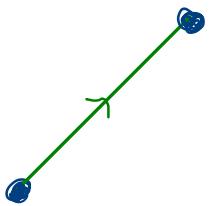


# Complexity of Graph Manifolds

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# 1. Complexity

Assumption:  $M$  closed 3-manifold.

Definition: The complexity  $c(M)$  of  $M$

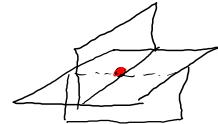
is the minimum number of true vertices

among all almost simple spines of  $M$ . (Matveev '90)

Spine: Polyhedron  $P$  embedded in  $M$  s.t.  
 $M \setminus P \cong \text{Open 3-ball}$ .

Almost Simple: The link of each point can be embedded in  $K_4$  

True vertex: A point whose link is  $K_4$    $\rightsquigarrow$  locally Butterfly



Properties:  $\rightarrow c(M_1 \# M_2) = c(M_1) + c(M_2)$

$\rightarrow$  The number of prime manifolds having complexity  $k$  is finite,  $\nexists k \in \mathbb{Z} \quad k \geq 0$ .

$\rightsquigarrow$  CATALOGUE <http://matlas.math.csu.ru/?page=search>

$k=0$ :  $S^3$ ,  $\mathbb{RP}^3$ ,  $L(3,1)$ ,  $S^2 \times S^1$

$k=2$ : first Seifert (prism manifold) not lens space (total 4)

$k=7$ : first graph not Seifert (total 175)

$k=9$ : first hyperbolic manifold (total 1156)

$k=12$ : 23436 manifolds!

## 2. Graph Manifolds

**Definition:** A GRAPH MANIFOLD IS AN ORIENTABLE 3-MANIFOLD OBTAINED BY GLUING SEIFERT MANIFOLDS ALONG TORIC BOUNDARY COMPONENTS. (WALDHAUSEN '67)

$(V, E)$  finite non trivial connected digraph

$$V \ni v \longrightarrow S_v \text{ Seifert } d(v) = \underbrace{\# \text{ cmp's}}_{\text{ }} \partial S_v$$

$$E \ni e \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_e & \beta_e \\ \gamma_e & \delta_e \end{pmatrix} \in GL_2^+(\mathbb{Z})$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$S(D^2, (2,1), (2,1), -1) \xrightarrow{\quad} S(D^2/(2,1)(2,1), 0)$

$$S\left(\sum_{g=1}^{\pm} (p_1 q_1), (p_2 q_2), \dots, (p_r q_r)\right) \xrightarrow{\quad b \quad}$$

$\downarrow$

$S \rightarrow \sum_{g=1}^{\pm} \text{base } \text{spine}$

$\circ \rightarrow *$

exceptional fibers      ordinary Euler class  
 $0 < q_i < p_i$        $b \leftrightarrow (1, b)$

Example:  $(D^2, (2,1), (2,1), 1, 1)$

### 3. Graph manifolds: complexity upper bounds

Lens space  
(Matveev '90)

$$c(L(p, q)) \leq \max\{S(p/q) - 3, 0\}$$

$$S(p/q) = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 t + \dots + \alpha_s$$



$$\frac{p}{q} = \alpha_1 + \frac{1}{\alpha_2 + \frac{1}{\alpha_3 + \dots + \frac{1}{\alpha_s}}}$$

(Jao - Rubinstein -  
Tillmann '09 - '11)

$$c(L(2n, 1)) = 2n - 3, \quad n \geq 2$$

$$c(L(4n, 2n - 1)) = n \quad n \geq 1$$

Seifert manifolds

Closed, orientable, prime, connected, not lens spaces.

(Martelli - Petronio '06  
C. - Matveev - Mulazzani  
Nasybullov '20 )

$$c(S(\Sigma, (p_1, q_1), (p_2, q_2), \dots, (p_k, q_k), b)) \leq 6(1-\chi) + \sum_{k=1}^r (S(p_k/q_k) + 1) + \max\{0, b-1+\chi\}$$

Graph manifolds  
(C. - Mulazzani '21)

Closed, orientable, connected, not Seifert  
or torus bundles over  $S^1$

$$\begin{aligned} c(M_{(V, E)}) &\leq 5(|E| - |V| + 1) + \Phi(G) + \sum_{e \in E'} (S(\beta_e/\delta_e) - 1) + \\ &+ \sum_{v \in V} \left( 3(d_v + 2h_v - 2) + \sum_{k=1}^{r_v} (S(p_k/q_k) + 1) \right) + \\ &+ \min_{T \in \mathcal{O}_G} \left\{ \min_{\psi \in \Psi_T, \psi' \in \Psi'_T} \left\{ \sum_{v \in V} f_{m_v, M_v}(b_v) \right\} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$



Sharp for all (14502) manifolds in  
the catalogue.

## 4. Toward the general formula

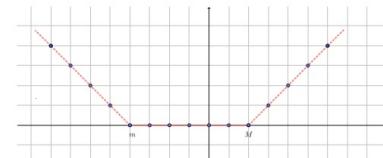
Step 1) Tree with no edge labelled  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$c(M) \leq \sum_{e \in E} (S(\beta_e/\delta_e) - 1) + \sum_{v \in V} \left( 3(d_v + 2h_v - 2) + \sum_{k=1}^{r_v} (S(p_k/q_k) + 1) + f_{m_v, M_v}(b_v) \right)$$

$$m_v = 1 - (\# \text{exc. fibers} + \# \text{handles} + \# \text{edges in } )$$

$$M_v = (\# \text{handles} + \# \text{edges out}) - 1$$

$$\begin{array}{l} v_1 \bullet S(D^2, (2,1), (2,1), -1) \\ e \downarrow \\ v_2 \bullet S(D^2, (2,1), (2,1), 0) \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$



Step 2) Graph with no edge labelled  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$c(M) \leq 5(|E| - |V| + 1) + \sum_{e \in E} (S(\beta_e/\delta_e) - 1) + \sum_{v \in V} \left( 3(d_v + 2h_v - 2) + \sum_{k=1}^{r_v} (S(p_k/q_k) + 1) + f_{m_v, M_v}(b_v) \right)$$

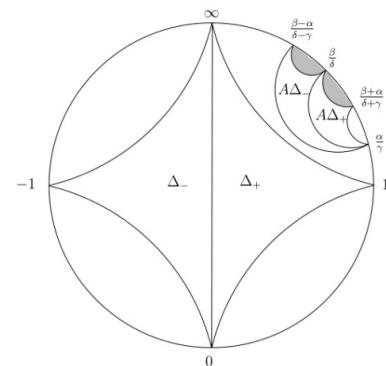
$$\begin{array}{l} Q \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ (A^2, (2,1), 0) \end{array}$$

Step 3) The general case

$$\begin{aligned} c(M_{(V,E)}) &\leq 5(|E| - |V| + 1) + \Phi(G) + \sum_{e \in E''} (S(\beta_e/\delta_e) - 1) + \\ &+ \sum_{v \in V} \left( 3(d_v + 2h_v - 2) + \sum_{k=1}^{r_v} (S(p_k/q_k) + 1) \right) + \\ &+ \min_{T \in \mathcal{O}_G} \left\{ \min_{\psi \in \Psi_T, \psi' \in \Psi'_T} \left\{ \sum_{v \in V} f_{m_v, M_v}(b_v) \right\} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where:

$$m_v = -r_v - h_v - d_v^- - d_{v,\psi,T}^- - d_{v,\psi',T}^- + 1, \quad M_v = h_v + d_v^+ + d_{v,\psi,T}^+ + d_{v,\psi',T}^+ - 1$$



Thanks

Let your  
attention!