

21. The Groups $J_G(*)$ for Compact Abelian Topological Groups $G^{*)}$

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§ 1. Introduction. In [4], we defined $J_G(X)$ for a compact group G and for a compact G -space X . When X is a point, we denote it by $J_G(*)$. Similar groups $JO(G)$ were defined and studied by Atiyah and Tall [2], Snaith [7], and Lee and Wasserman [5]. Our definition is more rigid than those of $JO(G)$ in [2], [5], [7] and is given from the geometrical point of view as follows.

Two orthogonal representation spaces V, W of a compact topological group G are said to be J -equivalent if there exist an orthogonal representation space U and a G -homotopy equivalence $f: S(V \oplus U) \rightarrow S(W \oplus U)$ where $S(V \oplus U)$ and $S(W \oplus U)$ denote the unit spheres in $V \oplus U$ and $W \oplus U$ respectively. Then the group $J_G(*)$ is defined as the quotient of the orthogonal representation ring $RO(G)$ by the subgroup

$$T_G(*) = \{V - W \mid V \text{ is } J\text{-equivalent to } W\}.$$

The natural epimorphism $RO(G) \rightarrow J_G(*)$ is also denoted by J_G .

The purpose of the present paper is to announce the group structure of $J_G(*)$ for G an arbitrary compact abelian topological group (Theorem 1).

In a forthcoming paper, we shall study $J_G(*)$ for G an arbitrary p -group.

The full exposition and proofs will also appear later.

§ 2. The groups $J'_{Z_n}(*)$. Let n be an integer greater than one and $n = 2^k \cdot p_1^{r(1)} \cdots p_t^{r(t)}$ be the prime decomposition of n . Denote by Z_n the cyclic group Z/nZ of order n . Then we define a group $J'_{Z_n}(*)$ as follows.

Case 1. $k \geq 2$. We set

$$J'_{Z_n}(*) = Z \oplus Z_{2^{k-2}} \oplus \bigoplus_{i=1}^t Z_{(p_i^{r(i)} - p_i^{r(i)-1})}.$$

Case 2. $k = 0$ or 1 . we set

$$J'_{Z_n}(*) = Z \oplus \left\{ \bigoplus_{i=1}^t Z_{(p_i^{r(i)} - p_i^{r(i)-1})} \right\} / Z_2$$

where the inclusion of Z_2 into

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$$\bigoplus_{i=1}^t Z_{(p_i^{r(i)} - p_i^{r(i)-1})} \quad \text{is given by} \quad 1 \mapsto \bigoplus_{i=1}^t \frac{p_i^{r(i)} - p_i^{r(i)-1}}{2}.$$

§ 3. The groups $J_G(*)$. Let G be a compact abelian topological group and F_0 (resp. F_1) be the family of all closed subgroups $H (\neq G)$ of G such that G/H is isomorphic to the circle group S^1 (resp. a finite cyclic group). Then we have

Theorem 1. *We have the following isomorphism*

$$J_G(*) \cong Z \oplus Z(F_0) \oplus \bigoplus_{H \in F_1} J'_{G/H}(*).$$

where $Z(F_0)$ denotes the free abelian group generated by F_0 and $J'_{G/H}(*)$ is the group given in § 2.

Corollary 2. *Let V, W be orthogonal G -representation spaces. Then $S(V)$ is G -homotopy equivalent to $S(W)$ if and only if V is J -equivalent to W .*

§ 4. Normal representations of the fixed point sets of G -homotopy equivalent manifolds. Let G be a compact Lie group and M_1, M_2 be closed smooth G -manifolds. Denote by $F_i^{\#}$ each component of the fixed point set of M_i ($i=1, 2$). Suppose that we are given a G -homotopy equivalence $f: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$. Then the set $\{F_1^{\#}\}$ of connected components is in one to one correspondence with the set $\{F_2^{\#}\}$ such that $f(F_1^{\#}) = F_2^{\#}$. Denote by $V_i^{\#}$ the normal representation of $F_i^{\#}$ in M_i . Then we proved in [4] that $V_1^{\#}$ is J -equivalent to $V_2^{\#}$. Therefore by combining this theorem and Corollary 2, we have

Theorem 3. *When G is a compact abelian Lie group, $S(V_1^{\#})$ and $S(V_2^{\#})$ are G -homotopy equivalent.*

§ 5. Equivariant Adams conjecture. In this section, we consider as a special case of § 3 abelian p -group actions and express $J_G(*)$ in terms of the equivariant Adams operations. Let p be an odd prime positive integer and r be a positive integer. Let G be an abelian p -group of order p^r . Denote by α a primitive root mod p^r . Let $\Psi^s: RO(G) \rightarrow RO(G)$ be the s -th Adams operation [2], [5].

Definition. Denote by $WO(G)$ the subgroup of $RO(G)$ generated by the elements

$$\{\Psi^{\alpha^i}(x) - i\Psi^{\alpha}(x) + (i-1)x\}$$

where $x \in RO(G)$, $i=2, 3, \dots, p^r - p^{r-1}$.

Then as a special case of Theorem 1, we have

Theorem 4. $J_G(*) \cong RO(G)/WO(G)$.

Remark. Theorems 1 and 4 show that $J_G(*)$ involves many torsion groups in general and the equivariant Adams conjecture does not hold in general in the form similar to the non-equivariant case [1], [3], [6]. These properties contrast with those of $JO(G)$ [2], [5], [7].

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