

Module category weight of compact Lie groups

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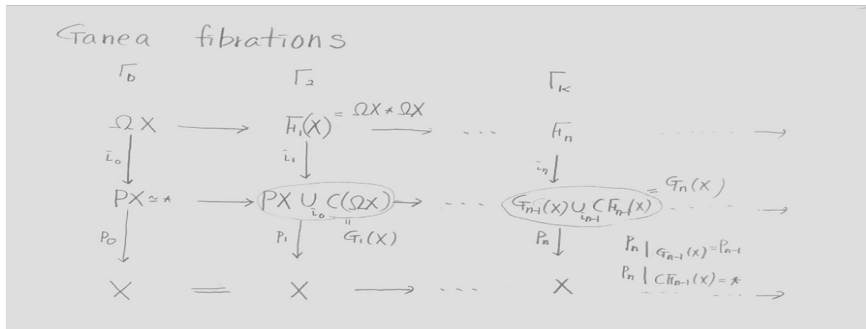
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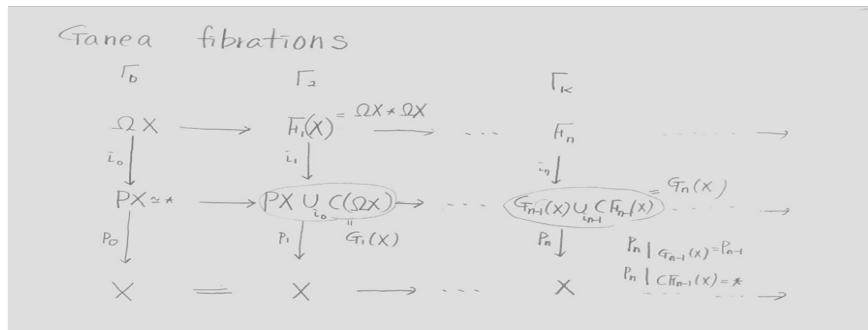
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For a simply connected space X and given a path–loop fibration, $\Omega X \rightarrow PX \rightarrow X$, we consider the Rothenberg–Steenrod spectral sequence $\{E_r^{*,*}, d_r\}$ converging to $H^*(X; \mathbf{F}_p)$ with

$$E_2 \cong \text{Cotor}_{H^*(\Omega X; \mathbf{F}_p)}(\mathbf{F}_p, \mathbf{F}_p)$$
$$E_\infty^{s,t} \cong F^s H^{s+t}(X; \mathbf{F}_p) / F^{s+1} H^{s+t}(X; \mathbf{F}_p)$$

where

$$F^{q+1} H^n(X; \mathbf{F}_p) \cong \ker\{(e_q)^* : H^n(X; \mathbf{F}_p) \rightarrow H^n(P^q(\Omega X); \mathbf{F}_p)\}$$

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Consider the spectral sequence of Stasheff's type converging to $H^*(P^m(\Omega G); \mathbf{F}_2)$. Let $A = H^*(G; \mathbf{F}_2)$. Then for low m such as $1 \leq m \leq 3$, we have the following:

$$H^*(P^m(\Omega G); \mathbf{F}_2) = A^{[m]} \oplus \sum_i z_{4i+3} \cdot A^{[m-1]} \oplus S_m, \begin{cases} i = 3, \text{ for } G = G_2, F_4, E_6 \\ i = 3, 4, 8, \text{ for } G = E_7 \\ i = 8, 9, 11, 14, \text{ for } G = E_8 \end{cases}$$

as modules where $A^{[m]}$, ($m \geq 0$) denotes the quotient module $A/D^{m+1}(A)$ of A by the submodule $D^{m+1}(A) \subseteq A$ generated by all the products of $m+1$ elements in positive dimensions in A , $z_{4i+3} \cdot A^{[m-1]}$ denotes a submodule corresponding to a submodule in $A \otimes E(z_{4i+3})$ and S_m satisfies $S_m \cdot \tilde{H}^*(P^m(\Omega G); \mathbf{F}_2) = 0$ and $S_m|_{P^{m-1}(\Omega G)} = 0$.

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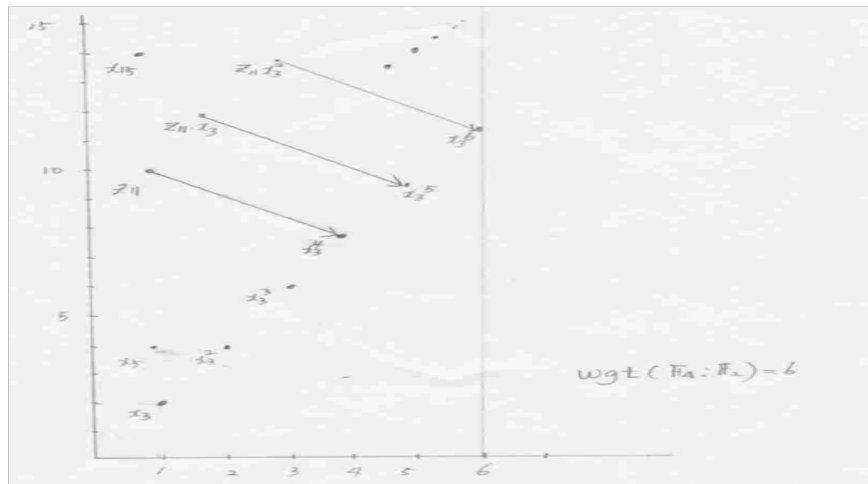
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$$S_0^4 z_{11} = x_{15} \quad \text{in } H^*(P^2(\mathbb{Q}F_4); \mathbb{F}_2)$$

$$S_0^4 z_{11} = x_{15} + w \quad \text{in } H^*(P^3(\mathbb{Q}F_4); \mathbb{F}_2)$$

Suppose that \exists epimorphism

$$\phi_7 : H^*(P^7(\mathbb{Q}F_4); \mathbb{F}_2) \longrightarrow H^*(F_4; \mathbb{F}_2)$$

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Then consider

$$H^*(P^7(\mathbb{Q}F_4): \mathbb{F}_2) \longrightarrow H^*(F_4: \mathbb{F}_2)$$

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$$\therefore \text{Mwg}t(F_4: \mathbb{F}_2) \geq 8$$

Summarizing above results for F_2 coefficients

X	$wgt(X; F_2)$	$Mwgt(X; F_2)$	$cat(X)$
G_2	4	≥ 4	4
F_4	6	≥ 8	?
E_6	8	≥ 16	?
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