

# GENERALIZED HIRZEBRUCH POLYNOMIALS

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**Introduction.** We have generalized the Hirzebruch polynomials in [8] and proved their integrality in [9]. In this paper we shall generalize the Hirzebruch polynomials in the most general way without loss of integrality. Moreover we shall utilize these polynomials for study of the cobordism coefficients or the cobordism ring. The cobordism ring of modulo 2 has been completely studied by Dold ([3]). Recently Milnor and Wall have completely made clear the torsion of the cobordism ring  $\Omega$  ([6], [11]). However, there are still many unsolved problems concerning the free part of the  $\Omega$ . We shall introduce a finite group which seems to be the centre of these problems.

1. Let  $X^{4k}$  be a compact orientable differentiable manifold whose dimension is  $4k$ . Let

$$(1.1) \quad X^{4k} \sim \sum_{i_1 + \dots + i_t = k} A_{i_1, \dots, i_t}^k P_{2i_1}(c) \cdots P_{2i_t}(c) \quad \text{mod torsion}$$

be the cobordism decomposition of  $X^{4k}$  based on the complex projective spaces  $P_{2i}(c)$ 's. It is known that ([8])

$$(1.2) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{(a)} \quad 9A_4^4 = (-4p_4 + 4p_3p_1 + 2p_2^2 - 4p_2p_1^2 + p_1^4)[X^{16}], \\ \text{(b)} \quad 21A_{31}^4 = (36p_4 - 33p_3p_1 - 18p_2^2 + 33p_2p_1^2 - 8p_1^4)[X^{16}], \\ \text{(c)} \quad 25A_{22}^4 = (18p_4 - 18p_3p_1 - 7p_2^2 + 16p_2p_1^2 - 4p_1^4)[X^{16}], \\ \text{(d)} \quad 45A_{211}^4 = (-180p_4 + 159p_3p_1 + 80p_2^2 - 150p_2p_1^2 + 36p_1^4)[X^{16}], \\ \text{(e)} \quad 81A_{1111}^4 = (165p_4 - 137p_3p_1 - 70p_2^2 + 127p_2p_1^2 - 30p_1^4)[X^{16}], \\ \text{(f)} \quad 3^3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7\tau = 3^3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7(A_4^4 + \dots + A_{1111}^4) \\ \quad \quad \quad = (381p_4 - 71p_3p_1 - 19p_2^2 + 22p_2p_1^2 - 3p_1^4)[X^{16}], \end{array} \right.$$

where  $\tau$  denotes the index of  $X^{16}$  and  $p_i$  denotes the Pontryagin class of the dimension  $4i$ . In [8] we introduced a multiplicative series such that

$$(1.3) \quad \prod_i \frac{\sqrt{r_i}}{\text{tgh}\sqrt{r_i}} (1 + y \text{tgh}^2 \sqrt{r_i}) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^i y^j \Gamma_{ij}(p_1, \dots, p_i),$$

where

$$(1.4) \quad \prod_i (1 + r_i) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} p_i.$$

If we put  $y = 0$  in (1.3) we obtain the Hirzebruch polynomials. For brevity

we put as follows :

$$(1. 5) \quad \Gamma_{ij}(p_1, \dots, p_i)[X^{4i}] = \Gamma_{ij}.$$

We have proved in [9] that the  $\Gamma_{ij}$ 's are integers. Some of them are as follows :

$$(1. 6) \quad \begin{cases} (g) & \Gamma_{44} = p_4[X^{16}], \\ (h) & 3\Gamma_{43} = (8p_4 - p_3p_1)[X^{16}], \\ (i) & 45\Gamma_{42} = (108p_4 - 27p_3p_1 - 7p_2^2 + 6p_2p_1^2)[X^{16}], \\ (j) & 3^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 41\Gamma_{41} = (744p_4 - 325p_3p_1 - 176p_2^2 + 248p_2p_1^2 - 51p_1^4)[x^{16}]. \end{cases}$$

The parametric multiplicative series (1. 3) admits the following generalization :

$$(1. 7) \quad \prod_i \frac{\sqrt{r_i}}{\text{tgh}\sqrt{r_i}} (1 + y_1 \text{tgh}^2\sqrt{r_i} + y_2 \text{tgh}^4\sqrt{r_i} + \dots + y_m \text{tgh}^{2m}\sqrt{r_i})^*$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p} y_{\alpha_1} \dots y_{\alpha_p} L_{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p}^i(p_1, \dots, p_i),$$

where  $L_{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p}^i$ 's denote certain polynomials of  $p_1, \dots, p_i$  whose weight is  $i$ . The integrality of

$$(1. 8) \quad L_{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p}^i(p_1, \dots, p_i)[X^{4i}]$$

can be proved in the same way as in the case of (1. 5) (Appendix, [9]). In the case of  $X^{16}$  we need only the following one :

$$(1. 9) \quad \prod_i \frac{\sqrt{r_i}}{\text{tgh}\sqrt{r_i}} (1 + u \text{tgh}^2\sqrt{r_i} + v \text{tgh}^4\sqrt{r_i}) = \sum_i \sum_{\alpha, \beta} u^\alpha v^\beta K_{\alpha\beta}^i(p_1, \dots, p_i).$$

In particular we need the following term :

$$(1.10) \quad 45K_{01}^4(p_1, \dots, p_4) = (-216p_4 + 156p_3p_1 + 94p_2^2 - 147p_2p_1^2 + 33p_1^4).$$

We put as follows :

$$(1.11) \quad K_{01}^4(p_1, \dots, p_4)[X^{16}] = K_{01}^4.$$

Of course the  $K_{01}^4$  is an integer.

2. We see from 2(f) + (c) that  $5A_{22}^4$  is an integer. It follows from 2(f) + (e) that  $9A_{111}^4$  is an integer. The integrality of  $3A_{31}^4$  follows from 2(f) + (b). We see from 111(j) + 126(f) - (d) + 70(i) that  $A_{211}^4$  is an integer. From (a) it is clear that  $9A_4^4$  is an integer. From above facts and the integrality of  $A_{111}^4 + A_4^4 + A_{31}^4 + A_{22}^4 + A_{211}^4 + A_{111}^4$  we see that  $A_{22}^4$  and  $3A_4^4 + 3A_{111}^4$  are integers. From 2(f) + (e) + 9(j) + 9(h) + 9(d) + 9(b) we see that  $3A_{111}^4 + A_{31}^4$  is an integer. Since  $A_{211}^4$ ,  $K_{01}^4$  and  $3A_{31}^4$  are integers we see from  $-2(d) + 45K_{01}^4 + 3(b) + 4(f) + 4(j)$  that  $7A_{31}^4$  is an integer and hence  $A_{31}^4$  is an integer. Therefore  $3A_{111}^4$  and  $3A_4^4$  are also integers. Since  $A_4^4 + \dots + A_{111}^4$  is an integer we see that  $A_4^4 + A_{111}^4$  is

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\*)  $\text{tgh}^{2m}\sqrt{r_i} \equiv (\text{tgh}\sqrt{r_i})^{2m}$ .

an integer. Thus we have the following results :

$$(2. 1) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{(i)} \quad 3A_4^4, A_{31}^4, A_{22}^4, A_{211}^4, 3A_{1111}^4 \text{ are integers,} \\ \text{(ii)} \quad A_4^4 + A_{1111}^4 \text{ is an integer.} \end{array} \right.$$

In the case of the manifold  $W = F_4/\text{Spin}(9)$  ([2], p.534) we have

$$(2. 2) \quad A_4^4 = -\frac{28}{3}, A_{31}^4 = 36, A_{22}^4 = 18, A_{211}^4 = -92, A_{1111}^4 = \frac{145}{3}.$$

This is an example of non-integral  $A_4^4$ . Another example is found in the 16-dimensional submanifolds of the  $P_9(c)$ . Let  $X^{16}$  be a submanifold of  $X^{18}$ , i.e.  $X^{16} \xrightarrow{j} X^{18}$ . Let  $X^{16}$  correspond to a cohomology class  $v \in H^2(X^{18}, \mathbb{Z})$ . Then the cobordism coefficients of  $X^{16}$  are given by

$$(2. 3) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{(a)} \quad A_4^4 = \frac{1}{9} \{-v(4p_4 - 4p_3p_1 - 2p_2^2 + 4p_2p_1^2 - p_1^4) - v^9\}[X^{18}], \\ \text{(b)} \quad A_{31}^4 = \frac{1}{21} \{v(36p_4 - 33p_3p_1 - 18p_2^2 + 33p_2p_1^2 - 8p_1^4) + v^3(-3p_3 \\ \quad + 3p_2p_1 - p_1^3) - v^7p_1 + 10v^9\}[X^{18}], \\ \text{(c)} \quad A_{22}^4 = \frac{1}{25} \{v(18p_4 - 18p_3p_1 - 7p_2^2 + 16p_2p_1^2 - 4p_1^4) + v^5(2p_2 - p_1^2) \\ \quad + 5v^9\}[X^{18}], \\ \text{(d)} \quad A_{211}^4 = \frac{1}{45} \{v(-180p_4 + 159p_3p_1 + 80p_2^2 - 150p_2p_1^2 + 36p_1^4) + v^3(21p_3 \\ \quad - 19p_2p_1 + 6p_1^3) + v^5(-11p_2 + 5p_1^2) + 8v^7p_1 - 55v^9\}[X^{18}], \\ \text{(e)} \quad A_{1111}^4 = \frac{1}{81} \{v(165p_4 - 137p_3p_1 - 70p_2^2 + 127p_2p_1^2 - 30p_1^4) + v^3 \\ \quad (-28p_3 + 23p_2p_1 - 7p_1^3) + 3v^5(5p_2 - 2p_1^2) - 12v^7p_1 + 55v^9\}[X^{18}]. \end{array} \right.$$

These relations are derived from the multiplicative series

$$(2. 4) \quad \prod_i \frac{\sqrt{r_i}}{\text{tgh}\sqrt{r_i}} (1 + y \text{tgh}^2 \sqrt{r_i})^{-1} = \sum_i \Lambda_i(y, p_1, \dots, p_i),$$

$$(2. 5) \quad \sum_i \Lambda_i(y, p_1[X^{16}], \dots, p_i[X^{16}]) \\ = j^* \left[ \frac{\text{tgh}v}{v} (1 + y \text{tgh}^2 v) \sum_i \Lambda_i(y, p_1[X^{18}], \dots, p_i[X^{18}]) \right]$$

and the relation

$$(2. 6) \quad \Lambda_4(y, p_1, \dots, p_4) [X^{16}] = \kappa^{18} [\text{tgh}v (1 + y \text{tgh}^2 v) \sum_i \Lambda_i(y, p_1, \dots, p_i) [X^{18}]].$$

In the case of  $P_9(c)$  it is known that

$$(2. 7) \quad p_1 = 10g^2, p_2 = 45g^4, p_3 = 120g^6, p_4 = 210g^8, g^9[P_9(c)] = 1.$$

Letting  $X^{18} = P_9(c)$  and  $v = 2g$  we have from (2. 3)

$$(2. 8) \quad \begin{cases} A_4^4 = -\frac{164}{3}, & A_{31}^4 = 180, & A_{22}^4 = 90, \\ A_{211}^4 = -400, & A_{1111}^4 = \frac{560}{3}. \end{cases}$$

We denote above submanifold of  $P_9(c)$  by  $Q_{16}$ .

We have from (2. 1) and (2. 2) the

**THEOREM.** *A compact orientable differentiable manifold  $X^{16}$  admits the following cobordism decomposition :*

$$(2. 9) \quad X^{16} \sim \overline{A}_4^4 P_8(c) + \overline{A}_{31}^4 P_6(c) P_2(c) + \overline{A}_{22}^4 P_4(c)^2 + \overline{A}_{211}^4 P_4(c) P_2(c)^2 \\ + \overline{A}_{1111}^4 P_2(c)^4 + \overline{A}_0^4 Q_{16} \quad \text{mod torsion,}$$

where the  $\overline{A}$ 's denote some integer and the  $\overline{A}_0^4$  takes the values 0, 1 and 2 and the  $\overline{A}$ 's are uniquely determined by  $X^{16}$ .

3. We denote by  $G_k$  the additive group of the cobordism classes of the compact orientable differentiable manifolds of the dimension  $4k$  modulo torsion and let

$$(3. 1) \quad X^{4k} \sim \sum_{i_1 + \dots + i_t = k} A_{i_1 \dots i_t}^k P_{2i_1}(c) \cdot \dots \cdot P_{2i_t}(c) \quad \text{mod torsion}$$

be the cobordism decomposition of such a manifold. Among them, those cobordism classes whose all coefficients are integers form a sub-group. We denote this group by  $\widehat{G}_k$ .

It is well known that  $G_k = \widehat{G}_k$ ,  $k = 1, 2, 3$  ([4]).

Let us consider the factor group  $G_k / \widehat{G}_k$ . We have proved in the last paragraph that

$$(i) \quad G_4 / \widehat{G}_4 \approx \mathbb{Z}_3.$$

Moreover we see that

$$(ii) \quad G_k / \widehat{G}_k \text{ is a finite group.}$$

**PROOF.** First of all  $G_k / \widehat{G}_k$  consists only of torsions because the cobordism coefficients are rational numbers. Moreover the number of these torsions is finite, because all  $A_{i_1 \dots i_t}^k$ 's ( $i_1 + \dots + i_t = k$ ) become integers by multiplying a suitable large integer depending on  $k$  ([5] p.p.77 ~ 79).

(iii) *The sequence  $\widehat{G}_4 / G_4 \rightarrow \widehat{G}_5 / G_5 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \widehat{G}_k / G_k \rightarrow \widehat{G}_{k+1} / G_{k+1} \rightarrow \dots$  is decreasing.*

**PROOF.** If we multiply an element of  $G_k$  by the  $P_2(c)$ , we obtain an element of  $G_{k+1}$ . We denote this injection by  $j$ :

$$G_k \xrightarrow{j} G_{k+1}.$$

It is clear that the injection  $j$  is isomorphic into and induces an injection such that

$$G_k/\widehat{G}_k \xrightarrow{j^*} G_{k+1}/\widehat{G}_{k+1}.$$

It is also clear that  $j^*$  is isomorphic into.

APPENDIX

*Integrality of  $\Gamma_{ij}$  ((1. 5)).*

It suffices to prove that

- (i) the  $\Gamma_{ij}$  does not contain the factor 2 in its denominator when it is written as a quotient of relative prime integers.
- (ii)  $2^\alpha \Gamma_{ij}$  becomes an integer for a suitable integer  $\alpha$ .

First of all let us prove (i). It is well known that

$$(1) \quad \frac{\sqrt{z}}{\operatorname{tgh}\sqrt{z}} = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k-1} \frac{2^{2k}}{(2k)!} B_k z^k \quad ([5] \text{ p.13}),$$

$$(2) \quad \operatorname{tgh}z = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{2^{2n}(2^{2n}-1)}{(2n)!} B_n z^{2n-1}.$$

Moreover it is known that

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  - a.  $B_k$  (Bernoulli number) contains the factor 2 exactly to the first power in its denominator.
  - b.  $(2k)!$  is not divisible by  $2^{2k}$  ([2] II p.341).

The statement (i) easily follows from these facts and (1. 3). Next let us prove (ii). It suffices to show this for the complex algebraic manifold ([6]). In this case we have

$$(4) \quad \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} p_i = \prod_i (1 + \delta_i^2), \quad \sum_i c_i = \prod_i (1 + \delta_i)$$

and

$$(5) \quad \prod_i \frac{\sqrt{r_i}}{\operatorname{tgh}\sqrt{r_i}} (1 + y \operatorname{tgh}^2 \sqrt{r_i}) = \prod_i \frac{\delta_i}{\operatorname{tgh}\delta_i} (1 + y \operatorname{tgh}^2 \delta_i)$$

$$= \prod_i \frac{\delta_i}{1 - e^{-\delta_i}} \left( \frac{1}{\operatorname{tgh}\delta_i} + y \operatorname{tgh}\delta_i \right) (1 - e^{-\delta_i})$$

$$= \prod_i \frac{\delta_i}{1 - e^{-\delta_i}} \left\{ \frac{\frac{1}{2}(1 + e^{-2\delta_i})}{1 - \frac{1 - e^{-\delta_i}}{2}} + y \frac{\frac{1}{2}(1 - e^{-2\delta_i})(1 - e^{-\delta_i})}{1 - \frac{1 - e^{-2\delta_i}}{2}} \right\}.$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} (6) \quad \sum_{j=0}^n y^j \Gamma_{nj}(p_1, \dots, p_n) &= \kappa_{4n} \left[ \prod \frac{\delta_i}{1 - e^{-\delta_i}} \prod \left[ \frac{1}{2}(1 + e^{-2\delta_i}) \right. \right. \\ &\times \left. \left. \left\{ 1 + \frac{1 - e^{-\delta_i}}{2} + \left( \frac{1 - e^{-\delta_i}}{2} \right)^2 + \dots + \left( \frac{1 - e^{-\delta_i}}{2} \right)^{2n} \right\} + \frac{1}{2} y(1 - e^{-2\delta_i})(1 - e^{-\delta_i}) \right. \right. \\ &\times \left. \left. \left\{ 1 + \frac{1 - e^{-2\delta_i}}{2} + \left( \frac{1 - e^{-2\delta_i}}{2} \right)^2 + \dots + \left( \frac{1 - e^{-2\delta_i}}{2} \right)^{2n-2} \right\} \right] \right] \\ &= \kappa_{4n} \left[ \left( \sum_t y^t \sum_{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m} A_{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m}^t \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_m} e^{\alpha_1 \delta_{i_1} + \dots + \alpha_m \delta_{i_m}} \right) \times \prod_i \frac{\delta_i}{1 - e^{-\delta_i}} \right], \end{aligned}$$

where  $A$  denotes some rational number which becomes integer by multiplying suitable power of 2 and  $a_i$  denotes some integer.

Putting

$$(7) \quad \prod_{i_1, \dots, i_m} (1 + a_1 \delta_{i_1} + \dots + a_m \delta_{i_m}) = \sum_i d_i$$

we see that  $d_i$  is an integral cohomology class, i.e.  $d_i \in H^{2i}(X^{4n}, \mathbb{Z})$ .

Hence we have

$$(8) \quad \Gamma_{nk} = \Gamma_{nk}(p_1, \dots, p_n)[X^{4n}] = \sum_i b_i T(X^{4n}, W_i) = \sum_i b_i \chi(X^{4n}, W_i),$$

where  $b_i$  denotes some rational number which becomes integer by multiplying some power of 2 and  $T(X^{4n}, W_i)$  denotes the Todd genus with regard to  $W_i$  and  $W_i$  denotes a complex analytic vector bundle whose Chern class is  $\sum d_i$  and  $\chi(X^{4n}, W_i)$  denotes the Riemann-Roch number with regard to  $W_i$  ([5] p.154). Thus we have proved (ii).

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