# $Z_p$ -ACTION ON SELF-DUAL CONNECTIONS

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $G=Z_p$  where p is a prime number. Let M be a simply connected, closed, smooth 4-dimensional manifold with a positive definite intersection form, and a smooth G action on it. Let  $\pi\colon E{\to}M$  be a quaternion line bundle with instanton number one and with G-action on E through bundle isomorphism such that the projection is a G-map. A connection on the vector bundle  $E{\to}M$  is defined by a first order linear differential operator

$$\nabla \colon \, \Omega^0(E) {\to} \Omega^1(E)$$
.

The connection has a natural extension  $\nabla_1\colon \varOmega^1(E)\to \varOmega^2(E)$ . The curvature  $R^{\sf V}$  of the connection is defined as the composition  $\nabla_1\cdot \nabla \in \varOmega^2(\operatorname{End} E)$ . The set  $\mathscr{A}(E)$  of all connections on E has a natural affine structure. The set  $\mathscr{A}$  of all bundle automorphisms on E forms a Lie group structure by fiberwise multiplication. The group  $\mathscr{A}$  is called the gauge group of the bundle E. A connection  $\nabla$  is said to be self dual if  $*R^{\nabla}=+R^{\nabla}$  where \* is the Hodge star operator on M. The gauge group  $\mathscr{A}$  acts on connections and preserves the self duality. The group G acts on the connections as an extended gauge group and preserves the self-dual connections when we start with G-invariant metric on M. Then the moduli space  $\mathscr{M}$  of the equivalence classes of self-dual connections on E is a G-space. This muduli space  $\mathscr{M}$  may not be a manifold. By Uhlenbeck argument we may choose a G-invariant metric on M such that the fixed point set  $\mathscr{M}^{*G}$  of the space  $\mathscr{M}^*$  of irreducible self-dual connections is smooth.

In this paper we will compute the G-index of the fundamental elliptic complex for each G-invariant self-dual connections and we have Theorem 2.3. From this Theorem 2.3 we understand the local behavior of the group G in the moduli space  $\mathcal{M}$ . In section 3, we will study the G-action on the reducible self-dual connections and we have Theorem 3.1.

## 2. G-Index on Elliptic Complex

For a given SU(2)-vector bundle  $E \to M$ , let  $P \to M$  be the associated principal SU(2)-bundle. Then we have the Lie algebra bundle  $adp = PX_{SU(2)}^{su(2)}$  on M.

Assume that the fixed point set F of G-action on M is  $F = \{P_i\}_{i=1}^{k_1} \cup \{T^{\lambda_i}\}_{i=1}^{k_2}$  where the  $P_i$ 's are isolated points and the  $\Gamma^{\lambda_i}$  are Riemann surfaces with genus  $\lambda_i$ .

Consider G-invariant elliptic complexi, e, the self-dual connection  $\nabla$  is a fixed point,

$$0 \longrightarrow \Omega^{0}(ad_{c}p) \stackrel{d^{\nabla}}{\longleftrightarrow} \Omega^{1}(ad_{c}p) \stackrel{d^{\nabla}}{\longrightarrow} \Omega^{2}(ad_{c}p) \longrightarrow 0.$$

where  $\tilde{\sigma}^{\nabla}$  is the formal adjoint operator of  $d^{\nabla}$  and to get Banach spaces we give appropriate Sobolev norms on each term as usual.

Assume this complex is complexified. Then as usual we get an equivariant single Dirac operator:

$$D\colon\thinspace\varGamma(V_+{\otimes}V_-{\otimes}ad_cp){\longrightarrow}\varGamma(V_-{\otimes}V_-{\otimes}ad_cp).$$

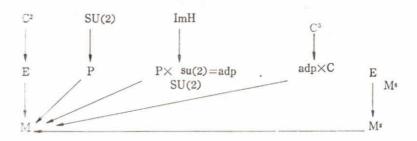
Let  $K = \{e^{\frac{-2\pi i}{p}n}: n=0, 1\cdots p-1\}$  be the character group of G.

In the complex representations which is just the p-th roots of the unity. Let  $g=e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}}$  be a generator of G and let  $\nabla$  be an irreducible self-dual G-invariant connection. Then the analytic G-index of D is a virtual representation of G, namely  $\mathrm{Index}_G(D)=H^1(ad_cp)-H^2(ad_cp)\oplus R(G)$ . By Atiyah-Singer Fixed Point Theorem, we can compute the index

 $\operatorname{Index}_{g}(D) = \operatorname{trace}(g \operatorname{index}_{G}(D))$ 

$$\begin{split} &=(-1)^{\dim M^g}\frac{ch_g(V_+-V_-)ch_g(V_-)ch_g(ad_cp)td(TM^g\otimes C)}{ch_g(\Lambda_{-1}N^g\otimes C)}[TM^g]\\ &=(-1)^{\frac{\dim M^g}{2}}\frac{Ch_g(V_+-V_-)ch_g(V_-)ch_g(ad_cp)td(TM^g\otimes C)}{e(TM^g)ch_g(\Lambda_{-1}N^g\otimes C)}[M^g] \end{split}$$

To calculate  $ch_g(ad_cp)$  let us examine  $Z_p$  action on  $ad_cp$ . Consider a diagram



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,  $g=e^{-k}$  acts as 
$$\begin{bmatrix} e^{\frac{2i}{p}k} & 0 \\ \frac{2\pi i(p-k)}{p} \end{bmatrix}$$
 on  $E|_{M^{\mathfrak{p}}}$  for some  $k$  and so on its associated principal bundle

P. On the associated Lie algebra bundle  $adp=P\times_{SU(2)}su(2)$ , G acts by conjugation, i.e.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{2\pi ik}{e} & & & \\ e^{\frac{-2\pi ik}{p}} & 0 & & \\ & \frac{2\pi i(p-k)}{p} & & \\ 0 & e^{\frac{-2\pi i(p-k)}{p}} & & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} it & a \\ -\overline{a} & -it \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{\frac{-2\pi ik}{p}} & & & \\ e^{\frac{-2\pi i(p-k)}{p}} & & & \\ & & \frac{-2\pi i(p-k)}{p} & & \\ 0 & & e^{\frac{-2\pi ik}{p}} & & \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} it & a \\ -\overline{a} & -it \end{bmatrix}$$

So G acts trivially on adp and  $ad_cp=adp\otimes_R C$ . Thus in our case  $ch_c(ad_cp)\equiv 3$ . The contribution to the  $\operatorname{Index}_{\sigma}(D)$  ac an isolated fixed point  $P_{i} \subseteq F$ . Let  $\theta_1 = \frac{2\pi r_i}{b}$ ,  $\theta_2 = \frac{2\pi s_i}{b}$  represent the representation of g on the normal bundle at  $P_i$  in M.

$$\frac{ch_{g}(V_{+}-V_{-})ch_{g}(V_{-})}{ch_{g}(\Lambda_{-}N^{g}\otimes C)} = \prod_{t=1}^{2} \frac{(e^{\frac{i\theta_{t}}{2}} - e^{\frac{-i\theta_{t}}{2}})e^{\frac{-i\theta_{t}}{2}}}{(1-e^{i\theta_{t}})(1-e^{-i\theta_{t}})} (e^{i\theta_{1}} + e^{i\theta_{2}})$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \cot \frac{\pi r_{i}}{b} \cot \frac{\pi s_{i}}{b}\right)$$

Thus we have

LEMMA 2.1 
$$\operatorname{Index}_{g}(D) | P_{i} = -\frac{3}{2} \left( 1 + \cot \frac{\pi r_{i}}{p} \cot \frac{\pi s_{i}}{p} \right)$$

Next the contribution to the  $\operatorname{Index}_{\sigma}(D)$  on a fixed point component  $T^{\lambda_i} \subset F \subset M$ where  $T^{\lambda_i}$  is a Riemann surface with genus  $\lambda_i$ . Let g act on the normal bundle of  $T^{\lambda_i}$  in M by  $e^{\frac{2\pi i t_i}{p}}$  -multiplication on the fibers.

$$\begin{split} &\frac{ch_{g}(V_{+}-V_{-})ch_{g}(V_{-})}{e(T^{g})ch_{f}(A_{-1}N^{g}\otimes C)} \\ &= \frac{(e^{\frac{x_{1}}{2}}-e^{\frac{-x_{1}}{2}})e^{\frac{-x_{2}}{2}}(e^{\frac{x_{2}}{2}}e^{\frac{\pi it_{f}}{p}}-e^{\frac{-x_{2}}{2}}e^{\frac{-\pi it_{f}}{p}})e^{\frac{-x_{2}}{2}}e^{\frac{-\pi it_{f}}{p}}}{e^{\frac{2\pi it_{f}}{p}}} [e^{x_{1}}+e^{\frac{2\pi it_{f}}{p}}e^{x_{2}}]} \\ &= \frac{e^{x_{1}}+e^{\frac{x_{2}}{2}}e^{\frac{2\pi it_{f}}{p}}}{x_{1}(1-e^{x_{2}}e^{\frac{p}{p}})} = \frac{1+x_{1}+(1+x_{2})e^{\frac{p}{p}}}{e^{\frac{p}{p}}} = \frac{(1+e^{\frac{2\pi it_{f}}{p}})+(x_{1}^{1}+e^{\frac{2\pi it_{f}}{p}}x_{2})}{(1-e^{\frac{p}{p}}-e^{\frac{2\pi it_{f}}{p}}x_{2})} \\ &= \frac{1}{(1-e^{\frac{p}{p}})}(1+e^{\frac{2\pi it_{f}}{p}})+(x_{1}^{1}+e^{\frac{2\pi it_{f}}{p}}x_{2})\left[1+\frac{e^{\frac{2\pi it_{f}}{p}}}{2\pi it_{f}}x_{2}\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{(1-e^{\frac{p}{p}})}\left[x_{1}^{1}+e^{\frac{2\pi it_{f}}{p}}x_{2}^{1}+\frac{(1+e^{\frac{p}{p}})e^{\frac{2\pi it_{f}}{p}}}{(1-e^{\frac{p}{p}})}x_{2}^{2}\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{(1-e^{\frac{p}{p}})}x_{1}^{1}+\frac{2e^{\frac{p}{p}}}{2\pi it_{f}}x_{2}^{1} \\ &= \frac{1}{(1-e^{\frac{p}{p}})}(1-e^{\frac{p}{p}})^{2} \end{aligned}$$
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Here we only consider degree one part because, when we evaluate on the fundamental homology class  $[T^{\lambda_i}]$ , the other parts are all zero.  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are the Euler classes of the tangent bundle and the normal bundle of  $T^{\lambda_i}$  in M respectively. We can calculate  $x_2[T^{\lambda i}] = m_{T^{\lambda_i}}$  and  $x_1(T^{\lambda_i}) = 2 - 2\lambda_i$ 

$$\begin{split} & \operatorname{Index}_{g}(D)|_{T^{\lambda_{i}}} = (-1) \frac{ch_{g}(V_{+} - V_{-})ch_{g}(V_{-})ch_{g}(ad_{c}p)td(T^{\mathbf{g}} \otimes C)}{e(T^{\mathbf{g}})ch_{g}(\Lambda_{-1}N^{\mathbf{g}} \otimes C)} [T^{\lambda_{i}}] \\ & = -3 \Big[ \frac{1}{\frac{2\pi it_{i}}{(1 - e^{\frac{p}{p}})}} x_{1} + \frac{2e^{\frac{2\pi it_{i}}{p}}}{\frac{2\pi it_{i}}{p}} x_{2} \Big] [T^{\lambda_{i}}] \\ & = -3 \Big[ \frac{1}{\frac{2\pi it_{i}}{p}} + \frac{2e^{\frac{2\pi it_{i}}{p}}}{(1 - e^{\frac{p}{p}})^{2}} T^{\lambda_{i}} \Big] \\ & = (1 - e^{\frac{p}{p}}) (1 - e^{\frac{p}{p}})^{2} \end{split}$$

$$=-6\Big[\frac{(1-\lambda_i)+(m_{T^{\lambda_i}}+\lambda_i-1)e^{\frac{2\pi i t_i}{p}}}{(1-e^{\frac{2\pi i t_i}{p}})^2}\Big]$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{split} \text{LEMMA 2.2 } & \text{Index}_{g}(D) = \sum_{i=1}^{k_{1}} \text{Index}_{g}(D)|_{P_{i}} + \sum_{i=1}^{k_{2}} \text{Index}_{g}(D)|_{T^{\lambda_{i}}} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{k_{1}} \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right) \!\! \left(1 \! + \! \cot \frac{\pi r_{i}}{p} \cot \frac{\pi s_{i}}{p}\right) \\ &+ \sum_{j=1}^{k_{2}} (-6) \! \left[ \frac{(1 \! - \! \lambda_{j}) \! + \! (m_{T^{\lambda_{j}}} \! + \! \lambda_{j} \! - \! 1)e^{\frac{2\pi i t_{j}}{p}}}{(1 \! - \! e^{\frac{2\pi i t_{j}}{p}})^{2}} \right] \end{split}$$

For  $g^n \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  we can calculate the index

THEOREM 2.3.

$$\mathrm{Index}_{g^{\mathfrak{n}}}(D) = \sum_{i=1}^{k_{1}} \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right) \left(1 + \cot \frac{n\pi r_{i}}{p} \cot \frac{n\pi s_{i}}{p}\right) + \sum_{j=1}^{k_{0}} (-6) \left[\frac{(1-\lambda_{j}) + (m_{T^{\lambda_{i}}} + \lambda_{j} - 1)e^{\frac{2n\pi i t_{j}}{p}}}{(1 - e^{\frac{2n\pi i t_{j}}{p}})^{2}}\right]$$

where n=1,  $\cdots p-1$  and  $r_i$ ,  $s_i$ ,  $t_i$  are determined by representations on the normal bundles of the fixed point set in M.

REMARK: (i) In the index calculation,  $td(T^g \otimes C) = 1 + \frac{1}{2}c_1(T^g \otimes C) = 1$ .

(ii) Above  $\operatorname{Index}_{g}(D)$  is the topological index of D evaluated at g. If we know the exact data, namely the fixed point set,  $Z_{p}$ -representation nn the normal bundles and its Euler numbers then by the formula we calculate explicitly the topological index.

(iii) For example 
$$G = \mathbb{Z}_2$$
,  $F = \{P, s^2\} \subset \mathbb{C}p^2$ ,  $g = -1$ .

$$\operatorname{Index}_g(D) = \sum_{i=1}^{k_1} \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right) \left(1 + \cot \frac{\pi r_i}{p} \cot \frac{\pi s_i}{p}\right)$$

$$+ \sum_{j=1}^{k_1} (-6) \left[\frac{(1 - \lambda_j) + (m_{T\lambda_j} + \lambda_j - 1)e^{\frac{2\pi i t_j}{p}}}{(1 - e^{\frac{2\pi i t_j}{p}})^2}\right]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{l} \left(-\frac{3}{2}(1 + 0) + \sum_{j=1}^{l} (-6) \frac{(1 - 0) + (1 + 0 - 1)(-1)}{[1 - (-1)]^2}\right)$$

$$= -3$$

(iv) For simplicity these topological index

$$\operatorname{Index}_{g^n}(D) \stackrel{\text{put}}{\equiv} B_n \qquad n = 0, 1, \dots, p-1$$

From the G-invariant fundamental elliptic complex. Let us consider the G action on the virtual representation  $H^1_{\nabla} - H^2_{\nabla} \in R(\dot{G})$  of the cohomology groups. Let us split  $H^1_{\nabla}$  and  $H^2_{\nabla}$  into the irreducible decompositions

$$\begin{split} &\boldsymbol{H}_{\nabla}^{1} \! = \! \boldsymbol{H}_{g^{0}}^{1} \! \oplus \! \boldsymbol{H}_{g^{1}}^{1} \! \oplus \! \cdots \! \oplus \! \boldsymbol{H}_{g^{p-1}}^{1} \text{ and} \\ &\boldsymbol{H}_{\nabla}^{2} \! = \! \boldsymbol{H}_{g^{0}}^{2} \! \oplus \! \boldsymbol{H}_{g^{1}}^{2} \! \oplus \! \cdots \! \oplus \! \boldsymbol{H}_{g^{p-1}}^{2} \text{ where } \boldsymbol{g} \! = \! \boldsymbol{e}^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}} \! \in \! \boldsymbol{G} \end{split}$$

acts on  $H^j_{g^i}(j=1, 2)$  by the complex multiplication  $e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}k}$ . Let  $\dim_C H^1_{\nabla} = m$ ,  $\dim_C H^1_{g^i} = m_i$ ,  $\dim_C H^2_{\nabla} = n$  and  $\dim_C H^2_{g^i} = n_i$ . For each  $g^i \in G$  we have the indices

LEMMA 2.4.

$$\begin{split} &\operatorname{Ind}_{g^{\flat}}(D) = (m_0 + m_1 + \dots + m_{p-1}) - (n_0 + n_1 + \dots + n_{p-1}) = B_0 = 5 \\ &\operatorname{Ind}_{g^{\flat}}(D) = (m_0 + m_1 e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}} + \dots + m_{p-1} e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}(p-1)}) - (n_0 + n_1 e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}} + \dots + n_{p-1} e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}(p-1)}) = B_1 \\ &\operatorname{Ind}_{g^{\flat}}(D) = (m_0 + m_1 e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}} + \dots + m_{p-1} e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}(p-2)}) - (n_0 + n_1 e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}} + \dots + n_{p-1} e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}(p-2)}) = B_2 \\ &\vdots \\ &\operatorname{Ind}_{g^{\flat-1}}(D) = (m_0 + m_1 e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}(p-1)} + \dots + m_{p-1} e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}}) - (n_0 + n_1 e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}(p-1)} + \dots + n_{p-1} e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}}) = B_p - \\ &\operatorname{Rearrange \ these \ equations \ to \ compute \ } (m_0 - n_0), \ \dots \ \text{and} \ (m_{p-1} - n_{p-1}) \end{split}$$

 $(m_0 - n_0) + (m_1 - n_1) + \dots + (m_{p-1} - n_{p-1}) = B_0$ 

$$(2.5) \begin{cases} (m_{0}-n_{0})+(m_{n}-n_{1})e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}}+\cdots+(m_{p-1}-n_{p-1})e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}(p-1)}=B_{1} \\ (m_{0}-n_{0})+(m_{1}-n_{1})e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}2}+\cdots+(m_{p-1}-n_{p-1})e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}(p-2)}=B_{2} \\ \vdots \\ (m_{0}-n_{0})+(m_{1}-n_{1})e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}(p-1)}+\cdots+(m_{p-1}-n_{p-1})e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}}=B_{p-1} \end{cases}$$

Using the fact  $1+e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}}+\dots+e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}(p-1)}=0$ . Except the first row and the first column, each row and each column are permutations of the group G. For  $0 < k < l \le p-1$ ,

$$G \equiv \{1, \ e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}k}, \ e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}2k}, \ \cdots, \ e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}(p-1)k}\} = \{1, \ e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}(l-k)}, \ e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}2\cdot(l-k)}, \ \cdots, \ e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}(p-1)(l-k)}\}$$

By easy calculation we get

THEOREM 2.6

$$\begin{aligned} m_0 - b_0 &= \frac{1}{p} \left( B_0 + B_1 + B_2 + \dots + B_{p-1} \right) \\ m_1 - n_1 &= \frac{1}{p} \left( B_0 + B_1 e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p} (p-1)} + B_2 e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p} (p-2)} + \dots + B_{p-1} e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}} \right) \\ &\vdots \\ m_{p-1} - n_{p-1} &= \frac{1}{p} \left( B_0 + B_1 e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}} + B_2 e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p} 2} + \dots + B_{p-1} e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p} (p-1)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

REMARK: (i) For a prime number p,  $g = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}} \in G$ , the fixed point set on M,  $F = M^G = M^g = M^{g^2} = \cdots = M^{g^{p^{-1}}} = \{P_i\}_{i=1}^{k_1} \cup \{T^{\lambda_i}\}_{i=1}^{k_2}$ 

- (ii) the topological index  $B_0$ =5,  $B_1$ , ...,  $B_{p-1}$  is determined by the formula (2.3), and the virtual representation dimensions  $m_i n_i (i = 0, \dots, p-1)$  is determined by  $B_0$ , ...,  $B_{p-1}$  and the G-action on them.
  - (iii) For reducible self-dual connections we replace  $m_0+1$  instead of  $m_0$
- (iv)  $m_0 n_0 = \frac{1}{p} (B_0 + B_1 + \dots + B_{p-1})$  is the dimension of fixed point component containing  $\nabla$ .

# 3. $Z_p$ -Action on Reducible Self-Dual Connections

Next we would like to consider a  $Z_p$  action on reducible self-dual connections. Under our usual assumption on the bundle  $E{\to}M$ . We consider the space  $H^2(R)$  of real valued harmonic 2-forms on M. Harmonic 2-forms  $\phi$  means  $d\phi{=}0{=}\delta\phi$  where  $\delta{=}-{\times}d{\times}$ . Since  ${\times}\Delta{=}\Delta{\times}$ ,  $H^2(R){=}H^{2+}{\oplus}H^{2-}$ . Every harmonic 2-form is self-dual since the intersection from is positive definite. Also self-dual connections are harmonic. For each reducible connection  $\nabla{=}\nabla_1{\oplus}\overline{\nabla}_1$  on E, the assignment  $\nabla{\longmapsto}\pm \Omega^{\nabla_1}$  gives a one-to-one correspondence between gauge-equivalence classes of reducible connections on E and pairs of closed 2-forms  $\pm \Omega^{\nabla_1}$  with  $\int_M \Omega^{\nabla_1} {\wedge} \Omega^{\nabla_1} = 1$ , where  $\Omega^{\nabla_1} = \frac{-1}{2\pi i} R^{\nabla_1}$ . Since M is simply connected, the de

Rham classes  $\Omega^{\nabla_i}$  are uniquely determined by the integral classes in  $H^2(M:Z)$ . Also every integral class u with  $u \cdot u = 1$  comes from a reducible self-dual connection. Our manifold  $M^4 = CP^2 \# \cdots \# CP^2(n\text{-copies})$ .

Let  $\{\pm b_1, \, \cdots, \, \pm b_n\}$  be a basis with  $b_i b_j = \delta_{ij}$  in  $H^2(M:Z)$ . For any  $g \in Z_p$ , g is a diffeomorphism on M. So  $\{\pm g^{\times}b_1, \, \cdots, \, \pm g^{\times}b_n\}$  is also a basis in  $H^2(M:Z)$ . In the moduli space  $\mathscr{M}$  there are reducible self-dual connections  $\{\nabla_1, \, \cdots, \, \nabla_n\}$  which corresponds  $b_i = \frac{1}{2\pi i} R^{\nabla i}$  for  $i=1, \, \cdots, \, n$ . Moreover  $g^{\times}b_i = g^{\times} \frac{1}{2\pi i} R^{\nabla i} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} g R^{\nabla i} g^{-1} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} R^{g(\nabla_i)}$  which is the curvature from corresponding the connection  $g^{(\nabla_i)}$ . Since g is an isometry on M,  $R^{g(\nabla_i)}$  is harmonic and the integral class  $g^{\times}b_i \cdot g^{\times}b_i = g^{\times}(b_i \cdot b_i) = g^{\times}(I) = 1$  where  $b_i \cdot b_i$  is a generator in  $H^4(M:Z)$ . By definition this is the orientation class. Thus  $g(\nabla_i)$  is a rducible self-dual connection.

THEOREM 3.1.  $Z_p$ -action on  $E \rightarrow M$  induces a action on the set of reducible connections in the moduli space  $\mathscr{M}$  of the self-dual gauge equivalent connections. Moreover let  $\check{\mathscr{M}}$  be the set of reducible connections in  $\mathscr{M}$  and by setting  $\nabla \longmapsto \frac{1}{2\pi i} R^{\Delta_1}$  where  $\nabla = \nabla_1 + \overline{\nabla}_1$ , the diagram

REMARK. (i) Suppose that  $\nabla$  is a reducible self-dual connection. Then the isotropy group of  $\nabla$ ,  $\Gamma^{\nabla} = \{g \in \varphi \mid g \nabla g^{-1} = \nabla\} = S^1$ . For any  $h \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ ,  $\Gamma^{h(\nabla)} = \{hgh^{-1} \in \varphi \mid g \in \Gamma^{\nabla}\} = S^1$  because  $(hgh^{-1}) \cdot h(\nabla) = hgh^{-1}$ .  $h\nabla h^{-1} \cdot hg^{-1}h^{-1} = hg\nabla g^{-1}h^{-1} = h(\nabla)$ . Also  $hg_1h^{-1} = hg_2h^{-1}$  implies  $g_1 = g_2$ .

Since  $Z_p$  preserves the self-duality,  $h(\nabla)$  is also a self-dual reducible connection.

(ii) On the  $Z_p$ -action over  $E \rightarrow M^4$  and  $h \in Z_p$ . Let  $b_1 \in H^2(M:Z)$  with  $b_1 \cdot b_1 = 1$ , then there is a complex line bundle  $L_{b_1} \rightarrow M$  with its Euler class  $b_1$ . And consider the map

The induced bundle  $h^{+}(L_{b_i})$  over M is exactly the bundle corresponding reducible self-dual connections  $\nabla$  and  $h(\nabla)$ 

$$\Gamma^{\nabla} = \{g \in \mathcal{G} \mid g(\nabla) = \nabla\} = S^{1} \subset \mathcal{G}$$

$$\Gamma^{h(\nabla)} = \{hgh^{-1} \mid g \in \Gamma^{\nabla} \mid = S^{1} \subset \mathcal{G} \text{ and }$$

 $g = \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\theta} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\theta} \end{bmatrix} \subseteq \Gamma^{\nabla}$ . From the bundle splitting, the following diagram commutes and preserves the splittings.

$$\begin{split} E \! = \! L_{b_{\mathbf{i}}} \! \oplus \! \overline{L}_{b_{\mathbf{i}}} \! \stackrel{h}{\longrightarrow} \! L_{h(b_{\mathbf{i}})} \! \oplus \! \overline{L}_{h(b_{\mathbf{i}})} \\ \downarrow \! g \hspace{1cm} h \! g \! \biggr| h^{-1} \\ L_{b_{\mathbf{i}}} \! \oplus \! \overline{L}_{b_{\mathbf{i}}} \! \stackrel{h}{\longrightarrow} \! L_{h(b_{\mathbf{i}})} \! \oplus \! \overline{L}_{h(b_{\mathbf{i}})}. \end{split}$$

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