REMARK ON THE DUAL EHP SEQUENCE

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In this note we will improve the dual EHP sequence which has been constructed in [6] by showing that that can be extended by one term. We then observe that this can be used to deduce a result which has been announced by T. Ganea in [4]. As another application we will establish a theorem which asserts that, under certain conditions, a principal fibration with a loop-space as fibre is principally equivalent to the one induced by some map.

Throughout this note, we make use of the notations and results described in [5] and [6] without specific reference. In particular, $E_{f,g}$ and E_g denote the mapping track of a triad $A \xrightarrow{f} Y \xleftarrow{g} B$ and the fibre of g respectively. Dually, $C_{f,g}$ and C_g denote the mapping cylinder of a cotriad $A \xleftarrow{f} X \xrightarrow{g} B$ and the cofibre of g respectively. We denote the loop and (reduced) suspension functor by \mathcal{Q} and S respectively. We use $\pi(X, Y)$ to denote the set of based homotopy classes of based maps $X \rightarrow Y$, but we will permit ourselves not to distinguish between a map and the homotopy class it represents.

1. The dual EHP sequence

For a triad $A \xrightarrow{f} Y \xleftarrow{g} B$, we introduce in [6] the maps

 $\xi' : C_{P_1,P_2} \to Y \text{ and } \eta' : SE_{f,g} \to C_{f \lor g}$

which make the following diagram homotopy-commutative:



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