

Ambidexterity 4

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- ▶ Reduce to the case of a finite group G .
- ▶ Generalise: for a finite G -CW complex Z , we have

$$\chi_{G,Z}: L \otimes_{E^0} E^*(Z_{hG}) \rightarrow L \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \left(\prod_{\theta: \Theta^+ \rightarrow G} H^*(Z^{\text{image}(\theta)}; \mathbb{Q}) \right)^G$$

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