

## ON FINITE GROUP ACTIONS ON THE SOLID KLEIN BOTTLE

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### ABSTRACT

In this paper we classify all G-actions on the solid Klein bottle when  $G = Z_n$  and when  $G = Z_2 \oplus Z_2$ .

Let  $G$  be a group and  $M$  a topological space. An action of  $G$  on  $M$  is a map  $\Theta: G \times M \rightarrow M$  such that (i)  $\Theta(g, \Theta(h, x)) = \Theta(gh, x)$  for all  $g, h \in G$  and  $x \in M$ , and (ii)  $\Theta(e, x) = x$  for all  $x \in M$ , where  $e$  is the identity of  $G$ .  $\Theta(g, x)$  is denoted by  $g(x)$ . The action  $\Theta$  is called effective if it is injective. Two  $G$ -actions  $\Theta$  on  $M$  and  $\Phi$  on  $N$  are weakly conjugate if there exists a group automorphism  $A: G \rightarrow G$  and a homeomorphism  $t: M \rightarrow N$  (called the connected homeomorphism) such that  $t(\Theta(g, x)) = \Phi(A(g), t(x))$ , i.e.  $tg(x) = A(g)(t(x))$ . If  $A(g) = g$ , then  $\Theta$  and  $\Phi$  are conjugate.

In this paper we consider the classification of the  $G$ -actions on the solid Klein bottle SK. We give complete classifications when  $G = Z_n$ , the finite cyclic group, and when  $G = Z_2 \oplus Z_2$ . We extend the results of Natsheh (4).

Throughout the paper we work in the PL category (our results are valid for Diff-category without any changes). We divide the paper into three sections. In section 1 we prove theorem 1, the product theorem and state theorem 2, the involutions on SK. In section 2, we classify all  $Z_n$ -actions on SK, up to weak conjugation. In section 3, we classify the  $Z_2 \oplus Z_2$ -actions on SK.

Let  $G$  be an Abelian group acting effectively on a connected space  $M$ . Let  $g, h \in G$  and  $q: M \rightarrow M/g$  be the orbit map induced by  $g$ . Then there exists a homeomorphism  $\bar{h}$  on  $M/g$  uniquely determined by  $h$  such that  $\bar{h} = qh$ .  $\bar{h}$  is called the action on  $M/g$  induced by  $h$ .

Throughout the paper  $S^n$ ,  $D^n$ , and  $P^n$  denote the  $n$ -sphere, the  $n$ -cell and the  $n$ -dimensional projective plane, respectively.  $Mb$  denotes a Mobius band.  $C(X)$  denotes the cone over the space  $X$ .  $S^1$  is viewed as the set of complex numbers  $x$  with norm 1. The closed unit interval is denoted by  $I$ .  $T = S^1 \times S^1$ .

$$D^2 = \{rx: 0 \leq r \leq 1, x \in S^1\}$$

$$SK = RxD^2 / \sim, (s, rx) \sim (s+1, C(rx)), \text{ where } C(rx) = r\bar{x}.$$

### Section 1.

In this section we make use of recent results of Dunwoody (1) and Meeks and Scott (3); Moreover we write down theorem 2 which was proved in (4).

**Theorem 1.** Let  $G$  be a finite group acting effectively on the solid Klein bottle  $SK$ . Then the action is conjugate to an action which preserves the product structure, i.e. for every  $g \in G$   $g([s, rx]) = [\alpha(s), \beta(rx)]$ , up to conjugation.

*Proof.* Let  $g \in G$ ,  $M = SK$  and  $M'$  be a disjoint copy of  $M$  with a corresponding  $g'$  action,  $g': M', g'(x') = (g(x))'$ . Consider the double of  $M$ ,  $2M = S^1 \times S^2$ , the non-orientable two-sphere bundle over  $S^1$  obtained from  $M$  and  $M'$  by identifying them along their boundary by the identity map. Then  $g$  and  $g'$  define an action  $g$  on  $2M$  and hence  $G$  acts on  $2M$ . By Dunwoody (1), there exists a two sphere  $S$  properly embedded in  $2M$  which does not bound a 3-cell such that for every  $g \in G$   $g(S) = S$  or  $g(S) \cap S = \emptyset$ . Now since each of  $M$  and  $M'$  are invariant under the  $G$ -action and  $S \cap M = D^2$  it follows that for every  $g \in G$ ,  $g(D^2) = D^2$  or  $g(D^2) \cap D^2 = \emptyset$ . Now by Meeks and Scott (3) the result follows.

The following theorem may be found in (4). It is an easy consequence of theorem 1 and Kims result (2).

**Theorem 2.** Let  $h$  be an involution on  $SK$ , then  $h$  is conjugate to exactly one of the following involutions with fixed point sets  $Fix(h_i)$  and orbit spaces  $M^*_i$

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| <p>1. <math>h_1([s, rx]) = [s, rx]</math><br/> <math>Fix(h_1) = s \times I</math><br/> <math>M^*_1 = S^1 \times D^2</math></p> | <p>4. <math>h_4([s, rx]) = [1-s, r\bar{x}]</math><br/> <math>Fix(h_4) = D^2 \cup I</math><br/> <math>M^*_4 = D^3</math><br/> <math>h'_4([s, rx]) = [1-s, r\bar{x}]</math></p> |
| <p>2. <math>h_2([s, rx]) = [s, -rx]</math><br/> <math>Fix(h_2) = Mb</math><br/> <math>M^*_2 = SK</math></p>                    | <p>5. <math>h_5([s, rx]) = [1-s, -rx]</math><br/> <math>Fix(h_5) = I \cup \{*\}</math><br/> <math>M^*_5 = C(P^2)</math><br/> <math>h'([s, rx]) = [1-s, -r\bar{x}]</math></p>  |
| <p>3. <math>h_3([s, rx]) = [s, -rx]</math><br/> <math>Fix(h_3) = S^1</math><br/> <math>M^*_3 = SK</math></p>                   |   |

Remark. It is easy to see that  $h_4, h'_5$ , are conjugate to  $h'_4, h_5$ , respectively by taking the connecting homeomorphism  $t: SK \rightarrow SK$   $t([s, rx]) = [s + 1/2, rx]$ .

**Section 2.**

In this section we classify all  $Z_n$ -actions on SK.

Theorem 3. Let  $h$  be a generator of a  $Z_n$ -action on SK. Then  $h$  is weakly conjugate to one of the following maps, with quotient spaces  $M^*$ .

1.  $h_1([s, rx]) = [s + \frac{1}{n}, rx]$ ,  $n$  is odd  
 $Fix(h_1) = \emptyset, 0 < i < n$   
 $M^* = SK$
2.  $h_2([s, rx]) = [s + \frac{1}{k}, rx]$ ,  $n = 2k$ ,  
 $h_2^k([s, rx]) = [s + 1, rx] = [s, rx]$   
 $Fix(h_2) = S^1 \times I$   
 $M^* = S^1 \times D^2$
3.  $h_3([s, rx]) = [s + \frac{1}{k}, -rx]$ ,  $n = 2k$ ,  $k$  is even,  
 $h_3^k([s, rx]) = [s + 1, rx] = [s, rx]$   
 $Fix(h_3) = S^1 \times I$   
 $M^* = SK$
4.  $h_4([s, rx]) = [s + \frac{1}{k}, -rx]$ ,  $n = 2k$ ,  $k$  is odd  
 $h_4^k([s, rx]) = [s + 1, -rx] = [s, -rx]$   
 $Fix(h_4) = Mb$   
 $M^* = SK$
5.  $h_5([s, rx]) = [s + \frac{1}{k}, -rx]$ ,  $n = 2k$ ,  $k$  is odd  
 $h_5^k([s, rx]) = [s + 1, -rx] = [s, -rx]$   
 $Fix(h_5) = S^1$   
 $M^* = SK$
6.  $h_6([s, rx]) = [1 - s, rx]$ ,  $n = 2$   
 $Fix(h_6) = D^2 \cup I$   
 $M^* = D^3$
7.  $h_7([s, rx]) = [1 - s, -rx]$ ,  $n = 2$   
 $Fix(h_7) = I \cup \{*\}$   
 $M^* = C(P^2)$

Proof. Let  $h$  be a generator of a  $Z_n$ -action on SK. It follows from theorem 1 that, up to conjugation  $h$  is given by either

$$h([s, rx]) = [s + \frac{1}{m}, g(rx)]$$

where  $m$  divides  $n$ ,  $g$  is a homeomorphism on  $D^2$  such that  $Cg = gC$  and  $g^n = C^{n/m}$ , or

$$h([s, rx]) = [1 - s, g(rx)]$$

where  $n$  is even  $n = 2k$ ,  $g$  is a periodic map on  $D^2$  with period  $n$  or  $k$ , and  $CgC = g$ .

First let  $n$  be odd, then  $m$  is also odd and  $g^n(rx) = rx$  or  $rx$ , hence  $g(rx) = rx$ , from which we have  $h([s, rx]) = [s + \frac{1}{m}, rx]$  and  $h^m([s, rx]) = [s+1, rx] = [s, rx]$ , and hence  $n=m$ . Therefore  $\bar{h}$  is given by  $h_1$ , up to weak conjugation.

Second let  $n$  be even,  $n = 2k$  and  $h$  is given by

$$h([s, rx]) = [s + \frac{1}{m}, g(rx)]$$

we have the following cases:

Case 1.  $h^k([s, rx]) = [s, rx]$ , up to conjugation. Then  $SK/h^k = S^1 \times D^2$  and  $Fix(h^k) = S^1 \times \partial D^2$ .  $h$  induces a periodic map  $h: (S^1 \times D^2, S^1 \times \partial D^2) \rightarrow (S^1 \times D^2, S^1 \times \partial D^2)$  which preserves the product structure. Hence up to weak conjugation  $\bar{h}((s, rx)) = (s + \frac{1}{k}, \bar{g}(rx))$  where  $g(rx) = rx, -rx, r\bar{x}$  or  $-r\bar{x}$ . Therefore, up to weak conjugation,  $h$  is given by  $h([s, rx]) = [s + \frac{1}{k}, g(rx)]$ , where  $g(rx) = rx, -rx, r\bar{x}$  or  $-r\bar{x}$ .

If  $g(rx) = rx$ , then up to weak conjugation  $h$  is given by  $h_2$ . If  $g(rx) = -rx$ , then  $k$  is even and  $h = h_2^{k-1}$ , therefore  $h$  is weakly conjugate to  $h_2$ . If  $g(rx) = r\bar{x}$ , then  $k$  is even and  $h = h_3$ , up to weak conjugation. Finally if  $g(rx) = -r\bar{x}$ , then  $k$  is even and  $\bar{h} = h_3^{k+1}$ , hence  $h$  is weakly conjugate to  $h_3$ .

Case 2.  $h^k([s, rx]) = [s, -rx]$ , up to conjugation.  $SK/h^k = SK$  and  $Fix(h^k) = Mb$ .  $h(MB) = Mb$  and  $Mb$  is two-sided in  $SK$ , hence  $h$  interchanges the two sides of  $Mb$  and  $k$  is odd. We finish this case as we did in Case 1 to conclude that  $h$  is weakly conjugate to  $h_4$ .

Case 3.  $h^k([s, rx]) = [s, -rx]$ , up to conjugation.  $SK/h^k = SK$  and  $Fix(h^k) = S^1$  is a fiber contained in  $(SK/h^k)$ .  $h$  induces  $h: (SK/h^k, S^1) \rightarrow (SK/h^k, S^1)$ , where  $h$  has period  $k$ . We finish this case as in Case 1 to conclude that  $h$  is weakly conjugate to  $h_5$ .

Third let  $n$  be even,  $n = 2k$  and  $h$  is given by

$$h([s, rx]) = [1-s, g(rx)].$$

If  $g(rx) = rx\omega$ , where  $\omega$  is a primitive root of unity, then  $\overline{g(rx)} = g(r\bar{x})$ , hence  $rx\bar{\omega} = rx\omega$  and  $\bar{\omega} = \omega$  from which we have  $\omega = 1$  or  $-1$ . Therefore  $g(rx) = rx, -rx, r\bar{x}$  or  $-r\bar{x}$  and  $n = 2$ . If  $g(rx) = rx$ ,  $h$  is given by  $h_6$ , up to conjugation. If  $g(rx) = r\bar{x}$ , then it is easy to check that  $h$  is conjugate to  $h_6$ . Similarly if  $g(rx) = -rx$  or  $g(rx) = -r\bar{x}$ , then  $h$  is conjugate to  $h_7$ .

### Section 3.

In this section we classify the  $Z_2 \oplus Z_2$ -actions on  $SK$ .

Theorem 4. Let  $Z_2 \oplus Z_2$  -act effectively on  $SK$ , then the action is weakly conjugate to one of the following actions.

1)  $G_1 = \{e, h_1, h_2, h_3\}$ , 2)  $G_2 = \{e, h_1, h_4, h'_4\}$ , 3)  $G_3 = \{e, h_1, h_5, h'_5\}$ , 4)  $G_4 = \{e, h_2, h_4, h_5\}$  or 5)  $G_5 = \{e, h_3, h_4, h_5\}$ . Where the  $h_i$ 's are the involutions on SK given in theorem 2.

**Proof.** Let  $h$  be a generator of a  $Z_2 \oplus Z_2$ -action on SK, then  $h$  is an involution. First let  $h$  be given by  $h_1$ , up to conjugation. Let  $g$  be the second generator, then  $g$  is also an involution. If  $g = h_2$  (or  $h_3$ ) then  $Z_2 \oplus Z_2 = G_1$  up to weak conjugation. If  $g = h'_4$ , then  $Z_2 \oplus Z_2 = G_2$  up to weak conjugation. If  $g = h_5$ , then  $Z_2 \oplus Z_2 = G_3$  up to weak conjugation. Second if  $h = h_2$ , up to conjugation, then if  $g = h_1$  or  $h_2$  we get  $G_1$ . If  $g = h_4$  then  $Z_2 \oplus Z_2 = G_4$ , up to weak conjugation. If  $g = h_5$ , then  $Z_2 \oplus Z_2 = G_4$ , up to weak conjugation where the connected homeomorphism  $t: SK \rightarrow SK$ ,  $t([s, rx]) = [s + \frac{1}{2}, rx]$  makes this action and the preceding one weakly conjugate. Third if  $h = h_3$ , then for  $g = h_4$  we have  $Z_2 \oplus Z_2 = G_5$ , up to weak conjugation.

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## عن المجموعة المحدودة للأفعال في قنينة كلين

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في هذا البحث تصنيف لجميع  
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