

## d-invariants

Let  $Y$  be a  $\mathbb{Q}S^3$ .

Given a spin-c structure  $s$  (an element of  $H^2(Y)$ )  
the d-invariant of  $(Y, s)$  is  $d(Y, s) \in \mathbb{Q}$ , which is defined  
using "Heegaard Floer homology".

Thm 1 (Ozsvath-Szabo)

If  $Y$  bounds a  $\mathbb{Q}B^4$ ,  $B$ , and  $t$  is a spin-c str on  $B$   
then  $d(Y, t|_Y) = 0$

↑ restriction of  $t$  to  $Y$

Thm 2 Let  $Y$  bound a  $\mathbb{Q}B^4$ ,  $B$ .  
Then  $|H^2(Y)| = m^2$  and  $\exists$  subgroup  $V \subset H^2(Y)$   
with  $|V| = m$  s.t.  $d(Y, s) = 0 \forall s \in V$

Note  $m^2 = |\det L|$  if  $Y$  is  
the DBC of a link  $L$

$V = \text{Image of}$   
 $H^2(w) \xrightarrow{\text{is}} H^2(Y)$

Let  $X$  be negative-definite 4-mfld w/  $\partial X = Y$

Suppose  $Y$  bounds  $\mathbb{Q}B^4$ ,  $B$

Then  $\exists$  lattice embedding  $\varphi: (H_2(X), \mathbb{Q}_X) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}^n, -I)$

We can represent  $\varphi$  by a matrix  $A^T$

$(H^2(X \cup B), \mathbb{Q}_{X \cup B})$

Facts: • We can choose bases for  $H^2(X) \oplus H^2(X \cup B)$   
s.t. the restriction map  $H^2(X \cup B) \rightarrow H^2(X)$   
can be represented by  $A$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \bullet Q = -AA^T \\ \bullet V \cong \text{Im } A / \text{Im } G \end{array} \right\} \text{see Jabuka-Greene}$$

$$\text{Ex: } X = \underbrace{\dots}_{v_1} \overset{-2}{\bullet} \cdots \overset{-2}{\bullet} \overset{-2}{\bullet} \overset{-2}{\bullet} \cdots \overset{-2}{\bullet} \underbrace{\dots}_{v_{n-1}} v_n$$

Let  $H_2(x)$  have basis given by 2-handlers  $\{v_1, \dots, v_{\text{par}}\}$ .

Let  $Q$  be its intersection form.

Choose basis for  $H_2(X \cup B)$  ( $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ ) for which  
 its intersection form is  $-I$  (possible by Donaldson's theorem)  
 Then!

$$\text{Check: } Q = -AA^T$$

Goal: Show  $\#\{s \in \text{Spin}^c(\gamma) \mid s \in V \text{ and } d(\gamma, s) = 0\} < |V|$

Fact:  $\text{Spin}^c(X \cup B) \approx$  "Characteristic elements" of  $H^2(X \cup B)$   
 (i.e. vectors in  $H^2(X \cup B) \cong \mathbb{Z}^n$   
 whose entries are all odd)

let  $\text{Char}_s(X \cup B) = \{ \text{characteristic elements of } H^2(X \cup B) \text{ whose associated spin-c str on } X \cup B \text{ restricts to } s \text{ on } Y \}$

Thm (Ozsváth-Szabó): Let  $X$  be a negative-definite plumbing whose graph is a tree with at most 2 bad vertices w/  $H_2(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}^n$ .

Further assume  $\partial X = Y$  bounds a  $QB^4, B$ .  
Then

$$d(Y, s) = \max_{x \in \text{Char}_s(X \cup B)} \frac{n - x \cdot x}{4} \quad \leftarrow \text{regular dot product}$$

Notice,  $d(Y, s) = 0 \iff x = (\pm 1, \pm 1, \dots, \pm 1) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$

So every element of  $\{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in H^2(X \cup B) / x_i = \pm 1\}$  is a representative of an equivalence class of characteristic elements in  $H^2(X \cup B)$  restricting to the same spin-c str on  $Y$  and whose  $d$ -invariant is 0.

However, some of these elements might still belong to the same equivalence classes.

Recall,  $V \cong \text{Im } A / \text{Im } G$

Claim: Let  $V = Ax$ ,  $v' = Ax' \in \text{Im } A$

Then  $[v] = [v'] \in V \iff x - x' \in \text{Im } A^T$

proof:

$$[V] = [v'] \in \text{Im } A / \text{Im } Q$$

$$\Leftrightarrow v - v' \in \text{Im } Q$$

$$\Leftrightarrow V - V' = Qy \quad \text{for some } y$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}' = -\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow Ax - Ax' = -AA^T y \Leftrightarrow A(x - x') = -AA^T y$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x - x' = -A^T y \quad (\text{since } A \text{ is one-to-one})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x' - x = A^T y \Leftrightarrow x' - x \in \text{Im } A^T$$

## Back to Jabuka-Greene Example

Recall, using lattice analysis, we know

if  $\exists$  a lattice embedding, then  $q = -pd - r(\lambda + 1)^2$

Claim (Jabuka-Coxene): If  $P(pqr)$  is slice, then  $d \in \{0, -1\}$ .

Proof:

Let  $\ell: \mathbb{Z}^{p+r} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ ,  
 $\ell(x_1, \dots, x_{p+r}) = \sum x_i$

$\text{Im } A^T = \text{All linear combos of columns of } A$

Moreover,  $\text{Ker } \ell \equiv \text{Span}\{\text{1st } p+r-1 \text{ columns of } A\}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Ker } \ell \subset \text{Im } A^T \cong \mathbb{Z}^{p+r}$$

View  $\ell: \text{Im } A^T \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

Thus if  $v = Ax$ ,  $v' = Ax' \in \text{Im } A$  and  $x - x' \in \text{Ker } \ell \cap \text{Im } A^T$ ,

then by previous claim,  $[v] = [v'] \in V = \text{Im } A / \text{Im } Q$

That is, if  $\ell(x) = \ell(x')$  (i.e. sum of entries of  $x$   
= sum of entries of  $x'$ )

then  $[v] = [v'] \in V$ .

Now  $\ell$  restricted to  $\{(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) \in H^2(X \cup B) \cong \mathbb{Z}^{p+r} \mid x_i = \pm 1\}$   
 takes on  $p+r+1$  distinct values

(corresponding to the # of negative entries of  $x$ )

$\Rightarrow \exists$  at most  $p+r+1$  spin-c str's in  $V$   
 s.t.  $d=0$

On the other hand, by thm 2,  $d(y_s) = 0 \forall s \in V$

$$\Rightarrow |V| \leq p+r+1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Note: } |V| &= \sqrt{|\det P(q, r)|} = \sqrt{pq + qr + pr} \\ &= \sqrt{p(-p\lambda^2 - r(\lambda+1)^2) + r(-p\lambda^2 - r(\lambda+1)^2) + pr} \\ &= |p\lambda + r(\lambda+1)| \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow |p\lambda + r(\lambda+1)| \leq p+r+1$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 0, -1.$$

