

The Orbit Space of a Proper Groupoid

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$$U_j \ni \{x_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \rightarrow x \in U_i \Rightarrow T_{x_k} U_j \rightarrow V > T_x U_i \quad .$$

(this requires an embedding of \mathcal{U} in \mathbb{R}^N).

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- Since the action is proper G_x is compact, therefore using Invariant theory (Hilbert, Schwartz, Tarski-Seidenberg,...) U is a semi-algebraic Whitney stratified space (**isotropy stratification**)

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Therefore we can define the quotient of a non-complete action as M/\mathcal{G} .
By our result this is a Whitney stratified space

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