The homotopy of spaces of algebraic maps between real algebraic varieties

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The main purpose of this talk is to talk about the recent joint work with M. Adamaszek and A. Kozlowski [2]. We consider the inclusion of the space Alg(X, Y) of algebraic (regular) maps between real algebraic varieties in the space Map(X, Y) of all continuous maps. For a certain class of real algebraic varieties X and Y, which include real projective spaces, it is known that Alg(X, Y) is a dense subspace in Map(X, Y). In this talk, as the first step, for certain class of varieties X and Y, we explain that the inclusion $Alg(X, Y) \rightarrow Map(X, Y)$ is also a homotopy equivalence. Next, we restrict the class of varieties to real projective spaces. In this case, the space of algebraic maps has a 'minimum degree' filtration by finite dimensional subspaces and it is natural to expect that the homotopy types of the terms of the filtration approximate closer and closer the homotopy type of the space of continuous mappings as the degree increases. This type of the conjecture is called as the Atiyah-Jones-Segal type conjecture or Gromov's h-principle (cf. [1], [3], [4], [7], [8], [9], [10], [11], [14], [15], [16], [17], [19]). We explain that this type result holds for this case and we compute the lower bounds of this approximation degree of these spaces.

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