

## Stable extendibility and extendibility of vector bundles over lens spaces

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**ABSTRACT.** Firstly, we obtain conditions for stable extendibility and extendibility of complex vector bundles over the  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional standard lens space  $L^n(p)$  mod  $p$ , where  $p$  is a prime. Secondly, we prove that the complexification  $c(\tau_n(p))$  of the tangent bundle  $\tau_n(p)$  ( $= \tau(L^n(p))$ ) of  $L^n(p)$  is extendible to  $L^{2n+1}(p)$  if  $p$  is a prime, and is not stably extendible to  $L^{2n+2}(p)$  if  $p$  is an odd prime and  $n \geq 2p - 2$ . Thirdly, we show, for some odd prime  $p$  and positive integers  $n$  and  $m$  with  $m > n$ , that  $\tau(L^n(p))$  is stably extendible to  $L^m(p)$  but is not extendible to  $L^m(p)$ .

### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathbb{F}$  denote either the real number field  $\mathbb{R}$  or the complex number field  $\mathbb{C}$ . Let  $A$  be a subspace of a space  $X$ . A  $t$ -dimensional  $\mathbb{F}$ -vector bundle  $\alpha$  over  $A$  is said to be stably extendible (respectively extendible) to  $X$  if and only if there is a  $t$ -dimensional  $\mathbb{F}$ -vector bundle over  $X$  whose restriction to  $A$  is stably equivalent (respectively equivalent) to  $\alpha$  (cf. [3] and [9]). For simplicity, we use the same letter for an  $\mathbb{F}$ -vector bundle and its equivalence class and  $k$  for the  $k$ -dimensional trivial  $\mathbb{F}$ -bundle.

For an integer  $p$  with  $p > 1$ , let  $L^n(p)$  ( $= S^{2n+1}/(\mathbb{Z}/p)$ ) be the  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional standard lens space mod  $p$ . Then, we obtain conditions for stable extendibility and extendibility of a  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector bundle over  $L^n(p)$  in the following theorem.

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $p$  be a prime and  $\alpha$  a  $t$ -dimensional  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector bundle over  $L^n(p)$  which is stably equivalent to a sum of  $s$  non-trivial  $\mathbb{C}$ -line bundles. Then the following hold.*

- (1)  $\alpha$  is stably extendible to  $L^m(p)$  for every  $m > n$  if  $s \leq t$ .
- (2)  $\alpha$  is extendible to  $L^t(p)$  if  $n \leq t \leq s$ .

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If  $t < s$ , the conclusion of Theorem 1(1) does not hold in general. In fact, for  $t = 2n + 1$  and  $s = 2n + 2$ , there exists a  $t$ -dimensional  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector bundle over  $L^n(p)$  which is stably equivalent to a sum of  $s$  non-trivial  $\mathbb{C}$ -line bundles and is not stably extendible to  $L^{2n+2}(p)$ . Such  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector bundle is given in the latter part of the following theorem.

Let  $c(\alpha)$  be the complexification of an  $\mathbb{R}$ -vector bundle  $\alpha$ , and  $\tau_n(p)$  ( $= \tau(L^n(p))$ ) denote the tangent bundle of  $L^n(p)$ .

**THEOREM 2.** *The complexification  $c(\tau_n(p))$  of the tangent bundle  $\tau_n(p)$  is extendible to  $L^{2n+1}(p)$  if  $p$  is a prime, and is not stably extendible to  $L^{2n+2}(p)$  if  $p$  is an odd prime and  $n \geq 2p - 2$ .*

Furthermore, we show, for some odd prime  $p$  and positive integers  $n$  and  $m$  with  $m > n$ , that  $\tau_n(p)$  is stably extendible to  $L^m(p)$  but is not extendible to  $L^m(p)$ .

For  $n > p$ , we have the following.

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $p$  be an odd prime and  $n$  an integer with  $n > p$ . Then  $\tau_n(p)$  is stably extendible to  $L^{2n+1}(p)$  but is not extendible to  $L^{2n+1}(p)$ .*

The next theorem for  $n \leq p$  is an explicit statement of the fact that remarked in Section 1 of [4].

**THEOREM 4.** *Let  $p$  be an odd prime.*

(1) *Let  $n$  be an integer with  $p - 3 \leq n \leq p$  and  $n \neq 0, 1$  and  $3$ , and  $m$  an integer with  $m > n$ . Then  $\tau_n(p)$  is stably extendible to  $L^m(p)$  but is not extendible to  $L^m(p)$ .*

(2) *Let  $p \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{12}$  and  $m$  an integer with  $m > 2$ . Then  $\tau_2(p)$  is stably extendible to  $L^m(p)$  but is not extendible to  $L^m(p)$ .*

**COROLLARY 1.** *Let  $p$  be a prime with  $p \geq 5$  and  $m$  an integer with  $m > p$ . Then  $\tau_p(p)$  is stably extendible to  $L^m(p)$  but is not extendible to  $L^m(p)$ .*

**COROLLARY 2.** *Let  $p$  be an odd prime and  $m$  an integer with  $m > p - 1$ . Then  $\tau_{p-1}(p)$  is stably extendible to  $L^m(p)$  but is not extendible to  $L^m(p)$ .*

**COROLLARY 3.** *Let  $p$  be a prime with  $p \geq 7$  and  $m$  an integer with  $m > p - 2$ . Then  $\tau_{p-2}(p)$  is stably extendible to  $L^m(p)$  but is not extendible to  $L^m(p)$ .*

**COROLLARY 4.** *Let  $p$  be a prime with  $p \geq 5$  and  $m$  an integer with  $m > p - 3$ . Then  $\tau_{p-3}(p)$  is stably extendible to  $L^m(p)$  but is not extendible to  $L^m(p)$ .*

This paper is organized as follows. After preparing some known results, we prove Theorem 1 in Section 2. Using some known facts, we study stable

extendibility of  $c(\tau_4(3))$  and  $c(\tau_5(3))$  in Section 2, and prove Theorem 2 in Section 3. Using several conditions for stable extendibility and extendibility, we give proofs of Theorems 3–4 and Corollaries 1–4 in Section 5.

## 2. Proof of Theorem 1

Let  $\mathbb{C}P^n (= S^{2n+1}/S^1)$  denote the complex projective space of complex dimension  $n$  and  $\mu_n$  stand for the canonical  $\mathbb{C}$ -line bundle over  $\mathbb{C}P^n$ . Then we define  $\eta_n = \pi^*(\mu_n)$ , the bundle induced by the natural projection  $\pi : L^n(p) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^n$  from  $\mu_n$ , and  $\sigma_n = \eta_n - 1$  ( $\in \tilde{K}(L^n(p))$ ). We call  $\eta_n$  the canonical  $\mathbb{C}$ -line bundle over  $L^n(p)$ . The structure of the ring  $\tilde{K}(L^n(p))$  is determined in [5] as follows.

**THEOREM 2.1** ([5, Theorem 1]). *Let  $p$  be a prime and  $n$  a positive integer. Let  $n = s(p-1) + r$ , where  $s$  and  $r$  are integers with  $0 \leq r < p-1$ . Then*

$$\tilde{K}(L^n(p)) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/p^{s+1})^r + (\mathbb{Z}/p^s)^{p-r-1}.$$

(Here,  $(\mathbb{Z}/q)^k$  denotes the direct sum of  $k$ -copies of  $\mathbb{Z}/q$ .) The first  $r$  summands are generated by  $\sigma_n^1, \sigma_n^2, \dots, \sigma_n^r$ , and the last  $p-r-1$  summands by  $\sigma_n^{r+1}, \sigma_n^{r+2}, \dots, \sigma_n^{p-1}$ . Moreover, the ring structure of  $\tilde{K}(L^n(p))$  is given by the relations:

$$(\sigma_n + 1)^p (= \eta_n^p) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_n^{n+1} = 0.$$

For a real number  $x$ , let  $\langle x \rangle$  denote the smallest integer  $q$  with  $x \leq q$ .

**THEOREM 2.2** ([2, Theorem 1.2, p. 99]). *Let  $X$  be a finite dimensional CW-complex and  $\zeta$  an  $s$ -dimensional  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector bundle over  $X$ . If  $t = \langle \{(\dim X) - 1\}/2 \rangle \leq s$ , then there exists a  $t$ -dimensional  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector bundle  $\gamma$  over  $X$  such that  $\zeta = \gamma \oplus (s-t)$ . (Here,  $\oplus$  denotes the Whitney sum.)*

**THEOREM 2.3** ([8, Theorem 2.3]). *Let  $Y$  be a subcomplex of a finite dimensional CW-complex  $X$  and  $\alpha$  a  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector bundle over  $Y$  such that  $\dim \alpha \geq \langle (\dim Y)/2 \rangle$ . Then  $\alpha$  is extendible to  $X$  if and only if  $\alpha$  is stably extendible to  $X$ .*

Using Theorems 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3, we prove Theorem 1.

**PROOF OF THEOREM 1.** By Theorem 2.1, there exist non-negative integers  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{p-1}$  such that

$$\alpha - t = \sum_{1 \leq j \leq p-1} a_j \eta_n^j - s \quad (\in \tilde{K}(L^n(p))),$$

where  $\sum_{1 \leq j \leq p-1} a_j = s$ .

(1) Let  $m$  be any integer with  $m > n$  and  $i: L^n(p) \rightarrow L^m(p)$  be the standard inclusion. Then, if  $s \leq t$ , for the non-negative integers  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{p-1}$  with  $\sum_{1 \leq j \leq p-1} a_j = s$ , a  $\mathbf{C}$ -vector bundle

$$\beta = \sum_{1 \leq j \leq p-1} a_j \eta_m^j \oplus (t-s)$$

over  $L^m(p)$  is  $t$ -dimensional and, for the induced homomorphism  $i^*: K(L^m(p)) \rightarrow K(L^n(p))$ ,

$$i^*(\beta) = \sum_{1 \leq j \leq p-1} a_j \eta_n^j \oplus (t-s) = \alpha,$$

since  $i^*(\eta_m) = \eta_n$  and  $i^*(t-s) = t-s$ . Hence  $\alpha$  is stably extendible to  $L^m(p)$ .

(2) Let  $n \leq t \leq s$ . If  $n = t$ , the conclusion is trivial. So we may assume  $n < t \leq s$ . Setting  $X = L^t(p)$  and  $\zeta = \sum_{1 \leq j \leq p-1} a_j \eta_t^j$ , where  $\sum_{1 \leq j \leq p-1} a_j = s$ , in Theorem 2.2, we see that there exists a  $t$ -dimensional  $\mathbf{C}$ -vector bundle  $\gamma$  over  $L^t(p)$  such that

$$\sum_{1 \leq j \leq p-1} a_j \eta_t^j = \gamma \oplus (s-t).$$

Let  $i: L^n(p) \rightarrow L^t(p)$  be the standard inclusion. Then, applying the induced homomorphism  $i^*: K(L^t(p)) \rightarrow K(L^n(p))$  to the both sides of the above equality, we have

$$\sum_{1 \leq j \leq p-1} a_j \eta_n^j = i^*(\gamma) \oplus (s-t).$$

So  $\alpha - t = \sum_{1 \leq j \leq p-1} a_j \eta_n^j - s = i^*(\gamma) - t$  in  $\tilde{K}(L^n(p))$ . Thus  $\alpha$  is stably extendible to  $L^t(p)$ . Setting  $X = L^t(p)$  and  $Y = L^n(p)$  in Theorem 2.3, we have  $\dim \alpha = t \geq n + 1 = \langle (\dim L^n(p))/2 \rangle$ . Hence  $\alpha$  is extendible to  $L^t(p)$ .  $\square$

### 3. Stable extendibility of $c(\tau_4(3))$ and $c(\tau_5(3))$

We recall some known facts for the proofs.

**FACT 3.1.** *Let  $c: KO(X) \rightarrow K(X)$ ,  $r: K(X) \rightarrow KO(X)$  and  $t: K(X) \rightarrow K(X)$  be the complexification, the real restriction and the complex conjugation, respectively. Then they are natural with respect to maps and satisfy:  $rc = 2$  and  $cr = 1 + t$ . In particular, for the canonical  $\mathbf{C}$ -line bundle  $\eta_n$  over  $L^n(p)$ ,  $cr(\eta_n) = \eta_n + \eta_n^{-1} = \eta_n + \eta_n^{p-1}$ .*

**FACT 3.2.** *For the tangent bundle  $\tau_n(p)$  of  $L^n(p)$ ,  $\tau_n(p) \oplus 1 = (n+1)r(\eta_n)$ .*

FACT 3.3. *The total Chern class  $C(\eta_n^i)$  of  $\eta_n^i$  is given by  $C(\eta_n^i) = 1 + iz_n$ , where  $z_n = C_1(\eta_n)$ , the first Chern class of  $\eta_n$ , is the generator of  $H^2(L^n(p); \mathbb{Z})$  ( $\cong \mathbb{Z}/p$ ).*

FACT 3.4. *Let  $p$  be a prime and let  $a = \sum_{0 \leq i \leq m} a(i)p^i$  and  $b = \sum_{0 \leq i \leq m} b(i)p^i$  ( $0 \leq a(i) < p$ ,  $0 \leq b(i) < p$ ). Then*

$$\binom{b}{a} \equiv \prod_{0 \leq i \leq m} \binom{b(i)}{a(i)} \pmod{p}.$$

We prove results on stable extendibility of  $c(\tau_4(3))$  and  $c(\tau_5(3))$ . The method is similar to that of Theorem 8 in [1].

THEOREM 3.1.  *$c(\tau_4(3))$  is not stably extendible to  $L^{10}(3)$ .*

PROOF. Suppose that there exists a 9-dimensional  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector bundle  $\beta$  over  $L^{10}(3)$  satisfying  $i^*(\beta) = c(\tau_4(3))$ , where  $i: L^4(3) \rightarrow L^{10}(3)$  is the standard inclusion. According to Theorem 2.1, there exist integers  $a$  and  $b$  such that

$$\beta - 9 = a\sigma_{10} + b\sigma_{10}^2 \in \tilde{K}(L^{10}(3)) \cong \mathbb{Z}/3^5 + \mathbb{Z}/3^5.$$

Applying the induced homomorphism  $i^*: \tilde{K}(L^{10}(3)) \rightarrow \tilde{K}(L^4(3))$  to the both sides of the above equality, we obtain

$$i^*(\beta - 9) = a\sigma_4 + b\sigma_4^2 \in \tilde{K}(L^4(3)) \cong \mathbb{Z}/9 + \mathbb{Z}/9.$$

Using Facts 3.2 and 3.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} i^*(\beta - 9) &= c(\tau_4(3)) - 9 = c(\tau_4(3) \oplus 1) - 10 \\ &= c(5r(\eta_4)) - 10 = 5cr(\eta_4) - 10 = 5(\eta_4 + \eta_4^2) - 10 \\ &= 15(\eta_4 - 1) + 5(\eta_4 - 1)^2 = 15\sigma_4 + 5\sigma_4^2. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sigma_4$  and  $\sigma_4^2$  are of order 9 by Theorem 2.1,  $a = 9x + 6$  and  $b = 9y + 5$  for some integers  $x$  and  $y$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} \beta - 9 &= (9x + 6)(\eta_{10} - 1) + (9y + 5)(\eta_{10} - 1)^2 \\ &= (9x - 18y - 4)\eta_{10} + (9y + 5)\eta_{10}^2 + 9y - 9x - 1. \end{aligned}$$

Define  $A = 9x - 18y - 4$  ( $= 9(x - 2y - 1) + 5$ ) and  $B = 9y + 5$ . Since we may take integers  $a$  and  $b$  with  $a \geq 2b \geq 0$ , we may consider that  $x$  and  $y$  satisfy inequalities:  $A \geq 0$  and  $B \geq 0$ . Now, by Fact 3.3, the total Chern class of  $\beta$  is given by

$$C(\beta) = C(\eta_{10})^A C(\eta_{10}^2)^B = (1 + z_{10})^A (1 + 2z_{10})^B = (1 + z_{10})^A (1 - z_{10})^B.$$

Hence, the 10-th Chern class of  $\beta$  is given as follows.

$$C_{10}(\beta) = \sum_{i+j=10} \binom{A}{i} \binom{B}{j} (-1)^j z_{10}^{10}.$$

Here, by Fact 3.4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \binom{A}{i} &\equiv \binom{B}{i} \equiv 0 \pmod{3} && \text{for } i = 6, 7, 8, \\ &\equiv 1 \pmod{3} && \text{for } i = 0, 2, 3, 5, \\ &\equiv 2 \pmod{3} && \text{for } i = 1, 4, \\ \binom{A}{9} &\equiv x - 2y - 1 \pmod{3}, && \binom{B}{9} \equiv y \pmod{3}, \\ \binom{A}{10} &\equiv 2(x - 2y - 1) \pmod{3}, && \binom{B}{10} \equiv 2y \pmod{3}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} C_{10}(\beta) &= \left\{ \binom{A}{0} \binom{B}{10} - \binom{A}{1} \binom{B}{9} - \binom{A}{5} \binom{B}{5} - \binom{A}{9} \binom{B}{1} + \binom{A}{10} \binom{B}{0} \right\} z_{10}^{10} \\ &= \{2y - 2y - 1 - 2(x - 2y - 1) + 2(x - 2y - 1)\} z_{10}^{10} = -z_{10}^{10} \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,  $C_{10}(\beta) = 0$  since  $\beta$  is 9-dimensional. This is a contradiction.  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.2.**  $c(\tau_5(3))$  is not stably extendible to  $L^{12}(3)$ .

**PROOF.** Suppose that there exists an 11-dimensional  $\mathbf{C}$ -vector bundle  $\beta$  over  $L^{12}(3)$  satisfying  $i^*(\beta) = c(\tau_5(3))$ , where  $i: L^5(3) \rightarrow L^{12}(3)$  is the standard inclusion. According to Theorem 2.1, there exist integers  $a$  and  $b$  such that

$$\beta - 11 = a\sigma_{12} + b\sigma_{12}^2 \in \tilde{K}(L^{12}(3)) \cong \mathbb{Z}/3^6 + \mathbb{Z}/3^6.$$

Applying the induced homomorphism  $i^*: \tilde{K}(L^{12}(3)) \rightarrow \tilde{K}(L^5(3))$  to the both sides of the above equality, we obtain

$$i^*(\beta - 11) = a\sigma_5 + b\sigma_5^2 \in \tilde{K}(L^5(3)) \cong \mathbb{Z}/27 + \mathbb{Z}/9.$$

Using Facts 3.2 and 3.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} i^*(\beta - 11) &= c(\tau_5(3)) - 11 = c(\tau_5(3) \oplus 1) - 12 \\ &= c(6r(\eta_5)) - 12 = 6cr(\eta_5) - 12 = 6(\eta_5 + \eta_5^2) - 12 \\ &= 18(\eta_5 - 1) + 6(\eta_5 - 1)^2 = 18\sigma_5 + 6\sigma_5^2. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sigma_5$  is of order 27 and  $\sigma_5^2$  are of order 9 by Theorem 2.1,  $a = 27x + 18$  and  $b = 9y + 6$  for some integers  $x$  and  $y$ . So

$$\begin{aligned}\beta - 11 &= (27x + 18)(\eta_{12} - 1) + (9y + 6)(\eta_{12} - 1)^2 \\ &= (27x - 18y + 6)\eta_{12} + (9y + 6)\eta_{12}^2 + 9y - 27x - 12.\end{aligned}$$

Define  $A = 27x - 18y + 6$  ( $= 9(3x - 2y) + 6$ ) and  $B = 9y + 6$ . Since we may take integers  $a$  and  $b$  with  $a \geq 2b \geq 0$ , we may consider that  $x$  and  $y$  satisfy inequalities:  $A \geq 0$  and  $B \geq 0$ . Now, by Fact 3.3, the total Chern class of  $\beta$  is given by

$$C(\beta) = C(\eta_{12})^A C(\eta_{12}^2)^B = (1 + z_{12})^A (1 + 2z_{12})^B = (1 + z_{12})^A (1 - z_{12})^B.$$

Hence, the 12-th Chern class of  $\beta$  is given as follows.

$$C_{12}(\beta) = \sum_{i+j=12} \binom{A}{i} \binom{B}{j} (-1)^j z_{12}^{12}.$$

Here, by Fact 3.4, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\binom{A}{i} &\equiv \binom{B}{i} \equiv 0 \pmod{3} && \text{for } i = 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, \\ &\equiv 1 \pmod{3} && \text{for } i = 0, 6, \\ &\equiv 2 \pmod{3} && \text{for } i = 3, \\ \binom{A}{9} &\equiv \binom{B}{9} \equiv y \pmod{3}, && \binom{A}{12} \equiv \binom{B}{12} \equiv 2y \pmod{3}.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}C_{12}(\beta) &= \left\{ \binom{A}{0} \binom{B}{12} - \binom{A}{3} \binom{B}{9} + \binom{A}{6} \binom{B}{6} - \binom{A}{9} \binom{B}{3} + \binom{A}{12} \binom{B}{0} \right\} z_{12}^{12} \\ &= (2y - 2y + 1 - 2y + 2y) z_{12}^{12} = z_{12}^{12} \neq 0.\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,  $C_{12}(\beta) = 0$  since  $\beta$  is 11-dimensional. This is a contradiction.  $\square$

#### 4. Proof of Theorem 2

For a real number  $x$ , let  $[x]$  denote the largest integer  $q$  with  $q \leq x$ . Then, for the proof of the latter part of Theorem 2, we use the following.

**THEOREM 4.1** ([7, Theorem 4.5]). *Let  $p$  be a prime and  $\alpha$  a  $t$ -dimensional  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector bundle over  $L^n(p)$  which is stably equivalent to a sum of  $s$  non-trivial*

$\mathbb{C}$ -line bundles where  $t < s < p^{\lfloor n/(p-1) \rfloor}$ . Then  $n < s$  and  $\alpha$  is not stably extendible to  $L^s(p)$ .

To apply Theorem 4.1, the next lemma is useful.

LEMMA 4.2. (1)  $2n + 2 < 3^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$  if and only if  $n \geq 6$ .

(2) For  $p \geq 5$ ,  $2n + 2 < p^{\lfloor n/(p-1) \rfloor}$  if and only if  $n \geq 2p - 2$ .

PROOF. Since (1) is clear, we prove (2).

If  $n \geq 2p - 2$ , we may set  $n = a(p - 1) + b$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers with  $a \geq 2$  and  $0 \leq b < p - 1$ . Then

$$p^{\lfloor n/(p-1) \rfloor} - (2n + 2) = p^a - 2a(p - 1) - 2b - 2 \geq p^a - 2(p - 1)a - 2(p - 1).$$

For each integer  $a \geq 2$ , define  $f(a) = p^a - 2(p - 1)a - 2(p - 1)$ . Then, for  $p \geq 5$ ,  $f(2) = (p - 3)^2 - 3 > 0$  and  $f(a + 1) - f(a) = (p^a - 2)(p - 1) > 0$ . We therefore have  $f(a) > 0$  for every integer  $a \geq 2$ . Since  $f(a) \leq p^{\lfloor n/(p-1) \rfloor} - (2n + 2)$ , we have  $2n + 2 < p^{\lfloor n/(p-1) \rfloor}$ . Thus the ‘‘if’’ part of (2) is proved. In case  $n < 2p - 2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 2n + 2 - p^{\lfloor n/(p-1) \rfloor} &= 2n + 1 > 0 && \text{if } 1 \leq n < p - 1, \\ &= p > 0 && \text{if } n = p - 1, \quad \text{and} \\ &> p > 0 && \text{if } p - 1 < n < 2p - 2. \end{aligned}$$

We therefore have  $2n + 2 > p^{\lfloor n/(p-1) \rfloor}$ . Thus the ‘‘only if’’ part of (2) is proved.  $\square$

PROOF OF THEOREM 2. By Facts 3.2 and 3.1,

$$c(\tau_n(p) \oplus 1) = c((n + 1)r(\eta_n)) = (n + 1)(\eta_n + \eta_n^{p-1}).$$

Put  $\alpha = c(\tau_n(p))$ ,  $t = 2n + 1$  and  $s = 2n + 2$  in Theorem 1(2). Then the former part follows immediately from Theorem 1(2). The latter part is proved as follows. Using Theorem 4.1, we have the results for  $p = 3$  and  $n \geq 6$  by Lemma 4.2(1), and for  $p \geq 5$  and  $n \geq 2p - 2$  by Lemma 4.2(2). For  $p = 3$  and  $n = 4, 5$ , we have the results by Theorems 3.1, 3.2, respectively.  $\square$

## 5. Proofs of Theorems 3–4 and Corollaries 1–4

We recall some known results on stable extendibility and extendibility of  $\tau_n(p)$  for the proofs of Theorems 3–4 and Corollaries 1–4.

THEOREM 5.1 ([4, Theorem 1.2]). *Let  $p$  be an odd prime and  $n$  an integer with  $n > p$ . Then  $\tau_n(p)$  is stably extendible to  $L^{2n+1}(p)$  and is not stably extendible to  $L^{2n+2}(p)$ .*

**THEOREM 5.2** ([4, Theorem 1.3]). *Let  $p$  be an odd prime.*

- (1) *Let  $n$  be an integer with  $p - 3 \leq n \leq p$ . Then  $\tau_n(p)$  is stably extendible to  $L^m(p)$  for every  $m > n$ .*
- (2) *If  $p \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{12}$ ,  $\tau_2(p)$  is stably extendible to  $L^m(p)$  for every  $m > 2$ .*

**THEOREM 5.3** ([6, Theorems 5.1 and 5.3]). *Let  $p$  be an integer with  $p > 1$ . Then the following three conditions are equivalent to one another:*

- (i)  *$\tau_n(p)$  is extendible to  $L^m(p)$  for every  $m > n$ .*
- (ii)  *$\tau_n(p)$  is extendible to  $L^{n+1}(p)$ .*
- (iii)  *$n = 0, 1$  or  $3$ .*

**COROLLARY 5.4.** *Let  $p$  be an integer with  $p \geq 2$  and  $p \neq 3$  and  $m$  an integer with  $m > p$ . Then  $\tau_p(p)$  is not extendible to  $L^m(p)$ .*

**PROOF.** Suppose that  $\tau_p(p)$  is extendible to  $L^m(p)$ . Then, by the implication (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) of Theorem 5.3, we have  $p = 0, 1$  or  $3$ , since  $L^{p+1}(p) \subset L^m(p)$ . This contradicts to the assumption.  $\square$

**COROLLARY 5.5.** *Let  $p$  be an integer with  $p \geq 3$  and  $p \neq 4$  and  $m$  an integer with  $m > p - 1$ . Then  $\tau_{p-1}(p)$  is not extendible to  $L^m(p)$ .*

**PROOF.** Suppose that  $\tau_{p-1}(p)$  is extendible to  $L^m(p)$ . Then, by the implication (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) of Theorem 5.3, we have  $p - 1 = 0, 1$  or  $3$ , that is,  $p = 1, 2$  or  $4$ , since  $L^p(p) \subset L^m(p)$ . This contradicts to the assumption.  $\square$

Similarly, we have

**COROLLARY 5.6.** *Let  $p$  be an integer with  $p \geq 4$  and  $p \neq 5$  and  $m$  an integer with  $m > p - 2$ . Then  $\tau_{p-2}(p)$  is not extendible to  $L^m(p)$ .*

**COROLLARY 5.7.** *Let  $p$  be an integer with  $p \geq 5$  and  $p \neq 6$  and  $m$  an integer with  $m > p - 3$ . Then  $\tau_{p-3}(p)$  is not extendible to  $L^m(p)$ .*

**PROOF OF THEOREM 3.** The former part is equal to that of Theorem 5.1. The latter part is proved as follows. By the assumption  $n > p$ , we see that  $n \neq 0, 1$  and  $3$ . Hence the implication (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) of Theorem 5.3 shows that  $\tau_n(p)$  is not extendible to  $L^{n+1}(p)$ . Thus the latter part holds, since  $L^{n+1}(p) \subset L^{2n+1}(p)$ .  $\square$

**PROOF OF THEOREM 4.** (1) The former part is a consequence of Theorem 5.2(1).

The latter part follows from the implication (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) of Theorem 5.3, since  $L^{n+1}(p) \subset L^m(p)$ .

(2) The former part is a consequence of Theorem 5.2(2).

The latter part follows from the implication (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) of Theorem 5.3, since  $L^3(p) \subset L^m(p)$ .  $\square$

PROOF OF COROLLARIES 1–4. Using Theorem 5.2(1), we can prove these corollaries by Corollaries 5.4–5.7, respectively.  $\square$

For  $p = 11, 13$  and  $17$ , additional results are obtained (cf. [4, Lemma 1.4]). Combining these results with Theorem 5.3, we have results similar to those in Theorem 4.

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