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ABSTRACTS

Endomorphisms of a measure space and representations of Cuntz relations

Sergey Bezuglyi
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The goal of the talk is to present new classes of function systems as part of multiresolution analyses. The approach is representation theoretic, and it makes use of generalized multiresolution function systems (MRSs). As the main tool in our approach, we make precise new classes of generalized MRSs which arise directly from dynamics generated by surjective endomorphisms on measure spaces. In particular, we give the necessary and sufficient conditions for a family of functions to define generators of Cuntz relations. We find an explicit description of the set of generalized wavelet filters. The talk is based on a joint paper with Palle Jorgensen, arXiv:2304.14558.

Historic behavior within semigroup actions

Maria Carvalho
University of Porto, Portugal

In this talk, based on joint work with Vinícius Coelho (Federal University of West Bahia), Luciana Salgado (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro) and Paulo Varandas (Federal University of Bahia & CMUP), I will present a sufficient condition for a continuous transformation, acting on a Baire metric space, to exhibit a generic set of points with historic behavior (also known as irregular set). This condition turns out to be also necessary in case the map has a dense orbit, and allows a generalization which provides information on the irregular set of some semigroup actions. In particular, we extend Furstenberg's theorem on uniquely ergodic amenable group actions by homeomorphisms on a compact metric space.

Odometers and Solenoids

Udayan Darji
University of Louisville, USA

This talk will consist of two parts, one part concerning dynamics of bounded linear operators and the other concerning compact connected abelian groups. In the first part, we will show measures on odometers can lead to chaotic behavior among bounded linear operators on L^p spaces. In the second part, we will show that 1-dimensional solenoids arise as generic compact connected abelian groups.

Dimension theory of conformal iterated function systems : old and new results and questions

Tushar Das

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I hope to present a few results and several open questions on the dimension theory of conformal iterated function systems (CIFS). The first paper (arXiv:1910.10259) considers small perturbations of a CIFS extending work of Good, Hensley and others; the second (arXiv:2007.10554) resolves some questions posed by Chousionis, Leykekhman and Urbański regarding the dimension spectrum of a CIFS (i.e. the set of all Hausdorff dimensions of its various subsystem limit sets); and the third (arXiv:2305.11829) studies the exact dimension of the prime continued fraction limit set.

Supports of evolution system of measures of Markov semigroup

Grzegorz Guzik

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In 2000 it was proved by A. Lasota and J. Myjak that the support of the unique ergodic invariant measure of any homogenous asymptotically stable Markov-Feller chain on a Polish space is a semifractal set, more precisely it is the semiattractor of a Markov multifunction associated with the transition operator.

In the case of time-dependent non-homogenous Markov processes more natural counterpart of invariant measures are evolution systems of measures. We ask what is the explicit form of supports of measures in such a system in the case of so-called strongly mixing property (the equivalent of asymptotic stability). More precisely, we consider a semigroup $(P_{t,s})_{(t,s) \in \mathbb{T}_{\geq}^2}$ of transition operators for non-homogenous Markov-Feller process, here \mathbb{T} is a non-trivial subgroup of additive group $(\mathbb{R}, +)$ of all reals and $\mathbb{T}_{\geq}^2 := \{(t,s) \in \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T} : t \geq s\}$. Our main result reads as follow.

Theorem 1. *Assume that the semigroup $(P_{t,s})_{(t,s) \in \mathbb{T}_{\geq}^2}$ of Markov-Feller operators $P_{t,s} : \mathcal{M}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(X)$ on measures generated by the transition function $\{\pi_{s,t} : X \times \mathcal{B}(X) \rightarrow [0, 1] : (t,s) \in \mathbb{T}_{\geq}^2\}$ with corresponding Markov multifunctions $\{\Gamma_{t,s} : X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X) : (t,s) \in \mathbb{T}_{\geq}^2\}$ (supports of transition probabilities) admits a strongly mixing evolution system of measures $(\nu_t)_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$. Then*

$$\text{supp } \nu_t = C_{\infty}(t)$$

for every $t \in \mathbb{T}$, where $(C_{\infty}(t))_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$ with

$$C_{\infty}(t) = \bigcap_{s \leq t} \text{cl } \Gamma_{t,s} C(s) \text{ for } t \in \mathbb{T}$$

is the core of an evolution semiattractor $\{C(t) : t \in \mathbb{T}\}$ of the set-valued process $\{\Gamma_{t,s} : (t,s) \in \mathbb{T}_{\geq}^2\}$ given by

$$C(t) = \bigcap_{x \in X} \liminf_{s \rightarrow -\infty} \Gamma_{t,s}(x) \quad \text{for } t \in \mathbb{T}.$$

Multifractal analysis for the geodesic flow on hyperbolic surfaces

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We use multifractal analysis to investigate the long-term behavior of growth rates associated with the geodesic flow on surfaces of constant negative curvature. The growth rates we consider are given by the distance travelled on the surface [4, 3], the number of windings around cusps [2], and the number of crossings of sides of a fundamental domain. This talk is based on joint work with Hiroki Takahasi (Keio University).

Let G denote a finitely generated non-elementary Fuchsian group acting in the Poincaré disc model (\mathbb{D}, d) of hyperbolic space. Let R be a convex, locally finite fundamental domain for G which has even corners [1, 5] and contains 0 in its interior. The finite set of side-pairings of R is denoted by G_0 and defines a symmetric set of generators of G .

Let \mathcal{R} denote the set of oriented complete geodesics joining two points in \mathbb{S}^1 and intersecting the interior of R . If $\eta \in \mathcal{R}$ cuts through the copies R, g_0R, g_0g_1R, \dots of R , with $g_i \in G_0$ and $i = 0, 1, \dots \in \mathbb{N}$, then g_0, g_1, g_2, \dots is called the cutting sequence of η . By slightly perturbing geodesics cutting through a vertex of R we can define for each $\eta \in \mathcal{R}$ a unique finite or infinite cutting sequence [5]. For $\eta \in \mathcal{R}$ with cutting sequence g_0, g_1, \dots of length at least $n \geq 1$, we define

$$t_n(\eta) = d(0, g_0g_1 \cdots g_{n-1}0),$$

and we call $t_n(\eta)/n$ the homological growth rate of η [4].

We denote by $\Lambda = \Lambda(G)$ the limit set of G , and by $\Lambda_c = \Lambda_c(G)$ the conical limit set of G . One can show that $\eta \in \mathcal{R}$ has an infinite cutting sequence if and only if its positive endpoint η^+ belongs to Λ_c . For $\alpha \geq 0$ we define the *level set*

$$\mathcal{H}(\alpha) = \left\{ \xi \in \Lambda_c : \text{there exists } \eta \in \mathcal{R} \text{ such that } \eta^+ = \xi \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t_n(\eta)}{n} = \alpha \right\}.$$

Let \dim_{H} denote the Hausdorff dimension on \mathbb{S}^1 . We call $\alpha \mapsto \dim_{\text{H}} \mathcal{H}(\alpha)$ the \mathcal{H} -spectrum. The range of the spectrum is given by

$$\underline{\alpha} = \inf_{g \in G \setminus \{1\}} \frac{d(0, g0)}{|g|} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\alpha} = \sup_{g \in G} \frac{d(0, g0)}{|g|},$$

where $|g|$ denotes the word length of $g \in G$.

Theorem 2. *The \mathcal{H} -spectrum is continuous on $[\underline{\alpha}, \bar{\alpha}]$, analytic on $(\underline{\alpha}, \bar{\alpha})$.*

From now we shall assume that R has cusps and that the sides of R are pairwise disjoint. The set of parabolic generators and the set of hyperbolic generators are respectively denoted by

$$\Gamma_0 = \{Y_i^{\pm 1} \in G_0 : 1 \leq i \leq m\} \text{ and } H_0 = G_0 \setminus \Gamma_0.$$

The cutting sequence $\omega = g_0, g_1, g_2, \dots$ of an element of \mathcal{R} with positive endpoint $x \in \Lambda_c(G)$ is not eventually constant to some element of Γ_0 . We can therefore decompose ω into a sequence of blocks $(B_j(x))_{j \geq 1}$, where each hyperbolic generator in ω forms a block of length one. For parabolic generators in ω we build maximal blocks of consecutive appearances of the same parabolic generator. We have either $B_j(x) = h$ for some $h \in H_0$, or $B_j(x) = \gamma^{\ell+1}$ for some $\gamma \in \Gamma_0$ and $\ell \geq 0$.

We introduce the *multi-cusp winding process* $(a_{i,j})_{1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j}$ given by

$$a_{i,j}(x) = \begin{cases} \ell & \text{if } B_j(x) = Y_i^{\pm(\ell+1)}, \quad \ell \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

A block $\gamma^{\ell+1}$ in the cutting sequence ω , for some parabolic generator $\gamma \in \Gamma_0$ and $\ell \geq 0$, means that the geodesic spirals ℓ times around the cusp associated with γ . Let

$$D_m = \{\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m : \alpha_i \geq 0 \text{ for all } 1 \leq i \leq m\}.$$

For $\alpha \in D_m$ we define

$$B(\alpha) = \left\{ x \in \Lambda_c(G) : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n a_{i,j}(x) = \alpha_i \text{ for all } 1 \leq i \leq m \right\}.$$

The Bowen-Series map [1] $f : \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^1$ is defined on a subset $\Delta \subset \mathbb{S}^1$ containing $\Lambda(G)$ and is piecewise analytic. We also define $\tau : \Lambda_c(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, where $\tau(x)$ is given by the length of the block $B_1(x)$. The induced Bowen-Series map is defined by $\tilde{f} : \Lambda_c(G) \rightarrow \Lambda_c(G)$, $\tilde{f}(x) = f^{\tau(x)}(x)$. We denote by $\mathcal{M}(\tilde{f})$ the set of \tilde{f} -invariant Borel probability measures on $\Lambda_c(G)$ with positive and finite Lyapunov exponent $\chi(\mu) = \int \log |(\tilde{f})'| d\mu$, where the norm is taken with respect to the Euclidean metric. For $\mu \in \mathcal{M}(\tilde{f})$ we denote by $h(\mu)$ the Kolmogoroff-Sinai entropy of \tilde{f} with respect to μ .

Theorem 3. *For all $\alpha \in D_m$ we have $B(\alpha) \neq \emptyset$ and*

$$\dim_H B(\alpha) = \limsup_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \frac{h(\mu)}{\chi(\mu)} : \mu \in \mathcal{M}(\tilde{f}), \left| \int a_{i,1} d\mu - \alpha_i \right| < \epsilon \text{ for all } 1 \leq i \leq m \right\}.$$

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Dynamics on the path space of generalized Bratteli diagrams

Olena Karpel

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Bratteli diagrams are a powerful tool for the study of dynamical systems in measurable, Cantor and Borel dynamics. The set of invariant measures, minimal components, structure of the orbits of the transformation become more transparent when one deals with the corresponding Bratteli-Vershik dynamical systems. We consider various classes of generalized Bratteli diagrams which appear in Borel dynamics, study the properties of their tail equivalence relations and the corresponding Vershik maps, describe the sets of invariant finite and infinite σ -finite Borel measures. We emphasize differences (and similarities) between generalized and classical Bratteli diagrams. The talk is based on a joint work with Sergey Bezuglyi, Palle E.T. Jorgensen and Shrey Sanadhya. The work is supported by the NCN (National Science Center, Poland) Grant 2019/35/D/ST1/01375 and the program “Excellence initiative - research university” for the AGH University of Science and Technology.

Asymptotic relation for set-valued processes

Grzegorz Kleszcz

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Consider a set of moments of time $\mathcal{T} \subset \mathbb{R}$ as a subgroup of $(\mathbb{R}, +)$. A semi-group

$$(F_{s,t})_{(s,t)}, \quad s \geq t, \quad s, t \in \mathcal{T},$$

with composition

$$F_{s,r} \circ F_{r,t} = F_{s,t}, \quad s \geq r \geq t, \quad s, t, r \in \mathcal{T},$$

where the family $F_{s,t} : X_t \multimap X_s$ of lower semicontinuous multifunctions is defined on a family of topological spaces $X_t, t \in \mathcal{T}$.

We compare non-autonomous attractors of this semi-group with Conley attractor of some limit relation build up from original semi-group. The results are generalisation of [1].

The talk is based on joint work with Grzegorz Guzik.

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Uniquely ergodic quasitiling of amenable groups

Sebastian Kopacz

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We prove that if G is a countable amenable group then there exists a disjoint uniquely ergodic quasitiling, i.e., if we view a quasitiling as an element of a symbolic dynamical system then the closed orbit of this element supports only one ergodic measure. We achieve this by starting with some quasitiling system and inductively modifying it to gradually decrease the diameter of the corresponding set of invariant measures.

This is a joint work with Dawid Huczek (WUST) and Jacek Serafin (WUST).

Every Choquet simplex is the space of invariant probability measures of a minimal homeomorphism on a manifold

Dominik Kwietniak

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The realisation problem is one of the most intriguing questions in the dynamical systems theory: given a property P that a dynamical system may or may not have, and a family C of dynamical systems decide whether a system exhibiting P exists in C . A very famous instance of that question is the smooth realisation problem. It asks if every measure preserving system isomorphic to a system given by a strictly ergodic smooth diffeomorphism of a compact manifold preserving a measure equivalent to the volume element. The question is inspired by a brief remark made in 1932 by Johnny von Neumann in his foundational paper on ergodic theory.

During my talk, I will discuss the recent progress on the following variant of the realisation problem: which Choquet simplices can be realised as spaces of invariant measures of minimal homeomorphisms on manifolds? Our main result says that for every manifold carrying a strictly ergodic homeomorphism if K is a Choquet simplex, then K is affinely homeomorphic to the space of invariant probability measures of some minimal homeomorphism on that manifold (joint work with Sejal Babel, Jernej Činč, Till Hauser, Piotr Oprocha).

Topological entropy, topological pressure of free semigroup actions for non-compact sets and some applications

Dongkui Ma

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In this talk, we adopt the Carathéodory-Pesin structure (C-P structure) and introduce the notions of the topological entropy (pressure) and lower and upper capacity topological entropies.

pies (pressure) of a free semigroup action for an arbitrary subset. We provide some properties of these notions. As application s, we give some estimations of the topological entropy (pressure) or upper capacity topological entropy of a free semigroup action on certain non-compact sets. By using the Bowen's equation with respect to the topological pressure, we characterize the Hausdorff dimension of an arbitrary subset, where the points of the subset have the positive lower Lyapunov exponents and satisfy a tempered contraction condition. Our analysis generalizes the results obtained by Bufetov, Misiurewicz, Ma-Wen, Huang, Tian, Chen, Lau and Climenhaga et al.

Dynamics and dimension for a class of skew-product transformations

Eugen Mihailescu

Romanian Academy, Romania

We study dynamics for a class of skew-product transformations which are only piecewise differentiable on countably many pieces and non-conformal. There exist random countably generated fractal limit sets obtained from iterations in the fibers of these maps. We prove a global volume lemma for the push-forward of equilibrium measures from a shift space to the global basic set. A dimension formula of Ledrappier-Young type is then obtained for these global measures. We study next the geometric potentials ψ_s , and prove that the dimensions of the associated invariant measures in fibers depend real-analytically on the parameter. A Variational Principle for dimension is also established.

Inverse measure-theoretic entropy

Radu Munteanu

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We introduce a notion of inverse entropy for an arbitrary measure preserving endomorphism on a metric space. We obtain a general formula for inverse measure - theoretic entropy relating it to the folding entropy. We compute the inverse entropy for some concrete examples. The inverse entropy can differentiate between endomorphisms which have the same forward measure theoretic entropy. We can also compute the inverse entropy for the SRB measure of fat baker's transformations.

This is joint work with Eugen Mihailescu.

On almost periodicity and minimality for semiflows

Anima Nagar

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In topological dynamics, the dynamical behavior sometimes has a sharp contrast when the action is by semigroups or monoids to when the action is by groups. In this short note we bring out this contrast while discussing the equivalence of almost periodicity and minimality, and some implications when every point is an almost periodic point.

This is a joint work with Joseph Auslander.

On ergodic theory of impulsive semiflows

Jaqueline Siqueira

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Impulsive Dynamical Systems (IDS) can be seen as suitable mathematical models of real world phenomena that display abrupt changes in their behaviour.

More precisely, an IDS is described by three objects: a continuous semiflow on a space X ; a set D contained in X where the flow undergoes sudden perturbations; and an impulsive function from D to X , which determines the change in the trajectory each time it collides with the impulsive set D .

In spite of their great range of applications, IDS have started being studied from the viewpoint of ergodic theory only quite recently in the work of Alves and Carvalho [2014]. A key challenge, inherent to the dynamics, is that in general, an impulsive semiflow is not continuous.

In this talk I will provide sufficient conditions for the existence of invariant measures that imply the ones given by Alves and Carvalho and are somewhat easier to verify. Moreover, I will discuss how typical is the invariance of the non-wandering set of an impulsive semiflow. I will finish the talk with some open problems. This talk is based upon two works with Afonso and Bonotto and with Torres and Varandas

The Poisson boundary of hyperbolic groups without moment conditions

Giulio Tiozzo

University of Toronto, Canada

The Poisson boundary is a measure-theoretic object attached to a group equipped with a probability measure, and is closely related to the notion of harmonic function on the group. In many cases, the group is also endowed with a topological boundary arising from its geometric structure, and a recurring research theme is to discuss the relation between the two notions of boundary.

In this talk, we prove that the Poisson boundary of a random walk with finite entropy on a non-elementary hyperbolic group can be identified with its hyperbolic boundary, without assuming any moment condition on the measure. In this generality, this identification result is new even for free groups. We will then discuss extensions of this result to other groups with hyperbolic properties.

Joint with K. Chawla, B. Forghani, and J. Frisch.

Dimension spectrum for conformal Iterated Function Systems

Mariusz Urbański

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I will define conformal iterated function systems S over a countable alphabet E and their limit sets (attractors) J_E . I will discuss the formula for the Hausdorff dimension of this limit set, commonly referred to as a version of Bowen's formula, involving topological pressure. The main focus will be on the set

$$Sp(E) = \{HD(J_F) : F \subset E\},$$

called the dimension spectrum of the system S . I will prove that always

$$Sp(E) \supset (0, \theta_E),$$

where θ_E is the finiteness parameter of S (will be defined). I will also construct a system for which $Sp(E)$ is a proper subset of $(0, HD(J_E)]$. I will then discuss the property that

$$Sp(S) = (0, HD(J_E)],$$

called the full spectrum dimension property. In particular, I will discuss the conformal iterated function systems and their various subsystems, generated by real and complex continued fraction algorithms, and will show that many of them (subsystems) enjoy the full spectrum dimension property.

On the thermodynamic formalism of (semi)group actions

Paulo Varandas

Federal University of Bahia, Brazil & University of Porto, Portugal

The thermodynamic formalism in dynamical systems aims to relate topological and measure theoretical notions of complexity by means of variational principles, and to characterize, whenever possible, the probability measures attaining the maximal topological complexity. Focusing on the context of finitely generated semigroup actions, I will talk on how convex analysis can be used to define entropy-type functions and to obtain a unified thermodynamic formalism for this class of semigroup actions.

This is based on joint works with A. Biś, M. Carvalho, M. Mendes and G. Pessil.

Some qualitative aspects of entropy

Benjamin Weiss

Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

I will briefly describe an old result which gives a characterization of the entropy of ergodic processes as the unique numerical isomorphism invariant satisfying a certain natural condition. I will then discuss a rather surprising recent result in which the dichotomy between positive and zero entropy is characterized in terms of generic extensions of ergodic systems.

This represents joint work with D. Ornstein, T. Austin, E. Glasner and J-P. Thouvenot.

Asymptotic pairs in topological actions of countable amenable groups

Mateusz Więcek

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By the known theorem of F. Blanchard, B. Host and S. Ruelle, every topological \mathbb{Z} -action of positive entropy admits asymptotic pairs. Moreover, T. Downarowicz and Y. Lacroix proved that every topological \mathbb{Z} -action of entropy zero has an extension with no asymptotic pairs. Together, these two results give a characterization of zero-entropy topological \mathbb{Z} -actions as factor of systems with no asymptotic pairs. Recently developed theory of multiorders allowed us to achieve a similar characterization for topological actions of countable amenable groups.

In the talk, we introduce a definition of a \prec -asymptotic pair in a topological action of a countable group G , where \prec is an order on G of type \mathbb{Z} . We then provide a theorem stating that if G is a countable amenable group and (X, G) is a topological G -action of positive entropy, then for every multiorder $(\tilde{\mathcal{O}}, \nu, G)$ and ν -almost every order $\prec \in \tilde{\mathcal{O}}$ there exists a \prec -asymptotic pair in X . This result is a generalization of the Blanchard-Host-Ruelle Theorem. We will also show that for every countable amenable group G , and every multiorder on G arising from a tiling system, every topological G -action of entropy zero has an extension which has no \prec -asymptotic pairs for any \prec belonging to this multiorder. Therefore, we have the following characterization of topological G -actions of entropy zero: (X, G) has topological entropy zero if and only if there exists a multiorder $(\tilde{\mathcal{O}}, \nu, G)$ on G and an extension (Y, G) of (X, G) , such that for ν -almost any $\prec \in \tilde{\mathcal{O}}$, there are no \prec -asymptotic pairs in (Y, G) .

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