

08/04/16: Today: \* remarks on stable maps

\* Floer's equation vs J-hol strips:  
(\* Grading)

- (a) invariance sometimes
- (b) Floer's thm:  $HF^*(L, L) \cong H^*(L)$
- (c) Oh spectral sequence

A J-hol map  $u: \Sigma_\infty \xrightarrow{\text{nodal, with marked points}} X$  is called a prestable map: it is stable if its automorphism group is finite, where an automorphism is  $\Sigma_\infty \xrightarrow{f} \Sigma_\infty$  where  $f$  is the underlying automorphism of trees  $\rightarrow$  biholomorphic on components, preserve marked points.

Rem: if  $u \circ f: \Sigma_\infty \rightarrow X$  is constant, then stability of  $u$  implies stability of the domain  $\Sigma_\infty$  (equipped with marked points). If  $u$  is constant, then  $u$  is stable  $\Leftrightarrow \Sigma_\infty$  is stable.

ex:  $\begin{matrix} L_1 \\ \text{|||||} \\ L_0 \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{u} X$  non-constant is stable, because any automorphism  $\phi: \mathbb{R} \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times [0, 1]$  is translation, and  $u \circ \phi \neq u$ .

Rem: in Gromov's compactness, bubbles are only well defined up to overall automorphism  $\Rightarrow$  get an element of  $\mathcal{H}^{\text{stable}} / \text{Aut of domains}$ .  
"Aut of domains" has a nearly free action when the maps are stable.

### Floer's equation:

It is helpful to have a more flexible way of constructing Floer homology groups, using an auxiliary Hamiltonian.

Define, for  $H: [0, 1] \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  Hamiltonian, J a.c.s,  $L_0$  and  $L_1$ :  
 $CF^*(L_0, L_1; H, J)$ , defined whenever  $\phi_H^1(L_0) \cap L_1$ .

Let  $X_{L_0, L_1}^H := \{ \text{time-1 chords of } X_H \text{ from } L_0 \text{ to } L_1 \}$   
 $\gamma: [0, 1] \rightarrow X, \gamma(i) \in L_i \text{ for } i \in \{0, 1\}, \dot{\gamma} = X_H \}$ .

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Define  $CF^*(L_0, L_1; H, \mathcal{J}) = \bigwedge^k X_{L_0, L_1}^H$

Differential: for  $x^+, x^- \in X_{L_0, L_1}^H$ ,  $\beta \in \pi_2(x^+, x^-, \dots)$

$$\mathcal{M}_H(x^+, x^-, \beta) \begin{cases} u: \mathbb{R} \times [0, 1] \rightarrow X & S := \mathbb{R} \times [0, 1] \quad (S, j) \\ u(s, i) \in L_i \\ \lim_{s \rightarrow \pm\infty} u(s, t) = x^\pm(t) \\ \partial_s u + \mathcal{J}(\partial_t u - X_H) = 0 \quad \text{Floer's equation} \\ E(u) = \int_S |\partial_t u - X|^2 = \int_S (u^* \omega - d(u^* H dt)) < \infty \end{cases}$$

Coordinate free Floer's equation:  $(du - X_H \otimes dt)^{0,1} = 0$  ← wrt  $\mathcal{J}, j$

where for  $f \in \text{Hom}(TS, u^*TX)$ , have  $(f)^{0,1} = \frac{1}{2}(f + \mathcal{J} \circ f \circ j)$

These are manifolds of index  $\text{ind}(\beta)$  for generic  $\mathcal{J}$ ; look at  $\mathcal{M}_H(x^+, x^-, \beta)/\mathbb{R}$  when  $\text{ind}(\beta) \geq 1$ . Then Gromov compactify.

Define  $d(x^+) = \sum_{\substack{x^-, \beta \\ \text{ind}(\beta) = 1}} T^{E(\beta)} \# (\mathcal{M}_H(x^+, x^-, \beta)/\mathbb{R}) \cdot x^-$ . Gromov compactness and gluing imply  $d^2 = 0$  (in absence of bad bubbles).

Note: given  $u \in \mathcal{M}_H(x^+, x^-)$ , gauge transform  $\tilde{u}(s, t) = \phi_H^{1-t} u(s, t)$



Then,  $\tilde{u}$  is a solution to  $\bar{\partial}_{\tilde{\mathcal{J}}} \tilde{u} = 0$  with boundaries on  $\phi_H(L_0), L_1$ , asymptotic to  $x^+(1), x^-(1)$ , where  $\tilde{\mathcal{J}} = (\phi_H^{1-t})_* \mathcal{J} (\phi_H^{1-t})^{-1}$  depends on  $t$  (in general, we may have needed  $t$ -dependent  $\mathcal{J}$  anyway for transversality).

$\Rightarrow \mathbb{K}_0 CF^*(L_0, L_1; H, \mathcal{J}) \cong CF^*(\phi_H(L_0), L_1; H, \tilde{\mathcal{J}})$  as chain complexes.

As an example of application, we look at continuation maps  $CF^*(L_0, L_1; H_0, \mathcal{J}) \rightarrow CF^*(L_0, L_1; H_1, \mathcal{J})$ . If these are quasi-iss, then  $HF^*(\phi_H(L_0), L_1) \cong HF^*(L_0, L_1)$ .

Define  $\bar{\partial}_{\mathcal{J}, H} u := (du - X_H \otimes dt)^{0,1}$  for  $\mathcal{J}$ .

Count index 0 solutions to

$$x^- \text{ flurline of } X_{H_1} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bar{\partial}_{J, H_1} u = 0 \\ H_1 \end{array} \right\} \left| \begin{array}{l} \bar{\partial}_{J, H_0} u = 0 \\ \{H_1\} \end{array} \right. \left| \begin{array}{l} \bar{\partial}_{J, H_0} u = 0 \\ H_0 \end{array} \right. x^+ \text{ flurline of } X_{H_0}$$

Chain map (if no bad bubbling)? Follows from Gromov compactness / gluing, applied to index 1 moduli spaces. Namely,  $\partial(\text{index 1 moduli spaces})$  is

$$\overline{H_1 | H_1 | H_0} \left( \frac{\overline{H_0}}{\mathbb{R}} \right) \cong \left( \frac{\overline{H_1}}{\mathbb{R}} \right) \overline{H_1 | H_1 | H_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Psi_{H_0, H_1} \circ \partial_{H_0} - \partial_{H_1} \circ \Psi_{H_0, H_1} = 0 \quad \square$$

$$\Psi_{H_0, H_1}(x^+) = \sum_{\substack{x^-, \beta \\ \text{ind}(\beta) = 0}} \frac{1}{T^{E(\beta)}} \# \mathcal{M}_{\{H_1\}}(x^+, x^-) x^-$$

Rem: such a map can have negative energy, namely

$$E(u) = \int u^* \omega - d(u^* H dt)$$

now equals  $\int_S |\partial_t u - X_H|^2 - \int_S \partial_s H ds dt$

bounded, indep of  $u$   
 $\Rightarrow$  don't get powers too negative. (\*)

$$(d^{\text{vert}} u^* H dt + d^{\text{horiz}} u^* H dt = \partial_s H ds dt)$$

In general, the continuation maps involve negative powers of  $T$  (so, invariance requires Novikov field, not ring).

(so powers bounded below, ok by (\*))

$$\Psi_{H_1, H_0} \circ \Psi_{H_0, H_1} \text{ counts } x^- \overline{H_0 | H_1 | H_1} \overline{H_1 | H_1 | H_0} x^+$$

"Homotopy of homotopies" = to show  $\Psi_{H_1, H_0} \circ \Psi_{H_0, H_1} - \text{id} = \partial R + K \partial$ , let  $\mathcal{M}_{\lambda, \{H_1\}}$  denote the space of pairs  $\{\lambda \in [0, \infty), u \text{ solution to } x^- \overline{H_0 | H_1} x^+\}$ .

If  $\lambda < 1$ , then

If  $\lambda > 2R + 1$ , then

$$\overline{H_0} \xrightarrow{\lambda} \overline{H_0} \xrightarrow{R, \lambda-2R, R} \overline{H_1} \xrightarrow{R} \overline{H_1}$$

A count of index 0 elements of  $\mathcal{M}(\lambda, \{H_s\})$  will define a map  $K: CF^*(L_0, L_1; H_0) \rightarrow CF^*(L_0, L_1; H_0)$ . Gromov compactness + gluing imply (if no bad bubbling) that there are 4 types of phenomena that can happen on  $\partial$  (index 1 mod 2 space):

1)  $\begin{array}{c} \lambda \\ \text{---} \\ | \quad | \\ \text{---} \\ K \end{array} \circ \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ H_0 \\ \text{---} \\ \partial_{H_0} \end{array} / \mathbb{R}$

2)  $\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ H_0 \\ \text{---} \\ \partial_{H_0} \end{array} / \mathbb{R} \circ \begin{array}{c} \lambda \\ \text{---} \\ | \quad | \\ \text{---} \\ K \end{array}$

3)  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ :  $\begin{array}{c} H_0 \quad | \quad H_{-s} \quad | \quad H_1 \\ \text{---} \\ \Psi_{H_0, H_1} \end{array} \circ \begin{array}{c} | \quad H_s \quad | \\ \text{---} \\ \Psi_{H_1, H_0} \end{array} \quad H_0$

4)  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ :  $x^- \text{---} H_0 \text{---} x^+$  But: index 0 solutions (not  $\mathbb{R}$ )

Claim: the index 0 elements of  $\mathcal{M}(x^+, x^-)$  are exactly constant maps ( $\Rightarrow$  count gives Id).

So, mod signs, get  $K \circ \partial_{H_0} - \partial_{H_0} \circ K + Id - \Psi_{H_0, H_0} \circ \Psi_{H_0, H_0} = 0$ .

The reverse composition is identical computations, so we get that  $\Psi_{H_0, H_0}$  is a homology iso.

Rem: Invariance  $\Rightarrow$  define  $HF^*(L, L) := HF^*(L, L, H, J)$  for  $H$  with  $\phi_H(L) \pitchfork L$ . Invariance for  $J$  is similar.

ex:  $X = T^*Q$ ,  $\omega_{can} = d\lambda_{can} = dp \wedge dq$ ,  $L \subseteq X$  0-section.

$L \subseteq X$  is exact, meaning  $\lambda_{can}|_L = df$  (in fact,  $\lambda_{can}|_L = 0$ ).

In particular, Stokes  $\Rightarrow \pi_2(T^*Q) = \pi_2(T^*Q, L) = 0$ .

So,  $HF^*(L, L)$  is well-defined, as long as Gromov compactness holds.

(Gromov compactness requires all strips to be mapped to  $C \subseteq T^*Q$  compact, but in principle, strips could escape to  $\infty$  in target).

Claim: have an a priori  $C^0$  estimate on Floer curves

$$u: \mathbb{R} \times [0, 1] \rightarrow (T^*Q, L)$$

It comes from "maximum principle", "monotonicity" ( $T^*Q$  is convex at  $\infty$ , Liouville, ...)

Assuming the claim, we have  $HF^*(L, L)$

Theorem [Floer]:  $HF^*(L, L) \cong H^*(L)$

(more generally true for any  $L \subseteq X$ , provided  $\pi_2(X) = 0 = \pi_2(X, L)$ ).

Proof: by invariance, compare  $CF^*(L, L; H, J)$  with  $C^*(L) = CF^*(f, g)$  for specific nice  $H, J$ . Pick  $g$  metric on  $L$ ,  $f: L \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  Morse function with  $(f, g)$  "Morse-Smale".

Note:  $g$  on  $L = Q$  induces a splitting  $TT^*Q \cong T_{vert}T^*Q \oplus T_{horiz}T^*Q$ , and induces a  $J$  on  $TT^*Q$ .

$$\text{On } T(T^*Q)|_Q \cong T^*Q \oplus TQ ;$$

$J$  on  $\uparrow$  is the natural pairing  $\uparrow$  induced by  $g$ :

$$J \begin{pmatrix} \phi \\ \uparrow \\ T_x^*Q \end{pmatrix} = g \begin{pmatrix} \phi \\ \uparrow \\ T_x Q \end{pmatrix}$$

Note:  $f: L \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  induces a Hamiltonian  $H: T^*Q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T^*Q & \xrightarrow{H} & \mathbb{R} \\ \uparrow \pi & \nearrow f & \\ Q=L & & \end{array}$$

(maybe cutoff  $H$  near  $\infty$ ).

Theorem [Floer]: if  $f$  is  $C^2$  small, there is a bijection

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \gamma: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow Q, \dot{\gamma}(s) = \nabla f_{\gamma(s)} \\ \text{Floer lines for } (f, g) \\ \text{with asymptotics } x^\pm \end{array} \right\} \leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{solutions to Floer's equation} \\ \partial_s u + J(\partial_t u - X_H) = 0 \\ \text{thru } H, J, \text{ asymptotics } x^\pm \end{array} \right\}$$

Note: in coordinates,  $H(q, p) = f(q)$

$$\Rightarrow dH = f'(q) dq$$

$$\Rightarrow X_H = f'(q) \partial_p$$

(get  $JX_H|_Q = \nabla f$  in the TQ piece of  $T^*Q|_Q$ ).

Note:  $X_H = 0$  at critical points of  $f: Q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , so

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{constant trajectories} \\ \text{of } X_H \text{ from } L \text{ to } L \end{array} \right\} \leftrightarrow \text{crit}(f)$ .

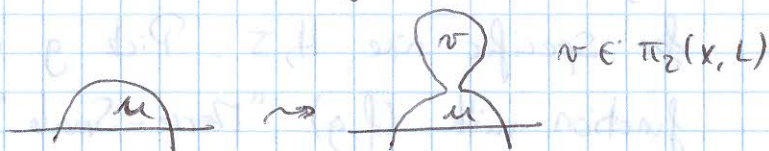
Further: if  $\gamma: \mathbb{R}_s \rightarrow Q$  is st  $\dot{\gamma}(s) = \nabla f_{\gamma(s)}$ ,  $u(s,t) := \gamma(s)$

satisfies  $\underbrace{\partial_s u}_{\dot{\gamma}(s)} + \underbrace{J(\partial_t u - X)}_{=0} = 0$

$= -JX = -\nabla f$

(+ argue they are all constant)  $\square$

In general for  $\pi_2(X)$ ,  $\pi_2(X, L) \neq 0$ , there may be discs/spheres classes, and in particular more classes of strips, by "connect sums" of homotopy classes:



If  $d$  happens to be well-defined and  $d^2 = 0$ , one can look at the energy filtration of terms contributing to  $d$ .

Because

(a) Near any  $L \subseteq X$ ,  $\exists$  Weinstein nbhd  $U \cong T^*L$  of  $L$

(b) "low energy strips/discs" must stay inside  $U$  (monotonicity lemma),

the low energy part of  $d$  coincides (for nice  $H, J$ ) with the

Morse differential, by Floer's argument.

$\Rightarrow \exists$  spectral sequence  $H^*(L) \Rightarrow HF^*(L, L)$  [Oh spectral sequence]

More generally, if  $L_0, L_1$  have clean intersection so that  $L_0 \cap L_1 = N^p \subseteq X$ , Poźniak constructed a spectral sequence (under hypotheses of definedness)

$$H^*(N) \Rightarrow HF^*(L_0, L_1), \text{ coming from a reduction to a}$$

local model in low energy:  $Q \hookrightarrow T^*Q$  zero section

$L_N$  conormal to  $N$

$$v^*(N) := \{(q, p) \mid q \in N, p \text{ annihilates } TN\}.$$