THE CURVATURE OF GRAPH PRODUCTS

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Abstract. We show that the curvature $K_{G \ast H}(x, y)$ at a point $(x, y)$ in the strong product $G \ast H$ of two finite simple graphs is equal to the product $K_G(x)K_H(y)$ of the curvatures.

1. The product formula

1.1. If $G$ is a finite simple graph with simplex generating function $f_G(t) = 1 + f_0t + f_1t^2 + \cdots + f_dt^{d+1}$, where $f_k$ counts the number of complete sub-graphs of $G$ of dimension $k$, the curvature of a vertex $x$ is defined as $K_G(x) = \int_0^1 f_{S(x)}(s) \, ds$, where $S(x)$ is the unit sphere of $x$, the graph generated by the vertices directly adjacent to $x$. Integrating out, the curvature is

$$K(x) = 1 - \frac{f_0(S(x))}{2} + \frac{f_1(S(x))}{3} - \frac{f_2(S(x))}{4} + \cdots.$$ 

The Gauss Bonnet formula [2] is $\chi(G) = \sum_x K(x)$. The relation appeared first in [17], we explored it in [2] also in Gauss-Bonnet and in particular in a discrete manifold situations. The general Gauss-Bonnet is proven by distributing each term $\chi(G) = \sum_k \omega(k)$ with $\omega(k) = (-1)^{\dim(k)}$ from a simplex $k$ with $\dim(k) + 1$ vertices to each vertex in $x$, giving each weight $\dim(k) + 1$. This Euler handshake argument works for any multi-linear valuation [8].

1.2. If $G, H$ are two graphs, the strong product $G \ast H$ of $G$ and $H$ has as vertices the Cartesian product $V(G) \times V(H)$ of $V(G)$ and $V(H)$. Two vertices $(a, b), (c, d)$ in $G \ast H$ are connected if both projections onto $G, H$ are either an edge in $G, H$ or a vertex in $G, H$. Together with the discrete union, augmented to an additive group, we get a commutative and associative ring, the Shannon ring of graphs. All quantities like Euler characteristic, curvature or later also the indices $i_{G,x}$ are extended to this ring with $\chi(-A) = \chi(A), K_{-G}(x) = -K_G(x)$. Our result is:

Theorem 1. $K_{G \ast H}(x, y) = K_G(x)K_H(y)$.

1.3. Since no simple relations between simplex generating functions of $G, H$ and $G \ast H$ exist, we have not managed yet o get a direct combinatorial proof of this identity. For example, if $G$ is a complete graph $K_4$ with $f$-vector $(4, 6, 4, 1)$ and $H$ is a star graph with $f$-vector $(5, 4)$, then the strong product has the $f$-vector $(20, 94, 212, 277, 224, 112, 32, 4)$. Instead, we will show the identity integral geometrically. Curvature is also an expectation of Poincaré-Hopf indices $i_{G,g}(x)$ [3, 22]. It turns out then that the indices $i_{G,g}(x), i_{H,h}(y)$ multiply and give $i_{G \ast H,g \ast h}(x, y)$. Taking expectations proves the curvature relation.

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1.4. If \( g(x) \) is a scalar function on vertices of \( G \) which is **locally injective** (=coloring), meaning \( g(x) \neq g(y) \) if \( x, y \) are adjacent in \( G \), then the Poincaré-Hopf index of \( g \) at \( x \) is \( i_g(x) = 1 - \chi(S_g(x)) \), where \( S_g(x) = \{ y \in S(x), g(y) < g(x) \} \). The Poincaré-Hopf formula is \( \chi(G) = \sum_x i_g(x) \). Similarly as in the Gauss-Bonnet formula, this can be proven by pushing the value \( \omega(x) \) to the vertex set. But unlike in Gauss-Bonnet, where it is distributed equally, it is pushed onto the vertex in the complete subgraph graph \( x \), where \( g \) is maximal. For any probability space \((\Omega, A, P)\) of locally injective functions, the **index expectation** \( K(x) = \mathbb{E}[i_g(x)] \) is a curvature. In particular, if \((\Omega, P) = (\prod_x [-1, 1], \prod_x (dx/2))\) is a product probability space, then the index expectation is the curvature defined above.

1.5. An immediate consequence of the product formula is that the **Euler characteristic** of strong products multiply, a fact which can also be verified using cohomology: If \( p_G(t) = \sum_{k=0}^d b_k(G)t^k \) is the Poincaré polynomial of \( G \) encoding the **Betti numbers** \( b_k(G) \) then \( \chi(G) = p_G(-1) \) is the Euler characteristic by Poincaré-Hopf. And the Künneth formula implies that \( G \to p(G) \) is a ring homomorphism from the Shannon ring to an integer polynomial ring. Of course, this assumes that cohomology is also extended naturally to negative graphs \( b_k(-G) = -b_k(G) \). The Künneth formula can be verified quite readily by seeing \( b_k \) as the dimension of the kernel of the Hodge Laplacian restricted to \( k \)-forms. In the strong product the cup product of cohomology is swiftly implemented on the harmonic forms: if \( f \) is a harmonic \( p \)-form and \( g \) is a harmonic \( q \) form, then \( d^*fg \) is a harmonic \((p+q)\)-form. We could get from \([13]\) to \([7]\) without chain homotopy but replace it with the fact that for two arbitrary simplices, the connection graph of \( G \times H \) and the Barycentric graph of \( G \times H \) are homotopic.

1.6. We can also compare the product formula Theorem\([\ref{thm:product_formula}]\) in the context of discrete manifolds. Given two simplicial complexes \( G, H \) which are discrete manifolds, then \( G \times H \) is a set of sets but not a simplicial complex. We can associate to \( G \) a connection graph \( G' \) and to \( H \) a connection graph \( H' \) and to \( G \times H \) a connection graph \((G \times H)' = G' \star H' \). So, we have for any simplicial complex a natural curvature at every set which has a graph theoretical interpretation and that the curvature \( K(x, y) = K(x)K(y) \) again has a graph theoretical interpretation.

1.7. The theorem can be extended. This becomes clear when one looks at the proof. One way to extend it is to use curvatures defined by arbitrary probability spaces \( \Omega_G \) and \( \Omega_H \) on functions on \( G, H \) and take the product probability space \( \Omega_G \times \Omega_H \) for \( G \star H \). The curvature \( K(x) \) applies for the Euler characteristic \( \sum_x \omega(x) \) of \( G \), where \( \omega(x) = (-1)^{\dim(x)} \) and the sum is over all complete sub-graphs \( x \) of \( G \).

1.8. Limitations appear when leaving properties which are homotopy invariant. There is also a curvature for the **Wu characteristic**

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\omega(G) = \sum_{x \sim y} \omega(x)\omega(y) = \sum_x K(x),
\]

where the sum to the left is taken over all intersecting simplices \( x, y \) written as \( x \sim y \) for having a non-empty intersection. But the product formula for the Wu curvature does not hold any more. This is no surprise as unlike Euler characteristic, Wu characteristic is not a homotopy invariant but this is of advantage as it leads to a cohomology which can distinguish homotopic but not equivalent fiber bundles \([10]\).
2. The proof

2.1. It might be that a direct combinatorial check is difficult because we do not have a simple relation between the \( f \)-vectors \( f_G \) and \( f_H \) or \( f \)-functions \( f_G(t) \) and \( g_G(t) \). Similarly as when we struggled 10 years ago to prove that the curvature of discrete \((2d - 1)\)-dimensional manifolds is constant zero (this is not even defined in the continuum as the Gauss-Bonnet-Chern formula only applies for even dimensional manifolds), we will use integral geometric tools. In the case of odd-dimensional discrete manifolds, we found first an integral geometric proof which could also be done by Dehn-Sommerville considerations \[11\]. Here however, we deal with a result which holds for all finite simple graphs. Integral geometry \[6, 4\] might remain as the most elegant approach.

2.2. The key is to show that the unit sphere \( S(x, y) \) at a point \((x, y)\) of \( G \times H \) is homotopic to the join \( S(x) \oplus S(y) \). For the join, of two graphs, the simplex generating functions multiply. We need however to go through some homotopy deformation of the unit spheres \( S(x, y) \) to see them as the join of \( S(x) \) and \( S(y) \). This pretty much restricts the result to quantities like Euler characteristic which are homotopy invariant. Now as has been known also since half a century, Euler characteristic is the only linear valuation \[8\] on which has this property. (Homotopy invariance implies invariance under Barycentric refinements for which we know the Barycentric refinement operator explicitly and have it only one eigenvalue 1 which corresponds to the most elegant approach.)

2.3. The actually formula which holds for any finite simple graphs \( G, H \) with vertices \( x \in V(G) \) and \( y \in V(H) \). Let \( B(x) \) the unit ball of \( x \), the graph generated by the union of \( S(x) \) and \( x \).

**Lemma 1 (Cylinder relation).** The unit sphere \( S(x, y) \) of a vertex \((x, y)\) in \( G \ast H \) satisfies \( S(x, y) = S(x) \ast B(y) \cup B(x) \ast S(y) \) with intersection set \( S(x) \ast S(y) \).

**Proof.** This is a direct consequence of the definition of the product. Given a point \((a, b)\) in \( G \ast H \) which is in \( S(x, y) \), then necessarily, \( a \) is in \( B(x) \) and \( b \) is in \( B(y) \). But since \((a, b)\) is different from \((x, y)\), we either \( a \neq x \) which means we are in \( S(x) \ast B(y) \) or then \( b \neq y \) which means we are in \( B(x) \ast S(y) \). \( \square \)

**Lemma 2 (Cylinder to Join).** \( S(x) \ast B(y) \cup B(x) \ast S(y) \) is homotopic to \( S(x) \oplus S(y) \), where \( \oplus \) is the Zykov join.

**Proof.** Every unit ball is a ball (defined as a sphere in which a point is removed) and so contractible. Since \( B(x) \) and \( B(y) \) are contractible, we can deform each of them to a point. What end up with a situation, where every point of \( S(x) \) is connected to every point of \( S(y) \). \( \square \)

2.4. A picture to visualize is to see \( S(x, y) \) as the boundary of a closed cylindrical can. In that case, \( S(x) \) is a 1-circle and \( S(y) \) is a 0-circle consisting of two points. The set \( S(x) \ast B(y) \) is the cylindrical mantle of the can. The set \( B(x) \ast S(y) \) are the top and bottom lids to the can. To make the deformation, deform the height of the can to zero. Lift the center of the top lid and the center of the bottom lid to get a union of two lids. Now deforming \( B(y) \) to \( S(y) \) will lead to a graph consisting of two unions of \( S(x) \) and \( S(y) \) where each point in \( S(y) \) is connected to every point in \( S(x) \).
2.5. Let us write $\oplus$ for the join. From the “cylinder to join” lemma we can assume that $S(x, y) = S(x) \oplus S(y)$. But the same also applies to the stable part $S^{-}_{gh}(x, y) = S^{-}_{g}(x) \oplus S^{-}_{h}(y)$. But this implies then that the indices tensor multiply. We started to work on the simplex generating function in \cite{1}. (It is just a sort of shifted Euler polynomial.)

**Proposition 1.** $i_{G \ast H, gh}(x, y) = i_{G, g}(x)i_{H, h}(y)$.

**Proof.** In general, for any graphs $G, H$, we have $(1 - \chi(G))(1 - \chi(H)) = (1 - \chi(G \oplus H))$, where $G \oplus H$ is the join. This simply follows from the fact that if $x$ is a $(k - 1)$-simplex in $G$ and $y$ is a $(l - 1)$-simplex in $H$, then $(x + y)$ is a $(k + l - 1)$-simplex in $G + H$. The formula $(1 - \chi(S_{G \ast H, gh}(x))) = (1 - \chi(S_{G, g}(x)))(1 - \chi(S_{H, h}(x)))$ follows now from $S_{G \ast H, gh}(x, y)$ being homotopic to the join of $S_{G, g}(x)$ and $S_{H, h}(y)$ and that the Euler characteristic is a homotopy invariant. We have $S_{G \ast H, gh}(x, y) = B_{G}^{\ast}(x) * S_{H}^{\ast}(y) \cup S_{G}^{\ast}(x) * B_{H}^{\ast}(y)$, which is homotopic to the join of $S_{H}^{\ast}$ and $S_{G}^{\ast}$. \hfill \Box

2.6. The proof of the theorem is now straight forward:

**Proof.** Take the expectation of the relation given in the Proposition and make use of the fact that the two random variables $X(g) = i_{G, g}(x)$ and $Y(h) = i_{H, h}(y)$ are independent. The expectation of the product is the product of the expectations. Here is a bit more formal derivation:

a) The random variables $g \rightarrow X(g), h \rightarrow Y(h)$ are independent.

b) $K(x) = E[X], K(y) = E[Y]$.

c) $K(x, y) = E[XY] = E[X]E[Y]$. \hfill \Box

3. Remarks

3.1. The **Lefschetz fixed point theorem** for graphs or simplicial complexes \cite{4} assures that the **Lefschetz number** $\chi(G, T)$ (the super trace of $T$ induced on harmonic forms) of a graph endomorphism $T : G \rightarrow G$ is equal to the sum $\sum_{x \in F} i_{T}(x)$ of indices of all fixed simplices $T(x) = x$. The index is $\omega(x) = (-1)^{\dim(x)} \text{sign}(T : x \rightarrow x)$. A special case is the **Brouwer fixed point theorem**: if $G$ is homotopic to $1$ as then, the Lefschetz number is $1$ so that there is at least one simplex $x$ that is fixed. An other special case is if $T : G \rightarrow G$ is the identity, where the Lefschetz number is the Euler characteristic and $i_{T}(x) = \omega(x)$. In that case, $\chi(G) = \sum_{x} \omega(x)$ is the definition of Euler characteristic. It is a bit easier to see that the Lefschetz number is compatible with the Shannon product. In the next section, we show why. The key reason is that the cup product implementation on cohomology is by Hodge directly implementable using harmonic forms. As Whitney also realized there is nothing mysterious about the cup product in cohomology: $k$-forms are functions on complete sub-graphs with $(k + 1)$-elements. The Hodge Laplacian is block diagonal and induces maps on the finite dimensional vector spaces of $k$ forms. Now, if $g$ is a harmonic $p$ form and $h$ is a harmonic $q$ form, then the tensor product $g(x)h(y)$ is a function on complete $p + 1 + q + 1$ graphs but $d^{*}gh$ is now a harmonic $(p + q)$-form. This will imply that the Lefschetz number is compatible with the Shannon product.

3.2. Given two finite simple graphs $G, H$ and two graph endomorphisms $T : G \rightarrow G, S : H \rightarrow H$. Then this induces a natural endomorphism on $G \ast H$ as follows: if $T : V(G) \rightarrow V(G)$ and $S : V(H) \rightarrow V(H)$ are the induced maps on vertex sets:
then the map \( T \ast S(v, w) = (T(v), S(w)) \) is a map on vertices of \( G \ast H \) and is again a graph endomorphism on \( G \ast H \). The fixed point sum \( \sum_{x = T \ast S(z)} i_T(x) i_S(z) \) is equal to \( (\sum_{x = T(z)} i_T(x))(\sum_{y = S(z)} i_S(y)) \). The reason is that every fixed simplex \( z \) of \( T \ast S \) becomes after projection onto \( G \) or \( H \) a fixed point of \( T \) or \( S \) respectively. Also the Lefschetz number is multiplicative \( \chi(G \ast H, T \ast S) = \chi(G, T) \chi(H, S) \), as one can see by diagonalizing each \( T : H^k(G) \rightarrow H^k(G) \) and then see that if \( T : g_k = \lambda_k g_k \) on \( H^k(G) \) and \( S : h_l = \mu_l h_l \) then \( T \ast S : d^* g_k h_l = \lambda_k \mu_l d^* g_k h_l \). If \( g_k \) was a \( p \)-form and \( h_l \) was a \( q \)-form, then \( d^* g_k h_l \) is \((p + q)\)-form. The super traces of \( T, S \) induced on cohomology (kernels of Hodge Laplacians on \( p \)-forms) therefore multiply. If \( L(G, T) = \sum_{p=0} (-1)^p \text{tr}(T^{H^p(G)} \rightarrow H^p(G)) = \sum_{p} (-1)^p \sum_{k} \lambda_k, p \) and \( L(H, S) = \sum_{q=0} (-1)^q \text{tr}(H^{q}(H) \rightarrow H^q(H)) = \sum_{q} (-1)^q \sum_{l} \mu_l, q \), then \( L(G \ast H, T \ast S) = \sum_{p,q} (-1)^{p+q} \sum_{k,l} \lambda_k\mu_l, q \).

3.3. The Cartesian product of two even-dimensional Riemannian manifolds \( M \times N \) is a manifold which has Gauss-Bonnet-Chern curvature \( K_{M \times N}(x, y) = K_M(x) K_N(y) \), product of the curvatures of the individual parts. The curvature \( K_M(x) \) is the index expectation \( E[i_M, g(x)] \) of Poincaré-Hopf indices of Morse functions \( g \) obtained by Nash-embedding \( M \) into an ambient Euclidean space and restricting a linear function to \( M \). The product formula for curvature could then be derived from the fact that \( g \rightarrow i_{M, g}(x) \) and \( g \rightarrow i_{N, g}(y) \) are independent random variables in the product probability space. This approach gives a Gauss-Bonnet formula for any probability space on Morse functions. The Gauss-Bonnet Chern version is a special symmetric form in which the probability space of Morse functions is rotationally symmetric.

3.4. The probabilistic approaches to curvature does not require the curvature to be smooth at all in the manifold case. It could be a divisor for example, like the Poincaré-Hopf indices themselves, which correspond to probability spaces with one point only. If \( \Omega(M), \Omega(N) \) are probability spaces and \( i_g(G), i_h(G) \) divisor-valued random variables, then \( i_g(G), i_H(G) \) are independent (they become independent random variables after applying a test function: take a finite subset \( U \) of vertices and sum up the \( i_g(G) \) values over \( U \)). In classical Riemannian geometry, one can derive the product formula also from the fact that the Riemann curvature tensor \( R_{ijkl}(x, y) \) at a point \( (x, y) \) is block diagonal, if the basis in \( T_{x,y}M \times N \) is adapted to the product because the sectional curvatures \( R_{ijkl}(x, y) \) are then 0 if \( c_i \in T_xM \) and \( e_j \in T_yN \) and the basis is an orthonormal basis. We once explored the possibility to deform a positive curvature manifold so that its index expectation curvature which is positive. [14] [15] were attempts in this direction.

3.5. Assume now that \( M, N \) are discrete \( p \) and \( q \)-manifolds, (where with a discrete \( p \)-manifold we mean a finite simple graph for which all of the unit spheres is a \((p-1)\) sphere), we have a Cartesian product in which pairs \((x, y)\) are vertices, where \( x \) is a complete sub-graph of \( M \) and \( N \) is a complete subgraph of \( N \) and two points \((a, b), (c, d)\) are connected if either \( a \subset c, b \subset d \) or \( a \supset c, b \supset d \). This product is related to the **Stanley-Reinser product**, when a complex is represented as a polynomial ring and has the property that \( M \times N \) is still a manifold. However, the curvature is not the product of the curvatures of \( M \) and \( N \). The product is also not associative. The only initial drawback of the strong product of two manifolds is no more a manifold. This is not a problem but an opportunity to widen up the
notion of discrete d-manifold. One possibility is to allow that every unit sphere is homotopic to a \((d-1)\)-sphere, an other is to allow also unit-spheres which are contractible. We will write about this in some other work.

### 3.6. The curvature value \(K(x)\) is defined for all finite simple graphs \(G\) and as in the continuum, the curvature is the index expectation of Poincaré-Hopf indices \(i_{G,G}\). This is all very general, holding for all finite simple graphs. The continuum in the form of compact Riemannian manifold \(M\) can be seen as a limiting case. Given \(h > 0\), and a finite dense enough set of points \(V\) in \(M\) we get a graph by connect points which are close enough \(d(x,y) < h\). For example, if \(n = e^{1/h}\) are chosen independently then the discrete curvature averaged over a ball of radius \(\sqrt{1/h}\) converges for \(h \to 0\) to the classical curvature. We will have to give here more details but the reason is that both the finite graph as well as the compact manifold can both be embedded isometrically into a large dimensional Euclidean space \(E\). Take in both cases the same probability space of linear functions in \(E\) (which carries a natural Haar measure). The Poincaré-Hopf indices of \(G\) and \(M\) now are very close. In the graph case, the expectation gives the Levit curvature we deal with. In the manifold case, the expectation has to produce Gauss-Bonnet-Chern.

### 3.7. The strong product of Shannon \cite{15} was not introduced in a geometric setting at first but as a tool in communication theory. It leads to a nice ring \cite{9} which have a remarkable compatibility of the Shannon ring both with topology as well as the spectral level \cite{16}. The strong product \(G \ast H\) is often homotopic to a manifold if \(G, H\) are manifolds. This means that \(G \ast H\) is a generalized manifold in which every unit sphere is homotopic to a sphere. The Shannon product is compatible with cohomology which is visible from the fact that the map mapping \(G\) to the Poincaré-polynomial \(P_G(t) = \sum_k b_k(G)t^k\) is a ring homomorphism from the ring \((Z, +, *, 0, 1)\) of graphs to the ring \(Z[t]\) of integer polynomials. This requires to extend cohomology to negative graphs as \(b_k(-G) = -b_k(G)\). In any case, we have a remarkable compatibility of the Shannon ring both with topology as well as differential geometry.

### 4. Code

The following code computes the curvature, as well as the Poincaré-Hopf indices with respect to some random function.
When increasing parameters, finding the list of all complete sub-graphs can be hard to compute. Note that as usual, grabbing code from the PDF does not work. But the source code can as usual be copy pasted from the LaTeX source on the ArXiv:

4.2. The following code does compute the simplex generating function and so also the number of all complete sub-graphs for any \( k \) recursively using Gauss-Bonnet. While the above version is faster, the following computation is timeless and does not invoke any clique computations. It is elegant but in general slow. It could allow however to push the threshold of possible computations larger. Assume for example you have a graph for which your favorite clique finding algorithm finds the clique generating function for all unit spheres, then one can get the clique generating function of \( G \).

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\begin{align*}
\text{NH} = & \text{NeighborhoodGraph} ; f(G, t) := \text{Module} \left\{ v = \text{VertexList}[G], e = \text{EdgeList}[G], n, w \right\}, n = \text{Length}[v] ; \\
& \text{If} [e == \{\}, 1 + n \ast t, 1 + \text{Integrate}[\text{Sum}[w = v[k]; f(\text{VertexDelete}[\text{NH}[G, w], w], \{k, n\}), \{s, 0, t\}]] ; \\
S(G, x) := & \text{Module} \left\{ H = \text{NH}[G, x] \right\}, \text{If} [\text{Length}[\text{VertexList}[H]] < 2, \text{Graph}[\{\}], \text{VertexDelete}[H, x]] ; \\
\text{Curvature}[G, x] := & \text{Module} \left\{ f0 = f(S[G, x], t) \right\}, \text{Integrate}[f0, \{t, -1, 0\}] ; \\
\text{Curvatures}[G] := & \text{Module} \left\{ V = \text{VertexList}[G] \right\}, \text{Table}[\text{Curvature}[G, V[k]], \{k, \text{Length}[V]\}] ; \\
\end{align*}
\]

\( \text{G} = \text{RandomGraph}[\{30, 100\}] ; f0 = f(G, t) ; \text{EulerChi} = 1 - f0 / . t -> -1 ; \text{K} = \text{Curvatures}[G] ; \)

\[\text{Print}[\text{EulerChi} == \text{Total}[\text{K}]] ; \text{Print}[\text{K}] ;\]

Figure 1. An example of two graphs. Above we see the curvatures, below the indices taken with a random function.

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