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## QUOTIENTS OF REAL ALGEBRAIC $G$ VARIETIES AND ALGEBRAIC REALIZATION PROBLEMS

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $G$  be a compact Lie group. A *real algebraic  $G$  variety* in an orthogonal representation  $\Omega$  is the common zeros of polynomials  $p_1, \dots, p_m: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ , which is invariant under the action of  $G$  on  $\Omega$ . In this case we also say that  $G$  acts algebraically on  $V$ . There is a more obvious definition of algebraic actions of algebraic groups on algebraic varieties via algebraic automorphisms. Namely, since any compact Lie group has a unique real algebraic variety structure we can define an algebraic action of  $G$  on a real algebraic variety  $V$  as a  $G$  action whose action map  $\theta: G \times V \rightarrow V$  is a regular map between real algebraic varieties. Remember that a map  $f: V \subset \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow W \subset \mathbf{R}^m$  between two real algebraic varieties is regular if  $f$  can be extended to a polynomial map  $F: \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^m$ . The above two definitions of real algebraic  $G$  variety are equivalent, see [3] or [8].

In smooth transformation group theory it is well known that the orbit space of a smooth manifold with a free action of a compact Lie group is a smooth manifold. Ozan proves an algebraic analogue of this for odd order group actions, [11]. In fact Ozan proves, in particular, that if an odd order group acts algebraically and freely on a non-singular irreducible real algebraic variety, then its orbit space is also a non-singular irreducible real algebraic variety. Before Ozan, Procesi and Schwarz [12] prove that the orbit space of real representation space of an odd order group has a real algebraic variety structure. In section 2 of this paper we extend Ozan's result to get the following theorem.

**Theorem A.** *Let  $G$  be a compact Lie group, and let  $H$  be an odd order group. Let  $X$  be a real algebraic  $G \times H$  variety. Then the orbit space  $X/H$  has a real algebraic  $G$  variety structure. Moreover if the action of  $H$  is free and  $X$  is non-singular, then  $X/H$  is also non-singular.*

Theorem A is applied to algebraic realizations of closed smooth  $G$  manifolds

with one orbit type and smooth  $G$  vector bundles over them. A smooth closed  $G$  manifold  $M$  is said to be *algebraically realized* if it is  $G$  diffeomorphic to a non-singular real algebraic  $G$  variety  $V$ . A set  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $G$  vector bundles  $\xi$  over  $M$  is said to be *algebraically realized* if  $M$  is algebraically realized by  $V$  with a  $G$  diffeomorphism  $\phi: M \rightarrow V$  and there exists a set  $\mathcal{F}'$  of strongly algebraic  $G$  vector bundles over  $V$  such that each  $\xi \in \mathcal{F}$  is  $G$  isomorphic to  $\phi^*\eta$  for some  $\eta \in \mathcal{F}'$ . A strong algebraic  $G$  vector bundle is defined in Section 3. The questions we are interested in here are whether a given closed smooth  $G$  manifold is algebraically realized, and if the case is true, whether any set of  $G$  vector bundles over a closed smooth  $G$  manifold can be algebraically realized. The first question is called the manifold realization problem, and the second one is called the bundle realization problem. In section 3 we use Theorem A to solve the manifold realization problem for closed  $G$  manifolds with one orbit type:

**Theorem B.** *Let  $G$  be a compact Lie group acting smoothly on a closed manifold  $M$  with one orbit type. Then  $M$  can be algebraically realized.*

In section 4, using similar technique, we can partially solve the bundle realization problem over closed  $G$  manifolds with one orbit type:

**Theorem C.** *Let  $G$  be a compact Lie group acting smoothly on a closed manifold  $M$  with one orbit type. Let  $G/H$  be the unique orbit type, and let  $K := N/H$  where  $N$  is the normalizer of  $H$  in  $G$ . If  $K$  is an odd order group, then the set of all  $G$  vector bundles over  $M$  can be algebraically realized.*

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## 2. Quotients of algebraic $G \times H$ varieties by $H$

Let  $V$  be a real algebraic  $G$  variety. The orbit space  $V/G$  has, in general, a semialgebraic set structure. However Ozan showed that if  $G$  is an odd order group and  $V$  is irreducible, then the orbit space  $V/G$  has a real algebraic variety structure. Moreover if the action is free and  $V$  is non-singular, then  $V/G$  is also non-singular, see [13].

In this section we extend Ozan's result to the quotient space  $V/H$  of real algebraic  $G \times H$  variety  $V$ , which is not necessarily irreducible, where  $G$  is a compact Lie group and  $H$  an odd order group. The following theorem is the main result of this section. For simplicity we identify  $H$  (respectively  $G$ ) with the subgroup  $0 \times H$  (respectively  $G \times 0$ ) of  $G \times H$ .

**Theorem A.** *Let  $G$  be a compact Lie group, and let  $H$  be an odd order*

group. Let  $X$  be a real algebraic  $G \times H$  variety. Then the quotient space  $X/H$  has a real algebraic  $G$  variety structure. Moreover if the action of  $H$  is free and  $X$  is non-singular, then  $X/H$  is also non-singular.

Let  $G$  and  $H$  be compact Lie groups. Let  $\Omega$  be an orthogonal representation of  $G \times H$ . Let  $R[\Omega]$  be the  $R$ -algebra of polynomial functions defined on  $\Omega$ . This algebra has the induced action of  $G \times H$  from the linear action of  $G \times H$  on  $\Omega$  defined by  $k \cdot f = f \circ k^{-1}$  for  $f \in R[\Omega]$  and  $k \in G \times H$ . The  $H$ -fixed point set  $R[\Omega]^H$  is the subalgebra of  $H$ -invariant polynomials. By a theorem of Hilbert and Hurewitz [15, Ch 8, section 14] the subalgebra  $R[\Omega]^H$  is finitely generated.

Let  $X$  be a real algebraic  $G \times H$  variety in an orthogonal representation  $\Omega$ . Let  $\mathcal{I}(X)$  denote the ideal of polynomials on  $\Omega$  which vanish on  $X$ . Then the ring  $R[X]$  of polynomial functions on  $X$  is defined to be  $R[\Omega]/\mathcal{I}(X)$ . This ring is an  $R$ -algebra with the induced  $G \times H$  action from the  $G \times H$  action on  $R[\Omega]$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** *The subalgebra  $R[X]^H$  of  $H$  invariant polynomial functions on  $X$  is finitely generated.*

Proof. Let  $i: X \hookrightarrow \Omega$  be the inclusion, and let  $i^*: R[\Omega] \rightarrow R[X]$  be the corresponding algebra homomorphism. If we restrict  $i^*$  to  $R[\Omega]^H$ , then clearly its image  $i^*(R[\Omega]^H)$  is contained in  $R[X]^H$ . Since  $R[\Omega]^H$  is finitely generated it is enough to show that  $i^*: R[\Omega]^H \rightarrow R[X]^H$  is surjective. For  $f \in R[X]^H$  we can consider that  $f$  is a polynomial  $\Omega \rightarrow R$  which is  $H$ -invariant on  $X$ , i.e.  $f(hx) = f(x)$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $h \in H$ . Define  $\bar{f}: \Omega \rightarrow R$  by  $\bar{f}(x) = \int_H f(hx) dh$ , where  $dh$  is the Haar measure of  $H$ . Then  $\bar{f}$  is a polynomial function which is  $H$ -invariant on  $\Omega$  and  $\bar{f} = f$  on  $X$ . Namely  $i^*(\bar{f}) = f \in R[X]^H$ . This shows that  $i^*: R[\Omega]^H \rightarrow R[X]^H$  is surjective, and hence  $R[X]^H$  is finitely generated.  $\square$

Let  $p_1, \dots, p_d$  generate  $R[X]^H$ , and let us consider the regular map

$$p = (p_1, \dots, p_d): X \rightarrow R^d.$$

Let  $Z$  be the real algebraic variety in  $R^d$  defined by the polynomial relations of  $p_1, \dots, p_d$ . Since  $p$  is constant on  $H$ -orbits of  $X$  the map  $p$  factors through the quotient space  $X/H$ . Let  $\bar{p}: X/H \rightarrow Z$  be the induced map such that  $p = \bar{p} \circ \pi$  where  $\pi: X \rightarrow X/H$  is the quotient map. In general, the map  $\bar{p}: X/H \rightarrow Z$  is not surjective but is a homomorphism onto its image, see [13].

We now complexify the above argument. For a real algebraic variety  $V$  its complexification  $V_{\mathbb{C}}$  is the complex Zariski closure of  $V$ , namely the smallest complex algebraic variety which contains  $V$ . Since every compact Lie group  $K$  has a unique real algebraic variety structure we can consider its complexification  $K_{\mathbb{C}}$ . Then  $K_{\mathbb{C}}$  is a complex reductive algebraic group with  $K$  as a maximal compact

subgroup, see [14]. Note that if  $K$  is a finite group, then  $K_{\mathbb{C}} = K$ .

Let  $K$  be a compact Lie group. Let  $V$  be a real algebraic  $K$  variety in an orthogonal representation  $\Omega$ . Let  $\theta: K \times V \rightarrow V \subset \Omega$  be the algebraic action map. Then  $\theta$  is a regular (i.e. polynomial) map. Consider the complexification  $\theta_{\mathbb{C}}: (K \times V)_{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow \Omega_{\mathbb{C}} = \Omega \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}$ , where  $\theta_{\mathbb{C}}$  is the same polynomial as  $\theta$  viewed as a complex polynomial map. In Zariski topology  $(K \times V)_{\mathbb{C}}$  is the closure of  $K \times V$  and the regular map  $\theta_{\mathbb{C}}$  is a continuous function. Therefore  $\theta_{\mathbb{C}}((K \times V)_{\mathbb{C}})$  is contained in the Zariski closure of  $V$  which is  $V_{\mathbb{C}}$ . We know that  $(K \times V)_{\mathbb{C}} \subset K_{\mathbb{C}} \times V_{\mathbb{C}}$  because  $(K \times V)_{\mathbb{C}}$  is the smallest complex algebraic variety containing  $K \times V$ . On the other hand

$$\mathbb{C}[(K \times V)_{\mathbb{C}}] \cong \mathbb{R}[K \times V] \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \cong (\mathbb{R}[K] \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} (\mathbb{R}[V] \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}) \cong \mathbb{C}[K_{\mathbb{C}} \times V_{\mathbb{C}}].$$

Thus  $(K \times V)_{\mathbb{C}} = K_{\mathbb{C}} \times V_{\mathbb{C}}$ .

Let  $X$  be a real algebraic  $G \times H$  variety, and let  $Z$  be the variety as defined in the paragraph after Lemma 2.1. Then  $\mathbb{C}[X_{\mathbb{C}}] \cong \mathbb{R}[X] \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}$ . Since  $X$  is a real algebraic  $G \times H$  variety  $X_{\mathbb{C}}$  is a complex algebraic  $G_{\mathbb{C}} \times H_{\mathbb{C}}$  variety. As in the real case the  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra  $\mathbb{C}[X_{\mathbb{C}}]$  of complex polynomial functions on  $X_{\mathbb{C}}$  has the induced action of  $G_{\mathbb{C}} \times H_{\mathbb{C}}$ . Let  $\mathbb{C}[X_{\mathbb{C}}]^{H_{\mathbb{C}}}$  be the  $H_{\mathbb{C}}$ -invariant polynomials. Then  $\mathbb{C}[X_{\mathbb{C}}]^{H_{\mathbb{C}}} \cong \mathbb{C}[X_{\mathbb{C}}]^H \cong \mathbb{R}[X]^H \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}$ , where the first isomorphism follows because  $H$  is Zariski dense in  $H_{\mathbb{C}}$ . Therefore the regular map  $p: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  naturally induces the complex regular map  $p_{\mathbb{C}}: X_{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^d$  where  $p_{\mathbb{C}} = (p_{1\mathbb{C}}, \dots, p_{d\mathbb{C}})$  is the same polynomial map as  $p$  viewed as a complex polynomial map. The complex variety in  $\mathbb{C}^d$  defined by the polynomial relations of  $p_{1\mathbb{C}}, \dots, p_{d\mathbb{C}}$  is obviously the Zariski closure  $Z_{\mathbb{C}}$  of  $Z$ . Such constructed variety  $Z_{\mathbb{C}}$  is called an *algebraic quotient* of  $X_{\mathbb{C}}$  by  $H_{\mathbb{C}}$ . The following lemma is well known, see [14].

**Lemma 2.2.** *The map  $p_{\mathbb{C}}: X_{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^d$  maps  $X_{\mathbb{C}}$  onto  $Z_{\mathbb{C}}$ , and separates  $H_{\mathbb{C}}$ -orbits of  $X_{\mathbb{C}}$ .*

**Lemma 2.3.** *The algebraic action of  $G_{\mathbb{C}} \times H_{\mathbb{C}}$  on  $X_{\mathbb{C}}$ , which is the complexification of real algebraic action of  $G \times H$  on  $X$ , induces an algebraic action of  $G_{\mathbb{C}}$  on  $Z_{\mathbb{C}}$ . Moreover this action restricts to a real algebraic action of  $G$  on  $Z$ .*

**Proof.** Define an action of  $G_{\mathbb{C}}$  on  $Z_{\mathbb{C}}$  as follows: Let  $\Phi: (G_{\mathbb{C}} \times H_{\mathbb{C}}) \times X_{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow X_{\mathbb{C}}$  be the algebraic action map, and let  $\Phi|_1: G_{\mathbb{C}} \times X_{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow X_{\mathbb{C}}$  be the restriction of  $\Phi$  to  $G_{\mathbb{C}} \times X_{\mathbb{C}}$ . Since  $Z_{\mathbb{C}}$  is the algebraic quotient of  $X_{\mathbb{C}}$  by  $H_{\mathbb{C}}$  the map  $p_{\mathbb{C}}: X_{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow Z_{\mathbb{C}}$  satisfies the following universal property, see (3.5) of [14] or p123 of [6]:

*If  $\phi: X_{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow V$  is a regular map between complex algebraic varieties which is constant on  $H_{\mathbb{C}}$ -orbits, then  $\phi$  is the composition  $\psi \circ p_{\mathbb{C}}$  where  $\psi: Z_{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow V$  is a regular map between complex algebraic varieties.*

We may consider  $G_{\mathbb{C}} \times X_{\mathbb{C}}$  as an algebraic  $H_{\mathbb{C}}$ -variety where  $H_{\mathbb{C}}$  acts trivially on  $G_{\mathbb{C}}$ , and acts on  $X_{\mathbb{C}}$  via  $\Phi$ . Then  $\text{Id}_{G_{\mathbb{C}}} \times p_{\mathbb{C}}: G_{\mathbb{C}} \times X_{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow G_{\mathbb{C}} \times Z_{\mathbb{C}}$  is an algebraic quotient map, and thus above universal property is satisfied. Now consider the

composition

$$p_{\mathbf{C}} \circ \Phi| : G_{\mathbf{C}} \times X_{\mathbf{C}} \rightarrow X_{\mathbf{C}} \rightarrow Z_{\mathbf{C}}.$$

Since  $p_{\mathbf{C}} \circ \Phi|$  is a regular map we can apply the above universal property to find a regular map  $\theta : G_{\mathbf{C}} \times Z_{\mathbf{C}} \rightarrow Z_{\mathbf{C}}$  such that  $\phi_{\mathbf{C}} \circ \Phi| = \theta \circ (\text{Id} \times p_{\mathbf{C}})$ . We claim that  $\theta$  defines an algebraic action of  $G_{\mathbf{C}}$  on  $Z_{\mathbf{C}}$ . To do this we have to show that

- (1)  $\theta(e, z) = z$  for all  $z \in Z_{\mathbf{C}}$ , and
- (2)  $\theta(g, \theta(h, z)) = \theta(gh, z)$  for  $g, h \in G$  and  $z \in Z_{\mathbf{C}}$ .

Let  $x \in p^{-1}(z)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(e, z) &= \theta \circ (\text{Id} \times p_{\mathbf{C}})(e, x) \\ &= p_{\mathbf{C}} \circ \Phi|(e, x) \\ &= p_{\mathbf{C}}(x) = z. \end{aligned}$$

For  $g, h \in G$  and  $z \in Z_{\mathbf{C}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(gh, z) &= \theta \circ (\text{Id} \times p_{\mathbf{C}})(gh, x) \\ &= p_{\mathbf{C}}((gh)x). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(g, \theta(h, z)) &= \theta(g, \theta \circ (\text{Id} \times p_{\mathbf{C}})(h, x)) \\ &= \theta(g, p_{\mathbf{C}}(hx)) \\ &= \theta \circ (\text{Id} \times p_{\mathbf{C}})(g, hx) \\ &= p_{\mathbf{C}}(g(h(x))) \\ &= p_{\mathbf{C}}((gh)x) \\ &= \theta(gh, z). \end{aligned}$$

This proves that the map  $\theta$  is actually an action map. Therefore if we take the real part of  $\theta : G_{\mathbf{C}} \times Z_{\mathbf{C}} \rightarrow Z_{\mathbf{C}}$ , then it defines a real algebraic action of  $G$  on  $Z$ .  $\square$

By Lemma 2.2 the map  $p_{\mathbf{C}} : X_{\mathbf{C}} \rightarrow Z_{\mathbf{C}}$  is surjective, but as we have mentioned before  $p : X \rightarrow Z$  is not surjective in general. Next lemma gives a sufficient condition for  $p : X \rightarrow Z$  to be surjective.

**Lemma 2.4.** *If  $H$  is an odd order group, then the map  $p : X \rightarrow Z$  is surjective and  $\bar{p} : X/H \rightarrow Z$  is a  $G$  homeomorphism. Therefore the quotient space  $X/H$  can be given a real algebraic  $G$  variety structure by  $Z$ .*

Proof. Let  $Z_0 := p(X)$ . Suppose there exists a point  $x \in Z - Z_0$ . Note that since  $H$  is a finite group  $H_C = H$ . Since  $p_C: X_C \rightarrow Z_C$  is surjective the preimage  $p_C^{-1}(x)$  of the point  $x$  is non-empty and consists of at most  $|H|$  points by Lemma 2.2. Since  $x \in Z - Z_0$  none of the points in the preimage are contained in the real part  $X_C \cap \Omega$  of  $X_C$  because  $X_C \cap \Omega = X$  and  $X$  is mapped onto  $Z_0$ .

On the other hand  $p_C$  is a polynomial with real coefficients, and  $X_C$  is defined by real polynomials because  $\mathcal{J}(X_C) = \mathcal{J}(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}$ . Therefore if  $a \in X_C$  then its complex conjugate  $\bar{a} \in X_C$ , and if  $p_C(a)$  is real then both  $a$  and  $\bar{a}$  are mapped to the same point by  $p_C$ . This implies that the cardinality of the preimage  $p_C^{-1}(x)$  is an even number. On the other hand since the map  $p_C$  separates orbits, the cardinality of  $p_C^{-1}(x)$  is the same as the order of a quotient group of  $H$ . This is a contradiction because  $|H|$  is odd the order of any quotient group of  $H$  is odd. This proves that  $Z_0 = Z$ . Thus Lemma 2.3 implies that  $X/H$  can be endowed with a real algebraic  $G$  variety structure by  $Z$ .

Proof of Theorem A. From Lemma 2.4 the quotient space  $X/H$  has a real algebraic  $G$  variety structure. In fact the real algebraic  $G$  variety  $Z$  is the desired variety structure on  $X/H$ . It remains to prove that if  $X$  is nonsingular and  $H$  acts freely, then  $Z$  is nonsingular.

For a complex algebraic varieties non-singularity at a point  $x$  is equivalent to smoothness around  $x$ , see [10]. Also note that a real algebraic variety  $V$  is nonsingular at  $x$  if and only if the complexification  $X_C$  is non-singular at  $x$ .

Let  $X_{C(1)}$  denote the set of points of the principal isotropy type, and let  $Z_{C(1)}$  denote the image  $p_C(X_{C(1)}) \subset Z_C$ . Then  $Z_{C(1)}$  is an open smooth manifold of dimension  $2n$ , where  $n$  is the complex dimension of the variety  $Z_C$ , [9 III.2.4].

Suppose  $Z$  is singular at  $z \in Z$ . Then  $Z_C$  is singular at  $z$ . Therefore  $Z_C$  is not a smooth manifold around  $z$ . On the other hand since  $H$  acts freely on  $X$  it is clear that  $p(X) = Z$  is contained in the smooth manifold  $Z_{C(1)}$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore  $Z$  is nonsingular.  $\square$

By a similar but easier argument we can show that every compact homogeneous space  $G/H$  of compact Lie group  $G$  and a closed subgroup  $H$  has a non-singular real algebraic variety structure, see [4, p54].

### 3. Algebraic Realization of close smooth $G$ manifolds.

The main result of this section is the following theorem.

**Theorem B.** *Let  $G$  be a compact Lie group acting smoothly on a closed manifold  $M$  with one orbit type. Then  $M$  can be algebraically realized.*

The rest of the section is devoted to the proof of Theorem B.

Let  $M$  be a smooth closed  $G$  manifold with the unique orbit type  $G/H$ . Let

$K := N/H$ , where  $N$  is the normalizer of  $H$ . From 2.5.11 and 6.2.5 of [2] or 4.8 of [7] there is a  $G$  diffeomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} (G/H) \times_K M^H &\rightarrow M \\ [gH, x] &\mapsto g(x). \end{aligned}$$

We consider two cases.

Case 1.  $|K| \neq \text{odd}$ . Note that the induced action of  $K$  on  $M^H$  is free because there is only one orbit type. Since  $|K| \neq \text{odd}$  and  $K$  acts freely on  $M^H$  Proposition 4.1 of [3] implies that  $M^H$  bounds  $K$  equivariantly. Namely, there exists a smooth  $K$  manifold  $W$  with  $\partial W = M^H$ . Then  $(G/H) \times_K W$  is a smooth  $G$  manifold ( $G$  acts on  $G/H$  as a left translation) with  $\partial((G/H) \times_K W) = (G/H) \times_K \partial(W) = (G/H) \times_K M^H \cong M$ . Therefore we have proved that  $M$  is a  $G$  equivariant boundary.

Case 2.  $|K| = \text{odd}$ . In this case it is proved in [3] that every smooth closed  $K$  manifold is  $K$  equivariantly cobordant to a non-singular real algebraic  $K$  variety. Therefore there exists a  $K$  manifold  $W$  with  $\partial W = M^H \amalg Z$  where  $Z$  is a nonsingular real algebraic  $K$  variety. Here  $\amalg$  denotes disjoint union.

Consider the manifold  $G/H \times W$ . This is a  $G \times K$  manifold with the following action. The action of  $G$  is the left translation on  $G/H$ , and the action of  $K$  is  $kH \cdot (gH, w) = (gk^{-1}H, kw)$ . Note that the action of  $K$  on  $G/H \times W$  is free. The orbit space  $G/H \times_K W$  of the  $K$  action on  $G/H \times W$  is a smooth  $G$  manifold with  $\partial(G/H \times_K W) = G/H \times_K M^H \amalg G/H \times_K Z$ .

Since every orbit  $G/H$  has a canonical non-singular real algebraic  $G$  variety structure,  $G/H \times Z$  is a non-singular real algebraic  $G \times K$  variety with free  $K$  action. Thus Theorem A implies that the quotient space  $G/H \times_K Z$  is a nonsingular real algebraic  $G$  variety.

In both cases  $M \cong (G/H \times_K M^H)$  is  $G$  equivariantly cobordant to a non-singular algebraic  $G$  variety  $V$  including the case  $V = \emptyset$ . Now Theorem B follows from the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.1.** ([4]) *A smooth closed  $G$  manifold  $M$  is algebraically realized if and only if it is  $G$  equivariantly cobordant to a non-singular real algebraic  $G$  variety.*

#### 4. Algebraic Realization of $G$ Vector Bundles.

A *strongly algebraic*  $G$  vector bundle  $\xi$  over a non-singular real algebraic  $G$  variety  $V$  is a  $G$  vector bundle whose equivariant classifying map  $\mu_\xi: V \rightarrow G_{\mathbf{R}}(\Xi, k)$  is an equivariant entire rational map, i.e., if  $V \subset \mathbf{R}^n$  and  $G_{\mathbf{R}}(\Xi, k) \subset \mathbf{R}^m$ , then there exist polynomials  $P: \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^m$  and  $Q: \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  with  $Q^{-1}(0) \cap V = \emptyset$  such that  $\mu_\xi = P/Q$



on  $V$ . Remember that a set  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $G$  vector bundles over a closed smooth  $G$  manifold  $M$  is *algebraically realized* if there are a non-singular real algebraic  $G$  variety  $V$ , a  $G$  diffeomorphism  $\phi: M \rightarrow V$ , and a set  $\mathcal{F}'$  of strongly algebraic  $G$  vector bundles over  $V$  such that for each  $\xi \in \mathcal{F}$  there exists  $\eta \in \mathcal{F}'$  such that  $\xi$  and  $\phi^*\eta$  are  $G$  isomorphic, or equivalently an equivariant classifying map  $\mu_\xi: M \rightarrow G_R(\Xi, k)$  of  $\xi$  is  $G$  homotopic to  $\mu_\eta \circ \phi$  where  $\mu_\eta$  is an equivariant classifying map of  $\eta$ .

The question we are interested in here is whether any set of  $G$  vector bundles over a closed smooth  $G$  manifold is algebraically realized. This bundle realization problem is treated in [5] and we refer the reader to the cited paper for details on the subject. One of the fundamental result of [5] is the following theorem 4.1 which reduces the bundle realization problem to a non-oriented equivariant bordism theoretic problem. For this we need some terminology. Let  $f: M^n \rightarrow Y$  be a  $G$  map from a closed smooth  $G$  manifold to a  $G$  space  $Y$ . Let  $g: N^n \rightarrow Y$  be another  $G$  map. They are equivalent if they are cobordant, i.e., there exist a smooth  $G$  manifold  $W^{n+1}$  with  $\partial W = M \cup N$  and a  $G$  map  $F: W \rightarrow Y$  such that  $F|_M = f$  and  $F|_N = g$ . The collection of all equivalent classes of pairs  $(M, f)$  forms an abelian group with addition induced from disjoint union. This group is called the *(non-oriented)  $G$  equivariant bordism group* of  $Y$ , and is denoted by  $\mathcal{N}_n^G(Y)$ . The class of the pair  $(M, f)$  is denoted by  $[M, f]$ . The identity element of the bordism group is represented by a pair  $(M, f)$  which is an equivariant boundary, i.e., there exists a smooth  $G$  manifold  $W$  and a smooth  $G$  map  $F: W \rightarrow Y$  such that  $\partial W = M$  and  $F|_M = f$ .

Let  $Y$  be a non-singular real algebraic  $G$  variety. An equivariant bordism class  $[M, f] \in \mathcal{N}_n^G(Y)$  is said to be *algebraic* if  $[M, f] = [V, g]$  where  $V$  is a non-singular real algebraic  $G$  variety and  $g: V \rightarrow Y$  is an entire rational  $G$  map including the case when  $(M, f)$  is an equivariant boundary. A pair  $(M, f)$  of a closed smooth  $G$  manifold and a smooth  $G$  map  $f: M \rightarrow Y$  is said to be *algebraically realized* if there are a non-singular real algebraic  $G$  variety  $V$ , an entire rational  $G$  map  $g: V \rightarrow Y$  and a  $G$  diffeomorphism  $\phi: V \rightarrow M$  such that  $f \circ \phi$  and  $g$  are  $G$  homotopic.

The following theorem gives a necessary and sufficient condition for a pair  $(M, f)$  to be algebraically realized.

**Theorem 4.1.** ([5]) *Let  $G$  be a compact Lie group and  $Y$  a non-singular real algebraic  $G$  variety. Let  $M$  be a closed smooth  $G$  manifold and  $f: M \rightarrow Y$  a smooth  $G$  map. Then  $(M, f)$  is algebraically realized if and only if its bordism class  $[M, f]$  is algebraic.*  $\square$

Another needed result from [5] is the following.

**Lemma 4.2.** *Let  $G$  be an odd order group acting freely on a closed smooth manifold  $M$ . Let  $Y$  be a non-singular real algebraic  $G$  variety such that  $Y^L$  has*

totally algebraic homology for every subgroup  $L \subset G$ . Then for a smooth  $G$  map  $f: M \rightarrow Y$  the bordism class  $[M, f] \in \mathcal{N}_*^G(Y)$  is algebraic. In fact, every  $[M, f]$  is represented by  $g: Z \rightarrow Y$  where  $Z$  is a non-singular real algebraic  $G$  variety and  $g$  is a  $G$ -regular map.

We do not give the definition of totally algebraic homology because it is not an essential concept in this paper. We refer the reader to [1] or [5] for details.

Proof of Lemma 4.2. All others are proved in [5] except for the last sentence. For the last claim we can examine the proof in [5], and show that the algebraic representative  $(Z, g)$  can be chosen so that  $g$  is a  $G$ -regular map instead of an entire rational  $G$  map. This can actually be done so. Here, however, instead of doing so, we prove the last claim by proving a generalized version. The last claim follows immediately from the following proposition.  $\square$

**Proposition 4.3.** *Let  $G$  be a compact Lie group. Let  $M$  be a closed smooth  $G$  manifold and  $Y$  a non-singular real algebraic  $G$  variety. Let  $f: M \rightarrow Y$  be a smooth  $G$ -map. If  $[M, f] \in \mathcal{N}_*^G(Y)$  is algebraic, then  $[M, f]$  can be represented by a  $G$ -regular map  $g': Z' \rightarrow Y$ , where  $Z'$  is a nonsingular real algebraic  $G$  variety.*

Proof. Since  $[M, f] \in \mathcal{N}_*^G(Y)$  is algebraic there exists a nonsingular real algebraic  $G$  variety  $Z$  and a  $G$ -entire rational map  $g: Z \rightarrow Y$  which represents the bordism class  $[M, f]$ . Now consider the graph

$$\Gamma(g) = \{(x, g(x)) \in Z \times Y \mid x \in Z\}$$

and the projection map  $\pi_2: \Gamma(g) \rightarrow Y$ ,  $\pi_2(x, g(x)) = g(x)$ . Then it is elementary to see that  $\Gamma(g)$  is a nonsingular real algebraic  $G$  variety, and  $\pi_2$  is a  $G$ -regular map. Moreover,  $(\Gamma(g), \pi_2)$  is clearly  $G$ -cobordant to  $(Z, g)$ . Therefore  $(Z', g') := (\Gamma(g), \pi_2)$  is a desired representative of the bordism class  $[M, f]$ .  $\square$

From now on we assume that  $M$  is a closed smooth  $G$  manifold with one orbit type, and let  $G/H$  be the unique orbit type of  $M$ . As noted in section 3 there is a  $G$  diffeomorphism  $G/H \times_K M^H \rightarrow M$  is defined by  $[gH, x] \mapsto g(x)$ . Here  $(G/H) \times_K M^H$  is the orbit space of  $(G/H) \times M^H$  by the  $K$  action  $kH \cdot (gH, m) = (gk^{-1}H, km)$ . Here  $K = N/H$  and  $N$  is the normalizer of  $H$  in  $G$ . Note that any  $G$ -equivariant map  $f: G/H \times_K M \rightarrow Y$  is of the form  $\text{Ind } h$  for the  $K$ -equivariant map  $h = f^H$ . Here  $\text{Ind } h$  is defined by  $\text{Ind } h[gH, m] = g \cdot h(m)$  for  $gH \in G/H$  and  $m \in M^H$ .

**Lemma 4.4.** *Let  $H$  and  $K$  be as above. Assume that  $Z$  is a non-singular real algebraic  $K$  variety and  $h: Z \rightarrow Y^H \subset Y$  a  $K$  equivariant regular map. If  $K$  is an odd order group, then  $G/H \times_K Z$  has a non-singular real algebraic  $G$  variety structure such that  $\text{Ind } h$  is a  $G$  equivariant regular map.*

**Proof.** Consider the space  $G/H \times Z$  with  $G \times K$  action defined as follows : the action of  $G$  is the left multiplication on  $G/H$ , and the action of  $K$  is defined by  $kH \cdot (gH, z) = (gk^{-1}H, kz)$ . Since every orbit  $G/H$  has a canonical non-singular real algebraic  $G$  variety structure  $G/H \times Z$  is non-singular real algebraic  $G \times K$  variety with free  $K$  action. Since  $|K| = \text{odd}$  Theorem B implies that  $G/H \times_K Z$  is non-singular real algebraic  $G$  variety. It remains to show that  $\text{Ind} h$  is a regular map. Let  $\theta: G \times Y \rightarrow Y$  be the algebraic action map of  $G$  on  $Y$ . Let  $\Phi: G \times Z \rightarrow Y$  be the map defined by  $\Phi(g, z) = \theta(g, h(z))$  for  $g \in G$  and  $z \in Z$ . Then  $\Phi$  is clearly a regular map. Let  $H \times K$  act on  $G \times Z$  as follows:  $H$  acts on  $G$  by the right multiplication, trivially on  $Z$ , and  $K$  acts on  $G \times Z$  by  $k(g, z) = (gk^{-1}, kz)$  for  $k \in K$ ,  $g \in G$ , and  $z \in Z$ . Let  $p: G \times Z \rightarrow (G \times Z)/(H \times K) = G/H \times_K Z$  be the orbit map. We may assume that  $G/H \times_K Z$  is a real algebraic  $G$  variety and  $p$  is a  $G$ -regular map. It is clear that  $\Phi$  is constant on  $H \times K$  orbits of  $G \times Z$ . Thus  $\Phi$  factors through  $G/H \times_K Z$  and  $\Phi = \text{Ind} h \circ p$ . We now complexify the above argument. We note that the ring of polynomial functions of the algebraic quotient of  $(G \times Z)_{\mathbb{C}}$  by the action of  $(H \times K)_{\mathbb{C}}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}[(G \times Z)_{\mathbb{C}}]^{(H \times K)_{\mathbb{C}}}$  which is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}[(G \times Z)_{\mathbb{C}}]^{H \times K}$  because  $H \times K$  is Zariski dense in  $(H \times K)_{\mathbb{C}}$ . On the other hand

$$\mathbb{C}[(G \times Z)_{\mathbb{C}}]^{H \times K} \cong \mathbb{R}[G \times Z]^{H \times K} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \cong \mathbb{R}[G/H \times_K Z] \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \cong \mathbb{C}[(G/H \times_K Z)_{\mathbb{C}}].$$

Thus  $(G/H \times_K Z)_{\mathbb{C}}$  can be identified with the algebraic quotient of  $(G \times Z)_{\mathbb{C}}$  by the action of  $(H \times K)_{\mathbb{C}}$ . As in the proof of Lemma 2.3 the universal property of algebraic quotients implies that there is a complex regular map  $\rho: (G/H \times_K Z)_{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow Y_{\mathbb{C}}$  such that  $\Phi_{\mathbb{C}} = \rho \circ p_{\mathbb{C}}$ . Therefore the restriction of  $\rho$  to the real part, which is in fact  $\text{Ind} h$ , is a regular map.  $\square$

The following theorem is the main result of this section.

**Theorem C.** *Let  $G$  be a compact Lie group acting smoothly on a colsed manifold  $M$  with one orbit type. Let  $G/H$  be the unique orbit type, and let  $K := N/H$  where  $N$  is the normalizer of  $H$  in  $G$ . If  $K$  is an odd order group, then the set of all  $G$  vector bundles over  $M$  can be algebraically realized.*

**Proof.** By Proposition 2.13 of [5] algebraic realization of the set of all  $G$  vector bundles is equivalent to algebraic realization of arbitrary finite set of  $G$  vector bundles. Therefore it is enough to realize a given finite collection  $\mathcal{F} = \{\xi_i | i=1, \dots, n\}$  of  $G$  vector bundles algebraically. Let  $\mu_i: M \rightarrow G_{\mathbb{R}}(\Xi_i, k_i)$  be equivariant classifying maps of  $\xi_i$  for  $i=1, \dots, n$ . Set  $\mu := \prod_{i=1}^n \mu_i: M \rightarrow G(\mathcal{F})$  where  $G(\mathcal{F}) := \prod_{i=1}^n G_{\mathbb{R}}(\Xi_i, k_i)$ . Then  $\mu = \text{Ind} h$  where  $h = \mu^H: M^H \rightarrow G(\mathcal{F})^H$ . The pair  $(M^H, h)$  defines an element of the bordism group  $\mathcal{N}_{*}^K(G(\mathcal{F})^H)$ . It is proved in [5] that  $(G(\mathcal{F})^H)^L$  has totally algebraic homology for every subgroup  $L \subset K$ . By Lemma 4.2 there exist a smooth  $K$  manifold  $W$  with  $\partial W = M^H \amalg Z$  and a smooth

$K$  map  $F: W \rightarrow G(\mathcal{F})^H$  such that  $Z$  is a non-singular real algebraic  $K$  variety,  $F|_{M^H} = h$ , and  $F|_Z = \psi$  is a regular  $K$  map. Consider the manifold  $G/H \times W$ . This is a  $G \times K$  manifold with the following action: the action of  $G$  is the left multiplication on  $G/H$ , and the action of  $K$  is defined by  $kH \cdot (gH, w) = (gk^{-1}H, kw)$ . Therefore the orbit space  $G/H \times_K W$  of the  $K$  action on  $G/H \times W$  is a smooth  $G$  manifold with  $\partial(G/H \times_K W) = (G/H \times_K M^H) \cup (G/H \times_K Z)$ . Moreover the  $G$  equivariant map  $\text{Ind } F: G/H \times_K W \rightarrow G(\mathcal{F})$  is well defined. By the remark after Theorem B  $G/H \times_K M^H$  is  $G$  diffeomorphic to  $M$ . Therefore if we identify  $M$  with  $G/H \times_K M^H$ , then  $\mu: M \rightarrow G(\mathcal{F})$  is identified with  $\text{Ind } h$  which is equal to  $\text{Ind } F|_{G/H \times_K M}$ . This is one end of the cobordism. On the other end of the cobordism we have  $G/H \times_K Z$  which is a non-singular real algebraic  $G$  variety by Theorem A and a  $G$  map  $\text{Ind } F|_{G/H \times_K Z} = \text{Ind } \psi$  which is regular, thus an entire rational  $G$  map by Lemma 4.4. This shows that the bordism class  $[M, \mu]$  is algebraically realized. Therefore by Theorem 4.1  $(M, \mu)$  is algebraically realized, say by  $(V, \nu)$ . Let  $p_i: G(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow G_R(\Xi_i, k_i)$  be the projection. Then the set of  $G$  vector bundles corresponding to the classifying map  $p_i \circ \nu$  over  $V$  realizes  $\mathcal{F}$  algebraically. This proves the theorem.  $\square$

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