Smooth self-maps of semi-simple Lie groups realizing the least number of n-periodic points

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We consider a map $f: M \to M$, where M is a compact connected smooth manifold, $\dim M \ge 3$. We fix a number $n \in \mathbb{N}$. The minimal number of n-periodic points in the homotopy class of f, i.e. $\min_{g \sim f} Fix(g^n)$, depends on which homotopy class we consider: continuous or smooth. However in the case of self-maps of tori, the unique compact Lie groups, the two numbers are always the same. The last exactly means that the least number of *n*-periodic points can be realized by a continuous map. On the other hand for each noncommutative Lie group the power map $f(z) = z^k$, for any $k \ge 2$ and an n with sufficiently many divisors, is a counter-example.

Here we consider the problem for which self maps of Lie groups the equality holds for all iterations. The necessary condition is given by eigen-values of a cohomology homomorphism introduced by Haibao Duan [1]. We extend the class of semi-simple Lie groups when this condition is also sufficient for a smooth realizability of the least number of n-periodic points.

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