

# $(\Gamma, \Gamma')$ -FREE BORDISMS, CHARACTERISTIC NUMBERS AND STATIONARY POINT SETS

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## Introduction

C. N. Lee and Wasserman [7] developed the notion of characteristic numbers for  $G$ -manifolds and proved their  $G$ -bordism invariance. In [2] we defined characteristic numbers for an unoriented singular  $G$ -bordism and proved their invariance with regard to singular  $G$ -bordism. The case of oriented singular  $G$ -bordism is considered in [3] and [4]. One of our primary aims in this paper is to develop these notions for  $(\Gamma, \Gamma')$ -free singular bordisms,  $\Gamma' \subset \Gamma$  being families of subgroups in a finite group  $G$ . (For definition see [6]). In [2] we tackled this problem for some special pairs of families (for so called “almost adjacent” pairs). In an effort to consider more general pairs of families, we get an analogue of Stong’s result [6, Proposition 2] for finite abelian groups in §3. In this section we prove that if  $(M^n, \theta)$  is a  $G$ -manifold with stationary point free induced action of the subgroup  $G_2$ , then  $(M^n, \theta)$  is a  $G$ -boundary,  $G$  a finite abelian group. Lastly in §4 this analogue has been used to show that if the fixed point set  $F$  of  $G_2$  in  $M^n$  is nonempty and if  $F$  has an equivariant trivial normal bundle in  $M^n$ , then  $(M^n, \theta)$  is a  $G$ -boundary.

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## Characteristic numbers for an almost adjacent pair $(\Gamma, \Gamma')$

Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $X$  be a  $G$ -space. Let  $h^*$  be an equivariant cohomology theory and  $h_*$  be the associated equivariant homology theory [1] given by  $h^* = H^*A$  and  $h_* = H_*A$ , where  $A$  is a functor from the category of  $G$ -spaces and  $G$ -maps to the category of topological spaces and continuous maps,  $H^*$  is the singular cohomology theory and  $H_*$  is the associated singular homology theory. Let

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle: h^*(X; G) \otimes_{H^*(pt.)} h_*(X; G) \rightarrow H_*(pt.)$$

be the Kronecker pairing.

Suppose for each compact  $G$ -manifold  $W$  there exists a class  $[W, \partial W] \in h_*(W, \partial W; G)$  such that

a)  $[W_1 \cup W_2, \partial W_1 \cup \partial W_2] = [W_1, \partial W_1] + [W_2, \partial W_2]$

and

b)  $\partial_*[W, \partial W] = [\partial W]$ .

Such an element  $[W, \partial W] \in h_*(W, \partial W; G)$  is called a *topological class* of  $W$ .

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Following Stong [5], a family  $\Gamma$  in  $G$ , is a collection  $\Gamma$  of subgroups of  $G$  such that (i)  $H \in \Gamma$  implies that all the subgroups of  $H$  also belong to  $\Gamma$  (ii)  $H \in \Gamma$  implies that  $gHg^{-1} \in \Gamma, \forall g \in G$ . Let  $\Gamma' \subset \Gamma$  be families in  $G$  such that each member of  $\Gamma - \Gamma'$  is maximal in  $G$ . Such a pair  $(\Gamma, \Gamma')$  is called a pair of almost adjacent families.

For any subgroup  $H$  of  $G$ , let  $K = \frac{N}{H}, N$  being the normalizer of  $H$  in  $G$ . Let  $F_H(X)$  be the set of  $x \in X$  such that  $hx = x, \forall h \in H$ . Consider the action of  $K$  on  $F_H(X)$  by  $(gH)x = gx$ . Let  $EK$  be the total space of the universal  $K$ -bundle. For a pair  $(\Gamma, \Gamma')$  of almost adjacent families, consider the equivariant cohomology and equivariant homology

$$h^*(X; G) = \bigoplus_H H^*((EK \times F_H(X))/K; \mathbf{Z}_2)$$

$$h_*(X; G) = \bigoplus_H H_*((EK \times F_H(X))/K; \mathbf{Z}_2),$$

the summation is over the set of all representatives of the conjugacy classes of subgroups  $H$  in  $\Gamma - \Gamma'$ . Let  $X$  be a  $G$ -space and  $[M^n, \partial M^n, \varphi, \theta, f]$  be an element of  $(\Gamma, \Gamma')$ -free bordism group  $\varkappa_n(G; \Gamma, \Gamma')(X)$  [5]. Then

$$h_*(M^n; G) \approx \bigoplus_H \bigoplus_{k=0}^n H_*(F_H^k(M^n)/K; \mathbf{Z}_2),$$

where  $F_H^k(M^n)$  is the union of  $k$ -dimensional submanifolds in  $F_H(M^n)$ . We define a topological class  $[M, \partial M]$  of  $M^n$  in  $h_*(M^n, \partial M^n; G)$  to be  $\bigoplus_H \bigoplus_{k=0}^n \sigma_k^H$  where  $\sigma_k^H \in H_k(F_H^k(M^n)/K; \mathbf{Z}_2)$  is the fundamental class of  $F_H^k(M^n)/K$ . Let  $u \in h^*(X \times B(0, G)_n; G)$ . Let  $\tau_{M^n}: M^n \rightarrow B(0, G)_n$  be the tangent map.

DEFINITION 2.1. We define the  $u$ -characteristic number of an  $(\Gamma, \Gamma')$ -free element  $(M^n, \partial M^n, \varphi, \theta, f)$  by  $\langle (f \times \tau_{M^n})^*(u), [M, \partial M] \rangle \in \mathbf{Z}_2$ .

Regarding the bordism invariance, we establish

THEOREM 2.2.  $[M^n, \partial M^n, \varphi, \theta, f] \in \varkappa_n(G; \Gamma, \Gamma')(X)$  is zero if and only if all the  $u$ -characteristic numbers (corresponding to the theory  $h^*$ ) of the  $(\Gamma, \Gamma')$ -free element  $(M^n, \partial M^n, \varphi, \theta, f)$  are zero.

PROOF. The  $G$ -equivariant map  $f: M^n \rightarrow X$  gives  $K$ -equivariant map  $f: F_H^k(M^n) \rightarrow F_H(X)$ . Let

$$v_k^H: F_H^k(M^n) \rightarrow F_H(B(0, N)_{n-k})$$

be the normal map. In fact the image of  $v_k^H$  will be contained in  $F_H'(B(0, N)_{n-k})$  the union of path components of  $p \in F_H(B(0, N)_{n-k})$  for which the fibre  $(\gamma^{n-k})_p$  at  $p$  contains no trivial  $H$ -representation,  $\gamma^{n-k}$  being the universal real  $N$ -vector bundle. Let  $\alpha_k^H: F_H^k(M^n) \rightarrow EK$  be the cover of the classifying map for  $K$ -bundle  $F_H^k(M^n) \rightarrow (F_H^k(M^n))/K$ . Let  $f_k^H$  be the map obtained from  $\alpha_k^H \times (f \times v_k^H)$  on passing to quotients. This gives the map

$$\eta: \varkappa_n(G; \Gamma, \Gamma')(X) \rightarrow \bigoplus_H \bigoplus_{k=0}^n \varkappa_k((EK \times \{F_H(X) \times F_H'(B(0, N)_{n-k})\})/K)$$

defined by

$$\eta([M^n, \partial M^n, \varphi, \theta, f]) = \bigoplus_H \bigoplus_{k=0}^n [F_H^k(M^n)/K, f_k^H].$$

We know that  $\eta$  is an isomorphism [5] and thus  $[M^n, \partial M^n, \varphi, \theta, f]$  is zero if and only if  $[F_H^k(M^n)/K, f_k^H]$  is zero,  $\forall k$  and  $H$ . Next the group  $h^*(X \times B(0, G)_n; G)$  is isomorphic to

$$\bigoplus_H \bigoplus_{k=0}^n [H^*((EK \times \{F_H(X) \times F'_H(B(0, N)_{n-k})\})/K; \mathbf{Z}_2) \otimes H^*(B0_k; \mathbf{Z}_2)].$$

Also  $(f \times \tau_{M^n})^* = \bigoplus_H \bigoplus_{k=0}^n (f_k^H \times \tau_k^H)^*$  where  $\tau_k^H: F_H^k(M^n)/K \rightarrow B0_k$  is the tangent map.

Thus the  $u$ -characteristic number

$$\langle (f \times \tau_{M^n})^*(u), [M, \partial M] \rangle = \langle \bigoplus_H \bigoplus_{k=0}^n (f_k^H \times \tau_k^H)^*(u_k^H), \bigoplus_H \bigoplus_{k=0}^n \sigma_k^H \rangle$$

where  $u_k^H$  is given by  $u = \bigoplus_H \bigoplus_{k=0}^n u_k^H$ . This together with the fact that  $[M^n, \partial M^n, \varphi, \theta, f]$  is zero if and only if  $[F_H^k(M^n)/K, f_k^H]$  is zero gives the theorem.

**An analogue of Stong's result and characteristic numbers for a more general pair of families**

So far we confined ourselves to a pair of almost adjacent families. In an effort to get rid of almost adjacent families as much as possible, we come across an analogue of Stong's result [6, Proposition 2] for general groups. For this let  $G$  be a finite abelian group and  $\Pi$  be the family of all subgroups of  $G$ . Let  $\Gamma' \subset \Gamma$  be families in  $G$  such that there exists an element  $a$  in  $G$  of order 2 such that

- (1)  $H \in \Gamma' \Rightarrow [H \cup \{a\}] \in \Gamma'$ ,
- (2)  $a \notin H, \forall H \in \Gamma - \Gamma'$ ,

(3) the intersection  $S$  of all the members of  $\Gamma - \Gamma'$  is in  $\Gamma - \Gamma'$ . We call such a pair of families an *admissible pair* with respect to  $a \in G$ .

EXAMPLE 3.1. Let  $G$  be a finite abelian group of even order given by  $G^2 \times H$ , where  $H$  is a finite group of odd order and  $G^2 = \times_{i=1}^r (\mathbf{Z}_2 i)^{n_i}$ . Let  $\Gamma_k = \{U \times V: V \text{ is a subgroup of } H \text{ and } U \text{ is a subgroup of } G^2 \text{ not containing } \mathbf{Z}_2^k = [t_1, \dots, t_k], 1 \leq k \leq \gamma_r\}$  where  $t_1, \dots, t_{\gamma_r}$  generate  $(\mathbf{Z}_2)^{\gamma_r}, \gamma_r = \sum_{i=1}^r n_i$ . It is simple to see that  $(\Gamma_{k+1}, \Gamma_k)$  is an admissible pair with respect to  $t_{k+1}$ . Here by  $\Gamma_{\gamma_r+1}$  we mean the family of all subgroups of  $G$ .

THEOREM 3.2. *If  $(\Gamma, \Gamma')$  is an admissible pair of families in  $G$  with respect to  $a$ , then a  $(\Gamma, \Gamma')$ -free element in  $\varkappa_*(G; \Gamma, \Gamma')$  is zero as an element of  $\varkappa_*(G; \Pi, \Gamma')$ .*

PROOF. It is enough to show that the homomorphism  $i_*: \varkappa_*(G; \Gamma, \Gamma') \rightarrow \varkappa_*(G; \Pi, \Gamma')$  induced from the inclusion  $i: (\Gamma, \Gamma') \rightarrow (\Pi, \Gamma')$  is the constant homomorphism. Let  $[M, \theta]$  be an element of  $\varkappa_*(G; \Gamma, \Gamma')$ . Let  $F$  be the closed submanifold

of  $M$  consisting of all points of  $M$  fixed by  $S$ ,  $S$  being the intersection of all the members of  $\Gamma - \Gamma'$ . Let  $v$  be the normal bundle of the imbedding of  $F$  in the interior of  $M$  and let  $D(v)$  be its disc bundle with the action  $\theta^*$  of  $G$  on  $D(v)$  induced by the real vector bundle maps covering the action  $\theta$  on  $F$ . Since  $F$  is the fixed point set of  $S$ ,  $a \notin H$ ,  $\forall H \in \Gamma - \Gamma'$  and no point of  $F$  is fixed by the subgroup  $[S \cup \{a\}]$  generated by  $S \cup \{a\}$ ,  $a$  will act freely on  $F$  and hence on  $D(v)$ . Let  $F' = F/[a]$  and  $D'(v) = D(v)/[a]$ . Since  $G$  is abelian, the actions  $\theta$  and  $\theta^*$  on  $F$  and  $D(v)$  induce actions  $\theta'$  and  $\theta^{*'}$  on  $F'$  and  $D'(v)$ , respectively. Consider the quotient maps  $q_1: D(v) \rightarrow D'(v)$  and  $q_2: F \rightarrow F'$  which are equivariant and double covers over  $D'(v)$  and  $F'$ , respectively. Let  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  be the mapping cylinders of  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  and  $\psi_1^*$  and  $\psi_2^*$  be the induced actions on  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , respectively. We have the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C_1 & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & D'(v) \\ \alpha \downarrow & & \downarrow v' \\ C_2 & \xrightarrow{\beta} & F' \end{array}$$

where  $\alpha: C_1 \rightarrow C_2$  is the map induced from  $v': D'(v) \rightarrow F'$  by going to mapping cylinder. It is simple to see that  $\partial C_2 \approx F$  and the action  $\psi_1^*$  on  $\alpha^{-1}(\partial C_2)$  is isomorphic to the action  $\theta^*$  on  $D(v)$ . Consider  $W = M \times [0, 1] \cup C_1 / \sim$  where  $\sim$  is the equivalence relation obtained by identifying  $D(v) \times \{1\}$  with  $\alpha^{-1}(\partial C_2)$ . Let the action  $\Theta$  of  $G$  on  $W$  be given by  $\Theta|M \times 1 = \theta \times 1$  and  $\Theta|C_1 = \psi_1^*$ . Take  $V$  to be

$$(\partial M \times I) \cup (M \times \{1\}) - (D(v) \times \{1\})^0 \cup (\partial C_1 - (\alpha^{-1}(\partial C_2))^0)$$

where  $^0$  is the interior operator. Clearly  $V$  is  $(\Gamma', \Gamma')$ -free and  $\partial W$  is isomorphic to  $M \cup V$  by identifying  $\partial V$  with  $\partial M$ . This shows that  $[M, \theta]$  is zero in  $\kappa_*(G; \Pi, \Gamma')$ .

**THEOREM 3.3.** *Let  $\Gamma$  be a family in a finite abelian group  $G$  such that there exists an element  $a$  in  $G$  of order 2 with  $[a] \notin \Gamma$ ,  $[a]$  being the subgroup of  $G$  generated by  $a$ . Then the homomorphism  $i_*: \kappa_*(G; \Gamma) \rightarrow \kappa_*(G; \Pi)$  induced from the inclusion  $i: k \rightarrow \Pi$  is the zero homomorphism.*

**PROOF.** Let  $[M, \theta] \in \kappa_*(G; \Gamma)$ . Since  $[a] \notin \Gamma$ ,  $a$  will act freely on  $M$  and therefore the quotient map  $q: M \rightarrow M/[a]$  will be a double cover over  $M/[a]$ . Let  $C$  be the mapping cylinder of the double cover with the induced action  $\psi$  of  $G$  on  $C$ . Clearly the boundary  $\partial C$  is isomorphic to  $M$  with  $\psi|\partial C = \theta$ . Consider  $W = M \times [0, 1] \cup C / \sim$  where  $\sim$  is the equivalence relation obtained by identifying  $M \times \{1\}$  with  $\partial C$ . Let the action  $\Theta$  of  $G$  on  $W$  be given by  $\Theta|M \times 1 = \theta \times 1$  and  $\Theta|C = \psi$ . Clearly  $\partial(W, \Theta) = (M, \theta)$ . This shows that  $[M, \theta]$  is zero in  $\kappa_*(G; \Pi)$ .

Let  $G$  be a finite abelian group and  $\mathbf{P}$  be the family of all proper subgroups of  $G$ . Suppose  $\Gamma'$  is another family in  $G$  such that there exists a chain of families  $\Gamma' = \Gamma_1 \subset \dots \subset \Gamma_{r+1} = \mathbf{P}$  with  $(\Gamma_{i+1}, \Gamma_i)$  being an admissible pair of families with respect to an element  $a_i, i = 1, \dots, r$ . By repeated application of Theorem 3.2 one concludes that the homomorphism  $j_*: \kappa_*(G; \Pi, \Gamma') \rightarrow \kappa_*(G; \Pi, \mathbf{P})$  induced by the inclusion  $j: (\Pi, \Gamma') \rightarrow (\Pi, \mathbf{P})$  is a monomorphism. Therefore we can give characteristic numbers for an  $(\Pi, \Gamma')$ -free element, since  $(\Pi, \mathbf{P})$  is an almost adjacent pair. In this case we define equivariant homology and cohomology as  $h_*(X; G) = H_*(F_G(X); \mathbf{Z}_2)$  and  $h^*(X, G) = H^*(F_G(X); \mathbf{Z}_2)$ , for a  $G$ -space  $X, F_G(X)$  being

the fixed points set of  $X$  under  $G$ . Thus corresponding to the equivariant homology and cohomology defined as above, using Theorems 2.2 and 3.2, one gets the following

**THEOREM 3.4.** *An  $(\Pi, \Gamma)$ -free element in  $\kappa_*(G; \Pi, \Gamma)$  is zero if and only if all the characteristic numbers are zero.*

*Special cases.* We will consider two cases  $G = \mathbf{Z}_2^k$  and  $G = \prod_{i=1}^r (\mathbf{Z}_2 i)^{n_i} \times H$ ,  $H$  being any finite abelian group of odd order and each element of  $H$  commuting with each element of  $\prod_{i=1}^r (\mathbf{Z}_2 i)^{n_i}$ .

*Case I:*  $G = \mathbf{Z}_2^k = [t_1, \dots, t_k]$ . Let  $\Gamma_i = \{U : U \text{ is a subgroup of } \mathbf{Z}_2^k \text{ not containing } \mathbf{Z}_2^i = [t_1, \dots, t_i], 1 \leq i \leq k\}$ . It is easy to see that  $(\Gamma_{i+1}, \Gamma_i)$  is an admissible pair with respect to  $t_{i+1}$  and  $\Gamma \subset \Gamma_2 \subset \dots \subset \Gamma_k = \mathbf{P}$ . Therefore by repeated applications of Theorem 3.2 one infers that the homomorphism

$$j_{1*} : \kappa_*(\mathbf{Z}_2^k; \Pi, \Gamma_1) \rightarrow \kappa_*(\mathbf{Z}_2^k; \Pi, \mathbf{P})$$

induced from the inclusion  $j_1 : (\Pi, \Gamma_1) \rightarrow (\Pi, \mathbf{P})$  is an injection. Also  $[t_1] \notin \Gamma_1$ , therefore by Theorem 3.3 the homomorphism

$$j_{2*} : \kappa_*(\mathbf{Z}_2^k; \Pi) \rightarrow \kappa_*(\mathbf{Z}_2^k; \Pi, \Gamma_1)$$

induced from the inclusion  $j_2 : (\Pi, \Phi) \rightarrow (\Pi, \Gamma_1)$  is a monomorphism. Thus  $j_* : \kappa_*(\mathbf{Z}_2^k; \Pi) \rightarrow \kappa_*(\mathbf{Z}_2^k; \Pi, \mathbf{P})$  is a monomorphism,  $j : (\Pi, \Phi) \rightarrow (\Pi, \mathbf{P})$ . Let us define the equivariant homology and cohomology as follows:  $h_*(X, \mathbf{Z}_2^k) = H_*(F_{\mathbf{Z}_2^k}(X); \mathbf{Z}_2)$  and  $h^*(X; \mathbf{Z}_2^k) = H^*(F_{\mathbf{Z}_2^k}(X); \mathbf{Z}_2)$ , where  $H_*$  and  $H^*$  are singular homology and cohomology, respectively. Using the monomorphism of

$$j_* : \kappa_*(\mathbf{Z}_2^k; \Pi) \rightarrow \kappa_*(\mathbf{Z}_2^k; \Pi, \mathbf{P})$$

and Theorem 2.2 for the almost adjacent pair  $(\Pi, \mathbf{P})$ , one immediately gets

**THEOREM 3.5.** *A  $\Pi$ -free element in  $\kappa_*(G; \Pi)$  is zero if and only if all its characteristic numbers (corresponding to the theories  $h^*$  and  $h_*$  defined as above) are zero.*

*Case II:*  $G$  is a finite abelian group of even order given by  $G^2 \times H$  where  $H$  is a finite group of odd order and  $G^2$  is the 2-group  $\prod_{i=1}^r (\mathbf{Z}_2 i)^{n_i}$ . Let  $\mathbf{P}$  be the family of all subgroups of  $G$  of the type  $U \times V$  where  $V$  is a subgroup of  $H$  and  $U$  is a subgroup of  $G^2$  not containing  $G_2 = (\mathbf{Z}_2)^{n_r}$ ,  $\gamma_r = \sum_{i=1}^r n_i$ . Let  $(\mathbf{Z}_2)^{n_r}$  be generated by  $\{t_k\}$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq \gamma_r$ .

**THEOREM 3.6.** *The following sequence is exact:*

$$0 \rightarrow \kappa_*(G; \Pi) \xrightarrow{j_*} \kappa_*(G; \Pi, \mathbf{P}) \xrightarrow{\partial_*} \kappa_*(G; \mathbf{P}) \rightarrow 0.$$

**PROOF.** By Example 3.1,  $(\Gamma_{k+1}, \Gamma_k)$  is an admissible pair with respect to  $t_{k+1}$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq \gamma_r$ . Therefore by repeated application of Theorem 3.2, one infers that the

homomorphism

$$(j_1)_* : \kappa_*(G; \Pi, \Gamma_1) \rightarrow \kappa_*(G; \Pi, \mathbf{P})$$

is a monomorphism,  $j_1 : (\Pi, \Gamma_1) \rightarrow (\Pi, \mathbf{P})$ . Since  $[t_1] \notin \Gamma_1$ , using Theorem 3.3 we get  $(j_2)_* : \kappa_*(G; \Pi) \rightarrow \kappa_*(G; \Pi, \Gamma_1)$  to be monomorphism,  $j_2 : (\Pi, \varphi) \rightarrow (\Pi, \Gamma_1)$ . Thus the inclusion  $j : (\Pi, \varphi) \rightarrow (\Pi, \mathbf{P})$  induces monomorphism  $j_*$ . This completes the poof of the Theorem.

**COROLLARY 3.7.** *Let  $(M^n, \theta)$  be a  $G$ -manifold and the induced action of the subgroup  $G_2$  be stationary point free. Then  $(M^n, \theta)$  bounds as a  $G$ -manifold.*

**The stationary point set  $F_{G_2}(M^n)$**

As in Case II of §3, let  $G = G^2 \times H$  be a finite abelian group of even order where  $H$  is an odd order group and  $G^2 = \prod_{i=1}^r (\mathbf{Z}_2)^{n_i}$ . Let us denote the subgroup  $(\mathbf{Z}_2)^{\gamma_r}$  by  $G_2$ ,  $\gamma_r = \sum_{i=1}^r n_i$ . Let  $\mathbf{R}$  be the field of real numbers and  $GL(\mathbf{R}, j)$  be the set of all isomorphisms of the vector space  $\mathbf{R}^j$  onto itself,  $j=1, 2$ . Any irreducible real representation of  $G$  will be either one dimensional or two dimensional. Let  $\varrho^j : G \rightarrow GL(\mathbf{R}, j)$  be any nontrivial irreducible real  $j$ -dimensional representation of  $G$ ,  $j=1, 2$ .

**THEOREM 4.1.** *Ker  $\varrho^j$  contains a subgroup of  $G$  isomorphic to  $(\mathbf{Z}_2)^{\gamma_r-1}$ .*

**PROOF.** It is simple to see that the image  $(\varrho^j/G_2)$  is either the trivial subgroup or is the subgroup consisting of just two elements, namely the identity element and the isomorphism  $\theta : \mathbf{R}^j \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^j$  given by  $\theta(x) = (-1)x$ , for every  $x \in \mathbf{R}^j$ . Therefore  $\text{Ker}(\varrho^j/G_2)$  is either  $G_2$  itself or is isomorphic to  $(\mathbf{Z}_2)^{\gamma_r-1}$ .

Let  $(M^n, \theta)$  be a closed  $G$ -manifold and  $F = F_{G_2}(M^n)$  be the stationary point set of  $M^n$  under the subgroup  $G_2$ . Consider the decomposition  $F = \bigcup_{l=0}^n F^l$  where  $F^l$  is the  $l$ -dimensional component. Let  $D(v_l)$  be the normal disc bundle of  $F^l$  in  $M^n$  with the induced action  $\theta_l$ . Let  $\Pi$  be the family of all subgroups of  $G$  and  $\mathbf{P}$  be the family of subgroups of  $G$  of the type  $U \times V$  where  $V$  is a subgroup of  $H$  and  $U$  is a subgroup of  $G^2$  not containing  $G_2$ .

**DEFINITION 4.2.**  $F$  is said to have an equivariant *trivial normal bundle* in  $M^n$  if  $G/G_2$  acts trivially on  $F$  and there exists some positive dimensional real  $G$ -representations  $(W_l, \varphi_l)$  such that in  $\kappa_*(G, \Pi, \mathbf{P})$   $[D(v_l), \theta_l] = [F^l][D(W_l), \varphi_l]$  where  $D(W_l)$  is the unit disc of  $W_l$ .

Given a real representation  $\varrho : G \rightarrow GL(\mathbf{R}, j)$  of  $G$  one gets a  $j$ -dimensional vector space  $\mathbf{R}^j$  over  $\mathbf{R}$  with the action  $\psi : G \times \mathbf{R}^j \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^j$  given by  $\psi(g, x) = \varrho(g)(x)$ . We say  $(\mathbf{R}^j, \psi)$  a representation space of  $G$  or by abuse of language, a representation of  $G$ . Let  $\{(V_k, \psi_k)\}_{1 \leq k \leq m}$  be the finite set of all nonisomorphic nontrivial irreducible real representations of  $G$ . Let  $\mathbf{Z}^+$  be the set of nonnegative integers. Given any map  $f : \{1, \dots, m\} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}^+$  one has a real representation  $(V(f), \psi(f))$  of  $G$  given by  $V(f) = \bigoplus_{k=1}^m (V_k, \psi_k)^{f(k)}$  where  $(V_k, \psi_k)^{f(k)}$  is the direct sum of  $f(k)$  copies of  $(V_k, \psi_k)$ . Let us denote the unit disc and unit sphere of  $V(f)$  by  $D(f)$  and  $S(f)$ , respectively.

**THEOREM 4.3.** *If  $F$  has an equivariant trivial normal bundle in  $(M^n, \theta)$  then it is the boundary of some manifold and  $(M^n, \theta)$  itself is the boundary of some  $G$ -manifold  $(N, \Theta)$ .*

**PROOF.** Since  $F$  has an equivariant trivial normal bundle in  $M^n$ , we have  $[D(v_l), \theta_l] = [F^l][D(W_l), \varphi_l]$  for some positive dimensional real representations  $(W_l, \varphi_l)$  of  $G$ . Also  $(W_l, \varphi_l) = (V(f_l), \psi(f_l))$  for some map  $f_l: \{1, \dots, m\} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}^+$ . Therefore  $[D(v_l), \theta_l] = [F^l][D(f_l), \psi(f_l)]$ . Let  $j_*: \mathcal{K}_*(G; \Pi) \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_*(G; \Pi, \mathbf{P})$  be the homomorphism induced by the inclusion  $j: (\Pi, \Phi) \rightarrow (\Pi, \mathbf{P})$ . We have

$$j_*[M^n, \theta] = \sum_{l=0}^n [D(v_l), \theta_l] = \sum_{l=0}^n [F^l][D(f_l), \psi(f_l)].$$

Therefore from Theorem 3.6, one gets

$$(\partial_* j_*)[M^n, \theta] = \partial_* \sum_{l=0}^n [F^l][D(f_l), \psi(f_l)] = \sum_{l=0}^n [F^l][S(f_l), \psi(f_l)] = 0$$

in  $\mathcal{K}_*(G; \mathbf{P})$ . Therefore there exists a  $\mathbf{P}$ -free  $G$ -manifold  $(D, \eta)$  such that

$$(1) \quad (\partial D, \eta) = \bigcup_{l=0}^n (F^l \times (S(f_l), \psi(f_l)))$$

Since each  $(W_l, \varphi_l)$  is a positive dimensional real representation of  $G$ , there exists a member  $k(l)$  in the set  $\{1, \dots, m\}$  such that  $f_l(k(l)) \neq 0$ . By Theorem 4.1 there exists a subgroup  $H_{k(l)}$  of  $G$  isomorphic to  $(\mathbf{Z}_2)^{r-1}$  fixing  $V_{k(l)}$ . Let us fix some  $\beta, 0 \leq \beta \leq n$ . Let  $A_{k(\beta)}$  be the largest subset of  $\{1, \dots, m\}$  such that  $H_{k(\beta)}$  fixes  $V_j, j \in A_{k(\beta)}$ . Let  $A_{k(\beta)}$  be the disjoint union of  $B_{k(\beta)}$  and  $C_{k(\beta)}$  where  $B_{k(\beta)}$  consists of all  $j \in A_{k(\beta)}$  such that  $V_j$  is one dimensional and  $C_{k(\beta)}$  consists of all  $j \in A_{k(\beta)}$  such that  $V_j$  is two dimensional. Let

$$\sum_{j \in B_{k(\beta)}} f_l(j) + \sum_{j \in C_{k(\beta)}} 2f_l(j) = \Delta(l, \beta) \in \mathbf{Z}^+.$$

Since  $f_\beta(k(\beta)) \neq 0$  and  $A_{k(\beta)}$  contains  $k(\beta)$ ,  $\Delta(\beta, \beta)$  cannot be zero. From (1) we get

$$(2) \quad F_{H_{k(\beta)}}(\partial D, \eta) = F_{H_{k(\beta)}}\left(\bigcup_{l=0}^n (F^l \times (S(f_l), \psi(f_l)))\right).$$

Suppose  $F_{H_{k(\beta)}}(D) = F^*$  and  $\mathbf{Z}_{2,\beta} \approx \mathbf{Z}$  be the complement of  $H_{k(\beta)}$  in  $(\mathbf{Z}_2)^{r-1}$ . Then from (2) we have

$$(\partial F^*, \eta|_{\mathbf{Z}_{2,\beta}}) = \bigcup_{l=0}^n (F^l \times (S^{\Delta(l,\beta)-1}, a))$$

where  $a$  is the antipodal involution. Since  $D$  is  $\mathbf{P}$ -free,  $F^*$  will have stationary point free action of  $\mathbf{Z}_{2,\beta}$ . Therefore  $[\partial F^*, \eta|_{\mathbf{Z}_{2,\beta}}]$  is zero in  $\mathcal{K}_*(\mathbf{Z}_{2,\beta}, \Gamma_1)$  so that

$$(3) \quad \sum_{l=0}^n [F^l][S^{\Delta(l,\beta)-1}, a] = 0$$

in  $\mathcal{K}_*(\mathbf{Z}_{2,\beta}, \Gamma_1)$  where  $\Gamma_1$  is the family in  $\mathbf{Z}_{2,\beta}$  consisting of only trivial subgroup of  $\mathbf{Z}_{2,\beta}$ . We know that  $\mathcal{K}_*(\mathbf{Z}_2, \Gamma_1)$  is the free  $\mathcal{K}_*$ -module with generators  $\{[S^n, a], n \in \mathbf{Z}^+\}$ .

Therefore (3) gives  $[F^\beta]=0$ , since  $\Delta(\beta, \beta) \neq 0$ . By varying  $\beta$ , one concludes that  $[F^\beta]=0$ ,  $\beta=0, \dots, n$ . Hence  $[F]=0$  in  $\kappa_*$ . Also

$$j_*[M^n, \theta] = \sum_{i=0}^n [F^i][D(f_i), \psi(f_i)] = 0.$$

By Theorem 3.6,  $j_*$  is a monomorphism and therefore one infers that  $[M^n, \theta]$  is zero in  $\kappa_*(G; \mathbb{Z})$ . This completes the proof of the Theorem.

Combining Corollary 3.7 and Theorem 4.3, one infers that the fixed point data of the subgroup  $G_2$  determines the equivariant bordism class of a  $G$ -manifold  $(M^n, \theta)$ .

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