

***p*-primary components of homotopy groups**

IV. Compositions and toric constructions

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Here we shall use the following notations. $G_k = \pi_k(\mathcal{S})$ is the k -th stable homotopy group of the sphere and $\pi_k(\mathcal{S}; p)$ is its p -primary component. $\alpha \circ \beta \in G_{h+k}$ indicates the composition of $\alpha \in G_h$ and $\beta \in G_k$. The toric construction

$$\{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\} \in G_{h+k+l+1}/(\alpha \circ G_{k+l+1} + \gamma \circ G_{h+k+1})$$

will be defined if $\alpha \in G_h$, $\beta \in G_k$ and $\gamma \in G_l$ satisfy the condition $\alpha \circ \beta = \beta \circ \gamma = 0$. This is different only in sign to one given in Chapter 5 of [4]. Denote by $\alpha_1 \in G_{2p-3}$ a generator of $\pi_{2p-3}(\mathcal{S}; p) = Z_p$ and choose elements α_t of $G_{2t(p-1)-1}$ inductively such that $\alpha_t \in \{\alpha_{t-1}, p\iota, \alpha_1\}$. Denote by β_s , $1 \leq s < p$, a generator of $\pi_{2(s p + s - 1)(p-1) - 2}(\mathcal{S}; p) = Z_p$, and denote by β_1^r the r -fold iterated composition $\beta_1 \circ \dots \circ \beta_1$ of β_1 . There exist elements $\alpha'_{r,p}$, $1 \leq r < p$, such that $p\alpha'_{r,p} = \alpha_{r,p}$ for $1 \leq r < p-1$ and $p\alpha'_{(p-1)p} = \alpha_{(p-1)p} + x\alpha_1 \circ \beta_1^{p-1}$ for some integer x . Then these elements and their compositions generate the p -components $\pi_k(\mathcal{S}; p)$ of the stable groups G_k for $k \leq 2p^2(p-1) - 3$.

Theorem 4.15. (cf. Theorem 3.13 of [6]).

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{2r p(p-1)-1}(\mathcal{S}; p) &= Z_{p^2} = \{\alpha'_{r,p}\} && \text{for } 1 \leq r < p-1, \\ &= Z_{p^2} + Z_p = \{\alpha'_{(p-1)p}\} + \{\alpha_1 \circ \beta_1^{p-1}\} && \text{for } r = p-1, \\ \pi_{2t(p-1)-1}(\mathcal{S}; p) &= Z_p = \{\alpha_t\} && \text{for } 1 \leq t < p^2 \text{ and } t \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}, \\ \pi_{2(r p + s)(p-1) - 2(r-s)}(\mathcal{S}; p) &= Z_p = \{\beta_1^{r-s-1} \circ \beta_{s+1}\} && \text{for } 0 \leq s < r \leq p-1, \\ \pi_{2(r p + s + 1)(p-1) - 2(r-s) - 1}(\mathcal{S}; p) &= Z_p = \{\alpha_1 \circ \beta_1^{r-s-1} \circ \beta_{s+1}\} \\ &&& \text{for } 0 \leq s < r \leq p-1 \text{ and } r-s \neq p-1, \end{aligned}$$