Action Dimension and L^2 -homology

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Abstract

The action dimension of a group G, $\operatorname{actdim}(G)$ is the least dimension of a contractible manifold which admits a proper G-action. The action dimension conjecture states that L^2 -homology of any group G vanishes above $\operatorname{actdim}(G)/2$.

I will explain the equivalence of this conjecture to the classical Singer conjecture, and describe its current status.

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