

# EQUIVARIANT BORDISM AND SEMI-FREE $S^1$ -ACTION

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $X$  be a topological space with  $A \subset X$  a subspace, and let  $\tau: S^1 \times (X, A) \rightarrow (X, A)$  be an  $S^1$ -action such that  $\tau(z, A) \subset A$  for  $z \in S^1 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \text{complex number } ||z|| = 1\}$ .

We consider the semi-free (free) bordism group  $\Omega_*(X, A, \tau)$  of  $S^1$ -action  $(X, A, \tau)$  by the analogue of R. E. Stong.

A semi-free (free) equivariant bordism class of  $(X, A, \tau)$  is an equivariant class of triples  $(M, \mu, f)$  with  $M$  a compact differentiable manifold with boundary,  $\mu: S^1 \times M \rightarrow M$  a differentiable semi-free (free)  $S^1$ -action on  $M$  and  $f: (M, \partial M) \rightarrow (X, A)$  continuous equivariant map  $[\tau f = f\mu]$  sending  $\partial M$  into  $A$ . Two triples  $(M, \mu, f)$  and  $(M', \mu', f')$  are equivariant, or bordant, if there is a 4 tuple  $(W, V, \nu, g)$  such that  $W$  and  $V$  are compact differentiable manifolds with boundary,  $\partial V = \partial M \cup \partial M'$  and  $\partial W = M \cup M' \cup V / \partial M \cup \partial M' \cong \partial V$ ,  $\nu: (W, V) \rightarrow (W, V)$  is a differentiable semi-free (free)  $S^1$ -action restricting to  $\mu$  on  $M$  and  $\mu'$  on  $M'$ , and  $g: (W, V) \rightarrow (X, A)$  is a continuous equivariant map  $[\tau g = g\nu]$  restricting to  $f$  on  $M$  and  $f'$  on  $M'$ .

The disjoint union of triples induces an operation on the set of semi-free (free) equivariant bordism classes of  $(X, A, \tau)$  making this set into an abelian graded group, where the grading is given by the dimension of the manifold  $M$  and lets  $\Omega_*(X, A, \tau)$  be the group of the semi-free equivariant bordism classes of  $(X, A, \tau)$ . And we let  $\widehat{\Omega}_*(X, A, \tau)$  be the group of free equivariant bordism classes of  $(X, A, \tau)$ . If  $A$  is empty, we write  $\Omega_*(X, \tau)$  and  $\widehat{\Omega}_*(X, \tau)$  for these groups. The purpose of this paper is to compute the groups  $\Omega_*(X, \tau)$ .

## 2. Calculation of free bordism

**THEOREM. 1.**  $\widehat{\Omega}_*(X, A, \tau) \cong \Omega_*(X \times S^\infty / \tau \times a, A \times S^\infty / \tau \times a)$  where  $a$  is the  $S^1$ -action on the infinite sphere: direct limit of  $a: S^1 \times S^{2n+1} \rightarrow S^{2n+1}$ ,  $a(z, (z_0, z_1, \dots, z_n)) = (zz_0, zz_1, \dots, zz_n)$ .

**PROOF** Let  $\alpha \in \widehat{\Omega}_n(X, A, \tau)$  be represented by  $(M, \mu, f)$ . Then the principal  $S^1$ -

bundle  $M \rightarrow M/\mu$  is induced by a map  $\bar{\varphi} : M/\mu \rightarrow CP^{(\infty)}$  with equivariant covering map  $\varphi : M \rightarrow S^\infty$ ,  $S^\infty$  being given the above  $S^1$ -action. We then have an equivariant map  $f \times \varphi : (M, \partial M) \rightarrow (X \times S^\infty, A \times S^\infty)$  and  $\bar{f} \times \bar{\varphi} : (M/\mu, \partial(M/\mu)) \rightarrow (X \times S^\infty/\tau \times a, A \times S^\infty/\tau \times a)$ .

The assignment

$$(M, \mu, f) \rightarrow [M/\mu, \bar{f} \times \bar{\varphi}] \in \Omega_n(X \times S^\infty/\tau \times a, A \times S^\infty/\tau \times a)$$

defines a homomorphism

$$\rho : \hat{\Omega}_n(X, A, \tau) \rightarrow \Omega_n(X \times S^\infty/\tau \times a, A \times S^\infty/\tau \times a).$$

Being given  $\bar{g} : (N, \partial N) \rightarrow (X \times S^\infty/\tau \times a, A \times S^\infty/\tau \times a)$  there is an induced

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{cover } \tilde{N} = \bar{g}^*(\pi) & \xrightarrow{g'} & X \times S^\infty \\ \downarrow \bar{g} & & \downarrow \\ N & \xrightarrow{\bar{g}} & X \times S^\infty/\tau \times a, \end{array}$$

and letting  $g = \pi_1 \circ g' : \tilde{N} \rightarrow X$  and  $\tilde{\nu} : S^1 \times \tilde{N} \rightarrow \tilde{N}$  being the  $S^1$ -action :  $\tilde{\nu}(z(x, z')) = (\tau(z, x), zz')$ ,  $(\tilde{N}, \tilde{\nu}, g)$  is a free bordism element of  $(X, A, \tau)$ . The assignment  $(N, \bar{g}) \rightarrow (\tilde{N}, \tilde{\nu}, g) \in \hat{\Omega}_n(X, A, \tau)$  induces a homomorphism inverse to  $\rho$ .

Notes. (1) If  $X$  is a point,  $A = \phi$ , this gives  $\Omega_*(S^1) \cong \Omega_*(CP(\infty))$ . For  $\tau = 1$ , this is  $\hat{\Omega}_*(X, A, 1) \cong \Omega_*(X \times CP(\infty), A \times CP(\infty))$ .

### 3. Calculation of semi-free bordism

There are the exact sequence of  $S^1$ -action  $\dots \rightarrow \Omega_n(A, \tau) \xrightarrow{\Omega_n(i)} \Omega_n(X, \tau) \xrightarrow{\Omega_n(j)} \Omega_n(X, A, \tau) \xrightarrow{\partial_n} \Omega_n(A, \tau) \rightarrow$  with  $(A, \phi, \tau) \xrightarrow{i} (X, \phi, \tau) \xrightarrow{j} (X, A, \tau)$  the inclusion. (see Reference [1], [2])

**THEOREM 2.** The (semi-free) equivariant bordism exact sequence of the  $S^1$ -action  $(X, F, \tau)$  is split exact.

Proof. We have the homomorphisms

$$\Omega_n(X, \tau) \xrightarrow{\Omega_n(j)} \Omega_n(X, F, \tau) \xleftarrow[k_*]{\hat{\Omega}_n} \hat{\Omega}_n(X, F, \tau) \text{ and it suffices to de-}$$

fine a homomorphism  $q : \hat{\Omega}_n(X, F, \tau) \rightarrow \Omega_n(X, \tau)$  with  $\Omega_n(j) \circ q(\alpha) = k_*(\alpha)$  for all  $\alpha$ . Being given  $\alpha \in \hat{\Omega}_n(X, F, \tau)$  represented by  $(M, \mu, f)$ , we have a closed manifold  $\bar{M}$  obtained from  $M$  by identifying each  $m \in \partial M$  with  $\mu(S^1 \times m) \subset \partial M$ . (This is the manifold obtained from  $M$  by attaching the disc bundle  $D(\xi)$  of the line bundle  $\xi$  associated to the  $S^1$ -principal fibration  $\sigma : M \rightarrow M/\mu$  along their common boundary.) Since  $f$  is equivariant and  $f(\partial M) \subset F_\tau$ ,  $f(m) = f(\mu m)$  for  $m \in \partial M$ , and  $f$  factors through  $\bar{f} : \bar{M} \rightarrow X$ , this being equivariant if  $\bar{M}$  is given the  $S^1$ -action

induced by  $\mu$ . Letting  $q(\alpha)$  be the class of  $(\bar{M}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{f})$  defines the homomorphism  $q$   
 $: \hat{\Omega}_n(X, F\tau, \tau) \rightarrow \Omega_n(X, \tau)$ .

Now  $\kappa_*(\alpha)$  and  $\Omega_n(j) \circ q(\alpha)$  are represented by  $(M, \mu, f)$  and  $(\bar{M}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{f})$  respectively, in  $\Omega_n(X, F\tau, \tau)$ . Let  $\bar{H}: M \times I \rightarrow X$  be a homotopy of the map  $\bar{f} = H(\cdot, 0)$  to a map  $g = H(\cdot, 1)$  with  $g|_V = \bar{f}|_{F\bar{\mu} \circ \pi}$  where  $V \cong D(\nu)$  is a tubular neighborhood of  $F\bar{\mu}$ , constructed by the standard radial deformation. Then  $F\bar{\mu} = \partial M / \mu$  with  $\nu \cong \xi$ , and we may find a map  $h: M \rightarrow \bar{M} \times I$  identifying  $M$  with  $\bar{M} - V^\circ$  and such that  $gh = f$ . Then  $(\bar{M} \times 1, V \times 1, \bar{\mu} \times 1, H)$  is a bordism of  $(\bar{M}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{f})$  and  $(M, \mu, f)$ , so  $\kappa_*(\alpha) = \Omega_n(j) \circ q(\alpha)$ .

COROLLARY.  $\Omega_*(X, \tau) \cong \Omega_*(F\tau, 1) \oplus \hat{\Omega}_*(X, F\tau, \tau)$ .

### Reference

- 1 R. E. Stong. Bordism and involution, Ann. of Math. 90 (1969).