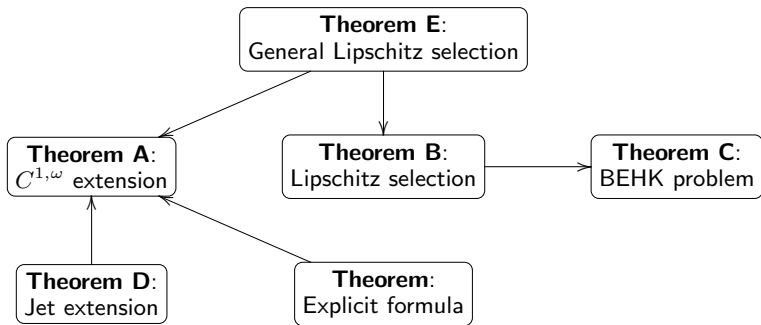
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## **Corollary (Definable Kirszbraun theorem) [Aschenbrenner–Fischer 2010]**

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Then  $(V, \rho)$  is a definable pseudometric space. Any two vertices are connected by a path of edges and  $V$  is an admissible subset of  $V$ .

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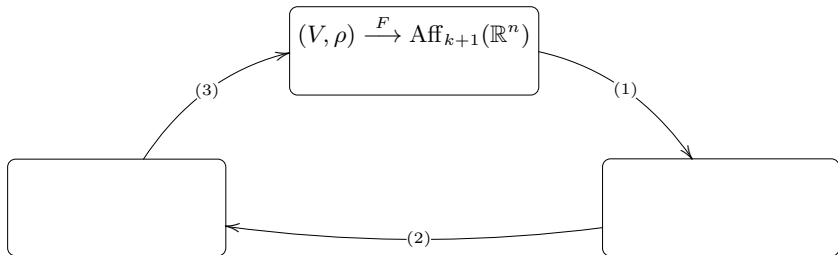
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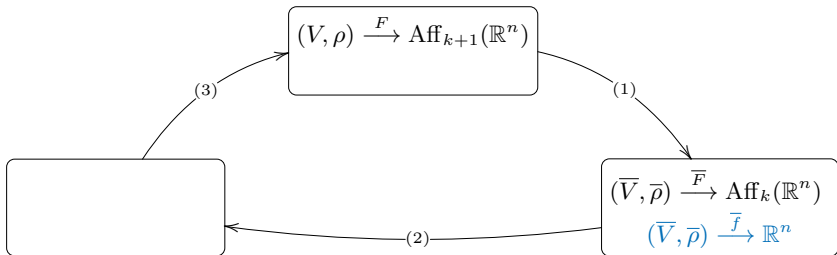
$(\mathcal{M}, \{(m, m') \in \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{M} : m \neq m'\})$  with weight  $\rho$  is a definable weighted graph (where  $\rho = \sigma$ ). Any subset of  $\mathcal{M}$  is admissible. □



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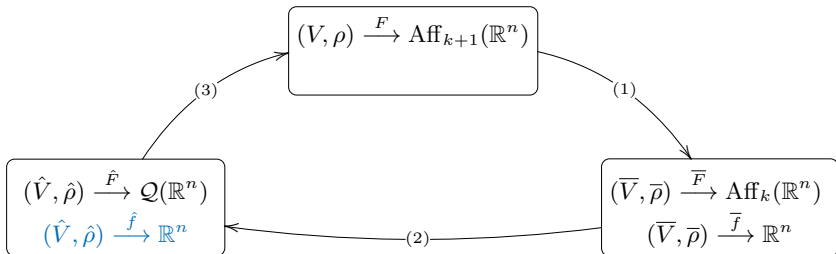


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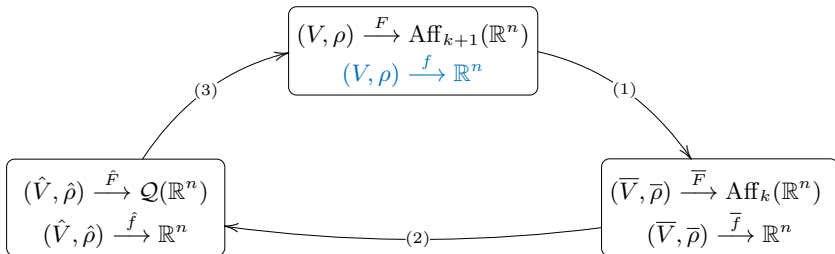
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## Open problems

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- Extension of semialgebraic/definable  $C^{m,\omega}$  Whitney jets by a continuous and/or linear operator
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Happy Birthday!