Algebraic & Geometric Topology Volume 2 (2002) 537–562 Published: 19 July 2002



Farrell cohomology of low genus pure mapping class groups with punctures

Qin Lu

Abstract In this paper, we calculate the *p*-torsion of the Farrell cohomology for low genus pure mapping class groups with punctures, where *p* is an odd prime. Here, 'low genus' means g = 1, 2, 3; and 'pure mapping class groups with punctures' means the mapping class groups with any number of punctures, where the punctures are not allowed to be permuted. These calculations use our previous results about the periodicity of pure mapping class groups with punctures, as well as other cohomological tools. The low genus cases are interesting because we know that the high genus cases can be reduced to the low genus ones. Also, the cohomological properties of the mapping class groups without punctures are closely related to our cases.

AMS Classification 55N35, 55N20; 57T99, 57R50

Keywords Farrell cohomology, pure mapping class group with punctures, fixed point data, periodicity

Introduction

The pure mapping class group with punctures, Γ_q^i , is defined as

 $\pi_0(Diffeo^+(S_g, P_1, P_2, ... P_i)),$

where $Diffeo^+(S_g, P_1, P_2, ...P_i)$ is the group of orientation preserving diffeomorphisms of S_g (closed orientable two manifold with genus g) which fix the points P_j individually. For $i \ge 1$, we refer to Γ_g^i as the *pure* mapping class group with *punctures*. We write $\Gamma_g = \Gamma_g^0$, which we refer to as the *unpunctured* mapping class group. We also write $\tilde{\Gamma}_g^i$ as the mapping class group with *punctures*, where the punctures are allowed to be permuted.

Recall that a group Γ of finite virtual cohomological dimension is said to be periodic (in cohomology) if for some $d \neq 0$ there is an element $u \in \hat{H}^d(\Gamma, \mathbb{Z})$ which is invertible in the ring $\hat{H}^*(\Gamma, \mathbb{Z})$. Cup product with u then gives a periodicity isomorphism

$$\hat{H}^i(\Gamma, M) \cong \hat{H}^{i+d}(\Gamma, M)$$

© Geometry & Topology Publications

for any Γ -module M and any $i \in \mathbb{Z}$. Similarly, we say that Γ is p-periodic (where p is a prime) if the p-primary component $\hat{H}^*(\Gamma, \mathbb{Z})_{(p)}$, which is itself a ring, contains an invertible element of non-zero degree d. We then have

$$\hat{H}^i(\Gamma, M)_{(p)} \cong \hat{H}^{i+d}(\Gamma, M)_{(p)}.$$

We refer to d as the period(the *p*-period) of the group Γ .

It is known that Γ_g is never 2-periodic for g > 0. For an odd prime p, Γ_g is p-periodic if and only if g and p satisfy certain relations. Moreover, the p-period depends on the genus g. However, we proved that the pure mapping class group with punctures is periodic and the period is 2. [4]. Because of this property, it is only necessary to calculate a small range of cohomology groups, namely the even dimension and the odd dimension of cohomology groups, in order to determine the entire additive cohomology structure; this makes the calculation of p-torsion of the Farrell cohomology of the pure mapping class group with punctures possible. However, calculating cohomology is very hard in general. We will only calculate the low genus cases with p odd. In fact, high genus cases can be reduced to low genus cases so our results can be further generalized. The case p = 2 is very complicated, and we will not calculate it.

In this paper, we calculate Farrell cohomology. This agrees with the standard cohomology above the finite virtual cohomological dimension(vcd). It is well known that any mapping class group has finite vcd and the vcd has been calculated explicitly.

We will use the following theorem in K.S.Brown's book [1].

If Γ is a *p*-periodic group, then

$$\hat{H}^*(\Gamma)_{(p)} \xrightarrow{\cong} \Pi_{\mathbb{Z}/p \in S} \hat{H}^*(N(\mathbb{Z}/p))_{(p)},$$

where $\hat{H}^*(\Gamma)_{(p)}$ stands for the *p*-torsion of the Farrell cohomology of Γ , *S* is a set of representatives for the conjugacy classes of subgroups of Γ of order *p*, and $N(\mathbb{Z}/p)$ is the normalizer of \mathbb{Z}/p in Γ .

By [4], we know that $\Gamma_g^i (i \ge 1)$ is periodic, thus *p*-periodic for any prime *p*. Hence, we can apply the above theorem to our calculation. Of course, one must be careful with the details.

The paper is divided into two sections. In the first, we analyze the *p*-torsion in Γ_g^i $(i \ge 1, g \ge 1)$, where *p* is any prime. The basic tools are the Riemann Hurwitz Equation [3], Nielsen's Realization Theorem and some results in [4] related to the pure mapping class groups with punctures. In section 2, we calculate the *p*-torsion of the Farrell cohomology of Γ_a^i , $i \ge 1$, g = 1, 2, 3. For this we need

to analyze the properties of the normalizer of the subgroup of order p in Γ_g^i . A result of MacLachlan and Harvey [5] states that for $\mathbb{Z}/p < \Gamma_g^i$, the quotient $N(\mathbb{Z}/p)/(\mathbb{Z}/p)$ maps injectively into the mapping class group $\tilde{\Gamma}_h^t$, where h is the genus of the orbit space $S_g/(\mathbb{Z}/p)$, and t is the number of fixed points. Note that $h \leq g$, so the high genus cases can be reduced to the low genus cases. Using the properties of $\tilde{\Gamma}_h^t$ which we develop later, we find $\hat{H}^*(N(\mathbb{Z}/p)/(\mathbb{Z}/p), F_p)$. Then, by the short exact sequence $1 \to \mathbb{Z}/p \to N(\mathbb{Z}/p) \to N(\mathbb{Z}/p)/(\mathbb{Z}/p) \to 1$, we can calculate $\hat{H}^*(N(\mathbb{Z}/p),\mathbb{Z})_{(p)}$. The basic tools here are Cohen's and Xia's results for mapping class groups [2, 7], cohomology of symmetric groups, and the Serre spectral sequence. In order to finish our calculation, we also need to count the number of conjugacy classes of subgroups of Γ_g^i of order p. This is related to the fixed point data of the pure mapping class group with punctures [4].

Fixed point data have been well-defined in [6] for the unpunctured mapping class group. In [4], we generalized the fixed point data to the case of pure mapping class group with punctures. Recall that for an element of order p, $\alpha \in \Gamma_q^i$, we can lift α to f, an orientation-preserving diffeomorphism of the closed orientable surface S_q of prime period p. Note that by the definition of Γ_q^i , f has already fixed i points. Assume that f acts on S_g with t fixed points total. The fixed point data of f are a set $\delta(f) = (\beta_1, ..., \beta_i | \beta_{i+1}, ..., \beta_t)$, where t is the number of fixed points of f; $\beta_1, ..., \beta_i$ are ordered, corresponding to the i fixed points associated to Γ_g^i ; $\beta_{i+1}, \dots \beta_t$ are unordered, corresponding to the rest t - i fixed points which the f-action on S_g has. Each β_j is the integer (mod p) such that f^{β_j} acts as multiplication by $e^{2\pi i/p}$ in the local invariant complex structure at the jth fixed point. In [4], we proved that the fixed point data are well defined for $\alpha \in \Gamma_q^i$, which is induced by the fixed point data of f. Moreover, for any subgroup of order p, we can pick a generator α , such that $\delta(\alpha) = (1, \beta_2, ..., \beta_i | \beta_{i+1}, ..., \beta_t)$, namely $\beta_1 = 1$. From now on, we may assume $\beta_1 = 1$ for our fixed point data.

By Theorem 2.5 and Proposition 2.6 in [4], we can count the conjugacy classes of subgroups of Γ_q^i of order p by using the fixed point data.

1 The *p*-torsion in $\Gamma_g^i (i \ge 1, g > 0)$.

In this section, we investigate the *p*-torsion in Γ_1^i , Γ_2^i , Γ_3^i for $i \ge 1$. The basic tools are the Riemann Hurwitz Equation and Nielsen's Realization Theorem.

Lemma 1.1 (i) If $\Gamma_q^i(i > 2)$ has *p*-torsion,

then $p \leq 2g/(i-2) + 1$, where p is any prime and g > 0.

(ii) If $\Gamma_g^i (i = 1, i = 2)$ has p-torsion, then $p \le 2g + 1$, where p is any prime and g > 0.

Proof (i) If Γ_g^i has *p*-torsion, we know that there is $\mathbb{Z}/p < \Gamma_g^i$. By Nielsen's Realization theorem [5], we can lift the $\mathbb{Z}/p < \Gamma_g^i$

into $\mathbb{Z}/p < Diffeo^+(S_g, P_1, P_2, ..., P_i)$. Then we can view \mathbb{Z}/p acting on S_g with at least *i* points fixed. By the property of Riemann Surfaces, the Riemann Hurwitz equation 2g - 2 = p(2h - 2) + t(p - 1) should have positive solutions (h, t), where *h* corresponds to the genus of the quotient space by the \mathbb{Z}/p action on S_g , and *t* is the number of fixed points of this action.

Since $h \ge 0$ in the Riemann Hurwitz equation, we know that

$$2g - 2 \ge -2p + tp - t,$$

 $2g + t - 2 \ge (t - 2)p,$

Since t is the number of fixed points, $t \ge i > 2$. Hence,

$$2g/(i-2) + 1 \ge 2g/(t-2) + 1 \ge p$$

i.e.

$$p \le 2g/(i-2) + 1.$$

(ii) By the same argument as in (i), we know that $2g + t - 2 \ge (t - 2)p$. Since i = 1 or i = 2, we have $t \ge 1$. By Theorem 2.7 in [4], we know that if Γ_g^i contains a subgroup of order p, then the number of fixed points t can not be 1. Hence we only need to consider $t \ge 2$. If t = 2, then by the Riemann Hurwitz equation, 2g - 2 = p(2h - 2) + 2(p - 1) implies g = ph. So, $p \le g \le 2g + 1$ for g > 0. If t > 2, then $p \le 2g/(t - 2) + 1$ implies $p \le 2g + 1$.

Remark $H^*(\Gamma_0^n, \mathbb{Z})$ is completely calculated by Cohen in [2]. So, in this paper, we will not consider the case g = 0. The following corollaries determine the *p*-torsion in Γ_1^i , Γ_2^i , Γ_3^i for $i \ge 1$.

We need to use Theorem 2.7 in [4] for the following corollaries. Hence, we cite it here as a reference.

Theorem 1.2 (Theorem 2.7 in [4]) The Riemann Hurwitz equation 2g-2 = p(2h-2) + t(p-1) has a non-negative integer solution (h,t), with $t \neq 1$ and $t \geq i$ iff Γ_g^i contains a subgroup of order p, the subgroup of order p acts on S_g with t fixed points.

Corollary 1.3 (i) If Γ_2^i has *p*-torsion, then p = 2, 3, 5.

- (ii) Γ_2^1 has 2,3,5 torsion.
- (iii) Γ_2^2 has 2,3,5 torsion.
- (iv) Γ_2^3 has 2,3,5 torsion.
- (v) Γ_2^4 has 2,3 torsion.
- (vi) Γ_2^5 has 2 torsion.
- (vii) Γ_2^6 has 2 torsion.
- (viii) Γ_2^i has no *p*-torsion for $i \ge 7$.

Proof (i) By Lemma 1.1, If i > 2, then $p \le 2g/(i-2)+1 = 4/(i-2)+1 \le 5$; If i = 1, 2, then $p \le 2g+1 = 5$.

(ii)-(viii) In fact, we are not only interested in the *p*-torsion that Γ_2^i contains. We are also interested in the values of t and h related to the \mathbb{Z}/p action, namely, the number of fixed points of the \mathbb{Z}/p action, and the genus of the quotient space of the \mathbb{Z}/p action. In (i), we have proved that Γ_2^i may contain 2, 3, 5 torsion. Now we need to investigate what torsion it indeed contains. We will use the theorem mentioned above.(Theorem 2.7 in [4]) It gives the necessary and sufficient conditions for Γ_g^i containing *p*-torsion. We will do this case by case.

Case (1): p = 2

Plug g = 2 and p = 2 into the Riemann Hurwitz equation. Then $2 \times 2 - 2 = 2(2h-2) + t(2-1)$ implies 2 = 4h - 4 + t, i.e., 6 = 4h + t. The non-negative integer solutions are (h,t) = (1,2) or (h,t) = (0,6). By Theorem 2.7 in [4], Γ_2^i has 2-torsion for $i \leq 6$ and Γ_2^i can not have 2-torsion for $i \geq 7$.

For Γ_2^1 , Γ_2^2 , we have (h, t) = (1, 2) or (0, 6), so the $\mathbb{Z}/2$ action on S_2 must have 2 fixed points or 6 fixed points. For Γ_2^3 , Γ_2^4 , Γ_2^5 , Γ_2^6 , (h, t) = (0, 6), so the $\mathbb{Z}/2$ action on S_2 has 6 fixed points.

Case (2): p = 3

As in Case (1), the Riemann Hurwitz equation has non-negative integer solutions: (h,t) = (1,1) or (h,t) = (0,4). By Theorem 2.7 in [4], the only solution will be (h,t) = (0,4). Γ_2^1 , Γ_2^2 , Γ_2^3 , Γ_2^4 have 3-torsion and Γ_2^i can not have 3-torsion for $i \geq 5$. The $\mathbb{Z}/3$ action on S_2 must have 4 fixed points.

Case (3): p = 5

Here, the Riemann Hurwitz equation has non-negative integer solutions:

(h,t) = (0,3). Γ_2^1 , Γ_2^2 , Γ_2^3 have 5-torsion and Γ_2^i can not have 5-torsion for $i \ge 4$.

The $\mathbb{Z}/5$ action on S_2 has 3 fixed points.

Corollary 1.4 (i) If Γ_3^i has *p*-torsion, then p = 2, 3, 5, 7.

- (ii) Γ_3^1 has 2,3,7 torsion.
- (iii) Γ_3^2 has 2,3,7 torsion.
- (iv) Γ_3^3 has 2,3,7 torsion.
- (v) Γ_3^4 has 2,3 torsion.
- (vi) Γ_3^5 has 2,3 torsion.
- (vii) Γ_3^6 has 2 torsion.
- (viii) Γ_3^7 has 2 torsion.
- (ix) Γ_3^8 has 2 torsion.
- (x) Γ_3^i has no *p*-torsion for $i \ge 9$.

Proof (i) By Lemma 1.1, if i > 2, then $p \le 2g/(i-2) + 1 = 6/(i-2) + 1 \le 7$; if i = 1, 2, then $p \le 2g + 1 = 7$.

(ii)-(x) As before, we are not only interested in the Γ_3^i 's *p*-torsion, but are also interested in the value of *t* and *h* related to the \mathbb{Z}/p action.

Case (1): p = 2

The Riemann Hurwitz equation has non-negative integer solutions: (h,t) = (1,4) or (h,t) = (0,8). Γ_3^1 , Γ_3^2 , Γ_3^3 , Γ_4^4 , Γ_3^5 , Γ_3^6 , Γ_3^7 , Γ_3^8 have 2-torsion and Γ_3^i can not have 2-torsion for $i \ge 9$.

For Γ_3^1 , Γ_3^2 , Γ_3^3 , Γ_4^4 , (h,t) = (1,4) or (0,8). The $\mathbb{Z}/2$ action on S_3 can have 4 fixed points or 8 fixed points. For Γ_3^5 , Γ_3^6 , Γ_3^7 , Γ_3^8 , (h,t) = (0,8). The $\mathbb{Z}/2$ action on S_3 has 8 fixed points.

Case (2): p = 3

The Riemann Hurwitz equation has non-negative integer solutions: (h,t) = (1,2) or (h,t) = (0,5). Γ_3^1 , Γ_3^2 , Γ_3^3 , Γ_3^4 , Γ_3^5 have 3-torsion and Γ_3^i can not have 3-torsion for $i \ge 6$.

For Γ_3^1 , Γ_3^2 , (h,t) = (1,2) or (0,5). The $\mathbb{Z}/3$ action on S_3 can have 2 fixed points or 5 fixed points. For Γ_3^3 , Γ_3^4 , Γ_3^5 , (h,t) = (0,5). The $\mathbb{Z}/3$ action on S_3 must have 5 fixed points.

Farrell cohomology of mapping class groups

Case (3): p = 5

The Riemann Hurwitz equation has non-negative integer solution: (h,t) = (1,1). Moreover, as $t \neq 1$, Γ_3^i can not have 5-torsion.

Case (4): p = 7

The Riemann Hurwitz equation has non-negative integer solution: (h, t) = (0,3). Γ_3^1 , Γ_3^2 , Γ_3^3 have 7-torsion and Γ_3^i can not have 7-torsion for $i \ge 4$. The $\mathbb{Z}/7$ action on S_3 must have 3 fixed points.

Corollary 1.5 (i) If Γ_1^i has *p*-torsion, then p = 2, 3.

- (ii) Γ_1^1 has 2,3 torsion.
- (iii) Γ_1^2 has 2,3 torsion.
- (iv) Γ_1^3 has 2,3 torsion.
- (v) Γ_1^4 has 2 torsion.
- (vi) Γ_1^5 has no *p*-torsion for $i \ge 5$.

Proof This follows by the same arguments as Corollary 1.3.

Remark We summarize the above results. Note that in all our cases (h, t) = (0, t) or (h, t) = (1, t), where t differs case by case.

Table of the solutions of (h, t) for Riemann Hurwitz equation

	2-torsion	3-torsion	5-torsion	7–torsion
Γ_2^1, Γ_2^2	(0,6) or $(1,2)$	(0,4)	(0,3)	No
Γ_2^3	$(0,\!6)$	(0,4)	(0,3)	No
Γ_2^4	$(0,\!6)$	(0,4)	No	No
Γ_2^5, Γ_2^6	(0,6)	No	No	No
Γ_3^1, Γ_3^2	(0,8) or $(1,4)$	(1,2) or $(0,5)$	No	$(0,\!3)$
Γ_3^3	(0,8) or $(1,4)$	(0,5)	No	$(0,\!3)$
Γ_3^4	(0,8) or $(1,4)$	(0,5)	No	No
Γ_3^5	(0,8)	(0,5)	No	No
$\Gamma_{3}^{6}, \Gamma_{3}^{7}, \Gamma_{3}^{8}$	(0,8)	No	No	No
Γ_1^1, Γ_1^2	(0,4)	(0,3)	No	No
Γ_1^3	(0,4)	(0,3)	No	No
Γ_1^4	(0,4)	No	No	No

2 The calculation of the *p*-torsion of the Farrell cohomology of Γ_g^i for $g = 1, 2, 3, i \ge 1$ and p is an odd prime.

Now we begin to analyze $N(\mathbb{Z}/p)$ in Γ_g^i . Note that the Riemann Hurwitz equation has two different types of solutions, namely (h,t)=(0,t) or (h,t)=(1,t), where t varies for different Γ_g^i . We will deal with these two cases separately.

Case 1, (h,t) = (0,t): For $\mathbb{Z}/p < \Gamma_g^i$, the \mathbb{Z}/p action on S_g has t fixed points with quotient space S_0 . Following arguments similar to those in [4] Lemmas 2.14-2.19, we know that $N(\mathbb{Z}/p)/\mathbb{Z}/p$ maps injectively into $\tilde{\Gamma}_0^t$. In fact, it is not hard to construct this explicit injective mapping. We will give a brief description, but omit the details.

Any element of $N(\mathbb{Z}/p) < \Gamma_g^i$ can be lifted to a diffeomorphism of S_g . This diffeomorphism has a special property: for the t fixed points of the \mathbb{Z}/p action, it fixes i of them which associated to the i fixed points in Γ_g^i ; it permutes the other t - i. Hence, this diffeomorphism induces a diffeomorphism of the quotient space S_0 with t points permuted. Thus it gives an element of $\tilde{\Gamma}_0^t$. The details can be found in [4] or my Ph.D. thesis (1998) at Ohio State University.

It is well known that $1 \to \Gamma_0^t \longrightarrow \tilde{\Gamma}_0^t \longrightarrow \sum_t \to 1$, where \sum_t is the symmetric group on t letters. Note that in [2], Cohen uses K_t to denote Γ_0^t . From now on we will adopt his notation K_t for our notation Γ_0^t . In [2], Cohen calculated $H^*(K_t, \mathbb{Z})$ and the action of \sum_t on $H^*(K_t, \mathbb{Z})$, which implied some cohomology information for $\tilde{\Gamma}_0^t$. We will construct a similar short exact sequence as above which is related to $N(\mathbb{Z}/p)/\mathbb{Z}/p$. We can then calculate the Farrell cohomology $\hat{H}^*(N(\mathbb{Z}/p)/\mathbb{Z}/p, F_p)$.

By the arguments in [4] Lemmas 2.14-2.19, we know that $K_t < N(\mathbb{Z}/p)/\mathbb{Z}/p$. Together with the fact that $N(\mathbb{Z}/p)/\mathbb{Z}/p$ maps injectively into $\tilde{\Gamma}_0^t$, we have a short exact sequence: $1 \to K_t \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/p)/\mathbb{Z}/p \longrightarrow \sum_l \to 1$, where $\mathbb{Z}/p < \Gamma_g^i$ and $\sum_l < \sum_t$ is a symmetric group on l letters. The value of l is determined by the fixed point data in the following way: (The details can be found in [4]) Assume that $\alpha \in \Gamma_g^i$ is an element of order p. The lifting of α in $Diffeo^+(S_g, P_1, ..., P_i)$ fixes $P_1, P_2, ..., P_i, P_{i+1}, ..., P_t$. We denote the fixed point data: $\delta(\alpha) = (1, \beta_2 ..., \beta_i | \beta_{i+1} ..., \beta_t)$, where $1, \beta_2 ..., \beta_i$ corresponds to $P_1, P_2, ..., P_i$ respectively. And $\beta_{i+1} ..., \beta_t$ corresponds to $P_{i+1}, ..., P_t$ respectively. Recall that any element of $N(\mathbb{Z}/p) < \Gamma_g^i$ can be lifted to an element in $Diffeo^+(S_g, P_1, ..., P_i)$, which is a diffeomorphism fixing $P_1, ..., P_i$. The value of l is the number of points

Algebraic & Geometric Topology, Volume 2 (2002)

$\mathbf{544}$

which are indeed permuted by the diffeomorphism, it is determined by the fixed point data of α .(Note that l is at most t - i.) We will use some examples to illustrate how to determine l. E.g., 1) $\delta(\alpha) = (1, 1|2, 1, 1)$. Here i = 2 and t = 5. Any element of $N(\mathbb{Z}/p)$ (We abuse the notation an element with its lifting diffeomorphism) fixes P_1, P_2 and may permute P_3, P_4, P_5 . By Lemma 2.16 in [4], if the P_j and the P_k are allowed to be permuted by any element of $N(\mathbb{Z}/p)$, then $\beta_j = \beta_k$. Therefore, $l \leq 2$. Indeed l = 2 (See details in [4]). E.g., 2) $\delta(\alpha) = (1, 2|1, 1, 1)$. Then l = 3. (The proof can be found in [4]) Knowing the value of l, the above short exact sequence is completely determined. In Cohen's paper [2], we can find explicitly the \sum_t action on $H^*(K_t, \mathbb{Z})$. Hence the \sum_l action on $H^*(K_t, \mathbb{Z})$ is known. Now we can apply the Serre spectral sequence with respect to the above short exact sequence to calculate the Farrell cohomology $\hat{H}^*(N(\mathbb{Z}/p)/\mathbb{Z}/p, F_p)$.

In order to get $\hat{H}^*(N(\mathbb{Z}/p),\mathbb{Z})_{(p)}$, we need to consider another short exact sequence $1 \to \mathbb{Z}/p \to N(\mathbb{Z}/p) \to N(\mathbb{Z}/p)/\mathbb{Z}/p \to 1$. This short exact sequence is central. Thus the associated Serre spectral sequence has trivial coefficients, so we can calculate $\hat{H}^*(N(\mathbb{Z}/p),\mathbb{Z})_{(p)}$. In fact, the above central property comes from the periodicity of pure mapping class groups with punctures. In [4], we proved that $N(\mathbb{Z}/p) = C(\mathbb{Z}/p)$ for any $\mathbb{Z}/p < \Gamma_g^i$. It is a corollary of periodicity. Note that it is in contrast to the unpunctured mapping class groups, which are not periodic in general.

Case 2, (h,t) = (1,t): For $\mathbb{Z}/p < \Gamma_g^i$, the \mathbb{Z}/p action on S_g has t fixed points and the quotient space is S_1 . By [5], $N(\mathbb{Z}/p)/\mathbb{Z}/p$ can be viewed as a subgroup of the mapping class group $\tilde{\Gamma}_1^t$ of finite index. Xia in [7] developed a way to calculate $\hat{H}^*(N(\mathbb{Z}/p),\mathbb{Z})_{(p)}$ in this case, which we can adapt for our cases. However, in his case, the period of his mapping class group is 4, whereas in our case the period is always 2. We will show later in this paper where his result does not apply to our cases, and which modifications are necessary.

Now in both of the above two cases, we can calculate $\hat{H}^*(N(\mathbb{Z}/p),\mathbb{Z})_{(p)}$. In order to apply Brown's theorem mentioned in the introduction, we need to count the conjugacy classes of subgroup of order p in Γ_g^i . The tools we use are Theorem 2.5 and Proposition 2.6 in [4]:

Theorem 2.1 (Theorem 2.5 in [4]) Let $\Gamma_g^i = \pi_0(Diffeo^+(S_g, P_1, ..., P_i))$, and let α, α' be elements of order p in Γ_g^i , with $\delta_i(\alpha) = (\beta_1, ..., \beta_i | \beta_{i+1}, ..., \beta_t)$, $\delta_i(\alpha') = (\beta'_1, ..., \beta'_i | \beta'_{i+1}, ..., \beta'_t)$. Then, the following holds:

The element α is conjugate to α' in Γ_g^i if and only if $\beta_1 = \beta'_1, ..., \beta_i = \beta'_i$, and $(\beta_{i+1}, ..., \beta_t) = (\beta'_{i+1}, ..., \beta'_t)$ as unordered integer tuples; i.e., two elements of order p in Γ_g^i are conjugate if and only if they have the same fixed point data.

Proposition 2.2 (Proposition 2.6 in [4]) Let t be a non-negative integer which satisfies the Riemann Hurwitz equation 2g - 2 = p(2h - 2) + t(p - 1)with $t \neq 1$ and $t \geq i$. Then the number of different integer tuples $(1, \beta_2, ..., \beta_i | \beta_{i+1}, ..., \beta_t)$ such that $(1, \beta_2, ..., \beta_i)$ is ordered, $(\beta_{i+1}, ..., \beta_t)$ is unordered, and $1 + \beta_2 + ... + \beta_t = 0 \pmod{p}$, where $0 < \beta_i < p$ for all i, is the same as the number of conjugacy classes of subgroups of order p in Γ_g^i which act on S_g with t fixed points.

Here we know that the number of conjugacy classes is the number of different integer t-tuples $(1, \beta_2, ..., \beta_i | \beta_{i+1}, ..., \beta_t)$ such that $(1, \beta_2, ..., \beta_i)$ is ordered, $(\beta_{i+1}, ..., \beta_t)$ is unordered, and $1 + \beta_2 + ... + \beta_t = 0 \pmod{p}$, where $0 < \beta_j < p$ for all j. Each solution of the above equation corresponds to one type of fixed point data, which then corresponds to one conjugacy class of subgroups of order p. To get the integer t-tuple is a simple algebraic problem which we will not cover. Instead, we will give the fixed point data types directly in the following theorems without details.

In general, the above arguments work for any prime p. However, the 2-primary component of Farrell cohomology is very complicated for the cases Γ_2^i and Γ_3^i . Its calculation remains an open question.

Theorem 2.3 (i)
$$\hat{H}^i(\Gamma^1_1, \mathbb{Z})$$
 is known, because
 $\Gamma^1_1 = SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}/4 *_{\mathbb{Z}/2} \mathbb{Z}/6.$

(ii)

$$\hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{1}^{2},\mathbb{Z})_{(2)} = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/4 & i = 0 \mod(2) \\ \mathbb{Z}/2 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{cases} \\ \hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{1}^{2},\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/3 & i = 0 \mod(2) \\ 0 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{cases}.$$

(iii)

$$\hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{1}^{3},\mathbb{Z})_{(2)} = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/2 & i = 0 \mod(2) \\ \mathbb{Z}/2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{cases} \\ \hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{1}^{3},\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/3 & i = 0 \mod(2) \\ 0 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{cases}.$$

(iv)

$$\hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{1}^{4},\mathbb{Z})_{(2)} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mathbb{Z}/2 & \quad i = 0 \ mod(2) \\ \mathbb{Z}/2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2 & \quad i = 1 \ mod(2) \end{array} \right\}.$$

Farrell cohomology of mapping class groups

(v)

$$\hat{H}^i(\Gamma_1^i, \mathbb{Z}) = 0, for \quad i \ge 5.$$

Proof Case (1): p = 3

Since p = 3 and g = (p - 1)/2 = 1, by [4] Theorem 2.23,

$$\hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{1}^{2},\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/3 & i = 0 \mod(2) \\ 0 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{cases}.$$
$$\hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{1}^{3},\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/3 & i = 0 \mod(2) \\ 0 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{cases}.$$

Case (2): p = 2

From Corollary 1.5, we know that for Γ_1^2 , Γ_1^3 , Γ_1^4 , (h,t) = (0,4). Thus the $\mathbb{Z}/2$ action on S_1 has 4 fixed points and the quotient space is S_0 . We have the following short exact sequences:

(i) For Γ_1^3 or Γ_1^4 , $1 \to K_4 \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/2)/\mathbb{Z}/2 \longrightarrow \sum_1 \to 1$, where $\mathbb{Z}/2 < \Gamma_1^3$ or Γ_1^4 . The corresponding fixed point data is (1, 1, 1|1) or (1, 1, 1, 1|) respectively.

(ii) For Γ_1^2 , $1 \to K_4 \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/2)/\mathbb{Z}/2 \longrightarrow \sum_2 \to 1$, where $\mathbb{Z}/2 < \Gamma_1^2$. The corresponding fixed point data is (1, 1|1, 1).

Case (2)(i): For Γ_1^3 , $1 \to K_4 \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/2)/\mathbb{Z}/2 \longrightarrow \sum_1 \to 1$. It is known (Cohen [2]), that

$$H^{i}(N(\mathbb{Z}/2)/\mathbb{Z}/2,\mathbb{Z}) \cong H^{i}(K_{4},\mathbb{Z}) \cong \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mathbb{Z} & \quad i=0\\ \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} & \quad i=1\\ 0 & \quad i \geq 2 \end{array} \right\}.$$

It is easy to see that $H^2(N(\mathbb{Z}/2)/\mathbb{Z}/2, F_2) = 0$. So the following short exact sequence splits: $1 \to \mathbb{Z}/2 \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/2) \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/2)/\mathbb{Z}/2 \to 1$. Also, this short exact sequence is central. In fact, $N(\mathbb{Z}/p) = C(\mathbb{Z}/p)$ for any $\mathbb{Z}/p < \Gamma_g^i$. (It is because of the periodicity we proved in [4])

We have $N(\mathbb{Z}/2) \cong N(\mathbb{Z}/2)/(\mathbb{Z}/2) \times \mathbb{Z}/2$.

By the Künneth theorem,

$$\hat{H}^{i}(N(\mathbb{Z}/2),\mathbb{Z})_{(2)} = \mathbb{Z}/2 \qquad i = 0 \mod(2)$$
$$\hat{H}^{i}(N(\mathbb{Z}/2),\mathbb{Z})_{(2)} = \mathbb{Z}/2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2 \qquad i = 1 \mod(2)$$

Since there is one type of fixed point data, namely (1, 1, 1|1), we have

$$\hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{1}^{3},\mathbb{Z})_{(2)} = \mathbb{Z}/2 \qquad i = 0 \mod(2)$$
$$\hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{1}^{3},\mathbb{Z})_{(2)} = \mathbb{Z}/2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2 \qquad i = 1 \mod(2).$$
It is similar for the case of Γ_{1}^{4} .

Case (2)(ii): For Γ_1^2 , $1 \to K_4 \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/2)/\mathbb{Z}/2 \longrightarrow \sum_2 \to 1$.

The Serre spectral sequence takes the form

 $E_2^{ij} = H^i(\Sigma_2, H^j(K_4, F_2)) \Longrightarrow H^{i+j}(N(\mathbb{Z}/2)/\mathbb{Z}/2, F_2)$. Recall that in case(2), we always have (h, t) = (0, 4), any $\mathbb{Z}/2$ (the lifting of $\mathbb{Z}/2$) acts on S_1 with 4 fixed points. Let us assume that the four fixed points are P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4 . Since the fixed point data is (1, 1|1, 1), we know that the elements of the normalizer $N(\mathbb{Z}/2)$ fix two points and permute the other two. Without loss of generality, P_1, P_2 are fixed and P_3, P_4 are permuted by the elements of the normalizer $N(\mathbb{Z}/2)$. So, \sum_2 is generated by $\langle x \rangle = \langle (34) \rangle$. We need to calculate $H^i(\langle x \rangle, H^j(K_4, F_2))$. This is related to $H^j(K_4, F_2)_{\langle x \rangle}$ and $H^j(K_4, F_2)^{\langle x \rangle}$, the coinvariant and invariant of x on $H^*(K_4, F_2)$. By Cohen in [2], $H^1(K_4, F_2)$ is generated by two degree-one generators $\{B_{42}, B_{43}\}$. Also, $(34)B_{42} = -B_{42}$, $(34)B_{43} = B_{42} + B_{43}$. So the invariant is generated by B_{42} . Thus we have

$$H^1(K_4, F_2)^{} = < B_{42} > \cong F_2$$

Similarly, $H^1(K_4, F_2)_{<x>} = H^1(K_4, F_2)/M$, where M = < y - xy > and $y \in H^1(K_4, F_2)$. So,

$$H^1(K_4, F_2)_{} = < B_{43} > \cong F_2$$

Consider the norm map $N : H^1(K_4, F_2)_{\langle x \rangle} \to H^1(K_4, F_2)^{\langle x \rangle}$. It is easy to verify that $N(\bar{B}_{43}) = B_{42}$, Hence, N is an isomorphism. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} H^{i}(\langle x \rangle, H^{1}(K_{4}, F_{2})) &= coker \quad N = 0, \quad if \quad i = 0 \mod(2)(i > 0), \\ H^{i}(\langle x \rangle, H^{1}(K_{4}, F_{2})) &= ker \quad N = 0, \quad if \quad i = 1 \mod(2), \\ H^{0}(\langle x \rangle, H^{1}(K_{4}, F_{2})) &= H^{1}(K_{4}, F_{2})^{\langle x \rangle} \cong F_{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Also, since $H^j(K_4, F_2) = 0$ for $j \ge 2$, we have

$$H^{i}(\langle x \rangle, H^{j}(K_{4}, F_{2})) = 0, \text{ for } j \ge 2,$$

 $H^{i}(\langle x \rangle, H^{0}(K_{4}, F_{2})) \cong H^{i}(\langle x \rangle, F_{2}) \cong F_{2}$

Since the Serre spectral sequence collapses, we have $H^0(N(\mathbb{Z}/2)/\mathbb{Z}/2, F_2) \cong F_2$, $H^1(N(\mathbb{Z}/2)/\mathbb{Z}/2, F_2) \cong F_2 \oplus F_2$, and $H^i(N(\mathbb{Z}/2)/\mathbb{Z}/2, F_2) \cong F_2$, for $i \ge 2$

Now we need to analyze the short exact sequence $1 \to \mathbb{Z}/2 \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/2) \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/2)/\mathbb{Z}/2 \to 1$. We claim that in this case there is $\mathbb{Z}/4$ in $N(\mathbb{Z}/2)$. The reason is the following.

First, we show that there is $\mathbb{Z}/4$ in Γ_1^2 . In order to detect if there is a \mathbb{Z}/p^2 in Γ_1^2 , we need to use the generalized Riemann Hurwitz equation(pg.259 [3]): $2g-2 = p^2(2h-2) + sp^2(1-1/p) + tp^2(1-1/p^2)$, where s is the number of order p singular points and t is the number of order p^2 singular points. Here we have g = 1 and p = 2, the equation has a solution (h, s, t) = (0, 1, 2). By similar reasons we know that there is a $\mathbb{Z}/4$ in Γ_1^2 . In fact, $\mathbb{Z}/4$ (the lifting of $\mathbb{Z}/4$) acts on S_1 with two singular points of order 4(because t = 2), one singular point of order 2 (because s = 1) and the orbit space is $S_1/(\mathbb{Z}/4) = S_0$. (because h = 0). Note that there is no $\mathbb{Z}/4$ in Γ_1^3 or Γ_1^4 . This is because any lifting of $\mathbb{Z}/4$ acting on S_1 must fix at least three points, which contradicts two singular points of order 4. (A fixed point is a special case of a singular point, where the stablizer is the entire group that acts.)

Since there is only one kind of fixed point data corresponding to $\mathbb{Z}/2 < \Gamma_1^2$, namely (1, 1|1, 1), the above $\mathbb{Z}/4$ must be contained in $N(\mathbb{Z}/2)$.

Now look at the Serre spectral sequence associated to the short exact sequence:

$$1 \to \mathbb{Z}/2 \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/2) \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/2)/\mathbb{Z}/2 \to 1.$$

Compare it with the Serre spectral sequence associated to the short exact sequence:

$$1 \to \mathbb{Z}/2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/4 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2 \to 1.$$

In fact, $N(\mathbb{Z}/2)$ is periodic,(by the result that Γ_1^2 is periodic in [4]), so there is no $\mathbb{Z}/2 \times \mathbb{Z}/2$ in Γ_1^2 . We have,

 $\hat{H}^{i}(N(\mathbb{Z}/2),\mathbb{Z})_{(2)} = \mathbb{Z}/4$ $i = 0 \mod(2),$ $\hat{H}^{i}(N(\mathbb{Z}/2),\mathbb{Z})_{(2)} = \mathbb{Z}/2$ $i = 1 \mod(2).$

There is only one conjugacy class of $\mathbb{Z}/2$ in Γ_1^2 (one kind of fixed point data), so we have

$$\hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{1}^{2},\mathbb{Z})_{(2)} = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/4 & i = 0 \mod(2) \\ \mathbb{Z}/2 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{cases}.$$

In the remainder of this paper we let $n\mathbb{Z}/p$ denote the direct sum of \mathbb{Z}/p with itself n times.

•

•

Theorem 2.4 (i)

$$\hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{2}^{1},\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3 & i = 0 \mod(2) \\ \mathbb{Z}/3 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{cases} \\ \hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{2}^{1},\mathbb{Z})_{(5)} = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/5 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/5 & i = 0 \mod(2) \\ 0 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{cases} .$$

(ii)

$$\hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{2}^{2},\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = \begin{cases} 3\mathbb{Z}/3 & i = 0 \mod(2) \\ 3\mathbb{Z}/3 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{cases}$$
$$\hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{2}^{2},\mathbb{Z})_{(5)} = \begin{cases} 3\mathbb{Z}/5 & i = 0 \mod(2) \\ 0 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{cases}.$$

(iii)

$$\hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{2}^{3},\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = \begin{cases} 3\mathbb{Z}/3 & i = 0 \mod(2) \\ 6\mathbb{Z}/3 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{cases}$$
$$\hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{2}^{3},\mathbb{Z})_{(5)} = \begin{cases} 3\mathbb{Z}/5 & i = 0 \mod(2) \\ 0 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{cases}$$

(iv)

$$\hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{2}^{4},\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = \begin{cases} 3\mathbb{Z}/3 & i = 0 \mod(2) \\ 6\mathbb{Z}/3 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{cases}.$$

(v)

$$\hat{H}^*(\Gamma_2^i, \mathbb{Z}) = 0, for \ i \ge 7.$$

Proof Case (1): p = 5Since p = 5 and g = (p - 1)/2 = 2, by [4] Theorem 2.23,

$$\begin{split} \hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{2}^{1},\mathbb{Z})_{(5)} &= \begin{cases} 2\mathbb{Z}/5 & i = 0 \mod(2) \\ 0 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{cases} \\ \hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{2}^{2},\mathbb{Z})_{(5)} &= \begin{cases} 3\mathbb{Z}/5 & i = 0 \mod(2) \\ 0 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{cases} \\ \hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{2}^{3},\mathbb{Z})_{(5)} &= \begin{cases} 3\mathbb{Z}/5 & i = 0 \mod(2) \\ 0 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{cases} \\ \end{split}$$

Algebraic & Geometric Topology, Volume 2 (2002)

550

Case (2): p = 3

From Corollary 1.3, we know that for Γ_2^1 , Γ_2^2 , Γ_2^3 , Γ_2^4 , (h,t) = (0,4). The $\mathbb{Z}/3$ action on S_2 has 4 fixed points. Following arguments similar to those in [4] Lemmas 2.14-2.19, we have short exact sequences:

(i) For Γ_2^3 or Γ_2^4 , $1 \to K_4 \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3 \longrightarrow \sum_1 \to 1$, where $\mathbb{Z}/3 < \Gamma_2^3$ or Γ_2^4 ; the corresponding fixed point data is (1, 1, 2|2), or (1, 2, 1|2), or (1, 2, 2|1) for $\mathbb{Z}/3 < \Gamma_2^3$, and (1, 1, 2, 2|), or (1, 2, 1, 2|), or (1, 2, 2, 1|) for $\mathbb{Z}/3 < \Gamma_2^4$.

(ii)(a) For Γ_2^2 , $1 \to K_4 \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3 \longrightarrow \sum_2 \to 1$, where $\mathbb{Z}/3 < \Gamma_2^2$ and the corresponding fixed point data for $\mathbb{Z}/3$ is (1,1|2,2).

(ii)(b) For Γ_2^2 , $1 \to K_4 \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3 \longrightarrow \sum_1 \to 1$, where $\mathbb{Z}/3 < \Gamma_2^2$ and the corresponding fixed point data for $\mathbb{Z}/3$ is (1, 2|1, 2).

(iii) For Γ_2^1 , $1 \to K_4 \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3 \longrightarrow \sum_2 \to 1$, where $\mathbb{Z}/3 < \Gamma_2^1$ and the fixed point data for $\mathbb{Z}/3$ is (1|1, 2, 2).

Case(2)(i): For Γ_2^3 , $1 \to K_4 \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3 \longrightarrow \sum_1 \to 1$.

As in case (2)(i) in Theorem 2.3,

 $\hat{H}^{i}(N(\mathbb{Z}/3),\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = \mathbb{Z}/3$ $i = 0 \mod(2)$

 $\hat{H}^{i}(N(\mathbb{Z}/3),\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = \mathbb{Z}/3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3 \qquad i = 1 \ mod(2)$

We have three different types of the fixed point data, namely (1, 1, 2|2),

(1, 2, 1|2), and (1, 2, 2|1). Therefore,

$$H^{i}(\Gamma_{2}^{3},\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = 3\mathbb{Z}/3 \qquad i = 0 \mod(2)$$

$$\hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{2}^{3},\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = 6\mathbb{Z}/3 \qquad i = 1 \mod(2).$$

It is similar for the case of Γ_2^4 .

Case(2)(ii)(a): For Γ_2^2 , if the fixed point data is (1,1|2,2), there is a short exact sequence: $1 \to K_4 \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3 \longrightarrow \sum_2 \to 1$.

The Serre spectral sequence takes the form

$$E_2^{ij} \cong H^i(\Sigma_2, H^j(K_4, F_3)) \Longrightarrow H^{i+j}(N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3, F_3).$$

Since 2 and 3 are relatively prime, $E_2^{ij} = 0$ for i > 0. Thus we only need to consider i = 0. $E_2^{0j} = H^j(K_4, F_3)^{\Sigma_2}$. Let us assume that the four fixed points of the $\mathbb{Z}/3$ action on S_2 are P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4 . Since the fixed point data is (1, 1|2, 2), we know that the elements of the normalizer $N(\mathbb{Z}/3)$ fix two points

and permute the other two. Without loss of generality, P_1, P_2 are fixed and P_3, P_4 are permuted by the elements of the normalizer $N(\mathbb{Z}/3)$. So \sum_2 is generated by $\langle x \rangle = \langle (34) \rangle$. By Cohen in [2], $H^1(K_4, F_3)$ is generated by two degree-one generators $\{B_{42}, B_{43}\}$. As in the proof of case(2)(ii) in Theorem 2.3, we get

$$H^{1}(K_{4}, F_{3})^{} = < B_{42} + 2B_{43} > \cong F_{3}.$$
$$H^{j}(K_{4}, F_{3})^{} = 0 \quad for \quad j \ge 2.$$
$$H^{0}(K_{4}, F_{3})^{} \cong F_{3}.$$

By the Serre spectral sequence, we have $H^0(N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3, F_3) \cong F_3$,

 $H^1(N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3, F_3) \cong F_3,$

and $H^i(N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3, F_3) = 0$ for i > 1.

Now look at the spectral sequence associated to the short exact sequence:

 $1 \to \mathbb{Z}/3 \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/3) \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3 \to 1.$

As in Case (2)(i) in Theorem 2.3, using the Künneth theorem, $\hat{H}^i(N(\mathbb{Z}/3),\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = \mathbb{Z}/3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3 \qquad i = 0 \ mod(2)$ $\hat{H}^{i}(N(\mathbb{Z}/3),\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = \mathbb{Z}/3$ $i = 1 \mod(2)$ Case (2)(ii)(b): For the fixed point data (1, 2|1, 2), the short exact sequence is $1 \to K_4 \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3 \longrightarrow \sum_1 \to 1$. Hence, as in case (2)(i), we have $\hat{H}^{i}(N(\mathbb{Z}/3),\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = \mathbb{Z}/3$ $i = 0 \mod(2)$ $\hat{H}^{i}(N(\mathbb{Z}/3),\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = \mathbb{Z}/3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3 \qquad i = 1 \ mod(2)$ Now put case (2)(ii)(a) and case (2)(ii)(b) together to get $\hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{2}^{2},\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = 3\mathbb{Z}/3$ $i = 0 \mod(2)$ $\hat{H}^i(\Gamma_2^2,\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = 3\mathbb{Z}/3$ $i = 1 \mod(2).$ Case (2)(iii): As in case (ii)(a), we have $\hat{H}^{i}(N(\mathbb{Z}/3),\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = \mathbb{Z}/3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3 \qquad i = 0 \ mod(2)$ $\hat{H}^{i}(N(\mathbb{Z}/3),\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = \mathbb{Z}/3$ $i = 1 \mod(2)$ Since there is only one conjugacy classes of subgroups of order p corresponding to (1|1, 2, 2), we have $\hat{H}^i(\Gamma^1 \mathbb{Z}) = 2\mathbb{Z}/3$ $i = 0 \mod(2)$

$$\hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{2}^{1},\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = \mathbb{Z}/3 \qquad i = 0 \mod(2)$$
$$\hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{2}^{1},\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = \mathbb{Z}/3 \qquad i = 1 \mod(2).$$

Algebraic & Geometric Topology, Volume 2 (2002)

Farrell cohomology of mapping class groups

Theorem 2.5 (i)

$$\hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{3}^{1},\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = \begin{cases} (3\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus (2\mathbb{Z}/9) & i = 0 \mod(2) \\ 2\mathbb{Z}/3 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{cases} \\ \hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{3}^{1},\mathbb{Z})_{(7)} = \begin{cases} 3\mathbb{Z}/7 & i = 0 \mod(2) \\ 0 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{cases}.$$

(ii)

$$\hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{3}^{2},\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = \begin{cases} (6\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus \mathbb{Z}/9 & or \ (4\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus (2\mathbb{Z}/9) & i = 0 \mod(2) \\ & 4\mathbb{Z}/3 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{cases} \\ \hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{3}^{2},\mathbb{Z})_{(7)} = \begin{cases} 5\mathbb{Z}/7 & i = 0 \mod(2) \\ & 0 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{cases}.$$

(iii)

$$\hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{3}^{3},\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = \begin{cases} 19\mathbb{Z}/3 & or & (17\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus \mathbb{Z}/9 \\ or & (15\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus (2\mathbb{Z}/9) & or & (13\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus (3\mathbb{Z}/9) \\ or & (11\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus (4\mathbb{Z}/9) & i = 0 \mod(2) \\ 14\mathbb{Z}/3 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{cases}$$
$$\hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{3}^{3},\mathbb{Z})_{(7)} = \begin{cases} 5\mathbb{Z}/7 & i = 0 \mod(2) \\ 0 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{cases}.$$

(iv)

$$\hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{3}^{4},\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = \begin{cases} 35\mathbb{Z}/3, & or \quad (33\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus \mathbb{Z}/9, & or \quad (31\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus (2\mathbb{Z}/9), \\ or \quad (29\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus (3\mathbb{Z}/9), & or \quad (27\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus (4\mathbb{Z}/9), \\ & or \quad (25\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus (5\mathbb{Z}/9), & i = 0 \mod(2) \\ & 25\mathbb{Z}/3 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{cases} \end{cases}.$$

(v)

$$\hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{3}^{5},\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = \begin{cases} 35\mathbb{Z}/3, & or \ (33\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus \mathbb{Z}/9, & or \ (31\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus (2\mathbb{Z}/9), \\ or \ (29\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus (3\mathbb{Z}/9), & or \ (27\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus (4\mathbb{Z}/9), \\ or \ (25\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus (5\mathbb{Z}/9), & i = 0 \ mod(2) \\ 25\mathbb{Z}/3 & i = 1 \ mod(2) \end{cases} \right\}.$$
(vi)
$$\hat{H}^{*}(\Gamma_{3}^{i},\mathbb{Z}) = 0, for \ i \ge 9.$$

Proof Case (1): p = 7

Since p = 7 and g = (p - 1)/2 = 3, by [4] Theorem 2.23,

$$\begin{split} \hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{3}^{1},\mathbb{Z})_{(7)} &= \begin{cases} 3\mathbb{Z}/7 & i = 0 \mod(2) \\ 0 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{cases} \\ \hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{3}^{2},\mathbb{Z})_{(7)} &= \begin{cases} 5\mathbb{Z}/7 & i = 0 \mod(2) \\ 0 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{cases} \\ \hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{3}^{3},\mathbb{Z})_{(7)} &= \begin{cases} 5\mathbb{Z}/7 & i = 0 \mod(2) \\ 0 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{cases} \\ \end{split}$$

Case (2): p = 3

From Corollary 1.4, we know that for Γ_3^3 , Γ_3^4 , Γ_3^5 , (h,t) = (0,5). The $\mathbb{Z}/3$ action on S_3 has 5 fixed points. For Γ_3^1 , Γ_3^2 , (h,t) = (0,5), or (h,t) = (1,2). The $\mathbb{Z}/3$ action on S_3 has 5 fixed points with quotient space S_0 or the $\mathbb{Z}/3$ action on S_3 has 2 fixed points with quotient space S_1 . This depends on $\mathbb{Z}/3$'s fixed point data.

As in [4] Lemmas 2.14-2.19, we have short exact sequences:

(i) For Γ_3^4 or Γ_3^5 , $1 \to K_5 \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3 \longrightarrow \sum_1 \to 1$, where $\mathbb{Z}/3 < \Gamma_3^4$ or Γ_3^5 and the fixed point data is (1, 2, 2, 2|2), or (1, 2, 1, 1|1), or (1, 1, 2, 1|1), or (1, 1, 1, 1|2) for $\mathbb{Z}/3 < \Gamma_3^4$, and (1, 2, 2, 2, 2|), or (1, 2, 1, 1, 1|), or (1, 2, 1, 1, 1|), or (1, 1, 2, 1, 1|), or (1, 1, 1, 2, 1

(ii)(a) For Γ_3^3 , $1 \to K_5 \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3 \longrightarrow \sum_2 \to 1$, where $\mathbb{Z}/3 < \Gamma_3^3$ and the fixed point data for $\mathbb{Z}/3$ is (1, 2, 2|2, 2), or (1, 2, 1|1, 1), or (1, 1, 2|1, 1).

(ii)(b) For Γ_3^3 , $1 \to K_5 \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3 \longrightarrow \sum_1 \to 1$, where $\mathbb{Z}/3 < \Gamma_3^3$ and the fixed point data for $\mathbb{Z}/3$ is (1, 1, 1|1, 2).

(iii)(a) For Γ_3^2 , $1 \to K_5 \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3 \longrightarrow \sum_3 \to 1$, where $\mathbb{Z}/3 < \Gamma_3^2$ and the fixed point data for $\mathbb{Z}/3$ is (1, 2|2, 2, 2) or (1, 2|1, 1, 1).

(iii)(b) For Γ_3^2 , $1 \to K_5 \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3 \longrightarrow \sum_2 \to 1$, where $\mathbb{Z}/3 < \Gamma_3^2$ and the fixed point data for $\mathbb{Z}/3$ is (1, 1|2, 1, 1).

(iii)(c) For Γ_3^2 , $N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3$ is a finite index subgroup of $\tilde{\Gamma}_1^2$, where $\mathbb{Z}/3 < \Gamma_3^2$ and the fixed point data for $\mathbb{Z}/3$ is (1, 2|).

(iv)(a) For Γ_3^1 , $1 \to K_5 \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3 \longrightarrow \sum_4 \to 1$, where $\mathbb{Z}/3 < \Gamma_3^1$ and the fixed point data for $\mathbb{Z}/3$ is (1|2, 2, 2, 2).

Algebraic & Geometric Topology, Volume 2 (2002)

 $\mathbf{554}$

(iv)(b) For Γ_3^1 , $1 \to K_5 \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3 \longrightarrow \sum_3 \to 1$, where $\mathbb{Z}/3 < \Gamma_3^1$ and the fixed point data for $\mathbb{Z}/3$ is (1|2, 1, 1, 1).

(iv)(c) For Γ_3^1 , $N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3$ is a finite index subgroup of $\tilde{\Gamma}_1^2$, where $\mathbb{Z}/3 \in \Gamma_3^1$ and the fixed point data for $\mathbb{Z}/3$ is (1|2).

Case (2)(i): For Γ_3^4 , $1 \to K_5 \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3 \longrightarrow \sum_1 \to 1$. It is easy to see by Cohen [2] that

$$H^{i}(N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3,\mathbb{Z}) \cong H^{i}(K_{5},\mathbb{Z}) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & i=0\\ 5\mathbb{Z} & i=1\\ 6\mathbb{Z} & i=2\\ 0 & i\geq 3 \end{cases}$$

We also have a short exact sequence $1 \to \mathbb{Z}/3 \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/3) \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3 \to 1$.

Its associated spectral sequence collapses, giving

$$\hat{H}^{i}(N(\mathbb{Z}/3),\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = \begin{cases} 7\mathbb{Z}/3 & \text{or} \quad (5\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus \mathbb{Z}/9 \\ 5\mathbb{Z}/3 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{cases}.$$

Since there are five different possible types of fixed point data,

namely
$$(1, 2, 2, 2|2)$$
, or $(1, 2, 1, 1|1)$, or $(1, 1, 2, 1|1)$,
or $(1, 1, 1, 2|1)$, or $(1, 1, 1, 1|2)$,
so $\hat{H}^i(\Gamma_3^4, \mathbb{Z})_{(3)}$
= $35\mathbb{Z}/3$, or $(33\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus \mathbb{Z}/9$, or $(31\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus (2\mathbb{Z}/9)$,
or $(29\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus (3\mathbb{Z}/9)$, or $(27\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus (4\mathbb{Z}/9)$,
or $(25\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus (5\mathbb{Z}/9)$, $i = 0 \mod(2)$
 $\hat{H}^i(\Gamma_3^4, \mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = 25\mathbb{Z}/3$ $i = 1 \mod(2)$.

It is the same for the case of Γ_3^5 .

Case (2)(ii)(b): For Γ_3^3 , if the fixed point data is (1, 1, 1|1, 2), there is a short exact sequence: $1 \to K_5 \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3 \longrightarrow \sum_1 \to 1$. By the same argument as in case (2)(i), we have

$$\hat{H}^{i}(N(\mathbb{Z}/3),\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = \begin{cases} 7\mathbb{Z}/3 & \text{or } \mathbb{Z}/9 \oplus (5\mathbb{Z}/3) & i = 0 \mod(2) \\ 5\mathbb{Z}/3 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{cases}.$$

Case (2)(ii)(a): For Γ_3^3 , if the fixed point data is (1, 2, 2|2, 2), or (1, 2, 1|1, 1), or (1, 1, 2|1, 1), the short exact sequence is :

$$1 \to K_5 \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3 \longrightarrow \sum_2 \to 1$$
, where $\mathbb{Z}/3 < \Gamma_3^3$.

The Serre spectral sequence takes the form

 $E_2^{ij} = H^i(\Sigma_2, H^j(K_5, F_3)) \Longrightarrow H^{i+j}(N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3, F_3)$. Since 2 and 3 are relatively prime, as before, we only need to consider i = 0. $E_2^{0j} = H^j(K_5, F_3)^{\Sigma_2}$. This is very similar to the case in the previous theorem, however, we have 4 fixed points in the previous theorem, here the case is more complicated. We assume that the five fixed points of the $\mathbb{Z}/3$ action are P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4, P_5 . Because the fixed point data are (1, 2, 2|2, 2), or (1, 2, 1|1, 1), or (1, 1, 2|1, 1), the elements of the normalizer $N(\mathbb{Z}/3)$ fix three points and permute the other two. Without loss of generality, P_1, P_2, P_3 are fixed and P_4, P_5 are permuted, so, Σ_2 is generated by $\langle x \rangle = \langle (45) \rangle$. By Cohen in [2], $H^1(K_5, F_3)$ is generated by five degree-one generators $\{B_{42}, B_{43}, B_{52}, B_{53}, B_{54}\}$. Also, the actions of (45) on $H^1(K_5, \mathbb{Z})$ are as following: $(45)B_{42} = -B_{52}, (45)B_{43} = B_{53}, (45)B_{52} = B_{42}, (45)B_{53} = B_{43},$ and $(45)B_{54} = B_{54} + B_{53} + B_{52} - B_{43} - B_{42}$. So, the invariant is generated by $\langle B_{42} + B_{52}, B_{43} + B_{53}, 2B_{42} + 2B_{43} + B_{54} \rangle$. Thus

$$H^1(K_5, F_3)^{} = < B_{42} + B_{52}, \ B_{43} + B_{53}, \ 2B_{42} + 2B_{43} + B_{54} \ge F_3 \oplus F_3 \oplus F_3.$$

Also by Cohen [2], $H^2(K_5, \mathbb{Z})$ is generated by six degree-two generators

 $\{B_{42}B_{52}, B_{42}B_{53}, B_{42}B_{54}, B_{43}B_{52}, B_{43}B_{53}, B_{43}B_{54}\}$. The actions of (45) on $H^2(K_5, F_3)$ are induced by the actions of (45) on $H^1(K_5, F_3)$. (We omit the details, it can be found in [2] or [4]) So, the invariant is generated by $< 2B_{42}B_{52} + B_{42}B_{54} + B_{43}B_{52}, B_{42}B_{53} + 2B_{43}B_{52}, 2B_{43}B_{53} + B_{43}B_{54} >$. Thus

 $H^2(K_5, F_3)^{<x>}$

$$= < 2B_{42}B_{52} + B_{42}B_{54} + B_{43}B_{52}, \quad B_{42}B_{53} + 2B_{43}B_{52}, \quad 2B_{43}B_{53} + B_{43}B_{54} >$$
$$\cong F_3 \oplus F_3 \oplus F_3.$$

The spectral sequence collapses. Therefore,

$$H^{i}(N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3, F_{3}) = \begin{cases} F_{3} & i = 0\\ 3F_{3} & i = 1\\ 3F_{3} & i = 2\\ 0 & i \ge 3 \end{cases}.$$

Together with the Serre spectral sequence associated to the short exact sequence $1 \to \mathbb{Z}/3 \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/3) \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3 \to 1$, this allows us to find

$$H^{i}(N(\mathbb{Z}/3),\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = \begin{cases} 4\mathbb{Z}/3 & \text{or} \quad (2\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus \mathbb{Z}/9 \\ 3\mathbb{Z}/3 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{cases}$$

We put case (2)(ii)(a) and case (2)(ii)(b) together to get

$$\begin{split} \hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{3}^{3},\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} &= 19\mathbb{Z}/3 \quad or \quad (17\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus \mathbb{Z}/9 \quad or \quad (15\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus (2\mathbb{Z}/9) \quad or \quad (13\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus (3\mathbb{Z}/9) \quad or \quad (11\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus (4\mathbb{Z}/9) \quad i = 0 \mod(2) \\ \hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{3}^{3},\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} &= 14\mathbb{Z}/3 \qquad i = 1 \mod(2). \end{split}$$

Case (2)(iii)(b): For Γ_3^2 , if the fixed point data is (1, 1|2, 1, 1), there is a short exact sequence: $1 \to K_5 \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3 \longrightarrow \sum_2 \to 1$. As in case (2)(ii)(a),

$$\hat{H}^{i}(N(\mathbb{Z}/3),\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = \begin{cases} 4\mathbb{Z}/3 & \text{or } \mathbb{Z}/9 \oplus (2\mathbb{Z}/3) \\ 3\mathbb{Z}/3 & \text{i} = 1 \mod(2) \end{cases}$$

Case (2)(iii)(a): For Γ_3^2 , if the fixed point data is (1,2|2,2,2) or (1,2|1,1,1). There is a short exact sequence is : $1 \to K_5 \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3 \longrightarrow \sum_3 \to 1$, where $\mathbb{Z}/3 \in \Gamma_3^2$.

The Serre spectral sequence takes the form

 $E_2^{ij} \cong H^i(\Sigma_3, H^j(K_5, F_3)) \Longrightarrow H^{i+j}(N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3, F_3)$. This case is much more complicated than before. Let us assume that the five fixed points of the $\mathbb{Z}/3$ action are P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4, P_5 and the elements of the normalizer $N(\mathbb{Z}/3)$ fix two points and permute the other three because of the fixed point data type (1, 2|2, 2, 2) or (1, 2|1, 1, 1). Without loss of generality, we assume that P_1, P_2 are fixed and P_3, P_4, P_5 are permuted, so, \sum_3 is generated by $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle$ $(34), (45) \rangle$. Cohen in [2] shows that, $H^1(K_5, \mathbb{Z})$ is generated by five degree-one generators $\{B_{42}, B_{43}, B_{52}, B_{53}, B_{54}\}$, and the actions are:

$$(345)B_{42} = (34)(45)B_{42} = B_{52} - B_{42},$$

$$(345)B_{43} = B_{53} + B_{54},$$

$$(345)B_{52} = -B_{42},$$

$$(345)B_{53} = B_{42} + B_{43},$$

and

$$(345)B_{54} = B_{53} + B_{52} - B_{43} - B_{42}.$$

So the invariant is generated by $\langle B_{42} + B_{52}, B_{43} + B_{52} + 2B_{53} + B_{54} \rangle$.

We can get

$$H^1(K_5, F_3)^{<345>} = < B_{42} + B_{52}, \ B_{43} + B_{52} + 2B_{53} + B_{54} \ge F_3 \oplus F_3.$$

We also get

$$H^1(K_5, F_3)_{<345>} = <\bar{B}_{42}, \bar{B}_{43}> \cong F_3 \oplus F_3$$

Consider the norm map $N: H^1(K_5, F_3)_{<345>} \to H^1(K_4, F_3)^{<345>}$. It is easy to verify that $N(\bar{B}_{43}) = \bar{B}_{43} + \bar{B}_{52} + 2\bar{B}_{53} + \bar{B}_{54}$ (the generator in $H^1(K_4, F_3)^{<345>}$), and $N(B_{42}) = 0$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} H^{i}(<345>, H^{1}(K_{5}, F_{3})) &= coker \quad N = F_{3}, \quad if \quad i = 0 \mod(2) \quad (i > 0), \\ H^{i}(<345>, H^{1}(K_{5}, F_{3})) &= ker \quad N = F_{3}, \quad if \quad i = 1 \mod(2), \\ H^{0}(<345>, H^{1}(K_{5}, F_{3})) &= H^{1}(K_{5}, F_{3})^{} = F_{3} \oplus F_{3}. \end{aligned}$$

Also, by Cohen [2], $H^2(K_5, \mathbb{Z})$ is generated by six degree-two generators

 $\{B_{42}B_{52}, B_{42}B_{53}, B_{42}B_{54}, B_{43}B_{52}, B_{43}B_{53}, B_{43}B_{54}\}.$ It is not hard to find that the invariant is generated by $\{B_{42}B_{52}, B_{42}B_{54} + B_{43}B_{52}\}$, i.e.,

$$H^2(K_5, F_3)^{<345>} = < B_{42} + B_{52}, \quad B_{43} + B_{52} + 2B_{53} + B_{54} > .$$

We also get

÷ .

$$H^2(K_5, F_3)_{<345>} = <\bar{B_{42}B_{53}}, \bar{B_{43}B_{53}} > .$$

(The explicit action of < 345 > on degree-two generators can be found in [2] or [4].) Consider the norm map $N: H^2(K_5, F_3)_{<345>} \to H^2(K_5, F_3)^{<345>}$. One can verify that this is an isomorphism. Therefore,

$$\begin{split} H^i(<345>, H^2(K_5,F_3)) &= coker \quad N=0, \quad if \quad i=0 \mod(2) \quad (i>0), \\ H^i(<345>, H^2(K_5,F_3)) &= ker \quad N=0, \quad if \quad i=1 \mod(2), \\ H^0(<345>, H^2(K_5,F_3)) &= H^2(K_5,F_3)^{<345>} = F_3 \oplus F_3. \end{split}$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} H^{i}(<345>, H^{j}(K_{5},F_{3})) &= 0, \quad for \quad j > 2, \\ H^{i}(<345>, H^{0}(K_{5},F_{3})) &= H^{i}(<345>,F_{3}) = F_{3}, \quad for \quad i \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Note that our answers are similar to the results in [7] Lemma 4.1 and Lemma 4.2, where Xia handles unpunctured mapping class groups. Following the same calculation as in [7], we get result as Proposition 5.2 in [7].

Algebraic & Geometric Topology, Volume 2 (2002)

 $\mathbf{558}$

Farrell cohomology of mapping class groups

$$\hat{H}^{i}(N(\mathbb{Z}/3),\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mathbb{Z}/3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/9 & \quad i = 0 \ mod(2) \\ \mathbb{Z}/3 & \quad i = 1 \ mod(2) \end{array} \right\}.$$

We need to specify why we can use Xia's result from [7].

This is because:

(1) Any imbedding from $\sum_3 \to \sum_4$ induces an isomorphism $\hat{H}^q(\sum_4, A)_{(3)} \cong \hat{H}^q(\sum_3, A)_{(3)}.$

For $N(\mathbb{Z}/3)$ are same in \sum_3 and \sum_4 , i.e., the "stable" cohomology classes are the same for \sum_3 and \sum_4 .

(2) Even though Γ_3 has period 4, Xia proved that $1 \to \pi_2 \to N(\pi_2) \to N(\pi_2)/\pi_2 \to 1$ is a central extension. $N(\pi_2)$ acts on π_2 trivially, which allows him to apply the spectral sequence argument. In our case, the period is 2 (see [4]), which guarantees that $N(\mathbb{Z}/3)$ acts on $\mathbb{Z}/3$ trivially.

Case (2)(iii)(c): For Γ_3^2 , if the fixed point data is (1,2|), $N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3$ is a finite index subgroup of $\tilde{\Gamma}_1^2$. By Proposition 3.6-3.8 in [7], we have

$$H^{i}(N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3, F_{3}) = 0 \quad if \quad i > 0$$

 $H^{0}(N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3, F_{3}) = F_{3}$

In contrast to [7], we have the central extension $1 \to \mathbb{Z}/3 \to N(\mathbb{Z}/3) \to N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3 \to 1$. Note that $N(\mathbb{Z}/3)$ acts on $\mathbb{Z}/3$ trivially. We have that

$$\hat{H}^{i}(N(\mathbb{Z}/3),\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mathbb{Z}/3 & i = 0 \mod(2) \\ 0 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{array} \right\}.$$

Indeed, any extension $1 \to \mathbb{Z}/p \to N(\mathbb{Z}/p) \to N(\mathbb{Z}/p)/\mathbb{Z}/p \to 1$ in Γ_g^i is central or not can be detected by the fixed point data.

In [7], $\mathbb{Z}/3 = \langle \alpha \rangle$ and $\delta(\alpha) = (1,2)$. We have $\delta(\alpha^2) = (2,1)$. As an unordered tuple, (1,2) = (2,1). Thus α is conjugate to α^2 , and the normalizer of $\mathbb{Z}/3$ is not the centralizer of $\mathbb{Z}/3$.

In our case, $\mathbb{Z}/3 = \langle \alpha \rangle$ and $\delta(\alpha) = (1, 2|)$, and $\delta(\alpha^2) = (2, 1|)$. As an ordered tuple, $(1, 2|) \neq (2, 1|)$. So α is **not** conjugate to α^2 , and the normalizer of $\mathbb{Z}/3$ is the centralizer of $\mathbb{Z}/3$.

We put Case (2)(iii)(a),(b),(c) together to get

$$\hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{3}^{2},\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = (6\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus \mathbb{Z}/9 \quad or \quad (4\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus (2\mathbb{Z}/9) \qquad i = 0 \mod(2)$$

 $\hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{3}^{2},\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = 4\mathbb{Z}/3$ $i = 1 \mod(2).$

Case (2)(iv)(a): For Γ_3^1 , if the fixed point data for $\mathbb{Z}/3$ is (1|2,2,2,2), we have an extension $1 \to K_5 \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3 \longrightarrow \sum_4 \to 1$. By Proposition 5.2 in [7], we have

$$\hat{H}^{i}(N(\mathbb{Z}/3),\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mathbb{Z}/3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/9 & i = 0 \ mod(2) \\ \mathbb{Z}/3 & i = 1 \ mod(2) \end{array} \right\}.$$

Case (2)(iv)(b): For Γ_3^1 , if the fixed point data for $\mathbb{Z}/3$ is (1|2,1,1,1), we have an extension $1 \to K_5 \longrightarrow N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3 \longrightarrow \sum_3 \to 1$. Then as in Case (2)(iii)(a),

$$\hat{H}^{i}(N(\mathbb{Z}/3),\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mathbb{Z}/3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/9 & \quad i = 0 \mod(2) \\ \mathbb{Z}/3 & \quad i = 1 \mod(2) \end{array} \right\}.$$

Case (2)(iv)(c): For Γ_3^1 , if the fixed point data for $\mathbb{Z}/3$ is (1|2), $N(\mathbb{Z}/3)/\mathbb{Z}/3$ is a finite index subgroup of $\tilde{\Gamma}_1^2$. Anologously to Case (2)(iii)(c),

$$\hat{H}^{i}(N(\mathbb{Z}/3),\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mathbb{Z}/3 & i = 0 \mod(2) \\ 0 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{array} \right\}.$$

Case (2)(iv)(a),(b),(c) together, imply $\hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{3}^{1},\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = (3\mathbb{Z}/3) \oplus (2\mathbb{Z}/9) \qquad i = 0 \mod(2)$ $\hat{H}^{i}(\Gamma_{3}^{1},\mathbb{Z})_{(3)} = 2\mathbb{Z}/3 \qquad i = 1 \mod(2).$

Theorem 2.6 For p > 3,

(i)

$$\hat{H}^*(\Gamma_p^1, \mathbb{Z})_{(p)} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mathbb{Z}/p & \quad i = 0 \mod(2) \\ 0 & \quad i = 1 \mod(2) \end{array} \right\}.$$

(ii)

$$\hat{H}^*(\Gamma_p^2, \mathbb{Z})_{(p)} = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/p & i = 0 \mod(2) \\ 0 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{cases}$$

(iii)

$$\hat{H}^*(\Gamma^i_p,\mathbb{Z})_{(p)} = 0, for \ i \ge 3.$$

Algebraic & Geometric Topology, Volume 2 (2002)

560

Proof Plug g = p into the Riemann Hurwitz equation 2p - 2 = p(2h - 2) + t(p-1). For p > 3, the only non-negative integer solution is (h, t) = (1, 2). So there is no *p*-torsion in Γ_p^i for $i \ge 3$. For Γ_p^1 , by Theorem 2.7 in [4], the \mathbb{Z}/p action on S_p has 2 fixed points and the quotient space is S_1 . Following the similar arguments as in [7], we have:

$$H^{i}(N(\mathbb{Z}/p)/\mathbb{Z}/p, F_{p}) = 0 \quad if \quad i > 0$$
$$H^{0}(N(\mathbb{Z}/p)/\mathbb{Z}/p, F_{p}) = F_{p}$$

As before, we have the central extension $1 \to \mathbb{Z}/p \to N(\mathbb{Z}/p) \to N(\mathbb{Z}/p)/\mathbb{Z}/p \to 1$. So $N(\mathbb{Z}/p)$ acts on \mathbb{Z}/p trivially, and we have

$$\hat{H}^{i}(N(\mathbb{Z}/p),\mathbb{Z})_{(p)} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mathbb{Z}/p & i = 0 \mod(2) \\ 0 & i = 1 \mod(2) \end{array} \right\}.$$

Since there is only one type of fixed point data (1|p-1), we have one conjugacy class of \mathbb{Z}/p in Γ_p^1 . Therefore,

$$\hat{H}^*(\Gamma_p^1, \mathbb{Z})_{(p)} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mathbb{Z}/p & \quad i = 0 \mod(2) \\ 0 & \quad i = 1 \mod(2) \end{array} \right\}.$$

The proof for Γ_p^2 , p > 3, is similar.

The author thanks my colleague Ethan Berkove and the referee for their suggestions.

References

- K. S. Brown, Cohomology of groups, Graduate Texts in Math., vol. 87, (Springer Verlag, 1982).
- [2] F. R. Cohen, Artin's braid group and the homology of certain subgroups of the mapping class group, Mem. Amer. Math. Soc. 443 (1991) 6-28.
- [3] H. Farkas and I. Kra, Riemann surfaces, Graduate Texts in Mathematics, vol. 71, (Springer Verlag, 1982)
- [4] Q. Lu, Periodicity of the punctured mapping classing group, Journal of Pure and Applied Algebra, vol. 155, (2001) 211-234
- [5] C. MacLachlan and W. Harvey, On mapping-class groups and Teichmüller spaces, Proc. London Math. Soc. 30 (1975) 496-512.

- [6] P. Symonds, The cohomology representation of an action of C_p on a surface, Trans. Amer. Math. Soc. **306** (1988), no. 2 389-400.
- [7] Y. Xia, On the cohomology of Γ_p , Transactions of the American Mathematical Society **347**(1995), no. 9 3659-3670

Department of Mathematics, Lafayette College Easton, PA 18042, USA

 $Email: \verb"luq@Lafayette.edu"$

Received: 3 October 2001 Revised: 29 April 2002

562