

HOMOLOGY OF REGULAR COVERINGS OF SPUN CW PAIRS WITH APPLICATIONS TO KNOT THEORY¹

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ABSTRACT. The p -spin of a pair of CW complexes, one a subcomplex of the other, is defined. The algebraic properties of certain tensor-product chain complexes are used to calculate the homology groups of regular coverings of such spun pairs where these groups are considered as modules over the integral group ring of the group of covering transformations. In §4, by using the free differential calculus and “geometric presentations” for fundamental groups, presentations for certain homology groups are developed. In §§5 and 6 these results are used to analyze the homology and associated invariants for coverings of complements of higher-dimensional knots and torus-like embeddings in the sphere obtained by p -spinning.

1. Introduction. Let K be a connected CW complex and L a connected subcomplex, define $\chi_p(K, L)$, the p -spin of the CW pair (K, L) as $S^p \times K \cup D^{p+1} \times L$ identified along $S^p \times L$; here (D^{p+1}, S^p) is the standard disk, sphere pair and $p \geq 1$. The process of p -spinning has been studied by several people [3], [5], [1], [4], [10], [2], [18], [14], [13].

If (\tilde{K}, Π) is a regular covering of K with G the group of covering translations, then since $\Pi_1(\chi_p(K, L)) \cong \Pi_1(K)$, the associated regular covering $\tilde{\chi}_p(K, L)$ of $\chi_p(K, L)$ is $S^p \times \tilde{K} \cup D^{p+1} \times \tilde{L}$ identified along $S^p \times \tilde{L}$, where $\tilde{L} = \Pi^{-1}(L)$. Here $\gamma \in G$ acts on cells $\sigma \times \tau$ of $\tilde{\chi}_p(K, L)$ by $\gamma(\sigma \times \tau) = \sigma \times (\gamma\tau)$, $\sigma \subset D^{p+1}$, $\tau \subset \tilde{K}$ (see Figure 1).

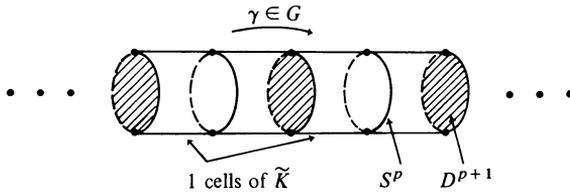


FIGURE 1

Our main result is to construct a tensor-product chain complex C_* by which

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the homology of $\tilde{\chi}_p(K, L)$ is calculated as a module over ZG , the integral group ring of G , as follows.

THEOREM 3.5.

$$H_i(\tilde{\chi}_p(K, L)) \cong_{ZG} \begin{cases} H_i(\tilde{K}), & i \leq p, \\ H_{p+n}(\tilde{K}) \oplus H_n(\tilde{K}, \tilde{L}), & i = p + n, n \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

2. **Coverings of $\chi_p(K, L)$ and their cellular homology.** Following [15], we know that the covering transformations preserve dimension, orientation, and the incidence relations of cells in \tilde{K} , i.e., G operates on \tilde{K} as a complex. Moreover, there exists a *fundamental region* F of \tilde{K} modulo G ; namely, a subset F of cells $\{\tilde{u}_i^n\}$, so that the collection $\{\gamma\tilde{u}_i^n | \tilde{u}_i^n \in F, \gamma \in G\}$ represents uniquely the cells of \tilde{K} .

The next two propositions are straightforward extensions of results from [11, pp. 187, 190] to the more general situation where the chain groups are also ZG modules.

PROPOSITION 2.1. *Let Y and X be CW complexes with G a group of transformations operating on X as a complex; then the Eilenberg-Zilber transformation $T(\tau^n \otimes \sigma^m) = \tau^n \times \sigma^m$ is a natural chain equivalence of left ZG modules from the tensor product complex $[C(Y) \otimes_Z C(X)]_*$ onto the chain complex $C_*(Y \times X)$. $C_*(Y)$ is the cellular Z -chain module of Y ; and $C_*(X)$ and $C_*(Y \times X)$ are the cellular ZG -chain modules of X and $Y \times X$ respectively.*

PROPOSITION 2.2. *If (A, X, Y) are invariant under the action of G (A a subcomplex of X) and $F: A \rightarrow Y$ preserves the action of G , then the cellular ZG -chain complex of the adjunction complex $Y \cup_F X$ with $a \sim F(a)$ is chain equivalent to the ZG -quotient module of $C_*(Y) \oplus C_*(X)$ by $\{F_*(c) - c : c \in C_*(A)\}$.*

Let i_1, i_2 denote the inclusion maps of $S^p \times L$ into $S^p \times \tilde{K}, D^{p+1} \times \tilde{L}$ respectively. By Proposition 2.1, we have $C_*(S^p \times \tilde{K})$ chain equivalent to $[C(S^p) \otimes_Z C(\tilde{K})]_*$ and $C_*(D^{p+1} \times \tilde{L})$ chain equivalent to

$$[C(D^{p+1}) \otimes_Z C(\tilde{L})]_*$$

under natural (Eilenberg-Zilber) transformations, say T and T' . Let

$$C_* \equiv \frac{[C(S^p) \otimes C(\tilde{K})]_* \oplus [C(D^{p+1}) \otimes C(\tilde{L})]_*}{\text{Image}(i_{1\#} \oplus -i_{2\#})}$$

and $I \equiv i_{1\#} \oplus -i_{2\#}$ for notational convenience. With these constructions, we can now prove

THEOREM 2.3. *There is a natural chain equivalence of ZG modules from C_* onto $C_*(S^p \times \tilde{K} \cup_{S^p \times \tilde{L}} D^{p+1} \times \tilde{L})$.*

PROOF. By naturality, we have the commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 \rightarrow C_*(S^p \times \tilde{L}) & \xrightarrow{I} & C_*(S^p \times \tilde{K}) \oplus C_*(D^{p+1} \times \tilde{L}) & \rightarrow & C_*(S^p \times \tilde{K} \cup_{S^p \times \tilde{L}} D^{p+1} \times \tilde{L}) & \rightarrow & 0 \\
 \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \\
 & T = T'[C(S^p) \otimes C(\tilde{L})]_* & & & T \oplus T' & & T'' \\
 0 \rightarrow [C(S^p) \otimes C(\tilde{L})]_* & \xrightarrow{I} & [C(S^p) \otimes C(\tilde{K})]_* \oplus [C(D^{p+1}) \otimes C(\tilde{L})]_* & \rightarrow & C_* & \rightarrow & 0.
 \end{array}$$

The top row is exact by Proposition 2.2; thus, we obtain an induced natural chain equivalence T'' of the quotients.

3. A formula for homology of $\tilde{\chi}_p(K, L)$. The structure of C_* can be described as follows: Take S^p as the complex consisting of a vertex ν and a p -cell e^p with $\partial e^p = \nu$ and D^{p+1} as $\nu \cup e^p \cup e^{p+1}$ with $\partial e^{p+1} = e^p$. Suppose in the covering complex \tilde{K} , we have vertices $g\nu$ and n -cells $g\tilde{u}_1^n, \dots, g\tilde{u}_n^n$, where g ranges over G . Denote $\tilde{u}_i^n = \tilde{l}_i^n$ if and only if \tilde{u}_i^n is an n -cell in the subcomplex \tilde{L} . Thus for $m < p$, $C_m(C_*)$ is the free left ZG module generated by $\{\nu \otimes \tilde{u}_i^m\}$; $C_p(C_*)$ is the free left ZG module generated by $\{e^p \otimes \nu\} \cup \{\nu \otimes \tilde{u}_i^p\}$; for $n \geq 1$, $C_{p+n}(C_*)$ is the free left ZG module generated by $\{e^p \otimes \tilde{u}_i^n\} \cup \{e^{p+1} \otimes \tilde{l}_i^{n-1}\} \cup \{\nu \otimes \tilde{u}_i^{n+p}\}$. The boundary homomorphisms are given by: $\partial(e^p \otimes \tilde{u}_i^n) = (-1)^p e^p \otimes \partial \tilde{u}_i^n$, since e^p is a cycle with $\partial e^p = 0$; $\partial(\nu \otimes \tilde{u}_i^{n+p}) = \nu \otimes \partial \tilde{u}_i^{n+p}$; $\partial(e^{p+1} \otimes \tilde{l}_i^{n-1}) = e^p \otimes \tilde{l}_i^{n-1} + (-1)^{p+1} e^{p+1} \otimes \partial \tilde{l}_i^{n-1}$.

Using the properties of the tensor product boundary operator, the next lemma can be established.

LEMMA 3.1. *In $C_{p+n}(C_*)$ ($n \geq 1$), the cycles are linear combinations of cycles of the form $c_i^* = e^p \otimes \tilde{c}_i^n + (-1)^{p+1} e^{p+1} \otimes \partial \tilde{c}_i^n$, where \tilde{c}_i^n is a chain in $C_n(\tilde{K})$ with $\partial \tilde{c}_i^n \in C_{n-1}(\tilde{L})$, or cycles of the form $\nu \otimes \tilde{z}_i^{n+p}$ where \tilde{z}_i^{n+p} denotes a cycle in $C_{n+p}(\tilde{K})$.*

From now on $R \equiv ZG$. Let $R\{c_i^*\}$ denote the ZG-submodule generated by $\{c_i^*\}$, $R\{\nu \otimes \tilde{z}_i^{p+n}\}$ the ZG-submodule generated by $\{\nu \otimes \tilde{z}_i^{p+n}\}$, \bar{B}_{p+n} the ZG-submodule generated by $\{\partial(e^p \otimes \tilde{u}_i^{n+1})\} \cup \{\partial(e^{p+1} \otimes \tilde{l}_i^n)\}$, B_{p+n}^* the ZG-submodule generated by $\{\partial(\nu \otimes \tilde{u}_i^{n+p+1})\}$. From Lemma 3.1, it is easy to see that $H_{p+n}(C_*)$ has the direct sum decomposition

$$R\{c_i^*\}/\bar{B}_{p+n} \oplus R\{\nu \otimes \tilde{z}_i^{p+n}\}/B_{p+n}^*.$$

Clearly,

$$R\{\nu \otimes \tilde{z}_i^{n+p}\}/B_{p+n}^* \cong_R H_{p+n}(\tilde{K}).$$

LEMMA 3.2. $H_{p+n}(C_*) \cong_R H_{p+n}(\tilde{K}) \oplus H_n(\tilde{K}, \tilde{L})$, $n \geq 1$.

PROOF. From the above, it must be shown that $R\{c_i^*\}/\bar{B}_{p+n} \cong_R H_n(\tilde{K}, \tilde{L})$. Now from Lemma 3.1, c_i^* can be represented by

$$(e^p \otimes \sum a_i \tilde{u}_i^n + (-1)^{p+1} e^{p+1} \otimes \partial(\sum a_i \tilde{u}_i^n))$$

where $\tilde{c}_i^n = \sum a_i \tilde{u}_i^n$ is an element of $\ker \bar{\partial}$; so $\Psi(c_i^*) = \langle \tilde{c}_i^n \rangle$ gives a ZG-homomorphism from $R\{c_i^*\}$ onto $H_n(\tilde{K}, \tilde{L}) = \ker \bar{\partial}/B_n(\tilde{K}, \tilde{L})$. Here $\langle \rangle$ is an equivalence class in $\ker \bar{\partial}/B_n(\tilde{K}, \tilde{L})$, where $\bar{\partial} = p \circ \partial$ with $p: C_{n-1}(\tilde{K})$

→ $C_{n-1}(\tilde{K})/C_{n-1}(\tilde{L})$ the canonical projection and $\partial: C_n(\tilde{K}) \rightarrow C_{n-1}(\tilde{K})$. Finally, $\langle \tilde{c}_i^n \rangle = 0$ if and only if $\sum a_i \tilde{u}_i^n = \partial(\sum s_i \tilde{u}_i^{n+1}) - \sum b_i \tilde{l}_i^n$, in which case $\partial(\sum a_i \tilde{u}_i^n) = -\partial(\sum b_i \tilde{l}_i^n)$, i.e., the preimage

$$c_i^* = (-1)^{p+2} \partial(e^p \otimes \sum s_i \tilde{u}_i^{n+1}) - \partial(e^{p+1} \otimes \sum b_i \tilde{l}_i^n) \in \bar{B}_{p+n};$$

hence $\bar{B}_{p+n} = \text{kernel of } \Psi$.

REMARK 3.3. Geometrically, relative n -cycles of $C_n(\tilde{K}, \tilde{L})$ “spin” to $(p + n)$ -cycles of $C_{p+n}(\tilde{\chi}_p(K, L))$.

PROPOSITION 3.4. For $r \leq p$, $H_r(C_*) \cong H_r(\tilde{K})$.

PROOF. For $r < p$, the truncated chain complex $\{C_r(C_*), \partial_r\}$ is chain isomorphic to $\{C_r(K), \partial_r\}$ by $\nu \otimes \tilde{u}_j^r \leftrightarrow \tilde{u}_j^r$; moreover, since $\partial(e^{p+1} \otimes \nu) = e^p \otimes \nu$, $H_p(C_*) \cong_{ZG} H_p(\tilde{K})$.

Lemma 3.2 and Proposition 3.4 establish Theorem 3.5.

4. Presentations for $p + 1$ homology of the universal covering $\tilde{\chi}_p(K, L)$. By shrinking to a point a suitable maximal tree of (K, L) , we may reduce our considerations to pairs (K, L) having only one vertex. Suppose $\Pi_1(K)$ has a “geometric presentation”, $|x_0, \dots, x_n: r_1, \dots, r_m|$ where x_0, \dots, x_r are generators for $\Pi_1(L)$. The 2-skeleton of K consists in one vertex ν , $n + 1$ edges $\epsilon_0, \epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n$ and m 2-cells p_1, \dots, p_m , where x_j is carried by ϵ_j and r_j by p_j . In the 2-skeleton of \tilde{K} , the universal cover of K , we have 0-cells $g\nu$; 1-cells $g\tilde{\epsilon}_0, \dots, g\tilde{\epsilon}_n$; 2-cells $g\tilde{p}_1, \dots, g\tilde{p}_m$; where g ranges over $G \cong \Pi_1(K)$. Using the same reasoning as [10, §2], we know the boundary homomorphisms of

$$\dots \rightarrow C_2(\tilde{K}) \xrightarrow{\partial_2} C_1(\tilde{K}) \xrightarrow{\partial_1} C_0(\tilde{K}) \rightarrow 0$$

are defined by

$$\partial_1(g\tilde{\epsilon}_j) = g(\partial_1 \tilde{\epsilon}_j) = g(x_j - 1)\nu, \quad \partial_2(g\tilde{p}_i) = g\left(\sum_{j=0}^n \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial x_j} \tilde{\epsilon}_j\right),$$

where $\partial r_i / \partial x_j$ are the Fox Free Derivatives.

Let \bar{C}_* be the chain subcomplex of C_* generated by $\{e^p \otimes \tilde{u}_i^n\} \cup \{e^{p+1} \otimes \tilde{l}_i^{n-1}\}$. As left $Z\Pi_1(K)$ modules, Lemma 3.2 gives for any $n \geq 1$, $H_n(\tilde{K}, \tilde{L}) \cong H_{p+n}(\bar{C}_*)$ so that

$$H_{p+n}(\tilde{\chi}_p(K, L)) \cong H_{p+n}(C_*) \cong H_{p+n}(\tilde{K}) \oplus H_n(\bar{C}_*).$$

To compute $H_{p+1}(\bar{C}_*)$, we observe by Lemma 3.1 that here the $(p + 1)$ -cycles of \bar{C}_* are generated by $z_i = e^p \otimes \tilde{\epsilon}_i + (-1)^{p+1}(e^{p+1} \otimes \partial \tilde{\epsilon}_i)$, $i = 0, \dots, n$, since $\partial \tilde{\epsilon}_i = (x_i - 1)\nu \in \tilde{L}$ for all i . In fact, it is easy to show that $\{z_i\}$ freely generates the submodule of cycles of \bar{C}_* , $\bar{Z}_{p+1}(\bar{C}_*)$, as a $Z\Pi_1(K)$ module. We can now prove

THEOREM 4.1. If $\Pi_1(K)$ has a presentation $|x_0, \dots, x_n: r_1, \dots, r_m|$ with x_0, \dots, x_r the image of the generators of $\Pi_1(L)$ under the inclusion map, then $|z_{r+1}, \dots, z_n: \sum (\partial r_i / \partial x_j) z_j (i = 1, \dots, n)|$ is a presentation for $H_1(\tilde{K}, \tilde{L}) \cong H_{p+1}(\bar{C}_*)$ as a left $Z\Pi_1(K)$ module.

PROOF. $C_{p+2}(\bar{C}_*)$ is the free left $Z\Pi_1(K)$ module generated by $\{e^p \otimes \bar{p}_j\} \cup \{e^{p+1} \otimes \bar{\epsilon}_0, \dots, e^{p+1} \otimes \bar{\epsilon}_r\}$. From the algebra of the tensor product complex C_* , we observe that

$$\partial(e^p \otimes \bar{p}_i) = (-1)^p \sum \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial x_j} (e^p \otimes \bar{\epsilon}_j) = (-1)^p \sum \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial x_j} z_j,$$

since $\sum (\partial r_i / \partial x_j)(x_i - 1)v = \partial_1(\partial_2 \bar{p}_i) = 0$. Moreover, $\partial(e^{p+1} \otimes \bar{\epsilon}_0) = z_0, \dots, \partial(e^{p+1} \otimes \bar{\epsilon}_r) = z_r$. This establishes the theorem for one particular presentation of $\Pi_1(K)$. The method of [10, p. 97] establishes it in general.

5. **Applications to coverings of complements of spun knots.** We obtain a method (Theorem 5.2) of calculating the homotopy groups of spun knots as left $Z\Pi_1$ modules and a method (Theorem 5.4) of proving that the polynomial invariants of the knot one is spinning completely determine the invariants of the spun knot. An n -knot denotes a smooth embedding $\kappa: S^n \rightarrow S^{n+2}$. For a definition of the process of p -spinning κ to obtain an $(n + p)$ -knot and the notation of this section, see [7, p. 415]. Call this spun knot $\chi_p(\kappa)(S^n)$. For a proof of the next lemma, see [7, p. 416].

LEMMA 5.1. *If $Y = S^{n+p+2} - \chi_p(\kappa)(S^n)$ then $Y \simeq \chi_p(K, L)$, where $K \simeq S^{n+2} - \kappa(S^n)$ and $L \simeq S^{n+1} - S^{n-1}$, a homotopy circle, represents a meridian in $\Pi_1(K)$. \simeq denotes homotopy equivalence.*

THEOREM 5.2. *Let K, L , and Y be as in Lemma 5.1, \sim denote universal cover, and $G = \Pi_1(K) = \langle x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n; r_1, \dots, r_m \rangle$, with L the carrier of x_0 ; then*

$$(1) \quad H_i(\tilde{Y}) \cong_{ZG} \begin{cases} H_i(\tilde{K}), & i \leq p, \\ H_{n+p}(\tilde{K}) \oplus H_n(\tilde{K}), & i = n + p, n > 1, \\ H_{p+1}(\tilde{K}) \oplus H_1(\tilde{K}, \tilde{L}), & i = p + 1. \end{cases}$$

$$(2) \quad H_1(\tilde{K}, \tilde{L}) \text{ is presented by } \langle z_1, \dots, z_n; \sum \partial r_i / \partial x_j \ (i = 1, \dots, n) \rangle.$$

PROOF. (1) follows directly from Theorem 3.5 and the exact sequence for homology of the pair (\tilde{K}, \tilde{L}) since L is a 1-sphere with $H_r(\tilde{L}) = 0$ when $r \geq 1$. Observe that $H_1(\tilde{K}, \tilde{L}) \cong \ker H_0(\tilde{L}) \rightarrow H_0(\tilde{K})$. (2) follows from Theorem 4.1.

See [7, pp. 416–417] for a completely different approach for obtaining group presentations for $\ker H_0(\tilde{L}) \rightarrow H_0(\tilde{K})$.

COROLLARY 5.3. *If $H_i(\tilde{K}) = 0, i \leq p + 1$, as in the case of the p -spin of a 1-knot $(S^3, \kappa(S^1))$, then*

$$H_i(\tilde{K}, \tilde{L}) \cong_{Z\Pi_1} H_{p+1}(\tilde{Y}) \cong_{Z\Pi_1} \Pi_{p+1}(Y)$$

and $\Pi_{p+1}(Y)$ is presented as in (2).

Compare this with [1] and [10]. The same type of result for the $p + 1$ homotopy groups of spun links is proved by purely geometric constructions in [13].

Let $\Lambda(\Gamma)$ denote the integral group rings of the ∞ -cyclic groups $Z(t)$ ($Q(t)$) respectively. The polynomial invariants of an n -knot are invariants of $\Lambda(\Gamma)$ -

structure of $H_*(\tilde{K}; Z)$, where \tilde{K} is the ∞ -cyclic cover of the knot complement $K \simeq S^{n+2} - \kappa(S^n)$. See [9] and [16]. We now prove

THEOREM 5.4. *Let K, L , and Y be as in Lemma 5.1; then the ∞ -cyclic covering $\tilde{Y} \simeq \tilde{\chi}_p(K, L)$ has homology [$Z(Q)$ coefficients]:*

$$H_i(\tilde{Y}) \cong_{\Lambda(\Gamma)} \begin{cases} H_i(\tilde{K}), & i \leq p, \\ H_{n+p}(\tilde{K}) \oplus H_n(\tilde{K}), & i = n + p, n \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

PROOF. The proof is a direct application of Theorem 3.5 and the facts that as in Theorem 5.2 for $n > 1$, $H_n(\tilde{K}, \tilde{L}) \cong H_n(K)$; also $H_1(\tilde{K}, \tilde{L}) \cong H_1(\tilde{K})$ as $\ker H_0(\tilde{L}) \xrightarrow{i_*} H_0(\tilde{K})$ here is 0 since for ∞ -cyclic covering $H_0(\tilde{L}) \cong C_0(\tilde{\nu}) \cong H_0(\tilde{K})$.

6. Torus-like embeddings obtained by spinning and their invariants. Let κ be a compact, connected, orientable, codimension 2, smooth submanifold contained in the interior of B^n , the closed unit n -ball. By q -spinning the pair (B^n, κ) , we obtain a sphere $S^{q+n} = S^q \times B^n \cup D^{q+1} \times \partial B^n$ identified along $S^q \times \partial B^n$ and a spun torus-like smooth submanifold $M = S^q \times \kappa \subset S^{q+n}$. M has trivial normal disk bundle $N \approx M \times D^2$ (see [12]); so by Alexander duality, the complement $S^{q+n} - (S^q \times \kappa) = Y \simeq S^n - \tilde{\nu}$ has $H_1(Y) = Z(t)$, the infinite cyclic group generated by t . The polynomial invariants of the homology of the ∞ -cyclic covering complex \tilde{Y} of Y can then be defined as with knot complements (see [16, §2] and [14, Chapter 2]). This section shows these are also completely determined by the invariants of $S^n - \kappa$.

Using the result that $B^n - \kappa \simeq (S^n - \kappa) \vee_* S^{n-1}$, where $S^{n-1} = \partial B^n$ (see [16, p. 111]), it can be proved (see [14, pp. 1-3]) that Y is homotopy equivalent to

$$S^q \times (S^n - \kappa) \cup_{S^q \times \{*\}} D^{q+1} \times \{*\} \vee_* S^{n-1} \equiv X \vee_* S^{n-1}$$

and $\tilde{Y} \simeq \tilde{X} \cup_{\{\tilde{*}\}} (\cup_{i \in Z} S_i^{n-1})$. Here $\{\tilde{*}\} = \pi^{-1}(\ast)$, where $\pi: \widetilde{(S^n - \kappa)} \rightarrow (S^n - \kappa)$ is the covering projection. The action of $Z(t)$ on \tilde{Y} preserves not only the above subspace splitting for \tilde{Y} , but also the product structure of each of the pieces $S^q \times \widetilde{(S^n - \kappa)}$, $D^{q+1} \times \{\tilde{*}\}$, and $S^q \times \{\tilde{*}\}$. Thus, by Mayer-Vietoris

$$\dots \rightarrow H_r(\{\tilde{*}\}) \rightarrow H_r(\tilde{X}) \oplus H_r\left(\bigcup_{i \in Z} S_i^{n-1}\right) \rightarrow H_r(\tilde{Y}) \rightarrow \dots$$

is an exact sequence of Λ -modules. Finally, since $H_r(\{\tilde{*}\}) = 0, r \neq 0$ and $H_0(\{\tilde{*}\}) \cong H_0(D^{q+1} \times \{\tilde{*}\})$ and $H_0(\{\tilde{*}\}) \cong H_0(\cup_{i \in Z} S_i^{n-1})$, we have by exactness the following.

THEOREM 6.1. $H_r(\tilde{Y}) \cong_{\Lambda} H_r(\tilde{X}) \oplus H_r(\cup_{i \in Z} S_i^{n-1}), r \geq 1$.

Since

$$H_r\left(\bigcup_{i \in Z} S_i^{n-1}\right) = \begin{cases} \Lambda, & r = n - 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

to compute homology of \tilde{Y} we can use the following formula for the homology of \tilde{X} .

THEOREM 6.2.

$$H_r(\tilde{X}) \cong_{\Lambda} \begin{cases} H_r(\widetilde{S^n - \kappa}), & r \leq q, \\ H_{q+1}(\widetilde{S^n - \kappa}) \oplus H_1(\widetilde{S^n - \kappa}) \oplus \Lambda, & r = q + 1, \\ H_{q+n}(\widetilde{S^n - \kappa}) \oplus H_n(\widetilde{S^n - \kappa}), & r = q + n, n \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

PROOF. This is a direct result of Theorem 3.5 with $K = (S^n - \kappa)$, $L = \{*\}$ $= \nu$, and $G = Z(t)$ ($X = \chi_q(K, L)$) and the following facts. The exact homology sequence of the pair $(\widetilde{S^n - \kappa}, \{*\})$ gives $H_n(\widetilde{S^n - \kappa}, \{*\}) \cong H_n(\widetilde{S^n - \kappa})$ for $n \geq 2$. When $n = 1$,

$$(1) \quad 0 \rightarrow H_1(\widetilde{S^n - \kappa}) \rightarrow H_1(\widetilde{S^n - \kappa}, \{\tilde{*}\}) \rightarrow H_0^{\#}(\{\tilde{*}\}) \rightarrow 0$$

is exact. Claim $H_0^{\#}(\{\tilde{*}\}) \cong \Lambda$ since $\Lambda \cong C_0(\{\tilde{*}\})$ and if $\varepsilon(t) = 1$, we have the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \Lambda \xrightarrow{(t-1)} \Lambda \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} Z \rightarrow 0.$$

So (1) splits, and $H_1(\widetilde{S^n - \kappa}, \{\tilde{*}\}) \cong_{\Lambda} H_1(\widetilde{S^n - \kappa}) \oplus \Lambda$. Note that Λ can be replaced by Γ in the preceding.

COROLLARY 6.3. *Fibered embeddings of the form $S^q \times \kappa \subset S^{q+n}$ cannot be obtained by q -spinning the pair (B^n, κ) since for a fibered embedding, the ∞ -cyclic cover of the complement must have all homology groups finitely generated Z -modules (see [2, p. 416]) and Λ is not a finitely generated Z -module.*

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