

# A homology theory for basic sets

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**Axiom A** (S. Smale, 1967):  $M$  a compact Riemannian manifold,  $\varphi : M \rightarrow M$  a diffeomorphism with a hyperbolic structure on the set  $X \subset M$  of non-wandering points.

Typically,  $X$  is some type of fractal.  $X$  may be decomposed into irreducible pieces called basic sets.

**Smale space** (D. Ruelle): a purely topological version.

$(X, d)$  compact metric space,  $\varphi$  homeomorphism. Each point  $x$  has neighbourhoods

$$X^s(x, \epsilon) \times X^u(x, \epsilon),$$

local stable and unstable sets, with

$$\begin{aligned} d(\varphi(y), \varphi(z)) &\leq \lambda d(y, z), \quad y, z \in X^s(x, \epsilon), \\ d(\varphi^{-1}(y), \varphi^{-1}(z)) &\leq \lambda d(y, z), \quad y, z \in X^u(x, \epsilon), \end{aligned}$$

with  $0 < \lambda < 1$ .

## Hyperbolic toral automorphism:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : \mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{Z}^2$$

## Shifts of finite type:

Let  $G = (G^0, G^1, i, t)$  be a finite directed graph.  
Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_G &= \{(e^k)_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \mid e^k \in G^1, \\ &\quad i(e^{k+1}) = t(e^k), \text{ for all } k\} \\ \sigma(e)^k &= e^{k+1}, \text{ "left shift"} \end{aligned}$$

The local product structure is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma^s(e, 2^{-n}) &= \{(\dots, *, *, *, e^{-n}, e^{1-n}, e^{2-n} \dots)\} \\ \Sigma^u(e, 2^{-n}) &= \{(\dots, e^{n-2}, e^{n-1}, e^n, *, *, *, \dots)\} \end{aligned}$$

A shift of finite type is any system conjugate to  $(\Sigma_G, \sigma)$ , for some  $G$ .

Why shifts of finite type are important.

**Theorem 1.** *The shifts of finite type are exactly the totally disconnected Smale spaces.*

**Theorem 2** (Bowen). *If  $(X, \varphi)$  is any irreducible Smale space, then there exists*

$$\pi : (\Sigma, \sigma) \rightarrow (X, \varphi),$$

*continuous, surjective and finite-to-one.*

Proof is by constructing Markov partitions (codings).

Krieger's invariant (to come....)

**Solenoid:** Start with  $z \in \mathbb{T} \rightarrow z^m \in \mathbb{T}$ ; expanding, but not a homeomorphism.

$$\begin{aligned} X &= \lim \mathbb{T} \leftarrow \mathbb{T} \leftarrow \dots \\ &= \{(z_k)_{k \geq 0} \mid z_{k+1}^m = z_k\}. \\ \varphi(z)_k &= z_k^m. \end{aligned}$$

We have  $X^s(x, \epsilon) \sim \text{Cantor}$ ,  $X^u(x, \epsilon) \sim (-\epsilon, \epsilon)$ .

Let  $G$  be the graph with one vertex,  $m$  edges, so  $\Sigma_G$  is the full  $m$ -shift. There is a factor map

$$\pi : (\Sigma_G, \sigma) \rightarrow (X, \varphi)$$

based on the base  $m$  expansion of real numbers.

This map has a special property: for all  $e$  in  $\Sigma_G$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\pi(\Sigma^s(e, \epsilon))$  is *open* in  $X^s(\pi(e), \epsilon')$  and

$$\pi : \Sigma^s(e, \epsilon) \rightarrow \pi(\Sigma^s(e, \epsilon))$$

is a homeomorphism. We say such a map is *s-bijective*.

## Krieger's Invariant (1978 ?)

Krieger gave a construction of a  $C^*$ -algebra from a shift of finite type, whose K-theory was readily computed. He also gave a dynamical interpretation.

Let  $G$  be a directed graph and let  $N$  be the number of vertices in  $G$ . Let  $A$  be the adjacency matrix for the graph  $G$ .

$$D^s(\Sigma_G, \sigma) = \lim \mathbb{Z}^N \xrightarrow{A} \mathbb{Z}^N \xrightarrow{A} \dots$$

i.e.  $\mathbb{Z}^N \times \mathbb{N} / (x, k) \sim (Ax, k + 1)$ .

- If  $G$  has one vertex and  $m$  edges, then  $N = 1$ ,  $A = [m]$  and  $D^s(\Sigma_G, \sigma) \cong \mathbb{Z}[1/m]$ .
- If  $A = 0$ , then  $D^s(\Sigma_G, \sigma) \cong 0$ .
- If  $\det(A) = \pm 1$ , then  $D^s(\Sigma_G, \sigma) \cong \mathbb{Z}^N$ .

## $D^s$ as a functor

If  $\pi : (\Sigma, \sigma) \rightarrow (\Sigma', \sigma)$  is a factor map, does it induce a group homomorphism between the invariants  $D^s(\Sigma, \sigma)$  and  $D^s(\Sigma', \sigma)$ ?

If  $\pi$  is  $s$ -bijective, then there is a map

$$\pi^s : D^s(\Sigma, \sigma) \rightarrow D^s(\Sigma', \sigma).$$

If  $\pi$  is  $u$ -bijective, then there is a map

$$\pi^{s*} : D^s(\Sigma', \sigma) \rightarrow D^s(\Sigma, \sigma)$$

(Kitchens, Boyle, Marcus, Trow)

**Problem:** Can we extend Krieger's invariant to an arbitrary a Smale space,  $(X, \varphi)$  ?

**Idea:** Start with Bowen:

$$\pi : (\Sigma, \sigma) \rightarrow (X, \varphi).$$

For  $N \geq 0$ , define

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_N(\pi) = \{ (e_0, e_1, \dots, e_N) \mid \\ \pi(e_n) = \pi(e_0), \\ 0 \leq n \leq N \}. \end{aligned}$$

For all  $N \geq 0$ ,  $(\Sigma_N(\pi), \sigma)$  is also a shift of finite type and we can consider  $D^s(\Sigma_N(\pi), \sigma)$ . We also have  $\delta_n : (\Sigma_N(\pi), \sigma) \rightarrow (\Sigma_{N-1}(\pi), \sigma)$  which erases  $e_n$ ,  $0 \leq n \leq N$ .

**Idea:** Compute homology of  $(X, \varphi)$  from  $D^s(\Sigma_N(\pi), \sigma)$ ,  $N \geq 0$  and the factor maps  $\delta_n$  from  $(\Sigma_N(\pi), \sigma)$  to  $(\Sigma_{N-1}(\pi), \sigma)$ .

**Problem:** Functoriality of  $\delta_n$ .



## Homology: Second attempt

**Theorem 3** (Better Bowen). *Let  $(X, \varphi)$  be an irreducible Smale space. There exists a Smale space  $(Y, \psi)$  with  $Y^u(y, \epsilon)$  totally disconnected for all  $y$  and an  $s$ -bijective factor map*

$$\pi_s : (Y, \psi) \rightarrow (X, \varphi).$$

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That is,  $Y^u(y, \epsilon)$  is totally disconnected, while  $Y^s(y, \epsilon)$  is homeomorphic to  $X^s(\pi_s(y), \epsilon)$ .

This is a “one-coordinate” version of Bowen’s Theorem.

Reversing the rôles of stable and unstable, find  $(Z, \zeta, \pi_u)$ .

We call  $\pi = (Y, \psi, \pi_s, Z, \zeta, \pi_u)$  an  $s/u$ -bijective pair for  $(X, \varphi)$ .

Consider the fibred product:

$$\Sigma = \{(y, z) \in Y \times Z \mid \pi_s(y) = \pi_u(z)\}$$

with

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \Sigma & \\ \rho_u \swarrow & & \searrow \rho_s \\ Y & & Z \\ \pi_s \searrow & & \swarrow \pi_u \\ & X & \end{array}$$

$\rho_s(y, z) = z$  is  $s$ -bijective,  $\rho_u(y, z) = y$  is  $u$ -bijective. It follows that  $\Sigma$  is a SFT.

For  $L, M \geq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{L,M}(\pi) = \{ & (y_0, \dots, y_L, z_0, \dots, z_M) \mid \\ & y_l \in Y, z_m \in Z, \\ & \pi_s(y_l) = \pi_u(z_m)\}. \end{aligned}$$

is a shift of finite type. Moreover, the maps

$$\delta_{l,} : \Sigma_{L,M} \rightarrow \Sigma_{L-1,M}, \delta_{,m} : \Sigma_{L,M} \rightarrow \Sigma_{L,M-1}$$

which erase  $y_l$  and  $z_m$  are  $s$ -bijective and  $u$ -bijective, respectively.

We get a double complex:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & \\
 D^s(\Sigma_{0,2}) & \longleftarrow & D^s(\Sigma_{1,2}) & \longleftarrow & D^s(\Sigma_{2,2}) & \longleftarrow & \\
 & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & \\
 D^s(\Sigma_{0,1}) & \longleftarrow & D^s(\Sigma_{1,1}) & \longleftarrow & D^s(\Sigma_{2,1}) & \longleftarrow & \\
 & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & \\
 D^s(\Sigma_{0,0}) & \longleftarrow & D^s(\Sigma_{1,0}) & \longleftarrow & D^s(\Sigma_{2,0}) & \longleftarrow & 
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \partial_N^s : & \oplus_{L-M=N} D^s(\Sigma_{L,M}) \\
 \rightarrow & \oplus_{L-M=N-1} D^s(\Sigma_{L,M})
 \end{array}$$

$$\partial_N^s = \sum_{l=0}^L (-1)^l \delta_l^s + \sum_{m=0}^{M+1} (-1)^{m+M} \delta_{,m}^{s*}$$

$$H_N^s(\pi) = \ker(\partial_N^s) / \text{Im}(\partial_{N+1}^s).$$

## Basic theorems

Recall: beginning with  $(X, \varphi)$ , we select an  $s/u$ -bijective pair  $\pi = (Y, \pi_s, Z, \pi_u)$  and compute  $H_N^s(\pi)$ .

**Theorem 4.** *The groups  $H_N^s(\pi)$  do not depend on the choice of  $s/u$ -bijective pair  $\pi = (Y, \pi_s, Z, \pi_u)$ , but only on  $(X, \varphi)$ .*

From now on, we write  $H_N^s(X, \varphi)$ .

**Theorem 5.** *The functor  $H_*^s(X, \varphi)$  is covariant for  $s$ -bijective maps, contravariant for  $u$ -bijective maps.*

**Theorem 6.** *For all  $N$ ,  $H_N^s(X, \varphi)$  is finite rank and only finitely many are non-zero.*

We can regard  $\varphi : (X, \varphi) \rightarrow (X, \varphi)$ , which is both  $s$  and  $u$ -bijective and so induces an automorphism of the invariants.

**Theorem 7.** (*Lefschetz Formula*) *Let  $(X, \varphi)$  be any Smale space having an  $s/u$ -bijective pair and let  $p \geq 1$ .*

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{N \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^N \operatorname{Tr}[(\varphi^s)^p : H_N^s(X, \varphi) \otimes \mathbb{Q}] \\
&\rightarrow H_N^s(X, \varphi) \otimes \mathbb{Q} \\
&= \#\{x \in X \mid \varphi^p(x) = x\}
\end{aligned}$$

## Example 1: Shifts of finite type

If  $(X, \varphi) = (\Sigma, \sigma)$ , then  $Y = \Sigma = Z$  is an  $s/u$ -bijective pair.

$N$	$H_N^s(\Sigma, \sigma)$
0	$D^s(\Sigma, \sigma)$
$\neq 0$	0

**Example 2:**  $(X, \varphi) = m^\infty$ -solenoid (Bazett-P.)

An  $s/u$ -bijective pair is  $Y = \{0, 1, \dots, m-1\}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ , the full  $m$ -shift,  $Z = X$ . We get

$N$	$H_N^s(X, \varphi)$
0	$\mathbb{Z}[1/m]$
1	$\mathbb{Z}$
$\neq 0, 1$	0

**Example 3: A hyperbolic toral automorphism** (Bazett-P.):

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : \mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{Z}^2$$

We get

$N$	$H_N^s(X, \varphi)$	$\varphi^s$
$-1$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$1$
$0$	$\mathbb{Z}^2$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
$1$	$\mathbb{Z}$	$-1$
$\neq \pm 1, 0$	$0$	$0$