

Dynamical zeta function and topology.

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Last column related to work of Hadfield–Kandel–Schiavina and lecture notes of Mnev, Fried conjecture from BV viewpoint.

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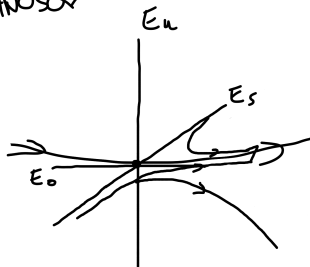
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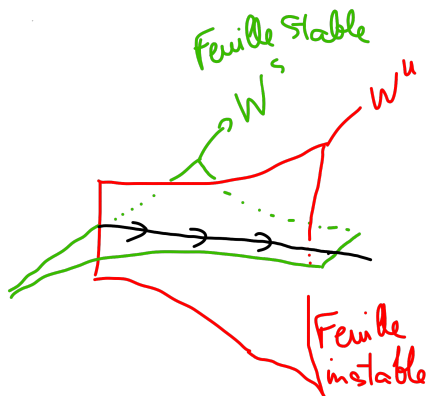
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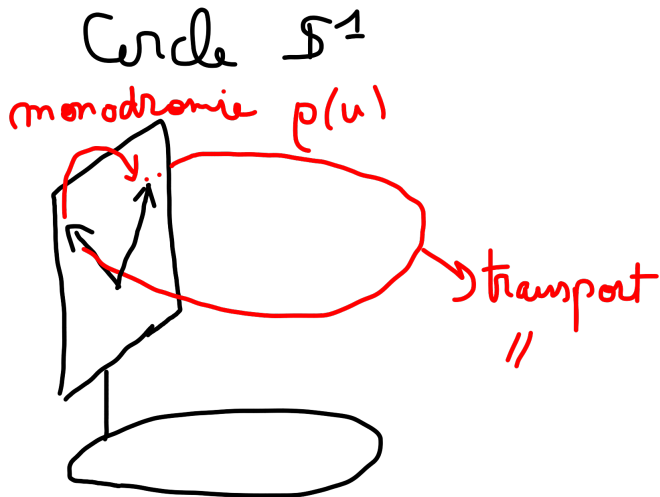
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On \mathbb{S}^1 of length ℓ , flow ∂_θ , u generator of $\pi_1(M)$, **monodromy** $\rho(u) \in \mathbb{C}^*$,

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Abstract abelian BF theory of chain complexes.

- (C^\bullet, d) cochain complex, \mathbb{Z} -graded vector space.
- Fields $\mathcal{F} = C^\bullet[-1] \oplus (C^\bullet)^*[-2]$. $(A, B) \in \mathcal{F}$ where A cochain, B chain.
- Action functional : $S(A, B) = \langle B, dA \rangle = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \langle B^{j+1}, dA^j \rangle$.
- Chain contraction K on C^\bullet satisfies the chain homotopy equation

$$Id - \Pi = dK + Kd \quad (1)$$

defines Hodge decomposition $Im(K) + Im(d) + Im(\Pi)$ where $Im(K)$ called **coexact**.

- Then Lagrangian (BV version of gauge fixing) in \mathcal{F}

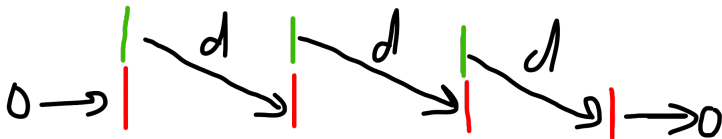
$$\mathbb{L}_K = C_{coex}^\bullet[-1] \oplus (C_{coex}^\bullet)^*[-2] \subset \mathcal{F}$$

(C^\bullet, d) acyclic,

$$\tau(C^\bullet, d) = \int_{\mathcal{L}} e^{iS(A,B)} \mu \quad (2)$$

where **half-density** μ complicated normalization. Gaussian integral.

Acyclicit  image



• $\text{KER } d = \text{Im } d$

• $\text{COKER } d$

Geometric implementation.

Follows Mnev, Cattaneo–Mnev–Reshetikhin.

	Combinatorial	Continuum
Spacetime	CW-complex (C^\bullet, d)	Riemannian Manifold (M, g)
Fields	$C^\bullet[-1] \oplus (C^\bullet)^*[-2]$	$\Omega^{-\bullet}(M, E)[1] \oplus \Omega^{-\bullet}(M, E)[n-2]$
Propagator K	$[d, K] = Id$ chain contraction	$K = d^{\nabla*} \Delta^{-1}$ Hodge $[d^\nabla, K] = Id$
Lagrangian	\mathbb{L}_K	\mathbb{L}_Δ
Partition fun. $\int_{\mathbb{L}} e^{iS(A,B)} \mu$	$\tau(C^\bullet, d) = \tau_R$ CMR, Reidemeister torsion	$\tau(M, d^\nabla) = \prod_{j=0}^n \det_\zeta(\Delta_{\Omega^j})^{\frac{j}{2}(-1)^{j+1}}$ Schwarz, Ray–Singer

Cheeger–Müller : $\tau_R = \tau_{RS}$ hence both approach coincide.

Hadfield–Kandel–Schiavina's idea.

Instead of using Hodge theory (the **metric** g) for gauge fixing, use the vector field X (**dynamics**). Key idea :

$$\underbrace{[d^\nabla, \iota_X] = \mathcal{L}_X^\nabla}_{\text{Lie–Cartan}} \text{ versus } \underbrace{[d^\nabla, d^{\nabla*}] = \Delta.}_{\text{Hodge–de Rham}}$$

Define Lagrangian (similar to axial gauge fixing)

$$\mathbb{L}_X = \text{Im}(\iota_X) \cap \Omega^{-\bullet}(M, E)[1] \oplus \text{Im}(\iota_X) \cap \Omega^{-\bullet}(M, E)[n-2].$$

In fact $\text{Im}(\iota_X) = \ker(\iota_X)$ since Koszul complex

$$\xrightarrow{\iota_X} \Omega^\bullet(M, E) \xrightarrow{\iota_X} \Omega^{\bullet-1}(M, E) \xrightarrow{\iota_X}$$

is acyclic.

Formally or **definition** (HKS) :

$$\int_{\mathbb{L}_X \subset \Omega^1(M, E) \oplus \Omega^{n-2}(M, E)} e^{iS(A, B)} \mu = \underbrace{\prod_{j=0}^n \det^b(\mathcal{L}_X|_{\Omega^j})^{j(-1)^j}}_{\text{flat determinants instead of } \zeta} = \underbrace{\prod_{\gamma} \det(\text{Id} - \rho(\gamma))^{(-1)^d}}_{\text{Ruelle zeta}}.$$

Fried



Relate $|\zeta_{X,\rho}(0)|$ to $\tau_R(\rho)$.

Reformulation (HKS) : is the BV integral gauge fixing invariant if we go from \mathbb{L}_Δ (analytic torsion) to \mathbb{L}_X (Ruelle zeta) ? Why is there a difficulty ? Because in ∞ -dimension, BV Stokes Theorem might no longer hold true !



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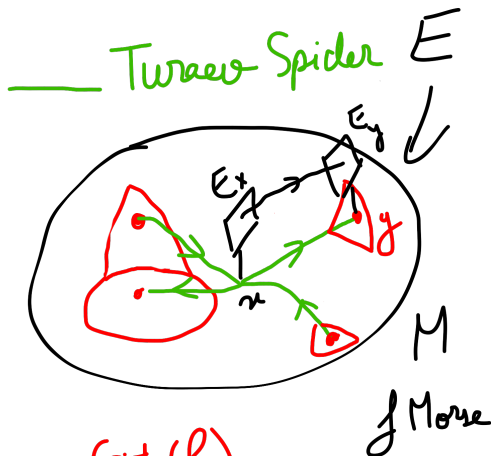
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- $\text{Gut}(f)$
- Δ cells instables

Euler structures.

Definition

*Spider fixes ambiguity of trivialization of (E, ∇) over cells = Euler structures $Eul(M)$.
 $H_1(M, \mathbb{Z})$ acts freely and transitively on $Eul(M)$.*

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Choice Euler structure $\epsilon \in \mathbb{Z}$, $u \in \mathbb{C}^* \setminus \{1\} \mapsto \tau_\epsilon(u) = u^{\epsilon+1}(u-1)^{-1}$ **holomorphic**.

Observe that $u \in \mathbb{S}^1 \setminus \{1\}$ is acyclic unitary, $|\tau_\epsilon(u)| = |(1-u)^{-1}| = \tau_R(u)$ hence τ_ϵ **extends and refines** τ_R .

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Questions.

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Poincaré series studied by Margulis (phd 1970), Pollicott, Sharp, Paternain, Mañé, Paulin–Parkkonen and many others

Theorem (Margulis 1970)

Counting function

$$N_T = |\{\gamma | \ell(\gamma) \leq T\}| \simeq Ce^{h_{top}T} \implies$$

η **holomorphic** on $\text{Re}(z) > h_{top} =$ **topological entropy** of the geodesic flow.

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where Ω_1, Ω_2 **surfaces bounding** γ_1, γ_2 .

Thanks for the invitation and for listening !