# On the spaces of equivariant maps between real algebraic varieties

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#### 概要

Recently the author notices that the stability dimension obtained in [1] and [12] can be improved by using the truncated simplicial resolutions invented by J. Mostovoy [15]. The purpose of this note is to announce these improvements.

### 1 Introduction.

We consider the homotopy types of spaces of algebraic (rational) maps from real projective space  $\mathbb{R}P^m$  into the complex projective space  $\mathbb{C}P^m$  for  $2 \leq m \leq 2n$ . It is known in [1] that the inclusion of the space of rational (or regular) maps into the space of all continuous maps is a homotopy equivalence. These results combined with those of [1] can be formulated as a single statement about  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -equivariant homotopy equivalence between these spaces, where the  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -action is induced by the complex conjugation. This is also one of the generalizations of a theorem of [9], and it is already published in [12]. Recently the author notices that the stability dimensions given in [1] and [12] can be improved by using the truncated simplicial resolutions invented by J. Mostovoy [15]. In this note we shall announce about these improvements (cf. [2]).

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#### 1.1 Definitions and notations.

Let  $\mathbb{K}$  denote one of the fields  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$  of real or complex numbers and let  $d(\mathbb{K}) = \dim_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{K} = 1$  if  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$  and 2 if  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$ . Let m and n be positive integers such that  $1 \leq m < d(\mathbb{K}) \cdot (n+1) - 1$ . We choose  $\mathbf{e}_m^{\mathbb{K}} = [1:0:\cdots:0] \in \mathbb{K}P^m$  as the base point of  $\mathbb{K}P^n$ . For  $d(\mathbb{K}) \leq m < d(\mathbb{K}) \cdot (n+1) - 1$ , we denote by  $\mathrm{Map}^*(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbb{K}P^n)$  the space consisting of all based maps  $f:(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbf{e}_m^{\mathbb{R}}) \to (\mathbb{K}P^n, \mathbf{e}_n^{\mathbb{K}})$ , and by  $\mathrm{Map}_{\epsilon}^*(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbb{K}P^n)$ , where  $\epsilon \in \mathbb{Z}/2 = \{0,1\} = \pi_0(\mathrm{Map}^*(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbb{K}P^n))$ , the corresponding path component of  $\mathrm{Map}^*(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbb{K}P^n)$ . Similarly, let  $\mathrm{Map}(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbb{K}P^n)$  denote the space of all free maps  $f: \mathbb{R}P^m \to \mathbb{K}P^n$  and  $\mathrm{Map}_{\epsilon}(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbb{K}P^n)$  the corresponding path component of  $\mathrm{Map}(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbb{K}P^n)$ .

We shall use the symbols  $z_i$  when we refer to complex valued coordinates or variables or when we refer to complex and real valued ones at the same time while the notation  $x_i$  will be restricted to the purely real case.

A map  $f: \mathbb{R}P^m \to \mathbb{K}P^n$  is called a algebraic map of the degree d if it can be represented as a rational map of the form  $f = [f_0: \dots: f_n]$  such that  $f_0, \dots, f_n \in \mathbb{K}[z_0, \dots, z_m]$  are homogeneous polynomials of the same degree d with no common real roots except  $\mathbf{0}_{m+1} = (0, \dots, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^{m+1}$ .

We denote by  $\operatorname{Alg}_d(\mathbb{R}\mathrm{P}^m,\mathbb{K}\mathrm{P}^n)$  (resp.  $\operatorname{Alg}_d^*(\mathbb{R}\mathrm{P}^m,\mathbb{K}\mathrm{P}^n)$ ) the space consisting of all (resp. based) algebraic maps  $f:\mathbb{R}\mathrm{P}^m\to\mathbb{K}\mathrm{P}^n$  of degree d. It is easy to see that there are inclusions  $\operatorname{Alg}_d(\mathbb{R}\mathrm{P}^m,\mathbb{K}\mathrm{P}^n)\subset \operatorname{Map}_{[d]_2}(\mathbb{R}\mathrm{P}^m,\mathbb{K}\mathrm{P}^n)$  and  $\operatorname{Alg}_d^*(\mathbb{R}\mathrm{P}^m,\mathbb{K}\mathrm{P}^n)\subset \operatorname{Map}_{[d]_2}^*(\mathbb{R}\mathrm{P}^m,\mathbb{K}\mathrm{P}^n)$ , where  $[d]_2\in\mathbb{Z}/2=\{0,1\}$  denotes the integer d mod 2. Let  $A_d(m,n)(\mathbb{K})$  denote the space consisting of all (n+1)-tuples  $(f_0,\cdots,f_n)\in\mathbb{K}[z_0,\cdots,z_m]^{n+1}$  of homogeneous polynomials of degree d with coefficients in  $\mathbb{K}$  and without non-trivial common real roots (but possibly with non-trivial common complex ones).

Let  $A_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m,n) \subset A_d(m,n)(\mathbb{K})$  be the subspace consisting of (n+1)-tuples  $(f_0,\dots,f_n) \in A_d(m,n)(\mathbb{K})$  such that the coefficient of  $z_0^d$  in  $f_0$  is 1 and 0 in the other  $f_k$ 's  $(k \neq 0)$ . Then there is a natural surjective projection map

$$\Psi_d^{\mathbb{K}}: A_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m,n) \to \mathrm{Alg}_d^*(\mathbb{R}\mathrm{P}^m,\mathbb{K}\mathrm{P}^n).$$

For  $m \geq 2$  and  $g \in Alg_d^*(\mathbb{R}P^{m-1}, \mathbb{K}P^n)$  a fixed algebraic map, we denote

by  $Alg_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m, n; g)$  and F(m, n; g) the spaces defined by

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{Alg}_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m,n;g) &= \{ f \in \operatorname{Alg}_d^*(\mathbb{R}\mathbf{P}^m,\mathbb{K}\mathbf{P}^n) : f | \mathbb{R}\mathbf{P}^{m-1} = g \}, \\ F^{\mathbb{K}}(m,n;g) &= \{ f \in \operatorname{Map}_{[d]_2}^*(\mathbb{R}\mathbf{P}^m,\mathbb{K}\mathbf{P}^n) : f | \mathbb{R}\mathbf{P}^{m-1} = g \}. \end{cases}$$

Note that there is a homotopy equivalence  $F^{\mathbb{K}}(m, n; g) \simeq \Omega^m \mathbb{K} P^n$ . Let  $A_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m, n; g) \subset A_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m, n)$  denote the subspace given by

$$A_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m,n;g) = (\Psi_d^{\mathbb{K}})^{-1}(\mathrm{Alg}_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m,n;g)).$$

Observe that if an algebraic map  $f \in \operatorname{Alg}_d^*(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbb{K}P^n)$  can be represented as  $f = [f_0 : \cdots : f_n]$  for some  $(f_0, \cdots, f_n) \in A_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m, n)$  then the same map can also be represented as  $f = [\tilde{g}_m f_0 : \cdots : \tilde{g}_m f_n]$ , where  $\tilde{g}_m = \sum_{k=0}^m z_k^2$ . So there is an inclusion

$$Alg_d^*(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbb{K}P^n) \subset Alg_{d+2}^*(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbb{K}P^n)$$

and we can define the stabilization map  $s_d: A_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m,n) \to A_{d+2}^{\mathbb{K}}(m,n)$  by  $s_d(f_0, \dots, f_n) = (\tilde{g}_m f_0, \dots, \tilde{g}_m f_n).$ 

It is easy to see that there is a commutative diagram

A map  $f \in \operatorname{Alg}_d^*(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbb{K}P^n)$  is called an algebraic map of minimal degree d if  $f \in \operatorname{Alg}_d^*(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbb{K}P^n) \setminus \operatorname{Alg}_{d-2}^*(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbb{K}P^n)$ . It is easy to see that if  $g \in \operatorname{Alg}_d^*(\mathbb{R}P^{m-1}, \mathbb{K}P^n)$  is an algebraic map of minimal degree d, then the restriction

$$\Psi_d^{\mathbb{K}}|A_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m,n;g):A_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m,n;g)\stackrel{\cong}{\to} \mathrm{Alg}_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m,n;g)$$

is a homeomorphism. Let

$$\begin{cases} i_{d,\mathbb{K}} : \operatorname{Alg}_{d}^{*}(\mathbb{R}P^{m}, \mathbb{K}P^{n}) \xrightarrow{\subseteq} \operatorname{Map}_{[d]_{2}}^{*}(\mathbb{R}P^{m}, \mathbb{K}P^{n}) \\ i_{d,\mathbb{K}}' : \operatorname{Alg}_{d}^{\mathbb{K}}(m, n; g) \xrightarrow{\subseteq} F(m, n; g) \simeq \Omega^{m} \mathbb{K}P^{n} \end{cases}$$

denote the inclusions and let

$$i_d^{\mathbb{K}} = i_{d,\mathbb{K}} \circ \Psi_d^{\mathbb{K}} : A_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m,n) \to \operatorname{Map}_{[d]_2}^*(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbb{K}P^n).$$

be the natural projection.

#### 1.2 The case m = 1.

First, recall the following old result for the case m = 1.

**Theorem 1.1** ([10], [20] (cf. [13])). Let  $n \geq 2$  and  $d \geq 1$  be integers.

(i) If  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$  and m = 1, the map  $i_d^{\mathbb{R}} : A_d^{\mathbb{R}}(1, n) \to \operatorname{Map}_{[d]_2}^*(\mathbb{R}P^1, \mathbb{R}P^n) \simeq \Omega S^n$  is a homotopy equivalence up to dimension  $D_1(d, n)$ , where  $D_1(d, n)$  denotes the integer given by  $D_1(d, n) = (d+1)(n-1) - 1$ . Moreover, if  $n \geq 3$  or n = 2 with  $d \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ , there is a homotopy equivalence  $A_d^{\mathbb{R}} \simeq J_d(\Omega S^n)$ , where  $J_d(\Omega S^n)$  denotes the d-th stage James filtration of  $\Omega S^n$  given by

$$J_d(\Omega S^n) = S^{n-1} \cup e^{2(n-1)} \cup e^{3(n-1)} \cup \dots \cup e^{d(n-1)} \subset \Omega S^n.$$

- (ii) If  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$  and m = 1, the map  $i_d^{\mathbb{C}} : A_d^{\mathbb{C}}(1, n) \to \Omega S^{2n+1}$  is a homotopy equivalence up to dimension  $D_1(d, 2n+1) = 2n(d+1) 1$  and there is a homotopy equivalence  $A_d^{\mathbb{C}}(1, n) \simeq J_d(\Omega S^{2n+1})$ .
- Remark. (i) A map  $f: X \to Y$  is called a homotopy (resp. a homology) equivalence up to dimension D if  $f_*: \pi_k(X) \to \pi_k(Y)$  (resp.  $f_*: H_k(X,\mathbb{Z}) \to H_k(Y,\mathbb{Z})$ ) is an isomorphism for any k < D and an epimorphism for k = D. Similarly, it is called a homotopy (resp. a homology) equivalence through dimension D if  $f_*: \pi_k(X) \to \pi_k(Y)$  (resp.  $f_*: H_k(X,\mathbb{Z}) \to H_k(Y,\mathbb{Z})$ ) is an isomorphism for any  $k \leq D$ .
- (ii) Let G be a finite group and let  $f: X \to Y$  be a G-equivariant map. Then a map  $f: X \to Y$  is called a G-equivariant homotopy (resp. homology) equivalence up to dimension D if for each subgroup  $H \subset G$  the induced homomorphism  $f_*^H: \pi_k(X^H) \to \pi_k(Y^H)$  (resp.  $f_*^H: H_k(X^H, \mathbb{Z}) \to H_k(Y^H, \mathbb{Z})$ ) is an isomorphism for any k < D and an epimorphism for k = D.

Similarly, it is called a G-equivariant homotopy (resp. homology) equivalence through dimension D if for each subgroup  $H \subset G$  the induced homomorphism  $f_*^H : \pi_k(X^H) \xrightarrow{\cong} \pi_k(Y^H)$  (resp.  $f_*^H : H_k(X^H, \mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_k(Y^H, \mathbb{Z})$ ) is an isomorphism for any  $k \leq D$ .

The complex conjugation on  $\mathbb{C}$  naturally induces the  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -action on  $A_d^{\mathbb{C}}(m,n)$  and  $S^{2n+1}$ , where we identify  $S^{2n+1}$  with the space

$$S^{2n+1} = \{(w_0, \dots, w_n) \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1} : \sum_{k=0}^n |w_k|^2 = 1\}.$$

It is easy to see that  $A_d^{\mathbb{C}}(m,n)^{\mathbb{Z}/2} = A_d^{\mathbb{R}}(m,n)$  and  $(i_d^{\mathbb{C}})^{\mathbb{Z}/2} = i_d^{\mathbb{R}}$ . Hence, we also have:

Corollary 1.2 ([10]). If  $n \geq 2$  and  $d \geq 1$  are integers, the map  $i_d^{\mathbb{C}}$ :  $A_d^{\mathbb{C}}(1,n) \to \Omega S^{2n+1}$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -equivariant homotopy equivalence up to dimension  $D_1(d,n)$ .

## 2 The case $m \geq 2$ .

## 2.1 The improvements of the stability dimensions.

For a space X, let F(X,r) denote the configuration space of distinct r points in X given by  $F(X,r) = \{(x_1, \dots, x_r) \in X^r : x_i \neq x_j \text{ if } i \neq j\}$ . The symmetric group  $S_r$  of r letters acts on F(X,r) freely by permuting coordinates. Let  $C_r(X)$  be the configuration space of unordered r-distinct points in X given by the orbit space  $C_r(X) = F(X,r)/S_r$ .

It is known ([8], [18]) that there are the stable homotopy equivalence and the isomorphism of abelian groups

$$\begin{cases} \Omega^m S^{m+l} \simeq_s \bigvee_{r=1}^{\infty} D_r(\mathbb{R}^m; S^l) & \text{(stable homotopy equivalence)} \\ H_k(D_r(\mathbb{R}^m, S^l), \mathbb{Z}) \cong H_{k-rl}(C_r(\mathbb{R}^m), (\pm \mathbb{Z})^{\otimes r}) & (k, l \geq 1), \end{cases}$$

where we set  $\bigwedge^r X = X \wedge \cdots \wedge X$  (r times),  $X_+ = X \cup \{*\}$  (\* is the disjoint base point), and  $D_r(\mathbb{R}^m, S^l) = F(\mathbb{R}^m, r)_+ \wedge_{S_r} (\bigwedge^r S^l)$ .

Let  $G_{m,N;k}^{M}$  and  $D_{\mathbb{K}}(d;m,n)$  be the abelian group and the positive in-

teger defined by

$$\begin{cases} G_{m,N;k}^{M} = \bigoplus_{r=1}^{M} H_{k-(N-m)r}(C_{r}(\mathbb{R}^{m}), (\pm \mathbb{Z})^{\otimes (N-m)}), \\ D_{\mathbb{K}}(d; m, n) = \begin{cases} (n-m)\left(\lfloor \frac{d+1}{2} \rfloor + 1\right) - 1 & \text{if } \mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}, \ d \leq 3, \\ (n-m)d - 2 & \text{if } \mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}, \ d \geq 4, \\ (2n-m+1)\left(\lfloor \frac{d+1}{2} \rfloor + 1\right) - 1 & \text{if } \mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}, \ d \leq 3, \\ (2n-m+1)d - 2 & \text{if } \mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}, \ d \geq 4, \end{cases}$$

where  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  denotes the integer part of a real number x. Note that there is an isomorphism  $H_k(\Omega^m S^{m+l}, \mathbb{Z}) \cong G_{m,m+l;k}^{\infty}$  for any  $k \geq 1$ .

Then we have the following results.

**Theorem 2.1** (cf. [1]). Let  $2 \le m < n$  and let  $g \in Alg_d^*(\mathbb{R}P^{m-1}, \mathbb{R}P^n)$  be an algebraic map of minimal degree d.

- (i) The inclusion  $i'_{d,\mathbb{R}}: \operatorname{Alg}_d^{\mathbb{R}}(m,n;g) \to F^{\mathbb{R}}(m,n;g) \simeq \Omega^m S^n$  is a homotopy equivalence through dimension  $D_{\mathbb{R}}(d;m,n)$  if  $m+2 \leq n$  and a homology equivalence through dimension  $D_{\mathbb{R}}(d;m,n)$  if m+1=n.
- (ii) For any  $k \geq 1$ ,  $H_k(\mathrm{Alg}_d^{\mathbb{R}}(m,n;g),\mathbb{Z})$  contains the subgroup  $G_{m,n;k}^d$  as a direct summand. Moreover, the induced homomorphism  $i'_{d,\mathbb{R}^*}: H_k(\mathrm{Alg}_d^{\mathbb{R}}(m,n;g),\mathbb{Z}) \to H_k(\Omega^m S^n,\mathbb{Z})$  is an epimorphism for any  $k \leq (n-m)(d+1)-1$ .

**Theorem 2.2** (cf. [1]). If  $2 \le m < n$  are positive integers,

$$i_d^{\mathbb{R}}: A_d^{\mathbb{R}}(m,n) \to \operatorname{Map}_{[d]_2}^*(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbb{R}P^n)$$

is a homotopy equivalence through dimension  $D_{\mathbb{R}}(d; m, n)$  if  $m + 2 \leq n$  and a homology equivalence through dimension  $D_{\mathbb{R}}(d; m, n)$  if m + 1 = n.

**Theorem 2.3** (cf. [12]). Let  $2 \le m \le 2n$ , and let  $g \in Alg_d^*(\mathbb{R}P^{m-1}, \mathbb{C}P^n)$  be an algebraic map of minimal degree d.

(i) The inclusion  $i'_{d,\mathbb{C}}: \operatorname{Alg}_d^{\mathbb{C}}(m,n;g) \to F^{\mathbb{C}}(m,n;g) \simeq \Omega^m S^{2n+1}$  is a homotopy equivalence through dimension  $D_{\mathbb{C}}(d;m,n)$  if m < 2n and a homology equivalence through dimension  $D_{\mathbb{C}}(d;m,n)$  if m = 2n.

(ii) For any  $k \geq 1$ ,  $H_k(\mathrm{Alg}_d^{\mathbb{C}}(m,n;g),\mathbb{Z})$  contains the subgroup  $G_{m,2n+1;k}^d$  as a direct summand. Moreover, the induced homomorphism  $i'_{d,\mathbb{C}^*}: H_k(\mathrm{Alg}_d^{\mathbb{C}}(m,n;g),\mathbb{Z}) \to H_k(\Omega^m S^{2n+1},\mathbb{Z})$  is an epimorphism for any  $k \leq (2n-m+1)(d+1)-1$ .

**Theorem 2.4** (cf. [12]). If  $2 \le m \le 2n$  are positive integers,

$$i_d^{\mathbb{C}}: A_d^{\mathbb{C}}(m,n) \to \operatorname{Map}_{[d]_2}^*(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbb{C}P^n)$$

is a homotopy equivalence through dimension  $D_{\mathbb{C}}(d; m, n)$  if m < 2n and a homology equivalence through dimension  $D_{\mathbb{C}}(d; m, n)$  if m = 2n.

Note that the complex conjugation on  $\mathbb{C}$  naturally induces  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -actions on the spaces  $\mathrm{Alg}_d^{\mathbb{C}}(m,n;g)$  and  $A_d^{\mathbb{C}}(m,n)$  as before. In the same way it also induces a  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -action on  $\mathbb{C}\mathrm{P}^n$  and this action extends to actions on the spaces  $\mathrm{Map}^*(\mathbb{R}\mathrm{P}^m,S^{2n+1})$  and  $\mathrm{Map}_{\epsilon}^*(\mathbb{R}\mathrm{P}^m,\mathbb{C}\mathrm{P}^n)$ , where we identify  $S^{2n+1} = \{(w_0,\cdots,w_n) \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1} : \sum_{k=0}^n |w_k|^2 = 1\}$  and regard  $\mathbb{R}\mathrm{P}^m$  as a  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -space with the trivial  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -action.

Corollary 2.5 (cf. [12]). Let  $2 \le m \le 2n$ ,  $d \ge 1$  be positive integers and  $g \in Alg_d^{\mathbb{C}}(\mathbb{R}P^{m-1}, \mathbb{C}P^n)$  be a fixed algebraic map of the minimal degree d.

- (i) If m < 2n, the inclusion map  $i'_{d,\mathbb{C}} : \mathrm{Alg}_d^{\mathbb{C}}(m,n;g) \to F^{\mathbb{C}}(m,n;g) \simeq \Omega^m S^{2n+1}$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -equivariant homotopy equivalence through dimension  $D_{\mathbb{R}}(d;m,n)$ .
- (ii) If m = 2n, the above inclusion map  $i'_{d,\mathbb{C}}$  is and a  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -equivariant homology equivalence through dimension  $D_{\mathbb{R}}(d; m, n)$ .
- (iii) The map  $i_d^{\mathbb{C}}: A_d^{\mathbb{C}}(m,n) \to \operatorname{Map}_{[d]_2}^*(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbb{C}P^n)$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -equivariant homotopy equivalence through dimension  $D_{\mathbb{R}}(d;m,n)$  if m < 2n and a  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -equivariant homology equivalence through the same dimension  $D_{\mathbb{R}}(d;m,n)$  if m = 2n.

## 2.2 Conjectures.

Finally we report several related questions.

Conjecture 2.6. Is the projection  $\Psi_d^{\mathbb{K}}: A_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m,n) \to \mathrm{Alg}_d^*(\mathbb{R}\mathrm{P}^m,\mathbb{K}\mathrm{P}^n)$  a homotopy equivalence?

Let  $\hat{D}_{\mathbb{K}}(d; m, n)$  denote the integer given by

$$\hat{D}_{\mathbb{K}}(d;m,n) = egin{cases} (n-m)(d+1)-1 & ext{if } \mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}, \\ (2n-m+1)(d+1)-1 & ext{if } \mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}. \end{cases}$$

Conjecture 2.7. Is the map  $i_d^{\mathbb{K}}: A_d^{\mathbb{K}}(m,n) \to \operatorname{Map}_{[d]_2}^*(\mathbb{R}P^m, \mathbb{K}P^n)$  a homotopy (or homology) equivalence up to dimension  $\hat{D}_{\mathbb{K}}(d;m,n)$ ?

*Remark.* The above conjectures are correct if m = 1.

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