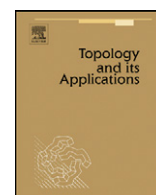




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ABSTRACT

Let F be the real number field R or the complex number field C , and let RP^n denote the real projective n -space. In this paper, we study the conditions for a given F -vector bundle over RP^n to be stably extendible to RP^m for every $m > n$, and establish the formulas on the power $\zeta^r = \zeta \otimes \cdots \otimes \zeta$ (r -fold) of an F -vector bundle ζ over RP^n . Our results are improvements of the previous papers [T. Kobayashi, H. Yamasaki, T. Yoshida, The power of the tangent bundle of the real projective space, its complexification and extendibility, Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. 134 (2005) 303–310] and [Y. Hemmi, T. Kobayashi, Min Lwin Oo, The power of the normal bundle associated to an immersion of RP^n , its complexification and extendibility, Hiroshima Math. J. 37 (2007) 101–109]. Furthermore, we answer the stable splitting problem for F -vector bundles over RP^n by means of arithmetic conditions.

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1. Introduction

Let F be either the real number field R or the complex number field C , and let X be a space and A its subspace. A t -dimensional F -vector bundle ζ over A is said to be stably extendible (respectively extendible) to X if and only if there is a t -dimensional F -vector bundle over X whose restriction to A is stably equivalent (respectively equivalent) to ζ (cf. [4,10]). For simplicity, we use the same letter for a vector bundle and its equivalence class.

In this paper, we study the problem of determining conditions for a given F -vector bundle over RP^n to be stably extendible to RP^m for every $m \geq n$. In case $F = R$, the answers for the problem have been obtained when ζ is the power τ^r of the tangent bundle $\tau = \tau(RP^n)$ of RP^n [8] and when ζ is the power ν^r of the normal bundle ν associated to an immersion of RP^n in euclidean space in [2]. These results are as follows.

Let \otimes denote the tensor product and $\phi(n)$ the number of integers q such that $0 < q \leq n$ and $q \equiv 0, 1, 2$ or $4 \pmod{8}$.

Theorem 1.1. (Cf. [8, Theorem A].) Let $\tau^r = \tau(RP^n) \otimes \cdots \otimes \tau(RP^n)$ be the r -fold power of the tangent bundle $\tau(RP^n)$. Then τ^r is stably extendible to RP^m for every $m \geq n$ if and only if there is an integer x satisfying

$$(n+2)^r - n^r \leq x2^{\phi(n)+1} \leq (n+2)^r + n^r.$$

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Theorem 1.2. (Cf. [2, Theorem 3.2].) Let $v^r = v \otimes \cdots \otimes v$ be the r -fold power of the normal bundle v associated to an immersion of RP^n in euclidean $(n + k)$ -space R^{n+k} , where $k > 0$. Then v^r is stably extendible to RP^m for every $m \geq n$ if and only if there is an integer x satisfying

$$(2n + k + 2)^r - k^r \leq x2^{\phi(n)+1} \leq (2n + k + 2)^r + k^r.$$

The first purpose of this paper is to obtain the complete answer for any R -vector bundle over RP^n . Let ξ_n be the canonical line bundle over RP^n . Then, for any R -vector bundle ζ over RP^n , there is an integer s such that ζ is stably equivalent to $s\xi_n$ (cf. [1, Theorem 7.4]). We have

Theorem A. Let ζ be a t -dimensional R -vector bundle over RP^n which is stably equivalent to $s\xi_n$, where s is an integer. Then ζ is stably extendible to RP^m for every $m \geq n$ if and only if there is an integer a satisfying

$$-s \leq a2^{\phi(n)} \leq t - s.$$

As an application to the r -fold power, we have

Theorem B. Let ζ be a t -dimensional R -vector bundle over RP^n which is stably equivalent to $s\xi_n$, where s is an integer, and let $\zeta^r = \zeta \otimes \cdots \otimes \zeta$ be the r -fold power of ζ . Then ζ^r is stably extendible to RP^m for every $m \geq n$ if and only if there is an integer a satisfying

$$(t - 2s)^r - t^r \leq a2^{\phi(n)+1} \leq (t - 2s)^r + t^r.$$

Theorem B is an improvement of Theorem 1.1. In fact, for the tangent bundle $\tau = \tau(RP^n)$, we have $s = n + 1$ and $t = n$. Hence we obtain the inequalities of Theorem 1.1 by using x instead of a in the inequalities of Theorem B if r is even, and $-x$ instead of a in the inequalities of Theorem B if r is odd. Furthermore, this is also an improvement of Theorem 1.2. In fact, for the normal bundle associated to an immersion of RP^n in R^{n+k} , we have $s = -n - 1$ and $t = k$. Hence we obtain the inequalities of Theorem 1.2 by using x instead of a in the inequalities of Theorem B.

In case $F = C$, the answers for the problem have been obtained when ζ is the complexification $c\tau^r$ of the power τ^r in [8] and when ζ is the complexification cv^r of the power v^r in [2]. These results are as follows.

For a real number z , let $[z]$ denote the largest integer n with $n \leq z$.

Theorem 1.3. (Cf. [8, Theorem B].) Let $c\tau^r = c(\tau(RP^n) \otimes \cdots \otimes \tau(RP^n))$ be the complexification of the r -fold power τ^r of the tangent bundle $\tau(RP^n)$. Then $c\tau^r$ is stably extendible to RP^m for every $m \geq n$ if and only if there is an integer y satisfying

$$(n + 2)^r - n^r \leq y2^{[n/2]-1} \leq (n + 2)^r + n^r.$$

Theorem 1.4. (Cf. [2, Theorem 5.2].) Let $cv^r = c(v \otimes \cdots \otimes v)$ be the complexification of the r -fold power v^r of the normal bundle v associated to an immersion of RP^n in R^{n+k} , where $k > 0$. Then cv^r is stably extendible to RP^m for every $m \geq n$ if and only if there is an integer y satisfying

$$(2n + k + 2)^r - k^r \leq y2^{[n/2]+1} \leq (2n + k + 2)^r + k^r.$$

The second purpose of this paper is to obtain the complete answer for any C -vector bundle over RP^n . Let $c\xi_n$ be the complexification of the canonical line bundle over RP^n . Then, for any C -vector bundle ζ over RP^n , there is an integer s such that ζ is stably equivalent to $sc\xi_n$ (cf. [9, Theorem 3.8]). We have

Theorem C. Let ζ be a t -dimensional C -vector bundle over RP^n which is stably equivalent to $sc\xi_n$, where s is an integer. Then ζ is stably extendible to RP^m for every $m \geq n$ if and only if there is an integer b satisfying

$$-s \leq b2^{[n/2]} \leq t - s.$$

As an application to the r -fold power, we have

Theorem D. Let ζ be a t -dimensional C -vector bundle over RP^n which is stably equivalent to $sc\xi_n$, where s is an integer, and let $\zeta^r = \zeta \otimes \cdots \otimes \zeta$ be the r -fold power of ζ . Then ζ^r is stably extendible to RP^m for every $m \geq n$ if and only if there is an integer b satisfying

$$(t - 2s)^r - t^r \leq b2^{[n/2]+1} \leq (t - 2s)^r + t^r.$$

As in the previous case, Theorem D is an improvement of Theorems 1.3 and 1.4.

Finally, we study the problem of determining the conditions for a given t -dimensional F -vector bundle over RP^n to be stably equivalent to a sum of t F -line bundles over RP^n , where $F = R$ or C . This problem is the stable splitting problem for F -vector bundles over RP^n . We answer the problem by arithmetic conditions.

For $F = R$, combining Theorem 1 of [5] with Theorem A, we have

Theorem E. Let ζ be a t -dimensional R -vector bundle over RP^n which is stably equivalent to $s\xi_n$, where s is an integer. Then ζ is stably equivalent to a sum of t R -line bundles over RP^n if and only if there is an integer a satisfying

$$-s \leq a2^{\phi(n)} \leq t - s.$$

For $F = C$, combining Theorem 2 of [5] with Theorem C, we have

Theorem F. Let ζ be a t -dimensional C -vector bundle over RP^n which is stably equivalent to $sc\xi_n$, where s is an integer. Then ζ is stably equivalent to a sum of t C -line bundles over RP^n if and only if there is an integer b satisfying

$$-s \leq b2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} \leq t - s.$$

This paper is arranged as follows. In Section 2 we prove Theorem A, establish the formula in $KO(RP^n)$ on the r -fold power ζ^r of the R -vector bundle ζ over RP^n , and prove Theorem B. In Section 3 we prove Theorem C, establish the formula in $K(RP^n)$ on the r -fold power ζ^r of the C -vector bundle ζ over RP^n , and prove Theorem D. In Section 4 we study the stable splitting problem for F -vector bundles over RP^n .

2. Proofs of Theorems A and B

We recall the following result on stable non-extendibility of an R -vector bundle over RP^n .

Theorem 2.1. (Cf. [6, Theorem 4.1].) Let α be a k -dimensional R -vector bundle over RP^n . Assume that there is a positive integer ℓ such that α is stably equivalent to $(k + \ell)\xi_n$ and $k + \ell < 2^{\phi(n)}$. Then $n < k + \ell$ and α is not stably extendible to RP^m for every $m \geq k + \ell$.

Proof of Theorem A. The proof of the “if” part: By the assumption we have $\zeta = s\xi_n + t - s$ in $KO(RP^n)$. By Theorem 7.4 of [1] the equality $a2^{\phi(n)}(\xi_n - 1) = 0$ holds in $\widetilde{KO}(RP^n)$ for any integer a . Hence we obtain the equality

$$\zeta = (a2^{\phi(n)} + s)\xi_n + t - s - a2^{\phi(n)}$$

in $KO(RP^n)$. Set $X = a2^{\phi(n)} + s$ and $Y = t - s - a2^{\phi(n)}$. Then we may take a so that $X \geq 0$ and $Y \geq 0$ by the assumption, and $\zeta = X\xi_n + Y$ in $KO(RP^n)$. Since the Whitney sum $X\xi_n \oplus Y$ is extendible to RP^m for every $m \geq n$, ζ is stably extendible to RP^m for every $m \geq n$.

The proof of the “only if” part: We prove the contraposition. Assume that every integer a satisfies

$$a2^{\phi(n)} < -s \quad \text{or} \quad t - s < a2^{\phi(n)}.$$

Let A be the maximum integer such that $A2^{\phi(n)} < -s$. Then, since $(A + 1)2^{\phi(n)} \geq -s$, we have $t - s < (A + 1)2^{\phi(n)}$ by the assumption. Put $\alpha = \zeta$, $k = t$ and $\ell = (A + 1)2^{\phi(n)} - t + s$ in Theorem 2.1. Then $\ell > 0$, $k + \ell = (A + 1)2^{\phi(n)} + s < 2^{\phi(n)}$ and $(k + \ell)\xi_n = \{(A + 1)2^{\phi(n)} + s\}\xi_n = s\xi_n + (A + 1)2^{\phi(n)}$ in $KO(RP^n)$ by Theorem 7.4 of [1]. Hence we see that $n < (A + 1)2^{\phi(n)} + s$ and that ζ is not stably extendible to RP^m for every $m \geq (A + 1)2^{\phi(n)} + s$. \square

In the next theorem we establish the formula in $KO(RP^n)$ on the power ζ^r of ζ .

Theorem 2.2. Let ζ be a t -dimensional R -vector bundle over RP^n which is stably equivalent to $s\xi_n$, where s is an integer, and let $\zeta^r = \zeta \otimes \cdots \otimes \zeta$ be the r -fold power of ζ . Then the following holds in $KO(RP^n)$.

$$\zeta^r = -2^{-1} \{(t - 2s)^r - t^r\} \xi_n + 2^{-1} \{(t - 2s)^r + t^r\}.$$

Proof. Since $\zeta = s\xi_n + t - s$ in $KO(RP^n)$, the equality clearly holds for $r = 1$.

Assume that the equality holds for $r \geq 1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta^{r+1} &= \zeta \otimes \zeta^r \\ &= (s\xi_n + t - s) [-2^{-1} \{(t - 2s)^r - t^r\} \xi_n + 2^{-1} \{(t - 2s)^r + t^r\}] \\ &= -2^{-1} \{(t - 2s)^{r+1} - t^{r+1}\} \xi_n + 2^{-1} \{(t - 2s)^{r+1} + t^{r+1}\} \end{aligned}$$

since $\xi_n \otimes \xi_n = 1$. Hence the desired equality holds for any positive integer r by induction on r . \square

Theorem 2.2 is an improvement of Lemma 2.1 of [8] and Theorem 2.1 of [2].

Proof of Theorem B. The dimension of ζ^r is t^r and, by Theorem 2.2, ζ^r is stably equivalent to $2^{-1}\{t^r - (t - 2s)^r\}\xi_n$. Hence the result follows from Theorem A. \square

Using Theorem 2.2, we have the next theorem that is an improvement of Theorem 2.4 of [8] and Theorem 2.2 of [2].

Theorem 2.3. Under the assumption of Theorem 2.2, the following holds in $KO(RP^n)$ for any integer a .

$$\zeta^r = 2^{-1}\{a2^{\phi(n)+1} - (t - 2s)^r + t^r\}\xi_n + 2^{-1}\{(t - 2s)^r + t^r - a2^{\phi(n)+1}\}.$$

Proof. Adding $a2^{\phi(n)}(\xi_n - 1) = 0$ (cf. [1, Theorem 7.4]) to the equality in Theorem 2.2, we have the desired equality. \square

Using Theorem 2.3, we have the next theorem that is an improvement of Theorem 2.3 of [2].

Theorem 2.4. Assume that there is an integer a satisfying the inequalities of Theorem B. Then, under the assumption of Theorem 2.2, the Whitney sum decomposition

$$\zeta^r = 2^{-1}\{a2^{\phi(n)+1} - (t - 2s)^r + t^r\}\xi_n \oplus 2^{-1}\{(t - 2s)^r + t^r - a2^{\phi(n)+1}\}$$

holds as R -vector bundles if $n < t^r$.

Proof. Set $X = 2^{-1}\{a2^{\phi(n)+1} - (t - 2s)^r + t^r\}$ and $Y = 2^{-1}\{(t - 2s)^r + t^r - a2^{\phi(n)+1}\}$. Then, by the assumption, $X \geq 0$ and $Y \geq 0$, and, by Theorem 2.3, $\zeta^r = X\xi_n + Y$ in $KO(RP^n)$. If $n(= \dim RP^n) < t^r (= \dim \zeta^r = \dim(X\xi_n \oplus Y))$, then we have $\zeta^r = X\xi_n \oplus Y$ as R -vector bundles (cf. [3, Theorem 1.5, p. 100]). \square

As for extendibility, we have

Theorem 2.5. In addition to the assumption of Theorem B, assume that $n < t^r$. Then ζ^r is extendible to RP^m for every $m \geq n$ if and only if there is an integer a satisfying the inequalities of Theorem B.

Proof. By Theorem 2.2 of [7], for $m \geq n$, ζ^r is extendible to RP^m if and only if ζ^r is stably extendible to RP^m , provided $n < t^r$. Hence the result follows from Theorem B. \square

This result is an improvement of the results on extendibility obtained from [8, Theorem A] and [2, Theorem A].

3. Proofs of Theorems C and D

We recall the following result on stable non-extendibility of a C -vector bundle over RP^n .

Theorem 3.1. (Cf. [6, Theorem 2.1].) Let α be a k -dimensional C -vector bundle over RP^n . Assume that there is a positive integer ℓ such that α is stably equivalent to $(k + \ell)c\xi_n$ and $k + \ell < 2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$. Then $n < 2k + 2\ell$ and α is not stably extendible to RP^m for every $m \geq 2k + 2\ell$.

Proof of Theorem C. The proof of the “if” part: By the assumption we have $\zeta = sc\xi_n + t - s$ in $K(RP^n)$. By Theorem 3.8 of [9] the equality $b2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}(c\xi_n - 1) = 0$ holds in $\tilde{K}(RP^n)$ for any integer b . Hence we obtain the equality

$$\zeta = (b2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} + s)c\xi_n + t - s - b2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$$

in $K(RP^n)$. Set $V = b2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} + s$ and $W = t - s - b2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$. Then we may take b so that $V \geq 0$ and $W \geq 0$ by the assumption, and $\zeta = Vc\xi_n + W$ in $K(RP^n)$. Since the Whitney sum $Vc\xi_n \oplus W$ is extendible to RP^m for every $m \geq n$, ζ is stably extendible to RP^m for every $m \geq n$.

The proof of the “only if” part: We prove the contraposition. Assume that every integer b satisfies

$$b2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} < -s \quad \text{or} \quad t - s < b2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}.$$

Let B be the maximum integer such that $B2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} < -s$. Then, since $(B + 1)2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} \geq -s$, we have $t - s < (B + 1)2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$ by the assumption. Put $\alpha = \zeta$, $k = t$ and $\ell = (B + 1)2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} - t + s$ in Theorem 3.1. Then $\ell > 0$, $k + \ell = (B + 1)2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} + s < 2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$ and $(k + \ell)c\xi_n = \{(B + 1)2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} + s\}c\xi_n = sc\xi_n + (B + 1)2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$ in $K(RP^n)$ by Theorem 3.8 of [9]. Hence we see that $n < (B + 1)2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1} + 2s$ and that ζ is not stably extendible to RP^m for every $m \geq (B + 1)2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1} + 2s$. \square

In the next theorem we establish the formula in $K(RP^n)$ on the power ζ^r of ζ .

Theorem 3.2. Let ζ be a t -dimensional C -vector bundle over RP^n which is stably equivalent to $sc\xi_n$, where s is an integer, and let $\zeta^r = \zeta \otimes \cdots \otimes \zeta$ be the r -fold power of ζ . Then the following holds in $K(RP^n)$.

$$\zeta^r = -2^{-1}\{(t-2s)^r - t^r\}c\xi_n + 2^{-1}\{(t-2s)^r + t^r\}.$$

Proof. Since $\zeta = sc\xi_n + t - s$ in $K(RP^n)$ and since $c\xi_n \otimes c\xi_n = c(\xi_n \otimes \xi_n) = 1$, the proof is parallel to that of Theorem 2.2. \square

Theorem 3.2 is an improvement of Lemma 4.1 of [8] and Theorem 4.1 of [2].

Proof of Theorem D. The dimension of ζ^r is t^r and, by Theorem 3.2, ζ^r is stably equivalent to $2^{-1}\{t^r - (t-2s)^r\}c\xi_n$. Hence the result follows from Theorem C. \square

Using Theorem 3.2, we have the next theorem that is an improvement of Theorem 4.3 of [8] and Theorem 4.2 of [2].

Theorem 3.3. Under the assumption of Theorem 3.2, the following holds in $K(RP^n)$ for any integer b .

$$\zeta^r = 2^{-1}\{b2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1} - (t-2s)^r + t^r\}c\xi_n + 2^{-1}\{(t-2s)^r + t^r - b2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1}\}.$$

Proof. Adding $b2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}(c\xi_n - 1) = 0$ (cf. [9, Theorem 3.8]) to the equality in Theorem 3.2, we have the desired equality. \square

Using Theorem 3.3, we have the next theorem that is an improvement of Theorem 4.3 of [2].

Theorem 3.4. Assume that there is an integer b satisfying the inequalities of Theorem D. Then, under the assumption of Theorem 3.2, the Whitney sum decomposition

$$\zeta^r = 2^{-1}\{b2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1} - (t-2s)^r + t^r\}c\xi_n \oplus 2^{-1}\{(t-2s)^r + t^r - b2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1}\}$$

holds as C -vector bundles if $n/2 \leq t^r$.

Proof. Set $V = 2^{-1}\{b2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1} - (t-2s)^r + t^r\}$ and $W = 2^{-1}\{(t-2s)^r + t^r - b2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1}\}$. Then, by the assumption, $V \geq 0$ and $W \geq 0$, and, by Theorem 3.3, $\zeta^r = Vc\xi_n + W$ in $K(RP^n)$. If $\langle n/2 \rangle (= \langle (\dim RP^n)/2 \rangle) \leq t^r (= \dim \zeta^r = \dim(Vc\xi_n \oplus W))$, then we have $\zeta^r = Vc\xi_n \oplus W$ as C -vector bundles (cf. [3, Theorem 1.5, p. 100]), where $\langle x \rangle$ denotes the smallest integer q with $x \leq q$. Since t^r is an integer, the condition $\langle n/2 \rangle \leq t^r$ is equivalent to $n/2 \leq t^r$. Thus, we have the desired result. \square

As for extendibility, we have

Theorem 3.5. In addition to the assumption of Theorem D, assume that $n/2 \leq t^r$. Then ζ^r is extendible to RP^m for every $m \geq n$ if and only if there is an integer b satisfying the inequalities of Theorem D.

Proof. By Theorem 2.3 of [7], for $m \geq n$, ζ^r is extendible to RP^m if and only if ζ^r is stably extendible to RP^m , provided $\langle n/2 \rangle \leq t^r$, which is equivalent to $n/2 \leq t^r$ since t^r is an integer. Hence the result follows from Theorem D. \square

This result is an improvement of the results on extendibility obtained from [8, Theorem B] and [2, Theorem B].

4. The stable splitting problem for vector bundles over RP^n

For a positive integer i write $i = q2^{\nu(i)}$, where q is some odd integer, and define, for a positive integer k ,

$$\beta(k) = \min\{i - \nu(i) - 1 \mid k < i\}.$$

In [5], we call $\beta(k)$ the Schwarzenberger number.

For $F = R$, the following theorem is proved by Kobayashi and Yoshida.

Theorem 4.1. (See [5, Theorem 1].) Let ζ be a t -dimensional R -vector bundle over RP^n , where $t > 0$, and consider the following four conditions.

- (1) ζ is stably extendible to RP^m for every $m \geq n$.
- (2) ζ is stably extendible to RP^m , where $m \geq n$, $m \geq 2t - 1$ and $\phi(m) \geq \phi(n) + \beta(t)$.
- (3) ζ is stably extendible to RP^m , where $m = 2^{\phi(n)} - 1$.
- (4) ζ is stably equivalent to a sum of t R -line bundles over RP^n .

Then all the four conditions are equivalent. Moreover, when $t = 1$ or $n = 1, 3$ or 7 , the conditions always hold.

Combining the above theorem with Theorem A, we have

Theorem 4.2. *Let ζ be a t -dimensional R -vector bundle over RP^n , where $t > 0$. Then each condition in Theorem 4.1 is equivalent to that there is an integer a satisfying $-s \leq a2^{\phi(n)} \leq t - s$, where $\zeta = s\xi_n + t - s$ in $KO(RP^n)$. Moreover, when $t = 1$ or $n = 1, 3$ or 7 , this condition always holds.*

For $F = C$, the following theorem is also proved by Kobayashi and Yoshida.

Theorem 4.3. (See [5, Theorem 2].) *Let ζ be a t -dimensional C -vector bundle over RP^n , where $t > 0$, and consider the following four conditions.*

- (1) ζ is stably extendible to RP^m for every $m \geq n$.
- (2) ζ is stably extendible to RP^m , where $m \geq n$, $m \geq 4t - 1$ and $\phi(m) \geq [n/2] + \beta(2t) + 1$.
- (3) ζ is stably extendible to RP^m , where $m = 2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1} - 1$.
- (4) ζ is stably equivalent to a sum of t C -line bundles over RP^n .

Then all the four conditions are equivalent. Moreover, when $t = 1$ or $n = 1, 2$ or 3 , the conditions always hold.

Combining the above theorem with Theorem C, we have

Theorem 4.4. *Let ζ be a t -dimensional C -vector bundle over RP^n , where $t > 0$. Then each condition in Theorem 4.3 is equivalent to that there is an integer b satisfying $-s \leq b2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} \leq t - s$, where $\zeta = sc\xi_n + t - s$ in $K(RP^n)$. Moreover, when $t = 1$ or $n = 1, 2$ or 3 , this condition always holds.*

Theorems E and F are contained in Theorems 4.2 and 4.4 respectively.

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