

# Twisted Milnor Hypersurfaces

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we study **twisted Milnor hypersurfaces** and compute their  $\widehat{A}$ -genus and Atiyah-Singer-Milnor  $\alpha$ -invariant. Our tool to compute the  $\alpha$ -invariant is Zhang's analytic Rokhlin congruence formula. We also give some applications about the geometry, more precisely, group actions and existence of Riemannian metrics of positive scalar curvature on twisted Milnor hypersurfaces.

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## 1. Introduction

### 1.1. Twisted Milnor hypersurfaces

Denote by  $H_{n_1, n_2}$  the Milnor hypersurface, which is the smooth hypersurface in  $\mathbb{C}P^{n_1} \times \mathbb{C}P^{n_2}$ , the product of two complex projective spaces, defined by the equation

$$(1.1) \quad x_0y_0 + \cdots + x_ky_k = 0, \quad k = \min\{n_1, n_2\},$$

where  $[x_0 : x_1 : \cdots : x_{n_1}]$  and  $[y_0 : y_1 : \cdots : y_{n_2}]$  are the homogeneous coordinates on  $\mathbb{C}P^{n_1}$  and  $\mathbb{C}P^{n_2}$  respectively. Then  $H_{n_1, n_2}$  is Poincaré dual to the cohomology class  $u + v \in H^2(\mathbb{C}P^{n_1} \times \mathbb{C}P^{n_2})$ , where  $u$  and  $v$  are the generators of  $H^*(\mathbb{C}P^{n_1}, \mathbb{Z})$  and  $H^*(\mathbb{C}P^{n_2}, \mathbb{Z})$  respectively. It is well-known that Milnor hypersurfaces can be used as generators in the unitary bordism ring  $\Omega^U$  (cf [16, Section 4.1]).

In this paper, we consider a generalization of the Milnor hypersurfaces, namely hypersurfaces in certain classes of quasitoric manifolds with polytope being the product of two simplicies  $\Delta^{n_1} \times \Delta^{n_2}$  and characteristic matrices

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being block lower triangular rather than block diagonal. For details and the background of quasitoric manifolds, see Section 2.

The quasitoric manifold discussed here can also be regarded as the projective bundle over  $\mathbb{C}P^{n_1}$  with fiber  $\mathbb{C}P^{n_2}$ , i.e.

$$V = \mathbb{C}P(\eta^{\otimes i_1} \oplus \cdots \oplus \eta^{\otimes i_{n_2}} \oplus \underline{\mathbb{C}}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^{n_1},$$

where  $\eta$  is the tautological line bundle over  $\mathbb{C}P^{n_1}$  and  $\underline{\mathbb{C}}$  is the trivial line bundle. Let  $\gamma$  be the vertical tautological line bundle over  $V$ . Let  $u = c_1(\bar{\eta})$ ,  $v = c_1(\bar{\gamma}) \in H^2(V, \mathbb{Z})$  be the first Chern classes of  $\bar{\eta}$  and  $\bar{\gamma}$ , the complex conjugations of  $\eta$  and  $\gamma$  respectively. Denote  $\mathbf{I} = (i_1, \dots, i_{n_2})$ .

**Definition 1.1.** Denote by  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  a smooth hypersurface in  $V$  Poincaré dual to  $d_1 u + d_2 v$ , which we call a **twisted Milnor hypersurface**.

**Remark 1.**

1. When  $\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{0} = (0, \dots, 0)$ ,  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{0}}(1, 1)$  is the classical Milnor hypersurface  $H_{n_1, n_2}$ .
2. When  $\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $n_1 \leq n_2$ , the smooth hypersurface  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{0}}(d_1, 1)$  has a model as the zero locus of the equation

$$x_0^{d_1} y_0 + x_1^{d_1} y_1 + \cdots + x_{n_1}^{d_1} y_{n_1} = 0,$$

which is the generalization of equation (1.1). However, for general twisted Milnor hypersurface  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$ , such algebraic geometric models do not exist. Furthermore, whether the twisted Milnor hypersurface can be realized as an algebraic subvariety of  $V$  is still unknown since it is related to Hodge conjecture.

3.  $V = \mathbb{C}P(\eta^{\otimes i_1} \oplus \cdots \oplus \eta^{\otimes i_{n_2}} \oplus \underline{\mathbb{C}})$  is a quasitoric manifold over the product  $\Delta^{n_1} \times \Delta^{n_2}$  of two simplices. In particular, by the classification of two stage generalized Bott manifolds in [9],  $V$  can represent all two stage Bott towers up to diffeomorphism. Furthermore, each  $V$  is also a projective toric variety [15, p. 306] and when  $\mathbf{I}$  is negative, the complex structures on these projective toric varieties coincide with the natural complex structures on the projective bundles.
4. When  $\mathbf{I} = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$ ,  $V$  becomes  $L(n_1, n_2) = \mathbb{C}P(\eta \oplus \underline{\mathbb{C}}^{n_2})$ . It was shown in [25] that any generator of the unitary bordism ring  $\Omega^U$  can be found in  $\mathbb{Z}\langle L(n_1, n_2) \rangle$ .

The main purpose of this paper is to study some index theoretical invariants of the twisted Milnor hypersurfaces  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$ . More precisely, we will first pay much attention on the calculations of the  $\widehat{A}$ -genus and the Atiyah-Milnor-Singer  $\alpha$ -invariant for  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  and then give some applications by applying classical results in geometry.

## 1.2. $\widehat{A}$ -genus and Atiyah-Milnor-Singer $\alpha$ -invariant

Let  $M$  be a  $4k$ -dimensional closed oriented smooth manifold. Let the formal Chern roots of  $TM \otimes \mathbb{C}$  be  $\{\pm x_j, 1 \leq j \leq 2k\}$ . The Hirzebruch  $\widehat{A}$ -genus is the characteristic number of  $M$  defined by

$$\widehat{A}(M) = \left\langle \prod_{j=1}^{2k} \frac{x_j/2}{\sinh(x_j/2)}, [M] \right\rangle.$$

If the dimension of  $M$  is not divisible by 4, define the  $\widehat{A}$ -genus of  $M$  to be 0. The  $\widehat{A}$ -genus gives a ring homomorphism  $\widehat{A} : \Omega_*^{SO} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ .

Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional closed smooth spin manifold. The projection map  $\pi : M \rightarrow pt$  induces an Umkehr homomorphism

$$\pi_! : KO(M) \rightarrow KO^{-n}(pt) = KO_n(pt),$$

which is constructed by using the Thom isomorphism for spin bundles in  $KO$ -theory. The Atiyah-Milnor-Singer  $\alpha$ -invariant is defined to be  $\alpha(M) = \pi_!(1)$ . The  $\alpha$ -invariant gives a ring homomorphism

$$\alpha : \Omega_*^{spin} \rightarrow KO_*(pt)$$

([5, §6, Chapter V], c.f. [23, §16, Chapter III]).

For spin manifolds, the  $\widehat{A}$ -genus and  $\alpha$ -invariant are the topological indices of the Atiyah-Singer Dirac operators. By the Bott periodicity,  $KO$ -theory is 8 periodic. One has

$$KO_n(pt) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } n \equiv 3, 5, 6, 7 \pmod{8}, \\ \mathbb{Z}, & \text{for } n \equiv 0, 4 \pmod{8}, \\ \mathbb{Z}_2, & \text{for } n \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{8}. \end{cases}$$

and

$$\alpha(M) = \begin{cases} \widehat{A}(M), & \text{for } n \equiv 0 \pmod{8}, \\ \frac{1}{2}\widehat{A}(M) & \text{for } n \equiv 4 \pmod{8}. \end{cases}$$

See [23, §7, Chapter II] for details.

The  $\hat{A}$ -genus and  $\alpha$ -invariants have profound applications in geometry. Atiyah and Hirzebruch [1] proved that if a compact group acts non-trivially on a compact spin manifold, then the equivariant index of the spin Dirac operator vanishes, and in particular, the  $\hat{A}$ -genus of the compact manifold vanishes. Gromov-Lawson [14] proved that a simply connected closed non-spin manifold of dimension  $\geq 5$  always carries a Riemannian metric of positive scalar curvature. In the spin case, it is well known that the  $\alpha$ -invariant vanishes when the manifolds carry a Riemannian metric of positive scalar curvature (due to Lichnerowicz [22] in dimension  $4k$  and Hitchin [18] in dimension  $8k+1, 8k+2$ ). Stolz [27] proved that a simply connected, closed spin manifold of dimension  $\geq 5$  carries a Riemannian metric of positive scalar curvature if and only if the  $\alpha$ -invariant vanishes.

The  $\hat{A}$ -genus and  $\alpha$ -invariant have been computed on some classes of manifolds. Brooks [6] computed the  $\hat{A}$ -genus of complex hypersurfaces and complete intersections in complex projective spaces. Applying his analytic Rokhlin congruence formula established in [29, 31], Zhang [32] computed the  $\alpha$ -invariant of hypersurfaces in complex projective spaces and characterized all the  $8k+2$  dimensional hypersurfaces carrying a Riemannian metric of positive scalar curvature. In [13], H. Feng, B. Zhang generalized the result in [32] to  $8k+2$  dimensional complete intersections of two hypersurfaces in complex projective spaces. Applying the analytic Rokhlin congruence formula to general complete intersections and using the Seiberg-Witten invariant in dimension 4, Fang and Shao [12] gave the necessary and sufficient condition for a complete intersection complex projective spaces carrying a Riemannian metric of positive scalar curvature. Recently, Baraglia [2] recovered the formula for the  $\alpha$ -invariant of general complete intersections obtained in [12] with a different approach.

In this paper, we will compute the  $\hat{A}$ -genus as well as the  $\alpha$ -invariant of twisted Milnor hypersurfaces and give some applications. The real dimension of twisted Milnor hypersurfaces is always even. We will compute the  $\hat{A}$ -genus without mentioning dimensions (when the dimension is not divisible by 4, the  $\hat{A}$ -genus is automatically 0), and compute the  $\alpha$ -invariant when the dimension is congruent to 2 mod 8, i.e. when  $n_1 + n_2 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

In the famous book [16, §3.2], the  $\hat{A}$ -genus and the elliptic genus of Milnor hypersurfaces have been computed by using the **universal genus**. The universal genus method in [16] does not work for the computation of the  $\hat{A}$ -genus of twisted Milnor hypersurfaces due to the twistings. We will directly compute it here by combining the characteristic functions and the twisting information. To compute the  $\alpha$ -invariant, our main tool is Zhang's analytic

Rokhlin congruence formula. In the application to the existence of Riemannian metric of positive scalar curvature on twisted Minor hypersurfaces, we express the  $\alpha$ -invariants by using the dyadic expansion following Zhang [32]. During the calculation, we discover a very interesting number  $A(n, l)$ , which is closely related to several classical numbers in number theory. These are summarized in Appendix A.

In a forthcoming paper, we will study the elliptic genus and Witten genus of the twisted Milnor hypersurfaces.

### 1.3. Main results

Given  $\mathbf{I} = (i_1, \dots, i_{n_2})$ . Denote  $\sigma_1 = \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} i_j$ . Set

$$(1.2) \quad F_{n_1, n_2, \mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2) = \sum_{\substack{0 \leq r \leq n_2 \\ \forall 1 \leq j \leq r \\ l_j \geq 1, \sum_{j=1}^r l_j \leq n_1, 0 \leq m_j \leq l_j \\ 1 \leq s_1 < s_2 < \dots < s_r \leq n_2}} (-1)^{\sum_{j=1}^r m_j} \binom{\vec{l}}{\vec{m}} \binom{\frac{d_1+n_1-1+\sigma_1}{2} - \vec{s} \cdot \vec{m}}{n_1} \binom{\frac{d_2+n_2-1}{2} + \sum_{j=1}^r l_j - r}{n_2 + \sum_{j=1}^r l_j},$$

where

$$\vec{l} = (l_1, \dots, l_r), \vec{m} = (m_1, \dots, m_r), \vec{s} = (i_{s_1}, \dots, i_{s_r})$$

and

$$\binom{\vec{l}}{\vec{m}} := \binom{l_1}{m_1} \cdots \binom{l_r}{m_r}, \quad \vec{s} \cdot \vec{m} := \sum_{j=1}^r i_{s_j} m_j.$$

**Theorem 1.2** (Theorem 3.6). *For  $n_1 + n_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ , one has*

$$(1.3) \quad \hat{A}(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)) = F_{n_1, n_2, \mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2) - F_{n_1, n_2, \mathbf{I}}(-d_1, -d_2).$$

Since  $V$  is a complex manifold, it carries a canonical  $\text{spin}^c$  structure.

**Proposition 1.3** (Proposition 2.5). *If there exist  $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that*

$$d_1 = 2k_1 + n_1 + 1 - \sigma_1, \quad d_2 = 2k_2 + n_2 + 1,$$

*then  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  is a spin manifold carrying the induced spin structure from the  $\text{spin}^c$  structure of  $V$ .*

**Convention** Throughout this paper, when we say  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  is spin, it always means  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}} - (d_1, d_2)$  carries the induced spin structure from the spin<sup>c</sup> structure of  $V$ .

**Remark 2.** If  $\mathbf{I}$  is negative and  $d_1, d_2$  are positive, then  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  is a hyperplane section of  $V$ . By the Lefschetz hyperplane theorem (c.f. [21, Chapter V]),  $i^* : H^2(V, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^2(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2), \mathbb{Z})$  is an isomorphism for  $n_1 + n_2 > 3$ . Then Proposition 1.3 actually gives the necessary and sufficient condition for  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  to be spin. Furthermore, the embedding  $i$  induces an isomorphism on their fundamental groups. Since  $\pi_1(V) = 0$ ,  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  is simply connected, and hence the spin structure is unique.

**Theorem 1.4** (Theorem 3.8). Assume that  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  is spin and  $n_1 + n_2 = 4k + 2$  (i.e.,  $\dim H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2) \equiv 2 \pmod{8}$ ). Then one has

$$(1.4) \quad \alpha(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)) \equiv F_{n_1, n_2, \mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2) \pmod{2}.$$

**Corollary 1.5** (Example 3.1, 3.2). Take  $\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{0}$ . For  $n_1 + n_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ , we have

$$(1.5) \quad \widehat{A}(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{0}}(d_1, d_2)) = 2 \binom{n_1 + k_1}{n_1} \binom{n_2 + k_2}{n_2};$$

and when  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{0}}(d_1, d_2)$  is spin and  $n_1 + n_2 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , we have

$$(1.6) \quad \alpha(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{0}}(d_1, d_2)) \equiv \binom{n_1 + k_1}{n_1} \binom{n_2 + k_2}{n_2} \pmod{2}.$$

In particular, we have  $\widehat{A}(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{0}}(1, 1)) = 0$ , which coincides with the result in [16, p. 40] that the  $\widehat{A}$ -genus of a Milnor hypersurface always vanishes.

**Corollary 1.6** (Example 3.3).  $H_{2, n_2}^{(j, 0, \dots, 0)}(1, n_2 + 1)$  is spin for  $j \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , and

$$\widehat{A}(H_{2, n_2}^{(j, 0, \dots, 0)}(1, n_2 + 1)) \neq 0 \iff j \neq 0, -2.$$

**Remark 3.** From this corollary, we see that for the non-twisted case we have  $\widehat{A}(H_{2, n_2}^{\mathbf{0}}(1, n_2 + 1)) = 0$ , for the twisted case we have  $\widehat{A}(H_{2, n_2}^{(j, 0, \dots, 0)}(1, n_2 + 1)) \neq 0 (j \neq -2)$ . This provides a good example and illustrate the difference between twisted Milnor hypersurfaces and the untwisted Milnor hypersurfaces. Actually, we give a family of twisted Milnor hypersurfaces with non vanishing  $\widehat{A}$ -genus, see Subsection 3.4.

**Corollary 1.7** (Example 3.5). *For  $n_1 = 1, n_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,*

$$\alpha(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)) \equiv \binom{k_1 + 1}{1} \binom{n_2 + k_2}{n_2} + \sigma_1 \binom{n_2 + k_2}{n_2 + 1} \pmod{2}.$$

**Corollary 1.8** (Example 3.6). *For  $n_1 = 2, n_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ , denote  $\sigma_2 = \sum_{1 \leq j < k \leq n_2} i_j \cdot i_k$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)) \\ \equiv \binom{k_1 + 2}{2} \binom{n_2 + k_2}{n_2} + \left( -\frac{\sigma_1^2 - 2\sigma_2}{2} + \frac{(2k_1 + 3)\sigma_1}{2} \right) \binom{n_2 + k_2}{n_2 + 1} \\ + (\sigma_1^2 - 2\sigma_2) \binom{n_2 + k_2 + 1}{n_2 + 2} + \sigma_2 \binom{n_2 + k_2}{n_2 + 2} \pmod{2}. \end{aligned}$$

The Atiyah-Hirzebruch vanishing theorem [1] asserts that if the circle  $S^1$  acts nontrivially on a connected spin manifold  $M$ , then  $\widehat{A}(M) = 0$ . We therefore have

**Corollary 1.9.** *If  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  is spin and  $F_{n_1, n_2, \mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2) - F_{n_1, n_2, \mathbf{I}}(-d_1, -d_2)$  does not vanish, then  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  does not admit a nontrivial circle action.*

Based on formula (1.2), we have

**Corollary 1.10** (Example 3.4). *If  $n_2$  is even, then  $\widehat{A}(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, 1)) = 0$ ,  $\forall \mathbf{I}$ .*

In fact, when  $\mathbf{I} = 0$ , Corollary 1.10 has a geometric interpretation. Observe that if  $n_1 \leq n_2$  and  $d_2 = 1$ , the smooth hypersurface  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{0}}(d_1, 1)$  can be described as the zero locus of equation

$$x_0^{d_1} y_0 + x_1^{d_1} y_1 + \cdots + x_{n_1}^{d_1} y_{n_1} = 0,$$

where  $[x_0 : x_1 : \cdots : x_{n_1}]$  and  $[y_0 : y_1 : \cdots : y_{n_2}]$  are the homogeneous coordinates on  $\mathbb{C}P^{n_1}$ , reps.  $\mathbb{C}P^{n_2}$ . There exists a natural circle action on  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{0}}(d_1, 1)$  defined by

$$\lambda \cdot [x_0 : x_1 : \cdots : x_{n_1}] = [x_0 : \lambda x_1 : \cdots : \lambda x_{n_1}]$$

$$\lambda \cdot [y_0 : y_1 : \cdots : y_{n_2}] = [y_0 : \lambda^{-d_1} y_1 : \cdots : \lambda^{-d_1} y_{n_2}]$$

where  $\lambda \in S^1$ .

Naturally we would like to ask

**Problem 1.** Does there exist a non-trivial circle action on  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, 1)$  for  $\mathbf{I} \neq 0$ ?

Assume  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  is spin and  $\dim H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2) \geq 5$ . By [19, Theorem A], for any oriented manifold  $M^{2n}$ , any codimension 2 homology class is represented by a submanifold  $K \subset M$ , and  $(M, K)$  is  $n$ -connected. In the following, let us assume  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  to be simply connected.

Applying Stolz theorem [27], a spin  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  admits a Riemannian metric of positive scalar curvature (PSC) if and only if  $\alpha(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)) = 0$ .

**Corollary 1.11.** The spin twisted Milnor hypersurface  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  admits a Riemannian metric of PSC iff  $F_{n_1, n_2, \mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ .

Motivated by Zhang's results in [32], we use the dyadic expansion coefficients to characterize the existence of Riemannian metric of PSC for twisted Milnor hypersurfaces. Let  $a_k(n)$  be the coefficient in the dyadic expansion of  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ :

$$n = a_0(n) + a_1(n)2^1 + a_2(n)2^2 + \cdots + a_k(n)2^k, \exists k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

We are able to give the characterisation for the existence of PSC on two types of twisted Milnor hypersurfaces.

**Corollary 1.12** (Corollary 4.9). Assume  $n_1 = 1$ ,  $n_1 + n_2 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , and  $k_1 = -\frac{n_1+1-d_1-\sigma_1}{2}$ ,  $k_2 = -\frac{n_2+1-d_2}{2}$  are integers. Then the spin  $H_{1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  does not admit a Riemannian metric of PSC if and only if one of the following conditions holds,

- $k_2 \geq 0$ ,  $k_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ ,  $k_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , and  $\forall i, a_i([\frac{k_2}{4}]) + a_i([\frac{n_2}{4}]) \leq 1$ ;
- $k_2 \geq 0$ ,  $k_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $\sigma_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ , and  $\forall i, a_i([\frac{k_2}{4}]) + a_i([\frac{n_2}{4}]) \leq 1$ ;
- $k_2 \geq 0$ ,  $k_2 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ,  $k_1 + \sigma_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , and  $\forall i, a_i([\frac{k_2}{4}]) + a_i([\frac{n_2}{4}]) \leq 1$ ;
- $k_2 \leq -n_2 - 1$ ,  $-k_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ ,  $k_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , and  $\forall i, a_i([\frac{-k_2-1-n_2}{4}]) + a_i([\frac{n_2}{4}]) \leq 1$ ;
- $k_2 \leq -n_2 - 1$ ,  $-k_2 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ,  $k_1 + \sigma_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ ,  $\forall i, a_i([\frac{-k_2-1-n_2}{4}]) + a_i([\frac{n_2}{4}]) \leq 1$ ;
- $k_2 \leq -n_2 - 1$ ,  $-k_2 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $\sigma_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ , and  $\forall i, a_i([\frac{-k_2-1-n_2}{4}]) + a_i([\frac{n_2}{4}]) \leq 1$ .

**Corollary 1.13** (Corollary 4.10). Assume  $n_1 = 2$ ,  $n_1 + n_2 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , and  $k_1 = -\frac{n_1+1-d_1-\sigma_1}{2}$ ,  $k_2 = -\frac{n_2+1-d_2}{2}$  are integers. Then the spin  $H_{2, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  does not admit a Riemannian metric of PSC if and only if one of the following condition holds

- $k_2 \geq 0$ ,  $k_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ ,  $k_1 \equiv 0$  or  $1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $\forall i, a_i([\frac{k_2}{4}]) + a_i([\frac{n_2}{4}]) \leq 1$ ;

- $k_2 \geq 0, k_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \binom{k_1+2}{2} + \frac{\sigma_1^2 - 2\sigma_2}{2} + \frac{(2k_1+3)\sigma_1}{2} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, \forall i, a_i([\frac{k_2}{4}]) + a_i(\frac{n_2}{4}) \leq 1;$
- $k_2 \geq 0, k_2 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}, \binom{k_1+2}{2} + \sigma_1^2 - \sigma_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, \forall i, a_i([\frac{k_2}{4}]) + a_i(\frac{n_2}{4}) \leq 1;$
- $k_2 \geq 0, k_2 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, \binom{k_1+2}{2} + \frac{\sigma_1(2k_1+3-\sigma_1)}{2} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, \forall i, a_i([\frac{k_2}{4}]) + a_i(\frac{n_2}{4}) \leq 1;$
- $k_2 = -n_2 - 1, \frac{(k_1+1)(k_1+2)}{2} + \frac{\sigma_1(\sigma_1-2k_1-3)}{2} \equiv 1 \pmod{2};$
- $k_2 \leq -n_2 - 2, -k_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}, k_1 \equiv 0 \text{ or } 1 \pmod{4}, \forall i, a_i([\frac{-k_2-1-n_2}{4}]) + a_i(\frac{n_2}{4}) \leq 1;$
- $k_2 \leq -n_2 - 2, -k_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \binom{k_1+2}{2} + \frac{\sigma_1(\sigma_1-2k_1-3)}{2} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, \forall i, a_i([\frac{-k_2-1-n_2}{4}]) + a_i(\frac{n_2}{4}) \leq 1;$
- $k_2 \leq -n_2 - 2, -k_2 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}, \binom{k_1+2}{2} + \sigma_1^2 - \sigma_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, \forall i, a_i([\frac{-k_2-1-n_2}{4}]) + a_i(\frac{n_2}{4}) \leq 1;$
- $k_2 \leq -n_2 - 2, -k_2 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, \binom{k_1+2}{2} + \frac{(2k_1+3+3\sigma_1)\sigma_1}{2} - \sigma_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, \forall i, a_i([\frac{-k_2-1-n_2}{4}]) + a_i(\frac{n_2}{4}) \leq 1;$

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we give some topological preliminaries on twisted Milnor hypersurfaces. In Section 3, we give explicit formulas for  $\widehat{A}$ -genus and  $\alpha$  invariant of  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  by  $F_{n_1, n_2, \mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$ . During the computation, we use the binomial number  $A(n, l)$  and its properties. In Section 4, we give some applications of these two index invariants in understanding the geometry of twisted Milnor hypersurfaces. We collect some interesting relations between the number  $A(n, l)$  with four classical numbers as well as some properties about the parity of combinatorial numbers in Appendix A and Appendix B.

## 2. Topological preliminaries on twisted Milnor hypersurfaces

Let  $P^n$  be a simple convex polytope of dimension  $n$ . A **quasitoric manifold** [11]  $M^{2n}$  over  $P^n$  is a smooth  $T^n$ -manifold  $M^{2n}$  satisfying the following two conditions:

1. the action is locally standard;
2. there is continuous projection  $\pi : M^{2n} \rightarrow P^n$  whose fibers are  $T^n$ -orbits.

Note that 2 says that the orbit space of  $T^n$  on  $M^{2n}$  is homeomorphic to  $P^n$ .

Denote by  $\mathcal{F}$  the set of codimension one faces of  $P^n$ . For every  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ , let  $x \in \text{Int}(F)$ . The isotropy group of  $x$  is a codimension one subgroup of  $T^n$ ; this isotropy subgroup is determined by a primitive vector  $v \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ ; thus defines a **characteristic function**  $\lambda : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^n$ , and we call its corresponding matrix the **characteristic matrix** (more details can be found in [11].)

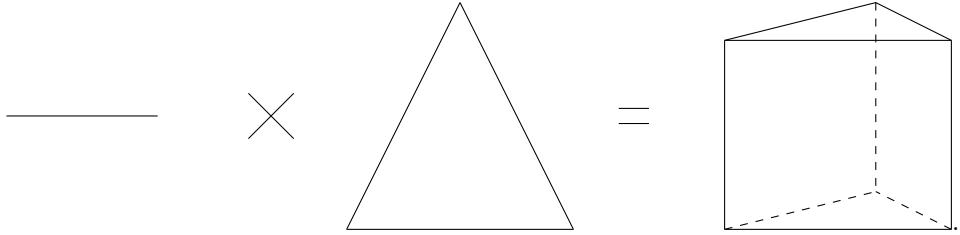
For example, identify  $T^n$  with  $T^{n+1}/\langle(g, \dots, g), g \in T^n\rangle$  and  $T^n$  acts on  $\mathbb{C}P^n$  in the usual manner, the quotient space is then the simplex  $\Delta^n$ , where

$$\Delta^n = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n | x_i \geq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, n, x_1 + \dots + x_n \leq 1\}.$$

Then  $\mathbb{C}P^n$  can be viewed as a quasitoric manifold over the simplex  $\Delta^n$  with characteristic matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & & -1 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ 0 & & & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Now let's consider more complicated combinatorics: the product of two simplices  $\Delta^{n_1} \times \Delta^{n_2}$ . For example,  $\Delta^1 \times \Delta^2$  looks like



The product of two projective spaces  $\mathbb{C}P^{n_1} \times \mathbb{C}P^{n_2}$  is a quasitoric manifold over the polytope  $\Delta^{n_1} \times \Delta^{n_2}$  with the block diagonal characteristic matrix:

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & & -1 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ 0 & & & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}}_{n_1} \quad \left. \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ 1 & & -1 \\ \ddots & \cdots \\ 1 & -1 \end{array} \right\} n_2.$$

Twisting the block diagonal characteristic matrix to be a block lower triangular characteristic matrix can give interesting new quasitoric manifolds. Let  $V$  be a quasitoric manifold, whose corresponding polytope is  $\Delta^{n_1} \times \Delta^{n_2}$  while the characteristic matrix is

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & & -1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & & \vdots & \\ 0 & & 1 & -1 & \\ & & i_1 & 1 & -1 \\ & & \vdots & \ddots & \cdots \\ & & i_{n_2} & & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right) \}^{n_2}.$$

$V$  can also be considered as the total space of the projectivisation

$$\mathbb{C}P(\eta^{\otimes i_1} \oplus \cdots \oplus \eta^{\otimes i_{n_2}} \oplus \underline{\mathbb{C}}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^{n_1}$$

(c.f. [7, Section 7.8]), where  $\eta$  is the tautological line bundle over  $\mathbb{C}P^{n_1}$ . Denote by  $\bar{\eta}$  the conjugate bundle of  $\eta$ . Let  $\gamma$  be the tautological vertical line bundle over  $V$ . The manifold  $V$  is the total space of a bundle over  $\mathbb{C}P^{n_1}$  with fiber  $\mathbb{C}P^{n_2}$ .

The tangent bundle and cohomology ring structure of  $V$  are clear from the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.1** (Borel and Hirzebruch [4]). *Let  $p : \mathbb{C}P(\xi) \rightarrow X$  be the projectivization of a complex  $n$ -plane bundle  $\xi$  over a complex manifold  $X$ , and  $\gamma$  the tautological vertical line bundle over  $\mathbb{C}P(\xi)$ . Then there is an isomorphism of vector bundles*

$$T\mathbb{C}P(\xi) \oplus \underline{\mathbb{C}} \cong p^*TX \oplus (\bar{\gamma} \otimes p^*\xi),$$

where  $\underline{\mathbb{C}}$  denotes a trivial line bundle over  $\mathbb{C}P(\xi)$ . Furthermore,

$$H^*(\mathbb{C}P(\xi); \mathbb{Z}) \cong H^*(X)[c_1(\bar{\gamma})]/\langle c_n(\bar{\gamma} \otimes p^*\xi) \rangle.$$

In this paper,  $X = \mathbb{C}P^{n_1}$ ,  $\xi = \eta^{\otimes i_1} \oplus \cdots \oplus \eta^{\otimes i_{n_2}} \oplus \underline{\mathbb{C}}$ . Let  $u = p^*c_1(\bar{\eta})$ ,  $v = c_1(\bar{\gamma})$ . By the above theorem, we have

$$TV \oplus \underline{\mathbb{C}} \cong p^*T\mathbb{C}P^{n_1} \oplus \bar{\gamma} \otimes p^*(\eta^{\otimes i_1} \oplus \cdots \oplus \eta^{\otimes i_{n_2}} \oplus \underline{\mathbb{C}}),$$

$$H^*(V) \cong H^*(\mathbb{C}P^{n_1}; \mathbb{Z})[v]/c_{n_2+1}(\bar{\gamma} \otimes p^*(\eta^{\otimes i_1} \oplus \cdots \oplus \eta^{\otimes i_{n_2}} \oplus \underline{\mathbb{C}})).$$

Furthermore

$$\bar{\gamma} \otimes p^*(\eta^{\otimes i_1} \oplus \cdots \oplus \eta^{\otimes i_{n_2}} \oplus \underline{\mathbb{C}}) = (\bar{\gamma} \otimes p^*\eta^{\otimes i_1}) \oplus \cdots \oplus (\bar{\gamma} \otimes p^*\eta^{\otimes i_{n_2}}) \oplus (\bar{\gamma} \otimes \underline{\mathbb{C}}).$$

and

$$c(\bar{\gamma} \otimes \eta^{\otimes i_1}) = 1 + c_1(\bar{\gamma}) + c_1(\eta^{\otimes i_1}) = 1 + v - i_1 u.$$

Thus we have

$$c(V) = (1+u)^{n_1+1}(1+v) \prod_{j=1}^{n_2} (1+v-i_j u).$$

Therefore

$$c_1(V) = (n_1 + 1 - \sigma_1)u + (n_2 + 1)v$$

and the total Pontryagin class

$$p(V) = (1+u^2)^{n_1+1}(1+(v-i_1 u)^2) \cdots (1+(v-i_{n_2} u)^2)(1+v^2).$$

We also have  $H^*(\mathbb{C}P^{n_1}; \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}[u]/\langle u^{n_1+1} \rangle$  and therefore

$$H^*(V) \cong \mathbb{Z}[u, v]/\langle u^{n_1+1}, v(v-i_1 u) \cdots (v-i_{n_2} u) \rangle.$$

The following result should be known to experts, although we didn't find it in the literature. We state it here and give a proof.

### Lemma 2.2.

$$\langle u^{n_1} v^{n_2}, [V] \rangle = 1.$$

*Proof.* There is a fibration  $\mathbb{C}P^{n_2} \rightarrow V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^{n_1}$ . By the multiplicative property of Euler characteristics for fibration [26, p. 481], we have  $\chi(V) = \chi(\mathbb{C}P^{n_1})\chi(\mathbb{C}P^{n_2})$ . Since  $H^*(\mathbb{C}P^n, \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}[u]/\langle u^{n+1} \rangle$  with  $\deg u = 2$ , the odd dimension of  $H^*(\mathbb{C}P^n, \mathbb{Z})$  vanishes,

$$\chi(\mathbb{C}P^n) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^{2i} \text{Rank}(H^{2i}(\mathbb{C}P^n, \mathbb{Z})) = n+1.$$

Based on  $\langle c_{n_1+n_2}(V), [V] \rangle = \chi(V)$ ,

$$\chi(V) = (n_1 + 1)(n_2 + 1).$$

And  $u^{n_1+1} = 0$ , so

$$c_{n_1+n_2}(V) = (n_1 + 1)(n_2 + 1)u^{n_1}v^{n_2}.$$

Therefore

$$\langle (n_1 + 1)u^{n_1}(n_2 + 1)v^{n_2}, [V] \rangle = (n_1 + 1)(n_2 + 1)$$

and we have  $\langle u^{n_1}v^{n_2}, [V] \rangle = 1$ .  $\square$

Since  $H^{2(n_1+n_2)}(V) \cong \mathbb{Z}[u^{n_1}v^{n_2}]$ , assume  $u^{n_1-k}v^{n_2+k} = \beta_k u^{n_1}v^{n_2}$  for  $0 \leq k \leq n_1$ .

**Lemma 2.3.**

$$\beta_k = \sum_{\substack{\forall 1 \leq i \leq n_2, p_i \geq 0 \\ p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_{n_2} = k}} i_1^{p_1} \cdots i_{n_2}^{p_{n_2}}.$$

*Proof.* If  $k = 0$ , obviously  $\beta_0 = 1$ .

If  $0 < k \leq n_1$ , since  $v(v - i_1u) \cdots (v - i_{n_2}u) = 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= v^k(v - i_1u) \cdots (v - i_{n_2}u) \\ &= v^{n_2+k} - \sigma_1 uv^{n_2+k-1} + \cdots + (-1)^k \sigma_k u^k v^{n_2} \\ &= (\beta_k - \sigma_1 \beta_{k-1} + \cdots + (-1)^k \sigma_k \beta_0) u^k v^{n_2} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sigma_i$  is the  $i$ -th elementary symmetric polynomial in  $\{i_1, \dots, i_{n_2}\}$ . So

$$\beta_k - \sigma_1 \beta_{k-1} + \cdots + (-1)^k \sigma_k \beta_0 = 0.$$

Thus  $\beta_k$  is the unique solution of the equation.

On the other hand, since  $u^{n_1+1} = 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= (1 - i_1u) \cdots (1 - i_{n_2}u) \frac{1}{(1 - i_1u)} \cdots \frac{1}{(1 - i_{n_2}u)} \\ &= \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n_2} (-1)^i \sigma_i u^i \right) \prod_{j=1}^{n_2} (1 + i_j u + \cdots + (i_j)^{n_1} u^{n_1}) \\ &= \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n_2} (-1)^i \sigma_i u^i \right) \sum_{m=0}^{n_1} \left( \sum_{\substack{p_1 + p_2 + \cdots + p_{n_2} = m}} i_1^{p_1} \cdots i_{n_2}^{p_{n_2}} \right) u^m \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n_1} \sum_{m+i=k} ((-1)^i \sigma_i \beta_m) u^{m+i} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n_1} (\beta_k + (-1) \sigma_1 \beta_{k-1} + \cdots + (-1)^k \sigma_k \beta_0) u^k, \end{aligned}$$

from which we see that  $\beta_k = \sum_{\substack{\forall 1 \leq i \leq n_2, p_i \geq 0 \\ p_1 + p_2 + \cdots + p_{n_2} = k}} i_1^{p_1} \cdots i_{n_2}^{p_{n_2}}$  as desired.  $\square$

**Remark 4.** In this paper, we will mainly use the expression in Lemma 2.3. One can also give an expression of  $\beta_k$  by the elementary symmetry polynomials of  $\{i_1, \dots, i_{n_2}\}$ ,

$$\beta_k = \sum_{p_1+2p_2+\dots+n_2p_{n_2}=k} (-1)^{k-p} \sigma_1^{p_1} \sigma_2^{p_2} \dots \sigma_{n_2}^{p_{n_2}} \frac{p!}{p_1! \dots p_{n_2}!},$$

where  $p = p_1 + \dots + p_{n_2}$ .

**Corollary 2.4.**

$$\langle u^{n_1-k} v^{n_2+k}, [V] \rangle = \beta_k = \sum_{\substack{\forall 1 \leq i \leq n_2, p_i \geq 0 \\ p_1+p_2+\dots+p_{n_2}=k}} i_1^{p_1} \dots i_{n_2}^{p_{n_2}}.$$

We set

$$k_1 = \frac{d_1 - (n_1 + 1 - \sigma_1)}{2}, \quad k_2 = \frac{d_2 - (n_2 + 1)}{2},$$

where  $\sigma_1 = \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} i_j$ .

**Proposition 2.5.** If  $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  is a spin manifold carrying the induced spin structure (c.f. [31]).

*Proof.* Since  $V$  is a complex manifold, it carries a canonical  $\text{spin}^c$  structure [20].

As  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  is Poincaré dual to  $d_1 u + d_2 v$ , by adjunction formula, there exists a complex line bundle  $\xi$  over  $V$  with  $c_1(\xi) = d_1 u + d_2 v$ , such that the normal bundle  $\nu$  of the inclusion  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2) \xrightarrow{i} V$  is the pullback of  $\xi$ .

Therefore we have

$$TV|_{H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)} \cong TH_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2) \oplus \nu \cong TH_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2) \oplus i^*(\xi)$$

and so

$$i^* c(V) = c(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)) i^* c(\nu)$$

Futhermore, we have

$$c(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)) = i^* \{c(V)(1 + d_1 u + d_2 v)^{-1}\}$$

and

$$c_1(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)) = (n_1 + 1 - \sigma_1 - d_1) i^* u + (n_2 + 1 - d_2) i^* v.$$

Thus  $\omega_2 \equiv c_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ ,  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  is spin.  $\square$

### 3. $\hat{A}$ -genus and $\alpha$ -invariant of twisted Milnor hypersurfaces

In this section, we compute the  $\hat{A}$ -genus and  $\alpha$ -invariant of  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$ . The computation involves two combinatoric numbers, including  $A(n, l)$  and  $F_{n_1, n_2, \mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$ , which we will deal with in Subsections 3.1 and 3.2 first.

#### 3.1. The number $A(n, l)$

Define

$$A(n, l) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{m=0}^l (-1)^{l-m} \binom{l}{m} m^n, & 0 \leq l \leq n; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Denote by

$$T(x) = \frac{x}{1 - e^{-x}} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_m(1)}{m!} x^m,$$

the Todd series (c.f. [10]). Let  $T^{(n)}(x)$  be the  $n$ -th derivative of  $T(x)$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** *The following identity holds,*

$$\sum_{m=0}^n \frac{(-v)^m}{m!} T^{(m)}(v) = (T(v) - vT'(v)) \left\{ \sum_{l=1}^n A(n, l) (-v)^{n-l} T(v)^{l-1} \right\}.$$

*Proof.* When  $n = 1$ ,

$$T(v) - vT'(v) = (T(v) - vT'(v)) \{A(1, 1)(-v)^0\}$$

holds since  $A(1, 1) = 1$ .

When  $n = 2$ , since  $T(v) = \frac{ve^v}{e^v - 1}$ , we have

$$T(v) - vT'(v) + \frac{v^2}{2} T''(v) = (T(v) - vT'(v)) \left\{ \frac{-v}{2} + T(v) \right\}$$

Since  $A(2, 1) = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $A(2, 2) = 1$ , the lemma holds.

Assume the lemma holds for any integer  $\leq n$ . Multiply  $v$  to both sides of

$$\sum_{m=0}^n \frac{(-v)^m}{m!} T^{(m)}(v) = (T(v) - vT'(v)) \left\{ \sum_{l=1}^n A(n, l) (-v)^{n-l} T(v)^{l-1} \right\},$$

we have

$$-\sum_{m=0}^n \frac{(-v)^{m+1}}{m!} T^{(m)}(v) = v(T(v) - vT'(v)) \left\{ \sum_{l=1}^n A(n, l)(-v)^{n-l} T(v)^{l-1} \right\}.$$

Differentiating the left hand side gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dv} \{ vT(v) - v^2 T'(v) + \cdots + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{v^n}{(n-1)!} T^{(n-1)}(v) + (-1)^n \frac{v^{n+1}}{n!} T^{(n)}(v) \} \\ &= (T(v) + vT'(v)) - (2vT'(v) + v^2 T''(v)) + \cdots + (-1)^{n-1} \left\{ \frac{nv^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} T^{(n-1)}(v) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{v^n}{(n-1)!} T^{(n)}(v) \right\} + (-1)^n \left\{ \frac{(n+1)v^n}{n!} T^{(n)}(v) + \frac{v^{n+1}}{n!} T^{(n+1)}(v) \right\} \\ &= T(v) - (-1+2)vT'(v) + \cdots + (-1)^n \left( -1 + \frac{n+1}{n} \right) \frac{v^n}{(n-1)!} T^{(n)}(v) \\ &\quad + (-1)^n \frac{v^{n+1}}{n!} T^{(n+1)}(v) \\ &= T(v) - vT'(v) + \cdots + (-1)^n \frac{v^n}{n!} T^{(n)}(v) + (-1)^n \frac{v^{n+1}}{n!} T^{(n+1)}(v) \\ &= (T(v) - vT'(v)) \left\{ \sum_{l=1}^n A(n, l)(-v)^{n-l} T(v)^{l-1} \right\} - \frac{(-v)^{n+1}}{n!} T^{(n+1)}(v), \end{aligned}$$

which equals to the differentiation of the right hand side:

$$\begin{aligned} & (T(v) - vT'(v)) \left\{ \sum_{l=1}^n A(n, l)(-v)^{n-l} T(v)^{l-1} \right\} \\ & - v^2 T''(v) \left\{ \sum_{l=1}^n A(n, l)(-v)^{n-l} T(v)^{l-1} \right\} \\ & + v(T(v) - vT'(v)) \frac{d}{dv} \left\{ \sum_{l=1}^n A(n, l)(-v)^{n-l} T(v)^{l-1} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

So we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(-v)^{n+1}}{n!} T^{(n+1)}(v) = v(vT''(v)) \left\{ \sum_{l=1}^n A(n, l)(-v)^{n-l} T(v)^{l-1} \right\} \\ & - v(T(v) - vT'(v)) \frac{d}{dv} \left\{ \sum_{l=1}^n A(n, l)(-v)^{n-l} T(v)^{l-1} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $v^2 T''(v) = (T(v) - vT'(v))(2T(v) - v - 2)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{(-v)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} T^{(n+1)}(v) \\
 &= \frac{v^2 T''(v)}{n+1} \left\{ \sum_{l=1}^n A(n, l)(-v)^{n-l} T(v)^{l-1} \right\} \\
 &\quad - \frac{v(T(v) - vT'(v))}{n+1} \cdot \frac{d}{dv} \left\{ \sum_{l=1}^n A(n, l)(-v)^{n-l} T(v)^{l-1} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{(T(v) - vT'(v))(2T(v) - v - 2)}{n+1} \left\{ \sum_{l=1}^n A(n, l)(-v)^{n-l} T(v)^{l-1} \right\} \\
 &\quad - \frac{v(T(v) - vT'(v))}{n+1} \cdot \frac{d}{dv} \left\{ \sum_{l=1}^n A(n, l)(-v)^{n-l} T(v)^{l-1} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{T(v) - vT'(v)}{n+1} \\
 &\quad \cdot \left\{ (2T(v) - v - 2) \sum_{l=1}^n A(n, l)(-v)^{n-l} T(v)^{l-1} - v \frac{d}{dv} \left[ \sum_{l=1}^n A(n, l)(-v)^{n-l} T(v)^{l-1} \right] \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 & T(v) - vT'(v) + \cdots + \frac{(-v)^n}{n!} T^{(n)}(v) + \frac{(-v)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} T^{(n+1)}(v) \\
 &= (T(v) - vT'(v)) \left\{ \sum_{l=1}^n A(n, l)(-v)^{n-l} T(v)^{l-1} \right\} \\
 &\quad + \frac{T(v) - vT'(v)}{n+1} \cdot \left\{ (2T(v) - v - 2) \sum_{l=1}^n A(n, l)(-v)^{n-l} T(v)^{l-1} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - v \frac{d}{dv} \left[ \sum_{l=1}^n A(n, l)(-v)^{n-l} T(v)^{l-1} \right] \right\} \\
 &= \frac{T(v) - vT'(v)}{n+1} \cdot \left\{ (2T(v) - v + n - 1) \sum_{l=1}^n A(n, l)(-v)^{n-l} T(v)^{l-1} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - v \cdot \frac{d}{dv} \left[ \sum_{l=1}^n A(n, l)(-v)^{n-l} T(v)^{l-1} \right] \right\} \\
 &= \frac{T(v) - vT'(v)}{n+1} \cdot \left\{ (2T(v) - v + (n-1)) \sum_{l=1}^n A(l, n)(-v)^{n-l} T(v)^{l-1} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + v \sum_{l=1}^n A(n, l) \cdot (n-l)(-v)^{n-l-1} T(v)^{l-1} \\
& - v \sum_{l=1}^n A(n, l) (-v)^{n-l} (l-1) T(v)^{l-2} T'(v) \} \\
& = \frac{T(v) - vT'(v)}{n+1} \left\{ (2T(v) - v + (n-1)) \sum_{l=1}^n A(n, l) (-v)^{n-l} T(v)^{l-1} \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \sum_{l=1}^n (l-n) A(n, l) \cdot (-v)^{n-l} T(v)^{l-1} \right. \\
& \quad \left. - v \sum_{l=1}^n A(n, l) (-v)^{n-l} (l-1) T(v)^{l-2} T'(v) \right\} \\
& = \frac{T(v) - vT'(v)}{n+1} \cdot \left\{ \sum_{l=1}^n (2T(v) - v + l-1) A(n, l) (-v)^{n-l} T(v)^{l-1} \right. \\
& \quad \left. - vT'(v) \sum_{l=1}^n A(n, l) \cdot (-v)^{n-l} (l-1) T(v)^{l-2} \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

For the first part in the bracket, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{l=1}^n (2T(v) - v + l-1) A(n, l) (-v)^{n-l} T(v)^{l-1} \\
& = 2 \sum_{l=1}^n A(n, l) (-v)^{n-l} T(v)^l + \sum_{l=1}^n A(n, l) (-v)^{n-l+1} T(v)^{l-1} \\
& \quad + \sum_{l=1}^n (l-1) A(n, l) (-v)^{n-l} T(v)^{l-1} \\
& = \sum_{l=2}^{n+1} 2A(n, l-1) (-v)^{n-l+1} T(v)^{l-1} + \sum_{l=1}^n A(n, l) (-v)^{n-l+1} T(v)^{l-1} \\
& \quad + \sum_{l=1}^n (l-1) A(n, l) (-v)^{n-l} T(v)^{l-1} \\
& = \sum_{l=1}^{n+1} (A(n, l) + 2A(n, l-1)) (-v)^{n-l+1} T(v)^{l-1} \\
& \quad + \sum_{l=1}^n (l-1) A(n, l) (-v)^{n-l} T(v)^{l-1}.
\end{aligned}$$

For the second part in the bracket, Since  $vT'(v) = T(v)(v - T(v) + 1)$ , we

have

$$\begin{aligned}
& -vT'(v) \sum_{l=1}^n A(n, l)(-v)^{n-l}(l-1)T(v)^{l-2} \\
& = (-v + T(v) - 1) \sum_{l=1}^n (l-1)A(n, l)(-v)^{n-l}T(v)^{l-1} \\
& = \sum_{l=1}^n (l-1)A(n, l)(-v)^{n-l+1}T(v)^{l-1} + \sum_{l=1}^n (l-1)A(n, l)(-v)^{n-l}T(v)^l \\
& \quad + \sum_{l=1}^n (-1)(l-1)A(n, l)(-v)^{n-l}T(v)^{l-1} \\
& = \sum_{l=1}^n (l-1)A(n, l)(-v)^{n-l+1}T(v)^{l-1} + \sum_{l=2}^{n+1} (l-2)A(n, l-1)(-v)^{n-l+1}T(v)^{l-1} \\
& \quad + \sum_{l=1}^n (-1)(l-1)A(n, l)(-v)^{n-l}T(v)^{l-1} \\
& = \sum_{l=1}^{n+1} \{(l-1)A(n, l) + (l-2)A(n, l-1)\}(-v)^{n-l+1}T(v)^{l-1} \\
& \quad - \sum_{l=1}^n (l-1)A(n, l)(-v)^{n-l}T(v)^{l-1}
\end{aligned}$$

Combining them together, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& T(v) - vT'(v) + \cdots + \frac{(-v)^n}{n!}T^{(n)}(v) + \frac{(-v)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}T^{(n+1)}(v) \\
& = (T(v) - vT'(v)) \sum_{l=1}^{n+1} \frac{l}{n+1} (A(n, l) + A(n, l-1))(-v)^{n-l+1}T(v)^{l-1} \\
& = \sum_{l=1}^{n+1} A(n+1, l)(-v)^{n+1-l}T(v)^{l-1}. \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

### 3.2. The number $F_{n_1, n_2, I}(d_1, d_2)$

Let

$$(3.1) \quad j(x) = \frac{\sinh(x/2)}{x/2}$$

be the  $j$ -function (c.f. [3, p. 167]). Denote  $Q(x) := j^{-1}(x)$ . It is not hard to see that

$$(3.2) \quad Q(x) = e^{-\frac{x}{2}} \frac{x}{1 - e^{-x}} = e^{-\frac{x}{2}} T(x).$$

Denote

$$(3.3) \quad F_{n_1, n_2, \mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2) = \sum_{\substack{0 \leq r \leq n_2 \\ \forall 1 \leq j \leq r \\ l_j \geq 1, \sum_{j=1}^r l_j \leq n_1, 0 \leq m_j \leq l_j \\ 1 \leq s_1 < s_2 < \dots < s_r \leq n_2}} (-1)^{\sum_{j=1}^r m_j} \binom{\vec{l}}{\vec{m}} \binom{\frac{d_1+n_1-1+\sigma_1}{2} - \vec{s} \cdot \vec{m}}{n_1} \binom{\frac{d_2+n_2-1}{2} + \sum_{j=1}^r l_j - r}{n_2 + \sum_{j=1}^r l_j},$$

where we denote  $\vec{l} = (l_1, \dots, l_r)$ ,  $\vec{m} = (m_1, \dots, m_r)$ ,  $\vec{s} = (i_{s_1}, \dots, i_{s_r})$  and

$$(3.4) \quad \binom{\vec{l}}{\vec{m}} := \binom{l_1}{m_1} \cdots \binom{l_r}{m_r}, \quad \vec{s} \cdot \vec{m} := \sum_{j=1}^r m_j i_{s_j}.$$

Let  $k_1 = \frac{d_1-n_1-1+\sigma_1}{2}$ ,  $k_2 = \frac{d_2-n_2-1}{2}$ , where  $k_1, k_2$  are not necessary integer.

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $V, u, v, d_1, d_2$  be as in Section 2. One has*

$$F_{n_1, n_2, \mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2) = \langle Q(u)^{n_1+1} Q(v) \prod_{j=1}^{n_2} Q(v - i_j u) e^{\frac{d_1 u + d_2 v}{2}}, [V] \rangle.$$

The rest of this subsection is devoted to the proof of this proposition. We will proceed by two steps.

In the expansion of  $\widehat{A}(M) \cdot e^{\frac{d_1 u + d_2 v}{2}}$  with respect to  $u$ , observe that only  $n_1 + 1$  terms

$$\{u^{n_1} v^{n_2}, u^{n_1-1} v^{n_2+1}, \dots, v^{n_2+2}\}$$

survive, as  $u^m = 0, \forall m > n_1$ .

Let  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2$  be small circles around  $u = 0$  (resp.  $v = 0$ ), we have

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{aligned} & \langle Q(u)^{n_1+1} Q(v) \prod_{j=1}^{n_2} Q(v - i_j u) e^{\frac{d_1 u + d_2 v}{2}}, [V] \rangle \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n_1} \beta_k \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2\pi i}\right)^2 \oint_{\gamma_1} \oint_{\gamma_2} \frac{Q(u)^{n_1+1} Q(v) \prod_{j=1}^{n_2} Q(v - i_j u) e^{\frac{d_1 u + d_2 v}{2}}}{u^{n_1-k+1} v^{n_2+k+1}} du dv. \end{aligned}$$

Recall that  $d_1 u + d_2 v = (2k_1 + n_1 + 1 - \sigma_1)u + (2k_2 + n_2 + 1)v$  and  $Q(x) = e^{-\frac{x}{2}}T(x)$ . So

$$\begin{aligned}
& \langle Q(u)^{n_1+1} \prod_{j=1}^{n_2} Q(v - i_j u) Q(v) e^{\frac{d_1 u + d_2 v}{2}}, [V] \rangle \\
&= \langle Q(u)^{n_1+1} Q(v) \prod_{j=1}^{n_2} Q(v - i_j u) e^{\frac{d_1 u + d_2 v}{2}}, [V] \rangle \\
&= \langle T(u)^{n_1+1} T(v) \prod_{j=1}^{n_2} T(v - i_j u) e^{\frac{d_1 u + d_2 v}{2} - \frac{v}{2} - \frac{(n_1+1)u}{2} - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n_2} (v - i_j u)}{2}}, [V] \rangle \\
&= \langle T(u)^{n_1+1} T(v) \prod_{j=1}^{n_2} T(v - i_j u) e^{k_1 u + k_2 v}, [V] \rangle \\
&= \langle T(u)^{n_1+1} e^{k_1 u} T(v) \prod_{j=1}^{n_2} \{T(v) - i_j u T'(v) + \dots + \frac{(-i_j u)^{n_1}}{n_1!} T^{(n_1)}(v)\} e^{k_2 v}, [V] \rangle,
\end{aligned}$$

where the last equation uses the Taylor expansion:

$$T(v - iu) \equiv T(v) + \frac{-i}{1!} T'(v) u + \dots + \frac{(-i)^{n_1}}{n_1!} T^{(n_1)}(v) u^{n_1} \bmod u^{n_1+1}.$$

The rest will be calculated by two steps.

**3.2.1. The first step** In this step, to make the notations simpler, denote

$$b_m := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{T(u)^{n_1+1} e^{k_1 u}}{u^{m+1}} du$$

and thus

$$T(u)^{n_1+1} e^{k_1 u} = 1 + b_1 u + \dots + b_m u^m + \dots,$$

where  $\gamma$  is a small circle around  $u = 0$ ,  $0 \leq m \leq n_1$ .

**Lemma 3.3.**

$$b_{n_1} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{T(u)^{n_1+1} e^{ku}}{u^{n_1+1}} du = \binom{n_1+k}{n_1},$$

where  $\binom{n_1+k}{n_1}$  is the generalised binomial coefficient defined as

$$\binom{n_1+k}{n_1} = \frac{(n_1+k) \cdots (k+1)}{n_1!}, \quad \forall n_1 \in \mathbb{N}, k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{T(u)^{n_1+1} e^{ku}}{u^{n_1+1}} du &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \left( \frac{u}{1-e^{-u}} \right)^{n_1+1} e^{ku} \frac{1}{u^{n_1+1}} du \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{e^{(n_1+k+1)u}}{(e^u - 1)^{n_1+1}} du \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{(1+t)^{n_1+k}}{t^{n_1+1}} dt \quad (\text{let } e^u = t+1) \\
&= \binom{n_1+k}{n_1}.
\end{aligned}$$

□

Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\langle Q(u)^{n_1+1} \prod_{j=1}^{n_2} Q(v - i_j u) Q(v) e^{\frac{d_1 u + d_2 v}{2}}, [V] \rangle \\
&= \langle \left( \sum_{m=0}^{n_1} b_m u^m \right) T(v) \prod_{k=1}^{n_2} \left\{ \sum_{p_k=0}^{n_1} \frac{(-i_k u)^{p_k}}{p_k!} T^{(p_k)}(v) \right\} e^{k_2 v}, [V] \rangle \\
&= \left( \sum_{m=0}^{n_1} b_m u^m \right) T(v) \\
&\quad \cdot \left\langle \left\{ \sum_{p=0}^{n_1} u^p \sum_{\substack{p_1+\dots+p_{n_2}=p \\ \forall 1 \leq k \leq n_2, p_k \geq 0}} (-1)^p \cdot i_1^{p_1} \cdots i_{n_2}^{p_{n_2}} \frac{T^{(p_1)}(v)}{p_1!} \cdots \frac{T^{(p_{n_2})}(v)}{p_{n_2}!} \right\} e^{k_2 v}, [V] \right\rangle \\
&= \left\langle \sum_{m=0}^{n_1} u^m \left\{ \sum_{p=0}^m b_{m-p} \sum_{\substack{p_1+\dots+p_{n_2}=p \\ \forall 1 \leq k \leq n_2, p_k \geq 0}} (-1)^p \cdot i_1^{p_1} \cdots i_{n_2}^{p_{n_2}} \frac{T^{(p_1)}(v)}{p_1!} \cdots \frac{T^{(p_{n_2})}(v)}{p_{n_2}!} \right\} \right. \\
&\quad \left. \cdot T(v) e^{k_2 v}, [V] \right\rangle \\
&= \sum_{m=0}^{n_1} \beta_{n_1-m} \sum_{p=0}^m b_{m-p} \sum_{\substack{p_1+\dots+p_{n_2}=p \\ \forall 1 \leq k \leq n_2, p_k \geq 0}} (-1)^p \cdot i_1^{p_1} \cdots i_{n_2}^{p_{n_2}} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \\
&\quad \cdot \oint_{\gamma} \frac{\frac{T^{(p_1)}(v)}{p_1!} \cdots \frac{T^{(p_{n_2})}(v)}{p_{n_2}!}}{v^{n_2+n_1-m+1}} T(v) e^{k_2 v} dv \\
&= \sum_{m=0}^{n_1} \sum_{p=0}^m b_{m-p} \sum_{\substack{p_1+\dots+p_{n_2}=p \\ q_1+\dots+q_{n_2}=n_1-m \\ \forall 1 \leq k \leq n_2, p_k, q_k \geq 0}} i_1^{q_1} \cdots i_{n_2}^{q_{n_2}} \cdot i_1^{p_1} \cdots i_{n_2}^{p_{n_2}} \frac{(-1)^p}{2\pi i}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \cdot \oint_{\gamma} \frac{\left\{ \frac{T^{(p_1)}(v)}{p_1!} \cdots \frac{T^{(p_{n_2})}(v)}{p_{n_2}!} \right\} T(v) e^{k_2 v}}{v^{n_2+n_1+1-m}} dv \\
&= \sum_{m=0}^{n_1} \sum_{p=0}^m b_{m-p} \sum_{\substack{p_1+\dots+p_{n_2}=p \\ q_1+\dots+q_{n_2}=n_1-m+p \\ \forall 1 \leq k \leq n_2, q_k \geq p_k \geq 0}} i_1^{q_1} \cdots i_{n_2}^{q_{n_2}} \frac{(-1)^p}{2\pi i} \\
&\quad \cdot \oint_{\gamma} \frac{\left\{ \frac{T^{(p_1)}(v)}{p_1!} \cdots \frac{T^{(p_{n_2})}(v)}{p_{n_2}!} \right\} T(v) e^{k_2 v}}{v^{n_2+n_1+1-m}} dv \\
&= \sum_{t=0}^{n_1} b_t \sum_{m=t}^{n_1} \sum_{\substack{q_1+\dots+q_{n_2}=n_1-t \\ p_1+\dots+p_{n_2}=m-t \\ \forall 1 \leq k \leq n_2, q_k \geq 0 \\ p_k \leq q_k, \forall 1 \leq k \leq n_2}} i_1^{q_1} \cdots i_{n_2}^{q_{n_2}} \\
&\quad \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{\left\{ \frac{T^{(p_1)}(v)}{p_1!} \cdots \frac{T^{(p_{n_2})}(v)}{p_{n_2}!} \right\} (-v)^{m-t} T(v) e^{k_2 v}}{v^{n_2+n_1+1-t}} dv \text{ (Let } t = m - p) \\
&= \sum_{t=0}^{n_1} \frac{b_t}{2\pi i} \sum_{\substack{\sum_{k=1}^{n_2} q_k = n_1-t \\ \forall 1 \leq k \leq n_2, q_k \geq 0}} i_1^{q_1} \cdots i_{n_2}^{q_{n_2}} \sum_{m=t}^{n_1} \sum_{\substack{p_k=m-t \\ p_k \leq q_k}} \\
&\quad \cdot \oint_{\gamma} \frac{\left\{ \frac{(-v)^{p_1} T^{(p_1)}(v)}{p_1!} \cdots \frac{(-v)^{p_{n_2}} T^{(p_{n_2})}(v)}{p_{n_2}!} \right\} T(v) e^{k_2 v}}{v^{n_2+n_1+1-t}} dv.
\end{aligned}$$

Note that for fixed integers  $q_1, \dots, q_{n_2}$  with  $\sum_{k=1}^{n_2} q_k = n_1 - t$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{m=t}^{n_1} \sum_{\substack{p_k=m-t \\ p_k \leq q_k}} \frac{(-v)^{p_1} T^{(p_1)}(v)}{p_1!} \cdots \frac{(-v)^{p_{n_2}} T^{(p_{n_2})}(v)}{p_{n_2}!} \\
&= \sum_{N=0}^{n_1-t} \sum_{\substack{p_k=N \\ p_k \leq q_k}} \frac{(-v)^{p_1} T^{(p_1)}(v)}{p_1!} \cdots \frac{(-v)^{p_{n_2}} T^{(p_{n_2})}(v)}{p_{n_2}!} \\
&= \prod_{1 \leq k \leq n_2} (T(v) - v T'(v) + \cdots + \frac{(-v)^{q_k} T^{(q_k)}(v)}{q_k!}) \\
&= \prod_{1 \leq k \leq n_2} \sum_{m_k=0}^{q_k} \frac{(-v)^{m_k}}{m_k!} T^{(m_k)}(v).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.6) \quad & \langle Q(u)^{n_1+1} \prod_{j=1}^{n_2} Q(v - i_j u) Q(v) e^{\frac{d_1 u + d_2 v}{2}}, [V] \rangle \\
& = \sum_{t=0}^{n_1} b_t \sum_{\substack{\sum q_k = n_1-t \\ \forall 1 \leq k \leq n_2, q_k \geq 0}} i_1^{q_1} \cdots i_{n_2}^{q_{n_2}} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{\prod_{k=1}^{n_2} \left( \sum_{m_k=0}^{q_k} \frac{(-v)^{m_k}}{m_k!} T^{(m_k)}(v) \right)}{v^{n_2+1+(n_1-t)}} T(v) e^{k_2 v} dv \\
& = \sum_{t=0}^{n_1} b_t \sum_{r=0}^{n_2} \sum_{1 \leq s_1 < s_2 < \cdots < s_r \leq n_2} i_{s_1}^{p_1} \cdots i_{s_r}^{p_r} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \\
& \quad \cdot \oint_{\gamma} \frac{\prod_{k=1}^r \left( \sum_{m_k=0}^{p_k} \frac{(-v)^{m_k}}{m_k!} T^{(m_k)}(v) \right)}{v^{n_2+1+n_1-t}} T(v)^{n_2-r+1} e^{k_2 v} dv,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\{p_1, \dots, p_r\}$  be a positive partition of  $n_1 - t$ .

**Lemma 3.4.** *Let  $\{p_1, \dots, p_r\}$  be a positive partition of  $n_1 - t$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{\prod_{k=1}^r \left( \sum_{m_k=0}^{p_k} \frac{(-v)^{m_k}}{m_k!} T^{(m_k)}(v) \right)}{v^{n_2+1+n_1-t}} T(v)^{n_2+1-r} e^{k_2 v} dv \\
& = (-1)^{n_1-t} \sum_{\substack{\forall 1 \leq k \leq r, 1 \leq l_k \leq p_k \\ l = l_1 + \cdots + l_r}} A(p_1, l_1) \cdots A(p_r, l_r) (-1)^l \binom{n_2 + l + k_2 - r}{n_2 + l}.
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.1,

$$\sum_{m_k=0}^{p_k} \frac{(-v)^{m_k}}{m_k!} T^{(m_k)}(v) = (T(v) - v T'(v)) \left( \sum_{l_k=1}^{p_k} A(p_k, l_k) (-v)^{p_k - l_k} T(v)^{l_k - 1} \right).$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{\prod_{k=1}^r \left( \sum_{m_k=0}^{p_k} \frac{(-v)^{m_k}}{m_k!} T^{(m_k)}(v) \right)}{v^{n_2+1+p}} T(v)^{n_2+1-r} e^{k_2 v} dv \\
& = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{\prod_{k=1}^r \left( \sum_{l_k=1}^{p_k} A(p_k, l_k) (-v)^{p_k - l_k} T(v)^{l_k - 1} \right)}{v^{n_2+1+p}} (T(v) - v T'(v))^r T(v)^{n_2+1-r} e^{k_2 v} dv
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{\substack{\forall 1 \leq k \leq r, 1 \leq l_k \leq p_k \\ l = l_1 + \dots + l_r}} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{A(p_1, l_1) \cdots A(p_r, l_r) (-v)^{p-l} T(v)^{l-r}}{v^{n_2+1+p}} (T(v) - v T'(v))^r \\
&\quad \cdot T(v)^{n_2+1-r} e^{k_2 v} dv \\
&= \sum_{\substack{\forall 1 \leq k \leq r, 1 \leq l_k \leq p_k \\ l = l_1 + \dots + l_r}} A(p_1, l_1) \cdots A(p_r, l_r) \frac{(-1)^{p-l}}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{(T(v) - v T'(v))^r T(v)^{n_2+1+l} e^{k_2 v}}{T(v)^{2r} v^{n_2+1+l}} dv \\
&= \sum_{\substack{\forall 1 \leq k \leq r, 1 \leq l_k \leq p_k \\ l = l_1 + \dots + l_r}} A(p_1, l_1) \cdots A(p_r, l_r) \frac{(-1)^{p-l}}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{\left(\frac{v^2 e^v}{(e^v-1)^2}\right)^r T(v)^{n_2+1+l} e^{k_2 v}}{\left(\frac{v e^v}{e^v-1}\right)^{2r} v^{n_2+1+l}} dv \\
&= \sum_{\substack{\forall 1 \leq k \leq r, 1 \leq l_k \leq p_k \\ l = l_1 + \dots + l_r}} A(p_1, l_1) \cdots A(p_r, l_r) (-1)^{p-l} \binom{n_2 + l + k_2 - r}{n_2 + l}. \text{ (By Lemma 3.3)}
\end{aligned}$$

□

To sum up

$$\begin{aligned}
&\langle Q(u)^{n_1+1} \prod_{j=1}^{n_2} Q(v - i_j u) Q(v) e^{\frac{d_1 u + d_2 v}{2}}, [V] \rangle \\
&= \sum_{t=0}^{n_1} b_t \sum_{\substack{0 \leq r \leq n_2 \\ p=p_1+\dots+p_r=n_1-t \\ \forall 1 \leq k \leq r, p_k \geq 1 \\ 1 \leq s_1 < s_2 < \dots < s_r \leq n_2}} i_{s_1}^{p_1} \cdots i_{s_r}^{p_r} (-1)^p \\
&\quad \cdot \sum_{\substack{\forall 1 \leq k \leq r \\ 1 \leq l_k \leq p_k \\ l = l_1 + \dots + l_r}} A(p_1, l_1) \cdots A(p_r, l_r) (-1)^l \binom{n_2 + k_2 + l - r}{n_2 + l} \\
&= \sum_{\substack{0 \leq r \leq n_2 \\ p=p_1+\dots+p_r \leq n_1 \\ \forall 1 \leq k \leq r, p_k \geq 1 \\ 1 \leq s_1 < s_2 < \dots < s_r \leq n_2}} b_{n_1-p} i_{s_1}^{p_1} \cdots i_{s_r}^{p_r} (-1)^p \\
&\quad \cdot \sum_{\substack{\forall 1 \leq k \leq r \\ 1 \leq l_k \leq p_k \\ l = l_1 + \dots + l_r}} A(p_1, l_1) \cdots A(p_r, l_r) (-1)^l \binom{n_2 + k_2 + l - r}{n_2 + l} \\
&= \sum_{\substack{0 \leq r \leq n_2 \\ \forall 1 \leq k \leq r, 1 \leq l_k \\ l = l_1 + \dots + l_r \leq n_1 \\ 1 \leq s_1 < s_2 < \dots < s_r \leq n_2}} (-1)^l \binom{n_2 + k_2 + l - r}{n_2 + l}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\cdot \sum_{\substack{p_1+\dots+p_r \leq n_1 \\ \forall 1 \leq k \leq r, p_k \geq l_k}} b_{n_1-p} (-i_{s_1})^{p_1} A(p_1, l_1) \cdots (-i_{s_r})^{p_r} A(p_r, l_r).$$

### 3.2.2. The second step

**Lemma 3.5.** *For any fixed  $\{l_1, \dots, l_r, s_1, \dots, s_r\}$ , let  $l = l_1 + \dots + l_r$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\substack{p_1+\dots+p_r \leq n_1 \\ p_k \geq l_k, \forall 1 \leq k \leq r}} b_{n_1-p} (-i_{s_1})^{p_1} A(p_1, l_1) \cdots (-i_{s_r})^{p_r} A(p_r, l_r) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{1 \leq j \leq r \\ 0 \leq m_j \leq l_r \\ m=m_1+\dots+m_r}} (-1)^{l-m} \binom{\vec{l}}{\vec{m}} \binom{n_1+k_1 - \vec{s} \cdot \vec{m}}{n_1}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\vec{l} = (l_1, \dots, l_r)$ ,  $\vec{m} = (m_1, \dots, m_r)$ ,  $\vec{s} = (i_{s_1}, \dots, i_{s_r})$  and  $(\vec{m}) := \binom{l_1}{m_1} \cdots \binom{l_r}{m_r}$ ,  $\vec{s} \cdot \vec{m} := \sum_{j=1}^r m_j \cdot i_{s_j}$ .

*Proof.*

$$b_{n_1-p} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{T(u)^{n_1+1} e^{k_1 u}}{u^{n_1-p+1}} du = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{u^{p_1} \cdots u^{p_r} T(u)^{n_1+1} e^{k_1 u}}{u^{n_1+1}} du.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\substack{p_1+\dots+p_r \leq n_1 \\ p_k \geq l_k, \forall 1 \leq k \leq r}} b_{n_1-p} \cdot (-i_{s_1})^{p_1} A(p_1, l_1) \cdots (-i_{s_r})^{p_r} A(p_r, l_r) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{p_1+\dots+p_r \leq n_1 \\ p_k \geq l_k, \forall 1 \leq k \leq r}} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{(-i_{s_1} u)^{p_1} A(p_1, l_1) \cdots (-i_{s_r} u)^{p_r} A(p_r, l_r)}{u^{n_1+1}} T(u)^{n_1+1} e^{k_1 u} du. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $(-i_{s_k} u)^{p_k} A(l_k, p_k) = 0$ ,  $p_k > n_1$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{p_k \geq l_k, \forall 1 \leq k \leq r} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{(-i_{s_1} u)^{p_1} A(p_1, l_1) \cdots (-i_{s_r} u)^{p_r} A(p_r, l_r)}{u^{n_1+1}} T(u)^{n_1+1} e^{k_1 u} du \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^r \left\{ \sum_{m_j=l_j}^{\infty} (-i_{s_j} u)^{m_j} A(m_j, l_j) \right\}}{u^{n_1+1}} T(u)^{n_1+1} e^{k_1 u} du. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma A.1,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{m=l}^{\infty} u^m A(m, l) = (e^u - 1)^l \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^r (e^{-is_j u} - 1)^{l_j}}{u^{n_1+1}} T(u)^{n_1+1} e^{k_1 u} du \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^r \sum_{m_j=0}^{l_j} (-1)^{l_j-m_j} \binom{l_j}{m_j} e^{-m_j i s_j u}}{u^{n_1+1}} T(u)^{n_1+1} e^{k_1 u} du \\
&= \sum_{m_1=0}^{l_1} \cdots \sum_{m_r=0}^{l_r} (-1)^{\sum_{j=1}^r l_j - m_j} \frac{(l_1) \cdots (l_r)}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{e^{-(\sum_{j=1}^r m_j i s_j) u}}{u^{n_1+1}} T(u)^{n_1+1} e^{k_1 u} du \\
&= \sum_{\substack{1 \leq j \leq r \\ 0 \leq m_j \leq l_j \\ m = \sum_{j=1}^r m_j}} (-1)^{l-m} \binom{\vec{l}}{\vec{m}} \binom{n_1 + k_1 - \vec{s} \cdot \vec{m}}{n_1}. \text{ (By Lemma 3.3)} \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

Combining Lemma 3.4 and Lemma 3.5, we deduce Proposition 3.2.

### 3.3. $\widehat{A}$ -genus and $\alpha$ -invariant

Recall that in Section 2, we have shown that

$$c(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)) = i^*(c(V)(1 + d_1 u + d_2 v)^{-1}),$$

$$c(V) = (1 + u)^{n_1+1} (1 + v) \prod_{j=1}^{n_2} (1 + v - i_j u).$$

Therefore

$$p(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)) = i^* \left\{ (1 + u^2)^{n_1+1} (1 + v^2) \prod_{j=1}^{n_2} (1 + (v - i_j u)^2) (1 + (d_1 u + d_2 v)^2)^{-1} \right\}$$

The characteristic power series of the  $\widehat{A}$ -genus is just  $\frac{\sqrt{z}/2}{\sinh(\sqrt{z}/2)} = Q(x)$  for  $z = x^2$ .

For  $n_1 + n_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ , by Poincaré duality and Proposition 3.2, one has

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.7) \quad & \widehat{A}(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)) \\
& = \langle Q(u)^{n_1+1} Q(v) \prod_{j=1}^{n_2} Q(v - i_j u) \cdot Q(d_1 u + d_2 v)^{-1}, [V] \cap (d_1 u + d_2 v) \rangle \\
& = \langle Q(u)^{n_1+1} Q(v) \prod_{j=1}^{n_2} Q(v - i_j u) \cdot \frac{e^{d_1 u + d_2 v} - 1}{(d_1 u + d_2 v) e^{d_1 u + d_2 v}} e^{\frac{d_1 u + d_2 v}{2}} (d_1 u + d_2 v), [V] \rangle \\
& = \langle Q(u)^{n_1+1} Q(v) \prod_{j=1}^{n_2} Q(v - i_j u) \cdot (e^{\frac{d_1 u + d_2 v}{2}} - e^{\frac{-d_1 u - d_2 v}{2}}), [V] \rangle \\
& = F_{n_1, n_2, \mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2) - F_{n_1, n_2, \mathbf{I}}(-d_1, -d_2).
\end{aligned}$$

So we have

**Theorem 3.6.** *For  $n_1 + n_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  and  $d_1, d_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ .*

$$\widehat{A}(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)) = F_{n_1, n_2, \mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2) - F_{n_1, n_2, \mathbf{I}}(-d_1, -d_2).$$

The  $\alpha$ -invariant (§6, Chapter V in [5]) is a ring homomorphism

$$\alpha : \Omega_*^{Spin} \rightarrow KO_*(pt).$$

As is well known,  $KO_*$  is 8 periodic,

$$KO_n(pt) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } n \equiv 3, 5, 6, 7 \pmod{8}, \\ \mathbb{Z}, & \text{for } n \equiv 0, 4 \pmod{8}, \\ \mathbb{Z}_2, & \text{for } n \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{8}, \end{cases}$$

and

$$\alpha(M) = \begin{cases} \widehat{A}(M), & \text{for } n \equiv 0 \pmod{8}, \\ \frac{1}{2}\widehat{A}(M) & \text{for } n \equiv 4 \pmod{8}. \end{cases}$$

The  $\alpha$ -invariant of an  $8k + 2$  dimensional manifold is the mod 2 index of Atiyah-Singer Dirac operator, which is usually difficult to compute. To perform the computation, we need to use the following analytic Rokhlin congruence formula due to Zhang.

**Theorem 3.7** (Zhang [29, 30, 31], c.f. [32]). *Let  $M$  be a compact connected  $spin^c$ -manifold of dimension  $8k + 4$ ,  $\xi$  is a complex line bundle on  $M$  with*

$c_1(\xi) \equiv \omega_2(TM)$ .  $B$  is the spin submanifold of  $M$  Poincaré dual to  $c_1(\xi) \in H^2(M; \mathbb{Z})$ , then  $B$  carries an induced spin structure and

$$\alpha(B) \equiv \langle \widehat{A}(M) e^{\frac{c_1(\xi)}{2}}, [M] \rangle \bmod 2.$$

Thus when  $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2) \equiv 2 \bmod 8$ , applying Zhang's theorem, we have

$$(3.8) \quad \begin{aligned} & \alpha(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)) \\ & \equiv \langle \widehat{A}(V) e^{\frac{d_1 u + d_2 v}{2}}, [V] \rangle \\ & \equiv \langle Q(u)^{n_1+1} \prod_{j=1}^{n_2} Q(v - i_j u) Q(v) e^{\frac{d_1 u + d_2 v}{2}}, [V] \rangle \bmod 2. \end{aligned}$$

By Proposition 3.2, we have

**Theorem 3.8.** *If  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  is spin (i.e  $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  see Convention 1.3) and  $n_1 + n_2 \equiv 2 \bmod 4$ , then*

$$\alpha(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)) \equiv F_{n_1, n_2, \mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2) \bmod 2.$$

### 3.4. Some examples

In this subsection, we assume  $n_1 + n_2 \equiv 1 \bmod 2$  when discussing  $\widehat{A}$ -genus and  $n_1 + n_2 \equiv 2 \bmod 4$  when discussing  $\alpha$ -invariant.

**Observation:** From formula (3.6), we can see that terms with  $r$  greater than the number of non-zero elements in  $\mathbf{I}$  vanish. In particular, if  $\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{0}$  or  $\mathbf{I} = (j, 0, \dots, 0)$ ,  $F_{n_1, n_2, \mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  has a simpler expression. More precisely, if  $\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{0}$ , non-vanishing terms appears only when  $r = 0$ , namely 3.9; if  $\mathbf{I} = (j, 0, \dots, 0)$ , we will see that non-vanishing terms happen only when  $r = 0, 1$ . See Example 3.3.

By above observation, we have

$$(3.9) \quad F_{n_1, n_2, \mathbf{0}}(d_1, d_2) = \binom{n_1 + k_1}{n_1} \binom{n_2 + k_2}{n_2}.$$

**Example 3.1.** When  $\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $V = \mathbb{C}P^{n_1} \times \mathbb{C}P^{n_2}$ ,  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{0}}(1, 1)$  is the usual Milnor hypersurface. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{A}(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{0}}(1, 1)) &= F_{n_1, n_2, \mathbf{0}}(1, 1) - F_{n_1, n_2, \mathbf{0}}(-1, -1) \\
&= \binom{\frac{n_1}{2}}{n_1} \binom{\frac{n_2}{2}}{n_2} - \binom{\frac{n_1}{2} - 1}{n_1} \binom{\frac{n_2}{2} - 1}{n_2} \\
&= \binom{\frac{n_1}{2}}{n_1} \binom{\frac{n_2}{2}}{n_2} - (-1) \binom{\frac{n_1}{2}}{n_1} (-1) \binom{\frac{n_2}{2}}{n_2} \\
&= 0
\end{aligned} \tag{3.10}$$

and

$$\alpha(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{0}}(1, 1)) \equiv \binom{\frac{n_1}{2}}{n_1} \binom{\frac{n_2}{2}}{n_2} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}, \tag{3.11}$$

which coincides with the result in [16, p. 40] that the  $\hat{A}$ -genus of Milnor hypersurface always vanishes.

**Example 3.2.** When  $\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $V = \mathbb{C}P^{n_1} \times \mathbb{C}P^{n_2}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{A}(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{0}}(d_1, d_2)) &= F_{n_1, n_2, \mathbf{I}=\mathbf{0}}(d_1, d_2) - F_{n_1, n_2, \mathbf{I}=\mathbf{0}}(-d_1, -d_2) \\
&= \binom{\frac{d_1+n_1-1}{2}}{n_1} \binom{\frac{d_2+n_2-1}{2}}{n_2} - \binom{\frac{-d_1+n_1-1}{2}}{n_1} \binom{\frac{-d_2+n_2-1}{2}}{n_2} \\
&= \binom{n_1+k_1}{n_1} \binom{n_2+k_2}{n_2} - \binom{-k_1-1}{n_1} \binom{-k_2-1}{n_2} \\
&= (1 - (-1)^{n_1+n_2}) \binom{n_1+k_1}{n_1} \binom{n_2+k_2}{n_2} \\
&= 2 \binom{n_1+k_1}{n_1} \binom{n_2+k_2}{n_2}
\end{aligned}$$

When  $k_1 = -\frac{n_1+1-d_1}{2}$ ,  $k_2 = -\frac{n_2+1-d_2}{2}$  are integers,  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{0}}(d_1, d_2)$  is spin and

1.  $\hat{A}(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{0}}(d_1, d_2)) = 0 \iff -n_1 < k_1 < 0 \text{ or } -n_2 < k_2 < 0;$
2.  $\alpha(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{0}}(d_1, d_2)) \equiv \binom{n_1+k_1}{n_1} \binom{n_2+k_2}{n_2} \pmod{2}.$

**Example 3.3.** When  $\mathbf{I} = (j, 0, \dots, 0)$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ , By the previous observation,

$$\hat{A}(H_{n_1, n_2}^{(j, 0, \dots, 0)}(d_1, d_2)) =$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \binom{n_1 + k_1}{n_1} \binom{n_2 + k_2}{n_2} - \binom{-k_1 - 1}{n_1} \binom{-k_2 - 1}{n_2} + \sum_{l=1}^{n_1} \sum_{m=0}^l (-1)^m \binom{l}{m} \\ & \cdot \left\{ \binom{n_1 + k_1 - mj}{n_1} \binom{n_2 + k_2 + l - 1}{n_2 + l} \right. \\ & \left. - \binom{-k_1 - 1 + (1-m)j}{n_1} \binom{-k_2 - 1 + l - 1}{n_2 + l} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha(H_{n_1, n_2}^{(j, 0, \dots, 0)}(d_1, d_2)) \\ & \equiv \binom{n_1 + k_1}{n_1} \binom{n_2 + k_2}{n_2} \\ & + \sum_{l=1}^{n_1} \sum_{m=0}^l (-1)^m \binom{l}{m} \binom{n_1 + k_1 - mj}{n_1} \binom{n_2 + k_2 + l - 1}{n_2 + l}. \end{aligned}$$

Assume  $n_1 = 2, n_1 + n_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, d_1 = 1, d_2 = n_2 + 1$  (i.e.  $k_1 = -1 + \frac{j}{2}, k_2 = 0$ ). Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} & \widehat{A}(H_{2, n_2}^{(j, 0, \dots, 0)}(1, n_2 + 1)) \\ & = \binom{1 + \frac{j}{2}}{2} - \binom{-\frac{j}{2}}{2} \binom{-1}{n_2} + \sum_{m=0}^{l=1} (-1)^{m+1} \binom{(\frac{1}{2} - m)j}{2} \binom{-1}{n_2 + 1} \\ & = \frac{j}{2} \left( \frac{j}{2} + 1 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\widehat{A}(H_{2, n_2}^{(j, 0, \dots, 0)}(1, n_2 + 1)) \neq 0 \iff j \neq 0 \text{ or } -2.$$

Note that if  $j \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , then  $H_{2, n_2}^{(j, 0, \dots, 0)}(1, n_2 + 1)$  is spin.

Since  $\widehat{A}(H_{2, n_2}^0(1, n_2 + 1)) = 0$ , this provides a good example to illustrate the difference between twisted Milnor hypersurface and non twisted one.

**Example 3.4.** Assume  $d_1 = d_2 = 1$  and  $k_1 = -\frac{n_1 - \sigma_1}{2}, k_2 = -\frac{n_2}{2}$  are integers,

then  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(1, 1)$  is spin and

(3.12)

$$\begin{aligned} & F_{n_1, n_2, \mathbf{I}}(1, 1) \\ = & \sum_{\substack{0 \leq r \leq n_2 \\ \forall 1 \leq j \leq r \\ l_j \geq 1, l \leq n_1, 0 \leq m_j \leq l_j \\ 1 \leq s_1 < s_2 < \dots < s_r \leq n_2}} (-1)^{\sum_{j=1}^r m_j} \binom{\vec{l}}{\vec{m}} \binom{n_1 + \frac{\sigma_1 - n_1}{2} - \vec{s} \cdot \vec{m}}{n_1} \binom{n_2 + \frac{-n_2}{2} + \sum_{j=1}^r l_j - r}{n_2 + \sum_{j=1}^r l_j}, \end{aligned}$$

**Claim:**

$$\binom{\frac{n_2}{2} + \sum_{j=1}^r l_j - r}{n_2 + \sum_{j=1}^r l_j} = 0.$$

In fact, let  $m = \frac{n_2}{2} + \sum_{j=1}^r l_j - r$ ,  $n = n_2 + \sum_{j=1}^r l_j$ , we have

- $m$  is a positive integer, since  $l_j \geq 1$ ,  $\sum_{j=1}^r l_j - r \geq 0$  and  $k_2 = \frac{-n_2}{2}$  integer.
- $m < n$ , since  $\frac{n_2}{2} + \sum_{j=1}^r l_j - r < n_2 + \sum_{j=1}^r l_j \iff -r < \frac{n_2}{2}$ .

Thus  $\binom{m}{n} = 0$ .

Therefore  $F_{n_1, n_2, \mathbf{I}}(1, 1) = 0$ . Similarly,  $F_{n_1, n_2, \mathbf{I}}(-1, -1) = 0$ . Thus

$$\widehat{A}(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(1, 1)) = 0, \quad \alpha(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(1, 1)) = 0.$$

**Remark 5.** More generally, as long as  $n_2$  is even and  $d_2 = 1$ , we have  $\widehat{A}(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, 1)) = 0$ ,  $\alpha(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, 1)) = 0$ .

**Example 3.5.** For  $n_1 = 1$  and  $n_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)) \\ \equiv & \sum_{\substack{l=1 \\ 1 \leq s \leq n_2}} \sum_{m=0}^l (-1)^m \binom{l}{m} \binom{n_1 + k_1 - i_s m}{n_1} \binom{n_2 + k_2 + l - 1}{n_2 + l} \\ & + \binom{k_1 + 1}{1} \binom{n_2 + k_2}{n_2} \pmod{2}. \\ \equiv & \sum_{1 \leq s \leq n_2} \binom{n_2 + k_2}{n_2 + 1} \sum_{m=0}^1 (-1)^m (1 + k_1 - i_s m) + \binom{k_1 + 1}{1} \binom{n_2 + k_2}{n_2} \pmod{2}. \\ \equiv & \binom{n_2 + k_2}{n_2 + 1} \sum_{1 \leq s \leq n_2} (1 + k_1 - (1 + k_1 - i_s)) + \binom{k_1 + 1}{1} \binom{n_2 + k_2}{n_2} \pmod{2}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\equiv \sigma_1 \binom{n_2 + k_2}{n_2 + 1} + \binom{k_1 + 1}{1} \binom{n_2 + k_2}{n_2} \pmod{2}.$$

**Example 3.6.** For  $n_1 = 2$  and  $n_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)) \\ & \equiv \binom{k_1 + 2}{2} \binom{n_2 + k_2}{n_2} \\ & + \sum_{\substack{1 \leq l \leq 2 \\ 1 \leq s \leq n_2}} \sum_{m=0}^l (-1)^m \binom{l}{m} \binom{n_1 + k_1 - i_s m}{n_1} \binom{n_2 + k_2 + l - 1}{n_2 + l} + \\ & \sum_{\substack{1 \leq l_1 \leq 2 \\ 1 \leq l_2 \leq 2 \\ 1 \leq s_1 < s_2 \leq n_2}} \sum_{\substack{0 \leq m_1 \leq l_1 \\ 0 \leq m_2 \leq l_2}} (-1)^{m_1 + m_2} \binom{l_1}{m_1} \binom{l_2}{m_2} \binom{n_1 + k_1 - i_{s_1} m_1 - i_{s_2} m_2}{n_1} \\ & \cdot \binom{n_2 + k_2 + l_1 + l_2 - 2}{n_2 + l_1 + l_2} \\ & \equiv \binom{k_1 + 2}{2} \binom{n_2 + k_2}{n_2} + \left( -\frac{\sigma_1^2 - 2\sigma_2}{2} + \frac{(2k_1 + 3)\sigma_1}{2} \right) \binom{n_2 + k_2}{n_2 + 1} \\ & + (\sigma_1^2 - 2\sigma_2) \binom{n_2 + k_2 + 1}{n_2 + 2} + \sigma_2 \binom{n_2 + k_2}{n_2 + 2} \pmod{2}. \end{aligned}$$

#### 4. Applications

In this section, we give some applications of  $\hat{A}$ -genus and  $\alpha$ -invariant of twisted Milnor hypersurfaces.

First, we investigate the existence of circle actions on twisted Milnor hypersurfaces.

**Theorem 4.1** (Atiyah-Hirzebruch [1]). *If the circle  $S^1$  acts nontrivially on a connected spin manifold  $M$ , then  $\hat{A}(M) = 0$ .*

Since we have given the sufficient and necessary conditions for non-vanishing  $\hat{A}$ -genus about spin twisted Milnor hypersurfaces in Example 3.2 and 3.3, we have

**Corollary 4.2.**

- (1) Assume  $\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $n_1 + n_2$  is odd and  $k_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $k_i \leq -n_i$  or  $k_i \geq 0$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .  
Then there does not exist non-trivial circle actions on  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{0}}(d_1, d_2)$ ;

- (2) Assume  $n_2$  is odd and  $j \neq 0, -2$  is even. Then there does not exist non-trivial circle action on the twisted spin Milnor hypersurface  $H_{2,n_2}^{(j,0,\dots,0)}(1, n_2 + 1)$ .

Let  $a_i(n)$  be the coefficient in the dyadic expansion of  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ :

$$n = a_0(n) + a_1(n)2^1 + a_2(n)2^2 + \cdots + a_m(n)2^m.$$

**Theorem 4.3** (Lucas Theorem [24]). *For any  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,*

$$\binom{n+k}{n} \equiv \prod_{i=0}^m \binom{a_i(n+k)}{a_i(n)} \pmod{2}.$$

The following properties are based on Lucas Theorem, where the case  $k \geq 0$  is due to Zhang [32], and a proof is included for local completeness.

**Proposition 4.4.**  $\binom{n+k}{n} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, n \in \mathbb{N}, k \in \mathbb{Z}$  iff

$$(4.1) \quad \begin{cases} a_i(n) + a_i(k) \leq 1, \forall i \geq 0, & \text{for } k \geq 0; \\ a_i(-k-1-n) + a_i(n) \leq 1, \forall i \geq 0, & \text{for } k < -n-1. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* If  $k \geq 0$ , by Lucas Theorem,

$$\binom{n+k}{n} \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \iff \prod_{i=0}^m \binom{a_i(n+k)}{a_i(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{2},$$

which equals to

$$\forall 0 \leq i \leq m, \binom{a_i(n+k)}{a_i(n)} = 1, \text{i.e. } \forall 0 \leq i \leq m, a_i(n+k) \geq a_i(n).$$

Since  $k = (n+k) - n$ ,

$$(n+k) = a_0(n+k)2^0 + a_1(n+k)2^1 + \cdots + a_m(n+k)2^m + \cdots,$$

we have

$$\sum_{i=0}^m a_i(k)2^i = \sum_{i=0}^m (a_i(n+k) - a_i(n))2^i.$$

In general,  $a_i(k) \neq a_i(n+k) - a_i(n)$ , but if  $a_i(n+k) \geq a_i(n)$ , and since  $a_i(n+k) \leq 1$ , we have  $0 \leq a_i(n+k) - a_i(n) \leq 1$ . And since the factorization

is unique, therefore

$$0 \leq a_i(n+k) - a_i(n) \leq 1 \iff a_i(k) = a_i(n+k) - a_i(n).$$

Thus

$$\binom{n+k}{n} \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \iff \forall 0 \leq i \leq m, a_i(k) + a_i(n) = a_i(n+k) \leq 1.$$

If  $k < -n$ ,

$$\binom{n+k}{n} = \frac{(-1)^n(-k-1)\cdots(-n-k)}{n!} = (-1)^n \binom{-k-1}{n}.$$

Thus

$$\binom{n+k}{n} \equiv \binom{-k-1}{n} \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \iff \forall 0 \leq i \leq k, a_i(-k-1-n) + a_i(n) \leq 1.$$

□

We give a useful tool to simplify our computation.

**Proposition 4.5** (Appendix B.3). *For any nonnegative integers  $m, n$ , we have*

$$(4.2) \quad \binom{m+n}{n} \equiv \begin{cases} 0 \pmod{2}, & n \cdot m \text{ or } [\frac{n}{2}] \cdot [\frac{m}{2}] \text{ is odd;} \\ (\binom{\frac{n}{4}}{\frac{n}{4}} + \binom{\frac{m}{4}}{\frac{m}{4}}) \pmod{2}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 4.6** (Stolz [27]). *Let  $M$  be a simply connected, closed manifold of dimension  $\geq 5$ . Then  $M$  does not admit a Riemannian metric of PSC iff  $M$  is a spin manifold and  $\alpha(M) \neq 0$ .*

By [19, Theorem A], for any oriented manifold  $M^{2n}$ , any codimension 2 homology class is represented by a submanifold  $K \subset M$ , and  $(M, K)$  is  $n$ -connected. In the following discussion, let us assume  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  to be simply connected.

Thus a spin  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  with dimension no less than than 5 does not admit a Riemannian metric of PSC iff  $\alpha(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)) \neq 0$ .

**Corollary 4.7.**  *$H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(1, 1)$  always admits a Riemannian metric of PSC (Example 3.4). In particular, Milnor hypersurfaces always admit a Riemannian metric of PSC (Example 3.1).*

**Corollary 4.8.** When  $k_1 = -\frac{n_1+1-d_1}{2}$ ,  $k_2 = -\frac{n_2+1-d_2}{2}$  are integers, The spin hypersurface  $H_{n_1, n_2}^0(d_1, d_2)$  of  $\mathbb{C}P^{n_1} \times \mathbb{C}P^{n_2}$  does not admit a Riemannian metric of PSC if and only if  $\forall i, a_i(k_l) + a_i(n_l) \leq 1, l = 1, 2$  (Example 3.2)

Motivated by Zhang's work in [32], we give the sufficient and necessary conditions for the existence of Riemannian metric of positive scalar curvature on the  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$ , which are described in Example 3.5 and 3.6.

**Corollary 4.9.** Assume  $n_1 + n_2 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ,  $n_1 = 1$  and  $k_1 = -\frac{n_1+1-d_1-\sigma_1}{2}$ ,  $k_2 = -\frac{n_2+1-d_2}{2}$  are integers. A spin  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  does not admit a Riemannian metric of PSC if and only if one of the following conditions satisfied

- $k_2 \geq 0, k_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}, k_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}, \forall i, a_i([\frac{k_2}{4}]) + a_i([\frac{n_2}{4}]) \leq 1;$
- $k_2 \geq 0, k_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \sigma_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, \forall i, a_i([\frac{k_2}{4}]) + a_i([\frac{n_2}{4}]) \leq 1;$
- $k_2 \geq 0, k_2 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}, k_1 + \sigma_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}, \forall i, a_i([\frac{k_2}{4}]) + a_i([\frac{n_2}{4}]) \leq 1;$
- $k_2 \leq -n_2 - 1, -k_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}, k_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}, \forall i, a_i([\frac{-k_2-1-n_2}{4}]) + a_i([\frac{n_2}{4}]) \leq 1;$
- $k_2 \leq -n_2 - 1, -k_2 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}, k_1 + \sigma_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}, \forall i, a_i([\frac{-k_2-1-n_2}{4}]) + a_i([\frac{n_2}{4}]) \leq 1;$
- $k_2 \leq -n_2 - 1, -k_2 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, \sigma_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, \forall i, a_i([\frac{-k_2-1-n_2}{4}]) + a_i([\frac{n_2}{4}]) \leq 1.$

*Proof.* In the following we assume  $n_2 = 4m + 1$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . And since  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  is spin,  $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

By Example 3.5, we know that

$$\alpha(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)) \equiv \binom{k_1 + 1}{1} \binom{n_2 + k_2}{n_2} + \sigma_1 \binom{n_2 + k_2}{n_2 + 1} \pmod{2}.$$

1 If  $-n_2 \leq k_2 < 0$ , clearly  $\alpha = 0$ . Thus  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  admits a Riemannian metric of PSC.

2 If  $k_2 \geq 0$ ,  $\alpha(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)) \equiv (k_1 + 1) \binom{n_2 + k_2}{n_2} + \sigma_1 \binom{n_2 + k_2}{n_2 + 1} \pmod{2}$ .

(1) If  $k_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ , assume  $k_2 = 4k$ , for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then

$$\binom{n_2 + k_2}{n_2} = \binom{4m+1+4k}{4m+1} \equiv \binom{m+k}{k} \pmod{2},$$

$$\binom{n_2 + k_2}{n_2 + 1} = \binom{4m+1+4k}{4m+2} = \binom{(4m+2)+(4(k-1)+3)}{4m+2} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}.$$

Thus

$$\alpha(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)) \equiv (k_1 + 1) \binom{m+k}{k} \pmod{2}.$$

So  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  does not admit a Riemannian metric of PSC iff

$$k_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}, \forall i, a_i([\frac{k_2}{4}]) + a_i([\frac{n_2}{4}]) \leq 1.$$

(2) If  $k_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , assume  $k_2 = 4k + 1$ , for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Thus

$$\alpha(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)) \equiv \sigma_1 \binom{m+k}{k} \pmod{2}.$$

So  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  does not admit a Riemannian metric of PSC iff

$$\sigma_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, \forall i, a_i([\frac{k_2}{4}]) + a_i([\frac{n_2}{4}]) \leq 1.$$

(3) If  $k_2 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , assume  $k_2 = 4k + 2$ , for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Thus

$$\alpha(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)) \equiv (k_1 + 1 + \sigma_1) \binom{m+k}{k} \pmod{2}.$$

So  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  does not admit a Riemannian metric of PSC iff

$$(k_1 + \sigma_1) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}, \forall i, a_i([\frac{k_2}{4}]) + a_i([\frac{n_2}{4}]) \leq 1.$$

(4) If  $k_2 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , assume  $k_2 = 4k + 3$ , for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Thus

$$\alpha(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}.$$

So  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  always admits a Riemannian metric of PSC.

**3** If  $k_2 \leq -n_2 - 1$ , the analysis is similar to the case  $k_2 \geq 0$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 4.10.** Assume  $n_1 + n_2 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ,  $n_1 = 2$  and  $k_1 = -\frac{n_1+1-d_1-\sigma_1}{2}$ ,  $k_2 = -\frac{n_2+1-d_2}{2}$  are integers. A spin  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  does not admit a Riemannian metric of PSC if and only if one of the following condition satisfied

- $k_2 \geq 0$ ,  $k_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ ,  $k_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  or  $1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $\forall i, a_i([\frac{k_2}{4}]) + a_i([\frac{n_2}{4}]) \leq 1$ ;
- $k_2 \geq 0$ ,  $k_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $\binom{k_1+2}{2} + \frac{\sigma_1^2 - 2\sigma_2}{2} + \frac{(2k_1+3)\sigma_1}{2} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ,  $\forall i, a_i([\frac{k_2}{4}]) + a_i([\frac{n_2}{4}]) \leq 1$ ;
- $k_2 \geq 0$ ,  $k_2 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ,  $\binom{k_1+2}{2} + \sigma_1^2 - \sigma_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ,  $\forall i, a_i([\frac{k_2}{4}]) + a_i([\frac{n_2}{4}]) \leq 1$ ;
- $k_2 \geq 0$ ,  $k_2 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $\binom{k_1+2}{2} + \frac{\sigma_1(2k_1+3-\sigma_1)}{2} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ,  $\forall i, a_i([\frac{k_2}{4}]) + a_i([\frac{n_2}{4}]) \leq 1$ ;
- $k_2 = -n_2 - 1$ ,  $\frac{(k_1+1)(k_1+2)}{2} + \frac{\sigma_1(\sigma_1-2k_1-3)}{2} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ;
- $k_2 \leq -n_2 - 2$ ,  $-k_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ ,  $k_1 \equiv 0$  or  $1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $\forall i, a_i([\frac{-k_2-1-n_2}{4}]) + a_i([\frac{n_2}{4}]) \leq 1$ ;

- $k_2 \leq -n_2 - 2$ ,  $-k_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $\binom{k_1+2}{2} + \frac{\sigma_1(\sigma_1-2k_1-3)}{2} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ,  
 $\forall i, a_i([\frac{-k_2-1-n_2}{4}]) + a_i(\frac{n_2}{4}) \leq 1$ ;
- $k_2 \leq -n_2 - 2$ ,  $-k_2 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ,  $\binom{k_1+2}{2} + \sigma_1^2 - \sigma_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, \forall i$ ,  
 $a_i([\frac{-k_2-1-n_2}{4}]) + a_i(\frac{n_2}{4}) \leq 1$ ;
- $k_2 \leq -n_2 - 2$ ,  $-k_2 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $\binom{k_1+2}{2} + \frac{(2k_1+3+3\sigma_1)\sigma_1}{2} - \sigma_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ,  
 $\forall i, a_i([\frac{-k_2-1-n_2}{4}]) + a_i(\frac{n_2}{4}) \leq 1$ ;

*Proof.* Assume  $n_2 = 4m$ , for some  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . The following discussion is similar to Corollary 4.9.

1 For  $k_2 \geq 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha(H_{n_1, n_2}^I(d_1, d_2)) \\ & \equiv \binom{k_1+2}{2} \binom{4m+k_2}{4m} + \left(-\frac{\sigma_1^2 - 2\sigma_2}{2} + \frac{(2k_1+3)\sigma_1}{2}\right) \binom{4m+k_2}{4m+1} \\ & \quad + (\sigma_1^2 - 2\sigma_2) \binom{4m+k_2+1}{4m+2} + \sigma_2 \binom{4m+k_2}{4m+2} \pmod{2} \end{aligned}$$

(1) If  $k_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ , assume  $k_2 = 4k$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha(H_{n_1, n_2}^I(d_1, d_2)) \\ & \equiv \binom{k_1+2}{2} \binom{4m+4k}{4m} + \left(-\frac{\sigma_1^2 - 2\sigma_2}{2} + \frac{(2k_1+3)\sigma_1}{2}\right) \binom{4m+4k}{4m+1} \\ & \quad + (\sigma_1^2 - 2\sigma_2) \binom{4m+4k+1}{4m+2} + \sigma_2 \binom{4m+4k}{4m+2} \pmod{2} \\ & \equiv \binom{k_1+2}{2} \binom{m+k}{m} + \left(-\frac{\sigma_1^2 - 2\sigma_2}{2} + \frac{(2k_1+3)\sigma_1}{2}\right) \binom{4m+1+4k-1}{4m+1} \\ & \quad + (\sigma_1^2 - 2\sigma_2) \binom{4m+2+4(k-1)+3}{4m+2} \\ & \quad + \sigma_2 \binom{4m+2+4k-2}{4m+2} \pmod{2} \\ & \equiv \binom{k_1+2}{2} \binom{m+k}{m} \pmod{2}. \end{aligned}$$

And  $\binom{2+k_1}{2} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  equals to  $a_1(k_1) = 0$ , more precisely,  $k_1 \equiv 0$  or  $1 \pmod{4}$ .

So  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  does not admit a Riemannian metric of PSC iff

$$k_1 \equiv 0 \text{ or } 1 \pmod{4}, \forall i, a_i([\frac{k_2}{4}]) + a_i(\frac{n_2}{4}) \leq 1.$$

(2) If  $k_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , assume  $k_2 = 4k + 1$ , then

$$\alpha(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)) \equiv \left\{ \binom{k_1+2}{2} + \frac{\sigma_1^2 - 2\sigma_2}{2} + \frac{(2k_1+3)\sigma_1}{2} \right\} \binom{m+k}{k} \pmod{2}.$$

So  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  does not admit a Riemannian metric of PSC iff

$$\begin{aligned} & \binom{k_1+2}{2} + \frac{\sigma_1^2 - 2\sigma_2}{2} + \frac{(2k_1+3)\sigma_1}{2} \\ & \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, \forall i, a_i([\frac{k_2}{4}]) + a_i(\frac{n_2}{4}) \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

(3) If  $k_2 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , assume  $k_2 = 4k + 2$ , then

$$\alpha(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)) \equiv \left( \binom{k_1+2}{2} + \sigma_1^2 - \sigma_2 \right) \binom{m+k}{m} \pmod{2}.$$

(4) If  $k_2 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , assume  $k_2 = 4k + 3$ , then

$$\alpha(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)) \equiv \left( \binom{k_1+2}{2} + \frac{\sigma_1(2k_1+3-\sigma_1)}{2} \right) \binom{m+k}{m} \pmod{2}.$$

**2** If  $-n_2 \leq k_2 < 0$ ,  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  always admits a Riemannian metric of PSC.

**3** If  $k_2 = -n_2 - 1$ , then

$$\alpha(H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)) \equiv \frac{(k_1+1)(k_1+2)}{2} + \frac{\sigma_1(\sigma_1 - 2k_1 - 3)}{2} \pmod{2}.$$

So  $H_{n_1, n_2}^{\mathbf{I}}(d_1, d_2)$  does not admit a Riemannian metric of PSC iff

$$\frac{(k_1+1)(k_1+2)}{2} + \frac{\sigma_1(\sigma_1 - 2k_1 - 3)}{2} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}.$$

**4** If  $k_2 \leq -n_2 - 2$ , the argument is similar to the case  $k_2 \geq 0$ .  $\square$

## Appendix A. Relations between $A(n, l)$ and some classical numbers

The number

$$A(n, l) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{m=0}^l (-1)^{l-m} \binom{l}{m} m^n, & 0 \leq l \leq n; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

appearing in Section 3.1 has a generating function

$$e^{y(e^x-1)} = \sum_{l,n \geq 0} A(n,l) x^n \frac{y^l}{l!}$$

and  $A(n,l)$  can be obtained recursively by  $A(n,l) = \frac{l}{n}(A(n-1,l) + A(n-1,l-1))$  and  $A(0,0) = 1$ .

**Lemma A.1.**  *$A(n,l)$  has the following relations with the Stirling number, Bell number, Bernoulli number (c.f. [10]), and divided difference (c.f. [8]).*

- (1) *Let  $S(n,l)$  be the Stirling number of the second kind which is generated by*

$$e^{y(e^x-1)} = \sum_{l,n \geq 0} S(n,l) y^l \frac{x^n}{n!},$$

*we have*

$$S(n,l) = \frac{n!}{l!} A(n,l)$$

*and*

$$\sum_{n=l}^{\infty} A(n,l) u^n = (e^u - 1)^l.$$

- (2) *Let  $B_n$  be the Bell number, we have*

$$B_n = \sum_{l=0}^n \frac{n!}{l!} A(n,l).$$

- (3) *Let  $B_n(0)$  be the Bernoulli number which is generated by*

$$\frac{x}{e^x - 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n(0) \frac{x^n}{n!},$$

*we have*

$$B_n(0) = \sum_{l=0}^n \frac{n!}{l+1} A(n,l).$$

- (4) *Let  $P_n[0, 1, 2, \dots, l]$  be the  $l$ -th divided difference for  $P_n(x) = x^n$ , we have*

$$P_n[0, 1, 2, \dots, l] = \frac{n!}{l!} A(n,l).$$

*Proof.* (1): Stirling number of second kind is of recurrence relation:

$$S(n, l) = lS(n - 1, l) + S(n - 1, l - 1).$$

Thus

$$\frac{l!}{n!}S(n, l) = \frac{l}{n}\left\{\frac{l!}{(n-1)!}S(n-1, l) + \frac{(l-1)!}{(n-1)!}S(n-1, l-1)\right\}.$$

Since  $A(n, l)$  is of the same recurrence with  $\frac{l!}{n!}S(n, l)$ ,

$$A(n, l) = \frac{l!}{n!}S(n, l).$$

By definition,

$$A(n, l) = \frac{l!}{n!}S(n, l) = \frac{l!}{n!} \frac{1}{l!} \sum_{m=0}^l (-1)^m \binom{l}{m} (l-m)^n = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{m=0}^l (-1)^{l-m} \binom{l}{m} m^n.$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=l}^{\infty} A(n, l) u^n \\ &= \sum_{n=l}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{m=0}^l (-1)^{l-m} \binom{l}{m} m^n u^n \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^l (-1)^{l-m} \binom{l}{m} \sum_{n=l}^{\infty} \frac{(mu)^n}{n!} \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^l (-1)^{l-m} \binom{l}{m} (e^{mu} - \sum_{n=0}^{l-1} \frac{(mu)^n}{n!}) \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^l (-1)^{l-m} \binom{l}{m} (e^u)^m - \sum_{m=0}^l (-1)^{l-m} \binom{l}{m} \sum_{n=0}^{l-1} \frac{(mu)^n}{n!} \\ &= (e^u - 1)^l - \sum_{n=0}^{l-1} \frac{u^n}{n!} \sum_{m=0}^l (-1)^{l-m} \binom{l}{m} m^n \\ &= (e^u - 1)^l - \sum_{n=0}^{l-1} \frac{u^n}{n!} S(n, l) \\ &= (e^u - 1)^l. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $S(n, l) = 0$  for  $n < l$ .

(2): A simple consequence of (1),

$$B_n = \sum_{l=0}^n S(n, l) = \sum_{l=0}^n \frac{n!}{l!} A(n, l).$$

(3):

$$\sum_{l,n \geq 0} \frac{(-1)^l}{l+1} A(n, l) x^n = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l}{l+1} \sum_{n=l}^{\infty} A(n, l) x^n = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l}{l+1} (e^x - 1)^l = \frac{x}{e^x - 1}.$$

(4): The divided difference of  $P_n(x) = x^n$  is

$$P_n[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_l] = \frac{1}{l!} \sum_{m=0}^l (-1)^m \binom{l}{m} x_{l-m}^n,$$

so

$$P_n[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_l] = \begin{cases} 0 & l > n \\ 1 & l = n \\ \sum_{0 \leq t_1 \leq t_2 \leq \dots \leq t_{n-l} \leq l} x_{t_1} \cdots x_{t_{n-l}} & l < n \end{cases}$$

By induction:

- Claim 1:  $A(l, l) = \frac{l!}{l!} P_l[0, 1, 2, \dots, l] = 1$  is true.

By the recurrence,  $A(1, 1) = 1 = \frac{1!}{1!} P_1[0, 1]$  is true and  $A(n, l) = 0$  for  $l > n$  or  $l < 0$ . Assume  $A(l, l) = 1$  is true for any integer less than  $n$ .

$$A(n, n) = \frac{n}{n} (A(n-1, n) + A(n-1, n-1)) = A(n-1, n-1) = \dots = A(1, 1).$$

So the claim is proved.

- Claim 2:  $A(n, l) = \frac{l!}{n!} P_n[0, 1, 2, \dots, l]$  is true.

By claim 1,  $A(l, l)$  is true, assume  $A(n, l)$  is true for all integers  $l$  and  $n$  less than  $l+1$  and  $n+1$ , respectively.

$$\begin{aligned} & A(n+1, l) \\ &= \frac{l}{n+1} (A(n, l) + A(n, l-1)) \\ &= \frac{l}{n+1} \left( \frac{l!}{n!} P_n[0, 1, 2, \dots, l] + \frac{(l-1)!}{n!} P_n[0, 1, 2, \dots, l-1] \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{l!}{(n+1)!} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq n-l \\ t_i \in \{0,1,2,\dots,l\} \\ t_1 \leq t_2 \leq \dots \leq t_{n-l}}} t_1 \cdots t_{n-l} + \frac{l!}{(n+1)!} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq n+1-l \\ t_i \in \{0,1,2,\dots,l-1\} \\ t_1 \leq t_2 \leq \dots \leq t_{n+1-l}}} t_1 \cdots t_{n+1-l} \\
&= \frac{l!}{(n+1)!} \left\{ \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq n-l \\ t_i \in \{0,1,2,\dots,l\} \\ t_1 \leq t_2 \leq \dots \leq t_{n+1-l}=l}} t_1 \cdots t_{n-l} t_{n+1-l} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq n+1-l \\ t_i \in \{0,1,2,\dots,l\} \\ t_1 \leq t_2 \leq \dots \leq t_{n+1-l} < l}} t_1 \cdots t_{n+1-l} \right\} \\
&= \frac{l!}{(n+1)!} \sum_{\substack{t_i \in \{1,2,\dots,l\} \\ t_1 \leq t_2 \leq \dots \leq t_{n+1-l} \leq l}} t_1 \cdots t_{n-l} t_{n+1-l} \\
&= \frac{l!}{(n+1)!} P_{n+1}[0, 1, 2, \dots, l]. \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

## Appendix B. Some combinatorial properties

Let  $a_i(n)$  denote the coefficient in dyadic expansion of  $n$ :

$$n = a_0(n) + a_1(n)2^1 + a_2(n)2^2 + \cdots + a_i(n)2^i,$$

where  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$  is a finite integer.

The following properties are based on the Lucas Theorem and Proposition 4.4.

**Proposition B.1.** *For  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,*

$$\binom{4m+n}{4m} \equiv \binom{m + [\frac{n}{4}]}{m} \pmod{2}.$$

*Proof.* If  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ , assume  $n = 4k$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\binom{4m+4k}{4m} &= \frac{(4m+4k-1)!!}{(4m-1)!!(4k-1)!!} \frac{(4m+4k)!!}{(4k)!!(4m)!!} \\
&= \frac{(4m+4k-1)!!}{(4m-1)!!(4k-1)!!} \frac{(2m+2k)!}{(2k)!(2m)!} \\
&= \frac{(4m+4k-1)!!}{(4m-1)!!(4k-1)!!} \frac{(2m+2k-1)!!}{(2m-1)!!(2k-1)!!} \frac{(2m+2k)!!}{(2k)!!(2m)!!}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{(4m+4k-1)!!}{(4m-1)!!(4k-1)!!} \frac{(2m+2k-1)!!}{(2m-1)!!(2k-1)!!} \frac{(m+k)!}{k!m!} \\
&\equiv \binom{m+k}{m} \pmod{2}.
\end{aligned}$$

For the other dimensions, the analysis is similar.  $\square$

**Proposition B.2.** For  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\binom{4m+1+n}{4m+1} \equiv \begin{cases} 0 \pmod{2}, & n \text{ is odd;} \\ \binom{m+\lceil \frac{n}{4} \rceil}{m} \pmod{2}, & n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* When  $n, 4m+1$  are both odd, we have  $a_0(4m+1) = 1, a_0(n) = 1$ . By Proposition 4.4,  $\binom{4m+1+n}{n}$  is even.

When  $n = 4k$ ,

$$\binom{4m+1+n}{4m+1} = \binom{4k+4m+1}{4k} \equiv \binom{m+k}{k} \equiv \binom{m+k}{m} \pmod{2}.$$

When  $n = 4k+2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\binom{4m+1+4k+2}{4m+1} &= \frac{(4m+1+4k+2)!!}{(4m+1)!!(4k+1)!!} \frac{(4m+4k+2)!!}{(4m)!!(4k+2)!!} \\
&= \frac{(4m+1+4k+2)!!}{(4m+1)!!(4k+1)!!} \frac{(2m+2k+1)!}{(2m)!(2k+1)!} \\
&= \frac{(4m+1+4k+2)!!}{(4m+1)!!(4k+1)!!} \frac{(2m+2k+1)!!}{(2m-1)!!(2k+1)!!} \frac{(m+k)!}{(m)!(k)!} \\
&\equiv \binom{m+k}{m} \pmod{2}. \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

**Corollary B.3.** For  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\binom{m+n}{n} \equiv \begin{cases} 0 \pmod{2}, & n \cdot m \text{ or } \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \cdot \lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil \text{ is odd;} \\ \binom{\lceil \frac{n}{4} \rceil + \lceil \frac{m}{4} \rceil}{\lceil \frac{n}{4} \rceil} \pmod{2}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* When  $n \cdot m$  is odd,  $n, m$  are both odd, we have  $a_0(m) = 1, a_0(n) = 1$  and by Proposition 4.4,  $\binom{m+n}{n}$  is even.

For any  $l \in \mathbb{N}$

$$4l+2 = a_0(4l+2) + a_1(4l+2)2^1 + \dots = 2(2l+1) \implies a_1(4l+2) = a_0(2l+1) = 1;$$

Similarly,

$$4l + 3 = 1 + (4l + 2) \implies a_1(4l + 3) = 1.$$

When  $[\frac{n}{2}] \cdot [\frac{m}{2}]$  is odd, then  $n, m \in \{4l_1 + 2, 4l_2 + 3 \mid l_1, l_2 \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Thus  $a_1(n) = a_1(m) = 1$ . By Proposition 4.4,  $\binom{m+n}{n}$  is even.

When  $[\frac{n}{2}] \cdot [\frac{m}{2}]$  is even, we have

- if  $n = 4k$ , then  $\binom{m+n}{n} = \binom{4k+m}{m} \equiv \binom{k+[\frac{m}{4}]}{[\frac{m}{4}]} \equiv \binom{[\frac{m}{4}]+[\frac{n}{4}]}{[\frac{n}{4}]} \pmod{2}$ ;
  - if  $n = 4k + 1$ , we only need to consider that  $m$  is an even number, since the case  $n, m \in \{2k + 1 \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  has been discussed above. By Proposition B.2,  $\binom{m+n}{n} = \binom{4k+1+m}{m} \equiv \binom{[\frac{m}{4}]+[\frac{n}{4}]}{[\frac{n}{4}]} \pmod{2}$ ;
  - if  $n = 4k + 2$ , we only need to consider  $m = 4l, 4l + 1$ , since the case  $n, m \in \{4l_1 + 2, 4l_2 + 3 \mid l_1, l_2 \in \mathbb{N}\}$  has been discussed above. By Proposition B.2 and B.1.
- $$\binom{m+n}{n} = \binom{m+n}{m} = \binom{4k+2+4l}{4l} \equiv \binom{k+l}{k} \pmod{2},$$
- $$\binom{m+n}{n} = \binom{m+n}{m} = \binom{4k+2+4l+1}{4l+1} \equiv \binom{k+l}{k} \pmod{2};$$
- if  $n = 4k + 3$ , we only need to consider  $m = 4l$ . By Proposition B.2,
- $$\binom{m+n}{n} = \binom{m+n}{m} = \binom{4k+3+4l}{4l} \equiv \binom{k+l}{k} \pmod{2}. \quad \square$$

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