

ADDENDUM TO "FIXED POINTS OF AUTOMORPHISMS  
 OF COMPACT LIE GROUPS"

ROBERT F. BROWN

**THEOREM.** Let  $G$  be a compact, connected Lie group and let  $h$  be an endomorphism of  $G$ . Then the rank of the Lie group  $\Phi(h)$  is equal to the dimension of the graded vector space  $\Phi(P_h^*)$ .

The statement of the main result (Theorem 1.1) of [1] is unnecessarily restrictive. The result is stated only for automorphisms, but the theorem is in fact true for all endomorphisms.

The proof is the same as in [1] except for the following, which replaces the argument on pages 82-83. Let  $\eta = dh: \mathfrak{G} \rightarrow \mathfrak{G}$  be the differential of  $h$ , where  $\mathfrak{G}$  is the Lie algebra of  $G$ . Then  $\eta$  induces  $Q\eta_*: QH_*(\mathfrak{G}) \rightarrow QH_*(\mathfrak{G})$  on the indecomposables in the homology of  $\mathfrak{G}$ . By de Rham's theorem (see [2]) and Proposition 3.10 of [3], it is sufficient to prove

$$(*) \quad \text{rank } \Phi(\eta) = \dim \Phi(Q\eta_*) .$$

For the same reasons, we already know that (\*) is true if  $\mathfrak{G}$  is abelian (Propositions 2.2 and 2.3 of [1]) or if  $\mathfrak{G}$  is semisimple and  $\eta$  is an automorphism (Lemma 3.1). Write  $\mathfrak{G} \cong \mathfrak{Z} \oplus \mathcal{S}\mathfrak{G}$  where  $\mathfrak{Z}$  is the center of  $\mathfrak{G}$  and  $\mathcal{S}\mathfrak{G}$  is semisimple. Then write  $\mathfrak{Z} \cong \mathfrak{Z}_a \oplus \mathfrak{Z}_b$  where  $\mathfrak{Z}_a = \eta^{-1}(\mathfrak{Z})$ . Let  $\eta_a: \mathfrak{Z}_a \rightarrow \mathfrak{G}$  be the restriction of  $\eta$  to  $\mathfrak{Z}_a$ .

For  $p: \mathfrak{G} \rightarrow \mathfrak{Z}_a$  the projection,  $p\eta_a$  is an endomorphism of an abelian Lie algebra. So (\*) is true for  $p\eta_a$  - and therefore for  $\eta_a$ . Since  $\mathfrak{Z}_b \cap \eta(\mathfrak{Z}_b) = 0$ , we conclude that  $\dim \Phi(Q\eta_{b,*}) = 0$ . Let  $\mathcal{S}\eta: \mathcal{S}\mathfrak{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}\mathfrak{G}$  be the restriction of  $\eta$ . We can write  $\mathcal{S}\mathfrak{G} \cong \mathfrak{A}_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathfrak{A}_N \oplus \mathfrak{B}$  where the restriction  $\eta_i$  of  $\mathcal{S}\eta$  to each  $\mathfrak{A}_i$  is an automorphism and the behavior of  $\mathcal{S}\eta$  on the fixed points is determined by the  $\eta_i$ . Since (\*) is true for each  $\eta_i$ , it holds for  $\mathcal{S}\eta$  as well. Finally,

$$\text{rank } \Phi(\eta) = \text{rank } \Phi(\eta_a) + \text{rank } \Phi(\mathcal{S}\eta)$$

which completes the proof.

I thank the referee for correcting an error in an earlier version of this paper.

REFERENCES

1. R. Brown, *Fixed points of automorphisms of compact Lie groups*, Pacific J. Math., **63** (1976), 79-87.

2. C. Chevalley and S. Eilenberg, *Cohomology theory Lie of groups and Lie algebras*, Trans. Amer. Math. Soc., **63** (1948), 85-124.
3. J. Milnor and J. Moore, *On the structure of Hopf algebras*, Ann. Math., **81** (1965), 211-264.

Received December 1, 1977. This work was partially supported by NSF Grant MCS 76-05971

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90024