

Suspension splittings of manifolds and their applications

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- $\Sigma(\prod_{i=1}^m X_i) \simeq \bigvee_{\{i_1, \dots, i_k\} \subseteq [m]} \Sigma X_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge X_{i_k}$
- $\Sigma(\underline{X}, \underline{A})^K \simeq \bigvee_{I \subseteq [m]} \Sigma(\widehat{\underline{X}, \underline{A}})^{K_I}$
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Classification of 2-dim manifolds: $M \cong \#^g S^1 \times S^1 \cong \boxed{\bigvee_{i=1}^{2g} S^1} \cup \boxed{e^2}$

i	0	1	2	≥ 3
$H_i(M)$	\mathbb{Z}	$\boxed{\bigoplus_{i=1}^{2g} \mathbb{Z}}$	$\boxed{\mathbb{Z}}$	0

Application I: Generalized cohomology theory

A **reduced generalized cohomology theory** $\{E^n(-) : CW_* \rightarrow Ab\}$ is a sequence of contravariant functors satisfying

- $E^n(X) \cong E^{n+1}(\Sigma X)$;
- If $f \simeq g : X \rightarrow Y$ then $f^* = g^* : E^n(Y) \rightarrow E^n(X)$;
- For inclusion $A \hookrightarrow X$ there is an exact sequence

$$E^n(X/A) \rightarrow E^n(X) \rightarrow E^n(A);$$

- For any wedge sum $X = \bigvee X_\alpha$ the inclusions $\iota_\alpha : X_\alpha \hookrightarrow X$ induce an isomorphism

$$\prod \iota_\alpha^* : E^n(X) \rightarrow \prod E^n(X_\alpha).$$

Examples: singular cohomology, topological K -theory, cobordism theories, etc

Proposition

Let $E^*(-)$ be a reduced generalized cohomology theory, and let M be a 2-dim orientable closed manifold. Then there is a group isomorphism

$$E^*(M) \cong \boxed{\bigoplus_{i=1}^{2g} E^*(S^1)} \oplus \boxed{E^*(S^2)}.$$

Proof: Let $E^n(-) \cong [-, K_n]$ for some Ω -spectrum $\{K_n\}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} E^n(M) &\cong [M, K_n] \\ &\cong [\Sigma M, K_{n+1}] \\ &\cong [\bigvee_{i=1}^{2g} S^2 \vee S^3, K_{n+1}] \\ &\cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^{2g} [S^2, K_{n+1}] \oplus [S^3, K_{n+1}] \\ &\cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^{2g} [S^1, K_n] \oplus [S^2, K_n] \\ &\cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^{2g} E^n(S^1) \oplus E^n(S^2) \end{aligned}$$

Application II: Gauge groups

- Let G be a topological group.
- Let $\pi : P \rightarrow M$ be a principal G -bundle over M .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \{\text{isom classes of prin } G\text{-bundles}\} & \xleftrightarrow{1:1} & [M, BG] \\ \pi : P \rightarrow M & & \alpha \end{array}$$

- The **gauge group** $\mathcal{G}_\alpha(M; G)$ of P is the topological group of G -equivariant automorphisms of P that fix M

$$\mathcal{G}_\alpha(M; G) = \left\{ \varphi \in \text{Aut}(P) \mid \begin{array}{c} P \xrightarrow{\varphi} P \\ \downarrow \pi \qquad \qquad \downarrow \pi \\ M = M \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{c} P \xrightarrow{\varphi} P \\ \downarrow g \qquad \qquad \downarrow g \\ P \xrightarrow{\varphi} P \end{array} \right\}$$

- The topology of gauge groups relates to the Donaldson's Theory, the homotopy theory of moduli spaces of stable vector bundles, etc

If G is a simple, connected, compact Lie group, then $[M, BG] \cong \mathbb{Z}$ and P is classified by its first Chern class $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$.

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Let G be a simple, connected, compact Lie group and let M be an orientable closed 2-dim manifold. Let P be a principal G -bundle with first Chern class α . Then there is a homotopy equivalence

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Theorem (Sutherland,92)

Let M be a closed Riemann surface and let $G = U(n)$. For any integers α, β

1. if $\mathcal{G}_\alpha(M, U(n)) \simeq \mathcal{G}_\beta(M, U(n))$ then $\gcd(\alpha, n) = \gcd(\beta, n)$;
2. if $\gcd(\alpha, n) = \gcd(\beta, n)$ then $\mathcal{G}_\alpha(M, U(n)) \simeq \mathcal{G}_\beta(M, U(n))$ after completion at any prime.

4-dimensional smooth manifolds

M : an orientable, closed, connected, smooth 4-manifold

i	0	1	2	3	4
$H_i(M)$	\mathbb{Z}	\mathbb{Z}^m \oplus $\bigoplus_{j=1}^l \mathbb{Z}/t_j$	\mathbb{Z}^n \oplus $\bigoplus_{j=1}^l \mathbb{Z}/t_j$	\mathbb{Z}^m	\mathbb{Z}

where $\bigoplus_{j=1}^l \mathbb{Z}/t_j$ is the torsion part of $H_1(M)$ and $H_2(M)$.

Theorem (S.-Theriault)

Let M be an orientable, closed, connected, smooth 4-manifold. Suppose $H_1(M)$ has no 2-torsion elements. If M is spin ($Sq^2 : H^2(M; \mathbb{Z}/2) \rightarrow H^4(M; \mathbb{Z}/2)$ is trivial), then

$$\Sigma M \simeq \bigvee_{i=1}^m S^2 \vee \bigvee_{j=1}^l P^3(t_j) \vee \bigvee_{k=1}^n S^3 \vee \bigvee_{j=1}^l P^4(t_j) \vee \bigvee_{i=1}^m S^4 \vee S^5.$$

If M is non-spin ($Sq^2 : H^2(M; \mathbb{Z}/2) \rightarrow H^4(M; \mathbb{Z}/2)$ is non-trivial), then

$$\Sigma M \simeq \bigvee_{i=1}^m S^2 \vee \bigvee_{j=1}^l P^3(t_j) \vee \bigvee_{k=1}^{n-1} S^3 \vee \bigvee_{j=1}^l P^4(t_j) \vee \bigvee_{i=1}^m S^4 \vee \Sigma \mathbb{CP}^2.$$

where $P^{i+1}(t) = S^i \cup_t e^{i+1}$ is the mod- t Moore space

Application I: Generalized cohomology theory

Theorem (S.-Theriault)

Let $E^*(-)$ be a reduced generalized cohomology theory. If M is spin, then there is a group isomorphism

$$E^*(M) \cong E^*(S^4) \oplus \boxed{\bigoplus_{i=1}^m E^*(S^3)} \oplus \boxed{\bigoplus_{j=1}^l E^*(P^3(t_j))} \oplus \\ \boxed{\bigoplus_{k=1}^n E^*(S^2)} \oplus \boxed{\bigoplus_{j=1}^l E^*(P^2(t_j))} \oplus \boxed{\bigoplus_{i=1}^m E^*(S^1)}.$$

If M is non-spin, then

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Application II: Gauge groups

Suppose G is a simple, simply connected, compact Lie group. Then

- $[M, BG] \cong H^4(M) \cong \mathbb{Z}$
- P is classified by its second Chern class α .

Theorem (S.-Theriault)

Assume M satisfies the conditions of the Theorem. If M is spin there is a homotopy equivalence

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{G}_\alpha(M; G) \simeq & \quad \boxed{\mathcal{G}_\alpha(S^4; G)} \times \boxed{\prod_{i=1}^m \Omega^3 G} \times \boxed{\prod_{j=1}^l \Omega^3 G\{t_j\}} \times \\ & \quad \boxed{\prod_{k=1}^n \Omega^2 G} \times \boxed{\prod_{j=1}^l \Omega^2 G\{t_j\}} \times \boxed{\prod_{i=1}^m \Omega G}. \end{aligned}$$

If M is non-spin and $\pi_1(M)$ is a graph product of \mathbb{Z} and $\mathbb{Z}/t_j\mathbb{Z}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{G}_\alpha(M; G) \simeq & \quad \boxed{\mathcal{G}_\alpha(\mathbb{CP}^2; G)} \times \boxed{\prod_{i=1}^m \Omega^3 G} \times \boxed{\prod_{j=1}^l \Omega^3 G\{t_j\}} \times \\ & \quad \boxed{\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \Omega^2 G} \times \boxed{\prod_{j=1}^l \Omega^2 G\{t_j\}} \times \boxed{\prod_{i=1}^m \Omega G}. \end{aligned}$$

where $\Omega^n G = \text{Map}^*(S^n, G)$ and $\Omega^n G\{k\} = \text{Map}^*(P^n(k), G)$.

Example

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As M is non-spin we have

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma M &\simeq [\Sigma \mathbb{CP}^2] \vee [S^4] \vee [S^2] \\ E^*(M) &\cong [E^*(\mathbb{CP}^2)] \oplus [E^*(S^3)] \vee [E^*(S^1)] \\ \mathcal{G}_\alpha(M; G) &\simeq [\mathcal{G}_\alpha(\mathbb{CP}^2; G)] \times [\Omega^3 G] \times [\Omega G]\end{aligned}$$

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Topological \tilde{K} -theory: $\tilde{K}^0(M) \cong \mathbb{Z}^2$ and $\tilde{K}^1(M) \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$

6-dimensional smooth manifolds

M : orientable, closed, simply connected, smooth 6-manifold

i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6				
$H_i(M)$	\mathbb{Z}	0	\mathbb{Z}^m	\oplus	T	\mathbb{Z}^{2n}	\oplus	T	\mathbb{Z}^m	0	\mathbb{Z}

where $T = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{\ell} \mathbb{Z}/t_j\mathbb{Z}$ is the torsion part of $H_2(M)$

Theorem (Cutler-S.)

Let M be an orientable, closed, simply-connected, smooth 6-manifold. Take localization away from 2. If $\mathcal{P}^1 : H^2(M; \mathbb{Z}/3) \rightarrow H^6(M; \mathbb{Z}/3)$ is trivial, then

$$\Sigma M \simeq_{(2)} \boxed{\bigvee_{i=1}^m S^3} \vee \boxed{\bigvee_{j=1}^{\ell} P^4(t_j)} \vee \boxed{\bigvee_{k=1}^{2n} S^4} \vee \boxed{\bigvee_{j=1}^{\ell} P^5(t_j)} \vee \boxed{\bigvee_{i=1}^m S^5} \vee \boxed{S^7}.$$

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$$\Sigma M \simeq_{(2)} \boxed{\bigvee_{i=1}^m S^3} \vee \boxed{\bigvee_{\substack{1 \leq j \leq \ell \\ j \neq \bar{c}}} P^4(t_j)} \vee \boxed{\bigvee_{k=1}^{2n} S^4} \vee \boxed{\bigvee_{j=1}^{\ell} P^5(t_j)} \vee \boxed{\bigvee_{i=1}^m S^5} \vee \boxed{C_{\bar{c}}}$$

where $C_{\bar{c}} \simeq P^4(3^r) \cup e^7$

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$H_i(M)$	\mathbb{Z}	0	\mathbb{Z}^m	\oplus	T	\mathbb{Z}^{2n}	\oplus	T	\mathbb{Z}^m	0	\mathbb{Z}

Theorem (Huang)

Let M be an orientable, closed, simply-connected, smooth 6-manifold. Suppose $H_*(M)$ has no 2- or 3-torsion elements. Then

$$\Sigma^2 M \simeq \boxed{\bigvee_{i=1}^{m-t-1} S^4} \vee \boxed{\bigvee_{s=1}^{t-1} \Sigma^2 \mathbb{CP}^2} \vee \boxed{\bigvee_{j=1}^l P^5(t_j)} \vee \boxed{\bigvee_{k=1}^{2n} S^5} \vee \\ \boxed{\bigvee_{j=1}^l P^6(t_j)} \vee \boxed{\bigvee_{i=1}^{m-t-1} S^6} \vee \boxed{\Sigma W_t}$$

for some number $t \in \{0, \dots, m\}$, where

$$W_t \simeq \begin{cases} (S^3 \vee S^5) \cup e^7 & t = 0 \\ (\Sigma \mathbb{CP}^2 \vee S^3 \vee S^5) \cup e^7 & 1 \leq t \leq m-1 \\ \Sigma \mathbb{CP}^2 \cup e^7 & t = m \end{cases}$$

Application I: Generalized cohomology theory

Notation: For finitely generated abelian groups A, B we write

$$A \cong_{(2)} B \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad A \otimes \mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{2}] \cong B \otimes \mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{2}] \text{ where } \mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{2}] = \{\frac{a}{2^r} \in \mathbb{Q}\}$$

Theorem (Cutler-S.)

Let $E^*(-)$ be a reduced generalized cohomology theory. If $\mathcal{P}^1 : H^2(M; \mathbb{Z}/3) \rightarrow H^6(M; \mathbb{Z}/3)$ is trivial, then there is a group isomorphism

$$E^*(M) \cong_{(2)} E^*(S^6) \oplus \boxed{\bigoplus_{i=1}^m E^*(S^4)} \oplus \boxed{\bigoplus_{j=1}^l E^*(P^4(t_j))} \oplus \\ \boxed{\bigoplus_{k=1}^{2n} E^*(S^3)} \oplus \boxed{\bigoplus_{j=1}^\ell E^*(P^3(t_j))} \oplus \boxed{\bigoplus_{i=1}^m E^*(S^2)}.$$

If $\mathcal{P}^1 : H^2(M; \mathbb{Z}/3) \rightarrow H^6(M; \mathbb{Z}/3)$ is non-trivial, then

$$E^*(M) \cong_{(2)} E^*(\mathbb{CP}^3) \oplus \boxed{\bigoplus_{i=1}^{m-1} E^*(S^4)} \oplus \boxed{\bigoplus_{j=1}^l E^*(P^4(t_j))} \oplus \\ \boxed{\bigoplus_{k=1}^{2n} E^*(S^3)} \oplus \boxed{\bigoplus_{j=1}^\ell E^*(P^3(t_j))} \oplus \boxed{\bigoplus_{i=1}^{m-1} E^*(S^2)}$$

$$E^*(M) \cong_{(2)} E^{*+1}(C_{\bar{c}}) \oplus \boxed{\bigoplus_{i=1}^m E^*(S^4)} \oplus \boxed{\bigoplus_{j=1}^l E^*(P^4(t_j))} \oplus \\ \boxed{\bigoplus_{k=1}^{2n} E^*(S^3)} \oplus \boxed{\bigoplus_{\substack{1 \leq j \leq \ell \\ j \neq \bar{c}}} E^*(P^3(t_j))} \oplus \boxed{\bigoplus_{i=1}^m E^*(S^2)}$$

Theorem (Huang)

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for some number $t \in \{0, \dots, m\}$.

Application II: Gauge groups

Denote the gauge group of the trivial bundle $P = M \times G$ by $\mathcal{G}_0(M; G)$.

Theorem (Cutler-S.)

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For $G = SU(n)$, $n \geq 3$, a principal $SU(n)$ -bundle P is determined by

$$c_2(P) \in \mathbb{Z}^m \quad \text{and} \quad c_3(P) \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Theorem (Cutler-S.)

Denote by $\mathcal{G}_{0,k}(M; SU(n))$ the gauge group of P with trivial $c_2(P)$ and $c_3(P) = k$. If $\mathcal{P}^1 : H^2(M; \mathbb{Z}/3) \rightarrow H^6(M; \mathbb{Z}/3)$ is trivial then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{G}_{0,k}(M; SU(n)) &\simeq_{(2)} \boxed{\mathcal{G}_{0,k}(M'; SU(n))} \times \boxed{\prod_{k=1}^{2n} \Omega^3 SU(n)} \times \\ &\quad \boxed{\prod_{j=1}^{\ell} \Omega^3 SU(n)\{t_j\}} \times \boxed{\prod_{i=1}^m \Omega^2 SU(n)}. \end{aligned}$$

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Here M' , M'' , M''' are 6-dim CW complexes.

Higher dimensional manifolds

M : orientable, closed, $(n - 1)$ -connected, $2n$ -dimensional manifold

i	0	$1 \leq i \leq n - 1$	n	$n + 1 \leq i \leq 2n - 1$	$2n$
$H_i(M)$	\mathbb{Z}	0	\mathbb{Z}^m	0	\mathbb{Z}

Theorem (Huang, 21)

If $n \equiv 3, 5, 6, 7 \pmod{8}$ then

$$\Sigma M \simeq [S^{2n+1}] \vee [\bigvee_{i=1}^m S^{n+1}], \quad \mathcal{G}_\alpha(M; G) \simeq [\mathcal{G}_\alpha(S^{2n})] \times [\prod_{i=1}^m \Omega^n G]$$

If $n \equiv 0, 1, 2, 4 \pmod{8}$ and $m \geq 2$ then

$$\Sigma M \simeq [\Sigma X] \vee [\bigvee_{i=1}^{m-1} S^{n+1}], \quad \mathcal{G}_\alpha(M; G) \simeq [\mathcal{G}_\alpha(X)] \times [\prod_{i=1}^{m-1} \Omega^n G]$$

where $X = S^n \cup e^{2n}$

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