

Main results

$$a, b : S^1 \rightarrow Y \quad [a], [b] \in \pi_1(Y)$$

$$a \stackrel{r}{\sim} b \Leftrightarrow a \stackrel{r}{\approx} b \Leftrightarrow [a]^{-1}[b] \in \gamma^{r+1} \pi_1(Y)$$

r-similarity $\stackrel{r}{\sim}$ on $[X, Y]$ homotopy
analogue of Gusearov's n-ecce of knots

ensemble $\mathcal{D} \in \langle Y^X \rangle$

$$\mathcal{D} = \sum_k v_k \langle a_k \rangle \quad a_k : X \rightarrow Y \quad v_k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

def $\mathcal{D} \stackrel{r}{=} 0$ ($\mathcal{D}$ r-coherent) $\Leftrightarrow$

$$\forall (\tau \subseteq X, |\tau| \leq r) \quad \mathcal{D}|_{\tau} = 0 \quad \text{in } \langle Y^{(\tau)} \rangle$$

def $a \stackrel{r}{\sim} b$ (r-similar) $a, b : X \rightarrow Y$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists A = \sum_k v_k \langle a_k \rangle \in \langle Y^X \rangle$$

such that $a_k \sim a, \quad A \stackrel{r}{=} \langle b \rangle.$

$\stackrel{r}{\sim}$ - equivalence on $[X, Y]$

Thm 1 $a, b : S^1 \rightarrow Y$

$$a \stackrel{r}{\sim} b \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{easy} \quad \text{difficult} \end{array} \quad [a]^{-1}[b] \in \gamma^{r+1} \pi_1(Y)$$

sketch proof of $\Leftarrow$

$$[b] = [\dots [g_0, g_1], \dots, g_r] \stackrel{?}{=} \bar{0} \stackrel{r}{\sim} b$$

$$\text{universal exple } Y = V_I := \bigvee_{i \in I} S^1$$

$$I = \{0, \dots, r\}$$

$$g_i = [e_i] \quad e_i : S^1 \rightarrow V_I \text{ can. embs}$$

only important: b Brunnian : $\forall i \quad p_i \circ b \sim \bar{0}$

$$p_i : V_I \rightarrow V_I \quad p_i \circ e_k = \begin{cases} \bar{0}, & k=i, \\ e_k & \text{othws} \end{cases}$$

$$[b \text{ Brunnian}] \Leftrightarrow [b] \in \bigcap_{i \in I} \text{NormClos}([e_i])$$

$$\mathcal{D} := \sum_{J \subseteq I} (-1)^{|J|} \langle p_J \circ b \rangle \in \langle \bigwedge_{V_I} V_I \rangle_{V_I S^1}$$

$$p_J : V_I \rightarrow V_I \quad p_J \circ e_k = \bar{0}, \quad k \in J$$

$$\mathbb{D} = \sum_{J \subseteq I} (-1)^{|J|} \langle p_J \circ b \rangle \in \langle \Omega V_I \rangle$$

claim $\mathbb{D} \stackrel{r}{=} 0$

proof $T \subseteq S^1$, $|T| \leq r$. $\mathbb{D}|_T \stackrel{?}{=} 0$ in $\langle V_I^{(T)} \rangle$

$$b(T) \subseteq V_I \quad \exists i: b(T) \subseteq V_{I \setminus \{i\}}$$

$$p_i \circ b|_T = b|_T$$

$$p_{J \cup \{i\}} \circ b|_T = p_J \circ b|_T$$

summands of $\mathbb{D}|_T$ annihilate $\square$

$$0 \stackrel{r}{=} \mathbb{D} = \langle b \rangle - \sum_{J \neq \emptyset} (-1)^{|J|-1} \langle \underbrace{p_J \circ b}_{\sim \bar{0}} \rangle$$

since b Brunn

$\bar{0} \sim b \quad \square$

$\Rightarrow$ in Thm 1 relies on: Fact

$$g_1^{x_1} \dots g_n^{x_n} = 1 \quad g_1, \dots, g_n \in G$$

$$x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$$

Suppose: G nilpotent, $\gamma^{r+1} G = 1$

Then $\exists P_i, Q_j$ of degree at most r :

$$g_1^{x_1} \dots g_n^{x_n} = 1 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} P_i(x) = 0 \\ Q_j(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{m_j} \end{cases}$$

Motivation of introducing $\stackrel{r}{\sim}$

$$\text{Conj} \quad X \xrightarrow{a} Y \xrightarrow{b} Z$$

$$a \stackrel{p-1}{\sim} \bar{0}, \quad b \stackrel{q-1}{\sim} \bar{0} \Rightarrow b \circ a \stackrel{pq-1}{\sim} \bar{0}.$$

True if $b \stackrel{q-1}{\sim} \bar{0}$

$$\text{Conj} \quad \stackrel{r}{\sim} \Leftrightarrow \stackrel{r}{\sim}$$

Fissile ensembles

$$H \in \langle \mathbb{Z}(\Delta^n) \rangle \quad H = \sum_k w_k \langle h_k \rangle$$

$$\varepsilon(H) := \sum_k w_k$$

def H fissile if

$$H \in \langle Z^{(\Delta^n)} \rangle \quad H = \sum_k w_k \langle h_k \rangle$$

def H fissile : (1) $\varepsilon(H) = 1$

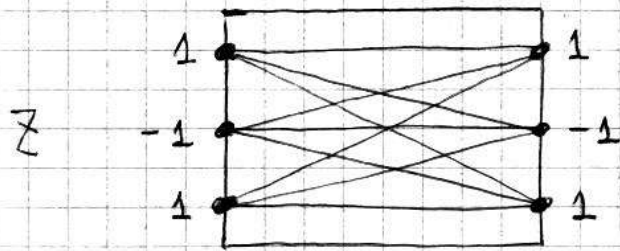
(2) $\forall$ (faces $A, B \subseteq \Delta^n, A \cap B = \emptyset$)

$$H|_{A \cup B} = F \# G := \sum_{ij} u_i v_j \langle (f_i, g_j) \rangle$$

$$F \in \langle Z^{(A)} \rangle, \quad F = \sum_i u_i \langle f_i \rangle \quad \varepsilon(F) = 1$$

$$G \in \langle Z^{(B)} \rangle, \quad G = \sum_j v_j \langle g_j \rangle \quad \varepsilon(G) = 1$$

$$\left(\Rightarrow F = H|_A, \quad G = H|_B \right)$$



Δ^1

independence

Strong r -similarity $\overset{r}{\approx}$ on $[X, Y]$

def $a, b : X \rightarrow Y \quad a \overset{r}{\approx} b \Leftrightarrow$

$$\forall n \geq 0 \exists \text{ fissile } H \in \langle (Y^X)^{(\Delta^n)} \rangle,$$

$$H = \sum_k w_k \langle h_k \rangle, \quad \text{such that}$$

$$h_k \sim \text{const}(a) : \Delta^n \rightarrow Y^X$$

$$\text{and } H \overset{r}{=} \langle \text{const}(b) \rangle$$

$$\text{in } \langle Y^{(\Delta^n \times X)} \rangle$$

conj: $\overset{r}{\approx} \Leftrightarrow \overset{r}{\approx}$ evidence?

Thm 2 $a, b : S^1 \rightarrow Y$

$$a \overset{r}{\approx} b \iff [a]^{-1}[b] \in \gamma^{r+1} \pi_1(Y)$$

difficult by Thm 1

about proof of $\Leftarrow$ We may assume:

$$Y = V_I, \quad I = \{0, \dots, r\}, \quad a = \bar{0}, \quad b \text{ Brunn.}$$

$$\overset{\parallel}{\bigvee_{i \in I} S^1}$$

We seek fissile $H \in \langle (\Omega V_I)^{(\Delta^n)} \rangle$

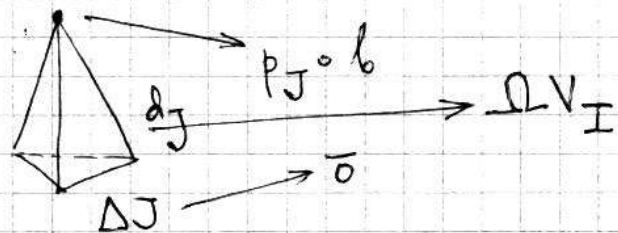
$$H = \sum_k w_k \langle h_k \rangle, \quad h_k \sim \bar{0} : \Delta^n \rightarrow \Omega V_I$$

$$H \overset{r}{=} \langle \text{const}(b) \rangle \quad \text{in } \langle Y^{(\Delta^n \times V_I)} \rangle$$

$$H = \sum_k w_k \langle h_k \rangle, \quad h_k: \Delta^n \rightarrow \Omega V_I$$

h_k assembled from "parts" d_J :

$$I \supseteq J \mapsto (d_J: C\Delta J \rightarrow \Omega V_I)$$



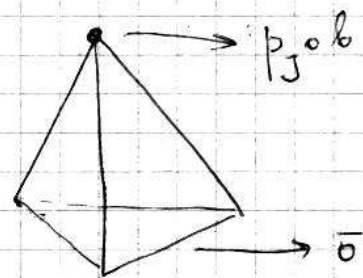
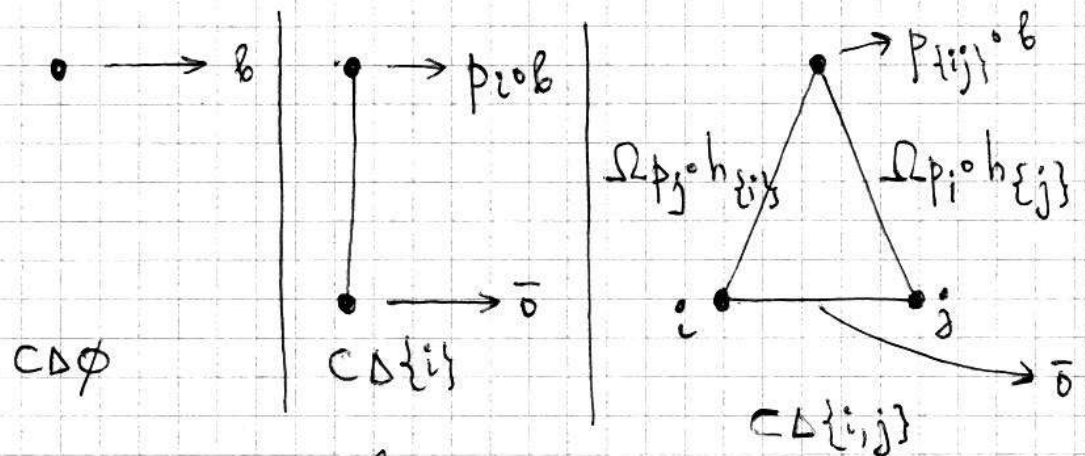
$$(1) \quad d_\emptyset: C\Delta\emptyset \rightarrow \Omega V_I, \quad \bullet \mapsto \bar{b}$$

$$(2) \quad i \in J, \quad K = J \setminus \{i\}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C\Delta K & \xrightarrow{d_K} & \Omega V_I \\ \text{in} \downarrow & & \downarrow \Omega p_i \\ C\Delta J & \xrightarrow{d_J} & \Omega V_I \end{array}$$

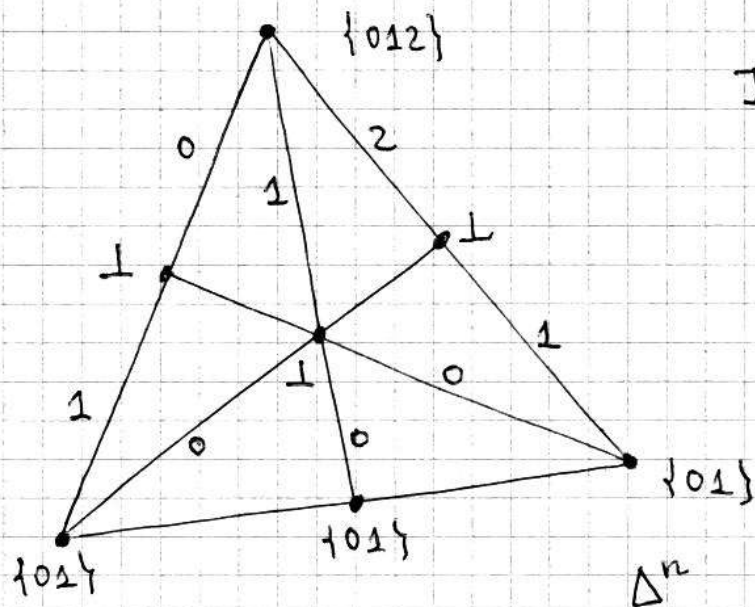
$$(3) \quad d_J|_{C\Delta J} = \bar{0}$$

Induction on $|J|$



$C\Delta J$

Assemble $h_k: \Delta^n \rightarrow \Omega V_I$

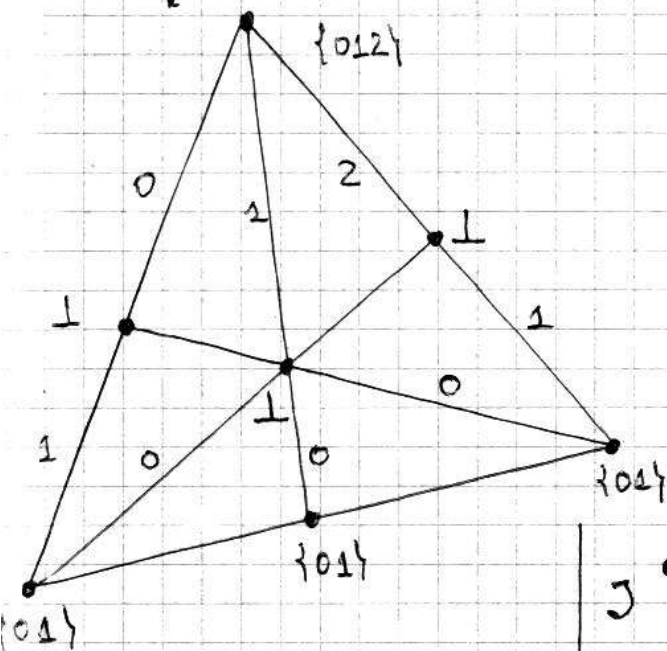


$$I = \{0, \dots, r\}$$

$\Omega_0 V_I$ contractible
(somewhat non-constructive)

$$H = \sum_k w_k \langle h_k \rangle,$$

$$h_k: \Delta^n \rightarrow \Omega V_I$$

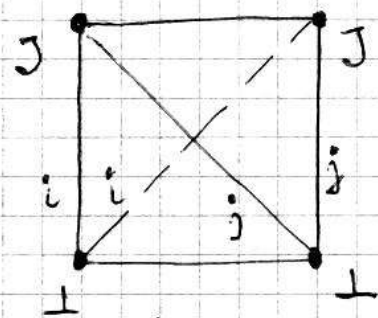


$$\Rightarrow J=K$$

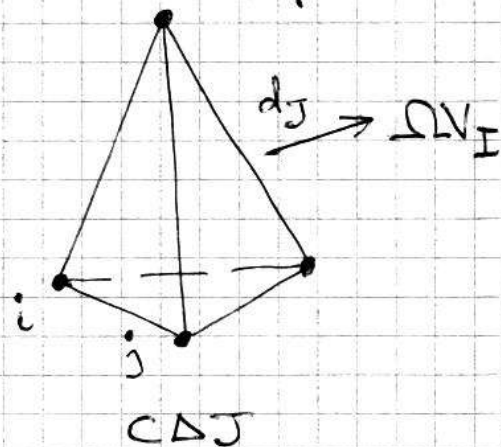
$$i \in J$$

$$\Rightarrow i=j$$

$$\{0, \dots, r\} \\ \parallel \\ J \subseteq I$$



affine map

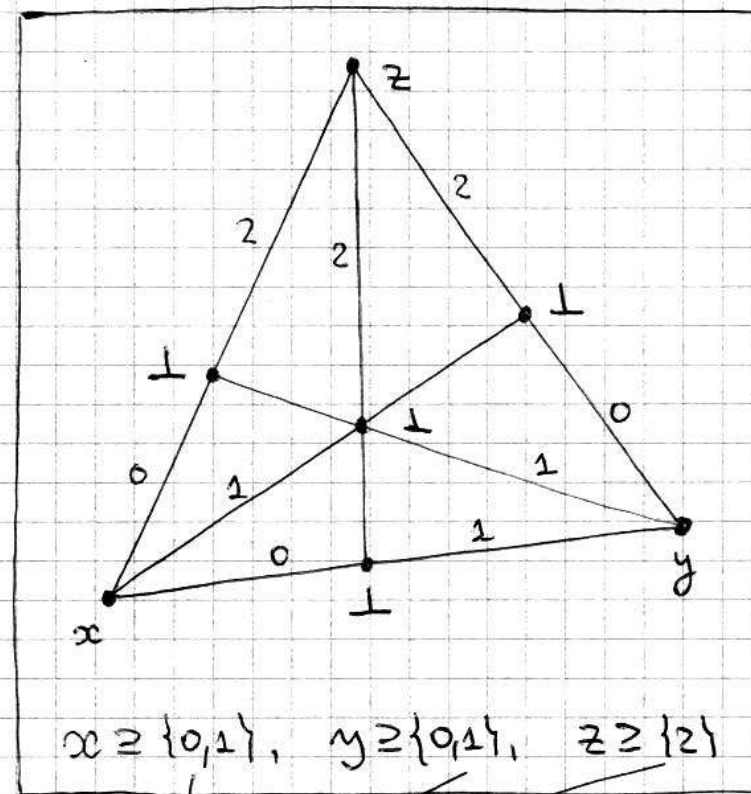


$$w_k = ?$$

$$H \stackrel{r}{=} \langle \text{const}(t) \rangle \text{ follows from:}$$

$$\langle \text{const}(t) \rangle - H = \sum u_i \text{ (special ensemble)}$$

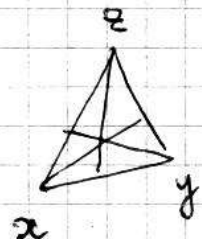
$$\text{(special ensemble)} \stackrel{r}{=} 0$$



$$x \geq \{0, 1\}, y \geq \{0, 1\}, z \geq \{2\}$$

intersection = $\emptyset$

$$:= \sum_{x \geq \{0, 1\}, y \geq \{0, 1\}, z \geq \{2\}} (-1)^{|x|-2} (-1)^{|y|-2} (-1)^{|z|-1}$$



For Δ^1 : $\langle \text{const}(b) \rangle - H =$

$$= \boxed{\begin{array}{c} z \quad z \quad z \\ \bullet \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \bullet \\ z \geq \emptyset \end{array}} - \sum_{\substack{J, K \neq \emptyset \\ J \cap K = \emptyset}} \boxed{\begin{array}{c} x \quad \perp \quad y \\ \bullet \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \bullet \\ i(J) \quad i(K) \\ x \geq J, y \geq K \end{array}}$$

$$\emptyset \neq J \mapsto i(J) \in J$$

fissility:

$$H|_{\partial \Delta^1} = \sum_{J, K \neq \emptyset} \binom{|J|-1}{-1} \binom{|K|-1}{-1} \begin{array}{c} J \quad K \\ \bullet \text{---} \bullet \end{array}$$