

Homotopy classification of 4-manifolds with

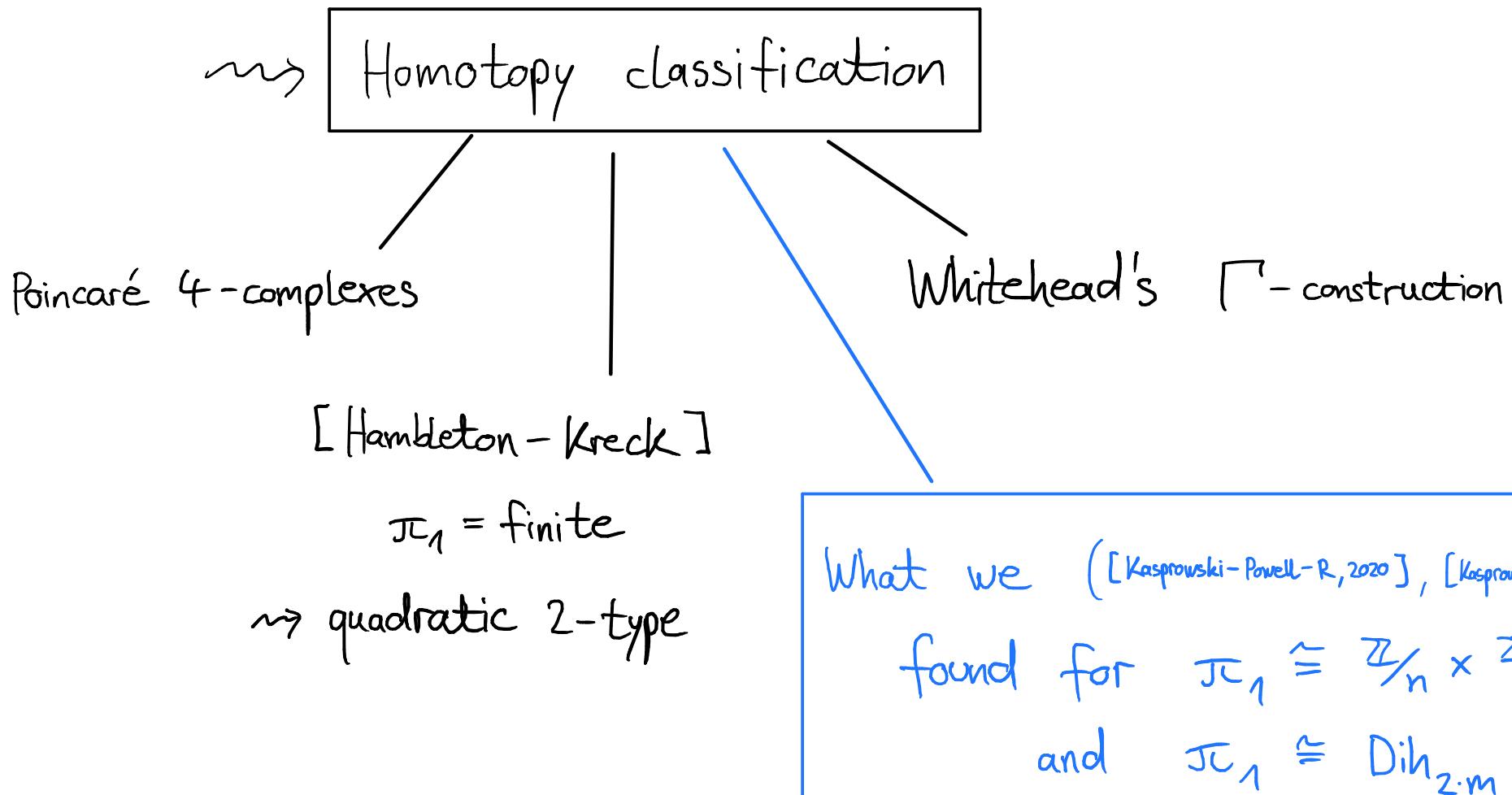
-) finite abelian 2-generator fundamental group
-) dihedral fundamental group

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Plan: Classification of 4-manifolds

This talk will be in
the topological category

-) Warmup: Homeomorphism classification of simply-connected 4-manifolds
-) Our ignorance for non-trivial fundamental groups



Simply-connected oriented 4-manifolds and intersection forms

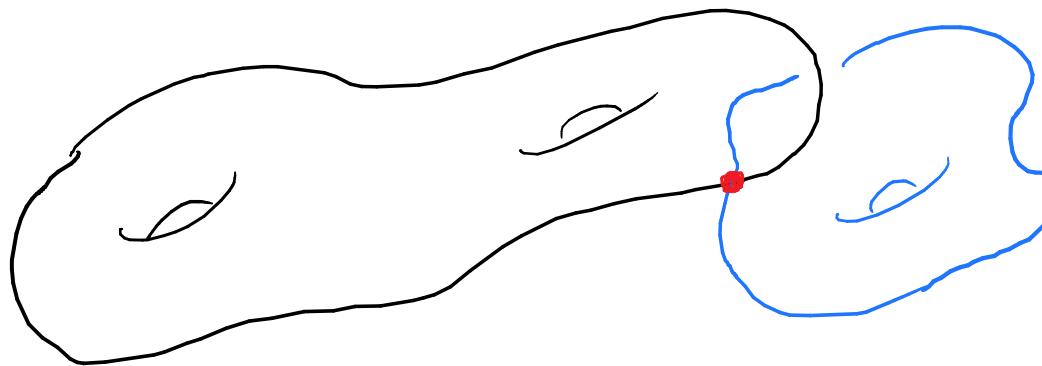
Intersection form

$$H_2(M^4) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} H_2(M^4) \xrightarrow{\lambda_M} \mathbb{Z}$$

$$[A] \xrightarrow{\psi}$$

$$[B] \xrightarrow{\psi}$$

closed, connected, oriented 4-mfld.



[Milnor (1958)] Homotopy classification of simply-connected closed oriented 4-mflds.

$$M \simeq_{\text{htpy eq.}} N \quad \text{iff.} \quad \lambda_M \cong_{\text{isometric}} \lambda_N$$

[Freedman (1984)] Homeomorphism $\underline{\hspace{2cm}} \cong \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

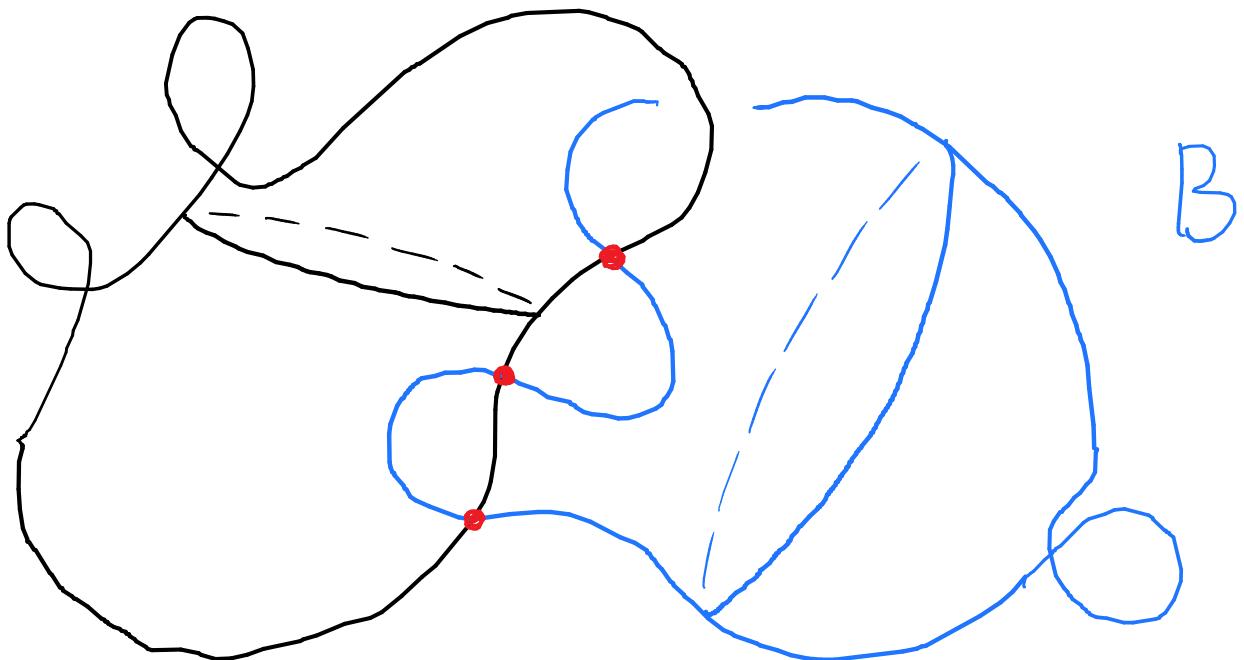
(Intersection form + Kirby-Siebenmann invariant)

Simply-connected oriented 4-manifolds and intersection forms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_2(M^4) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} H_2(M^4) & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z} \\ [Hurewicz] & 2// & 2// \\ \pi_2(M) \otimes \pi_2(M) & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}[\{1\}] \\ \psi & \psi & \swarrow \\ [A] & [B] & \end{array}$$

group ring of the trivial
group $\{1\} = \pi_1(M)$

$A =$ immersed
2-sphere

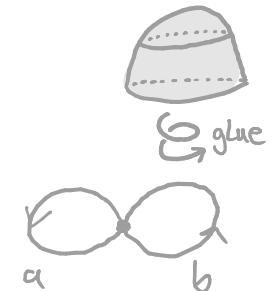


Fun fact:

Any finitely presented group appears as $\pi_1 \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{closed, smooth, oriented} \\ 4\text{-manifold} \end{array} \right)$

•) Given presentation $\pi = \langle g_1, \dots, g_n \mid r_1, \dots, r_m \rangle$ $\langle a, b \mid b^2 = e \rangle$

•) build 2-complex $K(\pi) = \left(\bigvee_{\text{generators } g_i} S^1 \right) \cup_{\text{relations}} \bigcup^m D^2$

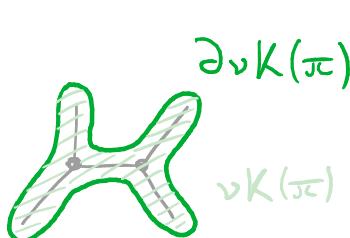
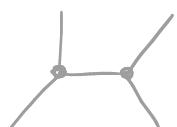


•) $K(\pi) \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^5$

•) take a closed tubular neighborhood $vK(\pi) \hookleftarrow 5\text{-mfld.}$

\rightsquigarrow boundary $\partial vK(\pi) \hookleftarrow$ closed 4-mfld. with fundamental group π

$$K(\pi) \subset \mathbb{R}^5$$



↗ Markov's thm.: Classification of 4-manifolds is undecidable in general

Some results for non-trivial fundamental groups:

For $\pi_1 \cong \mathbb{Z}$: [Freedman-Quinn, 1990]

-) orientation character
 -) equivariant intersection form on π_2
 -) Kirby-Siebenmann invariant
- } *more on this soon*

[Hambleton-Kreck, 1988]

Applied Freedman's results for manifolds with π_1 finite

(finite groups are "good" in the
sense of Freedman)

completed homeomorphism classification for finite cyclic groups \mathbb{Z}/n



Homotopy classification

Def.: oriented Poincaré 4-complex:

-) finite CW-complex X
-) oriented with a fundamental class $[X] \in H_4(X; \mathbb{Z})$

s.t.h. X "satisfies Poincaré duality", i.e.

$$-\cap [X]: C^{4-*}(X; \mathbb{Z}[\pi_1 X]) \longrightarrow C_*(X; \mathbb{Z}[\pi_1 X])$$

is a simple chain homotopy equivalence.

Ex.: every closed, oriented topological 4-manifold is homotopy equivalent to a Poincaré 4-complex

(but there are Poincaré 4-complexes which are not homotopy equivalent to any closed, topological 4-manifold [Hambleton-Milgram, 1978])

Def.: quadratic 2-type:

$$[\pi_1(X, *), \pi_2(X, *), k_X, \lambda_X]$$

π_2 as a π_1 -module

k -invariant

$$k_X \in H^3(\pi_1(X); \pi_2(X))$$

Equivariant intersection form:

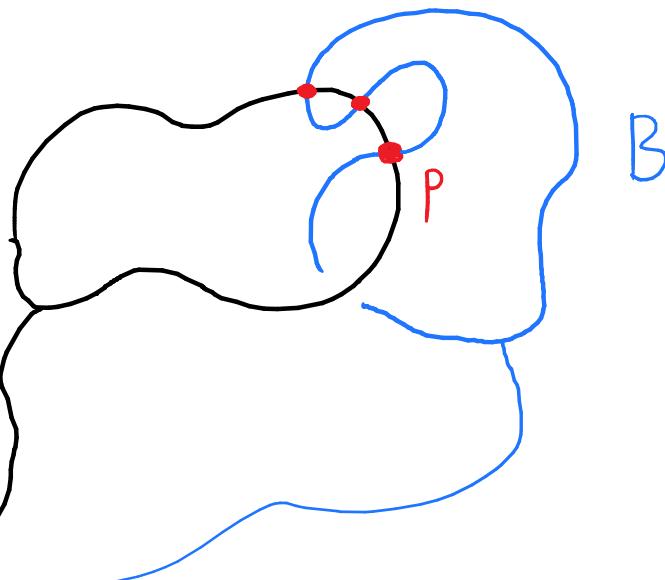
$$\lambda_X: \pi_2(X) \otimes \pi_2(X) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\pi_1(X)]$$

$$[A] \xrightarrow{\psi}$$

$$[B] \xrightarrow{\psi}$$

$A =$ immersed 2-sphere
with whisker to *

basepoint *



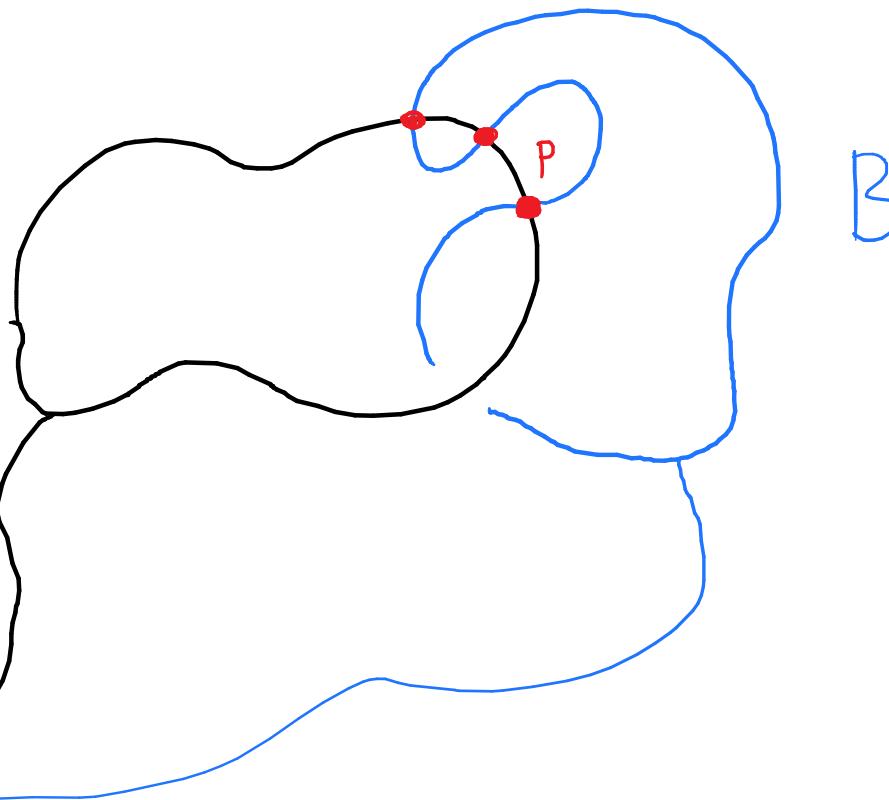
Equivariant intersection form:

$$\lambda_X: \pi_2(X, *) \otimes \pi_2(X, *) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\pi_1(X, *)]$$

$$\begin{matrix} \psi \\ [A] \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \psi \\ [B] \end{matrix} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \sum_{p \in A \pitchfork B} ?$$

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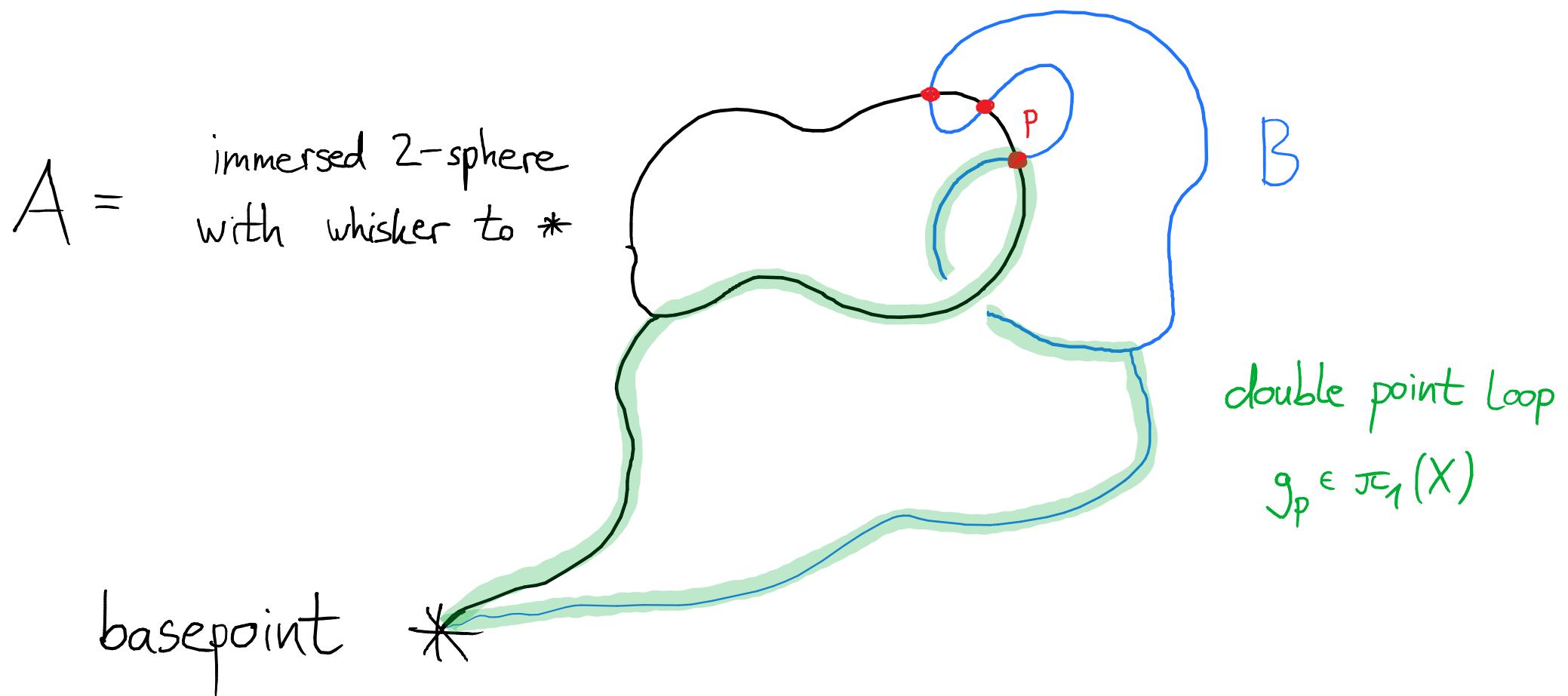


Equivariant intersection form:

$$\lambda_X: \mathcal{H}_2(X, *) \otimes \mathcal{H}_2(X, *) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\mathcal{H}_1(X, *)]$$
$$\begin{matrix} \psi \\ [A] \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \psi \\ [B] \end{matrix} \longrightarrow \sum_{p \in A \pitchfork B} \begin{matrix} \pm \\ g_p \end{matrix}$$

sign of intersection point p

double point loop



"History" of homotopy classification of 4-dim. Poincaré complexes:

Poincaré 4-complex \rightsquigarrow quadratic 2-type



$$[\pi_1(X, *), \pi_2(X, *), k_X, \lambda_X]$$

-) [Hambleton-Kreck, 1988] 4-dim. oriented Poincaré complex with fundamental group with 4-periodic cohomology is classified up to homotopy by their quadratic 2-type
includes complexes with finite cyclic π_1

-) [Bauer, 1988] true if the 2-Sylow subgroup of π_1 has 4-periodic cohomology

M a module with an action $\pi \curvearrowright M$ of the group π

Fixed points (invariants)

$$M^\pi := \{m \in M \mid g \cdot m = m \text{ for } g \in \pi\}$$

$$\cong \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}[\pi]}(\mathbb{Z}, M)$$

Orbits (coinvariants)

$$M_\pi := M / \langle m - g \cdot m \mid m \in M, g \in \pi \rangle$$

$$\cong \mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[\pi]} M$$

right derived functor



left derived functor

$$H^n(\pi; M) \cong \text{Ext}_{\mathbb{Z}[\pi]}^n(\mathbb{Z}, M)$$

$$H_n(\pi; M) \cong \text{Tor}_n^{\mathbb{Z}[\pi]}(\mathbb{Z}, M)$$

Group cohomology

Group homology

π group, M a π -module

Tate (co)homology: Combine group homology & group cohomology for finite groups
into a useful package

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{"norm map"} & & \\
 H_0(\pi; M) & \xrightarrow{\cdot N} & H^\sigma(\pi; M) \\
 M_\pi & & M^\pi \\
 \text{orbits} & & \text{fixed points} \\
 [m] & \longmapsto & \sum_{g \in \pi} g \cdot m
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{H}_n(\pi; M) &:= H_n(\pi; M) \quad \text{for } n \geq 1 \\
 \hat{H}_0(\pi; M) &:= \ker(\cdot N) \\
 \hat{H}_{-1}(\pi; M) &:= \text{coker}(\cdot N) \\
 \hat{H}_n(\pi; M) &:= H^{-n-1}(\pi; M) \quad \text{for } n \leq -2
 \end{aligned}$$

π is a group with periodic cohomology if

there exists $u \in \hat{H}^d(\pi; \mathbb{Z})$

s.t. cup product $u \cup -$ is invertible

with a periodicity isomorphism $u \cup - : \hat{H}^n(\pi; M) \xrightarrow{\cong} \hat{H}^{n+d}(\pi; M)$

$$d = 4$$

$$\dots \quad \hat{H}^{-1}(\pi; M) \quad \hat{H}^0(\pi; M) \quad \hat{H}^1(\pi; M) \quad \hat{H}^2(\pi; M) \quad \hat{H}^3(\pi; M) \quad \hat{H}^4(\pi; M) \quad \hat{H}^5(\pi; M) \quad \dots$$



Fact: A finite group π has d -periodic cohomology
(for some $d \in \mathbb{N}$)

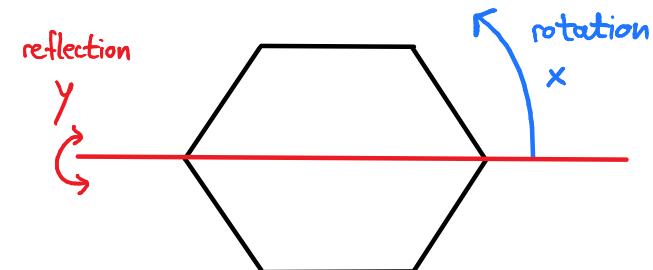
\Leftrightarrow the abelian subgroups of π are cyclic

(i.e. π does not contain a subgroup of the form $\mathbb{Z}/p \times \mathbb{Z}/p$)

Dihedral group $Dih_{2n} = \langle x, y \mid x^n = 1 = y^2, yxy^{-1} = x^{-1} \rangle$

\uparrow rotation of order n \uparrow reflection

$Dih_{2,6}$ = symmetries of a 6-gon

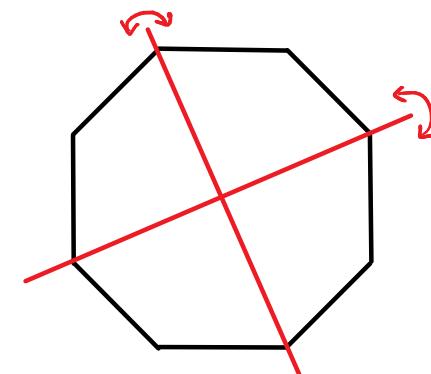


•) If n is odd then Dih_{2n} has 4-periodic cohomology and so [Hambleton-Kreck] applies directly

•) If n is even not 4-periodic

$$H_k(Dih_{2n}; \mathbb{Z}) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/2^{\frac{k-1}{2}} & k \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ \mathbb{Z}/2^{\frac{k+2}{2}} & k \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ \mathbb{Z}/2^{\frac{k-1}{2}} & k \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ \mathbb{Z}_n \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2^{\frac{k}{2}} & k \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$

subgroup $\mathbb{Z}/2 \times \mathbb{Z}/2 < Dih_{2,8}$



Groups with periodic cohomology & free actions on spheres

no group element $\neq 1$ fixes a point
of the space

Fact: A finite group π which acts freely
on a (finite-dim.) homology k -sphere
has periodic cohomology with period $k+1$.

Ex: •) Finite subgroups $\pi \subset S^3 \cong SU(2)$

Like finite cyclic groups \mathbb{Z}/n

(generalized) quaternion groups Q_{4n}

binary tetrahedral group A_4^* ; binary octahedral S_4^* ; binary dodecahedral A_5^*

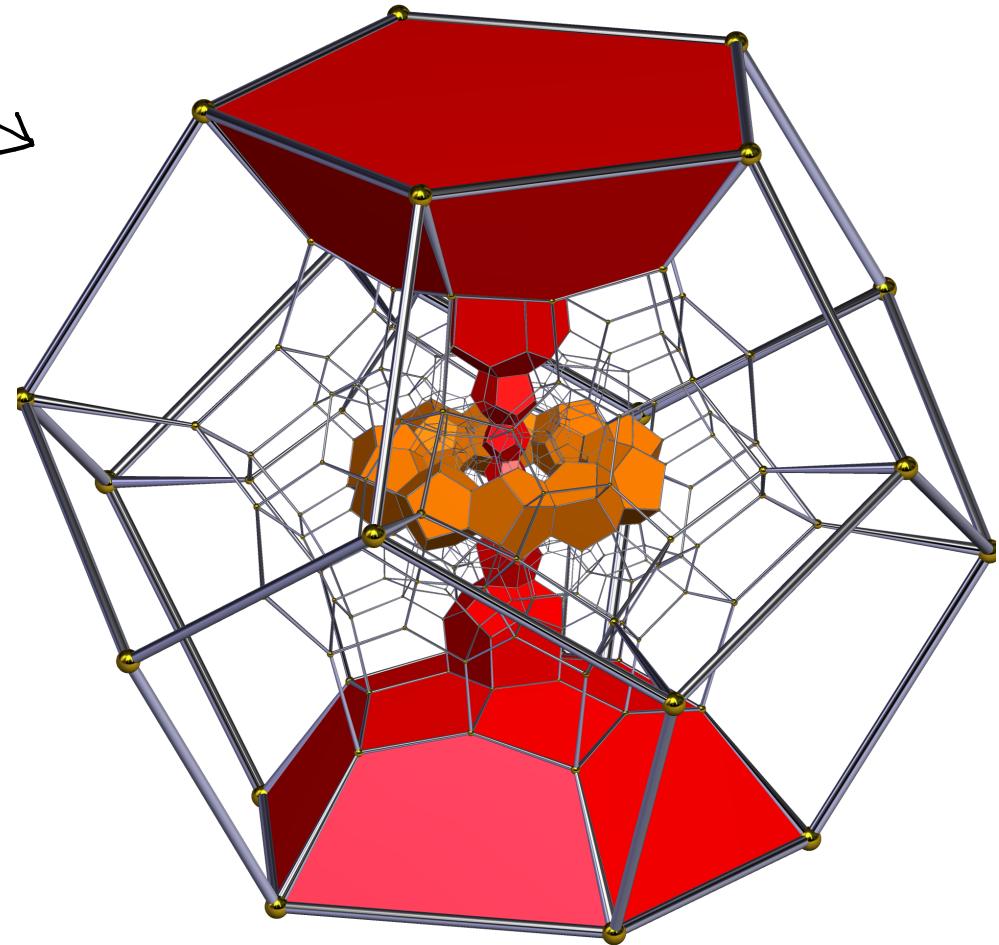
•) Finite subgroups $\pi \subset SO(4) \curvearrowright S^3$ with free action
by rotations

Like central products $P_1^* \circ P_2^*$ of binary polyhedral groups ??

free action of
binary dodecahedral group

$$A_5^* \curvearrowright S^3$$

120-cell ~



Side remark: [Milnor]

If π acts freely on a sphere

$\Rightarrow \pi$ has at most one element of order 2

$\Rightarrow \text{Dih}_{2n}$ cannot act freely on a sphere



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Thm. Let π be a finite group s.th. its 2-Sylow subgroup is

-) abelian with at most 2 generators or [Kasprowski-Powell-R, 2020]
-) dihedral [Kasprowski-Nicholson-R, 2020]

Then oriented 4-dimensional Poincaré complexes X, X'

with fundamental group π are homotopy equivalent

if and only if

their quadratic 2-types are isomorphic.

$$[\pi_1(X), \pi_2(X), k_X, \lambda_X: \pi_2(X) \otimes \pi_2(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\pi_1(X)]] \sim [\pi_1(X'), \pi_2(X'), k_{X'}, \lambda_{X'}: \pi_2(X') \otimes \pi_2(X') \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\pi_1(X')]]$$

Rmk: Any isometry of the quadratic 2-types of X and X'

is realized by a homotopy equivalence $X \rightarrow X'$.

[Hambleton-Kreck, Teichner]: If $\mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[\pi_1(X)]} \Gamma(\pi_2(X))$ is \mathbb{Z} -torsion free,

4-dim. Poincaré complexes with finite fundamental group $\pi = \pi_1(X)$

are homotopy equivalent if and only if their quadratic 2-types are isomorphic.

Whitehead's Γ -groups: Let A be a $\mathbb{Z}[\pi]$ -module.

For A with free abelian underlying \mathbb{Z} -module

$$\Gamma(A) = \langle b \otimes b, b \otimes b' + b' \otimes b \rangle_{\substack{b \neq b' \in \text{Z-basis } \mathcal{B} \\ \text{of } A}} \subset A \otimes A$$

$\mathbb{Z}[\pi]$ -module via the action $\pi \curvearrowright \Gamma(A) \longrightarrow \Gamma(A)$

$$g, \sum a_i \otimes b_i \mapsto \sum (g \cdot a_i) \otimes (g \cdot b_i)$$

Whitehead observed that for a CW-complex L ,

$\Gamma(\pi_2(L))$ fits into an exact sequence

$$H_4(\tilde{L}; \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow \Gamma(\pi_2(L)) \xrightarrow{\text{"precomposing with Hopf map } \eta\text{"}} \pi_3(L) \xrightarrow{\text{Hurewicz}} H_3(\tilde{L}; \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow 0$$

Useful fact: For A, A' free \mathbb{Z} -modules

$$\Gamma(A \oplus A') \cong \Gamma(A) \oplus (A \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} A') \oplus \Gamma(A')$$

$$\pi_2(K(\pi)) \cong \pi_2(\widetilde{K(\pi)}) \cong H_2(\widetilde{K(\pi)}; \mathbb{Z}) \cong H_2(K(\pi); \mathbb{Z}[\pi])$$

Universal cover
of $K(\pi)$

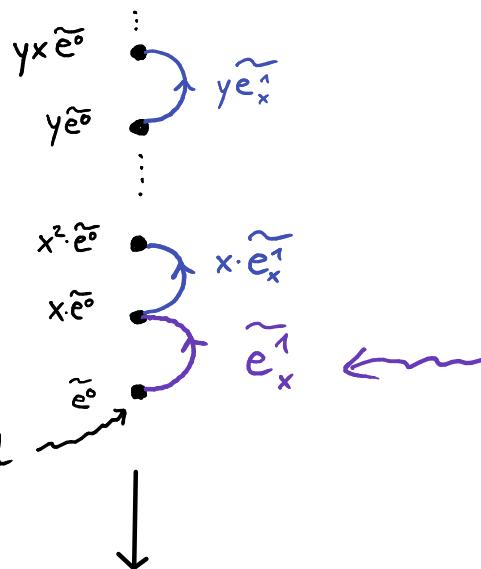
Hurewicz theorem:

For simply connected space, the first nonzero homotopy group agrees with homology

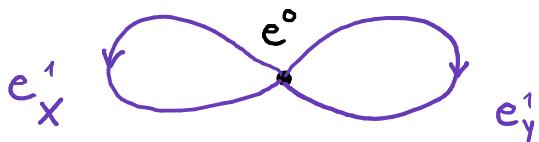
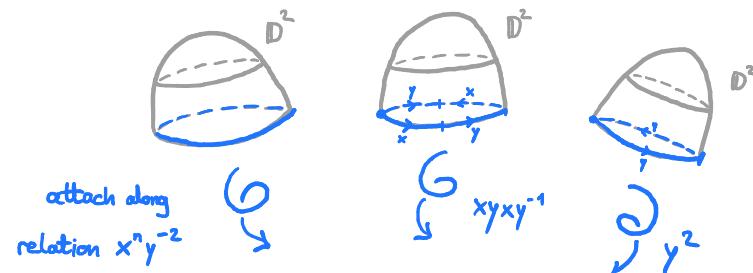
this notation means you take Local coefficients in $\mathbb{Z}[\pi]$

$\widetilde{K(\pi)}$

π many lifts of the 0-cell



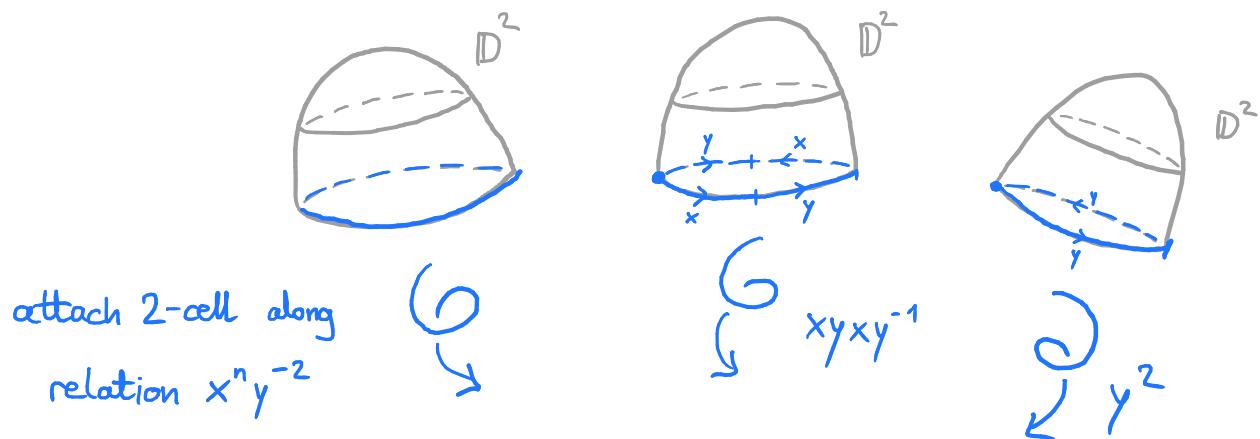
Lift of 1-cell corresponding to generator $g \in \pi$
connects \tilde{e}^0 with $g \cdot \tilde{e}^0 + \text{all translates}$



$K(\pi) =$

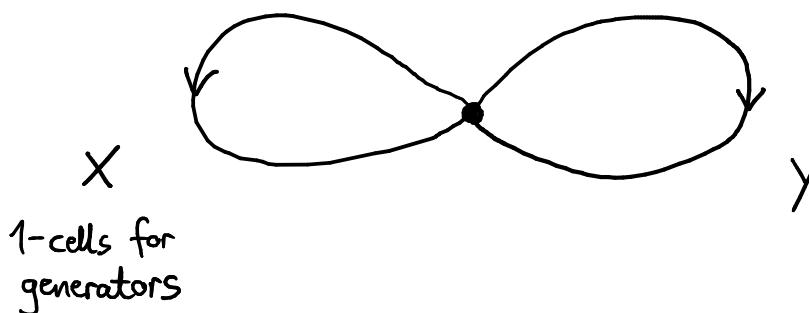
The differential d_2 in the universal cover is given by Fox-derivatives

running example: $\pi := \text{Dih}_{2,n} = \langle x, y \mid x^n y^{-2}, xyx y^{-1}, y^2 \rangle$



presentation
2-complex

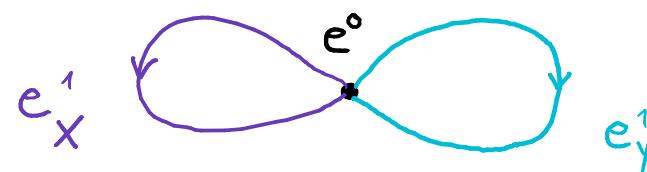
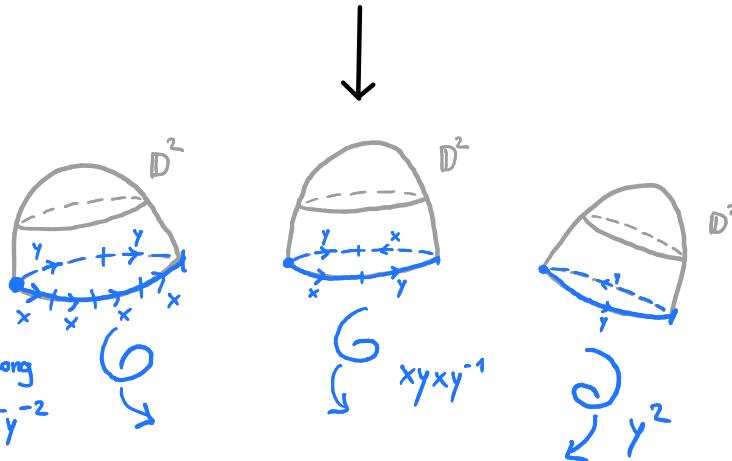
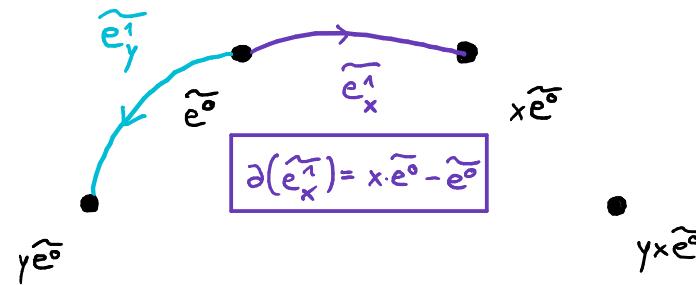
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$\widetilde{K}(\pi)$

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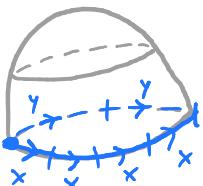


$$K(\pi = \langle x, y \mid x^4y^{-2}, xyxy^{-1}, y^2 \rangle) =$$

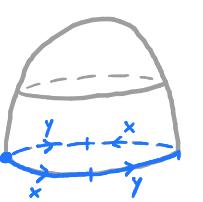
#JC-many translates

K(π)

$$\underline{\underline{||}} \ g \cdot \widehat{e^2}_{x^4y^{-2}}$$



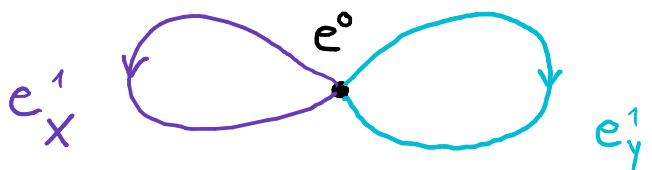
$$\prod_{g \in J_C} g \cdot \tilde{e}^{x y x y^{-1}}$$



$$\prod_{g \in \pi} g \cdot \tilde{e}_{y^2}$$



attach along
relation x^4y^-



$$K(\pi = \langle x, y \mid x^4y^{-2}, xyx^{-1}, y^2 \rangle) =$$

Cellular chain complex of $\widetilde{K(\mathcal{J})}$:

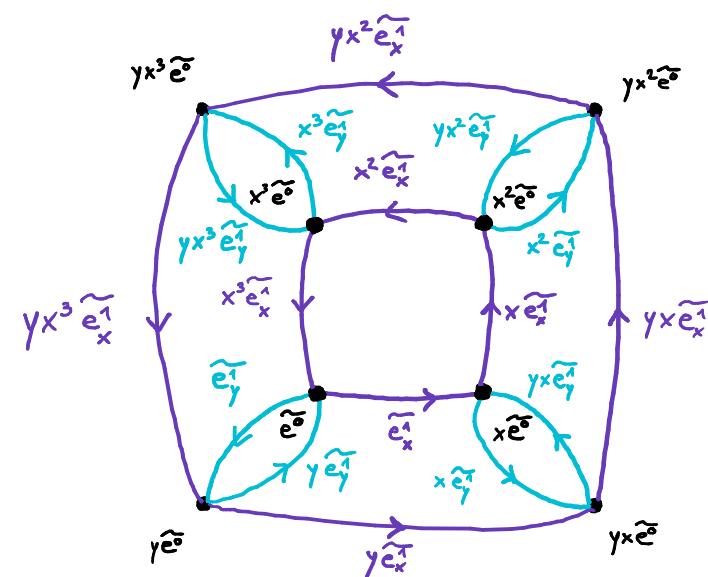
$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 C_2^{\text{cell}} & \xrightarrow{d_2} & C_1^{\text{cell}} & \xrightarrow{d_1} & C_0^{\text{cell}} \\
 \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel \\
 \mathbb{Z}[\mathcal{J}] & \xrightarrow{\oplus \text{relations}} & \mathbb{Z}[\mathcal{J}] & \xrightarrow{\oplus \text{generators}} & \mathbb{Z}[\mathcal{J}]
 \end{array}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}[\pi] \langle \tilde{e}_{x^4y^{-2}}^2 \rangle \oplus \mathbb{Z}[\pi] \langle \tilde{e}_{xyxy^{-1}}^2 \rangle \oplus \mathbb{Z}[\pi] \langle \tilde{e}_{y^2}^2 \rangle \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\pi] \langle \tilde{e}_x^1 \rangle \oplus \mathbb{Z}[\pi] \langle \tilde{e}_y^1 \rangle \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\pi] \langle \tilde{e}^0 \rangle$$

$$\prod_{g \in \pi} g \cdot \tilde{e}_{x^4y^{-2}}^2$$

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$$\prod_{g \in \pi} g \cdot \tilde{e}_{y^2}^2$$

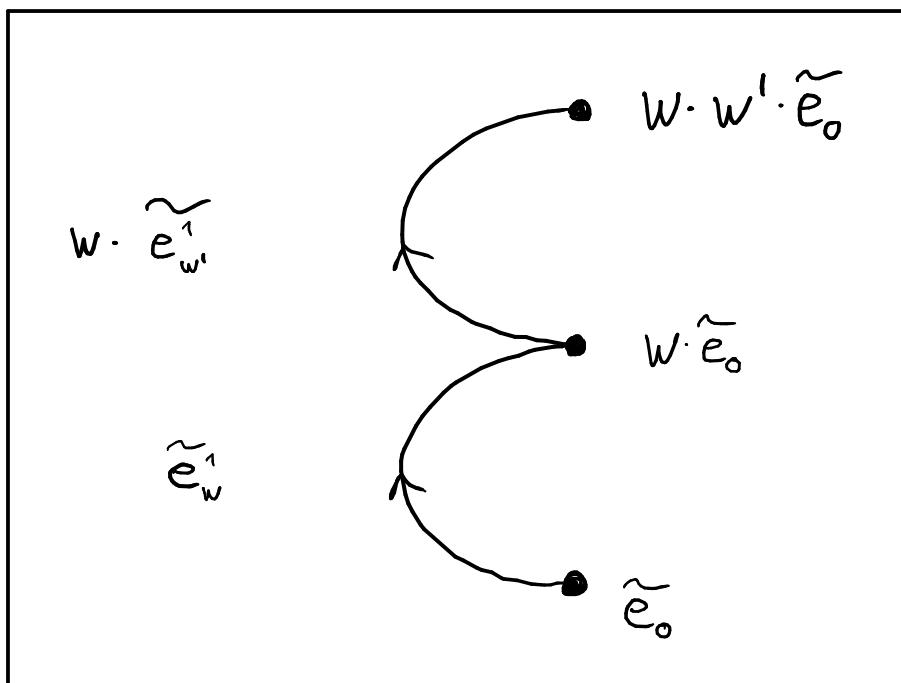


The differential d_2 in the universal cover is given by Fox-derivatives

$$\partial_a : \mathbb{Z}[Fr_r] \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}[Fr_r]$$

$$\partial_a(b) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a=b \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad \partial_a(1) = \sigma$$

$$\partial_a(w \cdot w') = \partial_a(w) + w \cdot \partial_a(w') \quad \text{"weird Leibnitz rule"}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \partial_x(x^n) &= \partial_x(x \cdot x^{n-1}) = \partial_x(x) + x \cdot \partial_x(x^{n-1}) \\
 &= 1 + x \cdot \partial_x(x \cdot x^{n-1}) \\
 &\vdots \\
 &= 1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{n-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Dih}_{2n} = \langle x, y \mid x^n y^{-2}, xyx y^{-1}, y^2 \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \partial_x(xyx^{-1}) &= \partial_x(x) + x \cdot \partial_x(yx^{-1}) \\
 &= 1 + x \cdot y \cdot \partial_x(xy^{-1}) \\
 &= 1 + x \cdot y \cdot \left(\underbrace{\partial_x(x)}_{=1} + x \cdot \underbrace{\partial_x(y^{-1})}_{=\sigma} \right) \\
 &= 1 + x \cdot y
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \# \text{ relations} \\ \left. \right\downarrow \\ \mathbb{Z}[\pi]^{\oplus 3} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\quad} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1+x+x^2+\dots+x^{n-1} & \partial_y(x^n) \\ 1+xy & \partial_y(xyxy^{-1}) \\ \partial_x(y^2) & \partial_y(y^2) \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\quad} \begin{array}{c} \# \text{ generators} \\ \left. \right\downarrow \\ \mathbb{Z}[\pi]^{\oplus 2} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\quad} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x-1 \\ y-1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathbb{Z}[\pi]$$

[Hambleton-Kreck] For X finite 4-dim. oriented Poincaré complex with $\pi_1(X)$ finite:

Have short exact sequence of stable isomorphism classes of $\mathbb{Z}\pi$ -modules

$$0 \rightarrow \ker d_2 \rightarrow \pi_2(X) \oplus \mathbb{Z}\pi_1^{\oplus r} \rightarrow \text{coker } d^2 \rightarrow 0$$



d_2 from a free $\mathbb{Z}\pi_1$ -module resolution

(C_*, d_*) of the trivial $\mathbb{Z}[\pi_1]$ -module \mathbb{Z}

Example of such a differential d_2 for the presentation

$\langle x, y \mid x^n \cdot y^{-2}, xy \cdot y^{-1}, y^2 \rangle$ of the dihedral group $D_{2 \cdot n}$

$$C_*(\mathcal{P}): 0 \rightarrow \ker(d_2) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}\pi^3 \xrightarrow[d_2]{\cdot \begin{pmatrix} N_x & -(1+y) \\ 1+xy & x-1 \\ 0 & y+1 \end{pmatrix}} \mathbb{Z}\pi^2 \xrightarrow[d_1]{\cdot \begin{pmatrix} x-1 \\ y-1 \end{pmatrix}} \mathbb{Z}\pi \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$$

X finite 4-dim. oriented Poincaré complex with $\pi_1(X)$ finite

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Strategy for showing that $\text{Tors}(\mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[\pi_1(X)]} \Gamma(\pi_2(X))) = 0$:

① Show that $\text{Tors}(\mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[\pi_1(X)]} \Gamma(\ker d_2)) = 0$

② Show that $\text{Tors}(\mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[\pi_1(X)]} \Gamma(\text{coker } d^2)) = 0$

X finite 4-dim. oriented Poincaré complex with $\pi_1(X)$ finite

$$0 \rightarrow \ker d_2 \rightarrow \pi_2(X) \oplus \mathbb{Z}\pi_1^{\oplus r} \rightarrow \text{coker } d^2 \rightarrow 0$$

The choice of resolution (C_*, d_*) does not matter for computing $\text{Tors}(\mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[\pi_1(X)]} \Gamma(\pi_2(X)))$:

-) for any two choices of resolution d_*, \tilde{d}_* the $\mathbb{Z}\pi$ -modules

$$\ker d_2 \stackrel{\cong}{=} \text{stably } \ker \tilde{d}_2 \quad ; \quad \text{Coker } d^2 \stackrel{\cong}{=} \text{stably } \text{Coker } \tilde{d}_2$$

are stably isomorphic

-) $\text{Tors}(\mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[\pi_1(X)]} \Gamma(D))$ does not change if we stabilize

$$D \rightsquigarrow D \oplus \mathbb{Z}[\pi_1(X)]^{\oplus r}$$

Summary: Classifying 4-manifolds is hard !

Fix a fundamental group — we looked at finite groups $\mathbb{Z}/n \times \mathbb{Z}/m$ and $\text{Dih}_{2,m}$

Try to find invariants that pin down the homotopy type

of an oriented 4-dimensional Poincaré complex X with finite fundamental group π_1

\leadsto quadratic 2-type $[\pi_1(X), \pi_2(X), k_X, \lambda_X]$

Our result:

[Kasprowski-Powell-R, 2020]

[Kasprowski-Nicholson-R, 2020]

If the 2-Sylow subgroup of π_1 is $\mathbb{Z}/2^k \times \mathbb{Z}/2^l$ or $\text{Dih}_{2,k}$,

the isometry class of the 2-type is enough!

How?

Using results of Hambleton-Kreck, Teichner :

Enough to show that $\mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[\pi_1(X)]} \Gamma(\pi_2(X))$ is torsion free.

Excerpt from the proof for $\mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_m$:

Proof. For the group $\pi = \langle a, b \mid a^n, b^m, [a, b] \rangle$ let $N_a := \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a^i$ and $N_b := \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} b^i$. Let $C_2 \xrightarrow{d_2} C_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} C_0$ be the chain complex corresponding to the presentation $\langle a, b \mid a^n, b^m, [a, b] \rangle$. Extend this to the standard free resolution of \mathbb{Z} as a $\mathbb{Z}\pi$ -module:

$$\begin{array}{cccccccccc}
C_4 & \mathbb{Z}\pi & \oplus & \mathbb{Z}\pi & \oplus & \mathbb{Z}\pi & \oplus & \mathbb{Z}\pi & \oplus & \mathbb{Z}\pi \\
\downarrow d_4 & \searrow N_a & & \searrow b-1 & & \searrow N_b & & \searrow N_a & & \searrow N_b \\
C_3 & \mathbb{Z}\pi & \oplus & \mathbb{Z}\pi & \oplus & \mathbb{Z}\pi & \oplus & \mathbb{Z}\pi & \oplus & \mathbb{Z}\pi \\
\downarrow d_3 & \searrow 1-a & & \searrow 1-b & & \searrow -N_b & & \searrow 1-a & & \searrow 1-b \\
C_2 & \mathbb{Z}\pi & \oplus & \mathbb{Z}\pi & \oplus & \mathbb{Z}\pi & \oplus & \mathbb{Z}\pi & \oplus & \mathbb{Z}\pi \\
\downarrow d_2 & \searrow N_a & & \searrow b-1 & & \searrow 1-a & & \searrow N_b & & \\
C_1 & \mathbb{Z}\pi & \oplus & \mathbb{Z}\pi & \oplus & \mathbb{Z}\pi & \oplus & \mathbb{Z}\pi & \oplus & \\
\downarrow d_1 & \searrow 1-a & & \searrow 1-b & & & & & & \\
C_0 & \mathbb{Z}\pi & & & & & & & &
\end{array}$$

By exactness, $\ker d_2 \cong \text{im } d_3 \cong C_3 / \ker d_3 \cong \text{coker } d_4$. From this it follows that

$$\ker d_2 \cong (\mathbb{Z}\pi)^4 / \langle (N_a, 0, 0, 0), (b-1, 1-a, 0, 0), (0, N_b, N_a, 0), (0, 0, b-1, 1-a), (0, 0, 0, N_b) \rangle.$$

$$\text{Tors}(\mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[\pi_1(X)]} \Gamma(\ker d_2))$$

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Example 5.1. The following is a complete list of all groups of order at most 16 such that $\widehat{H}_0(\pi; \Gamma(\ker d_2))$ is non-trivial. The group $Q_8 = \langle i, j, k \mid i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = ijk \rangle$ is the quaternion group.

π	$\widehat{H}_0(\pi; \Gamma(\ker d_2))$	↑ zeroth Tate-homology
$\mathbb{Z}/4 \times \mathbb{Z}/2 \times \mathbb{Z}/2$	$(\mathbb{Z}/2)^2$	
$\mathbb{Z}/2 \times \mathbb{Z}/2 \times \mathbb{Z}/2 \times \mathbb{Z}/2$	$(\mathbb{Z}/2)^4$	
$Q_8 \times \mathbb{Z}/2$	$(\mathbb{Z}/2)^4$	

i.e. for these groups, the [Hambleton-Kreck] strategy does not apply,
and we don't know whether the homotopy type
is determined by the quadratic 2-type.

Realization of quadratic 2-types

In other words: Which quadratic 2-types $[\pi_1(X), \pi_2(X), k_X, \lambda_X]$ actually occur for a manifold $X = M^4$?

Stabilization of 4-manifolds: $M \rightsquigarrow M \#^r S^2 \times S^2$

$$[\pi_1, \pi_2, k, \lambda] \rightsquigarrow [\pi_1, \pi_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}[\pi]^{\oplus 2r}, i_*(k), \lambda \oplus H(\mathbb{Z}[\pi]^{\oplus r})]$$

hyperbolic form
 $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{\oplus r}$

[Hambleton-Kreck] For π_1 finite, a quadratic 2-type is realizable by a topological 4-manifold \Leftrightarrow it is stably realizable.

Strategy to study the homeomorphism classification of top. 4-mflds with π_1 finite:

Solve "cancellation" for quadratic 2-types ; then apply surgery theory

Thanks !