

# The Magnus representation and homology cobordism groups of homology cylinders

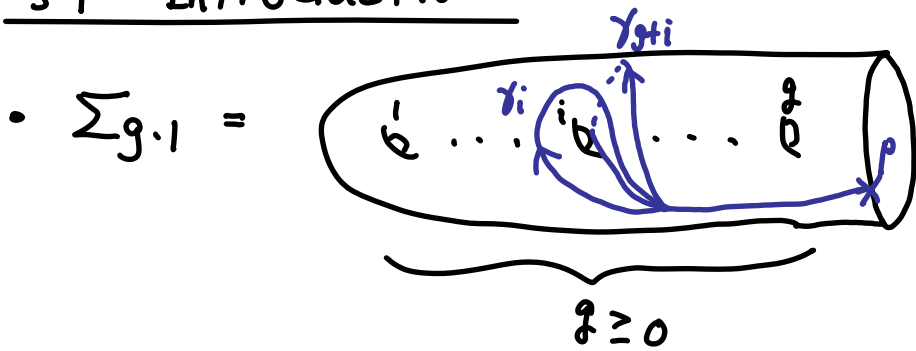
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# §1 Introduction



cpt  
oriented  
smooth

•  $\pi := \pi_1(\Sigma_{g,1}, p) = \langle \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_{2g} \rangle \cong F_{2g}$

•  $H := H_1(\Sigma_{g,1}) = \text{Span}_{\mathbb{Z}} \{ \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_{2g} \}$

symp. basis w.r.t.  
 $\mu: H \otimes H \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

•  $\Gamma_{g,1} = \text{Diff}(\Sigma_{g,1} \text{ rel } \partial\Sigma_{g,1}) / \text{isotopy}$

$= \pi_0 \text{Diff}(\Sigma_{g,1} \text{ rel } \partial\Sigma_{g,1})$

: the mapping class group  
of  $\Sigma_{g,1}$  (MCG)

•  $\Gamma_{g,1} \curvearrowright H$  (preserving  $\mu$ ) yields:

$$1 \rightarrow J_{g,1} \rightarrow \Gamma_{g,1} \xrightarrow{\sigma} \underset{\substack{\mathbb{Z} \\ Sp(2g, \mathbb{Z})}}{Sp(H, \mu)} \rightarrow 1$$

Torelli grp  (exact)

Thm (Harer) For  $g \geq 3$ ,

$$H_1(\Gamma_{g-1}) = \Gamma_{g-1} / [\Gamma_{g-1}, \Gamma_{g-1}] = 0$$

as an approximation  
of  $\Gamma_{g-1}$

↳ No non-trivial abelian quotients!!

$$(\Gamma_{g-1} \xrightarrow{\text{hom}} A \text{ abelian} \Rightarrow A = \{1\})$$

$\mathbb{Z}/10\mathbb{Z}$

Rem •  $\Gamma_{0,1} = \{1\}$ ,  $H_1(\Gamma_{1,1}) = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $H_1(\Gamma_{2,1}) = \mathbb{Z}_{10}$

•  $H_1(\mathcal{J}_{g,1}) = \Lambda^3 H \oplus (2\text{-torsion})$  (Johnson)

## § 2 Homology cylinders

Def (Goussarov, Habiro, Garoufalidis-Levine)

$(M, i_+, i_-)$ : an homology cylinder (HC) over  $\Sigma_{g,1}$

↔  
def  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} M: \text{a cpt ori. 3-mfd} \\ i_+, i_-: \Sigma_{g,1} \hookrightarrow \partial M \text{ (markings) s.t.} \end{array} \right.$

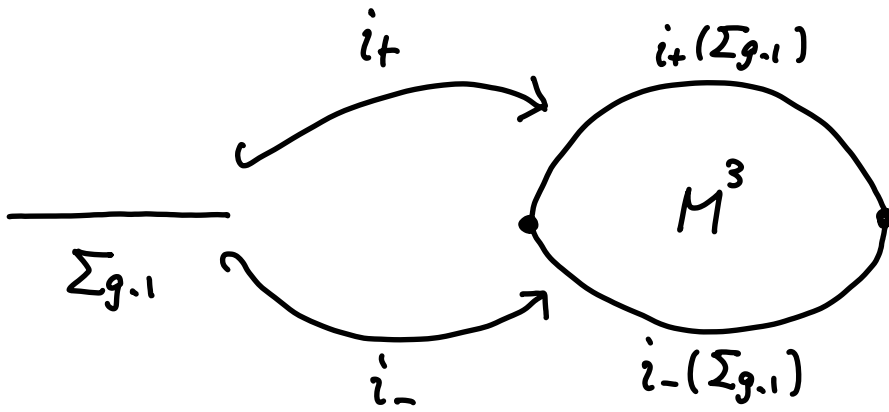
①  $i_+$ : ori. pres.  $i_-$ : ori. rev.

②  $i_+(\Sigma_{g,1}) \cup i_-(\Sigma_{g,1}) = \partial M$ ,  $i_+(\Sigma_{g,1}) \cap i_-(\Sigma_{g,1}) = i_{\pm}(\partial\Sigma_{g,1})$

③  $i_+|_{\partial\Sigma_{g,1}} = i_-|_{\partial\Sigma_{g,1}}$

④  $H_*(M, i_+(\Sigma_{g,1})) = H_*(M, i_-(\Sigma_{g,1})) = 0$

Def  $\mathcal{C}_{g,1} := \text{HC's over } \Sigma_{g,1} / \text{marking pres. diffeo.}$

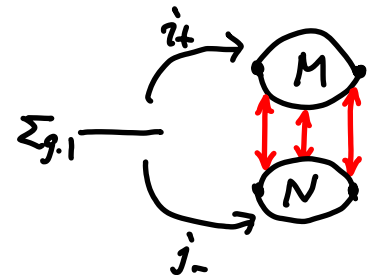


Note  
 $(M, i_{\pm}(\partial\Sigma_{g,1}))$   
 is a sutured mfd.  
balanced

## Stacking

$$(M, i_+, i_-) \cdot (N, j_+, j_-) := (M \cup_{i_- = j_+} N, i_+, j_-)$$

$\hookrightarrow \mathcal{C}_{g,1}$  becomes a **monoid**  
 w/ unit



$$1_{\mathcal{C}_{g,1}} = (\Sigma_{g,1} \times [0,1], \text{id} \times 1, \text{id} \times 0)$$

## $\Gamma_{g,1}$ -action

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C_{g,1} & \xleftarrow{\quad} & \Gamma_{g,1} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ (M, i_+, i_-) & & [\varphi] \end{array}$$

$$(M, i_+, i_-) \cdot [\varphi] = (M, i_+, i_- \circ \varphi)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \rightsquigarrow & \Gamma_{g,1} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & C_{g,1} & \text{inj. monoid hom} \\ \text{can check} & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\ & [\varphi] & \longmapsto & |_{C_{g,1}} \cdot [\varphi] & \\ & & & \text{"mapping cylinder"} & \end{array}$$

## From monoid to group

Def  $(M, i_+, i_-) \sim (N, j_+, j_-)$  homology cobordant

def  $\Leftrightarrow \exists W$ : cpt oriented smooth 4-mf'd

s.t  $\partial W = M \cup (-N)$

$$H_*(W, M) = H_*(W, N) = 0$$

Def (Garoufalidis-Levine)

$$\mathcal{H}g_{g,1} := Cg_{g,1} / H\text{-cob}$$

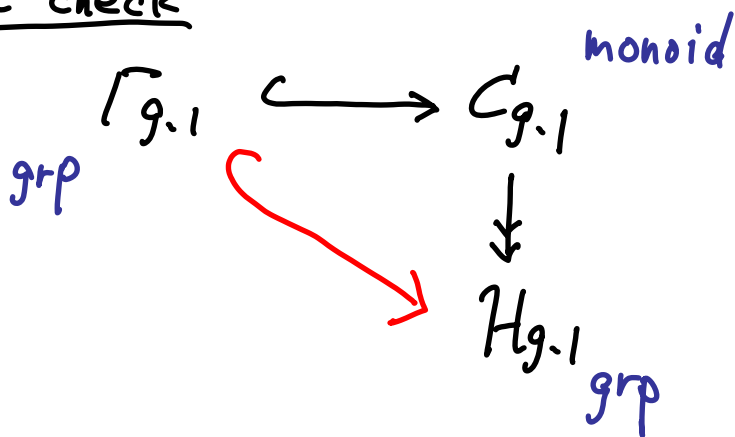
group

$$(M, i_+, i_-)^{-1}$$

$$\parallel$$

$$(-M, i_-, i_+)$$

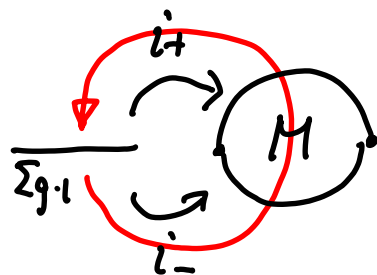
Can check



$C_{g,1}$  &  $\mathcal{H}g_{g,1}$  are "enlargement" of  $\Gamma_{g,1}$

$\Gamma_{g,1}$  and  $\mathcal{H}g_{g,1}$  share many property :

$$\sigma: \begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{H}g_{g,1} & \longrightarrow & Sp(H, \mu) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ (M, i_+, i_-) & \longmapsto & i_+^{-1} \cdot i_- \end{array}$$



$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 1 & \rightarrow & \mathcal{J}\mathcal{H}g_{g,1} & \rightarrow & \mathcal{H}g_{g,1} & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & Sp(H, \mu) \rightarrow 1 \\ & & \cup & & \cup & & \parallel \\ 1 & \rightarrow & \mathcal{J}\Gamma_{g,1} & \rightarrow & \Gamma_{g,1} & \rightarrow & Sp(H, \mu) \rightarrow 1 \end{array}$$

More generally

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Gamma_{g,1} & \longrightarrow & \text{Aut } N_k \\ \cap & \nearrow \exists & \\ \mathcal{H}_{g,1} & & \end{array} \quad N_k = \underbrace{\pi / [\pi, [\pi, [\pi, \dots [\pi, \pi] \dots]]]}_k$$

Stallings' th'm

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Gamma_{g,1} & \xleftrightarrow{\text{Dehn-Nielsen}} & \text{Aut } \pi \\ \cap & & \cap \\ \mathcal{H}_{g,1} & \longrightarrow & \text{Aut } \exists \pi^{\text{acy}} \end{array}$$

Levine's acyclic closure of  $\pi$

connection to

- Johnson homomorphisms
- MMM-classes

### §3 Invariants of HCs

Q. What is  $H_1(\mathcal{H}_{g,1})$ ? (Recall  $H_1(\Gamma_{g,1}) = 0$  for  $g \geq 3$ )

Main theme of this talk

#### Notation

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{monomial} \nearrow & \mathbb{Z}H & \cong \mathbb{Z}[\gamma_1^{\pm 1}, \gamma_2^{\pm 1}, \dots, \gamma_{2g}^{\pm 1}] \\ H & \downarrow & \\ & \searrow & \mathcal{K}_H = \text{Frac}(\mathbb{Z}H) \cong \mathbb{Q}(\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_{2g}) \end{array}$$

•  $(M, i_+, i_-) \in \mathcal{C}_{g,1}$

$$\pi_1 M \longrightarrow H_1(M) \xrightarrow[\cong]{i_+^{-1}} H$$

$\leadsto \mathbb{Z}H, \mathcal{K}_H$  are  $\pi_1 M$ -module

Lemma  $H_* (M, i_{\pm}(\Sigma_{g,1}); \mathcal{K}_H) = 0$

i.e.  $(M, i_+, i_-)$  is a " $\mathcal{K}_H$ -homology cobordism".

We use this lemma to define:

① torsion (Reidemeister torsion)

$$\tau(M) := \tau(G_*(M, i_{\pm}(\Sigma_{g,1}); \mathcal{K}_H)) \in \text{GL}(\mathcal{K}_H) / \sim$$

$$\cong \downarrow$$

$$\mathcal{K}_H^* / \pm H$$



## ② Magnus matrix

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{K}_H^{2g} \cong H_1(\Sigma_{g,1,p}; i^* \mathcal{K}_H) & \xrightarrow{i} & H_1(M, p; \mathcal{K}_H) \\ \downarrow r(M) & \swarrow \cong & \\ \mathcal{K}_H^{2g} \cong H_1(\Sigma_{g,1,p}; i_* \mathcal{K}_H) & \xleftarrow{i^{-1}} & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Rightarrow r: C_{g,1} & \longrightarrow & GL(2g, \mathcal{K}_H) & \text{Magnus representation} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\ (M, i_*, i^*) & \longmapsto & r(M) & \swarrow \text{Magnus matrix} \end{array}$$

Prop (a)  $C_{g,1} \xrightarrow{r} GL(2g, \mathcal{K}_H)$   
 $\downarrow \tau$   
 $H_{g,1}$   $\nearrow r$  ,  $\tau$  does NOT factor through  $H_{g,1}$

(b) For  $f = r, \tau$   
 $f(M_1 \cdot M_2) = f(M_1) \cdot {}^{\sigma(M_1)} f(M_2)$   
*i.e. crossed hom.*

(c) For  $[\varphi] \in \Gamma_{g,1}$ ,  $\tau([\varphi]) = 1$  and  
 $r([\varphi]) = \left( \frac{\partial \varphi(\gamma_j)}{\partial \gamma_i} \right)_{i,j} \in GL(2g, \mathbb{Z}H)$

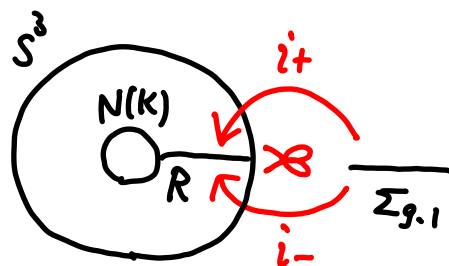
## Example ("Homologically fibered knots")

$K \subset S^3$ : a knot w/  $\begin{cases} \deg \Delta_K(t) = 2g & g = \text{genus}(K) \\ \Delta_K(t) \text{ is monic.} \end{cases}$

$R$ : a min. genus Seifert surface of  $K$

$\cong \uparrow i$  (fix)  
 $\Sigma_{g,1}$

$\Rightarrow M_R = (S^3 - N(R), i_+ \cdot i_-)$   
is an HC.



ambiguity: ①  $i: \Sigma_{g,1} \xrightarrow{\cong} R$

② Uniqueness of  $R$ .

But,

Prop

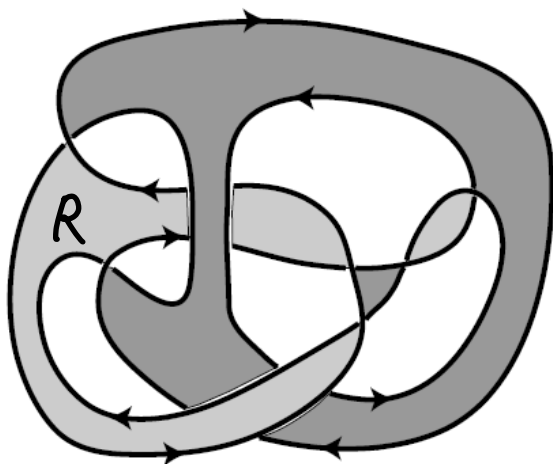
$K$ : as above

$R_1, R_2$ : min genus Seifert surfaces  
w/ fixed id. with  $\Sigma_{g,1}$

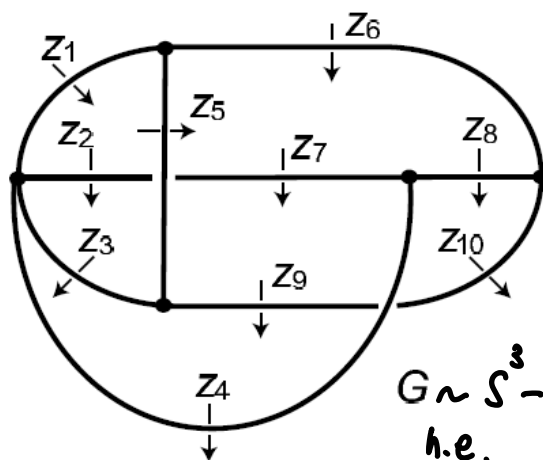
$\Rightarrow M_{R_1}$  and  $M_{R_2}$  are conjugate in  $Hg_1$

$\hookrightarrow H_1(Hg_1)$  gives invariants of HF knots.

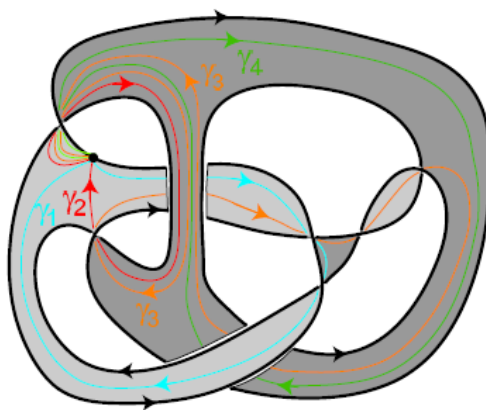
# Example of calculation of "admissible presentation"



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$G \sim S^3 - N(R)$   
h.e.



12n0057

Generators	$i_-(\gamma_1), \dots, i_-(\gamma_4), z_1, \dots, z_{10}, i_+(\gamma_1), \dots, i_+(\gamma_4)$
Relations	$z_1 z_5 z_6^{-1}, z_2 z_3 z_4 z_1, z_3 z_9^{-1} z_5^{-1}, z_7 z_4 z_8^{-1}, z_8 z_{10} z_6,$ $z_2 z_5 z_7^{-1} z_5^{-1}, z_9 z_4 z_{10}^{-1} z_4^{-1}, i_-(\gamma_1) z_1^{-1} z_5^{-1}, i_-(\gamma_2) z_2,$ $i_-(\gamma_3) z_4 z_8 z_7 z_5^{-1}, i_-(\gamma_4) z_4, i_+(\gamma_1) z_5^{-1}, i_+(\gamma_2) z_9^{-1} z_6^{-1},$ $i_+(\gamma_3) z_6 z_4 z_7 z_5^{-1} z_3^{-1} z_5 z_6^{-1}, i_+(\gamma_4) z_6 z_7^{-1} z_6^{-1}$

$$r(M_R) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{x_3 + x_1 x_2^2 (-1+x_2 (-1+x_4)) - x_2 x_3 x_4}{x_1 x_2^2 (-1+x_2 (-1+x_4))} & - \frac{(-1+x_4) (-1+x_2 x_4)}{-1+x_2 (-1+x_4)} & \frac{x_4}{1+x_2 - x_2 x_4} & 0 \\ - \frac{(1+x_1 x_2) x_3}{x_1^2 x_2 (-1+x_2 (-1+x_4))} & - \frac{x_2 (1+x_1 x_2) (-1+x_4)}{x_1 (-1+x_2 (-1+x_4))} & - \frac{(1+x_2) (1+x_1 x_2^2 (-1+x_4))}{x_1 x_2 (-1+x_2 (-1+x_4))} & \frac{1}{x_4} \\ \frac{x_3}{x_1 (-1+x_2 (-1+x_4))} & \frac{x_2^2 (-1+x_4)}{-1+x_2 (-1+x_4)} & \frac{x_2 (1+x_2) (-1+x_4)}{-1+x_2 (-1+x_4)} & 0 \\ \frac{(x_1 x_2^2 - x_3) x_4}{x_1^2 x_2 (-1+x_2 (-1+x_4))} & \frac{x_2 x_4 (x_1 x_2 + x_3 - x_3 x_4)}{x_1 x_3 (-1+x_2 (-1+x_4))} & \frac{(1+x_2) (x_1 x_2^2 - x_3) x_4}{x_1 x_2 x_3 (-1+x_2 (-1+x_4))} & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $x_i = i + (\gamma_i)$

and

$$\det(\tau(M_R)) = x_1 x_2^4 + x_1 x_2^5 - x_1 x_2^5 x_4.$$

(These results say that  $12n57$  is NOT fibered.)

## §4 Abelian quotients of $Hg_1$

⊙ Previously known:

- $JHg_1 \xrightarrow{\exists} \mathbb{Z}^\infty$  (Morita)
- $Cg_1 \xrightarrow{\exists} \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^\infty$  (Goda-S.)

⊙ Recall: we have crossed homs

$r$  (Magnus rep.) :  $H$ -cob. inv

$\tau$  (torsion) : NOT  $H$ -cob. inv.

## Thm (Cha - Friedl - Kim) $g \geq 1$

The composition

$$\tilde{\tau}: C_{g,1} \xrightarrow{\det \cdot \tau} \mathcal{K}_H / \pm H \longrightarrow \mathcal{K}_H / \pm H A N \cong \mathbb{Z}_2^\infty$$

gives a homomorphism and factors through  $H_{g,1}$ .

Moreover,  $\text{Im } \tilde{\tau} \cong \mathbb{Z}_2^\infty$ .

↳  $H_{g,1}$  &  $H_1(H_{g,1})$  are NOT fin. generated

Here

$$\cdot A := \{ \varphi(f) \cdot f^{-1} \mid f \in \mathcal{K}_H, \varphi \in \text{Sp}(H) \}$$

kills the action of  $\text{Sp}(H)$

$$\cdot N := \{ f \cdot \bar{f} \mid f \in \mathcal{K}_H \}$$

yields  $H$ -cov. invariance

•  $\mathcal{K}_H^x / \pm H \cong \mathbb{Z}^\infty$  (Count exponents of irred. polyn.)  
 $\mathbb{Z}H : \text{UFD}$

$$\left( \mathcal{K}_H^x / \pm HA \cong \mathbb{Z}^\infty \right)$$

•  $\varphi = -I_{2g} \Rightarrow \varphi(f) = \bar{f}$

$$\text{so } \mathcal{K}_H^x / \pm HAN \cong \mathbb{Z}_2^\infty$$

• They show (Alex. polyn. of knots)  $\subset \mathcal{K}_H^x //$

### § 5 Magnus representation and $Hg_1$

Using Cha-Friedl-Kim's idea, we have

$$\hat{r} : \mathcal{J}Hg_1 \xrightarrow{r} GL(2g, \mathcal{K}_H) \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_H^x \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_H^x / \pm H \cong \mathbb{Z}^\infty$$

$$\tilde{r} : Hg_1 \rightarrow GL(2g, \mathcal{K}_H) \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_H^x \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_H^x / \pm HA \cong \mathbb{Z}^\infty$$

$\hat{r}, \tilde{r}$  are homomorphisms.

Thm ①  $\text{Im}(\hat{r} : \mathcal{J}H_{g,1} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^\infty) \cong \mathbb{Z}^\infty$

②  $\tilde{r} : H_{g,1} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^\infty$  is trivial.

cf. Morita showed

$$\exists t : \mathcal{J}H_{g,1} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^\infty.$$

(Sketch of Proof)

① Levine's construction :

pure string link  $\rightsquigarrow$  HC



Using this, we show  $\text{Im} \hat{r} \supset \left\{ \frac{\gamma_2^m \gamma_3 + \gamma_4 - 1}{\gamma_2^{-m} \gamma_3^{-1} + \gamma_4^{-1} - 1} \right\}_{h=0}^\infty$

② Twisted symplecticity of  $r$ :  $\exists \tilde{J} \in GL(2g, \mathbb{Z}H)$

$$\overline{r(M)} \cdot \tilde{J} \cdot r(M) = \sigma^{(M)} \tilde{J} \Rightarrow \tilde{r}(M)^2 = 1 \in \pi_{\mathbb{H}^x} / \pm HA$$

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The proof of Thm ② implies

$$\det(r(M)) = h \frac{\bar{p}}{\rho} \quad h \in H, \rho \in \mathbb{Z}H$$

$\leadsto \rho \in \frac{\pi_H^x}{\pm H \mathcal{S}}$  is uniquely defined.

$$\mathcal{S} = \{ f \in \pi_H^x \mid f = \bar{p} \}$$

$M \mapsto \rho$  defines a hom.  $\sqrt{r} : \mathcal{H}g.1 \rightarrow \frac{\pi_H^x}{\pm H \mathcal{N} \mathcal{S}} \cong \mathbb{Z}_2^\infty$

Thm

$$\det(r(M)) = \frac{\det(\overline{\tau(M)})}{\det(\tau(M))} \in \frac{\pi_H^x}{\pm H}$$

In particular,  $\sqrt{r} = \tilde{\tau} : \mathcal{H}g.1 \rightarrow \frac{\pi_H^x}{\pm H \mathcal{N} \mathcal{S}}$

Rem {Alexander polyn.}  $\subset \mathcal{S}$



## §6 Higher dimensional cases

$$k \geq 2, n \geq 1$$

$$X_n^k := \#_n(S^1 \times S^{k-1}) - D^k \quad X_n^2 = \Sigma_{n,1}$$

$$\text{When } k \geq 3, \quad \pi_1 X_n^k \cong F_n = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \rangle$$

$$H_1 := H_1(X_n^k) \cong \mathbb{Z}^n$$

We can define **homology cylinders** over  $X_n^k$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Gamma(X_n^k) & \longrightarrow & C(X_n^k) \\ & \searrow & \downarrow \\ & & \mathcal{H}(X_n^k) \end{array}$$

Also the Magnus rep

$$r: \mathcal{H}(X_n^k) \longrightarrow GL(n, \mathcal{K}_{H_1})$$

is defined.

Consider the homomorphism

$$\tilde{r} : \mathcal{H}(X_n^k) \xrightarrow{r} GL(n, \mathcal{K}_H) \xrightarrow{\det} \mathcal{K}_H^\times \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_H^\times / \pm HA \cong \mathbb{Z}^\infty$$

Thm For  $k \geq 3$  and  $n \geq 2$ ,

$$\text{Im } \tilde{r} \cong \mathbb{Z}^\infty$$

(Sketch of Proof)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Step 1} & \text{show} & \mathcal{H}(X_n^k) \xrightarrow{\text{onto}} \text{Aut } F_n^{\text{acy}} \\ & & \uparrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \uparrow \\ & & \Gamma(X_n^k) \longrightarrow \text{Aut } F_n \end{array}$$

$\tilde{r}$  factors through  $\text{Aut } F_n^{\text{acy}}$

Step 2  $\text{Aut } F_n^{\text{acy}}$  includes

$H_1$ -isom endomorphisms of  $F_n$

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} f_m : F_n &\longrightarrow F_n \\ \downarrow &\quad \downarrow \\ x_1 &\longmapsto (x_1 x_2^{-1} x_1^{-1} x_2^{-1})^m x_1 x_2^{2m} \\ x_i &\longmapsto x_i \quad (2 \leq i \leq n) \end{aligned}$$

Then  $f_m \in \text{Aut } F_n^{\text{acy}}$  and

$$\tilde{r}(f_m) = 1 - x_2 + x_2^2 - x_2^3 + \dots + x_2^{2m}.$$

Well-known fact on cyclotomic polynomials:

$1 - x_2 + x_2^2 - x_2^3 + \dots + x_2^{2m}$  is irreducible  
if  $2m+1$  is prime.

$\leadsto$  conclusion  $\quad //$

## § 7 Questions

①  $H^1(\mathcal{H}_{g-1}) \stackrel{?}{=} 0$

②  $H^2(\mathcal{H}_{g-1}) \stackrel{?}{\cong} \mathbb{Z} \quad (> \text{ is o.k.})$

③ (From A. Campo)

$$\Gamma_{g-1} \longrightarrow C_{g-1}$$

↖  $\exists?$  retraction

④ Is any knot  
"twisted" homologically fibered?

⑤  $H_3(F_n^{\text{acy}}) \stackrel{?}{=} 0$

⑥ Is  $F_n^{\text{acy}}$  finitely generated?  
(Unlikely)

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