

低次元球面上の有限群の  
滑らかな odd-Euler-characteristic action について

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## Some definitions

$G$  : a finite group.  $M$  : a smooth manifold with smooth  $G$ -action. (Write  $G \curvearrowright M$ .)

### Definitions

1. A **smooth action** of  $G$  on  $M$  is a group homomorphism

$$\Psi_M : G \rightarrow \text{Diff}(M).$$

2. For a subgroup  $H$  of  $G$ , let  $M^H$  denote the  **$H$ -fixed-point set** of  $M$ , i.e.

$$M^H = \{x \in M \mid \Psi_M(h)(x) = x \text{ for all } h \in H\}.$$

3.  $G \curvearrowright M$  is called an **odd-Euler-characteristic action** (resp. a **one-fixed-point action**) if  $\chi(M^G) \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  (resp.  $|M^G| = 1$ ).

## Motivation

$G$ : a finite group.  $S^n$  : the standard  $n$ -sphere.

$A_5$ : the alternating group on five letters.  $C_n$  : a cyclic group of order  $n$ .

$S_5$ : the symmetric group on five letters.

Conjecture (M. Morimoto 2019? )

$\exists$  an effective one-fixed-point  $G$ -action on  $S^6 \iff G \cong A_5, A_5 \times C_2$  or  $S_5$ .

Note that if  $[G : A_5] = 2$  then  $G$  is isomorphic to either  $A_5 \times C_2$  or  $S_5$ .

M.Morimoto recently has proved the following:

Theorem (M. Morimoto 2022 (1987))

If  $G \cong A_5, A_5 \times C_2$  or  $S_5$  then there are one-fixed-point  $G$ -actions on  $S^6$ .

## Main result (1)

$\Sigma$  : a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -homology 6-sphere (as a closed smooth manifold) with effective  $G$ -action.

We call  $G \curvearrowright \Sigma$  is **orientation preserving** if the diffeomorphism

$$\Psi_{\Sigma}(g) : \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma$$

preserves an orientation of  $\Sigma$  for each  $g \in G$ .

### Theorem (T.)

Suppose  $\exists$  an **orientation preserving** odd-Euler-characteristic  $G$ -action on  $\Sigma$ .

Then  $G \cong A_5$  and  $|\Sigma^G| = 1$ .

### Corollary

Suppose  $\exists$  a **not orientation preserving** odd-Euler-characteristic  $G$ -action on  $\Sigma$ .

Then  $G \cong A_5 \times C_2$  or  $S_5$  and  $|\Sigma^G| = 1$ .

## A proof of the corollary

$\Sigma$  : a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -homology 6-sphere with effective  $G$ -action.

### Hypothesis

1. If  $\exists G \underset{\text{ori-pre}}{\curvearrowright} \Sigma$  with  $\chi(\Sigma^G) \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  then  $G \cong A_5$  and  $|\Sigma^G| = 1$ .
2. If  $|G| = p^r$  and  $X$  is a finite  $G$ -complex then  $\chi(X) \equiv \chi(X^G) \pmod{p}$ .

Suppose  $\exists$  a **not orientation preserving** odd-Euler-characteristic  $G$ -action on  $\Sigma$ .

Then

$$L = \{g \in G \mid \Psi_{\Sigma}(g) : \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma \text{ preserves an orientation of } \Sigma\}$$

is a subgroup of  $G$  with  $[G : L] = 2$ . Thus,  $G/L \curvearrowright \Sigma^L$  and  $\Sigma^G = (\Sigma^L)^{G/L}$ .

Since  $\chi(\Sigma^G) \equiv \chi(\Sigma^L) \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ , it holds that  $L \underset{\text{ori-pre}}{\curvearrowright} \Sigma$  and  $\chi(\Sigma^L) \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ .

By our main theorem, we have  $L \cong A_5$  and  $|\Sigma^L| = 1$ .

Since  $[G : A_5] = 2$  and  $\Sigma^G \subset \Sigma^L$ ,  $G \cong A_5 \times C_2$  or  $S_5$  and  $|\Sigma^G| = 1$ . □

## Main result (2)

### Theorem

Let  $n \leq 5$ . If  $S$  is a **homotopy**  $n$ -sphere then  $\chi(S^G) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ .

$\Xi$  : a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -homology 5-sphere with effective  $G$ -action.

### Theorem (T.)

There are no odd-Euler-characteristic  $G$ -actions on  $\Xi$ , i.e.  $\chi(\Xi^G) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ .

### Remark

1.  $\exists$  an  $A_5$ -action on a **homology** 3-sphere  $\Sigma$  with  $|\Sigma^{A_5}| = 1$ .
2.  $\exists$  an  $A_5$ -action on a  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -homology 5-sphere  $\Xi$  with  $|\Xi^{A_5}| = 3$ . ( $p$ : odd prime)

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## Motivation for one-fixed-point actions on spheres

### Conjecture (D. Montgomery–H. Samelson 1946)

If a compact Lie group  $G$  acts smoothly on the  $n$ -sphere  $S^n$  in such a way as to have one stationary point, it is likely that there must be a second stationary point.

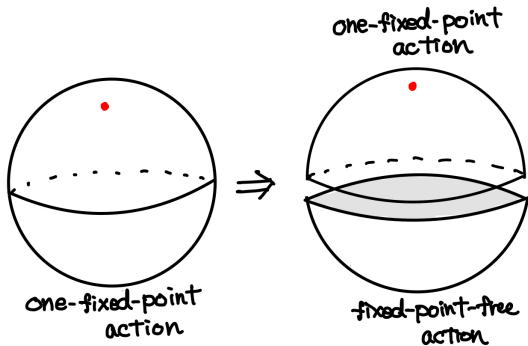
### Theorem (E. Stein 1977 [First example])

Let  $G = SL(2, 5)$  or  $SL(2, 5) \times C_r$  with  $(r, 30) = 1$ . Then  $G$  can act on  $S^7$  with one fixed point.

$SL(2, 5)$ : the special linear group of order 120 or the nontrivial double covering of  $A_5$ .

## One-fixed-point actions on spheres and Fixed-point-free actions on disks

A  $G$ -action on a manifold  $M$  is called a **fixed-point-free action** if  $M^G = \emptyset$ .



## Fixed-point-free actions on disks by R. Oliver

$p, q$  : prime numbers.

Let  $\mathcal{G}_p^q$  denote the family of finite groups  $G$  having a normal sequence

$$P \trianglelefteq H \trianglelefteq G$$

such that  $P$  is a  $p$ -group,  $H/P$  is a cyclic group and  $G/H$  is a  $q$ -group.

### Remark

Let  $D = D^n$  and  $S = S^n$  ( $n$ : arbitrary). Suppose  $G \in \mathcal{G}_p^q$ .

1.  $\chi(D^G) \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$ . In particular,  $\chi(D^G) \neq 0$ .
2.  $\chi(S^G) \equiv 0 \text{ or } 2 \pmod{q}$ . In particular,  $\chi(S^G) \neq 1$ .

We call a finite group  $G$  an **Oliver group** if  $G \notin \mathcal{G} = \bigcup_{p,q} \mathcal{G}_p^q$ .

### Theorem (R. Oliver 1975)

A finite group  $G$  can act on some disk  $D$  with  $D^G = \emptyset \iff G$  is an Oliver group.

# One-fixed-point action of Oliver groups on spheres

$G$  : a group.

## Theorem (T. Petrie 1982)

Suppose that  $G$  satisfies at least one of the following.

1.  $G$  is an abelian Oliver group of odd order.
2.  $G = SL(2, \mathbb{F})$  or  $PSL(2, \mathbb{F})$  with  $|\mathbb{F}| = \text{odd}$ . (Except for  $SL(2, 3)$ .)
3.  $G = S^3$  or  $SO(3)$ .

Then  $G$  can act on some sphere  $S$  with exactly one  $G$ -fixed point.

## Theorem (E. Laitinen–M. Morimoto 1998)

The following three conditions are equivalent.

- ▶  $G$  is an Oliver group.
- ▶  $G$  can act on some disk  $D$  with  $D^G = \emptyset$ .
- ▶  $G$  can act on some sphere  $S$  with exactly one  $G$ -fixed point.

## A question on one-fixed-point actions on spheres

### Question

What is the least dimension of a sphere which has a one-fixed-point  $G$ -action?

Moreover, which finite group can act on the sphere in such a way?

For a nonnegative integer  $m$ ,  $G \curvearrowright M$  is called an  **$m$ -pseudofree action** if  $\dim M^H \leq m$  for any nontrivial subgroup  $H$  of  $G$ .

### Theorem (E. Laitinen–P. Traczyk 1986)

If  $S^6$  has a 2-pseudofree one-fixed-point  $G$ -action then  $G$  is isomorphic to  $A_5$ .

### Theorem (M. Morimoto 1987)

There are 2-pseudofree one-fixed-point  $A_5$ -actions on  $S^6$ .

More generally, A. Bak–M. Morimoto has proved that, for each  $n \geq 6$ ,  $S^n$  possesses one-fixed-point  $A_5$ -actions. (Joint with A. Bak in the case that  $n = 7, 8$ )

## One-fixed-point actions on $S^4$

### Theorem (M. Furuta 1989)

Let  $S$  be a homotopy 4-sphere with orientation preserving  $G$ -action. Then  $|S^G| \neq 1$ .

### Theorem (S. Demichelis 1989)

The  $G$ -fixed-point set of an orientation preserving  $G$ -action on any homology 4-sphere is empty set or a sphere  $S$ , where  $0 \leq \dim S \leq 2$ .

### Theorem (M. Morimoto 1988)

Homotopy 4-spheres have no one-fixed-point actions of compact Lie group.

### Comment (C. Giffen 1966)

The fixed point set of a finite cyclic group action on  $S^4$  can be a knotted 2-sphere.

## One-fixed-point actions on $S^3$ and $S^5$

Theorem (N. P. Buchdahl–S. Kwasik–R. Schultz 1990 (M. Furuta ?))

Let  $M$  be an orientable, closed, connected 3-manifold with  $G$ -action.

If  $|M^G| = 1$  then  $E \neq \pi_1(M) \subset SU(2)$ .

### Remark

The Poincaré 3-sphere  $M = S^3/SU(2)$  has a one-fixed-point  $A_5$ -action.

Theorem (N. P. Buchdahl–S. Kwasik–R. Schultz 1990)

If  $\Xi$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -homology 5-sphere with  $G$ -action then  $|\Xi^G| \neq 1$ .

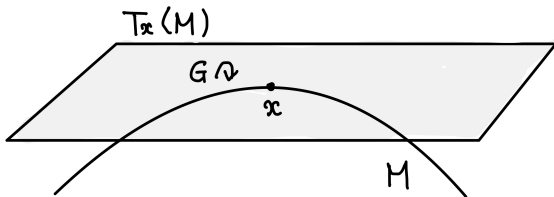
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  - 3.4 Outline of our proof of the main theorem



## Tangential $G$ -module and Tangential representation of $G$

$M$  : an  $n$ -dimensional manifold with  $G$ -action.



For  $x \in M^G$ , the tangential space  $T_x(M)$  inherits linearly the  $G$ -action on  $M$ .

We call a real representation  $\rho_x : G \rightarrow O(n)$  a **tangential representation** at  $x \in M^G$  associated with  $T_x(M)$ .

### Tangential representation of $G$ at $x$

Suppose  $M$  is orientable and the  $G$ -action on  $M$  is **effective** and **orientation preserving**.

Then we can get a **faithful** real representation  $\rho_x : G \rightarrow SO(n)$ .

Thus we may assume that a finite group  $G$  acting on  $M$  is a finite subgroup of  $SO(n)$ .

## Finite subgroups of $SO(n)$

1. Any finite subgroup of  $SO(2)$  is a cyclic group.
2. If  $G \subset SO(3)$  then  $G \cong C_n, D_{2n}, A_4, S_4$  or  $A_5$ .
3. The finite groups of  $SO(4)$  are classified (up to conjugations).
4. The finite groups of  $SO(5)$  are classified (up to conjugations).

## The case $S^4$ by S. Demichelis

If a nontrivial normal  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  then  $(S^4)^G$  is empty set or a sphere.

## The case $S^5$ by N. P. Buchdahl–S. Kwasik–R. Schultz

If each minimal normal subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  is not nonabelian simple then  $|(S^5)^G| \neq 1$ .

## Key lemma

Let  $F(G)$  denote the **Fitting subgroup** of  $G$ , i.e.

the unique maximal nilpotent normal subgroup of  $G$ .

### Key Lemma (1)

$\Sigma$  : a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -homology 6-sphere with **orientation preserving** effective  $G$ -action.

If  $F(G)$  is nontrivial then  $\chi(\Sigma^G)$  is even.

### Key Lemma (2)

$\Xi$  : a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -homology 5-sphere with **orientation preserving** effective  $G$ -action.

If  $F(G)$  is nontrivial then  $\chi(\Xi^G)$  is even.

## The idea of a proof of Key lemma

$\rho : G \rightarrow SO(n)$  : a faithful real representation of degree  $n$ .

If  $L$  is normal in  $G$  then  $\rho$  is decomposed to the two subrepresentations

$$\rho^L : G \rightarrow O(m) \text{ and } \rho_L : G \rightarrow O(l),$$

where  $l + m = n$ .

In the case when  $L = F(G)$

Let  $H = \ker \rho^{F(G)}$  and  $K = \ker \rho_{F(G)}$ .

1.  $F(G) \subset H \subset SO(l)$ .
2.  $H \cap K = E$ . ①  $F(G) \cap F(K) = E \Rightarrow F(K) = E$ . ( $\because F(G)$  is maximal)
3.  $K \subset SO(m)$ . ②  $K \subset SO(m)$  with  $F(K) = E$ .
4.  $G/K \subset O(l)$ . ③ If  $K = E$  then  $G \subset O(l)$ .

## A part of a proof of Key lemma

$\Sigma$  : a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -homology 6-sphere with effective **orientation preserving**  $G$ -action.

### Hypothesis

1. If  $F(G)$  is noncyclic then  $\chi(\Sigma^G)$  is even.
2. If  $G \subset O(4)$  and  $F(G)$  is nontrivial then  $\chi(\Sigma^G)$  is even.

Suppose  $F(G)$  is nontrivial and cyclic. Then  $\deg \rho^{F(G)}$  is equal to either 0, 2 or 4.

①  $\deg \rho^{F(G)} = 2$  Then  $K = \ker \rho_{F(G)} \subset SO(2)$  with  $F(K) = E$  (thus  $K = E$ ).

Therefore,  $G \cong G/K \subset O(4)$ , and  $\chi(\Sigma^G)$  is even.

②  $\deg \rho^{F(G)} = 4$  Then  $K \subset SO(4)$  with  $F(K) = E$  (thus  $K = E$  or  $A_5$ ).

Therefore,  $G \cong G/K \subset O(2)$ , i.e.  $G \cong C_n$  or  $D_{2n}$ , or  $A_5 \trianglelefteq G$  (later).

Since  $C_n$  and  $D_{2n}$  belong to  $\mathcal{G}_2^2$ ,  $\chi(\Sigma^G) \equiv 0$  or  $2 \pmod{2}$  (hence  $\chi(\Sigma^G) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ ).

## A proof of our main theorem

$\Sigma^6$  : a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -homology 6-sphere with effective **orientation preserving**  $G$ -action.

### Proposition

If  $\chi(\Sigma^G) \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  then there is a normal subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  isomorphic to

$$A_5, A_6, A_7, PSL(2, 7), PSU(4, 2) \text{ or } A_5 \times A_5.$$

Proof) This follows from key lemma: if  $\chi(\Sigma^G) \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  then  $F(G)$  is trivial.

### A property on minimal normal subgroups

Each minimal normal subgroup of  $G$  is a **characteristically simple group**, i.e.

$$C_p \times \cdots \times C_p \text{ or } Q \times \cdots \times Q \quad (Q : \text{nonabelian})$$

### Proposition (R. Brauer, H. F. Blichfeldt and J. H. Lindsey)

$H = Q \times \cdots \times Q \subset SO(6)$  is isomorphic to either

$$A_5, A_6, A_7, PSL(2, 7), PSU(4, 2) \text{ or } A_5 \times A_5.$$

## A proof of our main theorem

$\Sigma$  : a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -homology 6-sphere with **orientation preserving** effective  $G$ -action.

### Theorem (T.)

If  $\chi(\Sigma^G) \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  then  $G \cong A_5$  and  $|\Sigma^G| = 1$ .

The main theorem follow from the following results.

### Proposition

If  $\Sigma^G \neq \emptyset$  and  $G$  contains a normal subgroup of  $H$  isomorphic to

$$A_6, A_7, PSL(2, 7), PSU(4, 2) \text{ or } A_5 \times A_5$$

then  $\Sigma^H \cong S^k$ , where  $0 \leq k \leq 1$ . Moreover,  $\Sigma^G = (\Sigma^H)^{G/H} \cong S^l$ , where  $0 \leq l \leq 1$ .

### Lemma

If  $A_5$  is normal in  $G$  and  $\chi(\Sigma^G) \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  then  $G = A_5$  and  $|\Sigma^G| = 1$ .

## Summary

$G$ : a finite group     $S^n$ : the  $n$ -sphere

### Summary

1. Let  $n \leq 5$ .  $|(S^n)^G| \neq 1 \Rightarrow \chi((S^n)^G) \not\equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ .

2. M. Morimoto's conjecture is true, i.e.

$$\exists G \curvearrowright S^6 \text{ with } |(S^6)^G| = 1 \iff G \cong A_5, A_5 \times C_2 \text{ or } S_5.$$

Moreover,

$$\exists G \curvearrowright S^6 \text{ with } \chi((S^6)^G) \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \iff G \cong A_5, A_5 \times C_2 \text{ or } S_5.$$

Thank you for your attention !