

Pushforward structure to relate geometric cycles

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On the Equivalence of Geometric and Analytic K-Homology

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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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Let \mathcal{G} be a topological groupoid¹.

- A topological space X is called a **\mathcal{G} -space** if there is a continuous map $a : X \rightarrow Z$ called the **anchor** map and a homeomorphism

$$\mathcal{G}_s \times_a X \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_t \times_a X : (g, x) \mapsto (g, g \cdot x),$$

which determines the **action**, and holds associativity and unitality conditions.

¹A topological groupoid is a groupoid \mathcal{G} such that Z and \mathcal{G} are Hausdorff and the structure maps source and target $s, t : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow Z$ are continuous and open (see [?], p. 2).

Groupoid examples

Example

For a group Γ , consider the groupoid $\mathcal{G} := \Gamma^*$, where $\mathcal{G}^0 := \{*\}$ and $\mathcal{G}^1 := \Gamma$.

Example

The transformation groupoid $\mathcal{G} \ltimes X$ (see [1], p. 4, Definition 2.2) is defined by X as its object space, morphisms the elements of $\mathcal{G}_s \times_a X$; the range and source maps are defined by $r(g, x) = g \cdot x$ and $s(g, x) = x$ respectively ; and its composition is given by $(g, x) \cdot (h, y) = (gh, y)$.

$(\Gamma^* \ltimes X)$ -bundles

When \mathcal{G} is the transformation groupoid (or action groupoid) of a group, we recover the notion of a Γ -vector bundle. For Γ be a discrete group, and X be a Γ -space, there is a bijection:

$$\{\Gamma\text{-vector bundles over } X\} \leftrightarrow \{(\Gamma^* \ltimes X)\text{-vector bundles over } X\}$$

(\leftarrow) : For a $(\Gamma^* \ltimes X)$ -vector bundle $\rho : E \rightarrow X$, we note the Γ -vector bundle structure with action on E given by

$$\gamma e := (\gamma, \rho(e))e,$$

where this action and Remark ?? make ρ a Γ -equivariant map

$$\rho(\gamma e) = \rho((\gamma, \rho(e))e) = (\gamma, \rho(e))\rho(e) = \gamma\rho(e).$$

(\rightarrow) : If $\rho : E \rightarrow X$ is a Γ -vector bundle we note that it has a $(\Gamma^* \ltimes X)$ -vector bundle structure by the anchor map $a := \rho : E \rightarrow X$, and the natural action

$$(\gamma, x)e := \gamma e \quad \text{when } s((\gamma, x)) = a(e), \text{ i.e., } e \in E_x = \rho^{-1}(x)$$

where this implies that ρ is a $(\Gamma^* \ltimes X)$ -equivariant map by

Main definitions

Cohomology Theory: $\mathcal{H}_\Gamma^* : (Proper\ Pairs) \rightarrow (R - mod)$ with connection maps $\partial_\Gamma^n : \mathcal{H}_\Gamma^n(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_\Gamma^{n+1}(X, A)$ with axioms

- Γ -homotopy invariance: If f and f' are homotopics then $f^* = f'^*$
- Long exact sequence: For $i : A \rightarrow X$ and $j : X \rightarrow (X, A)$,

$$\mathcal{H}_\Gamma^n(X, A) \xrightarrow{j^n} \mathcal{H}_\Gamma^n(X) \xrightarrow{i^n} \mathcal{H}_\Gamma^n(A) \xrightarrow{\partial_\Gamma^n} \mathcal{H}_\Gamma^{n+1}(X, A)$$

- Excision: For (X, A) a Γ -proper-pair and $f : A \rightarrow B$, the canonical map $F : (X, A) \rightarrow (X \cup_f B, B)$ induces an isomorphism

$$F^* : \mathcal{H}_\Gamma^n(X, A) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_\Gamma^n(X \cup_f B, B).$$

- Disjoint union: the following map is a group isomorphism:

$$\prod_{i \in I} j_i^* : \mathcal{H}_\Gamma^n(\coprod_{i \in I} X_i) \rightarrow \prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{H}_\Gamma^n(X_i)$$

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- For a collar around ∂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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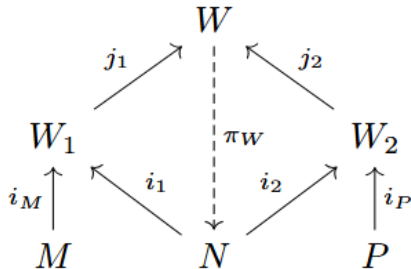


Figure: Initial relations.

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
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Figure: Γ -vector bundles

Equivalence relation (sketch of proof) III

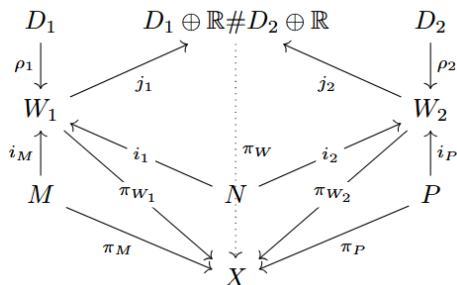


Figure: The desired connection space.

Examples

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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 Γ -homotopy invariance: if $g_0, g_1 : (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$ are proper Γ -homotopic maps of Γ -proper pairs, then

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

Long exact sequence

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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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