

# Orbifold Cohomology for Global Torus Quotients

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WARNING: These are lecture notes!

## Introductory Example.

Consider the topological quotient of  $S^3$  by  $S^1$

where the action is:

$$S^3 = \{ (z_1, z_2) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 = 1 \}$$

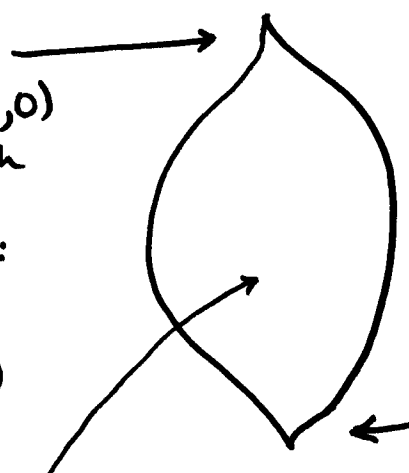
$S^1$  acts on  $S^3$  by:

$$\lambda \cdot (z_1, z_2) = (\lambda^2 z_1, \lambda^3 z_2).$$

The quotient space  $S^3/S^1$  is topologically a 2-sphere, but:

The orbit of points  $(z_1, 0)$  form the North pole, with isotropy  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ :  $1, -1$  both fix  $(z_1, 0)$

The orbit of a generic point  $(z_1, z_2)$  ( $z_1, z_2 \neq 0$ ) is smooth in the quotient.



it really looks like a lemon.

The orbit of pts  $(0, z_2)$  form the South pole, with isotropy  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ :  $1, e^{2\pi i/3}, e^{4\pi i/3}$  all fix  $(0, z_2)$ .

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The lemon is not the global quotient of any space by a finite group.

The inertial <sup>cohomology</sup> ring.

How can we devise an invariant to tell the difference between the smooth  $S^2$  and the lemon?

Introduce the inertial <sup>cohomology</sup> ring.

Let  $M$  be a manifold with a locally free  $T$  action (here,  $T$  is a torus, and loc. free means finite isotropy).

Then as a (graded) vector space:

$$NH_T^{*,0}(M) := \bigoplus_{g \in T} H^*(M^g/T)$$

$$M^g = \{m \in M \mid g \cdot m = m\}$$

(Many  $M^g = \emptyset$ )

- The grading  $*$  is shifted from left hand side to right hand side. We won't discuss this
- The grading  $\diamond$  is over the group elements. We won't discuss this either (both gradings are related to the product structure, which we won't have time for).

In the case of  $M = S^3$  and  $T = S^1$   
with the action as before,

$$NH_{S^1}^{*,*}(S^3) = \underbrace{H^*(S^3/S^1)}_{g=1} \oplus \underbrace{H^*(\{(z,0)\}/S^1)}_{g=-1}$$

$$\oplus \underbrace{H^*(\{(0,z_2)\}/S^1)}_{g=e^{2\pi i/3}} \oplus \underbrace{H^*(\{(0,z_2)\}/S^1)}_{g=e^{4\pi i/3}}$$

Equivariant Cohomology

~~$H_T^*(M)$~~   $H_T^*(M) := H^*(M \times_T ET)$

where  $ET$  is a contractible space on which  $T$  acts freely, and  $M \times_T ET := (M \times ET)/T$

Note:  $H_T^*(M) = H^*(M/T)$  when  $T$  acts freely.  
(rationally)

We may ~~use~~ rewrite:

$$NH_T^{*,*}(M) := \bigoplus_{g \in T} H_T^*(M^g)$$

(when  $T$  acts on  $M$  locally freely).

Chen & Ruan describe a funny ring structure on this space, but it's not in practice easy to compute.

Idea: Move away from locally free actions

Let  $Y$  be a Hamiltonian  $T$ -space. ( $T = \text{compact abelian Lie group}$ )  
This means  $Y$  is symplectic (~~it~~ <sup>has</sup> a closed, non-degenerate 2-form  $\omega$  on it).

and if  $\xi \in \text{Lie}(T)$  is a vector in the tangent space,  $\xi$  generates the vector field  $X_\xi$  on  $Y$ , then  $\exists$  function  $\phi^\xi$  on  $Y$  such that

$$\omega(X_\xi, \cdot) = \text{d}\phi^\xi.$$

In particular  $\phi: Y \rightarrow \text{Lie}(T)^*$

defined by

$$\langle \phi(p), \xi \rangle := \phi^\xi(p)$$

is ~~the~~ a moment map for  $T \curvearrowright Y$ .

Hamiltonian  $T$ -spaces ~~do~~ not have locally

free actions: if  $Y$  is compact  
~~the~~ the functions  $\phi^\xi$  have max/min on  $Y$   
 $\Rightarrow d\phi^\xi = 0$  ~~at~~ at these pts  
 $\Rightarrow$  by nondegen. of  $\omega$ ,  $X_\xi = 0$  at these points

NOT  
LOCALLY  
FREE  
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$\Rightarrow$  the  $S^1 \subset T$  generated by (rational)  $\xi$  fixes the crit. point of  $\phi^\xi$ .



# SYMPLECTIC REDUCTION

Let  $\phi: Y \rightarrow \text{Lie}(T)^*$

be a moment map. ~~Let~~ Assume 0 is a regular value.

Then  $\phi^{-1}(0) \subset Y$  is a submanifold with a LOCALLY FREE T-action.

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$Y = S^2$ ,  $\omega =$  volume form

$S^1 \curvearrowright Y$  by spinning it on z-axis, fixing N and S poles

$\phi: Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$



moment map is height function.

0 is a regular value.

$\phi^{-1}(0)$  is equator. It has a free  $S^1$  action.

The symplectic reduction

$$Y //_{T} := \phi^{-1}(0) / T$$

is an orbifold.

Theorem (G-, Holm, Knutson): There is a natural surjection

**SURJECTION**

$$NH_T^{*,\varphi}(Y) \longrightarrow NH_T^{*,\varphi}(\phi^{-1}(0)) \cong H_{CR}^*(Y//T)$$

as rings from the inertial cohomology of a Hamiltonian T-space Y to the Chen-Ruan cohomology of the symplectic quotient Y//T.

If  $Y = T^*\mathbb{C}^n$  is Hyperkähler, and  $Y////T$

Thm (G-, Harada) is a hypertoric variety, then

$$NH_T^{*,\varphi}(Y) \longrightarrow H_{CR}^*(Y////T)$$

is also a surjection.

By the way, the Lemon (our original example)

is a symplectic reduction of  $\mathbb{C}^2$  by an  $S^1$  action:

$$\lambda \cdot (z_1, z_2) = (\lambda^2 z_1, \lambda^3 z_2).$$

The moment map  $\phi: \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by

$$(z_1, z_2) \longmapsto |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 - 1.$$

Then lemon =  $\phi^{-1}(0)/S^1$ .