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via the "asymptotic stretch" of $f_*: \pi_1 \to \pi_1$ with respect to the word metric in π_1 (see [Bow]). But this is not sharp even for linear automorphisms of tori T^n, where the entropy is expressed by the "k-dimensional stretch" on H_1 for some $k \leq n$ that equals the spectral radius of f_* on H_k. Such k-stretch can be defined, in general, in terms of $f_*: \pi_1(S) \to \pi_1(S)$ and the classifying map $S \to K(\pi_1, 1)$ (refining the spectral radius of f_* on H^k coming from $K(\pi_1, 1)$), but my obvious "proof" of the lower bound on the entropy by this k-stretch missed a hidden trap. This was also overlooked in [Ma$_3$] (for $f_*: H_1 \to H_1$, where a proper identification of the "k-stretch" with the spectral radius needs extra work), as was pointed out to me much later by David Fried. (The difficulty already appears for closed subsets S in the torus T^n invariant under linear automorphisms f of T^n, where one wishes to estimate the entropy of $f|S$ in terms of f_* acting on the *spectral* cohomology of S coming from T^n. On the other hand, the case of $T^n \to T^n$ is settled in [Mi-Pr].)

APPENDIX 6. Probably, the recent progress in Nielsen theory allows a description of the cases, where card(Fix$f$) is well controlled from below by some twisted Lefschetz number (see [Fel]).

APPENDIX 7. Nothing interesting to say.

APPENDIX 8. Minima of geometric functionals related to the logical complexity have been studied in depth by A. Nabutovski (see [Na] and references therein). Yet I do not feel ready yet to write this Appendix. For example, I do not see what is the actual influence of a suitable (?) complexity measure of $\pi_1(V)$ on the Plateau problem in V.

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