

## ORIENTED AND WEAKLY COMPLEX BORDISM OF FREE METACYCLIC ACTIONS

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**Abstract.** Oriented and weakly complex bordism modules of free metacyclic actions are determined up to the Kasparov formula which describes the bordism classes of generalized lens spaces in terms of a linear combination of those of the standard lens spaces. In the oriented case for  $p=2$  (the dihedral case), the module structure is particularly simple because the corresponding Kasparov formula reduces to the multiplication by  $\pm 1$ . We also compute the abelian group structure of these bordisms in case  $p \geq 2$  a prime and  $q \geq 3$  an odd prime. Of independent interest is the canonical projections defined on these bordism modules which select a direct summand with one generator in each  $2pj-1$  dimension ( $j=1, 2, \dots$ ).

### 1. Introduction.

Let  $Z_{q,p}$  be the metacyclic group

$$Z_{q,p} = \{x, y \mid x^q = y^p = 1, yxy^{-1} = x^r\}$$

where  $p \geq 2$  is a prime integer,  $q \geq 3$  is an odd integer and  $r$  is a primitive  $p$ -th root of 1 mod  $q$  such that  $(r-1, q)=1$ . (So  $r \equiv -1 \pmod q$  when  $p=2$ .) By virtue of Fermat's theorem, these conditions imply  $(p, q)=1$ .

Obviously there is an exact sequence

$$1 \longrightarrow Z_q \xrightarrow{i} Z_{q,p} \xleftarrow[\pi]{s} Z_p \longrightarrow 1$$

with  $s$  a cross-section defined by  $s(\bar{y})=y$ .

Kamata—Minami [3] determined the additive structure of the weakly complex reduced bordism group of the free dihedral group actions  $\tilde{\Omega}_m^U(Z_{q,2})$  in case  $q$  is an odd prime. Here we generalize their results to the cases for the oriented and weakly complex bordism modules  $\tilde{\Omega}_*^{SO}(Z_{q,p})$  and  $\tilde{\Omega}_*^U(Z_{q,p})$  of the free metacyclic actions.

For the basic notations and prerequisites, we refer the reader to the introductory part and §1 of Kamata—Minami [3].

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**2. The module structure of  $\tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_{q,p})$ ;  $L=SO, U$**

First we recall the basic fact about  $\tilde{\Omega}(Z_{q,p})$  from Lazarov [5].

**Lemma 2.1.** (Lazarov [5]).

- (1)  $i_*: \tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_q) \rightarrow \tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_{q,p})$  is surjective onto the  $q$ -torsion.
- (2)  $s_*: \tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_p) \rightarrow \tilde{\Omega}(Z_{q,p})$  is injective onto the  $p$ -torsion (which is a direct summand as an  $\tilde{\Omega}_*^L$ -module because  $\pi_* \circ s = \text{id}$ ).

The proof is done by calculating the integral homology  $H_*(Z_{q,p}; Z)$ . Thanks to our assumption on  $p, q$  and  $r$  stated in the introduction, Lazarov's proof still works here in a slightly generalized situation.

Therefore it suffices to know the kernel of  $i_*$  for the determination of the module structure  $\tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_{q,p})$  because we already know the structure of  $\tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_m)$  (Conner-Floyd [1], Kamata [2], Shibata [6]).

Let

$$T_{(q,j)}: Z_q \times S^{2n-1} \rightarrow S^{2n-1}$$

denote the  $Z_q$ -action on the  $(2n-1)$ -dimensional sphere defined by  $T_{(q,j)}(x^h, z) = \rho^{hj}z$ , where  $\rho = \exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1}/q)$ . This is a free action if  $j$  is a unit in  $Z_q$ .

Let us consider the images of the  $[T_{(q,rj)}, S^{2n-1}]$  by the canonical homomorphism

$$i_*: \tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_q) \rightarrow \tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_{q,p}).$$

**Lemma 2.2.**

$$i_*[T_{(q,rj)}, S^{2n-1}] = [\hat{T}_{(q,rj)}, Z_p \times S^{2n-1}],$$

where  $\hat{T}_{(q,rj)}(x, (\bar{y}^h, z)) = (\bar{y}^h, \rho^{rj-h}z)$  and  $\hat{T}_{(q,rj)}(y, (\bar{y}^h, z)) = (\bar{y}^{h+1}, z)$ .

Proof. The map  $i_*$  is the extension (see Conner-Floyd [1] page 53), and so

$$i_*[T_{(q,rj)}, S^{2n-1}] = [\tilde{T}_{(q,rj)}, Z_{q,p} \times_{Z_q} S^{2n-1}]$$

where  $\tilde{T}_{(q,rj)}$  is the natural operation of  $Z_{q,p}$  on  $Z_{q,p} \times_{Z_q} S^{2n-1}$  from the left. There is an  $L$ -structure preserving ( $L=SO$  or  $U$ ),  $Z_{q,p}$ -equivariant diffeomorphism

$$\phi_j: (\tilde{T}_{(q,rj)}, Z_{q,p} \times_{Z_q} S^{2n-1}) \rightarrow (\hat{T}_{(q,rj)}, Z_p \times S^{2n-1})$$

defined by  $\phi_j([x^a y^b, z]) = (\bar{y}^b, \rho^{arj-b}z)$ .

Hence the lemma follows.

**Corollary 2.3.**

$$i_*[T_{(q,1)}, S^{2n-1}] = i_*[T_{(q,r^j)}, S^{2n-1}]$$

for  $j=0, 1, 2, \dots, p-1$ .

Proof. From the preceding lemma, it suffices to find an  $L$ -structure preserving,  $Z_{q,p}$ -equivariant diffeomorphism

$$\psi_j: (\hat{T}_{(q,1)}, Z_p \times S^{2n-1}) \rightarrow (\hat{T}_{(q,r^j)}, Z_p \times S^{2n-1}).$$

In fact the formula  $\psi_j(\bar{y}^b, z) = (\bar{y}^{b+j}, z)$  defines a desired one.

Let  $t: \tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_{q,p}) \rightarrow \tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_q)$  be the transfer homomorphism, i.e. the homomorphism induced by the restriction of the action on the subgroup (Conner-Floyd [1] page 52).

**Lemma 2.4.**

$$t \circ i_*[T_{(q,1)}, S^{2n-1}] = \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} [T_{(q,r^j)}, S^{2n-1}].$$

Proof. The lemma is obvious from Lemma 2.2 and the definition of  $t$ .

DEFINITION 2.5. We define the elements  $\beta_{2n-1}$  ( $n=1, 2, \dots$ ) of  $\tilde{\Omega}_{2n-1}^L(Z_q)$  as follows.

- (1) In case  $(n, p) = 1$ ,  $\beta_{2n-1} = \sum_{0 \leq j < p-1} ([T_{(q,1)}, S^{2n-1}] - [T_{(q,r^j)}, S^{2n-1}])$ .
- (2)  $\beta_{2pm-1} = t \circ i_*[T_{(q,1)}, S^{2pm-1}] = \sum_{0 \leq j < p-1} [T_{(q,r^j)}, S^{2pm-1}]$ .

- Lemma 2.6.** (1)  $i_*\beta_{2n-1} = 0$  in case  $(n, p) = 1$ .  
 (2)  $t \circ i_*\beta_{2pm-1} = p\beta_{2pm-1}$ .

Proof. (1) is obvious from definition 2.5 and corollary 2.3. Also definition 2.5, corollary 2.3 and lemma 2.4 imply (2).

At this stage, we need the formula of Kasparov [4], which describes the unitary bordism classes of the generalized lens spaces as a linear combination of those of the standard lens spaces. We restate his formula only in the special case which we concern.

**Theorem 2.7** (Kasparov [4]). *In  $\tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_q)$ , the class  $[T_{(q,r^j)}, S^{2n-1}]$  is the coefficient of  $X^n$  in*

$$\left( \sum_{1 \leq k} [T_{(q,1)}, S^{2k-1}] X^k \right) (X/g^{-1}(r^jg(X)))^n$$

(or its image in  $\tilde{\Omega}_*^{SO}(Z_q)$  by the natural homomorphism  $\tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_q) \rightarrow \tilde{\Omega}_*^{SO}(Z_q)$ ), where  $g(X) = \sum_{1 \leq k} ([CP_{k-1}]/h) X^k$  is the logarithm of the cobordism formal group law, i.e.

“the Miscenko series”.

**Corollary 2.8.**

$$\beta_{2n-1} - p[T_{(q,1)}, S^{2n-1}] \in \Omega_*^L \{ [T_{(q,1)}, S^{2k-1}]; 1 \leq k \leq n-1 \},$$

where  $\Omega_*^L \{ \dots \}$  denotes the  $\Omega_*^L$ -submodule of  $\tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_q)$  generated by the elements  $\{ \dots \}$ .

Proof. By the Kasparov formula, we see that

$$[T_{(p,r^j)}, S^{2n-1}] - \left(\frac{1}{r^j}\right)^n [T_{(q,1)}, S^{2n-1}] \in \Omega_*^L \{ [T_{(q,1)}, S^{2j-1}]; 1 \leq j \leq n-1 \}.$$

Notice that here we can treat everything as reduced mod  $q$  since  $q[T_{(q,1)}, S^{2j-1}] \in \Omega_*^L \{ [T_{(q,1)}, S^{2h-1}]; 1 \leq h < j \}$  (Shibata [6]). In case  $n = kp$ ,  $\sum_{0 \leq j \leq p-1} \left(\frac{1}{r^j}\right)^n = \sum_{0 \leq j \leq p-1} (1/(r^p)^{kj}) \equiv p$ . Thus the lemma is true. Otherwise put  $n = kp + t$  ( $1 \leq t \leq p-1$ ). Then  $\sum_{0 \leq j \leq p-1} (1/r^j)^n = \sum_{0 \leq j \leq p-1} (r^{-t})^j \equiv 0 \pmod q$  since  $r^{-t}$  is a root of the equation  $x^p - 1 = (x-1)(x^{p-1} + \dots + x + 1) \equiv 0$  and  $r^{-t} - 1$  is a unit in  $Z_q$  by virtue of the condition  $(r-1, q) = 1$ . Therefore the lemma holds also in case  $(n, p) = 1$ .

**Corollary 2.9.**  $\Omega_*^L \{ [T_{(q,1)}, S^{2j-1}]; 1 \leq j \leq k \} = \Omega_*^L \{ \beta_{2j-1}; 1 \leq j \leq k \}$ . In particular,  $\tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_q) = \Omega_*^L \{ \beta_{2j-1}; 1 \leq j \}$ .

Proof. Since we are assuming  $(p, q) = 1$ , this corollary is easily proved by induction on  $k$  by virtue of 2.8.

Now we can state the main theorem of this section as follows.

**Theorem 2.10.** *There are the following exact sequences of  $\Omega_*^L$ -module homomorphisms*

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad & 0 \rightarrow \Omega_*^L \{ \beta_{2m-1}; 1 \leq m, (m, p) = 1 \} \xrightarrow{\iota \oplus 0} \\ & \rightarrow \tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_q) \oplus \tilde{\Omega}(Z_p) \xrightarrow{i_* + s_*} \tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_{q,p}) \rightarrow 0, \text{ and} \\ (2) \quad & 0 \rightarrow \tilde{\Omega}_*^L \{ \beta_{2pk-1}; 1 \leq k \} \oplus \tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_p) \xrightarrow{i_* + s_*} \tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_{q,p}) \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\iota$  is the canonical inclusion as a submodule,

$$\beta_{2m-1} = \begin{cases} p[T_{(q,1)}, S^{2m-1}] - \sum_{0 \leq j \leq p-1} [T_{(q,r^j)}, S^{2m-1}] & \text{if } (m, p) = 1, \text{ and} \\ \sum_{0 \leq j \leq p-1} [T_{(q,r^j)}, S^{2m-1}] & \text{if } p | m, \end{cases}$$

and the  $[T_{(q,r^j)}, S^{2m-1}]$  can be written down as a linear combination over  $\Omega_*^L$  of the  $[T_{(q,1)}, S^{2n-1}]$  ( $1 \leq n \leq m$ ) by the Kasparov formula (Theorem 2.7).

Proof. The proof is now obvious from 2.1, 2.6 and 2.9. We only indicate the proof of the fact that  $\text{Ker } i_* \subset \Omega_*^L \{ \beta_{2m-1}; 1 \leq m, (m, p) = 1 \}$ . Suppose  $x$  belongs to  $\text{Ker } i_*$  and is homogeneous of dimension  $2t-1$ . By 2.9,

$$x = \sum_{m=1}^t \alpha_{2(t-m)} \beta_{2m-1}$$

for some  $\alpha_{2(t-m)} \in \Omega_{2(t-m)}^L$ . Then  $0 = t \circ i_*(x) = \sum_{m=1}^{\lfloor t/p \rfloor} p \alpha_{2t-2pm} \beta_{2pm-1}$ . So  $\sum_{m=1}^{\lfloor t/p \rfloor} \alpha_{2t-2pm} \beta_{2pm-1} = 0$  and this implies  $x = x - \sum_{m=1}^{\lfloor t/p \rfloor} \alpha_{2t-2pm} \beta_{2pm-1} = \sum_{\substack{1 \leq m \leq t \\ (m, p) = 1}} \alpha_{2(t-m)} \beta_{2m-1}$  as desired.

### 3. The oriented case for $p=2$ .

There is a special simplicity for the oriented bordism of the free dihedral actions.

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $s$  be a unit in  $Z_q$ . It holds in  $\tilde{\Omega}_*^{SO}(Z_q)$  that*

$$[T_{(q,-s)}, S^{2n-1}] = (-1)^n [T_{(q,s)}, S^{2n-1}].$$

Proof. Consider the  $Z_q$ -equivariant diffeomorphism

$$c: (T_{(q,-s)}, S^{2n-1}) \rightarrow (T_{(q,s)}, S^{2n-1})$$

defined by  $c(z_0, \dots, z_{n-1}) = (\bar{z}_0, \dots, \bar{z}_{n-1})$ , i.e. the complex conjugation. Then  $c$  preserves the orientation when  $n$  is even and reverses when  $n$  is odd. *Q.E.D.*

It follows that, in  $\tilde{\Omega}_*^{SO}(Z_q)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_{4i+1} &= [T_{(q,1)}, S^{4i+1}] - [T_{(q,-1)}, S^{4i+1}] \\ &= 2[T_{(q,1)}, S^{4i+1}], \text{ and} \\ \beta_{4i-1} &= [T_{(q,1)}, S^{4i-1}] + [T_{(q,-1)}, S^{4i-1}] \\ &= 2[T_{(q,1)}, S^{4i-1}]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore theorem 2.10 of the last section reduces to the following.

**Theorem 3.2.** *There are the following exact sequences of  $\Omega_*^{SO}$ -module homomorphisms*

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad 0 \rightarrow \Omega_*^{SO} \{ [T_{(q,1)}, S^{4m+1}]; 0 \leq m \} &\xrightarrow{\iota \oplus 0} \\ \rightarrow \tilde{\Omega}_*^{SO}(Z_q) \oplus \tilde{\Omega}_*^{SO}(Z_2) &\xrightarrow{i_* + s_*} \tilde{\Omega}_*^{SO}(Z_{q,2}) \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (2) \quad 0 \rightarrow \Omega_*^{SO} \{ [T_{(q,1)}, S^{4m-1}]; 1 \leq m \} \oplus \tilde{\Omega}_*^{SO}(Z_2) &\rightarrow \\ \xrightarrow{i_* + s_*} \tilde{\Omega}_*^{SO}(Z_{q,2}) &\rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

REMARK 3.3. The module structures of  $\tilde{\Omega}_*^{SO}(Z_q)$  ( $q$  odd) and  $\tilde{\Omega}_*^{SO}(Z_2)$  are determined in Shibata [6]. According to 6.1 and 6.3 of Shibata [6], together with the fact that the natural homomorphism  $\Omega_*^U \rightarrow \Omega_*^{SO}/\text{Tor}$  kills the elements of dimension  $4j+2(j=0, 1, 2, \dots)$ , we see that the restriction of the Smith homomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta: \Omega_*^{SO}\{[T_{(q,1)}, S^{4m-1}]; 1 \leq m\} \rightarrow \\ \Omega_*^{SO}\{[T_{(q,1)}, S^{4m-3}]; 1 \leq m\} \end{aligned}$$

is an isomorphism, and thus  $\tilde{\Omega}_*^{SO}(Z_q)$  is a direct sum of two isomorphic copies (with dimension shift) of  $\Omega_*^{SO}$ -submodules.

REMARK 3.4. We can not expect such a simple phenomenon in the unitary bordism of the dihedral actions. For example,

$$\begin{aligned} [T_{(q,-1)}, S^3] &= [T_{(q,1)}, S^3] - 2[CP_1][T_{(q,1)}, S^1], \\ [T_{(q,-1)}, S^5] &= -[T_{(q,1)}, S^5] + 3[CP_1][T_{(q,1)}, S^3] \\ &\quad - 3[CP_1]^2[T_{(q,1)}, S^1], \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$t \circ i_*[T_{(q,1)}, S^3] = 2[T_{(q,1)}, S^3] - 2[CP_1][T_{(q,1)}, S^1], \neq 2[T_{(q,1)}, S^3],$$

and in case  $q > 3$ ,

$$t \circ i_*[T_{(q,1)}, S^5] = 3[CP_1][T_{(q,1)}, S^3] - 3[CP_1]^2[T_{(q,1)}, S^1] \neq 0$$

in  $\tilde{\Omega}_*^U(Z_q)$ .

Also when  $q=3$ ,

$$t \circ i_*[T_{(3,1)}, S^9] = 5[CP_1][T_{(3,1)}, S^7] - [CP_1]^2[T_{(3,1)}, S^5] + \dots \neq 0.$$

REMARK 3.5. Even in the oriented case, if we take the case for  $p \geq 3$ , the Kasparov formula becomes complicated. The lowest dimensional example is the case for  $p=3, q=7, r=2$ . The computation shows that

$$\begin{aligned} t \circ i_*[T_{(7,1)}, S^5] &= 3[T_{(7,1)}, S^5] + 4[CP_2][T_{(7,1)}, S^1] \neq 3[T_{(7,1)}, S^5], \\ t \circ i_*[T_{(7,1)}, S^9] &= 5[CP_2][T_{(7,1)}, S^5] + 2[CP_2]^2[T_{(7,1)}, S^1]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $t \circ i_*[T_{(7,1)}, S^9] \neq 0$  in  $\tilde{\Omega}_*^{SO}(Z_7)$ .

#### 4. Computation of abelian group structure of $\tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_{q,p})$ for $q$ an odd prime

In this section we present a generalization of the main theorem of Kamata-Minami [3] to the case for  $\tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_{q,p})$  with  $p \geq 2$  a prime and  $q \geq 3$  an odd prime. So in this section, we assume  $q$  an odd prime.

As in Kamata [2], let  $\Gamma_*(q)$  be the polynomial subring of  $\Omega_*^U = Z[x_1, x_2, \dots]$  which is generated by  $x_i$  ( $i \neq q-1$ ) (unitary case) or its image in  $\Omega_*^{SO}$  by the canonical homomorphism  $\Omega_*^U \rightarrow \Omega_*^{SO}$  (oriented case).

Analogously to Kamata-Minami [3], proposition 3.1, we obtain;

**Proposition 4.1.** *The following two conditions for the elements  $[M^{2(l-k)}] \in \Gamma_{\mathcal{X}(l-k)}(q)$  are equivalent;*

- (1)  $\sum_{k=1}^n [M^{2(l-k)}] \beta_{2k-1} = 0$  in  $\tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_q)$ , and
- (2)  $[M^{2(l-k)}] \in q^{[k^{-1}/q-1]+1} \Gamma_{\mathcal{X}(l-k)}(q)$ ,

where the  $\beta_{2k-1}$  are the module generators of  $\tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_q)$  defined in section 2.

Now  $\tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_q)$  can be considered as a  $\Gamma_*(q)$ -module and we denote by  $\Gamma_*(q)\{\dots\}$  the  $\Gamma_*(q)$ -submodule of  $\tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_q)$  generated by the elements  $\{\dots\}$ .

**Lemma 4.2.** *There is a  $\Gamma_*(q)$ -isomorphism*

$$\nu: \Gamma_*(q)\{[T_{(q,1)}, S^{2n-1}]; 1 \leq n\} \rightarrow \Gamma_*(q)\{\beta_{2n-1}; 1 \leq n\}$$

defined by  $\nu[T_{(q,1)}, S^{2n-1}] = \beta_{2n-1}$ .

Proof. According to proposition 4.1 and Kamata [2], proposition 2.5, the  $[T_{(q,1)}, S^{2n-1}]$  and the  $\beta_{2n-1}$  satisfy the same  $\Gamma_*(q)$ -module relations. Q.E.D.

**Corollary 4.3.**  $\tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_q) = \Gamma_*(q)\{[T_{(q,1)}, S^{2n-1}]; 1 \leq n\} = \Gamma_*(q)\{\beta_{2n-1}; 1 \leq n\}$ .

Proof. The first equality is a consequence of Kamata [2], proposition 2.6. So the map  $\nu$  of 4.2 defines an injective endomorphism of  $\tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_q)$  which is dimension preserving. But  $\tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_q)$  contains only a finite number of elements in each dimension, and thus the injectivity of  $\nu$  implies the surjectivity. This means  $\Gamma_*(q)\{\beta_{2n-1}; 1 \leq n\} = \text{Image } \nu = \tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_q)$ .

**Corollary 4.4.**  $\Omega_*^L\{\beta_{2pm-1}; 1 \leq m\} = \Gamma_*(q)\{\beta_{2pm-1}; 1 \leq m\}$

Proof. It is obvious that  $\Omega_*^L\{\beta_{2pm-1}; 1 \leq m\} \supset \Gamma_*(q)\{\beta_{2pm-1}; 1 \leq m\}$ . Conversely let

(\*)  $x = \sum_{m=0}^n \alpha_{2t+2(n-m)p} \beta_{2pm-1}; \alpha_{2t+2(n-m)p} \in \Omega_*^L$ . From the preceding corollary,  $\Omega_*^L\{\beta_{2j-1}; 1 \leq j\} \subset \Gamma_*(q)\{\beta_{2n-1}; 1 \leq n\}$ . So

$$(**) \quad x = \sum_{j=0}^{t+n/p} \gamma_{2t-2pn-2j} \beta_{2j-1}; \gamma_{2t+2pn-2j} \in \Gamma_*(q).$$

By (\*), we have  $t \circ i_*(x) = px$ . On the other hand, (\*\*) implies

$$t \circ i_*(x) = \sum_{m=1}^{n+[t/p]} p \gamma_{2t+2p(n-m)} \beta_{2pm-1}.$$

Therefore  $x = \sum_{m=1}^{n+[t/p]} \gamma_{2t+2p(n-m)} \beta_{2pm-1}$ . Q.E.D.

Now we are ready to prove the main theorem of this section.

**Theorem 4.5.** *The additive structure of  $\tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_{q,p})$  with  $q$  an odd prime is determined by the following exact sequence of  $\Gamma_*(q)$ -homomorphisms*

$$0 \rightarrow \Gamma_*(q) \{ \{ q^{[pj-1/q-1]+1} \beta_{2pj-1}; 1 \leq j \} \} \xrightarrow{\iota \oplus 0} \\ \rightarrow \Gamma_*(q) \{ \{ \beta_{2pj-1}; 1 \leq j \} \} \oplus \tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_p) \xrightarrow{i_* + s_*} \tilde{\Omega}(Z_{q,p}) \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $\Gamma_*(q) \{ \{ \dots \} \}$  denotes the free  $\Gamma_*(q)$ -module generated by  $\{ \dots \}$ .

Proof. According to 2.10 and 4.4,  $i_* + s_*$  is epimorphic. And 4.1 implies that the kernel of  $i_* + s_*$  is as stated in the theorem. Q.E.D.

REMARK 4.6. Except for the case  $\tilde{\Omega}_*^{SO}(Z_2)$ , it holds that additively

$$\tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_p) \cong \Gamma_*(p) \{ [T_{(p,1)}, S^{2^n-1}]; 1 \leq n \} / \\ \Gamma_*(p) \{ p^{[n-1/p-1]+1} [T_{(p,1)}, S^{2^n-1}]; 1 \leq n \}$$

(Kamata [2], proposition 2.6)

And, also additively,

$$\tilde{\Omega}_*^{SO}(Z_2) = \bigoplus_{j=0}^{\infty} E^{2j+1} \mathcal{W}_*,$$

where  $\mathcal{W}_*$  is Wall's polynomial subalgebra  $Z_2[X_{2k-1}, X_{2k}; k \neq 2^j, (X_{2j})^2]$  in  $\mathcal{R}_*$  and  $E^{2j+1}$  is the isomorphism of raising the dimension of each element by  $2j+1$ . (Shibata [6], corollary 3.3, lemma 4.1)

### 5. Canonical splitting for $\tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_q)$

According to the results of section 2, we have the following proposition.

**Proposition 5.1.** *Let  $p, q, r$  be as stated in the introduction. (1) There is the projection homomorphism*

$$\rho_{(p,r)}: \tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_q) \rightarrow \tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_q)$$

defined by  $\rho_{(p,r)} = \iota \circ (i_* | \Omega_* \{ \beta_{2pm-1}; 1 \leq m \})^{-1} \circ i_*$ .

(2) *The corresponding direct sum decomposition as  $\Omega_*^L$ -modules Image  $\rho_{(p,r)} \oplus \text{Ker } \rho_{(p,r)}$  is*

$$\tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_q) = \Omega_*^L \{ \beta_{2pm-1}; 1 \leq m \} \oplus \Omega_*^L \{ \beta_{2n-1}; 1 \leq n, (n, p) = 1 \}.$$

When  $p=2$ ,  $r$  is necessarily equal to  $-1$ , or equivalently,  $q-1$ .

**Corollary 5.2.** *Let  $q$  be an odd integer.*

(1) *The formulas*

$$\rho_2(\beta_{4n+1}) = 0, \rho_2(\beta_{4n+3}) = \beta_{4n+3}$$



define an  $\Omega_*^L$ -homomorphism

$$\rho_2: \tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_q) \rightarrow \tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_q)$$

which is a projection operator.

(2) The corresponding direct sum splitting is;

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Omega}_*^U(Z_q) &= \Omega_*^U\{\beta_{4n-1}; 1 \leq n\} \oplus \Omega_*^U\{\beta_{4n-3}; 1 \leq n\}, \\ \tilde{\Omega}_*^{SO}(Z_q) &= \Omega_*^{SO}\{[T_{(q,1)}, S^{4n-1}]; 1 \leq n\} \oplus \Omega_*^{SO}\{[T_{(q,1)}, S^{4n-3}]; 1 \leq n\}. \end{aligned}$$

I doubt if there is an analogous direct sum splitting for  $\tilde{\Omega}_*^U(Z_{2^a})$ ;  $a \geq 1$ .

In the rest of this section, we assume  $q$  an odd prime and  $p$  a prime such such that  $p \mid q-1$ .

By elementary number theory arguments we obtain the following fact.

**Lemma 5.3.** *The equation  $x^p - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod q$  has exactly  $p$  distinct roots in  $Z_q$ . If  $r \neq 1$  is one of them, then  $r, r^2, \dots, r^{p-1}$  are the primitive  $p$ -th roots mod  $q$  and  $x^p - 1 \equiv \prod_{j=0}^{p-1} (x - r^j) \pmod q$ .*

**Theorem 5.4.** *For  $q \geq 3$  an odd prime and  $p$  a prime such that  $p \mid q-1$ , there is the canonical projection*

$$\rho_p: \tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_q) \rightarrow \tilde{\Omega}_*^L(Z_q)$$

which gives the canonical direct sum decomposition

$$\Omega_*^L(Z_q) = \tilde{\Omega}_*^L\{\beta_{2pm-1}; 1 \leq m\} \oplus \Omega_*^L\{\beta_{2n-1}; 1 \leq n, (n, p) = 1\},$$

and in particular for  $p$  an odd prime,

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Omega}_*^{SO}(Z_q) &= \Omega_*^{SO}\{\beta_{4pm-1}; 1 \leq m\} \oplus \Omega_*^{SO}\{\beta_{4pm-2p-1}; 1 \leq m\} \\ &\oplus \Omega_*^{SO}\{\beta_{4n-1}; 1 \leq n, (n, p) = 1\} \\ &\oplus \Omega_*^{SO}\{\beta_{4n-3}; 1 \leq n, (2n-1, p) = 1\}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Lemma 5.3 implies that we can find primitive  $p$ -th roots in  $Z_q$  and that the definition of the  $\beta_{2n-1}$  does not depend on the choice of a  $p$ -th root. Hence the theorem follows from 5.1.

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