

Twisted Quandle Homology Theory and
Construction of Cocycles

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Goals for this talk:

- Define twisted quandle cocycles
- Use cocycles to construct extensions
- Give structures of some quandles
- Define twisted cocycle invariants
- Use diagrams to prove algebraic results

$$\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}[T, T^{-1}]$$

$$C_n^{\text{TR}}(X) = C_n^{\text{TR}}(X; \Lambda)$$

— free Λ -module gen. (x_1, \dots, x_n) $x_j \in X$.

$$\partial = \partial_n^T : C_n^{\text{TR}}(X) \rightarrow C_{n-1}^{\text{TR}}(X)$$

def'd by

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_n^T(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) &= \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i \left[T(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - (x_1 * x_i, x_2 * x_i, \dots, x_{i-1} * x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) \right] \end{aligned}$$

for $n \geq 2$ and $\partial_n^T = 0$ for $n \leq 1$.

$C_*^{\text{TR}}(X)$ is a chain complex.

A is a Λ -module,

$$C_{\text{TR}}^n(X; A) = \text{Hom}_{\Lambda}(C_n^{\text{TQ}}(X), A)$$

$\delta = \delta_{\text{TR}}^n : C_{\text{TR}}^n(X; A) \rightarrow C_{\text{TR}}^{n+1}(X; A)$ def'd by
 $(\delta f)(c) = (-1)^n f(\partial c)$

Homology and cohomology groups: $H_n^{\text{TR}}(X; A)$
and $H_{\text{TR}}^n(X; A)$.

Degenerate chains: $C_n^{\text{TD}}(X; A)$ generated by
 n -tuples (x_1, \dots, x_n) with $x_i = x_{i+1}$ for some
 $i \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$ if $n \geq 2$.

$$\partial_n^T(C_n^{\text{TD}}(X; A)) \subset C_{n-1}^{\text{TD}}(X; A)$$

Corresponding cochain complex: $C_{\text{TD}}^*(X; A) =$
 $\{C_{\text{TD}}^n(X; A), \delta_T^n\}$

Def

$$C_n^{\text{TQ}}(X; A) = C_n^{\text{TR}}(X; A) / C_n^{\text{TD}}(X; A)$$

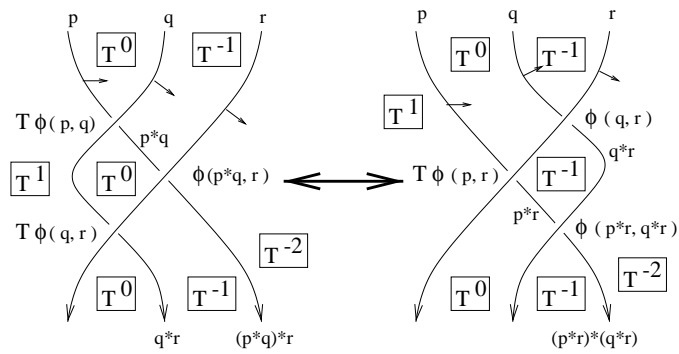
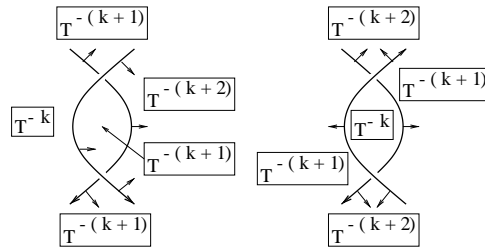
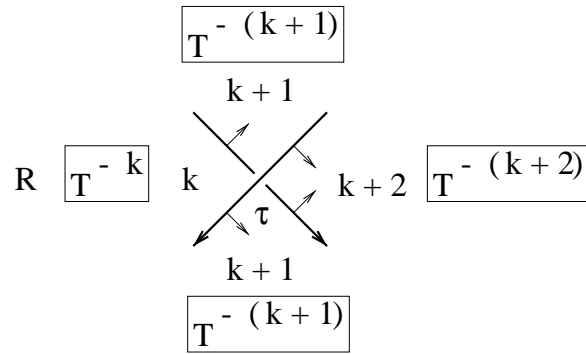
$$C_*^{\top Q}(X; A) = \{C_n^{\top Q}(X; A), \partial_n^T\}$$

$$C_{\top Q}^*(X; A) = \{C_{\top Q}^n(X; A), \delta_T^n\}$$

Twisted homology and cohomology groups:

$$H_n^{\top Q}(X; A) = H_n(C_*^{\top Q}(X; A)),$$

$$H_{\top Q}^n(X; A) = H^n(C_{\top Q}^*(X; A)).$$



The Λ -module A is a quandle with $a * b = Ta + (1 - T)b$.

Let $\eta \in Z_{\top Q}^1(X; A)$. Then

$$\delta(\eta)(x, y) = (1 - T)\eta(y) + T\eta(x) - \eta(x * y) = 0$$

So η is a quandle homom.

Consider a seseq of Λ -modules $0 \rightarrow N \xrightarrow{i} G \xrightarrow{p} A \rightarrow 0$

Let $s : A \rightarrow G$ be a set-thy section $ps = \text{id}_A$ (with $s(0) = 0$).

$\exists \phi : X \times X \rightarrow A$ s.t.

$$Ts\eta(x_1) + s\eta(x_2) = i\phi(x_1, x_2) + [Ts\eta(x_2) + s\eta(x_1 * x_2)]$$

THM. ϕ is a 2-cocycle. If $\phi = \delta\xi$, then $s\eta$ extends to a quandle homom.

RMK. 3-cocycles can be defined in a similar manner. The proofs are facilitated by knot diagrams and the diagram of the tetrahedral move.

Let $\phi \in Z_{\mathbb{T}\mathbb{Q}}^2(X; A)$. Let $AE(X, A, \phi)$ be def'd by

$$(a_1, x_1) * (a_2, x_2) = (a_1 * a_2 + \phi(x_1, x_2), x_1 * x_2)$$

—This is called *The Alexander extension* of X by (A, ϕ) .

THM. Alex. extensions are "equivalent" iff the defining 2-cocycles are cohomologous.

Examples.

Recall, $R_n = \{0, \dots, n-1\}$ with $a * b = 2b - a \pmod{n}$. (If $n = \infty$, just int. arithmetic.)

(1) The dihedral quandle R_{p^m} is an Alex. ext. of $R_{p^{m-1}}$ by R_p : $R_{p^m} = AE(R_{p^{m-1}}, R_p, \phi)$, $\exists \phi \in Z_{\mathbb{T}Q}^2(R_{p^{m-1}}; R_p)$.

Specifically, we have a 2-cocycle $\phi \in Z_{\mathbb{T}Q}^2(R_3; R_3)$

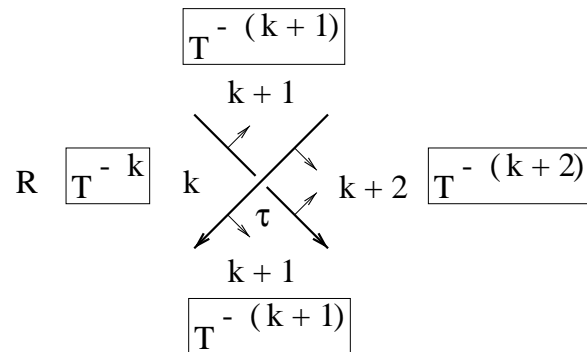
$$\phi = \chi_{0,2} + \chi_{1,2} + 2\chi_{1,0} + 2\chi_{2,0}.$$

(2) R_∞ is an Alex. ext of R_n by R_∞ , for any positive integer n .

$$\phi(a, b) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } 2b < a, \\ 0 & \text{if } 2b < n + a \text{ and } a \leq 2b, \\ 1 & \text{if } n + a \leq 2b. \end{cases}$$

(3) Lots of other similar examples. These are based on the “carry digit” idea which can be used to construct group cocycles.

State-sum invariants (classical case here, knotted surface case is similar).



Alexander numbering: $\mathcal{L}(\tau) = k$

Given

- a diagram K ,
- a finite quandle X ,
- a finite Alexander quandle A .
- a twisted 2-cocycle ϕ

Define a *twisted (Boltzmann) weight*,

$$B_T(\tau, \mathcal{C}) = [\phi(x, y)^{\epsilon(\tau)}]^{T - \mathcal{L}(\tau)},$$

Invariant:

$$\Phi(K) = \sum_{\mathcal{C}} \prod_{\tau} B_T(\tau, \mathcal{C}).$$

Well-defined up to an action of $\mathbb{Z} = \langle T \rangle$

PROP. Suppose $\phi \in Z_{\mathbb{T}\mathbb{Q}}^2(X; N)$ is an obstruction 2-cocycle (as constructed above from seseq of Alex. quandles $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow G \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$). Then the state-sum invariant Φ defined via ϕ is a positive integer.