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DEFORMATIONAL SYMMETRIES OF SMOOTH FUNCTIONS ON NON-ORIENTABLE SURFACES

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ABSTRACT. Given a compact surface M , consider the natural right action of the group of diffeomorphisms $\mathcal{D}(M)$ of M on $C^\infty(M, \mathbb{R})$ defined by the rule: $(f, h) \mapsto f \circ h$ for $f \in C^\infty(M, \mathbb{R})$ and $h \in \mathcal{D}(M)$. Denote by $\mathcal{F}(M)$ the subset of $C^\infty(M, \mathbb{R})$ consisting of functions $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ taking constant values on connected components of ∂M , having no critical points on ∂M , and such that at each of its critical points z the function f is C^∞ equivalent to some homogenous polynomial without multiple factors. In particular, $\mathcal{F}(M)$ contains all Morse maps. Let also $\mathcal{O}(f) = \{f \circ h \mid h \in \mathcal{D}(M)\}$ be the orbit of f . Previously, the algebraic structure of $\pi_1 \mathcal{O}(f)$ was computed for all $f \in \mathcal{F}(M)$, where M is any orientable compact surface distinct from 2-sphere. In the present paper we compute the group $\pi_0 \mathcal{S}(f, \partial \mathbb{M})$, where \mathbb{M} is a Möbius band, and $\mathcal{S}(f, \partial \mathbb{M}) = \{h \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{M}) \mid f \circ h = f, h|_{\partial \mathbb{M}} = \text{id}_{\mathbb{M}}\}$ is the subgroup of the corresponding stabilizer of f consisting of diffeomorphisms fixed on the boundary $\partial \mathbb{M}$. As a consequence we obtain an explicit algebraic description of $\pi_1 \mathcal{O}(f)$ for all non-orientable surfaces distinct from Klein bottle and projective plane.

1. Introduction

The present paper continues a series of works by many authors [25], [26], [29], [33]–[35], [31], [7], [16]–[19] and others devoted to the study of the natural

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