

Upper bounds for virtual dimensions of Seiberg-Witten moduli spaces

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- X : a closed connected oriented smooth 4-manifold with $b_2^+(X) \geq 2$
- \mathfrak{s} : spin-c structure on X
- $d(\mathfrak{s}) = \frac{1}{4} (c_1(\mathfrak{s})^2 - \sigma(X)) - (1 - b_1 + b_2^+) \leftarrow$ The virtual dim. of the SW moduli space

Simple type conjecture $SW_X(\mathfrak{s}) \neq 0 \Rightarrow d(\mathfrak{s}) = 0$

- $SW_X(\mathfrak{s}) = \left\langle U^{\frac{d(\mathfrak{s})}{2}}, [\mathcal{M}] \right\rangle \in \mathbb{Z}$ if $d(\mathfrak{s})$ is even. $SW_X(\mathfrak{s}) = 0$ if $d(\mathfrak{s})$ is odd.
- \mathcal{M} : the Seiberg-Witten moduli space $\mathcal{M} \subset \mathcal{B}^* \simeq \mathbb{C}P^\infty \times T^{b_1(X)}$
- U : a canonical generator of $H^2(\mathbb{C}P^\infty; \mathbb{Z})$
- Simple type conjecture is still open.

Mod 2 simple type

Theorem (Kato-N.-Yasui, 2020)

- $b_2^+ - b_1 > 1$, $b_2^+ - b_1 \not\equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ $b_2^+ - b_1$: odd $\Leftrightarrow d(\mathfrak{s})$: even
- $\{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_k\}$ a generating set of $H^1(X; \mathbb{Z})$
Suppose $\forall i, j \ \delta_i \cup \delta_j$ is a torsion or divisible by 2

$$SW_X(\mathfrak{s}) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{2} \Rightarrow d(\mathfrak{s}) = 0$$

Theorem (Baraglia, 2023)

- $b_2^+ > 0$ & \mathfrak{s} : spin $SW_X(\mathfrak{s}) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{2} \Rightarrow d(\mathfrak{s}) = 0$

What about mod m simple type for $m > 2$?

- We do not have a result like

$$SW_X(\mathfrak{s}) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{m} \Rightarrow d(\mathfrak{s}) = 0$$

- But we obtain a result as

$$SW_X(\mathfrak{s}) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{m} \Rightarrow \exists \text{upper bound on } d(\mathfrak{s})$$

Main Theorem (Kato-Kishimoto-N.-Yasui, 2023) arXiv:2111.15201v2

$p : \text{prime}, b_2^+ \geq 2, b_1 = 0.$ For $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $1 \leq r < p(p - 1)$

$$SW_X(\mathfrak{s}) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p^r} \Rightarrow d(\mathfrak{s}) \leq 2r(p - 1) - 2$$

if the following conditions are satisfied

1. $k := \frac{b_2^+ - 1}{2} \not\equiv 0, 1, \dots, r_p \pmod{p}$, where $r_p \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $\begin{cases} 1 \leq r_p \leq p - 1 \\ r_p = 1 & \text{if } r \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \\ r_p \equiv r \pmod{p} & \text{if } r \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p} \end{cases}$
2. For t such that $k - t + 2 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ and $3 \leq t \leq r$, let $a(k, t) := \frac{k - t + 2}{p}$.

$3a(k, t) + 5 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$	$(t \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \text{ and } t \geq p > 3)$
$a(k, t) + 2 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$	$(t \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \text{ and } t > p)$
$3a(k, t) + 4 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$	$(t \equiv 3 \pmod{p})$
$(2t - 3)a(k, t) + 3t - 5 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$	$(t \equiv 4, 5, \dots, p - 1 \pmod{p}).$

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$(2t - 3)a(k, t) + 3t - 5 \not\equiv 0$	\pmod{p}	$(t \equiv 4, \dots, r)$

These conditions are used for the computations of the attaching maps of $\mathbb{C}P_{(p)}^\bullet$

Corollary ($r = 1$)

p : prime, $b_2^+ \geq 2$ & b_2^+ odd, $b_1 = 0$. $\frac{b_2^+ - 1}{2} \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

$$SW_X(\mathfrak{s}) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p} \Rightarrow d(\mathfrak{s}) \leq 2p - 4$$

- $p = 2 \Rightarrow d(\mathfrak{s}) = 0 \leftarrow$ Corollary recovers [Kato-N.-Yasui] in the case when $b_1 = 0$
- $p = 3 \Rightarrow d(\mathfrak{s}) = 0, 2$
- $p = 5 \Rightarrow d(\mathfrak{s}) = 0, 2, 4, 6$
- This is the main theorem of [arXiv:2111.15201v1](https://arxiv.org/abs/2111.15201v1)

Upper bounds from [Bauer-Furuta]

Define $a_i^{(k)}$ by

$$\left(-\frac{\log(1-x)}{x}\right)^k = \left(1 + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{3} + \cdots + \frac{x^{n-1}}{n} + \cdots\right)^k = 1 + \sum_{i \geq 1} a_i^{(k)} x^i.$$

Theorem (Bauer-Furuta, 2004)

Let $k := \frac{b_2^+ - 1}{2}$. If $b_2^+ \geq 2$ & $b_1 = 0$,

then $SW_X(\mathfrak{s})$ is divisible by the denominator of $a_i^{(k)}$ for $1 \leq i \leq d(\mathfrak{s})/2$

- ▶ Upper bounds of $d(\mathfrak{s})$ can be obtained from this theorem.
- ▶ Corollary can be also deduced from this theorem.

Comparison between Main Theorem and [Bauer-Furuta]

$k = 1$ ($b_2^+ = 3$) & $r = p$. Suppose $SW_X(\mathfrak{s}) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p^r} = p^p$

- ▶ [Bauer-Furuta] $\Rightarrow d(\mathfrak{s}) \leq 2p^p - 4$
- ▶ Main Theorem $\Rightarrow d(\mathfrak{s}) \leq 2p(p - 1) - 2$
- We believe that all upper bounds from [Bauer-Furuta] can be proved by Main Theorem.
- We did not succeed in verifying it.
One reason: the bounds from [Bauer-Furuta] are inexplicit
 - $a_i^{(k)}$ can be computed from the Bernoulli numbers.
 - No general formula to compute $a_i^{(k)}$ directly from k, i is known.

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Monopole map

\mathfrak{s} : spin-c structure. S^\pm : spinor bundles

Choose a reference U(1) connection A_0 on $L = \det S^\pm$

$$\mu: \sqrt{-1}\Omega^1(X) \times \Gamma(S^+) \rightarrow \sqrt{-1}\Omega^+(X) \times \Gamma(S^-) \quad \mu(a, \phi) = \left(F_{A_0}^+ + d^+ a - (\phi \otimes \phi^*), D_{A_0+a}\phi \right)$$

- The Seiberg-Witten equations $\Leftrightarrow \mu = 0$
- μ is $\mathcal{G} = \text{Map}(X, \text{U}(1))$ equivariant.
- The SW moduli space $\mathcal{M} = \mu^{-1}(0)/\mathcal{G}$ ← compact
- Perturb μ $\phi \equiv 0$
 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ is a $d(\mathfrak{s})$ -dim. compact manifold and contains no reducibles (if $b_2^+ \geq 1$)

Seiberg-Witten invariant

$$\mathcal{M} \subset \mathcal{B}^* = \frac{\sqrt{-1}\Omega^1(X) \times (\Gamma(S^+) \setminus \{0\})}{\mathcal{G}} \simeq \mathbb{C}P^\infty \times T^{b_1}$$

$$SW_X(\mathfrak{s}) = \begin{cases} \left\langle U^{\frac{d(\mathfrak{s})}{2}}, [\mathcal{M}] \right\rangle & \text{if } d(\mathfrak{s}) \text{ even} \\ 0 & \text{if } d(\mathfrak{s}) \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

U : a generator of $H^2(\mathbb{C}P^\infty; \mathbb{Z})$

Finite dimensional approximation

Assume $b_1 = 0$

$$m = \ell + c: \sqrt{-1}\ker d^* \times \Gamma(S^+) \rightarrow \sqrt{-1}\Omega^+(X) \times \Gamma(S^-) \quad \text{U(1) equivariant}$$

$$\text{Linear part } \ell(a, \phi) = \left(d^+ a, D_{A_0} \phi \right) \quad \text{Quadratic part } c(a, \phi) = \left(F_{A_0}^+ - (\phi \otimes \phi^*)_0, a \cdot \phi \right)$$

- m is the restriction of μ to the global slice of the \mathcal{G} -action $\Rightarrow \mathcal{M} = m^{-1}(0)/\text{U}(1)$

• Choose a finite dim. subspace $F \subset \sqrt{-1}\Omega^+(X) \times \Gamma(S^-) =: \mathcal{U}$ s.t. $\text{Im } \ell + F = \mathcal{U}$

• Let $E := \ell^{-1}(F)$ & $p: \mathcal{U} \rightarrow F$ the projection

• Finite dim. approximation $f = \ell + pc: E \rightarrow F \leftarrow \text{U(1)-equiv. proper}$

$\Rightarrow f^{-1}(0)/\text{U}(1)$ is an approximation of \mathcal{M} for a large F

- Perturb $f \Rightarrow f^{-1}(0)/\text{U}(1)$ is a compact manifold cobordant to \mathcal{M}

SW inv is computed from finite dim. approx.

We assume $b_1 = 0$

Decompose $E = \mathbb{R}^y \oplus \mathbb{C}^z \subset \ker d^* \times \Gamma(S^+)$

$$M := f^{-1}(0)/\mathrm{U}(1) \subset \left(\frac{\mathbb{C}^z \setminus \{0\}}{\mathrm{U}(1)} \right) \times \mathbb{R}^y \simeq \mathbb{C}P^{z-1}$$

$$SW_X(\mathfrak{s}) = \begin{cases} \left\langle U^{\frac{d(\mathfrak{s})}{2}}, [M] \right\rangle & \text{if } d(\mathfrak{s}) \text{ even} \\ 0 & \text{if } d(\mathfrak{s}) \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

Bauer-Furuta's stable cohomotopy refinement of $SW_X(\mathfrak{s})$

- f has a form, $f = \ell + pc: E = \mathbb{C}^{a+x} \oplus \mathbb{R}^y \rightarrow F = \mathbb{C}^x \oplus \mathbb{R}^{b+y}$ where $a = \text{ind}_{\mathbb{C}} D_{A_0}$, $b = b_2^+$

Recall $\ell = (d^+, D_{A_0})$

- Choose $R \gg 0$ s.t. $f^{-1}(0) \subset \overset{\circ}{B}_R(\mathbb{C}^{a+x} \oplus \mathbb{R}^y) \leftarrow$ open ball with radius R centered at 0
- Let $S_R(\mathbb{C}^{a+x} \oplus \mathbb{R}^y) = \partial B_R(\mathbb{C}^{a+x} \oplus \mathbb{R}^y)$

$$g_F: S_R(\mathbb{C}^{a+x} \oplus \mathbb{R}^y) \xrightarrow{f|_{S_R(\mathbb{C}^{a+x} \oplus \mathbb{R}^y)}} (\mathbb{C}^x \times \mathbb{R}^{b+y}) \setminus \{0\} \xrightarrow{\cong} S(\mathbb{C}^x \oplus \mathbb{R}^{y+b})$$

- If $F' = F \oplus U \Rightarrow g_{F'} \simeq g_F * \text{id}_U$, where '*' is join. Assume $b = b_2^+ \geq 2$

$$\widetilde{SW}_X(\mathfrak{s}) := [g_F] \in \{S(\mathbb{C}^a), S(\mathbb{R}^b)\}^{\text{U}(1)} = \underset{x,y \rightarrow \infty}{\text{colim}} [S(\mathbb{C}^{a+x} \oplus \mathbb{R}^y), S(\mathbb{C}^x \oplus \mathbb{R}^{b+y})]^{\text{U}(1)}$$

$$= \underset{y \rightarrow \infty}{\text{colim}} [\mathbb{C}P^{a-1} * S^{y-1}, S^{b-1} * S^{y-1}] = \pi^{b-1}(\mathbb{C}P^{a-1})$$

Relation between $SW_X(\mathfrak{s})$ and $\widetilde{SW}_X(\mathfrak{s})$

Cohomotopy Hurewicz map

$$\text{hur}: \pi^{b-1}(\mathbb{C}P^{a-1}) \rightarrow H^{b-1}(\mathbb{C}P^{a-1}),$$

$$[\alpha: \mathbb{C}P^{a-1} \rightarrow S^{b-1}] \mapsto \alpha^*\eta,$$

where $\eta \in H^{b-1}(S^{b-1})$ generator

Theorem([Bauer-Furuta]) $\text{hur}(\widetilde{SW}_X(\mathfrak{s})) = SW_X(\mathfrak{s}) \cdot U^k, \quad k = \frac{b-1}{2}$

- $d = d(\mathfrak{s}) = 2a - b - 1 = 2(a-1) - 2k, \quad \widetilde{SW}_X(\mathfrak{s}) \in \pi^{2k}(\mathbb{C}P^{k+d/2})$

- If $d = 0 \Rightarrow \text{hur}: \pi^{2k}(\mathbb{C}P^k) = \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\cong} H^{2k}(\mathbb{C}P^k) = \mathbb{Z}$

- $\widetilde{SW}_X(\mathfrak{s})$ is stronger than $SW_X(\mathfrak{s})$. $\exists(X, \mathfrak{s})$ s.t. $\widetilde{SW}_X(\mathfrak{s}) \neq 0$ but $\text{hur}(\widetilde{SW}_X(\mathfrak{s})) = 0$
- [Bauer] $K3\#K3$ etc.

Methods of the proofs: Main Theorem and [Bauer-Furuta]

- Both of the proofs use $\text{hur}(\widetilde{SW}_X(\mathfrak{s})) = SW_X(\mathfrak{s}) \cdot U^k$
- [Bauer-Furuta] uses the K -version of the Hurewicz map too, and compares the ordinary SW inv. with the K -version of SW inv.
- In the proof of Main Theorem, the cohomotopy groups are more directly analyzed by using techniques in homotopy theory such as p -localization and Toda bracket.

Outline of the proof of Main Theorem

- To prove: $p^r \nmid SW_X(\mathfrak{s}) \Rightarrow d \leq 2r(p - 1) - 2$
- Suppose $d \geq 2r(p - 1)$. Then prove $p^r | SW_X(\mathfrak{s})$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\widetilde{SW}_X(\mathfrak{s}) \in \pi^{2k}(\mathbb{C}P^{k+d/2}) & \xrightarrow{\text{hur}} & H^{2k}(\mathbb{C}P^{k+d/2}) \cong \mathbb{Z} \ni SW_X(\mathfrak{s}) \\
\downarrow i_2^* & & \cong \downarrow i_2^* \\
\pi^{2k}(\mathbb{C}P^{k+r(p-1)}) & \xrightarrow{\text{hur}} & H^{2k}(\mathbb{C}P^{k+r(p-1)}) \cong \mathbb{Z} \\
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\end{array}$$

$\mathbb{C}P^k \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}P^{k+r(p-1)} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}P^{k+d/2}$
 $i_1 \qquad \qquad \qquad i_2$

Key lemma

We will use p -localization.

$$\mathbb{Z}_{(p)} = p\text{-localization of } \mathbb{Z} \text{ at } p = \left\{ \frac{b}{a} \mid a, b: \text{ coprime, } p \nmid a \right\} \subset \mathbb{Q}$$

Fact $\pi^{2k}(\mathbb{C}P^m)/\text{Tor} \cong \mathbb{Z} \quad (k \leq m)$

Key Lemma Under the assumptions of Main Theorem,

$$i_1^* \otimes 1: \left(\pi^{2k}(\mathbb{C}P^{k+r(p-1)}) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \right) / \text{Tor} \rightarrow \left(\pi^{2k}(\mathbb{C}P^k) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \right) / \text{Tor}$$

is identified with $p^r: \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$

Key Lemma $\Rightarrow p^r \mid SW_X(\mathfrak{s})$.

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\downarrow i_1^* \times p^r & & \downarrow \cong i_1^* \\
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Proof of Key lemma ($p = 2$)

The cell structure of $\mathbb{C}P^{k+1}$ is well-understood.

$k \not\equiv 0 \pmod{2} \Rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^{k+1}/\mathbb{C}P^{k-1} \simeq S^{2k} \cup_{\eta} e^{2k+2}$, where η the generator of $\pi_{2k+1}(S^{2k}) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2$

Question $m: S^{2k} \rightarrow S^{2k}$ given. \leftarrow Classified by $\pi_{2k}(S^{2k}) = \mathbb{Z}$

When does m extends to a map $\tilde{m}: S^{2k} \cup_{\eta} e^{2k+2} \rightarrow S^{2k}$?

Ans. $m \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$

(\because) $m \circ \eta: \partial e^{2k+2} = S^{2k+1} \rightarrow S^{2k} \rightarrow S^{2k}$

m : odd $\Rightarrow m \circ \eta \not\simeq 0 \Rightarrow$ cannot extend

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$$\begin{aligned}\pi^{2k}(\mathbb{C}P^{k+1}/\mathbb{C}P^{k-1})/\text{Tor} &\xrightarrow{\times 2} \pi^{2k}(\mathbb{C}P^k/\mathbb{C}P^{k-1})/\text{Tor} \\ &\Rightarrow \pi^{2k}(\mathbb{C}P^{k+1})/\text{Tor} \xrightarrow{\times 2} \pi^{2k}(\mathbb{C}P^k)/\text{Tor}\end{aligned}$$

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p -localization

- Y is p -local if $\pi_*(Y)$ is a $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ -module.
- $f: X \rightarrow X_{(p)}$ is a p -localization if f is universal map of X into p -local spaces.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & X_{(p)} \\ & \searrow g & \swarrow \exists \tilde{g} \\ & p\text{-local space} & \end{array}$$

- $\pi_* (X_{(p)}) = \pi_*(X) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$

Theorem If X is nilpotent, then X admits a p -localization.

Corollary $\pi_1(X) = 1 \Rightarrow X$ admits a p -localization.

Telescope construction

Theorem 1 (Mimura-Nishida-Toda, 1971) There is a homotopy equivalence

$$\mathbb{C}P_{(p)}^n \simeq X_1^r \vee \cdots \vee X_{p-1}^r$$

s.t. $X_i^r = S^{2i} \cup e^{2i+2(p-1)} \cup \cdots \cup e^{2i+2r(p-1)}$ where $r = \left[\frac{n-i}{p-1} \right]$

Theorem 2 (Toda, 1959) For $i < p(p - 1)$, there are generators α_i & α'_i s.t.

$$\pi_{2i(p-1)-1}(S^0) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/p\{\alpha_i\} & i \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p} \\ \mathbb{Z}/p^2\{\alpha'_i\} & i \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \end{cases}$$

Theorem 3 Let $k = i + s(p - 1)$.

- $k \equiv i - s \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p} \Rightarrow X^{s+1}/X^{s-1} \simeq S^{2k} \cup_{\alpha_1} e^{2k+2(p-1)}$
- **(D.M.Davis, 1979)** $k \equiv 1 \pmod{p}, k = ap + 1$
 $\Rightarrow X^{s+3}/X^{s-1} \simeq S^{2k} \cup_{-\alpha_1} e^{2k+2(p-1)} \cup_{(\frac{a}{2}+1)\alpha_2} e^{2k+4(p-1)} \cup_{-\frac{a+1}{2}\alpha_2+\alpha_1} e^{2k+6(p-1)}$

- With the above ingredients, we consider the extension problem for

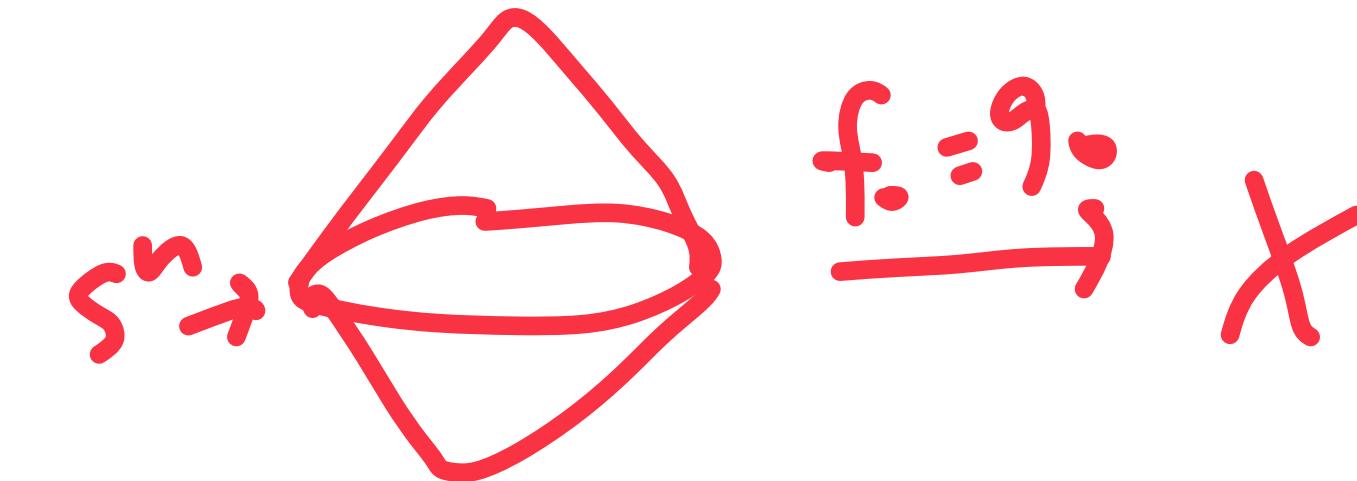
$$X^{s+t}/X^{s-1} = S^{2k} \cup e^{2k+2(p-1)} \cup e^{2k+4(p-1)} \cup \dots \cup e^{2k+t(p-1)}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 S^{2k} & \hookrightarrow & S^{2k} \cup e^{2k+2(p-1)} & \hookrightarrow & S^{2k} \cup e^{2k+2(p-1)} \cup e^{2k+4(p-1)} \\
 \downarrow & \nearrow \exists? & \nearrow \exists? & \nearrow \exists? & \nearrow \exists? \\
 S^{2k} & \not\hookleftarrow & - & - & -
 \end{array}$$

- The attaching maps are given by combinations of $\alpha_i \in \pi_{2i(p-1)-1}(S^0)$.
- We need to know the relations among α_i 's → Use **Toda bracket**.

Toda bracket

- For two null-homotopies $f_t, g_t: S^n \rightarrow X$ s.t. $f_0 = g_0$ & $f_1 = g_1 = 0$, the difference obstruction $\delta(f_t, g_t) \in \pi_{n+1}(X)$ is defined



- Suppose the maps $c: S^q \rightarrow S^r$, $b: S^r \rightarrow Y$, $a: Y \rightarrow X$ satisfy $a \circ b \simeq 0$ & $b \circ c \simeq 0$
- Choose null-homotopies $A_t: S^r \rightarrow X$ & $B_t: S^q \rightarrow Y$ of $a \circ b$ & $b \circ c$
⇒ we have $\delta(a \circ B_t, A_t \circ c) \in \pi_{q+1}(X)$
- Toda bracket

$$\langle a, b, c \rangle = \{ \delta(a \circ B_t, A_t \circ c) \text{ for all choice of } A_t, B_t \}$$

- Recall [Toda]. For $i < p(p - 1)$, $\pi_{2i(p-1)-1}(S^0) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/p\{\alpha_i\} & i \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p} \\ \mathbb{Z}/p^2\{\alpha'_i\} & i \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \end{cases}$
- The generators are obtained inductively.
 - ▶ Choose a generator $\alpha_1 \in \pi_{2p-3}(S^0) = \mathbb{Z}/p$.
 - ▶ $\langle \alpha_{i-1}, p, \alpha_1 \rangle = \{\exists! \alpha_i\}$ with $p\alpha_i = 0$
 - ▶ If $i \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$, then $\alpha'_i = \alpha_i/p$ is a generator of $\pi_{2i(p-1)-1}(S^0) = \mathbb{Z}/p^2$.

Proposition(Toda, 1959) If $s + t < p(p - 1)$

$$\langle p, \alpha_s, \alpha_t \rangle = \begin{cases} \frac{t}{s+t} \alpha_{s+t} & s + t \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p} \\ \frac{pt}{s+t} \alpha'_{s+t} & s + t \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \end{cases}$$

Extension over two cells

- Consider a space with two cells attached: $Y \cup_{\varphi_1} e^m \cup_{\varphi_2} e^n$
- Suppose $\exists \alpha: Y \rightarrow S^r$ satisfying $k\alpha \circ \varphi_1 \simeq 0$.
 $S^{m-1} \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} Y \xrightarrow{\alpha} S^r \xrightarrow{k} S^r$
- Then $k\alpha$ extends to a map $\widetilde{k\alpha}: Y \cup_{\varphi_1} e^m \rightarrow S^r$
- $S^{n-1} \xrightarrow{\varphi_2} Y \cup_{\varphi_1} e^m \xrightarrow{\widetilde{k\alpha}} S^r$
- Does $\widetilde{k\alpha}$ extend to a map $Y \cup_{\varphi_1} e^m \cup_{\varphi_2} e^n \rightarrow S^r$? Want to know $\widetilde{k\alpha} \circ \varphi_2 = ?$.

Lemma $\widetilde{k\alpha} \circ \varphi_2 \in \langle k, \alpha \circ \varphi_1, \Sigma^{-1}(\rho \circ \varphi_2) \rangle$

where $\rho: Y \cup_{\varphi_1} e^m \rightarrow (Y \cup_{\varphi_1} e^m)/Y = S^m$ is the collapsing map.

Outline of the proof of Key lemma ($p > 2$)

- Consider $X_i^{s+2}/X_i^{s-1} = S^{2k} \cup_{\varphi_1} e^{2k+2(p-1)} \cup_{\varphi_2} e^{2k+4(p-1)}$
- By Theorem 3, $k \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p} \Rightarrow \varphi_1 = \alpha_1 \in \pi_{2p-3}(S^0) = \mathbb{Z}/p$. $\therefore p\alpha_1 = 0$.
- Then $\theta = \textcolor{red}{p}: S^{2k} \rightarrow S^{2k}$ extends to $\tilde{\theta}: S^{2k} \cup_{\varphi_1} e^{2k+2(p-1)} \rightarrow S^{2k}$.
- By Lemma & [Toda], $\tilde{\theta} \circ \varphi_2 \in \langle p, \alpha_1, \alpha_1 \rangle = \alpha_2/2 \in \pi_{4(p-1)-1}(S^0) = \mathbb{Z}/p$. $\therefore p\tilde{\theta} \circ \varphi_2 \simeq 0$
- Then $\textcolor{red}{p}\tilde{\theta}$ extends to $S^{2k} \cup_{\varphi_1} e^{2k+2(p-1)} \cup_{\varphi_2} e^{2k+4(p-1)} \rightarrow S^{2k}$
- The above argument implies $\left(\pi^{2k} (X_i^{s+2}/X_i^{s-1}) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \right)/\text{Tor} \rightarrow \left(\pi^{2k} (X_i^s/X_i^{s-1}) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \right)/\text{Tor}$
is identified with $\textcolor{red}{p}^2: \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$.

Induction \Rightarrow Key lemma

Final remarks

- Application: The adjunction inequality for negative self-intersection.
 - [Ozsvath-Szabo] supposed the simple type.
 - If $p^r \nmid SW_X(\mathfrak{s})$, we can replace the simple type assumption with a topological one.
- Future research: p -localization of the Seiberg-Witten Floer homotopy type
 - New invariant and constraint for 3-manifolds and 4-manifolds with boundary may be constructed.
 - Difficulty: computation. **How?**