

ON THE REPRESENTATIONS AT FIXED POINTS OF SMOOTH ACTION OF Z_4 AND Z_{p^2} FOR ODD PRIME P

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Let \mathbb{H} be a smooth action of a finite group G on a differentiable manifold M . If $x \in M$ is a stationary point of this action, there is an induced representation \mathbb{H}_x of G on the tangent space to M at x .

In this paper we shall obtain some result which compare the representation \mathbb{H}_x and \mathbb{H}_y for different stationary points by the method of G. E. Bredon.

In this paper we consider the case $G = Z_4, Z_{p^2}$ for odd prime P . Let E_G be a universal space for G and $B_G = E_G/G$ the corresponding classifying space. We may assume that E_G is a cw-complex with finite skeletons and that G acts cellularly. $R(G)$ denotes the complex representation ring of G . The map $E_G \rightarrow *$ of E_G to a point induces the homomorphism $\alpha : R(G) \approx K_G(*) \rightarrow K_G(E_G) \approx K(B_G)$ in the equivariant K-theory. Restricting to the r -skeleton $B_G^{(r)}$ of B_G , we obtain the homomorphism $\alpha^{(r)} : R(G) \rightarrow K(B_G^{(r)})$.

Theorem (G. E. Bredon). Let \mathbb{H} be a smooth action of a finite group G on a simply connected manifold M . Assume that

$$H^i(G; \pi_i(M)) = 0 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq r.$$

If x and y are stationary points of \mathbb{H} , then

$$\alpha^{(r)}(\mathbb{H}_x - \mathbb{H}_y) = 0$$

Using the above theorem, we obtain the next theorem.

Theorem 1. Let \mathbb{H} be a smooth action of Z_4 on a simply connected manifold M . Assume that

$$H^i(Z_4; \pi_i(M)) = 0 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq 2n + 1,$$

then $\mathbb{H}_x - \mathbb{H}_y$ is divisible by 2^{n+1} .

Proof. For Z_4 the complex representation ring is

$$Z[\eta] / (1 - \eta^4)$$

where η is the representation $Z_4 \rightarrow U(1)$ taking the generator g into $e^{2\pi i/4}$.

$B_{Z_4}^{2n+1}$ can be taken to be the lens space $L^n(4)$. By the result of T Kobayashi and M Sugawara

$$\widetilde{K}(L^n(4)) \cong Z_2^{n+1} + Z_2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} + Z_2^{\lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor},$$

and the direct summands are generated by the three elements

$$\begin{aligned} &\sigma, \sigma^2 + 2\sigma, \sigma^3 + 2\sigma^2 + 2^{n/2+1}\sigma \quad (\text{if } n \text{ is even}), \\ &\sigma, \sigma^2 + 2\sigma + 2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor+1}\sigma, \sigma^3 + 2\sigma^2 \quad (\text{if } n \text{ is odd}), \end{aligned}$$

respectively, where $\sigma = \alpha^{2n+1}(\eta - I)$.

Let $I(Z)$ be the augmentation ideal $(1-\eta)R(Z)$. Since $I(Z) \cong Z$ additively, this implies that $\ker \alpha^{(2n+1)} \subset \mathcal{Z}^{n+1} I(Z)$.

from which the theorem follow. Next we consider Z_{p^2} action for odd prime p . BZ_{p^2} can be taken to be the lens space $L^n(p^2)$. By the result of T. Kawaguchi

and M. Sugawara, the structure of $\widetilde{K}(L^n(p^2))$ is following. Let

$n - p^i + 1 = a_i(p^{i+1} - p^i) + b_i$ ($0 \leq b_i < p^{i+1} - p^i$) for $i=0, 1$, and consider the following elements of $\widetilde{K}(L^n(p^2))$: $\sigma = \eta - I$, $\sigma(I) = \eta^p - I = (1 + \sigma)^p - I$,

$$\sigma(I, k) = \begin{cases} \sigma(I)\sigma^k + p^{\lfloor (n-k)/p \rfloor} \sigma^{p+k} & \text{if } b_1 \leq k < b_1 + p - 1 \text{ or } k < b_1 - (p-1)^2 \\ \sigma(I)\sigma^k & \text{(otherwise),} \end{cases}$$

for $0 \leq k \leq \min(p^2 - p - 1, n - p)$.

Let p be a prime.

Then

$$\widetilde{K}(L^n(P^2)) \cong \sum_{k=1}^m Z_{t_k}, \quad m = \min(p^2 - 1, n) \text{ (direct sum) and}$$

$$t_k = \begin{cases} p^{2-i+a_i} \text{ (if } p^i \leq k < p^i + b_i \text{ (} i=0, 1 \text{))} \\ p^{1-i+a_i} \text{ (if } p^i + b_i \leq k < p^{i+1} \text{ (} i=0, 1 \text{))}. \end{cases}$$

Also, the k -th direct summand Z_{t_k} is generated by the element

$$\sigma^k \text{ (if } 1 \leq k < p), \sigma(I, k - p) \text{ (if } p \leq k < p^2).$$

Let $I(Z_{p^2})$ be the augmentation ideal $(1-\eta)R(Z_{p^2})$. Since $I(Z_{p^2}) \cong Z$ additively, this implies that

$$\ker \alpha^{(2n+1)} \subset p^{2+a} I(Z_{p^2})$$

from which the theorem follows,

Theorem II Let \mathbb{H} be a smooth action of Z_{p^2} on a simply connected manifold M , where p is a odd prime. Let $n = a(p-1) + b$ ($0 \leq b < p-1$) Assume that

$$H^i(Z_{p^2}; \pi_i(M)) = 0 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq 2n+1$$

then $\mathbb{H}_x - \mathbb{H}_y$ is divisible by p^{2+a} .

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