## Approximating Discrete Dynamical Systems

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Theorem (Alexandroff, 1937)

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**Example.** Let  $X = \{A, B, C, D\}$  and  $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{A\}, \{B\}, \{A, B\}, \{C, A, B\}, \{D, A, B\}\}$ . Then  $U_A = \{A\}$ ,  $U_B = \{B\}$ ,  $U_C = \{C, A, B\}$  and  $U_D = \{D, A, B\}$ , which yields A < C, D and B < C, D.

#### Proposition

Let  $f, g: X \to Y$  be continuous maps between finite spaces. Then f is homotopic to g if and only if there exists a finite sequence of continuous maps  $f_1, ..., f_n: X \to Y$  such that  $f(x) = f_1(x) \le f_2(x) \ge ... \le f_n(x) = g(x)$  for every  $x \in X$ .

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**Order complex.** Given a finite space X, the order complex of X, denoted by  $\mathcal{K}(X)$ , is the simplicial complex whose simplices are the non-empty chains of X.



**Face poset.** Given a simplicial complex *L*, the face poset of *L*, denoted by  $\mathcal{X}(L)$ , is the poset of simplices of *K* ordered by inclusion.



### Theorem (McCord, 1966)

There exists a correspondence that assigns to each Alexandroff  $T_0$ space a simplicial complex  $\mathcal{K}(X)$  and a weak homotopy equivalence  $f_X : |\mathcal{K}(X)| \to X$ . Each continuous map  $\varphi : X \to Y$  of Alexandroff  $T_0$ -spaces is also a simplicial map  $\mathcal{K}(\varphi) : \mathcal{K}(X) \to \mathcal{K}(Y)$ , and  $\varphi \circ$  $f_X = f_Y \circ \mathcal{K}(\varphi)$ .



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There exists a correspondence that assigns to each simplicial complex K an Alexandroff  $T_0$ -space  $\mathcal{X}(K)$  and a weak homotopy equivalence  $f_K : |K| \to \mathcal{X}(K)$ . Furthermore, to each simplicial map  $\psi : K \to L$  is assigned a continuous map  $\mathcal{X}(\psi) : \mathcal{X}(K) \to \mathcal{X}(L)$  such that  $\mathcal{X}(\psi) \circ f_K$  is homotopic to  $f_L \circ |\psi|$ .



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There is a natural map  $h: X^1 \to X$  given by  $h(x_1 < ... < x_n) = x_n$ . Then, we can consider  $h_{n,m}: X_m \to X_n$  for every  $m \ge n$ .

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**Example.** Let us consider the unit interval *I*.



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Remark. The same result also holds for compact metric spaces.

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A dynamical system for a topological space X consists of a triad  $(\mathbb{T}, X, \varphi)$ , where  $\mathbb{T}$  is usually  $\mathbb{Z}$  or  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\varphi : \mathbb{T} \times X \to X$  is a continuous function satisfying

1. 
$$\varphi(0, x) = x$$
 for every  $x \in X$ .

2. 
$$arphi(t+s,x)=arphi(t,arphi(s,x))$$
 for all  $s,t\in\mathbb{T}$  and  $x\in X$ .



Main Idea:



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Consider **Multivalued maps** to define dynamical systems.

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**Example.** Every homeomorphism is a Vietoris-like map. Indeed,  $f: X \to X$  is a Vietoris-like map if and only if f is a homeomorphism.

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### Some properties of Vietoris-like maps

Let  $f : X \to Y$  and  $g : Y \to Z$  be continuous maps between finite spaces.

- If f and g are Vietoris-like maps, then  $g \circ f : X \to Z$  is a Vietoris-like map.
- If f and g o f are Vietoris-like maps, then g is a Vietoris-like map.
- The 2-out-of-3 property does not hold for Vietoris-like maps.

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**Remark.**  $F_*: H_*(X) \to H_*(Y)$  is given by  $q_* \circ p_*^{-1}$ , where  $q: \Gamma(F) \to Y$  is the projection onto the second coordinate.

#### Examples

- Let f : X → Y be a continuous map. If we consider f as a multivalued map, then f is a Vietoris-like multivalued map since p : Γ(f) → X is a homeomorphism. Moreover, f<sub>\*</sub> = q<sub>\*</sub> ∘ p<sub>\*</sub><sup>-1</sup>.
- If  $f : X \to Y$  is a Vietoris-like map, then  $F : Y \multimap X$  given by  $F(y) = f^{-1}(y)$  is a Vietoris-like multivalued map.

### A Coincidence theorem and consequences

**Lefschetz number.** Let  $f : X \to X$  be a continuous map, where X is a finite space. The lefschetz number of f is given by

$$\Lambda(f) = \sum_{i=0} (-1)^i tr(f_*: H_i(X) \to H_i(X)),$$

where tr denotes the trace and  $f_*$  denotes the linear map induced by f on the torsion-free part of the homology of X.

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**Remark.** Not every multivalued map may be expressed as a composition of Vietoris-like multivalued maps.

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where  $F_{n+1} = H_{n+1,n} \circ f_{n,n+1}$ .

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**Goal.** Generalize these results to compact metric spaces using more geometrical constructions.

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Steps
<ol> <li>Define the composition of spans. Solution: pull-backs.</li> <li>Define an equivalence relation between spans. Solution: define a new notion of homotopy that generalizes the usual notion of homotopy for single valued maps in the category of finite spaces.</li> </ol>



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#### Topological degree

- 1. Let X and Y be finite models of  $S^n$ . In the usual category it is not possible to get that every integer number may be realized as the topological degree of a continuous map  $f : X \to Y$ .
- 2. In the localized category of finite spaces the above result is possible.

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