Cohomology Pairings on the Symplectic Reduction of Products

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Abstract. Let *M* be the product of two compact Hamiltonian *T*-spaces *X* and *Y*. We present a formula for evaluating integrals on the symplectic reduction of *M* by the diagonal *T* action. At every regular value of the moment map for $X \times Y$, the integral is the convolution of two distributions associated to the symplectic reductions of *X* by *T* and of *Y* by *T*. Several examples illustrate the computational strength of this relationship. We also prove a linear analogue which can be used to find cohomology pairings on toric orbifolds.

1 Introduction

Let (M, ω) be a symplectic 2*n*-dimensional manifold with a Hamiltonian action by a compact torus *T*. This is equivalent to the existence of a moment map given by an invariant map

 $\mu \colon M \to \mathfrak{t}^*$

satisfying

(1)
$$d\langle \mu, x \rangle = \iota_{V_x} \omega$$

for all $x \in t$, where V_x is the vector field on M generated by x. We say that M is a *Hamiltonian T-space*, and we denote μ by μ_M when the manifold is not obvious. The torus T acts locally freely on any level set $\mu^{-1}(t)$ provided t is a regular value of μ . The symplectic quotient defined by

$$M_t := \mu^{-1}(t)/T$$

is a manifold in the case that *T* acts freely, and more generally may have orbifold singularities. M_t inherits a symplectic form ω_t from ω , and so it is a symplectic orbifold. The topology of symplectic reductions is somewhat elusive, and much work has been centered on understanding the relationship between *M* and M_t as *t* varies. One avenue to understanding the topology of M_t is through cobordism and wall-crossing formula (see for example [7, 10, 14, 20, 23]). From the point of view of calculating the cohomology, one can study the ring structure of $H^*(M_t)$ (see [9, 18, 21, 26], among others), or one can study the cohomology pairings (integrals) on M_t (as done in [11, 16, 17, 27]). By Poincaré duality, both the ring $H^*(M_t)$ and integrals on M_t

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give the same information, but in practice it is hard to translate from one to the other. In this paper, we consider the integral

(2)
$$\int_{M_t} \alpha e^{\omega}$$

where α is a cohomology class on M_t . In the case that $\alpha = 1$, this integral is the symplectic volume of M_t and is well known to vary polynomially in t [4]; a formula may be found in [13].

We are interested in the case in which M is a product of Hamiltonian T-spaces, considered under the diagonal action. Many of the objects and results we use in this paper are well described in the literature; our main results are an application of these theorems in the case that M is a product. This provides a tool to compute cohomology pairings on moduli spaces such as k points on $\mathbb{C}P^n$, or polygon spaces. In each case, the moduli space can be realized as a symplectic quotient of a product of Hamiltonian spaces. The strength of our formula is that it lends itself readily to calculation. For example, when the individual spaces are toric varieties (as in the case of $\mathbb{C}P^{k^2}s$), the product formula describes the integral on the symplectic reduction of the moment polytopes of the individual terms. Our first example will show how this procedure works when M is a product of $S^{2^2}s$. In the case that M is a product or bifolds using techniques similar to those found in [15] for toric manifolds.

While our results describe the behavior of Hamiltonian *T* spaces, integrals of reduction by a general Lie group *G* may be deduced by using results of the second author [24]. Suppose that *G* is a connected compact Lie group, and that *T* is a fixed maximal torus. Suppose that *G* acts on *M* in a Hamiltonian fashion. Let μ_G be a moment map for the *G* action on *M*, and $M//G := \mu_G^{-1}(0)/G$. Assume also that M //G is a manifold, as is $M //T := M_0$, the symplectic reduction by *T* at 0. Then

$$\int_{M/\!\!/ G} a = \frac{1}{|W|} \int_{M/\!\!/ T} \tilde{a} \cup e$$

where *W* is the Weyl group and \tilde{a} satisfies the property that its restriction to $\mu_G^{-1}(0)/T$ equals the pull-back of *a* to the same space under the projection $\mu_G^{-1}(0)/T \to M/\!/ G$. The class *e* is defined as follows. Let Δ be the set of roots of *G*. To each root α let $L_{\alpha} := \mu_T^{-1}(0) \times_T \mathbb{C}_{(\alpha)}$, where $\mathbb{C}_{(\alpha)}$ is the 1-dimensional representation of *T* given by the root α . Then L_{α} is a line bundle over $M/\!/ T$ with Euler class $e(\alpha)$. Define $e = \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta} e(\alpha)$.

Before we state the main theorems, we recall two relevant features of equivariant cohomology. We discuss equivariant cohomology in more detail in Section 2.1. The inclusion $\iota: \mu^{-1}(t) \hookrightarrow M$ induces a map on equivariant cohomology $\iota^*: H_T^*(M) \to H_T^*(\mu^{-1}(t))$. When *T* acts locally freely and the cohomology is in complex coefficients, $H_T^*(\mu^{-1}(t)) \cong H^*(M_t)$. The composition of these maps is termed the *Kirwan map*

$$\kappa_t \colon H^*_T(M) \to H^*(M_t)$$

and is well known to be a surjection [21].

Definition 1.1 Suppose that $a \in H^*_T(M)$. We define a function $I_M(a)$ on the set of regular values of μ on t^{*} by

(3)
$$I_M(a)(t) := \int_{M_t} \kappa_t(a) e^{\omega_t}.$$

Thus $I_M(a)$ is the integral over the reduced space of $\kappa_t(a)$ multiplied by (a constant and) an appropriate power of the reduced symplectic form. It should be noted that ω_t is *not* $\kappa_t(\tilde{\omega})$, where $\tilde{\omega}$ is a (particular) equivariant symplectic form: see the proof of Lemma 5.1. Note also that $I_M(a) = 0$ if *a* is homogeneous of degree *k*, with $k > \dim M_t$.

Suppose that α is a homogeneous class of top degree on M_t , and let $a \in H^*_T(M)$ be such that $\kappa_t(a) = \alpha$. Then Expression (2) may be written

$$\int_{M_t} \alpha e^{\omega_t} = \int_{M_t} \alpha = I_M(a)(t).$$

As *t* varies, there is a natural diffeomorphism among M_t . Thus this equality holds in a neighborhood of a regular value of μ .

Let $M = X \times Y$ be a product of two compact Hamiltonian *T* spaces *X* and *Y*, considered as a *T*-space under the diagonal action. In Appendix A we give a proof of the equivariant Künneth theorem:

(4)
$$H_T^*(M) = H_T^*(X) \bigotimes_{H_T^*(pt)} H_T^*(Y)$$

We use \boxtimes to denote this tensor product over the module $H_T^*(pt)$. We may now state the main results.

Theorem 4.1 (A Convolution Formula for Compact Manifolds) Let X and Y be compact Hamiltonian T-spaces with isolated fixed point sets X^T and Y^T , respectively. Let $M = X \times Y$, and consider M a Hamiltonian T space under the diagonal action. For any class of the form $a \boxtimes b \in H_T^*(M)$, there exist distributions $J_X(a)$, $J_Y(b)$ and $J_M(a \boxtimes b)$ on t^{*} such that

$$J_M(a \boxtimes b)(t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^k} J_X(a) * J_Y(b)(t)$$

and, for regular values of t

$$I_M(a \boxtimes b)(t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^k} J_M(a \boxtimes b)(t).$$

The distributions $J_X(a)$, $J_Y(b)$, and $J_M(a \boxtimes b)$ are defined by (10).

 $J_X(a)$ involves fixed point data of the *T* action on *X*, such as the moment map values at the fixed points, the weights of the *T* action on the tangent space at the fixed points, and the values of the equivariant cohomology class *a* restricted to the fixed

points. From the point of view of its definition, it is a very different object than the integral function $I_X(a)$.

A linear version of this theorem can be deduced from results found in [13]. Let *V* and *W* be symplectic vector spaces with a proper moment map μ on *V* × *W*. Again, we save the definition of $J_V(a)$ for Section 5.

Theorem 5.2 (A Convolution Formula for Symplectic Vector Spaces) Let V and W be symplectic vector spaces with Hamiltonian torus actions by T. Let $\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n$ be the weights of this action on V and β_1, \ldots, β_m be the weights on W. Assume that there is a proper moment map $\mu: V \times W \rightarrow t^*$ for the diagonal T action on $V \times W$. Let $a \boxtimes b$ be an equivariant cohomology class on $V \times W$. Then

$$J_{V\times W}(a\boxtimes b)(t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^k}J_V(a)*J_W(b)$$

and, for regular values t of μ ,

$$I_{V\times W}(a\boxtimes b)(t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^k} J_{V\times W}(a\boxtimes b)(t).$$

The compact version may also be deduced from the linear case using cobordism, which we discuss in Section 6.

Each distribution J_M is, up to a constant, the Fourier transform of the pushforward to a point of an appropriate equivariant cohomology class. The localization theorem is a formula for the pushforward as a sum of rational functions. The main contribution of this article is to show that, in the case of product manifolds, we gain enormous computational strength using these formulas and their Fourier transforms. The linear analogue provides a tool for finding cohomology pairings on toric orbifolds.

2 Background

2.1 Equivariant Cohomology in the Cartan Model

Let M be a compact manifold of dimension 2n with a smooth action by a k-dimensional compact torus T. Denote the Lie algebra of T by t. The T-equivariant cohomology of M may be defined using the Cartan model: let

(5)
$$\Omega_T^*(M) = \Omega^*(M)^T \otimes S(\mathfrak{t}^*)$$

where $S(t^*)$ is the set of polynomials on t, and $\Omega^*(M)^T$ is the set of smooth invariant differential forms on *M*. The differential on the complex may be defined by

$$d_T = d \otimes 1 - i \sum_{j=1}^k \iota_{V_j} \otimes u_j$$

where $\{e_j\}$, j = 1, ..., k is an orthonormal basis for t and u_j are coordinate functions such that $u_j(x) = x_j = (e_j, x)$ for any $x \in t$, and $i = \sqrt{-1}$. The vector fields V_j on M

are generated by the action of e_j , and ι_{V_j} is an anti-derivation which evaluates forms on V_j . In particular, let $\alpha \in \Omega^*(M)^T$ and $f \in S(t^*)$. Then

$$d_T(\alpha \otimes f) = d\alpha \otimes f - i \sum_{j=1}^k \iota_{V_j} \alpha \otimes u_j f.$$

We assign elements of $S^{l}(t^{*})$ the degree 2*l*. In particular, deg $u_{j} = 2$, so the differential increases degree by 1.

The cohomology ring $H_T^*(M)$ is then the cohomology of the complex $\Omega_T^*(M)$ with the differential d_T .

Suppose that *M* is equipped with a symplectic form ω , a Hamiltonian group action *T*, and moment map $\mu: M \to \mathfrak{t}^*$. There exists a d_T -closed *equivariant* symplectic form

$$\begin{split} \tilde{\omega} &= \omega + i \langle \mu, x \rangle \\ &= \omega \otimes 1 + i \sum_{j} \langle \mu, e_{j} \rangle \otimes u_{j}. \end{split}$$

A direct computation and the moment map condition (1) show that $d_T \tilde{\omega} = 0$.

2.2 The Pushforward Map

Suppose *M* is a compact manifold with a smooth *T* action, and consider the map $p: M \rightarrow pt$. The pushforward map

$$p_*^M \colon H_T^*(M) \to H_T^*(pt)$$

in the Cartan model can be described explicitly using ordinary integration of ordinary forms. Let $a = \sum_{j} a_{j}u^{j}$ where **j** is a multi-index $\mathbf{j} = (j_{1}, \ldots, j_{k})$, a_{j} is a de Rham form on *M*, and $u^{j} = u_{1}^{j_{1}} \cdots u_{k}^{j_{k}}$. Then the pushforward map may be defined by

(6)
$$p_*^M(a) := \sum_{\mathbf{j}} \left(\int_M a_{\mathbf{j}} \right) u^{\mathbf{j}}.$$

In particular, the integral picks out the degree 2n component of each a_j . The pushforward map can be extended to formal power series of polynomials on t (elements of $S(t^*)$) with values in $\Omega^*(M)$ by applying the pushforward (6) term-wise. Suppose that a is a homogeneous form of degree l. The right hand side of (6) is 0 if $l < \dim M$. If $l > \dim M$, it is possible that the pushforward is nonzero, for the right hand side may pick up a term in $\Omega^{\dim M}(M) \otimes S^j(t)$, where j > 0.

The localization formula expresses this pushforward as a sum of integrals on fixed point sets. We state the theorem here for isolated fixed points.

Theorem 2.1 ([1,2]) Let M be a compact manifold with a smooth T action, where T is a compact torus. Assume the fixed point set M^T is isolated. Then

(7)
$$p_*^M(a) = \sum_{F \in M^T} \frac{\iota_F^*(a)}{e_F}$$

where $\iota_F \colon F \hookrightarrow M$ and ι_F^* is the induced map on cohomology, and e_F is the equivariant Euler class of the normal bundle to F in M.

We briefly address the non-isolated fixed point case in Section 7.

The expressions on the right hand side in (7) may be simplified. The inclusion map $\iota_F^*(a)$ picks out of each a_j the degree-0 part $a_j^{(0)}$ and evaluates at F. The equivariant Euler class e_F is the product of the weights $\gamma_1^F, \ldots, \gamma_n^F$ (possibly with repeats) occurring in this linear representation of T on T_FM . Thus we rewrite

(8)
$$p_*^M(a) = \sum_{F \in M^T} \frac{\sum_j a_j^{(0)}(F) u^j}{\prod_{l=1}^n \gamma_l^F}.$$

In this light perhaps $p_*^M(a)$ is more obviously a function on t. The pushforward of the "formal" form $a \wedge e^{\tilde{\omega}}$ is evaluated by expanding $e^{\tilde{\omega}}$ into its Taylor series.

3 The Fourier Transform of the Pushforward Map and Jeffrey-Kirwan Abelian Localization

We begin by establishing conventions. Let S denote the space of Schwartz functions. We define the Fourier transform of $\phi \in S$ by

$$\mathfrak{F}(\phi)(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} e^{-ix \cdot t} \phi(x) \, dx$$

and the inverse Fourier transform by

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}(\psi)(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} e^{i\mathbf{x}\cdot t} \psi(t) \, dt$$

Then the Fourier transform of an arbitrary tempered distribution h (continuous linear function on S) is defined by

$$\mathfrak{F}(h)(\psi) = h(\mathfrak{F}(\psi)), \quad \psi \in \mathfrak{S}.$$

We follow [11] in constructing a distribution which serves as a Fourier transform of the pushforward map, after a choice of *polarization* of the *T* action on *M*. Consider the distribution h_{γ} , with $\gamma \in t^*$, given by

(9)
$$\langle h_{\gamma}, \varphi \rangle = \int_0^\infty \varphi(s\gamma) \, ds$$

for any (smooth, compactly supported) test function φ on t^* . For any fixed point $F \in M^T$, let $\{\gamma_j^F\}_{j=1}^n$ be the set of weights occurring by the *T* action on the tangent space $T_F M$. We polarize the weights as follows. Choose $\xi \in t$ such that $\gamma_j^F(\xi) \neq 0$ for any *j* and any *F*. Then let $\gamma_j^{F,\xi} = \epsilon_j^F \gamma_j^F$, where $\epsilon_j^F = 1$ if $\gamma_j^F(\xi) > 0$ and $\epsilon_j^F = -1$ if $\gamma_j^F(\xi) < 0$. It is then clear there is a half-space in t^* on which all the distributions $h_{\gamma_j^{F,\xi}}$ are supported. For any fixed *F*, the convolution $h_{\gamma_1^{F,\xi}} * \cdots * h_{\gamma_n^{F,\xi}}$ is well-defined and supported on this same half-space.

Let $\epsilon^F = \prod_j \epsilon_j$. Let $a = \sum a_j \otimes u^j$ be an equivariant class on M, where **j** is a multi-index, and a_j are differential forms on M. For $\mathbf{j} = (j_1, j_2, \dots, j_k)$, let ∂^j be the differential operator given by

$$\partial^{\mathbf{j}} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u_1}\right)^{j_1} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u_2}\right)^{j_2} \cdots \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u_k}\right)^{j_k}.$$

Finally, we define

(10)
$$J_{M}(a) = (2\pi)^{k} \sum_{F \in M^{T}} \epsilon^{F} \Big(\sum_{j} a_{j}^{(0)}(F)(-i)^{|j|} \partial^{j} \Big) (\delta_{\mu(F)} * h_{\gamma_{1}^{F\xi}} * \cdots * h_{\gamma_{n}^{F\xi}}),$$

where $\delta_{\mu(F)}$ is the delta distribution centered at $\mu(F)$, and $|\mathbf{j}| = j_1 + \cdots + j_k$. The following results set the context for this paper. The first is a version of the Jeffrey–Kirwan Abelian localization theorem [16].

Theorem 3.1 (Jeffrey–Kirwan) Let M be a compact Hamiltonian T space with isolated fixed points. Let $I_M(a)$ be defined as in (2). If t is a regular value of the moment map, then

$$I_M(a)(t) = rac{1}{(2\pi)^k} J_M(a)(t).$$

The following result can be found in [11] and is what makes the distributions $J_M(a)$ so readily computable.

Theorem 3.2 (Guillemin) Let M be a compact symplectic manifold. Suppose T acts on M in a Hamiltonian fashion with isolated fixed points. Let $f_a(x) = p_*^M(a \wedge e^{\tilde{\omega}})(x)$ be the pushforward of the formal equivariant form $a \wedge e^{\tilde{\omega}}$ to a point. Then f_a is a function of tempered growth whose Fourier transform is

$$\mathcal{F}(f_a)(t) = (2\pi i)^n J_M(a)(t).$$

In particular, $J_M(a)$ is independent of choice of polarization.¹

¹Note that individual terms of the ABBV fixed point theorem may not so easily be interpreted in this light. However the rational term $\frac{1}{\gamma}$ may be viewed as the generalized function $\frac{1}{\gamma+0i}$ as in [5].

4 The Reduction of a Product of Compact Hamiltonian *T*-spaces

We now restrict our attention to the case that

$$M = X \times Y$$

where X and Y are Hamiltonian T-spaces with isolated fixed points, and M is considered under the diagonal action on the product. Our main result in the compact case is Theorem 4.1, which may be viewed as a corollary to Theorem 3.2, or to the cobordism results of [7]. In Section 8 we present two calculations using Theorem 4.1.

4.1 The Pushforward Satisfies a Product Rule

The class of the equivariant symplectic form on M may be written

$$[\tilde{\omega}_M] = [\tilde{\omega}_X] \boxtimes 1 + 1 \boxtimes [\tilde{\omega}_Y]$$

where $\tilde{\omega}_X$ and $\tilde{\omega}_Y$ are equivariant symplectic forms on *X* and *Y*, respectively and the tensor product is that in (4). For simplicity, we assume that $\alpha = a \boxtimes b$, and consider the pushforward of $\alpha \cdot e^{[\tilde{\omega}_M]}$ to a point.

The fixed points of $X \times Y$ are pairs (p, q), where $p \in X^T$ and $q \in Y^T$. By (7) we have

$$p_*^M(\alpha e^{\tilde{\omega}_M}) = p_*^{X \times Y}(a \boxtimes b e^{\tilde{\omega}_X \boxtimes 1 + 1 \boxtimes \tilde{\omega}_Y})$$
$$= p_*^{X \times Y}(a e^{\tilde{\omega}_X} \boxtimes b e^{\tilde{\omega}_Y})$$
$$= \sum_{(p,q) \in X^T \times Y^T} \frac{\iota_{(p,q)}^*(a e^{\tilde{\omega}_X} \boxtimes b e^{\tilde{\omega}_Y})}{e_{(p,q)}}$$

where $e_{(p,q)}$ is the equivariant Euler class of the normal bundle to (p,q) in $X \times Y$. Since $\nu_{(p,q)}(X \times Y) = \nu_p(X) \oplus \nu_q(Y)$, we have $e_{(p,q)} = e_p \cdot e_q$, where e_p and e_q are the equivariant Euler classes of $\nu_p(X)$ and $\nu_q(Y)$, respectively. To simplify the numerator, we expand out the terms at the level of forms and using the formula (7) to obtain

$$\iota_{(p,q)}^*(ae^{\tilde{\omega}_X}\boxtimes be^{\tilde{\omega}_Y})=\iota_p^*(ae^{\tilde{\omega}_X})\iota_q^*(be^{\tilde{\omega}_Y}).$$

We have shown:

Lemma 4.1 For all cohomology classes $a \in H^*_T(X)$ and $b \in H^*_T(Y)$,

(11)
$$p_*^{X \times Y}(a \boxtimes b e^{\tilde{\omega}_{X \times Y}}) = p_*^X(a e^{\tilde{\omega}_X}) p_*^Y(a e^{\tilde{\omega}_Y}).$$

Choose a polarization for the weights at all the fixed points of M. The weights appearing in the product are the union of the weights of the action on the tangent spaces to fixed points of X and of those to fixed points of Y. Thus a polarization of M is also a polarization of X and of Y. We Fourier transform Equation (11). By construction the distributions h_{γ} associated to the polarized weights of X and those of Y are supported on the same convex set. Thus the right hand side is a convolution of the Fourier transform of each of the two pushforward maps. In particular, we have shown that

Theorem 4.1 Let X and Y be compact Hamiltonian T-spaces with isolated fixed point sets X^T and Y^T , respectively. Let $M = X \times Y$, and consider M a Hamiltonian T space under the diagonal action. Let J_X , J_Y and J_M be defined as in (10). For any class of the form $a \boxtimes b \in H_T^*(M)$,

$$J_M(a \boxtimes b)(t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^k} J_X(a) * J_Y(b)(t)$$

and, for regular values of t,

$$J_M(a \boxtimes b)(t) = (2\pi)^k I_M(a \boxtimes b)(t).$$

5 The Linear Case

Suppose now that V is a 2n-dimensional symplectic vector space with Hamiltonian T-action and proper moment map

$$\mu: V \to t^*.$$

We assume also that 0 is the only fixed point in V. The image $\mu(V)$ lies in the convex cone given by $\{\mu(0) + \gamma_j\}$ where $\{\gamma_j\}$ are the weights of the *T* action on *V*. Suppose that *t* is a regular value of μ and as before let $V_t := \mu^{-1}(t)/T$ be the symplectic reduction of *V* at *t*. The spaces V_t are termed weighted projective varieties when $T \cong S^1$ and toric orbifolds more generally. The Kirwan map

$$\kappa_t \colon H^*_T(V) \to H^*(V_t)$$

remains surjective since μ is proper. Since V is contractible,

$$H_T^*(V) \cong H_T^*(pt) \cong \mathbb{C}[u_1, \dots, u_k]$$

where $k = \dim T$. Then any class on V_t is of the form $\kappa_t(a)$ where $a = \sum a_j u^j$ is a polynomial in u_1, \ldots, u_k with complex coefficients.

The linear analogue of Theorem 4.1 is not independent of polarization, although the integrals one wants to compute are. Although the existence of such a formula may seem intuitive given the presentation of the distribution $J_M(a)$, the proof of Guillemin's theorem (Theorem 3.2) relies on the fact that M is compact and, by the Jeffrey–Kirwan theorem, that $J_M(a)$ is compactly supported. In the linear case, the relevant distributions are supported on cones, and the Jeffrey–Kirwan theorem does not hold. In addition, there is no well-defined push-forward map for non-compactly supported equivariant forms.

The key point in the linear case is that every cohomology class on V_t is obtained by an appropriate derivative of e^{ω_t} , where ω_t is the inherited symplectic volume form on V_t . Indeed, this is the tactic adopted in [15], where the authors use these derivatives as a new technique to find the cohomology rings of (smooth) toric varieties, following the original work by [3]. We begin by proving the following lemma.

Lemma 5.1 The forms ω_t depends linearly on t in a connected region of regular values of μ . More specifically, $\frac{\partial}{\partial t_{\mu}}\omega_t = -i\kappa_t(u_{\beta})$

Proof Let $\tilde{\omega}_t = \omega \otimes 1 + i \sum_j (\langle \mu, e_j \rangle - t_j) \otimes u_j$, where t_j are the constant coordinate functions on *M*. A direct calculation shows that $d_T \tilde{\omega}_t = 0$, and that $\kappa_t(\tilde{\omega}_t) = \omega_t$ for regular values of μ . Note that $\tilde{\omega}_t = \tilde{\omega} - i \sum t_j \otimes u_j$, where $\tilde{\omega} = \omega \otimes 1 + i \sum \langle \mu, e_j \rangle \otimes u_j$. Thus $\tilde{\omega} = \tilde{\omega}_t + i \sum t_j \otimes u_j$ and

$$\kappa_t(\tilde{\omega}) = \omega_t + i \sum_j t_j \kappa_t(u_j) = \omega'.$$

Here ω' is some locally constant class over t on M_t , as κ_t is a map on cohomology. Thus $\omega_t = \omega' - i \sum t_j \kappa_t(u_j)$ and $\frac{\partial}{\partial t_\beta} \omega_t = -i \kappa_t(u_\beta)$.

Since integration over V_t and the Kirwan map κ_t are topological maps, we obtain

$$rac{\partial}{\partial t_{eta}}\int_{V_t}e^{\omega_t}=\int_{M_t}rac{\partial}{\partial t_{eta}}e^{\omega_t}=-i\int_{M_t}e^{\omega_t}\kappa_t(u_{eta}).$$

Note that this argument works as well for a compact manifold M^2 .

It follows that for any monomial $a = c \cdot u^j$ with $c \in \mathbb{C}$ and j a multi-index,

$$\kappa_t(a) = c(i)^{|\mathbf{j}|} \partial^{\mathbf{j}} \frac{(\omega_t)^{|\mathbf{j}|}}{|\mathbf{j}|!}$$

where $|\mathbf{j}| = j_1 + \cdots + j_k$. Then

$$\int_{V_t} \kappa_t(ae^{\tilde{\omega}_t}) = \int_{V_t} \kappa_t(a)e^{\omega_t} = \int_{V_t} c(i)^{|\mathbf{j}|} \partial^{\mathbf{j}} e^{\omega_t}$$

on any cone of regular values of μ . We now analyze this integral in light of what is understood about symplectic volume.

The condition that μ be proper assures us that the weights $\gamma_1, \ldots, \gamma_n$ of the *T* action on *V* are polarized, *i.e.* there exists $\xi \in \mathfrak{t}$ such that $\gamma_i(\xi) > 0$ for $i = 1, \ldots, n$. Define h_{γ} as in (9). In [13], the authors show that

(12)
$$(2\pi)^k \delta_{\mu(0)} * h_{\gamma_1} * \cdots * h_{\gamma_n}$$

is a distribution equal to the symplectic volume of V_t in the case that the *T*-action is free. In the locally free case, at least one vector $\gamma_i = m_i \alpha_i$, where $m_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ is greater than 1 and α_i is a unit weight. In this case, $h_{\gamma_i} = \frac{1}{m_i} h_{\alpha_i}$ (which can be checked by direct calculation) so the term (12) automatically picks up a term $\frac{1}{|S|}$, where *S* is the generic stabilizer of *T* on *V*. We note also that the convolution is well-defined

²Differentiating (dim M_t) times, one obtains the integral of a class independent of t, which is constant. It follows $\int_{M_t} e^{\omega_t}$ is locally polynomial in t with degree less than or equal to dim M_t . This is the content of the Duistermaat–Heckman theorem [4].

because there is a half-space on which all h_{γ_j} are supported. By differentiating the distribution (12) we obtain

$$(-i)^{|\mathbf{j}|}\partial^{\mathbf{j}}\delta_{\mu(0)}*h_{\gamma_1}*\cdots*h_{\gamma_n}(t)=\int_{V_t}\kappa_t(u^{\mathbf{j}})e^{\omega_t}.$$

We define a distribution on t* by

(13)
$$J_V(a) = (2\pi)^k \sum_{\mathbf{j}} a_{\mathbf{j}}(-i)^{|\mathbf{j}|} D^{\mathbf{j}}(\delta_{\mu(0)} * h_{\gamma_1} * \dots * h_{\gamma_n})$$

where $a = \sum_{j} a_{j}u^{j}$ is an equivariant cohomology class on *V*. We obtain the following linear version of the Jeffrey–Kirwan Abelian localization theorem:

Theorem 5.1 Let V be a 2n-dimensional symplectic vector space with Hamiltonian T action, an isolated fixed point at 0, and a proper moment map μ . Let $\gamma_1, \ldots, \gamma_n$ denote the weights of the action, and let V_t denote the symplectic reduced space for t a regular value of μ . Then for all such regular values,

$$J_V(a)(t) = (2\pi)^k \int_{V_t} \kappa_t(a) e^{\omega_t}$$

for any equivariant cohomology class $a \in H_T^*(V)$.

Note that (13) looks like an individual term in (10), but while the individual terms of (10) depend on a choice of polarization, the expression here does not.

We now show the linear analogue of the compact convolution formula (Theorem 4.1). A new subtlety arises without the compact assumption. Let (V, ω_V) and (W, ω_W) be two symplectic vector spaces with Hamiltonian *T*-actions and let μ_V and μ_W be moment maps for *V* and *W*, respectively. The diagonal *T*-action on *V* and *W* has a moment map $\mu = \mu_V + \mu_W$ and may not be proper. In fact, if $\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n$ are the weights of the *T* action on *V* and β_1, \ldots, β_m are those on *W*, then the convolution $h_{\alpha_1} * \cdots * h_{\alpha_n} * h_{\beta_1} \cdots * h_{\beta_m}$ may not be well-defined.

This can be fixed by changing the symplectic form on W, providing that the moment map μ_V is proper. Let $\xi \in t$ be such that $\langle \alpha_j, \xi \rangle > 0$ for all j. We note that $W = \bigoplus_j \mathbb{C}_{\beta_j}$ where \mathbb{C}_{β_j} is a 1-dimensional (complex) representation of T with weight β_j . This splitting is symplectic, so that we may find local coordinates (x_j, y_j) on \mathbb{C}_{β_j} such that $\omega_W = \sum_j dx_j \wedge dy_j$. Then let

(14)
$$\omega'_W = \sum_j \operatorname{sgn} \langle \beta_j, \xi \rangle dx_j \wedge dy_j$$

It follows that $\omega'_{V \times W} = \omega_V \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \omega'_W$ is a symplectic form on $V \times W$ with proper moment map given by

$$\mu'_{V\times W} = \mu_V + \mu'_W.$$

where we fix $\mu_V(0) = \mu'_W(0) = 0$. We may conclude

Theorem 5.2 Let V and W be symplectic vector spaces with Hamiltonian torus actions by T. Let $\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n$ be the weights of this action on V and β_1, \ldots, β_m be the weights on W. Assume also (by changing the symplectic forms if necessary) that there is a proper moment map $\mu: V \times W \to t^*$ for the diagonal T action on $V \times W$. Let $a \boxtimes b$ be an equivariant cohomology class on $V \times W$ that is homogeneous of degree dim $(V \times W)_t$. Then for regular values t of μ ,

$$(2\pi)^k \int_{(V \times W)_t} \kappa_t(a \boxtimes b) = J_{V \times W}(a \boxtimes b)(t)$$

and

$$J_{V\times W}(a\boxtimes b)(t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^k}J_V(a) * J_W(b)$$

where the distributions $J_V(a)$ and $J_W(b)$ are given by (13).

Note that the integral $\int_{(V \times W)_t} \kappa_t(a \boxtimes b)$ equals $I_{V \times W}(a \boxtimes b)(t)$ (as defined in (2)) since μ is proper and the degree of $a \boxtimes b$ equals the dimension of the reduced space.

While the linear case seems extremely similar to the compact case, there are some differences that should be emphasized here. First, for the compact case, the polarization must be for all weights at all fixed points all at once. The corresponding distribution J_M is independent of the polarization, while the individual terms are not. In contrast, in the linear case, the distribution J_V (or, rather, $J_{V \times W}$) does indeed depend on the polarization. However, for V_t to have meaning, we assumed that the moment map μ_V is proper. The moment map can be made to be proper by changing the symplectic form as described above, or, equivalently, changing the signs of the weights of the action so that the convolution $h_{\alpha_1} * \cdots * h_{\alpha_n} * h_{\beta_1} \cdots * h_{\beta_m}$ is well-defined. Equivalently, one can choose a polarization as in Section 3, and orient the weights according to the polarization so that the convolution is well-defined. Thus for the linear case (unlike the compact case), we choose a symplectic structure, thereby assigning meaning to $(V \times W)_t$ when the moment map $\mu_{V \times W}$ is not a priori proper.

6 Cobordism

Clearly the linear case provides a one-term version of the compact case. Off the set $\gamma_j = 0$ for any *j*, the inverse Fourier transform of $J_V(a)$ is (up to a constant) the rational function

$$\frac{a}{\prod_{l=1}^{n} \gamma_l} = \frac{\sum_{\mathbf{j}} a_{\mathbf{j}} u^{\mathbf{j}}}{\prod_{l=1}^{n} \gamma_l}$$

which resembles a term in the localization theorem (8) and lends computational strength to Theorem 4.1. However the compact case does not follow immediately from the linear case. Indeed, the cobordism results of [6] combined with the results of Section 5 imply the compact convolution formula.

Let *M* be a compact, symplectic manifold with Hamiltonian *T* action, isolated fixed points M^T , and moment map $\mu: M \to t^*$. For each fixed point $F \in M^T$, there is a linear isotropy action of *T* on T_FM , and a symplectic form ω_F given by

(14), possibly different from the form ω on M restricted to F. We use the same vector ξ in choosing its symplectic form for each fixed point F. Each tangent space $T_F M$ has a proper moment map μ_F which is unique up to a choice of constant. Fix $\mu_F(0) = \mu(F)$.

Theorem 6.1 ([6]) Let M be a compact, symplectic manifold with Hamiltonian T action, isolated fixed points, and moment map $\mu: M \to t^*$. Let t be a regular value of μ . The reduced space M_t is cobordant as a symplectic orbifold to a disjoint union of compact symplectic toric orbifolds. These orbifolds are the disjoint union of $M_t^F := \mu_F^{-1}(t)/T$ as F varies over all points in M^T .

It should be noted that cobordism of symplectic orbifolds carries the information of the moment map on M and that on each linear space $T_F M$. In general some of the reduced space M_t^F are "obviously" empty, as the point of reduction is not in the image of μ_F .

Integration is a cobordism invariant, which then implies that an integral over M_t can be evaluated by an integral over the disjoint union of M_t^F . These latter spaces are orbifolds obtained via symplectic reduction of a vector space (and hence the methods of Section 5 apply). In the previous section we showed how the integral of $ae^{\bar{\omega}}$ over M_t^F (copies of V_t) are obtained from the distribution $J_{M^F}(a)$, where the symplectic form may have been modified to ensure that this distribution is well defined. The way that these forms are modified may be chosen to be according to the same polarization. Thus the linear case of the Jeffrey–Kirwan theorem and the cobordism result imply Guillemin's theorem 3.2.

In the interest of reproving the product convolution theorem 4.1, we note that the fixed point sets of the product $M = X \times Y$ are pairs of points (p, q) with $p \in X^T$ and $q \in Y^T$, and the tangent spaces satisfy $T_{(p,q)}M = T_pX \oplus T_qY$. It then follows that the integral of $\kappa_t(ae^{\tilde{\omega}})$ over M_t can be obtained by sums of the same map over the reduced spaces associated to $T_pX \oplus T_qY$ with the changed symplectic structure described. The linear case proven in Section 5 shows that integrals over the reduction of $T_{(p,q)}M$ are obtained via convolution, and then cobordism again (along with linearity of the convolution) lead us to 4.1.

7 Non-Isolated Fixed Points

All of the theorems we mention here have generalizations to non-isolated fixed points, although few of the simplifications (such as a way of writing an Euler class as a product of weights) carry over to the case of non-isolated fixed points. First we note that Theorem 6.1 is true for non-isolated fixed points, with the toric orbifolds M_t^F replaced by toric orbifold bundles over each connected component *F* of the fixed point set. The ABBV formula for the pushforward also holds more generally, with an integral over the fixed point set inserted for each component of the fixed point set. Thus the cobordism result combined with a linear theorem regarding vector bundles (rather than vector spaces) would imply a version of Theorem 3.2 in the compact case with non-isolated fixed points. Following the same proof as in this article, a non-isolated fixed point version of Theorem 4.1 would then follow. For $M = X \times Y$,

each component of the fixed point set M^T is a product of two connected components P and Q of the fixed point sets of X and Y, respectively. Thus it remains true that $\nu_{(P,Q)}M = \nu_P X \oplus \nu_Q Y$, and hence there is a multiplicative property of their equivariant Euler classes. The key problem (still unanswered as far as the authors are aware) then, is to prove a non-compact version of the Jeffrey–Kirwan residue formula for vector bundles over non-isolated fixed point sets.

8 Examples

We explore two examples, namely the symplectic reduction of a product of 2-spheres (by a circle) and the reduction of a product of $\mathbb{C}P^2$ (by a 2-torus). The ring structures of these products have been studied by [18] in the first case, more generally by [25] for reductions of S^1 actions on the product of $\mathbb{C}P^n$ s, and by the author [8] for a product of $\mathbb{C}P^n$ s, reduced by a nonabelian group.

8.1 Symplectic Reduction of a Product of 2-Spheres

Let (S^2, ω) be the 2-sphere with symplectic form ω . Let S^1 act on S^2 in a Hamiltonian fashion with fixed point set $\{N, S\}$. We choose ω so that there is a moment map

$$\mu_{S^2} \colon S^2 \to \mathbb{R}$$

with $\mu_{S^2}(N) = 1$ and $\mu_{S^2}(S) = -1$. We assume also that S^1 acts on the tangent space $T_N S^2$ with weight 1 and on $T_S S^2$ with weight -1.

Recall that for any Hamiltonian T-space the map

$$i^*: H^*_T(M) \to H^*_T(M^T)$$

induced by the inclusion $M^T \hookrightarrow M$ of the fixed point set is an injection. Thus when $M = S^2$, the equivariant symplectic class is determined by a class on N and a class on S. Note that in the S^1 case,

$$H_{S^1}^*(N) = H_{S^1}^*(S) = \mathbb{C}[u]$$

Let ν be such the equivariant symplectic class with the properties

$$i_N^*(\nu) = u \quad i_S^*(\nu) = -u.$$

Note that ν is degree 2.

We now apply Theorem 4.1 to $M = S^2 \times \cdots \times S^2 = (S^2)^n$ with *n* odd, and $a = \nu^{k_1} \boxtimes \cdots \boxtimes \nu^{k_n}$, where $\sum k_j = n - 1 = \frac{1}{2} \dim(S^2)_0^n$ and the tensor product \boxtimes is taken over the module $H_T^*(pt)$ (see Appendix 8.2). We then use this calculation to find the symplectic volume of the reduction $M_0 = (S^2)_0^n$. A similar calculation on this moduli space can be found in [23]. Notice that *n* odd implies that 0 is a regular value of $\mu_M = \mu_{S^2} + \cdots + \mu_{S^2}$.

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Since 0 is regular,

$$\int_{M_0} \kappa_0(\nu^{k_1} \boxtimes \cdots \boxtimes \nu^{k_n}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} J_M(\nu^{k_1} \boxtimes \cdots \boxtimes \nu^{k_n})(0)$$

and by Theorem 4.1 we have

$$J_M(\nu^{k_1} \boxtimes \cdots \boxtimes \nu^{k_n}) = rac{1}{(2\pi)^{n-1}} J_{S^2}(\nu^{k_1}) * \cdots * J_{S^2}(\nu^{k_n}).$$

We evaluate this convolution: Theorem 3.2 implies that

$$\begin{split} p_*^{S^2}(\nu^{k_1}e^{\bar{\omega}_{S^2}}) &= 2\pi i\mathcal{F}^{-1}\big(J_{S^2}(\nu^{k_1})\big) \\ &= \frac{u^{k_1}e^{iu}}{u} + \frac{(-u)^{k_1}e^{-iu}}{-u} \\ &= u^{k_1-1}e^{iu} + (-1)^{k_1-1}u^{k_1-1}e^{-iu} \\ &= u^{k_1-1}\big(e^{iu} + (-1)^{k_1-1}e^{-iu}\big) \,. \end{split}$$

Using the product rule for the pushforward we find

$$p_*^M(\nu^{k_1} \boxtimes \cdots \boxtimes \nu^{k_n} e^{\bar{\omega}_M}) = \prod_{k_j} u^{k_j - 1} (e^{iu} + (-1)^{k_j - 1} e^{-iu})$$
$$= u^{\sum k_j - n} \prod_m (e^{iu} + e^{-iu}) \prod_{n - m} (e^{iu} - e^{-iu}),$$

where *m* is the number of odd k_j 's and n - m is the number of even k_j 's. Using $\sum k_j = n - 1$ we simplify this expression

$$= u^{-1} \left(\sum_{s} {m \choose s} e^{isu} e^{-i(m-s)u} \right) \left(\sum_{r} {n-m \choose r} e^{iru} e^{-i(n-m-r)u} (-1)^{n-m-r} \right)$$
$$= u^{-1} \sum_{s,r} {m \choose s} {n-m \choose r} (-1)^{n-m-r} e^{i(2s+2r-n)u}.$$

For regular values of μ_M we note that $\mathcal{F}(p_*^M(ae^{\bar{\omega}_M}))(t) = 2\pi i J_M(a)(t) = 2\pi i \cdot 2\pi I_M(a)(t)$, where $a = \nu^{k_1} \boxtimes \cdots \boxtimes \nu^{k_n}$. We Fourier transform this expression by noting that $\mathcal{F}(\frac{e^{i(2s+2r-n)u}}{2\pi iu}) = 2\pi \delta_{2s+2r-n} * h$ up to a distribution supported on the lattice points of t*, where h(t) is the step function h(t) = 0 for t < 0 and h(t) = 1 for $t \ge 0$. For t = 0 there is a contribution whenever $s + r < \frac{n}{2}$. Note also that if *m* is the number of odd k_i , and *n* is odd, then $\sum k_i = n - 1$ is even and *m* must be even. Then n - m must be odd and $(-1)^{n-m-r} = (-1)^{r-1}$. Therefore,

(15)
$$\int_{(S^2)_0^n} \kappa_0(\nu^{k_1} \boxtimes \cdots \boxtimes \nu^{k_n}) = \sum_{s+r < \frac{n}{2}} \binom{m}{s} \binom{n-m}{r} (-1)^{r-1}.$$

To find the symplectic volume of this product, we note that the equivariant symplectic form on $M = (S^2)^n$ is

$$\omega_M = \sum_j 1 \otimes \cdots \otimes i \nu \otimes \cdots \otimes 1,$$

where ν occurs in the *j*th position of the *j*th term of the sum. The symplectic volume form on the reduced space $(S^2)_0^n$ is obtained from the Kirwan map κ_0 applied to $\frac{(\omega_M)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}$.³ Thus the symplectic volume is a sum of terms of the form (15).

8.2 Symplectic Reduction of a Product of CP²'s

Consider now the symplectic manifold ($\mathbb{C}P^2, \omega$) with a T^2 Hamiltonian action fixing points $\{N, S, E\}$ and moment map

$$\mu_{\mathbb{C}P^2} \colon \mathbb{C}P^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$$

in which $\mu_{\mathbb{C}P^2}(N) = (-1, 2)$, $\mu_{\mathbb{C}P^2}(S) = (-1, -1)$, and $\mu_{\mathbb{C}P^2}(E) = (2, -1)$. We use Theorem 4.1 to find the symplectic volume of the reduced space $(\mathbb{C}P^2 \times \mathbb{C}P^2)_0$.

We describe the equivariant symplectic form on $\mathbb{C}P^2$ by its restriction to the fixed point set, where

$$H_T^*(N) = H_T^*(S) = H_T^*(E) = \mathbb{C}[u_1, u_2].$$

Choose ν with the properties that

$$\iota_N^*(\nu) = -u_1 + 2u_2, \ \iota_S^*(\nu) = -u_1 - u_2, \ \text{and} \ \iota_E^*(\nu) = 2u_1 - u_2.$$

The reduced space $(\mathbb{C}P^2 \times \mathbb{C}P^2)_0$ has dimension 4, so we need to calculate the integral of $\kappa_0((\nu \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \nu)^2/2)$ over $(\mathbb{C}P^2 \times \mathbb{C}P^2)_0$. We instead find the pushforward of $[(\nu \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \nu)^2/2][\tilde{\omega}]$. Note that the term $\exp(\tilde{\omega})$ serves only as a place-holder for each fixed point contribution. Thus we calculate the pushforward by restricting to the fixed points. Note that

$$a = \frac{(\nu \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \nu)^2}{2} = \frac{1}{2}(\nu^2 \otimes 1 + 2\nu \otimes \nu + 1 \otimes \nu^2)$$

We begin with the contribution at the fixed point (S, S).

$$a|_{(S,S)} = \frac{1}{2} \left((-u_1 - u_2)^2 \otimes 1 + 2(-u_1 - u_2) \otimes (-u_1 - u_2) + 1 \otimes (-u_1 - u_2)^2 \right)$$

= $2u_1^2 + 4u_1u_2 + 2u_2^2$.

We divide this restriction by the equivariant Euler class at (*S*, *S*), which is described by the products of the weights of the action. In this case, $e_{(S,S)} = u_1^2 u_2^2$. Thus the contribution to the ABBV pushforward is

$$\frac{(2u_1^2 + 4u_1u_2 + 2u_2^2)e^{-i(x_1 + x_2)}}{u_1^2u_2^2} = 2\left(\frac{1}{u_2^2} + 2\frac{1}{u_1u_2} + \frac{1}{u_1^2}\right)e^{-i(x_1 + x_2)}.$$

³Note that this statement is only true in the case of reduction at 0.

We know by the linear story that we may Fourier transform this rational function (assuming a polarization) and find the contribution to the integral at 0 for this fixed point. We note that $\frac{1}{u_2^2}e^{-i(x_1+x_2)}$ and $\frac{1}{u_1^2}e^{-i(x_1+x_2)}$ Fourier transform into distributions supported on walls of the moment polytope, mainly on the lines $u_1 = -1$ and $u_2 = -1$, respectively. Thus they do not contribute to the integral. In contrast, the term $\frac{1}{u_1u_2}e^{-i(x_1+x_2)}$ contributes "1" on its support, which is the first quadrant out of the point (-1, -1) on t*. Thus the contribution of this class at (S, S) to the integral at 0 is 4.

Similarly we calculate the contributions of the other points. At both (S, E) and (E, S) we obtain the restriction

$$a|_{(S,E)} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 \otimes (2u_1 - u_2)^2 + 2(-u_1 - u_2) \otimes (2u_1 - u_2) + (-u_1 - u_2)^2 \otimes 1 \right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} (u_1^2 - 4u_1u_2 + 4u_2^2).$$

The equivariant Euler classes are

$$e_{(S,E)} = e_{(E,S)} = -u_1^2 u_2 (u_2 - u_1),$$

and so the contribution of each point to the integral of $\kappa_0(a)$ over $(\mathbb{C}P^2 \times \mathbb{C}P^2)_0$ is

$$\frac{\frac{1}{2}(u_1^2 - 4u_1u_2 + 4u_2^2)}{-u_1^2u_2(u_2 - u_1)}$$

We simplify and break up terms by partial fractions to obtain

$$-e^{i(x_1-2x_2)}\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{u_2(u_2-u_1)}-\frac{4}{u_1(u_2-u_1)}+\frac{4u_2}{u_1^2(u_2-u_1)}\right)$$
$$=-e^{i(x_1-2x_2)}\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{u_2(u_2-u_1)}-\frac{4}{u_1(u_2-u_1)}+\frac{4}{u_1^2}+\frac{4}{u_1(u_2-u_1)}\right).$$

The contribution at 0 is then $-\frac{1}{2}(1-4+4) = -\frac{1}{2}$, since 0 is in the span of all the cones at (1, -2) indicated by the denominators except the term $\frac{4}{u_1^2}$. Thus the points (S, E) and (E, S) contribute a total of -1 to the symplectic volume. We now note that no other fixed points contribute to integrals over $(\mathbb{C}P^2 \times \mathbb{C}P^2)_0$, since the polarized cones out of other points do not contain 0. The symplectic volume of a product of two copies of $\mathbb{C}P^2$ (with the given symplectic form) reduced by a diagonal *T* action is 4-1=3.

Appendix A. The Equivariant Künneth Theorem

The following theorem is well-known to those who study equivariantly formal spaces, and hints toward other proofs can be found, for example, in [19]. The authors have been unable to find a satisfactory proof in the literature.

Theorem A.1 (Equivariant Künneth Theorem) Let X and Y be Hamiltonian T-spaces. Then in rational cohomology,

$$H_T^*(X \times Y) \cong H_T^*(X) \bigotimes_{H_T^*(pt)} H_T^*(Y)$$

as rings.

Proof Let $M_T = M \times_T ET$ be a bundle over BT with fiber M, where ET is a homotopically trivial space with a free T action and BT is the quotient ET/T. This is sometimes called the *Borel space* associated to a T-space M. The singular cohomology of M_T is isomorphic to the equivariant Cartan cohomology $H_T^*(M)$ described in Section 2.1 [1]. For a Hamiltonian T-space M, the Leray–Serre spectral sequence associated to the bundle M_T collapses at the E_2 term. Thus $H_T^*(M) \cong H^*(M) \otimes H_T^*(pt)$ as modules over $H_T^*(pt)$ (and generally not as rings). In the case that $M = X \times Y$ is a product of two Hamiltonian T-spaces considered under the diagonal T action, this module isomorphism combined with the ordinary Künneth theorem implies

$$H_T^*(X \times Y) \cong H_T^*(X) \bigotimes_{H_T^*(pt)} H_T^*(Y)$$

as modules.

To show the ring isomorphism, we find a map

$$h: H^*_T(X) \bigotimes_{H^*_T(pt)} H^*_T(Y) \to H^*_T(X \times Y),$$

Consider the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{cccc} (X \times Y)_T & \stackrel{\pi_1}{\longrightarrow} & X_T \\ \pi_2 & & & & \downarrow \pi_X \\ Y_T & \stackrel{\pi_Y}{\longrightarrow} & BT \end{array}$$

We show that the surjective map $\pi_1^* \otimes \pi_2^* \colon H^*(X_T) \otimes H^*(Y_T) \to H^*((X \times Y)_T)$ descends to a map

$$h: H^*(X_T) \bigotimes_{H^*(BT)} H^*(Y_T) \to H^*((X \times Y)_T).$$

Let $u \in H^*(BT)$. Then $\pi_X^*(u) \in H^*(X_T)$ and

$$egin{aligned} \pi_1^* \otimes \pi_2^*ig(a \cdot \pi_X^*(u) \otimes b ig) &= \pi_1^*(a) \pi_1^* \pi_X^*(u) \pi_2^*(b) \ &= \pi_1^*(a) \pi_2^* \pi_Y^*(u) \pi_2^*(b) \ &= \pi_1^* \otimes \pi_2^*(a \otimes \pi_Y^*(u) \cdot b), \end{aligned}$$

which proves that *h* exists and is an isomorphism of rings.

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