

# Hantzsche-Wendt manifolds

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# Crystallographic groups

Let  $\mathbb{R}^n$  be  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space, with isometry group  $E(n) = O(n) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^n$ .

## Definition

$\Gamma$  is a crystallographic group of rank  $n$  iff it is a discrete and cocompact subgroup of  $E(n)$ .

A Bieberbach group is a torsion free crystallographic group.

# Basic properties

## Theorem

*( Bieberbach, 1910)*

- ▶ *If  $\Gamma$  is a crystallographic group of dimension  $n$ , then the set of all translations of  $\Gamma$  is a maximal abelian subgroup of a finite index.*
- ▶ *There is only a finite number of isomorphic classes of crystallographic groups of dimension  $n$ .*
- ▶ *Two crystallographic groups of dimension  $n$  are isomorphic if and only if there are conjugate in the group affine transformations  $A(n) = GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^n$ .*

# Pure abstract point of view

## Theorem

*(Zassenhaus, 1947) A group  $\Gamma$  is a crystallographic group of dimension  $n$  if and only if, it has a normal maximal abelian subgroup  $\mathbb{Z}^n$  of a finite index.*

# Holonomy representation

## Definition

Let  $\Gamma$  be a crystallographic group of dimension  $n$  with translations subgroup  $A \simeq \mathbb{Z}^n$ . A finite group  $\Gamma/A = G$  we shall call a holonomy group of  $\Gamma$ .

Let  $(A, a) \in E(n)$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .  $\Gamma$  acts on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  in the following way:

$$(A, a)(x) = Ax + a.$$

## Definition

Let  $\Gamma$  be  $n$ -dimensional Bieberbach group. We have the following short exact sequence of groups.

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \Gamma \xrightarrow{p} \Gamma/\mathbb{Z}^n = H \rightarrow 0.$$

Let us define a homomorphism  $h_\Gamma : H \rightarrow GL(n, \mathbb{Z})$ . Put

$$\forall h \in H, h_\Gamma(h)(e_i) = \bar{h}^{-1} e_i \bar{h},$$

where  $p(\bar{h}) = h$  and  $e_i \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  is a standard basis.  $h_\Gamma$  is called a holonomy representation of a group  $\Gamma$ .

# Flat manifold

Let  $\Gamma \subset E(n)$  be a torsion free crystallographic group. Since  $\Gamma$  is cocompact and discrete subgroup, then the orbit space  $\mathbb{R}^n/\Gamma$  is a manifold. If  $\Gamma$  is not torsion free then the orbit space  $\mathbb{R}^n/\Gamma$  is an orbifold.

## Definition

The above manifolds (orbifolds) we shall call "flat".

From elementary covering theory any compact Riemannian manifold (orbifold) with sectional curvature equal to zero is flat.



## Example

### Flat surfaces:

- ▶ torus  $S^1 \times S^1$ ,
- ▶ Klein bottle  $S^1 \times S^1 / \mathbb{Z}_2$

We shall see that many properties of the Bieberbach Groups correspond to properties of flat manifolds.

# Definition

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Any flat manifold of dimension  $n$  with holonomy group  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^{n-1}$  we shall call Generalized Hantzsche-Wendt (GHW for short) manifold. An oriented GHW we shall call Hantzsche-Wendt manifold (HW for short).

A fundamental group of GHW (HW) flat manifolds we shall call GHW (HW) Bieberbach group.

Exercise: Let  $M^n$  be a flat Hantzsche-Wendt manifold of dimension  $n$ . Show that  $n$  is an odd natural number.

## Example

Klein Bottle is GHW, 3-dimensional flat oriented manifold  $M^3$  with non-cyclic holonomy  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$  is HW manifold. J.Conway called it "didicosm".

It can be proved that  $\pi_1(M^3)$  is a Fibonacci group  $F(2, 6)$ , where

$$F(2, 6) = \{x_1, \dots, x_6 \mid x_1x_2 = x_3, x_2x_3 = x_4, \dots, x_6x_1 = x_2\}.$$

It is clear, that any  $n$ -dimensional HW group is related to an element of the second cohomology group  $H^2(\mathbb{Z}_2^{n-1}, \mathbb{Z}^n)$ . Hence the number of non-isomorphic GHW groups of given dimension growth exponentially.

## Theorem

(J.P.Rossetti, A.S. 2005) Let  $\Gamma$  be a  $n$ -dimensional GHW group.  
Then

$$h_{\Gamma}((\mathbb{Z}_2)^{n-1}) \subset GL(n, \mathbb{Z})$$

is a set of the diagonal matrices with  $\pm 1$  on diagonal.

The proof is by induction and used the following lemmas.

**Lemma 1** Let  $\rho : \mathbb{Z}_2^{n-1} \rightarrow GL(n, \mathbb{Z})$  be a diagonal faithful integral representation with  $-\text{Id} \notin \text{Im}(\rho)$ . Then there are  $g \in \mathbb{Z}_2^{n-1}$  and  $1 \leq i \leq n$  such that  $\rho(g) = \text{diag}[-1, -1, \dots, -1, \underbrace{1}_i, -1, \dots, -1]$ .

Moreover, if  $\text{Im}(\rho) \not\subset SL(n, \mathbb{Z})$ , then there are  $g \in \mathbb{Z}_2^{n-1}$  and  $1 \leq i \leq n$  such that  $\rho(g) = \text{diag}[1, \dots, 1, \underbrace{-1}_i, 1, \dots, 1]$ .

**Lemma 2** Let  $\Gamma$  be a  $n$ -rank Bieberbach group with translation lattice  $\Lambda$ . Suppose that  $(B, b) \in \Gamma$  and  $B$  has eigenvalues 1 and  $-1$ , with corresponding eigenspaces  $V^+$  and  $V^-$  of dimension 1 and  $n - 1$  respectively.

Then  $\Lambda = (\Lambda \cap V^+) \oplus (\Lambda \cap V^-)$ , and the orthogonal projection of  $b$  onto  $V^+$  lies in  $1/2(\Lambda \cap V^+) \setminus (\Lambda \cap V^+)$ .

# Rational homology sphere

## Theorem

*If  $M = \mathbb{R}^n/\Gamma$ , where  $\Gamma$  is HW, then  $M$  is a rational homology sphere.*

We calculate rational homology of  $M$  from the following formula

$$H_i(M, \mathbb{Q}) = (\Lambda^i(\mathbb{Z}^n))^{\mathbb{Z}_2^{n-1}}.$$

From definition of the holonomy representation they are zero for all  $i \neq 0, n$ . Since HW is connected and oriented, then  $M$  is a rational homology sphere.

# Abelianization

## Theorem

*(B.Putrycz, 2006) Let  $M$  be any HW flat manifold of dimension  $n > 3$ , then*

$$H_1(M, \mathbb{Z}) = (\mathbb{Z}_2)^{n-1}.$$

In the proof are used methods proposed by R. Miatello and J. P. Rossetti.

# Homology over $\mathbb{Z}$

In 2008 K. Dekimpe and N. Petrosyan calculate, by constructing a free resolution, homology of low dimensional oriented GHW groups/manifolds. In dimension five there are this same (for 2 groups). But in dimension 7 there are four classes on 62 groups. They find an algorithm.



Let us present the table for dimension five (2 groups):

$H_k(\Gamma)$	$k = 0$	$k = 1$	$k = 2$	$k = 3$	$k = 4$	$k = 5$
	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2^4$	$\mathbb{Z}_2^2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2^4$	$0$	$\mathbb{Z}$

for dimension seven (62 groups):

$H_k(\Gamma)$	k=0	k=1	k=2	k=3	k=4	k=5	k=6	k=7
I	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2^6$	$\mathbb{Z}_2^8$	$\mathbb{Z}_4^6$	$\mathbb{Z}_2^8$	$\mathbb{Z}_2^6$	0	$\mathbb{Z}$
II	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2^6$	$\mathbb{Z}_2^9$	$\mathbb{Z}_2^{10} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_4^2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2^9$	$\mathbb{Z}_2^6$	0	$\mathbb{Z}$
III	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2^6$	$\mathbb{Z}_2^8$	$\mathbb{Z}_2^4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_4^4$	$\mathbb{Z}_2^8$	$\mathbb{Z}_2^6$	0	$\mathbb{Z}$
IV	$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2^6$	$\mathbb{Z}_2^8$	$\mathbb{Z}_2^8 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_4^2$	$\mathbb{Z}_2^8$	$\mathbb{Z}_2^6$	0	$\mathbb{Z}$

# Cohomological rigidity

## Definition

Two flat manifolds  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are cohomological rigid iff a homeomorphism between  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  is equivalent to an isomorphism of graded rings  $H^*(M_1, \mathbb{F}_2)$  and  $H^*(M_2, \mathbb{F}_2)$ .

## Theorem

*(J. Popko, A.S. 2013) Hantzsche-Wendt manifolds are cohomological rigid.*

## Idea of proof:

We apply the Lyndon-Hochschild-Serre spectral sequence  $\{E_r^{p,q}, d_r\}$  of the covering  $T^n \rightarrow T^n / (\mathbb{Z}_2)^{n-1}$  with  $\mathbb{F}_2$  coefficients. Since a holonomy representation  $h_\Gamma$  is diagonal  $E_2^{p,q} = H^p((\mathbb{Z}_2)^{n-1}) \otimes H^q(\mathbb{Z}^n)$ . We only use the multiplicative structure of the first and second cohomology group. We have an exact sequence

$$H^1(\mathbb{Z}^n, \mathbb{F}_2) \xrightarrow{d_2} H^2((\mathbb{Z}_2)^{n-1}, \mathbb{F}_2) \xrightarrow{p^*} H^2(\Gamma, \mathbb{F}_2),$$

where  $d_2$  is a transgression,  $p^*$  is induced by the homomorphism  $p : \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2^{n-1}$  and  $\Gamma$  is a HW-group.

## Idea of proof:

A  $\mathbb{F}_2$  - rank of

$$\text{Im}(d_2) \subset H^2((\mathbb{Z}_2)^{n-1}, \mathbb{F}_2) \subset H^*((\mathbb{Z}_2)^{n-1}, \mathbb{F}_2) \simeq \mathbb{F}_2[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}]$$

is equal to  $n$ .

Let  $T_i = d_2(t_i)$ , where  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$  is the standard  $\mathbb{F}_2$  - basis of  $H^1(\mathbb{Z}^n, \mathbb{F}_2)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Moreover, let

$$D = \{y \in \text{Im}(d_2) \mid y \in \text{is a product of two polynomials of degree 1}\}.$$

## Idea of proof:

**Main Lemma.** The set  $D$  define a HW-manifold in an unique way up to affine equivalence.

**Remark.** 1.  $D = \{T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n\}$  or  
2. we can rediscover the set of generators  $T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n$  from the set  $D$ .

(The set  $D$  has less than  $n + 2$  elements.)

## Definition

A Bieberbach group  $\Gamma \subset SO(n) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^n$  has a spin structure if and only if there exists a homomorphism  $\epsilon : \Gamma \rightarrow Spin(n)$  such that  $\text{pr}_1 = \lambda_n \circ \epsilon$ . Here  $\text{pr}_1$  is a projection on the first component, and  $\lambda_n : Spin(n) \rightarrow SO(n)$  is a universal covering.

It is well known that  $H^2(SO(n), \mathbb{Z}_2) = \mathbb{Z}_2$ . We define a group  $Spin(n)$  as a middle group in a non-trivial short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow Spin(n) \xrightarrow{\lambda_n} SO(n) \rightarrow 0.$$

## More about Spin

Let  $C_n$  be Clifford's algebra over the real numbers. By definition it is an associative algebra with unity, generated by elements

$$\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$$

and with relations

$$\forall i, e_i^2 = -1,$$

$$\forall i, j, e_i e_j = -e_j e_i,$$

where  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ . We define  $C_0 = \mathbb{R}$ . It is easy to see that  $C_1 = \mathbb{C}$  and  $C_2 = \mathbb{H}$ , where  $\mathbb{H}$  is the four-dimensional quaternion algebra. Moreover,  $\mathbb{R}^n \subset C_n$  and  $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} C_n = 2^n$ , where  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is  $n$ -dimensional  $\mathbb{R}$ -vector space with the basis  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$ .



We have the following homomorphisms (involutions) on  $C_n$  :

$$(i) \ * : e_{i_1} e_{i_2} \dots e_{i_k} \mapsto e_{i_k} e_{i_{k-1}} \dots e_{i_2} e_{i_1},$$

$$(ii) \ ' : e_i \mapsto -e_i,$$

$$(iii) \ ^- : a \mapsto (a')^*, a \in C_n.$$

Suppose  $C_n^0 = \{x \in C_n \mid x' = x\}$ . It is easy to observe that

$$\forall a, b \in C_n, (ab)^* = b^* a^*.$$

We define subgroups of  $C_n$ ,

$$Pin(n) = \{x_1 x_2 \dots x_k \mid x_i \in S^{n-1} \subset \mathbb{R}^n \subset C_n, i = 1, 2, \dots, k\},$$

$$Spin(n) = Pin(n) \cap C_n^0.$$

## Theorem

(B. Putrycz, J. P. Rossetti, 2009) Let  $\Gamma$  be an oriented Hantzsche-Wendt group of dimension  $2n + 1 \geq 5$ , then  $\Gamma$  has not a spin structure.

A few words about the proof.

Let  $\beta_i = (B_i, b_i) \in \Gamma$  be generators of  $\Gamma$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2n$ , where  $B_i = \text{diag}[-1, -1, \dots, -1, \underbrace{1}_i, -1, \dots, -1]$ . It is easy to see

that  $\lambda_n(\pm e_1 e_2, \dots, e_{i-1} e_{i+1} \dots e_{2n+1}) = B_i$  and  $\lambda_n(\pm e_i e_j) = \text{diag}[1, \dots, 1, \underbrace{-1}_i, 1, \dots, 1, \underbrace{-1}_j, 1, \dots, 1]$ . Moreover  $\forall i, j \quad (e_i e_j)^2 = -1$

and  $(e_{i_1} e_{i_2} \dots e_{i_{2m}})^2 = (-1)^{m \bmod 2}$ .

Let  $n = 2m + 1$  and let  $\epsilon : \Gamma \rightarrow Spin(n)$  be a homomorphism s.t.  $\lambda_n \circ \epsilon = \text{pr}_1$ . From above  $\forall i \ \epsilon(\beta_i) = \pm e_1 e_2 \dots e_{i-1} e_{i+1} \dots e_{2m+1}$ . Hence  $\epsilon(t_i) = \epsilon((\beta_i)^2) = (-1)^{m \text{ mod } 2}$ .

We consider two cases. For  $m$  even  $\epsilon(Z^n) = 1$ . We have  $\epsilon(\beta_1 \beta_2) = \pm e_1 e_2$ . Finally  $\epsilon((\beta_1 \beta_2)^2) = 1 = (\pm e_1 e_2)^2 = -1$ , and we have a contradiction.

For  $m$  odd a proof is rather more difficult.

Let  $M = \mathbb{R}^n/\Gamma$  be a flat manifold.

### Definition

A holonomy representation  $\Psi_\Gamma : H \rightarrow GL(n, \mathbb{Z})$  is essentially complex if there exists a matrix  $A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ , such that,

$$\forall h \in H, A\Psi_\Gamma(h)A^{-1} \in GL(\frac{1}{2}n, \mathbb{C}).$$

## Theorem

(F.E.A. Johnson, E. Rees, 1991) *The following conditions are equivalent:*

- ▶  *$M$  is a flat Kähler manifold,*
- ▶  *$\Psi_\Gamma$  is essentially complex,*
- ▶  *$\Gamma$  is a discrete cocompact torsion-free subgroup of  $U(\frac{1}{2}n) \times \mathbb{C}^{\frac{1}{2}n}$ .*

In the same paper is given the following characterization of an essentially complex representation.

$$\Psi_{\Gamma} : H \rightarrow GL(n, \mathbb{Z})$$

is essentially complex if and only if  $n$  is an even number and each  $\mathbb{R}$ -irreducible summand of  $\Psi_{\Gamma}$  which is also  $\mathbb{C}$ -irreducible occurs with even multiplicity.

## Definition

A flat manifold has a  $\mathbb{C}$  Complex structure if and only if their holonomy representation is essentially complex.

In Algebraic geometry the flat Kähler manifolds are called hyperelliptic varieties.

2-dimensional hyperelliptic varieties :

holonomy	CARAT notations
1	15.1.1
$\mathbb{Z}_2$	18.1.1; 18.1.2
$\mathbb{Z}_3$	35.1.1; 35.1.2
$\mathbb{Z}_4$	25.1.2; 27.1.1
$\mathbb{Z}_6$	70.1.1

There is also a list of all 3-dimensional complex flat manifolds. There are 174 such objects. If a holonomy group of a flat manifold  $M$  is a subgroup of  $SU(n)$ , then  $M$  is called Calabi-Yau manifold.



## Theorem

(Hodge, 1941) Let  $M$  be  $n$ -dimensional complex Kähler manifold. We have:

- ▶  $H^r(M, \mathbb{C}) = \sum_{p+q=r} H^{p,q}(M)$ ,
- ▶ if  $h^{p,q}(M) = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} H^{p,q}(M)$ , then  $h^{p,q}(M) = h^{q,p}(M)$ ,
- ▶ number  $b_r(M) = \sum_{p+q=r} h^{p,q}(M)$  is even if  $r$  is odd.

The table of numbers  $\{h^{p,q}(M), 0 \leq p, q \leq n\}$  is called the Hodge diamond of  $M$ .

## Definition

A flat Kähler manifold of complex - dimension  $n$  with  $\mathbb{Z}_2^{n-1}$  holonomy group is called a complex Hantzsche-Wendt manifold.

They are Calabi-Yau manifolds. (Holonomy group is a subgroup of  $SU(n)$ .) Here we present their Hodge diamond:

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc}
 & & & & \binom{n}{0} & & & \\
 & & & & 0 & & 0 & \\
 & & & 0 & \binom{n}{1} & & 0 & \\
 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & 0 \\
 & 0 & & 0 & \binom{n}{2} & & 0 & 0 \\
 \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\
 \binom{n}{0} & \binom{n}{1} & \binom{n}{2} & \dots & \dots & \binom{n}{n-1} & \binom{n}{n} \\
 \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\
 & 0 & & 0 & \binom{n}{n-2} & & 0 & 0 \\
 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & \\
 & & & 0 & \binom{n}{n-1} & & 0 & \\
 & & & 0 & 0 & & 0 & \\
 & & & & \binom{n}{0} & & & 
 \end{array}$$

Thank You.