

Note on Self-Maps Inducing the Identity Automorphisms of Homotopy Groups

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§1 Introduction

Let X be a connected CW -complex with the base point $*$. Then we can consider the group $\mathcal{E}(X)$ of all based homotopy classes of self homotopy equivalences of $(X, *)$. This group has been studied by several authors.

Also, we can consider the subgroup

$$(1.1) \quad \mathcal{E}_*(X) \quad (\subset \mathcal{E}(X)),$$

formed by self-maps of $(X, *)$ inducing the identity automorphisms of all homotopy groups $\pi_i(X)$. Then $\mathcal{E}_*(X)=1$ means that a (continuous) map $\psi: (X, *) \rightarrow (X, *)$ is homotopic rel $*$ to the identity map if and only if ψ induces the identity automorphisms, that is,

$$\psi_* = \text{id}: \pi_i(X) \longrightarrow \pi_i(X) \quad \text{for all } i.$$

The purpose of this note is to study a sufficient condition for $\mathcal{E}_*(X)=1$.

Let $\{X_n | n \geq 1\}$ be a Postnikov system of X , that is, X_n be a CW -complex obtained by attaching $(i+1)$ -cells $(i > n)$ to X so that X_n kills the homotopy groups $\pi_i(X)$ for $i > n$. Then we can consider the cohomology group

$$(1.2) \quad H^n(X_{n-1}; \pi_n(X)), \text{ with the local coefficient,}$$

where $\pi_1(X_{n-1}) \cong \pi_1(X)$ acts on the coefficient $\pi_n(X)$ by the usual action of the fundamental group in X .

Our main result is stated as follows:

THEOREM 1.3. *Assume that a connected CW -complex X satisfies*

$$\pi_i(X) = 0 \quad (i > N) \quad \text{or} \quad \dim X = N, \quad \text{for some integer } N,$$

and that the cohomology groups of (1.2) are

$$H^n(X_{n-1}; \pi_n(X)) = 0 \quad (1 < n \leq N).$$

Then, the group $\mathcal{E}_(X)$ of (1.1) consists only of the identity 1.*