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# Betti Numbers of Locally Standard 2-Torus Manifolds\*

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**Abstract** Let  $M^n$  be a smooth closed *n*-manifold with a locally standard  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$ -action. This paper deals with the relationship among the mod 2 Betti numbers of  $M^n$ , the mod 2 Betti numbers and the *h*-vector of the orbit space of the action.

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# 1 Introduction

Locally standard  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$ -actions on smooth closed *n*-manifolds belong to a class of particularly nicely behaving actions, introduced by Davis and Januszkiewicz [4]. Here a smooth connected closed *n*-manifold with a locally standard  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$ -action is called a locally standard 2-torus manifold. Generally, the orbit space  $Q^n$  of a locally standard 2-torus manifold  $M^n$  is an *n*dimensional nice manifold with corners. If  $Q^n$  is a simple convex polytope  $P^n$ , then  $M^n$  is called a small cover by Davis and Januszkiewicz. There are strong links of small covers with combinatorics of polytopes with the following two key points (see [4]):

(1) Each small cover  $\pi: M^n \to P^n$  can be recovered from  $P^n$  with an associated characteristic function;

(2) The algebraic topology of a small cover  $\pi : M^n \to P^n$ , such as (equivariant) cohomology and mod 2 Betti numbers etc., can be explicitly expressed in terms of the combinatorics of  $P^n$ . For example, the mod 2 Betti numbers  $\mathbf{b}(M^n) = (b_0(M^n), b_1(M^n), \dots, b_n(M^n))$  of  $M^n$  agree with the *h*-vector  $(h_0(P^n), h_1(P^n), \dots, h_n(P^n))$  of  $P^n$ .

Given a locally standard 2-torus manifold  $\pi : M^n \to Q^n$ , generally  $Q^n$  is not a simple convex polytope, and it may be not contractible. We know from [6] that  $\partial Q^n = \emptyset$  if and only if the action on  $M^n$  is free, so  $M^n$  can actually be regarded as a principal  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$ -bundle over  $Q^n$  in this case. However, if  $\partial Q^n \neq \emptyset$ , then it admits a simplicial poset structure, so we can define an *h*-vector  $\mathbf{h}(Q^n)$  on  $Q^n$ . In addition, like the case of small covers,  $Q^n$  also admits a characteristic function  $\lambda$ . As shown in [7], the pair  $(Q^n, \lambda)$  only provides information on the set of non-free orbits in  $M^n$ , so generally it is not enough to recover  $M^n$  (of course, it is enough if  $Q^n$  is contractible). Indeed, we also need another data (which provides information on the set of free orbits in M), i.e., a principal  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$ -bundle  $\xi$  over  $Q^n$  determined uniquely by  $M^n$ 

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up to isomorphism. Then it was shown in [7] that the orbit space  $Q^n$  with two data  $\lambda$  and  $\xi$  can reproduce  $M^n$  up to equivariant homeomorphism, denoted by  $M(Q; \lambda, \xi)$ . Generally the algebraic topology of a locally standard 2-torus manifold  $\pi : M^n \to Q^n$  with  $\partial Q^n \neq \emptyset$  is far from known except for the formula of the Euler characteristic of  $M^n$  in terms of  $Q^n$  (see [7]). The purpose of this paper is to consider the following question.

Question 1.1 Let  $\pi: M^n \to Q^n$  be a locally standard 2-torus manifold. How do we read the mod 2 Betti numbers  $\mathbf{b}(M^n)$  from  $Q^n$ ?

We give an answer of Question 1.1 in the case where  $\partial Q^n$  is the boundary of a simple convex polytope. Our result is stated as follows.

**Theorem 1.1** Suppose that  $\pi : M^n \to Q^n$  is a locally standard 2-torus manifold such that  $\partial Q^n$  is the boundary of a simple convex polytope  $P^n$ . Let  $\xi = (E, p, Q)$  be the associated principal  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$ -bundle over Q. Then for n > 2,

$$b_i(M) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i = 0, n, \\ b_1(E) + h_1(Q) + 2^n - b_0(E), & \text{if } i = 1, \\ b_i(E) + h_i(Q), & \text{if } 1 < i < n \end{cases}$$

and for n = 2,

$$b_i(M) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i = 0, 2, \\ 4b_1(Q) + h_1(Q), & \text{if } i = 1. \end{cases}$$

The arrangement of this paper is as follows. In Section 2, we introduce the concept of locally standard 2-torus action and manifold with corners, and show the reproducing process of locally standard 2-torus manifolds. In Section 3, when the boundary of the orbit space Q is the boundary of a simple convex polytope, we obtain the relationship among the Betti numbers of locally standard 2-torus manifold, the Betti numbers of the orbit space and the *h*-vector of the orbit space, which gives the proof of Theorem 1.1.

# 2 Locally Standard 2-Torus Manifolds

#### 2.1 Manifold with corners

Let  $\mathbb{R}^n_+ = \{(x_1, \cdots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x_i \ge 0, i = 1, \cdots, n\}$ . For any  $x = (x_1, \cdots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n_+$ , its codimension c(x) is the number of  $x_i$  which are equal to 0.

**Definition 2.1** (see [3]) An n-manifold  $Q^n$  with corners is a Hausdorff space together with a maximal atlas of local charts onto open subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n_+$  so that the overlap maps are homeomorphisms (diffeomorphisms) which preserve codimension.

Given a manifold  $Q^n$  with corners. For any  $q \in Q^n$ , let  $(U, \varphi)$  be a local chart of q. Then, the codimension c(q) of q is defined as  $c(\varphi(q))$ . This is well defined because the overlap maps preserve codimension. An open face of  $Q^n$  of codimension l is a connected component of the inverse image  $c^{-l}(l)$ . A face is the closure of an open face. Specially, an open face of codimension one is called an open facet, and its closure is called a facet. For any  $q \in Q^n$ , let  $\Sigma(q)$  be the set of facets which contain q. A manifold  $Q^n$  with corners is nice if  $Card(\Sigma(q)) = c(q)$  for any  $q \in Q^n$ .

**Example 2.1** Any *n*-dimensional simple convex polytope is a nice manifold with corners.

**Remark 2.1** It should be pointed out that the notion of a manifold with corners is also a natural generalization of the notions of ordinary manifolds with or without boundary. Actually, given a manifold  $Q^n$  with corners, it is easy to see that the codimension of each point in  $Q^n$  is zero if and only if the boundary of  $Q^n$  is empty. Furthermore,  $Q^n$  is a manifold with boundary if and only if there is at least one point q in  $Q^n$  such that c(q) > 0.

### 2.2 Locally standard 2-torus manifolds

The standard action of  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is defined by

$$((g_1, \cdots, g_n), (x_1, \cdots, x_n)) \longmapsto ((-1)^{g_1} x_1, \cdots, (-1)^{g_n} x_n).$$

Its orbit space is a positive cone  $\mathbb{R}^n_+ = \{(x_1, \cdots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x_i \ge 0, i = 1, \cdots, n\}$ . The action of  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$  on an *n*-dimensional smooth closed manifold  $M^n$  is locally standard if the action locally looks like the standard action of  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . More precisely, for each point x in  $M^n$ , there is a  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$ -invariant neighborhood  $V_x$  of x such that  $V_x$  is weakly equivariantly homeomorphic to a  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$ -invariant open set W in the standard representation  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (i.e., there is a homeomorphism  $f: V_x \to W$  and an automorphism  $\theta: (\mathbb{Z}_2)^n \to (\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$  such that  $f(gv) = \theta(g)f(v)$  for  $v \in V_x$ ).

An *n*-dimensional 2-torus manifold is a connected closed smooth manifold of dimension n with an effective smooth action of  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$ . Generally, a 2-torus manifold may not be locally standard. We say that M is a locally standard 2-torus manifold if it is a 2-torus manifold and admits a locally standard action.

**Example 2.2** The canonical  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$ -action on  $\mathbb{R}P^n$ , defined by

$$((g_1, \cdots, g_n), [x_0, x_1, \cdots, x_n]) = [x_0, (-1)^{g_1} x_1, \cdots, (-1)^{g_n} x_n],$$

is a locally standard 2-torus manifold.

**Lemma 2.1** (see [3]) Let  $\pi : M \to Q$  be a locally standard 2-torus manifold. Then the orbit space Q is a nice manifold with corners, and for any  $x \in M$ , the rank of isotropy group  $G_x$  equals  $c(\pi(x))$ .

Now let Q be a nice *n*-manifold with corners with  $\partial Q \neq \emptyset$ . Then it is easy to see that all faces of Q form a simplicial poset with  $\partial Q$  as the minimum element with respect to inverse inclusion. Following [4], let  $f_i$  denote the numbers of faces of codimension i + 1 in Q. Define a polynomial  $\Psi_Q(t)$  of degree n by

$$\Psi_Q(t) = (t-1)^n + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} f_i (t-1)^{n-i-1}$$

and let  $h_i$  denote the coefficients of the term  $t^{n-i}$  in  $\Psi_Q(t)$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq n$ . Then  $(h_0, h_1, \dots, h_n)$  is called the *h*-vector of Q, denoted by  $\mathbf{h}(Q)$ .

A locally standard 2-torus manifold is called a small cover if its orbit space is a simple convex polytope. Davis and Januszkiewicz showed in [4] the following theorem. **Theorem 2.1** (Davis–Januszkiewicz) Let  $\pi: M \to P$  be a small cover. Then

$$\mathbf{b}(M) = \mathbf{h}(P),$$

where  $\mathbf{b}(M) = (b_0, b_1, \cdots, b_n)$  is the vector formed by all mod 2 Betti numbers of M.

### 2.3 Reconstruction of locally standard 2-torus manifolds

Suppose that  $\pi: M \to Q$  is a locally standard 2-torus manifold.

If Q is a simple convex polytope P, then M is a small cover. In this case, Davis and Januszkiewicz showed in [4] that there exists a characteristic function  $\lambda$  from all facets of P to  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$ , satisfying that whenever some facets  $F_{i_1}, \dots, F_{i_l}$  have a nonempty intersection,  $\lambda(F_{i_1}), \dots, \lambda(F_{i_l})$  are linearly independent. Furthermore, Davis and Januszkiewicz used  $\lambda$  to blow down the product bundle  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^n \times P$  to recover M.

In the setting of locally standard 2-torus manifolds, if the boundary of Q is nonempty, as shown in [7], an analogous reconstruction as above can still be carried out well, but two data for Q will be needed. One data is a characteristic function on Q, and the other data is a principal  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$ -bundle over Q. Actually, if the boundary of Q is nonempty, since Q is nice, then  $\partial Q$  is the union of its all facets, and each facet of Q corresponds to a nonzero element  $v \in (\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$  such that the inverse image of this facet is fixed by the rank-one subgroup determined by v. Thus there is a characteristic function

$$\lambda:\mathcal{F}(Q)\to (\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$$

satisfying the condition that whenever the intersection  $\bigcap_{j=1}^{l} F_{i_j}$  is nonempty, all elements of  $\{\lambda(F_{i_j}) \mid j = 1, \dots, l\}$  are linearly independent, where  $\mathcal{F}(Q)$  denotes the set of all facets of Q. Note that for any k-face F of Q, since Q is nice, there exist n - k facets  $F_{i_1}, \dots, F_{i_{n-k}}$  such that F is a component of  $\bigcap_{j=1}^{n-k} F_{i_j}$ . Furthermore,  $\lambda(F_{i_1}), \dots, \lambda(F_{i_{n-k}})$  determine a rank n - k subgroup of  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$ , denoted by  $G_F$ . Besides, a principal  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$ -bundle  $\xi = (E, p, Q)$  over Q can be produced from  $\pi : M \to Q$  in the following way: We take a small invariant open tubular neighborhood of  $\pi^{-1}(F)$  in M for every  $F \in \mathcal{F}(Q)$  and remove all such neighborhoods from M, where p is the projection. This gives a principal  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$ -bundle over Q, which is unique up to isomorphism. Now we can reproduce a locally standard 2-torus manifold from these two data. First, define an equivalence relation  $\sim$  on E as follows: For  $u_1, u_2 \in E$ ,

$$u_1 \sim u_2 \Leftrightarrow p(u_1) = p(u_2)$$
 and  $u_1 = u_2 g$  for some  $g \in G_F$ ,

where F is the face of Q containing  $p(u_1) = p(u_2)$  in its relative interior and  $G_F$  is the subgroup of  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$  determined by F. Then the quotient space  $E/\sim$ , denoted by  $M(Q,\xi,\lambda)$ , naturally inherits the  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$ -action from E. It was shown in [7] the following proposition.

**Proposition 2.1** Let  $\pi : M \to Q$  with  $\partial Q \neq \emptyset$  be an n-dimensional locally standard 2-torus manifold with  $\xi$  as the associated principal  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$ -bundle and  $\lambda$  as the characteristic function. Then there is an equivariant homeomorphism from  $M(Q, \xi, \lambda)$  to M which covers the identity on Q. **Remark 2.2** Given a nice manifold with corners Q of dimension n, it is well-known that the isomorphism classes of all principal  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$ -bundles over Q bijectively correspond to all elements of  $H^1(Q; (\mathbb{Z}_2)^n)$ . However, generally Q may not admit any characteristic function (see [4]). If Q admits a characteristic function, then in the above way we can construct all possible locally standard 2-torus manifolds over Q as

$$\{M(Q,\xi,\lambda) \mid \xi \in \mathcal{P}(Q), \lambda \in \Lambda(Q)\},\$$

where  $\mathcal{P}(Q)$  denotes the set of all principal  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$ -bundles over Q and  $\Lambda(Q)$  consists of all characteristic functions on Q. In particular, if Q is a simple convex polytope P, then the set

$$\{M(P,\lambda) \mid \lambda \in \Lambda(P)\}$$

consists of all possible small covers over P.

### 3 Betti Numbers of Locally Standard 2-Torus Manifold

Throughout the following, assume that Q is a connected nice *n*-manifold with corners such that  $\partial Q$  is the boundary of a simple convex polytope P, and Q (i.e., P) admits a characteristic function  $\lambda$ . Choose a principal  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$ -bundle  $\xi = (E, p, Q)$  over Q. Based upon the reconstruction of locally standard 2-torus manifolds, we can obtain a locally standard 2-torus manifold  $\pi_Q : M(Q, \xi, \lambda) \to Q$  and a small cover  $\pi_P : M(P, \lambda) \to P$ . If n = 1, then Q will be a 1-simplex, so that  $M(Q, \xi, \lambda)$  is exactly a circle with a reflection. Thus, we assume that n > 1in the following discussion.

**Lemma 3.1** Let  $N = \pi_P^{-1}(\partial P)$  (so N is an (n-1)-dimensional CW complex). Then the mod 2 Betti numbers of N are

$$\mathbf{b}(N) = (h_0(P), h_1(P), \cdots, h_{n-1}(P) + 2^n - 1).$$

**Proof** The simple convex polytope P has a natural CW complex structure such that every open face of P of dimension i is an *i*-cell. This induces the cell decomposition of quotient space  $M(P, \lambda)$ . Then we have the cellular chain complex with  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  coefficients of  $M(P, \lambda)$ 

$$0 \to C_n(M(P,\lambda)) \to C_{n-1}(M(P,\lambda)) \to \cdots \to C_0(M(P,\lambda)) \to 0,$$

such that  $\dim_{\mathbb{Z}_2}(C_i(M(P,\lambda))) = 2^i f_{n-i-1}(P)$ , where  $f_{n-i-1}(P)$  denotes the number of faces of dimension *i* in *P*. Obviously, *N* is the (n-1)-skeleton of  $M(P,\lambda)$ . So it has the following cellular chain complex with  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  coefficients:

$$0 \to C_{n-1}(M(P,\lambda)) \to C_{n-2}(M(P,\lambda)) \to \cdots \to C_0(M(P,\lambda)) \to 0.$$

Then the required result follows from the facts that  $\dim_{\mathbb{Z}_2}(C_n(M(P,\lambda))) = 2^n$  and  $\mathbf{b}(M(P,\lambda)) = \mathbf{h}(P)$ .

**Lemma 3.2** The total space E of  $\xi = (E, p, Q)$  must still be a nice manifold with corners such that if n > 2, then its boundary  $\partial E$  is a disjoint union of  $2^n$  copies of  $\partial Q$ ; and if n = 2, then the  $\partial E$  is a disjoint union of 4 copies of  $\partial Q$ , or a disjoint union of 2 connected sums  $\partial Q \sharp \partial Q$ , or the connected sum of 4 copies of  $\partial Q$ . **Proof** It is obvious that E is a nice manifold with corners. Consider the inverse image  $p^{-1}(\partial Q)$ , it is easy to see that  $p^{-1}(\partial Q) = \partial E$  and it is still a principal  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$ -bundle. Since  $\partial Q$  is the boundary of P, we have that

$$H^{1}(\partial Q; (\mathbb{Z}_{2})^{n}) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n > 2, \\ (\mathbb{Z}_{2})^{2}, & \text{if } n = 2. \end{cases}$$

This implies that if n > 2, then  $p^{-1}(\partial Q) \to \partial Q$  must be a trivial principal  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$ -bundle. So  $\partial E = p^{-1}(\partial Q) = (\mathbb{Z}_2)^n \times \partial Q$ . If n = 2, since  $H^1(\partial Q; (\mathbb{Z}_2)^2) = (\mathbb{Z}_2)^2$  is nontrivial, we have that  $p^{-1}(\partial Q) \to \partial Q$  may not be trivial. Since  $\partial Q = \partial P$  is the boundary of a polygon, an easy argument can induce the required result in this case.

**Theorem 3.1** For n > 2,

$$b_i(M(Q,\xi,\lambda)) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i = 0, n, \\ b_1(E) + h_1(Q) + 2^n - b_0(E), & \text{if } i = 1, \\ b_i(E) + h_i(Q), & \text{if } 1 < i < n, \end{cases}$$

and for n = 2,

$$b_i(M) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i = 0, 2, \\ 4b_1(Q) + h_1(Q), & \text{if } i = 1. \end{cases}$$

**Proof** We know from [1] that  $\partial Q$  has a collar in Q, i.e., there is an embedding

$$\varphi: [0,1) \times \partial Q \to Q,$$

such that  $\varphi(0,q) = q$  for any  $q \in \partial Q$ . Set  $Q' = \varphi(\{\frac{1}{2}\} \times \partial Q), Q_1 = \varphi([0,\frac{1}{2}] \times \partial Q)$  and  $Q_2 = \overline{M/Q_1}$ . Obviously, Q' is homeomorphic to  $S^{n-1}, Q_1 \cap Q_2 = Q'$  and  $Q_1 \cup Q_2 = Q$ . It is easy to check that  $(\pi_Q^{-1}(Q_1), \pi_Q^{-1}(Q_2))$  is an excisive couple of  $M(Q, \xi, \lambda) = \pi_Q^{-1}(Q_1) \cup \pi_Q^{-1}(Q_2)$ . Now let us look at the following Mayer-Vietoris sequence (with  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  coefficients) of the couple  $(\pi_Q^{-1}(Q_1), \pi_Q^{-1}(Q_2))$ :

$$0 \to H_n(\pi_Q^{-1}(Q')) \to H_n(\pi_Q^{-1}(Q_1)) \oplus H_n(\pi_Q^{-1}(Q_2)) \to H_n(M(Q,\xi,\lambda)) \to \cdots$$
  
$$\to H_i(\pi_Q^{-1}(Q')) \to H_i(\pi_Q^{-1}(Q_1)) \oplus H_i(\pi_Q^{-1}(Q_2)) \to H_i(M(Q,\xi,\lambda)) \to \cdots$$
  
$$\to H_0(\pi_Q^{-1}(Q')) \to H_0(\pi_Q^{-1}(Q_1)) \oplus H_0(\pi_Q^{-1}(Q_2)) \to H_0(M(Q,\xi,\lambda)) \to 0.$$

Claim A If n > 2, then the mod 2 Betti numbers

$$b_i(\pi_Q^{-1}(Q')) = \begin{cases} 2^n, & \text{if } i = 0, n-1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Since Q' is in the interior of Q, we see from the construction of  $M(Q, \xi, \lambda)$  that  $\pi_Q^{-1}(Q')$  is a principal  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$ -bundle over Q'. Since Q' is homeomorphic to  $S^{n-1}$  and n > 2, similarly to the argument of Lemma 3.2, we have that  $\pi_Q^{-1}(Q')$  is isomorphic to the product bundle  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^n \times Q'$ , and then Claim A follows from this since Q' is homeomorphic to  $S^{n-1}$ .

Claim B If n > 2, then  $\mathbf{b}(\pi_{Q}^{-1}(Q_{1})) = \mathbf{b}(\pi_{P}^{-1}(\partial P)).$ 

Since  $\partial Q$  is the deformation retract of  $Q_1$ , this induces the deformation retraction of  $\pi_Q^{-1}(Q_1)$ onto  $\pi_Q^{-1}(\partial Q)$ , so  $\mathbf{b}(\pi_Q^{-1}(Q_1)) = \mathbf{b}(\pi_Q^{-1}(\partial Q))$ . Then we have by Lemma 3.2 that  $\mathbf{b}(\pi_Q^{-1}(Q_1)) = \mathbf{b}(\pi_Q^{-1}(\partial Q)) = \mathbf{b}(\pi_P^{-1}(\partial P))$  as desired. Furthermore, we obtain from Lemma 3.1 that

$$\mathbf{b}(\pi_Q^{-1}(Q_1)) = (h_0(P), h_1(P), \cdots, h_{n-2}(P), h_{n-1}(P) + 2^n - 1).$$

**Claim C** For the mod 2 Betti numbers of  $\pi_Q^{-1}(Q_2)$ , we have  $\mathbf{b}(\pi_Q^{-1}(Q_2)) = \mathbf{b}(E)$ .

This is because  $\pi_Q^{-1}(Q_2)$  is the deformation retract of E.

Claim D  $M(Q,\xi,\lambda)$  is connected.

For every point  $x \in M$ , there exists always a path connect x to  $\pi_Q^{-1}(\partial Q)$ . Also  $\pi_Q^{-1}(\partial Q)$  is connected since  $b_0(\pi_Q^{-1}(\partial Q)) = h_0(P) = 1$ , so  $M(Q, \xi, \lambda)$  is connected.

Together with Claims A–D, Lemma 3.2 and the Mayer-Vietoris sequence above, the required result in the case n > 2 follows immediately.

Finally, let us consider the case of n = 2. If n = 2 then we have from [7] that

$$\chi(M) = 4\chi(Q) - m,$$

where m is number of vertex of Q. It is easy to check  $h_1(Q) = m - 2$ ,  $\chi(M) = 2 - b_1(M)$  and  $\chi(Q) = 1 - b_1(Q)$ . Then we have

$$b_1(M) = 4b_1(Q) + h_1(Q)$$

as desired.

Corollary 3.1 If E is trivial, then

$$b_i(M) = 2^n(b_i(Q)) + h_i(Q), \quad i > 0.$$

**Corollary 3.2** If Q is a simple convex polytope, then

$$b_i(M) = h_i(Q).$$

**Remark 3.1** We see that Corollary 3.2 is just Theorem 2.1 of Davis-Januszkiewicz. So Theorem 3.1 is a generalization of Theorem 2.1.

Finally, we conclude this paper with the following remark on the construction of  $M(Q, \xi, \lambda)$ .

Remark 3.2 We see from Lemma 3.2 that if n > 2,  $\partial E$  is a disjoint union of  $2^n$  copies of  $\partial Q = \partial P$ . Thus, we can obtain a closed manifold  $\hat{E}$  from E by gluing boundaries of  $2^n$ copies  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_{2^n}$  of P to the  $2^n$  components of  $\partial E$  respectively. On the other hand, we know from the reconstruction of locally standard 2-torus manifolds that  $M(P,\lambda)$  is actually obtained from the  $2^n$  copies  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_{2^n}$  of P along their boundaries via  $\lambda$ , while  $M(Q, \xi, \lambda)$ is obtained from E by gluing the  $2^n$  components (i.e.,  $\partial P_1, \dots, \partial P_{2^n}$ ) of  $\partial E$  via  $\lambda$ . Thus we have that if n > 2, then  $M(Q, \xi, \lambda) = M(P, \lambda) \sharp_{P_1, \dots, P_{2^n}} \hat{E}$ , obtained by doing connected sums of  $2^n$  times between  $M(P, \lambda)$  and  $\hat{E}$  along the interiors of  $P_1, \dots, P_{2^n}$ . Actually,  $M(Q, \xi, \lambda)$ is exactly the equivariant connected sum of  $M(P, \lambda)$  and  $\hat{E}$  along a free orbit, denoted by  $M(Q, \xi, \lambda) = M(P, \lambda) \sharp_{(\mathbb{Z}_2)^n}^{\text{free}} \hat{E}$ .

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