

# 5. Family Morse theory

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Ref: [Hutchings]

$HM \cong H_{sing}$ :

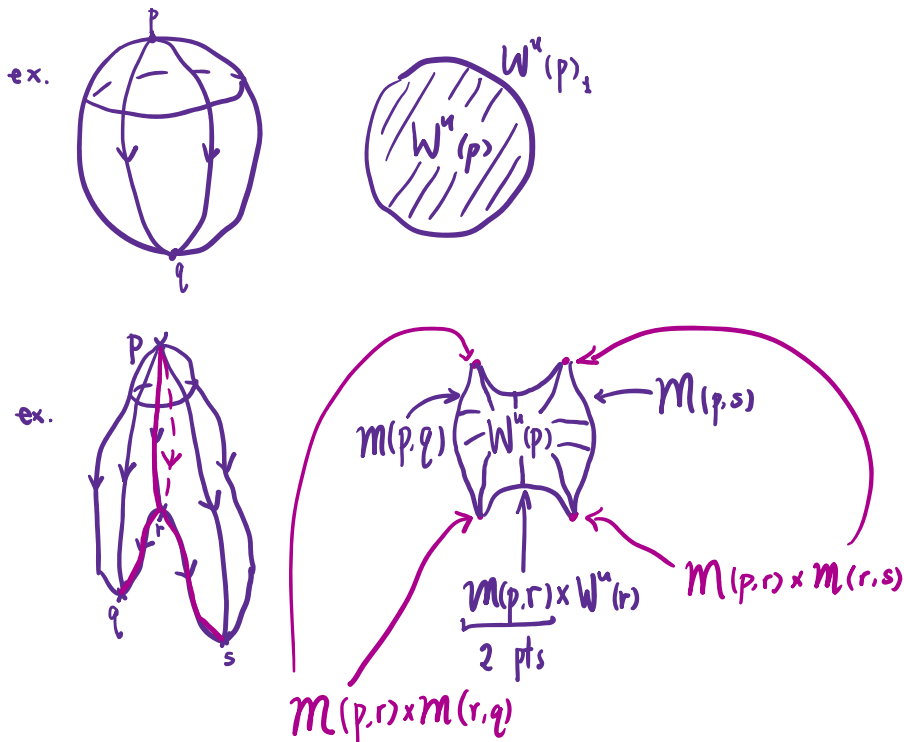
For crit.  $p$ , have  $\overline{W^u}(p)$  (denoted  $\overline{D}(p)$  in [Hutchings]), compactified unstable (which is a manifold with corners itself, but not a submanifold of  $M$ ): points reached by broken traj. from  $p$ .

$$\overline{W^u}(p)_k = \coprod_{p = r_0, r_1, \dots, r_k \text{ distinct}} \mathcal{M}(r_0, r_1) \times \dots \times \mathcal{M}(r_{k-1}, r_k) \times \overline{W^u}(r_k),$$

$$\partial \overline{D}(p) = \bigcup_r (-1)^{|p|-|r|-1} \overline{M}(p, r) \times \overline{D}(r).$$

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$\overline{W^u}(p)$  is homeomorphic to a closed ball.



Have  $ev: \overline{W^u}(p) \rightarrow M$ .

Take  $CM \rightarrow C_{sing}, p \mapsto ev_*[\overline{W^u}(p)]$ .

More precisely, need to take (cubical) singular chain to represent  $\overline{W^u}(p)$ . (Called fundamental chain.)

Represent  $\overline{M}(p, q)$  first for  $|p| - |q| = 1$  (points).

Then represent  $\overline{M}(p, q)$  for  $|p| - |q| = 2$  (intervals),

Then represent  $\bar{M}(p, q)$  for  $|p| - |q| = 3$  in such a way that

$$\partial m_{p,q} = \sum_r (-1)^{|p|-|r|-1} m_{p,r} \times m_{r,q}.$$

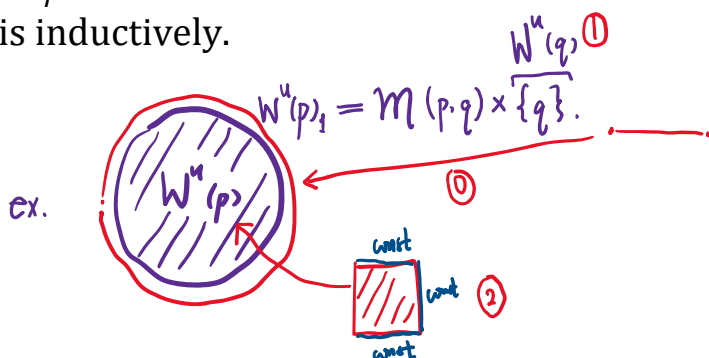
Do it inductively for  $|p| - |q|$  such that the equation holds.

Now represent  $\bar{W}^u(p)$  for  $|p| = 0$  (points).

Then represent  $\bar{W}^u(p)$  for  $|p| = 1$  (interval), in such a way that

$$\partial d_p = \sum_r (-1)^{|p|-|r|-1} m_{p,r} \times d_r.$$

Do this inductively.



(Degenerate cubes are quotient out in the singular complex.)

$$\partial \circ ev_*[\bar{W}^u(p)] = ev_* \circ \partial[\bar{W}^u(p)]:$$

Note that  $m_{p,r} \times d_r$  are sent to 0 under  $ev_*$  if  $|p| - |r| > 1$ :  $ev$  does not depend on location in  $m_{p,r}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \partial \circ ev_*[\bar{W}^u(p)] &= \sum_{|r|=|p|-1} ev_*(m_{p,r} \times d_r) = \sum_{|r|=|p|-1} n_{p,r} ev_*[\bar{W}^u(r)] \\ &= ev_*[\bar{W}^u(\partial p)]. \end{aligned}$$

$$C_{sing} \rightarrow CM: \sigma \mapsto \sum_p n(\sigma, p) \cdot p.$$

More precisely, need to restrict to  $C'_{sing}$ , singular chains which intersect stables transversely. ( $C'_{sing}$  has the same homology as  $C_{sing}$ .)

$n(\sigma, p)$  is nonzero only when  $|p| = |\sigma|$ .

Chain map by considering boundary:

$\sum_p n(\sigma, p) \cdot \partial p$  counts broken trajectories from  $\sigma$  to  $q$  with  $|q| = |\sigma| - 1$ .

$\sum_q n(\partial\sigma, q) \cdot q$  counts trajectories from  $\partial\sigma$  to  $q$ .

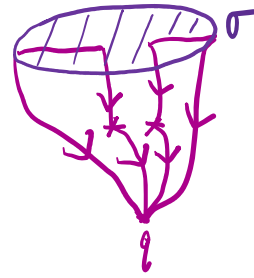
They add up to boundary of 1d moduli of trajectories from  $\sigma$  to  $q$ .

Hence cancel to zero.

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**The family setting.**

$\pi: Z \rightarrow B$  fiber bundle.

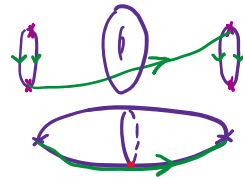
$f: Z \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  understood as family of fiberwise functions.

**Admissible:**  $f_b$  is Morse for  $b$  outside a codimension one subvar.

(Unavoidable to have non-Morse fiber when fiber bundle is non-trivial.)

Also fix a connection  $\nabla$  (horizontal lift  $H$ ).

**Aim:** compute  $H(Z)$  via the fibration. Construct  $H(B, HM(Z_b))$  as  $E_2$  page of spectral sequence converging to  $H(Z)$ .



**Typical example:**  $S^1 \rightarrow S^3 \rightarrow S^2$ .

Two approaches: singular or Morse homology on  $B$ .

**Singular approach:**

Easiest case (other than point) is  $\gamma: [0, 1] \rightarrow B$ .

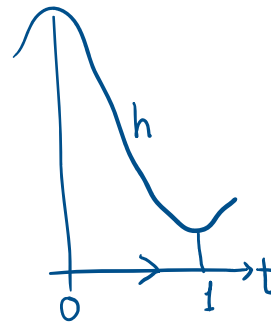
Consider the vector field

$$H(\beta(t) \partial_t) + \xi_t$$

on  $\gamma^*Z$ . (Assume  $f_t$  is Morse for  $t = 0,1$ .)

$\beta(t) \partial_t = \partial_t h$  as before;

$\xi_t$  is the gradient of  $f_t$  on  $Z_t$ .



The horizontal lift  $H$  is equivalent to a choice of trivialization of  $\gamma^*Z$ .

(This paper uses fiberwise metric  $g$  on  $\gamma^*Z$  and negative gradient, rather than pseudo-gradient.  $g$  is perturbed to satisfy Smale on  $\gamma^*Z$ .)

This gives chain map  $\Phi: CM(f_{\gamma(0)}, g|_{Z_0}) \rightarrow CM(f_{\gamma(1)}, g|_{Z_1})$ , which induces isomorphism on homology.

**$HM(Z_b)$  gives a local system over  $B$** , meaning a path in  $B$  would give identification of  $HM$  at the endpoints.

**$HM(Z_b)$  is defined over  $b$  at which  $f_b$  is not Morse:**

take a contractible neighborhood around  $b$  and define  $HM(Z_b)$  as  $HM(Z_{b'})$  for  $b'$  in this neighborhood.

Any other  $HM(Z_{b''})$  are isomorphic by a path  $b' \leftrightarrow b''$  inside the neighborhood.

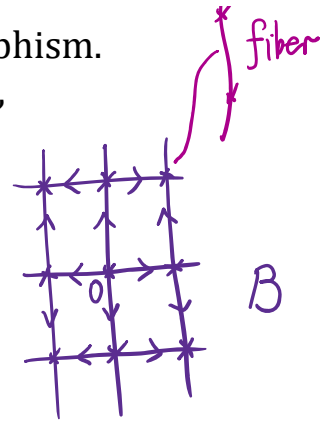
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Now consider singular chain  $\sigma: [-1,1]^i \rightarrow B$ .

Have  $\sigma^*Z$ .

Choose fiberwise metric  $g$  on  $\sigma^*Z$ . Have fiberwise grad =  $\xi$ .

Gradient vector field on  $[-1,1]^i: W = -\sum_{\mu}(x_{\mu} + 1)x_{\mu}(x_{\mu} - 1) \partial_{\mu}$ .

$V := H(W) + \xi$  on  $\sigma^*Z$ .

$(\sigma, g)$  **admissible** if  $f_b$  is Morse for  $b$  being zeroes of  $W$ , and  $V$  is Smale.

**Chain:** generated by  $(\sigma, g, p)$  where  $p$  is a critical point of  $f_{\sigma(0)}$ . Mod out degenerate  $(\sigma, g)$  (independent of at least one coordinate).

Have bidegree: dim. of cube  $i$  (base index), and the fiber index  $j$  of  $p$ .

Denote by  $C_{i,j}$ . Total index  $i + j$ .

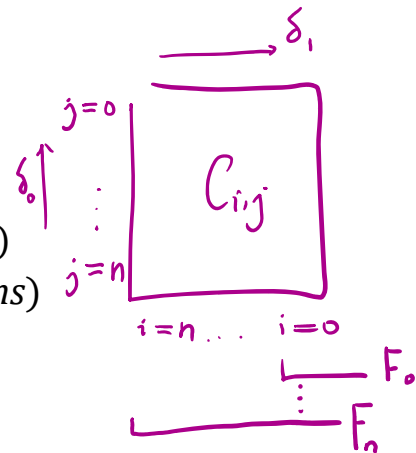
$\delta$ : counting trajectories from  $(\sigma, g, p)$  to  $(\sigma', g', p')$ , where  $\sigma'$  is a face of  $\sigma$ ,  $g'$  is the restriction of  $g$  to  $\sigma'$ ,  $p'$  is a critical point of  $f_{\sigma'(0)}$ , the trajectories go from  $p$  to  $q$  in  $\sigma^*Z$ .

$\delta: \bigoplus_{i+j=k} C_{i,j} \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i+j=k-1} C_{i,j}$ .

$$\delta = \sum_{k=0}^i \delta_k$$

where  $\delta_k: C_{i,j} \rightarrow C_{i-k,j+k-1}$ . (Codim.  $k$  face in base.)

$F_i C_m := \bigoplus_{i' \leq i} C_{i', m-i'}$ . (At least  $m - i$  fiber directions)



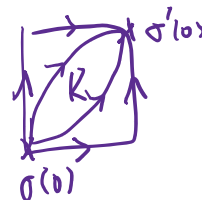
So  $\delta_0$  is just fiberwise Morse differential;

$$\delta_1(\sigma, g, p) = \sum_{\sigma' \in F_1(\sigma)} \pm (\sigma', g|_{\sigma'}, \Phi(p))$$

where  $\Phi$  is the chain map from  $CM(f_{\sigma(0)})$  to  $CM(f_{\sigma'(0)})$ ;

$$\delta_2(\sigma, g, p) = \sum_{\sigma' \in F_2(\sigma)} \pm (\sigma', g|_{\sigma'}, K(p))$$

where  $K$  is the homotopy.



$\delta^2 = 0$ :

As in the usual case. Any subseq. of traj. conv. to a broken one: energy is bounded above, and then use "Gromov compactness". Since

$$(f \circ u)'(t) = -|\xi|^2 + \nabla_{W_i} f,$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\xi(u(t))|^2 < f(p) - f(q) + C.$$

Since  $\delta_0$  is just fiberwise Morse differential,

$$E_{i,j}^1 = C_i(B, HM_j(Z_b)).$$

(Recall that  $HM(Z_b)$  whose elements are represented by critical points of fiber at  $b$  is a local system over  $B$ . It is pulled back to trivial bundle over a singular chain  $\sigma$ , identified as critical points over  $0 \in \sigma$ .)

Since  $\delta_1$  is taking boundary of  $\sigma$  and identify  $HM(Z_{\sigma(0)})$  with  $HM(Z_{\partial\sigma(0)})$  via the chain map  $\Phi$  (defining the local system),

$$E_{i,j}^2 = H_i(B, HM_j(Z_b)).$$

(More precisely, need to take  $\tilde{B} = \{(b, g_b)\}$  and regard  $(\sigma, g)$  as a chain in  $\tilde{B}$ .  $\tilde{B}$  is contractible to  $B$ . Also "admissible chains" are generic and so compute usual homology.)

### Generic $\phi: B' \rightarrow B$ induces morphism on spectral sequence:

Assume  $\phi^*Z$  is admissible (Morse outside codim=1).

Then have chain map  $\phi_*$  on  $\bigoplus C_{i,j}$ , preserving filtration, and hence gives a morphism on spectral sequence  $E^r$ .

### Mayer-Vietoris: $B = U \cup V$ .

$$0 \rightarrow C_*\left(Z\Big|_{U \cap V}\right) \rightarrow C_*\left(Z\Big|_U\right) \oplus C_*\left(Z\Big|_V\right) \rightarrow C'_*(Z) \rightarrow 0$$

where  $C'_*(Z)$  are the cubes that are contained entirely in  $U$  or  $V$ .

Thus have the long exact sequence.

For  $C'_*(Z)$ ,  $E_{i,j}^{1'}$  =  $C_i(B, HM_j(Z_b))$ . By subdivision, the inclusion chain map induces isomorphism

$$E_{i,j}^{2'} = H_i'(B, HM_j(Z_b)) = H_i(B, HM_j(Z_b)) = E_{i,j}^2.$$

Thus  $HF'_*(Z) = HF_*(Z)$ .

**Prop.** If  $Z = B \times X$  and  $f$  independent of  $b$ , then collapse at  $E^2$ .

### Proof:

Key: Have well-defined sense of up and down. Cannot flow up in fiber direction.

Take  $\nabla$  to be trivial.

Consider  $(\sigma, g, p)$  with  $g$  independent of  $b$ .

Then vertical projection of flow is just the flow of fiberwise  $f$ . Hence  $\delta_k = 0$  for  $k \geq 2$ .

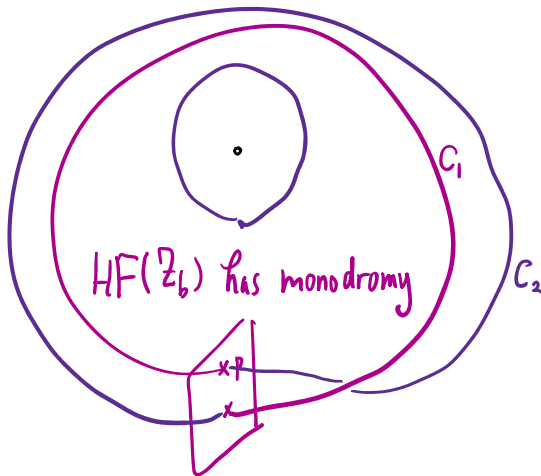
This is still true for  $g$  that is close enough to one that constant in  $b$ .

(Smale)

By subdivision, the inclusion chain map gives isomorphism between  $C'$  formed by these  $(\sigma, g, p)$  and  $C$ .

**Prop.** If  $f_b$  is Morse for all  $b$  and have  $g_b$  Smale for all  $b$ , then collapse at  $E^2$ .

Note: the local system  $HM(Z_b)$  has monodromy when not simply connected. So  $H_i(\mathbf{B}, HM(Z_b)) \neq H_i(\mathbf{B}) \otimes HM(Z_b)$ !



$p \sim q \in H_0(\mathbf{B}, HM(F))$   
 (For instance when  $q = -p$  then  
 have torsion  $2p \sim 0$ .)  
 $C_1 + C_2 \in H_1(\mathbf{B}, HM(F))$ .

**Proof:** similar to above. First consider constant  $\sigma$ .

Then  $\delta = \delta_0 + \delta_1$ .

For those sufficiently close to this, still true since Smale.

By subdivision, the inclusion chain map from such chains to  $C$  gives isomorphism on homologies.

**Leray-Serre for singular:**

$F_i C_k: \pi \circ \sigma: [-1, 1]^k \rightarrow B$  is independent of at least  $k - i$  directions. (Meaning at least  $k - i$  fiber directions.)

Computes  $H_*(Z)$ .

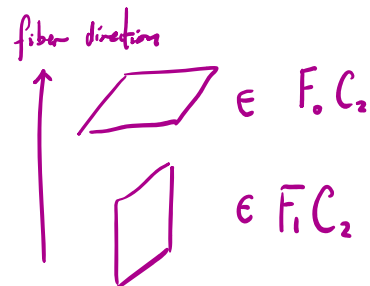
**Thm.**  $E^k$  pages for sing and Morse are isomorphic for  $k \geq 2$ .

**Proof:**

Need  $C_{i,j}^{Morse} \rightarrow F_i C_{i+j}^{sing}$ .

For  $(\sigma, g, p) \in C_{i,j}^{Morse}$ , consider  $\overline{W^u(p)}$  for  $\sigma^* Z$  like before.

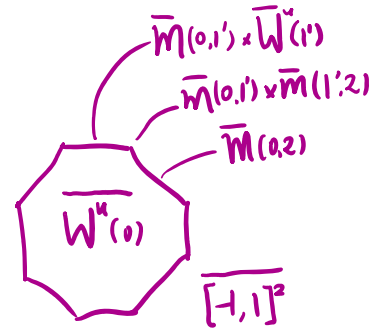
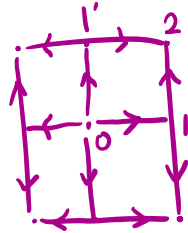
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \overline{W^u(p)} & \xrightarrow{e} & \sigma^* Z \\ -| & & | \end{array}$$



$$\overline{M(0,1)} \times \overline{W^u(p)}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 W^u \overline{\mathcal{D}(p)} & \xrightarrow{e} & \sigma^* Z \\
 \bar{\pi} \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 [-1, 1]^i & \xrightarrow{e} & [-1, 1]^i \\
 \overline{[-1, 1]^i} & & 
 \end{array}$$

$\overline{[-1, 1]^i}$  is truncated cube.



$\overline{W^u(p)}$  has  $j$  fiber directions, and so  $\sigma_* ev_* [\overline{W^u(p)}] \in F_i C_{i+j}^{sing}$ . Chain map as before.

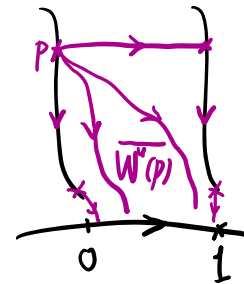
This induces isomorphism on  $E^2$  pages

$$H_i(B, HM_j(Z_b)) \rightarrow H_i(B, H_j(Z_b)):$$

It is indeed changing coefficients  $HM_j(Z_b) \cong H_j(Z_b)$ .

Determined by image intersecting  $\sigma(0)$ .

$$ev(\overline{W^u(p)}) \cap Z_{\sigma(0)} = ev\left(\left(\overline{W^u_{f|_{\sigma(0)}}(p)}\right)\right).$$



$$\partial_{sing} [\overline{W^u(p)}] = [\overline{W^u((\delta_0 + \delta_1 + \dots) p)}].$$

### Morse approach

Morse on base  $B$  such that  $f_x$  is Morse for crit.  $x \in B$ .

Fix metric on  $B$  Smale. Negative gradient  $W$  on  $B$ .

Again  $V = \xi + H(W)$ .

Zeros are  $(x, p)$  for  $x \in Crit(f^B), p \in Crit(f_x)$ .

Again have  $C_{i,j}$  and  $\delta = \sum \delta_k$

$i$  is base index,  $k$  is base index drop.

$$E^2 = HM_i(B, HM(Z_b)).$$

Equivalent to the previous one...