

Gottschalk's surjectivity conjecture

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Gottschalk's surjectivity conjecture asserts that if $\Gamma \curvearrowright A^\Gamma$ is a Bernoulli action of a countable discrete group Γ with finite alphabet A and $f : A^\Gamma \rightarrow A^\Gamma$ is a Γ -equivariant continuous injective map, then f is surjective. In the talk we explained why Gottschalk's surjectivity conjecture is stronger than Kaplansky's conjecture on the direct finiteness of the group algebra $K\Gamma$ for an arbitrary field K . We then demonstrated how topological entropy can be used to give a positive solution to Gottschalk's surjectivity conjecture for sofic groups.