

ON THE EQUIVARIANT MAPPING FROM THE SPHERE TO THE UNITARY GROUP WITH Z_4 AND Zp^2 ACTION FOR ODD PRIME p

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Let k be the positive integer and $k \geq 2$. And γ be the rotation of $(2n+1)$ -sphere $S^{2n+1} = [(z_0, z_1, \dots, z_n) / \sum_{i=0}^n |z_i|^2 = 1]$ of the complex $(n+1)$ -space C^{n+1} given by $\gamma(z_0, z_1, \dots, z_n) = (e^{2\pi i/k} z_0, e^{2\pi i/k} z_1, \dots, e^{2\pi i/k} z_n)$. Then γ generates the Z_k -action on S^{2n+1} . Let unitary group $U(m)$ also carry the Z_k -action

$$A \longmapsto e^{2\pi i/k} A$$

In this paper we consider the case $k=4$ and p^2 for odd prime p . We shall prove the following theorem.

Theorem 1. If equivariant map $S^{2n+1} \rightarrow U(m)$ exists with Z_4 action, then 2^{n+1} divides m .

Proof. Let $B^{2(n+1)}$ denote the unit ball in C^n with Z_4 -action $Z = (z_0, z_1, \dots, z_n) \mapsto e^{2\pi i/4} z = (e^{2\pi i/4} z_0, e^{2\pi i/4} z_1, \dots, e^{2\pi i/4} z_n)$. The product vector bundle $B^{2(n+1)} \times C^m \rightarrow B^{2(n+1)}$ can be made a Z_4 -vector bundle in two ways, corresponding to the Z_4 -action $(z, v) \mapsto (e^{2\pi i/4} z, v)$ and $(z, v) \mapsto (e^{2\pi i/4} z, e^{2\pi i/4} v)$; the resulting Z_4 -vector bundle over $B^{2(n+1)}$ will be denoted by E^+ and E^- . Suppose an equivariant map $f: S^{2n+1} \rightarrow U(m)$ was given. Since $f(e^{2\pi i/4} z)v = e^{2\pi i/4} f(z)v$ for $z \in S^{2n+1}$ and $v \in C^m$, the map $(z, v) \mapsto (z, f(z)v)$ of $S^{2n+1} \times C^m$ onto itself is an isomorphism of the restrictions of the two Z_4 -vector bundles E^+ and E^- to S^{2n+1} . By means of the difference construction, we then obtain a difference bundle $d_f(E^+, E^-) \in K_{Z_4}(B^{2(n+1)}, S^{2n+1})$. The composition of the induced homomorphisms

$K_{Z_4}(B^{2(n+1)}, S^{2(n+1)}) \rightarrow K_{Z_4}(B^{2(n+1)}) \rightarrow K_{Z_4}(S^{2(n+1)})$ must vanish. And $K_{Z_4}(S^{2(n+1)}) = K(L^n(4))$, where $L(4)$ is lens space. Let η be the canonical complex line bundle over $L(4)$ and set

$$\sigma = 1 - \eta \in \tilde{K}(L^n(4)).$$

Then, following T. Kobayashi and M. Sugawara (see reference) order of σ is 2^{n+1} .

Now $d_f(E^+, E^-)$ is carried by the above composition of homomorphisms to $m\sigma$ in $K(L^n(4))$, hence we conclude that 2^{n+1} divides m . This completes the proof of the theorem.

Next we consider the case $k=p^2$.

Theorem 2. Let p be odd prime, n be an integer and $n = a(p-1) + b$ ($0 \leq b < p$)

-1). If the equivariant map $S^{2n+1} \rightarrow U(m)$ exists with Zp^2 -action, then p^{2+a} divides m .

Proof. Proof is similar to the above theorem using the result of T. Kobayashi and M. Sugawara (see reference [2]) from which order of σ is p^{2+a} . So the theorem follow.

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