

THE DEHN TWIST ON $T^4 \# T^4$ IS NOT SMOOTHLY ISOTOPIC TO THE IDENTITY

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ABSTRACT. In this project we construct an exotic diffeomorphism on a nonsimply connected manifold without the need for an exotic smooth structure. We use $\text{Pin}(2)$ -equivariant family Bauer-Furuta invariant to show that, if X_1, X_2 are two homology tori such that the determinants r_1, r_2 of them are odd. Then the Dehn twist along a 3-sphere in the neck of $X_1 \# X_2$ is not smoothly isotopic to the identity.

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1. INTRODUCTION

An exotic diffeomorphism is the a diffeomorphism that is continuously isotopic to the identity but In this project we construct an exotic diffeomorphism on a nonsimply connected manifold without the need for an exotic smooth structure.

A homology 4-torus is a smooth 4-manifold that has the same homology groups as a 4-dimensional torus T^4 . The connected sum of two manifolds X_1 and X_2 can be written as

$$X_1 \# X_2 = (X_1 - D^4) \cup_{S^3} ([0, 1] \times S^3) \cup_{S^3} (X_2 - D^4),$$

where $[0, 1] \times S^3$ is called the neck of the connected sum. The Dehn twist along a 3-sphere in the neck is a diffeomorphism $d : X_1 \# X_2 \rightarrow X_1 \# X_2$ such that d is the identity outside the neck, and on the neck it has the form

$$\begin{aligned} [0, 1] \times S^3 &\rightarrow [0, 1] \times S^3 \\ (t, s) &\mapsto (t, \alpha_t(s)) \end{aligned}$$

where $\alpha \in \pi_1(SO(4), Id) = \mathbb{Z}/2$ is the nontrivial element. It looks like you rotate your head by 2π : your head and body are in the original position, and the only part that changes is your neck.

For a homology torus X , its cohomology groups are isomorphic to the ones of T^4 , but the ring structure might be different. Let $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_4$ be a basis of $H^1(X; \mathbb{Z})$, and define the determinant of X by

$$r := |\langle \alpha_1 \smile \alpha_2 \smile \alpha_3 \smile \alpha_4, [X] \rangle|$$

where $[X]$ is the fundamental class. The main theorem of this project is

Theorem 1.1. *If X_1, X_2 are two homology tori such that the determinants r_1, r_2 of them are odd. Then the Dehn twist along a 3-sphere in the neck of $X_1 \# X_2$ is not smoothly isotopic to the identity.*

The main tool we use is the Bauer-Furuta invariant [BF02]. Its idea is to regard the Seiberg-Witten equation as an $\text{Pin}(2)$ -equivariant map, and consider the property of the map. By a finite dimensional approximation, it is an equivariant stable mapping class for a spin manifold X :

$$\text{BF}^{\text{Pin}(2)}(X, \mathfrak{s}) \in \{TF_0, S^{n\mathbb{H}+b_2^+(X)\mathbb{R}}\}^{\text{Pin}(2)}.$$

where \mathfrak{s} is a Spin^c -structure of X , and TF_0 is the Thom space of a rank m quaternion bundle over $\text{Pic}^s(X) = T^{b_1(X)}$, such that

$$m - n = -\frac{\sigma(X)}{4}$$

where $\sigma(X)$ is the signature of X .

One can also forget the $\text{Pin}(2)$ -action and define the nonequivariant Bauer-Furuta invariant by

$$\text{BF}^{\{e\}}(X, \mathfrak{s}) := \text{Res}_{\{e\}}^{\text{Pin}(2)} \text{BF}^{\text{Pin}(2)}(X, \mathfrak{s}) \in \{TF_0, S^{4n+b_2^+(X)}\}.$$

Now one has a sequence of invariants that can detect exotic phenomena: the Seiberg-Witten invariant, the nonequivariant Bauer-Furuta invariant, and the $\text{Pin}(2)$ -equivariant Bauer-Furuta invariant. They contain more and more information, but the computations get more and more complicated.

The main theorem comes from a sequence of results:

First, by a perturbation of the SW equation proposed by Ruberman-Strle[RS00], and a computation of the bundle TF_0 via the index theorem and the Steenrod square, we get

Theorem 1.2. *If X is a homology torus with odd determinant, and \mathfrak{s} is the trivial structure, then*

$$\text{BF}^{\{e\}}(X, \mathfrak{s}) = (0, 0, 0, 0, 1) \in 4\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2.$$

Actually $\text{BF}^{\{e\}}(X, \mathfrak{s})$ is the Hopf element η .

Second, we compute the nonequivariant family Bauer-Furuta invariant for the mapping torus of the Dehn twist $d : X_1 \# X_2 \rightarrow X_1 \# X_2$. It is denoted by

$$\text{BF}^{\{e\}}((X_1 \times S^1, \tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_1) \# (X_2 \times S^1, \tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_2^\tau)) \in \{S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TF, S^{2\mathbb{H}+6\mathbb{R}}\}.$$

We compute the bundle F by the index theorem, and prove that there exists a Hopf element ν in the stable CW structure of TF . Therefore, by Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence, $\text{BF}^{\{e\}}((X_1 \times S^1, \tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_1) \# (X_2 \times S^1, \tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_2^\tau))$ must be trivial. This vanishing result is similar to the fact that, a 3-sphere can not be mapped to $\mathbb{C}P^2$ nontrivially, because the 4-cell in $\mathbb{C}P^2$ is attached to the 2-cell by the Hopf element η .

Finally, we compute the equivariant family Bauer-Furuta invariant $\text{BF}^{\{S^1\}}((X_1 \times S^1, \tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_1) \# (X_2 \times S^1, \tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_2^\tau))$. By a cofiber sequence we can throw away the fixed points in the equivariant map, and then apply the equivariant Hopf theorem to convert $\text{BF}^{\{S^1\}}((X_1 \times S^1, \tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_1) \# (X_2 \times S^1, \tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_2^\tau))$ to a nonequivariant

stable mapping class. Now the dimension is changed and the Hopf invariant mentioned above has no effect. Hence we can apply the method of Kronheimer-Mrowka[[KM20](#)], and show that

Theorem 1.3. $BF^{\{S^1\}}((X_1 \times S^1, \tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_1) \# (X_2 \times S^1, \tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_2^\tau))$ is nontrivial.

Compared with the previous results, there are some issues when computing the Bauer-Furuta invariant for T^4 :

- The Bauer-Furuta invariant of T^4 is unknown. The map from the Bauer-Furuta invariant to the Seiberg-Witten invariant is not well-defined because T^4 doesn't satisfy the condition $b^+ - b_1 \geq 2$ in [[BF02](#)], and indeed, [[RS00](#)] shows that the perturbation used in the computation of the Seiberg-Witten invariant contains reducible solutions.
- Proposition 4.1 in [[KM20](#)] doesn't work for T^4 . The index of the twisted Dirac operator on T^4 is zero, which leads to a vanishing twist in the parameterized Bauer-Furuta invariant. Therefore, such invariant cannot distinguish the twisted spin structure and the product spin structure on a family of T^4 .
- The (parameterized) Bauer-Furuta invariant of T^4 is a stable mapping class from T^4 to a sphere, which is hard to compute. The $K3$ surface considered in [[KM20](#)] and [[Lin23](#)], however, has $b_1 = 0$. Hence the (parameterized) Bauer-Furuta invariant of it is an element in the stable homotopy group of spheres, which is well known in low dimension (1, 2 and 3), and moreover, the equivariant version can be computed by algebraic topology.

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2. THE FAMILY BAUER-FURUTA INVARIANT FOR NONSIMPLY CONNECTED MANIFOLDS

In this section, we introduce the definition of the $\text{Pin}(2)$ -equivariant Bauer-Furuta invariant for spin families of nonsimply connected manifolds, and a refinement of this invariant.

In [[BF02](#)], Bauer-Furuta introduce a finite dimensional approximation of the $\text{Pin}(2)$ -equivariant Seiberg-Witten map. It is an equivariant stable mapping class for a spin manifold, and people call it the Bauer-Furuta invariant. In Baraglia-Konno[[BK22](#)], Kronheimer-Mrowka[[KM20](#)] and Lin[[Lin23](#)], the family Bauer-Furuta invariant is introduced, but only for simply connected manifolds. For nonsimply connected manifolds, the original definition of Bauer-Furuta has to be generalized.

Suppose X is a closed spin 4-manifold and B is another closed manifold works as the parameter space. Suppose E_X is a smooth family of X over B , that is, a smooth bundle with fiber X and base B .

We work in the following settings:

- A spin structure \mathfrak{s} on E_X , which is a double cover of the vertical frame bundle on E_X , such that it restricts to the double cover $\text{Spin}(4) \rightarrow \text{SO}(4)$ on each fiber.
- A family of metrics $g : B \rightarrow \text{Met}(X)$.
- Two quaternion bundles over E_X given by \mathfrak{s} and g :

$$S^\pm := \bigsqcup_{b \in B} S_b^\pm,$$

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where S_b^\pm are positive and negative spinor bundles on X_b given by g_b . Denote the space of spinors (sections of S_b^\pm) by $\Gamma(S_b^\pm)$. Denote the parameterized Dirac operator over B by

$$\mathfrak{D}_A(X_b) : \Gamma(S_b^+) \rightarrow \Gamma(S_b^-)$$

for $b \in B$ and spin^c -connection A on X_b .

- A family of base points $*$: $B \rightarrow X$.
- Define the action of the gauge group $\mathcal{G}(X_b) = \text{Map}(X_b, S^1)$ by letting $u \in \mathcal{G}(X_b)$ send $\Psi \in \Gamma(S_b^\pm)$ to $u\Psi \in \Gamma(S_b^\pm)$, and add udu to the connection 1-forms. Denote the based gauge group by

$$\mathcal{G}_0(*_b) := \{u \in \mathcal{G}(X_b) \mid u(*_b) = 1\}.$$

- Define

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}(\mathfrak{s}, g_b, *_b) &:= (L^{k,2}(\mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{s})) \oplus L^{k,2}(\Gamma(S_b^+)))/\mathcal{G}_0(*_b) \\ \mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{s}, g_b, *_b) &:= (L^{k-1,2}(i\Omega^0(X)/\mathbb{R}) \oplus L^{k-1,2}(i\Omega^+(X)) \oplus L^{k-1,2}(\Gamma(S_b^-)))/\mathcal{G}_0(*_b), \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{s})$ is the space of $U(1)$ -connections of the determinant line bundle of the spin structure \mathfrak{s} . The Seiberg-Witten map is

$$(2.1) \quad \mathcal{F}_{(\mathfrak{s}, g_b, *_b)} : \mathcal{C}(\mathfrak{s}, g_b, *_b) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{s}, g_b, *_b)$$

$$(2.2) \quad \mathcal{F}_{(\mathfrak{s}, g_b, *_b)} \begin{pmatrix} A \\ \Phi \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} d^*(A - A_0) \\ F_A^{+g_b} - \rho^{-1}(\sigma(\Phi, \Phi)) \\ \mathfrak{D}_A \Phi \end{pmatrix}$$

where $\rho : \Omega^+(X) \rightarrow \mathfrak{su}(S_g^+)$ is the map defined by the Clifford multiplication, and σ is the quadratic form given by $\sigma(\Phi, \Phi) = \Phi \otimes \Phi^* - \frac{1}{2}|\Phi|^2 id$, and $F_A^{+g_b}$ is the self dual part of F_A with respect to g_b .

- \mathcal{U}_b^+ is the completion of $\Omega^1(X_b)$;
- \mathcal{U}_b^- is the completion of $\Omega_+^2(X_b) \oplus \Omega^0(X_b)/\mathbb{R}$.

Denote by X_b the fiber of E_X over $b \in B$. A spin structure on X_b gives two quaternion bundles S_b^\pm over the base X_b . Then

$$S^\pm := \bigsqcup_{b \in B} S_b^\pm$$

are two quaternion bundles over E_X . Denote the space of spinors (sections of S_b^\pm) by $\Gamma(S_b^\pm)$. Define the parameterized Dirac operator over B by

$$\mathfrak{D}_{A_b}(X_b) : \Gamma(S_b^+) \rightarrow \Gamma(S_b^-)$$

for $b \in B$ and spin^c -connection A_b on X_b .

Now consider the action of the gauge group $\mathcal{G}(X_b) = \text{map}(X_b, S^1)$.

Define four Hilbert bundles $\mathcal{U}^+, \mathcal{V}^+, \mathcal{U}^-, \mathcal{V}^-$ over B :

- \mathcal{V}_b^\pm are Sobolev completions of $\Gamma(S_b^\pm)$;
- \mathcal{U}_b^+ is the completion of $\Omega^1(X_b)$;
- \mathcal{U}_b^- is the completion of $\Omega_+^2(X_b) \oplus \Omega^0(X_b)/\mathbb{R}$.

The group $\text{Pin}(2)$ acts on \mathcal{V}_b^\pm by the left quaternion multiplication, and acts on \mathcal{U}_b^\pm by reversing the sign.

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Theorem 3.1. *Suppose X is a homology torus with*

$$(3.1) \quad \langle \alpha_1 \smile \alpha_2 \smile \alpha_3 \smile \alpha_4, X \rangle = d,$$

where $\{\alpha_i\}$ is a basis for $H^1(X; \mathbb{Z})$, and d is odd. Let \mathfrak{s} be the spin^c structure on X with trivial determinant line. Then the nonequivariant Bauer-Furuta invariant $BF^{\{e\}}(X, \mathfrak{s})$ is the generator of $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ in a group $4\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$.

Proof. First we compute the group that the invariant lives. Let F_0 be the bundle $\mathbb{H} \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{T}^4$ with $c_1(T_0) = 0$ and $c_2(T_0) = d$. Let TF_0 be its Thom space. The equivariant Bauer-Furuta invariant is

$$BF^{\text{Pin}(2)}(X, \mathfrak{s}) \in \{TF_0, S^{\mathbb{H}+3\tilde{\mathbb{R}}}\}^{\text{Pin}(2)}.$$

Forget the $\text{Pin}(2)$ -action then we get the non equivariant Bauer-Furuta invariant

$$BF^{\{e\}}(X, \mathfrak{s}) := \text{Res}_{\{e\}}^{\text{Pin}(2)} BF^{\text{Pin}(2)}(X, \mathfrak{s}) \in \{TF_0, S^7\}.$$

A sketch of the proof: TF_0 can be regarded as a CW complex with one 0-cell, one 4-cell (corresponds to $S^{\mathbb{H}}$), four 5-cells (obtained from the 1-cells of \mathcal{T}^4 by multiplying a 4-cell corresponds to $S^{\mathbb{H}}$), six 6-cells (obtained from the 2-cells of \mathcal{T}^4 similarly), four 7-cells (obtained from the 3-cells of \mathcal{T}^4), one 8-cell (obtained from the 4-cell of \mathcal{T}^4). By a cofiber sequence and the CW approximation theorem, there is an isomorphism

$$\{TF_0, S^7\} \cong \{TF_0/TF_0^{(5)}, S^7\}$$

where $TF_0^{(5)}$ is the 5-th skeleton of TF_0 . We want to show that all attaching maps of $TF_0/TF_0^{(5)}$ are trivial.

First by Thom isomorphism and the cohomology of \mathcal{T}^4 , we deduce that all cells of $TF_0/TF_0^{(5)}$ survive in the cohomology group, so all adjacent attaching maps are trivial.

Now the only possible nontrivial attaching map is the one from the 8-cell to 6-cells. Since the only nontrivial element of π_1 is the Hopf map η , which can be detected by the Steenrod square, it suffices to show that Sq^2 is trivial. Let u be the Thom class of F_0 . Note that u is an element in $H^*(F_0, F_0 - \mathcal{T}^4)$ represented by the zero section of F_0 . The cup product of $H^*(F_0, F_0 - \mathcal{T}^4)$ with $H^*(\mathcal{T}^4)$ still produces closed submanifolds, so $H^*(\mathcal{T}^4)$ acts on $H^*(F_0, F_0 - \mathcal{T}^4)$. By Cartan formula we have for any $x \in H^*(\mathcal{T}^4)$

$$\begin{aligned} Sq^n(ux) &= \sum_{i+j=n} Sq^i(u)Sq^j(x) \\ &= \sum_{i+j=n} uw_i(F_0)Sq^j(x) \end{aligned}$$

where w_i is the i -th Stiefel-Whitney class. The cohomology of \mathcal{T}^4 is an exterior algebra generated by four 1-classes which the Steenrod algebra acts on trivially. By the Cartan formula and the Adem relations, the Steenrod algebra acts on $H^*(\mathcal{T}^4)$ trivially. Hence $Sq^j(x) \neq 0$ iff $j = 0$. So

$$Sq^2(ux) = uw_2(F_0)Sq^0(x).$$

But $w_2(F_0) \equiv c_1(F_0) \pmod{2}$ and from the structure of F_0 we have $c_1(F_0) = 0$. So the attaching maps from the 8-cell to 6-cells are trivial.

Now we conclude that $TF_0/TF_0^{(5)}$ is equivalent to $6\mathbb{S}^6 \vee 4\mathbb{S}^7 \vee \mathbb{S}^8$ in the stable category. Hence

$$\{TF_0, S^7\} \cong \{TF_0/TF_0^{(5)}, S^7\} \cong [6\mathbb{S}^6 \vee 4\mathbb{S}^7 \vee \mathbb{S}^8, \mathbb{S}^7] \cong 4\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2.$$

By Ruberman-Strle[RS00], the preimage of a generic point under $BF^{\{e\}}(X, \mathfrak{s})$ is a Lie framed circle in a fiber of TF_0 . So the restriction $BF^{\{e\}}(X, \mathfrak{s})|_{\mathbb{S}^8}$ is a suspension of the Hopf map

$$\Sigma^5 \eta : \mathbb{S}^8 \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^7.$$

And the restrictions of $BF^{\{e\}}(X, \mathfrak{s})$ on those 7-cells have degree 0, otherwise the preimage of a generic point would contain discrete points. Therefore,

$$BF^{\{e\}}(X, \mathfrak{s}) = (0, 0, 0, 0, 1) \in 4\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2.$$

□

4. FAMILY BAUER-FURUTA INVARIANT OF THE CONNECTED SUM OF TWO TORI

Suppose X_1 and X_2 are homology tori with determinant r_1 and r_2 . Let $X = X_1 \# X_2$ and $\mathcal{T}^8 \cong H^1(X, S^1)$. Let \mathfrak{s} be the spin^c structure on X with trivial determinant line. Denote the family of Dirac operators by \mathcal{D} . The index bundle $Ind(\mathcal{D})$ is an \mathbb{H} -bundle over \mathcal{T}^8 since X is spin. Let $\mathbf{L} \rightarrow X \times \mathcal{T}^8$ be the universal line bundle. Since the \hat{A} -genus of X is zero, the Chern character of the index bundle is

$$\text{ch}(Ind(\mathcal{D})) = \int_X \text{ch}(\mathbf{L})$$

by Atiyah-Singer.

Suppose \mathbf{L} is equipped with a connection

$$\mathbf{A} = 2\pi i \sum_{k=1}^8 t_k \alpha_k$$

where $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_4$ is a basis for $H^1(X_1, \mathbb{Z})$ and $\alpha_5, \dots, \alpha_8$ is a basis for $H^1(X_2, \mathbb{Z})$, and $t_k \mapsto 2\pi i t_k \alpha_k$ are coordinates on $\mathcal{T}^8 \cong H^1(X, i\mathbb{R})/H^1(X, 2\pi i\mathbb{Z})$. Then the first Chern class of \mathbf{L} is

$$\Omega = \sum_k \alpha_k \wedge dt_k.$$

By the dimension reason

$$\text{ch}(\mathbf{L}) = 1 + \Omega + \frac{1}{2}\Omega^2 + \frac{1}{6}\Omega^3 + \frac{1}{24}\Omega^4.$$

A term in $\text{ch}(\mathbf{L})$ contains a volume form of X if and only if it contains $\alpha_1 \smile \alpha_2 \smile \alpha_3 \smile \alpha_4$ or $\alpha_5 \smile \alpha_6 \smile \alpha_7 \smile \alpha_8$. Therefore,

$$\text{ch}(Ind(\mathcal{D})) = \pm r_1 [\text{vol}_{\mathcal{T}_1^4}] \pm r_2 [\text{vol}_{\mathcal{T}_2^4}]$$

where $\mathcal{T}_i^4 \cong H^1(X_i, S^1)$ are submanifolds of \mathcal{T}^8 . Hence $c_2(Ind(\mathcal{D})) = \pm r_1 [\text{vol}_{\mathcal{T}_1^4}] \pm r_2 [\text{vol}_{\mathcal{T}_2^4}]$ and $c_i(Ind(\mathcal{D})) = 0$ for $i \neq 2$. Hence

$$BF^{\{e\}}(X, \mathfrak{s}) \in \{TF, S^{\mathbb{H}+6\mathbb{R}}\}$$

where TF is the Thom space of the \mathbb{H} -bundle $\mathbb{H} \rightarrow F \rightarrow \mathcal{T}^8$. Hence we have

Lemma 4.1. $BF^{\{e\}}((X_1 \times S^1, \tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_1) \# (X_2 \times S^1, \tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_2^r)) \in \{S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TF, S^{\mathbb{H}+6\mathbb{R}}\} = \{S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TF, S^{10}\}$

This also follows from the gluing theorem of Bauer-Furuta invariant, which asserts that the domain of the stable cohomotopy element for a connected sum is an external product of the domains of two elements.

Theorem 4.2. *Suppose X_1 and X_2 are homology tori with odd determinant. Let \mathfrak{s}_i be the spin^c structure on X_i with trivial determinant line bundle. Then the nonequivariant family Bauer-Furuta invariant $BF^{\{e\}}((X_1 \times S^1, \tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_1) \# (X_2 \times S^1, \tilde{\mathfrak{s}}_2^r)) \in \{S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TF, S^{10}\}$ is trivial.*

Proof. First we compute the structure of TF : TF can be regarded as a CW complex with one 0-cell, one 4-cell (corresponds to $S^{\mathbb{H}}$), several n -cells ($n = 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11$, obtained from the $(n-4)$ -cells of \mathcal{T}^8 by multiplying a 4-cell corresponds to $S^{\mathbb{H}}$), and one 12-cell (obtained from the 8-cell of \mathcal{T}^8).

We claim that the attaching maps from the 12-cell to two of the 8-cells are Hopf element ν . Let u be the Thom class of F . Note that u is an element in $H^*(F, F - \mathcal{T}^8)$ represented by the zero section of F . The cup product of $H^*(F, F - \mathcal{T}^8)$ with $H^*(\mathcal{T}^8)$ still produces closed submanifolds, so $H^*(\mathcal{T}^8)$ acts on $H^*(F, F - \mathcal{T}^8)$. By Cartan formula we have for any $x \in H^*(\mathcal{T}^8)$

$$\begin{aligned} Sq^n(ux) &= \sum_{i+j=n} Sq^i(u)Sq^j(x) \\ &= \sum_{i+j=n} uw_i(F_0)Sq^j(x) \end{aligned}$$

where w_i is the i -th Stiefel–Whitney class. The cohomology of \mathcal{T}^8 is an exterior algebra generated by four 1-classes which the Steenrod algebra acts on trivially. By the Cartan formula and the Adem relations, the Steenrod algebra acts on $H^*(\mathcal{T}^8)$ trivially. Hence $Sq^j(x) \neq 0$ iff $j = 0$. So

$$Sq^4(ux) = uw_4(F)Sq^0(x).$$

But $w_4(F) \equiv c_2(F) \pmod{2}$ and from the structure of F we have $c_2(F) = \pm r_1[vol_{\mathcal{T}_1^4}] \pm [vol_{\mathcal{T}_2^4}]$. Note that $[vol_{\mathcal{T}_1^4}] \cup [vol_{\mathcal{T}_2^4}] = [vol_{\mathcal{T}^8}]$ and $[vol_{\mathcal{T}_i^4}] \cup [vol_{\mathcal{T}_i^4}] = 0$. Hence if $\{i, j\} = \{1, 2\}$ and r_i is odd,

$$Sq^4(u[vol_{\mathcal{T}_j^4}]) = u[vol_{\mathcal{T}_i^4}] \cup [vol_{\mathcal{T}_j^4}] = u[vol_{\mathcal{T}^8}]$$

is dual to the 12-cell. Since the Hopf element ν is detected by Sq^4 , the attaching map from the 12-cell (dual to $u[vol_{\mathcal{T}^8}]$) to a 8-cell (dual to $u[vol_{\mathcal{T}_j^4}]$) is ν .

Therefore, in $S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TF$, the attaching map from the 13-cell to a 9-cell is ν . Hence the generator of

$$\pi^{10}(\Sigma TF^{(13)}/\Sigma TF^{(12)}) = H^{13}(\Sigma TF^{(13)}/\Sigma TF^{(12)}; \pi^{-3}(*))$$

in the E_2 page of the Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H^9(\Sigma TF^{(9)}/\Sigma TF^{(8)}; \pi^0(*)) & \cdots & H^{13}(\Sigma TF^{(13)}/\Sigma TF^{(12)}; \pi^0(*)) \\ & & H^{13}(\Sigma TF^{(13)}/\Sigma TF^{(12)}; \pi^{-1}(*)) \\ & & H^{13}(\Sigma TF^{(13)}/\Sigma TF^{(12)}; \pi^{-2}(*)) \\ & \searrow^{d_4} & \\ & & H^{13}(\Sigma TF^{(13)}/\Sigma TF^{(12)}; \pi^{-3}(*)) \end{array}$$

doesn't survive to the E_{∞} page. So the 13-cell can only be mapped to S^{10} trivially.

From the observation of Kronheimer-Mrowka [KM20], the preimage of a generic point under $BF^{\{e\}}((X_1 \times S^1, \tilde{s}_1) \# (X_2 \times S^1, \tilde{s}_2))$ is η^2 in a fiber of TF smash a Lie framed circle in $\mathbb{S}^{\mathbb{R}}$. Hence for $n \neq 13$, any n -cell in $S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TF$ is mapped to S^{10} trivially by $BF^{\{e\}}((X_1 \times S^1, \tilde{s}_1) \# (X_2 \times S^1, \tilde{s}_2))$. \square

5. EQUIVARIANT FAMILY BAUER-FURUTA INVARIANT OF THE CONNECTED SUM OF TWO TORI

To address the dimension issue in the previous section, we can consider the S^1 -equivariant Bauer-Furuta invariant. By the equivariant Hopf theorem, we can convert

$$BF^{\{S^1\}}((X_1 \times S^1, \tilde{s}_1) \# (X_2 \times S^1, \tilde{s}_2^\tau)) \in \{S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TF, S^{2\mathbb{H}+6\mathbb{R}}\}^{S^1}$$

to a nonequivariant stable mapping class, if $\{S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TF, S^{2\mathbb{H}+6\mathbb{R}}\}^{S^1}$ has no fixed points. However, the base of the bundle F is the Picard torus \mathcal{T}^8 fixed by the S^1 -action.

To address this issue we have to use a refinement of the Bauer-Furuta invariant:

Definition 5.1. For a spin manifold X , define its free Bauer-Furuta invariant of the Spin^c -structure \mathfrak{s} to be:

$$\text{BF}_{\text{free}}^{\text{Pin}(2)}(X, \mathfrak{s}) \in \{TF_0/\text{Pic}^{\mathfrak{s}}(X), S^{n\mathbb{H}+b_2^+(X)\mathbb{R}}\}^{\text{Pin}(2)},$$

where TF_0 is the Thom space of a rank m quaternion bundle over $\text{Pic}^{\mathfrak{s}}(X) = T^{b_1(X)}$, such that

$$m - n = \frac{\sigma(X)}{4}.$$

For family invariant we can similarly define an invariant with domain acted freely by a subgroup of $\text{Pin}(2)$. For example:

Definition 5.2. Define the free S^1 -equivariant Bauer-Furuta invariant Bauer-Furuta invariant of the Dehn twist on a sum of two homology tori to be:

$$BF_{\text{free}}^{\{S^1\}}((X_1 \times S^1, \tilde{s}_1) \# (X_2 \times S^1, \tilde{s}_2^\tau)) \in \{(S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TF)/(S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge \mathcal{T}^8), S^{\mathbb{H}+6\mathbb{R}}\}^{S^1}.$$

These invariants work as well as the ordinary BF invariant, because in the Seiberg-Witten equation, the Picard torus is always mapped to zero (while the kernel of the index bundle might be mapped to nonzero self-dual 2-form).

5.1. Computation of the free S^1 -equivariant Bauer-Furuta invariant. Now consider the domain of this invariant. Let $S(F)$ be the sphere bundle of F . The fiber of $S(F)$ is $S(\mathbb{H})$. The structure map and the S^1 -action on $S(F)$ are induced by those on F . Then TF/\mathcal{T}^8 is $\Sigma^u S(F)$, the unreduced suspension of $S(F)$.

Because the fiber of TF/\mathcal{T}^8 is the unreduced suspension $\Sigma^u S(\mathbb{H})$ of $S(\mathbb{H})$, the fiber of

$$(S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TF)/(S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge \mathcal{T}^8)$$

is $\Sigma \Sigma^u S(\mathbb{H})$ with $S^{\mathbb{R}} = \Sigma S^0 \subset \Sigma \Sigma^u S(\mathbb{H})$ pinched to a point. This space is

$$(S(\mathbb{H}) \times D^2)/(S(\mathbb{H}) \times S^1).$$

To see this, note that $\Sigma^u S(\mathbb{H})$ is a $(3+1)$ -dimensional sphere with north and south poles S^0 that come from the construction of the unreduced suspension. $\Sigma \Sigma^u S(\mathbb{H})$ is a $(3+1+1)$ -dimensional sphere with two orthogonal spheres in it: $S(\mathbb{H})$ and ΣS^0 . Now collapse ΣS^0 .

From this we have that $(S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TF)/(S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge \mathcal{T}^8)$ is the Thom space of the bundle $S(F) \oplus 2\mathbb{R}$, where \mathbb{R} denotes the trivial bundle:

Lemma 5.3.

$$(S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TF)/(S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge \mathcal{T}^8) = T(S(F) \oplus 2\mathbb{R}).$$

Now the S^1 -action on $((S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TF)/(S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge \mathcal{T}^8)) \wedge S^{-\mathbb{H}}$ is still free away from the base point. The S^1 -action on $S^{6\mathbb{R}}$ is trivial. Hence we have an isomorphism (see [Lin23] Fact 2.2 and Fact 2.3) from

$$\{((S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TF)/(S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge \mathcal{T}^8)) \wedge S^{-\mathbb{H}}, S^{6\mathbb{R}}\}^{S^1}$$

to a nonequivariant stable mapping class group

$$\{(T(S(F) \oplus 2\mathbb{R}) \wedge S^{-\mathbb{H}})/S^1, S^{6\mathbb{R}}\}.$$

Although S^1 acts on $S^{-\mathbb{H}}$ nontrivially, the orbit space of $T(S(F) \oplus 2\mathbb{R}) \wedge S^{-\mathbb{H}}$ is equivalent to the orbit space of $T(S(F) \oplus 2\mathbb{R})$, smash with $S^{-4\mathbb{R}}$. Let G be a quotient space of F under the S^1 -action. Then

$$\{(T(S(F) \oplus 2\mathbb{R}) \wedge S^{-\mathbb{H}})/S^1, S^{6\mathbb{R}}\} \cong \{T(S(G) \oplus 2\mathbb{R}) \wedge S^{-4\mathbb{R}}, S^{6\mathbb{R}}\}.$$

The fiber of G is \mathbb{H}/S^1 . The fiber of $T(S(G) \oplus 2\mathbb{R})$ is $(S(\mathbb{H}/S^1) \times S^2)/(\{pt\} \times S^2)$, which by definition is $S^{2\mathbb{R}} \wedge (S(\mathbb{H}/S^1)_+)$. Hence

$$\{T(S(G) \oplus 2\mathbb{R}) \wedge S^{-4\mathbb{R}}, S^{6\mathbb{R}}\} \cong \{S^{2\mathbb{R}} \wedge (S(G)_+) \wedge S^{-4\mathbb{R}}, S^{6\mathbb{R}}\}.$$

to analyze the CW structure of the domain, it's better to convert the domain to a Thom space. Notice that for any X , we have $S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge X_+ = S^1 \vee \Sigma X$. We borrow a copy of \mathbb{R} and get

$$\{S^{2\mathbb{R}} \wedge (S(G)_+) \wedge S^{-4\mathbb{R}}, S^{6\mathbb{R}}\} \cong \{S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge (S^1 \vee TG) \wedge S^{-4\mathbb{R}}, S^{6\mathbb{R}}\}.$$

By a cofiber sequence and the dimension reason, we have

$$\{S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge (S^1 \vee TG) \wedge S^{-4\mathbb{R}}, S^{6\mathbb{R}}\} \cong \{S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TG \wedge S^{-4\mathbb{R}}, S^{6\mathbb{R}}\}.$$

Now move $S^{-4\mathbb{R}}$ back:

$$\{S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TG \wedge S^{-4\mathbb{R}}, S^{6\mathbb{R}}\} \cong \{S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TG, S^{10\mathbb{R}}\}.$$

Let G be a quotient space of F under the S^1 -action. Then

$$(5.1) \quad \{((S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TF)/(S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge \mathcal{T}^8)) \wedge S^{-\mathbb{H}}, S^{6\mathbb{R}}\}^{S^1} = \{(S^{2\mathbb{R}} \wedge (S(F)_+) \wedge S^{-\mathbb{H}})/S^1, S^{6\mathbb{R}}\}$$

$$(5.2) \quad = \{S^{2\mathbb{R}} \wedge (S(F)_+)/S^1 \wedge S^{-4\mathbb{R}}, S^{6\mathbb{R}}\}$$

$$(5.3) \quad = \{S^{2\mathbb{R}} \wedge (S(G)_+) \wedge S^{-4\mathbb{R}}, S^{6\mathbb{R}}\}$$

$$(5.4) \quad = \{S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge (S^1 \vee TG) \wedge S^{-4\mathbb{R}}, S^{6\mathbb{R}}\}$$

Now it's easy to analyze the CW structure of the domain $S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TG$. We compute the dimension of the cells other than the based point:

$S^{\mathbb{R}}$	\mathcal{T}^8	\mathbb{H}/S^1
1	0	3
	1	
	2	
	3	
	4	
	5	
	6	
	7	
	8	

Again since the dimension of the target is 10, we only need to consider 9-, 10-, 11-, and 12-cells of the domain $S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TG$. They come from the 8-, 9-, 10-, and 11-cells of TG . The structure of G is induced from the structure of F , so all Stiefel–Whitney classes vanish, and therefore all Steenrod squares vanish. The Hopf elements η is detected by the Steenrod square, hence the only possible nontrivial attaching maps are the ones from the 11-cell to 8-cells.

In general such attaching maps can be η^2 , but in this case, those cells are obtained from the Thom class and the attaching maps come from the structure of G . The top cell of TG is the product of the top cell σ^8 of \mathcal{T}^8 and the fiber $\mathbb{H}/S^1 = \mathbb{R}^3$, while 8-cells of TG correspond to products of 5-cells of \mathcal{T}^8 and the fiber $\mathbb{H}/S^1 = \mathbb{R}^3$.

Let $\sigma^5 \times \mathbb{R}^3$ be any one of the 8-cells of TG . Consider the attaching map from $\partial\sigma^8 \times \mathbb{R}^3$ to $\sigma^5 \times \mathbb{R}^3$. Pick any generic point x on σ^5 . The unit sphere of the normal bundle at $x \in \sigma^5 \subset \mathcal{T}^8$ is a 2-sphere, but $\pi_2(SO(3))$ is trivial. This means that for any point y in the fiber over x , the preimage of y under the attaching map is a trivial framed sphere. Hence the attaching map is trivial.

Now each cell in $(S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TG)/(S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TG)^{(8)}$ has trivial attaching map stably. By the Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence,

$$\{S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TG, S^{10\mathbb{R}}\} \cong \binom{8}{0} \pi^{10}(S^{12}) \oplus \binom{8}{1} \pi^{10}(S^{11}) \oplus \binom{8}{2} \pi^{10}(S^{10}).$$

From the observation of Kronheimer-Mrowka[KM20], the preimage of a generic point under

$$BF^{\{e\}}((X_1 \times S^1, \tilde{s}_1) \# (X_2 \times S^1, \tilde{s}_2^{\tau}))$$

is $\eta \wedge \eta'$ in a fiber of TF smash a Lie framed circle η'' in $\mathbb{S}^{\mathbb{R}}$. The S^1 -action acts on the torus $\eta \wedge \eta'$, and $(\eta \wedge \eta')/S^1$ is a Lie framed circle in a fiber of TG . We conclude that

$$BF_{\text{free}}^{\text{Pin}(2)}((X_1 \times S^1, \tilde{s}_1) \# (X_2 \times S^1, \tilde{s}_2^{\tau})) = ((\eta \wedge \eta')/S^1) \wedge \eta''$$

is the generator of $\pi^{10}(S^{12}) \subset \{S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TG, S^{10\mathbb{R}}\}$.

Now it's easy to analyze the S^1 -CW structure of $(S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TF)/(S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge \mathcal{T}^8)$. The S^1 -action on $(S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TF)/(S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge \mathcal{T}^8)$ is free away from the base point. Hence we have only one fixed 0-cell. Because $S(\mathbb{H})/S^1$

has one 0-cell and one 2-cell, the fiber of $(S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TF)/(S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge \mathcal{T}^8)$ has one free $(0 + 1 + 2)$ -cell and one free $(2 + 1 + 2)$ -cell.

where P is the quotient space of $((S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TF)/(S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge \mathcal{T}^8)) \wedge S^{-\mathbb{H}}$ by the S^1 -action. We compute the dimension of the cells other than the based point:

$S(\mathbb{H})/S^1$	D^2	\mathcal{T}^8	$S^{-\mathbb{H}}$
0	2	0	− 4
2		1	
		2	
		3	
		4	
		5	
		6	
		7	
		8	

As the transition map of $(S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge TF)/(S^{\mathbb{R}} \wedge \mathcal{T}^8) = T(S(F) \oplus 2\mathbb{R})$ is induced from the quaternion bundle F , the cell structure of P is

Lemma 5.4. *Let G be a rank 3 vector bundle on a*

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