

Extension of involutions on spheres

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Introduction

Let Z_{2q} be a cyclic group of order $2q$ generated by T' . Suppose that a free involution T is given on the sphere S^n . If there exists a free Z_{2q} -action on S^n such that the restriction of the Z_{2q} -action to the Z_2 -action coincides with T on S^n , i. e., $T'|_{Z_2} = T'^q = T$, then we call that the involution T on S^n extends to a free Z_{2q} -action. In this paper, we show that:

THEOREM. *Let q be any integer and $n \geq 1$. Then, every piecewise linear (resp. topological) free involution on S^{2n+1} extends to a piecewise linear (resp. topological) free Z_{2q} -action on S^{2n+1} .*

The theorem follows from a similar method to the proof of the following proposition.

PROPOSITION 3.1. *Let T be a free involution on a homotopy sphere Σ^{2n+1} such that the normal invariant $\eta(\Sigma^{2n+1}/T) \in \text{Im} \{p^* : [L^{2n+1}(2q), G/H] \rightarrow [p^{2n+1}, G/H]\}$ and $(q, |\Theta_{2n+1}(\partial\pi)|) = 1$, where $p: p^{2n+1} \rightarrow L^{2n+1}(2q)$ is the projection and $H=O, PL$ or TOP and $n \geq 2$. Then, T extends to a free Z_{2q} -action on Σ^{2n+1} .*

§ 1 and § 2 will be devoted to the preliminaries of the above proposition. In § 3, we shall prove it and the above theorem.

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1. Definition of transfer

Let X^{2n-1} be a $(2n-1)$ -dimensional closed oriented manifold with fundamental group π . Denote by $\mathcal{S}_H^\varepsilon(X)$ the set of ε -homotopy structures on X , where $H=O$ or PL and $\varepsilon=h$ or s . An ε -homotopy equivalence $f: M \rightarrow X$ determines a normal map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \nu_M & \xrightarrow{b} & \xi \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ M & \xrightarrow{f} & X, \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(\theta(F_y H)) &= \theta((F_y)_1 H_1) = \theta((F_y)_1) \\ &= \tau(\theta(F_y)), \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\tau(x+y) = \tau(x) + \tau(y).$$

REMARK 1.2. The inclusion $i: \pi_1 \subset \pi$ induces a homomorphism $i_*: L_{2n}^s(\pi_1) \rightarrow L_{2n}^s(\pi)$. Then we have the following as a property of the transfer (See [2, p. 54]).

PROPOSITION 1.3. *Let $C(\pi)$ be the center of π . If $\pi_1 \subset C(\pi)$, then*

$$\tau i^*(x) = [\pi; \pi_1] x: L_{2n}^s(\pi_1) \xrightarrow{i_*} L_{2n}^s(\pi) \xrightarrow{\tau} L_{2n}^s(\pi_1),$$

where $[\pi; \pi_1]$ is the index of π_1 in π .

The trivial map $p: \pi \rightarrow 1$ induces the homomorphism $p_*: L_*^s(\pi) \rightarrow L_*(1)$ which is onto, and so we have

$$L_*^s(\pi) = L_*^s(\tilde{\pi}) \oplus L_*(1),$$

where $L_*^s(\tilde{\pi}) = \text{Ker}[p_*: L_*^s(\pi) \rightarrow L_*(1)]$ is the reduced Wall group.

Our goal in this section is the following lemma.

LEMMA 1.4. $\tau: L_0^s(Z_{2q}) \rightarrow L_0(Z_2)$ is onto modulo $L_0(1)$. Here $L_0(1) \subset L_0(Z_2)$.

Proof. $L_0(Z_2)$ is isomorphic to $8Z \oplus 8Z$. The correspondence is given by

$$x = \theta(F, W) \longmapsto (I(W), I(\tilde{W})),$$

where $F: W \rightarrow P^{4k-1} \times I$ is a normal map, P^{4k-1} the standard projective $(4k-1)$ -space, and $I(W)$ (resp. $I(\tilde{W})$) is the index of W (resp. \tilde{W}), \tilde{W} the universal cover of W .

Let T be a generator of Z_2 . The multi-signature invariant $\rho(T, x)$ for $x \in L_0(Z_2)$ is given by

$$(1) \quad \rho(T, x) = \text{Sign}(T, \tilde{W}) = 2I(W) - I(\tilde{W}).$$

It follows that

$$(2) \quad \rho(T, -): L_0(\tilde{Z}_2) \longrightarrow 8Z$$

is an isomorphism, and $\text{Ker } \rho = L_0(1)$ which is isomorphic to $\{(m, 2m)\}_{m \in Z} \subset L_0(Z_2)$. For the Atiyah-Singer invariants $\sigma(T, \partial_{\pm} \tilde{W})$ of $\partial_{\pm} \tilde{W}$, we have

$$(3) \quad \rho(T, x) = \sigma(T, \partial_- \tilde{W}) - \sigma(T, \partial_+ \tilde{W}).$$

by taking $\xi = g^* \nu_M$, where ν_M is the normal bundle of M and g is an ε -homotopy inverse of f . Take $x \in L_{2n}^*(\pi)$. By the realization theorem of Wall [9], there is a triad $(W, \partial_+ W, \partial_- W)$ and a map F of this to the triad $(X \times I, X \times 0, X \times 1)$ satisfying that

(1) There is a bundle map B covering F of the normal bundle of W which extends the bundle map b .

(2) $(\partial_- W, F|_{\partial_- W}) = (M, f)$.

(3) $F|_{\partial_+ W}$ is an ε -homotopy equivalence.

(4) $\theta(F, W) = x \in L_{2n}^*(\pi)$.

Let π_1 be a subgroup of π and let \tilde{X} be the universal cover of X . Put $X_1 = \tilde{X}/\pi_1$. For the projection $p: X_1 \rightarrow X$, we consider the following pull-back diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} W_1 & \xrightarrow{F_1} & X_1 \times I \\ \downarrow p & & \downarrow p \\ W & \xrightarrow{F} & X \times I. \end{array}$$

The pair (F_1, W_1) has the same properties corresponding with (1), (2) and (3). We set

$$\tau(x) = \theta(F_1) \in L_{2n}^*(\pi_1).$$

It is easy to see that the definition of τ is independent of choices of the cobordisms which represent x . In particular, we may start from $(X, id) \in \mathcal{S}_H^*(X)$ in place of (M, f) .

LEMMA 1.1. $\tau: L_{2n}^*(\pi) \rightarrow L_{2n}^*(\pi_1)$ is a well-defined homomorphism.

PROOF. We can show that τ is a homomorphism similarly as the proof of the theorem [7, p. 50]. Let $x, y \in L_{2n}^*(\pi)$, and let $F_x: W_x \rightarrow X \times I$ be the cobordism between $id: X \rightarrow X$ and $f_x: M_x \rightarrow X$ such that $\theta(F_x) = x$. We represent y by the cobordism $F_y: W_y \rightarrow X \times I$ similarly. We consider cobordisms

(i) $F_{-x}: W_{-x} \rightarrow X \times I$ between f_x and id such that $\theta(F_{-x}) = -x$.

(ii) $F_{yx}: W_{yx} \rightarrow M_y \times I$ between $id: M_y \rightarrow M_y$ and $f_{yx}: M_{yx} \rightarrow M_y$ such that $\theta(F_{yx}) = x$.

Combining these with $id: W_y \rightarrow W_y$, we have a map

$$H': W_{-x} \cup W_y \cup W_{yx} \longrightarrow W_y.$$

It follows that $\theta(H') = \theta(F_{-x}) + \theta(id) + \theta(F_{yx}) = 0$. We have an ε -homotopy equivalence $H: W'_y \rightarrow W_y$. We take $F_x \cup F_y H: W_x \cup W'_y \rightarrow X \times I$ as the normal map $F_{x+y}: W_{x+y} \rightarrow X \times I$ corresponding to $x+y$. Since

By [8], there exists a homotopy equivalence f_i of a homotopy complex projective 3-space HCP^3 into the complex projective 3-space CP^3 which is transverse regular to CP^2 and such that the restricted normal map

$$\bar{f}_i : N^4 = f_i^{-1}(CP^2) \longrightarrow CP^2 \quad \text{satisfies}$$

$$(4) \quad \theta(\bar{f}_i) = 8i \quad \text{for any } i \in Z.$$

Consider the S^1 -fibration $p : L^7(2q) \rightarrow CP^3$, where $L^7(2q)$ being the 7-dimensional standard lens space. Pulling back this fibration by f_i , we have a homotopy lens space L_i^7 and an ε -homotopy equivalence

$$(5) \quad g_i : L_i^7 \rightarrow L^7(2q),$$

which is transverse to $L^5(2q)$, $L_i^5 = g_i^{-1}(L^5(2q))$, and $\bar{g}_i = g_i|_{L_i^5} : L_i^5 \rightarrow L^5(2q)$ is the restricted normal map. Since the surgery obstruction $\theta(\bar{g}_i) = 0$ in $L_5^*(Z_{2q})$, \bar{g}_i is normally cobordant to an ε -homotopy equivalence $g'_i : L_i^{5'} \rightarrow L^5(2q)$. By the normal cobordism extension property (See [7, p. 45]), we may extend the normal cobordism between $\bar{g}_i : L_i^5 \rightarrow L^5(2q)$ and $g'_i : L_i^{5'} \rightarrow L^5(2q)$ to a cobordism between $g_i : L_i^7 \rightarrow L^7(2q)$ and $h_i : L_i^{7'} \rightarrow L^7(2q)$ such that $h_i^{-1}(L^5(2q)) = L_i^{5'}$, and $h_i|_{L_i^{5'}} = g'_i$. Let $N(L^5(2q))$ be a tubular neighbourhood of $L^5(2q)$ in $L^7(2q)$. Then the surgery obstruction of h_i , $\theta(h_i)$ is equal to the surgery obstruction of the restriction map

$$h_i : L_i^{7'} - \text{int } N(L_i^{5'}) \longrightarrow L^7(2q) - \text{int } N(L^5(2q)) \cong D^6 \times S^1$$

which is a homotopy equivalence on the boundary, i. e.,

$$\theta(h_i) = \theta(h_i|_{L_i^{7'} - \text{int } N(L_i^{5'})}) \in L_7(Z) \cong L_6(1) = Z_2.$$

Here $N(L_i^{5'})$ is a tubular neighbourhood of $L_i^{5'}$ in $L_i^{7'}$. Since $\theta(h_i) = \theta(g_i) = 0$, there exists a normal cobordism rel. boundary between $h_i|(L_i^{7'} - \text{int } N(L_i^{5'}))$ and a homotopy equivalence $h'_i : E \rightarrow D^6 \times S^1$. Put $M_i^7 = E \cup N(L_i^{5'})$. There is an ε -homotopy equivalence

$$k : M_i^7 \longrightarrow L^7(2q)$$

defined to be h'_i on E and h_i on $N(L_i^{5'})$. Combining these cobordisms, there is a normal cobordism

$$F : V^8 \longrightarrow L^7(2q) \times I$$

between $g_i : L_i^7 \rightarrow L^7(2q)$ and $k : M_i^7 \rightarrow L^7(2q)$. It follows that $\theta(F, V) \in L_8^*(Z_{2q})$. We have

$$(6) \quad \tau\theta(F, V) = \theta(F_1, V_1) \in L_8(z_2),$$

where $F_1: V_1 \rightarrow P^7 \times I$ is a normal map, and the universal cover $\partial \tilde{V}_1 = \tilde{L}_i^7 \cup \tilde{M}_i^7$.

Since $L_i^7 \rightarrow HCP^3$ is the S^1 -fibration, so $\sigma(T, \tilde{L}_i^7)$ is the value $\sigma(-1, \widetilde{HCP^3})$ of the Atiyah-Singer invariant $\sigma(t, \widetilde{HCP^3})$, $t \in S^1$ at $t = -1$. Hence from (4) we have

$$(7) \quad \sigma(T, \tilde{L}_i^7) = \sigma(-1, \widetilde{HCP^3}) = 8i.$$

On the other hand, the Atiyah-Singer invariant $\sigma(T, Q^{4k-1})$ is equal to the Browder-Livesay invariant $\sigma(Q^{4k-1})$ for a homotopy projective $(4k-1)$ -space Q^{4k-1} (See [3]). If we note that the Browder-Livesay invariant $\sigma(Q^{4k-1})$ is the desuspension invariant of Q^{4k-1} , we see that the q -fold covering manifold \tilde{M}_i^7 is a homotopy projective space which desuspends (in fact, (T, \tilde{M}_i^7) is a double suspension). Hence we have

$$(8) \quad \sigma(T, \tilde{M}_i^7) = 0.$$

By (3), (6), (7) and (8), it follows that

$$\tau(\theta(F, V)) = 8i.$$

Therefore, by (2), $\tau: L_0^s(Z_{2q}) \rightarrow L_0(Z_2)$ is onto modulo $L_0(1)$. This completes the proof of the lemma.

2. Surgery exact sequence

Let $\mathcal{S}_H^\varepsilon(X)$ be the set of ε -homotopy structures on X and let $[X, G/H]$ be the set of normal cobordisms classes of normal maps into X . We consider the surgery exact sequences for $X = P^{2n+1}$ and $L^{2n+1}(2q)$ (See [9]). The projection $p: P^{2n+1} \rightarrow L^{2n+1}(2q)$ induces a map

$$p!: \mathcal{S}_H^\varepsilon(L^{2n+1}(2q)) \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}_H^\varepsilon(P^{2n+1})$$

by taking q -fold covering. Similarly, p induces a map

$$p^*: [L^{2n+1}(2q), G/H] \longrightarrow [P^{2n+1}, G/H].$$

Then we have the following commutative diagram of exact sequences for $n \geq 2$.

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} L_{2n+2}(Z_2) & \xrightarrow{\omega} & \mathcal{S}_H(P^{2n+1}) & \xrightarrow{\eta} & [P^{2n+1}, G/H] & \xrightarrow{\theta} & L_{2n+1}(Z_2) \\ \uparrow \tau & & \uparrow p! & & \uparrow p^* & & \\ L_{2n+2}^s(Z_{2q}) & \xrightarrow{\omega} & \mathcal{S}_H^s(L^{2n+1}(2q)) & \xrightarrow{\eta} & [L^{2n+1}(2q), G/H] & \xrightarrow{\theta} & L_{2n+1}^s(Z_{2q}) \end{array}$$

LEMMA 2.2. $p^* : [L^{2n+1}(2q), G/H] \rightarrow [P^{2n+1}, G/H]$ is onto for $H=PL, TOP$.

PROOF. The projection $p : L^{2n+1}(s) \rightarrow CP^n$ induces a map $p^* : [CP^n, G/H] \rightarrow [L^{2n+1}(s), G/H]$ for each integer $s \in Z$. The lemma follows from the fact that p^* is onto (See [9, LEMMA 14 A. 2, p 186]).

The natural projection $d : Z_{2q} \rightarrow Z_2$ induces the isomorphism

$$(2.3) \quad d : L_3^s(Z_{2q}) \cong Z_2 \longrightarrow L_3(Z_2) \cong Z_2.$$

We have the following lemma.

LEMMA 2.4. *There is a following commutative diagram for $H=O, PL, or TOP$ and $k \geq 1$.*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} [P^{4k+3}, G/H] & \xrightarrow{\theta} & L_3(Z_2) \\ \uparrow p^* & & \uparrow d \\ [L^{4k+3}(2q), G/H] & \xrightarrow{\theta} & L_3^s(Z_{2q}) \end{array}$$

REMARKS. The lemma of PL case is seen in [9, THEOREM 14. 4] and the smooth case is seen in [5, THEOREM 3. 7]. Throughout the cases $H=O, PL, or TOP$, the proof of this lemma is to determine the nontrivial obstruction for the fundamental group of a cyclic group of even order in place of a cyclic group of odd order in [1, THEOREM 1'].

PROOF. Take a normal map $f : L^{4k+3} \rightarrow L^{4k+3}(2q)$. As in the proof of the lemma 1.4, there is a normal map $g : L_1^{4k+3} \rightarrow L^{4k+3}(2q)$ which is normally cobordant to f such that $g : g^{-1}(L^{4k+1}(2q)) \rightarrow L^{4k+1}(2q)$ is an ε -homotopy equivalence. Let $N(g^{-1}(L^{4k+1}(2q)))$ be a tubular neighbourhood of $g^{-1}(L^{4k+1}(2q))$ in L_1^{4k+3} . It follows that

$$\theta(f) = \theta\left(g \left| L_1^{4k+3} - \text{int } N(g^{-1}(L^{4k+1}(2q))) \right.\right),$$

where $g : L_1^{4k+3} - \text{int } N(g^{-1}(L^{4k+1}(2q))) \rightarrow D^{4k+2} \times S^1$ is a normal map which is a homotopy equivalence on the boundary. Make g transverse to $D^{4k+2} \times t \subset D^{4k+2} \times S^1$ such that $g^{-1}(S^{4k+1} \times t)$ is a homotopy sphere and $g : g^{-1}(S^{4k+1} \times t) \rightarrow S^{4k+1}$ is a homotopy equivalence. Let $d'' : L_3^s(Z_{2q}) \rightarrow L_2(1)$ be the homomorphism defined by the composition of $L_3^s(Z_{2q}) \rightarrow L_3(Z) \xrightarrow{\cong} L_2(1)$.

We have

$$d''\theta(f) = \theta\left(g \left| g^{-1}(D^{4k+2} \times t) \right.\right) \in L_2(1) \cong Z_2.$$

The q -fold covering map of f induces a normal map $p^*(f) : Q \rightarrow P^{4k+3}$. Here Q is the q -fold cover of L^{4k+3} . Then it follows that the surgery obstruction

$\theta(p^*(f))$ is equal to $\theta(g|g^{-1}(D^{4k+2} \times t))$, i. e., $d' \theta(p^*(f)) = \theta(g|g^{-1}(D^{4k+2} \times t))$, where $d' : L_3(Z_2) \rightarrow L_2(1)$ is the isomorphism. From the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} L_3(Z_2) & \xrightarrow{d'} & L_2(1) \\ \uparrow d & \nearrow d'' & \\ L_3^s(Z_{2q}) & & \end{array},$$

we have $d\theta(f) = \theta(p^*(f))$. This proves the lemma.

3. Proof of Theorem

First we prove the following.

PROPOSITION 3.1. *Let $H=O, PL, \text{ or } TOP$ and $n \geq 2$. Let T be a free involution on a homotopy sphere Σ^{2n+1} such that $\eta(\Sigma^{2n+1}/T) \in \text{Im } [p^* : [L^{2n+1}(2q), G/H] \rightarrow [P^{2n+1}, G/H]]$ and $(q, |\Theta_{2n+1}(\partial\pi)|) = 1$, where $\Theta_{2n+1}(\partial\pi)$ is the group of homotopy $(2n+1)$ -spheres which bound parallelizable manifolds, and $|\Theta_{2n+1}(\partial\pi)|$ is the order of $\Theta_{2n+1}(\partial\pi)$. Then, T extends to a free Z_{2q} -action on Σ .*

REMARK. For example, $q=3$ satisfies $(q, |\Theta_{2n+1}(\partial\pi)|) = 1$ for any $n \geq 2$.

PROOF. Case 1. $n \equiv 0(2)$. Let T be a free involution on Σ^{4k+1} such that $\eta(\Sigma^{4k+1}/T) \in \text{Im } p^*$. Since $\theta : [L^{4k+1}(2q), G/H] \rightarrow L_{4k+1}^s(Z_{2q})$ is zero, there exists an element $L_1^{4k+1} \in \mathcal{S}_H^s(L^{4k+1}(2q))$ such that

$$\eta(p!(L_1^{4k+1})) = \eta(\Sigma^{4k+1}/T).$$

Since the action ω of $L_2(Z_2) \cong L_2(1)$ is to add the Kervaire manifold, we have

$$\Sigma^{4k+1}/T \cong p!(L_1^{4k+1})$$

or

$$\Sigma^{4k+1}/T \cong p!(L_1^{4k+1}) \# \Sigma_K^{4k+1},$$

where Σ_K^{4k+1} is the Kervaire sphere.

If $p!(L_1^{4k+1}) \# \Sigma_K^{4k+1} \cong \Sigma^{4k+1}/T$, we take $L_2^{4k+1} = L_1^{4k+1} \# \Sigma_K^{4k+1} \in \mathcal{S}_H^s(L^{4k+1}(2q))$. Since $(q, |\Theta_{4k+1}(\partial\pi)|) = 1$ and the order of $\Theta_{4k+1}(\partial\pi)$ is at most 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} p!(L_2^{4k+1}) &\cong p!(L_1^{4k+1}) \# q\Sigma_K^{4k+1} \\ &\cong p!(L_1^{4k+1}) \# \Sigma_K^{4k+1} \cong \Sigma^{4k+1}/T. \end{aligned}$$

Hence T extends to a free Z_{2q} -action.

Case 2. $n \equiv 1(2)$. Let T be a free involution on Σ^{4k+3} such that $\eta(\Sigma^{4k+3}/T) \in \text{Im } p^*$. By Lemma 2.4, there exists an element $L_1^{4k+3} \in \mathcal{S}_H^s(L^{4k+3})$

($2q$) such that $\eta(p!(L_1^{4k+3})) = \eta(\Sigma^{4k+3}/T)$. From (2.1), we have $\Sigma^{4k+3}/T = \omega(x, p!(L_1^{4k+3}))$ for some $x \in L_0(Z_2)$. By Lemma 1.4, there exists $y \in L_0^\epsilon(Z_{2q})$ such that $x - \tau(y) = x_0$ for some $x_0 \in L_0(1) \subset L_0(Z_2)$. Put $L_2 = \omega(y, L_1^{4k+3}) \in \mathcal{S}_H^\epsilon(L^{4k+3}(2q))$. We have from the commutativity of (2.1) that

$$\Sigma^{4k+3}/T = \omega(x_0, p!(L_2)).$$

Since the action ω of $L_0(1)$ is to add the Milnor manifolds, it follows that

$$\Sigma^{4k+3}/T = p!(L_2) \# m\Sigma_1^{4k+3}$$

for some $m \in Z$, where Σ_1^{4k+3} is a generator of $\Theta_{4k+3}(\partial\pi)$. By the condition $(q, |\Theta_{4k+3}(\partial\pi)|) = 1$, there is an integer n such that $nq \equiv 1 \pmod{|\Theta_{4k+3}(\partial\pi)|}$. We take $L_3 = L_2 \# nm\Sigma_1^{4k+3} \in \mathcal{S}_H^\epsilon(L^{4k+3}(2q))$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} p!(L_3) &\cong p!(L_2) \# qnm\Sigma_1^{4k+3} \\ &\cong p!(L_2) \# m\Sigma_1^{4k+3} \cong \Sigma^{4k+3}/T. \end{aligned}$$

Hence T extends to a free Z_{2q} -action. This proves the proposition.

PROOF OF THEOREM IN INTRODUCTION.

By [6], any free involution on S^3 is conjugate to the antipodal map. Therefore, T extends to a free Z_{2q} -action on S^3 . Let T be a free involution on S^{2n+1} for $n \geq 2$. It follows from Lemma 2.2 that $\eta(S^{2n+1}/T) \in \text{Im } p^*$. Similarly to Proposition 3.1, $S^{2n+1}/T \cong \omega(x, p!(M))$ for some $M \in \mathcal{S}_H^\epsilon(L^{2n+1}(2q))$ and $x \in L_{2n+2}(Z_2)$. Since the action ω of $L_{2n+2}(1)$ on $\mathcal{S}_H(P^{2n+1})$ is trivial for $H = PL, TOP$, we have $S^{2n+1}/T \cong p!(M_1)$ for some $M_1 \in \mathcal{S}_H^\epsilon(L^{2n+1}(2q))$. Hence T extends to a free Z_{2q} -action.

COROLLARY. (See [4]) *There exist non-triangulable (simple) homotopy lens spaces $\bar{L}^{2n+1}(2q)$ for $n \geq 2$ and $q \geq 1$.*

PROOF. From the computations of $[P^{2n+1}, G/H]$ for $H = PL, TOP$, there is an exact sequence

$$\mathcal{S}_{PL}(P^{2n+1}) \xrightarrow{\Phi} \mathcal{S}_{TOP}(P^{2n+1}) \xrightarrow{\Psi} Z_2 \longrightarrow 0,$$

where Φ is the obvious map, and Ψ is the obstruction map (See [7]).

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