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Kontsevich characteristic classes à la Watanabe

Part 2

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rational homotopy groups of  $\text{Diff}(S^+)$ "

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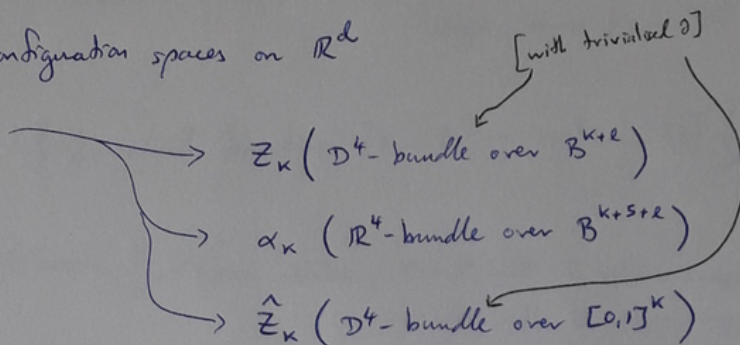
(currently v3,  
from August 2019)

# Plan:

- brief recollections from last week

- microscopic configuration spaces on  $\mathbb{R}^d$

- constructions



- Thm:  $\hat{Z}_k$  well-defined function  $\pi_k \text{BDiff}_0(D^4) \longrightarrow A_k$

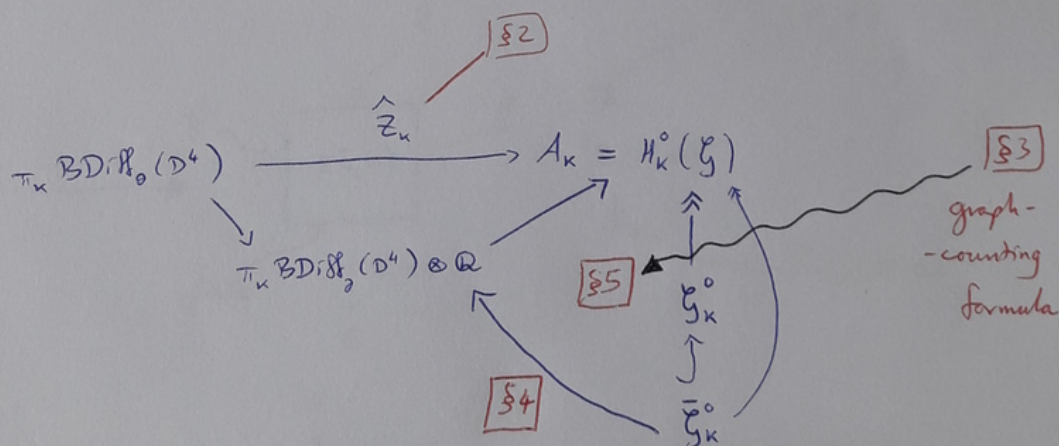
- Lemma:  $\hat{Z}_k$  is a homomorphism

- proof

- Prop:  $\hat{Z}_k$  factors through  $\text{image}(\pi_k \text{BDiff}_0(D^4) \xrightarrow{H} \Omega_k(\text{BDiff}_0(D^4)))$

oriented bordism classes  
of smooth  $D^4$ -bundles  
over  $S^k$

## Outlook:



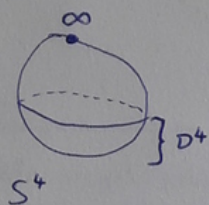


# Recollections

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Graphs}_k &= \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{trivalent graphs with vertices } \longleftrightarrow \{1, \dots, 2k\} \\ \text{edges } \longleftrightarrow \{1, \dots, 3k\} \end{array} \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{2-valued functions } \{1, \dots, 3k\} \longrightarrow \{1, \dots, 2k\} \end{array} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$A_k = \mathbb{Q} \langle \text{Graphs}_k \rangle / \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{IHX relation, } \Gamma \sim \Gamma \text{ with 2 vertices swapped,} \\ -\Gamma \sim \Gamma \text{ with 2 edges swapped} \end{array} \right)$$

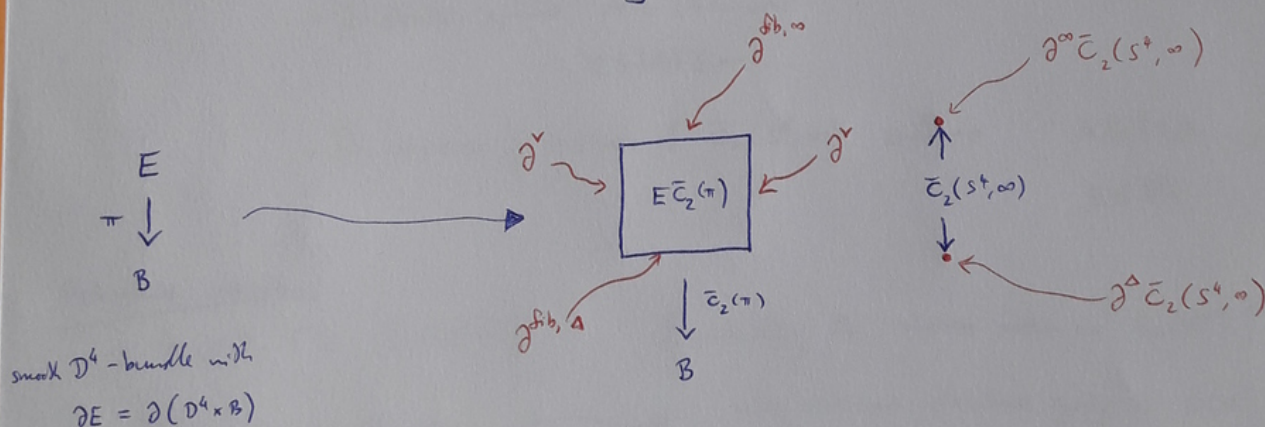


$$\begin{aligned} \bar{C}_n(S^4, \infty) &= \text{Fulton MacPherson compactification} \\ &\text{of } C_n(S^4 - \{\infty\}) \\ &\quad \nwarrow \text{ordered configuration space.} \end{aligned}$$

Facts:

$$\underbrace{\partial \bar{C}_2(S^4, \infty)}_{\substack{\parallel S^3 \quad *_3 \\ S^3 \times S^4}} = \underbrace{\partial^\infty \bar{C}_2(S^4, \infty)}_{\substack{\parallel S^3 \quad *_1 \\ S^3 \times D^4}} \cup \underbrace{\partial^\Delta \bar{C}_2(S^4, \infty)}_{\substack{\parallel S^3 \quad *_2 \\ S^3 \times D^4}}$$

$$\phi_0 = \text{proj}, \quad \downarrow S^3$$



smooth  $D^4$ -bundle with  $\partial E = \partial(D^4 \times B)$

- The maps  $\partial^\infty \bar{C}_2(S^4, \infty) \xrightarrow{\phi_0} S^3$  on each fibre fit together to give a continuous map  $\partial^{fb, \infty} E\bar{C}_2(\pi) \xrightarrow{\phi_0} S^3$  (the identifications  $*_1$  can be made consistently)
- if we choose a vertical framing of  $E \xrightarrow{\pi} B$ , then the identifications  $*_2$  (and hence  $*_3$ ) can also be made canonically for each fibre, so the maps  $\phi_0$  fit together to give a continuous map  $\partial^{fb} E\bar{C}_2(\pi) \xrightarrow{\phi_0} S^3$ .







From now on,  $d=4$

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Construction of  $Z_k$ :

Inputs

$$\begin{array}{c} E \\ \downarrow \pi \\ B^{k+2} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{smooth } D^4\text{-bundle} \\ \text{with } \partial E = \partial(D^4 \times B) \end{array}$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{1:1} [(B, \partial B), (BDist_2(D^4), +)]$$

$$\theta = (\theta^{(1)}, \dots, \theta^{(3k)}) \text{ admissible propagators for } \pi$$

For  $A \subseteq \{1, \dots, 2k\}$  we have forgetful maps  
 $|A|=2$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E\bar{C}_{2k}(\pi) & \xrightarrow{\phi_A} & E\bar{C}_2(\pi) \\ & \searrow & \swarrow \\ & B & \end{array}$$

For a trivalent graph  $\Gamma \in \text{Graphs}_k^\circ$ , define

$$I(\pi, \theta, \Gamma) := \bigcap_{j=1}^{3k} \phi_{\Gamma(j)}^{-1}(\theta^{(j)}) \in C_\ell(E\bar{C}_{2k}(\pi))$$

(assuming that the intersection is transverse)

Then define

$$Z_k(\pi, \theta) := \lambda_k \sum_{\Gamma \in \text{Graphs}_k^\circ} I(\pi, \theta, \Gamma) \otimes [\Gamma] \in C_\ell(E\bar{C}_{2k}(\pi)) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} A_k$$

$$\lambda_k = \frac{1}{2^{3k} (2k)! (3k)!}$$

When  $\ell=0$  (i.e.  $\dim(B)=k$ ):

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Z_k(\pi, \theta) \\ \cap \\ C_0(E\bar{C}_{2k}(\pi)) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} A_k \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{aug} \otimes \text{id}} \mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} A_k = A_k$$

By abuse of notation, we denote the image also by

$$Z_k(\pi, \theta) \in A_k$$



# Construction of $\alpha_k$ :

## Inputs

$$\begin{array}{c} V \\ \downarrow \xi \\ X^{k+5+l} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{rank-4 real} \\ \text{vector bundle} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} SV \\ \downarrow S\xi \\ X \end{array} = \begin{array}{l} \text{unit sphere} \\ \text{subbundle} \end{array}$$

$$\eta = (\eta^{(1)} \dots \eta^{(3k)}) \quad \text{codim-3,} \\ \mathbb{Z}_2\text{-invariant}^* \text{ chains on } SV$$

$$1:1 \rightarrow [X, BO(l)]$$

NB: Reducing the structure group  $GL_d(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow O(d)$  corresponds to choosing a Riem. metric for the vector bundle.  
 $\rightarrow$  The space of Riem. metrics is contractible.  
 $\rightarrow$  After choosing this, we may speak of "unit sphere sub-bundles", etc.

For  $A \subseteq \{1, \dots, 2k\}$  we have forgetful maps  $\bar{\Sigma}_{2k}(V) \xrightarrow{\varphi_A} \bar{\Sigma}_2(V) = SV$

$$\searrow \quad \swarrow$$

$$X$$

For a trivalent graph  $\Gamma \in \text{Graphs}_k^\circ$ , define

$$\mathcal{J}(\xi, \eta, \Gamma) := \bigcap_{j=1}^{3k} \varphi_{\Gamma(j)}^{-1}(\eta^{(j)}) \in C_\ell(\bar{\Sigma}_{2k}(V))$$

(assuming that the intersection is transverse).

Then define

$$\alpha_k(\xi, \eta) := \frac{\lambda_k}{N_k} \sum_{\Gamma \in \text{Graphs}_k^\circ} \mathcal{J}(\xi, \eta, \Gamma) \otimes [\Gamma] \in C_\ell(\bar{\Sigma}_{2k}(V)) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} A_k$$

When  $\ell=0$  (i.e.  $\dim(X)=k+5$ ):

$N_k$  = integer to be defined later

$$\begin{array}{c} \alpha_k(\xi, \eta) \\ \cap \\ C_0(\bar{\Sigma}_{2k}(V)) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} A_k \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{avg} \otimes \text{id}} \mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} A_k = A_k$$

By abuse of notation, we denote the

image also by  $\alpha_k(\xi, \eta) \in A_k$ .

\* In general, if a bundle has str group  $G$ , then its total space has a natural action of  $Z(G)$ . In this case  $G = O(4)$ , and  $-I \in Z(O(4))$ , so  $-I$  generates a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -action



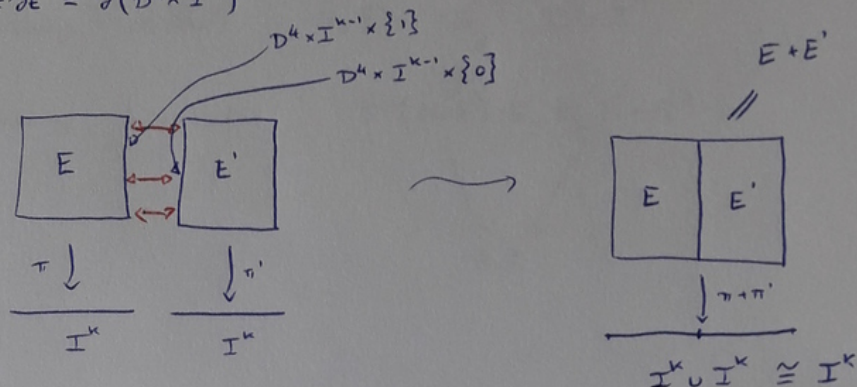
Construction of  $\hat{Z}_k$ :

given  $E, E'$  smooth  $D^4$ -bundles

$$\begin{array}{c} \pi \downarrow \swarrow \pi' \\ B = I^k \end{array}$$

$$\text{with } \partial E = \partial E' = \partial(D^4 \times I^k)$$

we may give them:



This corresponds to addition in  $[(I^k, \partial I^k), (BDiff_2(D^4), *)]$

$$\parallel \pi_k BDiff_2(D^4)$$

$$\text{For } n \geq 1, \text{ let } nE = \overbrace{E + \dots + E}^n = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline E & E & \dots & E \\ \hline \end{array} \downarrow I^k$$

"The  $n^{\text{th}}$  iteration of  $E$ "

Def:  $G$  finite abelian group  $\leadsto m(G) := \min \{r \in \mathbb{N} \mid g^r = \text{id} \ \forall g \in G\}$

Thm:  $\theta_n$  is finite for  $n \geq 5$  [Smale + Kervaire-Milnor]  
 abelian group of homotopy  $n$ -spheres  $\uparrow$   $h$ -cob. thm.

$\theta_n \cong \pi_0 \text{Diff}_2(D^{n-1})$  for  $n \geq 6$  [Smale + Cerf]

Lemma:  $\pi_n O(4)$  is finite for  $n \geq 4$  [proof uses fibration sequence  $O(n) \hookrightarrow O(n+1) \twoheadrightarrow S^n$  and the fact [Serre] that  $\pi_n S^2 \cong \pi_n S^3$  are finite for  $n \geq 4$ ]

Def:  $N'_k := m(\theta_{k+4}) \cdot m(\theta_{k+5}) \cdot m(\pi_{k+3} O(4)) \cdot m(\pi_{k+4} O(4))$   
 $(k \geq 1)$



Prop: For any  $E$  we have:

$$\begin{array}{c} E \\ \pi \downarrow \\ \mathbb{I}^k \end{array}$$

(a)  $\exists$  canonical-up-to-isotopy diffeo  $N'_k E \cong_{\partial} D^4 \times \mathbb{I}^k$

(b)  $\exists$  unique-up-to-homotopy trivialisation  $T^*(N'_k E) \cong_{\partial} N'_k E \times \mathbb{R}^4$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \\ & \searrow & \swarrow \\ & N'_k E & \end{array}$$

Proof: Set  $n_1 = m(\partial_{k+4})$   
 $n_2 = m(\partial_{k+4}) \cdot m(\partial_{k+5})$   
 $n_3 = m(\partial_{k+4}) \cdot m(\partial_{k+5}) \cdot m(\pi_{k+3} \circ \partial_4) \cdot m(\pi_{k+4} \circ \partial_4) = N'_k$ .

(a) • Let  $S^E := E \cup_{\partial} (D^4 \times \mathbb{I}^k)$  (makes sense since  $\partial E = \partial(D^4 \times \mathbb{I}^k)$ )

and note that  $S^E \in \partial_{k+4}$ .

Hence  $S^{n_1 E} \cong \underbrace{S^E \# \dots \# S^E}_{n_1} \cong S^{k+4}$   
 $\parallel$   
 $(n_1 E) \cup_{\partial} (D^4 \times \mathbb{I}^k)$

$\Rightarrow n_1 E \cong S^{k+4} - \text{int}(\text{some } (k+4)\text{-disc})$   
 $\cong S^{k+4} - \text{int}(\text{northern hemisphere})$  [Disc theorem of Palais]  
 $= D^{k+4}$ .

• Any two such diffeos differ (up to  $\cong$ ) by an element of  $\pi_0 \text{Diff}_{\partial}(D^{k+4})$   
 $\parallel$   
 $\partial_{k+5}$

$\Rightarrow$  iterating such a diffeo  $m(\partial_{k+5})$  times,  
it becomes unique up to isotopy.

$\Rightarrow \exists$  unique-up-to-isotopy diffeo  $n_2 E \cong_{\partial} D^4 \times \mathbb{I}^k$   
that arises as an iteration of a diffeo  $n_1 E \cong_{\partial} D^4 \times \mathbb{I}^k$ .



(b) obstruction theory

• obstructions to trivialising  $T^v(n_2 E)$  lie in  $H^*(n_2 E, \partial n_2 E; \pi_{*-1} O(4))$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $n_2 E$

• if  $\exists$ , obstructions to uniqueness lie in  $H^*(n_2 E, \partial n_2 E; \pi_* O(4))$   
 (up to  $\simeq$ )

By (a),  $\boxed{n_2 E \cong_{\partial} D^{k+4}}$  so we just need

$$0 \stackrel{?}{=} \text{obs} \in H^{k+4}(n_2 E, \partial n_2 E; \pi_{k+3} O(4))$$

$$0 \stackrel{?}{=} \text{obs} \in H^{k+4}(n_2 E, \partial n_2 E; \pi_{k+4} O(4))$$

Iteration of bundles  $\longrightarrow$  addition of the obstructions using the group structure of  $\pi_* O(4)$

$\Rightarrow$  iterating by  $m(\pi_{k+3} O(4)) \cdot m(\pi_{k+4} O(4)) \longrightarrow \text{done.}$

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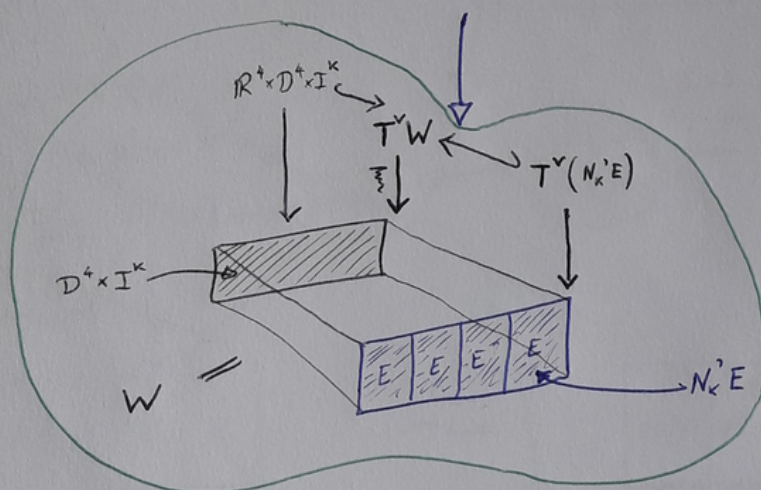
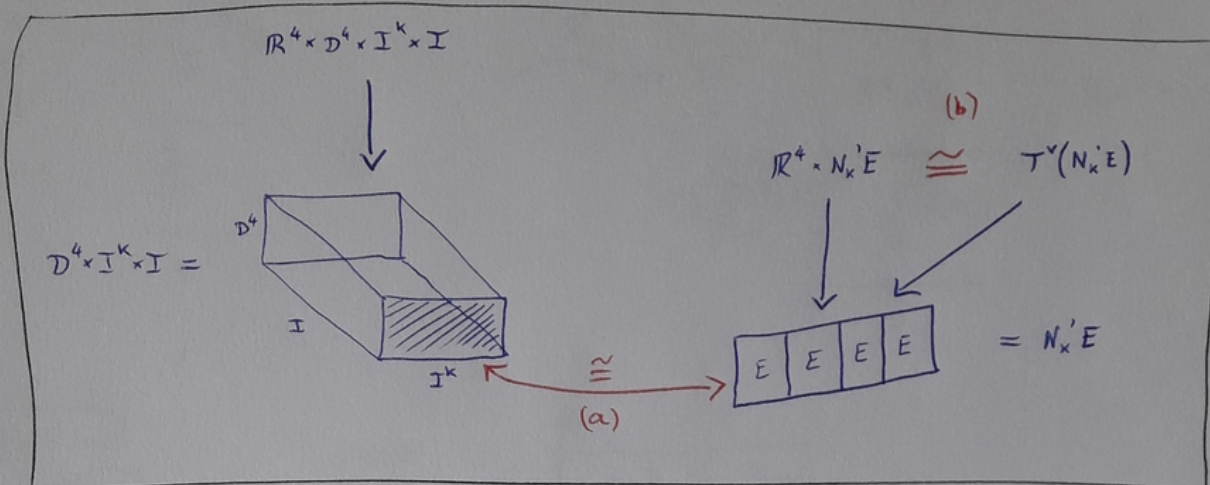
# Construction of $\hat{Z}_k$ :

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Step ①

$E$  smooth  $D^4$ -bundle  
with  $\partial E$  trivial  
 $\pi \downarrow$   
 $I^k$

$T^*W$   $\mathbb{R}^4$ -bundle  
 $\xi \downarrow$   
 $W^{k+5}$



Note:  $W$  is a bordism (rel.  $\partial$ ) of  $(k+4)$ -manifolds with  $\mathbb{R}^4$ -bundles

$\mathbb{R}^4 \times D^4 \times I^k$

$T^*(N'_k E)$

$D^4 \times I^k$

$N'_k E$

but not a bordism of smooth  $D^4$ -bundles.

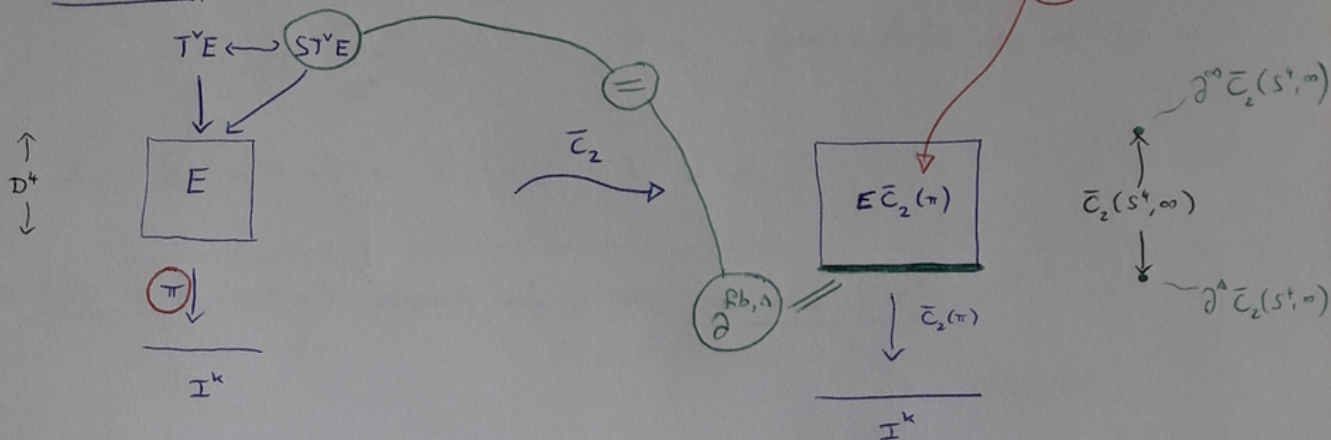
This is because (a) is a differ. (rel.  $\partial$ ) of manifolds, not of smooth  $D^4$ -bundles.



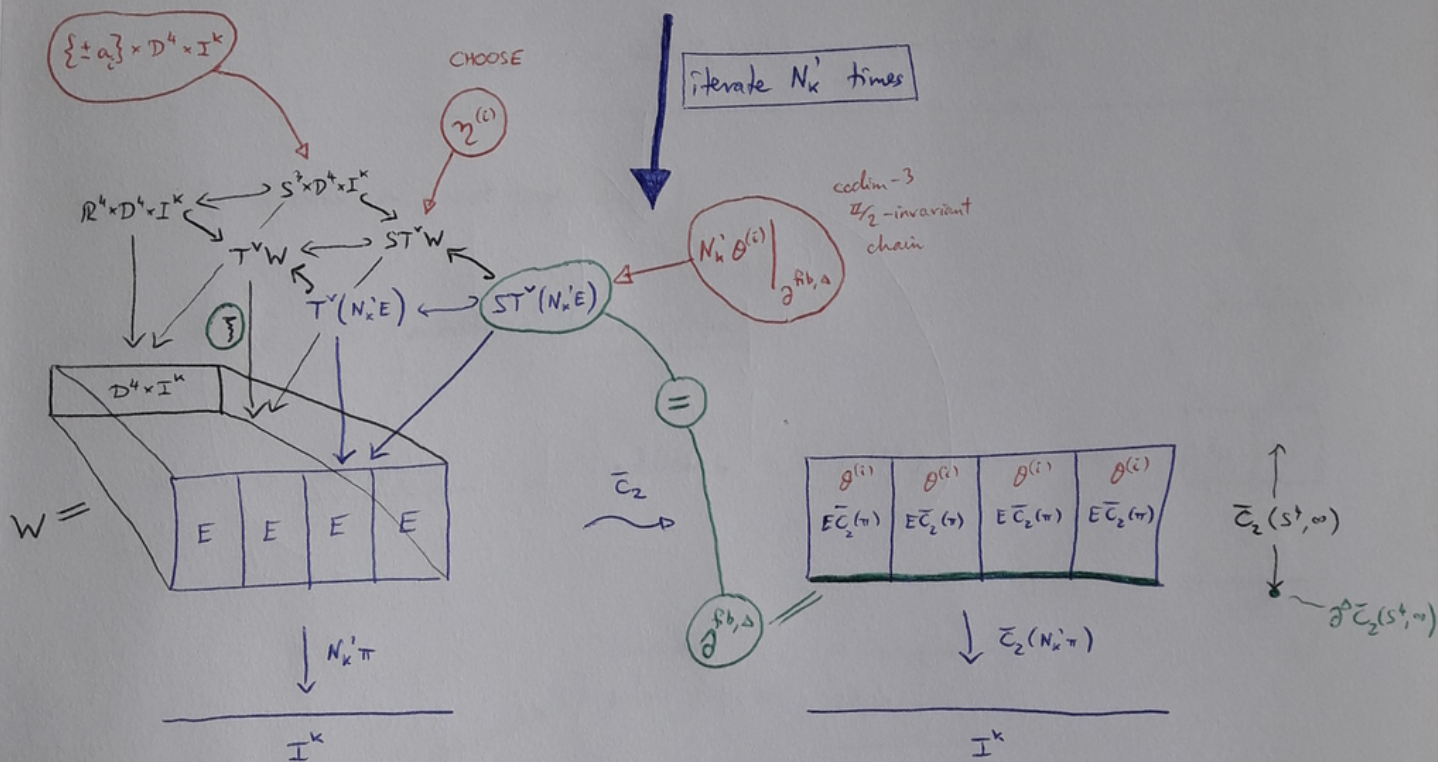
# Construction of $\hat{Z}_k$ :

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Step ②



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adm. prop.  
 $1 \leq i \leq 3k$



$\eta^{(i)}$  codim-3,  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -invariant chain such that

$$\partial \eta^{(i)} \Big|_{\text{front face}} = N_k^v \theta^{(i)} \Big|_{\partial R_{b,A}}$$

$$\partial \eta^{(i)} \Big|_{\text{back face}} = \{\pm a_i\} \times D^4 \times I^k \quad (a_i \in S^3)$$

Def:

$$\hat{Z}_k(\pi, \theta, \eta) := Z_k(\pi, \theta) - \alpha_k(\bar{\pi}, \eta) \in A_k$$



Theorem [Watanabe, Thm 2-7]

suppose that  $E \cong E'$  and  $\theta, \eta =$  choices of adm. prop. etc for  $\pi$   
 $\pi \searrow \swarrow \pi'$   $\theta', \eta' =$  choices of adm. prop. etc for  $\pi'$   
 $\mathbb{I}^k$

then  $\hat{Z}_k(\pi, \theta, \eta) = \hat{Z}_k(\pi', \theta', \eta') \in A_k$ .

$\hookrightarrow$  Coro.

$\hat{Z}_k(\pi, \theta, \eta)$  depends only on the isom. class of  $\pi$

$\xrightarrow{1:1} \pi_k \text{BDiff}_0(D^+)$

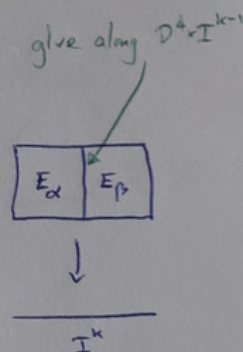
Thus we get a well-defined function

$$\hat{Z}_k : \pi_k \text{BDiff}_0(D^+) \longrightarrow A_k$$

(proof of Theorem on next pages -----)

Lemma :  $\hat{Z}_k$  is actually a homomorphism.

$\hookrightarrow$  idea of proof : (i) addition in  $\pi_k \text{BDiff}_0(D^+)$   $\longleftrightarrow$



choice of  
(ii) adm. prop. on  $\begin{bmatrix} E\bar{C}_2(\pi_\alpha) & E\bar{C}_2(\pi_\beta) \end{bmatrix}$

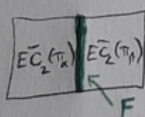
restricts to an adm prop on  $E\bar{C}_2(\pi_\alpha)$   
and on  $E\bar{C}_2(\pi_\beta)$ .

(iii)  $\hat{Z}_k(\alpha + \beta) = \sum$  intersections of pullbacks of adm. prop.'s on  $\begin{bmatrix} \square & \square \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \underbrace{\sum \text{intersections on } \begin{bmatrix} \square & \square \end{bmatrix}}_{\hat{Z}_k(\alpha)} + \underbrace{\sum \text{intersections on } \begin{bmatrix} \square & \square \end{bmatrix}}_{\hat{Z}_k(\beta)}$$

NB: conversely, if  
 $\theta_\alpha$  adm prop on  $E\bar{C}_2(\pi_\alpha)$   
 $\theta_\beta$  -----  $E\bar{C}_2(\pi_\beta)$

then  $\theta_\alpha + \theta_\beta$  adm prop on



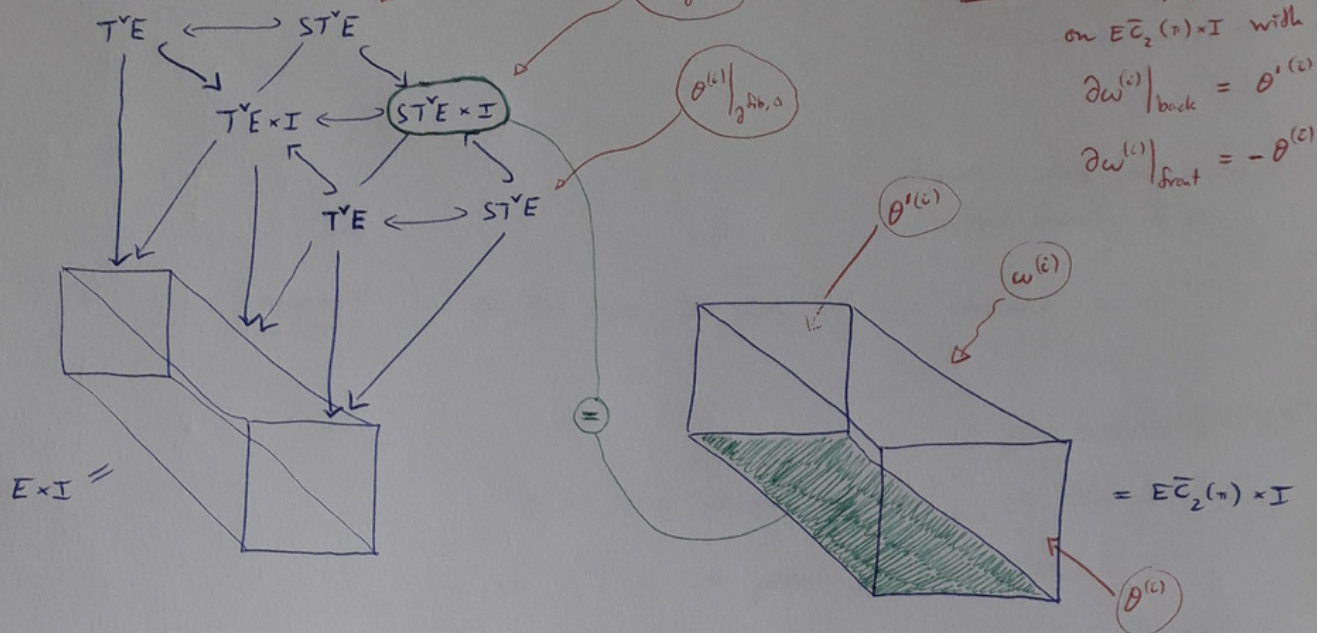
$$\Leftrightarrow \partial\theta_\alpha|_F = -\partial\theta_\beta|_F$$



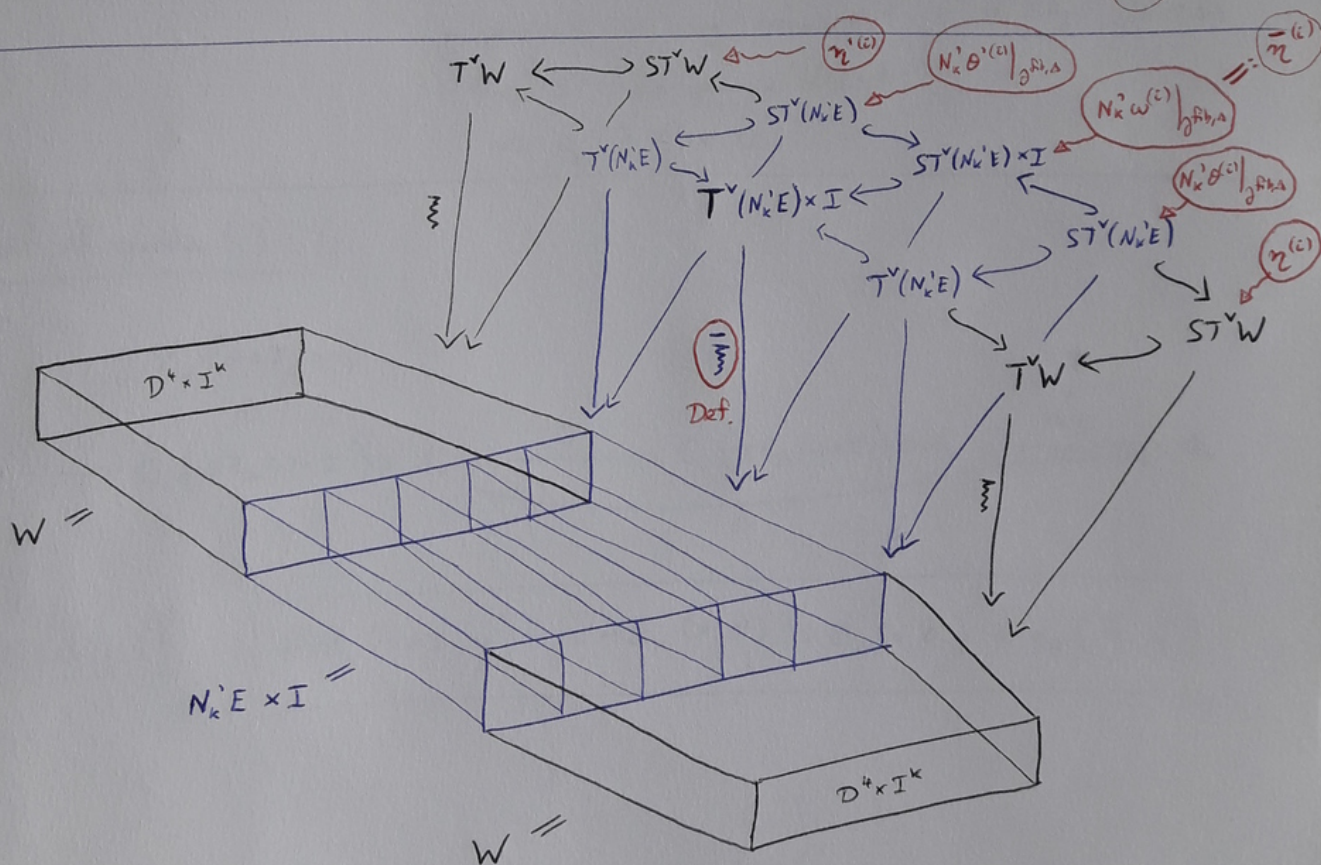
proof of Theorem

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$$-w \log E' = E$$



Lemma:  $\exists$  adm. prop.  $\omega^{(i)}$  on  $E \bar{C}_2(\pi) \times I$  with  
 $\partial \omega^{(i)}|_{\text{back}} = \theta^{(i)}$   
 $\partial \omega^{(i)}|_{\text{front}} = -\theta^{(i)}$



Claim: (1)  $z_k(\pi, \theta) - z_k(\pi, \theta') = \alpha_k(\bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta})$   
 (2)  $\alpha_k(\bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta}) - \alpha_k(\bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta}') = \alpha_k(\bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta})$

Note that  
 (1)-(2)  
 $\Downarrow$   
 Theorem.



Aside:

(1)  $\Rightarrow Z_k(\pi, \theta)$  is independent of  $\theta = (\theta^{(1)} \dots \theta^{(3k)})$  if  
 each  $\theta^{(i)}$  is assumed to be a strong adn. prop.

depends on choice (in particular,  $\exists$ )  
 vertical framing of  $\pi$

argument: - in this case,  $\partial\theta$  and  $\partial\theta'$  are "standard" on  $\partial^{\text{fib}, s}$

pulled back from  $\{\pm a\} \subseteq S^3$

& we may assume that  $\partial\omega|_{\partial^{\text{fib}, s}}$  is also standard

-  $\Rightarrow \bar{\eta}^{(i)}$  are all pulled back from  $\{\pm a_i\} \subseteq S^3$

- generically, we may assume that  $a_i \neq \pm a_j$  for  $i \neq j$

$\Rightarrow \bar{\eta}^{(i)}$  are pairwise disjoint

$\Rightarrow \alpha_k(\bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta}) = 0.$

Proof of equation (1):

$$\begin{array}{c}
 Z_k(\pi \times I, \omega) \\
 \cap \\
 \dots \rightarrow C_1(E\bar{C}_{2k}(\pi) \times I) \otimes A_k \xrightarrow{\partial} C_0(E\bar{C}_{2k}(\pi) \times I) \otimes A_k \xrightarrow[\text{aug.}]{\#} A_k
 \end{array}$$

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Claim (1)':

$$\# \partial Z_k(\pi \times I, \omega) = -Z_k(\pi, \theta) + Z_k(\pi, \theta') + \alpha_k(\bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta})$$

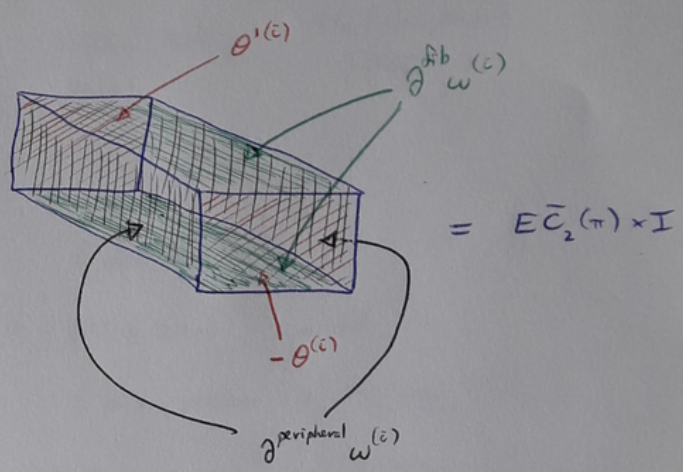




$$\# \partial Z_k(\pi \times I, \omega) = \lambda_k \sum_{\Gamma} \underbrace{\partial I(\pi \times I, \omega, \Gamma) \cdot [\Gamma]} \in A_k$$

$$\partial I(\pi \times I, \omega, \Gamma) = \sum_{\substack{X \subseteq \{1, \dots, 3k\} \\ |X| \geq 1}} I(\pi \times I, \underbrace{\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \omega^{(i)} & i \notin X \\ \partial \omega^{(i)} & i \in X \end{array} \right\}}_{\Gamma}, \Gamma)$$

$$\partial \omega^{(i)} = \theta'^{(i)} - \theta^{(i)} + \partial^{\text{fib}} \omega^{(i)} + \partial^{\text{peripheral}} \omega^{(i)} \quad (*)$$



Hence  $\# \partial Z_k(\pi \times I, \omega)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum \text{terms involving } \theta'^{(i)} \rightarrow Z_k(\pi, \theta') \\ &+ \sum \text{terms involving } \theta^{(i)} \rightarrow -Z_k(\pi, \theta) \\ &+ \sum \text{terms involving } \partial^{\text{peripheral}} \omega^{(i)} \rightarrow 0 \\ &+ \sum \text{terms involving } \partial^{\text{fib}} \omega^{(i)} \rightarrow \dots \end{aligned}$$

since  $\partial^{\text{peripheral}} \omega^{(i)}$  is supported in the faces of  $E\bar{C}_2(\pi) \times I$  corresponding to a trivial  $D^+$ -bundle over  $\partial I^k \times I$

+ no mixed terms — since the terms of (\*) have support in different faces of  $E\bar{C}_2(\pi) \times I$ .



$$\partial^{\text{fib}} \omega^{(i)} = \sum_{\substack{A \subseteq \{1, \dots, 2k, \infty\} \\ |A| \geq 2}} \underbrace{\partial^{\text{fib}, A} \omega^{(i)}}_{\text{the piece supported in the}} \quad \text{fibrewise-}\partial\text{-stratum of } E\bar{C}_2(n) \times I \text{ corresponding to } A.$$

$$\sum \text{terms involving } \partial^{\text{fib}} \omega^{(i)} = \lambda_k \sum_{\Gamma} \sum_X \sum_A \mathcal{I}(\pi \times \mathcal{I}, \left\{ \begin{matrix} \omega^{(i)} \\ \partial^{\text{fib}, A} \omega^{(i)} \end{matrix} \right\}_{\substack{i \notin X \\ i \in X}}, \Gamma). \quad [17]$$

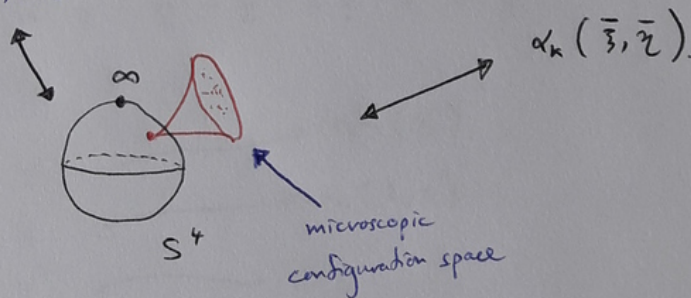
trivial graph  
vertices =  $\{1, \dots, 2k\}$   
edges =  $\{1, \dots, 3k\}$

$X \subseteq \{1, \dots, 3k\}$   
 $|X| \geq 1$

$A \subseteq \{1, \dots, 2k, \infty\}$   
 $|A| \geq 2$

### Facts:

- terms with  $\infty \in A$  cancel (dim. reasons)
- terms with  $\infty \notin A$  and  $3 \leq |A| \leq 2k-1$  cancel  
(dim. reasons +  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -symmetry)
- terms with  $\infty \notin A$  and  $|A|=2$  cancel (IHX relations)
- terms with  $A = \{1, \dots, 2k\}$





Proof of equation (2):

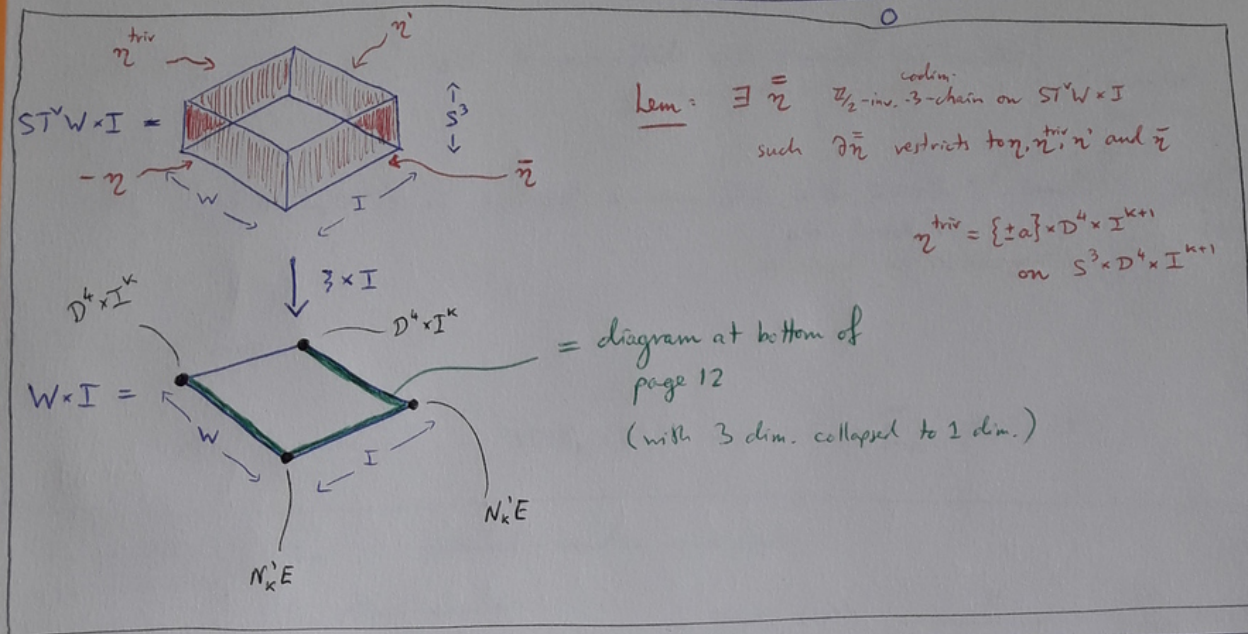
(philosophically similar)

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$$\alpha_k(\bar{z} \times I, \bar{\eta})$$

(1)

$$C_1(ST^W \times I) \otimes A_k \xrightarrow{\partial} C_0(ST^W \times I) \otimes A \xrightarrow[\text{aug.}]{\#} A_k$$



Claim (2)':

$$\# \partial \alpha_k(\bar{z} \times I, \bar{\eta}) = -\alpha_k(\bar{z}, \eta) + \alpha_k(\bar{z}, \eta') + \alpha_k(\bar{z}, \bar{\eta})$$

Note that

$$\partial \bar{\eta} = \eta' - \eta + \eta^{\text{triv}} + \bar{\eta} + \partial^{\text{fb}} \bar{\eta}$$

](\*\*)

Hence  $\# \partial \alpha_k(\bar{z} \times I, \bar{\eta})$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum \text{terms involving } \eta' \rightarrow \alpha_k(\bar{z}, \eta') \\ &+ \sum \text{terms involving } \eta \rightarrow -\alpha_k(\bar{z}, \eta) \\ &+ \sum \text{terms involving } \eta^{\text{triv}} \rightarrow 0 \\ &+ \sum \text{terms involving } \bar{\eta} \rightarrow \alpha_k(\bar{z}, \bar{\eta}) \\ &+ \sum \text{terms involving } \partial^{\text{fb}} \bar{\eta} \end{aligned}$$

all strata except  $A = \{1, 2, \dots, 2k\}$  cancel as before

(dim. reasons +  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -symmetry + IHX relation)

this time  $\nexists$  stratum corresponding to  $A = \{1, 2, \dots, 2k\}$  in  $\bar{S}_{2k}$ , since not all points may collide simultaneously in microscopic config spaces.



# Oriented bordism-invariance of $\hat{Z}_k$

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Oriented bordism:

$$\tilde{\Omega}_k(X) = \left\{ \text{closed } k\text{-manifolds with } \overset{\text{based}}{\text{map to } X} \right\} / \text{oriented bordism}$$

$$\leadsto \tilde{\Omega}_k(BG) \cong \left\{ \text{closed } k\text{-manifolds with principal } G\text{-bundle} \right\} / \text{oriented bordism}$$

*trivialized over the basepoint*

$$\leadsto \tilde{\Omega}_k(B\text{Diff}_0(D^+)) \cong \left\{ \text{closed } k\text{-manifolds with smooth } D^+\text{-bundle} \right\} / \text{oriented bordism}$$

*(with trivial ?)  
trivialized over the basepoint*

$\exists$  natural map

$$H = \text{"Hurewicz"} : \pi_k B\text{Diff}_0(D^+) \longrightarrow \tilde{\Omega}_k(B\text{Diff}_0(D^+))$$

Proposition:  $\hat{Z}_k$  is oriented-bordism-invariant,  
in other words:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_k B\text{Diff}_0(D^+) & \xrightarrow{H} & \tilde{\Omega}_k(B\text{Diff}_0(D^+)) \\ & \searrow & \uparrow \\ & \text{im}(H) & \\ \hat{Z}_k \downarrow & & \\ A_k & & \end{array}$$

(dashed arrow from  $\text{im}(H)$  to  $A_k$ )

More generally, if  $\tilde{h}_*$  is a (reduced) generalised homology theory,  
choosing  $x \in \tilde{h}_0(S^0) = h_0(pt)$  determines a Hurewicz map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{h}_k(S^k) & \xrightarrow{H} & \tilde{h}_k(X) \\ \pi_k(X) & \xrightarrow{H} & \tilde{h}_k(X) \\ [S^k \xrightarrow{f} X] & \longmapsto & f_*(x) \end{array}$$

Proposition': if  $x \in h_0(pt)$  generates a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -summand  
then:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_k(BG) & \xrightarrow{H} & \tilde{h}_k(BG) \\ \downarrow \varphi & \searrow & \uparrow \\ & \text{im}(H) & \\ & \swarrow & \\ & V & \end{array}$$

(dashed arrow from  $\text{im}(H)$  to  $V$ )

any homom. to a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector-space  $\rightarrow \varphi$

$G$  any topological group

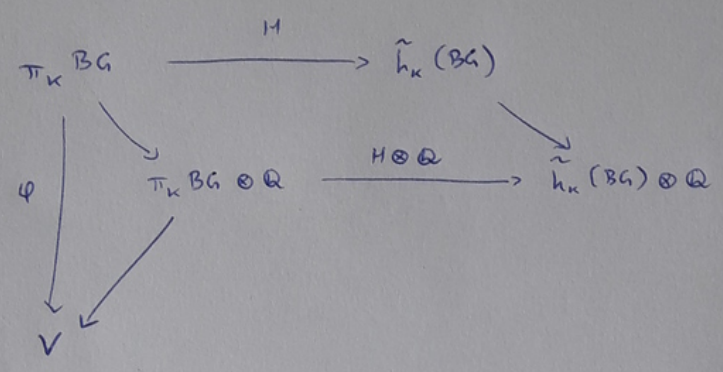


Prop'  $\Rightarrow$  Prop : take  $G = \text{Diff}_0(D^+)$   
 $\varphi = \hat{Z}_n$   
 $\tilde{h}_* = \text{oriented bordism}$

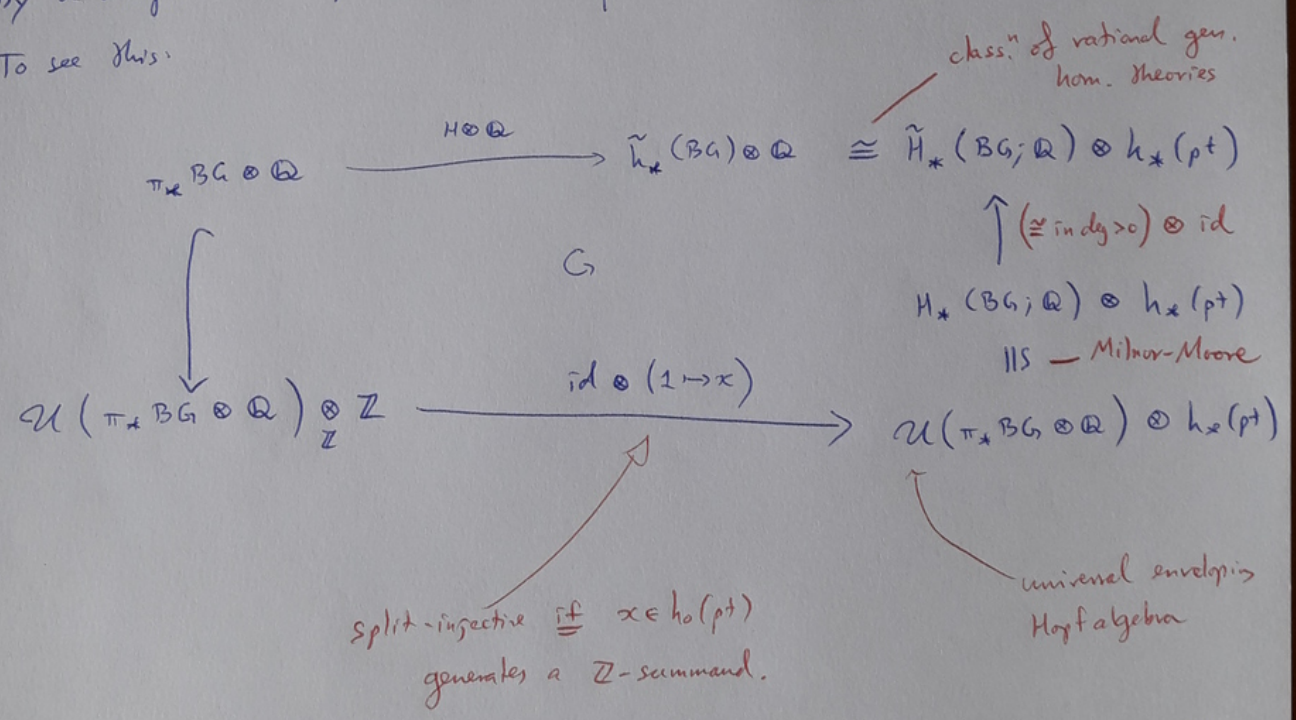
and note that  $\Omega_0(pt) \cong \mathbb{Z}\langle \bullet^+ \rangle$   $\square$ .

Remark: - We could take  $\tilde{h}_* = K\text{-theory}$   
 - But we cannot take  $\tilde{h}_* = \text{unoriented bordism}$ , since  $\Omega_0^{\text{unor}}(pt) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\langle \bullet \rangle$

sketch proof of Prop' :



- By a diagram chase, it suffices to prove that  $H \otimes \mathbb{Q}$  is injective.  
 - To see this:



$\square$ .