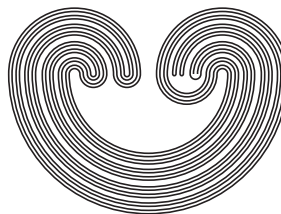


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ABSTRACT. For a simply connected CW complex X , we let $h(X) = \frac{\dim(\pi_*(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q})}{\dim H_*(X; \mathbb{Q})}$. In this paper, we propose to evaluate $h(X)$ of the total space X of a fibration $\xi : F \hookrightarrow X \rightarrow B$ of elliptic spaces by $h(F)$, $h(B)$, and $h(F \times B)$. A conjectural formula is

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot h(F \times B) \leq h(X) < h(F) + h(B) + \frac{1}{4}.$$

1. INTRODUCTION

The homotopy and homology ranks of a topological space X are defined by $\dim(\pi_*(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q})$ and $\dim H_*(X; \mathbb{Q})$, respectively, where

$$\pi_*(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q} := \sum_{k \geq 1} \pi_k(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q} \quad \text{and} \quad H_*(X; \mathbb{Q}) := \sum_{k \geq 0} H_k(X; \mathbb{Q}).$$

Definition 1.1. Let X be a simply connected CW complex with $\dim H_*(X; \mathbb{Q}) < \infty$. Then we define

$$h(X) := \frac{\dim(\pi_*(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q})}{\dim H_*(X; \mathbb{Q})}.$$

If X is a hyperbolic space, i.e., $\dim(\pi_*(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q}) = \infty$, then we set $h(X) := \infty$.

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