

## HOMOTOPY FIXED POINT SET FOR $p$ -COMPACT TORAL GROUP

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ABSTRACT. First, we show the finiteness property of the homotopy fixed point set of  $p$ -discrete toral group. Let  $G_\infty$  be a  $p$ -discrete toral group and  $X$  be a finite complex with an action of  $G_\infty$  such that  $X^K$  is nilpotent for each finite  $p$ -subgroup  $K$  of  $G_\infty$ . Assume  $X$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -complete. Then  $X^{hG_\infty}$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -finite. Using this result, we give the condition so that  $X^{hG}$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -finite for  $p$ -compact toral group  $G$ .

### 1. Introduction

Let  $G$  be a group acting on a space  $X$ . Then the fixed point set  $X^G$  is the  $G$ -equivariant mapping space from a point into  $X$ , denoted by  $X^G = \text{map}^G(*, X)$ . The homotopy fixed point set  $X^{hG}$  is defined to be the  $G$ -equivariant mapping space  $\text{map}^G(EG, X)$  where  $EG$  is a universal contractible  $G$ -space. A  $G$ -map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  induces a map  $f^{hG} : X^{hG} \rightarrow Y^{hG}$ ; if  $f$  is an ordinary (non-equivariant) homotopy equivalence, then  $f^{hG}$  is a homotopy equivalence. If  $G$  acts trivially on  $X$ , then  $X^{hG}$  is  $\text{map}(BG, X)$ . A proxy action of  $G$  on  $X$  is a space  $Y$  homotopy equivalent to  $X$  together with an action of  $G$  on  $Y$ . Standard homotopy theoretic constructions often give proxy actions of this type. If there is a proxy action of  $G$  on  $X$  under consideration we usually write  $X^{hG}$  for the associated homotopy fixed point set instead of introducing a symbol for the proxy space  $Y$  and writing  $Y^{hG}$ . Let  $X_{hG} = EG \times_G X$  be a Borel construction, which is also called the homotopy orbit space of the action of  $G$  on  $X$ . Then the homotopy fixed point set is equivalent to the space of sections  $\Gamma_s(X_{hG} \rightarrow BG)$  of the fibration  $X_{hG} \rightarrow BG$ .

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A  $p$ -discrete torus  $T_\infty$  of rank  $r$  is a discrete group which is isomorphic to  $(\mathbf{Z}/p^\infty)^r$ . A  $p$ -discrete toral group  $G_\infty$  is a discrete group which is an extension of a  $p$ -discrete torus by a finite  $p$ -group.

A loop space is a triple  $\mathcal{X} = (\mathcal{X}, B\mathcal{X}, e)$ , where  $\mathcal{X}$  is a topological space,  $B\mathcal{X}$  is a connected pointed classifying space of  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $e : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \Omega B\mathcal{X}$  is a homotopy equivalence from  $\mathcal{X}$  to the space  $\Omega B\mathcal{X}$  of based loops in  $B\mathcal{X}$ . Such a loop space is called  $p$ -compact group if  $\mathcal{X}$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -finite and  $B\mathcal{X}$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -complete. Here the second condition is equivalent to that  $\mathcal{X}$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -complete and  $\pi_0(\mathcal{X})$  is a finite  $p$ -group. Main examples of  $p$ -compact groups are the  $p$ -completion of compact Lie groups  $G$ ,  $(C_{\mathbb{F}_p}(G), C_{\mathbb{F}_p}(BG), e)$ , where  $\pi_0(G)$  is a finite  $p$ -group and  $e : \Omega C_{\mathbb{F}_p}(BG) \simeq C_{\mathbb{F}_p}(G)$ . A  $p$ -compact torus  $T$  of rank  $r$  is a  $p$ -compact group such that  $BT$  is an Eilenberg-Mac Lane space of type  $K((\mathbf{Z}_p)^r, 2)$ . A  $p$ -compact toral group is a  $p$ -compact group which is an extension of a  $p$ -compact torus by a finite  $p$ -group.

For a loop space  $G$ , the  $G$ -space  $X$  is defined to be the fibration  $EG \times_G X \rightarrow BG$  with  $X$  as the fibre. With such an action of  $G$  on  $X$ , the homotopy fixed point set  $X^{hG}$  is defined to be the space of sections of  $X_{hG} \rightarrow BG$ .

Dwyer and Wilkerson defined  $p$ -compact groups and proved a lot of their properties in ([4]), which are based on homotopy theoretic generalizations of compact Lie groups.

In this paper we are interested in the homotopy fixed point set  $X^{hG}$  for  $p$ -compact toral group  $G$ . We find the condition of  $X$  so that  $X^{hG}$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -finite. By Dwyer and Wilkerson ([4]) it is known that any  $p$ -compact toral group  $G$  has a discrete approximation  $f : G_\infty \rightarrow G$  and if  $X$  is a  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -complete space with an action of  $G$ , then  $f$  induces a homotopy equivalence  $X^{hG_\infty} \rightarrow X^{hG}$ . Using this theory and the fact that  $X^{hG_\infty}$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -finite under some condition, we show that  $X^{hG}$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -finite. The following is the finiteness property of the homotopy fixed point set of  $p$ -discrete toral group  $G_\infty$  which we will show first.

**THEOREM 1.1.** *Let  $G_\infty$  be a  $p$ -discrete toral group and  $X$  be an  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -complete, finite complex with an action of  $G_\infty$  such that  $X^K$  is nilpotent for each finite  $p$ -subgroup  $K$  of  $G_\infty$ . Then  $X^{hG_\infty}$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -finite.*

Hence we conclude the following.

**COROLLARY 1.2.** *Let  $f : G_\infty \rightarrow G$  be a discrete approximation of the  $p$ -compact toral group  $G$ , and let  $X$  be an  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -complete space with an action of  $G$  such that  $X^K$  is nilpotent for each finite  $p$ -subgroup  $K$  of  $G_\infty$ . Then  $X^{hG}$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -finite.*

This paper is organized as follows. In section 2, we give some definitions and properties as a background for understanding our main result. Section 3 gives the proof of our main result with some auxiliary properties.

*Notations and terminology* : Let  $p$  be a fixed prime number,  $\mathbb{F}_p$  the field with  $p$ -elements,  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  the ring of  $p$ -adic integers. All unspecified homology and cohomology are assumed with coefficients in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . A graded vector space  $H^*$  over a field  $\mathbb{F}_p$  is of *finite type* if each  $H^i$  is finite dimensional over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  and is *finite dimensional* if in addition  $H^i = 0$  for all but a finite number of  $i$ . A space  $X$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -*finite* if  $H^*X$  is finite dimensional over a field  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . A map is an  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -*equivalence* if it induces an isomorphism on  $H^*(\_, \mathbb{F}_p)$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section we summarize some basic definitions and properties as a background for the section 3.

Bousfield and Kan ([1]) constructed a functor  $C_{\mathbb{F}_p}(\_)$  on the category of spaces, called  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -*completion functor*, together with a natural map  $\epsilon_X : X \rightarrow C_{\mathbb{F}_p}(X)$  for any  $X$ . If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  induces an isomorphism  $H_*(X) \cong H_*(Y)$  then  $C_{\mathbb{F}_p}(f)$  is a homotopy equivalence. A space  $X$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -*good* if  $H_*\epsilon_X$  is an isomorphism and  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -*complete* if  $\epsilon_X$  is a homotopy equivalence. A space  $X$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -*local* if any  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -equivalence  $A \rightarrow B$  induces a homotopy equivalence  $Map(B, X) \rightarrow Map(A, X)$ . If  $f : E \rightarrow B$  is a fibration with  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -local fibres, then the space of sections of  $f$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -local ; if  $G$  is a discrete group acting on a  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -local space  $X$ , then  $X^{hG}$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -local. If  $X$  is any space, then  $C_{\mathbb{F}_p}(X)$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -local since  $C_{\mathbb{F}_p}(X)$  is constructed as a homotopy inverse limit. A space  $X$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -*complete* if and only if  $X$  is both  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -local and  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -good.

REMARK 2.1. A space  $X$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -good if and only if  $C_{\mathbb{F}_p}(X)$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -complete, or if and only if  $C_{\mathbb{F}_p}(X)$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -good [1].

A space  $X$  is called *nilpotent* if the action of  $\pi_1 X$  on each  $\pi_i X$  is nilpotent. Any nilpotent space is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -good ([1]).

PROPOSITION 2.2.([1]) (Fibre Lemma) *Let  $F \rightarrow E \rightarrow B$  be a fibration over the connected pointed space  $B$ . Assume that the monodromy action of  $\pi_1 B$  on  $H_i F$  is nilpotent for each  $i \geq 0$ . Then the induced sequence  $C_{\mathbb{F}_p}(F) \rightarrow C_{\mathbb{F}_p}(E) \rightarrow C_{\mathbb{F}_p}(B)$  is also a fibration sequence.*

A homomorphism  $f : H \rightarrow G$  of  $p$ -compact groups or loop spaces is a pointed map  $Bf : BH \rightarrow BG$ . A homomorphism  $f$  is an *equivalence* if  $Bf$

is a homotopy equivalence and *trivial* if  $Bf$  is null homotopic. A homomorphism  $f$  is said to be a *monomorphism* if homotopy fiber  $G/H$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -finite, and an *epimorphism* if  $\Omega G/H$  is a  $p$ -compact group. A homomorphism of  $p$ -compact groups which is both a monomorphism and an epimorphism is an equivalence.

Suppose that  $f : G_\infty \rightarrow G$  is a (loop space) homomorphism, where  $G_\infty$  is a  $p$ -discrete toral group and  $G$  is a  $p$ -compact toral group. If  $Bf$  is an  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -equivalence, then  $G_\infty$  is said to be a *discrete approximation* to  $G$  and  $G$  is said to be a closure of  $G_\infty$ .

PROPOSITION 2.3.([4, 6.7]) *Let  $f : G_\infty \rightarrow G$  be a discrete approximation of the  $p$ -compact toral group  $G$ , and let  $X$  be an  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -complete space with an action of  $G$ . Then  $f$  induces a homotopy equivalence  $X^{hG} \rightarrow X^{hG_\infty}$ .*

### 3. Homotopy fixed point set of the $p$ -discrete toral group

In this section, first we will give properties of homotopy fixed point sets associated to actions of  $p$ -discrete toral groups on finite CW complexes. In this situation, the properties are contingent upon the spaces involved being  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -complete and nilpotent. Finally we show that  $X^{hG}$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -finite for  $p$ -compact toral group  $G$  under some condition.

PROPOSITION 3.1.([4, 6.19]) *If  $G_\infty$  is a  $p$ -discrete toral group, then there exists an increasing chain  $G_n \subset G_{n+1} \subset \dots$  of finite subgroups of  $G_\infty$  such that  $G_\infty = \cup_{m \geq n} G_m$ .*

The following is the generalized Sullivan’s conjecture proved independently by G. Carlsson, J. Lannes and H. Miller.

THEOREM 3.2.([2, 5, 6]) *Let  $A$  be a finite  $p$ -group,  $X$  be a finite  $A$ -complex. Then  $C_{\mathbb{F}_p}(X^A) \rightarrow (C_{\mathbb{F}_p}(X))^{hA}$  is a homotopy equivalence.*

LEMMA 3.3. *Let  $G_\infty$  be a  $p$ -discrete toral group and  $G_\infty$  act on a finite complex  $X$ . Assume  $X$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -complete. Then there exists  $N$  such that  $X^{hG_N}$  is homotopy equivalent to  $X^{hG_i}$  for  $i \geq N$  where  $\{G_m \mid m \geq 1\}$  is an increasing chain of finite subgroups of  $G_\infty$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $X$  is a finite  $G_m$ -complex for each  $m$ , there is a decreasing chain  $X = X^{\{1\}} \supset X^{G_1} \supset X^{G_2} \supset \dots \supset X^{G_m} \supset \dots$  for the increasing chain of finite subgroups of  $G_\infty$  as in 3.1. The fixed point set  $X^{G_m}$  consists of a finite number of equivariant cells since  $X^{G_m}$  is a finite complex. Thus the

sequence must stabilize, and hence  $X^{G_N} = X^{G_i}$  for each  $i \geq N$ . Taking  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -completion,  $C_{\mathbb{F}_p}(X^{G_N}) = C_{\mathbb{F}_p}(X^{G_i})$  for  $i \geq N$ . For each  $m$ ,  $C_{\mathbb{F}_p}(X^{G_m}) \rightarrow (C_{\mathbb{F}_p}(X))^{hG_m}$  is a homotopy equivalence by 3.2. This implies  $(C_{\mathbb{F}_p}(X))^{hG_N}$  is homotopy equivalent to  $(C_{\mathbb{F}_p}(X))^{hG_i}$  for  $i \geq N$ . Therefore  $X^{hG_N}$  is homotopy equivalent to  $X^{hG_i}$  for  $i \geq N$  since  $X$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -complete.  $\square$

**PROPOSITION 3.4.** *Let  $G_\infty$  be a  $p$ -discrete toral group and  $G_\infty$  act on a finite complex  $X$ . Assume  $X$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -complete. Then there is a finite subgroup  $A$  of  $G_\infty$  such that  $X^{hG_\infty}$  is homotopy equivalent to  $X^{hA}$ .*

*Proof.* Now  $G_\infty = \cup_{m \geq n} G_m$  as in 3.1. Then the space  $X^{hG_\infty}$  is equivalent to the homotopy inverse limit of the tower  $\{X^{hG_m} \mid m \geq n\}$ . Therefore by the elementary property of homotopy inverse limit and 3.3,  $X^{hG_\infty}$  is homotopy equivalent to  $X^{hA}$  for some finite subgroup  $A$  of  $G_\infty$ .  $\square$

**PROPOSITION 3.5.** [1] *The class of  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -complete space is closed under the process of taking homotopy inverse limits.*

**PROPOSITION 3.6.** *Let  $G_\infty$  be a  $p$ -discrete toral group and  $X$  be an  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -complete, finite complex with an action of  $G_\infty$  such that  $X^K$  is nilpotent for each finite  $p$ -subgroup  $K$  of  $G_\infty$ . Then  $X^{hK}$  is also  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -complete for each  $K$ .*

*Proof.* By using 2.1. and 3.2,

$$\begin{aligned} C_{\mathbb{F}_p}(X^{hK}) &\simeq C_{\mathbb{F}_p}((C_{\mathbb{F}_p}(X))^{hK}) \\ &\simeq C_{\mathbb{F}_p}(C_{\mathbb{F}_p}(X^K)) \\ &\simeq C_{\mathbb{F}_p}(X^K) \\ &\simeq (C_{\mathbb{F}_p}(X))^{hK} \\ &\simeq X^{hK}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $X^{hK}$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -complete.  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.7.** ([4, 4.6]) *Let  $X$  be a space with an action of the finite  $p$ -group  $A$ . Assume that  $X$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -finite and that for each subgroup  $K \subset A$ ,  $X^{hK}$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -complete. Then  $X^{hA}$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -finite.*

**THEOREM 3.8.** *Let  $G_\infty$  be a  $p$ -discrete toral group and  $X$  be an  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -complete, finite complex with an action of  $G_\infty$  such that  $X^K$  is nilpotent for each finite  $p$ -subgroup  $K$  of  $G_\infty$ . Then the homotopy fixed point set  $X^{hG_\infty}$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -finite.*

*Proof.* There exists a finite subgroup  $A$  of  $G_\infty$  such that  $X^{hG_\infty}$  is homotopy equivalent to  $X^{hA}$  by 3.4. Since  $X^{hK}$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -complete for each

finite subgroup  $K$  of  $A$  by 3.6,  $X^{hA}$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -finite by 3.7. Therefore  $X^{hG_\infty}$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -finite.  $\square$

**COROLLARY 3.9.** *Let  $f : G_\infty \rightarrow G$  be a discrete approximation of the  $p$ -compact toral group  $G$ , and let  $X$  be an  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -complete finite complex with an action of  $G$  such that  $X^K$  is nilpotent for each finite  $p$ -subgroup  $K$  of  $G_\infty$ . Then  $X^{hG}$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -finite.*

*Proof.* The action of  $G$  on  $X$  induces the action of  $G_\infty$  by the proof of 2.3. Hence  $X^{hG_\infty}$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -finite by 3.8. Now  $X^{hG_\infty}$  is homotopy equivalent to  $X^{hG}$  by 2.3. Therefore  $X^{hG}$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -finite.  $\square$

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