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Morse-Conley theory for combinatorial vector fields



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- Topological dynamics
- Topological tools: Lefschetz fixed point theorem, fixed point index, Ważewski criterion, Conley index, Conley-Morse theory
- computer assisted proofs based on topological invariants

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- Combinatorization of topological dynamics
- Applications to sampled dynamics

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- Review of the combinatorial Morse theory by Forman
- Limitations of the Forman theory
- Combinatorial multivector fields
- Isolated invariant sets, Conley index and Morse inequalities
- Examples
- Relation to classical dynamics (joint with T. Kaczynski and Th. Wanner)

Morse-Forman theory 16



- \mathcal{K} the collection of cells of a finite, regular, CW complex X.
- Facet relation: $\tau \prec \sigma \Leftrightarrow \tau$ is a facet of σ
- Facet digraph: $(\mathcal{K}^2, \{ (\sigma, \tau) \mid \tau \prec \sigma \})$
- bd $\sigma := \{ \tau \mid \tau \prec \sigma \}.$
- cbd $\sigma := \{ \rho \mid \sigma \prec \rho \}.$

Discrete vector fields 17



Definition.

- A discrete vector field V on K is a partition of K into doubletons and sigletons such that for each doubleton {τ, σ} ∈ V either τ ≺ σ or τ ≻ σ.
- The V-digraph of \mathcal{K} is the facet digraph of \mathcal{K} with the direction reversed on the elements of \mathcal{V} .

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Morse Homology 19



• Morse complex $(M, \Delta) := (M_q(\mathcal{K}, V), \Delta_q(\mathcal{K}, V)_{q \in \mathbb{Z}})$ of a gradient vector field V on \mathcal{K} :

$$M_q := \{ \text{ critical cells of dimension } q \}$$
$$\langle \Delta_q \sigma, \tau \rangle := \sum_{\alpha \in P_V^a(\sigma, \tau)} w(\alpha).$$

Theorem. (Forman, 1995) $H_*(\mathcal{K}) \cong H_*(M, \Delta).$



1) Bring Forman's combinatorial vector fields into the framework of classical topological dynamics.



2) Extend the theory to combinatorial multivector fields.



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3) Construct bridges between the combinatorial dynamics on the family of cells of CW complexes and continuous dynamics on the topological space of the complex.

Alexandrov topology on $\mathcal{K}_{^{24}}$



- $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{K}$ is open (closed) iff $\bigcup \mathcal{A}$ is open (closed) in $X = \bigcup \mathcal{K}$.
- ullet es $\mathcal{A} := \operatorname{cl} \mathcal{A} \setminus \mathcal{A}$ estuary of \mathcal{A}
- \mathcal{A} is proper if $\operatorname{es} \mathcal{A}$ is closed.
- if \mathcal{A} is closed, then $\bigcup \mathcal{A}$ is a subcomplex of the CW complex X.
- A proper $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{K}$ is a zero space if $H(\operatorname{cl} \mathcal{A}, \operatorname{es} \mathcal{A}) = 0$.

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- A multivector is a proper $V \subset \mathcal{K}$ with a unique maximal element.
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\mathcal{V} -digraph 27



- \bullet Vertices: cells in ${\cal K}$
- Arrows:
 - explicit: given by ${\cal V}$
 - implicit: from each maximal cell of a multivector to all its faces not in the multivector
 - loops: at each maximal cell of a critical multivector

The multivalued map $\Pi_{\mathcal{V}} : \mathcal{K} \rightrightarrows \mathcal{K}$ assigns to σ all targets of edges originating from σ .

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• A partial map $\gamma : \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathcal{K}$ is a solution of \mathcal{V} if it is a walk in the \mathcal{V} -digraph, that is:

 $\gamma(i+1) \in \Pi_{\mathcal{V}}(\gamma(i))$ for $i, i+1 \in \operatorname{dom} \gamma$.

Isolated invariant sets 29

 $\bullet~V^*$ - maximal cell in $V\in\mathcal{V}$

$$\operatorname{Sol}(x, A) := \{ \varrho : \mathbb{Z} \to A \text{ a solution s.t. } \varrho(0) = x \}.$$

$$\operatorname{Inv} A := \bigcup \{ V \in \mathcal{V} \mid V \subset A \text{ and } \operatorname{Sol}(V^*, A) \neq \emptyset \}$$

Let $S \subset \mathcal{K}$.

Definition. S is \mathcal{V} -invariant if $\operatorname{Inv} S = S$.

Definition.

- A solution $\gamma : \mathbb{Z} \to \operatorname{cl} S$ is an internal tangency to S if for some $n_1 < n_2 < n_3$ we have $\gamma(n_1), \gamma(n_3) \in S$ but $\gamma(n_2) \notin S$.
- $\bullet~S$ is an isolated invariant set if it is invariant and admits no internal tangencies.

Isolated invariant sets 30



Theorem. Let $S \subset X$ be invariant. Then, S is an isolated invariant set if and only if S is proper.

Index pairs 31



Definition. A pair $P = (P_1, P_2)$ of closed subsets of \mathcal{X} is an index pair for \mathcal{S} iff (i) $x \in P_2, y \in P_1 \cap \prod_{\mathcal{V}}(x) \Rightarrow y \in P_2$, (ii) $x \in P_1, \prod_{\mathcal{V}}(x) \setminus P_1 \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow x \in P_2$, (iii) $\mathcal{S} = \operatorname{Inv}(P_1 \setminus P_2)$.

Conley index 32



Theorem.

- For every S an isolated invariant set (cl S, es S) is an index pair for S.
- \bullet If P and Q are index pairs for S, then $H(P_1,P_2)$ and $H(Q_1,Q_2)$ are isomorphic .

Conley index 33

Definition. The Conley index of S is the homology $H(P_1, P_2)$

for any index pair P of S.

The Conley polynomial of \boldsymbol{S} is

$$p_S(t) := \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta_i(S) t^i,$$

where $\beta_i(S) := \operatorname{rank} H_i(P_1, P_2)$.

Attractors and repellers 34



Let $S \subset \mathcal{K}$ be isolated invariant.

- $N \subset S$ is a trapping region (backward trapping region) if for every solution $\gamma : \mathbb{Z}^+ \to S$ ($\gamma : \mathbb{Z}^- \to S$) condition $\gamma(0) \in N$ implies $\operatorname{im} \gamma \subset N$.
- A is an attractor (repeller) in S if iff there is a (backward) trapping region N such that A = Inv N.

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Theorem. The following conditions are equivalent:(i) A is an attractor,(ii) A is isolated invariant and closed in S.

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α and ω limit sets ${}_{\rm 36}$



 $\varrho: \mathbb{Z} \to S$ - a full solution. The α and ω limit sets of ϱ are $\alpha(\varrho) := \bigcap_{k \leq 0} \operatorname{Inv} \operatorname{im} \sigma^k \varrho_{|\mathbb{Z}^+},$ $\omega(\varrho) := \bigcap \operatorname{Inv} \operatorname{im} \sigma^k \varrho_{|\mathbb{Z}^+}.$

 $k \ge 0$

Morse decompositions 37



Definition. The collection $M = \{ M_p \mid p \in P \}$ is a Morse decomposition of S if M is a family of mutually disjoint isolated invariant subsets of S and for every solution ϱ either $\operatorname{im} \varrho \subset M_p$ for some $p \in P$ or there exists $p, p' \in P$ such that $p < p', \alpha(\varrho) \subset M_{p'}, \omega(\varrho) \subset M_p$.



Morse inequalities 39

 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{Theorem.} & \mbox{Given a Morse decomposition } M = \\ \left\{ \, M_{\iota} \mid \iota \in P \, \right\} \mbox{ of an isolated invariant set } S \mbox{ we have } \\ & \ \sum_{\iota \in P} p_{M_{\iota}}(t) = p_S(t) + (1+t)q(t) \end{array}$

for some non-negative polynomial q.



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A multivector field ${\cal W}$ is a refinement of ${\cal V}$ if each multivector in ${\cal V}$ is ${\cal W}$ -compatible.

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Modelling a differential equation. 42



 $\dot{x}_1 = -x_2 + x_1(x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 4)(x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 1)$ $\dot{x}_2 = x_1 + x_2(x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 4)(x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 1)$

Modelling a differential equation - cmvf. 43





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 \mathcal{X} - the collection of cells of a CW complex $X = \bigcup \mathcal{X}$.

Conjecture. Given a Morse decomposition $\mathcal{M} = \{ \mathcal{M}_p \mid p \in P \}$ of \mathcal{X} , there exists a flow φ on X and a Morse decomposition $M = \{ M_p \mid p \in P \}$ of φ such that for any interval I in P the Conley indexes of $\mathcal{M}(I)$ and M(I) coincide.

Theorem. (T. Kaczynski, MM, Th. Wanner) Assume \mathcal{X} is the collection of cells of a simplicial complex $X = \bigcup \mathcal{X}$. Given a Morse decomposition $\mathcal{M} = \{\mathcal{M}_p \mid p \in P\}$ of \mathcal{X} , there exists an usc, acyclic valued, homotopic to identity, multivalued map $F : \mathcal{K} \rightrightarrows \mathcal{K}$ and a Morse decomposition $M = \{M_p \mid p \in P\}$ of the induced multivalued dynamical system such that for any interval I in P the Conley indexes of $\mathcal{M}(I)$ and M(I) coincide.

Conclusions and future work 47

- Forman theory generalizes to combinatorial multivector fields.
- Combinatorial multivector fields capture more dynamical features than vector fields do.
- The theory, both for vector and multivector fields, may be extended towards an analogue of Morse-Conley theory.
- It resembles in many, but not all aspects the classical theory.
- It provides a very concise description of dynamics.

Current and future work:

- applications to the analysis of sampled dynamics
- formal ties between classical and combinatorial theory
- efficient algorithms for concise approximation of classical dynamics
- continuation results
- connection matrix theory
- time-discrete dynamical systems

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