

ボロミアン普遍オービフォールドの分岐被覆のベッチ数と有限群の表現  
 (REPRESENTATION OF FINITE GROUPS AND THE  
 FIRST BETTI NUMBER OF BRANCHED COVERINGS  
 OF A UNIVERSAL BORROMEAN ORBIFOLD)

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**1. Motivation.** The main object is the first homology of regular branched coverings of a hyperbolic 3-orbifold. We shall stick to a single, but universal, example of 3-orbifolds, which is called  $B_{4,4,4}\backslash\mathbb{H}^3$  by Hilden, Lozano and Montesinos[HLM1]. The homology is given a structure of  $\mathbb{C}[G]$ -module by the action of covering transformation group  $G$ . The main result is the structure of the  $\mathbb{C}[G]$ -module. The investigation is motivated by the following problem in 3-dimensional topology:

**Problem.** *Does every aspherical 3-manifold have a finite-sheeted cover of positive first Betti number?*

This problem was raised by Thurston, which can be one of the crucial steps towards his hyperbolization conjecture of irreducible atoroidal 3-manifolds through his hyperbolization theorem for Haken 3-manifolds. The lemma below illustrate how irreducible components of the  $\mathbb{C}[G]$ -module is related to the first Betti numbers of unbranched coverings of a given 3-manifold.

**Lemma.** *Suppose that  $\Gamma$  is an orientation-preserving cocompact Kleinian group and  $\Gamma_0$  a normal subgroup of finite index in  $\Gamma$ . Then we have*

$$H_*(\Gamma\backslash\mathbb{H}^3, \mathbb{C}) \simeq H_*(\Gamma_0\backslash\mathbb{H}^3, \mathbb{C})^{\Gamma/\Gamma_0}$$

where superscript  $\Gamma/\Gamma_0$  denotes the fixed point set by the action of  $\Gamma/\Gamma_0$ .

The proof is a direct application of the basic homology theory, in particular the transfer map.

Now let us recall the definition of universal groups.

**Definition.** *Kleinian group  $\Gamma$  is universal if, for any given closed 3-manifold  $M$ , there is subgroup  $\Gamma_M$  of finite index in  $\Gamma$  such that  $\Gamma_M\backslash\mathbb{H}^3$  is homeomorphic to  $M$ .*

See [HLM2] for the universality of Kleinian group  $B_{4,4,4}$ .

We denote by  $T_\Gamma$  the subgroup of  $\Gamma$  generated by all elements of finite order in  $\Gamma$ . The following assertion easily follows from above Lemma.

**Proposition.** For given closed 3-manifold  $M$ , any subgroup  $\Gamma_M$  of universal group  $B_{4,4,4}$  associated to  $M$  in the definition and each normal subgroup  $\Gamma_0$  of finite index in  $B_{4,4,4}$ , we can find a finite-sheeted (unbranched) covering  $\tilde{M}_{\Gamma_0}$  of  $M$  with

$$b_1(\tilde{M}_{\Gamma_0}) \geq \dim(H_1(\Gamma_0 \backslash \mathbb{H}^3, \mathbb{C})^{T_{\Gamma_M} \Gamma_0 / \Gamma_0})$$

where  $b_1(\cdot)$  denotes the first Betti number.

Hence the information of the irreducible component of  $G$ -module  $H_1(\Gamma_0 \backslash \mathbb{H}^3, \mathbb{C})$  gives us the lower bound of the betti number of 3-manifolds which is covered by  $\Gamma_0 \backslash \mathbb{H}^3$ , possibly with branches. In view of the proposition Thurston's problem can be divided into two parts, the first is the investigation of the irreducible component of  $G$ -module  $\dim(H_1(\Gamma_0 \backslash \mathbb{H}^3, \mathbb{C}))$  for various  $\Gamma_0$  and the second is finding the nice  $\Gamma_0$  in which the images of  $T_{\Gamma_M}$  is 'small'. We shall investigate the first part.

**2. Results.**  $B_{4,4,4}$  is normalized by mutually orthogonal hyperbolic reflections  $r_1, r_2$  and  $r_3$ .  $r$  denotes orientation reversing element  $r_1$  or  $r_1 r_2 r_3$  of the normalizer.

**Theorem A.** Let  $\Gamma_0$  be the  $r$ -normal subgroup of  $B_{4,4,4}$  with finite index. If the irreducible representation  $\rho$  of  $G := B_{4,4,4}/\Gamma_0$  verifies

$$(1) \quad \sum_i \alpha_i \chi_{\bar{\rho}}(\theta_i r) \neq 0$$

$\rho$  appears as an irreducible component of  $H_1(\Gamma_0 \backslash \mathbb{H}^3, \mathbb{C})$ . Here,  $\alpha_i$ 's are explicitly determined integers and  $\bar{\rho}$  denotes the irreducible representation of semidirect product  $G \rtimes \langle r \rangle$  which restricts to  $\rho$ ,  $\chi_*$  the character of the representation.

Since  $B_{4,4,4}$  is known to be arithmetic lattice of  $SO(3,1)$  over number field  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$  (cf. [HLM1]) we can consider the congruence subgroups. For the case that  $\Gamma_0$  is a principle congruence subgroup associated prime ideals of  $K$  we can compute the linear combination term on the left hand side of (1).

**Theorem B.** Let  $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{p}}$  be a principle congruence subgroup of  $B_{4,4,4}$  associated to prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  in  $K$ . Set  $G = B_{4,4,4}/\Gamma_{\mathfrak{p}}$ .

(i) If  $N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\mathfrak{p}) \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8}$  every nontrivial irreducible representation of  $G$  appears in  $H_1(\Gamma_{\mathfrak{p}} \backslash \mathbb{H}^3, \mathbb{C})$ .

(ii) Let  $\Gamma$  be a congruence subgroup of  $B_{4,4,4}$ . If the image of  $\Gamma$  in  $G$  does not contain noncentral normal subgroup the first betti number of  $\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^3$  is positive.

The method of the computation implies somewhat general type of result.

**Theorem C.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a maximal  $r_1 r_2 r_3$ -normal, but not maximal normal subgroup of finite index in  $B_{4,4,4}$ . Then any nontrivial  $r_1 r_2 r_3$ -invariant irreducible representation of  $G = B_{4,4,4}/\Gamma$  is an irreducible component of  $H_1(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^3, \mathbb{C})$ .

**3. Universal group  $B_{4,4,4}$  and cell decomposition.** The orbifold  $B_{4,4,4} \backslash \mathbb{H}^3$  can be given by the pasting of hyperbolic polyhedron  $R$  according to the pattern in Fig. 1. Polyhedron  $R$  is a hyperbolic regular dodecahedron with right edge angle. We denote by  $\theta_X$  the elliptic element of order 4 which pastes the side  $X$  to side  $X'$ .  $B_{4,4,4} \backslash \mathbb{H}^3$  has the natural cell decomposition induced from faces of  $R$ .

For normal subgroup  $\Gamma \subset B_{4,4,4}$  we can equivariantly lift the cell decomposition  $\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^3$ . We denote by  $(\mathfrak{F}_i)_{\Gamma}$  the set of  $i$ -cells in the decomposition. Labeling the cells according to Fig. 2 we can explicitly describe the action of  $G$  on  $(\mathfrak{F}_i)_{\Gamma}$  as follows.

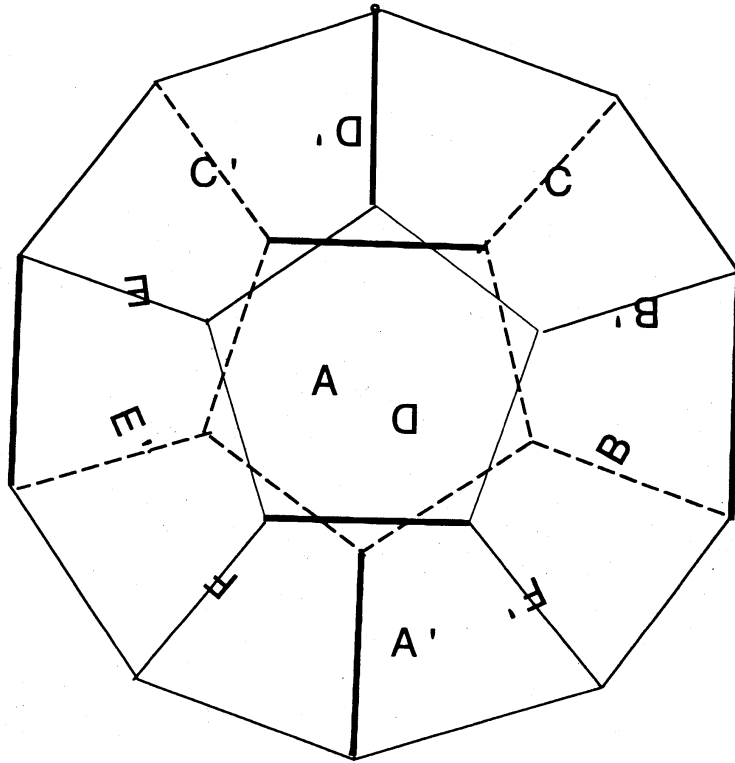


FIG. 1. Arrangement of Sides of Regular Dodecahedron R

**Lemma 1.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a normal subgroup of  $B_{4,4,4}$  and  $G = B_{4,4,4}/\Gamma$ . ( $\simeq$  denotes the isomorphism as  $G$ -set.)

- (0)  $(\mathfrak{F}_0)_\Gamma = G(\Gamma Q) \cup \{G(\Gamma P_x); x = a, b, \dots, f\}$ ,  
 $G(\Gamma Q) \simeq G$ ,  $G(\Gamma P_x) \simeq G/\langle \theta_X \rangle$  ( $x = a, b, \dots, f, X = A, B, \dots, F$ ).
- (1)  $(\mathfrak{F}_1)_\Gamma = \{G(\Gamma xx'); x = a, b, \dots, f\} \cup \{G(\Gamma y); y = ab, bc, ca, de, ef, fd\}$ ,  
 $G(\Gamma xx') \simeq G/\langle \theta_x \rangle$  ( $x = a, b, \dots, f$ ),  $G(\Gamma y) \simeq G$  ( $y = ab, bc, ca, de, ef, fd$ ).
- (2)  $(\mathfrak{F}_2)_\Gamma = \{G(\Gamma X); X = A, B, \dots, F\}$ .  $G(\Gamma X) \simeq G$  ( $X = A, B, \dots, F$ )
- (3)  $(\mathfrak{F}_3)_\Gamma = G(\Gamma R) \simeq G$ .

The lemma gives us the description of  $G$ -chain complex  $\{C_*, \partial\}$  associated to cell decomposition  $(\mathfrak{F}_*)_\Gamma$  as follows.

$$C_0 \simeq \mathbb{C}[G] \cdot v_Q \oplus \bigoplus_x \mathbb{C}[G/\langle \theta_X \rangle] \cdot v_x := C'_0 \oplus C''_0$$

$$C_1 = \bigoplus_x \mathbb{C}[G/\langle \theta_X \rangle] \cdot e_x \oplus \bigoplus_y \mathbb{C}[G] \cdot e_y := C'_1 \oplus C''_1$$

$$C_2 = \bigoplus_x \mathbb{C}[G] \cdot s_X, \quad C_3 = \mathbb{C}[G] \cdot c_R.$$

where the summation indexes varies according to the description in Lemma 1 and  $v_*$ ,  $e_*$ ,  $s_*$ , and  $c_*$  are the oriented cells of the corresponding 0-, 1-, 2- and 3-cells. We also decompose  $C_0$  and  $C_1$  into two summands.

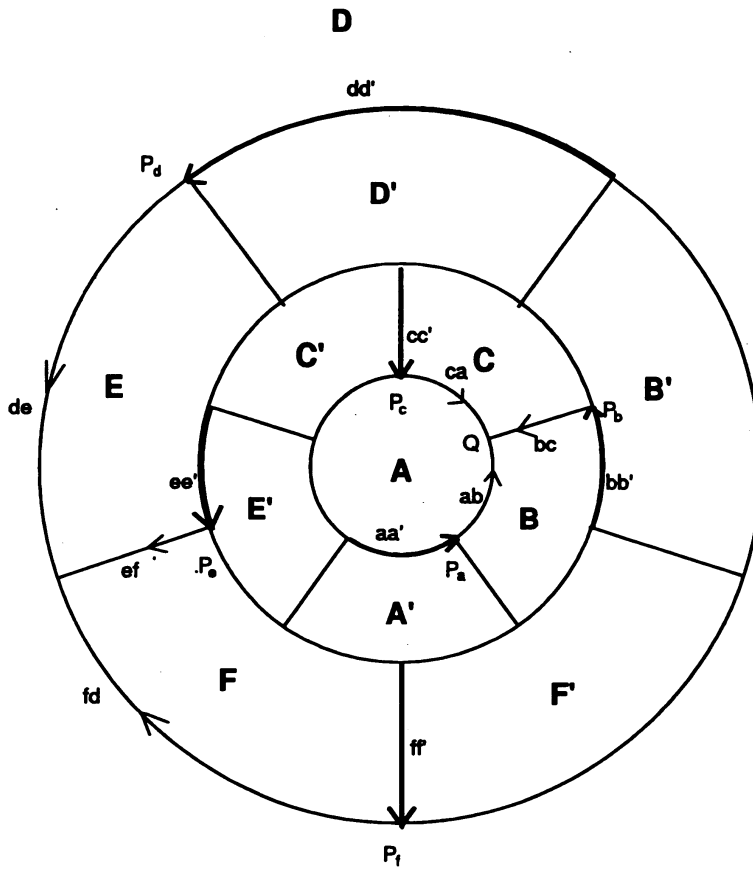


FIG. 2. Edges and Vertices

In addition, if  $\Gamma$  is characterized by  $r \{C_*, \partial\}$  has the action of  $G \rtimes \langle r \rangle$ . Observing the action of  $r$  in Fig. 1 we can explicitly describe action on the chain complex  $\{C_*, \partial\}$  as follows.

**Lemma 2.** *Suppose  $\Gamma$  is  $r_1$ -normal. Then the action of  $r_1$  on  $C_*$  is described as follows.*

$$C'_0 \ni \alpha \mapsto r_1 \alpha \theta_B \in C'_0,$$

$$C''_0 \ni (\alpha_A, \alpha_B, \dots, \alpha_F) \mapsto$$

$$(r_1 \alpha_A \theta_B, r_1 \alpha_B, r_1 \alpha_F \theta_A, r_1 \alpha_D \theta_E, r_1 \alpha_E, r_1 \alpha_C \theta_D) \in C''_0,$$

$$C'_1 \ni (\alpha_a, \alpha_b, \dots, \alpha_f) \mapsto (-r_1 \alpha_d, r_1 \alpha_b, -r_1 \alpha_c, -r_1 \alpha_a, r_1 \alpha_e, -r_1 \alpha_f) \in C'_1,$$

$$C''_1 \ni (\alpha_{ab}, \alpha_{bc}, \alpha_{ca}, \alpha_{de}, \alpha_{ef}, \alpha_{fd}) \mapsto$$

$$(r_1 \alpha_{ab} \theta_B, r_1 \alpha_{bc} \theta_B, r_1 \alpha_{fd} \theta_A \theta_C, r_1 \alpha_{de} \theta_E, r_1 \alpha_{ef} \theta_E, r_1 \alpha_{ca} \theta_D \theta_F) \in C''_1,$$

$$C_2 \ni (\alpha_A, \alpha_B, \dots, \alpha_F) \mapsto$$

$$(r_1 \alpha_D \theta_A, r_1 \alpha_B \theta_B, -r_1 \alpha_C, r_1 \alpha_A \theta_D, r_1 \alpha_E \theta_E, -r_1 \alpha_F) \in C_2,$$

$$C_3 \ni \alpha \mapsto -r_1 \alpha \in C_3.$$

Moreover if  $\rho$  is a  $r_1$ -invariant irreducible representation of  $G$  these actions restrict to the homogeneous components of  $\rho$ .

**Lemma 3.** *Suppose  $\Gamma$  is  $r_1r_2r_3$ -normal. The actions of  $r_1r_2r_3$  on six term modules  $C'_0, C'_1, C''_1$  and  $C_2$  permute the components of pairs  $A \leftrightarrow D, B \leftrightarrow E$  and  $C \leftrightarrow F$ . The actions on  $C'_0$  and  $C_3$  are given by*

$$C'_0 \ni \alpha \mapsto r_1r_2r_3 \alpha \theta_E^{-1} \theta_F^{-1} \theta_A \in C'_0, \quad C_3 \ni \alpha \mapsto -r_1r_2r_3 \alpha \in C_3.$$

*If  $\rho$  is a  $r_1r_2r_3$ -invariant irreducible representation of  $G$ , these actions restrict to the homogeneous components of  $\rho$ .*

**4. General principle.** Let  $\Gamma \subset B_{4,4,4}$  be a  $r$ -normal subgroup of finite index and  $(C_*, \partial_*)$  the chain complex described in section 3. Then the complex is  $G \rtimes \langle r \rangle$ -module. The following two lemmas are direct consequences of elementary theory of representation of finite group and Poincare duality. Let  $\text{Irr}(G)$  denote the set of irreducible representation of  $G$ . For  $G$ -module  $M$  and  $\rho \in \text{Irr}(G)$  we denote by  $M_\rho$  the homogenous component of  $\rho$ .

**Lemma 1.** *For any  $\bar{\rho} \in \text{Irr}(G \rtimes S_0)$  chain complex  $(C_*, \partial_*)$  restricts to  $G \rtimes S_0$ -subcomplex  $(C_{*,\bar{\rho}}, \partial_{*,\bar{\rho}}|_{C_{*,\bar{\rho}}})$  and  $H_*(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^3, \mathbb{C})_{\bar{\rho}} \simeq H_*(C_{*,\bar{\rho}}, \partial_{*,\bar{\rho}}|_{C_{*,\bar{\rho}}})$ .*

**Lemma 2.** *For any  $\rho \in \text{Irr}(G)$ ,  $H_1(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^3, \mathbb{C})_\rho \simeq H_2(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^3, \mathbb{C})_\rho$  as  $G$ -module.*

For  $\rho \in \text{Irr}(G)$  is  $r$ -invariant and  $M$  is a  $G \rtimes \langle r \rangle$ -module,  $r$  stabilizes homogeneous component  $M_\rho$  of  $G$ -module  $\text{Res}_G^{G \rtimes \langle r \rangle} M$ . Hence  $M_\rho$  carries the action of  $G \rtimes \langle r \rangle$  and we denote by  $\bar{M}_\rho$  the associated character of  $G \rtimes \langle r \rangle$ .

**Proposition 1.** *Suppose that  $\Gamma$  is  $r$ -normal and  $\rho \in \text{Irr}(G)$  is nontrivial and  $r$ -invariant. Then  $\rho$  is an irreducible component of  $H_1(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^3, \mathbb{C})$  if the generalized character*

$$\bar{\mathcal{E}}_\rho := \sum_i (-1)^i \bar{C}_{i,\rho}$$

*of  $G \rtimes \langle r \rangle$  is not trivial.*

*Proof.* Since  $\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^3$  is a connected closed 3-manifold, the characters of homologies  $\mathcal{H}_0(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^3, \mathbb{C})_\rho$  and  $\mathcal{H}_3(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^3, \mathbb{C})_\rho$  are trivial for  $\rho \neq 1_G$ . Hence the alternated sum  $\bar{\mathcal{E}}_\rho$  is equal to the generalized character  $\bar{\mathcal{H}}_2(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^3, \mathbb{C})_\rho - \bar{\mathcal{H}}_1(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^3, \mathbb{C})_\rho$  by Lemma 1. If the action of  $G \rtimes \langle r \rangle$  induces the nontrivial character, either of  $H_1(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^3, \mathbb{C})_\rho$  or  $H_2(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^3, \mathbb{C})_\rho$  is at least nontrivial. The proposition follows from Lemma 2. Q.E.D.

**5. Proof of Theorem A.** In view of Proposition 1  $H_1(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^3, \mathbb{C})$  has  $\rho$  as irreducible component if  $\bar{\mathcal{E}}_\rho$  is nonzero. Thus Theorem A reduces to the computation of  $\bar{\mathcal{E}}_\rho$ . Let  $\rho \in \text{Irr}^r(G)$ . For  $\theta, g, h \in G$  with  ${}^{hr}\theta \in \langle \theta \rangle$  we set

$$\varphi_\theta^r(g, h)_\rho : \mathbb{C}[G/\langle \theta \rangle]_\rho \ni \alpha \mapsto g {}^r \alpha h^{-1} \in \mathbb{C}[G/\langle \theta \rangle]_\rho, \quad T_\theta^r(g, h)_\rho := \text{Trace}(\varphi_\theta^r(g, h)_\rho).$$

We omit the upperscript  $r$  when it is obvious and the subscript  $\theta$  if  $\theta = 1$  (identity element).

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $r$  be either  $r_1$  or  $r_1r_2r_3$ . Suppose  $\Gamma$  is  $r$ -normal and  $\rho \in \text{Irr}^r(G)$  is nontrivial. Then, for  $r = r_1$*

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mathcal{E}}_\rho(gr_1) = & -T^{r_1}(g, \theta_E^{-1})_\rho - T^{r_1}(g, 1)_\rho + T_{\theta_A}^{r_1}(g, \theta_B^{-1})_\rho \\ & + T_{\theta_D}^{r_1}(g, \theta_E^{-1})_\rho + T_{\theta_C}^{r_1}(g, 1)_\rho + T_{\theta_F}^{r_1}(g, 1)_\rho. \end{aligned}$$

and for  $r = r_1 r_2 r_3$ ,

$$\bar{\mathcal{E}}_\rho(g r_1 r_2 r_3) = T^{r_1 r_2 r_3}(g, \theta_A^{-1} \theta_F \theta_E)_\rho - T^{r_1 r_2 r_3}(g, 1)_\rho.$$

*Proof.* The Lemma follows immediately from the definition of  $\bar{\mathcal{E}}_\chi$  and the direct computation by the formulas in Lemma 2 in section 3. Q.E.D.

For simplicity we consider the case  $r = r_1 r_2 r_3$ , for which we only need the character formula for  $T_\theta^r(*, *)$  with  $\theta = 1$ . The case  $r = r_1$  is treated similarly but requires some more technical formula. First observe that the following is straightforward from the Clifford's theorem.

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $G$  be a finite group. Suppose that  $r \in \text{Aut}(G)$  is of order two and  $\rho \in \text{Irr}(G)$  is  $r$ -invariant. Then there exist exactly two irreducible representations  $\bar{\rho}$  and  $\sharp_r \bar{\rho}$  of  $G \rtimes \langle r \rangle$  which restricts to  $\rho$  on  $G$ . The character of these satisfy  $\chi_{\bar{\rho}}(x) + \chi_{\sharp_r \bar{\rho}}(x) = 0$  for  $x \in G \rtimes \langle r \rangle \setminus G$ .*

It is immediately verified that the bi-action of  $G \times G$  and the action of  $r$  on  $\mathbb{C}[G]_\rho$  induces the action of the semidirect product  $(G \times G) \rtimes \langle r \rangle$  given by the  $r$ -action  $(g, h) \mapsto ({}^r g, {}^r h)$ . We denote by  $\sigma$  the representation on  $\mathbb{C}[G]_\rho$ . Considering  $(G \times G) \rtimes \langle r \rangle$  as a normal subgroup of  $(G \rtimes \langle r \rangle) \times (G \rtimes \langle r \rangle)$  with index 2, we can define  $\tau \in \text{Irr}((G \times G) \rtimes \langle r \rangle)$  with  $\text{Res}_{G \times G}^{(G \times G) \rtimes \langle r \rangle} \tau = \rho \times \rho^*$  by

$$\tau := \text{Res}_{(G \times G) \rtimes \langle r \rangle}^{(G \rtimes \langle r \rangle) \times (G \rtimes \langle r \rangle)} (\bar{\rho} \times \bar{\rho}^*).$$

Since  $\mathbb{C}[G]_\rho$  is equivalent to  $\rho \times \rho^* \in \text{Irr}(G \times G)$ , either  $\sigma = \tau$  or  $\sigma = \sharp_r \tau$  in view of Lemma 2. Thus  $T^r(g, h) = \pm \chi_{\bar{\rho}}(gr) \chi_{\bar{\rho}^*}^*(hr)$ . Therefor the computation of  $T^r(g, h)$  reduces to the determination of the sign.

**Lemma 3.**  $T^r(g, h) = \chi_{\bar{\rho}}(gr) \chi_{\bar{\rho}^*}^*(hr)$ .

*Proof.* By the observations above we only have to prove that  $\sigma \neq \sharp_r \tau$ . Recall that  $\mathbb{C}[G]_\rho$  is a simple component of  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra  $\mathbb{C}[G]$ . Since the action of  $r$  induces a  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra automorphism of  $\mathbb{C}[G]$  together with the conjugation by elements of  $G$ , the idempotent associated to  $r$ -invariant representation  $\rho$  is fixed by these actions. Hence we have

$$(5.1) \quad \langle \text{Res}_H^{(G \times G) \rtimes \langle r \rangle} \sigma, 1_H \rangle_H \neq 0$$

where  $H$  is the diagonal subgroup in  $(G \rtimes \langle r \rangle) \times (G \rtimes \langle r \rangle)$ , which is a subgroup of  $(G \times G) \rtimes \langle r \rangle$ . Since

$$\langle \bar{\rho}, \bar{\rho} \rangle = \frac{1}{2|G|} \left\{ \sum_{x \in G} |\chi_\rho(x)|^2 + \sum_{x \in G} |\chi_{\bar{\rho}}(xr)|^2 \right\} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \langle \rho, \rho \rangle + \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{x \in G} |\chi_{\bar{\rho}}(xr)|^2 \right\},$$

we have

$$(5.2) \quad 1 = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{x \in G} |\chi_{\bar{\rho}}(xr)|^2.$$

By definition of  $\# \tau$  and (5.2),

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \text{Res}_H^{(G \times G) \rtimes \langle r \rangle} \# \tau, 1_H \rangle_H &= \frac{1}{|H|} \left\{ \sum_{x \in G} |\chi_\rho(x)|^2 - \sum_{x \in G} |\chi_{\bar{\rho}}(xr)|^2 \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \langle \rho, \rho \rangle_G - \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{x \in G} |\chi_{\bar{\rho}}(xr)|^2 \right\} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence by (5.1)  $\sigma \neq \# \tau$ .

Q.E.D.

As a consequence of Lemma 1 and Lemma 3, Theorem A follows for the case  $r = r_1 r_2 r_3$ . The explicit statement is as follows.

**Theorem A.** *Let  $\Gamma$  be a  $r_1 r_2 r_3$ -normal subgroup of finite index in  $B_{4,4,4}$  and  $\rho$  a nontrivial  $r_1 r_2 r_3$ -invariant irreducible representation of  $G$ . If*

$$\chi_{\bar{\rho}}(\theta_A^{-1} \theta_F \theta_E r_1 r_2 r_3) + \chi_{\bar{\rho}}(r_1 r_2 r_3) \neq 0$$

for an irreducible representation  $\bar{\rho}$  of  $G \rtimes \langle r_1 r_2 r_3 \rangle$  which restricts to  $\rho$  on  $G$ ,  $\rho$  is an irreducible component of  $G$ -module  $H_1(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}^3, \mathbb{C})$ .

**6. Remark on Theorem B and Theorem C.** In view of Theorem A, Theorem B is the computation of character of  $\bar{\rho}$  in the case that  $\Gamma$  is a congruence subgroup of arithmetic lattice. Since the character of irreducible representation of typical groups of Lie type is wellknown (cf. e.g. [Ca]) the problem reduces to the computation of the character of  $\bar{\rho}$  from that of  $\rho$ . To clarify the points of the computations we briefly summarize the basic facts on arithmetic lattice and its congruence subgroups.

Let  $F$  be a field of characteristic  $\neq 2$  and  $f$  a non-degenerate quadratic form on  $F^4$ . Set

$$O_f(F) := \{g \in \text{GL}_4(F); g \cdot f = f\}$$

where  $g$  acts  $f$  by  $g \cdot f(x, y) = f(g^{-1}x, g^{-1}y)$ . For  $\xi \in F^4$  with  $f(\xi) \neq 0$  we denote by  $r_\xi \in O_f(F)$  the orthogonal reflection with respect to plane  $\xi^\perp$ .  $r_\xi$  is obviously of determinant -1. Hence we have a normal subgroup of index two

$$SO_f(F) := \{g \in O_f(F); \det g = 1\}.$$

Spinorial norm  $Sp_f$  is the unique homomorphism of  $O_f(F)$  to  $F^*/(F^*)^2$  which takes reflection  $r_\xi$  to  $f(\xi) \bmod (F^*)^2$ . Let  $\Omega_f(F) = SO_f(F) \cap \text{Ker } Sp_f$ .

**a. Arithmetic lattices** Let  $k$  be a number field,  $\mathfrak{o}$  the ring of integers in  $k$  and  $f$  a non-degenerate quadratic form on  $k^4$ . Set

$$O_f(\mathfrak{o}) := \{g \in O_f(k); \text{all entries of } g \text{ are integers}\}.$$

Suppose that  $v$  is a real infinite place of  $k$  and  $f$  induces quadratic form  $f_v$  at  $v$  of type  $(p, q)$ . Then we have an associated embedding  $\lambda_v$  of  $O_f(k)$  into  $O(p, q; \mathbb{R})$ . In particular, if  $(p, q) = (3, 1)$ ,  $\text{Ker } Sp_f$  and  $\Omega_f(\mathfrak{o})$  embed into  $\text{Ker } Sp_{3,1}(\mathbb{R}) = \text{Isom}(\mathbb{H}^3)$  and  $\Omega(3, 1; \mathbb{R}) = \text{Isom}_0(\mathbb{H}^3)$  respectively. The following is derived from the classical theorem due to Siegel.

**Theorem (Siegel).** *Suppose  $k \neq \mathbb{Q}$  is a totally real number field and  $f$  is a non-degenerate anisotropic quadratic form on  $k^4$ . If  $f$  is definite at all infinite places except for  $v_0$  and of type  $(3,1)$  at  $v_0$ ,*

$$\Gamma_{v_0} := \lambda_{v_0}(O_f(\mathfrak{o})) \cap SO(3,1 : \mathbb{R})$$

*is a cocompact Kleinian group.*

We say that  $\Gamma$  is an *arithmetic lattice* of  $O(3,1 : \mathbb{R})$  if  $\Gamma$  is commensurable with  $\Gamma_{v_0}$  in Theorem above. In [HLM1] Hilden, Lozano and Montesinos proved that  $B_{4,4,4}$  is arithmetic lattice over  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$

**b. congruence subgroups** For ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  of  $\mathfrak{o}$  we define congruence subgroup  $O_f(\mathfrak{m})$  by

$$O_f(\mathfrak{m}) := \{g \in O_f(\mathfrak{o}); g \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathfrak{m}}\}.$$

Clearly  $O_f(\mathfrak{m})$  is a normal subgroup of  $O_f(\mathfrak{o})$ . Set

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma'_{v_0} &:= \lambda_{v_0}(O_f(\mathfrak{o}) \cap \Omega_f(k)), \quad \Gamma_{\mathfrak{m}} := \lambda_{v_0}(O_f(\mathfrak{m})) \cap \Omega_{f_0}(\mathbb{R}), \\ \Gamma'_{\mathfrak{m}} &:= \lambda_{v_0}(O_f(\mathfrak{m}) \cap \Omega_f(k)) := \Gamma'_{v_0} \cap \Gamma_{\mathfrak{m}}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\Gamma'_{v_0}$  and  $\Gamma'_{\mathfrak{m}}$  are of finite index in  $\Gamma_{v_0}$  and  $\Gamma_{\mathfrak{m}}$ , respectively since those groups are finitely generated by its cocompactness and the spinorial norm maps those groups to the abelian group any non-trivial element of which are of order two. Suppose that  $\mathfrak{p}$  is prime. Reducing the entries modulo  $\mathfrak{p}$  we have injections

$$\iota_{\mathfrak{p}} : \Gamma_{v_0}/\Gamma_{\mathfrak{p}} \longrightarrow SO_{f_{\mathfrak{p}}}(\mathfrak{o}/\mathfrak{p}) \quad \iota'_{\mathfrak{p}} : \Gamma'_{v_0}/\Gamma'_{\mathfrak{p}} \longrightarrow \Omega_{f_{\mathfrak{p}}}(\mathfrak{o}/\mathfrak{p})$$

where  $f_{\mathfrak{p}}$  denotes the quadratic form reduced from  $f$  modulo  $\mathfrak{p}$ . By Kneser's strong approximation  $\iota'_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is surjective except for finite set  $P_{B_{4,4,4}}$  of primes while  $\iota_{\mathfrak{p}}$  may fail to be surjective by the lack of simply connectedness of  $SO_f$ . The following lemma is easily proved and describes when it fails.

**Lemma.** *Suppose  $\mathfrak{p} \notin P_{B_{4,4,4}}$ .*

- (1)  $\iota_{\mathfrak{p}}(B_{4,4,4}) = \Omega_{f_{\mathfrak{p}}}(\mathfrak{o}/\mathfrak{p})$  if and only if  $N_{k/\mathbb{Q}}(\mathfrak{p}) \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8}$ .
- (2)  $\iota_{\mathfrak{p}}(B_{4,4,4}) = SO_{f_{\mathfrak{p}}}(\mathfrak{o}/\mathfrak{p})$  if and only if  $N_{k/\mathbb{Q}}(\mathfrak{p}) \equiv \pm 3 \pmod{8}$ .

This dichotomy causes the restriction mod 8 in Theorem B (i). If  $N_{k/\mathbb{Q}}(\mathfrak{p}) \equiv \pm 3 \pmod{8}$  we can prove that most of  $r$ -invariant characters appears in the first homology basing on Theorem A. Hence Theorem B (ii) follows from group theoretic technic and Proposition in Section 1.

We also have technically important dichotomy, which describes the two different types of group structures on  $\Omega_{f_{\mathfrak{p}}}(\mathfrak{o}/\mathfrak{p})$ .

- Lemma.** (i) *Let  $d$  be a non-square element of  $F_{\mathfrak{p}} := \mathfrak{o}/\mathfrak{p}$ . Quadratic form  $f_{\mathfrak{p}}$  belongs to the (unique) cogredient class of isotropic quadratic forms or that of anisotropic ones according to  $-a$  is a square in  $F_{\mathfrak{p}}$  or not.*
- (ii) *If  $f$  is an isotropic quadratic form over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ ,  $\Omega_f(\mathbb{F}_q)$  is isomorphic to  $SL_2(\mathbb{F}_q) \times SL_2(\mathbb{F}_q)/(\pm 1, \pm 1)$ . If anisotropic, it is isomorphic to  $SL_2(\mathbb{F}_{q^2})$ .*

For the isotropic case the computation of the character of  $\bar{\rho}$  is relatively easy by the direct product structure. Under the assumption of Theorem C the direct product structure is always the case (by the validity of Schreier's conjecture). On the other hand for the anisotropic case we have to develop a general theory to compute the character of  $G \rtimes \langle r \rangle$  from that of  $G$ .



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