

Morse theory (continued) Lecture XVI

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Theorem On a compact manifold M with boundary ∂M there exist a Morse function f , so that absolute max is on the boundary, so that near the boundary $\vec{\nabla} f \neq 0$ and transversal to boundary $f^{-1}(c) \cap \partial M$

Proof Take function = dist(p , ∂M) in \mathbb{R}^n (and embed $M \subset \mathbb{R}^n$) deform it slightly and $f = -g$ is what we need.

Again, Morse complex is $(C(M, f))$ C_i - free ab. group with crit. pts being generators

$H_*(M, \partial M)$ - use $-f$ to start with
- call dec. from boundary.

Generalization to noncompact \rightarrow embed in \mathbb{R}^n possibly infinite number of crit. points

Morse inequalities

$b_i = \dim H_i(C) \leq \dim C_i$ in part. $b_i \leq \mu_i$ \uparrow # critical pts

Moreover $b_i + b_{i-1} \leq \mu_i$
 \uparrow max number of generators for tors. gr.

Moreover, $\partial \rightarrow C_i \xrightarrow{\partial} C_{i-1} \xrightarrow{\partial} C_{i-2} \xrightarrow{\partial} \dots$ and $C_i = \mathcal{F}^{d_i}$
 $\Rightarrow b_i + b_{i-1} + b_{i-2} \leq d_i$

In particular, if $\{C_i\}$ is a Morse complex

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left side gives estimate for lower bound of crit. points of f .

of index i

Simplest situation
$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{H}^{i+1} & \xrightarrow{d} & \mathcal{H}^i & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 \end{array}$$

If we know homology and that all C_i are free abelian
Second on the left hom. group comes from nonzero
chain group $\Rightarrow \mathcal{H}^p \rightarrow$ two contrib.

Complicated theorem (Smale)

If M^n is compact, simply connected w/o boundary
and $n \geq 6 \Rightarrow M^n$ possesses perfect Morse function
so that $\forall i$, number of critical points of index i
is exactly $b_i + \text{for } i + \text{for } i-1$.

Poincaré duality revisited

Theorem M^n - smooth compact manifold without boundary. $\forall i$ there is an isomorphism:

$$H_i(M^n) \cong H^{n-i}(M^n)$$

$$\hookrightarrow H_i(M) \otimes H_{n-i}(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

nondegenerate

Proof Consider perfect Morse function f .

C_i - bottom separatrix disks C^i - top separatrix disks

pairing - orientation

At the same time $(-f)$. Then C_{n-i} are identified with C^i

Geometric meaning of pairing

$$H_i \otimes H_{n-i} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

realize by lin. comb. of bottom sep. cells

by lin. comb. of top sep. cells

Pairing is calculated. Take all crit. points of index i and look with what coeff. their separatrix manif. go into corr. cycles. We get two numbers a, b . Multiply them and sum up.

On the singular chain level

$$d \in H_i(M), p \in H_{n-i}(M)$$

realize as sing chains

After small "movement" they will intersect transversally

$\psi_1: L_1 \rightarrow M$ $\psi_2: L_2 \rightarrow M$ are transversal at two points

$$a_1, a_2 \text{ if } \psi_1(a_1) \neq \psi_2(a_2) \text{ or } \psi_1(a_1) = \psi_2(a_2) \text{ and } \psi_{1*}(T_{a_1}L_1) \neq \psi_{2*}(T_{a_2}L_2) = T_{\psi_1(a_1)}M$$

Small movement of simplices \rightarrow all intersection pts of their images will be internal points of simplices of max dim i and $n-i$ and they are transversal. Choose ± 1 depending on whether it coincides with or. of M . Show that indep. on representatives.

Case of manifolds with boundary and
noncompact manifolds

$$H_i(M^n) \cong H^{n-i}(M^n, \partial M^n) \quad \text{- for oriented manifold w. boundary}$$

$$H^i(M^n) \cong H_{n-i}(M^n, \partial M^n)$$

Take Morse function with min value on the boundary and use it to compute ^{relative} homology using bottom sep. manifold. Then $-f$ and compute ^{absolute} cohomology using bottom sep. manifold.

Now noncompact case: (oriented, no boundary)

X homeomorphic open subset of \bar{X} - compactification of X . There always is (if X is not compact itself)

1-point compactification: $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow S^n$

$$\bar{H}_i(M^n) \cong H_i(\bar{M}^n, *) \quad \text{- Borel-Moore homology}$$

$$\text{Poincaré-Lefschetz: } \bar{H}_i(M^n) \cong H^{n-i}(M^n)$$

$$\bar{H}^i(M^n) \cong H_{n-i}(M^n)$$