

## A calculation of $Pin^+$ bordism groups

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We begin by recalling the definition of the  $Pin$  and  $Spin$ -bordism groups. For each integer  $n \geq 1$  there are compact Lie groups,  $Spin(n)$ ,  $Pin^-(n)$  and  $Pin^+(n)$ . Atiyah, Bott and Shapiro [ABS], described the groups  $Spin(n)$  and  $Pin^-(n)$  in terms of the Clifford algebra associated to the negative definite form on  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . Lam [L], describes these as well as  $Pin^+(n)$ , the group coming from the Clifford algebra associated to the positive definite form on  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . Another definition is the following. The group  $Spin(n)$  is the double cover of the group  $SO(n)$ . It is a  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  central extension of  $SO(n)$  and is classified by  $w_2 \in H^2(BSO(n); \mathbb{Z}/2)$ : indeed it is the unique non-trivial  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  central extension. The two groups  $Pin^\pm$  are double covers of  $O(n)$ . They are also  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  central extensions:  $Pin^-$  is classified by  $w_2 + w_1^2 \in H^2(BO(n); \mathbb{Z}/2)$  and  $Pin^+$  is classified by  $w_2$ .

There is a bordism theory of manifolds with  $Spin$ ,  $Pin^-$ , or  $Pin^+$  structure, and we use the term bordism groups for the bordism groups of a point. Anderson, Brown and Peterson calculated the  $Spin$ -bordism groups, [ABP1], and the  $Pin^-$ -bordism groups, [ABP2]. We complete the story by calculating the  $Pin^+$ -bordism groups.

Both the  $Pin^\pm$ -bordism groups are 2-torsion, and they have cyclic summands of order equal to an arbitrarily high power of 2. Both bordism groups are modules over the  $Spin$  bordism ring. Of the real projective spaces, the  $RP^{4k}$ 's have  $Pin^+$  structures and the  $RP^{4k+2}$ 's have  $Pin^-$  structures. The other result in this paper is that  $Pin^\pm$ -bordism, modulo the  $Spin$  bordism submodule generated by the real projective spaces, is a  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  vector space.

To describe our results in more detail, recall the 2-local decomposition of the spectrum  $MSpin$  from [ABP1].

$$MSpin \rightarrow \bigvee_{k \geq 0} \pi(2k) \mathbf{bo}\langle 8k \rangle \bigvee_{k \geq 0} \pi(2k+1) \mathbf{bo}\langle 8k+2 \rangle \bigvee_{k \geq 0} \alpha(k) \mathbf{K}(\mathbb{Z}/2, k)$$

where  $\mathbf{bo}\langle r \rangle$  denotes the spectrum obtained from the usual  $BO$  spectrum by killing all the homotopy groups in dimensions less than  $r$ , and  $\mathbf{K}(A, r)$  denotes the Eilenberg–MacLane spectrum with one non-zero homotopy group isomorphic to  $A$

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$\pi_{8n+i} =$	$8n$	$8n+1$	$8n+2$	$8n+3$	$8n+4$	$8n+5$	$8n+6$	$8n+7$
$\mathbf{M}(1) \wedge \mathbf{bo}\langle 2 \rangle$	$\mathbb{Z}/2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2$	$\mathbb{Z}/2$	$\mathbb{Z}/2^{4n+1}$	$\mathbb{Z}/2$	$\mathbb{Z}/2$	0	$\mathbb{Z}/2^{4n+2}$	$\mathbb{Z}/2$
$\mathbf{M}(3) \wedge \mathbf{bo}\langle 2 \rangle$	$\mathbb{Z}/2^{4n-1}$	$\mathbb{Z}/2$	$\mathbb{Z}/2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2$	$\mathbb{Z}/2$	$\mathbb{Z}/2^{4n+2}$	$\mathbb{Z}/2$	$\mathbb{Z}/2$	0

for  $0 \leq i < 8$ ,  $n \geq 0$  and  $8n+i \geq 3$ . In the case  $n=0$ ,  $i=0$  or 1,

$$\pi_i(\mathbf{M}(1) \wedge \mathbf{bo}\langle 2 \rangle) = \pi_i(\mathbf{M}(3) \wedge \mathbf{bo}\langle 2 \rangle) = 0.$$

In the case  $n=0$ ,  $i=2$ ,

$$\pi_2(\mathbf{M}(1) \wedge \mathbf{bo}\langle 2 \rangle) = \pi_2(\mathbf{M}(3) \wedge \mathbf{bo}\langle 2 \rangle) = \mathbb{Z}/2.$$

**COROLLARY 2.** *The top line of the first table, with  $n=0$ , gives the  $\text{Pin}^-$  bordism groups through dimension 7; the second line of the first table, with  $n=0$ , gives the  $\text{Pin}^+$  bordism groups through dimension 7.*

An alternate calculation of these bordism groups through dimension 4 is given in [KT]. While trying to understand these low-dimensional calculations, we were led to the general results presented here. The proofs will be given in the second section and a short table of the bordism groups is included at the end of the paper.

Notice that  $\text{Pin}^-$  bordism is a  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  vector space except in dimensions congruent to 2 mod 4. Moreover,  $RP^n$  has a  $\text{Pin}^-$  structure if  $n$  is congruent to 2 mod 4. Likewise,  $\text{Pin}^+$  bordism is a  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  vector space except in dimensions congruent to 0 mod 4 and  $RP^n$  has a  $\text{Pin}^+$  structure if  $n$  is congruent to 0 mod 4.

Recall some facts about the structure of the  $\text{Spin}$  bordism ring. The  $\mathbf{bo}\langle \rangle$  factors are indexed by partitions. For a fixed  $n=8k$  we have a different  $\mathbf{bo}\langle 8k \rangle$  for each partition,  $J$ , of  $2k$  such that  $J$  has no 1's in it. For any partition, let  $n(J)$  denote the sum of the elements of  $J$ , or in other words,  $n(J)$  is the integer for which  $J$  is a partition. The  $\mathbf{bo}\langle 8k+2 \rangle$ 's are indexed by the partitions,  $J$ , with no 1's for which  $n(J)=2k+1$ . In the sequel, let  $\mathbf{bo}\langle J \rangle$  denote  $\mathbf{bo}\langle 4n(J) \rangle$  if  $n(J)$  is even or  $\mathbf{bo}\langle 4n(J)-2 \rangle$  if  $n(J)$  is odd. There is also a copy of  $\mathbf{bo}\langle 0 \rangle$ . There are elements  $M_J$  in dimensions  $4n(J)$ , where  $J$  is a partition of  $n(J)$  with no 1's. These manifolds satisfy the condition that in our fixed decomposition of  $\mathbf{MSpin}$ , the bordism class of  $M_J$  is a generator of  $\pi_{4n(J)} \mathbf{bo}\langle J \rangle$  and maps to zero in  $\pi_{4n(J)}$  of all the other summands.

Let  $X(J, n) = RP^n \times M_J$  if  $n(J)$  is even. If  $n$  is even, fix a  $\text{Pin}^\pm$  structure on  $RP^n$  and consider  $X(J, n)$  as an element of  $\text{Pin}^\pm$  bordism. If  $n(J)$  is odd,  $RP^n \times M_J$  will be divisible by 2 in the corresponding  $\text{Pin}$  bordism group, so let  $X(J, n)$  denote an element in  $\text{Pin}^\pm$  bordism such that  $2X(J, n) = RP^n \times M_J$ . Note that for  $\text{Pin}^+$  bordism we are asserting that  $M_J = M_J \times RP^0$  is divisible by 2. Let  $C(J, 2n)$  denote a cyclic group whose order is the order of the element  $X(J, 2n)$  in

the appropriate  $Pin$  bordism group. There are natural maps  $C(J, 4n) \rightarrow MPin_{4n(J)+4n}^+$  and  $C(J, 4n+2) \rightarrow MPin_{4n(J)+4n+2}^-$ .

**THEOREM 3.** *The order of  $X(J, 2n)$  is given as follows:*

	$2n = 8k$	$2n = 8k + 2$	$2n = 8k + 4$	$2n = 8k + 6$
$n(J)$ even	$2^{4k+1}$	$2^{4k+3}$	$2^{4k+4}$	$2^{4k+4}$
$n(J)$ odd	$2^{4k+2}$	$2^{4k+2}$	$2^{4k+3}$	$2^{4k+5}$

*The sum of the natural maps*

$$\bigoplus_{J,n} C(J, 4n) \rightarrow MPin_{*}^{+}$$

*is injective with image a summand: the complementary summand is a  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  vector space. The sum of the natural maps*

$$\bigoplus_{J,n} C(J, 4n+2) \rightarrow MPin_{*}^{-}$$

*is injective with image a summand: the complementary summand is a  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  vector space. In both sums,  $n \geq 0$  and  $J$  runs over all partitions with no 1's.*

**COROLLARY 4.** *The  $Pin^+$  bordism groups, modulo the  $Spin$  bordism submodule generated by the  $RP^{4n}$ , are  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  vector spaces. The  $Pin^-$  bordism groups, modulo the  $Spin$  bordism submodule generated by the  $RP^{4n+2}$ , are  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  vector spaces.*

Finally, we pause to consider the standard question of the image of  $Pin^+$  bordism in unoriented bordism, denoted  $\mathcal{N}_*$ . Using the techniques of Anderson, Brown and Peterson [ABP2], we show

**COROLLARY 5.** *The image of the natural map  $MPin_{*}^{+} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}_*$  equals all bordism classes all of whose Stiefel–Whitney numbers involving  $w_2(\tau)$  vanish, where  $\tau$  denotes the tangent bundle.*

After this paper was submitted, we learned of the paper of Giambalvo [G], which also calculates  $MPin^+$  bordism. Giambalvo does the calculation via the Adams' spectral sequence and arrives at the same answer we do. He also attempted to analyse the role of the  $RP^{2n}$ 's in  $Pin^+$  and  $Pin^-$  bordism, using the map  $\psi$  described below, but his results differ considerably from ours. Specifically, we claim that the order of  $RP^{8n+4}$  in  $Pin^+$  bordism is  $2^{8n+4}$  and that his Corollary 3.5 is

wrong (see the discussion preceding Theorem 3). The table on page 399 is also incorrect: the factor corresponding to  $\mathbf{M}(2) \wedge \mathbf{bo}\langle 8 \rangle$  is missing and the  $Z_2^8$  should be  $Z/2^8$ .

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## Proofs

We begin with two lemmas to reduce the calculation to a diagram chase.

LEMMA 6. *The  $i$ th  $Pin^+$  bordism group is isomorphic to*

$$\pi_i(\mathbf{MSpin} \wedge \mathbf{M}(4k+3)) \quad \text{for any } k \geq 0.$$

*The  $i$ th  $Pin^-$  bordism group is isomorphic to*

$$\pi_i(\mathbf{MSpin} \wedge \mathbf{M}(4k+1)) \quad \text{for any } k \geq 0.$$

*In both cases, the usual transversality construction gives the isomorphism.*

*Proof.* Let us begin with the  $Pin^+$  case. Standard transversality constructions identify  $\pi_i(\mathbf{MSpin} \wedge \mathbf{M}(4k+3))$  with the bordism theory of  $i$ -dimensional manifolds with a *Spin* structure on the bundle  $\tau \oplus (4k+3) \det(\tau)$ , where  $\tau$  is the tangent bundle to the manifold and  $\det(\tau)$  is the determinant line bundle. It is easy to check that for any bundle  $\eta$ ,  $4\eta$  has a canonical *Spin* structure, so the above bordism theory is equivalent to the bordism theory of  $i$ -dimensional manifolds with a *Spin* structure on the bundle  $\tau \oplus 3 \det(\tau)$ . Next one can compute that any bundle  $\eta$  has a  $Pin^+$  structure iff  $\eta \oplus 3 \det(\eta)$  has a *Spin* structure, and, since this is a universal relation, one can set up a one-to-one correspondence between *Spin* structures on  $\eta \oplus 3 \det(\eta)$  and  $Pin^+$  structures on  $\eta$ . Hence our bordism theory is equivalent to the bordism theory of  $i$ -dimensional manifolds with a  $Pin^+$  structure on the tangent bundle.

The  $Pin^-$  case is entirely similar. □

Let  $\mathbf{M}(Z/2, 0) = e^0 \cup e^1$  with attaching map of degree 2 and denote the homotopy  $i$ th group of  $\mathbf{MSpin} \wedge \mathbf{M}(Z/2, 0)$  by  $(\mathbf{MSpin} \wedge Z/2)_i$ . These groups can largely be calculated by applying *Spin* bordism to the cofibration sequence  $S^0 \xrightarrow{\times 2} S^0 \rightarrow \mathbf{M}(Z/2, 0)$ , since the degree 2 map on  $S^0$  induces multiplication by 2 on the *Spin* bordism groups.

These groups have an interpretation as  $Z/2$ -Spin bordism. This is the bordism theory consisting of a manifold  $M$  with a codimension-one submanifold  $N$ ; an orientation on  $M - N$  which does not extend across any component of  $N$ ; an orientation of the normal bundle of  $N$  in  $M$ ; a  $\text{Spin}$  structure on  $M - N$ ; a  $\text{Spin}$  structure on  $N$ ; and diffeomorphisms which preserve the  $\text{Spin}$  structures from  $N$  to the boundary components of  $M - N$ . We do not need this interpretation in the sequel.

LEMMA 7. *There exists a cofibration sequence*

$$\mathbf{M}(Z/2, 0) \rightarrow \mathbf{M}(2r - 1) \rightarrow \Sigma^2 \mathbf{M}(2r + 1) \quad (8)$$

Hence we get long exact sequences

$$\cdots \rightarrow (\mathbf{MSpin} \wedge Z/2)_i \rightarrow \text{MPin}_i^+ \xrightarrow{\psi} \text{MPin}_{i-2}^- \rightarrow \cdots$$

$$\cdots \rightarrow (\mathbf{MSpin} \wedge Z/2)_i \rightarrow \text{MPin}_i^- \xrightarrow{\psi} \text{MPin}_{i-2}^+ \rightarrow \cdots$$

In both cases, the map  $\psi$  is defined by starting with a manifold  $M$ , finding a submanifold  $N \subset M$  dual to  $\omega_1$ , and then forming the transverse intersection,  $N \cap N$ . Notice that  $\psi$  can also be described by taking the natural map  $\psi: \mathbf{M}(r) \rightarrow \Sigma^2 \mathbf{M}(r + 2)$  and smashing it with  $\mathbf{MSpin}$ . In particular, the two exact sequences above decompose in the same way that  $\mathbf{MSpin}$  does.

*Proof.* Recall that  $T(r\xi) = RP^\infty / RP^{r-1}$ . Indeed,  $RP^n \subset RP^{n+r}$  with normal bundle  $r\xi|_{RP^n}$ . Hence we have a map  $RP^{n+r} \rightarrow T(r\xi|_{RP^n})$  and the composite  $RP^n \subset RP^{n+r} \rightarrow T(r\xi|_{RP^n})$  is the zero-section. Hence a copy of  $RP^{r-1}$  disjoint from  $RP^n$  in  $RP^{n+r}$  is null-homotopic in  $T(r\xi|_{RP^n})$ , so we get a map  $RP^{n+r} / RP^{r-1} \rightarrow T(r\xi|_{RP^n})$  which is easily checked to be a homotopy equivalence.

The cofibration sequence is now clear since  $RP^{2r} / RP^{2r-2}$  is homotopy equivalent to  $T((2r-1)\xi|_{RP^1})$  and this is  $\Sigma^{2r-1} \mathbf{M}(Z/2, 0)$ .

The description of the map  $\psi$  also follows. Consider a  $\text{Spin}$  boundary  $M^{m+2r-1}$  and a map  $f: M \rightarrow T((2r-1)\xi)$ . The map  $\psi$  sends  $f$  to the composite  $M \rightarrow T((2r+3)\xi)$  of  $f$  and the map  $g: T((2r+1)\xi) \rightarrow T((2r+3)\xi)$ . To see what happens to the underlying  $\text{Pin}$  manifolds, we can assume that  $f$  lands in  $T((2r-1)\xi|_{RP^N})$  for some large  $N$ , and we get a cofibration sequence like (8) but taking place inside of  $RP^{N+2r+1}$  instead of  $RP^\infty$ . We make the new map transverse to the zero-section to get out  $\text{Pin}$  manifold,  $P$ . The map  $g$  becomes a map  $g: T((2r+1)\xi|_{RP^N}) \rightarrow T((2r+3)\xi|_{RP^{N-2}})$ , so to get  $\psi(P)$  we make the map

The other cases are similar so we only discuss the key points. Begin with the next case,  $8k + 2$  and start with  $k = 0$ . This means we are trying to identify  $RP^2$  in  $MPin^- = Z/8$ . Applying  $\psi$  and consulting the first table from Proposition 9, we see that it is a generator. We can now use induction and the four-fold iterate of  $\psi$  to handle the case  $n(J)$  even. In the case  $n(J)$  is odd, we need to identify  $M_J \times RP^2$ . It lives in a group of order 4, and table one of Proposition 10, shows that  $\psi$  is an isomorphism, so  $M_J \times RP^2$  is of order 2 in  $Pin^-$  bordism, since  $M_J$  has order 2 in  $Pin^+$  bordism. Hence we define  $X(s, J, 8k + 2)$  as above using the four-fold iterate of  $\psi$ . The cases  $8k + 4$  and  $8k + 6$  are done in the same way.

Now let us define  $X(J, 2n) = Y(J, 2n)$  if  $n(J)$  is even; for  $n(J)$  odd, define  $X(J, 2n) = X(2^{\phi(2n)+1} - (2n + 1), J, 2n)$ . From the above discussion, we know the orders of each of the  $X(J, 2n)$ 's: let  $C(J, 2n)$  denote a cyclic group of this order with a fixed generator and map  $C(J, 2n)$  to  $MPin^\pm$  by sending the fixed generator to  $X(J, 2n)$ . We get maps

$$\oplus_{J,n} C(J, 4n) \rightarrow MPin_*^+ \text{ and } \oplus_{J,n} C(J, 4n + 2) \rightarrow MPin_*^-.$$

For  $n$  fixed we see from above that  $\oplus_{J,n} C(J, 4n) \rightarrow MPin_*^+$  and  $\oplus_{J,n} C(J, 4n + 2) \rightarrow MPin_*^-$  are split injective. Theorem 3 asserts that these maps are still split injective when we also sum over the  $n$ .

We do the  $Pin^+$  case. Fix a dimension  $r = 8k$ . Note that  $C(J, 4n)$  lands in dimension  $r$  iff  $r = 4n(J) + 4n$ . If  $n(J)$  is even, then  $C(J, 4n)$  has order  $2^{2n+1}$  and if  $n(J)$  is odd,  $C(J, 4n)$  has order  $2^{2n+2}$ . In particular, two  $C(J, 4n)$ 's which land in the same dimension and have the same order have the same  $n$  and the same  $n(J)$ . If  $r = 8k + 4$  we get different numbers but the same conclusion. Finally note that both  $\oplus_{r=4n(J)+4n} C(J, 4n)$  and  $MPin_r^+$  have the same number of  $Z/2^k$  summands for all  $k > 1$ , and if we restrict the map  $\oplus_{r=4n(J)+4n} C(J, 4n) \rightarrow MPin_r^+$  to the summands of order  $2^k$  we get a split injection. It is an elementary algebra exercise to verify that this means that the map is a split injection and the complementary summand is a  $Z/2$  vector space.

The  $Pin^-$  case is entirely similar.

### The proof of Corollary 5

We begin with a general discussion of characteristic numbers. Let  $BG$  be a space such as  $BSO$ ,  $BPin^+$ , etc. equipped with a map to  $BO$ . Let  $M$  be a manifold with a  $G$  structure; i.e. the tangent bundle map  $M \rightarrow BO$  has a fixed lift to a map  $\tau : M \rightarrow BG$ . Then  $M^n$  determines a homomorphism  $H^n(BG; Z/2) \rightarrow Z/2$  given by sending  $x \in H^n(BG; Z/2)$  to  $\tau^*(x)$  evaluated on the fundamental class of  $M$ . This defines a homomorphism  $T : \Omega_n^G \rightarrow \text{Hom}(H^n(BG; Z/2), Z/2)$ . If we let  $M(G)$  denote the Thom spectrum for the inverse to the universal bundle over  $BO$  pulled-back to

$BG$ , the Thom isomorphism shows that we can equally regard  $T$  as a homomorphism  $T: \Omega_n^G \rightarrow \text{Hom}(H^n(M(G); Z/2), Z/2)$ . If a homomorphism  $b: H^n(M(G); Z/2) \rightarrow Z/2$  is to be in the image of  $T$ , then  $b(ax) = 0$  for any  $a$  in the mod 2 Steenrod algebra of dimension at least 1 and any  $x \in H^*(M(G); Z/2)$ . If we let  $\mathcal{A}$  denote the mod 2 Steenrod algebra, we can turn  $Z/2$  into an  $\mathcal{A}$  module by letting all the  $Sq^i$  act trivially. Then  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(H^n(M(G); Z/2), Z/2) \subset \text{Hom}(H^n(M(G); Z/2), Z/2)$  is precisely the set of homomorphisms satisfying our condition and Condition P of [ABP2] merely says that the image of  $T$  is precisely  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(H^n(M(G); Z/2), Z/2)$ . (It is also true that  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(H^n(M(G); Z/2), Z/2) = E_2^{0,n}(M(G))$  in the Adams spectral sequence for  $\pi_*(M(G))$ ). Moreover,  $E_{\infty}^{0,n}(M(G)) \subset E_2^{0,n}(M(G))$  is precisely the image of  $T$ . Hence the collapse of the Adams spectral sequence is sufficient for  $M(G)$  to have Property P.)

Now  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(H^n(M(G); Z/2), Z/2)$  behaves like any other  $\text{Hom}$ , so we can apply it to the short exact sequences of cohomology groups coming from (8). It is not hard to see directly that  $E_2^{0,r}(M(Z/2, 0) \wedge \mathbf{bo}\langle 0 \rangle) = Z/2$  if  $r = 0$ ;  $E_2^{0,r}(M(Z/2, 0) \wedge \mathbf{bo}\langle 2 \rangle) = Z/2$  if  $r = 2$  and both groups are 0 otherwise. Theorem 4.4 of [ABP2] says that  $E_2^{0,r}(M(1) \wedge \mathbf{bo}\langle 0 \rangle) = Z/2$  if  $r = 0$  or  $r \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ;  $E_2^{0,r}(M(1) \wedge \mathbf{bo}\langle 2 \rangle) = Z/2$  if  $r = 2$  or  $r \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and both groups are 0 otherwise. One can also check by hand that  $E_2^{0,r}(M(3) \wedge \mathbf{bo}\langle 0 \rangle) = Z/2$  if  $r = 0$  and is 0 for  $r < 3$  and that  $E_2^{0,r}(M(3) \wedge \mathbf{bo}\langle 2 \rangle) = Z/2$  if  $r = 2$  and is 0 otherwise for  $r < 5$ . By comparing the two exact sequences coming from (8) we can compute  $E_2^{0,r}(M(3) \wedge \mathbf{bo}\langle 0 \rangle)$  and  $E_2^{0,r}(M(3) \wedge \mathbf{bo}\langle 2 \rangle)$ . More importantly, we can see that  $\psi: E_2^{0,r}(M(1) \wedge \mathbf{bo}\langle 0 \rangle) \rightarrow E_2^{0,r-2}(M(3) \wedge \mathbf{bo}\langle 0 \rangle)$  and  $\psi: E_2^{0,r}(M(1) \wedge \mathbf{bo}\langle 2 \rangle) \rightarrow E_2^{0,r-2}(M(3) \wedge \mathbf{bo}\langle 2 \rangle)$  are both epic. Since  $M(1) \wedge \mathbf{bo}\langle 0 \rangle$  and  $\psi: E_2^{0,r}(M(1) \wedge \mathbf{bo}\langle 2 \rangle) \rightarrow E_2^{0,r-2}(M(3) \wedge \mathbf{bo}\langle 2 \rangle)$  are both epic. Since  $M(1) \wedge \mathbf{bo}\langle 0 \rangle$  and  $M(1) \wedge \mathbf{bo}\langle 2 \rangle$  satisfy Property P by [ABP2], this shows that  $M(3) \wedge \mathbf{bo}\langle 0 \rangle$  and  $M(3) \wedge \mathbf{bo}\langle 2 \rangle$  also satisfy Property P. The Eilenberg–MacLane summands also satisfy Property P, hence so does  $MPin^+$ .

Since  $H^*(BO; Z/2) \rightarrow H^*(BPin^+; Z/2)$  is onto, it follows formally that a manifold,  $M^n$ , is unoriented bordant to a  $Pin^+$  manifold iff all the characteristic numbers in the kernel of  $H^*(BO; Z/2) \rightarrow H^*(BPin^+; Z/2)$  vanish on  $M$ . This kernel is the ideal in  $H^*(BO; Z/2)$  generated by  $w_2$  and its images under the Steenrod algebra; e.g.  $w_3$  is in the kernel. It is always the case however that, if all the characteristic  $BO$ -numbers of a manifold which involve  $x \in H^*(BO; Z/2)$  vanish, then all the numbers involving  $a(x)$  for any  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  also vanish. Hence  $M$  is bordant to a  $Pin^+$  manifold iff all tangential characteristic numbers involving  $w_2$  vanish.

We may as well finish by remarking that  $MSpin \wedge Z/2$  satisfies Property P and that a manifold is unoriented bordant to an element in  $MSpin \wedge Z/2$  iff all the numbers involving  $\omega_2$  and  $\omega_1^2$  vanish.

### The tables

Here are the promised  $Pin^+$  bordism groups through dimension 95, arranged in two tables. The second table gives  $A(n)$ , the number of  $Z/2$  summands in  $MPin_n^+$ . The first table gives numbers  $\pi(n)$  which enable us to find the other summands in dimensions congruent to 0 mod 4. For  $MPin_{8n+4}^+$ , the summands of order greater than 2 are  $\oplus \pi(i)Z/2^{4n+4-2i}$  beginning with  $i=0$  and continuing until  $4n+4-2i=2$ . For  $MPin_{8n+8}^+$ , the summands of order greater than 2 are  $\oplus \pi(i)Z/2^{4n+5-2i}$  beginning with  $i=0$  and continuing until  $4n+4-2i=3$ . As an example,  $28=8 \cdot 3+4$  so  $MPin_{28}^+ = 4Z/2 \oplus (1Z/2^{16} \oplus 0Z/2^{14} \oplus 1Z/2^{12} \oplus 1Z/2^{10} \oplus 2Z/2^8 \oplus 2Z/2^6 \oplus 4Z/2^4 \oplus 4Z/2^2)$

				$n$		$\pi(n)$			
0	1	4	2	8	7	12	21	16	55
1	0	5	2	9	8	13	24	17	66
2	1	6	4	10	12	14	34	18	88
3	1	7	4	11	14	15	41	19	105
								20	137
								21	165
								22	210
								23	253

				$n$		$A(n)$			
0	1	12	0	24	6	36	17	48	113
1	0	13	1	25	5	37	34	49	130
2	1	14	1	26	20	38	41	50	244
3	1	15	0	27	17	39	27	51	222
4	0	16	2	28	4	40	43	52	152
5	0	17	1	29	12	41	49	53	220
6	0	18	8	30	15	42	109	54	258
7	0	19	7	31	8	43	96	55	218
8	1	20	1	32	16	44	54	56	281
9	0	21	4	33	17	45	89	57	324
10	3	22	5	34	48	46	106	58	534
11	3	23	2	35	41	47	81	59	503
								60	394
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