

# Twisted Quasi-elliptic cohomology and twisted equivariant elliptic cohomology

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we construct a Chern character map from quasi-elliptic cohomology theory to Devoto's equivariant elliptic cohomology theory. Moreover, we define twisted quasi-elliptic cohomology. To provide a geometric interpretation of it, we define a version of twisted equivariant loop space via bibundles. In addition, we construct a twisted Chern character map from it to twisted equivariant elliptic cohomology theory.

## 1. Introduction

It is a classical result that the Chern character maps complex K-theory isomorphically onto complex cohomology. In the equivariant case, this is not always true. In [22] Rosu described  $K_T^*(X) \otimes \mathbb{C}$  in terms of  $H_T^*(X) \otimes \mathbb{C}$  via a globalised Chern character with  $T$  an abelian compact Lie group. In [13, Theorem 3.9] Freed, Hopkins and Teleman generalised the result to the twisted case. They described twisted equivariant K-theory via the twisted Chern character in terms of twisted equivariant cohomology of fixed-point sets with coefficients in certain equivariantly flat complex line bundles. Moreover, the construction of Chern character can be carried to higher chromatic level. In [15, Section 3] Ganter discussed elliptic Chern character map in the context of equivariant elliptic cohomology.

In our paper, based on the idea in [22], we construct a Chern character map from complex quasi-elliptic cohomology to Devoto's equivariant elliptic cohomology [8] when the group is finite. In this way we provide another Chern character map with the information of elliptic cohomology built in. Quasi-elliptic cohomology, introduced by the first author in [17], is a variant of Tate K-theory, which is the generalized elliptic cohomology associated to the Tate curve. The Tate curve  $Tate(q)$  is an elliptic curve over  $\text{Spec}\mathbb{Z}((q))$ , which is classified as the completion of the algebraic stack of some nice generalized elliptic curves at infinity [Section 2.6, [2]]. The relation between quasi-elliptic cohomology and Tate K-theory can be expressed by

$$QEll^*(X//G) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[q^{\pm}]\mathbb{Z}((q))} \cong K_{Tate}(X//G).$$

As shown in Section 5, we connect complex quasi-elliptic cohomology with a Chern character map to Devoto's equivariant elliptic cohomology, which is constructed from fixed point spaces. The key role in the construction are the Atiyah-Segal map [3] and the Chern Character of complex K-theory.

In addition, we show the construction can be carried to twisted theories. In [5], to demonstrate the relation between physics and elliptic cohomology, Berwick-Evans constructed a twisted equivariant refinement of  $TMF \otimes \mathbb{C}$  motivated by the geometry of 2|1-dimensional supersymmetric sigma models and defined twisted equivariant elliptic cohomology. In Section 6 we construct twisted quasi-elliptic cohomology  $QEll_\alpha^*(-)$ . It has the relation with twisted equivariant Tate K-theory  $\alpha K_{Tate}(X//G)$

$$QEll_\alpha^*(X//G) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[q^\pm]\mathbb{Z}((q))} \cong \alpha K_{Tate}(X//G)$$

The first author gave a loop space construction of quasi-elliptic cohomology in [18]. Given an orbifold  $M$ , quasi-elliptic cohomology  $QEll(M)$  is defined as the orbifold K-theory of a certain subgroupoid of the orbifold loop space  $Loop(M)$ , and takes values in modules over  $\mathbb{Z}[q^\pm]$ .

Quasi-elliptic cohomology is a variant of Tate K-theory, a form of elliptic cohomology at the Tate curve, which was introduced by the first author in [18]. Given an orbifold  $M$ , quasi-elliptic cohomology  $QEll(M)$  is defined as the orbifold K-theory of a certain subgroupoid of the orbifold loop space  $Loop(M)$ , and takes values in modules over  $\mathbb{Z}[q^\pm]$ . In this paper, for a finite group  $G$  acting on a compact space  $X$ , we compare quasi-elliptic cohomology of the orbifold  $X//G$  to Devoto's  $G$ -equivariant elliptic cohomology of  $X$  [8]. We carry out the comparison by constructing a map from quasi-elliptic cohomology to Devoto's theory, the main ingredient of which is a version of the equivariant Chern character. The equivariant Chern character is a global (or delocalised) version of the ordinary Chern character, and has been constructed in various forms in the literature. For example, see [10] and [7], and also [22] and [13]. Notably, an interpretation of the equivariant Chern character was given in [6] as a version of super holonomy on constant super loops in  $X//G$ .

After constructing the character map, we define twisted quasi-elliptic cohomology, and show that a twisted version of the character map compares this with Devoto's twisted equivariant elliptic cohomology. Along the way, we construct a twisted version of the orbifold loop space  $Loop(X//G)$ .

In a future paper, we expect to be able to use these results to compare power operations in the two theories. Indeed, in her thesis [18], the first author defined power operations for quasi-elliptic cohomology, and we intend to explore operations in the twisted version also.

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## 2. Quasi-elliptic cohomology

**2.1. Definition.** In this section we recall the definition of quasi-elliptic cohomology in term of equivariant K-theory and state the conclusions that we need in this paper. For more details on quasi-elliptic cohomology, please refer [17].

Let  $X$  be a  $G$ -space. Let  $G^{tors} \subseteq G$  be the set of torsion elements of  $G$ . Let  $\sigma \in G^{tors}$ . The fixed point space  $X^\sigma$  is a  $C_G(\sigma)$ -space. We can define a

$\Lambda_G(\sigma)$ -action on  $X^\sigma$  by

$$[g, t] \cdot x := g \cdot x.$$

Then quasi-elliptic cohomology of the orbifold  $X//G$  is defined by

DEFINITION 2.1.

$$(2.1) \quad QEll^*(X//G) := \prod_{g \in G_{conj}^{tors}} K_{\Lambda_G(g)}^*(X^g) = \left( \prod_{g \in G^{tors}} K_{\Lambda_G(g)}^*(X^g) \right)^G,$$

where  $G_{conj}^{tors}$  is a set of representatives of  $G$ -conjugacy classes in  $G^{tors}$ .

We have the ring homomorphism

$$\mathbb{Z}[q^\pm] = K_{\mathbb{T}}^0(\text{pt}) \xrightarrow{\pi^*} K_{\Lambda_G(g)}^0(\text{pt}) \longrightarrow K_{\Lambda_G(g)}^0(X)$$

where  $\pi : \Lambda_G(g) \longrightarrow \mathbb{T}$  is the projection  $[a, t] \mapsto e^{2\pi it}$  and the second is via the collapsing map  $X \longrightarrow \text{pt}$ . So  $QEll_G^*(X)$  is naturally a  $\mathbb{Z}[q^\pm]$ -algebra.

PROPOSITION 2.2. The relation between quasi-elliptic cohomology and Tate K-theory is

$$(2.2) \quad QEll^*(X//G) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[q^\pm]} \mathbb{Z}((q)) = K_{Tate}^*(X//G).$$

**2.2. Loop space.** In [17, Section 2] Huan provides loop space construction for quasi-elliptic cohomology. We review that model in this section.

For any space  $X$ , we have the free loop space of  $X$

$$(2.3) \quad LX := \mathbb{C}^\infty(S^1, X).$$

It comes with an evident action by the circle group  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  defined by rotating the circle

$$(2.4) \quad t \cdot \gamma := (s \mapsto \gamma(s + t)), \quad t \in S^1, \quad \gamma \in LX.$$

Let  $G$  be a compact Lie group. Suppose  $X$  is a right  $G$ -space. The free loop space  $LX$  is equipped with an action by the loop group  $LG$

$$(2.5) \quad \delta \cdot \gamma := (s \mapsto \delta(s) \cdot \gamma(s)), \quad \text{for any } s \in S^1, \quad \delta \in LX, \quad \gamma \in LG.$$

Combining the action by group of automorphisms  $Aut(S^1)$  on the circle and the action by  $LG$ , we get an action by the extended loop group  $\Lambda G$  on  $LX$ .  $\Lambda G := LG \rtimes \mathbb{T}$  is a subgroup of

$$(2.6) \quad LG \rtimes Aut(S^1), \quad (\gamma, \phi) \cdot (\gamma', \phi') := (s \mapsto \gamma(s)\gamma'(\phi^{-1}(s)), \phi \circ \phi')$$

with  $\mathbb{T}$  identified with the group of rotations on  $S^1$ .  $\Lambda G$  acts on  $LX$  by

$$(2.7) \quad \delta \cdot (\gamma, \phi) := (t \mapsto \delta(\phi(t)) \cdot \gamma(\phi(t))), \quad \text{for any } (\gamma, \phi) \in \Lambda G, \quad \text{and } \delta \in LX.$$

Let  $\tilde{\delta} : G \times \mathbb{T} \longrightarrow X$  denote the map  $(g, t) \mapsto \delta(t)g$ . The action on  $\delta$  by  $(\gamma, t)$  can be interpreted as precomposing  $\tilde{\delta}$  with a  $G$ -bundle map covering the rotation  $\phi$ .

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} G \times \mathbb{T} & \xrightarrow{(g, t) \mapsto (\gamma(t)g, \phi(t))} & G \times \mathbb{T} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\delta}} & X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ \mathbb{T} & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \mathbb{T} & & \end{array}$$

More generally, we have the definition of the equivariant loop space  $Loop(X//G)$  below.

DEFINITION 2.3. We define the equivariant loop space  $Loop(X//G)$  as the category with objects

$$\mathbb{T} \xleftarrow{\pi} P \xrightarrow{f} X$$

where  $\pi$  is a principal  $G$ -bundle over  $\mathbb{T}$  and  $f$  is a  $G$ -map. A morphism

$$(\alpha, t) : \{ \mathbb{T} \xleftarrow{\pi} P' \xrightarrow{f'} X \} \longrightarrow \{ \mathbb{T} \xleftarrow{\pi} P \xrightarrow{f} X \}$$

consists of a  $G$ -bundle map  $\alpha$  and a rotation  $t$  making the diagrams commute.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & f' & & \\ & \nearrow & & \searrow & \\ P' & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & P & \xrightarrow{f} & X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ \mathbb{T} & \xrightarrow{t} & \mathbb{T} & & \end{array}$$

The groupoid  $\Lambda(X//G)$  is a subgroupoid of  $Loop(X//G)$  consisting of constant loops.

### 3. Devoto's equivariant elliptic cohomology over $\mathbb{C}$

Our reference for this and the next section is [5]. For  $G$  a finite group, in [8] Devoto defined an equivariant refinement of the elliptic cohomology of Landweber, Ravenel and Stong [21]. Let  $\mathcal{C}(G)$  denote the set of pairs of commuting elements of  $G$ , and  $L \subset \mathbb{C}^2$  the subspace of pairs  $(t_1, t_2)$  such that the imaginary part of  $t_1/t_2$  is defined and positive. The group  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  acts on  $L \times \mathcal{C}(G)$  from the right by

$$((t_1, t_2), (g, h)) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = ((at_1 + ct_2, bt_1 + dt_2), (g^d h^{-b}, g^{-c} h^a))$$

and the group  $G$  acts on  $L \times \mathcal{C}(G)$  from the right by

$$((t_1, t_2), (g, h)) \cdot k := ((t_1, t_2), (k^{-1}gk, k^{-1}hk)).$$

Since these actions commute, we have a right action of the group  $G \times SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  on  $L \times \mathcal{C}(G)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}(L)$  denote the ring of holomorphic functions on  $L$ , and for an integer  $j$ . The  $\mathbb{C}^\times$ -action on  $L$  given by scaling both  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  induces a graded ring structure on  $\mathcal{O}(L)$

$$\mathcal{O}(L) = \bigoplus_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{O}^j(L),$$

where  $f \in \mathcal{O}^j(L)$  if and only if  $f(\mu^2 t_1, \mu^2 t_2) = \mu^j f(t_1, t_2)$ . The  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ -invariant elements of  $\mathcal{O}^j(L)$  are called the *weak modular forms of weight  $-j/2$* , which we denote by  $MF_{weak}^j$ .

Let  $G$  act on a space  $X$  from the right, and denote by  $X^{g,h} \subset X$  the subspace of points fixed by both  $g$  and  $h$ . The action of  $G$  on  $X$  induces isomorphisms

$$(3.1) \quad X^{g,h} \rightarrow X^{k^{-1}gk, k^{-1}hk}$$

sending  $x \mapsto x \cdot k$  for all  $k \in G$ . Write  $\mathcal{C}[G]$  for the orbit space of the action of  $G$  on  $\mathcal{C}(G)$ , and denote the image of a point  $(g, h)$  by  $[g, h]$ . The stabiliser of a pair  $(g, h)$  is the maximal subgroup  $C_{g,h} \subset G$  which centralises both  $g$  and  $h$ . The action of  $G$  induces an action of  $C_{g,h}$  on  $X^{g,h}$ . Thus, for each  $k \in G$  we have an isomorphism

$$H_{C_{k^{-1}gk, k^{-1}hk}}^*(X^{k^{-1}gk, k^{-1}hk}) \rightarrow H_{C_{g,h}}^*(X^{g,h})$$

induced by (3.1).

DEFINITION 3.1. In degree  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , Devoto's  $G$ -equivariant elliptic cohomology of  $X$  is defined as the abelian group

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{aligned} Ell_G^k(X) &:= \bigoplus_{i+j=k} \left( \bigoplus_{(g,h) \in \mathcal{C}(G)} H_{C_{g,h}}^i(X^{g,h}) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathcal{O}^j(L) \right)^{G \times SL_2(\mathbb{Z})} \\ &\cong \bigoplus_{i+j=k} \left( \bigoplus_{[g,h] \in \mathcal{C}[G]} H_{C_{g,h}}^i(X^{g,h}) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathcal{O}^j(L) \right)^{SL_2(\mathbb{Z})} \end{aligned}$$

where the isomorphism follows by choosing a representative pair  $(g, h)$  for each conjugacy class in  $\mathcal{C}(G)$ . The equivalent definitions should be compared to the two definitions of quasi-elliptic cohomology in Definition 2.1.

REMARK 3.2. Note that the action of  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  is trivial on the cohomology, since  $\{g, h\}$  and  $\{g^d h^{-b}, g^{-c} h^a\}$  generate the same subgroup of  $G$ , and so

$$X^{g,h} = X^{g^d h^{-b}, g^{-c} h^a} \quad \text{and} \quad C_{g,h} = C_{g^d h^{-b}, g^{-c} h^a}.$$

REMARK 3.3. If  $G = \{e\}$  is the trivial group, then

$$(3.3) \quad Ell_e^k(X) = \bigoplus_{i+j=k} H^i(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathcal{O}^j(L)^{SL_2(\mathbb{Z})} = H^*(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} MF_{weak}^*$$

where the right hand side is the graded tensor product over  $\mathbb{C}$  of the cohomology ring of  $X$  with the graded ring of weak modular forms.

REMARK 3.4. If  $X = pt$ , then

$$Ell_G^k(pt) = \left( \bigoplus_{(g,h) \in \mathcal{C}(G)} \mathcal{O}^k(L) \right)^{G \times SL_2(\mathbb{Z})} \cong \left( \bigoplus_{[g,h] \in \mathcal{C}[G]} \mathcal{O}^k(L) \right)^{SL_2(\mathbb{Z})}.$$

#### 4. Twisted equivariant elliptic cohomology over $\mathbb{C}$

A 3-cocycle on  $G$  with values in  $U(1)$  is a map

$$\alpha : G \times G \times G \rightarrow U(1)$$

satisfying

$$\frac{\alpha(g_1, g_2, g_3) \alpha(g_0, g_1 g_2, g_3) \alpha(g_0, g_1, g_2)}{\alpha(g_0 g_1, g_2, g_3) \alpha(g_0, g_1, g_2 g_3)} = 1$$

for all  $g_0, g_1, g_2, g_3 \in G$ . Such a cocycle is called *normalised* if it evaluates to 1 on any triple containing the identity element  $e \in G$ . Recall the value of  $Ell_G^k$  on a point  $pt$  in (3.3). We may use  $\alpha$  to twist the  $G$ -action on

$$(4.1) \quad \bigoplus_{(g,h) \in \mathcal{C}(G)} \mathcal{O}^k(L)$$

by defining it to be

$$h \cdot f_{g_1, g_2} = \frac{\alpha(g_2, h, g_1) \alpha(h, g_1, g_2) \alpha(g_1, g_2, h)}{\alpha(h, g_2, g_1) \alpha(g_1, h, g_2) \alpha(g_2, g_1, h)} f_{g_1, g_2}.$$

This is compatible with the  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ -action (CHECK), which does not change. We denote the subgroup of holomorphic functions in (4.1) which satisfy this transformation property by

$$\bigoplus_{(g,h) \in \mathcal{C}(G)} \mathcal{O}^{k+\alpha}(L).$$

In [5], Berwick-Evans defined an  $\alpha$ -twisted version of Devoto's equivariant elliptic cohomology for a  $G$ -space  $X$ , which we may write as follows (CHECK THAT THIS IS THE SAME)

$$Ell_G^{k+\alpha}(X) := \bigoplus_{i+j=k} \left( \bigoplus_{(g,h) \in \mathcal{C}(G)} H_{C_{g,h}}^i(X^{g,h}) \otimes \mathcal{O}^{j+\alpha}(L) \right)^{G \times SL_2(\mathbb{Z})}.$$

### 5. Chern character map

In [17] Huan formulated quasi-elliptic cohomology. It is a variant of Tate K-theory, the generalized elliptic cohomology associated to the Tate curve. In this section we construct a Chern character map from quasi-elliptic cohomology to Devoto's equivariant elliptic cohomology.

Consider the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 1 & \longrightarrow & C_G(\sigma) & \longrightarrow & S^1 \times C_G(\sigma) & \longrightarrow & S^1 \longrightarrow 1 \\ & & \downarrow = & & \downarrow c & & \downarrow \\ 1 & \longrightarrow & C_G(\sigma) & \longrightarrow & \Lambda_G(\sigma) & \longrightarrow & S^1 \longrightarrow 1 \end{array}$$

where the middle vertical map sends  $(t, g)$  to  $[Nt, g]$  and the right vertical map sends  $e^{2\pi i t}$  to  $e^{2\pi i Nt}$  with  $N$  the order of  $\sigma$ .

The Chern Character map (by Matthew Spong, Dileep Menon and me) is constructed as the composition

$$\begin{aligned} QEll_G(X) \otimes \mathbb{C} &= \prod_{[\sigma] \in G_{conj}} K_{\Lambda_G(\sigma)}(X^\sigma) \otimes \mathbb{C} \xrightarrow{c^*} \prod_{[\sigma] \in G_{conj}} K_{S^1 \times C_G(\sigma)}(X^\sigma) \otimes \mathbb{C} \\ &\xrightarrow{\cong} \prod_{[\sigma] \in G_{conj}} K_{C_G(\sigma)}(X^\sigma) \otimes \mathbb{Z}[q^\pm] \otimes \mathbb{C} \xrightarrow{AS} \prod_{[\sigma] \in G_{conj}} \left( \prod_{[\tau] \in C_G(\sigma)_{conj}} (K(X^{\sigma, \tau}) \otimes \mathbb{C})^{C_G(\tau)} \otimes \mathbb{Z}[q^\pm] \right) \\ &\xrightarrow{chern} \prod_{[\sigma], [\tau] \in G_{conj}, \sigma\tau = \tau\sigma} (H(X^{\sigma, \tau}) \otimes \mathbb{C})^{C_G(\tau)} \otimes \mathbb{Z}[q^\pm] \\ &\xrightarrow{\cong} \prod_{[\sigma], [\tau] \in G_{conj}, \sigma\tau = \tau\sigma} H_{C_G(\tau)}(X^{\sigma, \tau}) \otimes \mathbb{C} \otimes \mathbb{Z}[q^\pm] \end{aligned}$$

The first map is the restriction map. The third map is the Atiyah-Segal map in [3, Theorem 2]

$$K_G^*(X) \otimes \mathbb{C} \xrightarrow{\cong} \prod_{[\sigma] \in G_{conj}} (K^*(X^g) \otimes \mathbb{C})^{C_G(g)}.$$

The fourth map is the product of Chern character maps of K-theory.

### 6. Twisted Quasi-elliptic cohomology

Let  $G$  be a finite group, let  $\alpha \in H^3(BG; \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z})$ , and consider a  $G$ -space  $X$ . We could define twisted quasi-elliptic cohomology  $QEll^\alpha(X//G)$ , as the orbifold K-theory of a twisted orbifold  $\Lambda^\alpha(X//G)$ , which is defined as follows (based on the material in Section 3 of [11]).

First, we show that  $\alpha$  determines an element in  $H^2(BC_G(g); \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z})$  for each conjugacy class  $[g]$ . Let  $e$  be the evaluation map

$$e : S^1 \times \text{Map}(S^1, BG) \rightarrow BG$$

and let  $\pi$  be the projection

$$\pi : S^1 \times \text{Map}(S^1, BG) \rightarrow \text{Map}(S^1, BG).$$

Define the class

$$\theta := \pi_* e^* \alpha \in H^2(\text{Map}(S^1, BG); \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}) \cong \bigoplus_{[g]} H^2(BC_G(g); \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}),$$

which has degree two because the formalism of the Pontryagin-Thom construction means that the degree of  $e^* \alpha$  drops by one when we push it forward along  $\pi_*$ . Note that we have also used the fact that the mapping space  $\text{Map}(S^1, BG)$  is homotopy equivalent to

$$\coprod_{[g]} BC_G(g).$$

In this way,  $\theta$  determines an element  $\theta_g$  in  $H^2(BC_G(g); \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z})$  for each  $[g]$ .

We can now define the twisted orbifold. Recall that a 2-cocycle  $\theta_g$  determines a central extension

$$1 \rightarrow \mathbb{T} \rightarrow C_G^\alpha(g) \rightarrow C_G(g) \rightarrow 1$$

with group multiplication given by

$$(a, h)(b, k) = (a + b + \theta_g(h, k), hk).$$

We have a well-defined  $C_G^\alpha(g)$ -action on  $X^g$

$$(6.1) \quad (a, h) \cdot x := h \cdot x.$$

**EXAMPLE 6.1** (Twisted Inertia Groupoid  $I^\alpha(X//G)$ ). T. Dove constructed twisted inertia groupoid in [9]. The twisted inertia groupoid  $I^{tors}(X//G)$  of the translation groupoid  $X//G$  is the groupoid with

**objects:** the space  $\coprod_{g \in G} X^g$

**morphisms:** the space  $\coprod_{g, g' \in G} C_G^\alpha(g, g') \times X^g$ .

For  $x \in X^g$  and  $(\sigma, g) \in C_G^\alpha(g, g') \times X^g$ ,  $(\sigma, g)(x) = \sigma x \in X^{g'}$ .

**EXAMPLE 6.2** (Twisted orbifold loop space). In [14, Definition 2.3] Ganter defined orbifold loop space

$$\mathcal{L}(X//G) := \coprod_{[g]} \mathcal{L}_g X // C_G(g),$$

via which equivariant Tate K-theory can be constructed. The space  $\mathcal{L}_g X$  is the space  $\text{Map}_{\mathbb{Z}/l\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{R}/l\mathbb{Z}, X)$ , where  $l$  is the order of  $g$ . Dove formulated twisted orbifold loop space in [9]. There is a well-defined  $C_G^\alpha(g)$ -action on  $\mathcal{L}_g X$  by

$$\gamma(a, h)(t) = \gamma(t + a)h$$

for  $\gamma \in \mathcal{L}_g X$  and  $(a, h) \in C_G^\alpha(g)$ . It's straightforward to check that  $\gamma(a, h)$  is indeed in  $\mathcal{L}_g X$ . The twisted orbifold loop space is defined as

$$\mathcal{L}^\alpha(X//G) := \coprod_{[g]} \mathcal{L}_g X // C_G^\alpha(g).$$

Note that on the space of constant loops  $X^g$ , the action by  $C_G^\alpha(g)$  in (6.1) covers that by  $C_G(g)$ .

Let  $\Lambda_G^\alpha(g)$  denote the quotient

$$\mathbb{R} \times C_G^\alpha(g) / \langle (-1, (0, g)) \rangle.$$

We construct a twisted orbifold as follows

$$\Lambda^\alpha(X//G) := \coprod_{g \in G_{conj}^{tors}} X^g // \Lambda_G^\alpha(g).$$

We have the short exact sequence

$$1 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \Lambda_G^\alpha(g) \longrightarrow \Lambda_G(g) \longrightarrow 1.$$

The surjective map gives the map of orbifolds

$$\Lambda^\alpha(X//G) \rightarrow \Lambda(X//G)$$

given by sending a morphism  $(x, r, (a, g))$  to  $(x, r, g)$  is an  $S^1$ -equivariant graded central extension in the sense of [20].

DEFINITION 6.3 (Twisted Quasi-elliptic cohomology).  $QEll_G^{\alpha*}(X) := K_{orb}^*(\Lambda^\alpha(X//G)) \cong \prod_{G_{conj}^{tors}} K_{\Lambda_G^\alpha(g)}^*(X^g)$ .

REMARK 6.4. In [12], for each  $\tau \in H^3(BG; \mathbb{Z}) \cong H^2(BG; U(1))$ , Freed, Hopkins and Teleman constructed twisted K-groups

$$K_G^{\tau+*}(X) = K_{G^\tau}^*(X)$$

for  $G$ -space  $X$  where  $G^\tau$  is the central extension

$$1 \longrightarrow \mathbb{T} \longrightarrow G^\tau \longrightarrow G \longrightarrow 1.$$

In our case,  $C_G^\alpha(g)$  defined above is the group  $C_G^\theta(g)$  in terms of the symbol in [12]. We can see the twisted Inertia groupoid

$$(6.2) \quad K_{orb}^*(I^\alpha(X//G)) = \prod_{G_{conj}^{tors}} K_{C_G^\alpha(g)}^{\theta_g+*}(X^g).$$

In addition,

$$K_{\Lambda_G^\alpha(g)}^{\theta_g+*}(X^g) = K_{\Lambda_G^\alpha(g)}^*(X^g).$$

Thus

$$K_{orb}^*(\Lambda^\alpha(X//G)) = \prod_{g \in G_{conj}^{tors}} K_{\Lambda_G^\alpha(g)}^{\theta_g+*}(X^g) = K_{orb}^{\theta+*}(\Lambda(X//G)).$$

EXAMPLE 6.5. When the space  $X$  is the single point space  $pt$ , each  $K_{\Lambda_G^\alpha(g)}^0(X^g)$  in twisted quasi-elliptic cohomology  $QEll_G^{\alpha 0}(X)$  is the Grothendieck group  $R^{\theta_g}(G)$  of representations of  $\Lambda_G^\alpha(g)$ . By [12, Example 1.10],  $K_{\Lambda_G^\alpha(g)}^0(X^g)$  is isomorphic to the twisted K-theory  $K_{\Lambda_G^\alpha(g)}^{\theta_g+0}(pt)$ . Thus,  $QEll_G^{\alpha 0}(pt)$  is isomorphic to the twisted orbifold K-theory  $K_{orb}^{\theta+0}(\Lambda(pt//G))$ .

EXAMPLE 6.6. When  $G$  is the trivial group and  $g$  is the identity element,  $QEll_G(X) = K_{\mathbb{T}}^*(X)$ . In this case, for any 2-cocycle  $\alpha$ ,  $\Lambda_G^\alpha(g) = \Lambda_G(g) \cong \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T}$ . Thus,  $QEll_G^\alpha(X) = K_{\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T}}(X)$ .



## 7. Twisted Loop space

Based on the loop space construction of quasi-elliptic cohomology, we can give twisted quasi-elliptic cohomology an interpretation via loop space.

EXAMPLE 7.1. Let  $\mathbb{T}^2$  denote the trivial principal  $\mathbb{T}$ -bundle over  $S^1$ .  $Bibun(\mathbb{T}^2//\mathbb{T}, X//G)$  is the category of bibundles from  $\mathbb{T}^2//\mathbb{T}$  to  $X//G$ . Its relation with  $Bibun(S^1//*, X//G)$  can be interpreted in this way.

For each object  $\mathbb{T}^2//\mathbb{T} \xleftarrow{p^\alpha} P^\alpha \xrightarrow{f^\alpha} X//G$  of  $Bibun(\mathbb{T}^2//\mathbb{T}, X//G)$ , we have the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathbb{T}^2//\mathbb{T} & \xleftarrow{p^\alpha} & P^\alpha & \xrightarrow{f^\alpha} & X//G \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow = \\ S^1//* & \xleftarrow{p} & P & \xrightarrow{f} & X//G \end{array}$$

where  $S^1//* \xleftarrow{p} P \xrightarrow{f} X//G$  is an object in  $Bibun(S^1//*, X//G)$ ,  $P^\alpha$  is a principal  $\mathbb{T}$ -bundle over  $P$ , the left two vertical maps are both bundle projections,  $p^\alpha$  is a bundle map covering  $p$  and  $f^\alpha$  is the composition of the projection and  $f$ .

A morphism  $m : P^\alpha \rightarrow P'^\alpha$  in it is a  $\mathbb{T}$ -bundle map covering a bundle automorphism  $\mathbb{T}^2//\mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^2//\mathbb{T}$  and making the diagrams commute

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathbb{T}^2//\mathbb{T} & \xleftarrow{p^\alpha} & P^\alpha & \xrightarrow{f^\alpha} & X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow m & \nearrow & \\ \mathbb{T}^2//\mathbb{T} & \xleftarrow{p'^\alpha} & P'^\alpha & \xrightarrow{f'^\alpha} & X \end{array}$$

DEFINITION 7.2 (Twisted equivariant loop space).  $Loop^{twist}(X//G)$  has objects the bibundles from  $\mathbb{T}^2//\mathbb{T}$  to  $X//G$ . A morphism  $(m, t) : P^\alpha \rightarrow P'^\alpha$  consists of a rotation  $t$  on  $S^1$  and a  $\mathbb{T}$ -bundle map  $m$  covering a bundle isomorphism  $\mathbb{T}^2//\mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^2//\mathbb{T}$  that covers  $t$ . and making the diagrams commute

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathbb{T}^2//\mathbb{T} & \xleftarrow{p^\alpha} & P^\alpha & \xrightarrow{f^\alpha} & X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow m & \nearrow & \\ \mathbb{T}^2//\mathbb{T} & \xleftarrow{p'^\alpha} & P'^\alpha & \xrightarrow{f'^\alpha} & X \end{array}$$

LEMMA 7.3. The groupoid  $\Lambda^\alpha(X//G)$  is a subgroupoid of  $Loop^{twist}(X//G)$  with some constant loops  $\prod_{g \in G_{conj}^{tors}} X^g$  as objects.

## 8. The twisted Chern character map

LEMMA 8.1. Suppose that  $\alpha_g$  has order  $n$ , and let  $l$  be the order of  $g$ . Then the order of  $(0, g)$  in  $C_g^\alpha$  divides  $nl$ .

PROOF. We have

$$\begin{aligned} nl(0, g) &= (\alpha_g(g, g) + \alpha_g(g, g^2) + \dots + \alpha_g(g, g^{nl}), g^{nl}) \\ &= (n(\alpha_g(g, g) + \alpha_g(g, g^2) + \dots + \alpha_g(g, e)), e) \\ &= (0, e). \end{aligned}$$

The second equality holds since  $g^{ml+k} = g^k$  for all integers  $m$  and  $k$ , and the third equality holds since  $\alpha_g$  has order  $n$ . Therefore, since  $nl(0, g)$  is the trivial element, the order of  $(0, g)$  must divide  $nl$ .  $\square$

LEMMA 8.2. *Let  $H \subset G$  be a normal subgroup, and let  $X$  be a compact  $G$ -space such that  $H$  acts trivially on  $X$ . A  $G$ -vector bundle  $E$  on  $X$  decomposes as*

$$E \cong \bigoplus_{\mu \in \hat{H}} E_\mu$$

where  $E_\mu$  denotes the  $\mu$  the direct sum is indexed by irreducible characters of  $H$ . For each  $\mu \in \hat{H}$ , choose an extension  $\bar{\mu}$  of  $\mu$  to  $G$ . Denote by  $\mathbb{C}_\mu$  the trivial bundle corresponding to  $\mu$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} K_G(X) &\longrightarrow K_{G/H}(X) \otimes_{K_{G/H}} K_G(pt) \\ [E_\mu] &\longmapsto [E_\mu \otimes \mathbb{C}_{-\bar{\mu}}] \otimes [\mathbb{C}_{\bar{\mu}}] \end{aligned}$$

is a well-defined isomorphism, natural in  $X$ .

PROOF. The map is well defined since, for a different choice of extension  $\bar{\mu}' \in \hat{G}$ , the difference  $[\mathbb{C}_{\bar{\mu}-\bar{\mu}'}]$  lies in  $K_{G/H}$ , and cancels out. The map has an inverse given by pulling back the  $G/H$ -action on vector bundles to a  $G$ -action, and tensoring with an element of  $K_G$ . Naturality is clear.  $\square$

Consider the map

$$p_g : S^1 \times C_g^\alpha \rightarrow \Lambda_g^\alpha$$

which sends  $(t, (a, g))$  to  $[Nt, (a, g)]$ , where  $N$  is the order of  $(0, g)$  in  $C_g^\alpha$ .

We now study the following composite of maps.

$$\begin{aligned} QEll_G^\alpha(X) \otimes \mathbb{C} &= \prod_{[g]} K_{\Lambda_G^\alpha(g)}(X^g) \otimes \mathbb{C} \xrightarrow{p^*} \prod_{[g]} K_{S^1 \times C_g^\alpha}(X^g) \otimes \mathbb{C} \\ &\xrightarrow{\cong} \prod_{[g]} K_{C_g}(X^g) \otimes \mathbb{C} \otimes R(S^1 \times C_g^\alpha) \\ &\xrightarrow{AS} \prod_{[g]} \left( \prod_{[h]} (K(X^{g,h}) \otimes \mathbb{C})^{C_{g,h}} \otimes R(S^1 \times C_g^\alpha) \right) \\ &\xrightarrow{Chern} \prod_{[g], [h], gh=hg} (H(X^{g,h}) \otimes \mathbb{C})^{C_{g,h}} \otimes R(S^1 \times C_g^\alpha) \end{aligned}$$

The map  $p^*$  is the change of groups map given on the  $g$ th factor by pulling back the  $\Lambda_G^\alpha(g)$ -action along  $p_g$ . Let  $N$  be the order of  $(0, g)$  in  $C_g^\alpha$ . Note that the kernel of  $p_g$  is equal to

$$\ker(p_g) := \{([-m/N], (\alpha_g(g, g) + \dots + \alpha_g(g, g^m), g^m)) \in S^1 \times C_g^\alpha : m \in \mathbb{Z}\},$$

which acts trivially on  $X^g$ . The image of  $p_g^*$  is generated by the  $S^1 \times C_g^\alpha$ -vector bundles with trivial  $\ker(p_g)$ -action on fibers.

The second map is a special case of the isomorphism in Lemma 8.2, where we set  $G = S^1 \times C_g^\alpha$ ,  $H = S^1 \times \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  and  $G/H = C_g$ . Note that  $S^1 \times \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  acts trivially on  $X^g$ .

It follows that the image of the composite of the first and second maps is generated by elements

$$(8.1) \quad [E_\mu \otimes \mathbb{C}_{-\bar{\mu}}] \otimes \mathbb{C}_{\bar{\mu}} \in K_{C_g}(X^g) \otimes R(S^1 \times C_g^\alpha)$$

for irreducible characters  $\mu$  of  $S^1 \times \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  which are trivial on

$$\ker(p) \cap (S^1 \times \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}) = \{([-m/N], \alpha_g(g, g) + \dots + \alpha_g(g, g^m)) : m \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

The Atiyah-Segal map sends an element of the form (8.1) to

$$(8.2) \quad \left( \bigoplus_{h \in C_g} \sum_{\nu} \nu(h) [E_\mu \otimes \mathbb{C}_{-\bar{\mu}}]_{\nu} \right) \otimes \mathbb{C}_{\bar{\mu}}$$

where  $\nu$  ranges over irreducible characters of  $C_g$ , and  $[E_\mu \otimes \mathbb{C}_{-\bar{\mu}}]_{\nu}$  denotes the isomorphism class of the  $\nu$ th summand of the restriction of  $E_\mu \otimes \mathbb{C}_{-\bar{\mu}}$  to  $X^h$ . Finally, the Chern character map sends the element (8.2) to

$$\left( \bigoplus_{h \in C_g} \sum_{\nu} \nu(h) \text{ch}([E_\mu \otimes \mathbb{C}_{-\bar{\mu}}]_{\nu}) \right) \otimes \mathbb{C}_{\bar{\mu}}.$$

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