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Measure homology on a hyperbolic manifold

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For $k \in \mathbb{N}$ let

$$\mathcal{C}^\infty(\Delta^k, M)$$

be equipped with the following topology

- for $k = 0$, let it be the compact-open topology
- for $k > 1$, let it be generated from the basis

$$N(\sigma, r)$$

Definition. Definition

$$\text{meas}_k(M) := \text{Meas}_c(\mathfrak{B}_{\mathcal{C}^\infty(\Delta^k, M)}, \mathbb{R})$$

For each $i \in \{0, \dots, k\}$ we have the i -th face map

$$\ell_i : \Delta^{k-1} \hookrightarrow \Delta^k$$

which induces the continuous map

$$\begin{aligned} \ell_i^* : \mathcal{C}^\infty(\Delta^k, M) &\rightarrow \mathcal{C}^\infty(\Delta^{k-1}, M) \\ \sigma &\mapsto \ell_i^*(\sigma) := \sigma \circ \ell_i \end{aligned}$$

that in turn induces a linear map

$$(\ell_i^*)_* : \text{meas}_k(M) \rightarrow \text{meas}_{k-1}(M)$$

We define the boundary map

$$\partial_k := \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^i (\ell_i^*)_*$$

This constructs a chain complex

$$\cdots \rightarrow \text{meas}_k(M) \xrightarrow{\partial_k} \text{meas}_{k-1}(M) \rightarrow \cdots$$

whose *homology* is called the **measure homology** of M .

Proposition: is a chain complex

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1. [John G. Ratcliffe - Foundations of Hyperbolic Manifolds \(2006\), p.575](#) ↩