

# Quandle twisted Alexander invariants and homology groups

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### Twisted Alex. inv. for quandles (Ishii-Oshiro)

$Q = \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \mid r_1, \dots, r_m \rangle$ : a quandle,  $X$ : a quandle,  $R$ : a UFD,  $c \in X$ .

$\rho : Q \rightarrow X$ : a quandle hom.  $\mathbf{f} = (f_1, f_2)$ : an **Alexander pair** of maps

$$f_1, f_2 : X^2 \rightarrow M(k, k; R).$$

$\rightsquigarrow A(Q, \rho; f_1, f_2) \in M(m, n; M(k, k; R))$ : an  $\mathbf{f}$ -twisted Alexander matrix.

$$\rightsquigarrow \Delta(A(Q, \rho; f_1, f_2), c) := \frac{\Delta(A(Q, \rho; f_1, f_2)_i)}{\det(f_2(\rho(x_i) \bar{*} c, c))}.$$

### Theorem (Kirk-Livingston, 1999)

*Assume that  $R$  is a field.*

$V = R[t^{\pm 1}]^k$ ,  $E(K) = S^3 \setminus \text{int}(N(K))$ : *the exterior of  $K$ .*

*Then,  $\Delta_{K,\rho}(t) \doteq \frac{\text{order}(H_1(E(K); V_\rho))}{\text{order}(H_0(E(K); V_\rho))}$ .*

#### Goal.

We interpret  $\Delta(A(Q, \rho; f_1, f_2), c)$  in terms of the homology group.

We focus on the homology group introduced by Andruskiewitsch-Graña.

# Quandle

## Definition (Joyce, Matveev, 1982)

$X$ : a set,  $*$  :  $X^2 \rightarrow X$ : a binary operation.

$X = (X, *)$ : **quandle**

$\Leftrightarrow *$  satisfies the following conditions:

- ①  $\forall x \in X, x * x = x.$
- ②  $\exists \bar{*} : X^2 \rightarrow X$  s.t.  $\forall x, y \in X, (x * y) \bar{*} y = (x \bar{*} y) * y = x.$
- ③  $\forall x, y, z \in X, (x * y) * z = (x * z) * (y * z).$

Ex.

$G$ : a group,  $x * y := y^{-1}xy$  ( $x, y \in G$ ).

$\text{Conj}(G) = (G, *)$ : the **conjugation quandle** of  $G$ .

# Alexander pair

Definition (Ishii-Oshiro (cf. Andruskiewitsch-Graña, 2003))

$X$ : a quandle,  $R$ : a ring,  $f_1, f_2 : X^2 \rightarrow R$ : maps.

$\mathbf{f} = (f_1, f_2)$ : an **Alexander pair**

$\Leftrightarrow f_1$  and  $f_2$  satisfy the following conditions:

- $\forall x \in X, f_1(x, x) + f_2(x, x) = 1.$
- $\forall x, y \in X, f_1(x, y)$  is a unit of  $R.$
- $\forall x, y, z \in X,$

$$f_1(x * y, z) f_1(x, y) = f_1(x * z, y * z) f_1(x, z),$$

$$f_1(x * y, z) f_2(x, y) = f_2(x * z, y * z) f_1(y, z) \text{ and}$$

$$f_2(x * y, z) = f_1(x * z, y * z) f_2(x, z) + f_2(x * z, y * z) f_2(y, z).$$

Ex.

(1)  $X$ : a quandle,  $f_1, f_2 : X^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[t^{\pm 1}]$ : maps defined by

$$f_1(x, y) := t^{-1}, \quad f_2(x, y) := 1 - t^{-1}.$$

Then,  $(f_1, f_2)$ : an Alexander pair.

(2)  $G$ : a group,  $X = \text{Conj}(G)$ ,  $R$ : a commutative ring.

$f_1, f_2 : X^2 \rightarrow R[G][t^{\pm 1}]$ : maps defined by

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$Q = \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \mid r_1, \dots, r_m \rangle$ ,  $X$ : quandles,  $\rho : Q \rightarrow X$  a quandle homomorphism.

$R$ : a UFD,  $\mathbf{f} = (f_1, f_2)$ : an Alexander pair of maps  $f_1, f_2 : X^2 \rightarrow M(k, k; R)$ .

$$\rightsquigarrow A(Q, \rho; f_1, f_2) = \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{f} \circ \rho}{\partial x_j}(r_i) \right) \in M(m, n; M(k, k; R))$$

: the  $\mathbf{f}$ -twisted Alexander matrix w.r.t.  $\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \mid r_1, \dots, r_m \rangle$ .

$$A(Q, \rho; f_1, f_2)_i \in M(m, n - 1; M(k, k; R))$$

: the matrix obtained from  $A(Q, \rho; f_1, f_2)$  by removing the  $i$ -th column.



We regard  $A(Q, \rho; f_1, f_2)_i$  as a  $km \times k(n-1)$  matrix over  $R$ .

$\Delta(A(Q, \rho; f_1, f_2)_i)$ : the gcd of all  $k(n-1)$ -minors of  $A(Q, \rho; f_1, f_2)_i$ .

$c \in X$ : fixed

### Proposition (Ishii-Oshiro)

$$\forall i, j, \det(f_2(\rho(x_j)\bar{*}c, c))\Delta(A(Q, \rho; f_1, f_2)_i) \doteq \det(f_2(\rho(x_i)\bar{*}c, c))\Delta(A(Q, \rho; f_1, f_2)_j).$$

Assume that  $\exists i$  s.t.  $\det(f_2(x_i\bar{*}c, c)) \neq 0$ .

$\Delta(A(Q, \rho; f_1, f_2), c) := \frac{\Delta(A(Q, \rho; f_1, f_2)_i)}{\det(f_2(\rho(x_i)\bar{*}c, c))}$  does not depend on the choice of  $i$ .

### Theorem (Ishii-Oshiro)

$Q'$ : a quandle equipped with a finite presentation.

If  $\exists \psi : Q' \rightarrow Q$ : a quandle isomorphism,

then  $\Delta(A(Q, \rho; f_1, f_2), c) \doteq \Delta(A(Q', \rho \circ \psi; f_1, f_2), c)$ .

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$$\Rightarrow \Delta(A(Q(K), \rho; f_1, f_2), c) \doteq \frac{\Delta_K(t)}{t-1}.$$

(2)  $R$ : a UFD,  $G = GL(k; R)$ ,  $X = \text{Conj}(G)$ ,  $\rho : Q(K) \rightarrow X$ : a quandle hom.  
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$$f_1(x, y) := y^{-1}t^{-1}, \quad f_2(x, y) := y^{-1}x - y^{-1}t^{-1}.$$

$\rho_{\text{grp}} : G(K) \rightarrow G$ : the induced group homomorphism by  $\rho : Q(K) \rightarrow X$ .

$$\Rightarrow \Delta(A(Q(K), \rho; f_1, f_2), c) \doteq \Delta_{K, \rho_{\text{grp}}}(t).$$

$$[q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n] = ((q_1 * q_2) * \dots) * q_n.$$

### Definition (Andruskiewitsch-Graña, 2003)

For each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ ,  $C_n^{\mathbf{f}^{\circ\rho}}(Q)$ : the free  $M(k, k; R)$ -module whose basis is  $Q^n$ .

$$C_0^{\mathbf{f}^{\circ\rho}}(Q) := M(k, k; R).$$

For each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>1}$ ,  $\partial_n^{\mathbf{f}^{\circ\rho}} : C_n^{\mathbf{f}^{\circ\rho}}(Q) \rightarrow C_{n-1}^{\mathbf{f}^{\circ\rho}}(Q)$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} & \partial_n^{\mathbf{f}^{\circ\rho}}(q_1, \dots, q_n) \\ &= \sum_{i=2}^n (-1)^i f_1(\rho([q_1, \dots, \hat{q}_i, \dots, q_n]), \rho([q_i, \dots, q_n]))(q_1, \dots, \hat{q}_i, \dots, q_n) \\ & \quad - \sum_{i=2}^n (-1)^i (q_1 * q_i, \dots, q_{i-1} * q_i, q_{i+1}, \dots, q_n) \\ & \quad + f_2(\rho([q_1, q_3, \dots, q_n]), \rho([q_2, \dots, q_n]))(q_2, \dots, q_n). \end{aligned}$$

### Definition (Andruskiewitsch-Graña, 2003)

$\partial_1^{f^{\circ\rho}} : C_1^{f^{\circ\rho}}(Q) \rightarrow C_0^{f^{\circ\rho}}(Q)$ : defined by  $\partial_1^{f^{\circ\rho}}(q) = f_2(\rho(q)\bar{*}c, c)$ .

$C_{\bullet}^{f^{\circ\rho}}(Q) = (C_n^{f^{\circ\rho}}(Q), \partial_n^{f^{\circ\rho}})$ : a chain complex.

$H_n^{f^{\circ\rho}}(Q)$ : the  $n$ -th homology group of the chain complex  $C_{\bullet}^{f^{\circ\rho}}(Q)$ .

$V$ : a right  $M(k, k; R)$ -module.

$C_{\bullet}^{f^{\circ\rho}}(Q; V) := (V \otimes C_n^{f^{\circ\rho}}(Q), \text{Id}_V \otimes \partial_n^{f^{\circ\rho}})$ .

$H_n^{f^{\circ\rho}}(Q; V)$ : the  $n$ -th homology group of the chain complex  $C_{\bullet}^{f^{\circ\rho}}(Q; V)$

Ex.

$\partial_1^{f^{\circ\rho}}(x, y) = f_1(x, y)x - x * y + f_2(x, y)y$ .

Remark.

If  $c \in \text{Im}(\rho)$ ,  $C_{\bullet}^{f^{\circ\rho}}(Q)$  was introduced by Andruskiewitch-Grana.

## Theorem A

Let us consider the complex:  $M(k, k; R)^m \xrightarrow{\partial'_2} M(k, k; R)^n \xrightarrow{\partial'_1} M(k, k; R) \rightarrow 0$ , where

$$\partial'_2(\mathbf{a}) = \mathbf{a}A(Q, \rho; f_1, f_2), \quad \partial'_1(\mathbf{a}) = \mathbf{a} \begin{pmatrix} f_2(\rho(x_1)\bar{*}c, c) \\ \vdots \\ f_2(\rho(x_n)\bar{*}c, c) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then,  $H_1^{\mathbf{f} \circ \rho}(Q) \cong \text{Ker}(\partial'_1)/\text{Im}(\partial'_2)$  and  $H_0^{\mathbf{f} \circ \rho}(Q) \cong M(k, k; R)/\text{Im}(\partial'_1)$ .

Assume that  $R$  is a PID.

$V = R^k$ : an  $(R, M(k, k; R))$ -module.

$$V \otimes M(k, k; R)^m \xrightarrow{\text{Id}_V \otimes \partial'_2} V \otimes M(k, k; R)^n \xrightarrow{\text{Id}_V \otimes \partial'_1} V \otimes M(k, k; R) \rightarrow 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow V^m = R^{km} \xrightarrow{\text{Id}_V \otimes \partial'_2} V^n = R^{kn} \xrightarrow{\text{Id}_V \otimes \partial'_1} V = R^k \rightarrow 0.$$

Hence, we can define the **order** of  $H_n^{f^{\circ\rho}}(Q; V)$ , which is denoted by  $\text{order}(H_n^{f^{\circ\rho}}(Q; V))$ .

### Theorem B

If  $H_0^{f^{\circ\rho}}(Q; V)$  does not have a free part,  
then we can define  $\Delta(A(Q, \rho; f_1, f_2), c)$  and it holds that

$$\Delta(A(Q, \rho; f_1, f_2), c) \doteq \frac{\text{order}(H_1^{f^{\circ\rho}}(Q; V))}{\text{order}(H_0^{f^{\circ\rho}}(Q; V))}.$$

Remark.

Ishii and Oshiro defined  $\Delta(A(Q, \rho; f_1, f_2), R(Q, \rho; \mathbf{f}_{\text{col}}))$  using **column relation maps**

$$\mathbf{f}_{\text{col}} = (f_{\text{col},1}, \dots, f_{\text{col},l}).$$

$\Delta(A(Q, \rho; f_1, f_2), c)$  is a special case of  $\Delta(A(Q, \rho; f_1, f_2), R(Q, \rho; \mathbf{f}_{\text{col}}))$ .

In the same way, we can also interpret  $\Delta(A(Q, \rho; f_1, f_2), R(Q, \rho; \mathbf{f}_{\text{col}}))$  in terms of the homology group.

Thank you for your attention.