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## Realization of Hölder Complexes<sup>(\*)</sup>

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**RÉSUMÉ.** — Un complexe de Hölder est un graphe fini tel qu'à chaque arête est associé un nombre rationnel positif et on sait que c'est un invariant bi-lipschitzien des ensembles semi-algébriques singuliers de dimension 2. On montre dans cet article que tout complexe de Hölder peut être réalisé comme un ensemble semi-algébrique de dimension 2. Pour ce faire on plonge le graphe dans un tore de dimension  $n$  qu'on fait contracter sur un point singulier de telle sorte que les générateurs s'évanouissent avec les vitesses rationnelles et différentes.

**ABSTRACT.** — Hölder Complex, a graph and a rationally-valued function on the set of the edges of the graph, is a bi-Lipschitz invariant of 2-dimensional semialgebraic singular sets. Here we prove that each Hölder Complex can be realized as a 2-dimensional semialgebraic set. For this purpose we embed the graph to an  $n$ -dimensional torus. The torus is vanishing in a singular point such that the generators are vanishing with different rational rates.

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### 1. Introduction

The paper is devoted to the local geometry of 2-dimensional semialgebraic sets. The local bi-Lipschitz classification theorem is proved in [1]. The main notion of the classification is a so-called Geometric Hölder Complex. It is a local version of a simplicial complex with some additional geometric information (see the definition below). A Hölder Complex can be considered as a combinatorial object – a finite graph with a rational-valued function defined on the set of edges.

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The following question is natural. Let us define a Hölder Complex in a combinatorial way. Does it correspond to some semialgebraic set?

The answer is positive. To prove the Realization theorem we define a semialgebraic set  $T(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)$ . It is a generalization of the real algebraic set which gives an example of the noncoincidence of  $L_p$ -cohomology and Intersection Homology [2]. The set  $T(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)$  has a toric link at the singular point and all generators of the torus have different vanishing rates in this point. It gives us a possibility to separate vanishing rates of all edges of a Hölder Complex.

## 2. Definitions and notations

Let us recall some definitions from [1]. Let  $\Gamma$  be a connected graph without loops,  $V_\Gamma = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\}$  be the set of vertices and  $E_\Gamma = \{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_r\}$  be the set of edges of the graph.

**DEFINITION 2.1.** — *A Hölder Complex  $(\Gamma, \beta)$  is a graph  $\Gamma$  with an associated function  $\beta: E_\Gamma \rightarrow [1, \infty[ \cap Q$  (here  $Q$  is the ring of rational numbers).*

**DEFINITION 2.2.** — *A Curvilinear triangle  $T$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  homeomorphic to a 2-dimensional simplex satisfying the following properties.*

- 1) *Each internal (in the induced topology) point  $t \in T$  has an open neighbourhood  $U_t \subset T$  such that  $U_t$  is a smooth 2-dimensional submanifold of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  at each point  $t' \in U_t$ .*
- 2) *The boundary of  $T$  is a union of three analytic curves  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3$  such that  $\gamma_i$  (for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) has a neighbourhood at each internal (in the induced from  $\mathbb{R}$  topology on  $\gamma_i$ ) point which is a smooth 1-dimensional submanifold of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .*
- 3) *Locally  $T$  is a smooth manifold with a boundary at each smooth point of the boundary.*

*Boundary points of  $\gamma_i$  we call vertices of  $T$ .*

**DEFINITION 2.3.** — *A standard  $\beta$ -Hölder triangle  $ST_\beta$  is a subset of the plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$  bounded by the following curves:*

$$\{y = 0\}, \quad \{y = x^\beta\}, \quad \{x = 1\}.$$

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Let us consider a cone  $CT$  over  $\Gamma$ . Let  $A_0$  be the vertex of  $CT$ . We can consider  $CT$  as a topological space with the standard topology of a simplicial complex.

**DEFINITION 2.4.** — *A subset  $H(\Gamma, \beta) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is called a Geometric Hölder Complex corresponding to  $(\Gamma, \beta)$  if it satisfies the following conditions.*

- 1)  $H(\Gamma, \beta)$  is a subanalytic subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- 2) There exists a homeomorphism  $F: CT \rightarrow H(\Gamma, \beta)$ .
- 3) The set  $H(\Gamma, \beta) \cap S_{F(A_0), r}$  is empty or homeomorphic to  $\Gamma$ , for every  $r$ . (We use the notation  $S_{F(A_0), r}$  for the sphere centered at the point  $F(A_0)$  with the radius  $r$ .)
- 4) The image of the triangle  $(A_0, a_i, a_j, g)$  (where  $a_i$  and  $a_j$  are vertices of  $\Gamma$ ,  $g$  is the edge connecting  $a_i$  and  $a_j$ ,  $(A_0, a_i, a_j, g)$  is the subcone of  $CT$  over  $g$ ) has the following properties :
  - (a)  $F(A_0, a_i, a_j, g)$  is a subanalytic subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ;
  - (b)  $F(A_0, a_i, a_j, g)$  is subanalytically bi-Lipschitz equivalent to the standard  $\beta(g)$ -Hölder triangle  $ST_{\beta(g)}$ ;
  - (c) let  $L: ST_{\beta(g)} \rightarrow F(A_0, a_i, a_j, g)$  be this subanalytic bi-Lipschitz map; then

$$L(0, 0) = F(A_0), \quad L(1, 0) = F(a_i), \quad L(1, 1) = F(a_j).$$

**DEFINITION 2.5.** — *A  $\beta$ -Hölder triangle  $HT_\beta$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  satisfying the following conditions.*

- 1)  $HT_\beta$  is a curvilinear triangle.
- 2)  $HT_\beta$  is bi-Lipschitz equivalent to some standard  $\beta$ -Hölder triangle  $ST_\beta$ .
- 3) The bi-Lipschitz map  $L: ST_\beta \rightarrow HT_\beta$  is subanalytic. (The image of the point  $(0, 0)$  is called a Hölder vertex of  $HT_\beta$ .)

**DEFINITION 2.6.** — *A standard  $\beta$ -horn  $SH_\beta$  (here  $\beta \in \mathbb{Q} \cap [1, +\infty[)$  is a semialgebraic set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  defined by the following conditions:*

$$(x_1^2 + x_2^2)^q = y^{2p}, \quad 0 \leq y \leq 1,$$

$(x_1, x_2, y)$  are coordinates of a point in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\beta = p/q$  with  $\text{GCD}(p, q) = 1$ .

We proved in [1] that every 2-dimensional semialgebraic (as well as semianalytic and subanalytic) set  $X$  is a Geometric Hölder Complex in a neighbourhood of a given point  $a_0 \in X$  corresponding to some Hölder Complex. Here we are going to prove the following result.

**REALIZATION THEOREM.** — *Let  $(\Gamma, \beta)$  be a Hölder Complex. Then there exist a semialgebraic 2-dimensional set  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , a point  $a_0 \in X$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $X \cap B_{a_0, \varepsilon}$  is a Geometric Hölder Complex corresponding to the Hölder Complex  $(\Gamma, \beta)$  (here  $B_{a_0, \varepsilon}$  is a closed ball in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  centered at the point  $a_0$  with the radius  $\varepsilon$ ).*

### 3. The set $T(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)$ . Polar maps

We consider the space  $\mathbb{R}^{2k+1}$  with coordinates  $(x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2, \dots, x_k, y_k, z)$ . Let  $D(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)$  (here  $\beta_i = p_i/q_i$  with  $p_i, q_i \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\text{GCD}(p_i, q_i) = 1$ ) be a subvariety of  $\mathbb{R}^{2k+1}$  given by the following equations:

$$\begin{aligned} z^{2p_1} &= (x_1^2 + y_1^2)^{q_1} \\ &\vdots \\ z^{2p_i} &= (x_i^2 + y_i^2)^{q_i} \\ &\vdots \\ z^{2p_k} &= (x_k^2 + y_k^2)^{q_k}. \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

(The set described in the paper [2] is a special 3-dimensional example of  $D(\beta_1, \beta_2)$ .)

Let

$$T(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k) = D(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k) \cap \{z \geq 0\}. \tag{2}$$

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1)  $\dim T(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k) = k + 1$ .

2) *The link of  $T(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)$  at the point  $(0, \dots, 0)$  is homeomorphic to  $T^k$  (a  $k$ -dimensional torus).*

(Remind that the link of  $T(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)$  is the intersection of  $T(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)$  with a small sphere centered at  $(0, \dots, 0)$ .)

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*Proof*

1) Consider a section of  $T(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)$  by the plane  $z = c$ . We obtain the equations

$$x_i^2 + y_i^2 = c_i,$$

where  $c_i = c^{2p_i/q_i}$ . Clearly, these equations define a  $k$ -dimensional torus. The variety  $T(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)$  we obtain as a suspension of it. So, (1) is proved.

2) Let  $r(z)$  be a function defined in the following way:

$$r(z) = \sqrt{z^2 + \sum_{i=1}^k z^{\beta_i}}.$$

This function  $r(z)$  is a one-to-one function, for small  $z$ . Thus, for sufficiently small  $\varepsilon > 0$ , the link  $T(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k) \cap S_{0,\varepsilon}$  is equal to the torus  $T(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k) \cap \{(x_1, y_1, \dots, x_k, y_k, z) \in \mathbb{R}^{2k+1} \mid z = r^{-1}(\varepsilon)\}$ .  $\square$

Each point of  $T(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)$  has uniquely defined polar coordinates  $(\psi_1, \psi_2, \dots, \psi_k, z)$ :  $\psi_i$  is the angle coordinate of the corresponding point of the circle  $x_i^2 + y_i^2 = c_i$  and  $z$  is a  $z$ -coordinate in  $\mathbb{R}^{2k+1}$ . Let  $x^0 = (\psi^0, z^0) = (\psi_1^0, \dots, \psi_k^0, z^0)$  be a point of  $T(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)$ . Let  $L_{x^0}$  be a curve on  $T(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)$  defined as follows:

$$L_{x^0} = \{(\psi_1, \psi_2, \dots, \psi_k, z) \mid \psi_1 = \psi_1^0, \dots, \psi_k = \psi_k^0\}.$$

We call  $L_{x^0}$  a *polar line generated by  $x^0$* . Now we can define a polar map in the following way.

Denote, for  $\varepsilon > 0$ , the set

$$T(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k) \cap \{(x_1, y_1, \dots, x_k, y_k, z) \in \mathbb{R}^{2k+1} \mid z \leq \varepsilon\}$$

by  $T^\varepsilon(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)$ . Let  $P_{\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2}: T^{\varepsilon_1}(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k) \rightarrow T^{\varepsilon_2}(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)$  be a map defined as follows:

$$P_{\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2}(\psi_1, \dots, \psi_k, z) = \left( \psi_1, \dots, \psi_k, \frac{\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_2} z \right).$$

We call  $P_{\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2}$  a *polar map*. Observe that  $P_{\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2}$  is a bi-Lipschitz map.

*Remark 3.1.* —  $T(\beta_1)$  is an usual  $\beta_1$ -horn.

*Remark 3.2.* —  $T(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)$  is included to  $T(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k, \dots, \beta_n)$  (here  $n \geq k+1$ ) as a semialgebraic subset defined by the following equations  $\psi_{k+1} = b_1, \psi_{k+2} = b_2, \dots, \psi_n = b_{n-k}, b_1, \dots, b_{n-k} \in \mathbb{R}$ .

#### 4. Proof of the Realization theorem

We use the induction on the number of edges. Suppose that each Hölder Complex  $(\Gamma, \beta)$  whose graph  $\Gamma$  has less or equal than  $k$  edges is realized as a semialgebraic subset of  $T(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)$  such that all vertices of  $\Gamma$  belong to the section by the plane  $z = 1$  and, for each vertex  $a$ , we have  $\psi_i(a) = 0$  or  $\psi_i(a) = \pi$ . (We can identify the graph  $\Gamma$  and its image by the map  $F$ ; see Definition 2.4.)

For  $k = 1$ , the assertion is trivial:  $\Gamma$  has two vertices  $a_1$  and  $a_2$ . Set  $\psi(a_1) = 0, \psi(a_2) = \pi$  and the edge connecting  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  be a half-circle. So,  $(\Gamma, \beta)$  is realized as a half of the standard  $\beta$ -horn.

Now consider a Hölder Complex  $(\Gamma, \beta)$  such that  $\Gamma$  has  $(k + 1)$  edges. Let  $g$  be an edge such that  $\beta(g) = \min_{\tilde{g} \in E_\Gamma} \beta(\tilde{g})$ . Let us consider a graph  $\tilde{\Gamma} = \Gamma - g$ . We have two possibilities:  $\tilde{\Gamma}$  is a connected graph or  $\tilde{\Gamma}$  is not connected.

Suppose that  $\tilde{\Gamma}$  is not connected. Then it is a union of two connected components  $\tilde{\Gamma} = \tilde{\Gamma}^1 \cup \tilde{\Gamma}^2$  (we include also a case when one of these components is just a vertex). We can suppose that  $g_1, \dots, g_\ell \in E_{\tilde{\Gamma}^1}, g_{\ell+1}, \dots, g_k \in E_{\tilde{\Gamma}^2}, g_{k+1} = g$ . Now consider a set  $T(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k, \beta(g))$  and a section of that by the plane  $z = 1$ . This section is a  $(k + 1)$ -dimensional torus (see the proof of the Lemma 3.1). By the induction hypotheses, the subcomplex  $(\tilde{\Gamma}^1, \tilde{\beta}^1)$ , where  $\tilde{\beta}^1 = \beta|_{\tilde{\Gamma}^1}$ , can be realized as a semialgebraic subset of  $T(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)$  which can be considered as a semialgebraic subset of  $T(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k, \beta(g))$  given by the equation  $\psi_{k+1} = 0$  (see the Remark 3.2). By the same way,  $(\tilde{\Gamma}^2, \tilde{\beta}^2)$ , where  $\tilde{\beta}^2 = \beta|_{\tilde{\Gamma}^2}$ , can be realized as a semialgebraic subset of  $T(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)$  which can be considered as a semialgebraic subset of  $T(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k, \beta(g))$  given by the equation  $\psi_{k+1} = \pi$ . Suppose that  $g$  connects vertices  $a_1 \in \tilde{\Gamma}^1$  and  $a_2 \in \tilde{\Gamma}^2$ ;

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let  $a_1$  has polar coordinates  $(\psi_1(a_1), \dots, \psi_k(a_1), 0)$  and let  $a_2$  has polar coordinates  $(\psi_1(a_2), \dots, \psi_k(a_2), \pi)$ . We connect these two vertices by the following curve  $\Psi(\theta) = \{\psi_1(\theta), \psi_2(\theta), \dots, \psi_{k+1}(\theta), 1\}$  where

$$\psi_{k+1}(\theta) = \theta, \quad \psi_i(\theta) = \begin{cases} \psi_i(a_1) & \text{if } \psi_i(a_1) = \psi_i(a_2) \\ \theta & \text{if } \psi_i(a_1) = 0 \text{ and } \psi_i(a_2) = \pi \\ \pi + \theta & \text{if } \psi_i(a_1) = \pi \text{ and } \psi_i(a_2) = 0, \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

$1 \leq i \leq k, \theta \in [0, \pi]$ . Clearly,  $\Psi(0) = a_1$  and  $\Psi(\pi) = a_2$ . Define

$$H_{\beta(g)} := \bigcup_{\theta} L_{\Psi(\theta)},$$

the union of the polar lines generated by  $\Psi(\theta)$ .

**LEMMA 4.1.** — *The set  $H_{\beta(g)}$  is a  $\beta(g)$ -Hölder triangle.*

*Proof.* —  $H_{\beta(g)}$  is a semialgebraic set because it is defined by the system (3) which can be written as a system of algebraic equations and inequalities in terms of variables  $x_i, y_i$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq k+1$ , and by the inequalities  $0 \leq z \leq 1$ . Hence,  $H_{\beta(g)} \cap B_{0,\varepsilon}$  (here  $B_{0,\varepsilon}$  is a closed ball in  $\mathbb{R}^{2k+3}$  centered at 0 with the radius  $\varepsilon$ ) is a Geometric Hölder Complex  $H(\bar{\Gamma}, \alpha)$  corresponding to some graph  $\bar{\Gamma}$  with some rational-valued function  $\alpha$  defined on its edges [1]. Since  $H_{\beta(g)}$  is a curvilinear triangle (by the construction),  $H_{\beta(g)} \cap B_{0,\varepsilon_0}$ , for sufficiently small  $\varepsilon_0 \leq \varepsilon$ , is bi-Lipschitz equivalent to the standard  $\alpha_0$ -Hölder triangle where  $\alpha_0 = \min_{\bar{g} \in E_{\bar{\Gamma}}} \alpha(\bar{g})$  [1, Second Structural Lemma]. But  $H_{\beta(g)} \cap B_{0,\varepsilon_0}$  is bi-Lipschitz equivalent to  $H_{\beta(g)}$  (the bi-Lipschitz equivalence is given by the polar map  $P_{\varepsilon_0,1}$ ).

To complete the proof of the lemma we must show that  $\alpha_0 = \beta(g)$ . Let  $\gamma_\varepsilon$  be the equidistant line in  $H_{\beta(g)}$ , namely  $\gamma_\varepsilon = H_{\beta(g)} \cap S_{0,\varepsilon}$ . By [1], there exists a subanalytic bi-Lipschitz map  $\Upsilon: H_{\beta(g)} \rightarrow \text{ST}_{\alpha_0}$  such that  $\Upsilon(\gamma_\varepsilon) = \text{ST}_{\alpha_0} \cap \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x = \varepsilon\}$ . Denote by  $\ell(\gamma_\varepsilon)$  the length of  $\gamma_\varepsilon$ . Since  $\Upsilon$  is a bi-Lipschitz map, we have

$$c_1 \varepsilon^{\alpha_0} \leq \ell(\gamma_\varepsilon) \leq c_2 \varepsilon^{\alpha_0}, \quad (4)$$

for some positive constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ . To prove that  $\alpha_0 = \beta(g)$  we will compute the length of  $\gamma_\varepsilon$  from another side. Consider the function

$$r(z) = \sqrt{z^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} z^{p_i/q_i}}$$



which is a one-to-one function, for small  $z$ . So,  $r^{-1}(\varepsilon)$  is a well-defined function, for small  $\varepsilon$ . By the Lemma 3.1,

$$\gamma_\varepsilon = H_{\beta(g)} \cap \{(x_1, y_1, \dots, x_{k+1}, y_{k+1}, z) \in \mathbb{R}^{2k+3} \mid z = r^{-1}(\varepsilon)\}.$$

Consider the following set

$$T^\varepsilon = T(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k, \beta(g)) \\ \cap \{(x_1, y_1, \dots, x_{k+1}, y_{k+1}, z) \in \mathbb{R}^{2k+1} \mid z = r^{-1}(\varepsilon)\}.$$

It is a smooth manifold homeomorphic to a  $(k+1)$ -dimensional torus. The equidistant line  $\gamma_\varepsilon$  belongs to this set. There are  $(k+1)$  differential 1-forms  $d\psi_1^\varepsilon, \dots, d\psi_k^\varepsilon$  and  $d\psi_{k+1}^\varepsilon$  on  $T^\varepsilon$  corresponding to the coordinate system  $\{\psi_1, \dots, \psi_k, \psi_{k+1}\}$ . By (3), we have

$$\ell(\gamma_\varepsilon) = \int_{\gamma_\varepsilon} \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} m_i d\psi_i^\varepsilon \quad \text{where } m_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \psi_i(a_1) \neq \psi_i(a_2) \\ 0 & \text{if } \psi_i(a_1) = \psi_i(a_2), \end{cases} \\ \int_{\gamma_\varepsilon} \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} m_i d\psi_i^\varepsilon \leq \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \int_{\gamma_\varepsilon} m_i d\psi_i^\varepsilon.$$

By the definition of the equidistant line  $\gamma_\varepsilon$ ,

$$\int_{\gamma_\varepsilon} m_i d\psi_i^\varepsilon = m_i \pi z^{\beta_i}.$$

Using the above formula we obtain

$$\ell(\gamma_\varepsilon) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} m_i \pi z^{\beta_i}.$$

If  $z$  sufficiently small ( $z < 1$ ) there exists  $\tilde{C}_2 > 0$  such that

$$\ell(\gamma_\varepsilon) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} m_i \pi z^{\beta_i} \leq \tilde{C}_2 z^{\beta(g)},$$

because  $\beta(g) = \min_{1 \leq i \leq k+1} \beta_i$ .

By the definition of the function  $r(\varepsilon)$ , we have  $r(\varepsilon) = a\varepsilon + o(\varepsilon)$ , with  $a > 0$ .

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Hence,  $\ell(\gamma_\varepsilon) \leq C'_2 \varepsilon^{\beta(g)}$ , where  $C'_2 = a\tilde{C}_2$ . To obtain an estimate of  $\ell(\gamma_\varepsilon)$  from below let us go back to the formulas (3)

$$\ell(\gamma_\varepsilon) = \int_{\gamma_\varepsilon} \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} m_i d\psi_i^\varepsilon \geq \int_{\gamma_\varepsilon} m_{k+1} d\psi_{k+1}^\varepsilon.$$

By (3),  $m_{k+1} = 1$ . Thus,

$$\ell(\gamma_\varepsilon) \geq \int_{\gamma_\varepsilon} d\psi_{k+1}^\varepsilon = \pi z^{\beta(g)} \geq C'_1 \varepsilon^{\beta(g)},$$

for some positive constant  $C'_1$ . So,

$$C'_1 \varepsilon^{\beta(g)} \leq \ell(\gamma_\varepsilon) \leq C'_2 \varepsilon^{\beta(g)}. \quad (5)$$

From (4) and (5) we obtain that  $\beta(g) = \alpha_0$ .

Lemma 4.1 is proved.  $\square$

Thus, the realization of  $(\Gamma, \beta)$  is given by the union of the realizations of  $(\tilde{\Gamma}^1, \tilde{\beta}^1)$ ,  $(\tilde{\Gamma}^2, \tilde{\beta}^2)$  and  $H_{\beta(g)}$ . It is a semialgebraic set because it is a finite union of semialgebraic sets.

Now consider the second case:  $\tilde{\Gamma}$  is a connected graph. In this case, by the induction hypotheses,  $(\tilde{\Gamma}, \tilde{\beta})$  (where  $\tilde{\beta} = \beta|_{\tilde{\Gamma}}$ ) can be realized as a semialgebraic subset of  $T(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)$  which can be considered as a semialgebraic subset of  $T(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k, \beta(g))$  defined by the equation  $\psi_{k+1} = 0$ . The edge  $g$  connects two vertices  $a_1$  and  $a_2$ . Now we can glue the realization of  $(\tilde{\Gamma}, \tilde{\beta})$  and the curvilinear triangle  $H_{\beta(g)}$  generated by the curve  $\Psi(\theta) = \{\psi_1(\theta), \psi_2(\theta), \dots, \psi_{k+1}(\theta)\}$ :

$$\psi_{k+1}(\theta) = \theta \text{ and } \psi_i(\theta) = \begin{cases} \psi_i(a_1) & \text{if } \psi_i(a_1) = \psi_i(a_2) \\ \frac{\theta}{2} & \text{if } \psi_i(a_1) = 0 \text{ and } \psi_i(a_2) = \pi \\ \pi + \frac{\theta}{2} & \text{if } \psi_i(a_1) = \pi \text{ and } \psi_i(a_2) = 0, \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq k$ ,  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$ ,  $a_1 = (\psi_1(a_1), \dots, \psi_k(a_1), 0)$  and  $a_2 = (\psi_1(a_2), \dots, \psi_k(a_2), \pi)$ .

Set  $H_{\beta(g)} := \bigcup_{\theta} L_{\Psi(\theta)}$ . By the same arguments as in the Lemma 4.1, we can prove that  $H_{\beta(g)}$  is a  $\beta(g)$ -Hölder triangle.

The union of the realization of  $(\tilde{\Gamma}, \tilde{\beta})$  and  $H_{\beta(g)}$  is a semialgebraic realization of  $(\Gamma, \beta)$ .

The Realization theorem is proved.  $\square$

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