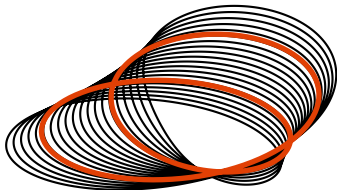


# Morita Invariance of Invariant Topological Complexity

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# Motion Planning Problem (MPP)

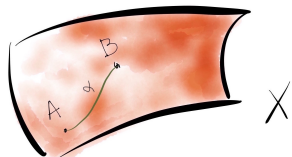
**Robot:** A mechanical system capable of moving autonomously.

**Configuration space:** The collection of all possible states of the system.

**MPP:** Given an initial state  $A$  and a final state  $B$ , find a path in  $X$  that moves the robot from  $A$  to  $B$ .

# Motion Planning Algorithm (MPA)

A MPA is a section of the evaluation map



$$s : X \times X \rightarrow PX$$
$$(A, B) \mapsto \alpha_{A,B}$$

## Definition

The **topological complexity**  $\mathbf{TC}(X)$  is the least integer  $k$  such that  $X \times X$  may be covered by  $k$  open sets  $\{U_1, \dots, U_k\}$ , on each of which there is a **continuous** section  $s_i : U_i \rightarrow PX$  such that

$$\text{ev} \circ s_i = i_{U_i} : U_i \hookrightarrow X \times X.$$

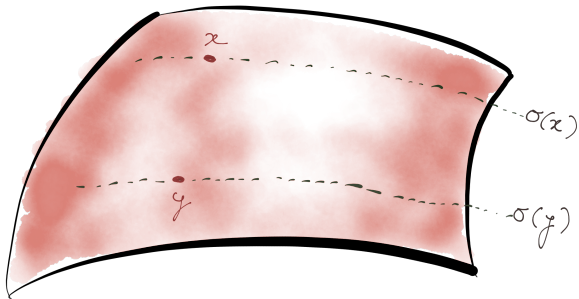
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**Equivariant** Motion Planning Problem?

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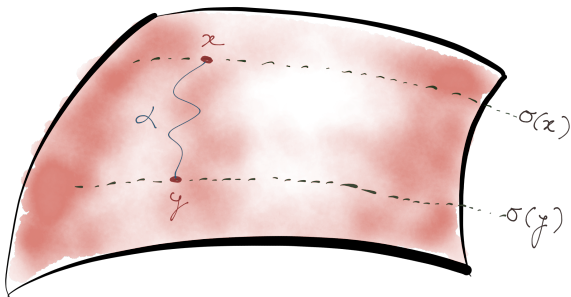
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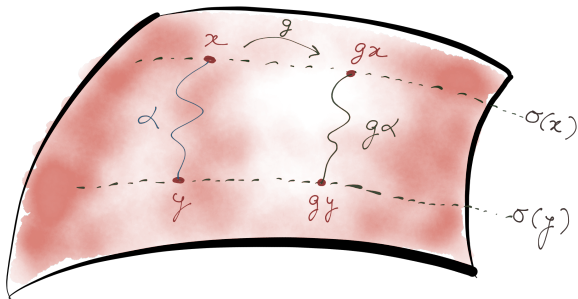
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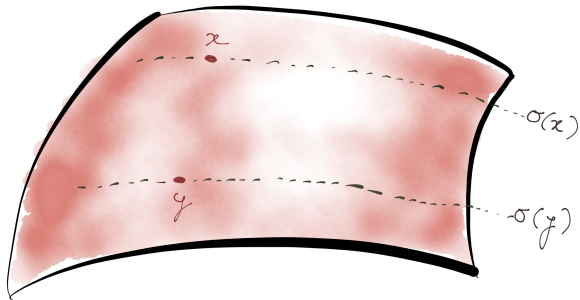
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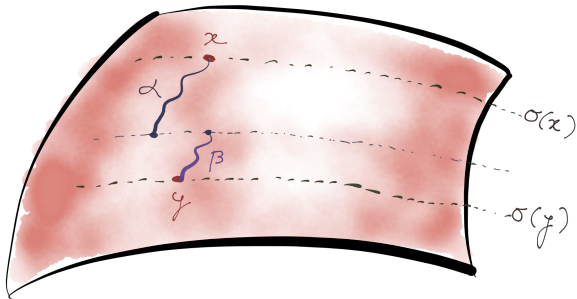




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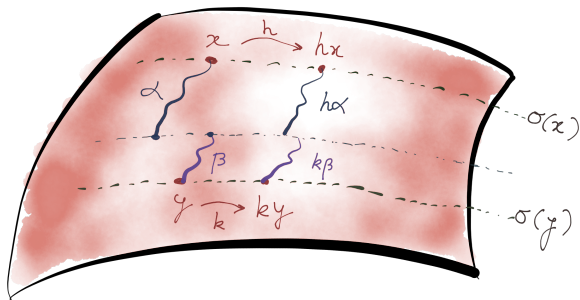
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# Equivariant TC (Colman-Grant)

$$G \times PX \rightarrow PX, \quad G \times (X \times X) \rightarrow X \times X,$$

$$g(\gamma)(t) = g(\gamma(t)), \quad g(x, y) = (gx, gy).$$

The **equivariant topological complexity** of  $X$ ,  $\text{TC}_G(X)$ , is the least integer  $k$  such that  $X \times X$  may be covered by  $k$   $G$ -invariant open sets  $\{U_1, \dots, U_k\}$ , on each of which there is a  $G$ -equivariant map  $s_i : U_i \rightarrow PX$  such that the diagram commutes:

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# Invariant TC (Lubawski-Marzantowicz)

$P'X = PX \times_{X/G} PX = \{(\alpha, \beta) \in PX \times PX : G\alpha(1) = G\beta(0)\}$   
 $ev' : P'X \rightarrow X \times X$  given by  $ev(\alpha, \beta) = (\alpha(0), \beta(1))$  is a  $(G \times G)$ -fibration.

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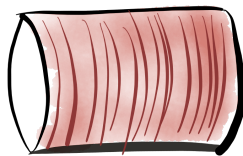
# Notion of equivalence for group actions

- ▶ Let  $G$  be a Lie group acting continuously on a space  $X$ , notation  $G \ltimes X$
- ▶  $\varphi \ltimes \epsilon : G \ltimes X \rightarrow K \ltimes Y$  equivariant map if  $\epsilon(gx) = \varphi(g)\epsilon(x)$

Equivalent actions



$e \ltimes I$



$S' \ltimes (I \times S')$

# Essential Equivalence $\varphi \times \epsilon : G \times X \rightarrow K \times Y$

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \times_Y (K \times Y) & \xrightarrow{\pi} & K \times Y \xrightarrow{\phi'} Y \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow p_2 \\ X & \xrightarrow{\epsilon} & Y \end{array}$$

2. (fully faithful) the following diagram is a pullback:

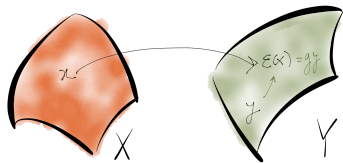
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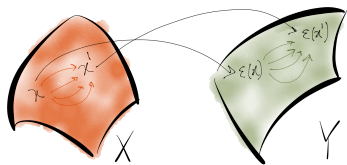
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An ee has to reach to all orbits and there is a bijection induced by  $\varphi$ :  $\{g \in G \mid x' = gx\} \rightarrow \{k \in K \mid \epsilon(x') = k\epsilon(x)\}$ .

# Morita Equivalence $\sim$

Two actions  $G \times X \rightarrow X$  and  $K \times Y \rightarrow Y$  are **Morita equivalent** if there is a third action  $J \times Z \rightarrow Z$  and two essential equivalences

$$G \times X \xleftarrow{\psi \times \sigma} J \times Z \xrightarrow{\varphi \times \epsilon} K \times Y.$$

We write  $G \times X \sim K \times Y$ .

Any notion relevant to the geometric object defined by the action, should be invariant under Morita equivalence.

# Examples

1. Let  $G$  be a topological group, then

$$e \times X \sim G \times (G \times X)$$

2. If  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$  acting on  $X$ , then

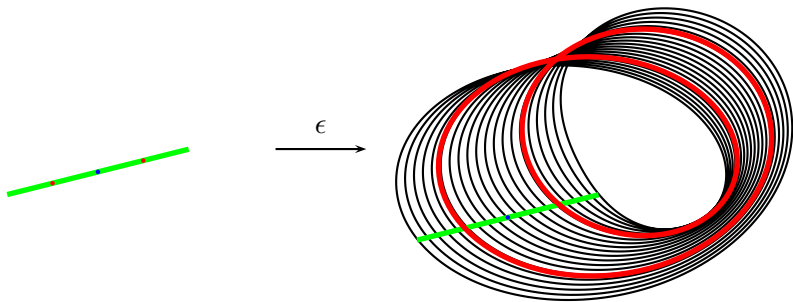
$$H \times X \sim G \times (G \times_H X)$$

where  $[gh, x] = [g, hx]$ .

( $G$  acting trivially on  $X$  and by multiplication on  $G$ )

# Example $\mathbb{Z}_2 \ltimes I \sim_\epsilon S^1 \ltimes M$

There is an essential equivalence between the mirror action of  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  on the interval  $I = (-1, 1)$  and the action of  $S^1$  on the Moebius band  $M$ .



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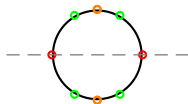
1. If  $G$  acts freely on  $X$ , then  $G \ltimes X \sim e \ltimes X/G$
2. If  $H \trianglelefteq G$  acts freely on  $X$ , then  $G \ltimes X \sim G/H \ltimes X/H$

# Example $(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2) \ltimes S^1 \sim \mathbb{Z}_2 \ltimes S^1$

There is an essential equivalence between the action of  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$  on the circle by rotation+reflection and the action of  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  on  $S^1$  by just reflection.

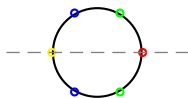
$$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 = \{e, \rho, \sigma, \rho\sigma\}$$

acting on  $S^1$



$$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 / \langle \rho \rangle = \langle \sigma \rangle = \mathbb{Z}_2$$

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# Pronk-Scully characterization

Any essential equivalence is a composite of maps as below:

1. (quotient map)  $G \rtimes X \rightarrow G/K \rtimes X/K$   
where  $K \trianglelefteq G$  and  $K$  acts freely on  $X$ .
2. (inclusion map)  $K \rtimes Z \rightarrow H \rtimes (H \times_K Z)$   
where  $K \leq H$  acting on  $Z$  and  $H \times_K Z = H \times Z / \sim$  with  $[hk, z] \sim [h, kz]$  for any  $k \in K$ .

# Equivariant LS-category

The **equivariant category** of a  $G$ -space  $X$ ,  $\text{cat}_G(X)$ , is the least integer  $k$  such that  $X$  may be covered by  $k$  invariant open sets  $\{U_1, \dots, U_k\}$ , each of which is  $G$ -compressible into a single orbit.

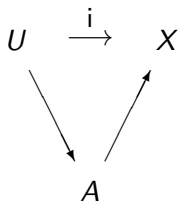
That is, inclusion map  $i: U \rightarrow X$  is  $G$ -homotopic to a  $G$ -map  $c: U \rightarrow X$  with  $c(U) \subseteq \text{orb}_G(z)$  for some  $z \in X$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U & \xrightarrow{i} & X \\ & \searrow & \nearrow \\ & \text{orb}_G(z) & \end{array}$$



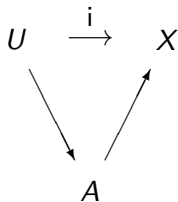
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In particular,  ${}_{\mathcal{A}}\text{cat}_G(X) = \text{cat}_G(X)$  when  $\mathcal{A} = \text{orbits}$ .

# Equivariant TC as $\mathcal{A}$ -category

## Theorem

For a  $G$ -space  $X$ , the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $\mathrm{TC}_G(X) \leq n$ .
2.  $\Delta(X)\mathrm{cat}_G(X \times X) \leq n$ : there exist  $G$ -invariant open sets  $U_1, \dots, U_k$  which cover  $X \times X$  which are  $G$ -compressible into  $\Delta(X)$ .

$\mathrm{TC}_G(X)$  is NOT invariant under Morita equivalence.

Counterexample:  $S^1$  acting on  $S^1$  by rotation

$$\mathrm{TC}_{S^1}(S^1) \geq 2 \text{ and } \mathrm{TC}(*) = 1$$

# Invariant TC as $\mathcal{A}$ -category

Let  $\Delta^{G \times G}(X)$  be the saturation of the diagonal  $\Delta(X)$  with respect to the  $(G \times G)$ -action.

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# Equivariant $\mathcal{A}$ -cat is Morita invariant

## Theorem (Angel, Colman, Grant, Oprea)

Let  $G$  be a compact Lie group acting on a metrizable space  $X$ ,  $H \leq G$  and  $K \triangleleft G$  acting freely on  $X$ . If  $\mathcal{A}$  is a class of  $G$ -invariant subsets of  $X$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  is a class of  $H$ -invariant subsets of  $X$ , let  $\mathcal{A}/K = \{A/K \mid A \in \mathcal{A}\}$  and  $G \times_H \mathcal{B} = \{G \times_H B \mid B \in \mathcal{B}\}$ . Then

1.  $\mathcal{A} \text{cat}_G X =_{\mathcal{A}/K} \text{cat}_{G/K}(X/K)$
2.  $\mathcal{B} \text{cat}_H X =_{G \times_H \mathcal{B}} \text{cat}_G(G \times_H X)$ .

# Invariance under Morita equivalence

## Corollary

*Let  $G$  and  $H$  be compact Lie groups. If  $G \ltimes X \sim H \ltimes Y$ , then*

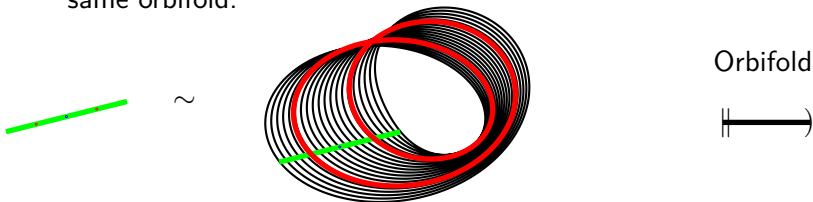
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# TC for orbifolds

## Definition

A **representable orbifold**  $\mathcal{X}$  is a space  $X$  equipped with a Morita equivalence class of orbifold structures. A specific such structure is given by a  $G$  compact group acting on  $X$  with finite isotropy.

If two group actions are Morita equivalent, then they define the same orbifold.



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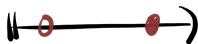
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