Tate motives and fundamental groups

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(M, 0): pointed topological space $\rightsquigarrow \pi_1(M, 0)$ classifying covering spaces.

The Malcev completion

$$\mathbb{Q}[\pi_1(M,0)]^{\vee} := \lim_{\stackrel{\leftarrow}{n}} \mathbb{Q}[\pi_1(M,0)]/I^n$$

classifies uni-potent local systems of \mathbb{Q} -vector spaces.

This part of π_1 is approachable through rational homotopy theory.

For M a manifold, the rational homotopy theory is determined by the de Rham complex.

(X, x): a k-scheme with a \overline{k} point x.

 $\pi_1^{alg}(X,x)$: Grothendieck fundamental group: classifies algebraic "covering spaces".

 $\pi_1^{geom}(X,x) := \pi_1^{alg}(X imes_k \overline{k}, x)$: the geometric fundamental group

The fundamental exact sequence:

$$1 \longrightarrow \pi_1^{geom}(X, x) \longrightarrow \pi_1^{alg}(X, x) \longrightarrow \pi_1^{alg}(\operatorname{Spec} k, \bar{x}) \longrightarrow 1$$
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$$\operatorname{Gal}(\bar{k}/k)$$

For $M = X(\mathbb{C})$,

 $\pi_1^{geom}(X,x) \cong$ pro-finite completion of $\pi_1(X(\mathbb{C}),x)$.

Taking the \mathbb{Q}_p Malcev completion of the *p*-part of $\pi_1^{geom}(X, x)$ gives a *p*-adic version of $\mathbb{Q}[\pi_1(X(\mathbb{C}), x)]^{\vee}$:

The pro-finite, pro-uni-potent completion of π_1 is "algebraic".

Suppose k is a number field and X is an open subscheme of \mathbb{P}^1_k

Deligne-Goncharov lift the Malcev completion $\mathbb{Q}[\pi_1(X(\mathbb{C}), x)]^{\vee}$ to a "pro-algebraic group over mixed Tate motives over k":

 $\mathbb{Q}[\pi_1(X(\mathbb{C}), x)]^{\vee}$ is a motive.

Via the comparison isomorphism, this also gives a motivic version of the Malcev completion of $\pi_1^{geom}(X, x)$.

Question:

What about a motivic lifting of the Malcev completion of $\pi_1^{alg}(X, x)$?

Answer:

The motivic lifting is given by the Tannaka group of the category of mixed Tate motives over X (under appropriate assumptions).

Suitably interpreted, this agrees with the Deligne-Goncharov motivic π_1 : Mixed Tate motives over X are uni-potent local systems on X of mixed Tate motives over k.

Tate motives

Voevodsky has defined a tensor triangulated category of geometric motives, $DM_{gm}(k)$, over a perfect field k.

Cisinski-Deglise have extended this to a tensor triangulated category of geometric motives, $DM_{gm}(S)$, over a base-scheme S.

The constructions starts with the category Cor(S) of finite correspondences over S:

 $\operatorname{Hom}_{\operatorname{Cor}(S)}(X,Y) := \mathbb{Z}\{W \subset X \times_S Y \mid W \text{ is irreducible and} \\ W \to X \text{ is finite and surjective}\}$

Set PST(S) := category of additive presheaves on Cor(S).

Motives over a base

DM(S) is formed by localizing C(PST(S)) and inverting the Lefschetz motive. $DM_{gm}(S) \subset DM(S)$ is generated by the motives

$$m_{\mathcal{S}}(X) := \operatorname{Hom}_{\operatorname{Cor}(\mathcal{S})}(-, X)$$

for X smooth over S.

There are also Tate motives $\mathbb{Z}_{S}(n)$ and Tate twists $m_{S}(X)(n) := m_{S}(X) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_{S}(n)$.

For S smooth over k:

$$\begin{split} \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathsf{DM}_{\mathsf{gm}}(S)}(m_{S}(X),\mathbb{Z}_{S}(n)[m]) \\ &= \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathsf{DM}_{\mathsf{gm}}(k)}(m_{k}(X),\mathbb{Z}(n)[m]) \\ &= H^{m}(X,\mathbb{Z}(n)) = \operatorname{CH}^{n}(X,2n-m). \end{split}$$

Definition

Let X be a smooth k-scheme. The triangulated category of Tate motives over X, $DTM(X) \subset DM_{gm}(X)_{\mathbb{Q}}$, is the full triangulated subcategory of $DM_{gm}(X)_{\mathbb{Q}}$ generated by objects $\mathbb{Q}_X(p)$, $p \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Note.

$$\begin{split} \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathsf{DM}_{\mathsf{gm}}(X)_{\mathbb{Q}}}(\mathbb{Q}_{X}(0),\mathbb{Q}_{X}(n)[m]) \\ &= H^{m}(X,\mathbb{Q}(n)) \cong \operatorname{CH}^{n}(X,2n-m) \otimes \mathbb{Q} \\ &\cong K_{2n-m}(X)^{(n)}, \end{split}$$

so Tate motives contain a lot of information.

Tate motives Weight filtration

 $W_{\leq n}DTM(X) :=$ the triangulated subcategory generated by $\mathbb{Q}_X(-m)$, $m \leq n$ $W_{\geq n}DTM(X) :=$ the triangulated subcategory generated by $\mathbb{Q}_X(-m)$, $m \geq n$

• There are exact truncation functors

$$W_{\leq n}, W_{\geq n}: DTM(X) \to DTM(X)$$

with $W_{\leq n}M$ in $W_{\leq n}DTM(X)$, $W_{\geq n}M$ in $W_{\geq n}DTM(X)$.

• there are canonical distinguished triangles

$$W_{\leq n}M \to M \to W_{\geq n+1}M \to W_{\leq n}M[1]$$

• There is a canonical "filtration"

$$0 = W_{\leq N-1}M \to W_{\leq N}M \to \ldots \to W_{\leq N'-1}M \to W_{\leq N'}M = M.$$

Define

$$\operatorname{gr}_n^W M := W_{\leq n} W_{\geq n} M.$$

 $\operatorname{gr}_{n}^{W}M$ is in the subcategory $W_{=n}DTM(X)$ generated by $\mathbb{Q}_{X}(-n)$: $W_{=n}DTM(X) \cong D^{b}(\mathbb{Q}\operatorname{-Vec})$

since

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{DTM(X)}(\mathbb{Q}(-n),\mathbb{Q}(-n)[m]) = H^m(X,\mathbb{Q}(0)) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } m \neq 0 \\ \mathbb{Q} & \text{if } m = 0 \end{cases}$$

Thus, it makes sense to take $H^p(gr_n^W M)$.

t-structure

Definition

Let MTM(X) be the full subcategory of DTM(X) with objects those M such that

$$H^p(\operatorname{gr}_n^W M) = 0$$

for $p \neq 0$ and for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Theorem

Suppose that X satisfies the \mathbb{Q} -Beilinson-Soulé vanishing conjectures:

 $H^p(X,\mathbb{Q}(q))=0$

for q > 0, $p \le 0$. Then MTM(X) is an abelian rigid tensor category.

MTM(X) is the category of mixed Tate motives over X.

In addition:

- 1. MTM(X) is closed under extensions in DTM(X): if $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow A[1]$ is a distinguished triangle in DTM(X) with $A, C \in MTM(X)$, then B is in MTM(X).
- MTM(X) contains the Tate objects Q(n), n ∈ Z, and is the smallest additive subcategory of DTM(X) containing these and closed under extension.
- 3. The weight filtration on DTM(X) induces a exact weight filtration on MTM(X), with

$$\operatorname{gr}_n^W M \cong \mathbb{Q}(-n)^{r_n}$$

Finally:

$$M \in MTM(X) \mapsto \oplus_n \operatorname{gr}_n^W M \in \mathbb{Q}$$
-Vec

defines an exact faithful tensor functor

$$\omega: MTM(X)
ightarrow \mathbb{Q} ext{-Vec}:$$

MTM(X) is a Tannakian category. Tannakian duality gives:

Theorem

Suppose that X satisfies the \mathbb{Q} -Beilinson-Soulé vanishing conjectures. Let $\mathfrak{G}(X) = \operatorname{Gal}(MTM(X), \omega) := \operatorname{Aut}^{\otimes}(\omega)$. Then

- 1. MTM(X) equivalent to the category of finite dimensional \mathbb{Q} -representations of $\mathfrak{G}(X)$.
- 2. There is a pro-unipotent group scheme $\mathcal{U}(X)$ over \mathbb{Q} with $\mathfrak{G}(X) \cong \mathcal{U}(X) \ltimes \mathbb{G}_m$

Let k be a number field. Borel's theorem tells us that k satisfies B-S vanishing. In fact $H^p(k, \mathbb{Q}(n)) = 0$ for $p \neq 1$ $(n \neq 0)$. This implies Proposition

Let k be a number field. Then $\mathcal{L}(k) := \text{Lie } \mathcal{U}(k)$ is the free graded pro-nilpotent Lie algebra on $\bigoplus_{n\geq 1} H^1(k, \mathbb{Q}(n))^*$, with $H^1(k, \mathbb{Q}(n))^*$ in degree -n.

Note. $H^1(k, \mathbb{Q}(n)) = \mathbb{Q}^{d_n}$ with $d_n = r_1 + r_2$ (n > 1 odd) or r_2 (n > 1 even).

 $H^1(k, \mathbb{Q}(1)) = \oplus_{\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathcal{O}_k} \operatorname{prime} \mathbb{Q}.$

Example $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{Q}) = \text{Lie}_{\mathbb{Q}} < [2], [3], [5], \dots, s_3, s_5, \dots >$, with [p] in degree -1 and with s_{2n+1} in degree -(2n+1).

 $MTM(\mathbb{Q}) = \mathsf{GrRep}(\mathsf{Lie}_{\mathbb{Q}} < [2], [3], [5], \ldots, s_3, s_5, \ldots >)$

Here is our main result:

Theorem

Let X be a smooth k-scheme with a k-point x. Suppose that

- 1. X satisfies B-S vanishing.
- 2. $m_k(X) \in DM_{gm}(k)_{\mathbb{Q}}$ is in DTM(k).

Then there is an exact sequence of pro group schemes over \mathbb{Q} :

$$1 \to \pi_1^{DG}(X, x) \to \operatorname{Gal}(MTM(X), \omega) \to \operatorname{Gal}(MTM(k), \omega) \to 1$$

where $\pi_1^{DG}(X, x)$ is the Deligne-Goncharov motivic π_1 .

Comments on the fundamental exact sequence:

• The k-point $x \in X(k)$ gives a splitting:

$$1 \to \pi_1^{DG}(X, x) \to \operatorname{Gal}(MTM(X), \omega) \underset{X_*}{\overset{p_*}{\hookrightarrow}} \operatorname{Gal}(MTM(k), \omega) \to 1$$

making $\pi_1^{DG}(X, x)$ a pro algebraic group over MTM(k): a mixed Tate motive.

This agrees with the motivic structure of Deligne-Goncharov.

Fundamental exact sequence

$$1 \rightarrow \pi_1^{DG}(X, x) \rightarrow \operatorname{Gal}(MTM(X), \omega) \xrightarrow{p_*}_{\underset{X_*}{\leftarrow}} \operatorname{Gal}(MTM(k), \omega) \rightarrow 1$$

• $\pi_1^{DG}(X, x) \cong$ the pro uni-potent completion of $\pi_1^{top}(X(\mathbb{C}), x)$. So

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\pi_1^{DG}(X, x)) \\ & \cong \text{ uni-potent local systems of } \mathbb{Q}\text{-vector spaces on } X. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{split} MTM(X) &\cong Rep_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathrm{Gal}(MTM(X), \omega) \\ &\cong \text{ uni-potent local systems in } MTM(k) \text{ on } X. \end{split}$$

DG algebras and rational homotopy theory

(M, 0): a pointed manifold. The loop space ΩM has a cosimplicial model:

$$pt \Longrightarrow M \overleftrightarrow{\longrightarrow} M^2 \overleftrightarrow{\longleftrightarrow} M^3 \cdots$$

 $F[\pi_1(M,0)]^* = H^0(\Omega M,F)$, so we expect

$$H^0\left(C^*(pt,F) \leftarrow C^*(M,F) \leftarrow C^*(M^2,F) \cdots\right) = F[\pi_1(M,0)]^*$$

Due to convergence problems, get instead

$$H^0\left(C^*(pt,F) \leftarrow C^*(M,F) \leftarrow C^*(M^2,F) \cdots\right) = (F[\pi_1(M,0)]^{\vee})^*$$

By the Künneth formula $C^*(M^n,F) \sim C^*(M,F)^{\otimes n}$ so

$$(F[\pi_1(M,0)]^{\vee})^*$$

$$\cong H^0 \left(C^*(pt,F) \leftarrow C^*(M,F) \leftarrow C^*(M^2,F) \cdots \right)$$

$$\cong H^0 \left(F \leftarrow C^*(M,F) \leftarrow C^*(M,F)^{\otimes 2} \cdots \right)$$

$$= H^0(BC^*(M,F))$$

 $BC^*(M, F) :=$ the reduced bar construction.

Taking $F = \mathbb{R}$, use the de Rham complex for $C^*(M, \mathbb{R})$:

the de Rham complex computes the Malcev completion $\mathbb{R}[\pi_1(M, 0)]^{\vee}$.

Some general theory:

Let (A, d) be a commutative differential graded algebra over a field F:

• $A = \bigoplus_n A^n$ as a graded-commutative \mathbb{Q} -algebra

▶ *d* has degree +1, $d^2 = 0$ and $d(xy) = dx \cdot y + (-1)^{\deg x} x \cdot dy$. For a cdga *A* over *F* with $\epsilon : A \to F$, the reduced bar construction is:

$$B(A,\epsilon) = \operatorname{Tot} \left(F \leftarrow A \leftarrow A^{\otimes 2} \leftarrow \ldots \right)$$

Some useful facts:

- $H^0(B(A, \epsilon))$ is a filtered Hopf algebra over F.
- ► The associated pro-group scheme G(A, ε) := Spec H⁰(B(A, ε)) is pro uni-potent.
- The isomorphism

$$H^{0}(BC^{*}(M,F)) \cong (F[\pi_{1}(M,0)]^{\vee})^{*}$$

is an isomorphism of Hopf algebras: For $G = \operatorname{Spec} H^0(BC^*(M, F))$,

 $Rep_F G \cong$ uni-potent local systems of F vector spaces on M.

We have associated a pro uni-potent algebraic group $\mathcal{G}(A, \epsilon) := \operatorname{Spec} H^0(B(A, \epsilon))$ to an augemented cdga (A, ϵ) .

We associate a cdga to a pro uni-potent algebraic group \mathcal{G} by taking the cochain complex $C^*(\text{Lie}(\mathcal{G}), F)$.

 $C^*(\text{Lie}(\mathfrak{G}(A, \epsilon)), F)$ is the 1-minimal model \tilde{A} of A.

We recover $\mathcal{L} = \text{Lie}(\mathcal{G}(A, \epsilon))$ from \tilde{A} by $\mathcal{L}^* = \tilde{A}^1$. The dual of the Lie bracket is

$$d: \tilde{A}^1 \to \Lambda^2 \tilde{A}^1 = \tilde{A}^2.$$

One can construct the abelian category of representations of $\mathcal{G}(A, \epsilon)$ without going through the bar construction by using the derived category of *A*-modules.

A dg module over A, (M, d) is

- $M = \bigoplus_n M^n$ a graded A-module
- ► *d* has degree +1, $d^2 = 0$ and $d_M(xm) = d_A x \cdot + (-1)^{\deg x} x \cdot d_M m$.

This gives the category \mathbf{d} . \mathbf{g} . \mathbf{Mod}_{A} .

Inverting quasi-isomorphisms of dg modules gives the derived category of A-modules D(A). The bounded derived category is the subcategory with objects the "semi-free" finitely generated dg A-modules.

In applications, A has an Adams grading:

$$A = F \oplus \oplus_{q \ge 1} A_q = F \oplus A_+;$$

we require an Adams grading on A-modules as well. For a semi-free A-module $M = \bigoplus_i A \cdot e_i$, set

$$W_{\leq n}M := \oplus_{i,|e_i|\leq n}A \cdot e_i$$

Theorem (Kriz-May)

Let A be an Adams graded cdga over F. 1. $M \mapsto W_{\leq n}M$ induces an exact weight filtration on $D^b(A)$.

2. Suppose $H^p(A_+) = 0$ for $p \le 0$ (cohomologically connected). Then $D^b(A)$ has a t-structure with heart $\mathfrak{H}(A)$ equivalent to the category of graded representations of $\mathfrak{G}(A)$.

Tate motives and rational homotopy theory

We view Tate motives as dg modules over the cycle cdga:

- ► For a smooth scheme X, we construct a cdga N(X) out of algebraic cycles (Bloch, Joshua).
- The bounded derived category of dg modules is equivalent to DTM(X).
- If X satisfies B-S vanishing, N(X) is cohomologically connected and the heart of D^b(N(X)) is equivalent to MTM(X).

$$\Box^1 := (\mathbb{A}^1, 0, 1), \ \Box^n := (\mathbb{A}^1, 0, 1)^n. \ \Box^n \text{ has faces}$$

$$t_{i_1} = \epsilon_1 \dots t_{t_r} = \epsilon_r. \ S_n \text{ acts on } \Box^n \text{ by permuting the coordinates.}$$

Definition

X: a smooth k-scheme.

$$\mathcal{C}^q(X,n) := \mathbb{Z} \{ W \subset X \times \square^n \times \mathbb{A}^q \mid W \text{ is irreducible and} \\ W \to X \times \square^n \text{ is dominant and quasi-finite.} \}$$

$$\mathcal{N}(X)_q^n := \mathcal{C}^q(X, 2q-n)^{\mathrm{Alt}_{\square}\mathrm{Sym}_{\mathbb{A}}}/degn.$$

Restriction to faces $t_i = 0, 1$ gives a differential d on $\mathcal{N}(X)_q^*$. Product of cycles (over X) makes $\mathcal{N}(X) := \mathbb{Q} \oplus \bigoplus_{q \ge 1} \mathcal{N}(X)_q^*$ a cdga over \mathbb{Q} .

Proposition

1. $H^p(\mathcal{N}(X)_q) \cong H^p(X, \mathbb{Q}(q)).$

2. $\mathcal{N}(X)$ is cohomologically connected iff X satisfies the \mathbb{Q} -Beilinson-Soule' vanishing conjectures

Theorem (Spitzweck, extended by L.)

1. There is a natural equivalence of triangulated tensor categories with weight filtrations

$$D^b(\mathcal{N}(X)) \sim DTM(X)$$

2. If X satisfies the B-S vanishing, then the equivalence in (1) induces an equivalence of (filtered) Tannakian categories

 $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{N}(X)) \sim MTM(X)$

Idea of proof. Recall: $DTM(X) \subset DM(X)_{\mathbb{Q}}$: a localization of $C(\mathsf{PST}(X))_{\mathbb{Q}})$.

Sending Y to $\mathcal{N}(Y)$ defines a presheaf \mathcal{N}_X of graded $\mathcal{N}(X)$ -algebras in $C(\mathsf{PST}(X))_{\mathbb{Q}}$.

 \mathcal{N}_X gives a tilting module to relate $D^b(\mathcal{N}(X))$ and DTM(X): Sending a semi-free $\mathcal{N}(X)$ module M to $\mathcal{N}_X \otimes_{\mathcal{N}(X)} M$ defines a functor

 $\phi: D^b(\mathcal{N}(X)) \to DTM(X).$

By calculation, the Hom's agree on Tate objects $\rightsquigarrow \phi$ is an equivalence.

Corollary (Main identification) Suppose X satisfies B-S vanishing. Then

$$\operatorname{Gal}(MTM(X), \omega) \cong \operatorname{Spec} H^0(B\mathcal{N}(X)).$$

We use this to prove our main result: There is a split exact sequence

$$1 \longrightarrow \pi_1^{DG}(X, x) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Gal}(MTM(X), \omega) \xrightarrow{p_*}_{\underset{X_*}{\longleftarrow}} \operatorname{Gal}(MTM(k), \omega) \longrightarrow 1$$

Thus, we need to identify $\pi_1^{DG}(X, x)$ with the kernel of

$$p_*:\operatorname{Spec} H^0(B\mathcal{N}(X))\to \operatorname{Spec} H^0(B\mathcal{N}(k)).$$

The Deligne-Goncharov motivic π_1 is defined by:

Let X^{\bullet} be the cosimplicial loop space of X:

Spec
$$k \xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} X \xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} X^2 \xrightarrow{\longleftarrow} X^3 \cdots$$

Then

$$\pi_1^{DG}(X,x) := \operatorname{Spec} \operatorname{gr}^W_* H^0(m_k(X^{\bullet})^*).$$

where:

$$DTM(k) \xrightarrow{H^0} MTM(k) \xrightarrow{\operatorname{gr}^W_*} \mathbb{Q} - \operatorname{Vec}$$

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Tate motives and the fundamental exact sequence

Via $x^* : \mathcal{N}(X) \to \mathcal{N}(k), \ p^* : \mathcal{N}(k) \to \mathcal{N}(X)$ define the relative bar complex

$$B(\mathfrak{N}(X)/\mathfrak{N}(k)) := \mathfrak{N}(k) \leftarrow \mathfrak{N}(X) \leftarrow \mathfrak{N}(X)^{\otimes^L_{\mathcal{N}(k)}2} \leftarrow \dots$$

and

$$\mathfrak{G}(X/k) := \operatorname{Spec} H^0 B(\mathfrak{N}(X)/\mathfrak{N}(k)).$$

The theory of augmented cdgas gives us a split exact sequence

$$1 \longrightarrow \mathfrak{G}(X/k) \longrightarrow \mathfrak{G}(X) \xrightarrow{p_*}_{X_*} \mathfrak{G}(k) \longrightarrow 1$$

Thus, we need to show that

$$H^0B(\mathcal{N}(X)/\mathcal{N}(k)) = \operatorname{gr}^W_*H^0(m_k(X^{\bullet})^*).$$

Tate motives

Tate motives and the fundamental exact sequence

Since X is assumed to be a Tate motive, we have the Künneth formula:

$$\mathfrak{N}(X^n) \cong \mathfrak{N}(X)^{\otimes_{\mathcal{N}(k)}^{L} n}$$

The Künneth formula also gives

$$m_k(X^n)^*\cong \mathfrak{N}_{X^n}\cong \mathfrak{N}_k\otimes^L_{\mathfrak{N}(k)}\mathfrak{N}(X^n).$$

This identifies

$$m_k(X^{\bullet})^* \cong \mathcal{N}_k \otimes^L_{\mathcal{N}(k)} \left(\mathcal{N}(k) \leftarrow \mathcal{N}(X) \leftarrow \mathcal{N}(X)^{\otimes^L_{\mathcal{N}(k)}^2} \leftarrow \ldots \right)$$

and

$$\operatorname{gr}^W_* H^0(m_k(X^{\bullet})^*) \cong H^0B(\mathcal{N}(X)/\mathcal{N}(k)).$$

Hence

$$\pi_1^{DG}(X,x) \cong \mathfrak{G}(X/k).$$

Applications and problems

- Concrete computations of Hodge/étale realizations of interesting mixed Tate motives: polylog, higher polylog motives.
- Tangential base-points?
- Approach to the Deligne-Ihara conjecture via Tate motives and rational homotopy theory.
- ► Grothendieck-Teichmüller theory for mixed Tate motives.
- Understanding Borel's theorem.
- Extensions to mixed Artin Tate motives and elliptic motives.

Thank you!