

Higher topological complexity and the Eilenberg-Moore functor Ext

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Topological complexity of a space X , $TC(X)$, is introduced by M. Farber which is seen as the *sectional category*, $secat(\Delta_X)$, of the diagonal map $\Delta_X : X \rightarrow X \times X$. If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a continuous map, $secat(f)$ is the smallest integer m for which there are $m + 1$ local homotopy sections $s_i : U_i \rightarrow Y$ for f whose sources form an open covering of X . Later, Y. Rudyak generalizes Farber's concept and introduces that of higher topological complexity, $TC_n(X)$ ($n \geq 2$), which turns out to be the sectional category $secat(\Delta_X^n)$ of the n -diagonal $\Delta_X^n : X \rightarrow X^n$.

Determining $TC_n(X)$ is as difficult as it is in the case of Lusternik-Schirelmann category $cat_{LS}(X) = secat(* \hookrightarrow X)$, however thanks to rational homotopy theory methods, it is possible to establish better approximation of this latter, namely $cat_{LS}(X_0) \leq cat_{LS}(X)$ with X_0 denoting the rationalization X_0 of X .

Then, J. Carrasquel used the characterization à la Félix-Halperin to give an explicit definition of the higher topological complexity $TC_n(X_0)$ that turns out to lower $TC_n(X)$ (cf. Definition 4.1 below), and he also introduced higher (rational) *homology (resp. module) topological complexity* $HTC_n(X)$, (resp. $MTC_n(X)$) and showed that they interpolate $zcl_n(X) := nilker H^*(\Delta_X^n)$ and $TC_n(X_0)$.

We are interested in the study of the invariant $HTC_n(X)$ when X is a *Gorenstein space*. Gorenstein spaces were introduced to provide new characterizations of spaces that satisfy Poincaré duality . They give so much interest to the invariant

$$\mathcal{E}xt_{C^*(X;\mathbb{K})}(\mathbb{K}, C^*(X; \mathbb{K})),$$

where \mathbb{K} is a field.

Inspired by Carrasquel's characterizations we introduce *Ext*-versions of the topological complexities mentioned earlier.

First we shall recall some definitions and properties used throughout this work.

A differential graded algebra (A, d) (dga for short) is a graded algebra A together with a linear map $d : A \rightarrow A$ of degree $|d| = +1$ that is a derivation : $d(ab) = d(a)b + (-1)^{|a|}ad(b)$, and satisfying $d \circ d = 0$.

A morphism of dga $f : (A, d) \rightarrow (B, d)$ is a linear map of degree zero satisfying $f(aa') = f(a)f(a')$, and the compatibility with the differential $d : f(da) = d(f(a))$.

A dga algebra A is said to be augmented if it is endowed with a morphism $\varepsilon : A \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$ of graded algebras.

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A morphism of (left) graded modules over a dga (A, d) is a morphism $f : (M, d) \rightarrow (N, d)$ compatible with the differential : $d \circ f = f \circ d$.

A left (A, d) -module (M, d) is said semi-free if it is the union of an increasing sequence $M(0) \subset M(1) \subset M(2) \cdots \subset M(n) \subset \cdots$ of sub (A, d) -modules such that $M(0)$ and each $M(i)/M(i-1)$ is A -free on a basis of cycles.

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which, endowed with the differential

$$D(f) = d \circ f - (-1)^p f \circ d; \quad f \in \text{Hom}_A^{p,*}((P, d), (A, d)),$$

yields the Eilenberg-Moore Ext functor :

$$\mathcal{E}xt_{(A,d)}(\mathbb{K}, (A, d)) = H^*(\text{Hom}_A((P, d), (A, d)), D).$$

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called the evaluation map of (A, d) . The definition of $ev_{(A, d)}$ is independent of the choice of (P, d) and z . The evaluation map of X over \mathbb{K} is by definition the evaluation map of $(C^*(X, \mathbb{K}), d)$.

A Poincaré duality algebra over \mathbb{K} is a graded algebra $H = \{H^k\}_{0 \leq k \leq N}$ such that $H^N = \mathbb{K}\alpha$ and the pairing $\langle \beta, \gamma \rangle \alpha = \beta\gamma$, $\beta \in H^k$, $\gamma \in H^{N-k}$ defines an isomorphism $H^k \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{K}}(H^{N-k}, \mathbb{K})$, $0 \leq k \leq N$. A Poincaré space at \mathbb{K} is a space whose cohomology with coefficients in \mathbb{K} is a Poincaré duality algebra.

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Let (A, d) be any cdga model for a space X , and $\theta : (\Lambda V, d) \xrightarrow{\sim} (A, d)$ its minimal Sullivan model. The cdga morphism

$$\mu_n^\theta := (\text{Id}_A, \theta, \dots, \theta) : (A, d) \otimes (\Lambda V, d)^{\otimes n-1} \rightarrow (A, d)$$

is a special model, called an s-model, for the path fibration $\pi_n : X^I \rightarrow X^n$.

definition 1.

(a) : $\text{TC}_n(X_0)$ is the least m such that the projection

$$\rho_m : \left(A \otimes (\Lambda V)^{\otimes n-1}, d \right) \rightarrow \left(\frac{A \otimes (\Lambda V)^{\otimes n-1}}{(\ker \mu_n^\theta)^{m+1}}, \bar{d} \right)$$

admits an algebra retraction.

(b) : $\text{mTC}_n(X, \mathbb{Q})$ is the least m such that ρ_m admits a retraction as $(A \otimes (\Lambda V)^{\otimes n-1}, d)$ -module.

(c) : $\text{HTC}_n(X, \mathbb{Q})$ is the least m such that $H(\rho_m)$ is injective.

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