

SPIN BORROMEAN SURGERIES

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ABSTRACT. In 1986, Matveev defined the notion of Borromean surgery for closed oriented 3-manifolds and showed that the equivalence relation generated by this move is characterized by the pair (first Betti number, linking form up to isomorphism).

We explain how this extends for 3-manifolds with spin structure if we replace the linking form by the quadratic form defined by the spin structure. We then show that the equivalence relation among closed spin 3-manifolds generated by spin Borromean surgeries is characterized by the triple (first Betti number, linking form up to isomorphism, Rochlin invariant modulo 8).

INTRODUCTION

The notion of Borromean surgery was introduced by Matveev in [Ma] as an example of what he called a \mathcal{V} -surgery. Since then, this transformation has become the elementary move of Goussarov-Habiro finite type invariants theory for oriented 3-manifolds ([Ha], [Go], [GGP]). Matveev showed that the equivalence relation, among closed oriented 3-manifolds, generated by Borromean surgery is characterized by the pair

$$(\beta_1(M), \text{isomorphism class of } \lambda_M),$$

where $\beta_1(M)$ is the first Betti number of a 3-manifold M and

$$TH_1(M; \mathbf{Z}) \otimes TH_1(M; \mathbf{Z}) \xrightarrow{\lambda_M} \mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{Z}$$

is its torsion linking form. This result gives a characterization of degree 0 invariants in Goussarov-Habiro theory for closed oriented 3-manifolds.

As mentioned by Habiro and Goussarov, their finite type invariants theory (for short, “FTI theory”) makes sense also for 3-manifolds with spin structure, because Borromean surgeries work well with spin structures (see §2). So, the question is: *what is the “spin” analogue of Matveev’s theorem?*

For each closed spin 3-manifold (M, σ) , a quadratic form

$$TH_1(M; \mathbf{Z}) \xrightarrow{\phi_{M, \sigma}} \mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{Z}$$

can be defined in many ways (see [LL], [MS], and also [Tu], [Gi]). The bilinear form associated to $\phi_{M, \sigma}$ is λ_M . Its Gauss-Brown invariant is equal to $-R_M(\sigma)$ modulo 8, where

$$Spin(M) \xrightarrow{R_M} \mathbf{Z}_{16}$$

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is the Rochlin function of M , sending a spin structure σ of M to the modulo 16 signature of a spin 4-manifold that spin bounds (M, σ) . The main result of this paper is the following refinement of Matveev's theorem.

Theorem 1. *Let (M, σ) and (M', σ') be connected closed spin 3-manifolds. Then the following assertions are equivalent:*

- (1) (M, σ) and (M', σ') can be obtained from one another by spin Borromean surgeries;
- (2) there exists a homology isomorphism $f : H_1(M; \mathbf{Z}) \longrightarrow H_1(M'; \mathbf{Z})$ such that

$$\phi_{M, \sigma} = \phi_{M', \sigma'} \circ f|_{TH_1(M; \mathbf{Z})};$$

- (3) $R_M(\sigma) = R_{M'}(\sigma')$ modulo 8, and there exists a homology isomorphism $f : H_1(M; \mathbf{Z}) \longrightarrow H_1(M'; \mathbf{Z})$ such that

$$\lambda_M = \lambda_{M'} \circ (f|_{TH_1(M; \mathbf{Z})} \times f|_{TH_1(M; \mathbf{Z})}).$$

The equivalence between assertions 2 and 3 will be the topological statement of an algebraic fact: a nondegenerate quadratic form on a finite Abelian group is determined, up to isomorphism, by its associated bilinear form and its Gauss-Brown invariant.

In §1 we recall Matveev's notion of \mathcal{V} -surgery. With this background, we then recall the definition of Borromean surgery, and give equivalent descriptions of other authors.

In §2, we clarify how all of these notions have to be understood in the spin case: in particular, spin Borromean surgeries are introduced. As a motivation to Theorem 1, FTI for spin 3-manifolds, in the sense of Habiro and Goussarov, are then defined: the Rochlin invariant is shown to be a finite type degree 1 invariant. It should be mentioned that Cochran and Melvin have proposed a different FTI theory in [CM], and have also refined their theory to the case of spin manifolds.

§3 is of an algebraic nature. We recall some definitions and results about quadratic forms on finite Abelian groups. We also prove the above-mentioned algebraic fact: the proof uses the Kawauchi-Kojima classification of linking pairings.

§4 is the topological cousin of the former: we review the quadratic form $\phi_{M, \sigma}$. Starting from Turaev's 4-dimensional definition in [Tu], we then give an intrinsic definition for $\phi_{M, \sigma}$ (no reference to dimension 4).

§5 is devoted to the proof of Theorem 1. It goes as a refinement of the original proof by Matveev for the "unspun" case. The last section will give some of its applications.

1. BORROMEAN SURGERIES AND EQUIVALENT MOVES

First of all, we want to recall the *unifying* idea of \mathcal{V} -surgery by Matveev in [Ma]. This will allow us to have a more conceptual view of Borromean surgeries.

1.1. Review of Matveev \mathcal{V} -surgeries. We begin with some general definitions.

Definition 1. A *Matveev triple* is a triple of oriented 3-manifolds

$$(1) \quad \mathcal{V} = (V, V_1, V_2),$$

where V is closed and is the union of $-V_1$ and V_2 along their common boundary $\partial V_1 = \partial V_2$, as depicted in Figure 1.

The triple $(-V, V_2, V_1)$ is called the *inverse* of \mathcal{V} and is denoted by \mathcal{V}^{-1} .

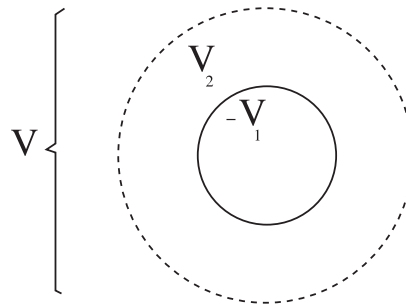


FIGURE 1. What will be removed and what will be glued during the surgery

Now let M be a closed oriented 3-manifold, and let $j : V_1 \longrightarrow M$ be an orientation-preserving embedding. Form the following closed oriented 3-manifold:

$$(2) \quad M' = M \setminus \text{int}(j(V_1)) \cup_{j|_{\partial}} V_2.$$

Definition 2. With the above notation, M' is said to be obtained from M by \mathcal{V} -surgery along j .

Note that, if k denotes the embedding of V_2 in M' , then M is obtained from M' by \mathcal{V}^{-1} -surgery along k .

Definition 3. Two Matveev triples \mathcal{V} and \mathcal{V}' are said to be *equivalent* if there exists an orientation-preserving diffeomorphism from V to V' sending $-V_1$ to $-V'_1$ and V_2 to V'_2 .

Note that, if the triples \mathcal{V} and \mathcal{V}' are equivalent, then they have the same surgery effect.

Example 1. Let Σ_g denote the genus g closed oriented surface and let H_g be the genus g oriented handlebody. Then, each orientation-preserving diffeomorphism $f : \Sigma_g \longrightarrow \Sigma_g$ leads to a triple

$$\mathcal{V}_f := ((-H_g) \cup_f H_g, H_g, H_g).$$

A \mathcal{V}_f -surgery amounts to “twisting” an embedded genus g handlebody by f . For instance, from the standard genus one Heegaard decomposition of \mathbf{S}^3 , integral Dehn surgery is recovered.

1.2. Review of Borromean surgeries. Matveev’s original point of view was the following one.

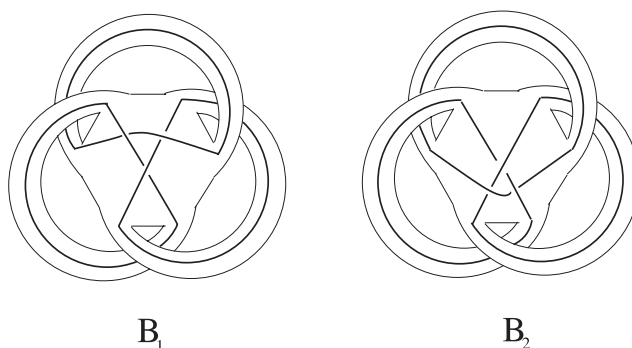
Definition 4. A *Borromean surgery* is a \mathcal{B} -surgery with

$$\mathcal{B} = (B := (-B_1) \cup B_2, B_1, B_2),$$

where the “halves” B_1 and B_2 are obtained from the genus 3 handlebody by surgery on three-component framed links as shown in Figure 2.¹

We now recall Goussarov’s notion of Y -surgery in [Go]. This move is equivalent to the A_1 -move of Habiro in [Ha].

¹The blackboard framing convention is used.

FIGURE 2. The triple \mathcal{B}

Definition 5. A *Y-graph* G in a closed oriented 3-manifold M is an (unoriented) embedding of the surface drawn in Figure 3, together with its decomposition between *leaves*, *edges* and the *node*.

The closed oriented 3-manifold *obtained from* M *by Y-surgery along* G is

$$M_G := (M \setminus \text{int}(N(G))) \cup (H_3)_L,$$

where $N(G) \cong_+ H_3$ is a regular neighbourhood of G in M , and $(H_3)_L$ is the surgered handlebody on the six-component link L drawn in Figure 4.

Y-equivalence is our name for the equivalence relation among closed oriented 3-manifolds generated by orientation-preserving diffeomorphisms and *Y-surgeries*.

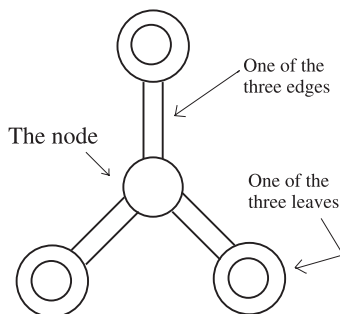


FIGURE 3. A Y-graph

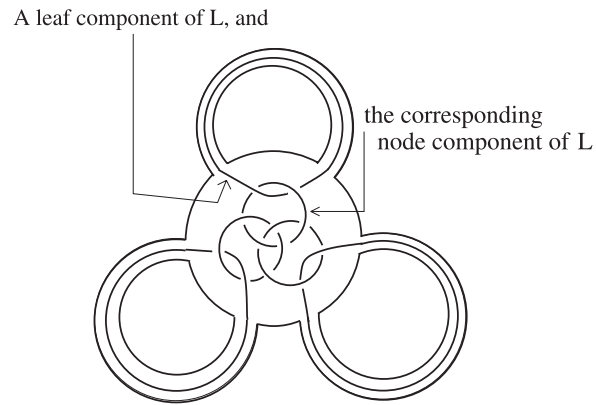
Note that a *Y-surgery* is a \mathcal{Y} -surgery if \mathcal{Y} is the triple

$$\mathcal{Y} = (Y := (-H_3) \cup (H_3)_L, H_3, (H_3)_L);$$

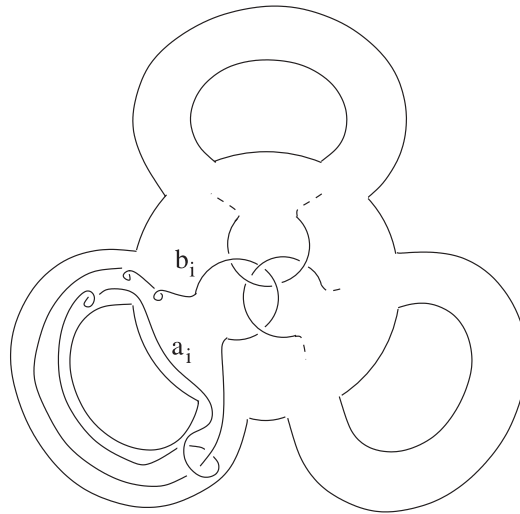
the corresponding *Y-graph* gives the place where the \mathcal{Y} -surgery must be performed.

Lemma 1. *The Matveev triples \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{Y} are equivalent. Thus, Borromean surgery is equivalent to Y-surgery.*

Proof. We will show that both of the triples \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{Y} are equivalent to a triple \mathcal{V}_h , defined by an orientation-preserving diffeomorphism $h : \Sigma_3 \longrightarrow \Sigma_3$.

FIGURE 4. The surgery meaning of a Y -graph

We start with the “half” $(H_3)_L$ of Figure 4: handle-sliding of each node component over the corresponding leaf component, followed by some isotopies of framed links gives Figure 5, where only part of the link is drawn. Up to a $(+1)$ -framing

FIGURE 5. The link L of Figure 4 after some Kirby moves

correction, the three depicted components a_i can normally be pushed off at once towards the boundary: we obtain three disjoint curves α_i on ∂H_3 . Note that during this push-off, none of the three components b_i is intersected. Then, the components b_i can also be pushed off so that the framing correction is now -1 : the result is a family of three disjoint curves β_i . After a convenient isotopy of the handles, the curves α_i and β_i can be depicted as in Figure 6.

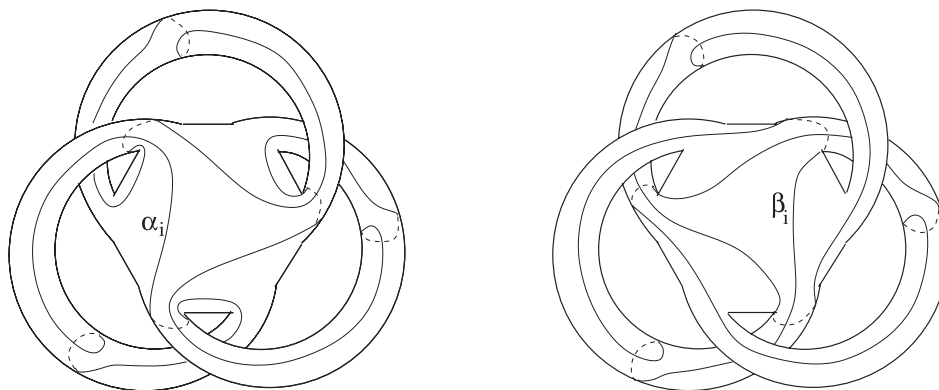


FIGURE 6. The curves α_i (on the left-hand side) and β_i (on the right-hand side) resulting from the push-off of the corresponding knots a_i and b_i of Figure 5

We define $h := h_b^{-1} \circ h_a$, where h_a and h_b are the following composites of (commuting) Dehn twists:

$$h_a = \prod_{i=1}^3 \tau_{\alpha_i} \quad \text{and} \quad h_b = \prod_{i=1}^3 \tau_{\beta_i}.$$

According to Lickorish's trick [Li, proof of Theorem 2], a \mathcal{Y} -surgery is therefore equivalent to a \mathcal{V}_h -surgery.

On the other hand, from Figure 2, we deduce that a \mathcal{B} -surgery is equivalent to a $\mathcal{V}_{h'}$ -surgery, where $h' := h_b \circ h_a^{-1}$. Let m_i denote the meridian of the i^e handle of H_3 , for $i = 1, 2, 3$. Then, the equation

$$(3) \quad k^{-1} = k \circ \prod_{i=1}^3 \tau_{m_i}^2$$

holds for both h_a and h_b , so that $h = h'$. \square

Remark 1 (Fundamental remark). Note that, in the proof of Lemma 1, the curve α_i is homologous in the surface Σ_3 to the corresponding curve β_i (look at Figure 6). As a consequence, the diffeomorphism $h : \Sigma_3 \longrightarrow \Sigma_3$ belongs to the Torelli group. In the sequel, we will call h the *Borromean diffeomorphism*.

In order to have a complete understanding of these equivalent triples \mathcal{B} , \mathcal{Y} or \mathcal{V}_h , it remains to recognize their underlying closed 3-manifolds.

Lemma 2. *The closed 3-manifolds B and Y , respectively defined by the triples \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{Y} , are both diffeomorphic to the 3-torus $\mathbf{S}^1 \times \mathbf{S}^1 \times \mathbf{S}^1$.*

Proof. According to Lemma 1, B and Y are diffeomorphic. Let us identify Y . Recall that Y was defined as

$$(4) \quad Y = (-H_3) \cup (H_3)_L.$$

Write L as $L_a \dot{\cup} L_b$, where L_a (resp. L_b) is the sublink containing the leaf (resp. node) components. Note that L_b can be isotoped in $Y \setminus L_a$ to some Borromean

rings contained in a 3-ball disjoint from L_a : make L_b leave the handlebody where it was lying, towards the handlebody with the minus sign in (4). So Y is obtained from $(-H_3) \cup (H_3)_{L_a}$ by surgery on some Borromean rings contained in a little 3-ball. The lemma then follows from the fact that the latter is nothing but \mathbf{S}^3 . \square

2. SPIN BORROMEAN SURGERIES

We now go into the world of spin 3-manifolds. We refer to [Ki, Chapter IV] for an introduction to spin structures. As a warming up, we recall a few facts in the next subsection.

2.1. Glueing of spin structures. Let $n \geq 2$ and let M be a compact smooth oriented n -manifold endowed with a Riemannian metric. Its bundle of oriented orthonormal frames will be denoted by FM : it is a principal $SO(n)$ -bundle with total space $E(FM)$ and with projection p .

Recall that if M is spinnable, $Spin(M)$ can be thought of as

$$Spin(M) = \{ \sigma \in H^1(E(FM); \mathbf{Z}_2) : \sigma|_{\text{fiber}} \neq 0 \in H^1(SO(n); \mathbf{Z}_2) \},$$

and is essentially independent of the metric. The set $Spin(M)$ is then an affine space over $H^1(M; \mathbf{Z}_2)$, the action being defined by

$$\forall x \in H^1(M; \mathbf{Z}_2), \forall \sigma \in Spin(M), x \cdot \sigma := \sigma + p^*(x).$$

Lemma 3. *For $i = 1, 2$, let M_i be a compact smooth oriented n -manifold and let S_i be a submanifold of ∂M_i with orientation induced by M_i . Let $f : S_2 \longrightarrow S_1$ be an orientation-reversing diffeomorphism and let $M = M_1 \cup_f M_2$.*

Assume that M_1 and M_2 are spinnable, that S_2 is connected, and that the set

$$J = \{ (\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \in Spin(M_1) \times Spin(M_2) : f^*(-\sigma_1|_{S_1}) = \sigma_2|_{S_2} \}$$

is not empty. Then, M is spinnable and the restriction map

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} Spin(M) & \xrightarrow{r} & Spin(M_1) \times Spin(M_2), \\ \sigma & \longmapsto & (\sigma|_{M_1}, \sigma|_{M_2}), \end{array} \right.$$

is injective with J as image.

Proof. For $i = 1$ or 2 , let F^+S_i be the principal $SO(n)$ -bundle derived from FS_i and the inclusion of groups

$$SO(n-1) \xhookrightarrow{g} SO(n).$$

We still denote by g the canonical map from FS_i to F^+S_i . Then,

$$H^1(E(F^+S_i); \mathbf{Z}_2) \xrightarrow{g^*} H^1(E(FS_i); \mathbf{Z}_2)$$

is an isomorphism. The bundle F^+S_i can be identified with $FM_i|_{S_i}$. In particular, there is an inclusion map $k_i : E(F^+S_i) \hookrightarrow E(FM_i)$.

Moreover, the diffeomorphism f induces a further identification:

$$E(F^+S_2) \xrightarrow[\simeq]{f} E(F^+S_1),$$

such that the total space $E(FM)$ is homeomorphic to the glueing:

$$E(FM_1) \cup_{k_1 f k_2^{-1}} E(FM_2).$$

We denote by j_i the corresponding inclusion of $E(FM_i)$ into $E(FM)$. But now, by the Mayer-Vietoris sequence, we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H^1(E(FM); \mathbf{Z}_2) & \xrightarrow{(j_1^*, j_2^*)} & H^1(E(FM_1); \mathbf{Z}_2) \oplus H^1(E(FM_2); \mathbf{Z}_2) \\ & & \downarrow (k_1 \circ f)^* - k_2^* \\ & & H^1(E(F^+S_2); \mathbf{Z}_2). \end{array}$$

Note that $g^* \circ (k_1 \circ f)^*$ sends each $\sigma_1 \in \text{Spin}(M_1)$ to $f^*(-\sigma_1|_{S_1})$, while $g^* \circ k_2^*$ sends each $\sigma_2 \in \text{Spin}(M_2)$ to $\sigma_2|_{S_2}$. Note also that, since S_2 is connected, the map (j_1^*, j_2^*) is injective. The whole lemma then follows from these two remarks and from the exactness of the Mayer-Vietoris sequence. \square

Definition 6. With the notation and hypothesis of Lemma 3, for each $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \in J$, the unique spin structure of M sent by r to (σ_1, σ_2) is called the *glueing* of the spin structures σ_1 and σ_2 , and is denoted by $\sigma_1 \cup \sigma_2$.

2.2. Spin \mathcal{V} -surgeries. In some cases, a Matveev \mathcal{V} -surgery, whose definition has been recalled in §1.1, makes sense for spin 3-manifolds.

Definition 7. A Matveev triple $\mathcal{V} = (V, V_1, V_2)$ is said to be *spin-admissible*, if $\partial V_1 = \partial V_2$ is connected, and if the maps

$$H^1(V; \mathbf{Z}_2) \longrightarrow H^1(V_1; \mathbf{Z}_2) \quad \text{and} \quad H^1(V; \mathbf{Z}_2) \longrightarrow H^1(V_2; \mathbf{Z}_2),$$

induced by inclusions, are isomorphisms.

Suppose now that \mathcal{V} is a spin-admissible triple. Note that the restriction maps

$$\text{Spin}(V) \xrightarrow{r_1} \text{Spin}(-V_1) \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Spin}(V) \xrightarrow{r_2} \text{Spin}(V_2)$$

are then bijective. Also, let M be a closed oriented 3-manifold and let $j : V_1 \longrightarrow M$ be an orientation-preserving embedding. As in §1.1, we denote by M' the result of the \mathcal{V} -surgery along j , and we want to define a *canonical bijection*

$$\text{Spin}(M) \xrightarrow{\Theta_{j,\mathcal{V}}} \text{Spin}(M').$$

First, the embedding j allows us to define the following map:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} \text{Spin}(M) & \xrightarrow{\Upsilon_{j,\mathcal{V}}} & \text{Spin}(V), \\ \sigma & \longmapsto & r_1^{-1}(-j^*(\sigma)). \end{array} \right.$$

From formula (2) and from Definition 6, we can define $\Theta_{j,\mathcal{V}}(\sigma)$ as the following glueing:

$$\Theta_{j,\mathcal{V}}(\sigma) := \sigma|_{M \setminus \text{int}(j(V_1))} \cup r_2(\Upsilon_{j,\mathcal{V}}(\sigma)).$$

The inverse of $\Theta_{j,\mathcal{V}}$ is $\Theta_{k,\mathcal{V}^{-1}}$, where k denotes the embedding of V_2 in M' .

Definition 8. With the above notation, the spin manifold $(M', \Theta_{j,\mathcal{V}}(\sigma))$ is said to be obtained from (M, σ) by *spin \mathcal{V} -surgery along j* .

Example 2. Let $f : \Sigma_g \longrightarrow \Sigma_g$ be an orientation-preserving diffeomorphism. Denote by K the Lagrangian subspace of $H_1(\Sigma_g; \mathbf{Z}_2)$ spanned by the meridians. Then, as can be easily verified, the triple \mathcal{V}_f of Example 1 is spin-admissible if and only if $f_*(K) = K$. For instance, this condition is satisfied when f belongs to the Torelli modulo 2 group.

Lemma 4. *In the particular case of Example 2 (that is, when $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{V}_f$ with $f_*(K) = K$), for each $\sigma \in \text{Spin}(M)$, $\Theta_{j,\mathcal{V}}(\sigma)$ is the unique spin structure of M' extending $\sigma|_{M \setminus \text{int}(j(V_1))}$.*

Proof. In that case, V_2 is a handlebody and so $H^1(M', M \setminus \text{int}(j(V_1)); \mathbf{Z}_2)$ is zero. Therefore, the restriction map $\text{Spin}(M') \longrightarrow \text{Spin}(M \setminus \text{int}(j(V_1)))$ is injective. \square

2.3. Definition of Y^s -surgeries. From Lemma 1 and from Remark 1 above, we have learned that both of the triples \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{Y} are equivalent to the triple \mathcal{V}_h , where h is the Borromean diffeomorphism and belongs to the Torelli group. So, by Example 2, they are spin-admissible and the following definition makes sense:

Definition 9. A Y^s -surgery, or equivalently a *spin Borromean surgery*, is the surgery move among closed spin 3-manifolds defined equivalently by the triples \mathcal{Y} or \mathcal{B} . We call the equivalence relation among them generated by spin diffeomorphisms and Y^s -surgeries Y^s -equivalence.

Let (M, σ) be a closed spin 3-manifold and let G be a Y -graph in M . The Y^s -surgery along G gives a new spin manifold, which will be denoted by

$$(M_G, \sigma_G).$$

Let $j : H_3 \longrightarrow N(G)$ be an embedding of the genus 3 handlebody onto a regular neighbourhood of G in M . Then,

$$(5) \quad M_G \cong M \setminus \text{int}(N(G)) \cup_{j|_{\partial \circ h}} H_3,$$

and according to Lemma 4, σ_G is the unique spin structure of M_G extending $\sigma|_{M \setminus \text{int}(N(G))}$.

2.4. Goussarov-Habiro FTI theory for spin 3-manifolds.

Lemma 5. *Let (M, σ) be a closed spin 3-manifold and let G and H be disjoint Y -graphs in M . Then, up to diffeomorphism of manifolds with spin structure,*

$$((M_G)_H, (\sigma_G)_H) = ((M_H)_G, (\sigma_H)_G).$$

Proof. The equality $(M_G)_H = (M_H)_G$ is obvious. By construction, both $(\sigma_G)_H$ and $(\sigma_H)_G$ are extensions of $\sigma|_{M \setminus (N(G) \cup N(H))}$. The lemma then follows from the fact that the restriction map

$$\text{Spin}((M_G)_H) \longrightarrow \text{Spin}(M \setminus (N(G) \cup N(H)))$$

is injective, since the relative cohomology group

$$H^1((M_G)_H, M \setminus (N(G) \cup N(H)); \mathbf{Z}_2)$$

is zero. \square

Let $S = \{G_1, \dots, G_s\}$ be a family of disjoint Y -graphs in a closed 3-manifold M with spin structure σ . Lemma 5 says that Y^s -surgery along the family S is well-defined. We denote the result by (M_S, σ_S) . Following Habiro and Goussarov's definition of a finite type invariant ([Ha], [Go]), we can now define

Definition 10. Let A be an Abelian group and let λ be an A -valued invariant of 3-manifolds with spin structure. Then, λ is an *invariant of degree at most n* if for

any closed spin 3-manifold (M, σ) and any family S of at least $n + 1$ Y -graphs in M , the following identity holds:

$$(6) \quad \sum_{S' \subset S} (-1)^{|S'|} \lambda(M_{S'}, \sigma_{S'}) = 0 \in A,$$

where the sum is taken over all subfamilies S' of S . Moreover, λ is of degree n if it is of degree at most n , but is not of degree at most $n - 1$.

Remark 2. Note that the degree 0 invariants are precisely those invariants that are constant on each Y^s -equivalence class. So, the refined Matveev theorem will quantify how powerful they can be.

The next subsection will provide us with some examples of invariants that are of finite type in the sense of Definition 10.

2.5. Rochlin invariant under Y^s -surgery.

Proposition 1. *Let (M, σ) be a closed spin 3-manifold, and let G be a Y -graph in M . Then*

$$R_{M_G}(\sigma_G) = R_M(\sigma) + R_{\mathbf{S}^1 \times \mathbf{S}^1 \times \mathbf{S}^1}(\Upsilon_G(\sigma)) \in \mathbf{Z}_{16},$$

where the map $\Upsilon_G : \text{Spin}(M) \longrightarrow \text{Spin}(\mathbf{S}^1 \times \mathbf{S}^1 \times \mathbf{S}^1)$, induced by the \mathcal{Y} -surgery along G , has been defined in §2.2.

Proof. According to Lemma 2, we can think of the 3-torus as

$$(7) \quad \mathbf{S}^1 \times \mathbf{S}^1 \times \mathbf{S}^1 = (-H_3) \cup_h H_3.$$

The surgered manifold M_G will be thought of concretely as in (5).

Pick a spin 4-manifold W spin bounded by (M, σ) , and a spin 4-manifold H spin bounded by the 3-torus with $\Upsilon_G(\sigma)$ as a spin structure. Glue the “generalized” handle H to W along the first handlebody of the 3-torus in decomposition (7), using j as glue. We obtain a 4-manifold W' . Orient W' coherently with H and W , and then give to W' the spin structure obtained by glueing those of H and W (see Definition 6). It follows from definitions that the spin boundary of W' is (M_G, σ_G) .

According to Wall’s theorem on non-additivity of the signature (see [Wa3]), we have

$$(8) \quad \text{sgn}(W') = \text{sgn}(W) + \text{sgn}(H) - \text{correcting term}.$$

The correcting term is the signature of a real bilinear symmetric form, explicitly described by Wall. It is defined by means of the intersection form in Σ_3 , with domain

$$V = \frac{A \cap (B + C)}{A \cap B + A \cap C},$$

where A, B, C are subspaces of $H_1(\Sigma_3; \mathbf{R})$ defined to be respectively the kernels of

$$H_1(\Sigma_3; \mathbf{R}) \xrightarrow{(j|_{\partial})_*} H_1(\partial N(G); \mathbf{R}) \xrightarrow{i_*} H_1(M \setminus \text{int}(N(G)); \mathbf{R}),$$

$$H_1(\Sigma_3; \mathbf{R}) \xrightarrow{i_*} H_1(H_3; \mathbf{R}),$$

$$H_1(\Sigma_3; \mathbf{R}) \xrightarrow{(h^{-1})_*} H_1(\Sigma_3; \mathbf{R}) \xrightarrow{i_*} H_1(H_3; \mathbf{R}).$$

No matter what A is, since the Borromean diffeomorphism h lies in the Torelli group, we certainly have $B = C$. The space V then vanishes, and so does the correcting term. The announced equality then follows by taking equation (8) modulo 16. \square

Corollary 1. *The Rochlin invariant is a degree 1 invariant of closed spin 3-manifolds for Goussarov-Habiro theory, and its modulo 8 reduction is of degree 0.*

Remark 3. In Cochran-Melvin theory, the Rochlin invariant is a degree 3 finite type invariant (see [CM, Prop. 6.2]).

Proof of Corollary 1. The last statement is clear from Proposition 1 and the fact that the Rochlin function of the 3-torus takes values in $\{0, 8\} \subset \mathbf{Z}_{16}$. Let us show that the Rochlin invariant is at most of degree 1. Take a closed spin 3-manifold (M, σ) and two disjoint Y -graphs G and H in M . According to Proposition 1, in order to show that

$$(9) \quad R_M(\sigma) - R_{M_G}(\sigma_G) - R_{M_H}(\sigma_H) + R_{M_{G,H}}(\sigma_{G,H}) = 0,$$

it suffices to show that

$$(10) \quad \Upsilon_G(\sigma) = \Upsilon_G(\sigma_H) \in \text{Spin}(\mathbf{S}^1 \times \mathbf{S}^1 \times \mathbf{S}^1),$$

where the left Υ_G is defined by $G \subset M$ and the right Υ_G is defined by $G \subset M_H$. But this follows from the definition of the maps Υ_G and the fact that σ_H extends $\sigma|_{M \setminus N(H)}$.

It remains to show that the Rochlin invariant is not of degree 0 (and so it will be “exactly” of degree 1). For instance, all of the spin structures of the 3-torus are related one to another by Y^s -surgeries (cf. Example 3 below) and so are not distinguished from one another by degree 0 invariants. But Rochlin distinguishes one of them from the others. \square

2.6. Y^s -surgeries through surgery presentations on \mathbf{S}^3 .

We first fix some notation. We denote by V_L the 3-manifold obtained from \mathbf{S}^3 by surgery along an ordered oriented framed link $L = (L_1, \dots, L_l)$ of length l , and by W_L the corresponding 4-manifold obtained from \mathbf{B}^4 by attaching 2-handles and sometimes called the *trace* of the surgery. Let $B_L = (b_{ij})_{i,j=1,\dots,l}$ be the linking matrix of L .

Recall that $H_2(W_L; \mathbf{Z})$ is free Abelian of rank l . For each $i = 1, \dots, l$, choose a Seifert surface of L_i in \mathbf{S}^3 and push it off into the interior of \mathbf{B}^4 ; denote the result by P_i . Then, glue P_i to the core of the i^e 2-handle to obtain a closed surface S_i . A basis of $H_2(W_L; \mathbf{Z})$ is then given by $([S_1], \dots, [S_l])$.

We now recall a nice combinatorial way to describe spin structures of V_L . This is by means of the so-called “characteristic solutions of B_L ” or, equivalently, “characteristic sublinks of L ”.

A vector $s \in (\mathbf{Z}_2)^l$ or, equivalently, the sublink of L containing the components L_i such that $s_i = 1$, is said to be *characteristic* if the following equation is satisfied:

$$(11) \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, l, \quad \sum_{j=1}^l b_{ij} \cdot s_j = b_{ii} \in \mathbf{Z}_2.$$

We denote by \mathcal{S}_L the subset of $(\mathbf{Z}_2)^l$ comprising the characteristic solutions of B_L . There is a bijection

$$\text{Spin}(V_L) \xrightarrow{\simeq} \mathcal{S}_L,$$

which is defined by the following composition:

$$\text{Spin}(V_L) \xrightarrow{o} H^2(W_L, V_L; \mathbf{Z}_2) \xrightarrow{P} H_2(W_L; \mathbf{Z}_2) \xrightarrow{\simeq} (\mathbf{Z}_2)^l,$$

where o sends any $\sigma \in \text{Spin}(V_L)$ to the obstruction to extending σ to the whole of W_L , P is the Poincaré duality isomorphism and the last map is defined by the basis $([S_1], \dots, [S_l])$. With this combinatorial description, Kirby's theorem can be refined to closed spin 3-manifolds (see [Bl]).

The following lemma, more general than needed, will allow us to enunciate in those terms the effect of a Y^s -surgery.

Lemma 6. *Let $L \cup K$ be the ordered union of two ordered oriented framed links in \mathbf{S}^3 and let $H \subset S^3$ be an embedded handlebody such that K is contained in the interior of H , L is disjoint from H and H_K is a \mathbf{Z}_2 -homology handlebody.*

Suppose that $\sigma \in \text{Spin}(V_{L \cup K})$ is represented by a characteristic solution $s \in (\mathbf{Z}_2)^{l+k}$ of $B_{L \cup K}$ satisfying the following two properties:

- (1) $(s_1, \dots, s_l) \in (\mathbf{Z}_2)^l$ is a characteristic solution of B_L , and
- (2) for all $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ such that $s_{l+i} \neq 0$, the component K_i bounds a Seifert surface within H .

Then, the restricted spin structure

$$\sigma| \in \text{Spin}(V_{L \cup K} \setminus \text{int}(H_K)) = \text{Spin}(V_L \setminus \text{int}(H))$$

extends to the spin structure of V_L represented by $(s_1, \dots, s_l) \in (\mathbf{Z}_2)^l$.

Proof. In the following, all (co)homology groups are assumed to be with coefficients in \mathbf{Z}_2 . We use the above fixed notation.

Let us consider the map

$$\text{Spin}(V_L \setminus H) \xrightarrow{o} H^2(W_L, V_L \setminus H),$$

where $o(\alpha)$ is the obstruction to extending any $\alpha \in \text{Spin}(V_L \setminus H)$ to the whole of W_L . Let $\delta^* : H^1(V_L \setminus H) \longrightarrow H^2(W_L, V_L \setminus H)$ denote the connecting homomorphism for the pair $(W_L, V_L \setminus H)$. Note that

$$(12) \quad \forall x \in H^1(V_L \setminus H), \forall \alpha \in \text{Spin}(V_L \setminus H), \quad o(x \cdot \alpha) = o(\alpha) + \delta^*(x).$$

Since δ^* is injective, it follows that o is injective.

The same map o can be defined for V_L relative to W_L , and for $V_{L \cup K}$ and $V_{L \cup K} \setminus H_K$ relative to $W_{L \cup K}$. We have thus the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 Spin(V_{L \cup K}) & \xrightarrow{o} & H^2(W_{L \cup K}, V_{L \cup K}) & \xrightarrow[\cong]{P} & H_2(W_{L \cup K}) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 Spin(V_{L \cup K} \setminus H_K) & \xrightarrow{o} & H^2(W_{L \cup K}, V_{L \cup K} \setminus H_K) & \xrightarrow[\cong]{P} & H_2(W_{L \cup K}, H_K) \\
 \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 Spin(V_L \setminus H) & \xrightarrow{o} & H^2(W_L, V_L \setminus H) & \xrightarrow[\cong]{P} & H_2(W_L, H) \\
 \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow i_* \\
 Spin(V_L) & \xrightarrow{o} & H^2(W_L, V_L) & \xrightarrow[\cong]{P} & H_2(W_L)
 \end{array}$$

$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} r$

where the letter P stands for a Poincaré duality isomorphism, the vertical arrows are induced by inclusions, and the map r is defined by planar commutativity.

From intersection theory, we deduce that

$$(13) \quad \begin{cases} \forall i \in \{1, \dots, l\}, & r([S_i]) = [S_i], \\ \forall i \in \{l+1, \dots, l+k\}, & r([S_i]) = [P_i]. \end{cases}$$

Now let σ be a spin structure of $V_{L \cup K}$ such that the corresponding characteristic solution s of $B_{L \cup K}$ satisfies conditions 1 and 2 of the lemma.

We define $\tilde{s} := (s_1, \dots, s_l) \in (\mathbb{Z}_2)^l$. By hypothesis 1, there exists a unique spin structure $\tilde{\sigma}$ of V_L with \tilde{s} as associated characteristic solution of B_L . We want to show that $\sigma|_1 = \tilde{\sigma}|_1$. Diagram chasing shows that proving $r \circ P \circ o(\sigma) = i_* \circ P \circ o(\tilde{\sigma})$ should suffice. This follows from hypothesis 2, formula (13) and from the fact that $P \circ o(\sigma) = s$ and $P \circ o(\tilde{\sigma}) = \tilde{s}$. \square

Now we come back to the case of a Y^s -surgery. Let M be a closed oriented 3-manifold and let M_G be obtained from M by surgery along a Y -graph G . According to §2.2, \mathcal{Y} -surgery along G induces a bijective map

$$Spin(M) \xrightarrow{\Theta_G} Spin(M_G).$$

With the notation of §2.3, each σ is sent by Θ_G to σ_G .

Suppose now that we are given a surgery presentation $M = V_L$ of M . Isotope the graph G in M to make it disjoint from the dual of L , so that G is in $\mathbf{S}^3 \setminus L$. Let H be a regular neighbourhood of G . A few Kirby calculi, inside H , show that surgery along this Y -graph is equivalent to surgery on the two-component link K of Figure 7. We prefer this unsymmetric link to Figure 4 because it has fewer components.

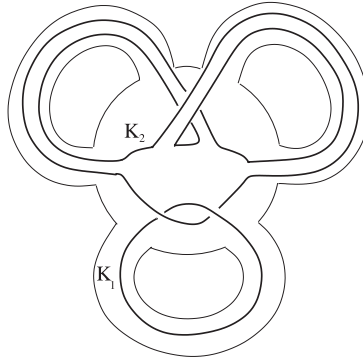


FIGURE 7. Y-surgery as surgery along a 2-component link

We then have $M_G = V_{L \cup K}$. The linking matrix of $L \cup K$, when K is appropriately oriented, looks like

$$B_{L \cup K} = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|cc} & & & x_1 & 0 \\ & B_L & & \vdots & \vdots \\ & & & x_l & 0 \\ \hline x_1 & \cdots & x_l & x & 1 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right).$$

Writing the characteristic condition (11), we find that each characteristic solution of $B_{L \cup K}$ is of the form

$$(14) \quad T_G(s) := \left(s_1, \dots, s_l, 0, x + \sum_{i=1}^l x_i s_i \right) \in (\mathbf{Z}_2)^{l+2},$$

where $s = (s_1, \dots, s_l)$ must be characteristic for L . Equation (14) then defines a combinatorial bijection

$$\mathcal{S}_L \xrightarrow[\simeq]{T_G} \mathcal{S}_{L \cup K}.$$

Lemma 7. *With the above notation, the map T_G is a combinatorial version of the map Θ_G in terms of characteristic solutions for surgery presentations on \mathbf{S}^3 . More precisely, the following diagram is commutative:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{S}_L & \xrightarrow{T_G} & \mathcal{S}_{L \cup K} \\ \uparrow \simeq & & \uparrow \simeq \\ Spin(M) & \xrightarrow{\Theta_G} & Spin(M_G). \end{array}$$

Proof. This follows from the definitions and from Lemma 6: note that K_2 is null-homologous in H , and that here H_K is merely a handlebody. \square

Definition 11. Let $M = V_L$ be a surgery presentation of a 3-manifold M on \mathbf{S}^3 , and let G be a Y-graph in M . Then, G is said to be *simple* (with respect to this

surgery presentation) if G can be isotoped in M so that, in \mathbf{S}^3 , its leaves bound disjoint discs, each intersecting L in exactly one point.

Corollary 2. *For a Y^s -surgery along a simple Y -graph, the spin diffeomorphism of Figure 8 holds.*

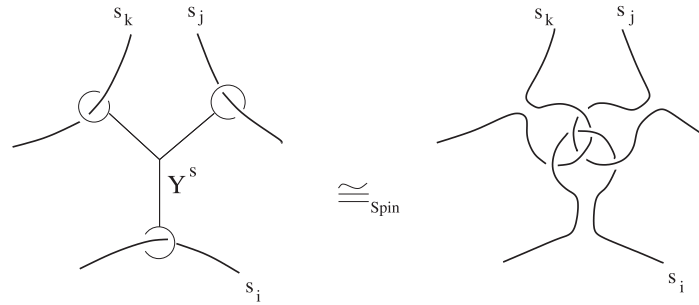


FIGURE 8. A simple Y^s -surgery

Proof. In the left-hand side of Figure 8, replace this simple Y -graph by the 2-component link of Figure 7 such that K_1 links the i th component of L , and use equation (14) to obtain the intermediate link of Figure 9. Then perform some spin Kirby moves to obtain the right-hand side of Figure 8. \square

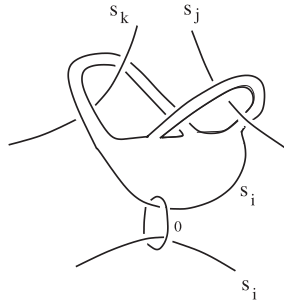


FIGURE 9. Some intermediate link and characteristic solution

Example 3. As a consequence of Corollary 2, the Lie spin structure of the 3-torus is Y^s -equivalent to the seven other ones.

Proof. The two spin structures of $\mathbf{S}^1 \times \mathbf{S}^2$ are equivalent, and so are the eight spin structures of $\#^3 \mathbf{S}^1 \times \mathbf{S}^2$. Furthermore, $\#^3 \mathbf{S}^1 \times \mathbf{S}^2$ can be obtained from \mathbf{S}^3 by surgery along a trivial 0-framed three-component link. Surgery on the 0-framed Borromean rings gives rise to the 3-torus $\mathbf{S}^1 \times \mathbf{S}^1 \times \mathbf{S}^1$, and this link can be obtained from the trivial link by a simple Y -surgery. \square

3. QUADRATIC FORMS ON FINITE ABELIAN GROUPS

3.1. Linking pairings, quadratic forms on finite Abelian groups, and their presentations. We recall here standard algebraic constructions: notation is that of Deloup in [De1], where a brief review of the subject can be found.

Definition 12. A *linking pairing* on a finite Abelian group G is a nondegenerate symmetric bilinear map $b : G \times G \longrightarrow \mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{Z}$.

A *quadratic form* on G is a map $q : G \longrightarrow \mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{Z}$ such that the map $b_q : G \times G \longrightarrow \mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{Z}$ defined by $b_q(x, y) = q(x + y) - q(x) - q(y)$ is bilinear, and such that q satisfies $\forall x \in G, q(-x) = q(x)$. q is said to be *nondegenerate* when the associated bilinear form b_q is a linking pairing.

Now let (F, f) be a symmetric bilinear form on a free finitely generated Abelian group F . We denote by $ad_f : F \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(F, \mathbf{Z})$ the adjoint map, and by $a_f : F \otimes \mathbf{Q} \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(F, \mathbf{Q})$ its rational extension. Define

$$K_f := \frac{\text{Hom}(F, \mathbf{Z}) \cap \text{Im}(a_f)}{\text{Im}(ad_f)}.$$

Note that $K_f = T(\text{Coker}(ad_f))$, the torsion subgroup of $\text{Coker}(ad_f)$. We now define a linking pairing

$$K_f \times K_f \xrightarrow{L_f} \mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{Z}$$

by the formula

$$(15) \quad L_f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = x_{\mathbf{Q}}(\tilde{y}) \pmod{1},$$

where $x, y \in \text{Hom}(F, \mathbf{Z}) \cap \text{Im}(a_f)$, $\tilde{y} \in F \otimes \mathbf{Q}$ is such that $a_f(\tilde{y}) = y$, and $x_{\mathbf{Q}} \in \text{Hom}(F \otimes \mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{Q})$ is the rational extension of x . (F, f) is said to be a *presentation* of the linking pairing (K_f, L_f) .

Suppose now that the form (F, f) comes equipped with a *Wu class*, that is, an element $w \in F$ such that $\forall x \in F, f(w, x) = f(x, x) \pmod{2}$. We can then define a quadratic form over L_f , denoted by

$$K_f \xrightarrow{\phi_{f,w}} \mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{Z}$$

and defined by

$$(16) \quad \phi_{f,w}(\bar{x}) = \frac{1}{2} (x_{\mathbf{Q}}(\tilde{x}) - x(w)) \pmod{1}.$$

$\phi_{f,w}$ is determined by the modulo $2F$ class of w . The triple (F, f, w) is said to be a *presentation* of the quadratic form $(K_f, \phi_{f,w})$.

Any linking pairing and any nondegenerate quadratic form admit such presentations with f nondegenerate (see [Wa1, Theorem (6)]).

Given an arbitrary quadratic form on a finite Abelian group (G, q) , we can calculate its *Gauss sum*

$$\gamma(G, q) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|\text{Ker}(b_q)| \cdot |G|}} \cdot \sum_{x \in G} e^{2i\pi q(x)} \in \mathbf{C}.$$

This complex number is an 8th-root of unity or is 0 (only if q is degenerate).

We then define the corresponding *Gauss-Brown invariant* $B(G, q) \in \overline{\mathbf{Z}}_8 = \mathbf{Z}_8 \cup \{\infty\}$ by the formula

$$(17) \quad \gamma(G, q) = e^{\frac{2i\pi}{8} \cdot B(G, q)} \in \mathbf{C},$$

using the convention $e^{2i\pi \cdot \infty} = 0$.

If (G, q) admits a triple (F, f, w) as a presentation, a useful formula of Van der Blij states that²

$$(18) \quad B(K_f, \phi_{f,w}) = \text{sgn}(f) - f(w, w) \pmod{8}.$$

For (G, b) a linking pairing, denote by $\text{Quad}(G, b)$ the set of quadratic forms with b as associated linking pairing, and denote by $T_2(G)$ the subgroup of elements of G of order at most 2. Using the nondegenerativity of b , we easily obtain

Lemma 8. *The set $\text{Quad}(G, b)$ is an affine space over $T_2(G)$, with action defined by*

$$\forall x \in T_2(G), \forall q \in \text{Quad}(G, b), \quad x \cdot q := q + b(x, -).$$

The following lemma says how the Gauss-Brown invariant behaves under this action.

Lemma 9. *Let $q \in \text{Quad}(G, b)$ and let $x \in T_2(G)$. Then,*

$$\gamma(G, x \cdot q) = e^{-2i\pi q(x)} \cdot \gamma(G, q).$$

Proof. Since $(x \cdot q)(y) = q(y) + b(x, y) = q(x + y) - q(x)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{|G|} \cdot \gamma(G, x \cdot q) &= \sum_{y \in G} e^{2i\pi(x \cdot q)(y)} \\ &= e^{-2i\pi q(x)} \cdot \sum_{y \in G} e^{2i\pi q(x+y)} \\ &= e^{-2i\pi q(x)} \cdot \sqrt{|G|} \cdot \gamma(G, q). \end{aligned}$$

□

3.2. Isomorphism classes of nondegenerate quadratic forms. We now want to prove the following result.

Theorem 2. *Let (G, q) and (G', q') be two nondegenerate quadratic forms on finite Abelian groups. We denote by b and b' the linking pairings going respectively with them. The following two assertions are equivalent:*

- (1) $(G, q) \simeq (G', q')$,
- (2) $(G, b) \simeq (G', b')$ and $B(q) = B(q') \in \mathbf{Z}_8$, where $B(-)$ denotes the Gauss-Brown invariant of quadratic forms.

Let (G, q) (respectively (G', q')) be a nondegenerate quadratic form over the linking pairing (G, b) (respectively (G', b')). Recall that the relation between b and q is

$$(19) \quad b(x, y) = q(x + y) - q(x) - q(y).$$

From this formula and the definition of $B(-)$, “1 \implies 2” of Theorem 2 is obvious.

Suppose momentarily that G is a p -group, with p an odd prime. Then, the equation $2q(x) = b(x, x)$ makes b determine q , for if q'' is another quadratic form over b , then $(q - q'')$ is an order at most 2 element of $\text{Hom}(G, \mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{Z}) \simeq G$, and so vanishes. So, if G and G' are both p -groups, then $b \simeq b'$ implies $q \simeq q'$.

²A sketch of the proof of this formula can be found in [VdB], in the case when f is nondegenerate.

Milnor and Husemoller have included a detailed proof in [MH, Appendix 4], for f nondegenerate and $w = 0$. The general case can be reduced to this special case.

Come back now to the general case and suppose that condition 2 is satisfied. (G, b) splits along its p -primary components G_p :

$$(G, b) = \bigoplus_{p \text{ prime}} (G_p, b|_{G_p \times G_p}),$$

and, according to formula (19), the same holds for q . The given isomorphism between (G, b) and (G', b') induces then for each prime p an isomorphism between $(G_p, b|_{G_p \times G_p})$ and $(G'_p, b'|_{G'_p \times G'_p})$. From the above lines, we deduce that, for p odd, $(G_p, q|_{G_p})$ and $(G'_p, q'|_{G'_p})$ are isomorphic.

In particular, $B(q|_{G_p}) = B(q'|_{G'_p})$ for p odd, and so, by additivity of the Gauss-Brown invariant, this is also true for $p = 2$. Consequently, it is enough to prove Theorem 2 when G and G' are 2-groups.

In the sequel, we recall a construction due to Wall (see [Wa1, §6]), establishing a one-to-one correspondence (up to isomorphism) between nondegenerate quadratic forms on 2-groups and linking pairings on 2-groups without direct summand of order two. Next, we give a brief review of Kawauchi and Kojima's classification of linking pairings on 2-groups. We will finally end the proof of Theorem 2.

Wall's construction. A linking pairing (G', b') will be said here to be *special* if G' is a finite 2-group without a direct summand of order two.

Let us give a special linking pairing (G', b') . Set $G := G'/T_2(G')$, where $T_2(G')$ is the subgroup of elements of order at most 2, and denote by π the canonical projection $G' \longrightarrow G$. Note that G can be any 2-group. Define $q : G \longrightarrow \mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{Z}$ by

$$\forall x = \pi(x') \in G, \quad q(x) = b'(x', x').$$

The quantity $q(x)$ is well-defined because of the special feature of the group G' .

Then, q is easily seen to be quadratic and nondegenerate, with associated linking pairing $b : G \times G \longrightarrow \mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{Z}$ defined by

$$(20) \quad \forall x = \pi(x'), \forall y = \pi(y') \in G, \quad b(x, y) = 2 \cdot b'(x', y').$$

Let us denote by Ψ the construction $(G', b') \longmapsto (G, q)$. Wall showed this to be surjective onto the set of nondegenerate quadratic forms on 2-groups. He also proved that if (G', b'_1) and (G', b'_2) give rise to the same (G, q) by Ψ , then they have to be isomorphic (see [Wa1, Theorem 5]).

As a consequence, the classification, up to isomorphism, of nondegenerate quadratic forms on 2-groups is reduced to that of special linking pairings.

Kawauchi and Kojima's classification of linking pairings on 2-groups. Let (G, b) be a linking pairing on a finite 2-group. Find a cyclic decomposition of G :

$$G \simeq \bigoplus_{k \geq 1} (\mathbf{Z}_{2^k})^{r_k}.$$

The natural numbers $r_k = r_k(b)$ are group invariants of G . The next construction is due to Wall (see [Wa1, §5]).

Denote by \overline{G}_k the subgroup of G of elements of order at most 2^i for $i \leq k$, and set

$$\tilde{G}_k = \frac{\overline{G}_k}{\overline{G}_{k-1} + 2 \cdot \overline{G}_{k+1}}.$$

The group \tilde{G}_k is clearly a \mathbf{Z}_2 -vector space of rank r_k . Let $\tilde{b}_k : \tilde{G}_k \times \tilde{G}_k \longrightarrow \mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{Z}$ be defined by

$$\forall x, y \in \overline{G}_k, \quad \tilde{b}_k(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = 2^{k-1} \cdot b(x, y).$$

The form \tilde{b}_k was shown by Wall to be nondegenerate (see [Wa1, Lemma 8]).

Consider now the map $\tilde{G}_k \longrightarrow \mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{Z}$ sending \tilde{x} to $\tilde{b}_k(\tilde{x}, \tilde{x})$. It is additive, and so we can define an element $\tilde{c}_k = \tilde{c}_k(b)$ in \tilde{G}_k by the equation

$$(21) \quad \forall \tilde{x} \in \tilde{G}_k, \quad \tilde{b}_k(\tilde{x}, \tilde{c}_k) = \tilde{b}_k(\tilde{x}, \tilde{x}).$$

When $\tilde{c}_k = 0$, the following map can be defined:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} \frac{G}{\tilde{G}_k} & \xrightarrow{q_k} & \frac{\mathbf{Q}}{\mathbf{Z}}, \\ \tilde{x} & \longmapsto & 2^{k-1} \cdot b(x, x). \end{array} \right.$$

The form $q_k = q_k(b)$ can be verified to be quadratic and nondegenerate. In particular, its Gauss-Brown invariant $B(q_k)$ is not equal to ∞ .

Kawauchi and Kojima defined $\sigma_k = \sigma_k(b) \in \overline{\mathbf{Z}}_8$ by

$$\sigma_k = \begin{cases} B(q_k) & \text{if } \tilde{c}_k = 0, \\ \infty & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

and showed the following theorem (see [KK, Theorem 4.1]).

Theorem 3 (Kawauchi-Kojima). *If (G, b) is a linking pairing on a finite 2-group, its isomorphism class is determined by the invariant family $(r_k(b), \sigma_k(b))_{k \geq 1}$.*

End of proof of Theorem 2. Let (G, q) be a quadratic form on a finite 2-group G , going with a linking pairing b . Let (G', b') be a special linking pairing, giving rise to (G, q) by Wall's construction Ψ .

We want to compare the invariants r_k and σ_k of b and b' , in order to quantify how much (G, b) determines (G', b') , and so (G, q) , up to isomorphism.

Recall that $G = G'/\overline{G'}_1$. Denote by $\pi : G' \longrightarrow G$ the canonical projection. The map π induces a morphism from $\overline{G'}_{k+1}$ onto \overline{G}_k with kernel $\overline{G'}_1$. So, π induces a natural isomorphism

$$\tilde{G}'_{k+1} \xrightarrow[\simeq]{\tilde{\pi}_k} \tilde{G}_k.$$

In particular, the \mathbf{Z}_2 -vector spaces \tilde{G}'_{k+1} and \tilde{G}_k have the same rank. So,

$$(22) \quad \forall k \geq 1, \quad r_{k+1}(G') = r_k(G).$$

Besides, since G' is special, we have

$$(23) \quad r_1(G') = 0.$$

The isomorphism $\tilde{\pi}_k$ makes \tilde{b}'_{k+1} and \tilde{b}_k commute, because of equation (20). As a consequence, $\tilde{\pi}_k$ sends $\tilde{c}_{k+1}(b')$ to $\tilde{c}_k(b)$. Furthermore, when these (simultaneously) vanish, the natural isomorphism between $G'/\overline{G'}_{k+1}$ and G/\overline{G}_k induced by π makes $q_{k+1}(b')$ and $q_k(b)$ commute (because of equation (20)). As a consequence, these two quadratic forms will have the same Gauss-Brown invariant. So, to sum up,

$$(24) \quad \forall k \geq 1, \quad \sigma_{k+1}(b') = \sigma_k(b) \in \overline{\mathbf{Z}}_8.$$

Since $\tilde{G}'_1 = 0$, $\tilde{c}_1(b')$ vanishes. It remains to notice that $q_1(b')$ is nothing but q . Thus,

$$(25) \quad \sigma_1(b') = B(q).$$

Now, from (22), (23), (24), (25) and the Kawauchi-Kojima theorem, we see that (G, b) and $B(q)$ determine (G, q) up to isomorphism. What remains to be proved for Theorem 2 then follows. \square

We now give a result of Durfee (see [Du, Corollary 3.9]) as a corollary of Theorem 2.

Corollary 3 (Durfee). *Let $b : G \times G \longrightarrow \mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{Z}$ be a linking pairing on a finite Abelian group G without a cyclic direct summand of order 2 or 4. Then, for any $q, q' \in \text{Quad}(G, b)$, q is isomorphic to q' .*

Proof. Take some quadratic forms q and q' over b , and let $x \in T_2(G)$ be such that $q' = x \cdot q$ (see Lemma 8). By the hypothesis on G , there exists some $x_0 \in G$ such that $x = 4x_0$, and so, by homogeneity of q , we have

$$q(x) = q(4x_0) = 4^2 q(x_0).$$

But since x_0 is then of order at most 8, $q(x_0)$ has to be of order at most $2 \cdot 8 = 16$ (see [De2, Lemma 1.12]). It follows that $q(x) = 0$ and so, by Lemma 9, we obtain $B(G, q) = B(G, q')$. Theorem 2 allows us to conclude. \square

4. THE QUADRATIC FORM $\phi_{M,\sigma}$

In this section, when not specified, integer coefficients are assumed.

4.1. Turaev's 4-dimensional definition of $\phi_{M,\sigma}$. Let M be a connected closed oriented 3-manifold, and let $\psi : V_L \longrightarrow M$ be a surgery presentation on \mathbf{S}^3 given by an ordered oriented framed link L (see the beginning of §2.6).

We use notation and apply constructions of §3.1 to $F = H_2(W_L)$, taking for f the intersection form of W_L . Recall that the matrix of f relative to the preferred basis of F is B_L , the linking matrix of L .

The composite

$$H_2(W_L) \xrightarrow{ad_f} \text{Hom}(H_2(W_L), \mathbf{Z}) \xleftarrow{\simeq} H^2(W_L) \xrightarrow[\simeq]{P} H_2(W_L, \partial W_L)$$

is equal to $i_* : H_2(W_L) \longrightarrow H_2(W_L, \partial W_L)$, induced by inclusion. Since $\text{Coker}(i_*) = H_1(V_L)$, we obtain the following isomorphism r :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K_f & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & T(\text{Coker}(i_*)) \xrightarrow[\simeq]{\psi_*} TH_1(M). \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \vdots \end{array}$$

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In fact, it is well known that the above $(F, -f)$ is *via* r a presentation of the torsion linking form $(TH_1(M), \lambda_M)$ of M , the definition of which we now recall:

Let $x, x' \in TH_1(M)$ be respectively realized by oriented disjoint knots K, K' in M . Let $c' \in \mathbf{N}$ be such that $c' \cdot x' = 0$. Pick a c' -times connected sum of K' . We obtain a null-homologous knot in M for which we can thus find a Seifert surface S' in general position with K . Then $\lambda_M(x, x') = \frac{1}{c'} K \bullet S' \in \mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{Z}$, where \bullet is the intersection form of M .

Now to each $\sigma \in \text{Spin}(M)$ is associated a characteristic solution of $-B_L$ or, alternatively, a Wu class (modulo $2F$) of $-f$, denoted by w_σ .

Definition 13 (Turaev). The *quadratic form of the spin 3-manifold* (M, σ) ,

$$TH_1(M) \xrightarrow{\phi_{M,\sigma}} \mathbf{Q}/\mathbf{Z},$$

is defined to be $\phi_{-f, w_\sigma} \circ r^{-1}$.

We still have to verify that $\phi_{M,\sigma}$ does not depend on the choice of the surgery presentation.

Let $\psi' : V_{L'} \longrightarrow M$ be another one. Let $s \in (\mathbf{Z}_2)^l$ (respectively s') be the characteristic solution of B_L (respectively $B_{L'}$) corresponding to the spin structure $\psi^*(\sigma)$ of V_L (respectively $(\psi')^*(\sigma)$ of $V_{L'}$).

According to the refined Kirby theorem (see [Bl]), there exists a sequence of spin Kirby moves from (L, s) to (L', s') , inducing a spin diffeomorphism from $(V_L, \psi^*(\sigma))$ to $(V_{L'}, (\psi')^*(\sigma))$ isotopic to $(\psi')^{-1} \circ \psi$. These Kirby moves induce a path

$$(F, f, w_\sigma) \rightsquigarrow (F', f', w'_\sigma)$$

whose elementary steps are

$$\begin{cases} (F, f, w) \longmapsto (F, {}^t S f S, S^{-1}(w)) & \text{with } S \in \text{Aut}(F), \\ (F, f, w) \longmapsto (F \oplus \mathbf{Z}, f \oplus (\pm 1), w \oplus (1)). \end{cases}$$

As a consequence, this path induces an isomorphism t from $(K_f, \phi_{f, w_\sigma})$ to $(K_{f'}, \phi_{f', w'_\sigma})$ making the following diagram commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K_f & \xrightarrow{t} & K_{f'} \\ & \searrow r & \downarrow r' \\ & & TH_1(M). \end{array}$$

It then follows that $\phi_{M,\sigma}$ is well defined.

4.2. An intrinsic definition for $\phi_{M,\sigma}$. Let (M, σ) be a closed spin 3-manifold and let K be a smooth oriented knot in M .

Each parallel l of K defines a trivialization of the normal bundle of K in M , and so allows us to restrict σ to a spin structure on $K \cong \mathbf{S}^1$. We define

$$\sigma(K, l) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if the induced spin structure on } \mathbf{S}^1 \text{ is the "bounding" one,} \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$\sigma(K, l)$ is a \mathbf{Z}_2 -valued invariant of framed knots in M .

Lemma 10. *Let (M, σ) be a closed spin 3-manifold. Then, for each oriented smooth knot K in M with l as a parallel and meridian μ ,*

$$\sigma(K, l + \mu) = \sigma(K, l) + 1 \in \mathbf{Z}_2.$$

Proof. Let S denote the boundary of a regular neighbourhood of K in M . The normal bundle of S in M is naturally trivialized; so S inherits from (M, σ) a spin structure. Let q be the quadratic form associated to the spin surface $(S, \sigma|_S)$ as defined by Johnson in [Jo]. The following identity then holds for each parallel l :

$$\sigma(K, l) = q([l]),$$

when l is thought of as a curve on S . Since q is quadratic with respect to the modulo 2 intersection form \bullet on S , we have

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma(K, l + \mu) &= q([l] + [\mu]) \\ &= q([l]) + q([\mu]) + [l] \bullet [\mu] \\ &= q([l]) + 1 \\ &= \sigma(K, l) + 1.\end{aligned}$$

□

We now recall the definition of the *framing number* $Fr(K, l) \in \mathbf{Q}$ of a rationally null-homologous oriented framed knot (K, l) in a closed oriented 3-manifold M :

Choose $c \in \mathbf{N}^*$ such that $c \cdot [K] = 0 \in H_1(M)$. Pick a c -times connected sum of K . We obtain a null-homologous knot in M for which we can thus pick a Seifert surface S in general position with the knot l . Then

$$Fr(K, l) = \frac{1}{c} \cdot l \bullet S \in \mathbf{Q}.$$

Lemma 11. *Let (M, σ) be a closed spin 3-manifold, and let $x \in TH_1(M)$. Choose a smooth oriented knot K in M representative for x , and pick a parallel l for K satisfying $\sigma(K, l) = 0 \in \mathbf{Z}_2$. Then,*

$$(26) \quad \phi_{M, \sigma}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot Fr(K, l) \in \frac{\mathbf{Q}}{\mathbf{Z}}.$$

Note that, according to Lemma 10, the right-hand side of (26) is an invariant of the oriented knot K (it does not depend on the choice of l satisfying the above condition). This lemma claims that it only depends on the homology class x of K , and gives a 3-dimensional definition for the quadratic form $\phi_{M, \sigma}$.

Remark 4. From this lemma, we can see that $\phi_{M, \sigma}$ coincides with the quadratic form defined by Lannes and Latour in [LL] when specialized to our case (see also [MS]).

Proof of Lemma 11. Consider the 4-manifold W_1 obtained from $M \times [0, 1]$ by attaching a 2-handle to $M \times 1$ along (K, l) . Identify M with $M \times 0$. Since $\sigma(K, l) = 0$, σ extends in a unique way to a spin structure σ_1 of W_1 .

(W_1, σ_1) is then a spin cobordism between (M, σ) and $(-M', -\sigma')$, where M' is the closed oriented 3-manifold obtained from M by the corresponding surgery, and where $-\sigma'$ is the restriction of σ_1 to $-M'$.

Note also that the core of the 2-handle is a 2-disc D in W_1 with boundary K in M , and whose normal bundle can be trivialized in accordance with the trivialization of the normal bundle of K in M given by l . The framed knot (K, l) will briefly be said to *have property (D)* in W_1 .

According to Kaplan's theorem (see [Ka]), the spin 3-manifold (M', σ') admits an *even* surgery presentation in \mathbf{S}^3 (i.e., the linking matrix is even and its characteristic solution corresponding to σ' is the trivial one). Denote by W_2 the trace of the surgery and by σ_2 the unique extension of σ' to the whole of W_2 .

By glueing (W_1, σ_1) to (W_2, σ_2) along (M', σ') , we obtain a spin 4-manifold (W, σ) with boundary (M, σ) . The 2-handle from M to M' can be reversed. After a rearrangement, the 4-manifold W appears as \mathbf{B}^4 to which have been simultaneously attached some 2-handles (one more than W_2), with boundary M , and to which σ can be extended. So, W is the trace of an even surgery presentation.

As a summary, we have found so far an even surgery presentation $(L, 0)$ for (M, σ) such that (K, l) has property (\mathcal{D}) in W_L .

Let us work with this surgery presentation of (M, σ) . The notation of §4.1 will be used: $F = H_2(W_L)$, f stands for the intersection form of W_L , and so on.

Let the 2-disc D give an element of $H_2(W_L, \partial W_L)$. The latter is identified with an element d of $\text{Hom}(F, \mathbf{Z})$. Recall from the definition of $\phi_{M, \sigma}$ that, in this even case,

$$(27) \quad \phi_{M, \sigma}(x) = -\frac{1}{2}d_{\mathbf{Q}}(\tilde{d}),$$

where $d_{\mathbf{Q}}$ is the rational extension of d and where $\tilde{d} \in F \otimes \mathbf{Q}$ is such that $a_f(\tilde{d}) = d$.

Let $c \in \mathbf{N}$ be such that $c \cdot x = 0 \in H_1(M)$. Then, there exists $y \in F$ such that $ad_f(y) = c \cdot d$. So $\frac{1}{c} \cdot y \in F \otimes \mathbf{Q}$ works as a \tilde{d} . Equation (27) can be rewritten as

$$(28) \quad \phi_{M, \sigma}(x) = -\frac{1}{2c^2}f(y, y).$$

When y is seen as belonging to $H_2(W_L)$, the integer $f(y, y)$ is equal to $Y \bullet Y'$, where Y and Y' are 2-cycles which represent y and are in transverse position in W_L . By means of a “collar” trick appearing in [De2] for the computation of λ_M , we will be able to give examples of such Y and Y' .

We add a collar $M \times [0, 1]$ to W_L such that $M \times 0$ is identified with M . Let S be a Seifert surface for $c \cdot K$ in M in transverse position with l , and let S' be a Seifert surface for $(c \cdot l) \times 1$ in $M \times 1$. Because of the property (\mathcal{D}) , D can be pushed off to a disc D' in such a way that $\partial D' = l$ and $D \cap D' = \emptyset$. Figure 10 is a good summary. We define $Y = c \cdot D - S$ and $Y' = (c \cdot D' + (c \cdot l) \times [0, 1]) - S'$. Then

$$(29) \quad f(y, y) = Y \bullet Y' = (-S) \bullet (c \cdot D') = -c \cdot S \bullet l.$$

The last \bullet in (29) is intersection in M . The lemma follows from (29), (28) and the definition of a framing number. \square

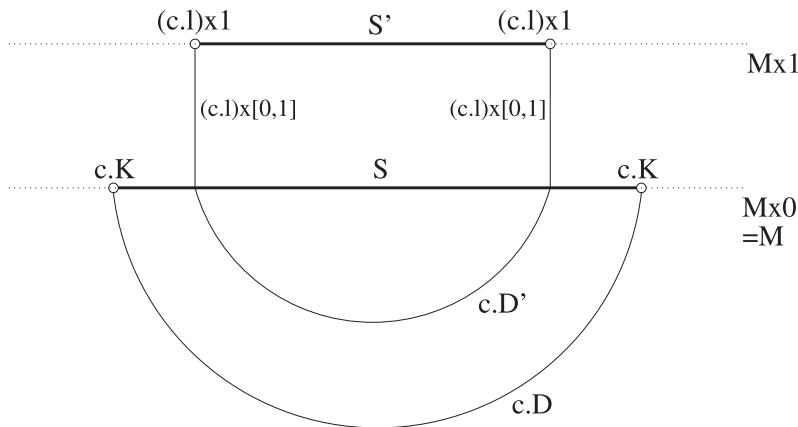


FIGURE 10. Calculating $Y \bullet Y'$

4.3. Properties of $\phi_{M,\sigma}$. The algebraic results of §3 have topological meanings. First, the following fact was proved by Turaev in [Tu, Theorem V].

Lemma 12 (Turaev). *For each $\sigma \in \text{Spin}(M)$, $B(\phi_{M,\sigma}) = -R_M(\sigma) \pmod{8}$, where R_M is the Rochlin function of the 3-manifold M .*

Proof. Find an *even* surgery presentation of the spin 3-manifold (M, σ) . So we are led to apply formula (18) with $w = 0$. \square

So, in view of Lemma 12, the topological translations of Theorem 2 and its Corollary 3 are respectively:

Proposition 2. *Let (M, σ) and (M', σ') be connected closed spin 3-manifolds. The following two assertions are equivalent:*

- (1) *Their quadratic forms $\phi_{M,\sigma}$ and $\phi_{M',\sigma'}$ are isomorphic.*
- (2) *Their linking forms λ_M and $\lambda_{M'}$ are isomorphic, and $R_M(\sigma) = R_{M'}(\sigma')$ modulo 8.*

Corollary 4. *Let M be a connected closed oriented 3-manifold such that $H_1(M)$ does not admit \mathbf{Z}_2 nor \mathbf{Z}_4 as a direct summand. Then, all of its quadratic forms are isomorphic one to another.*

5. PROOF OF THE REFINED MATVEEV'S THEOREM

Part of the work has already been done in previous sections. First, “1 \implies 3” follows from Corollary 1 and from the easy part of the (unspun) Matveev’s theorem: a Y -surgery preserves homology and torsion linking forms. This can be verified seeing Y -surgery as a \mathcal{V}_h -surgery (where h is the Borromean diffeomorphism of Remark 1), using a Mayer-Vietoris argument and the fact that h belongs to the Torelli group. Second, “3 \implies 2” follows from Proposition 2. What remains to be proved is then “2 \implies 1”.

We start by recalling an algebraic result of Durfee (see [Du]) about even symmetric bilinear forms on finitely generated free Abelian groups.

Let (\mathbf{Z}^2, h) and (\mathbf{Z}^8, γ_8) be the unimodular even forms whose matrices are respectively

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma_8 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & & & & & & \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & & & & & \\ & 1 & 2 & 1 & & & & \\ & & 1 & 2 & 1 & & & \\ & & & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ & & & & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ & & & & & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ & & & & & & 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Definition 14. Let (F_1, f_1) and (F_2, f_2) be two symmetric even bilinear forms on finitely generated free Abelian groups. They are said to be *stably equivalent* if they become isomorphic after some stabilizations with unimodular symmetric even bilinear forms.

Note that a unimodular even form becomes indefinite after taking its direct sum with h . Recall that every even unimodular indefinite form splits as a direct sum of h and γ_8 (see for example [Ki, p.26]). Thus, in Definition 14, h and γ_8 suffice as unimodular even forms to stabilize.

For (F, f) an even symmetric bilinear form on a finitely generated free Abelian group, we will shortly denote by ϕ_f the quadratic form $\phi_{f,0}$ corresponding to the zero Wu class.

Proposition 3 (Durfee). *Let (F_1, f_1) and (F_2, f_2) be two symmetric even bilinear forms on finitely generated free Abelian groups. Then, the following two assertions are equivalent:*

- (1) (F_1, f_1) and (F_2, f_2) are stably equivalent,
- (2) $\text{Ker}(ad_{f_1}) \simeq \text{Ker}(ad_{f_2})$ and $\phi_{f_1} \simeq \phi_{f_2}$.

Proof. “1 \implies 2” is obvious, since γ_8 and h are both unimodular.

Now suppose that condition 2 is satisfied. For each $i \in \{1, 2\}$, there exists a nondegenerate symmetric bilinear form $(\tilde{F}_i, \tilde{f}_i)$ such that

$$(F_i, f_i) \simeq (\tilde{F}_i, \tilde{f}_i) \oplus (\mathbf{Z}^r, O_r)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{F}_i &= F_i / \text{Ker}(ad_{f_i}) \quad (\text{note that it is free}), \\ r &= \text{rk}(\text{Ker}(ad_{f_1})) = \text{rk}(\text{Ker}(ad_{f_2})) \end{aligned}$$

and O_r is the zero form. The form \tilde{f}_i is still even, and $\phi_{\tilde{f}_1}$ and $\phi_{\tilde{f}_2}$ are still isomorphic.

Consequently, without loss of generality, we can assume both f_i to be nondegenerate. But this case was treated by Durfee in [Du, Corollary 4.2.(ii)].³ \square

Let (M, σ) and (M', σ') be connected closed spin 3-manifolds such that $\beta_1(M) = \beta_1(M')$ and $\phi_{M, \sigma} \simeq \phi_{M', \sigma'}$.

Suppose given some even surgery presentations $(L, 0)$ and $(L', 0)$ for them with respective linking matrices B and B' . According to Proposition 3, there exists a unimodular integer matrix P satisfying, for some stabilizations,

$${}^t P \cdot (B \oplus H \cdots H \oplus \Gamma_8 \cdots \Gamma_8) \cdot P = B' \oplus H \cdots H \oplus \Gamma_8 \cdots \Gamma_8.$$

We have the following geometric realizations of algebraic operations:

- (1) Stabilizations by H correspond to connected sums with \mathbf{S}^3 surgery presented on the zero-framed Hopf link.
- (2) A stabilization by Γ_8 is concrete when thought of as a connected sum with the Poincaré sphere surgery presented on an appropriate eight-component link as in [Ki, Figure 5.3, p.15].
- (3) Congruence by P can be realized by some spin Kirby moves (handle-slidings and changes of orientation of components of L).

The Poincaré sphere can also be obtained by surgery along a $(+1)$ -framed trefoil knot ([Ki, Figure 5.3, p.15]), which can be obtained from the $(+1)$ -framed unknot by a simple Y -surgery (see Definition 11). As a consequence, the Poincaré sphere and the sphere \mathbf{S}^3 , equipped with their unique spin structures, are Y^s -equivalent. Since Y^s -equivalence is compatible with connected sums, we can assume that $B = B'$.

³An easier and direct proof of this result was given by Wall in [Wa2, Corollary 1].

A theorem of Murakami and Nakanishi ([MN, Theorem 1.1]⁴) states that two ordered oriented links have identical linking matrices if and only if they are Δ -equivalent. A Δ -move is a certain unknotting operation, which is equivalent to surgery along a simple Y -graph.

Finally, from Corollary 2, we see that a simple Y^s -surgery between even surgery presentations leaves the trivial characteristic solution fixed. We conclude that (M, σ) is Y^s -equivalent to (M', σ') , which completes the proof.

6. APPLICATIONS

According to Theorem 1, two connected closed spin 3-manifolds are Y^s -equivalent if and only if they are Y -equivalent as *plain* 3-manifolds and their Rochlin invariants are identical modulo 8. In other words, while studying the degree 0 part of Goussarov-Habiro theory, the spin problem can be “factored out”.

Now, given a closed connected oriented 3-manifold, one can wonder whether all of its spin structures are Y^s -equivalent to each other. This has been shown to be true in the case of $\mathbf{S}^1 \times \mathbf{S}^1 \times \mathbf{S}^1$ by a direct calculation (Example 3). More generally, we have

Corollary 5. *Let M be a connected oriented closed 3-manifold such that $H_1(M)$ has no cyclic direct summand of order 2 or 4. Then, all spin structures of M are Y^s -equivalent to each other.*

Proof. This follows directly from Theorem 1 and Corollary 4. □

On the contrary, we have

Example 4. The two spin structures of \mathbf{RP}^3 are not Y^s -equivalent, for the Rochlin function of \mathbf{RP}^3 takes 1 and -1 as values.

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