

# Pushforward structure to relate geometric cycles

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## On the Equivalence of Geometric and Analytic K-Homology

Paul Baum, Nigel Higson, and Thomas Schick

**Abstract:** We give a proof that the geometric K-homology theory for finite CW-complexes defined by Baum and Douglas is isomorphic to Kasparov's K-homology. The proof is a simplification of more elaborate arguments which deal with the geometric formulation of *equivariant* K-homology theory.

# Problem of interest

$$\begin{array}{ccc} k_{\text{ev/odd}}(X, Y) & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & K_{\text{ev/odd}}(X, Y) \\ & \searrow \beta & \nearrow \mu \\ & K_{\text{ev/odd}}^{\text{geom}}(X, Y) & \end{array}$$

Figure: Auxiliary homology theory

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**Classifying space:**  $X$  a proper  $G$ -space, then there exists a  $G$ -map

$$\phi_X : X \rightarrow \underline{E}G,$$

and any two  $G$ -maps from  $X$  to  $\underline{E}G$  are  $G$ -homotopic.

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- For a collar around  $\partial N$  in  $N$ ,  $l! = \partial^*$  and  $i^0! = j^*$

$$\cdots \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_\Gamma^{*-1}(\partial N) \xrightarrow{l!} \mathcal{H}_\Gamma^*(N^0) \xrightarrow{i^0!} \mathcal{H}_\Gamma^*(N) \rightarrow \cdots$$

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- Define  $\mathcal{H}_*^{pf}(X, A; \Gamma)$  the set of equivalence relations of tuples  $(M, \partial M, \pi_M, x_M)$  where  $x_M \in \mathcal{H}_\Gamma^{*+dim(M)}(M)$ .

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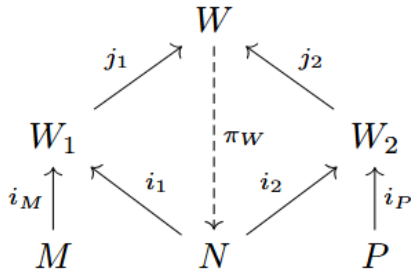


Figure: Initial relations.

## Equivalence relation (sketch of proof) II

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} E_1 & & a_1^* E_1 \cong TW_1 \oplus C_1 & & a_2^* E_2 \cong TW_2 \oplus C_2 & & E_2 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ Z & \xleftarrow{a_1} & W_1 & \xleftarrow{i_1} & N & \xrightarrow{i_2} & W_2 & \xrightarrow{a_2} & Z \end{array}$$

Figure:  $\Gamma$ -vector bundles

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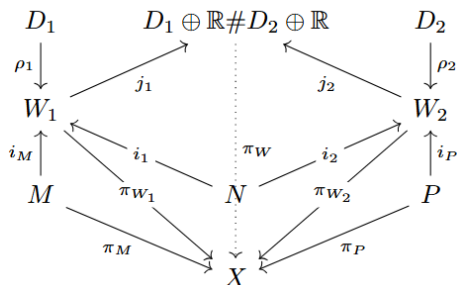


Figure: The desired connection space.

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- For  $k > 0$ , in  $\mathcal{H}_k^{pf}(X, A; \Gamma)$ ,  $[S^n, \emptyset, \pi_{S^n}, \alpha] = 0$ , by  $\mathcal{H}_\Gamma^{n+k}(S^n) = 0$  ( $\Gamma = \{e\}$ ).



# Functoriality and homotopic invariance

For a map  $g : (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$ ,  
 $g_* : \mathcal{H}_*^{pf}(X, A; \Gamma) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_*^{pf}(Y, B; \Gamma) :$   
 $[M, \partial M, \pi, x] \mapsto [M, \partial M, g \circ \pi, x]$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & & \\ \pi \downarrow & & \\ X & \xrightarrow{g} & Y \end{array}$$

- ❶  $(f \circ g)_* = f_* \circ g_*$
- ❷  $\Gamma$ -homotopy invariance: if  $g_0, g_1 : (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  are proper  $\Gamma$ -homotopic maps of  $\Gamma$ -proper pairs, then

$$g_{0*} = g_{1*} : \mathcal{H}_n^{pf}(X, A; \Gamma) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_n^{pf}(Y, B; \Gamma)$$

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- $\partial([M, \partial M, \pi_M, x_M]) = [\partial M, \emptyset, \pi_M|_{\partial M}, i_{\partial M}^*(x_M)]$ , with  $i_{\partial M} : \partial M \hookrightarrow M$ .

## Exactness in $\mathcal{H}_*^{pf}(X; \Gamma)$

$\text{Ker}(i_*) \subseteq \text{Im}(j_*)$ : Let  $[M, \emptyset, \pi_M, x_M] = [N, \partial N, \pi_N, 0] \in \mathcal{H}_*^{pf}(X, A; \Gamma)$  with  $f_M!(x_M) = 0$  with  $f_M : M \rightarrow W$ .  $f_M!(x_M) \in \text{Ker}(i_W^0!)$

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There exist  $y \in \mathcal{H}_\Gamma^{*-1}(\partial W)$  such that  $\partial(y) = f_M!(x_M)$ , and we get

$$\begin{aligned} j_*([\partial W, \emptyset, \pi_W|_{\partial W}, y]) &= [\partial W, \emptyset, j \circ \pi_W|_{\partial W}, y] \\ &= [\partial W, \emptyset, \pi_W \circ l, y] \\ &= [W^0, \emptyset, \pi_W|_{W^0}, l!(y)] \\ &= [W^0, \emptyset, \pi_W|_{W^0}, \partial(y)] \\ &= [W^0, \emptyset, \pi_W|_{W^0}, f_M!(x_M)] \\ &= [M, \emptyset, \pi_W \circ f_M, x_M] \\ &= [M, \emptyset, \pi_M, x_M]. \end{aligned}$$

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