

# Floer homology

Say something on Arnold's conjecture.

## Morse

(1) smooth Manifold  $X$

(2) Morse function  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

(3) Critical points of  $f: \text{Crit}(f)$

(4) Index of  $p \in \text{Crit}(f)$

(5) Choose a metric  $g$  on  $M$

(6) Flow lines of  $-\nabla f$ .

$$d\gamma = \left\{ \gamma: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow X : \frac{d\gamma}{dt}(t) = -\nabla_{\gamma(t)} f \right\}.$$

## Floer

(1) Fix a cpt symplectic mfd  $(M, \omega)$

Space of contractible loops

$$\mathcal{X}M = \left\{ \gamma: S^1 \rightarrow M \text{ } C^\infty \text{ contractible} \right\}$$

i.e.  $\exists u: D^2 \rightarrow M \text{ } C^\infty \text{ s.t. } u|_{S^1} = \gamma$

Q1 Smooth structure?

(2) Action functional  $A_+ : \mathcal{X}M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  associated to non-degenerate 1-per. Hamiltonian

$$H: \mathbb{R}/2 \times M \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ } C^\infty$$

$$\pi_2(M) = 0$$

$$A_+(\gamma) = - \int_{D^2} u^* \omega + \int_0^1 H(t, \gamma(t)) dt.$$

Q2 Does not depend on  $u$ ?

(3) Prop3 Critical points of  $A_+$  are 1-periodic contractible orbits of  $X_H$ .

$$(\omega(X_{H'}, \cdot) = -dH).$$

(4) Conley-Zehnder index  $i_{CZ}(\gamma)$  of  $\gamma \in \text{Crit}(A_+)$

Q4 Definition?

(5) Choose an almost complex structure  $J$

on  $TM$ . Q5 Definition

→ Induces a metric on  $\mathcal{X}M$ . Q6 How?

Q7 Compute  $\nabla_{\mathcal{X}M} A_+$  for this metric.

$$(R \rightarrow \mathcal{X}M)$$

(6) Flow lines of  $-\nabla A_+$ :  $u: \mathbb{R} \times S^1 \rightarrow M$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial s} = -\nabla A_+(u(s, \cdot))$$

Q7 ⇒ Floer equation (FE)  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial s} + J \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \nabla_r H(u) = 0$

Lem:  $X$  cpt  $\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \gamma = p \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \gamma = q \end{array} \right. \quad p, q \in \text{crit}(f)$

Def:  $\mathcal{N} = \{ u : S^1 \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ sol of (FE) such that} \}$

$$E(u) := \int_{S^1 \times \mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial s} \right|^2 ds dt < +\infty$$

Lem: For  $u \in \mathcal{N}(x, y)$ ,  $E(u) = d_H(x) - d_H(y)$

Thm: Recall  $H$  is aspherical and  $H$  non-degenerate.  
Then for  $u \in \mathcal{N}$ .

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lim_{s \rightarrow -\infty} u = x \\ \lim_{s \rightarrow +\infty} u = y \end{array} \right. \quad \text{for some } x, y \in \text{crit}(A_H)$$

Prop: elliptic regularity sol in  $W^{1,p}_{loc}$   $p > 2 \Rightarrow C^\infty$ .

## (7) Moduli space of flow lines

$$\mathcal{N}(p, q) = \{ \gamma \in \mathcal{N} : \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \gamma(t) = p, \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \gamma(t) = q \}$$

$$\mathcal{M}(p, q) = \mathcal{N}(p, q)/\mathbb{R} \text{ translation}$$

Assumption: The pair  $(f, g)$  should satisfy the Smale condition.

Prop: If  $(f, g)$  is Smale, then  $\mathcal{M}(p, q)$  is a submanifold of  $X$  of dim  $i(p) - i(q) - 1$ . Moreover, it can be compactified to become a compact submanifold with corners and boundary:

$$\bigcup_{p_i \in \text{crit}(f)} \mathcal{M}(p, p_1) \times \dots \times \mathcal{M}(p_r, q) \underbrace{\quad}_{\text{"broken lines"}}$$

Cor: If  $(f, g)$  is Smale and  $i(p) = i(q) + 1$ , then  $\mathcal{M}(p, q)$  is finite.

## (7) Moduli spaces of Floer solutions

$$\mathcal{M}(x, y) = \{ u \in \mathcal{N} : \lim_{s \rightarrow -\infty} u = x, \lim_{s \rightarrow +\infty} u = y \} \quad u \text{ sol. of (FE),}$$

$$\mathcal{M}(x, y) = \mathcal{N}(x, y)/\mathbb{R} \text{ translation on } \mathbb{R} \text{ rotation}$$

Assumption:  $(H, J)$  should be regular.

Differential of Floer operator (Fredholm) at  $u \in \mathcal{M}$   
 $dF_u : P^{1,p}(x, y) \rightarrow L^p(\mathbb{R} S^1, T\mathbb{R})$  is surjective  
 variational Borel modeled on  $W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R} S^1, T\mathbb{R})$ .

Prop: If  $(H, J)$  is regular, then . . .

Cor: If  $(f, g)$  is tame and  $i(p) = i(q) + 2$ , then  
 $\overline{\mathcal{M}(p, q)}$  cpt manifold with corners and boundary:

$$\bigcup_{\substack{i(c) = i(p)-1 \\ c \in \mathcal{M}(p)}} \mathcal{M}(p, r) \times \mathcal{M}(r, q)$$

(8) Floer complex

Cor: Idem

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$$CF_k(H, J) = \langle x \in \text{Gr}(A_H) \mid i_{c_2}(x) = k \rangle$$

$$\partial_k x = \sum_{y \in \text{Gr}(A_H)} m(x, y) y$$

$$\text{where } m(x, y) = \# \mathcal{M}(x, y).$$

$$\frac{\text{Cor:}}{\text{L}} \quad \partial_{k-1} \circ \partial_k = 0.$$

$$\text{Proof: } \partial_{k-1} \circ \partial_k (x) = \sum_{i(y) = k-2} y \cdot \left( \underbrace{\sum_{i(z) = k-1} m(x, y) m(y, z)}_{\# (\partial \mathcal{M}(y, z))} \right)$$

$$\# (\partial \mathcal{M}(y, z)) \begin{cases} 1 \text{-dim} \\ \text{with corners and boundary} \\ 0 \pmod 2 \end{cases}$$

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$$HF_k(H, J) = \text{Ker}(\partial_k) / \text{Im}(\partial_{k+1})$$

Thm:  $HF_k$  does not depend on the regular pair  $(H, J)$ .

Thm: If  $H$  is an autonomous Morse function  $C^2$  small enough, then for generic  $J$ ,  $(H, J)$  is regular,  $(H, w(\cdot, J))$  is simple and  $\mathcal{G}$

$$CF_*(H, J) = M_{\leftarrow + m}(H, g).$$

Proof: is involved. Floer and Morse flow lines coincide.

NB: When  $H$  is  $C^2$  small enough, then  $\text{crit}(A_H) = \text{wht}(H)$ .

Proof: ~~To do~~  $\mathbb{M}$

## (10) Filtered Hamiltonian Floer homology

$$CF_k^\lambda(H, J) = \langle x \in \text{crit}(A_H) : c_2(x) = k, A_H(x) < \lambda \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}_2}$$

$\partial k$  induces  $\partial k : CF_k^\lambda \rightarrow CF_{k-1}^\lambda$

$$HF_k^\lambda(H, J) = H_k(CF_*^\lambda).$$

$\mathbb{M}$  Dependence in  $(H, J)$ ? To do: Ideas on how it works?

Thm: (Schwarz 2000) Let  $H : \mathbb{S}^1 \times M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be Hamiltonian.

Assume  $H$  is normalized:  $\int_M H(t, \cdot) \omega^m = 0 \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{S}^1$ .

Then,  $HF_k^\lambda(H, J)$  only depends on  $\phi = \phi_H^1$  (time 1 of Hamil. flow  $\phi_H^t$  of  $X_H$ )

Def: (Hamiltonian diffeo)

$$\text{Ham}(M, \omega) = \{ \phi \in \text{Diffeo}(M), \phi = \phi_H^1, H \text{ Hamiltonian} \}.$$

Cor:  $\phi \in \text{Ham}(M, \omega) \mapsto \mathcal{B}_k(\phi) = \text{barcode of } HF_k^\bullet(\phi)$   
(up to a shift)

## II. Conley-Zehnder index

H non-degenerate

$x \in \text{Crit}(A_H)$ . 1-periodic contractible orbit of  $X_H$ .  $\begin{pmatrix} w(x, v) \\ \parallel \\ w(x, y) \end{pmatrix}$

(1) Associate a path  $t \in [0, 1] \mapsto A(t) \in \text{Sp}(2n) = \{ A \text{ } 2m \times 2m \text{ matrices s.t. } A^T \Sigma A = \Sigma \}$   
 where  $\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -I_m \\ I_m & 0 \end{pmatrix}$   
 with  $A(0) = I_m$  and  $1 \notin \text{spec}(A(1))$  that is uniquely defined up to homotopy.

(2) Associate to any homotopy class of such paths an integer  $\mu \in \mathbb{Z}$ , via  
 a map  $\rho: \text{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow S^1$  inducing an isomorphism  $\tilde{\rho}: \pi_1(\text{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{R})) \xrightarrow{\sim} \pi_1(S^1) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ .

Step (1): Choose  $u: D^2 \rightarrow M$  s.t.  $u|_{S^1} = x$ .

Since  $D^2$  is contractible,  $u^* T\Gamma$  is trivial and any two trivializations are homotopic.  $u^* T\Gamma \cong D^2 \times \mathbb{R}^{2n}$

Linearized flow  $d\phi_H^t(x(0)): T_{x(0)} M \rightarrow T_{x(t)} M$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \{0\} \times \mathbb{R}^{2n} & \xrightarrow{\quad A(t) \quad} & \{t\} \times \mathbb{R}^{2n} \\ \uparrow S^1 \subseteq D^2 & & \uparrow S^1 \subseteq D^2 \end{array} \text{ with } A(t) \in \text{Sp}(2n).$$

•  $A(0) = I_m$  because  $d\phi_H^0 = \text{id}_{T_{x(0)} M}$

•  $A(1) = d\phi_H^1$  so  $1 \notin \text{spec}(A(1))$  ( $H$  non-degenerate)

$$\text{Sp}^*(2n) = \{ A \in \text{Sp}(2n) \mid \det(A - I_n) \neq 0 \}.$$

$$A \in \mathcal{Y} = \{ \gamma: [0, 1] \rightarrow \text{Sp}(2n) \mid \gamma(0) = I_m, \gamma(1) \in \text{Sp}^*(2n) \}.$$

Homotopy invariance?

other choice of  $u: v: D^2 \rightarrow M$   $w|_{S^1} = x$ .

Then  $v = u \# v: S^2 \rightarrow M$   $\xrightarrow{\text{gluing } u \text{ and } v} A''(t)$

Since  $\pi_2(M) = 0$ ,  $w^* T\Gamma$  is also trivial and any two triv. are homotopic.

Therefore  $A(\cdot), A'(\cdot), A''(\cdot)$  are homotopic in  $\mathcal{Y}$

C<sup>0</sup>:  $t \mapsto A(t)$  induces a well-defined homotopy class of maps  $[0, 1] \rightarrow \text{Sp}^*(2n)$ .

To do: explain trivialization and homotopy.

Step(2): (a)  $\pi_1(Sp(2n)) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ . induced by  $\rho: Sp(2n) \rightarrow S^1$

Proof.

$\forall A \in \mathrm{Sp}(2n)$  Then  $S = \sqrt{AA^\top}$  symmetric positive definite and symplectic.

So that  $B = AS^{-1}$  is symplectic and orthogonal.

$$U(m) = Sp(2m, \mathbb{R}) \cap O(2m, \mathbb{R})$$

$$\{ C \in \mathfrak{sl}_m(\mathbb{C}) : C^* = \bar{C}^T \}$$

Indeed: Standard Hermitian form: in coordinates  $z = x + iy$

$$\langle (n, y), (n', y') \rangle = nn' + yy' + i(y n' - x y')$$

$S_0 \quad Sp(2n) \xrightarrow{\text{homeo}} U(n) \times \mathbb{R} \hookleftarrow$  symplectic symm. positive-definite

$\det_{\mathbb{C}} : U(n) \rightarrow S^1$  induces an iso  $\pi_1(U(n)) \cong \pi_1(S^1) \times \mathbb{Z}$ .

Ex:  $\mathcal{Y}$  is contractible.

Cor:

$$\text{P: } \begin{aligned} \text{Sp}(2n) &\longrightarrow \mathbb{S}^1 \\ A &\longmapsto \det_{\mathbb{C}}(A - (\sqrt{A A^T})^{-1}) \end{aligned} \quad \text{induces map: } \pi_1(\text{Sp}(2n)) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{Z}.$$

(b) "From  $t \mapsto f(t)$  to  $i(x)$ "

Lem: (Comley - Zehnder)

and the inclusions  $S_p^\pm \hookrightarrow Sp(2n)$  induce zero morphisms on  $f^*$  group.

$$\text{Choose then } W^+ = -I_m \in Sp^+ \quad W^- = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & 0 \\ 0 & -I_m \end{pmatrix} \in Sp^-$$

and for all  $A \in S_p^\pm$  a path  $\alpha_A$  from  $A$  to the corresponding  $w^\pm$  in  $S_p^\pm$ .

Def:  $\gamma: [0,1] \rightarrow \mathrm{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{R})$      $\gamma(0) = I_{2n}$      $\gamma(1) = A \in \mathrm{Sp}^*$ .

Let  $\hat{\gamma} = \gamma * \alpha_\pi$  be the concatenation.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ & \downarrow \exp(it) \\ [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^1 & & \mu(\gamma) = \frac{1}{\pi} (\Delta(1) - \Delta(0)) \\ \rho_0 \hat{\gamma} & & \end{array}$$

Proof 1)  $\mu(\gamma) \in \mathbb{Z}$

2) Two paths  $\gamma, \gamma'$  with  $\gamma(0) = \gamma'(0) = I_m$  and  $\gamma(1) = \gamma'(1) \in \mathrm{Sp}^*$   
are htopic among such paths iff  $\mu(\gamma) = \mu(\gamma')$ .

3) Sign of  $\det(A - I_m)$  is  $(-1)^{\mu(\gamma)-m}$ .

*case of small autonomous flow*  $\overset{C^2}{\square}$   
for  $H$   $\boxed{4)} \quad$  If  $S$  is symmetric invertible with  $\|S\| < 2\pi$  and  $\gamma(t) = \exp(tJS)$ ,  
then  $\mu(\gamma) = \text{ind}(S) - m$  where  $\text{ind}(S) = \# \text{ negative eigenvalues.}$

Def:  $x \in \text{crit}(A_H) \quad i_{cz}(x) = \mu(\gamma) \quad$  where  $\gamma: t \mapsto A(t)$  constructed above.

## Answer to questions:

**Q1** Choose metric  $g$  on  $M$ .

$\exp: TM \rightarrow M$   
 $(x, v) \rightarrow \exp_x(v)$  ← time 1 of unique geodesic  
 starting from  $x$  with velocity  $v$

Recall,  $\exp_x: (T_x M, 0) \rightarrow (M, x)$  local diffeo

Let  $\gamma \in \mathcal{L}M$ .

$$\gamma^* T\Gamma \rightarrow T\Gamma$$

$$\gamma^* T\Gamma = \{(t, x, v) \in S^1 \times T\Gamma : \gamma(t) = x\}$$

$$\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow$$

$$\Gamma(\gamma^* T\Gamma) = \{Y: S^1 \rightarrow \gamma^* T\Gamma : \pi \circ Y = \text{id}_{S^1}\}$$



$\exp_\gamma$ : small  $y \in \Gamma(\gamma)$   $\mapsto \left( \exp_\gamma y: t \mapsto \exp_{\gamma(t)} \gamma(t) \right) \in$  neigh. of  $\gamma$  in  $\mathcal{L}M$ .

local chart for  $\mathcal{L}M$ .

$$\text{and: } T_\gamma \mathcal{L}M \cong \Gamma(\gamma^* TM)$$

**Q2**  $A(\gamma) = - \int_{B^2} u^* \omega$  does not depend on  $u$  when  $\pi_2(\gamma) = 0$ .

If  $u_1, u_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{2+1}$ ,  $u_1|_{S^1} = \gamma$ . Then  $u_1 + u_2: S^1 \rightarrow M$  hypercat.

$$A_1(\gamma) - A_2(\gamma) = \int_{S^1} (u_1 + u_2)^* \omega = \int_{B^3} d(u_1 + u_2)^* \omega = \int_{B^3} (u_1 + u_2)^* d\omega = 0$$

Stokes



Prop 3: Critical points of  $A_u$  are 1-periodic contractible orbits of  $X_M$ .