

On the Reidemeister-Turaev torsion of standard Spin^c structures on Seifert fibered 3-manifolds

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M := a closed oriented 3-manifold

S_g := an orientable surface of genus g

The Reidemeister torsion

$$C_* = (0 \xrightarrow{\partial_m} C_m \xrightarrow{\partial_{m-1}} C_{m-1} \rightarrow \cdots \xrightarrow{\partial_0} C_0 \xrightarrow{\partial_{-1}} 0)$$

: an **acyclic, based**, finite chain complex / a field F

$\leadsto \tau(C_*) \in F^\times$: the **torsion** of C_*

$\hat{M} \rightarrow M$: the maximal abelian covering

$\varphi : \mathbb{Z}[H_1(M; \mathbb{Z})] \rightarrow F$: a ring homomorphism

$C_*^\varphi(M) := F \otimes_\varphi C_*(\hat{M})$: the **twisted chain complex**

$$\tau^\varphi(M) := \begin{cases} \tau(C_*^\varphi(M)) \in F^\times / \pm \varphi(H_1(M; \mathbb{Z})) & \text{if } C_*^\varphi(M) \text{ is acyclic,} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

: the **Reidemeister torsion** of M

Remark: Reidemeister torsion has an **indeterminacy**.

The Reidemeister-Turaev torsion

$\mathcal{V}_1, \mathcal{V}_2$: non-singular vector fields on M

$$\mathcal{V}_1 \sim \mathcal{V}_2 \iff \mathcal{V}_1|_{M \setminus B^3} \simeq \mathcal{V}_2|_{M \setminus B^3}$$

$\text{Spin}^c(M) := \{\text{non-singular vector fields on } M\} / \sim$

$[\mathcal{V}] \in \text{Spin}^c(M)$: a Spin^c structure represented by \mathcal{V}

Turaev's idea (1990)

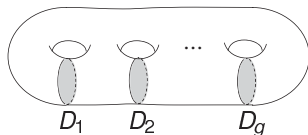
Each Spin^c -structure $[\mathcal{V}]$ determines a basis of $C^\varphi(M)$

$\rightsquigarrow \tau^\varphi(M, [\mathcal{V}]) \in F / \pm 1$: the Reidemeister-Turaev torsion

Heegaard splittings

$M = V_1 \cup_{S_g} V_2$: a Heegaard splitting of M if

- 1 V_1, V_2 : handlebodies of genus g ;
- 2 $V_1 \cap V_2 = \partial V_1 = \partial V_2 = S_g$.



$M = V_1 \cup_{S_g} V_2$: a Heegaard splitting

$\{D_1^{(i)}, \dots, D_g^{(i)}\}$: a complete meridian system of V_i

$(S_g; \cup_j \partial D_j^{(1)}, \cup_k \partial D_k^{(2)})$: a Heegaard diagram

$\leadsto M = S_g \cup (\cup_j D_j^{(1)}) \cup (\cup_k D_k^{(2)}) \cup (\text{two 3-balls})$

Variations of Heegaard diagrams

$(S_g; \alpha, \beta)$: a Heegaard diagram of M , $\alpha := \cup_i \alpha_i$, $\beta := \cup_j \beta_j$

- 1 Fix an **orientation** for each slope of $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_g, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_g\}$.
- 2 Choose a point $b_j \in \beta_j \setminus \alpha$ for each β_j .

$\rightsquigarrow (S_g; \vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta}; \{b_j\})$: a **oriented, based Heegaard diagram**

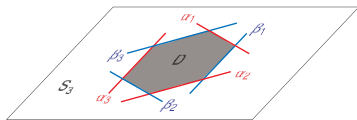
$\vec{\alpha}_i \rightsquigarrow x_i \in \pi_1(M, *)$: a generator, $\vec{\beta}_j \rightsquigarrow r_j \in \pi_1(M, *)$: a relator

$\rightsquigarrow \pi_1(M) \cong \langle x_1, \dots, x_g \mid r_1, \dots, r_g \rangle$

$(S_g; \alpha, \beta)$: a Heegaard diagram of M , $\alpha := \cup_i \alpha_i$, $\beta := \cup_j \beta_j$

$D \subset S_g \setminus (\alpha \cup \beta)$: a disk component

D is said to be **joining** if $\partial \bar{D} \cap \alpha_i \cong \partial \bar{D} \cap \beta_j \cong I$ for $\forall i, j$

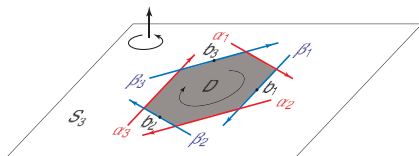


$\rightsquigarrow (S_g; \alpha, \beta; D)$: a **punctured Heegaard diagram**

From a punctured H-diagram to an oriented, based H-diagram

$(S_g; \alpha, \beta; D)$: a punctured Heegaard diagram of M

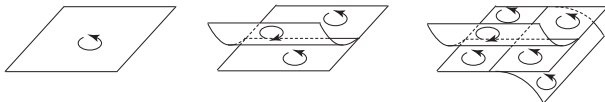
\leadsto $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{orientation of each slopes} \\ \text{base points } b_i \text{ on each } \beta_i \end{array} \right.$



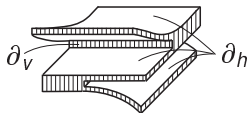
i.e. $(S_g; \alpha, \beta; D)$ determines an **oriented, based** Heegaard diagram $(S_g; \vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta}; \{b_k\})$.

Branched surfaces

$P \subset M$ is an **oriented closed branched surface** if P is locally modeled one of the following 3 models:



One can regard $N(P)$ as an **interval bundle** over P .



$$\partial N(P) = \partial_h N(P) \cup \partial_v N(P)$$

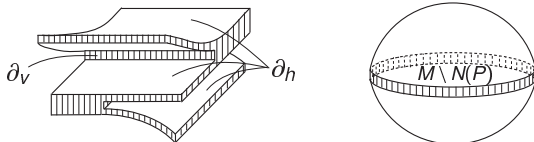
All branched surfaces are assumed to be **transversely oriented**, i.e. P is equipped with a **global orientation on the 1-foliation** of $N(P)$.

Branched spines of 3-manifolds

A closed branched surface $P \subset M$ is a **branched spine** if $M \setminus P \cong \text{Int } B^3$, and $\partial_v N(P)$ is an **annulus**.

P : a branched spine of M

\implies one can **extend** the I -fibers of $N(P)$ to the **whole** of M .



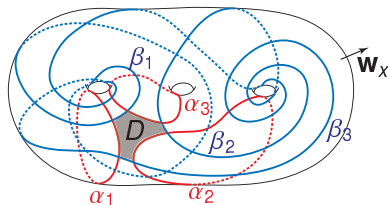
Theorem (Ishii, Benedetti-Petronio)

Every non-singular vector field on a closed 3-manifold M is carried by a branched spine in M .

Punctured H-diagrams and branched spines

Theorem (K)

- (i) Every punctured H-diagram of M gives rise to a branched spine of M .
- (ii) Every branched spine is constructed from a punctured H-diagram.



$(S_g; \alpha, \beta; D)$: a punctured H-diagram of M

\rightsquigarrow a branched spine P of M

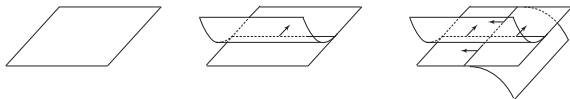
\rightsquigarrow a non-singular vector field \mathcal{V} on M

Note: Every Spin^c structure is presented by a punctured H-diagram.

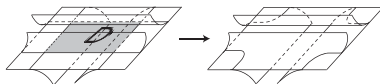
Punctured H-diagrams and branched spines

$(S_g; \alpha, \beta; D)$: a punctured Heegaard diagram

Equip $B := S_g \cup (\cup_i D_i^{(1)}) \cup (\cup_j D_j^{(2)})$ with a branch structure in such a way that the branch direction points **outward** from D .



$\leadsto D$ is **removable**



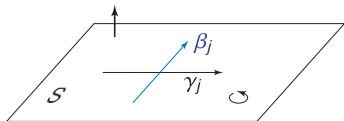
$\leadsto P := B \setminus D$: a **branched spine** of M

Dual loops of β_j 's

$(S_g; \vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta}, \{b_j\})$: an oriented, based Heegaard diagram of M

$\gamma_j \subset S_g$: an oriented simple closed curve such that

- 1 γ_j intersects β_j once and transversely in the direction shown below;
- 2 $\gamma_j \cap \beta_k = \emptyset$ if $j \neq k$.



$$\gamma_j \rightsquigarrow [\gamma_j] \in H_1(M; \mathbb{Z})$$

RT-torsion of oriented, based Heegaard diagrams

$(S_g; \vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta}; \{b_j\})$, $\varphi : \mathbb{Z}[H_1(M; \mathbb{Z})] \rightarrow F$: a ring homomorphism

Let the twisted chain complex $C_*^\varphi(M)$ be **acyclic**.

$1 \leq l_1, l_2 \leq g$ such that

$$\tau^\varphi(S_g; \vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta}; \{b_k\}) := \frac{\det\left(\varphi\left(\left[\frac{\partial r_i}{\partial x_j}\right]\right)\right)_{l_1, l_2}}{(\varphi([x_{l_1}]) - 1)(\varphi([\gamma_{l_2}]) - 1)} \in F^\times / \pm 1,$$

where $\left(\varphi\left(\left[\frac{\partial r_i}{\partial x_j}\right]\right)\right)_{l_1, l_2}$ is the matrix obtained by removing l_1 -th row and l_2 -th column from the matrix $\left(\varphi\left(\left[\frac{\partial r_i}{\partial x_j}\right]\right)\right)_{1 \leq i, j \leq g}$.

Fox derivation:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}(x_i) = \delta_{i,j} & (\delta_{i,j}: \text{Kronecker delta}) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}(uv) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}(u) + u \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}(v) \end{cases}$$

\rightsquigarrow the Reidemeister-Turaev torsion of $(S_g; \vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta}; \{b_k\})$

$(S_g; \alpha, \beta, D)$: a punctured Heegaard diagram

$$\textcircled{1} \rightsquigarrow (S_g; \vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta}, \{b_j\})$$

$$\textcircled{2} \rightsquigarrow P: \text{ a branched spine } \rightsquigarrow [\mathcal{V}]: \text{ Spin}^c \text{ structure}$$

Theorem (K)

Under the above setting, we have

$$\tau^\varphi(M, [\mathcal{V}]) = \tau^\varphi(S_g; \vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta}; \{b_j\}) \in F / \pm 1.$$

Key: The following diagram is commutative.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{PH}(M) & \xrightarrow{\Phi_{\text{PO}}} & \text{OBH}(M) \\ \Phi_{\text{PB}} \downarrow & & \downarrow \Phi_{\text{OS}} \\ \text{BrSp}(M) & \xrightarrow{\Phi_{\text{BS}}} & \text{Spin}^c(M) \end{array}$$

Seifert fibered 3-manifolds

A **Seifert fibered manifold** is a 3-manifold which admits a foliation by circles.

A non-singular vector field \mathcal{V} is said to be **standard** if it is everywhere tangent to a leaf.

$[\mathcal{V}]$ a **standard** Spin^c structure

Fact (Seifert) Closed orientable Seifert fibered 3-manifolds are parametrized as $(g; b; (p_1, q_1), (p_2, q_2), \dots, (p_r, q_r))$

g : genus of the base surface, b : obstruction class

(p_i, q_i) : type of the singular fiber such that $p_i > 1$, $\gcd(p_i, q_i) = 1$

M : a closed 3-manifold, \mathcal{V} : a non-singular vector field on M

$\text{HG}(\mathcal{V}) := \min\{\text{genera of punctured H-diagrams carrying } \mathcal{V}\}$

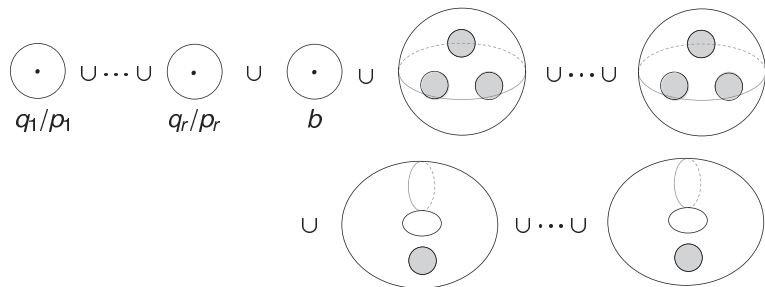
$\leadsto \text{HG}(\mathcal{V}) \geq \text{HG}(M)$ (By definition)

Theorem

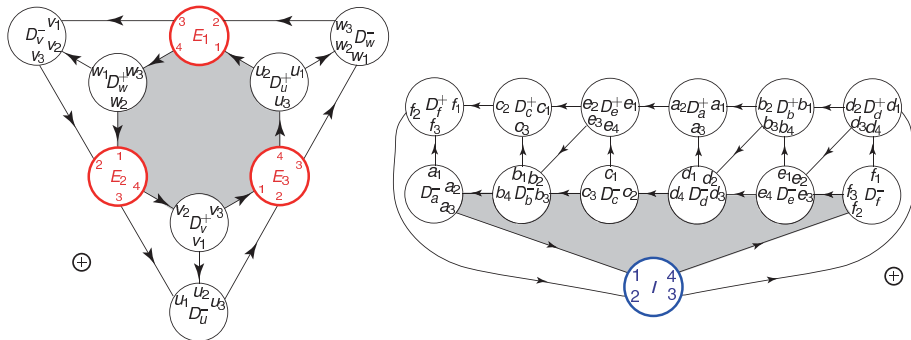
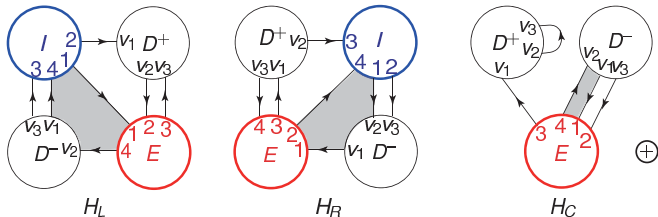
M a Seifert fibered 3-manifold, $[\mathcal{V}]$: a standard Spin^c structure on M

$\implies \text{HG}(\mathcal{V}) = \text{HG}(M)$

Decomposition of Seifert manifolds



Decomposition of Seifert manifolds



Lemma

The above pieces give rise to a punctured Heegaard diagram of any Seifert fibered 3-manifolds equipped with standard Spin^c structure.

$p, q \in \mathbb{N}$: mutually coprime numbers with $p > q$

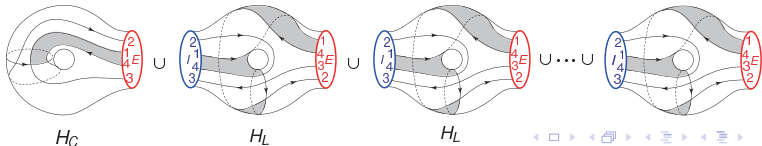
Define a word $w(p, q)$ of letters L and R as:

$$w(p, q) := \begin{cases} L^{a_1} R^{a_2} L^{a_3} \dots L^{a_{n-2}} R^{a_{n-1}} L^{a_n} & (\text{if } n \text{ is odd}) \\ L^{a_1} R^{a_2} L^{a_3} \dots R^{a_{n-2}} L^{a_{n-1}} R^{a_n} & (\text{if } n \text{ is even}), \end{cases}$$

$$\text{where } q/p = [a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, 1] = \frac{1}{a_1 + \frac{1}{a_2 + \frac{1}{\ddots + \frac{1}{a_n + 1}}}}$$

\leadsto the part corresponding to a singular torus of type (p, q) can be constructed by attaching H_L 's and H_R 's following the word $w(p, q)$:

$$H_C \cup (H_L \cup \dots \cup H_L) \cup (H_R \cup \dots \cup H_R) \cup \dots \cup (H_L \cup \dots \cup H_L)$$

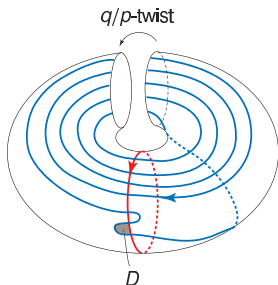


- Step 1** Orient α and β , and take **base points** of β .
- Step 2** Get a **rigid presentation** $\langle x_1, \dots, x_g \mid r_1, \dots, r_g \rangle$ of $\pi_1((S(g; b; (p_1, q_1), (p_2, q_2), \dots, (p_r, q_r)), *))$.
- Step 3** Find an arbitrary **dual system** γ of β and relate a word $y_i(x_1, \dots, x_g)$ to each loop γ_i in γ .
- Step 4** If there **exist** two integers $k, l \in \{1, \dots, g\}$ such that all of $\det B_{k,l}$, $\varphi([y_k]) - 1$ and $\varphi([y_l]) - 1$ are **non-zero**, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tau^\varphi & (S(g; b; (p_1, q_1), (p_2, q_2), \dots, (p_r, q_r)), \mathcal{V}_{st}) \\ &= \pm \frac{\det B_{k,l}}{(\varphi([x_k]) - 1)(\varphi([y_l]) - 1)} \in F^\times / \pm 1, \end{aligned}$$

If not, then $C^\varphi((S(g; b; (p_1, q_1), (p_2, q_2), \dots, (p_r, q_r))))$ is **not acyclic**, hence we have $\tau^\varphi = 0$ by definition.

Example (Lens spaces)



$$\pi_1(L(p, q)) = \langle x \mid x^p \rangle$$

$$[\gamma] = x^r, \text{ where } qr = 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$\zeta := \varphi([x])$$

Example (Lens spaces)

$$\tau^\varphi(L(p, q), [\mathcal{V}_{st}]) = \pm \frac{1}{(\zeta - 1)(\zeta^r - 1)}$$

Spin^c structures of $L(11, 1)$

$$L(11, 1) = L(11, 10)$$

- $1/(\zeta - 1)^2$
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- $\zeta^2/(\zeta - 1)^2$
- $\zeta^3/(\zeta - 1)^2$
- $\zeta^4/(\zeta - 1)^2$
- $\zeta^5/(\zeta - 1)^2$
- $\zeta^6/(\zeta - 1)^2$
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Spin^c structures of $L(11, 2)$

$$L(11, 2) = L(11, 5) = L(11, 6) = L(11, 9)$$

- $1/(\zeta - 1)(\zeta^6 - 1)$
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Example ($S_g \times S^1$)

S_g : a closed surface of genus g

$$\pi_1(S_g) = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{2g}, y \mid [x_i x_{2g+1}] \ (i = 1, 2, \dots, 2g), \prod_{i=1}^{2g} [x_{2i-1}, x_{2i}] \rangle$$

$$\zeta_i := \varphi([x_i]), \ i = 1, 2, \dots, 2g, \ \zeta := \varphi([y])$$

Example ($S_g \times S^1$)

$$\tau^\varphi(S_g \times S^1, \mathcal{V}_{st}) = \pm(\zeta - 1)^{2g-2}$$

Spin^c structures of $S_g \times S^1$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
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 \dots & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \zeta^2(\zeta - 1)^{2g-2} & \bullet & \bullet & \dots \\
 \dots & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \zeta(\zeta - 1)^{2g-2} & \bullet & \bullet & \dots \\
 \dots & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & (\zeta - 1)^{2g-2} & \bullet & \bullet & \dots \\
 \dots & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \zeta^{-1}(\zeta - 1)^{2g-2} & \bullet & \bullet & \dots \\
 \dots & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \zeta^{-2}(\zeta - 1)^{2g-2} & \bullet & \bullet & \dots \\
 & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\
 & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \zeta^{-(2g-2)}(\zeta - 1)^{2g-2} & & & \\
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Example (Brieskorn 3-manifolds)

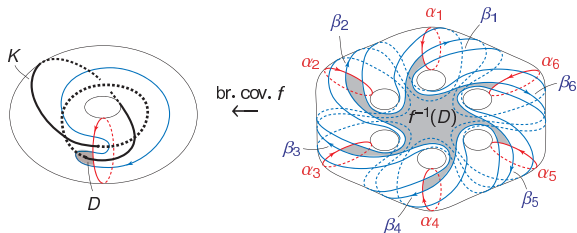
$$p, q, r \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 2}$$

$\Sigma(p, q, r) := \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{C}^3 \mid |x|^2 + |y|^2 + |z|^2 = 1, x^p + y^q + z^r = 0\}$.
: the Brieskorn 3-manifold of type (p, q, r)

$\Sigma(p, q, r)$ is the r -fold branched covering of S^3 branched along a torus knot or link of type (p, q)

$$H_1(\Sigma(p, q, r); \mathbb{Z}) = \begin{cases} 1 & n = \pm 1 \pmod{6} \\ \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} & n = \pm 2 \pmod{6} \\ \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} & n = \pm 3 \pmod{6} \\ \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} & n = 0 \pmod{6} \end{cases} .$$

Example (Brieskorn 3-manifolds)



$$\pi_1(\Sigma(2, 3, 6n)) = \langle x_1, \dots, x_{6n} \mid x_i x_{i+6n-1}^{-1} x_{i+1}^{-1}, 1 \leq i \leq 6n \rangle,$$

$$H_1(M; \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}\langle [x_1] \rangle \oplus \mathbb{Z}\langle [x_2] \rangle$$

$$\zeta_1 = \varphi([x_1]), \zeta_2 = \varphi([x_2])$$

Example $(\Sigma(2, 3, 6n))$

$$\tau^\varphi(\Sigma(2, 3, 6n), [\mathcal{V}_{st}]) = \pm \frac{\det \left(\varphi \left(\left[\frac{\partial x_i x_{i+6i-1}^{-1} x_{i+1}^{-1}}{\partial x_j} \right] \right) \right)_{1,1}}{(\zeta_1^{-1} - 1)(\zeta_1 - 1)} = \pm n$$

Spin^c structures of $\Sigma(2, 3, 6n)$

$$\begin{array}{cccccc}
 & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
 \dots & \zeta_1^{-2} \zeta_2^2 \cdot n & \zeta_1^{-1} \zeta_2^2 \cdot n & \zeta_2^2 \cdot n & \zeta_1 \zeta_2^2 \cdot n & \zeta_1^2 \zeta_2^2 \cdot n & \dots \\
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