

10. Dimension of the Fixed Point Set of Z_{p^r} -actions

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§ 1. Introduction. Concerning the dimension of the fixed point set of G -actions, much has been studied [3], [1], [2], [9], [10], [7], and [8]. In this note, we consider a Z_{p^r} -action (M^n, ϕ, Z_{p^r}) on a closed oriented manifold M^n and study the relation between the bordism properties of M^n and the dimension of the fixed point set. If the action is regular, such a problem was studied in [8]. Here we are concerned with general Z_{p^r} -actions.

In order to state the results, we introduce the following notations. Denote by Ω_n the Thom group of all bordism classes $[M^n]$ of closed oriented smooth n -manifold M^n . Let $\Omega(4j)$ be the subring of $\Omega_* \otimes Z_p$ generated by $\{\Omega_0, \Omega_4, \Omega_8, \dots, \Omega_{4j}\}$. Let $F(Z_{p^r}, k)$ be the subring of $\Omega_* \otimes Z_p$ generated by those bordism classes which are represented by a manifold admitting a Z_{p^r} -action such that the dimension of the fixed point set is less than or equal to k .

Then we have

$$\text{Theorem. (1) } F(Z_{p^r}, 4k) = F(Z_{p^r}, 4k+1) = \Omega(4kp^r + 2p^r - 2)$$

$$(2) F(Z_{p^r}, 4k+2) = F(Z_{p^r}, 4k+3) = \Omega(4kp^r + 4p^r - 4).$$

Remark. If $k = -1$, then Theorem means the main result of Conner-Floyd [4].

Corollary 1. *Let (M, Z_{p^r}) be a Z_{p^r} -action. If $[M]$ is indecomposable in $\Omega_* \otimes Z_p$, then there exists a component of the fixed point set of dimension greater than or equal to*

$$\frac{\dim M}{p^r} - 2.$$

Corollary 2. *Each element $x \in \Omega_m$ has a representative which admits a Z_{p^r} -action with fixed point set of dimension less than or equal to m/p^r .*

Throughout this paper, p denotes an odd prime integer.

The results in this paper are oriented bordism versions of the excellent papers [5], [7] of tom Dieck.

Detailed proof will appear elsewhere.

§ 2. Outline of the proof. The following diagram is an oriented bordism version of tom Dieck [5],

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 G\Omega_*^{Z_{p^r}} & \xrightarrow{i} & \Omega_{Z_{p^r}}^* & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & \Omega^*(BZ_{p^r}) \\
 F \downarrow & & \lambda \downarrow & & A \downarrow \\
 \Omega_*\left(\prod_j BU(n_j)\right) & \longrightarrow & S^{-1}\Omega_{Z_{p^r}}^* & \xrightarrow{S^{-1}\alpha} & S^{-1}\Omega^*(BZ_{p^r})
 \end{array}$$

where $G\Omega_*^{Z_{p^r}}$ denotes the geometric bordism of oriented Z_{p^r} -manifolds.

Let $\Omega^*(BZ_{p^r}) \xrightarrow{\pi} \Omega^*$ be the map induced by the map: one point $\rightarrow BZ_{p^r}$ and $D: \Omega^* \rightarrow \Omega_{-*}$ be the Atiyah-Poincaré duality and $\pi': \Omega_* \rightarrow \Omega_* \otimes Z_p$ be the projection map. Then it is easy to see

Lemma 1. *By the composition of the following maps*

$$G\Omega_n^{Z_{p^r}} \xrightarrow{i} \Omega_{Z_{p^r}}^{-n} \xrightarrow{\alpha} \Omega^{-n}(BZ_{p^r}) \xrightarrow{\pi} \Omega^{-n} \xrightarrow{D} \Omega_n,$$

$[M^n, \phi, Z_{p^r}]$ goes onto $[M]$.

Let ξ_∞ be the canonical complex line bundle over CP_∞ and let $\pi_i: CP_\infty \times CP_\infty \rightarrow CP_\infty$ be the projection onto the i -th factor, $i=1, 2$. If we denote the cobordism Euler class $e(\xi_\infty)$ by T , we have

$$\Omega^*(CP_\infty) \cong \Omega^*[[T]]$$

and

$$\Omega^*(CP_\infty \times CP_\infty) \cong \Omega^*[[T_1, T_2]]$$

where $T_i = \pi_i^*(T)$. Hence we get a formal group law $F(T_1, T_2)$ by setting

$$F(T_1, T_2) = e(\xi_\infty \hat{\otimes} \xi_\infty) = \sum_{i,j} c_{ij} T_1^i T_2^j$$

where $c_{ij} \in \Omega^{2-2i-2j}$ [11]. If i is an integer, let $[i]_F(T)$ be the operation of “multiplication by i ” for the formal group. Let $j: Z_{p^r} \rightarrow S^1$ be the natural inclusion, which induces $Bj: BZ_{p^r} \rightarrow BS^1 \cong CP_\infty$. By making use of the map $(Bj)^*: \Omega^*(CP_\infty) \rightarrow \Omega^*(BZ_{p^r})$, we have

$$\Omega^*(BZ_{p^r}) \cong \Omega^*[[T]]/[p^r]_F(T).$$

Moreover it is seen by the method of [6] that the $\text{Ker } A \cdot (Bj)^*$ is the ideal

$$[p^r]_F(T)/[p^{r-1}]_F(T).$$

Since $[p^r]_F(T)/[p^{r-1}]_F(T) = p + T \cdot G$, where G is a power series in T , we have

Lemma 2. $D\pi A^{-1}(0) = p\Omega_n$.

The following lemma will show some of the differences between [7] and our case.

Lemma 3. $S^{-1}\Omega_{Z_{p^r}}^* \cong \Omega_*\left(\prod_j BU\right) \otimes Z[V_j, V_j^{-1}]$. Here $1 \leq j \leq (p^r - 1)/2$ and V_j corresponds to the Euler class of the 1-dimensional complex vector space on which $\exp 2\pi i/p^r$ acts by multiplication with $\exp 2\pi j i/p^r$.

By combining Lemma 2 and Lemma 3, we have

Lemma 4. *The composition $\pi' \cdot D \cdot \pi \cdot A^{-1} \cdot S^{-1}\alpha$ induces a well-defined ring homomorphism,*

$$\beta: \text{Image } \lambda \rightarrow \Omega_* \otimes Z_p.$$

Let $A : \Omega_* \left(\prod_j BU \right) \otimes Z[V_j, V_j^{-1}] \rightarrow \Omega_* \left(\prod_j BU \right) \otimes Z \left[\frac{1}{2} \right] [V_j, V_j^{-1}]$ be the map induced by the inclusion $Z \rightarrow Z \left[\frac{1}{2} \right]$. It follows from Lemma 4 that β induces a map

$$\beta' : \text{Image } \lambda \otimes Z \left[\frac{1}{2} \right] \rightarrow \Omega_* \otimes Z_p \otimes Z \left[\frac{1}{2} \right] \cong \Omega_* \otimes Z_p.$$

Since $Z \left[\frac{1}{2} \right]$ is a flat Z -module, the map

$$\begin{aligned} A \otimes 1 : \text{Image } \lambda \otimes Z \left[\frac{1}{2} \right] &\rightarrow \Omega_* \left(\prod_j BU \right) \otimes Z \left[\frac{1}{2} \right] [V_j, V_j^{-1}] \otimes Z \left[\frac{1}{2} \right] \\ &\cong \Omega_* \left(\prod_j BU \right) \otimes Z \left[\frac{1}{2} \right] [V_j, V_j^{-1}] \end{aligned}$$

is injective and $(A \otimes 1) \left(\text{Image } \lambda \otimes Z \left[\frac{1}{2} \right] \right) = \text{Image } (A\lambda)$. Therefore we have shown the following

Lemma 5. *There exists a ring homomorphism*

$$\beta' : \text{Image } (A\lambda) \rightarrow \Omega_* \otimes Z_p$$

such that $\beta' \cdot A \cdot \lambda = \pi' \cdot D \cdot \pi \cdot \alpha$.

Let F_k be the subring of $\Omega_* \left(\prod_j BU \right) \otimes Z \left[\frac{1}{2} \right] [V_j, V_j^{-1}]$ generated by

$$\bigoplus_{i \leq k} \Omega_i \left(\prod_j BU \right) \otimes Z \left[\frac{1}{2} \right] [V_j^{-1}].$$

Put $D_k = F_k \cap \text{Image } (A \cdot \lambda)$.

We now prove the formula (1) of Theorem.

By choosing simply the tom Dieck's examples of dimension zero mod 4 [7], we have

Lemma 6. *There are Z_{p^r} -actions (M_j, Z_{p^r}) $j=1, 2, \dots, kp^r + (p^r - 1)/2$, such that*

- (1) $\dim M_j = 4j$
- (2) $[M_j]$ is a generator of the polynomial ring $\Omega_* \otimes Z_p$,
- (3) $A\lambda i[M_j, Z_{p^r}] \in D_{4k}$.

It follows from Lemma 6 that

$$F(Z_{p^r}, 4k) \supset \Omega(4kp^r + 2p^r - 2).$$

Suppose that there exists a Z_{p^r} -action (M, Z_{p^r}) such that $[M]$ is in $F(Z_{p^r}, 4k)$ but not in $\Omega(4kp^r + 2p^r - 2)$. Since $\Omega_* \otimes Z_p$ is the polynomial ring over Z_p ,

$$[M], [M_1], [M_2], \dots, [M_{kp^r + (p^r - 1)/2}],$$

are algebraically independent over Z_p . On the other hand, D_{4k} has transcendence degree at most $kp^r + (p^r - 1)/2$. By combining Lemma 5 and Lemma 6, we have already found $kp^r + (p^r - 1)/2$ independent elements in D_{4k} . Therefore

$A\lambda i[M, Z_{p^r}], A\lambda i[M_1, Z_{p^r}], \dots, A\lambda i[M_{k p^r + (p^r - 1)/2}, Z_{p^r}]$,
are algebraically dependent. In view of Lemma 5, this means $[M]$,
 $[M_1], \dots, [M_{k p^r + (p^r - 1)/2}]$ are algebraically dependent, contradicting the
assumption.

The proof of the formula (2) of Theorem will be shown quite
similarly.

Corollary 1 and Corollary 2 will follow from Theorem directly.

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results in this paper can be generalized to the case of arbitrary abelian
 p -group actions.

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