

On a comparison of symplectomorphisms with finite dimensional Lie groups

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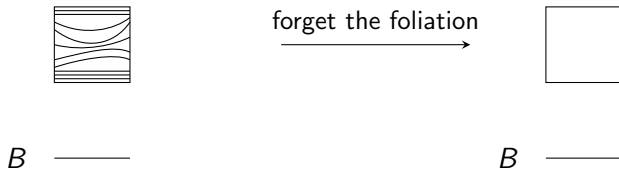
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- ▶ Milnor proved the isomorphism conjecture for solvable Lie groups.
- ▶ We can ask a similar question for other topological group $G = \text{Diff}(M), \text{Homeo}(M), \text{Symp}(M, \omega), \text{Ham}(M, \omega), \dots$

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With \mathbb{R} -coefficients, this map in many cases is not interesting because of the Chern-Weil theory!

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Question

Does the map $\eta : \text{BDiff}^\delta(M) \rightarrow \text{BDiff}(M)$ induce an injective map in cohomology? Is there a “range” depending on M that η induces an injective map on cohomology or surjective map in homology?

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Conjecture (Freedman)

Consider the Hopf fibration $S^3 \rightarrow S^7 \rightarrow S^4$. There is a homology 4-sphere H and a degree one map $f : H \rightarrow S^4$ such that the pull back of the Hopf fibration along f gives a flat bundle.

What is so different about $G = \text{Diff}(M)$?

For a manifold M , the group of diffeomorphisms $\text{Diff}^\delta(M)$ contains “the information” of two very different groups

$$1 \rightarrow \text{Diff}_0(M) \rightarrow \text{Diff}(M) \rightarrow \text{MCG}(M) \rightarrow 1$$

- ▶ The group $\text{Diff}_0(M)$ is an interesting object from **dynamical system and foliation** point of view.
- ▶ The group $\text{MCG}(M)$ is an interesting object from **geometric topology** point of view.

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Theorem (Morita, '85)

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Does there exist family of nontrivial central extensions of $\text{Diff}(M)$ when $\dim(M) > 1$?

A lost theorem of Thurston

Let $\text{Diff}^\omega(S^1)$ denote the analytic diffeomorphisms of the circle. Thurston claimed that for all flat analytic S^1 -bundle on 6-manifolds the cube of the Euler class is zero. This means that the map

$$H^6(\mathbb{C}P^\infty; \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow H^6(\text{BDiff}^{\omega, \delta}(S^1); \mathbb{Q})$$

is zero. However, I observed that

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Remark

$$BDiff(\Sigma_{g,k}, \partial) \simeq BMCG(\Sigma_{g,k}) \text{ Earle-Eells Theorem}$$

$$BDiff(\Sigma_{g,k}, \partial) \simeq BSymp(\Sigma_{g,k}, \partial) \text{ Moser's Theorem}$$

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$$H^*(\mathrm{BDiff}(\mathbb{D}^2 - n \text{ points}, \partial); \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^*(\mathrm{BDiff}^\delta(\mathbb{D}^2 - n \text{ points}, \partial); \mathbb{Z})$$

is injective in all degrees.

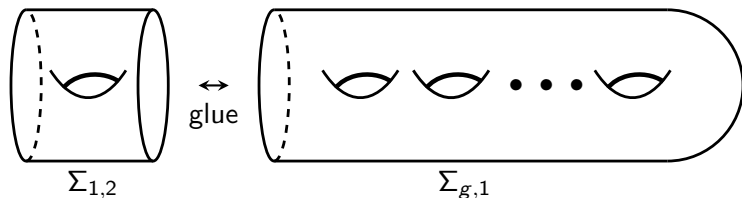
The idea: $\coprod_n \mathrm{BBr}_n$ is a free E_2 -algebra!

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$$s : B\text{Diff}^\delta(\Sigma_{g,1}, \partial) \rightarrow B\text{Diff}^\delta(\Sigma_{g+1,1}, \partial),$$

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Step 3: One can use maps of groupoids

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We showed that the natural map

$$\Omega_0^\infty MT\nu \rightarrow \Omega_0^\infty MTSO(2)$$

has a section after p -completion.

MMM-classes

One can use the main theorem to show that the map

$$\mathbb{Z}[\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \dots] \rightarrow H^*(BG^\delta; \mathbb{Z})$$

is injective. However, Morita showed that κ_i in $H^*(BG^\delta; \mathbb{Q})$ is zero for $i > 2$. This implies that the natural map

$$H^*(BG^\delta; \mathbb{Z}) \otimes \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow H^*(BG^\delta; \mathbb{Q})$$

has a huge kernel. Also for $i > 2$ one can use Cheeger-Simons theory to define MMM-characters

$$\hat{\kappa}_i : H_{2i-1}(BG^\delta; \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$$

which maps to κ_i via the Bockstein map.

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$$H_3(\mathrm{BDiff}^\delta(D^2, \partial); \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow H_3(BG^\delta; \mathbb{Q})$$

is surjective.

Fundamental diagram for principal G -bundles

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H^*(\mathfrak{g}) & \longrightarrow & H^*(\overline{BG}; \mathbb{R}) \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ H^*(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}) & \longrightarrow & H^*(BG^\delta; \mathbb{R}) \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ I^*(G) & \longrightarrow & H^*(BG; \mathbb{R}) \end{array}$$

- ▶ If G is semi-simple, the map $H^*(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k}) \rightarrow H^*(BG^\delta; \mathbb{R})$ is injective (Borel-Harish-Chandra).
- ▶ Morita ('83) showed that similarly $H^*(\text{Vect}(S^1), \mathfrak{so}(2)) \rightarrow H^*(\text{BDiff}^\delta(S^1); \mathbb{R})$ is injective.

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Kotschick-Morita classes

- ▶ Morita and Kotschick (2007) used the extended flux

$$[\widetilde{Flux}] \in H^1(\mathrm{BSymp}^\delta(\Sigma_g); H^1(\Sigma_g; \mathbb{R}))$$

to show that there is a surjective map

$$H_{2k}(\mathrm{Symp}^\delta(\Sigma_g); \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q} \oplus S^2\mathbb{R} \oplus \cdots \oplus S^k(S^2\mathbb{R}).$$

for $g \geq 3k$.

Stable results

Let Γ_2^{vol} be the Haefliger groupoid of germs of volume preserving diffeomorphisms of \mathbb{R}^2 .

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Let γ be the tautological 2-plane bundle over $BSL_2(\mathbb{R})$.

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Corollary

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The geometric meaning of this theorem is that, up to torsion, any codimension 2 foliation \mathcal{F} with transverse volume form on a 4-manifold M is cobordant to a symplectic surface bundle if and only if $\langle p_1(M) - p_1(\nu\mathcal{F}), [M] \rangle = 0$.

There is an action of BR^δ on $\Omega^\bullet \mathrm{MT}\beta$.

Theorem (N)

For a closed surface Σ , there is a homotopy commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \widetilde{\mathrm{BHam}}^\delta(\Sigma, \text{rel } D^2) & \longrightarrow & \Omega^\infty \mathrm{MT}\beta \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \widetilde{\mathrm{BHam}}^\delta(\Sigma) & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{BR}^\delta \backslash \Omega^\infty \mathrm{MT}\beta, \end{array}$$

where the horizontal maps induce stable homology isomorphisms.

Extended hamiltonians do not have homological stability with respect to the last boundary component.

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The map

$$\mathbb{R}[\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \dots] \rightarrow H^*(\widetilde{\text{BHam}}^\delta(\Sigma, \text{rel } D^2)),$$

is zero.

Theorem (N)

In the stable range, the fiber of the map

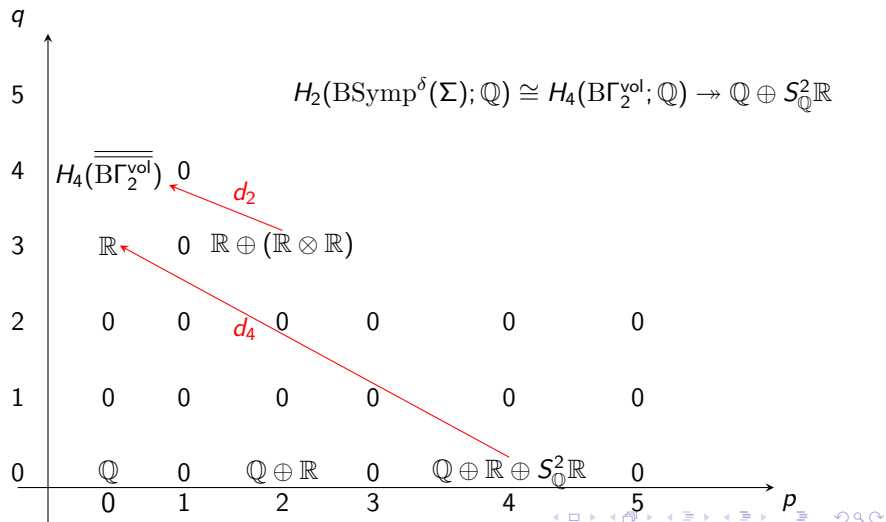
$$\widetilde{\text{BHam}}^\delta(\Sigma) \xrightarrow{\frac{\kappa_1}{4-4g(\Sigma)}} K(\mathbb{R}, 2).$$

is homology isomorphic to $\widetilde{\text{BHam}}^\delta(\Sigma, \text{rel } D^2)$.

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$$\theta \times \nu : \mathrm{B}\Gamma_2^{\mathrm{vol}} \rightarrow \mathrm{BSL}_2(\mathbb{R}) \times K(\mathbb{R}, 2),$$



Thank you!