Asymptotic Expansion for Cycles in Homology Classes for Graphs

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Abstract In this paper we give an asymptotic expansion including error terms for the number of cycles in homology classes for connected graphs. Mainly, we obtain formulae about the coefficients of error terms which depend on the homology classes and give two examples of how to calculate the coefficient of first error term.

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1. Introduction

The estimation of the number of closed orbits for certain flows has been studied by many authors such as Refs.[2], [4] and [9]. The error terms of asymptotic expansion were not known until the works of Dolgopyat[3] on Anosov flows, where he obtained strong results on the contractivity of the transfer operator. These results led Anantharaman[1], Pollicott and Sharp[10] and Liu[5] to find full expansions of expression for the number of closed orbits for Anosov flows. The key to these methods lies in reduction of calculating closed orbits of an Anosov flow to calculating closed orbits of a suspended flow or to calculating periodic points of a subshift of finite type[8].

This strategy led us to consider the number of cycles of a connected graph in this article.

A graph $G$ is defined to be a pair $(V, E)$, where $V$ is a set $\{V_1, V_2, \ldots, V_n\}$ of elements called vertices, and $E$ is a family $\{e_1, e_2, \ldots, e_m\}$ of (undirected) edges joining elements of $V$. There may be more than one edge joining the two vertices. If a vertex is joined to itself by an edge, we call this edge a loop. We will only consider the connected finite graphs in this article.

It is convenient to speak of graph in which each edge has an orientation attached to it. In this case, we call the graph an oriented graph. We can associate to an undirected graph $G$ with $n$ vertices and $m$ edges, and an oriented graph $G_o$ with $n$ vertices and $2m$ edges. An oriented graph $G_o$ is a pair $(V, E)$, where $E$ is a set of ordered pairs of elements of $V$. For $e \in E$, we denote by $I(e)$ the initial endpoint of $e$ and $T(e)$ the terminal endpoint of $e$. 

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We label the edges of oriented graph $G_o$ by $1, 2, \ldots, 2m$. For example, Figure 1.1 is a undirected graph with 3 vertices and 4 edges and Figure 1.2 is the corresponding oriented graph to Figure 1.1.

A chain is a sequence $u = (u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_q)$ of edges of $G_o$ such that each edge in the sequence has one endpoint in common with its predecessor in the sequence and its other endpoint in common with its successor in the sequence, i.e., $T(u_i) = I(u_{i+1})$, $i = 1, 2, \ldots, q - 1$.

A cycle $\gamma$ is a chain such that the two endpoints of the chain are the same vertex, i.e., a chain $(u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_q)$ is a cycle if $T(u_q) = I(u_1)$. The edge length of a cycle $\gamma$ is defined by the number of edges in $\gamma$. We say a cycle $\gamma = (u_1 \ldots, u_q)$ has backtracking if $u_i = -u_{i+1}$ for some $i$, $1 \leq i \leq q - 1$, where $-u_{i+1}$ is the reverse of $u_{i+1}$.

We assign a length to each edge and denote the length of $e_i$ by $l(e_i)$. For the corresponding oriented graph, we have $l(e_i) = l(-e_i)$. The length of a chain $(u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_n)$ is $l(u_1) + l(u_2) + \cdots + l(u_n)$.

We denote by $H_1(G, \mathbb{Z})$ the homology group of $G$. For convenience, we assume that $H_1(G, \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}$ or $H_1(G, \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}^b \oplus H$. Since the torsion subgroup $H$ is finite, the results then will only differ by a multiplicative constant.

Let $\Gamma$ be the set of cycles in graph $G$. For $\gamma \in \Gamma$ we denote by $[\gamma]$ the homology class in $H_1(G, \mathbb{Z})$. Let $l(\gamma)$ be the length of $\gamma$.

For $\alpha \in H_1(G, \mathbb{Z})$, let

$$
\pi(T, \alpha) = \# \{ \gamma \in \Gamma, l(\gamma) \leq T, [\gamma] = \alpha \}.
$$

We will give the asymptotic formulae for $\pi(T, \alpha)$ which is similar to the case of homologically full transitive Anosov flow Ref. [5]. But we will concentrate on how to calculate the first error term for special cases in this paper.

We briefly outline the contents of this article. In Section 2, we explain how, through the use of symbolic dynamics, the counting problem for cycles can be reduced to one for periodic points for a subshift of finite type. In Section 4, we introduce a function $Z(s, v)$ and derive some important properties of its analytic extension which can be used to obtain the formula for distribution of cycles including error terms, that is, Theorem 1. We specify the coefficient for the first error term in this section. In the last two sections we will give two examples for how to calculate the coefficient of the first error term, where we use two different methods. Since the
calculating coefficient of first error term involves the derivatives of a function \( \beta(u) \) which will be introduced in Section 3, we will give some formulae of derivatives of \( \beta(u) \) in this section.

2. Symbolic dynamics

For a graph \( G \) with \( m \) edges there exists a \( 2m \times 2m \) matrix \( A_G \) with zero-one entries associated with the corresponding oriented graph \( G_0 \). The matrix \( A_G \) can be defined in the following way.

For \( 1 \leq i, j \leq 2m \), if the terminal endpoint of edge \( i \) is equal to the initial endpoint of edge \( j \), then \( A(i, j) = 1 \), otherwise \( A(i, j) = 0 \). For example, the matrix associated with Figure 1.2 is

\[
A_G = \begin{pmatrix}
1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0
\end{pmatrix}.
\]

Let \( A = (a_{ij}) \) be a \( k \times k \) matrix. We say \( A \) is non-negative if \( a_{ij} \geq 0 \) for all \( i, j \). Such a matrix is called irreducible if for any pair \( i, j \) there is some \( n \) such that \( a_{ij}^{(n)} > 0 \), where \( a_{ij}^{(n)} \) is \( (i, j) \)-th element of \( A^n \), i.e., \( a_{ij}^{(n)} = A^n_{ij} \). The matrix \( A \) is aperiodic if there exists \( n > 0 \) such that \( a_{ij}^{(n)} > 0 \) for all \( i, j \).

It is easy to see that the graph \( G \) is connected if and only if associated \( A_G \) is irreducible. So if \( A_G \) is aperiodic, then \( G \) is connected. But if \( G \) is connected, \( A_G \) may be not aperiodic. For example, a bipartite graph is connected but the associated matrix is not aperiodic. Where we say a graph \( G \) is bipartite if its vertex set can be partitioned into two classes such that no two adjacent vertices belong to the same class. A graph is bipartite if and only if it possesses no cycles of odd edge length. However, it is easy to prove that

**Lemma 1** If \( G \) is connected and it is not bipartite, then associated matrix \( A_G \) is aperiodic.

We will only consider connected graph \( G \) whose corresponding matrix \( A_G \) is aperiodic.

We define \( \Sigma_A \) by

\[
\Sigma_A = \{ x \in \prod_{0}^{\infty} \{1, 2, \ldots, 2m\} : A_G(x_i, x_{i+1}) = 1, \forall i \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \}.
\]

The subshift of finite type \( \sigma : \Sigma_A \to \Sigma_A \) is defined by subshift

\[
(\sigma x)_i = x_{i+1}.
\]

We define \( r : \Sigma_A \to \mathbb{R}^+ \) by \( r(x) = l(x_0) \). Then

\[
l(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) = r(x) + r(\sigma x) + \cdots + r(\sigma^{n-1} x) = : r^n(x).
\]

There is a one-one correspondence between closed orbits \( \{ x, \sigma x, \ldots, \sigma^{n-1} x \} \) for \( \sigma : \Sigma_A \to \Sigma_A \)
and cycles of the graph $G$. The least length of corresponding cycle is $r^n(x)$.

There exists $f = (f_1, f_2, \ldots, f_b) : \Sigma_A \to \mathbb{R}^b$ such that for $\gamma \in \Gamma$, $[\gamma] = f^n(x)$ for some $n, x$ with $\sigma^n x = x$. We can even make $f(x)$ just depend on one co-ordinate, i.e., $f(x) = f(x_0)^8$.

**Remark** If $A_G$ is connected but not aperiodic, then it is a bipartite graph. In this case, we can decompose $\Sigma_A$ by $\Sigma_A = \Sigma_0 \cup \Sigma_1$, which satisfies

$$\sigma : \Sigma_0 \to \Sigma_1, \quad \Sigma_1 \to \Sigma_0.$$ 

So $\sigma^2 : \Sigma_A \to \Sigma_A$ satisfies $\sigma^2 : \Sigma_0 \to \Sigma_0, \Sigma_1 \to \Sigma_1$. We define

$$R(x) := r^2(x) = r(x) + r(\sigma x),$$

and

$$F(x) := f^2(x) = f(x) + f(\sigma x).$$

There is one-one correspondence between closed orbits $\{x, (\sigma^2)x, \ldots, (\sigma^{n-1})x\}$ for $\sigma^2 : \Sigma_0 \to \Sigma_0$ or $(\Sigma_1 \to \Sigma_1)$ and cycles of the graph $G$. The least length of corresponding cycle is $R^n(x)$, which is the same as $A_G$ is aperiodic.

In order to obtain a positive result, we shall only consider the graphs satisfying the following conditions$^{[10]}$.

(A) Weak-Mixing. The closed subgroup of $\mathbb{R}$ generated by $\{l(\gamma)\} (\gamma \in \Gamma)$ is $\mathbb{R}$.

(B) Approximability Condition. There exist three cycles $\gamma_1, \gamma_2$ and $\gamma_3$ with least lengths $l(\gamma_1), l(\gamma_2)$ and $l(\gamma_3)$, respectively, such that

$$\zeta = \frac{l(\gamma_1) - l(\gamma_2)}{l(\gamma_2) - l(\gamma_3)}$$

is badly approximable, i.e., there exist $\alpha > 0$ and $C > 0$ such that $|\zeta - \frac{p}{q}| \geq \frac{C}{q^\alpha}$, for all $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$, $q > 0$.

The set of $\zeta$ satisfying this condition is a large set. For example, it is a set of full measure in the real line. Moreover, its complement has Hausdorff dimension zero.

### 3. Derivatives of function $\beta(u)$

In this section, we first briefly review the pressure function and then calculate the derivatives of associated function $\beta(u)$. The pressure function $P : C(\Sigma_A) \to \mathbb{R}$ is defined by

$$P(g) = \sup_{m \in M_\sigma} \{h_m(\sigma) + \int gdm\},$$

where $M_\sigma$ is the set of $\sigma$-invariant probability measures and $h_m(\sigma)$ is the entropy of $\sigma$ with respect to $m$. Let $h$ be the unique number such that $P(-hr) = 0$. Without loss of generality, we assume $\int f d\mu_{-hr} = 0$, where $\mu_{-hr}$ is the equilibrium state of $-hr$.

For $u \in \mathbb{R}^b$, the function $\beta(u) : \mathbb{R}^b \to \mathbb{R}$ is defined by

$$P(-\beta(u)r + \langle u, f \rangle) = 0.$$  (1)
We refer to Ref. [4] for this formula.

The third and fourth order derivatives of \( \beta \) with respect to \( u_i \) are as follows.

\[
\frac{\partial^3 \beta(0)}{\partial u_i \partial u_j \partial u_m} = \frac{1}{\int \rho \mu_{-hr}} \left( \frac{\partial^3 P(-hr + \langle u, f \rangle)}{\partial u_i \partial u_j \partial u_m} \right)_{u=0} + \\
\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial \beta \partial u_i} \frac{\partial^2 \beta}{\partial u_j \partial u_m} + \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial \beta \partial u_j} \frac{\partial^2 \beta}{\partial u_i \partial u_m} + \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial \beta \partial u_m} \frac{\partial^2 \beta}{\partial u_i \partial u_j} \big|_{\beta=hr, u=0}.
\]
Under conditions (A) and (B), there exist Proposition 1 as in Ref. [5] or more originally in Ref. [10], we obtain the following proposition.

For $k > 4$, $\nabla \beta^k(0)$ is more complicated. But for some special graph $G$, $\nabla \beta^k(0)$ may be easy to calculate.

4. Distribution of cycles

Let $g$ be of class $C^\infty$ with compact support. For $\alpha \in H_1(G, \mathbb{Z})$, we first estimate the auxiliary function

$$\pi_g(T, \alpha) = \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma, |\gamma| = \alpha} g(l(\gamma) - T).$$

Let $\hat{g}$ be the Fourier transform of $g$. By Fourier’s Inverse Transform Formula,

$$\pi_g(T, \alpha) = \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^k/\mathbb{Z}^k} \hat{g}(-i\sigma + t)e^{-(\sigma + it)(l(\gamma) - T)}e^{(2\pi i v, \gamma)}e^{-(2\pi i v, \alpha)} dv dt
\begin{align*}
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^k/\mathbb{Z}^k} Z(\sigma + it, v)e^{(\sigma + it)T} \hat{g}(-i\sigma + t)e^{-2\pi i(v, \alpha)} dv dt,
\end{align*}
$$

where we have defined

$$Z(s, v) = Z(\sigma + it, v) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{x \in \text{Fix}_n} e^{-(\sigma + it)\ell_n(x) + 2\pi i(v, \ell_n(x))} + A(\sigma + it, v),$$

with $\text{Fix}_n = \{x \in \Sigma_A, \ell_n(x) = x\}$ and $A(\sigma + it, v)$ is analytic when $\sigma > h - \epsilon$ for some $\epsilon > 0$.

It is well-known that when $\text{Res} = \sigma > \beta(0) = h$, $Z(s, v)$ is absolutely convergent. For the behaviour of $Z(s, v)$ in $\text{Res} < h$, we can determine the domain of $Z(s, v)$ by studying the norm of the transfer operator $\mathcal{L}_{s, v}$, which was discussed in detail in Ref. [3]. Proceeding the same way as in Ref. [5] or more originally in Ref. [10], we obtain the following proposition.

**Proposition 1** Under conditions (A) and (B), there exist $B > 0$, $c > 0$, $\epsilon > 0$, $\lambda > 0$, $\rho > 0$ and an open set $V_0$ which is a neighbourhood of zero in $\mathbb{R}^k/\mathbb{Z}^k$ such that

(i) $Z(s, v)$ is analytic in $\{s = \sigma + it : \sigma > h - \frac{c}{\rho}, |t| > B\}$. And in this domain $|Z(s, v)| = O(|t|^\lambda)$;

(ii) $Z(s, v) + \log(s - \beta(iv))$ is analytic in $\{(s, v) : v \in V_0, \sigma > h - \epsilon, |t| \leq B\}$;

(iii) $Z(s, v)$ is analytic in $\{(s, v) : v \notin V_0, \sigma > h - \epsilon, |t| \leq B\}$.

Using Proposition 1, we can estimate

$$\pi_g(T, \alpha) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^k/\mathbb{Z}^k} Z(\sigma + it, v)e^{(\sigma + it)T} \hat{g}(-i\sigma + t)e^{-2\pi i(v, \alpha)} dv dt.
$$

We divide $\mathbb{R}^k/\mathbb{Z}^k$ into $V_0$ and $\mathbb{R}^k/\mathbb{Z}^k - V_0$ ($V_0$ is a neighbourhood of 0 in $\mathbb{R}^k/\mathbb{Z}^k$ in Proposition 1). For $v \in \mathbb{R}^k/\mathbb{Z}^k - V_0$, $Z(s, v)$ is analytic in $\{s = \sigma + it : \sigma > h - \epsilon, |t| < B\} \cup \{s = \sigma + it : \sigma >
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$h - \frac{\sigma}{|\sigma|}, |t| > B$). It is easy to estimate the integral over $\mathbb{R}^b/\mathbb{Z}^b - V_0$. For $v \in V_0$, using suitable contour integral and Residue Formula, we can transfer the integral over $\sigma > h$ to integral over $\{\sigma + it : \sigma > h - \frac{\sigma}{|\sigma|}, |t| > B\}$. Then expanding the integral function by Taylor Formula, we can estimate the integral over $V_0$. The details are similar to that for estimating closed orbits in homology class for Anosov flow Ref. [5]. We have

**Theorem 1** Let $G$ be connected finite undirected graph. Assume that $H_1(G, \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}^b$. If $g$ is of class $C^\infty$ with compact support, then there exists $h > 0$ such that

$$\pi_g(T, \alpha) = \frac{e^{Th}}{T^{b/2+1}} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{N} c_n(\alpha) \frac{1}{T^n} + O(\frac{1}{T^{N+1}}) \right) \text{ as } T \to \infty,$$

for all $N \in \mathbb{N}$. If we write $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \ldots, \alpha_b)$, then

$$c_{n,g}(\alpha) = \sum_{i_1 + i_2 + \cdots + i_n = 0} c_{i_1i_2\ldots i_n} \alpha_{i_1} \alpha_{i_2} \cdots \alpha_{i_n}, \quad c_{i_1\ldots i_n}$$

are constants which only depend on the lengths of edges of graph $G$ and $g$.

Assume $\rho < 1$ in Proposition 1 and let $\delta = (\frac{1}{b}) - 1$. Same as that in Ref. [5] for homologically full transitive Anosov flow, the error term is not worse than $O(\frac{1}{T^\delta})$ when we use approximation argument to estimate $\pi(T, \alpha)$. We have the following theorem.

**Theorem 2** Let $G$ be connected finite undirected graph and $H_1(G, \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}^b$. Then there exist $h > 0$ and $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\pi(T, \alpha) = \frac{e^{Th}}{T^{b/2+1}} \left( c_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{N} c_n(\alpha) \frac{1}{T^n} + O(\frac{1}{T^\delta}) \right) \text{ as } T \to \infty,$$

for $N = \delta - 1$, where $c_0 > 0$ is a constant. If we write $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \ldots, \alpha_b)$, then the constants $c_n(\alpha) = \sum_{i_1 + i_2 + \cdots + i_n} c_{i_1i_2\ldots i_n} \alpha_{i_1} \alpha_{i_2} \cdots \alpha_{i_n}, \quad c_{i_1\ldots i_n}$ only depend on the lengths of edges of graph $G$.

Analogously to the calculating of the closed geodesics in Ref. [6], the coefficient $c_{1,g}(\alpha)$ in (3) is as follows.

$$c_{1,g}(\alpha) = -\sum_{i,j=1}^b a_{ij} \alpha_i \alpha_j + \sum_{i=1}^b b_i \alpha_i + c_1$$

with

$$a_{ij} = 2\pi^2 \tilde{g}(-ih) \int_{\mathbb{R}^b} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\beta''(0)(v,v)} v_i v_j dv,$$

$$b_i = \int_{\mathbb{R}^b} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\beta''(0)(v,v)} F_1(iv) \cdot (2\pi iv) dv,$$

$$c_1 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^b} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\beta''(0)(v,v)} F_2(iv) dv.$$

Where

$$F_1(iv) = \frac{1}{6} \tilde{g}(-ih) \beta^{(3)}(0) \cdot (iv)^3 + \tilde{g}^{(1)}_0(0) \cdot (iv),$$

$$F_2(iv) = \frac{1}{72} \tilde{g}(-ih) [2(\beta^{(3)}(0) \cdot (iv)^3)^2 + 3\beta^{(4)}(0) \cdot (iv)^4] +$$
\[
\frac{1}{6} \tilde{g}^{(1)}_0 (0) \cdot (iv) \beta^{(3)}(0) \cdot (iv)^3 + \frac{1}{2} \tilde{g}^{(2)}_0 (0) \cdot (iv)^2 + \tilde{g}^{(0)}_1 (0)
\]

with \( \tilde{g}(iv) = \frac{d^2 \tilde{g}(-i\beta(iv))}{d\beta} \).

Since \( \beta''(0) \) is positive definite, there exists a linear transformation \( v = Mu \) such that
\[
\langle v, \beta''(0)v \rangle = \sum_{k=0}^b u_k^2, \quad \text{where} \quad v = (v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_b)^T, \quad u = (u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_b)^T \quad \text{and} \quad M \text{ is a } b \times b \text{ matrix with det } M > 0.
\]
That is, there exists a matrix \( M \) such that \( M^T \beta''(0)M = Id \). Hence
\[
a_{ij} = 2\pi^2 \tilde{g}(-ih) \int_{\mathbb{R}^b} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^b u_k^2} \left( \sum_{l=1}^b M_{il}u_l \right) \left( \sum_{m=1}^b M_{jm}u_m \right) du
\]
\[
= 2\pi^2 \tilde{g}(-ih) \det M \sum_{l=1}^b M_{il}M_{jl} \int_{\mathbb{R}^b} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^b u_k^2} du
\]
\[
= (2\pi)^{b+2} \tilde{g}(-ih) \frac{\det M \sum_{l=1}^b M_{il}M_{jl}}{2}.
\]

It is easy to see \( b_i = 0 \) because \( \pi_\alpha(T, \alpha) = \pi_\alpha(T, -\alpha) \). The formula for the constant \( c \) is still complicated since we need to calculate \( \beta^{(3)}(0) \) and \( \beta^{(4)}(0) \).

We take \( g \) close to \( \chi_{[-\infty, 0]} \). Then \( \pi_\alpha(T, \alpha) = \pi(T, \alpha) \). Furthermore,
\[
\hat{g}(-is) = \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{xy} dy = \frac{1}{s}.
\]
Hence \( \hat{g}(-ih) = \frac{1}{h} \) and \( \tilde{g}_0(-is) = \hat{g}(-is) = \frac{1}{s} \). However \( \tilde{g}_0(iv) = \hat{g}(-i\beta(iv)) = \frac{1}{\beta'(iv)} \) and \( \tilde{g}_1(iv) = -\frac{1}{\beta''(iv)} \). In this case, \( \tilde{g}_0^{(1)}(0) = 0, \tilde{g}_0^{(2)}(0) = \frac{\sum \beta(0)}{h^2} \) and \( \tilde{g}_1^{(0)}(0) = -\frac{1}{\pi^2} \).

So
\[
a_{ij} = \frac{(2\pi)^{b+2} \tilde{g}(-ih)}{2h} \det M \sum_{l=1}^b M_{il}M_{jl}.
\]

**Theorem 3** Let \( G \) be connected finite undirected graph. Then there exist \( h > 0 \) and \( \delta > 0 \) such that
\[
\pi(T, \alpha) = \frac{e^{Th}}{T^{b/2+1}} \left( c_0 + \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{c_n(\alpha)}{T^n} + O\left( \frac{1}{T^n} \right) \right) \quad \text{as} \quad T \to \infty
\]
with
\[
c_1(\alpha) = -\frac{(2\pi)^{b+2}}{2h} \det M \sum_{i,j=1}^b \sum_{l=1}^b M_{il}M_{jl} \alpha_i \alpha_j + c_{1,0},
\]
where \( M = (M_{ij}) \) is a \( b \times b \) matrix such that \( (MM^T)^{-1} = \beta''(0) \) and \( c_{1,0} \) is a constant which is independent of \( \alpha \).

**5. Example 1**

Let us consider the simple case, where \( G \) is a graph with one vertex and \( k \) edges which form \( k \) loops. In this case,
\[
A_G = \begin{pmatrix}
1 & \ldots & 1 \\
\vdots & & \vdots \\
1 & \ldots & 1
\end{pmatrix}.
\]
Let the lengths of edges be \( l_1, l_2, \ldots, l_k \) respectively such that conditions (A) and (B) are satisfied.

We define \( r : \Sigma_A \to \mathbb{R} \) by

\[
r(x) = r(x_0) = \begin{cases} 
  l_1, & \text{if } x_0 = 1, \\
  l_1, & \text{if } x_0 = 2, \\
  \ldots, & \\
  l_k, & \text{if } x_0 = 2k - 1, \\
  l_k, & \text{if } x_0 = 2k 
\end{cases}
\]

and the homology group of \( G \) by \( H_1(G, \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}^k \).

\( f : \Sigma_A \to \mathbb{Z}^k \) is defined by \( f(x) = f(x_0) = (f_1(x_0), \ldots, f_k(x_0)) \) such that

\[
f_i(x) = f_i(x_0) = \begin{cases} 
  1, & \text{if } x_0 = 2i - 1, \\
  -1, & \text{if } x_0 = 2i, \\
  0, & \text{otherwise}
\end{cases}
\]

In order to obtain the formula \( c_1(\alpha) \), we need to calculate \( \beta''(0), F_1(iv), F_2(iv) \) which involve \( \beta^{(3)}(0) \) and \( \beta^{(4)}(0) \). Next we compute \( \beta''(0), \beta^{(3)}(0) \) and \( \beta^{(4)}(0) \).

Noting \( P(-hr) = 0 \), we have

\[
e^{P(-hr + \langle u, f \rangle)} = \sum_{l=1}^{2k} e^{-hr(l) + \langle u, f(l) \rangle}.
\]

In this case,

\[
\int r d\mu_{-hr} = \sum_{l=1}^{2k} r(l)e^{-hl} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^{k} l_i e^{-hl_i}.
\]

By direct calculation, we have

\[
\left[ \frac{\partial P(-hr + \langle u, f \rangle)}{\partial u_i} \right]_{u=0} = \sum_{l=1}^{2k} e^{-hl_i} f_i(l) = e^{-hl_i}[1 + (-1)] = 0,
\]

\[
\left[ \frac{\partial^2 P(-hr + \langle u, f \rangle)}{\partial u_i \partial u_j} \right]_{u=0} = \begin{cases} 
  2e^{-hl_i}, & \text{if } i = j, \\
  0, & \text{if } i \neq j,
\end{cases}
\]

\[
\left[ \frac{\partial^2 P(-hr + \langle u, f \rangle)}{\partial \beta \partial u_i} \right]_{\beta=h,u=0} = 0, \quad \forall i,
\]

\[
\left[ \frac{\partial^3 P(-hr + \langle u, f \rangle)}{\partial u_i \partial u_j \partial u_m} \right]_{u=0} = \sum_{l=1}^{2k} f_i(l) f_j(l) f_m(l)e^{-hr(l)} = 0.
\]

By means of the formulae in Section 3, we have

\[
\nabla \beta(0) = 0,
\]

\[
\frac{\partial^2 \beta(0)}{\partial u_i \partial u_j} = \begin{cases} 
  e^{-hl_i}, & \text{if } i = j, \\
  0, & \text{if } i \neq j,
\end{cases}
\]

\[
\frac{\partial^3 \beta(0)}{\partial u_i \partial u_j \partial u_m} = 0.
\]
To calculate $\beta^{(4)}(0)$, we also need the following

\[
\frac{\partial^4 P(-hr + \langle u, f \rangle)}{\partial u_{ij} \partial u_{kl} \partial u_{mn} \partial u_{np}} |_{u=0} = \begin{cases} 
-4e^{-h(l_i+l_m)}, & \text{if } i = j \neq m = n, \\
-4e^{-h(l_i+l_n)}, & \text{if } i = m \neq j = n, \\
-4e^{-h(l_i+l_j)}, & \text{if } i = n \neq j = m, \\
2e^{-hl_i} - 12e^{-2hl_i}, & \text{if } i = j = m = n, \\
0, & \text{otherwise,}
\end{cases}
\]

and

\[
\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial \beta^2} (\beta r + \langle u, f \rangle)|_{\beta=h,u=0} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^{k} \ell_i^2 e^{-hl_i} - 4(\sum_{i=1}^{k} \ell_i e^{-hl_i})^2,
\]

where

\[
\sum_{i=1}^{k} \ell_i e^{-hl_i} = \frac{1}{2ehl_i}.
\]

By the argument in the preceding section we have

\[
a_{ij} = 2\pi^2 \hat{g}(-ih) \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} e^{-\frac{1}{2}c' \sum_{m=1}^{k} e^{-hl_m} v_m^2} v_i v_j dv.
\]

So if $i \neq j$, $a_{ij} = 0$. For $i = j$,

\[
a_{ii} = 2\pi^2 \hat{g}(-ih) \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} e^{-\frac{1}{2}c' \sum_{m=1}^{k} e^{-hl_m} v_m^2} dv = \frac{(2\pi)^{\frac{k}{2}+\frac{1}{2}} \hat{g}(-ih)e^{hl_i}}{2c'^{\frac{k}{2}+\frac{1}{2}} e^{-h(l_1+\ldots+l_k)}}.
\]

Substituting $\hat{g}(-ih) = 1/h$ and let $\xi = \frac{(2\pi)^{\frac{k}{2}+\frac{1}{2}}}{2hc'^{\frac{k}{2}+\frac{1}{2}} e^{-h(l_1+\ldots+l_k)}}$, we have

\[
a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 
\xi e^{hl_i}, & \text{if } i = j, \\
0, & \text{if } i \neq j.
\end{cases}
\]

In order to obtain constant $c_{1,0}$, we first calculate $F_2(iv)$. Since

\[
\beta^{(4)}(0) \cdot (iv)^4 = 24c' \sum_{i \neq j} d_{ij} e^{-h(l_i+l_j)} (iv_j)^2 (iv_j)^2 + 8c' \sum_{i=1}^{k} d_i e^{-2hl_i} (iv_i)^4,
\]

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\[
F_2(iv) = \frac{3\tilde{g}(-ih)}{72} \times \\
\left[ 24c' \sum_{i \neq j} d_{ij} e^{-h(l_i+l_j)}(iv_j)^2 + 8c' \sum_{i=1}^k d_i e^{-2hl_i}(iv_i)^4 + \frac{\tilde{g}_0^{(2)}(0)}{2} \cdot (iv)^2 + \tilde{g}_1^{(0)}(0) \right] \\
= c'\tilde{g}(-ih) \sum_{i \neq j} d_{ij} e^{-h(l_i+l_j)}v_j^2 + c'\tilde{g}(-ih) \sum_{i=1}^k d_i e^{-2hl_i}v_i^4 + \frac{\tilde{g}_0^{(2)}(0)}{2} \cdot (iv)^2 + \tilde{g}_1^{(0)}(0).
\]

Hence
\[
c_{1,0} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} e^{-\frac{1}{2}c' \sum_{i=1}^k e^{-hl_i}v_i^2} F_2(iv) dv = \frac{1}{2\pi^2}(\bar{d}_1 + \bar{d}_2)\xi + C,
\]
where
\[
\bar{d}_1 = \sum_{i \neq j} d_{ij}, \quad \bar{d}_2 = \sum_{i=1}^k d_i,
\]
and
\[
C = \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} e^{-\frac{1}{2}c' \sum_{i=1}^k e^{-hl_i}v_i^2} \left( \frac{\tilde{g}_0^{(2)}(0)}{2} \cdot (iv)^2 + \tilde{g}_1^{(0)}(0) \right) dv = -\frac{k+2}{4h\pi^2}c'.
\]

So we have

**Theorem 4** If \( G \) is a graph with one vertex and \( k \) edges which form \( k \) loops, then we have
\[
\pi(T, \alpha) = \frac{e^{Th}}{T^{6/2+1}}(c_0 + \sum_{n=1}^N c_n(\alpha) + O(\frac{1}{T^{N+1}})) \text{ as } T \to \infty.
\]

The first error term \( c_1(\alpha) \) is given by
\[
c_1(\alpha) = -\sum_{i=1}^k \xi e^{hl_i} \alpha_i^2 + c_{1,0},
\]
where
\[
\xi = \frac{1}{2h} (2\pi)^{\frac{k}{2}+2} \sqrt{e^{hl_1+\ldots+hl_k}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^k l_i e^{-hl_i} \right)^{\frac{k}{2}+1}
\]
and
\[
c_{1,0} = \frac{1}{2\pi} (\bar{d}_1 + \bar{d}_2 - \frac{k+2}{2h} \sum_{i=1}^k l_i e^{-hl_i})\xi,
\]
and \( \bar{d}_1 \) and \( \bar{d}_2 \) are specified by (5)–(7).

Especially, if \( k = 2 \) and \( \alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \), then
\[
c_1(\alpha) = -\frac{4\pi^3(l_1 e^{-hl_1} + l_2 e^{-hl_2})^2 \sqrt{e^{hl_1+hl_2}}}{h} (e^{hl_1} \alpha_1^2 + e^{hl_2} \alpha_2^2) + c_{1,0}.
\]

Since \( h \) satisfies \( e^{-hl_1} + e^{-hl_2} = \frac{1}{2} \), the constant \( c_{1,0} \) is given by
\[
c_{1,0} = \frac{4\pi^3 \sqrt{e^{hl_1+hl_2}}}{96h} \left\{ [108 + 12(e^{hl_1} + e^{hl_2})] (l_1 e^{-hl_1} + l_2 e^{-hl_2})^2 - 38l_1 l_2 - 63(l_1^2 e^{-hl_1} + l_2^2 e^{-hl_2}) \right\}.
\]
6. Example 2

Let $G$ be a graph with two vertices and three edges which form two loops (Figure 6.1). It can be coded with the following directed graph (Figure 6.2).

![Figure 6.1](image1.png) ![Figure 6.2](image2.png)

The matrix $A_G$ associated with $G_0$ (Figure 6.2) is as follows.

$$A_G = \begin{pmatrix}
1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\
1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0
\end{pmatrix}.$$

Let the lengths of $e_1$, $e_2$ and $e_3$ be $l_1$, $l_2$ and $l_3$, respectively such that conditions (A) and (B) are satisfied.

We define

$$r(x) = r(x_0) = \begin{cases}
    l_1, & \text{if } x_0 = 1 \text{ or } x_0 = 2, \\
    l_2, & \text{if } x_0 = 3 \text{ or } x_0 = 4, \\
    l_3, & \text{if } x_0 = 5 \text{ or } x_0 = 6,
\end{cases}$$

and $f(x) = f(x_0) = (f_1(x_0), f_2(x_0))$ such that

$$f_1(x) = f_1(x_0) = \begin{cases}
    1, & \text{if } x_0 = 1, \\
    -1, & \text{if } x_0 = 2, \\
    0, & \text{otherwise},
\end{cases}$$

and

$$f_2(x) = f_2(x_0) = \begin{cases}
    \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } x_0 = 3 \text{ or } x_0 = 5, \\
    -\frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } x_0 = 4 \text{ or } x_0 = 6, \\
    0, & \text{otherwise}.
\end{cases}$$
In this case, $H_1(G,\mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}^2$. There exists a measure $\mu_{-hr}$ which is Markov measure. If we denote by $\mu_{-hr}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_n)$ the measure of cylinder \( \{ x : x = x_0x_1 \cdots x_n \} \), then

(i) $\mu_{-hr}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_n) \geq 0$;

(ii) $\sum_{x_0} \mu_{-hr}(x_0) = 1$;

(iii) $\mu_{-hr}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_n) = \sum_{x_{n+1}} \mu_{-hr}(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n+1})$.

Moreover,

\[
\mu_{-hr}(1) = \mu_{-hr}(2), \quad \mu_{-hr}(3) = \mu_{-hr}(4), \quad \mu_{-hr}(5) = \mu_{-hr}(6).
\]

In order to calculate $\nabla^2 \beta(0)$, we will use another expression for $\nabla^2 \beta(0)$ in the form

\[
\frac{\partial^2 \beta(0)}{\partial u_i \partial u_j} = \frac{1}{\int \! d\mu_{-hr}} \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \int f_1^n f_2^n \! d\mu_{-hr}.
\]

We first prove the following lemma by induction.

**Lemma 2** \( \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \int f_1^n f_2^n \! d\mu_{-hr} = 0. \)

**Proof**

(i) Since $f_1(x)f_2(x) = 0$, by definition of $f$, the conclusion holds for $n = 1$.

(ii) Assume that the conclusion holds for $n = k \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $\int f_1^k f_2^k \! d\mu_{-hr} = 0$. For $n = k + 1$, by induction assumption and property (3) of Markov measure, we have

\[
\sum_{x_0, \ldots, x_{k-1}, x_k} (f_1(x_0) + \cdots + f_1(x_{k-1}))(f_2(x_0) + \cdots + f_2(x_{k-1})) \mu_{-hr}(x_0, \ldots, x_{k-1}, x_k)
\]

\[
= \int f_1^k f_2^k \! d\mu_{-hr} = 0.
\]

Since $A(x_{k-1}, 1) = 1 \iff A(x_{k-1}, 2) = 1$, and $\mu_{-hr}(x_0, \ldots, x_{k-1}, 1) = \mu_{-hr}(x_0, \ldots, x_{k-1}, 2)$, we have

\[
h_1 := \sum_{x_0, \ldots, x_{k-1}, x_k} f_1(x_k)(f_2(x_0) + \cdots + f_2(x_{k-1})) \mu_{-hr}(x_0, \ldots, x_{k-1}, x_k) = 0,
\]

\[
h_2 := \sum_{x_0, \ldots, x_{k-1}, x_k} f_2(x_k)(f_1(x_0) + \cdots + f_1(x_{k-1})) \mu_{-hr}(x_0, \ldots, x_{k-1}, x_k) = 0.
\]

It is always true for

\[
h_3 := \sum_{x_0, \ldots, x_{k-1}, x_k} f_1(x_k)f_2(x_k) \mu_{-hr}(x_0, \ldots, x_{k-1}, x_k) = 0.
\]

So

\[
\int f_1^{k+1} f_2^{k+1} \! d\mu_{-hr} = \int f_1^k f_2^k \! d\mu_{-hr} + h_1 + h_2 + h_3 = 0.
\]

(iii) Hence

\[
\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \int f_1^n f_2^n \! d\mu_{-hr} = 0.
\]

Similarly,

\[
\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \int f_2^n f_1^n \! d\mu_{-hr} = 0.
\]

We also need to calculate $\int (f_1^n)^2 \! d\mu_{-hr}$ and $\int (f_2^n)^2 \! d\mu_{-hr}$. We have
Lemma 3 \( \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \)
\[
\int (f^n)^2 d\mu_{-hr} = n(\mu_{-hr}(1) + \mu_{-hr}(2)) = 2n\mu_{-hr}(1)
\]
and
\[
\int (f_2^n)^2 d\mu_{-hr} = \frac{1}{4} n(\mu_{-hr}(3) + \mu_{-hr}(4) + \mu_{-hr}(5) + \mu_{-hr}(6)) = \frac{1}{2} n(\mu_{-hr}(3) + \mu_{-hr}(5)).
\]

**Proof** We prove this lemma by induction as we did for Lemma 2. We have
\[
\beta''(0) = \frac{1}{\int r d\mu_{-hr}} \begin{pmatrix}
2\mu_{-hr}(1) & 0 \\
0 & \frac{1}{2}(\mu_{-hr}(3) + \mu_{-hr}(5))
\end{pmatrix}.
\]
It is easy to see that \( \mu_{-hr}(1) = \mu_{-hr}(2) = e^{-hl_1}, \) \( \mu_{-hr}(3) = \mu_{-hr}(4) = e^{-hl_2}, \) and \( \mu_{-hr}(5) = \mu_{-hr}(6) = e^{-hl_3}. \) Hence
\[
\beta''(0) = \frac{1}{2(l_1 e^{-hl_1} + l_2 e^{-hl_2} + l_3 e^{-hl_3})} \begin{pmatrix}
2e^{-hl_1} & 0 \\
0 & \frac{1}{2}(e^{-hl_2} + e^{-hl_3})
\end{pmatrix}.
\]
Now we can calculate \( a_{ij}. \) Since \( \beta''(0) \) is diagonal, we still have \( a_{12} = a_{21} = 0. \) Let
\[
e' = \frac{1}{\int r d\mu_{-hr}} = \frac{1}{2(l_1 e^{-hl_1} + l_2 e^{-hl_2} + l_3 e^{-hl_3})}.
\]
Then
\[
a_{11} = \frac{2\pi^2}{h} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}c'\left(2e^{-hl_1}v_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}(e^{-hl_2} + e^{-hl_3})v_2^2\right)} v_1^2 dv_1 dv_2
\]
\[
= \frac{2\pi^2}{c'^2 h} \frac{2e^{hl_1}}{\sqrt{e^{-hl_1} + e^{-hl_2} + e^{-hl_3}}},
\]
and
\[
a_{22} = \frac{2\pi^2}{h} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}c'\left(2e^{-hl_1}v_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}(e^{-hl_2} + e^{-hl_3})v_2^2\right)} v_2^2 dv_1 dv_2
\]
\[
= \frac{8\pi^3}{c'^2 h} \frac{e^{hl_2 + hl_3}}{(e^{hl_2} + e^{hl_3})\sqrt{e^{-hl_1} + e^{-hl_2} + e^{-hl_3}}},
\]
Let
\[
c = \frac{8\pi^3(l_1 e^{-hl_1} + l_2 e^{-hl_2} + l_3 e^{-hl_3})^2}{h\sqrt{e^{-hl_1} + e^{-hl_2} + e^{-hl_3}}},
\]
We have

**Theorem 5** Let \( G \) be a graph with two vertices and three edges which form two loops.
\[
\pi(T, \alpha) = \frac{e^{Th}}{Th^{b+1}}(c_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{c_n(\alpha)}{T^n} + O(\frac{1}{T^3})) \quad \text{as} \quad T \to \infty
\]
with
\[
c_1(\alpha) = -ce^{hl_1} \alpha_1^2 - 4c\frac{e^{hl_2 + hl_3} \alpha_2^2}{e^{hl_2} + e^{hl_3}} + c_{1,0},
\]
where
\[
c = \frac{8\pi^3(l_1 e^{-hl_1} + l_2 e^{-hl_2} + l_3 e^{-hl_3})^2}{h\sqrt{e^{-hl_1} + e^{-hl_2} + e^{-hl_3}}}.
\]
and $c_{1,0}$ is a constant (which we do not specify here since it is rather complicated).

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