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An Introduction to Lawson Homology

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For example,

 $\mathcal{C}_{0,e}(X) = Symm^e(X) := X^{\times e} / \Sigma_e$ $\mathcal{C}_{n-1,e}(\mathbb{P}^n) = \mathbb{P}(\text{degree } e \text{ part of } k[x_0, \dots, x_n])$

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For most other cases, structure of $C_r(X)$ is very complicated.

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$$\begin{split} \operatorname{Hom}(T,\mathcal{C}_r(X)) \text{ is monoid under addition of cycles, and} \\ \operatorname{Hom}(T,\mathcal{C}_r(X))^+ &:= \operatorname{group \ completion \ of \ } \operatorname{Hom}(T,\mathcal{C}(X)) \\ &= \operatorname{free \ abelian \ group \ on \ integral \ } W \subset T \times X \\ & \text{ such \ that \ } W \to T \ \text{is \ equi-dimensional} \\ & \text{ of \ relative \ dimension \ } r \end{split}$$



Chow varieties lead to rational equivalence

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Suslin's Conjecture $\mathcal{C}_r(X)(k)^+ = \operatorname{Hom}(\operatorname{Spec} k, \mathcal{C}_r(X))^+ = \{r\text{-cycles on } X\}$

 $\operatorname{Hom}(\mathbb{A}^1, \mathcal{C}_r(X))^+$ is the free abelian group on:

$$\Gamma \xrightarrow{} \mathbb{A}^1 \times X$$

rel. dim. r
$$\downarrow$$

Let $i_P : \operatorname{Spec} k \to \mathbb{A}^1$ be inclusion at a point $P \in \mathbb{A}^1(k)$. Then

$$i_P^* : \operatorname{Hom}(\mathbb{A}^1, \mathcal{C}_r(X))^+ \to \mathcal{C}_r(X)^+$$
$$\gamma \longmapsto \gamma \cap (\{P\} \times X)$$

Nebraska Classical Chow group via Chow varieties

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Suslin's Conjecture We get a presentation of the classical Chow group:

$$\operatorname{Hom}(\mathbb{A}^1, \mathcal{C}_r(X))^+ \xrightarrow{i_0^* - i_1^*} \mathcal{C}_r(X)^+ \longrightarrow CH_r(X) \longrightarrow 0$$

Or, in other words, $CH_r(X)$ is " $\pi_0^{alg_n}$ of $\mathcal{C}_r(X)^+$.



Definition of higher Chow groups via Chow varieties

Define the "algebraic *n*-simplex"

$$\Delta^n = \operatorname{Spec} k[x_0, \dots, x_n] / (\sum_i x_i - 1) \cong \mathbb{A}^n$$

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Suslin's Conjecture Then $[n] \mapsto \operatorname{Hom}(\Delta^n, \mathcal{C}_r(X))^+$ is a simplicial abelian group.

Definition

The higher Chow groups of a projective variety X are

$$CH_r(X,n) := \pi_n \left(Hom(\Delta^{\cdot}, \mathcal{C}_r(X))^+ \right)$$
$$= ``\pi_n^{alg} (\mathcal{C}_r(X)^+)".$$

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Note that $CH_r(X, 0) = CH_r(X)$.

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Some properties of the higher Chow groups

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Suslin's Conjecture • Localization sequence: For $Y \subset X$ closed and $U := X \setminus Y$

$$\cdots \to CH_r(Y,1) \to CH_r(X,1) \to CH_r(U,1) \to CH_r(Y,0)$$
$$\to CH_r(X,0) \to CH_r(U,0) \to 0.$$

• Homotopy invariance:

$$CH_r(X,n) \cong CH_{r+m}(X \times \mathbb{A}^m, n)$$

• There is a generalized cycle class map

$$CH_r(X,n) \to H_{2r+n}^{\mathsf{BM}}(X(\mathbb{C})).$$

Here, $H^{\text{BM}} = \text{Borel-Moore homology}$. $H^{\text{BM}} = H^{\text{sing}}$ for compact spaces. This is a map of "Borel-Moore homology" theories.

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Motivic homology notation

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Suslin's Conjecture Let us re-index to get the cycle map to look nicer:

motivic homology $= H_n^{\mathcal{M}}(X, \mathbb{Z}(r)) := CH_r(X, n-2r)$

With this notation, thus classical Chow groups are

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In fact, this notation is even more pleasing if we take into account mixed Hodge structures. We get a map of MHS:

$$H_n^{\mathcal{M}}(X,\mathbb{Z}(r)) \to H_n^{\mathsf{BM}}(X(\mathbb{C}),\mathbb{Z}(r)),$$

where $\mathbb{Z}(r)$ on the right refers to shifting the MHS.



Motivic cohomology

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Suslin's Conjecture I won't define it carefully here, but motivic cohomology is $H^n_{\mathcal{M}}(X,\mathbb{Z}(t)) := \mathbb{H}^n_{Zar}(X,\mathbb{Z}_{\mathcal{M}}(t)).$

The pair

$$H^{\mathcal{M}}_*(X,\mathbb{Z}(*))$$
 and $H^*_{\mathcal{M}}(X,\mathbb{Z}(*))$

form a "Bloch-Ogus" duality theory. In particular, Poincaré duality holds:

$$H^n_{\mathcal{M}}(X,\mathbb{Z}(t)) \cong H^{\mathcal{M}}_{2d-n}(X,\mathbb{Z}(d-t)),$$

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for X smooth.



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Suslin's Conjecture From now on, all varieties are assumed to be quasi-projective varieties over $\mathbb{C}.$

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Algebraic equivalence

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Suslin's Conjecture Two r-cycles γ_1, γ_2 on X are algebraically equivalent if they are members of a family of cycles parametrized by some smooth curve C.

In detail, $\gamma_1 \sim_{alg} \gamma_2$ if there is a cycle

$$\Gamma \xrightarrow{\longleftarrow} C \times X$$
rel. dim. r

and points $c_1, c_2 \in C$ such that the fiber of Γ over c_i is γ_i :

 $\Gamma \cap (\{c_i\} \times X) = \gamma_i, \ i = 1, 2.$

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Define

$$CH_r(X)_{alg.\sim 0} \subset CH_r(X)$$

to be the subgroup generated by $\gamma_1-\gamma_2$ for $\gamma_1\sim_{\rm alg.~equiv.}\gamma_2.$ Let

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For codimension one cycles on a smooth, projective X:

 $CH_{\dim(X)-1}(X)_{alg.\sim 0} = \underline{\operatorname{Pic}}^{0}(X) = \text{abelian variety.}$

The group $CH_{\dim(X)-1}(X)/(\text{alg. equiv.}) = NS(X)$.

For zero cycles on a connected X:

 $CH_0(X)/(\text{alg. equiv.}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ via degree map.

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Inspiration of Lawson homology

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Two points in $\mathcal{C}_{r,e}(X)$ lie in the same connected component iff they are joined by a chain of "paths" of the form $C \to \mathcal{C}_{r,e}(X)$ with C a smooth curve. Each path $C \to \mathcal{C}_{r,e}(X)$ gives a family of cycles indexed by C. We get:

Proposition

For a complex, projective variety X

 $\pi_0 \mathcal{C}_r(X)(\mathbb{C})^+ \cong CH_r(X)/(\text{alg. equiv.}).$

This suggests replacing " π^{alg}_* " with actual homotopy groups...



Definition of Lawson homology

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Suslin's Conjecture For X projective, let $\mathcal{C}(X)(\mathbb{C})$ be complex points of the Chow variety, equipped with the analytic topology. Define

$$\mathcal{Z}_r(X) = \mathcal{C}_r(X)(\mathbb{C})^+$$

to be the "naive" topological group completion of $\mathcal{C}_r(X)(\mathbb{C})$: $\mathcal{Z}_r(X) = \mathcal{C}_r(X)(\mathbb{C}) \times \mathcal{C}_r(X)(\mathbb{C})/\{(\alpha, \beta) \sim (\alpha + \gamma, \beta + \gamma)\}$

Definition

The Lawson homology groups of a complex projective variety \boldsymbol{X} are

$$\mathcal{L}_r H_m(X) = \pi_{m-2r} \left(\mathcal{Z}_r(X) \right).$$

For example, by the proposition above,

 $L_r H_{2r}(X) := \pi_0 \mathcal{Z}_r(X) \cong CH_r(X) / (\text{alg. equiv.}).$

there is a map from motivic to Lawson homology

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Suslin's Conjecture $H_m^{\mathcal{M}}(X,\mathbb{Z}(r)) \to L_r H_m(X)$

given by "applying $\pi^{alg}_* \to \pi_*$ to $\mathcal{Z}_r(X)$ ".

For m = 2r, this is the evident map:

 $H_{2r}^{\mathcal{M}}(X,\mathbb{Z}(r)) = CH_r(X) \twoheadrightarrow CH_r(X)/(\text{alg. equiv.}) = L_rH_{2r}(X).$

Remark

The map $H_m^{\mathcal{M}}(X, \mathbb{Z}(r)) \to L_r H_m(X)$ is certainly not onto in general. In fact, for m > 2r and X smooth, projective, it's reasonable to conjecture the map is torsion.



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Similarly, an element in $H_m^{\mathcal{M}}(X, \mathbb{Z}(r))$ may be visualized as a family of *r*-cycles parametrized by the "algebraic sphere"

$$S^{m-2r}_{alg}:=\partial\Delta^{m-2r+1}$$

The map $H_m^{\mathcal{M}}(X, \mathbb{Z}(r)) \to L_r H_m(X)$ is pull-back along $S^{m-2r} \to S^{m-2r}_{alg}(\mathbb{C}).$

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Visualizing elements of $\pi_1 \mathcal{Z}_r(X)$

An element of $L_r H_{2r+1}(X)$ is a family parametrized by S^1 .

In fact, we may think of classes in $L_rH_{2r+1}(X)$ as giving "two proofs that a pair of cycles γ_1, γ_2 are algebraically equivalent": Suppose

 $\Gamma \subset C \times X$ and $\Gamma' \subset C' \times X$

and we have points $c_1,c_2\in C$ and $c_1',c_2'\in C'$ such that

$$\gamma_1 = \Gamma_{c_1} = \Gamma_{c_1'}$$
 and $\gamma_2 = \Gamma_{c_2} = \Gamma_{c_2'}$.

Pick paths $I \to C, I \to C'$ joining c_1 to c_2 and c'_1 to c'_2 . Let Y be the singular curve obtained by gluing these smooth curves together:

$$Y = C \cup C' = C \amalg C' / (c_1 \sim c'_1, c_2 \sim c'_2)$$

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Visualizing elements of $\pi_1 \mathcal{Z}_r(X)$, cont.

This data determines a loop

$$S^1 \to Y = C \cup C'$$

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Suslin's Conjecture and a family of r-cycles on X



This gives a map

$$S^1 \to Y \xrightarrow{\Gamma_*} \mathcal{Z}_r(X),$$

where $\Gamma_*: y \mapsto \Gamma_y \in \mathcal{Z}_r(X)$, and hence an element of

$$\pi_1 \mathcal{Z}_r(X) = L_r H_{2r+1}(X).$$

Every element of $L_rH_{2r+1}(X)$ is constructed in this manner.



Lawson homology for quasi-projective varieties

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Suslin's Conjecture For U quasi-projective, $U \subset X$ open with X projective, and $Y := X \setminus U.$

$$\mathcal{Z}_r(U) := \mathcal{Z}_r(X) / \mathcal{Z}_r(Y)$$

We define the Lawson homology groups of \boldsymbol{U} as

$$L_r H_m(U) := \pi_{m-2r} \mathcal{Z}_r(U).$$

 $\mathcal{Z}_r(Y) \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}_r(X) \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{Z}_r(U)$ is a fibration sequence. We get a localization long exact sequence:

$$\cdots \to L_r H_{2r+1}(Y) \to L_r H_{2r+1}(X) \to L_r H_{2r+1}(U)$$
$$\to L_r H_{2r}(Y) \to L_r H_{2r}(X) \to L_r H_{2r}(U) \to 0.$$

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• "Base" group is what we wanted:

$$L_r H_{2r}(U) = C H_r(U) / (\text{alg. equiv.}).$$

- there is a natural map $H_m^{\mathcal{M}}(U, \mathbb{Z}(r)) \to L_r H_m(U)$.
- Homotopy invariance:

$$L_r H_n(U) \cong L_{r+m} H_{n+2m}(U \times \mathbb{A}^m).$$

- There is a companion cohomology theory, morphic cohomology, written L^tHⁿ(-). The pair L_{*}H_{*}, L^{*}H^{*} form a Bloch-Ogus duality theory.
- In particular, Poincaré duality holds:

 $L^t H^n(U) \cong L_{d-t} H_{2d-t}(U)$ for U smooth of dim. d.

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Zero cycles: Computing L_0H_m

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Suslin's Conjecture Recall $\mathcal{C}_0(X)(\mathbb{C})=\coprod_{e\geq 0}Symm^e(X(\mathbb{C}))$ for X projective.

The Dold-Thom Theorem states that for a compact CW complex $T{\rm,}$

$$\pi_q\left(\left(\coprod_e Symm^e(T)\right)^+\right) \cong H_q^{\mathsf{sing}}(T,\mathbb{Z})$$

Proposition

For X projective,

 $\pi_n \mathcal{Z}_0(X) =: L_0 H_n(X) \cong H_n^{sing}(X(\mathbb{C})).$

More generally for U quasi-projective,

 $L_0H_n(U) \cong H_n^{BM}(U(\mathbb{C})).$

Nebraska. The s-map on cycle spaces

Define

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})\times\mathcal{Z}_r(X) &\to \mathcal{Z}_r(\mathbb{P}^1\times X) \\ \text{by} & (P,\gamma) &\mapsto \{P\}\times\gamma. \end{split}$$

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$$\mathcal{Z}_r(\mathbb{P}^1 \times X) \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{Z}_r(\mathbb{A}^1 \times X) := \mathcal{Z}_r(\mathbb{P}^1 \times X) / \mathcal{Z}_r(\{*\} \times X)$$

to get

Compose with

$$\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \wedge \mathcal{Z}_r(X) \to \mathcal{Z}_r(\mathbb{A}^1 \times X).$$

By choosing an inverse of the homotopy equivalence $\mathcal{Z}_{r-1}(X) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{Z}_r(\mathbb{A}^1 \times X)$, we get:

$$S^2 \wedge \mathcal{Z}_r(X) = \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \wedge \mathcal{Z}_r(X) \to \mathcal{Z}_{r-1}(X).$$

The adjoint of this is the *s*-map on cycle spaces:

$$s: \mathcal{Z}_r(X) \to \Omega^2 \mathcal{Z}_{r-1}(X).$$

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Nebraska The s-map in Lawson homology

Taking homotopy groups of

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The *s*-map can also be defined as multiplication by the *s*-element in morphic cohomology:

$$s \in L^1 H^0(\operatorname{Spec} \mathbb{C}) \cong \mathbb{Z}.$$

This is the integral analogue of multiplication by the "Bott element" in motivic cohomology:

 $\beta \in H^0_{\mathcal{M}}(\operatorname{Spec} k, \mathbb{Z}/n(1)) \cong \mu_n(k).$

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We get a sequence of maps

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Suslin's Conjecture $L_r H_n(X) \xrightarrow{s} \cdots \xrightarrow{s} L_0 H_n(X) \cong H_n^{\operatorname{sing}}(X(\mathbb{C})).$

whose composition is the generalized cycle map from Lawson homology to singular homology, for X projective:

 $L_rH_n(X) \to H_n^{sing}(X(\mathbb{C}))$

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This generalizes to quasi-projective varieties U:

$$L_r H_n(U) \xrightarrow{s} \cdots \xrightarrow{s} L_0 H_n(U) \cong H_n^{\mathsf{BM}}(U(\mathbb{C}))$$

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The topological filtration

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Suslin's Conjecture

$$F_r^{top}H_m^{\mathsf{sing}}(X) := \operatorname{im}\left(L_rH_m(X) \to H_m^{\mathsf{sing}}(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z})\right)$$

$$F_r^{top}H_m^{\mathsf{sing}}(X) \subset F_{r-1}^{top}H_m^{\mathsf{sing}}(X) \subset \dots \subset F_0^{top}H_m^{\mathsf{sing}}(X) = H_m^{\mathsf{sing}}(X(\mathbb{C}))$$

Conjecture (Friedlander-Mazur)

The topological filtration coincides (rationally) with the filtration by dimension of support ("niveau" filtration) of H_*^{sing} :

$$F_r^{top}H_m^{sing}(X)_{\mathbb{Q}} = N_{m-r}H_m^{sing}(X(\mathbb{C}),\mathbb{Q}).$$

In particular, this conjecture predicts that

$$L_r H_m(X) \to H_m^{\operatorname{sing}}(X(\mathbb{C}))$$

is onto for $m \ge \dim(X) + r$. This is also known as the "Weak Suslin Conjecture".

Natural maps between theories

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Suslin's Conjecture The map from motivic homology to singular homology factors through Lawson homology. For X projective:

 $H_m^{\mathcal{M}}(X,\mathbb{Z}(r)) \to L_r H_m(X) \to H_m^{\mathsf{sing}}(X(\mathbb{C}),\mathbb{Z}(r))$

(These maps are maps of mixed Hodge structures.) When m = 2r, the above sequence is

 $CH_r(X) \twoheadrightarrow CH_r(X)/(\text{alg. equiv.}) \to H_r^{\text{sing}}(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z}(2r)).$

(Recall $H_m^{\mathcal{M}}(X,\mathbb{Z}(r)) \to L_r H_m(X)$ is usually not onto.)

Netural maps for quasi-projective varieties

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Suslin's Conjecture This factorization extends to quasi-projective varieties $\boldsymbol{U},$ and has the form

$$H_m^{\mathcal{M}}(U,\mathbb{Z}(r)) \to L_r H_m(U) \to H_m^{\mathsf{BM}}(U(\mathbb{C}),\mathbb{Z}(r)).$$

(Recall H^{BM} denotes Borel-Moore singular homology and $H^{BM} = H^{sing}$ for compact spaces.)

There are also maps on the corresponding cohomology theories:

$$H^n_{\mathcal{M}}(U,\mathbb{Z}(t)) \to L^t H^n(U) \to H^n_{\operatorname{sing}}(U(\mathbb{C}),\mathbb{Z}(t))$$

and, together with the maps above, they give maps of Bloch-Ogus duality theories.



Known calculations: Codimension one cycles

For \boldsymbol{X} connected, smooth, projective of dimension \boldsymbol{d} we have a fibration sequence

$$\mathbb{P}^{\infty}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrowtail \mathcal{Z}_{d-1}(X) \twoheadrightarrow \underline{\operatorname{Pic}}(X)(\mathbb{C}).$$

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Moreover,

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Suslin's Conjecture $\underline{\operatorname{Pic}}(X)(\mathbb{C}) = NS(X) \times \underline{\operatorname{Pic}}^{0}(X)(\mathbb{C})$

and $\underline{\operatorname{Pic}}^0(X)(\mathbb{C})$ (a torus) is the classifying space of the free abelian group $H^1_{\operatorname{sing}}(X(\mathbb{C}),\mathbb{Z})$. Also, $\mathbb{P}^{\infty}(\mathbb{C}) = K(\mathbb{Z},2)$.

$$\pi_1 \mathcal{Z}_{d-1}(X) \cong \pi_1 \underline{\operatorname{Pic}}^0(X)(\mathbb{C})$$
$$\cong H^1_{\operatorname{sing}}(X(\mathbb{C}))$$
$$\cong H^{\operatorname{sing}}_{2d-1}(X(\mathbb{C})).$$

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Suslin's Conjecture also implies:

$$\pi_0 \mathcal{Z}_{d-1}(X) = NS(X) \subset H^2_{\operatorname{sing}}(X(\mathbb{C})) \cong H^{\operatorname{sing}}_{2d-2}(X(\mathbb{C})).$$

and

$$\pi_2 \mathcal{Z}_{d-1}(X) = \mathbb{Z} = H_{2d}^{\mathsf{sing}}(X(\mathbb{C})).$$

For all smooth, quasi-projective varieties U:

$$L_{d-1}H_m(U) = \begin{cases} H_m^{\text{sing}}(U(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z}) & m \ge 2d-1\\ NS(U) \subset H_m^{\text{BM}}(U(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z}) & n = 2d-2\\ 0 & n < 2d-2 \end{cases}$$



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Suslin's Conjecture There is a class ${\mathcal S}$ of especially "simple" varieties for which

$$L_r H_m(X) \xrightarrow{\cong} W_{-2r} H_m^{\mathsf{BM}}(X) \subset H_m^{\mathsf{BM}}(X).$$

 W_* refers to the (integrally defined) weight filtration on (Borel-Moore) homology. The class S includes:

curves

- toric varieties
- cellular varieties
- smooth, projective surfaces S s.t. $CH_2(S) \twoheadrightarrow H^{sing}(S)$

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Finite coefficients

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Suslin's Conjecture There are variants of motivic homology (= higher Chow groups) and Lawson homology with coefficients in any abelian group A:

$$H_m^{\mathcal{M}}(X, A(r))$$
 and $L_r H_m(X, A)$.

To define them, take homotopy groups with coefficients in A.

Theorem (Suslin-Voevodsky)

For any quasi-projective variety U,

$$H_m^{\mathcal{M}}(U, \mathbb{Z}/n(r)) \xrightarrow{\cong} L_r H_m(U, \mathbb{Z}/n)$$

for all n > 0.

"motivic homology and Lawson homology with finite coefficients coincide"



Illustration of Suslin-Voevodsky theorem for π_0

For example,

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Suslin's Conjecture $H_{2r}^{\mathcal{M}}(X,\mathbb{Z}/n(r)) = CH_r(X;\mathbb{Z}/n) = CH_r(X) \otimes \mathbb{Z}/n$

and

$$L_rH_{2r}(X,\mathbb{Z}/n) = (CH_r(X)/(\text{alg. equiv.}))\otimes \mathbb{Z}/n$$

are isomorphic.

This holds because the kernel $CH_r(X)_{alg.\sim 0}$ of $H_{2r}^{\mathcal{M}}(X, \mathbb{Z}(r)) \twoheadrightarrow L_r H_{2r}(X)$ is divisible.

For example, for codim. one cycles on a smooth, projective X:

$$CH_{\dim(X)-1}(X)_{alg.\sim 0} = \underline{\operatorname{Pic}}^{0}(X)(\mathbb{C}), \text{ a torus.}$$

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Bloch-Kato Theorem in terms of Lawson homology

Theorem (Voevodsky)

For X smooth and n > 0, the map

$$L_r H_m(X, \mathbb{Z}/n) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_m^{BM}(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z}/n)$$

is an isomorphism provided $m \ge d + r$. If m = d + r - 1, this map is injective.

In terms of morphic cohomology:

$$L^t H^p(X, \mathbb{Z}/n) \cong H^p_{sing}(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z}/n) \text{ if } p \le t.$$

Stronger form: Define $a: (Var/\mathbb{C})_{analytic} \to (Var/\mathbb{C})_{Zar}$. Then

$$L^{t}H^{p}(X,\mathbb{Z}/n) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{H}^{p}_{Zar}(X,tr^{\leq t}\mathbb{R}a_{*}\mathbb{Z}/n)$$

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Suslin's Conjecture for Lawson/morphic (co)homology

Conjecture (Suslin's Conjecture — Lawson form)

For a smooth, quasi-projective variety X, the map

$$L_r H_m(X) \to H_m^{sing}(X(\mathbb{C}))$$

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Suslin's Conjecture is an isomorphism for $m \ge d + r$ and a monomorphism for m = d + r - 1.

The cohomological version of Suslin's Conjecture is:

$$L^t H^n(X) \stackrel{?}{\cong} \mathbb{H}^n_{Zar}(X, tr^{\leq t} \mathbb{R}\pi_* \mathbb{Z}),$$

where $\pi: (Var/\mathbb{C})_{analytic} \to (Var/\mathbb{C})_{Zar}$. Thus,

"Suslin's Conjecture = Bloch-Kato with \mathbb{Z} -coefficients (over \mathbb{C})".

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