

## A $G$ -family of quandles and handlebody-knots

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We introduce the notion of a  $G$ -family of quandles and use it to construct invariants for handlebody-knots. Our invariant can detect the chiralities of some handlebody-knots including unknown ones. This is a joint work with Atsushi Ishii, Yeonhee Jang and Kanako Oshiro ([8]).

### 1 Handlebody-links

A *handlebody-link* is a disjoint union of handlebodies embedded in the 3-sphere  $S^3$ . Two handlebody-links are *equivalent* if there is an orientation-preserving self-homeomorphism of  $S^3$  which sends one to the other. A *spatial graph* is a finite graph embedded in  $S^3$ . Two spatial graphs are *equivalent* if there is an orientation-preserving self-homeomorphism of  $S^3$  which sends one to the other. When a handlebody-link  $H$  is a regular neighborhood of a spatial graph  $K$ , we say that  $K$  *represents*  $H$ , or  $H$  *is represented by*  $K$ . In this paper, a trivalent graph may contain circle components. Then any handlebody-link can be represented by some spatial trivalent graph. A *diagram* of a handlebody-link is a diagram of a spatial trivalent graph which represents the handlebody-link.

An *IH-move* is a local spatial move on spatial trivalent graphs as described in Figure 1, where the replacement is applied in a 3-ball embedded in  $S^3$ . Then we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.1** ([6]). *For spatial trivalent graphs  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ , the following are equivalent.*

- $K_1$  and  $K_2$  represent an equivalent handlebody-link.
- $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are related by a finite sequence of IH-moves.
- Diagrams of  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are related by a finite sequence of the moves depicted in Figure 2.

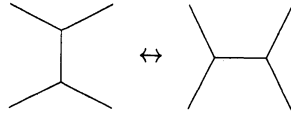


Figure 1:

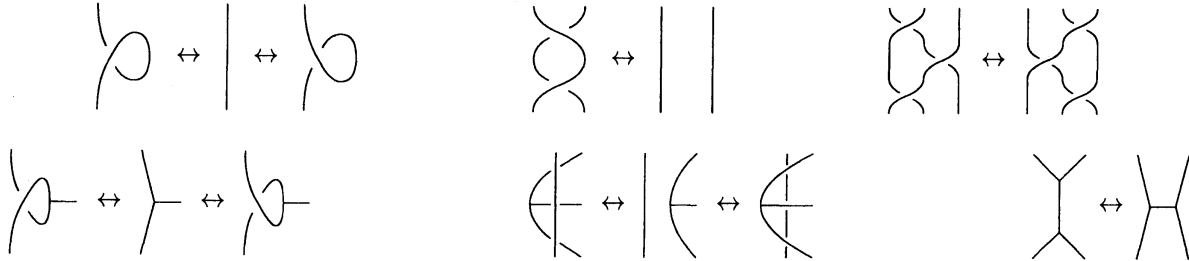


Figure 2:

## 2 A $G$ -family of quandles

A *quandle* [12, 16] is a non-empty set  $X$  with a binary operation  $*$  :  $X \times X \rightarrow X$  satisfying the following axioms.

- For any  $x \in X$ ,  $x * x = x$ .
- For any  $x \in X$ , the map  $S_x : X \rightarrow X$  defined by  $S_x(y) = y * x$  is a bijection.
- For any  $x, y, z \in X$ ,  $(x * y) * z = (x * z) * (y * z)$ .

When we specify the binary operation  $*$  of a quandle  $X$ , we denote the quandle by the pair  $(X, *)$ . An *Alexander quandle*  $(M, *)$  is a  $\Lambda$ -module  $M$  with the binary operation defined by  $x * y = tx + (1 - t)y$ , where  $\Lambda := \mathbb{Z}[t, t^{-1}]$ . A *conjugation quandle*  $(G, *)$  is a group  $G$  with the binary operation defined by  $x * y = y^{-1}xy$ .

Let  $G$  be a group with identity element  $e$ . A  $G$ -family of quandles is a non-empty set  $X$  with a family of binary operations  $*^g : X \times X \rightarrow X$  ( $g \in G$ ) satisfying the following axioms.

- For any  $x \in X$  and any  $g \in G$ ,  $x *^g x = x$ .
- For any  $x, y \in X$  and any  $g, h \in G$ ,

$$x *^{gh} y = (x *^g y) *^h y \text{ and } x *^e y = x.$$

- For any  $x, y, z \in X$  and any  $g, h \in G$ ,

$$(x *^g y) *^h z = (x *^h z) *^{h^{-1}gh} (y *^h z).$$

When we specify the family of binary operations  $*^g : X \times X \rightarrow X$  ( $g \in G$ ) of a  $G$ -family of quandles, we denote the  $G$ -family of quandles by the pair  $(X, \{*\^g\}_{g \in G})$ .

**Proposition 2.1.** *Let  $G$  be a group. Let  $(X, \{*\^g\}_{g \in G})$  be a  $G$ -family of quandles.*

(1) *For each  $g \in G$ , the pair  $(X, *\^g)$  is a quandle.*

(2) *We define a binary operation  $\triangleright : (X \times G) \times (X \times G) \rightarrow X \times G$  by*

$$(x, g) \triangleright (y, h) = (x *\^h y, h^{-1}gh).$$

*Then  $(X \times G, \triangleright)$  is a quandle.*

We call the quandle  $(X \times G, *)$  in Proposition 2.1 the *associated quandle* of  $X$ .

**Example 2.2.** (1) Let  $(X, *)$  be a quandle. Let  $S_x : X \rightarrow X$  be the bijection defined by  $S_x(y) = y*x$ . Let  $m$  be a positive integer such that  $S_x^m = \text{id}_X$  for any  $x \in X$  if such an integer exists. We define the binary operation  $*^i : X \times X \rightarrow X$  by  $x *\^i y = S_y^i(x)$ . Then  $X$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -family of quandles and a  $\mathbb{Z}_m$ -family of quandles, where  $\mathbb{Z}_m = \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$ . (2) Let  $R$  be a ring, and  $G$  a group with identity element  $e$ . Let  $X$  be a right  $R[G]$ -module, where  $R[G]$  is the group ring of  $G$  over  $R$ . We define the binary operation  $*^g : X \times X \rightarrow X$  by  $x *\^g y = xg + y(e - g)$ . Then  $X$  is a  $G$ -family of quandles.

### 3 Colorings

Let  $D$  be a diagram of a handlebody-link  $H$ . We set an orientation for each edge in  $D$ . Then  $D$  is a diagram of an oriented spatial trivalent graph  $K$ . We may represent an orientation of an edge by a normal orientation, which is obtained by rotating a usual orientation counterclockwise by  $\pi/2$  on the diagram. We denote by  $\mathcal{A}(D)$  the set of arcs of  $D$ , where an arc is a piece of a curve each of whose endpoints is an undercrossing or a vertex. For an arc  $\alpha$  incident to a vertex  $\omega$ , we define  $\epsilon(\alpha; \omega) \in \{1, -1\}$  by

$$\epsilon(\alpha; \omega) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if the orientation of } \alpha \text{ points to } \omega, \\ -1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let  $X$  be a  $G$ -family of quandles, and  $Q$  the associated quandle of  $X$ . Let  $p_X$  (resp.  $p_G$ ) be the projection from  $Q$  to  $X$  (resp.  $G$ ). An  $X$ -coloring of  $D$  is a map  $C : \mathcal{A}(D) \rightarrow Q$  satisfying the following conditions at each crossing  $\chi$  and each vertex  $\omega$  of  $D$  (see Figure 3).

- Let  $\chi_1, \chi_2$  and  $\chi_3$  be respectively the under-arcs and the over-arc at a crossing  $\chi$

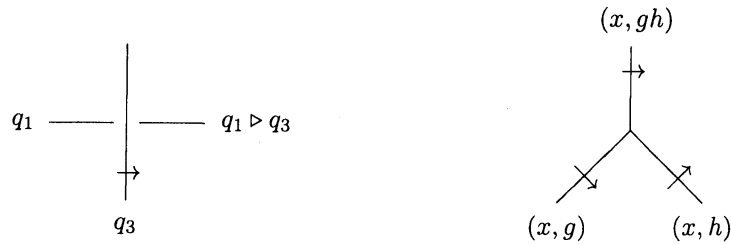


Figure 3:

such that the normal orientation of  $\chi_3$  points from  $\chi_1$  to  $\chi_2$ . Then

$$C(\chi_2) = C(\chi_1) \triangleright C(\chi_3).$$

- Let  $\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3$  be the arcs incident to a vertex  $\omega$  arranged clockwise around  $\omega$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (p_X \circ C)(\omega_1) &= (p_X \circ C)(\omega_2) = (p_X \circ C)(\omega_3), \\ (p_G \circ C)(\omega_1)^{\epsilon(\omega_1; \omega)} (p_G \circ C)(\omega_2)^{\epsilon(\omega_2; \omega)} (p_G \circ C)(\omega_3)^{\epsilon(\omega_3; \omega)} &= e. \end{aligned}$$

We denote by  $\text{Col}_X(D)$  the set of  $X$ -colorings of  $D$ . For two diagrams  $D$  and  $E$  which locally differ, we denote by  $\mathcal{A}(D, E)$  the set of arcs that  $D$  and  $E$  share.

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $X$  be a  $G$ -family of quandles. Let  $D$  be a diagram of an oriented spatial trivalent graph. Let  $E$  be a diagram obtained by applying one of the R1–R6 moves to the diagram  $D$  once, where we choose orientations for  $E$  which agree with those for  $D$  on  $\mathcal{A}(D, E)$ . For  $C \in \text{Col}_X(D)$ , there is a unique  $X$ -coloring  $C_{D,E} \in \text{Col}_X(E)$  such that  $C|_{\mathcal{A}(D,E)} = C_{D,E}|_{\mathcal{A}(D,E)}$ .*

**Remark 3.2.** Let  $X$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -family of quandles or a  $\mathbb{Z}_m$ -family of quandles defined as in Example 2.2 (2). Then an  $X$ -coloring be regarded as an  $X$ -coloring defined in [7].

Let  $X$  be a  $G$ -family of quandles, and  $Q$  the associated quandle of  $X$ . An  $X$ -set is a non-empty set  $Y$  with a family of maps  $*^g : Y \times X \rightarrow Y$  satisfying the following axioms, where we note that we use the same symbol  $*^g$  as the binary operation of the  $G$ -family of quandles.

- For any  $y \in Y$ ,  $x \in X$ , and any  $g, h \in G$ ,

$$y *^{gh} x = (y *^g x) *^h x \text{ and } y *^e x = y.$$

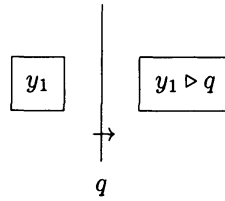


Figure 4:

- For any  $y \in Y$ ,  $x_1, x_2 \in X$ , and any  $g, h \in G$ ,

$$(y *^g x_1) *^h x_2 = (y *^h x_2) *^{h^{-1}gh} (x_1 *^h x_2).$$

Put  $y \triangleright (x, g) := y *^g x$  for  $y \in Y$ ,  $(x, g) \in Q$ . Then the second axiom implies that  $(y \triangleright q_1) \triangleright q_2 = (y \triangleright q_2) \triangleright (q_1 \triangleright q_2)$  for  $q_1, q_2 \in Q$ . Any  $G$ -family of quandles  $(X, \{ *^g \}_{g \in G})$  itself is an  $X$ -set with its binary operations. Any singleton set  $\{y\}$  is also an  $X$ -set with the maps  $*^g$  defined by  $y *^g x = y$  for  $x \in X$  and  $g \in G$ , which is a trivial  $X$ -set.

Let  $D$  be a diagram of an oriented spatial trivalent graph. We denote by  $\mathcal{R}(D)$  the set of complementary regions of  $D$ . Let  $X$  be a  $G$ -family of quandles, and  $Y$  an  $X$ -set. Let  $Q$  be the associated quandle of  $X$ . An  $X_Y$ -coloring of  $D$  is a map  $C : \mathcal{A}(D) \cup \mathcal{R}(D) \rightarrow Q \cup Y$  satisfying the following conditions.

- $C(\mathcal{A}(D)) \subset Q$ ,  $C(\mathcal{R}(D)) \subset Y$ .
- The restriction  $C|_{\mathcal{A}(D)}$  of  $C$  on  $\mathcal{A}(D)$  is an  $X$ -coloring of  $D$ .
- For any arc  $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}(D)$ , we have

$$C(\alpha_1) \triangleright C(\alpha) = C(\alpha_2),$$

where  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  are the regions facing the arc  $\alpha$  so that the normal orientation of  $\alpha$  points from  $\alpha_1$  to  $\alpha_2$  (see Figure 4).

We denote by  $\text{Col}_X(D)_Y$  the set of  $X_Y$ -colorings of  $D$ .

For two diagrams  $D$  and  $E$  which locally differ, we denote by  $\mathcal{R}(D, E)$  the set of regions that  $D$  and  $E$  share.

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $X$  be a  $G$ -family of quandles,  $Y$  an  $X$ -set. Let  $D$  be a diagram of an oriented spatial trivalent graph. Let  $E$  be a diagram obtained by applying one of the R1–R6 moves to the diagram  $D$  once, where we choose orientations for  $E$  which agree with those for  $D$  on  $\mathcal{A}(D, E)$ . For  $C \in \text{Col}_X(D)_Y$ , there is a unique  $X_Y$ -coloring  $C_{D,E} \in \text{Col}_X(E)_Y$  such that  $C|_{\mathcal{A}(D,E)} = C_{D,E}|_{\mathcal{A}(D,E)}$  and  $C|_{\mathcal{R}(D,E)} = C_{D,E}|_{\mathcal{R}(D,E)}$ .*

## 4 A homology

Let  $X$  be a  $G$ -family of quandles, and  $Y$  an  $X$ -set. Let  $(Q, \triangleright)$  be the associated quandle of  $X$ . Let  $B_n(X)_Y$  be the free abelian group generated by the elements of  $Y \times Q^n$  if  $n \geq 0$ , and let  $B_n(X)_Y = 0$  otherwise. We put

$$((y, q_1, \dots, q_i) \triangleright q, q_{i+1}, \dots, q_n) := (y \triangleright q, q_1 \triangleright q, \dots, q_i \triangleright q, q_{i+1}, \dots, q_n)$$

for  $y \in Y$  and  $q, q_1, \dots, q_n \in Q$ . We define a boundary homomorphism  $\partial_n : B_n(X)_Y \rightarrow B_{n-1}(X)_Y$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_n(y, q_1, \dots, q_n) &= \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i (y, q_1, \dots, q_{i-1}, q_{i+1}, \dots, q_n) \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i ((y, q_1, \dots, q_{i-1}) \triangleright q_i, q_{i+1}, \dots, q_n) \end{aligned}$$

for  $n > 0$ , and  $\partial_n = 0$  otherwise. Then  $B_*(X)_Y = (B_n(X)_Y, \partial_n)$  is a chain complex (see [1, 2, 4, 5]).

Let  $D_n(X)_Y$  be the subgroup of  $B_n(X)_Y$  generated by the elements of

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^{n-1} \left\{ (y, q_1, \dots, q_{i-1}, (x, g), (x, h), q_{i+2}, \dots, q_n) \mid \begin{array}{l} y \in Y, x \in X, g, h \in G \\ q_1, \dots, q_n \in Q \end{array} \right\}$$

and

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^n \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (y, q_1, \dots, q_{i-1}, (x, gh), q_{i+1}, \dots, q_n) \\ -(y, q_1, \dots, q_{i-1}, (x, g), q_{i+1}, \dots, q_n) \\ -((y, q_1, \dots, q_{i-1}) \triangleright (x, g), (x, h), q_{i+1}, \dots, q_n) \end{array} \mid \begin{array}{l} y \in Y, x \in X, \\ g, h \in G, \\ q_1, \dots, q_n \in Q \end{array} \right\}.$$

We remark that

$$(y, q_1, \dots, q_{i-1}, (x, e), q_{i+1}, \dots, q_n)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &(y, q_1, \dots, q_{i-1}, (x, g), q_{i+1}, \dots, q_n) \\ &+ ((y, q_1, \dots, q_{i-1}) \triangleright (x, g), (x, g^{-1}), q_{i+1}, \dots, q_n) \end{aligned}$$

belong to  $D_n(X)_Y$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we have  $\partial_n(D_n(X)_Y) \subset D_{n-1}(X)_Y$ . Thus  $D_*(X)_Y = (D_n(X)_Y, \partial_n)$  is a subcomplex of  $B_*(X)_Y$ .

We put  $C_n(X)_Y = B_n(X)_Y / D_n(X)_Y$ . Then  $C_*(X)_Y = (C_n(X)_Y, \partial_n)$  is a chain complex. For an abelian group  $A$ , we define the cochain complex  $C^*(X; A)_Y = \text{Hom}(C_*(X)_Y, A)$ . We denote by  $H_n(X)_Y$  the  $n$ th homology group of  $C_*(X)_Y$ .

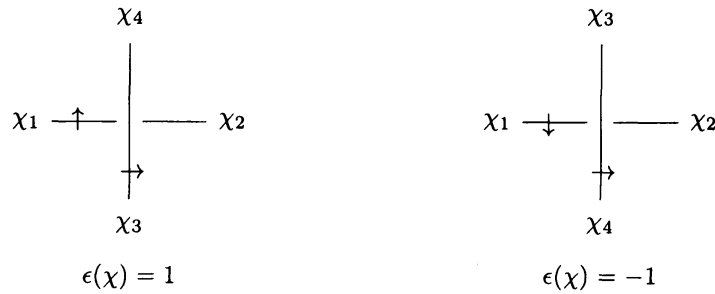


Figure 5:

## 5 Cocycle invariants

Let  $X$  be a  $G$ -family of quandles, and  $Y$  an  $X$ -set. Let  $D$  be a diagram of an oriented spatial trivalent graph. For an  $X_Y$ -coloring  $C \in \text{Col}_X(D)_Y$ , we define the weight  $w(\chi; C) \in C_2(X)_Y$  at a crossing  $\chi$  of  $D$  as follows. Let  $\chi_1, \chi_2$  and  $\chi_3$  be respectively the under-arcs and the over-arc at a crossing  $\chi$  such that the normal orientation of  $\chi_3$  points from  $\chi_1$  to  $\chi_2$ . Let  $R_\chi$  be the region facing  $\chi_1$  and  $\chi_3$  such that the normal orientations  $\chi_1$  and  $\chi_3$  point from  $R_\chi$  to the opposite regions with respect to  $\chi_1$  and  $\chi_3$ , respectively. Then we define

$$w(\chi; C) = \epsilon(\chi)(C(R_\chi), C(\chi_1), C(\chi_3)),$$

where  $\epsilon(\chi) \in \{1, -1\}$  is the sign of a crossing  $\chi$ . We define a chain  $W(D; C) \in C_2(X)_Y$  by

$$W(D; C) = \sum_{\chi} w(\chi; C),$$

where  $\chi$  runs over all crossings of  $D$ .

**Lemma 5.1.** *The chain  $W(D; C)$  is a 2-cycle of  $C_*(X)_Y$ . Further, for cohomologous 2-cocycles  $\theta, \theta'$  of  $C^*(X; A)_Y$ , we have  $\theta(W(D; C)) = \theta'(W(D; C))$ .*

**Lemma 5.2.** *Let  $D$  be a diagram of an oriented spatial trivalent graph. Let  $E$  be a diagram obtained by applying one of the R1–R6 moves to the diagram  $D$  once, where we choose orientations for  $E$  which agree with those for  $D$  on  $\mathcal{A}(D, E)$ . For  $C \in \text{Col}_X(D)_Y$  and  $C_{D,E} \in \text{Col}_X(E)_Y$  such that  $C|_{\mathcal{A}(D,E)} = C_{D,E}|_{\mathcal{A}(D,E)}$  and  $C|_{\mathcal{R}(D,E)} = C_{D,E}|_{\mathcal{R}(D,E)}$ , we have  $[W(D; C)] = [W(E; C_{D,E})] \in H_2(X)_Y$ .*

We denote by  $G_H$  (resp.  $G_K$ ) the fundamental group of the exterior of a handlebody-link  $H$  (resp. a spatial graph  $K$ ). When  $H$  is represented by  $K$ , the groups  $G_H$  and  $G_K$  are identical. Let  $D$  be a diagram of an oriented spatial trivalent graph  $K$ . By the definition

of an  $X_Y$ -coloring  $C$  of  $D$ , the map  $p_G \circ C|_{\mathcal{A}(D)}$  represents a homomorphism from  $G_K$  to  $G$ , which we denote by  $\rho_C \in \text{Hom}(G_K, G)$ . For  $\rho \in \text{Hom}(G_K, G)$ , we define

$$\text{Col}_X(D; \rho)_Y = \{C \in \text{Col}_X(D)_Y \mid \rho_C = \rho\}.$$

For a 2-cocycle  $\theta$  of  $C^*(X; A)_Y$ , we define

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}(D) &:= \{[W(D; C)] \in H_2(X)_Y \mid C \in \text{Col}_X(D)_Y\}, \\ \Phi_\theta(D) &:= \{\theta(W(D; C)) \in A \mid C \in \text{Col}_X(D)_Y\}, \\ \mathcal{H}(D; \rho) &:= \{[W(D; C)] \in H_2(X)_Y \mid C \in \text{Col}_X(D; \rho)_Y\}, \\ \Phi_\theta(D; \rho) &:= \{\theta(W(D; C)) \in A \mid C \in \text{Col}_X(D; \rho)_Y\} \end{aligned}$$

as multisets.

**Lemma 5.3.** *Let  $D$  be a diagram of an oriented spatial trivalent graph  $K$ . For  $\rho, \rho' \in \text{Hom}(G_K, G)$  such that  $\rho$  and  $\rho'$  are conjugate, we have  $\mathcal{H}(D; \rho) = \mathcal{H}(D; \rho')$  and  $\Phi_\theta(D; \rho) = \Phi_\theta(D; \rho')$ .*

We denote by  $\text{Conj}(G_K, G)$  the set of conjugacy classes of homomorphisms from  $G_K$  to  $G$ . By Lemma 5.3,  $\mathcal{H}(D; \rho)$  and  $\Phi_\theta(D; \rho)$  are well-defined for  $\rho \in \text{Conj}(G_K, G)$ .

**Lemma 5.4.** *Let  $D$  be a diagram of an oriented spatial trivalent graph  $K$ . Let  $E$  be a diagram obtained from  $D$  by reversing the orientation of an edge  $e$ . For  $\rho \in \text{Hom}(G_K, G)$ , we have  $\mathcal{H}(D) = \mathcal{H}(E)$ ,  $\Phi_\theta(D) = \Phi_\theta(E)$ ,  $\mathcal{H}(D; \rho) = \mathcal{H}(E; \rho)$  and  $\Phi_\theta(D; \rho) = \Phi_\theta(E; \rho)$ .*

By Lemma 5.4,  $\mathcal{H}(D)$ ,  $\Phi_\theta(D)$ ,  $\mathcal{H}(D; \rho)$  and  $\Phi_\theta(D; \rho)$  are well-defined for a diagram  $D$  of an unoriented spatial trivalent graph, which is a diagram of a handlebody-link. For a diagram  $D$  of a handlebody-link  $H$ , we define

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}^{\text{hom}}(D) &:= \{\mathcal{H}(D; \rho) \mid \rho \in \text{Hom}(G_H, G)\}, \\ \Phi_\theta^{\text{hom}}(D) &:= \{\Phi_\theta(D; \rho) \mid \rho \in \text{Hom}(G_H, G)\}, \\ \mathcal{H}^{\text{conj}}(D) &:= \{\mathcal{H}(D; \rho) \mid \rho \in \text{Conj}(G_H, G)\}, \\ \Phi_\theta^{\text{conj}}(D) &:= \{\Phi_\theta(D; \rho) \mid \rho \in \text{Conj}(G_H, G)\} \end{aligned}$$

as “multisets of multisets”. We remark that, for  $X_Y$ -colorings  $C$  and  $C_{D,E}$  in Lemma 5.2, we have  $\rho_C = \rho_{C_{D,E}}$ . Then, by Lemmas 5.1–5.4, we have the following theorem.



**Theorem 5.5.** *Let  $X$  be a  $G$ -family of quandles,  $Y$  an  $X$ -set. Let  $\theta$  be a 2-cocycle of  $C^*(X; A)_Y$ . Let  $H$  be a handlebody-link represented by a diagram  $D$ . Then the following are invariants of a handlebody-link  $H$ .*

$$\mathcal{H}(D), \quad \Phi_\theta(D), \quad \mathcal{H}^{\text{hom}}(D), \quad \Phi_\theta^{\text{hom}}(D), \quad \mathcal{H}^{\text{conj}}(D), \quad \Phi_\theta^{\text{conj}}(D).$$

We denote the invariants of  $H$  given in Theorem 5.5 by

$$\mathcal{H}(H), \quad \Phi_\theta(H), \quad \mathcal{H}^{\text{hom}}(H), \quad \Phi_\theta^{\text{hom}}(H), \quad \mathcal{H}^{\text{conj}}(H), \quad \Phi_\theta^{\text{conj}}(H),$$

respectively.

We denote by  $H^*$  the mirror image of a handlebody-link  $H$ . Then we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 5.6.** *For a handlebody-link  $H$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}(H^*) &= -\mathcal{H}(H), & \Phi_\theta(H^*) &= -\Phi_\theta(H), \\ \mathcal{H}^{\text{hom}}(H^*) &= -\mathcal{H}^{\text{hom}}(H), & \Phi_\theta^{\text{hom}}(H^*) &= -\Phi_\theta^{\text{hom}}(H), \\ \mathcal{H}^{\text{conj}}(H^*) &= -\mathcal{H}^{\text{conj}}(H), & \Phi_\theta^{\text{conj}}(H^*) &= -\Phi_\theta^{\text{conj}}(H), \end{aligned}$$

where  $-S = \{-a \mid a \in S\}$  for a multiset  $S$ .

## 6 Applications

In this section, we calculate cocycle invariants defined in the previous section for the handlebody-knots  $0_1, \dots, 6_{16}$  in the table given in [9], by using a 2-cocycle given by Nosaka [18]. This calculation enables us to distinguish some of handlebody-knots from their mirror images, and a pair of handlebody-knots whose complements have isomorphic fundamental groups.

Let  $G = SL(2; \mathbb{Z}_3)$  and  $X = (\mathbb{Z}_3)^2$ . Then  $X$  is a  $G$ -family of quandles with the proper binary operation as given in Proposition 2.2 (2). Let  $Y$  be the trivial  $X$ -set  $\{y\}$ . We define a map  $\theta : Y \times (X \times G)^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_3$  by

$$\theta(y, (x_1, g_1), (x_2, g_2)) := \lambda(g_1) \det(x_1 - x_2, x_2(1 - g_2^{-1})),$$

where the abelianization  $\lambda : G \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_3$  is given by

$$\lambda \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = (a + d)(b - c)(1 - bc).$$

	$\Phi_\theta(H)$
0 <sub>1</sub>	$\{\{0_9\}_{76}\}$
4 <sub>1</sub>	$\{\{0_9\}_{83}, \{0_{27}\}_{22}, \{0_{81}\}_{3}\}$
5 <sub>1</sub>	$\{\{0_9\}_{76}\}$
5 <sub>2</sub>	$\{\{0_9\}_{95}, \{0_{27}\}_{6}, \{0_{81}\}_{1}, \{0_9, 1_{18}\}_{4}, \{0_{27}, 1_{54}\}_{2}\}$
5 <sub>3</sub>	$\{\{0_9\}_{102}, \{0_{27}\}_{4}, \{0_{27}, 2_{54}\}_{2}\}$
5 <sub>4</sub>	$\{\{0_9\}_{74}, \{0_{81}\}_{2}\}$
6 <sub>1</sub>	$\{\{0_9\}_{91}, \{0_{27}\}_{16}, \{0_{81}\}_{1}\}$
6 <sub>2</sub>	$\{\{0_9\}_{106}, \{0_{45}, 1_{18}, 2_{18}\}_{2}\}$
6 <sub>3</sub>	$\{\{0_9\}_{74}, \{0_{27}\}_{2}\}$
6 <sub>4</sub>	$\{\{0_9\}_{76}\}$
6 <sub>5</sub>	$\{\{0_9\}_{74}, \{0_9, 1_{18}\}_{2}\}$
6 <sub>6</sub>	$\{\{0_9\}_{72}, \{0_{27}\}_{4}\}$
6 <sub>7</sub>	$\{\{0_9\}_{85}, \{0_{27}\}_{16}, \{0_{81}\}_{3}, \{0_{45}, 1_{18}, 2_{18}\}_{4}\}$
6 <sub>8</sub>	$\{\{0_9\}_{76}\}$
6 <sub>9</sub>	$\{\{0_9\}_{91}, \{0_{27}\}_{6}, \{0_{81}\}_{1}, \{0_9, 1_{18}\}_{6}, \{0_{27}, 1_{54}\}_{2}, \{0_{27}, 2_{54}\}_{2}\}$
6 <sub>10</sub>	$\{\{0_9\}_{76}\}$
6 <sub>11</sub>	$\{\{0_9\}_{70}, \{0_9, 1_{18}\}_{6}\}$
6 <sub>12</sub>	$\{\{0_9\}_{97}, \{0_{81}\}_{1}, \{0_9, 1_{18}\}_{8}, \{0_9, 1_{36}, 2_{36}\}_{2}\}$
6 <sub>13</sub>	$\{\{0_9\}_{95}, \{0_{27}\}_{6}, \{0_{81}\}_{1}, \{0_9, 2_{18}\}_{4}, \{0_{27}, 2_{54}\}_{2}\}$
6 <sub>14</sub>	$\{\{0_9\}_{119}, \{0_{27}\}_{6}, \{0_{81}\}_{11}, \{0_9, 1_{18}\}_{12}, \{0_{27}, 1_{54}\}_{24}\}$
6 <sub>15</sub>	$\{\{0_9\}_{119}, \{0_{27}\}_{6}, \{0_{81}\}_{11}, \{0_9, 2_{18}\}_{12}, \{0_{27}, 1_{54}\}_{24}\}$
6 <sub>16</sub>	$\{\{0_9\}_{44}, \{0_{81}\}_{32}\}$

表 1:

By [18], the map  $\theta$  is a 2-cocycle of  $C^*(X; \mathbb{Z}_3)_Y$ . Table 1 lists the invariant  $\Phi_\theta^{\text{conj}}(H)$  for the handlebody-knots  $0_1, \dots, 6_{16}$ . We represent the multiplicity of elements of a multiset by using subscripts. For example,  $\{\{0_2, 1_3\}_1, \{0_3\}_2\}$  represents the multiset  $\{\{0, 0, 1, 1, 1\}, \{0, 0, 0\}, \{0, 0, 0\}\}$ .

From Table 1, we see that our invariant can distinguish the handlebody-knots  $6_{14}, 6_{15}$ , whose complements have the isomorphic fundamental groups. Together with Theorem 5.6, we also see that handlebody-knots  $5_2, 5_3, 6_5, 6_9, 6_{11}, 6_{12}, 6_{13}, 6_{14}, 6_{15}$  are not equivalent to their mirror images. In particular, the chiralities of  $5_3, 6_5, 6_{11}$  and  $6_{12}$  were not known. Table 2 shows us known facts on the chirality of handlebody-knots in [9] so far. In the column of “chirality”, the symbols  $\bigcirc$  and  $\times$  mean that the handlebody-knot is amphichiral and chiral, respectively, and the symbol  $?$  means that it is not known whether the handlebody-knot is amphichiral or chiral. The symbols  $\checkmark$  in the right five columns mean that the handlebody-knots can be proved chiral by using the method introduced

	chirality	M	II	LL	IKO	IIJO
0 <sub>1</sub>	○					
4 <sub>1</sub>	○					
5 <sub>1</sub>	×			✓		
5 <sub>2</sub>	×		✓	✓		✓
5 <sub>3</sub>	×					✓
5 <sub>4</sub>	×				✓	
6 <sub>1</sub>	×	✓				
6 <sub>2</sub>	?					
6 <sub>3</sub>	?					
6 <sub>4</sub>	×			✓		
6 <sub>5</sub>	×					✓
6 <sub>6</sub>	○					
6 <sub>7</sub>	○					
6 <sub>8</sub>	?					
6 <sub>9</sub>	×		✓			✓
6 <sub>10</sub>	?					
6 <sub>11</sub>	×					✓
6 <sub>12</sub>	×					✓
6 <sub>13</sub>	×		✓	✓		✓
6 <sub>14</sub>	×				✓	✓
6 <sub>15</sub>	×				✓	✓
6 <sub>16</sub>	○					

表 2:

in the papers corresponding to the columns. Here, M, II, LL, IKO and IIJO denote the papers [17], [7], [15], [10] and this paper, respectively.

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