# A NOTE ON INVARIANT PSEUDOHOLOMORPHIC CURVES

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ABSTRACT. Let  $(X,\omega)$  be a closed symplectic 4-manifold. Let a finite cyclic group G act semifreely, holomorphically on X as isometries with fixed point set  $\Sigma$  (may be empty) which is a 2-dimension submanifold. Then there is a smooth structure on the quotient X' = X/G such that the projection  $\pi: X \to X'$  is a Lipschitz map. Let  $L \to X$  be the  $Spin^c$ -structure on X pulled back from a  $Spin^c$ -structure  $L' \to X'$  and  $b_2^+(X') > 1$ . If the Seiberg-Witten invariant  $SW(L') \neq 0$  of L' is non-zero and  $L = E \otimes K^{-1} \otimes E$ , then there is a G-invariant pseudoholomorphic curve  $u: C \to X$  such that the image u(C) represents the fundamental class of the Poincaré dual  $c_1(E)$ . This is an equivariant version of the Taubes' Theorem.

## 1. Cyclic group actions on 4-manifolds

Let X be an oriented, closed, smooth 4-manifold. Let G be a finite cyclic group. For simplicity, we assume that G acts smoothly, semifreely on X as orientation preserving isometries such that the fixed point set  $\Sigma = X^G$  of G is a 2-dimensional submanifold of X.

As in [18], we may choose a smooth structure on the quotient space X' = X/G such that the projection  $\pi: X \to X'$ , on a tubular neighbourhood  $N(\Sigma)$  of  $\Sigma$  given by  $\pi(a,r,\theta) = (\pi(a),r,n\theta)$ , is Lipschitz and smooth away from  $\Sigma$ , where n = |G| is the order of G,  $a \in \Sigma$ , and  $(r,\theta)$  is the polar coordinate in the normal direction of  $\Sigma$ . The push down metrics or forms to X' of any smooth G-invariant ones on X are smooth away from  $\Sigma$  and have bounded coefficients near  $\Sigma$  with respect to the local coordinates of X'. Moreover, the projection  $\pi$  induces a one-to-one correspondence between G-invariant  $L^p$  metrics or forms on X and  $L^p$  metrics or forms on X'. To

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study the relations between G-invariant properties on X and ones on X', we will fix this smooth structure on X' in this note.

Let T(N) be the Thom space of the normal bundle  $N \to \Sigma$ , and let  $\phi: H^0(\Sigma) \to H^2(T(N))$  be the Thom isomorphism. Let  $c: X \to T(N)$  be the collapsing map in the Thom space.

THEOREM 1.1 [1]. The second Stiefel-Whitney classes satisfy the following formula:

$$w_2(X) - \pi^* w_2(X') = c^* \phi(1) \mod 2$$

where 1 is the standard generator in  $H^0(\Sigma; \mathbb{Z})$ .

REMARK. Consider the Thom isomorphism and the collapsing map

$$H^{0}(\Sigma) \xrightarrow{\phi} H^{2}(T(N)) \xrightarrow{c^{*}} H^{2}(X)$$

$$\downarrow u \mapsto e \downarrow \qquad \qquad \pi^{*} \uparrow$$

$$H^{2}(\Sigma) \longleftarrow H^{2}(X')$$

where *e* is the Euler class of  $N \to \Sigma$ .

By considering the restriction  $H^2(X) \to H^2(\Sigma)$  we have  $c^*\phi(1) = (n-1)$   $PD(\Sigma)$ .

As in [4] and [18] we consider the following commutative diagram:

$$H^{2}(X'; \mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\pi^{*}} H^{2}(X; \mathbb{Z})^{G}$$

$$|G| \cdot PD \downarrow \qquad \qquad PD \downarrow$$

$$H_{2}(X'; \mathbb{Z}) \xleftarrow{\pi_{*}} H_{2}(X; \mathbb{Z})^{G}.$$

Then we have the following consequences

Proposition 1.2 [4], [18].

- (1) The maps  $\pi^*$  and  $\pi_*$  are one-to-one.
- (2) The Euler characteristics :  $\chi(X) = |G|\chi(X') (|G| 1)\chi(\Sigma)$ .
- (3) The signatures :  $\tau(X) = |G|\tau(X') (|G| 1)\Sigma \cdot \Sigma$ .
- (4) The second Betti numbers:

$$b_2(X') = b_2^G(X),$$
  
 $b_2^+(X') = B_2^{G^+}(X) = \dim H^2_+(X; \mathbb{R})^G.$ 

Proof.

- (1) By the above diagram and the Universal coefficients theorem.
- (2) and (3) By the Atiyah-Singer G-index Theorem.
- (4) By the above diagram and (1).  $\Box$

To see the  $Spin^c$ -structures on X and X', we consider the  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  coefficient reduction on cohomologies:

$$H^{2}(X';\mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\pi^{*}} H^{2}(X;\mathbb{Z})^{G}$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$H^{2}(X';\mathbb{Z}_{2}) \xrightarrow{\pi^{*}} H^{2}(X;\mathbb{Z}_{2})^{G}.$$

Since G acts on X as orientation preserving isometries, for all  $h \in G$ ,  $h^*w_2(TX) = w_2(h^*TX) = w_2(TX)$ , and so  $w_2(TX) \in H^2(X; \mathbb{Z}_2)^G$ . The set of  $Spin^c$ -structures on X' is  $(P')^{-1}(w_2(TX'))$ , and the set of the G-invariant ones on X is  $P^{-1}(w_2(TX)) \subset H^2(X; \mathbb{Z})^G$ .

Let  $L' \to X'$  be a  $Spin^c$ -structure on X', then  $c_1(L') = w_2(TX') \mod 2$ . By Thoerem1.1,  $\pi^*w_2(TX') = w_2(TX) + (|G|-1) PD([\Sigma])$ . And  $P\pi^*c_1(L') = \pi^*P'c_1(L') = \pi^*w_2(TX')$ .

There is an element  $\alpha'$  in  $H^2(X'; \mathbb{Z})$  such that  $\pi^*(\alpha') \in P^{-1}(w_2(TX)) \subset H^2(X; \mathbb{Z})^G$  is a G-invariant  $Spin^c$ -structure on X, and then

$$\pi^* P'(\alpha') = P \pi^* (\alpha') = w_2(TX)$$
  
=  $\pi^* w_2(TX') + (|G| - 1)PD([\Sigma]).$ 

PROPOSITION 1.3. If  $(|G|-1)PD([\Sigma]) \subset 2H^2(X;\mathbb{Z})$ , then  $\pi^*$  pull-backs the  $Spin^c$ -structures on X' to G-invariant ones on X.

### 2. Invariant Seiberg-Witten invariant

Let a cyclic group G act smoothly, semifreely on X as orientation preserving isometries with the fixed point set  $\Sigma$ , which is a 2-dimensional submanifold of X. Let  $L' \to X'$  be a  $Spin^c$ -structure on X' and  $(|G| - 1)[\Sigma] \in 2H_2(X;\mathbb{Z})$ . Then the pull-back  $L = \pi^*L' \to X$  is a  $Spin^c$ -structure on X. Let A be the set of U(1)-connections on L. Let  $W^{\pm}$  be the associated spinor bundles of L. Let  $A_0$  be a G-invariant connection of L, then  $A = A_0 + \Omega^1(i\mathbb{R})$  is affine space with the origin  $A_0$ . Let  $\omega_s^1(i\mathbb{R}) = \{ia \in \omega^1(i\mathbb{R}) | d^*a = 0\}$  be the infinitesimal slice of the gauge

group  $\mathcal{T} = \{g : X \to U(1)\}$  action on  $\mathcal{A}$ . For a pair  $(A, \phi) \in \mathcal{A} \times \Gamma(W^+)$ , the Seiberg-Witten equations are a pair of equations:

$$\begin{cases} D_A \phi = 0 \\ F_A^+ = q(\phi). \end{cases}$$

We review the Seiberg-Witten theory to use our applications, for details see [14], [19]. The space of the gauge equivalence classes of the solutions of the Seiberg-Witten equations is called the moduli space  $\mathcal{M}(L)$ .

For a fixed G-invariant connection  $A_0$  of L, the Seiberg-Witten equations define a map

$$F: \Omega^1_s(i\mathbb{R}) \times \Gamma(W^+) \to \Omega^2_+(i\mathbb{R}) \times \Gamma(W^-),$$

$$F(ia, \phi) = (F_{A_0}^+ + d^+(ia) - q(\phi), D_{A_0}\phi + ia \cdot \phi).$$

The moduli space  $\mathcal{M}(L)$  can be identified with  $F^{-1}(0)/S^1$ . We can write  $F = F_0 + R$ , where  $F_0 = (d^+, D_{A_0})$ , which has index:

$$index F = index F_0 = \frac{1}{4}(c_1(L)^2 - (2\chi(X) + 3\sigma(X))).$$

If  $b_2^+ > 1$ , then for generic  $v \in \Omega^2_+(i\mathbb{R})$  the moduli space  $F^{-1}(v)/S^1 = \mathcal{M}(L)$  is a smooth compact manifold with dimension  $2d = \mathrm{index}F$ . Let e be the Euler class of the free  $S^1$ -action on  $F^{-1}(v)$ , then the Seiberg-Witten invariant:

$$SW(L) = \int_{\mathcal{M}(L)} e^d$$

is independent on the choice of metric on X.

If  $b_2^{\perp}(X)^G = b_2^{\perp}(X/G) > 1$ , then we can choose a G-invariant 2-form  $v \in (\Omega_+^2(i\mathbb{R}))^G \setminus \operatorname{im} d^{+G}$  such that the perturbed moduli space  $F^{-1}(v)/S^1$  is a G-space with no reducible singularities, but may not be smooth.

However, if we consider the following G-invariant map

$$F^G: [\Omega^1_s(i\mathbb{R}) \times \Gamma(W^+)]^G \to [\Omega^2_+(i\mathbb{R}) \times \Gamma(W^-)]^G,$$

then for a generic G-invariant v, the G-invariant moduli space  $(F^G)^{-1}(v) / S^1 \equiv \mathcal{M}^G(L)$  is a smooth compact manifold. We can define the G-invariant Seiberg-Witten invariant:  $SW(L) = \int_{\mathcal{M}^G(L)} (e^G)^{d'}$  where  $2d' = \dim \mathcal{M}^G(L)$  and  $e^G$  is the Euler class of the free  $S^1$ -action on  $(F^G)^{-1}(v)$  and we use the orientation  $\mathcal{M}^G(L)$  given by (2) of the following theorem.

THEOREM 2.1. If  $b_2^+(X)^G > 1$ , then the G-invariant moduli space  $\mathcal{M}^G(L)$  has the following properties.

- (1)  $\mathcal{M}^G(L)$  has a natural orientation by choosing an orientation of  $\det(H^0(X;\mathbb{R})^G) \otimes \det(H^1(X;\mathbb{R})^G) \otimes \det(H^2_+(X;\mathbb{R})^G)$ .
- (2) For generic G-invariant  $v \in \Omega^2_+$   $(i\mathbb{R})^G \text{im } d^{+,G}$ , the moduli space  $\mathcal{M}^G$  (L,v) is a compact smooth manifold.
- (3)  $\mathcal{M}^G(L)$  has a virtual dimension

$$\frac{1}{4|G|}[c_1(L)^2 - \{2\chi(X) + 3\sigma(X)\} - (n-1)\{2\chi(\Sigma) + 3\Sigma \cdot \Sigma\} 
= \frac{1}{4}[c_1(L')^2 - \{2\chi(X') + 3\sigma(X')\}] 
= \dim \mathcal{M}(L'),$$

where  $\mathcal{M}(L')$  is the Seiberg-Witten moduli space of the quotient  $L' \to X'$ 

- (4) The G-invariant Seiberg-Witten invariant  $SW^G(L)$  is independent on the choice of the generic G-invariant metrics on X.
  - *Proof.* (2) Since  $b_2^+(X)^G = \dim [H_+^{2,G}(X;\mathbb{R})] > 1$ , the image  $d^+(\Omega^{1,G}(i\mathbb{R}))^G \subset \Omega_+^2(i\mathbb{R})^G$  has a codimension greater than one. The generic Ginvariant  $i\mathbb{R}$ -valued self-dual 2-forms are path connected.
  - (3) To compute the virtual dimension of the G-invariant moduli space, we may use the Atiyah-Singer G-index Theorem.

Let  $L' \to X'$  be the quotient of the  $Spin^c$ -structure  $L \to X$  on X. Then L' is also a  $Spin^c$ -structure on X' under our assumption.

Since  $\pi^*: H^n(X';\mathbb{R}) \to H^n(X;\mathbb{R})^G$  is an isomerphism for all n. We may choose an orientation of the moduli space  $\mathcal{M}(L')$  as the one of the  $\mathcal{M}(L)^G$ . By using the finite approximation method of Furuta[9], we have the following theorem.

THEOREM 2.2. Under the above situation, we have that the G-invariant Seiberg-Witten invariant  $SW^G(L)$  of L on X is the same as the Sieberg-Witten invariant SW(L') of the quotient L' on X'.

Sketch of Proof. Essentially the map  $F: \Omega^1_s(i\mathbb{R}) \times \Gamma(W^+) \to \Omega^2_+(i\mathbb{R}) \times \Gamma(W^-)$  has the restriction  $F^G: [\Omega^1_s(i\mathbb{R}) \times \Gamma(W^+)]^G \to [\Omega^2_+(i\mathbb{R}) \times \Gamma(W^-)]^G$  on the G-invariant part which is the same as  $F': [\Omega^1_s(i\mathbb{R}) \times \Gamma(W^+)]' \to [\Omega^2_+(i\mathbb{R}) \times \Gamma(W^-)]'$  which is induced from the Seiberg-Witten equations

on the quotient  $L' \to X'$ . As we know, the projection map  $\pi : X \to X'$  induces a one-to-one correspondence between G-invariant  $L^p$ -settings on X and  $L^p$ -ones on X'.

Both moduli spaces  $\mathcal{M}^G(L)$  and  $\mathcal{M}(L')$  have the same dimensions and the same orientations, and are compact smooth manifolds. The operators  $D_A^*D_A$ ,  $D_AD_A^*$  and  $d_+^*d_+$ ,  $d_+d_+^*$  induced by  $F^G$  and F' have the same eigenvalues. The Seiberg-Witten invariants  $SW^G(L)$  and SW(L') are the degrees of the maps which are induced by finite dimensional approximation, (by compactness of moduli space) and chipping out by the moduli space. Thus the G-invariant Seiberg-Witten invariant  $SW^G(L)$  of L on X is the same as the Seiberg-Witten invariant  $SW^G(L')$  of L' on X'.

By Theorem 1.1, if  $(|G|-1)[\Sigma] \in 2H_2(X;\mathbb{Z})$ , then the pull-backs of the  $Spin^c$ -structures on X' are G-invariant  $Spin^c$ -structures on X. In particular, if either G has odd order or the homology class  $[\Sigma]$  is divisible by 2, then this is the case.

COROLLARY 2.3. Let  $(|G|-1)[\Sigma] \in 2H_2(X;\mathbb{Z})$ . If the G-invariant  $SW^G \equiv 0$  are identically zero, then the Seiberg-Witten invariants  $SW \equiv 0$  are identically zero on the quotient manifold X/G = X'.

REMARK. If  $L' \to X'$  is a  $Spin^c$ -structure on X' such that  $SW(L') \neq 0$ , then the pull-back  $L \to X$  is a  $Spin^c$ - structure on X with G-action.

By Theorem 2.2  $SW^G(L) \neq 0$ , there is an irreducible G-invariant solution of Seiberg-Witten equations which may not be generic. However there is no guarantee that the Seiberg-Witten invariant of L is non-trivial.

# 3. G-invariant pseudo-holomorphic curves

Let  $(X,\omega)$  be a closed symplectic 4-manifold with a symplectic form  $\omega$  on X. Let J be a tamed almost complex structure on X. As before we assume that a cyclic group G acts semifreely, holomorphically on X as isometries with fixed point set  $\Sigma$  which is a 2-dimensional submanifold. We assume that  $L \to X$  is the  $Spin^c$ -structure induced by the pull-back of a  $Spin^c$ -structure  $L' \to X' = X/G$  via the projection  $\pi: X \to X'$ .

Since X be a symplectic 4-manifold, there is an element  $e \in H^2(X;\mathbb{Z})$  such that  $e = c_1(E)$  and  $L = E^2 \otimes K^{-1}$ ,  $W^+ = E \oplus K^{-1} \otimes E$ , where  $K = \Lambda^{2,0}(T^*X \otimes \mathbb{C})$  is the canonical complex line bundle on X. Since the actions of G on X are holomorphic, each element of G acts on K as a holomorphic bundle isomorphism. Thus  $h^*c_1(K) = c_1(h^*K) = c_1(K)$  for

any  $h \in G$ , and  $c_1(L) = 2c_1(E) - c_1(K)$ . Hence  $e = c_1(E) \in H^2(X; \mathbb{Z})^G$  is G-invariant.

Suppose that the Seiberg-Witten invariant  $SW(L') \neq 0$  of L' is non-zero and  $b_2^+(X') \geq 2$ . There is an irreducible solution  $(A', \phi') \in \mathcal{A} \times \Gamma(W'^+)$  of the Seiberg-Witten equations:

$$\begin{cases} D_{A'} = 0 \\ F_{A'}^+ = q(\phi') + \nu', \end{cases}$$

where  $\nu' \in \Omega^2_+(X';i\mathbb{R}) \setminus \operatorname{im} d'^+$  and  $d'^+ : \Omega^1_s(X';i\mathbb{R}) \to \Omega^2_+(X';i\mathbb{R})$ . Since  $H^2_+(X';\mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^2_+(X;\mathbb{R})^G$  and  $\pi^* : \Omega^2_+(X';i\mathbb{R}) = H^2_+(X;i\mathbb{R}) \oplus \operatorname{im} d'_+ \to \Omega^2_+(X;i\mathbb{R})^G = H^2_+(X;i\mathbb{R})^G \oplus \operatorname{im} d^G_+$  are isomorphisms, there is a G-invariant self-dual 2-form  $\nu \in \Omega^2_+(X;i\mathbb{R})^G \setminus \operatorname{im} d^G_+$  such that  $\pi^*(\nu') = \nu$ , where  $d^G_+: \Omega^1_s(X;i\mathbb{R})^G \to \Omega^2_+(X;i\mathbb{R})$  is the restriction of  $d_+$ . Let  $\pi^*A' = A \in \mathcal{A}^G$ ,  $\pi^*\phi' = \phi \in \Gamma(W^+)^G$ . Then the Seiberg-Witten equations

$$\begin{cases} D_A = 0 \\ F_A^+ = q(\phi) + \nu \end{cases}$$

hold. Since  $b_2^+(X') = b_2^+(X)^G = \dim(H^2_+(X;\mathbb{R})^G) > 1$ , for a generic G-invariant self-dual 2-form  $\nu \in \Omega^2_+(X;i\mathbb{R})^G$  the Seiberg-Witten equations have G-invariant solutions  $(A,\phi) \in \mathcal{A}^G \times \Gamma(W^+)^G$ .

LEMMA 3.1. If  $(A', \phi')$  is a solution of the Seiberg-Witten equations for a  $Spin^c$ -structure  $L' \to X'$  on X', then the pullback  $(A, \phi)$  via the projection  $\pi: X \to X'$  is a solution of thoses for the  $Spin^c$ -structure  $L \to X$  on X pulled back by the  $\pi$ .

To examine the G-invariant solution  $(A, \phi) \in \mathcal{A}^G \times \Gamma(W^+)^G$ , let us split the solution:  $A = A_0 + 2a \in \mathcal{A}^G(K^{-1} \otimes E^2)$  and  $\phi = \sqrt{r}(\alpha, \beta) \in \Gamma(W^+ \equiv E \oplus K^{-1} \otimes E)^G$ . As in [17], we consider the perturbed Seiberg-Witten equations:

(\*) 
$$\begin{cases} D_A \sqrt{r}(\alpha, \beta) = 0 \\ F_a^+ + \frac{ir}{8} (1 - |\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2) \omega - \frac{r}{4} (\alpha \beta^* - \alpha^* \beta) = 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $(\alpha \beta^* - \alpha^* \beta)$  belongs to the orthogonal complement of  $\mathbb{C}\omega$  in  $\Lambda^+ \otimes \mathbb{C}$ , and r is a fixed real number.

THEOREM 3.2 (Taubes). Let X be a compact, minimal symplectic 4-manifold. If  $W^+ = E \oplus K^{-1} \otimes E$  is the positive  $spin^c$ -bundle with non-trivial complex line bundle E, then  $SW(\det W^+) = Gr(PDc_1(E))$  where  $Gr(PDc_1(E))$  is a weighted count of compact symplectic submanifolds whose fundamental class is the Poincaré dual  $PD(c_1(E))$ .

Let the  $Spin^c$ -structure  $L = E^2 \oplus K^{-1} \to X$  is the pull back of a  $Spin^c$ -structure  $L' \to X'$ . The first Chern class  $c_1(E)$  of E is G-invariant. The action of G on X lifts to the bundle E. Choose a section s of the bundle  $E \to X$  such that s transverses the zero section. By averaging we have a new section  $s_1 = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{h \in G} h^*s$  of E, which is G-invariant. The zero set  $s_1^{-1}(0) = Z \subset X$  of  $s_1$  is a G-invariant subset of X. Indeed, if  $x \in s_1^{-1}(0)$ , then for any element  $h \in G$ ,  $s_1(h(x)) = h(s_1(x)) = h(0) = 0$ . For suitable choice of s and the lifting of G on E such that the section  $s_1$  vanishes transversaly the zero set S. The S-invariant 2-dimensional submanifold S in S is the Poincaré dual to the S-invariant 2-dimensional submanifold S-invariant S-in

LEMMA 3.3. In the above argument, the Poincaré dual of the first Chern class  $c_1(E)$  can be represented by a G-invariant submanifold in X.

Let  $(A = A_0 + 2a, \alpha, \beta)$  be a solution of the Seiberg-Witten equations (\*) for a suffliciently larger r. By Taubes [Theorem 3.2] there is a compact complex curve C with a pseudo-holomorphic map such that

- (1) the image  $u_*([C])$  is the Poincaré dual of  $c_1(E)$ ,
- (2) as an element in the homology  $H_2(X;\mathbb{Z})^G$ ,  $u_*([C]) = [\alpha^{-1}(0)] = PD(c_1(E))$ .

As in Lemma 3.3, we define a new section  $\alpha_1 = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{h \in G} h^* \alpha$  of  $E \to X$ . Then the section  $\alpha_1$  is G-invariant and its zero set  $\alpha_1^{-1}(0)$  is a G-invariant subset in X. If  $(A = A_0 + 2a, \alpha, \beta)$  is a G-invariant solution of (\*), then  $\alpha = \alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_1^{-1}(0) = \alpha^{-1}(0)$ .

THEOREM 3.4. Let  $(X, \omega)$  be a closed, symplectic 4-manifold. Let a finite cyclic group G act semifreely, holomorphically on X as isometries with fixed point set  $\Sigma$  (may be empty) which is a 2-dimension submanifold. Then there is a smooth structure on the quotient X' = X/G such that the projection  $\pi: X \to X'$  is Lipschitz.

Let  $L \to X$  be the  $Spin^c$ -structure on X by pull-backed a  $Spin^c$ -structure  $L' \to X'$  and  $b_2^+(X') > 1$ . If the Seiberg-Witten invariant  $SW(L') \neq 0$  of L' is non-zero and  $L = E \oplus K^{-1} \otimes E$ , then there is a G-invariant pseudo-

holomorphic curve  $u: C \to X$  such that the image u(C) represents the fundamental class of the Poincaré dual  $c_1(E)$ .

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