

# Symbolic extensions for partially hyperbolic diffeomorphisms

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**Measure theoretic entropy** on the other hand measures the growth rate of orbits “relevant” to an invariant Borel probability measure,  $\mu$ , for a system  $(X, T)$ . Denoted  $h_{\mu}(T)$ .

**Example:** If  $\delta$  is a point mass, then the only “relevant” orbit is the fixed point - in this case the measure theoretic entropy is zero.

# Entropy function

Let  $\mathcal{M}(X, T)$  be the set of invariant Borel probability measures for  $(X, T)$ . The **entropy function** is the map  $h : \mathcal{M}(X, T) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $h(\mu) = h_\mu(T)$ .

**Theorem**(Variational principle) If  $X$  is a compact metric space and  $T$  is continuous (our standing assumptions from now on), then

$$h_{\text{top}}(T) = \sup_{\mu \in \mathcal{M}(X, T)} h_\mu(T).$$

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The lack of uniform convergence of an entropy structure represents how entropy emerges within the system at finer and finer scales and at different points in the system.

## Symbolic extensions

The main tool in constructing these entropy structures is symbolic extensions.

Let  $(\Sigma_n, \sigma)$  be the full shift. A **subshift**,  $(Y, S)$ , is a closed shift invariant subset of the full shift.

A **symbolic extension** of  $(X, T)$  is a subshift  $(Y, S)$  and a continuous surjective map  $\pi : Y \rightarrow X$  such that  $\pi \circ S = T \circ \pi$ .  
(Factor map)

**Note:** The shift  $(Y, S)$  need not be a subshift of finite type and  $\pi$  need not be finite-to-one. (So different than what is often done in hyperbolic dynamics and Markov partitions.)

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The **symbolic extension entropy** of  $(X, T)$  is

$$h_{\text{sex}}(X, T) := \inf\{h_{\text{top}}(Y, S) : (Y, S) \text{ is a symb. ext. of } (X, T)\}$$

The difference  $h_{\text{sex}}(T) - h_{\text{top}}(T)$  represents complexity that is “hidden” in the multi-scale structure of the system. (The system has complexity at a local scale)

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- ▶ For partially hyperbolic systems we have  $\Gamma_\epsilon(x)$  contained in local center manifolds for  $\epsilon$  suff. small.

## Entropy expansive and asymptotically expansive

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**Note:** So there may be “hidden” entropy at any arbitrarily small scale, but the amount of hidden entropy is going to zero.

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2. Buzzi (97) proved that  $C^\infty$  diffeomorphisms of a compact manifold are asymptotically expansive. But there are  $C^1$  examples that are not. (As above this isn't enough to say there does not exist a symb. ext.)

# Weak forms of hyperbolicity

## Questions:

- ▶ What happens when we weaken the hyperbolicity? For instance if a diffeomorphism is partially hyperbolic? or nonuniformly hyperbolic?
- ▶ How does the answer depend on the regularity?

## Partially hyperbolic 1-dimensional dominated center subbundles

**Theorem:** (Díaz, F, Pacifico, Vieitez, preprint) Let  $f : M \rightarrow M$  be a partially hyperbolic manifold of a compact manifold with a dominated splitting

$$TM = E^s \oplus E^{c_1} \oplus \dots \oplus E^{c_k} \oplus E^u$$

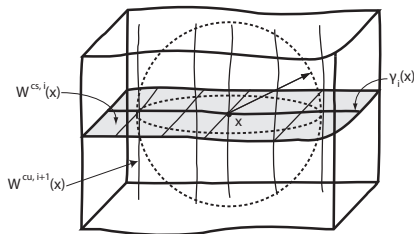
where each  $E^{c_i}$  is 1-dimensional. Then  $(M, f)$  is entropy expansive (and so has a very nice symb. ext.)

### Note:

1. We actually can allow  $E^s$  and  $E^u$  to either or both be empty. Also  $f$  need only be  $C^1$ .
2. We prove a similar result for certain homoclinic classes among other sets.

## Outline of proof

We show there is a uniform scale such that for every  $x \in M$  there is a center curve,  $\gamma_i(x)$ , tangent to  $E^{c_i}$  (where  $i$  depends on  $x$ ) such that  $\Gamma_\epsilon(x) \subset \gamma_i(x)$ . Since locally in  $W^{cs,i}$  the direction  $E^{c_i}$  could act like a central curve and the other directions act locally like a stable manifold, by domination, and  $W^{cu,i+1}$  act like an unstable manifold



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- ▶ Under iteration the length of  $\gamma_i(x)$  is bounded. Otherwise,  $\Gamma_\epsilon(x)$  is a point. So folklore fact says  $\Gamma_\epsilon(x)$  has entropy zero.

## Condition for no symbolic extension

Downarowicz, Newhouse ('05) give a condition so no symbolic extensions exist. They need

- ▶ a sequence of partitions  $\{\alpha_k\}$  (essential sequence: i.e. diameters go to zero and boundaries have measure zero) to exist and
- ▶ such that on arbitrarily small scale we see entropy greater than some constant  $c > 0$ , but not with respect to the partition.

So not only is there “hidden” entropy, but the amount of entropy missed with the multi scale analysis is at least  $c$ .

# No symbolic extension for certain partially hyperbolic sets

**Theorem:**(Díaz, F. ) If  $U$  is an open set of partially hyperbolic diffeomorphisms, satisfying certain conditions, and with a center bundle of dimension at least two, then there is a  $C^1$  residual set  $\mathcal{R}$  in  $U$  such that each diffeomorphism in  $\mathcal{R}$  has no symbolic extension.

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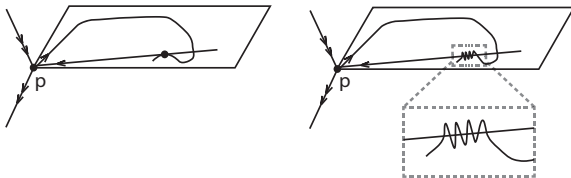
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**Note:** Uses argument from Downarowicz and Newhouse: Show  $C^1$  generically on surfaces conservative diffeomorphisms are Anosov or no symbolic extensions. Cataln and Tahzibi recently extended this argument to higher dimensions for symplectic diffeomorphisms.

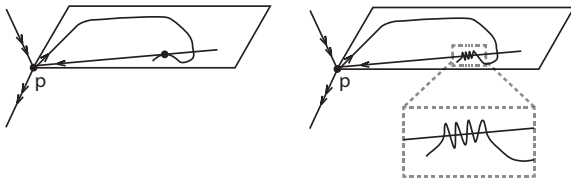
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Now on a smaller scale there is a periodic point near the generalized horseshoe where we can perform the same type of perturbation.

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**Conjecture** (Downarowicz and Newhouse, '05) Every  $C^r$  diffeomorphism of a compact space has a symbolic extension for  $r \geq 2$  and

$$h_{\text{sex}}(T) \leq h_{\text{top}}(T) + \frac{R(t)}{r-1}$$

where  $R(T)$  is the global average expansion rate (or  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \text{Lip}(T^n)$  where  $\text{Lip}(T^n)$  is the Lipschitz constant of  $T^n$ ).

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**Theorem:** (Burguet, F., in preparation) Let  $f : M \rightarrow M$  be a  $C^2$  partially hyperbolic diffeomorphism with 2-dimensional center bundle and with certain bunching conditions, then  $f$  has a symbolic extension.

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**Note:** There is only one point where 2-dimensions is needed, but this is a key estimate.

## Estimation theorem

**Theorem:** (Downarowicz and Maass, 09) Let  $(X, T)$  be topological system of finite entropy and  $r > 1$ . Let  $g_0$  be U.S.C. on  $\mathcal{M}(X, T)$  and greater than  $h$  for ergodic measures (and satisfy additional estimate with regard to what is called the Newhouse local entropy), then

$$h_{\text{sex}}(\mu) \leq h_\mu(T) + \frac{\bar{g}_0(\mu)}{r-1}$$

where  $\bar{g}_0$  is a (harmonic) extension of  $g_0$  to all of  $\mathcal{M}(X, T)$  and  $h_{\text{sex}}(\mu) := \inf h_{\text{ext}}^\pi(\mu)$ .

## Estimation for 2-dim partially hyperbolic

We define  $g_0 = 2 \min(\chi_c^+, -\chi_c^-)(\mu)$  for  $\mu$  ergodic where these are the Lyapunov exponents of  $\mu$  in the center direction. We only need to look at the case where there is one positive and one negative exponent. Other cases end up being trivial.

**Theorem:** (Burguet, F.) Let  $f \in \text{Diff}^2(M)$  be partially hyperbolic with 2-dimensional center and bunching conditions and  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}(X, f)$ . Then

$$h_{\text{sex}}(\mu) \leq h_\mu(f) + 2 \min(\overline{\chi_c^+}, \overline{-\chi_c^-})(\mu).$$

In particular,

$$h_{\text{sex}}(f) \leq h_{\text{top}}(f) + 2 \limsup_{|n| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{|n|} \log^+ \|D_x f^n|_{E^c}\|.$$

## Outline of estimation theorem

To prove the theorem we make estimates similar to Yomdin theory.

- ▶ We take the Bowen ball around a point and reparametrize.
- ▶ Use the Lyapunov exponents to obtain bounds on the number of reparametrizations that are needed as  $n$  grows.
- ▶ This is the point where 2-dimensions comes into play.