Heegaard Floer homology solid tori

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$$\begin{split} h: \partial D^2 \times S^1 &\to \partial M \\ \partial D^2 \times \{ \mathsf{p}t \} &\mapsto p\mu + q\lambda \end{split}$$

Alexander's trick

The homeomorphism h extends uniquely to the rest of the solid torus (i.e. the 3-ball).

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This observation characterizes the solid torus, among orientable, irreducible 3-manifolds with torus boundary, in the following sense:

Theorem (Johannson, see Siebenmann or McCullough)

Let M be an orientable, irreducible 3-manifold with torus boundary. If M admits a homeomorphism h for which $h|_{\partial M}$ is a Dehn twist, then $M \cong D^2 \times S^1$.

More generally, one would like to study the closed manifold $M_1 \cup_h M_2$ for a given pair of (orientable) 3-manifolds M_1 , M_2 and homeomorphism $h : \partial M_1 \to \partial M_2$.

In this talk, we will consider the decomposition of a closed, orientable 3-manifold Y along an interesting (incompressible, two-sided) torus and study the pieces M_1 and M_2 of $Y = M_1 \cup_h M_2$.



Consider a self indexing Morse function

 $f: Y \rightarrow [0,3]$ The surface $f^{-1}(\frac{3}{2})$ gives rise to a Heegaard diagram \mathcal{H} for Y. Pictured is the inverse image of $[\frac{3}{2},3]$; there is a critical point of index 2 in the interior of each blue disk.

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Claim: The boundary of this disk in \mathcal{H} represents a torus in Y.



First, suppose that the critical point of index 3 is in the interior of the green disk.

Next, notice that the points of intersection are paired, according to index 1 critical points.

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Finally, the remaining points in the boundary of the disk flow to the index 0 critical point.

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Exercise

For this particular example: (1) the manifold has torus boundary (2) the fundamental group is $\langle a, b | a^2 b^2 \rangle$ (3) the manifold is the twisted I-bundle over the Klein bottle



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Order matters: $(M, \alpha_0^a, \alpha_1^a)$ and $(M, \alpha_1^a, \alpha_0^a)$ are different bordered manifolds.

So a bordered Heegaard diagram for M is a triple $(\mathcal{H}, \alpha_0^a, \alpha_1^a)$ where \mathcal{H} is a Heegaard diagram of genus $g \geq 1$ with g - 1 α -curves.

Bordered Heegaard Floer homology



To a Heegaard diagram \mathcal{H} , Heegaard Floer homology associates a chain complex $\widehat{CF}(\mathcal{H})$ (over $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{Z}/2$). $\widehat{HF}(\mathcal{H})$ is independent of the choice of \mathcal{H} ; write $\widehat{HF}(Y)$.

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This is due to Ozsváth and Szabó.

Bordered Heegaard Floer homology



To a bordered Heegaard diagram $(\mathcal{H}, \alpha_0^a, \alpha_1^a)$, bordered Heegaard Floer homology associates a differential (graded) module

 $\widehat{\mathsf{CFD}}(\mathcal{H}, \alpha_0^{\mathsf{a}}, \alpha_1^{\mathsf{a}})$

over an algebra \mathcal{A} .

The homotopy type of this object is independent of the choice of \mathcal{H} (but not the peripheral elements!); write $\widehat{\mathsf{CFD}}(M, \alpha_0^a, \alpha_1^a)$

This is due to Lipshitz, Ozsváth and Thurston.

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Write $\rho_2 \rho_3 = \rho_{23}$, etc. so that \mathcal{A} is 8 dimensional as a vector space over \mathbb{F} .

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Note: as a differential module over \mathcal{A} ,

 $\widehat{\mathsf{CFD}}(M,\alpha^{a}_{0},\alpha^{a}_{1})$

has a differential $\partial(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathcal{A}} \mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{y}$.



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Simple objects in Heegaard Floer homology

In general, for a \mathbb{Q} -homology sphere Y, rk $\widehat{HF}(Y) \ge |H_1(Y; \mathbb{Z})|$. Equality is realized for lens spaces, and more generally we have:

Definition

A rational homology sphere Y is a Heegaard Floer homology lens space if $\operatorname{rk} \widehat{\operatorname{HF}}(Y) = |H_1(Y; \mathbb{Z})|$.

The term *Heegaard Floer homology lens space* has been shortened to *L-space* (for perhaps obvious reasons).

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Proposition (Boyer-Gordon-W.) $\widehat{CFD}(M, \lambda, \varphi) \cong \widehat{CFD}(M, \lambda, \varphi + n\lambda)$ This plays a central role in:

Theorem (Boyer-Gordon-W.)

If Y is a \mathbb{Q} -homology sphere admitting Sol geometry then Y is an L-space.

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Let *M* be a Q-homology solid torus with rational longitude λ . *M* is a Heegaard Floer homology solid torus if

$$\widehat{\mathsf{CFD}}(M,\lambda,\mu)\cong\widehat{\mathsf{CFD}}(M,\lambda,\mu+n\lambda)$$

for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, where $\langle \mu, \lambda \rangle \cong \pi_1(\partial M)$.

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Theorem (W.)

For each integer n > 0 there is a Heegaard Floer homology solid torus M_n which is a Seifert fibred space with

- $\pi_1(M_n) \cong \langle a, b | a^n b^n \rangle$,
- $H_1(M_n;\mathbb{Z})\cong\mathbb{Z}\oplus\mathbb{Z}/n$,

and the Dehn filling along the rational longitude is $S^2 \times S^1$.

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The case n = 4: $\widehat{CFD}(M_4, \lambda, \varphi)$



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This is meant to justify the notion of a Heegaard Floer homology Alexander trick.

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Both examples give rise to infinite families, and both decompose into (nearly) the same bordered pieces.