

My results

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In 1985, A. Casson defined an invariant λ for oriented integral homology 3-spheres. The Casson invariant is an integer valued invariant. The cyclic covering space of 3-sphere branched over a knot is difficult to calculate the Casson invariant. In [1], I compute the Casson invariant of the cyclic covering space of 3-sphere branched over some satellite knot. I consider the following the satellite knot. Let V be the standard solid torus in 3-sphere. Let $K(p,2)$ be the $(p,2)$ -torus knot in V such that $K(p,2)$ meets a meridian disk D of V in two points with the winding number zero and the 2-string tangle obtained by cutting along D is a Conway's tangle. Let C be a 2-bridge knot and let $K(p, C)$ be the satellite knot whose companion is C and pattern is $(V, K(p,2))$, and let $M(r; p, C)$ be the r -fold cyclic covering of 3-sphere branched over $K(p, C)$. I show how to obtain a surgery description of $M(r; p, C)$ and I show main theorem of [1] by using Hoste's formula. From these results I can also show that $\lambda (M(r; p, C))$ is not equal to 0.

K. Walker extended the Casson invariant to rational homology 3-spheres. C. Lescop extended the Casson-Walker invariant to any closed 3-manifold. The cyclic covering space of 3-sphere branched over a knot is difficult to calculate the Casson-Walker-Lescop invariant. In [2], I compute the Casson-Walker-Lescop invariant of the cyclic covering space of 3-sphere branched over a 2-bridge knot. I show main theorem of [2] by using Lescop's formula.