

# On the twisted products of spheres that have the fixed point property

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A topological space  $X$  is said to have the *fixed point property* if the equation

$$f(x) = x, x \in X$$

has a solution for every self-map  $f$  of  $X$ . Familiar examples are:

- a) If  $X$  is the  $n$ -dimensional disk  $D^n$  in the Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $X$  has the *fixed point property*.
- b) If  $X$  is the product  $S^n \times S^n$  of two  $n$ -spheres,  $n \geq 1$ , then  $X$  does not have the fixed point property.

A manifold is called a *twisted product* of two  $n$ -spheres  $S^n$  if it is simply connected (i.e.  $\pi_1 = 0$ ), and its cohomology agrees with  $H^*(S^n \times S^n)$ . Clearly, such manifolds are natural generalizations of the product  $S^n \times S^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ . Let  $S(n)$  denote the set of all such manifolds. In this talk we

- 1) Give a homotopy classification of the set  $S(n)$  of manifolds;
- 2) Determine the set  $L(M) = \{L(f) \in \mathbb{Z}, f : M \rightarrow M\}$  of all possible Lefschetz numbers  $L(f)$  for any  $M \in S(n)$ ;
- 3) Find all manifolds  $M \in S(n)$  for which  $0 \notin L(M)$ .

In contrast to b), the manifolds obtained in 3) are generalizations of  $S^n \times S^n$  that enjoys the fixed point property.