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11/8 conjecture

$\pi_1(X) = \langle 1 \rangle$. topological 4-manifolds.

Thm 1) $N_1 \underset{\text{homeo}}{\simeq} N_2 \Leftrightarrow Q_{N_1} \cong Q_{N_2}$ and

$ks(N_1) = ks(N_2) \in H_4(X, \mathbb{Z}_2)$

2) Q not even, Q unimodular and

symplectic $\qquad \det Q = \pm 1$.

Q intersection form $H_2 \oplus H_2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

$(\alpha, \beta) \longmapsto \langle \alpha \wedge \beta, [M] \rangle$

$\forall (Q, k) \in$ Quadric forms $\times H_4(X, \mathbb{Z}_2)$

$\exists X : Q_N = Q \quad ks(N) = k$.

3) Q even $\Rightarrow \exists x.\ Q_X = Q \quad ks(X) = k$

$\Leftrightarrow k = \frac{\sigma_Q}{8} \pmod 2$.

Thm (Donaldson). Assume Q is definite.

If $Q = Q_M$, M smooth, simply closed, 4-dim.

then $Q = n[1]$ or $n[-1]$

positive def. negative def.

Yang-Mills $\qquad YM(D) = \int_M |F_D|^2 \qquad su(2)$.

4D. $F = F^+ + F^-$

$* : \Omega^2 \longrightarrow \Omega^2 \qquad *^2 = id \qquad \Omega = \Lambda^+ \oplus \Lambda^-$.

$YM(D) = \int |F_D^+|^2 + \int |F_D^-|^2 \geq 8\pi^2 k$

$8\pi^2 k = -c_2(\eta)[M] = -\int_M tr(F \wedge F)$.

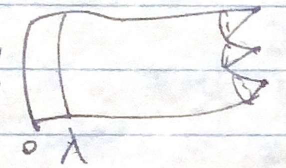
Def: monopole charge.

$\mathcal{M}_{k=1} = \{ * F_D = F_D \} / \text{gauge}$ is 5-dim.

$M \times [0,1] \subseteq \mathcal{M}$.

Singular $\quad E \cong L \oplus L^{-1}$ $\quad L$ a $U(1)$-bundle.

M



$0 \quad 1$

Cone over $\mathbb{C}P^2$ or $\overline{\mathbb{C}P^2}$.

opposite orientation

For $\mathbb{C}P^2$ $\quad Q = [1]$.

$M \quad \# \quad N$

$Q_{M \# N} = Q_M \oplus Q_N$.

e.g. $\quad \# n\mathbb{C}P^2 \# m\overline{\mathbb{C}P^2}$ $\quad Q = n[1] \oplus m[-1]$.

$ks \in H^4(M, \mathbb{Z}_2) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$ $\quad$ ks nonzero $\Rightarrow$ no smooth structure

<u>Def</u>. $\quad \mathrm{rank}(Q) = \mathrm{rank}(H)$ $\qquad Q : H \times H \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$.

$\sigma_M = \mathrm{sign}_Q = \dim H_+^2 - \dim H_-^2$.

- Q_M <u>definite</u> if $Q_M(\alpha,\alpha) > 0$ $\quad \forall \alpha \in H$.
- Q_M <u>indefinite</u> if $\exists\, \alpha_\pm$ s.t. $Q(\alpha_+, \alpha_+) > 0$ $\quad Q(\alpha_-, \alpha_-) < 0$.
- Q_M <u>even</u> if $Q(\alpha,\alpha) = \begin{cases} 0 & \mod 2 \\ 1 & \mod 2 \end{cases}$ $\quad \forall \alpha$

<u>odd</u>

Examples.

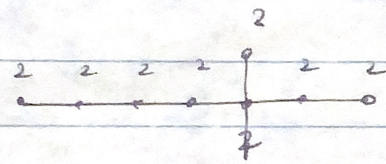
- $Q_{\mathbb{C}P^2} = [1]$
- $Q_{S^2 \times S^2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & S^2 \times S^2 & \\ \swarrow & & \searrow \\ S^2 & & S^2 \end{array}$$

- $Q_{S^2 \tilde{\times} S^2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \end{bmatrix} \cong \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = [+1] \oplus [-1].$

$$S^2 \tilde{\times} S^2 \cong \mathbb{C}P^2 \# \overline{\mathbb{C}P}^2 \longrightarrow S^2$$

- Q_{E_8}



$$\begin{matrix} 2 & 1 & & & & & \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & & & & \\ & 1 & \ddots & & & & \\ & & & \ddots & & & \\ & & & & 2 & 1 & \\ & & & & 1 & 2 & \\ & & & & & & 2 \end{matrix}$$

$\sigma = 8.$ $\det Q = 1.$

X_{E_8} non smoothable

$X_{E_8} \# X_{E_8} = X_{E_8 \oplus E_8}$ cannot have a smooth str.