

## Projective module of Mobius band global sections

Let  $C$  be an algebra of continuous functions on  $[0, 2\pi]$ . Consider the following two subalgebras of  $C$

$$\Lambda = \{f: f \in C, f(0) = f(2\pi)\} \quad (1)$$

and

$$P = \{f: f \in C, f(0) = -f(2\pi)\} \quad (2)$$

$P$  can be considered as module over  $\Lambda$ . This module is projective and it is not free. More precisely:

$$P \oplus P = \Lambda \oplus \Lambda \quad (3)$$

Prove (3). Equation (3) means that  $P$  is projective (by definition). From (3) it follows that  $P$  is not free. Indeed suppose that it is free. Then from embedding (3) it follows that it has one generator  $f_0$ . From (2) it follows that  $f_0$  vanishes in some point  $x_0$ . Hence  $f_0$  generates submodule of  $P$ . Contradiction.

Before proving (3) we note that  $P$  is nothing but module of global continuous sections on Mobius band. Condition (3) corresponds to condition that Whitney sum of two Mobius bundles is trivial bundle:

$$M \oplus M = R^2 \times S^1 \quad (4)$$

The proof follows from the following geometrical realization of (4). Consider in  $R^4$  two Mobius bands, bundles over circle:

$$M_1: \begin{cases} x = \cos\varphi \\ y = \sin\varphi \\ z = t\cos\frac{\varphi}{2} \\ u = t\sin\frac{\varphi}{2} \end{cases}, \quad M_2: \begin{cases} x = \cos\varphi \\ y = \sin\varphi \\ z = -\tau\sin\frac{\varphi}{2} \\ u = \tau\cos\frac{\varphi}{2} \end{cases}, \quad 0 \leq \varphi \leq 2\pi, -\infty < t < \infty, -\infty < \tau < \infty \quad (5)$$

It is evident that this embedding leads to (4). Now from (5) it follows the proof of (3). The isomorphism (3) is given by the formula

$$\rho \begin{pmatrix} t(\varphi) \\ \tau(\varphi) \end{pmatrix} = \hat{T}_{\frac{\varphi}{2}} \begin{pmatrix} z(\varphi) \\ u(\varphi) \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\hat{T}$  is operator of rotation:

$$\hat{T}_\varphi = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\varphi & \sin\varphi \\ -\sin\varphi & \cos\varphi \end{pmatrix}$$

To isomorphism (3) corresponds the following projector in  $R^2 \times S^1$  on  $M$ :

$$\Pi(z, u, \varphi) = \hat{T}_{\frac{\varphi}{2}} \circ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \circ \hat{T}_{-\frac{\varphi}{2}}, \quad 1 - \Pi(z, u, \varphi) = \hat{T}_{\frac{\varphi}{2}} \circ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \circ \hat{T}_{-\frac{\varphi}{2}}$$

It is funny to note that this projector has very simple appearance:

$$\Pi = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \hat{T}_\varphi \right)$$