

Smale spaces, their C^* -algebras
and a homology theory for
them

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- to describe certain hyperbolic dynamical systems called Smale spaces
- to describe C^* -algebras constructed from them
- to find algebraic invariants for them, and show how the C^* -algebras provided key ideas in their construction

Smale spaces (D. Ruelle)

(X, d) compact metric space,

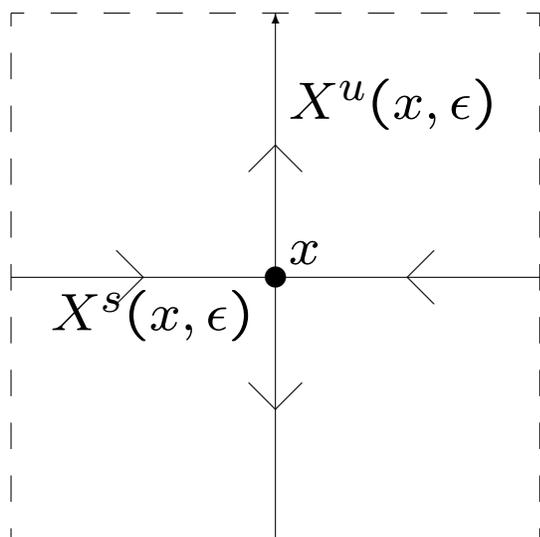
$\varphi : X \rightarrow X$ homeomorphism $0 < \lambda < 1$,

For x in X and $\epsilon > 0$ and small, there is a local stable set $X^s(x, \epsilon)$ and a local unstable set $X^u(x, \epsilon)$ which satisfy:

1. $X^s(x, \epsilon) \times X^u(x, \epsilon)$ is homeomorphic to a neighbourhood of x ,
2. φ -invariance,
- 3.

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

That is, we have a local picture:



Global stable and unstable sets:

$$X^s(x) = \{y \mid \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} d(\varphi^n(x), \varphi^n(y)) = 0\}$$

$$X^u(x) = \{y \mid \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} d(\varphi^{-n}(x), \varphi^{-n}(y)) = 0\}$$

These are equivalence relations and

$$\begin{aligned} X^s(x, \epsilon) &\subset X^s(x), \\ X^u(x, \epsilon) &\subset X^u(x). \end{aligned}$$

Example 1 (from linear algebra)

The linear map

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

is hyperbolic. Let $\gamma > 1$ be the golden mean,

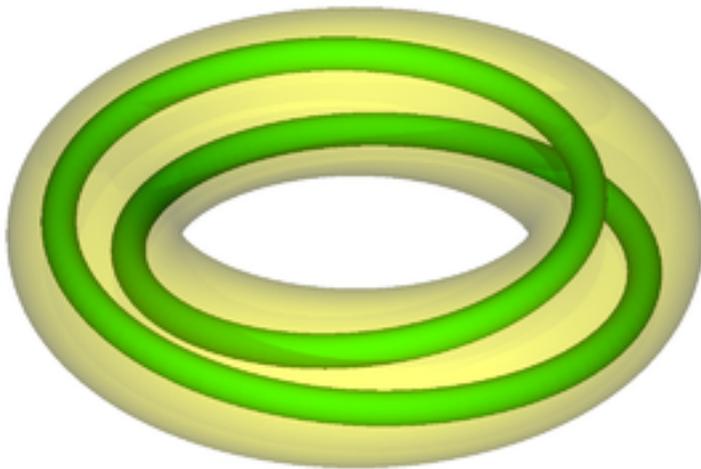
$$\begin{aligned} (\gamma, 1)A &= \gamma(\gamma, 1) \\ (-1, \gamma)A &= -\gamma^{-1}(-1, \gamma) \end{aligned}$$

Of course, \mathbb{R}^2 is not compact, but letting $X = \mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{Z}^2$, as $\det(A) = -1$, A induces a map with the same local structure, but is a Smale space.

X^s and X^u are Kronecker foliations with lines of slope $-\gamma^{-1}$ and γ .

Example 2 (from topology)

Let $X_0 = \bar{\mathbb{D}} \times \mathbb{S}^1$, be the solid torus and define $\varphi_0 : X_0 \rightarrow X_0$ with image as shown:



It is not onto, but if we let

$$X = \bigcap_{n \geq 1} \varphi_0^n(X_0) \quad \varphi = \varphi_0|_X,$$

then (X, φ) is a Smale space. The unstable set is the \mathbb{S}^1 coordinate, while the stable set is a totally disconnected subset of $\bar{\mathbb{D}}$.

Example 3 (from number theory)

For a prime p , \mathbb{Q}_p is the p -adic numbers. It is a field and a metric space which is the completion of \mathbb{Q} . It is totally disconnected. Multiplication by p contracts by a factor p^{-1} , while multiplication by any integer relatively prime to p is an isometry.

Let $p < q$ be primes. On $\mathbb{Q}_p \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{Q}_q$, define

$$\varphi(x, y, z) = (p^{-1}qx, p^{-1}qy, p^{-1}qz).$$

It expands the first factor and the second ($p < q$), but contracts the third.

But the space is not compact. However,

$$X = \mathbb{Q}_p \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{Q}_q / \mathbb{Z}[1/pq]$$

is, φ induces a homeomorphism which has the same local structure.

Example 4: Shifts of finite type (SFTs)

Let $G = (G^0, G^1, i, t)$ be a finite directed graph. Then we have the shift space of bi-infinite paths and shift map:

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

The metric $d(e, f) = 2^{-k}$, where $k \geq 0$ is the least integer where $(e^{-k}, e^k) \neq (f^{-k}, f^k)$.

The local stable and unstable sets at some point e are:

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma^s(e, 1) &= \{(\dots, *, *, *, e^0, e^1, e^2, \dots)\} \\ \Sigma^u(e, 1) &= \{(\dots, e^{-2}, e^{-1}, e^0, *, *, *, \dots)\}\end{aligned}$$

Note that Σ_G is totally disconnected; in fact, these are precisely the totally disconnected Smale spaces.

C^* -algebra: $C^*(X^s)$

For C^* -algebras of equivalence relations, it is nice if we can find an abstract transversal, as in Muhly, Renault, Williams.

Space:

$$X^u(\mathcal{O}(x)) = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} X^u(\varphi^n(x)),$$

(Caution: in a new topology, not the relative topology!)

Equivalence relation:

$$X^u(\mathcal{O}(x))^s = X^s \cap (X^u(\mathcal{O}(x)) \times X^u(\mathcal{O}(x)))$$

This is an étale equivalence relation and we consider $S(X, \varphi, x) = C^*(X^u(\mathcal{O}(x))^s)$.

Alternately, we could study
 $U(X, \varphi, x) = C^*(X^s(\mathcal{O}(x))^u)$.

Up to Morita equivalence these are independent of the choice of x .

Our original map φ induces a homeomorphism of the space $X^u(\mathcal{O}(x))$ and an automorphism of $X^u(\mathcal{O}(x))^s$ and hence automorphisms of $S(X, \varphi, x)$, as well as $U(X, \varphi, x)$. We can also look at

$$S(X, \varphi, x) \times_{\varphi} \mathbb{Z}, \quad U(X, \varphi, x) \times_{\varphi} \mathbb{Z}.$$

Case 1: Shifts of finite type (Krieger)

$S(X, \varphi, x)$ is an AF-algebra.

$$K_0(S(\Sigma_G, \sigma, x)) \cong \lim \mathbb{Z}^N \xrightarrow{A_G^T} \mathbb{Z}^N \xrightarrow{A_G^T} \dots$$

where A_G is the adjacency matrix of the graph G .

The same for $U(X, \varphi, x)$ (change A_G^T to A_G).

Moreover, we have

$$S(\Sigma_G, \sigma, x) \times_{\varphi} \mathbb{Z} \cong \mathcal{O}_{A_G^T} \otimes \mathcal{K}.$$

Case 2: One-dimensional solenoids

Klaus Thomsen : C^* -algebras fall under Elliott's classification program. (Torsion can occur in K-theory!)

Case 3: General properties

P-Spielberg : amenability, simplicity, purely infinite, etc.

Back to dynamics...

Smale spaces have a large supply of periodic points and it is interesting to count them.

Theorem 1. *Let A_G be the adjacency matrix of the graph G . For any $p \geq 1$, we have*

$$\#\{e \in \Sigma_G \mid \sigma^p(e) = e\} = \text{Tr}(A_G^p).$$

This is reminiscent of the Lefschetz fixed-point formula for smooth maps of compact manifolds.

Question 2 (Bowen). *Is the right hand side actually the result of σ acting on some homology theory of (Σ_G, σ) ? Is there a more general version of the theory for Smale spaces?*

Krieger: $K_0(S(\Sigma, \sigma, x))$ or $K_0(U(\Sigma, \sigma, x))$, which we will now denote by $D^u(\Sigma, \sigma)$ and $D^s(\Sigma, \sigma)$, respectively.

Bowen's Theorem

Theorem 3 (Bowen). *For a non-wandering Smale space, (X, φ) , there exists a SFT (Σ, σ) and*

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

with $\pi \circ \sigma = \varphi \circ \pi$, continuous, surjective and finite-to-one.

Problem Does a map $\pi : (Y, \psi) \rightarrow (X, \varphi)$ induce a $*$ -homomorphism between the C^* -algebras?

A map $\pi : (Y, \psi) \rightarrow (X, \varphi)$ map between Smale spaces is π is *s-bijective* if, for all y in Y

$$\pi : Y^s(y, \epsilon) \rightarrow X^s(\pi(y), \epsilon')$$

is a local homeomorphism.

Theorem 4. *Let $\pi : (Y, \psi) \rightarrow (X, \varphi)$ be a factor map between Smale spaces and y in Y be periodic and such that $\pi|_{\mathcal{O}(y)}$ is injective.*

If π is u -bijective, then there is a $$ -homomorphism*

$$\pi^s : S(Y, \psi, y) \rightarrow S(X, \varphi, \pi(y)).$$

If π is s -bijective, then there is a $$ -homomorphism*

$$\pi^{u*} : U(X, \varphi, \pi(y)) \rightarrow U(Y, \psi, y).$$

If π is u -bijective

$$\pi : Y^u(\mathcal{O}(y)) \rightarrow X^u(\mathcal{O}(\pi(y)))$$

is a homeomorphism and

$$\pi \times \pi(Y^u(\mathcal{O}(y)))^s \subseteq X^u(\mathcal{O}(\pi(y)))^s$$

is an open subgroupoid.

If π is s -bijective

$$\pi \times \pi : Y^u(\mathcal{O}(y))^s \rightarrow X^u(\mathcal{O}(\pi(y)))^s$$

is a proper morphism of groupoids.

A better Bowen's Theorem

Let (X, φ) be a Smale space. We look for a Smale space (Y, ψ) and a factor map

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

satisfying:

1. π_s is s -bijective,
2. $\dim(Y^u(y, \epsilon)) = 0$.

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

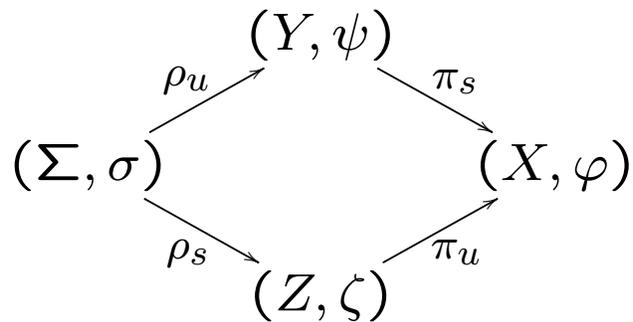
This is a “one-coordinate” version of Bowen's Theorem.

Similarly, we look for a Smale space (Z, ζ) and a factor map $\pi_u : (Z, \zeta) \rightarrow (X, \varphi)$ satisfying $\dim(Z^s(z, \epsilon)) = 0$, and π_u is u -bijective.

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

Theorem 5 (Better Bowen). *If (X, φ) is a non-wandering Smale space, then there exists an s/u -bijective pair.*

Fibred product recovers Bowen's (Σ, σ) :



with

$$\pi = \rho_s \circ \pi_u = \rho_u \circ \pi_s.$$

A homology theory

For $L, M \geq 0$, we define

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

Each of these is a SFT.

Moreover, the maps

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_l & : \Sigma_{L,M} \rightarrow \Sigma_{L-1,M}, \\ \delta_{,m} & : \Sigma_{L,M} \rightarrow \Sigma_{L,M-1} \end{aligned}$$

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

We get a double complex:

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

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

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

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

Topology	Dynamics
open cover U_1, \dots, U_I	Bowen's Theorem $\pi_s, \pi_u : Y, Z \rightarrow X$
multiplicities $U_{i_0} \cap \dots \cap U_{i_N} \neq \emptyset$	multiplicities $\Sigma_{L,M}(\pi)$
groups C^N	groups $D^s(\Sigma_N(\pi))^{alt}$

Theorem 6. *The groups $H_N^s(\pi)$ depend on (X, φ) , but not the choice of s/u -bijective pair $\pi = (Y, \psi, \pi_s, Z, \zeta, \pi_u)$.*

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

Theorem 7. *The functor $H_*^s(X, \varphi)$ is covariant for s -bijective factor maps, contravariant for u -bijective factor maps.*

Theorem 8. *The groups $H_N^s(X, \varphi)$ are all finite rank and non-zero for only finitely many $N \in \mathbb{Z}$.*

Theorem 9 (Lefschetz Formula). *Let (X, φ) be any non-wandering Smale space 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 4: Shifts of finite type

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

The only non-zero group in the double complex occurs at $(0, 0)$.

$$\begin{aligned} H_0^s(\Sigma, \sigma) &= D^s(\Sigma), \\ H_N^s(\Sigma, \sigma) &= 0, N \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Example 3: $\frac{q}{p}$ -solenoid [N. Burke-P.]

Let $p < q$ be primes and (X, φ) the $\frac{q}{p}$ -solenoid.

$Z = X$, Y is the full q -shift and it maps down so that it is two-to-one on a full p -shift.

$$\begin{aligned} H_0^s(X, \varphi) &\cong \mathbb{Z}[1/q] \\ H_1^s(X, \varphi) &\cong \mathbb{Z}[1/p] \\ H_N^s(X, \varphi) &= 0, N \neq 0, 1. \end{aligned}$$

Example 2: 2^∞ -solenoid [Bazett-P.]

$$\begin{aligned} H_0^s(X, \varphi) &\cong \mathbb{Z}[1/2], \\ H_1^s(X, \varphi) &\cong \mathbb{Z}, \\ H_N^s(X, \varphi) &= 0, N \neq 0, 1 \end{aligned}$$

Generalized 1-solenoids (Williams, Yi, Thom-
sen): done by Amini, P, Saeidi Gholikandi and
you can hear more at 4:00 PM.

Example 1: 2-torus[Bazett-P.]:

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

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