Symbolic extensions for partially hyperbolic diffeomorphisms

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**Measure theoretic entropy** on the other hand measures the growth rate of orbitz “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.
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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- These properties also imply the existence of equilibrium states.
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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 \( f : M \to M \) be a partially hyperbolic manifold of a compact manifold with a dominated splitting

\[
TM = E^s \oplus E^{c_1} \oplus \cdots \oplus E^{c_k} \oplus E^u
\]

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 $E^{ci}$ (where $i$ depends on $x$) such that $\Gamma_\epsilon(x) \subset \gamma_i(x)$. Since locally in $W^{cs,i}$ the direction $E^{ci}$ 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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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 sympletic 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

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

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

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

In particular,

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