

HOMOLOGY AND COHOMOLOGY OF WEIGHTED COMPLETE INTERSECTIONS

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The first part of this paper is devoted to the computation of the integer homology and cohomology of weighted projective spaces $P(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n)$. These spaces are defined as follows: denote by ζ_l the l -th root of unity $\exp(2\pi i/l)$. Let the group $G = \mathbb{Z}/a_0\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/a_1\mathbb{Z} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}/a_n\mathbb{Z}$ acts on $\mathbb{C}P^n$ by

$$(k_0, k_1, \dots, k_n)(z_0, z_1, \dots, z_n) = (\zeta_{a_0}^{k_0} z_0, \zeta_{a_1}^{k_1} z_1, \dots, \zeta_{a_n}^{k_n} z_n)$$

Then $P(a)$ is the quotient $\mathbb{C}P^n/G$ where a denotes the n -tuple (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) . An entirely elementary computation of their integral homology was carried out for $n=2$ in [4].

Next we shall consider a quasi-smooth complete intersection $Y \subseteq P(a)$ coming from an isolated singularity. We shall obtain some informations about its cohomology \mathbb{Z} -algebra from which we can get a topological invariant of our singularity computable in terms of weights only.

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1. Weighted projective spaces

Our first result is a generalization of those proved in [4]:

THEOREM 1.1: The integral homology and cohomology groups of $P(a)$ are torsion free. In fact there are isomorphic as graded abelian groups to those of $\mathbb{C}P^n$.

Proof: We can assume $\gcd(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) = 1$ without loss of generality since the obvious projection $P(a) \rightarrow P(ca)$ is a homeomorphism (see [3]). We shall use induction over n . The begin $n=0$ is trivial because any weighted projective space is then a point. Consider now the following push-out:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{C}^n \supset S^{2n-1} & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \mathbb{C}P^{n-1} \\ \downarrow i & & \downarrow i \\ \mathbb{C}^n \supset D^{2n} & \xrightarrow{\psi} & \mathbb{C}P^n \end{array}$$

where

$$\phi(z_0, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1}) = (z_0, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1}) \quad \text{and}$$

$$\psi(z_0, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1}) = (z_0, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1}, 1 - (\sum_{0 \leq i \leq n-1} |z_i|^2)^{1/2})$$

and i denotes the inclusion. Let G acts on $D^{2n} \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ by

$$(k)(z) = (\zeta_{a_n}^k z_n, \zeta_{a_0}^k z_0, \zeta_{a_1}^k z_1, \dots, \zeta_{a_{n-1}}^k z_{n-1})$$

and by restriction on S^{2n-1} . Then (ϕ, ψ) becomes a G -equivariant push-out. This implies

$$H_*(P(a), P(a^\wedge)) = H_*(D^{2n}/G, S^{2n-1}/G)$$

where a^\wedge is the $(n-1)$ -tuple which omits a_n . But D^{2n}/G is contractible hence we have:

$$H_*(D^{2n}/G, S^{2n-1}/G) = H_{*+1}(S^{2n-1}/G)$$

Now the G -action on S^{2n-1} extends to a G -action on \mathbb{C}^{n*} . Consider also the following $Z/a_n Z$ -action on \mathbb{C}^{n*} which invaries S^{2n-1} :

$$k(z) = (\zeta_{a_n}^{-ka_0} z_0, \zeta_{a_n}^{-ka_1} z_1, \dots, \zeta_{a_n}^{-ka_{n-1}} z_{n-1})$$

Then the map $\tau: \mathbb{C}^{n*} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n*}$ given by $\tau(z) = (z_0^{a_0}, z_1^{a_1}, \dots, z_{n-1}^{a_{n-1}})$ induces an homeomorphism $\mathbb{C}^{n*}/G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n*}/(Z/a_n Z)$. On the other hand observe that we have the retractions

$$\mathbb{C}^{n*}/G \rightarrow S^{2n-1}/G, \quad \mathbb{C}^{n*}/(Z/a_n Z) \rightarrow S^{2n-1}/(Z/a_n Z)$$

Since the $Z/a_n Z$ -action on \mathbb{C}^{n*} extends to a S^1 -action the $Z/a_n Z$ -action induced in homology is trivial. Now the usual properties of the transfer map (see [1]) imply that the natural maps

$$H_*(S^{2n-1}) \simeq H_*(S^{2n-1}) \xrightarrow[\Gamma]{P} H_*(S^{2n-1}/(Z/a_n Z))$$

satisfy:

$$p \circ r = a_n \cdot 1$$

$$r \circ p = \sum_{g \in \mathbb{Z}/a_n \mathbb{Z}} ()^g = a_n \cdot 1$$

Therefore

$$H_i(S^{2n-1}/(\mathbb{Z}/a_n \mathbb{Z})) \otimes \mathbb{Z}[1/a_n] = \begin{cases} 0 & , \text{ for } i \neq 0, 2n-1 \\ \mathbb{Z}[1/a_n] & , \text{ for } i=0, 2n-1 \end{cases}$$

We derive from inspecting the long homology sequence of the pair $(P(a), P(a^\wedge))$ and the induction hypothesis the following exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow H_i(P(a^\wedge)) \longrightarrow H_i(P(a)) \longrightarrow H_{i-1}(S^{2n-1}/(\mathbb{Z}/a_n \mathbb{Z})) \longrightarrow 0$$

for $0 < i < 2n$ and the isomorphism

$$H_{2n}(P(a)) = H_{2n-1}(S^{2n-1}/(\mathbb{Z}/a_n \mathbb{Z}))$$

This implies that $H_*(P(a))$ has no torsion if we can invert a_n . But this is true for all a_i 's. Since $\gcd(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) = 1$ holds we have shown that $H_*(P(a))$ contains no torsion. Now from [3] we have

$$H_*(P(a), Q) = H_*(CP^n, Q)$$

thus the theorem follows. \square

Fix now a prime p , and write $a_i = p^{r_i} c_i$ with $\gcd(c_i, p) = 1$. Choose a permutation σ of $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ such that

$$r_{\sigma(1)} \geq r_{\sigma(2)} \geq \dots \geq r_{\sigma(n)} \geq r_{\sigma(0)}$$

Define then

$$b_i(p) = \prod_{0 \leq j \leq i} p^{r_{\sigma(j)}}$$

and

$$b_i = \prod_{p \text{ prime}} b_i(p)$$

Set g_i for the generator of $H^{2i}(P(a))$. We may state:

THEOREM 1.2 : The cohomology \mathbb{Z} -algebra of $P(a)$ is determined by the following relations:

$$g_i \cup g_j = (b_i b_j / b_{i+j}) g_{i+j}, \text{ for all } i, j \text{ with } i+j \leq n$$

Proof: The projection $CP^n \longrightarrow P(a)$ induces the morphisms p_i between their homology groups of dimension $2i$. An alternative way to describe them is to consider the transfer maps

$$H_{2i}(CP^n) \cong H_{2i}(CP^n)^G \xrightleftharpoons[r]{p} H_{2i}(P(a))$$

where the isomorphism is a consequence of the fact that the G -action may be extended to a T^n -action, T^n being the torus of dimension n . Then we have :

$$r \circ p = |G| \cdot 1$$

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Thus there is some positive integer d_i for which p_i sends the generator of $H_{2i}(CP^n)$ to d_i -times the generator of $H_{2i}(P(a))$. Notice that this would imply that $g_i \cup g_j = (d_i d_j / d_{i+j}) g_{i+j}$. So it remains to check that d_i equals b_i . We can assume without loss of generality that $\gcd(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) = 1$ hence $r_{\sigma(0)} = 0$ holds. Now observe that $d_0 = 1$ and $d_n = a_0 a_1 \dots a_n$. In fact the projection $S^{2n-1} \longrightarrow S^{2n-1}/G$ is around $(1/n^{1/2}, \dots, 1/n^{1/2})$ a nonramified covering of degree $|G|$ since G acts orientation preserving on S^{2n-1} and the considered value is regular with distinct $|G|$ preimages. Now the whole projection map which is a ramified covering will have degree $d_n = |G|$ hence $d_n = b_n$. On the other hand the projection $CP^n \longrightarrow P(a)$ factorizes into the composition of projections

$CP^n \longrightarrow P(p^{r_{\sigma(0)}}, \dots, p^{r_{\sigma(n)}}) \longrightarrow P(a)$. Notice that the second projection is the quotient map of an action of a group whose order is prime to p . Hence from transfer arguments it induces an isomorphism in homology if we localize at p . Therefore it suffices to prove the theorem under the assumption that the c_i 's are all 1. We may also suppose that $a_i = p^{r_i}$ for $i=0, 1, \dots, n$, $a_0 = 1$ and $r_i \geq r_{i+1}$ for $i=1, 2, \dots, n-1$ holds. We shall use induction over n . For $n=0$ the claim is trivial. Now since a_i divide a_1 for all $i \geq 1$ and $a_0 = 1$ the operation of $Z/a_n Z$ on S^{2n-1} is given by the following formula:

$$k(z) = (\zeta_a^k z_0, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1})$$

This can be extended to a $Z/a_n Z$ -action on C^{n*} . The map $v: C^{n*} \longrightarrow C^{n*}$

given by $v(z) = (z_0^a, z_1, \dots, z_n)$ induces an homeomorphism $C^{n*} \longrightarrow C^{n*}/(Z/a_n Z)$. The exact sequence used in the proof of theorem 1.1

give us the following isomorphisms induced by inclusion

$$H_{2i}(P(a^\wedge)) \xrightarrow{\sim} H_{2i}(P(a)) \quad \text{for } i \leq 2n-2$$

The argument above given for d_n and the induction hypothesis applied to $P(a^\wedge)$ establishes our claim. \square

Consider now the following arrow associated to the a_i 's : in the first column we put all the primes p dividing some a_i in increasing order; after that we put on the row beginning to p the exponents which appears in the a_i 's in decreasing order i.e. the r_i 's. Denote this arrow by $R(a)$.

COROLLARY 1.3: If $P(a)$ and $P(c)$ have the same homotopy type then $R(a)=R(c)$. For $n=2$ the converse is also valid.

Proof: The comparison of their \mathbb{Z} -cohomology algebras and some arithmetical considerations would yield the first claim. In case when $n=2$ we may apply Whitehead's theorem about the classification of CW-complexes since $\pi_1(P(a))=0$. \square

REMARK 1.4: Let us call a n -tuple (a) to be k -prime if every k elements of it have their greatest common divisor 1. A simple computation give us

$$b_j = \prod_{0 \leq i \leq j} a_i \quad \text{for } j \geq k-1$$

REMARK 1.5: Consider a linear C^* -action on C^{n+1} such that S^{2n+1} is S^1 invariant which diagonalizes hence takes the form

$$t \longrightarrow \text{diag}(t^{a_0}, \dots, t^{a_n})$$

with integer a_i 's. With no essential changes in the above proofs it can be obtained the isomorphism

$$H^*(S^{2n+1}/S^1) = H^*(P(|a_0|, |a_1|, \dots, |a_n|))$$

These spaces correspond to quotients (by the usual weighted G -action) of some homotopy projective spaces $CP^{n,k}$ which can be defined as the quotients S^{2n+1}/S^1 under the following S^1 -action:

$$t \longrightarrow \text{diag}(\underbrace{t^{-1}, t^{-1}, \dots, t^{-1}}_k, t, \dots, t)$$

Then a spectral sequence argument shows that $CP^{n,k}$ has the same \mathbb{Z} -cohomology algebra as CP^n , and because it is a 1-connected compact manifold Whitehead's theorem implies that it would have the same homotopy type. If $0 < k < n+1$ then the above action may be extended to a stable C^* -action on C^{n+1} and therefore $P(C^{n+1})/C^* = CP^{k-1} \times CP^{n-k}$.

Indeed it is easy to see that $C[z_0, \dots, z_n]^{C^*}$ is the ring of $CP^{k-1} \times CP^{n-k}$ under the Segre embedding. Therefore $CP^{n,k}$ are not pairwise homeomorphic if $2k < n+1$. On the other hand for $n=2$ all of them are diffeomorphic to

CP^2 as result from the theorem of Freedmann and the uniqueness of differentiable structures on CP^2 .

2. Weighted intersections and singularities

Let now $(V,0)$ be an isolated singularity of complete intersection in C^{m+1} defined by the weighted homogeneous polynomials f_i of degree d_i with respect to the positive integer weights $wt(z_j)=a_j$ ($j=0,m$) for $i=1,p$. There are two spaces naturally associated to the singularity $(V,0)$: the link $K=V \cap S^{2m+1}$ and the quasi-smooth weighted complete intersection Y_∞ defined by the polynomials f_i in $P(a)$. Set $n=m-p$. Notice that K is a smooth compact oriented $(2n+1)$ -dimensional manifold which is $(n-1)$ -connected (see [5]). The middle Betti numbers of K could be computed in terms of the a_i 's and d_j 's as Dimca shown ([2]). A more delicate question is the determination of the torsion subgroup of $H_n(K)$ (which can be identified with the torsion subgroup of $\text{coker}(1-m_*)$, m_* being the monodromy in case when p equals 1). Our aim is to say something about the Z -cohomology algebra of Y_∞ .

Consider $F_i(z)=f_i(z_0^{a_0}, \dots, z_m^{a_m})$, $i=1,p$ and set Z_∞ for the complete intersection defined by the polynomials F_i in CP^m . Next observe that the G -action on CP^m invaries Z_∞ and we have $Z_\infty/G=Y_\infty$.

PROPOSITION 2.1: Let G be a finite group, A and B be G -spaces and $f:A \rightarrow B$ be a G -equivariant map. Suppose that for p prime and P a maximal p -group in G the induced map $f^*:H^*(B^P, Z/pZ) \rightarrow H^*(A^P, Z/pZ)$ satisfies the condition: (*) it is an isomorphism in rank less than q and a monomorphism in rank q . Then the map $f/G:H^*(B/G, Z/pZ) \rightarrow H^*(A/G, Z/pZ)$ satisfies (*). Furthermore if this holds for any p prime and also the map $f:H^*(B) \rightarrow H^*(A)$ satisfies (*) then the map $f/G:H^*(B/G) \rightarrow H^*(A/G)$ satisfies (*).

The proof may be found in [1].

THEOREM 2.2: Suppose that (a) is k -prime. Then the following

$$H^i(P(a), Y_\infty) = 0$$

holds for $i \leq n-k+1$.

Proof: $P \subseteq G$ is a p -group hence $P = Z/p^{\alpha_0}Z \oplus \dots \oplus Z/p^{\alpha_m}Z$ where

p^{α_i} divides a_i . Therefore

$$(CP^m)^P = \{ \alpha_i z_i = 0 \text{ for all } i \}$$

$$(Z_\infty)^p = Z_\infty \cap \{ \alpha_i z_i = 0 \text{ for all } i \}$$

Since Z_∞ is a complete intersection $(Z_\infty)^p$ will be too. Also the number of non-zero α_i 's cannot exceed $(k-1)$ because (a) is k -prime. Then Lefschetz's theorem for complete intersections give us:

$$\pi_i((\mathbb{C}P^{m,p})^p, (Z_\infty)^p) = 0 \text{ for } i \leq n-k+1$$

and all p -groups $P \subseteq G$ so proposition 2.1 applies. \square

COROLLARY 2.3: Suppose that (a) is k -prime. Then the set of integers

$$R_{ij} = b_i b_j / b_{i+j} \text{ with } 0 \leq i, j \leq (n-k+1)/2$$

is a topological invariant of the isolated singularity $(V, 0)$.

Set now L (respectively \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{K}) for the link of F (respectively for the links defined by the p -tuples of functions $\mathcal{F}_i = F_i - z_{m+1}^{d_i}$ $i=1, p$ and $\mathcal{L}_i = f_i - z_{m+1}^{d_i}$). Consider Z the fibre of F over 1 (the global Milnor fibre) and Z its projective closure. Observe that Z is in fact the quasi smooth weighted intersection associated to \mathcal{F} and Z_∞ may be identified with $Z - Z$. Denote by (a^*) the $(m+1)$ -tuple $(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_m, 1)$. The G -action on $\mathbb{C}P^{m+1}$ which leads us to $P(a^*)$ is compatible with the usual weighted G -actions on \mathbb{C}^{m+1} and $\mathbb{C}P^m$. On the other hand \mathbb{C}^{m+1}/G is biholomorphic to \mathbb{C}^{m+1} (see 6) such that $P(a^*)$ may be viewed as the compactification of \mathbb{C}^{m+1} whose locus at infinity is precisely $P(a)$. Set \mathcal{Y} for the quasi-smooth weighted intersection associated to \mathcal{L} . In the same vein the global Milnor fibre of f , Y can be identified with $\mathcal{Y} - Y_\infty$. We have in fact

$$(Z, Z, Z_\infty)/G = (\mathcal{Y}, Y, Y_\infty)$$

But the projective objects may be obtained also from the links as follows : consider the S^1 -action on (S^{2m+3}, S^{2m+1}) given by

$$\rho(z) = (\rho_0^{a_0} z_0, \dots, \rho_m^{a_m} z_m, z_{m+1})$$

Therefore $(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{K})$ is S^1 -invariant and it can be checked that $(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{K})/S^1 = (\mathcal{Y}, Y_\infty)$. Y_∞ is called strongly smooth (see [2]) if the S^1 -action on K is semi-free.

THEOREM 2.4: Suppose that Y_∞ is strongly smooth. Then $H_*(K)$ is torsion free and the Milnor lattice of f is equivalent to the cup product pairing

$$H^{n+1}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{K}) \otimes H^{n+1}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{K}) \longrightarrow H^{2n+2}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{K}) = \mathbb{Z}. \text{ Moreover if } p \text{ equals } 1 \text{ then this may be expressed also as the cup product pairing}$$

$$H^m(S^{2m+1}, \mathcal{K}) \otimes H^m(S^{2m+1}, \mathcal{K}) \longrightarrow H^{2m}(S^{2m+1}, \mathcal{K}) = \mathbb{Z} ; \text{ also the integral monodromy operator satisfies } m_*^d = 1.$$

Proof: The Smith-Gysin sequence associated to the S^1 -action on K give

us

$$\begin{aligned} H_n(Y_\infty) &= H_n(K) \oplus H_n(\mathbb{C}P^n) \\ H_j(Y_\infty) &= H_j(\mathbb{C}P^n) \quad \text{for } j \neq n \\ H_n(K) &\text{ is torsion free} \end{aligned}$$

Observe that Y_∞ is strongly smooth if and only if \mathcal{Y} is strongly smooth and therefore the S^1 -action on (\mathcal{K}, K) will be semi-free. From the long sequence associated to the pair (\mathcal{K}, K) it can be derived

$$\begin{aligned} H^j(\mathcal{K}, K) &= 0 \quad \text{for } j \neq n+1, n+2, 2n+2, 2n+3 \\ H^{2n+2}(\mathcal{K}, K) &= \mathbb{Z} \\ H^{2n+3}(\mathcal{K}, K) &= \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

Since Y has the homotopy type of a bouquet of $(n+1)$ -spheres (see [6]) we have

$$H^j(\mathcal{Y}, Y_\infty) = 0 \quad \text{for } j \neq n+1$$

from Lefschetz duality. Then the Smith-Gysin sequence associated to the S^1 -action on (\mathcal{K}, K) yields:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= H^{2n}(\mathcal{Y}, Y_\infty) = \ker p^* : H^{2n+2}(\mathcal{Y}, Y_\infty) \rightarrow H^{2n+2}(\mathcal{K}, K) \\ 0 &= H^{2n+1}(\mathcal{Y}, Y_\infty) = \text{coker } p^* \\ H^{n+2}(\mathcal{K}, K) &= H^{n+1}(\mathcal{Y}, Y_\infty) \\ p^* : H^{n+1}(\mathcal{Y}, Y) &\rightarrow H^{n+1}(\mathcal{K}, K) \text{ is an isomorphism} \end{aligned}$$

Using the functoriality of Lefschetz duality the first part of the theorem follows. If p equals 1 then $\mathcal{K}-K$ is a non-ramified $\mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z}$ -covering of $S^{2m+1}-K$ and the Alexander duality gives the second claim. Otherwise $\mathcal{K}-K$ is the total space of a fibre bundle over S^1 with fibre Y and whose characteristic map is m^d (where m is the geometric monodromy [7]). The Wang sequence of this fibration leads us to

$$\begin{aligned} \ker(1 - m_*^d) &= H^m(Y) \\ \text{coker}(1 - m_*^d) &= H^m(Y) \end{aligned}$$

hence $m_*^d = 1$. \square

REMARK 2.5: If we consider the Wang sequence with \mathbb{Q} -coefficients we obtain that $m_{*\mathbb{Q}}^d = 1$ for arbitrary quasi-homogeneous f with isolated singularity i.e. the result of Dimca [2].

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