

# A Note on the $KF_q$ -Cohomology of Lens Space $L_0^n(l^d)$

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The purpose of this paper is to determine the  $KF_q$  -cohomology of lens space  $L_0^n(l^d)$  in a special case.

## § 1. Introduction

Let  $l$  be an odd prime number and  $L^n(l^d)$  the standard  $(2n+1)$ -dimensional lens space  $S^{2n+1}/(\mathbf{Z}/l^d)$ . The lens space  $L^n(l^d)$  has the  $CW$ -decomposition

$$L^n(l^d) = S^1 \cup e^2 \cup e^3 \cup \cdots \cup e^{2n} \cup e^{2n+1}$$

and we write  $L_0^n(l^d)$  for its  $2n$ -skeleton.

Denote by  $\Lambda$  the ring of  $l$ -adic integers  $\mathbf{Z}_l$ . Let  $K_\Lambda(-)$  be the  $l$ -adic completion of the classical complex  $K$ -theory,  $\eta$  the canonical complex line bundle of  $L^n(l^d)$  and put  $x = \eta - 1$ . Then the  $K_\Lambda$ -cohomology of lens space is (see [3])

$$K_\Lambda(L^n(l^d)) \cong K_\Lambda(L_0^n(l^d)) \cong \Lambda[x] / ((1+x)^d - 1, x^{n+1}).$$

In [1], for  $d = 1$  we showed that there is an element  $\xi$  of  $\tilde{K}_\Lambda(L^n(l))$  such that

$$K_\Lambda(L^n(l)) \cong K_\Lambda(L_0^n(l)) \cong \Lambda[\xi] / (\xi^l + l\xi, \xi^{n+1}).$$

Let  $F_q$  be a finite field of order  $q$  and assume that  $q$  is prime to  $l$ . By  $KF_q(-)$  we denote the algebraic  $K$ -cohomology for  $F_q$ .

The purpose of the paper is to show the following two theorems :

**Theorem 1.1.** *There is an element  $\xi$  of  $\tilde{K}_\Lambda(L^n(l^d))$  and a monic polynomial  $f(X)$  of degree  $(l^d - 1) / (l - 1)$  such that*

(i)  $K_\Lambda(L^n(l^d)) \cong \Lambda[\xi] / (f(\xi^{l-1})\xi, \xi^{n+1})$  and

(ii) *for an integer  $k$  whose order in  $(\mathbf{Z}/l^d)^\times$  is prime to  $l$ ,  $\psi^k(\xi) = c_k \xi$  ( $c_k \in \Lambda$ ), where  $\psi^k$  is the Adams operation.*

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $\mathbf{F}_q$  be a finite field of order  $q$  and assume the order of  $q$  in  $(\mathbf{Z}/l^d)^\times$  is prime to  $l$ . Let  $r$  be the least positive integer such that  $q^r \equiv 1 \pmod{l}$ . Then the algebraic  $K$ -cohomology group of lens space  $\tilde{K}\mathbf{F}_q(L_0^n(l^d))$  is isomorphic to the torsion subgroup of  $\Lambda[\zeta] / (f(\zeta^s)\zeta, \zeta^{m+1})$ , where  $\zeta = \xi^r$ ,  $s = (l - 1)/r$  and  $m = \lfloor n/r \rfloor$ .*

## § 2. Splitting of $K_\Lambda$ -cohomology

Let  $\rho \in \Lambda$  be a primitive  $(l-1)$ -th root of unity. Then for  $1 \leq i \leq l-1$  we define the  $\Lambda$ -module homomorphism  $\Phi_i : K_\Lambda(-) \rightarrow K_\Lambda(-)$  by

$$\Phi_i = \frac{1}{l-1} \sum_{m=1}^{l-1} \rho^{-mi} \psi^m,$$

where  $\psi^k$  is the Adams operation.

Then we have (cf. [2])

**Proposition 2.1.**

- (i)  $\Phi_1 + \Phi_2 + \cdots + \Phi_{l-1} = id$ ,
- (ii)  $\Phi_i \Phi_j = \begin{cases} \Phi_i & \text{if } i = j, \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j. \end{cases}$

Let  $k$  be an element of  $\Lambda$  such that  $k \not\equiv 0 \pmod{l}$ . Then there exists only one element  $m$  of  $\Lambda$  such that  $m^{l-1} = 1$  and  $m \equiv k \pmod{l}$ . We write  $\tilde{k}$  for the element  $m$ . Then we have

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $k$  be an integer whose order in  $(\mathbf{Z}/l^d)^\times$  is prime to  $l$ , then*

$$\psi^k \Phi_i = \Phi_i \psi^k = \tilde{k}^i \Phi_i$$

as  $\Lambda$ -module homomorphism  $K_\Lambda(L^n(l^d)) \rightarrow K_\Lambda(L^n(l^d))$ .

*Proof.* The commutativity of  $\psi^k$  and  $\Phi_i$  is clear. Since the order of  $k$  in  $(\mathbf{Z}/l^d)^\times$  is prime to  $l$ ,  $\psi^k = \psi^{\tilde{k}}$ . From the fact that  $\tilde{k}$  is an  $(l-1)$ -th root of unity, there is an integer  $s$  such that  $\tilde{k} = \rho^s$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \psi^k \Phi_i &= \frac{1}{l-1} \sum_{m=1}^{l-1} \rho^{-mi} \psi^{\tilde{k} \rho^m} = \frac{1}{l-1} \sum_{m=1}^{l-1} \rho^{-mi} \psi^{\rho^{m+s}} \\ &= \frac{1}{l-1} \sum_{m=1}^{l-1} \rho^{si} \rho^{-(m+s)i} \psi^{\rho^{m+s}} \\ &= \frac{1}{l-1} \rho^{si} \sum_{m=1}^{l-1} \rho^{-mi} \psi^{\rho^m} = \tilde{k}^i \Phi_i. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the proposition.

## § 3. Structure of $K_\Lambda(L^n(l^d))$

In this section we write  $R$  for the ring  $\Lambda[x] / ((1+x)^{l^d} - 1)$ . The ring is a free  $\Lambda$ -module with a basis  $\{1, x, x^2, \dots, x^{l^d-1}\}$ . The action of the Adams operation  $\psi^k$  to  $R$  is  $\psi^k(x) = (1+x)^k - 1$ .

Put  $\xi = \Phi_1(x)$  and  $m = l^d - 1$ , then we have

**Proposition 3.1.**

- (i)  $\{1, \xi, \xi^2, \dots, \xi^m\}$  is a basis of the  $\Lambda$ -module  $R$  and
- (ii) the ideal  $(\xi)$  of  $R$  is equal to  $(x)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\{1, x, x^2, \dots, x^m\}$  is a basis of  $R$ , we can write

$$\xi^i = c_{i0} + c_{i1}x + c_{i2}x^2 + \dots + c_{im}x^m,$$

where  $0 \leq i \leq m$  and  $c_{ij}$  is an element of  $\Lambda$ . And  $c_{i0} = c_{0i} = 0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . Since the mod  $l$  reduction of  $(1 + x)^{l^d} - 1$  is  $x^{l^d}$  and

$$c_{11} \equiv \frac{1}{l-1} \sum_{m=1}^{l-1} \rho^{-m} \rho^m = 1 \pmod{l},$$

we have that  $c_{ij} \equiv 0 \pmod{l}$  for  $i > j$  and  $c_{ii} \equiv 1 \pmod{l}$ . Therefore  $\det(c_{ij}) \equiv 1 \pmod{l}$ , which implies Proposition 3.1.

**Proposition 3.2.** For  $k \geq 0$ , we have

- (i)  $\Phi_i(\xi^k) = 0$  if  $i \not\equiv k \pmod{l-1}$  and
- (ii)  $\Phi_i(\xi^k) = \xi^k$  if  $i \equiv k \pmod{l-1}$ .

*Proof.* To prove (i), assume  $i \not\equiv k \pmod{l-1}$ . By Proposition 2.2,  $\psi^\rho \Phi_i(\xi^k) = \rho^i \Phi_i(\xi^k)$ . On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} \psi^\rho \Phi_i(\xi^k) &= \Phi_i((\psi^\rho(\xi))^k) = \Phi_i((\psi^\rho \Phi_1(x))^k) \\ &= \Phi_i((\rho \Phi_1(x))^k) = \rho^k \Phi_i(\xi^k). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\rho^i - \rho^k$  is a unit of  $\Lambda$ ,  $(\rho^i - \rho^k) \Phi_i(\xi^k) = 0$  implies  $\Phi_i(\xi^k) = 0$ . To prove (ii), assume  $i \equiv k \pmod{l-1}$ . Applying Proposition 2.1 (i) to  $\xi^k$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \xi^k &= \Phi_1(\xi^k) + \Phi_2(\xi^k) + \dots + \Phi_{l-1}(\xi^k) \\ &= \Phi_i(\xi^k). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the proposition.

**Proposition 3.3.** There is a monic polynomial  $f(X)$  of degree  $(l^d - 1) / (l - 1)$  such that  $R \cong \Lambda[\xi] / (f(\xi^{l-1})\xi)$ .

*Proof.* By Proposition 3.1 there is a relation

$$\xi^{m+1} = a_0 + a_1\xi + a_2\xi^2 + \dots + a_m\xi^m,$$

where  $a_i$  is an element of  $\Lambda$  for  $0 \leq i \leq m$ . From Proposition 3.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \xi^{m+1} &= \Phi_1(\xi^{m+1}) \\ &= \Phi_1(a_0 + a_1\xi + a_2\xi^2 + \dots + a_m\xi^m) \\ &= a_1\xi + a_2\xi^2 + a_{2l-1}\xi^{2l-1} + \dots + a_{m-l+2}\xi^{m-l+2}. \end{aligned}$$

Put

$$f(X) = -a_1 - a_1X - a_{2l-1}X^2 - \dots - a_{m-l+2}X^{m(l-1)-1} + X^{m(l-1)},$$

then we have a relation  $f(\xi^{l-1})\xi = 0$  of  $R$ . Clearly  $\Lambda[\xi] / (f(\xi^{l-1})\xi)$  is a free  $\Lambda$ -module with a basis

$\{1, \xi, \xi^2, \dots, \xi^m\}$ . This implies Proposition 3.3.

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* From Proposition 3.1 and Proposition 3.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} K_\Lambda(L^n(l^d)) &\cong \Lambda[x] / ((1+x)^{l^d} - 1, x^{n+1}) \cong R / (x^{n+1}) \\ &\cong R/(\xi^{n+1}) \cong \Lambda[\xi] / (f(\xi^{l-1})\xi, \xi^{n+1}). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $r$  be a positive integer such that  $r$  divides  $l-1$ , and put  $s = (l-1)/r$ . We write  $R'$  for the ring  $\Lambda[\zeta] / (f(\zeta^s)\zeta)$ . Then there is the ring homomorphism  $\iota : R' \rightarrow R$  such that  $\iota(\zeta) = \xi^r$  and  $\iota|_\Lambda = id_\Lambda$ . Then we have the following proposition :

**Proposition 3.4.**

- (i)  $\iota$  is a monomorphism,
- (ii)  $\text{Im}(\iota : R' \rightarrow R) = \text{Im}(\Phi_r + \Phi_{2r} + \dots + \Phi_{l-1} : R \rightarrow R)$ ,
- (iii) let  $\pi : R \rightarrow R / (\xi^{n+1})$  be the canonical projection, then  $\text{Ker}(\pi \circ \iota) = (\zeta^{[nr]+1})$ , and
- (iv)  $R' / (\zeta^{[nr]+1}) \cong \text{Im}(\Phi_r + \Phi_{2r} + \dots + \Phi_{l-1} : R / (\xi^{n+1}) \rightarrow R / (\xi^{n+1}))$ .

*Proof.* Since  $R'$  is a free  $\Lambda$ -module with a basis  $\{1, \zeta, \zeta^2, \dots, \zeta^{mlr}\}$  and  $\text{Im}(\Phi_r + \Phi_{2r} + \dots + \Phi_{l-1})$  is a free  $\Lambda$ -module with a basis  $\{1, \xi^r, \xi^{2r}, \dots, \xi^m\}$ , (i) and (ii) is clear. To prove (iii), assume that  $\alpha$  is an element of  $\text{Ker}(\pi \circ \iota)$ . Then we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \iota(\alpha) &= \xi^{n+1}(a_0 + a_1\xi + a_2\xi^2 + \dots + a_m\xi^m) \\ &= a_0\xi^{n+1} + a_1\xi^{n+2} + a_2\xi^{n+3} + \dots + a_m\xi^{n+m+1}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $a_i \in \Lambda$  for  $0 \leq i \leq m$ . By Proposition 3.2 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \iota(\alpha) &= (\Phi_r + \Phi_{2r} + \dots + \Phi_{l-1})(\alpha) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{0 \leq i \leq m \\ n+i+1 \equiv 0 \pmod{r}}} a_i \xi^{n+i+1} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{0 \leq i \leq m \\ n+i+1 \equiv 0 \pmod{r}}} a_i \iota(\zeta^{(n+i+1)r}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\alpha$  is an element of the ideal  $(\zeta^{[nr]+1})$ . It is clear that  $\iota(\zeta^{[nr]+1})=0$ , so we have  $\text{Ker}(\pi \circ \iota) = (\zeta^{[nr]+1})$ . From (i), (ii) and (iii), (iv) follows. This completes the proof of Proposition 3.4.

## § 4. $KF_q$ -cohomology of lens space $L_0^n(l^d)$

Let  $F_q$  be a finite field of order  $q$  and assume that the order of  $q$  in  $(\mathbb{Z}/l^d)^\times$  is prime to  $l$ .

Put  $M_i = \Phi_i(\tilde{K}_\Lambda(L_0^n(l^d)))$ . Then from Proposition 2.1, we have

$$K_\Lambda(L_0^n(l^d)) \cong \Lambda \oplus M_1 \oplus M_2 \oplus \dots \oplus M_{l-1}.$$

Since  $K^{-1}(L_0^n(l^d)) = 0$ , there is an exact sequence (cf. [4])

$$0 \rightarrow \tilde{K}_{F_q}(L_0^n(l^d)) \rightarrow \tilde{K}_\Lambda(L_0^n(l^d)) \xrightarrow{1-\psi^q} \tilde{K}_\Lambda(L_0^n(l^d)).$$

From Proposition 2.2 and the fact that  $1 - \psi^q$  commutes with  $\Phi_i$  we have the following

proposition :

**Proposition 4.1.**

(i) The  $KF_q$ -cohomology of lens space  $L_0^n(l^d)$  is

$$KF_q(L_0^n(l^d)) \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^{l-1} \text{Ker}(1 - \psi^q : M_i \rightarrow M_i), \text{ and}$$

(ii)  $(1 - \psi^q)(y) = (1 - \tilde{q}^i)y$  for  $y \in M_i$ .

Then the following lemma is well known :

**Lemma 4.2.** Let  $r$  be the least positive integer such that  $q^r \equiv 1 \pmod{l}$ . Then

(i)  $1 - \tilde{q}^i$  is a unit of  $\Lambda$  if  $i \not\equiv 0 \pmod{r}$  and

(ii)  $1 - \tilde{q}^i = 0$  if  $i \equiv 0 \pmod{r}$ .

*Proof of Theorem 1.2.* From Proposition 4.1 and Lemma 4.2,

$$\Lambda \oplus \tilde{K}F_q(L_0^n(l^d)) \cong \Lambda \oplus \bigoplus_{i=1}^{(l-1)/r} M_{ir}.$$

Since this  $\Lambda$ -submodule of  $K_A(L_0^n(l^d))$  is generated by  $1, \xi^r, \xi^{2r}, \xi^{3r}, \dots$ , we have

$$\Lambda \oplus \tilde{K}F_q(L_0^n(l^d)) \cong \text{Im}(\Phi_r + \Phi_{2r} + \dots + \Phi_{l-1}).$$

From Proposition 3.4

$$\Lambda \oplus \tilde{K}F_q(L_0^n(l^d)) \cong R' / (\zeta^{[nr]+1}),$$

which implies Theorem 1.2.

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