

The surgery group  $L_3^h(Z(G))$  for  $G$  a finite 2-group  
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In [C-M,2] a theorem is proved which expresses  $L_3^p(Z(G))$  as a simple functor of the rational representation ring  $R_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)$  when  $G$  is a finite 2-group. In the appendix to [C-M,2] one of us shows that the 2-primary part of  $\tilde{K}_0(Z(G))$  is the quotient of a finite group depending only on  $R_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)$  and the order of  $G$ .

Here we determine the structure of  $L_0^p(Z(G))$ , and provide a complete determination of a factorization of the map  $d$  in the Ranicki-Rothenberg sequence

$$* \dots \rightarrow L_{2i}^p(Z(G)) \xrightarrow{d} H_{\text{od}}(Z/2, \tilde{K}_0(Z(G))) \xrightarrow{\partial} L_{2i-1}^h(Z(G)) \rightarrow L_{2i-1}^p(Z(G)) \rightarrow H_{\text{ev}}^*.$$

through the group alluded to above. In particular we apply our results to obtain  $L_3^h(Z(G))$ , the surgery obstruction group, when  $G$  is a generalized quaternion 2-group. This in turn leads to examples of the existence of semi-free group actions on homotopy spheres which do not admit balanced splittings, (see [A-H] for definitions, and the reduction to properties of  $*$  in particular pp. 8-9).

In detail we have

Theorem A: Let  $G$  be a finite 2-group, then  $L_0^p(Z(G)) = Z^{\lambda(G)}$  where  
 $\lambda(G)$  is the number of irreducible real representations of  $G$  .

Theorem B: For  $G$  a finite 2-group the kernel  $K$  in the map

$$0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow L_3^h(Z(G)) \rightarrow L_3^p(Z(G))$$

is known once the map  $\varphi : W_\ell(G) \rightarrow D(G)$  is known, where  $W_\ell(G)$  is given in [C-M,2 Appendix, especially A.7, A.8], for  $\ell$  sufficiently large.

Indeed in §2,3, we give all the information needed to determine  $K$  explicitly. Also, note that  $W_\ell(G)$  depends only on the rational representation ring of  $G$ , while the  $\ell$  is determined by  $|G|$ . We remark that even the extension is determined from the information in  $\varphi$ , though we don't explain this here. Finally, we point out that the map  $d$  in  $* L_{\text{od}}^P(Z(G)) \rightarrow H_{\text{ev}}(Z/2, \tilde{K}_0(Z(G)))$  is already implicitly determined in [C-M,2], our techniques here can also be used to determine the map

$$L_2^P(Z(G)) \rightarrow H_{\text{ev}}(Z/2, \tilde{K}_0(Z(G)))$$

and in each case a theorem similar to B holds.

In §4, we apply these results to the generalized quaternion groups.

Theorem C: Let  $Q_{2^i, 2}$  be the generalized quaternion group  $\{x, y | x^{2^i} = y^2 = (xy)^2\}$  then  $d$  is surjective in  $*$  for  $i = 0$  and  $L_3^h(Z(Q_{2^i, 2})) = (Z/2)^{i+1}$  injects into  $L_3^P(Z(Q_{2^i, 2}))$ .

The application to balanced splittings results since [F-K-W], [M] show that the Swan homomorphism  $T$  is onto the 2-torsion in  $\tilde{K}_0(Z(Q_{2^i, 2}))$ .

See also, §4.1, 4.2.

§1. The proof of theorem A.

Consider the diagrams of long exact sequences

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \dots & \rightarrow & H_{\text{od}}(Z/2, \tilde{K}_O(\mathbb{Q}(G))) & \rightarrow & L_1^h(\mathbb{Q}(G)) & \rightarrow & L_1^p(\mathbb{Q}(G)) \rightarrow H_{\text{ev}}(Z/2, \tilde{K}_O) \dots \rightarrow \\
 1.1 & & \downarrow s & & \downarrow \bar{s} & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \dots & \rightarrow & H_{\text{od}}(Z/2, \tilde{K}_O(\hat{\mathbb{Q}}_2(G))) & \rightarrow & L_1^h(\hat{\mathbb{Q}}_2(G)) & \rightarrow & L_1^p(\hat{\mathbb{Q}}_2(G)) \rightarrow H_{\text{ev}}(Z/2, \tilde{K}_O) \dots \rightarrow
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \dots & \rightarrow & L_1^h(\mathbb{Q}(G)) & \rightarrow & L_1^{p, \text{tor}}(Z(G)) & \rightarrow & L_0^p(Z(G)) \rightarrow L_0^h(\mathbb{Q}(G)) \rightarrow \dots \\
 1.2 & & \downarrow \bar{s} & & \downarrow r & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \dots & \rightarrow & L_1^h(\hat{\mathbb{Q}}_2(G)) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & L_1^{h, \text{tor}}(\hat{Z}_2(G)) & \rightarrow & L_0^h(\hat{Z}_2(G)) \xrightarrow{i} & L_0^h(\hat{\mathbb{Q}}_2(G)) \rightarrow \dots
 \end{array}$$

From [C-M, 2 p. 33-35] or [R] we have that

$$1.3 \quad L_1^p(\mathbb{Q}(G)) = L_1^p(\hat{\mathbb{Q}}_2(G)) = 0 .$$

Since  $G$  is a finite group  $K_O(\mathbb{Q}(G)) = R_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)$ ,  $= Z^{\ell}$  where  $\ell$  is the number of irreducible  $\mathbb{Q}$  representations of  $G$ . Also, since  $G$  is a 2-group we have that

$$1.4 \quad K_O(\hat{\mathbb{Q}}_2(G)) \cong K_O(\mathbb{Q}(G))$$

under the natural inclusion  $[s]$ . Hence in 1.1  $s$  is an isomorphism and  $\bar{s}$  is a surjection of  $L_1^h(\mathbb{Q}(G)) \rightarrow L_1^h(\hat{\mathbb{Q}}_2(G))$ .

Now consider 1.2. In [C-M,2, p. 31] we have shown that  $L_0^h(\widehat{Z}_2(G)) = Z/2$  injects into  $L_0^h(\widehat{\mathbb{C}}_2(G))$ . So

$$1.5 \quad \partial : L_1^h(\widehat{\mathbb{C}}_2(G)) \rightarrow L_1^{h, \text{tor}}(\widehat{Z}_2(G))$$

is onto. But from [C-M,1 §2] and [C-M,2, p. 10] (or arguments totally analogous to those) we have that

$$r : L_1^{\text{p}, \text{tor}}(Z(G)) \rightarrow L_1^{h, \text{tor}}(\widehat{Z}_2(G))$$

is an isomorphism. Hence from the surjectivity of  $\partial$  and  $\bar{s}$  it follows that the map

$$1.6 \quad L_0^{\text{p}}(Z(G)) \rightarrow L_0^h(\mathbb{C}(G))$$

is an injection.

At this point, consider the diagram of exact sequences

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ & & L_0^{\text{p}}(Z(G)) & \longrightarrow & L_0^{\text{p}}(\mathcal{M}(G)) & & \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & L_0^h(\mathbb{C}(G)) & \longrightarrow & L_0^{\text{p}}(\mathbb{C}(G)) & \longrightarrow & H_{\text{od}}(Z/2, \widetilde{K}_0) \end{array}$$

where  $\mathcal{M}$  is a  $Z$ -maximal order containing  $Z(G)$  in  $\mathbb{C}(G)$ , which shows that

$$L_0^p(Z(G)) \hookrightarrow \text{im} : L_0^p(\mathcal{M}(G)) \hookrightarrow L_0^p(\mathbb{C}(G))$$

Now,  $L_0^p(\mathbb{C}(G)) = \coprod_i L_0^p(R_i(G))$ , where  $R_i$  is the  $i$ th irreducible

representation algebra. These are classified as to type in [C-M,2, p. 26].

Using Morita equivalence, the results of [M-H, pp. 117-118] for the type 4.3(ii) and 4.3(iv) representations (in the notation of [C-M,2, p. 26]), [M-H, p. 95] for the type 4.3(ii) representations and a direct calculation in the 4.3(i) case we see that  $\text{im} L_0^p(\mathcal{M}(G))$  in  $L_0^p(\mathbb{C}(G))$  is a direct sum of  $Z$ 's and the proof of theorem A is complete.

Remark 1.8: Similar techniques can be applied to calculate  $L_1^p(Z(G))$  for  $G$  a finite 2-group when  $i = 1, 2$ , as well. These results will be written down in their entirety in [C-M-P] where the general case of  $G$  a 2-hyerelementary group will also be studied.

Remark 1.9: It is not true for finite 2 groups that  $L_0^h(Z(G)) = Z^\ell$ , as  $K_0(Z(G))_{(2)}$  tends to grow very large and  $L_1^p(Z(G))$  is zero except for some  $Z/2$ 's coming from the type 4.3(i) representations of [C-M,2, p. 26]. So  $L_0^h(Z(G)) = Z^\ell \oplus (Z/2)^s$ . The  $Z$ 's may be detected via the Atiyah-Singer  $G$ -signature theorem [P], but we have no idea of what occurs with the  $Z/2$ 's.

§2. Factoring the map d.

Throughout this section we assume that the reader is familiar with the appendix in [C-M,2].

Begin with the local-global pull-back diagram

$$2.1 \quad \begin{array}{ccc} Z(G) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{M}(G) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow i \\ \widehat{Z}_2(G) & \xrightarrow{j} & \mathcal{M}(G) \otimes_{\widehat{Z}_2} \widehat{Z}_2 \end{array}$$

where  $\mathcal{M}(G)$  is a maximal  $Z$ -order for  $Z(G)$  in  $\mathbb{Q}(G)$  and  $\mathcal{M}(G) \otimes_{\widehat{Z}_2} \widehat{Z}_2$  is a maximal  $\widehat{Z}_2$  order.

2.1 allows us to construct projective  $Z(G)$  modules together with non-singular forms by mixing forms over  $\widehat{Z}_2(G)$  with forms over  $\mathcal{M}(G)$  on  $\mathcal{M}(G) \otimes_{\widehat{Z}_2} \widehat{Z}_2$ . Specifically, let  $(\mathcal{M}(G)^n, A_n)$ ,  $(\widehat{Z}_2(G)^n, B_n)$  be suitable forms and assume there is a  $C_n$  in  $GL_n(\mathcal{M}(G) \otimes_{\widehat{Z}_2} \widehat{Z}_2)$  so that

$$2.2 \quad C_n \cdot i(A_n)C_n^* = j(B_n)$$

Then on the projective module  $W$  defined by  $C_n$ ,

$$2.3 \quad \begin{array}{ccc} W & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{M}(G)^n \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow i^n \\ & & \mathcal{M}(G) \otimes_{\widehat{Z}_2} \widehat{Z}_2 \\ & & \downarrow C_n \\ \widehat{Z}_2(G)^n & \xrightarrow{j^n} & \mathcal{M}(G) \otimes_{\widehat{Z}_2} \widehat{Z}_2 \end{array}$$

2.2 gives a form which becomes  $A_n$  when tensoring  $W$  with  $\mathcal{M}(G)$ , and  $B_n$  on tensoring with  $\hat{Z}_2(G)$ . We denote the form on  $W$  by

$$[W, A_n, B_n, C_n] .$$

In the appendix to [C-M,2], the group  $D(G) \subset \tilde{K}_0(ZG)$  is described on page A.2, see in particular Theorem 1.4, as a quotient of  $K_1(\mathcal{M}(G) \otimes \hat{Z}_2)$ .

Then the following lemma is clear.

Lemma 2.4: The image of  $[C_n]$  in  $D(G) \subset \tilde{K}_0(Z(G))$  represents

$$d([W, A_n, B_n, C_n]) .$$

Throughout the remainder of this section we assume  $B_n = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ I & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  so

that  $C_n$  makes  $A_2$  2-locally equivalent to a hyperbolic form. (Actually, this assumption holds for every element of  $L_0^P(Z(G))$ .)

Lemma 2.5: Let  $A_n$  be itself hyperbolic except at a single representation  $M_n(F)$  where  $F$  is a formally real field, then

$$d(W, A_n, B_n, C_n) = 1 .$$

Proof: At  $M_n(F \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \hat{\mathbb{Q}}_2)$  we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ I & 0 \end{pmatrix} = C_n A_n C_n^*$$

and taking determinants  $\pm 1 = (\det C_n)^2 \det(A_n)$  but  $\det(A_n)$  is a unit in  $Z(\rho_{2^i} + \rho_{2^i}^{-1})$ , the ring of algebraic integers in  $F$ . Now, use the unit

calculations of §4 of [C-M,2], in particular 4.6, 4.7 to see that  $\det(C_n)$  is likewise a unit in  $Z(\rho_{2^i} + \rho_{2^i}^{-1})$ , hence in the kernel of  $d$ .

Lemma 2.6: Let  $A_n$  be hyperbolic except at a representation  $M_n(\mathcal{Q}(F))$  where  $\mathcal{Q}(F)$  is the type 4.3(i)(a) simple algebra of [C-M,2], then the class of  $A$  in the Witt ring is determined by its multisignature at the various real places of  $F$ , and if  $A_n$  has signature 0 except at the  $i^{\text{th}}$  place  $\omega_i$ , where it has signature  $\pm 2$ , then

$$d[W, A_n, B_n, C_n] = (\epsilon_i^{-1})$$

where  $\epsilon_i$  is any unit of  $F$  positive at all  $\omega_j$ ,  $j \neq i$  and negative at  $\omega_i$ .

Proof: The maximal order  $\mathcal{M}(G)$  can be chosen to be  $M_n(\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{Q}(F)}) \otimes \mathcal{M}^1$  where  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{Q}(F)}$  is a maximal order in  $\mathcal{Q}(F)$ . Indeed we can take

$$2.7 \quad \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{Q}(F)} = Z\left(\frac{1+i+j+k}{2}, i, j\right) \otimes_Z Z(\rho_{2^j} + \rho_{2^j}^{-1}).$$

In this  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{Q}(F)}$ ,  $1 = \frac{1+i+j+k}{2} + \frac{1-i-j-k}{2}$  and so all elements of the center

are even. Now consider the form  $A_n = \left[ \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_i & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right]$ .

As  $F \neq \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{Q}(F)} \otimes_Z \hat{Z}_2 = M_2(\hat{Z}_2(\rho_{2^j} + \rho_{2^j}^{-1}))$  [C-M,2, Theorem 4.3.(i)], and the involution is given up to equivalence by

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_i & \\ & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_i & 0 & & \\ 0 & \epsilon_i & 0 & \\ & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ & & & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$



Now, we remark that it is sufficient to study  $C_n$  in  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{Q}(F)} \otimes_Z \hat{\mathcal{O}}_2$ , since, by [C-M, 2, A-4] no information is lost by using  $K' = \text{im } K_1(\theta \otimes \hat{Z}_2)$  in  $K_1(\mathcal{O}' \otimes \hat{\mathcal{O}}_2)$ . Here we may choose

$$C_2 = C^1 \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_i^{-1} & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $C^1$  effects the isomorphism  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ I & 0 \end{pmatrix} = C^1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & & \\ 0 & 1 & & \\ & & -1 & 0 \\ & & & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

which is valid over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , and clearly  $\det C^1 = +1$ . Thus,  $\det C_2 = (\varepsilon_i^{-1})$  and 2.6 follows.

The situation is slightly different at the ordinary quaternion algebra  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathbb{Q})$ .

Lemma 2.8: Let  $A_n$  be hyperbolic except at  $M_n(\mathcal{Q}(\mathbb{Q}))$ , then  $A_n$  has signature  $2i$  and

$$d([W, A_n, B_n, C_n]) = (-1)_{\mathcal{Q}}^i .$$

Proof: We may assume  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = A_n$ . Now there is a  $v \in \hat{Z}_2 \otimes_Z Z(i, j, \frac{i+j+k+1}{2})$  with norm  $\bar{v}v = -1$ . Set

$$C_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and  $N(C_2) = -1$ .

The remaining cases are all type II algebras of the form  $M_n(Z(\rho_{2^i}))$  or  $M_n(Z(\rho_{2^i} - \rho_{2^i}^{-1}))$ .

§3. The type II algebras and theorem B.

We begin by obtaining the structure of the units over complex conjugation  $t$  in the rings  $\hat{Z}_2(\rho_{2^i})$ ,  $\hat{Z}_2(\tau_i)$  where  $\tau_i = \rho_{2^i} - \rho_{2^i}^{-1}$ . For the next 2 results we assume  $i \geq 3$ .

Theorem 3.1: Let  $\epsilon_1 = 1 + \rho_{2^i} + \rho_{2^i}^{-1} = 1 + \lambda_i$ . There is a unit  $v(i)$  such that  $v(i)t(v(i)) = -1$  and as a module over  $t$  we have  $\hat{Z}_2(\rho_{2^i})' = \hat{Z}_{2^+} \times \bar{M}_- \times \prod \hat{Z}_2(t)/t^2$ . Moreover  $\hat{Z}_{2^+}$  is generated by  $\epsilon_1$ , and  $M_-$  is the module  $\hat{Z}_2 \times Z/2^i$  with  $t$  action  $t(a,b) = (-a, -b+2^{i-1})$ . The generators of  $M_-$  are  $v$  and  $\rho_{2^i}$ .

Proof: Using Artin reciprocity the norms in  $\hat{Z}_2(\lambda_i)$  of  $\hat{Z}_2(\rho_{2^i})$  have index 2 and  $\epsilon_1$  is not a norm since its norm in  $\hat{Z}_2$  is  $-1$ . Now  $(\hat{Z}_2(\rho_{2^i}))' = Z/2^i \times (\hat{Z}_2)^{2^{i-1}}$  and  $\hat{Z}_2(\lambda_i)' = Z/2 \times (\hat{Z}_2)^{2^{i-2}}$ . Write the generators of this latter group  $-1, \epsilon_1, n_2 \dots n_{2^{i-2}}$  where the  $n_i$  are all norms, say  $n_i = w_i \cdot t(w_i)$ . Clearly, the  $w_i, \epsilon_1, v$  and  $\rho_{2^i}$  generate  $\hat{Z}_2(\rho_{2^i})'$  and 3.1 follows directly.

Similarly, we have

Theorem 3.2: In  $\hat{Z}_2(\tau_{i+1})$  there is a unit  $v(i+1)$  with  $v(i+1)t(v(i+1)) = -1$  and as a module over  $t$  we have

$$\hat{Z}_2(\tau_{i+1})' = \hat{Z}_2^+ \times M_- \times \prod \hat{Z}_2(t)/t^2 = 1$$

Moreover,  $\hat{Z}_2^+$ ,  $M_-$  are given as in 3.1.

Remark 3.3: The only differences in these 2 descriptions comes on comparing the images of global units, which give all but 1 of the  $\eta_i$  and are the same. However, in  $\hat{Z}_2(\tau_{i+1}) - \hat{Z}_2(\lambda_i)$ ,  $\epsilon_1^5$  is the remaining  $\eta_i$  while in  $\hat{Z}_2(\rho_{2i}) - \hat{Z}_2(\lambda_i)$  the remaining  $\eta_i$  can be taken to be 5.

Remark 3.4: The cases not covered in the above are  $\hat{Z}_2(i) - \hat{Z}_2$  where  $\hat{Z}_2(i)^* = Z/4 \times \hat{Z}_2(t)/t^2=1$  with generators  $i, i+2i$ , and  $\hat{Z}_2(\sqrt{-2}) - \hat{Z}_2$  where  $\hat{Z}_2(\sqrt{-2})^* = Z/2 \times \hat{Z}_2(t)/t^2=1$  with generators  $-1, 1 + \sqrt{-2}$ .

Hence, as in [C-M, 2, A.8, A.9] on factoring out global units (and typos) we have

$$3.5 \quad W_{\ell}(\hat{Z}_2(\rho_{2i}), t) = (Z/2^{\ell})^{2^{i-2}} \times Z/2^{\ell}(t)/t^2=1$$

with generators  $v, w_j, 1+2i$ , where  $(w_j)t(w_j) = \eta_j$  a global unit, for  $i \geq 3$

$$3.6 \quad W_{\ell}(\hat{Z}_2(i), t) = Z/2^{\ell}(t)/t^2=1$$

Also,

$$3.7 \quad W_{\ell}(\hat{Z}_2(\tau_{i+1}), t) = (Z/2^{\ell})^{2^{i-2}} \times Z/2^{\ell}(t)/t^2=1$$

with generators  $v, w_j, w$ ,  $wt(w) = 5\epsilon_1, i \geq 3$  and  $w_j t(w_j) = \eta_j$  a global unit, while

$$3.8 \quad W_{\ell}(\hat{Z}_2(\sqrt{-2}), t) = Z/2^{\ell}(t)/t^2=1$$

with generator  $1 + \sqrt{-2}$ .

Now we have

Theorem 3.9: The image of  $d$  in the  $W_{\lambda}$  above is precisely the  $w_j$  with norm a global unit.

Proof: From [M-H, p. 118, example 2] we have that  $\ker(\text{rank homomorphism})$

$r : W(\hat{\mathbb{Q}}_2(\rho_{2^i})) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2$  is  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  generated by  $\langle \epsilon_1 \rangle + \langle 1 \rangle$ ,  $r : W(\hat{\mathbb{Q}}_2(\tau_{i+1})) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2$  is  $\langle \epsilon_1 \rangle - \langle 1 \rangle$  for  $i \geq 3$  and  $\langle -1 \rangle - \langle 1 \rangle$  in the remaining cases. In particular,

the forms  $\langle \eta_1 \rangle - \langle 1 \rangle$  for  $\eta_1$  a global unit are all trivial. But

$$\text{rationally } \begin{pmatrix} w_i^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \eta_i & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t(w_i^{-1}) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

So 3.9 follows, on checking from §1 that the  $\langle \eta_i \rangle - \langle 1 \rangle$ ,  $\langle -1 \rangle - \langle 1 \rangle$ ,  $2(\langle \epsilon_1 \rangle - \langle 1 \rangle)$  generate the piece of  $L_o^P(\mathbb{Z}(G))$  coming from this representation.

Finally, putting 3.9 together with 2.5-2.8, and checking, again using §1, that every element in  $L_o^P(\mathbb{Z}(G))$  goes to 0 in  $L_o(\mathcal{M}(G) \otimes_Z \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_2)$ , we see that we have completely determined  $d$  so theorem B follows.

54. The proof of theorem C.

We use the notation of [C-M,2, Appendix], and begin by observing that according to [F-K-W],  $D(Q_{2^i,2}) = \tilde{K}_0(Z(Q_{2^i,2})) (2) = Z/2$ , and in particular, for  $Q_{2,2}$ , the element  $(1_{\mathcal{Q}}, 1_{--}, 1_{-+}, 1_{+-}, \langle 3 \rangle_{++})$  (where  $\mathcal{Q}$  is the quaternion representation and  $(\pm, \pm)$  are the 1 dimensional representations) represents the generator.

But the unit  $1 + x + y$  in  $\hat{Z}_2(Q_{2,2})$  has image  $\langle 3, 1, 1, 1, 3 \rangle$ , and  $1 + 2xy + 2y \mapsto \langle 1, 1, 1, 3, 3 \rangle$   $1 + 2x \mapsto \langle -3, 1, 1, 3, 3 \rangle$  so the product  $(1 + x + y)(1 + 2x)(1 + 2xy + 2y)^{-1} \mapsto \langle -9, 1, 1, 1, 3 \rangle$  and, on factoring out squares, we have that  $(-1, 1, 1, 1, 1)$  also generates  $D(Q_{2,2})$ . By 2.8 this last element is in the image of  $d$ . On the other hand, by definition the elements  $(1, \dots, 1, \theta)_{++}$  are the image of the Swan homomorphism  $T$ . Hence we have

Theorem 4.1: For  $G = Q_{2,2}, K_0(G) = D(G) = Z/2$  is in the image of both  $T$  and  $d$ .

More generally

Theorem 4.2: a) The Swan homomorphism

$$T : (Z/2^{i+2}) \cdot \rightarrow D(Q_{2^i,2}) = Z/2$$

is surjective.

b) For  $Q_{2^i,2}$ ,  $i > 1$  the non-trivial element in  $D(Q_{2^i,2})$  is represented by  $\epsilon_1$  at the quaternion algebra and ones at the remaining representations.

Proof: We display the representations as  $\mathcal{Q}$ ,  $M_2(Q(\lambda_i))$ ,  $M_2(Q(\lambda_{i-1}))$ , ...,  $M_2(Q)$ ,  $Q_{--}, Q_{-+}, Q_{+-}, Q_{++}$  where  $\lambda_i = \rho_{2^i} + \rho_{2^i}^{-1}$  then in  $W_{\mathcal{L}}(Q_{2^i, 2})$  we have for  $i \geq 3$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + x^{2^{i-2}} + y &\mapsto (3, 1, 3, 3, \dots, 3, 1_{--}, 1, 3) \\ 1 + 2y &\mapsto (-3, 3, 3, \dots, 3, 1, 3, 1, 3) \\ 1 + 2x^{2^{i-2}} &\mapsto (-3, 1, 9 \dots 9, 1, 3, 1, 3) \\ 1 + 2x^{2^{i-3}} &\mapsto (-3, 3, 1, 9 \dots 9, 1, 3, 1, 3) \end{aligned}$$

etc. provided  $2^{i-j} > 1$ .

Comparing successive terms and factoring out squares we have

$$\begin{aligned} (1, 3, 1, \dots, 1) &= \\ (1, 1, 3, 1, \dots, 1) &= \\ (1, 1, 1, 3, 1, \dots, 1) &= \\ (1, 1, \dots, 3, 1, 1, 1, 1) &= \\ (-1, 1, 1, \dots, \dots, 1) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Next use

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + x + y^2 &\mapsto (1, 3, \dots, 3, 1, 1, 3, 3) \\ 3 &\mapsto (9, 9, \dots, 9, 3, 3, 3, 3) \\ 1 + x^{2^{i-1}} - x^{2^{i-1}} &\mapsto (5, 1, 1, \dots, \dots, 1) \end{aligned}$$

These imply  $(3, 1, \dots, \dots, 1) =$

$$\begin{aligned} (1 \dots, \dots, 1, 3, 1, 3, 1) &= \\ (1 \dots, \dots, 1, 1, 3, 3, 1) &= \\ (1 \dots, \dots, 1, 1, 1, 3, 3) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Finally, note

$$1 + x^s + y \rightarrow (3 + \lambda(s), 1, \dots, \dots, 1, 3) \quad \delta \text{ odd}$$

$$(3 + \lambda(s), 1, \dots, \dots) \quad \delta \text{ even}$$

where  $\lambda(s) = \rho_{2^i}^s + \rho_{2^i}^{-s}$  .

These relations show

$$(1, \dots, \dots, 1, 3)$$

generates  $D(Q_{2^i, 2})$  and prove (a).

To prove (b) we do arithmetic in  $\hat{Z}_2(\lambda_i)$  but factor out squares. doing this we can factor out by the ideal  $4(\lambda_i)$  . Thus

$$(1 + \lambda(s)) \sim (1 + \lambda(s))^3 = (1 + 3\lambda(s))(1 + 3\lambda(s))^2$$

but

$$\lambda(s)^2 = \lambda(2s) + 2$$

so

$$(1 + 3\lambda(s))^2 = (-1 + 3\lambda(2s))$$

$$\sim -1(1 + 5\lambda(2s))$$

$$\sim -1(1 + \lambda(2s))$$

Whence,

$$(1 + 3\lambda(s)) \sim (-1) (1 + \lambda(s)) (1 + \lambda(2s)) .$$

and we obtain

$$(-1)^i (1 + 3\lambda(s))(1 + 3\lambda(2s)) \cdots (1 + 3\lambda(2^i s)) \sim (1 + \lambda(s))$$

Using the already determined relations we now have

$$(1 + \lambda(s), 1, \dots, 1, 1) \sim (1, 1, \dots, 1, 3)$$

for  $s$  odd. On the other hand,  $\delta_s = 1 + \lambda(s)$  is a global unit, as we see from [C-M, 2, p. 27, lemma 4.5], with norm  $-1$ , and  $-1$  together with the  $\delta_s$  generate the global units mod squares. Hence,  $\epsilon_i$  is an odd product of the  $\delta_s$ ,  $-1$  and squares, which completes the proof.



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