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indeed by $[GN_1, Proposition 5.7]$, for odd p, Γ is cyclic of order $2p^2$. The proof there also shows that $2[\gamma_{1,1}]$ is of order p^2 and that $p[\gamma_{0,p}]$ is of order 2 in Γ , so $[\gamma_{2,2+p^2}]$ generates Γ .

(D) THE PROJECTIVE PLANE

We saw that when X is aspherical and $\chi(X) \neq 0$ then $\Gamma = 0$ and so our first order invariants vanish. In the presence of non-trivial higher homotopy these invariants need not vanish, despite $\chi(X) \neq 0$, as demonstrated by the example of the real projective plane $X = P^2$.

Write $G \equiv \pi_1(P^2) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2$; denote the generator of G by t. Give P^2 the customary cell structure consisting of one cell in each of dimensions 0, 1, and 2. The universal cover \tilde{P}^2 is naturally identified with S^2 and the corresponding cellular chain complex is:

$$C_2(S^2) \stackrel{1+t^{-1}}{\to} C_1(S^2) \stackrel{t^{-1}-1}{\to} C_0(S^2)$$
.

Every element of Γ can be represented by a basepoint preserving homotopy $F\colon P^2\times I\to P^2$ with $F_0=F_1=\operatorname{id}_{P^2}$. We have $\tilde F_0=\tilde F_1=\operatorname{id}_{S^2}$ because the basepoint is preserved. It is easy to verify that the corresponding chain homotopy $\tilde D_*\colon C_*(S^2)\to C_*(S^2)$ is then zero on $C_0(S^2)$ and takes $\tilde e_1$ to $\tilde e_2m(1-t^{-1})$ where $m\in {\bf Z}$. By elementary obstruction theory, there exists $F\equiv F^{(m)}$ realizing any $m\in {\bf Z}$. In this case trace $(\tilde\partial\otimes\tilde D)=(1+t^{-1})\otimes m(1-t^{-1})$ which is homologous to the canonical form $mt^{-1}\otimes tt^{-1}-mt^{-1}\otimes tt^{-2}$. Since $\chi(P^2)=1\neq 0$, the Gottlieb group $\eta_\#(\Gamma)\equiv \mathscr G(P^2)=0$ and so the derivation $\tilde X_1(P^2)$ is a homomorphism and need not be distinguished from its cohomology class $\tilde\chi_1(P^2)\in H^1(\Gamma,HH_1({\bf Z}({\bf Z}/2)))\cong \operatorname{Hom}(\Gamma,HH_1({\bf Z}({\bf Z}/2)))$. It follows that

$$\tilde{\chi}_1(P^2)\left([F^{(m)}]\right)=(m,-m)\in \mathbb{Z}/2\oplus \mathbb{Z}/2\cong HH_1\left(\mathbb{Z}(\mathbb{Z}/2)\right).$$

In particular, when m is odd $\tilde{\chi}_1(P^2)$ ($[F^{(m)}]$) $\neq 0$. On the other hand, this shows $\chi_1(P^2) = 0$.

4. S^1 -FIBRATIONS

In this section we investigate the first order Euler characteristic of the total space of an orientable Serre fibration with S^1 -fiber.

Let $S^1 \to X \xrightarrow{\pi} B$ be an orientable Serre fibration where B is a (not necessarily finite) connected CW complex and X has the homotopy type of a finite complex. By classical obstruction theory, fiber homotopy

equivalence classes of orientable S^1 -fibrations over a CW complex B are classified by the integral cohomology group $H^2(B; \mathbb{Z})$. Given an element $e \in H^2(B; \mathbb{Z}) \cong [B, \mathbb{C}P^{\infty}]$ one obtains a principal U(1)-bundle over B by pulling back, via a continuous map $B \to \mathbb{C}P^{\infty}$ representing e, the U(1)-bundle associated to the canonical complex line bundle over the infinite dimensional complex projective space $\mathbb{C}P^{\infty}$. Thus we can assume, without loss of generality, that $S^1 \to X \xrightarrow{\pi} B$ is a principal U(1)-bundle. In particular, there is a free U(1)-action on X which we will write as $\Phi: X \times S^1 \to X$. Let $\tau \in \Gamma \equiv \pi_1(\mathscr{C}(X), 1)$ be the element represented by Φ ($\Phi = \Phi^{\tau}$ in the notation of §1). For any coefficient ring R, let $\{r\} \in H_1(X; R)$ denote the image of τ under the composite:

$$\Gamma \stackrel{\eta}{\to} \pi_1(X) \to H_1(X) \to H_1(X;R)$$
.

Also, let e_R be the image of the element $e \in H^2(B; \mathbb{Z})$ which classifies $S^1 \to X \xrightarrow{\pi} B$ under the homomorphism $H^2(B; \mathbb{Z}) \to H^2(B; R)$.

LEMMA 4.1. If \mathbf{F} is a field, then $\{\tau\} \in H_1(X; \mathbf{F})$ is non-zero if and only if $e_{\mathbf{F}} = 0$.

Proof. Consider the Gysin homology sequence for the fibration $S^1 \to X \xrightarrow{\pi} B$:

$$\cdots \to H_2(B; \mathbf{F}) \stackrel{e_{\mathbf{F}} \cap}{\to} H_0(B; \mathbf{F}) \stackrel{\theta_0}{\to} H_1(X; \mathbf{F}) \stackrel{\pi_*}{\to} H_1(B; \mathbf{F}) \to 0.$$

Since $H_2(B; \mathbf{F}) \stackrel{e_{\mathbf{F}} \cap}{\to} H_0(B; \mathbf{F}) \cong \mathbf{F}$ is just evaluation of the cohomology class $e_{\mathbf{F}}$ on homology, θ_0 is non-zero if and only if $e_{\mathbf{F}} = 0$. Let $v \in X$ be a basepoint and let $\{\pi(v)\} \in H_0(B; \mathbf{F})$ be the generator determined by the inclusion of $\pi(v)$ into B. The fact that $\theta_0(\{v\}) = \{\tau\}$ follows from the naturality of the Gysin sequence homology sequence, by mapping the Gysin sequence of the trivial fibration $S^1 \to S^1 \to \pi(v)$, via the homomorphism induced by inclusion, into the Gysin sequence for $S^1 \to X \stackrel{\pi}{\to} B$.

THEOREM 4.2. Let \mathbf{F} be a field. If $e_{\mathbf{F}} \neq 0$ then $\chi_1(X; \mathbf{F}) (\tau) = 0$. If $e_{\mathbf{F}} = 0$ then $H_*(B; \mathbf{F})$ is finite dimensional over F and $\chi_1(X; \mathbf{F}) (\tau) = -\chi(B; \mathbf{F}) \{\tau\}$ where $\chi(B; \mathbf{F}) = \sum_{i \geq 0} (-1)^i \dim_{\mathbf{F}} H_i(B; \mathbf{F})$.

Proof. In this proof, all homology and cohomology groups will have coefficients in the field \mathbf{F} . Since B is the orbit space of the U(1)-action on X given by Φ , there is a commutative square:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \times S^1 & \stackrel{\Phi}{\rightarrow} & X \\ \\ \pi \times \operatorname{id} \downarrow & & \pi \downarrow \\ B \times S^1 & \stackrel{p}{\rightarrow} & B \end{array}$$

where $p: B \times S^1 \to B$ is projection. This square induces a commutative ladder mapping the Gysin homology sequence of $S^1 \to X \times S^1 \xrightarrow{\pi \times \mathrm{id}} B \times S^1$ to the Gysin homology sequence of $S^1 \to X \xrightarrow{\pi} B$:

For each integer $0 \le i \le \dim X$ choose a basis $\{b_1^i, ..., b_{\beta_i}^i\}$ for $H_i(X)$ such that for some integer $m_i \le \beta_i \{b_{m_i+1}^i, ..., b_{\beta_i}^i\}$ is a basis for the kernel of $\pi_* : H_i(X) \to H_i(B)$. The corresponding dual basis for $H^i(X)$ will be denoted by $\{\bar{b}_1^i, ..., \bar{b}_{\beta_i}^i\}$. Since we are using coefficients in a field, we make the identifications $H_*(B \times S^1) \cong H_*(B) \otimes H_*(S^1)$ and $H_*(X \times S^1) \cong H_*(X) \otimes H_*(S^1)$ via the natural isomorphism given by the homology exterior product. Let $u \in H_1(S^1)$ be the generator determined by the standard orientation of S^1 . Using Definition B_1 ,

$$\chi_1(X; \mathbf{F}) (\tau) = \sum_{k \geq 0} (-1)^{k+1} \sum_{j=1}^{\beta_k} \bar{b}_j^k \cap \Phi_*(b_j^k \otimes u) .$$

Consider $b_j^i \otimes u \in H_{i+1}(X \times S^1)$ where $m_i + 1 \leq j \leq \beta_i$. Since b_j^i lies in $\ker \pi_*$, the exactness of the Gysin sequence implies that $b_j^i \otimes u = \theta'(c \otimes u)$ for some $c \in H_i(B)$. Consequently,

$$\Phi_*(b^i_j \otimes u) = \Phi_*(\theta'(c \otimes u)) = \theta(p_*(c \otimes u)) = 0$$

because $p_*(c \otimes u) = 0$. It follows that

(4.3)
$$\chi_1(X; \mathbf{F}) (\tau) = \sum_{k \geq 0} (-1)^{k+1} \sum_{j=1}^{m_k} \bar{b}_j^k \cap \Phi_*(b_j^k \otimes u) .$$

For each k, the set $\{\pi_*(b_1^k), ..., \pi_*(b_{m_k}^k)\}$ is a basis for the image of $\pi_*: H_k(X) \to H_k(B)$. Extend this set (in any manner) to basis for $H_k(B)$ and let $\{\overline{\pi_*(b_1^k)}, ..., \overline{\pi_*(b_{m_k}^k)}\}$ denote the corresponding portion of the dual basis for $H^k(B)$. Then $\overline{b}_j^k = \pi^*(\overline{\pi_*(b_j^k)}), 0 \le j \le m_k$. Consider the commutative diagram:

$$H^{k}(B \times S^{1}) \stackrel{(\pi \times id)^{*}}{\rightarrow} H^{k}(X \times S^{1})$$
 $p^{*} \uparrow \qquad \qquad \Phi^{*} \uparrow$
 $H^{k}(B) \stackrel{\pi^{*}}{\rightarrow} H^{k}(X)$.

Then, for $0 \le j \le m_k$,

$$\bar{b}_{j}^{k} \cap \Phi_{*}(b_{j}^{k} \otimes u) = \Phi_{*}(\Phi^{*}(\bar{b}_{j}^{k}) \cap (b_{j}^{k} \otimes u))$$

$$= \Phi_{*}(\Phi^{*}(\pi^{*}(\pi_{*}(b_{j}^{k}))) \cap (b_{j}^{k} \otimes u))$$

$$= \Phi_{*}((\pi \times id)^{*}(p^{*}(\pi_{*}(b_{j}^{k}))) \cap (b_{j}^{k} \otimes u))$$
using the above diagram
$$= \Phi_{*}((\bar{b}_{j}^{k} \otimes 1) \cap (b_{j}^{k} \otimes u))$$

$$= \Phi_{*}((\bar{b}_{j}^{k} \cap b_{j}^{k}) \otimes u) = \Phi_{*}(\{v\} \otimes u) = \{\tau\}$$

where $\{v\}$ is the natural generator of $H_0(X)$ determined by the inclusion of the basepoint v into X. From the proof of Lemma 4.1, $\Phi_*(\{v\} \otimes u) = \{\tau\}$. Substituting the above computation into Formula 4.3 yields $\chi_1(X; \mathbf{F})$ (τ) = $(\sum_{k \geq 0} (-1)^{k+1} m_k) \{\tau\}$. If $e_{\mathbf{F}} \neq 0$ then Lemma 4.1 implies that $\{\tau\} = 0$ and so $\chi_1(X; \mathbf{F})$ (τ) = 0. Thus the conclusion of the theorem is valid in this case. If $e_{\mathbf{F}} = 0$ then from the portion

$$H_k(X) \stackrel{\pi_*}{\to} H_k(B) \stackrel{e_F}{\to} H_{k-2}(B)$$

of the Gysin homology sequence we deduce that π_* is onto and consequently $m_k = \dim_{\mathbf{F}} H_k(B, \mathbf{F})$. Thus $\dim_{\mathbf{F}} H_*(B, \mathbf{F})$ is finite and $\sum_{k \ge 0} (-1)^{k+1} m_k = -\chi(B; \mathbf{F})$.

Theorem 4.2 can be used to recalculate $\chi_1(X; \mathbf{F})$ in Examples 3.8 and 3.9. Next, we consider integer coefficients. Suppose that $S^1 \to X \xrightarrow{\pi} B$ is a smooth orientable U(1)-bundle over a smooth, closed, oriented manifold B. Let λ be the one dimensional subbundle of the tangent bundle of X consisting of vectors which are tangent to the circle fibers and let be ν be a complementary bundle to λ . Then $\nu \cong \pi^*(T_B)$ where T_B is the tangent bundle of B. Let $[B] \in H_n(B; \mathbf{Z})$ be the fundamental class of B where $n = \dim B$. The Euler class, $\operatorname{Eul}(\nu) \in H^n(X; \mathbf{Z})$, is given by

$$\operatorname{Eul}(\mathsf{v}) = \operatorname{Eul}(\pi^*(T_B)) = \pi^*(\operatorname{Eul}(T_B)) = \chi(B)\pi^*([B]^*)$$

where $[B]^* \in H^n(B; \mathbf{Z})$ is the generator determined by the condition $[B]^*([B]) = 1$; see [MS, Corollary 11.12]. The Gysin homology sequence for $S^1 \to X \xrightarrow{\pi} B$ determines a fundamental class for X; $[X] \in H_{n+1}(X)$ is the image of [B] under the homomorphism $\theta_n \colon H_n(B; \mathbf{Z}) \to H_{n+1}(X; \mathbf{Z})$. For any closed oriented m-dimensional manifold M, let $\mathrm{PD}_M \colon H^i(M) \to H_{m-i}(M)$ be the Poincaré duality isomorphism explicitly given by $\mathrm{PD}_M(x) = (-1)^{i(m-i)}x \cap [M]$ where $x \in H^i(M)$ and $[M] \in H_m(M)$ is the

fundamental class $((-1)^{i(m-i)})$ appears because of our use of Dold's sign conventions). An immediate consequence of Theorem 3.1 of [GN₂] is the following computation of $\chi_1(X)$ (with integer coefficients):

THEOREM 4.4.
$$\chi_1(X)(\tau) = -PD_X(Eul(\nu))$$
.

THEOREM 4.5. Under the above hypotheses, $\chi_1(X)(\tau) = -\chi(B)\{\tau\}$.

Proof. There is a Poincaré duality isomorphism between the Gysin homology sequence and the Gysin cohomology sequence, a portion of which is shown below:

$$H_0(B; \mathbf{Z}) \stackrel{\theta_0}{\rightarrow} H_1(X; \mathbf{Z}) \stackrel{\pi_*}{\rightarrow} H_1(B; \mathbf{Z})$$
 $PD_B \uparrow PD_X \uparrow PD_B \uparrow$
 $H^n(B; \mathbf{Z}) \stackrel{\pi^*}{\rightarrow} H^n(X; \mathbf{Z}) \rightarrow H^{n-1}(B; \mathbf{Z})$

Let $v \in X$ be a basepoint, and let $\{\pi(v)\} \in H_0(B; \mathbb{Z})$ be the generator determined by the inclusion of $\pi(v)$ into B. From the above diagram, $\operatorname{PD}_X(\pi^*([B]^*)) = \theta_0(\{\pi(v)\})$. Also, from the proof of Lemma 4.1, $\theta_0(\{\pi(v)\}) = \{\tau\}$. Thus $\operatorname{PD}_X(\operatorname{Eul}(v)) = \chi(B)\{\tau\}$. Regarding the free U(1)-action on X as a flow, we can now invoke Theorem 4.4 to conclude that $\chi(B)\{\tau\} = -\chi_1(X)(\tau)$.

Example 4.6. Let Σ_g be a closed oriented surface of genus g > 1 and let L_n be a complex line bundle over Σ_g with Chern number n. Let $M_{n,g}$ be the total space of the U(1)-bundle associated to L_n . Then $M_{n,g}$ is a closed oriented aspherical 3-manifold which fibers over Σ_g . The center of $\pi_1(M_{n,g})$ is the infinite cyclic group generated by τ (represented by a circle fiber); the image, $\{\tau\}$, of τ in $H_1(M_{n,g}) \cong \mathbb{Z}^{2g} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/n$ generates the \mathbb{Z}/n summand. By Theorem 4.5, $\chi_1(M_{n,g}): \mathbb{Z} \to H_1(M_{n,g})$ is given by $\chi_1(M_{n,g})(\tau) = (2g-2)\{\tau\}$.

Let T^n , where n > 1, be the *n*-torus (i.e. the *n*-fold product of copies of U(1)). Let X be a closed oriented smooth manifold and let $\rho: T^n \times X \to X$ be a smooth free action of T^n . This action defines a homomorphism $\bar{\rho}: T^n \to \mathrm{Diff}(X)$ where $\mathrm{Diff}(X)$ is the diffeomorphism group of X. Let $\Gamma_{\rho} \subset \Gamma$ be the image of the composite:

$$\pi_1(T^n,1)\stackrel{\bar{\rho}_\#}{\to} \pi_1\big(\mathrm{Diff}(X),\mathrm{id}\big)\to \pi_1\big(\mathcal{C}(X),\mathrm{id}\big)=\Gamma\ .$$

PROPOSITION 4.7. The restriction of $\chi_1(X): \Gamma \to H_1(X)$ to Γ_{ρ} is the zero homomorphism.

Proof. Since n > 1, if $T \subset T^n$ is a circle subgroup then $\chi(X/T) = 0$. Applying Theorem 4.5 to the bundle $T \to X \to X/T$ yields the conclusion. \square

COROLLARY 4.8. If n > 1 then $\chi_1(T^n): \mathbb{Z}^n \to \mathbb{Z}^n$ is zero.

5. A HIGHER ANALOG OF GOTTLIEB'S THEOREM

Let G be a group of type \mathcal{F} . Gottlieb's theorem (see Propositions 1.3 and 2.4) asserts that if $\chi(G) \neq 0$ then Z(G), the center of G, is trivial. We prove an analogous theorem for $\chi_1(G; \mathbf{Q})$: if $\chi_1(G; \mathbf{Q}) \neq 0$ then the center of G is infinite cyclic provided G satisfies an extra hypothesis (explained below) related to the Bass Conjecture; see Proposition 5.2 and Theorem 5.4.

Throughout this section R will be a commutative ground ring. Let S be any associative R-algebra with unit. The Hochschild homology group $HH_0(S)$ is the R-module S/[S,S] where [S,S] is the R-submodule of S generated by $\{ab-ba \mid a,b\in S\}$; see § 2. Recall that $K_0(S)$ is the abelian group F/A where F is the free abelian group generated by the set of all isomorphism classes [M] of finitely generated projective right S-modules $M \subset \bigoplus_{i=1}^{\infty} S$ and A is the subgroup of F generated by relations of the form $[M_1 \oplus M_2] - [M_1] - [M_2]$. Since a finitely generated projective module is the image of a finitely generated free module under an idempotent homomorphism, each element of $K_0(S)$ can be represented by an idempotent matrix over S. The Hattori-Stallings trace $T_0: K_0(S) \to HH_0(S)$ is defined as follows. Let $A: M \to M$ be an idempotent endomorphism of a free, finitely generated right S-module M representing $x \in K_0(S)$. If [A] is the matrix of A with respect to a given basis for M then $T_0(x)$ is defined to be $T_0([A]) \in HH_0(S)$.

Consider the groupring, RG, of a group G over R. Then $HH_0(RG)$ is naturally isomorphic to the free R-module generated by G_1 , the set of conjugacy classes of G (see §2 for an explanation in the case $R = \mathbb{Z}$). Recall that for $g \in G$ we write $C(g) \in G_1$ for the conjugacy class of g, $HH_0(RG)_{C(g)}$ for the summand of $HH_0(RG)$ corresponding to C(g) and $x_{C(g)}$ for the C(g)-component of $x \in HH_0(RG)$. Also write $HH_0(RG) = HH_0(RG)_{C(1)} \oplus HH_0(RG)'$ where $1 \in G$ is the identity element of G, and $HH_0(RG)'$ is the direct sum of the remaining summands. The augmentation homomorphism $\varepsilon: RG \to R$ induces a homomorphism $\varepsilon_*: HH_0(RG) \to HH_0(R) = R$.