# Euler-Poincaré Characteristic, Todd genus and signature of singular varieties 

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## Definition (Poincaré)

Let $X$ be a triangulated compact (smooth or singular) variety, the Euler - Poincaré characteristic of $X$ is defined as

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e(X)=\sum_{i=0}^{m}(-1)^{i} k_{i}
$$

where $m=\operatorname{dim}_{\mathbb{R}} X$ and $k_{i}$ is the number of $i$-dimensional simplexes.

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## Example 2

The Euler - Poincaré characteristic of the pinched torus


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\text { is } e(P)=1
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Theorem (Poincaré-Hopf)
Let $X$ be a compact manifold and let $v$ be a (continuous) vector field with (finitely many) isolated singularities $\left(a_{j}\right)_{j \in J}$ of index $I\left(v, a_{j}\right)$, then

$$
e(X)=\sum_{j \in J} I\left(v, a_{j}\right)
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## Preamble: 3. The arithmetic genus (an example)

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$$
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## Preamble: 4. The Todd genus

The Todd genus $T(X)$ has been defined (by Todd) in terms of Eger-Todd fundamental classes (polar varieties), using Severi results. The Eger-Todd classes are homological Chern classes of $X$.

Todd "proved" that

$$
T(X)=\chi(X)
$$

In fact, the Todd proof uses a Severi Lemma which has never been completely proved. The Todd result has been proved by Hirzebruch.

## Preamble: 5. The signature

## Definition (Thom-Hirzebruch)

Let $M$ be a (real) compact oriented $4 k$-dimensional manifold. Let $x$ and $y$ two elements of $H^{2 k}(M ; \mathbb{R})$, then

$$
\langle x \cup y,[M]\rangle \in \mathbb{R}
$$

defines a bilinear form on the vector space $H^{2 k}(M ; \mathbb{R})$. The index (or signature) of $M$, denoted by $\operatorname{sign}(M)$, is defined as the index of this form, i.e. the number of positive eigenvalues minus the number of negative eigenvalues.

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| - | - | - |
| $\operatorname{sign}(X)$ | Thom-Hirzebruch | Cappell-Shaneson |

Hirzebruch Theory
Motivic Theory (BSY)

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## Characteristic Classes of Manifolds.

Let $X$ be a complex manifold with $\operatorname{dimension} \operatorname{dim}_{\mathbb{C}} X=n$, let us denote by

$$
c^{*}(T X)=\sum_{j=0}^{n} c^{j}(T X), \quad c^{j}(T X) \in H^{2 j}(X ; \mathbb{Z})
$$

the total Chern class of the (complex) tangent bundle $T X$.

## Definition

The Chern roots $\alpha_{i}$ of TX are defined by:

$$
\sum_{j=0}^{n} c^{j}(T X) t^{j}=\prod_{i=1}^{n}\left(1+\alpha_{i} t\right)
$$

$\alpha_{i} \in H^{2}(X ; \mathbb{Z})$.

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## Hirzebruch Riemann-Roch Theorem

One has:

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$$
L_{*}: \Omega(X) \rightarrow H_{2 *}(X ; \mathbb{Q})
$$

One defines $L_{*}(X):=L_{*}\left(\left[\mathcal{I C}_{X}\right]\right)$

## Problem:

The three transformations are defined on different spaces:

$$
\mathbb{F}(X), \quad G_{0}(X) \quad \text { and } \quad \Omega(X)
$$

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## Definition

The Grothendieck relative group of algebraic varieties over $X$

$$
K_{0}(\operatorname{var} / X)
$$

is the quotient of the free abelian group of isomorphy classes of algebraic maps $Y \longrightarrow X$, modulo the "additivity relation":

$$
[Y \longrightarrow X]=[Z \longrightarrow Y \longrightarrow X]+[Y \backslash Z \longrightarrow Y \longrightarrow X]
$$

for closed algebraic sub-spaces $Z$ in $Y$.

## Three results...

## Theorem

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$$
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$$

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## Remark

If a complex algebraic variety $X$ has only rational singularities (for example if $X$ is a toric variety), then:

$$
m C\left(\left[i d_{X}\right]\right)=\left[\mathcal{O}_{X}\right] \in G_{0}(X) \quad \text { and in this case } \quad T_{0}\left(\left[i d_{X}\right]\right)=t d_{*}(X)
$$

That is not true in general!

## Only for specialists...

## Verdier Riemann-Roch Formula

Let $f: X^{\prime} \rightarrow X$ be a smooth map (or a map with constant relative dimension), then one has

$$
\widetilde{t d_{(y)}}\left(T_{f}\right) \cap f^{*} T_{y}([Z \longrightarrow X])=T_{y} f^{*}([Z \longrightarrow X]) .
$$

Here $T_{f}$ is the bundle over $X^{\prime}$ of tangent spaces to fibres of $f$.

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Factorisation of $T_{y}$

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& T_{y} \downarrow \\
& \Omega(X) \\
& \downarrow t d_{*} \\
& H_{*}(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q} \stackrel{y=-1}{\rightleftarrows} H_{*}(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q}[y] \quad L_{*} \downarrow \xrightarrow{y=0} H_{*}(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q} \\
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# Thanks for your attention 

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