

REMARKS ON REFINED KIRBY CALCULUS  
FOR THREE-MANIFOLDS OF CYCLIC FIRST HOMOLOGY GROUPS  
OF ODD PRIME POWER ORDERS

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**Abstract**

Habiro arranged Kirby moves into a pair so that it preserves linking matrices. The author showed that two framed links of diagonal linking matrices yield homeomorphic 3-manifolds of linking form  $(\pm 1/p)$  for an odd prime  $p$  if and only if they are related by a sequence of Habiro moves. We generalize this result to 3-manifolds of linking forms  $(\pm 1/c)$  for any odd prime power  $c$ .

**1. Introduction**

Every orientable connected closed 3-manifold is obtained by surgery along an integral framed link in  $S^3$  [4, 5]. Two such links yield homeomorphic manifolds if and only if they are related by a sequence of Kirby moves ((de)stabilizations and handle slides) [3]. Here, *stabilization* is introducing a  $(\pm 1)$ -framed trivial component to a framed link and a *handle slide* is deforming a link component as a band connected sum with the curve representing the framing of another component (see [3]). A handle slide changes framing and linking number.

A symmetric integral matrix is called the *linking matrix* of an oriented ordered integral framed link if its diagonal entries denote framings and off-diagonal entries linking numbers. For an integer  $c$ , let  $\mathcal{H}(c)$  denote the set of unoriented unordered framed links whose linking matrices can be written as

$$\text{diag}(\pm 1, \dots, \pm 1, c) = (\pm 1) \oplus \cdots \oplus (\pm 1) \oplus (c),$$

where the signs of  $\pm 1$  are taken arbitrary.

Every integral homology sphere is obtained from a link in  $\mathcal{H}(\pm 1)$ . K. Habiro arranged two handle slides into a pair called a *band slide* so that it is

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closed in  $\mathcal{H}(\pm 1)$ . He proved that two links in  $\mathcal{H}(\pm 1)$  yield homeomorphic manifolds if and only if they are related by a sequence of (de)stabilizations and band slides [2].

In the previous paper [1], we extended Habiro’s theorem to  $\mathcal{H}(\pm p)$  for an odd prime  $p$ , that is, two links in  $\mathcal{H}(\pm p)$  yield homeomorphic manifolds if and only if they are related by a sequence of (de)stabilizations and band slides. Note that every manifold of linking form  $(\pm 1/p)$  is obtained by a link in  $\mathcal{H}(\pm p)$ . We generalize these results to manifolds of linking forms  $(\pm 1/p^s)$  as follows:

**THEOREM 1.1.** *Let  $p$  be a positive odd prime and  $s$  be a non-negative integer. Two links in  $\mathcal{H}(\pm p^s)$  yield homeomorphic 3-manifolds after surgery if and only if they are related by a sequence of (de)stabilizations, band slides and ambient isotopies.*

**2. Proofs**

Let  $I_n$  denote the identity matrix of size  $n$  and  $E_{\xi, \zeta}$  denote the matrix unit with 1 for  $(\xi, \zeta)$ -entry and 0 otherwise. We define the following  $n \times n$  matrices:

$$(2.1) \quad P_{\xi, \zeta} := I_n - E_{\xi, \xi} - E_{\zeta, \zeta} + E_{\xi, \zeta} + E_{\zeta, \xi} \quad (1 \leq \xi, \zeta \leq n, \xi \neq \zeta),$$

$$(2.2) \quad Q_{\zeta} := I_n - 2E_{\zeta, \zeta} \quad (1 \leq \zeta \leq n),$$

$$(2.3) \quad R_{\xi, \zeta} := I_n + E_{\xi, \zeta} \quad (1 \leq \xi, \zeta \leq n, \xi \neq \zeta).$$

For  $1 \leq i \leq r$  ( $\leq n/2$ ), we regard  $i'$  and  $i''$  as functions satisfying  $\{i', i''\} = \{2i - 1, 2i\}$ . Put  $\tau_{i', j'} := R_{i', j'}^{-1} R_{j', i''}$  for  $1 \leq i, j \leq r, i \neq j$ . Let  $\langle \tau_{i', j'} \rangle$  denote the group generated by matrices  $\tau_{i', j'}$ . For vectors  $\vec{v}, \vec{v}'$ , we write  $\vec{v} \sim_{\tau} \vec{v}'$  if  $\vec{v}' = S\vec{v}$  for some  $S \in \langle \tau_{i', j'} \rangle$ . We denote the transposed matrix of  $M$  by  ${}^tM$ . See [1] for detail.

We shall improve the argument of Section A.3 in [1].

**LEMMA 2.4.** *For a number  $s \in \mathbf{N}$ , a prime  $p$  and any non-zero vector  $\vec{v} \in (\mathbf{Z}/p^s\mathbf{Z})^{2r}$  of size  $2r \geq 4$ , there exist  $w, t \in \mathbf{Z}$  with  $0 \leq t < s$  such that  $\vec{v} \sim_{\tau} {}^t(0, \dots, 0, wp^t, p^t) \pmod{p^s}$ .*

*Proof.* Our proof is similar to that of Lemma A.15 in [1]. Thus, we may assume  $r = 2$  and we have  $\vec{v} \sim_{\tau} {}^t(0, a, b, c)$ . Take  $a', b', c', t \in \mathbf{Z}$  so that

$$(2.5) \quad {}^t(0, a, b, c) = {}^t(0, a'p^t, b'p^t, c'p^t) = {}^t(0, a', b', c')p^t \quad (p \nmid \gcd(a', b', c')).$$

We abuse the vector  ${}^t(0, a', b', c')$  as one in  $(\mathbf{Z}/p^{s-t}\mathbf{Z})^4$ . Notice  $a' \in (\mathbf{Z}/p^{s-t}\mathbf{Z})^{\times}$  since we may assume  $a' \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  (see [1]). Then, the same deformation as in [1] implies  ${}^t(0, a', b', c') \sim_{\tau} {}^t(0, 0, w, 1)$ . We complete the proof.  $\square$

*Remark 2.6.* Lemma A.15 in [1] is obtained by putting  $s = 1$ . For  $s > 1$ , we need (2.5) and need  $a' \in (\mathbf{Z}/p^{s-t}\mathbf{Z})^{\times}$  to change  $c'$  to 1 in  $\mathbf{Z}/p^{s-t}\mathbf{Z}$ .

Let  $c \neq 0$  be an integer and  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  integral matrix of the form  $A = A' \oplus (c)$  such that  $A'$  is an  $(n - 1) \times (n - 1)$  matrix of  $\det A' = \pm 1$ . We call

$$O(A; \mathbf{Z}) := \{g \in \text{GL}(n; \mathbf{Z}) \mid {}^t g A g = A\}$$

the *orthogonal group* and  $\text{SO}(A; \mathbf{Z})$  denotes the *special orthogonal group*. Let  $\vec{e}_n$  denote the unit vector  ${}^t(0, 0, \dots, 0, 1)$ . The last column vector of  $g \in \text{SO}(A; \mathbf{Z})$  is written as  $g\vec{e}_n$ , which has the following simple form:

LEMMA 2.7. *Let  $A$  be a matrix as above. For any matrix  $g \in \text{SO}(A; \mathbf{Z})$ , its last vector  $g\vec{e}_n$  satisfies  $g\vec{e}_n = \lambda \vec{e}_n \pmod{c}$  for some integer  $\lambda$  with  $\lambda^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{c}$ . In other words, when we write*

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} P & \vec{u} \\ {}^t\vec{v} & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

for some column vectors  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  of size  $n - 1$  and for some matrix  $P$  of size  $n - 1$ , we have  $\vec{u} = \vec{0} \pmod{c}$  and  $\lambda^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{c}$ .

Lemma 2.7 holds also for  $c = 0$ .

*Proof of Lemma 2.7.* Since we have  ${}^t g A g = A$ , we have the following identities:

$$(2.8) \quad {}^t P A' P + c \vec{v} {}^t \vec{v} = A',$$

$$(2.9) \quad {}^t P A' \vec{u} + c \lambda \vec{v} = \vec{0},$$

$$(2.10) \quad {}^t u A' \vec{u} + c \lambda^2 = c.$$

By (2.8), we have  ${}^t P A' P = A' \pmod{c}$ , and thus  $P$  is invertible modulo  $c$ . By (2.9), we have  ${}^t P A' \vec{u} = \vec{0} \pmod{c}$ , and thus  $\vec{u} = \vec{0} \pmod{c}$ . We apply this result to (2.10), showing  $c \lambda^2 \equiv c \pmod{c^2}$ . This implies  $\lambda^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{c}$  as desired.  $\square$

Let  $p$  be a positive odd prime and  $s$  be a non-negative integer. For  $c := p^s$  and  $n = 2r + 1$ , we consider the  $n \times n$  matrix

$$(2.11) \quad A := \text{diag} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, p^s \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \oplus \dots \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \oplus (p^s).$$

Lemma 2.7 implies the following proposition:

PROPOSITION 2.12. *Let  $A$  be a matrix as in (2.11). For any matrix  $g \in \text{SO}(A; \mathbf{Z})$ , its last vector  $g\vec{e}_n$  satisfies  $g\vec{e}_n = \lambda \vec{e}_n \pmod{p^s}$  for some integer  $\lambda$  with  $\lambda^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{p^s}$ .*

*Proof.* Put  $A' := \text{diag}\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{smallmatrix}, \dots, \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right)$  and  $c := p^s$ . Then, apply Lemma 2.7.  $\square$

*Remark 2.13.* Lemma A.16 in [1] is obtained from Proposition 2.12 by putting  $s = 1$ .

For an odd integer  $n \geq 5$ , consider the following set of matrices:

$$(2.14) \quad P_{2i-1, 2j-1} P_{2i, 2j} \quad (1 \leq i, j \leq (n-1)/2, i \neq j),$$

$$(2.15) \quad P_{1, 2},$$

$$(2.16) \quad Q_1 Q_2,$$

$$(2.17) \quad Y := I_{n-3} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} c & -2k^2 & -2ck \\ -2 & c & 2c \\ 2 & -c+1 & -2c+1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (c = p^s = 2k+1 > 0),$$

$$(2.18) \quad \tau_{1,3} := R_{1,4}^{-1} R_{3,2},$$

$$(2.19) \quad \tau_{1,n} := R_{n,2} R_{1,n}^{-2c} R_{n,2},$$

$$(2.20) \quad Q_n.$$

See (2.1)–(2.3) for matrices  $P_{\xi, \zeta}$ ,  $Q_\zeta$ ,  $R_{\xi, \zeta}$  and  $I_n$ . We obtain the set of matrices (5.6)–(5.12) in [1] from the above one by putting  $s = 1$  for  $Y$  and  $\tau_{1,n}$ .

**THEOREM 2.21.** *For a matrix  $A$  as in (2.11), suppose  $\text{size}(A) = n \geq 5$ . The orthogonal group  $\text{O}(A; \mathbf{Z})$  is generated by matrices from (2.14) to (2.20).*

*Proof.* For  $g \in \text{SO}(A; \mathbf{Z})$ , we have  $g\vec{e}_n = \vec{e}_n \pmod{2}$  similarly to [1, Lemma A.17]. Proposition 2.12 then implies  $g\vec{e}_n = \lambda\vec{e}_n \pmod{2p^s}$ . Since  $p^s = 8Mp^{2s} + p^s\lambda^2$  for some  $M \in \mathbf{Z}$  (see [1] for detail), we have  $\lambda^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2p^s}$ . The fact that the multiplicative group  $(\mathbf{Z}/p^s\mathbf{Z})^\times$  is cyclic deduces  $\lambda \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{2p^s}$ . Hence, either  $g\vec{e}_n$  or  $P_{1,2}Q_n g\vec{e}_n$  equals  $\vec{e}_n \pmod{2p^s}$  (similarly to [1, Corollary A.18]). A discussion similar to one after [1, Lemma A.19] delivers a set of generators of  $\text{SO}(A; \mathbf{Z})$ . Then, the same observation as one after [1, Theorem A.9] completes the proof.  $\square$

*Remark 2.22.* The technique of the above proof is the same as [1]. For  $s > 1$ , we need Proposition 2.12 and that  $(\mathbf{Z}/p^s\mathbf{Z})^\times$  is cyclic (and has an even order).

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* We prove it by a method similar to [1, 2]. It suffices to prove for  $\mathcal{H}(p^s)$  because the other case follows from the bijection  $\Theta: \mathcal{H}(p^s) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(-p^s)$  induced by the orientation reversing involution on  $S^3$ . For two links in  $\mathcal{H}(p^s)$ , after suitable stabilization, we associate them

to links with the same linking matrix  $A$ . Let  $Z$  denote one of those links. It is a key to find a sequence of handle slides relating  $Z$  to itself corresponding to each generating matrix of the orthogonal group in Theorem 2.21 (see [1, Proposition 4.4] and Remark 2.23 for detail). It gives a sequence  $s_0$  as in Proof of Theorem 2.3 in [1]. Hence, the same argument after  $s_0$  completes the proof.  $\square$

*Remark 2.23.* In [1], we claim Lemma 5.13 to prove Proposition 4.4 under the condition that  $p$  is an odd prime but the lemma holds under that  $p$  is an odd integer (and then, so does the proposition). This is because realizations of matrices  $Y$  and  $\tau_{1,n}$  are done in the same ways.

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