

# CELLULARITY AT THE BOUNDARY OF A MANIFOLD<sup>1</sup>

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**I. Introduction and definitions.** A closed subset  $X$  of an  $n$ -manifold  $M^n$  will be said to be *cellular at the boundary* (CAB) of  $M^n$  if there is a sequence  $\{B_i^n\}$  of closed  $n$ -cells in  $M^n$  satisfying:  $B_i^n \cap [\text{Bd}(M^n)] = B_i^{n-1}$  a closed  $(n-1)$ -cell,  $B_{i+1}^{n-1} \subset \text{Int}(B_i^{n-1})$ ,  $[B_{i+1}^n \cap \text{Int}(M^n)] \subset \text{Int}[B_i^n \cap \text{Int}(M^n)]$ , and  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i^n = X$ . Thus, the notion of CAB is the analogue, for subsets intersecting the boundary of a manifold, of the concept of cellularity introduced by Brown in [1].

Theorem II.2 shows that CAB sets behave like points on the boundary of a manifold. With the aid of a theorem of McMillan's [2], we give criteria for a compact absolute retract to be CAB of a piecewise-linear  $n$ -manifold for  $n \neq 4$ . A product theorem for CAB sets is given and with some restrictions on dimensions, we show that subarcs of a CAB arc are either CAB or cellular subsets of the interior of the manifold.

We assume a familiarity with [2], [3], and [4].  $R^n, S^n$  denote  $n$ -space and the  $n$ -sphere.  $D^n(j)$  is the closed  $n$ -ball in  $R^n$  with center at the origin and radius  $j$ .  $I^n(j) = D^{n-1}(j) \times [0, j]$ . The empty set is denoted by  $\emptyset$ .

Let  $A, B$  be subsets of an  $n$ -manifold  $M^n$  and let  $\delta$  be a positive number. Then  $\text{Int}(M^n), \text{Bd}(M^n)$  denote the interior and boundary of  $M^n$  respectively,  $d(A, B)$ , the distance from  $A$  to  $B$ ,  $\text{Cl}(A)$ , the closure of  $A$  in  $M^n$ , and  $V_\delta(A)$ , the subset of  $M^n$  consisting of points  $x$  such that  $d(x, A) < \delta$ .

Let  $M^n$  be an  $n$ -manifold with nonempty boundary and let  $X$  be a subset of  $M^n$  such that  $X \cap \text{Bd}(M^n) \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $2M^n$  denotes an  $n$ -manifold with empty boundary obtained by taking two copies  $M_1^n, M_2^n$  of  $M^n$  and identifying corresponding boundary points. Similarly, if  $X_1, X_2$  are the copies of  $X$  in  $M_1^n, M_2^n$  respectively, then  $2X$  is the subset of  $2M^n$  consisting of  $X_1 \cup X_2$ .

## II. The pointlike character of CAB sets.

**LEMMA II.1.** *If  $X$  is CAB of an  $n$ -manifold  $M^n$ , a sequence  $\{(B_i^n)'\}$  of closed  $n$ -cells may be picked which satisfy (in addition to the necessary*

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conditions for  $X$  to be CAB of  $M^n$  the following:  $(B_i^{n-1})'$  is a flat closed  $(n-1)$ -cell in  $\text{Bd}[(B_i^n)']$ ,  $[(B_i^n)' \cap \text{Int}(M^n)] \approx R^{n-1} \times [0, 1]$ , and  $\text{Bd}[(B_i^n)'] - \text{Int}[(B_i^{n-1})']$  is bicollared in  $M^n$ .

PROOF. Let  $\{B_i^n\}$  satisfy the necessary conditions for  $X$  to be CAB of  $M^n$ . We can pick an  $(n-1)$ -cell  $F_i^{n-1}$  satisfying:  $B_{i+1}^{n-1} \subset \text{Int}(F_i^{n-1}) \subset F_i^{n-1} \subset \text{Int}(B_i^{n-1})$  and  $\text{Bd}(F_i^{n-1})$  is bicollared in  $B_i^{n-1}$ . Then there is a homeomorphism  $h_i$  of  $B_i^n$  onto  $I^n(1)$  such that  $h_i(F_i^{n-1}) = D^{n-1}(1)$ . There is an  $\epsilon_i$ ,  $0 < \epsilon_i < \frac{1}{2}$ , such that  $d[h_i(B_{i+1}^{n-1} \cup X), \text{Bd}[I^n(1)] - \text{Int}[D^{n-1}(1)]] > \epsilon_i$ . Take  $(B_i^n)' = h_i^{-1}[I^n(1 - \epsilon_i)]$ . Then  $\{(B_i^n)'\}$  is the required sequence.

THEOREM II.2. Let  $X$  be CAB of an  $n$ -manifold  $M^n$  and let  $C^n$  be a closed  $n$ -cell in  $M^n$  satisfying  $X \subset C^n$ ,  $[X \cap \text{Bd}(M^n)] = [X \cap \text{Bd}(C^n)] \subset \text{Int}[C^n \cap \text{Bd}(M^n)]$ . Then there is a map  $h$  of  $M^n$  onto itself such that  $h|_{\text{Cl}(M^n - C^n)} = 1$ ,  $h(C^n) = C^n$ ,  $h(X) = p \in \text{Bd}(M^n)$  and  $h|_{M^n - X}$  is a homeomorphism of  $M^n - X$  onto  $M^n - \{p\}$ . Thus,  $M^n/X \approx M^n$ .

PROOF. Take a sequence  $\{B_i^n\}$  assured by Lemma II.1. We may assume that  $B_1^n \subset C^n$  and  $[B_1^n \cap \text{Bd}(C^n)] \subset \text{Int}[C^n \cap \text{Bd}(M^n)]$ . In the manner of the proof of Theorem 1 of [1], we inductively pick a sequence  $\{h_i\}$  of homeomorphisms of  $M^n$  onto itself satisfying:  $h_1|_{\text{Cl}(M^n - C^n)} = 1$ , the diameter of  $h_1(B_1^n)$  is less than 1,  $h_{i+1}|_{M^n - B_i^n} = h_i|_{M^n - B_i^n}$ , and the diameter of  $h_{i+1}(B_{i+1}^n)$  is less than  $1/i+1$ . Then  $h = \lim_i h_i$  is the required map.

COROLLARY II.3. Let  $\{X_i | i = 1, \dots, k\}$  be a finite collection of disjoint subsets of an  $n$ -manifold  $M^n$  such that each  $X_i$  is either cellular in  $\text{Int}(M^n)$  or CAB of  $M^n$ . Then  $M^n \approx X$ , where  $X$  is the decomposition space obtained by identifying  $X_i$  to a point  $p_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$ .

### III. CAB criteria for an absolute retract.

LEMMA III.1 ([5, p. 33]). If  $A$  is a closed subspace of a metrizable space  $X$  and if both  $A$  and  $X$  are absolute retracts, then  $A$  is a strong deformation retract of  $X$ .

LEMMA III.2 (BORSUK [6]). Every locally contractible compact metrizable space of finite dimension is an absolute neighborhood retract.

THEOREM III.3. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be finite dimensional (metric) compact absolute retracts and let  $Y$  be a closed subset of  $X$ . Then  $X/Y$  is a compact absolute retract.

PROOF. Obviously,  $X/Y$  is compact and finite dimensional. By Theorem 2.2 [7, p. 123],  $X/Y$  is a metric space. By Lemma III.1,  $Y$  is a strong deformation retract of  $X$ . Thus, if  $f$  is the quotient map

of  $X$  onto  $X/Y$  with  $f(Y) = y$ ,  $X/Y$  is contractible to the point  $y$ . This implies that  $X/Y$  is locally contractible and by Lemma III.2,  $X/Y$  is an absolute neighborhood retract. Finally,  $X/Y$  is a compact absolute retract since it is a compact contractible absolute neighborhood retract.

Theorem III.3 will be applied to situations where  $X$  is a compact absolute retract in a manifold  $M$  and  $Y = X \cap \text{Bd}(M)$  is a compact absolute retract in  $\text{Bd}(M)$ . Then  $X/Y$  is a compact absolute retract in  $M/Y$ . If  $Y$  is CAB of  $M$ ,  $M/Y \approx M$  and we may assume that  $Y$  is a point in  $\text{Bd}(M)$  to simplify arguments. In this case,  $2X$  will be a compact absolute retract in  $2M$ .

**LEMMA III.4.** *Let  $M^{n-1}$  be an  $(n-1)$ -manifold topologically embedded in the interior of an  $n$ -manifold  $M^n$ ,  $n > 3$ . Let  $B^{n-1}$  be a closed  $(n-1)$ -cell in  $M^{n-1}$ ,  $p \in \text{Int}(B^{n-1})$ , and let  $B^{n-1}$  be locally flat in  $M^n$  except at  $p$ . Then  $B^{n-1}$  is also locally flat at  $p$  provided it has a one-sided local collar at  $p$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $B^n$  be a closed  $n$ -cell in  $M^n$  such that  $p \in \text{Int}(B^n)$ .  $B^{n-1}$  has a one-sided local collar at  $p$ , thus, there is a homeomorphism  $h: I^n(1) \rightarrow \text{Int}(B^n)$  such that  $p = h(0)$ ,  $h[D^{n-1}(1)] \subset \text{Int}(B^{n-1})$ , and  $h[I^n(1) - D^{n-1}(1)] \cap M^{n-1} = \emptyset$ . Let  $S^{n-1}(\frac{1}{2}) = h[\text{Bd}(I^n(\frac{1}{2}))]$ . Then  $S^{n-1}(\frac{1}{2})$  is locally flat in  $\text{Int}(B^n) \approx R^n$  except at  $p$ . Hence, by the corollary in [8],  $S^{n-1}(\frac{1}{2})$  is flat in  $\text{Int}(B^n)$ . This implies that  $B^{n-1}$  is locally flat at  $p$ .

**LEMMA III.5.** *Let  $X$  be a compact subset of an  $n$ -manifold  $M^n$ ,  $n > 3$ . Then  $X$  is CAB of  $M^n \Leftrightarrow X \cap \text{Bd}(M^n) = Y$  is a cellular subset of  $\text{Bd}(M^n)$  and  $X$  is cellular in  $2M^n$ .*

**PROOF.** The necessity follows from the definition of CAB and the fact that  $\text{Bd}(M^n)$  is bicollared in  $2M^n$ . Thus, suppose  $Y$  is a cellular subset of  $\text{Bd}(M^n)$  and  $X$  is cellular in  $2M^n$ . We consider  $X = X_1$  a subset of  $M_1^n$ , where  $2M^n = M_1^n \cup M_2^n$  joined along their boundaries. Let  $f$  be the quotient map of  $2M^n$  onto  $2M^n/X$  and let  $f(X) = p$ . Cellular subsets of the boundary of a manifold are trivially CAB of the manifold since the boundary is collared in the manifold. Therefore,  $Y$  is CAB of  $M_2^n$  and by Theorem II.2,  $f(M_2^n) \approx M_2^n$ . Thus,  $f[\text{Bd}(M_2^n)]$  is collared in  $f(M_2^n)$  and by Lemma III.4,  $f[\text{Bd}(M_1^n)]$  is locally flat in  $f(2M^n)$  at  $f(X) = p$ . Hence, we pick a sequence  $\{B_i^n\}$  of closed  $n$ -cells in  $f(M_1^n)$  satisfying the conditions necessary for  $p$  to be CAB of  $f(M_1^n)$  and such that  $f^{-1}(B_1^n)$  lies in the interior of some closed  $n$ -cell in  $2M^n$  containing  $X$ . Then  $\{f^{-1}(B_i^n)\}$  is a sequence of closed  $n$ -cells in  $M_1^n$  satisfying the conditions necessary for  $X$  to be CAB of  $M_1^n$ .

**THEOREM III.6.** *Let  $X$  be a compact subset of a piecewise-linear  $n$ -manifold  $M^n$ ,  $n > 5$ , such that  $X$  and  $X \cap \text{Bd}(M^n) = Y$  are absolute retracts. Then  $X$  is CAB of  $M^n \Leftrightarrow$  for each open set  $U$  of  $M^n$  containing  $X$ , there is an open set  $V$  of  $M^n$  such that  $X \subset V \subset U$  and: (1) each loop in  $V - X$  is homotopic in  $U - X$  to a loop in  $\text{Bd}(M^n)$  and (2) each loop in  $(V - X) \cap \text{Bd}(M^n)$  is nullhomotopic in  $(U - X) \cap \text{Bd}(M^n)$ .*

**PROOF.** The necessity is obvious in view of Lemma II.1. Thus, we show the sufficiency. We will do this by showing that  $Y$  is cellular in  $\text{Bd}(M^n)$ ,  $X$  is cellular in  $2M^n$ , and applying Lemma III.5. We consider  $X = X_1$  a subset of  $M_1^n$ , where  $2M^n = M_1^n \cup M_2^n$  joined along their boundaries. Condition (2) together with Theorem 1 of [2] imply that  $Y$  is cellular in  $\text{Bd}(M_i^n)$  and hence simultaneously CAB of  $M_1^n$  and  $M_2^n$ . Theorem III.3 shows that  $X/Y$  is a compact absolute retract. Thus, we may assume that  $Y = y$  is a point in  $\text{Bd}(M_i^n)$ .

Let  $U$  be an open set in  $2M^n$  containing  $X$ . We may assume that  $U \cap \text{Bd}(M_i^n)$  is an open  $(n-1)$ -cell since  $Y = y$  is a point. Let  $U_1 = U \cap M_1^n$ . Then  $U_1$  is an open set in  $M_1^n$  containing  $X$ . By hypothesis, there is a set  $V_1$  open in  $M_1^n$  such that  $X \subset V_1 \subset U_1$  and each loop in  $V_1 - X$  is homotopic in  $U_1 - X$  to a loop in  $\text{Bd}(M_i^n)$ . We may also assume that  $V_1 \cap \text{Bd}(M_i^n)$  is an open  $(n-1)$ -cell whose closure  $B^{n-1}$  is a closed  $(n-1)$ -cell contained in  $U_1 \cap \text{Bd}(M_i^n)$ . There is a positive number  $\epsilon$  and a homeomorphism  $h: B^{n-1} \times [0, \epsilon] \rightarrow U \cap M_2^n$  such that  $h|_{B^{n-1} \times 0}$  is the inclusion map and  $h[B^{n-1} \times (0, \epsilon)] \subset \text{Int}(M_2^n)$ . Let  $V = V_1 \cup h[\text{Int}(B^{n-1}) \times [0, \epsilon)]$ . We will show that any loop in  $V - X$  is nullhomotopic in  $U - X$ .

Let  $f: S^1 \rightarrow V - X$ . We assume that  $f$  is simplicial and  $f(S^1)$  is in general position with respect to  $\text{Bd}(M_i^n)$ . If  $f(S^1) \cap M_1^n = \emptyset$ , the result follows trivially. Thus, suppose  $f(S^1) \cap M_1^n \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $f(S^1) \cap M_1^n$  consists of a finite number of paths in  $V_1 - X$  with endpoints in  $\text{Bd}(M_i^n)$ . Let  $\alpha_i$  be one such path with endpoints  $p_i, \phi_i$ . Then  $p_i, \phi_i$  can be joined by an arc  $\beta_i$  in  $(V_1 - X) \cap \text{Bd}(M_i^n)$ . If  $l_i = \alpha_i \cup \beta_i$ , by hypothesis,  $l_i$  is homotopic in  $U_1 - X$  to a loop in  $\text{Bd}(M_i^n)$  and hence is nullhomotopic in  $U_1 - X$  since  $U_1 \cap \text{Bd}(M_i^n)$  is an open  $(n-1)$ -cell. This implies that  $\alpha_i$  is homotopic in  $U_1 - X$  to  $\beta_i$  with  $p_i, \phi_i$  fixed throughout the homotopy. Since  $V \cap M_2^n = h[\text{Int}(B^{n-1}) \times [0, \epsilon)]$ ,  $f(S^1) \cap M_2^n$  is homotopic in  $V \cap M_2^n$  to a subset of  $\text{Int}(B^{n-1}) - y$  with the homotopy fixed throughout on  $\text{Int}(B^{n-1})$ . Thus,  $f(S^1)$  is homotopic in  $U - X$  to a loop in  $(U - X) \cap \text{Bd}(M_i^n)$  and hence is nullhomotopic in  $U - X$ . Theorem 1 of [2] implies that  $X$  is cellular in  $2M^n$  and Lemma III.5 shows that  $X$  is CAB of  $M^n$ .

**REMARK.** Theorem III.6 holds for  $n = 5$  if we replace condition (2) by condition (2') requiring  $Y$  to be a cellular subset of  $\text{Bd}(M^n)$ .

LEMMA III.7. *Let  $X$  be a closed subset of  $I^n(1)$ . Then  $X$  is CAB of  $I^n(1) \Leftrightarrow X \cap \text{Bd}[I^n(1)] = Y$  is a cellular subset of  $\text{Bd}[I^n(1)]$  and  $2X$  is cellular in  $2I^n(1) \approx S^n$ .*

PROOF. The necessity is obvious. Thus, we show the sufficiency. As usual,  $2I^n(1) = I_1^n(1) \cup I_2^n(1)$  joined along their boundaries. We may assume that  $Y = y$  is a point of  $\text{Bd}[I_1^n(1)]$  since  $Y$  is CAB of  $I_1^n(1)$ . Let  $f: 2I^n(1) \rightarrow 2I^n(1)/2X \approx S^n$  be the quotient map with  $f(2X) = f(y) = p$ . Now  $f[\text{Bd}(I_1^n(1))]$  is locally flat in  $f[2I^n(1)]$  except possibly at  $p$ . If  $n \neq 3$ ,  $f[\text{Bd}(I_1^n(1))]$  is flat. If  $n = 3$ , either  $f[I_1^n(1)]$  or  $f[I_2^n(1)]$  is a closed 3-cell [9]. In either case, we may assume without loss of generality that  $f[I_1^n(1)]$  is a closed  $n$ -cell. The completion of the proof follows as in the proof of Lemma III.5.

THEOREM III.8. *Let  $X$  be a compact subset of a piecewise-linear 3-manifold  $M^3$  such that  $X$  and  $X \cap \text{Bd}(M^3) = Y$  are absolute retracts and such that for some open set  $0$  of  $M^3$  containing  $X$ , the pair  $(0, 0 \cap \text{Bd}(M^3))$  is embeddable in  $(I^3(1), \text{Bd}[I^3(1)])$ . Then  $X$  is CAB of  $M^3 \Leftrightarrow$  for each open set  $U$  of  $M^3$  containing  $X$ , there is an open set  $V$  of  $M^3$  with  $X \subset V \subset U$  and each loop in  $V - X$  is nullhomotopic in  $U - X$ .*

PROOF. The hypothesis on  $0$  allows us to assume that  $M^3 = I^3(1)$ .  $Y$  is cellular in  $\text{Bd}[I^3(1)]$  since it is a compact absolute retract in the interior of a 2-manifold. Hence, we assume that  $Y = y$  is a point of  $\text{Bd}[I^3(1)]$ .

Let  $U$  be an open set of  $2I^3(1) = I_1^3(1) \cup I_2^3(1) \approx S^3$  containing  $2X = X_1 \cup X_2$ . We may assume that  $U$  is symmetric with respect to  $I_1^3(1)$  and  $I_2^3(1)$ , and that  $U \cap \text{Bd}[I_1^3(1)]$  is an open 2-cell. Then by hypothesis and a little care, we obtain an open set  $V$  of  $2I^3(1)$  such that  $V$  is symmetric with respect to  $I_1^3(1)$  and  $I_2^3(1)$ ,  $V \cap \text{Bd}[I_1^3(1)]$  is an open 2-cell,  $X_i \subset V_i = [V \cap I_i^3(1)] \subset U_i = [U \cap I_i^3(1)]$ , and each loop in  $V_i - X_i$  is nullhomotopic in  $U_i - X_i$ .

Let  $f: S^1 \rightarrow V - 2X$ . We suppose that  $f$  is simplicial and that  $f(S^1)$  is in general position with respect to  $\text{Bd}[I_i^3(1)]$ . Then  $f(S^1) \cap I_i^3(1)$  is a finite collection of paths in  $V_i - X$  with endpoints in  $\text{Bd}[I_i^3(1)]$ . As in the proof of Theorem III.6 we join these endpoints with arcs in  $(V_i - X) \cap \text{Bd}[I_i^3(1)]$  and obtain a homotopy pulling  $f(S^1)$  into  $(U - X) \cap \text{Bd}[I_i^3(1)]$ . Since  $(U - X) \cap \text{Bd}[I_1^3(1)]$  and  $(V - X) \cap \text{Bd}[I_1^3(1)]$  are open 2-cells, there is another homotopy pulling  $f(S^1)$  into  $(V_1 - X) \cap \text{Bd}[I_1^3(1)] = (V - X) \cap \text{Bd}[I_1^3(1)]$  and then, by hypothesis, it is nullhomotopic in  $U_1 - X$ . Thus, by Theorem 1' of [2],  $2X$  is cellular in  $2I^3(1)$ , and by Lemma III.7,  $X$  is CAB of  $I^3(1) = M^3(1)$ .

LEMMA III.9. *Let  $X$  be a compact subset of a piecewise-linear 3-manifold  $M^3$ . Then  $X$  is CAB of  $M^3 \Leftrightarrow X \cap \text{Bd}(M^3) = Y$  is cellular in  $\text{Bd}(M^3)$  and  $2X$  is cellular in  $2M^3$ .*

PROOF. As usual, the necessity is obvious. Thus, we show the sufficiency. Let  $U$  be an open set of  $M^3$  containing  $X$ . Then  $2U = U_1 \cup U_2$  is an open set of  $2M^3 = M_1^3 \cup M_2^3$  containing  $2X = X_1 \cup X_2$ . By hypothesis, there is a closed 3-cell  $B^3$  such that  $2X \subset \text{Int}(B^3) \subset B^3 \subset U$ . By Theorem 3 of [2], we may assume that  $B^3$  is a piecewise-linear 3-cell. We also suppose that  $\text{Bd}(B^3)$  is in general position with respect to  $\text{Bd}(M_i^3)$ . Then  $\text{Bd}(B^3) \cap \text{Bd}(M_i^3)$  consists of a finite number of simple closed curves. We may assume that  $B^3$  has been cut down, by removing inessential simple closed curves on  $\text{Bd}(B^3)$ , to a submanifold  $N^3$  such that  $2X \subset \text{Int}(N^3)$ ,  $N^3 \cap M_i^3 = N_i$  is a cube with handles, and  $N^3 \cap \text{Bd}(M_i^3) = D$  is a disk with holes. If  $D$  is a disk, we are through. If  $D$  is a disk with  $n$  holes, we may "cut one of the handles" of either  $N_1$  or  $N_2$  to reduce  $D$  to a disk with  $(n-1)$  holes. By induction, we obtain a closed 3-cell  $(B^3)'$  either in  $U_1$  or  $U_2$  of the required type to show that either  $X_1$  is CAB of  $M_1^3$  or  $X_2$  is CAB of  $M_2^3$ .

THEOREM III.10. *Let  $X$  be a compact 1-dimensional subset of a piecewise-linear 3-manifold  $M^3$  such that  $X$  and  $X \cap \text{Bd}(M^3) = Y$  are absolute retracts. Then  $X$  is CAB of  $M^3 \Leftrightarrow$  for each open set  $U$  of  $M^3$  containing  $X$ , there is an open set  $V$  of  $M^3$  such that  $X \subset V \subset U$  and each loop in  $V - X$  is nullhomotopic in  $U - X$ .*

PROOF.  $2X$  is a compact absolute retract in  $2M^3$ . D. R. McMillan pointed out to the author that some neighborhood of  $2X$  is embeddable in  $R^3$  since  $2X$  is 1-dimensional. A proof similar to that of Theorem III.8 shows that  $2X$  is cellular in  $2M^3$ . Again,  $Y$  is cellular in  $\text{Bd}(M^3)$  and thus Lemma III.9 implies that  $X$  is CAB of  $M^3$ .

THEOREM III.11. *Let  $X$  be a compact subset of an  $i$ -manifold  $M^i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , such that  $X$  and  $X \cap \text{Bd}(M^i) = Y$  are absolute retracts. Then  $X$  is CAB of  $M^i$  and hence  $M^i/X \approx M^i$ .*

PROOF. The case  $i = 1$  is trivial. If  $i = 2$ ,  $Y$  is cellular in  $\text{Bd}(M^2)$ ,  $2X$  is cellular in  $2M^2$  and an easy argument completes the proof.

#### IV. CAB sets in products.

LEMMA IV.1. *Let  $N^n, M^m$  be  $n, m$  manifolds respectively such that  $\text{Bd}(N^n) \neq \emptyset$  and  $\text{Bd}(M^m) = \emptyset$ . Then  $2(N^n \times M^m) \approx (2N^n) \times M^m$ .*

PROOF.  $2(N^n \times M^m)$  consists of two copies of  $N^n \times M^m$  joined along

$Bd(N^n \times M^m) = [B(N^n) \times M^m] \cup [N^n \times Bd(M^m)]$ , while  $(2N^n) \times M^m$  consists of two copies of  $N^n \times M^m$  joined along  $Bd(N^n) \times M^m$ .

**THEOREM IV.2.** *Let  $N^n, M^m$  be piecewise-linear  $n, m$  manifolds respectively such that  $Bd(N^n) \neq \emptyset, Bd(M^m) = \emptyset$ , and  $n \geq 2, m \geq 1$ . Let  $X$  be a compact subset of  $N^n, Z$  a compact subset of  $M^m$ , and suppose  $X, [X \cap Bd(N^n)] = Y$ , and  $Z$  are absolute retracts. If  $m + n \geq 6$ , then  $X \times Z$  is CAB of  $N^n \times M^m$ .*

**PROOF.** Theorem 8 of [2] implies that  $Y \times Z$  is cellular in  $Bd(N^n) \times M^m = Bd(N^n \times M^m)$ . It also implies that  $X \times Z$  is cellular in  $(2N^n) \times M^m$ . Then Lemma IV.1 implies that  $X \times Z$  is cellular in  $2(N^n \times M^m)$ . Hence by Lemma III.5,  $X \times Z$  is CAB of  $N^n \times M^m$ .

A couple of applications of the corollary to Theorem 8 in [2] together with Lemma III.7 give the following theorem.

**THEOREM IV.3.** *Let  $X$  be a compact subset of  $D^n(1)$ , such that  $X$  and  $X \cap Bd[D^n(1)]$  are absolute retracts. Then  $X \times [-1, 1]$  is CAB of  $D^n(1) \times [-1, 1]$ .*

**V. CAB arcs.** Let  $\alpha$  be the arc described in Example 1.3 of [10]. We suppose that  $\alpha \subset I^3(1)$  and  $\alpha \cap Bd[I^3(1)] = \{p\}$ , where  $p$  is the "good" endpoint of  $\alpha$ . Then  $\alpha$  is the monotone union of subarcs each of which is cellular in  $Int[I^3(1)]$  and each of which contains the "bad" endpoint of  $\alpha$ , but  $\alpha$  is not CAB of  $I^3(1)$  since  $2\alpha$  is not cellular in  $2I^3(1)$ .

However, going in the other direction we have the following theorem.

**THEOREM V.1.** *Let  $\alpha$  be an arc CAB of an  $n$ -manifold  $M^n$  and let  $\beta$  be a subarc of  $\alpha$ . Then the following hold:*

- (1)  $\beta \subset Bd(M^n), n \neq 5 \Rightarrow \beta$  is cellular in  $Bd(M^n)$  and hence CAB of  $M^n$ ,
- (2)  $\beta \cap Bd(M^n)$  is a point ( $\emptyset$ ),  $n \neq 4 \Rightarrow \beta$  is CAB of  $M^n$  (cellular in  $Int(M^n)$ ),
- (3)  $\beta \cap Bd(M^n)$  is a proper subarc of  $\beta, n \neq 4, 5 \Rightarrow \beta$  is CAB of  $M^n$ .

**PROOF.** Since  $\alpha$  is CAB of  $M^n$ , we may assume that  $M^n = I^n(1)$ . By Lemma III.7,  $\alpha \cap Bd[I^n(1)] = \sigma$  is cellular in  $Bd[I^n(1)] \approx S^{n-1}$  and  $2\alpha$  is cellular in  $2I^n(1) \approx S^n$ . Also  $\sigma$  is CAB of  $I^n(1)$ ,  $\sigma$  is cellular in  $2I^n(1)$ , and hence  $2(\alpha/\sigma)$  is cellular in  $2(I^n(1)/\sigma) \approx 2I^n(1) \approx S^n$ . Theorem 6 of [2] together with Lemma III.7 give (1) and (2) immediately and (3) follows with an additional easy argument.

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