# HOMOTOPY GROUPS OF THE SPACES OF SELF-MAPS OF LIE GROUPS II

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#### Abstract

We compute the homotopy groups of the spaces of self-maps of SU(3) and Sp(2).

## 1. Introduction

The present paper is a continuation of [3] and is devoted to the computation of  $\pi_n \max_*(G, G)$ , the *n*-th homotopy group of the space of pointed self-maps of G, for G = SU(3), Sp(2) and  $9 \le n \le 11$ . We computed  $\pi_n \max_*(G, G)$  for G = SU(3), Sp(2) and  $0 \le n \le 8$  in [3, 5]. Our main result is given by the following theorem.

THEOREM 1.1.

n	$\pi_n \operatorname{map}_*(\operatorname{SU}(3), \operatorname{SU}(3))$	$\pi_n \operatorname{map}_*(\operatorname{Sp}(2), \operatorname{Sp}(2))$
9	$\mathbf{Z}_8 \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2^3 \oplus \mathbf{Z}_3^3 \oplus \mathbf{Z}_5^2 \oplus \mathbf{Z}_7$	$\mathbf{Z}_2^6$
10	$\mathbf{Z}_4 \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2^2 \oplus \mathbf{Z}_9 \oplus \mathbf{Z}_3^3 \oplus \mathbf{Z}_5$	$\mathbf{Z}_8 \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2^5 \oplus \mathbf{Z}_5$
11	$\mathbf{Z}_8 \oplus \mathbf{Z}_4^2 \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2^2 \oplus \mathbf{Z}_9 \oplus \mathbf{Z}_3^4 \oplus \mathbf{Z}_7^2$	$\mathbf{Z}_{32} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_8^2 \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2^2 \oplus \mathbf{Z}_{27} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_5^2 \oplus \mathbf{Z}_7^2$

Here  $\mathbf{Z}_n^r$  denotes the direct sum of r copies of  $\mathbf{Z}_n = \mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z}$ .

In §2, we state our main theorem (Theorem 2.1), explain how to deduce Theorem 1.1 from the main theorem, and give a diagram being useful for computations. We prove Theorem 2.1 in §3 and §4.

## 2. Methods

We use notations of [3, 9] freely. Also we use results in [9] about  $\pi_{n+k}(S^n)$  for  $k \le 19$  without particular comments. We denote by #a the order of an element a of a group, and by  $\operatorname{Indet}\{\alpha,\beta,\gamma\}$  the indeterminacy of the Toda bracket  $\{\alpha,\beta,\gamma\}$  [9].

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Our main theorem is

Theorem 2.1. (1) 
$$[C_{\eta_{12}}, SU(3)]_{(2)} = \mathbf{Z}_{8}\{\overline{[\sigma''']}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_{2}\{(\Sigma^{9}q_{3})^{*}[\nu_{5}^{2}]\nu_{11}\}$$
 and  $4\overline{[\sigma''']} = (\Sigma^{9}q_{3})^{*}i_{*}\mu'.$ 

(2) 
$$[C_{\eta_{13}}, SU(3)]_{(2)} = \mathbf{Z}_4 \{ (\underline{\Sigma}^{10} q_3)^* [2\iota_5] \nu_5 \sigma_8 \}.$$

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(3)  $[C_{\eta_{14}}, SU(3)]_{(2)} = \mathbf{Z}_{8} \{ \overline{i_{*}\mu'} \} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_{4} \{ [v_{5}^{2}]\Sigma \overline{v_{10}} \} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_{2} \{ (\Sigma^{11}q_{3})^{*} [v_{5}\overline{v}_{8}] \}$  and  $2\overline{i_{*}\mu'} = (\Sigma^{11}q_{3})^{*} [2i_{5}]\zeta_{5}, \quad p_{*}\overline{i_{*}\mu'} = \pm (\Sigma^{11}q_{3})^{*}\zeta_{5}.$ 

(4) 
$$[C_{\Sigma^9 \omega}, \operatorname{Sp}(2)] = \mathbb{Z}_2^4 \{ (\Sigma^9 q_3)^* [\sigma' \eta_{14}] \eta_{15}, (\Sigma^9 q_3)^* [\nu_7] \nu_{10}^2, i_* \overline{\mu_3}, i_* \eta_3 \overline{\epsilon_4} \}$$

$$(5) \ [C_{\Sigma^{10}\omega}, \operatorname{Sp}(2)]_{(2,3)} = \mathbf{Z}_{\underline{8}}\{[\nu_7]\nu_{10}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_{\underline{2}}^2\{2[\nu_7]\nu_{10} - (\Sigma^{10}q_{\underline{3}})^*[\nu_7]\sigma_{10}, i_*\mu_3\overline{\eta_{12}}\}.$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} (4) & [C_{\Sigma^9\omega},\operatorname{Sp}(2)] = \mathbf{Z}_2^4\{(\Sigma^9q_3)^*[\sigma'\eta_{14}]\eta_{15},(\Sigma^9q_3)^*[\nu_7]\nu_{10}^2,i_*\overline{\mu_3},i_*\eta_3\overline{\epsilon_4}\}.\\ (5) & [C_{\Sigma^{10}\omega},\operatorname{Sp}(2)]_{(2,3)} = \mathbf{Z}_8\{[\overline{\nu_7}]\nu_{10}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2^2\{2[\overline{\nu_7}]\nu_{10} - (\Sigma^{10}q_3)^*[\nu_7]\sigma_{10},i_*\mu_3\overline{\eta_{12}}\}.\\ (6) & [C_{\Sigma^{11}\omega},\operatorname{Sp}(2)]_{(2,3)} = \mathbf{Z}_8^2\{(\Sigma^{11}q_3)^*[\zeta_7],2[2\sigma']\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{(\Sigma^{11}q_3)^*i_*\overline{\epsilon_3}\} \oplus \\ \mathbf{Z}_{27}\{i_*\alpha_3(3)\}. \end{array}$$

We prove (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) of Theorem 2.1 in §3.1, §3.2, §3.3, §4.1, §4.2, §4.3, respectively.

Theorem 1.1 follows from Theorem 2.1, [6] ([3, Table 1, Table 4] and Table 6 below), [9]  $(\pi_m(S^n))$  for  $m \le 21$  and n = 3, 5, 7 and the following four facts.

(i) There is the canonical isomorphism  $\pi_n \max_* (G, G) \cong [\Sigma^n G, G]$ . (ii) It follows from [1] that  $\Sigma^3 \operatorname{SU}(3) \simeq C_{\eta_6} \vee \operatorname{S}^{11}$  and  $\Sigma^2 \operatorname{Sp}(2) \simeq C_{\Sigma^2 \omega} \vee \operatorname{S}^{12}$ 

$$[\Sigma^n \text{SU}(3), \text{SU}(3)] \cong [C_{\eta_{n+3}}, \text{SU}(3)] \oplus \pi_{n+8}(\text{SU}(3))$$
 for  $n \ge 3$  ([3, Lemma 3.2]),

$$[\Sigma^n \operatorname{Sp}(2), \operatorname{Sp}(2)] \cong [C_{\Sigma^n \omega}, \operatorname{Sp}(2)] \oplus \pi_{n+10}(\operatorname{Sp}(2))$$
 for  $n \ge 2$  ([3, Lemma 4.1]).

(iii) If p is an odd prime, then 
$$SU(3)_{(p)} \simeq (S^3 \times S^5)_{(p)}$$
 and so

$$\begin{split} [\Sigma^{n} \; \mathrm{SU}(3), \mathrm{SU}(3)]_{(p)} &\cong \pi_{n+3}(\mathrm{S}^{3})_{(p)} \oplus \pi_{n+3}(\mathrm{S}^{5})_{(p)} \oplus \pi_{n+5}(\mathrm{S}^{3})_{(p)} \oplus \pi_{n+5}(\mathrm{S}^{5})_{(p)} \\ &\oplus \pi_{n+8}(\mathrm{S}^{3})_{(p)} \oplus \pi_{n+8}(\mathrm{S}^{5})_{(p)} \quad \text{for } n \geq 1. \end{split}$$

(iv) If 
$$p$$
 is a prime  $\geq 5$ , then  $\operatorname{Sp}(2)_{(p)} \simeq (\operatorname{S}^3 \times \operatorname{S}^7)_{(p)}$  and so

$$\begin{split} [\Sigma^{n} \operatorname{Sp}(2), \operatorname{Sp}(2)]_{(p)} &\cong \pi_{n+3}(\operatorname{S}^{3})_{(p)} \oplus \pi_{n+3}(\operatorname{S}^{7})_{(p)} \oplus \pi_{n+7}(\operatorname{S}^{3})_{(p)} \oplus \pi_{n+7}(\operatorname{S}^{7})_{(p)} \\ &\oplus \pi_{n+10}(\operatorname{S}^{3})_{(p)} \oplus \pi_{n+10}(\operatorname{S}^{7})_{(p)} \quad \text{for } n \geq 1. \end{split}$$

n	19	20	21
$\pi_n(\operatorname{Sp}(2))$	$\mathbf{Z}_2^2$	$\mathbf{Z}_2^3$	$\mathbf{Z}_{32} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2$

Table 6

Let  $F \xrightarrow{i} E \xrightarrow{p} B$  be a fibration and

$$\cdots \stackrel{\Sigma j}{\leftarrow} \Sigma Z \stackrel{\Sigma f}{\leftarrow} \Sigma Y \stackrel{q}{\leftarrow} C_f \stackrel{j}{\leftarrow} Z \stackrel{f}{\leftarrow} Y$$

a cofibre sequence. In order to compute the homotopy set  $[\Sigma^n C_f, E] = [C_{\Sigma^n f}, E]$ , we will use some part of the following commutative diagram with exact rows and columns.

## 3. SU(3)

The purpose of this section is to prove (1), (2) and (3) of Theorem 2.1. We use the following exact sequence:

(3.1) 
$$\pi_{n+4}(SU(3))_{(2)} \xrightarrow{\eta_{n+4}^*} \pi_{n+5}(SU(3))_{(2)} \xrightarrow{(\Sigma^n q_3)^*} [C_{\eta_{n+3}}, SU(3)]_{(2)}$$
$$\xrightarrow{(\Sigma^n i')^*} \pi_{n+3}(SU(3))_{(2)} \xrightarrow{\eta_{n+3}^*} \pi_{n+4}(SU(3))_{(2)}$$

**3.1.** Proof of Theorem **2.1** (1). By (3.1) and [6] ([3, Table 1]), we have the following exact sequence:

$$\mathbf{Z}_{2}\{i_{*}\varepsilon'\} \xrightarrow{\eta_{13}^{*}} \mathbf{Z}_{4}\{[v_{5}^{2}]v_{11}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_{2}\{i_{*}\mu'\} \xrightarrow{(\Sigma^{9}q_{3})^{*}} [C_{\eta_{12}}, SU(3)]_{(2)}$$
$$\xrightarrow{(\Sigma^{9}i')^{*}} \mathbf{Z}_{4}\{[\sigma''']\} \xrightarrow{\eta_{12}^{*}} \cdots$$

Lemma 3.1. (1) ([3, Lemma 3.4(1)]).  $\eta_{12}^*[\sigma'''] = 0$ . (2)  $i_*\nu'\varepsilon_6 = i_*\varepsilon'\eta_{13} = 2[\nu_5^2]\nu_{11} = i_*\varepsilon_3\nu_{11}$ . (3) ([2, Proposition 3.7(4)]).  $[C_{\eta_{12}},\mathbf{S}^5]_{(2)} = \mathbf{Z}_4\{p_*[\overline{\sigma'''}]\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{(\Sigma^9q_3)^*\nu_5^3\}$  and  $2 \cdot p_* [\overline{\sigma'''}] \equiv (\Sigma^9 q_3)^* u_5 \pmod{(\Sigma^9 q_3)^* v_5^3}.$ 

(4) ([2, Proposition 3.7(5)]). 
$$[C_{\eta_{13}}, S^6]_{(2)} = \mathbb{Z}_4 \{ \Sigma p_* [\overline{\sigma'''}] \}$$
 and  $2 \cdot \Sigma p_* [\overline{\sigma'''}] = (\Sigma^{10} q_3)^* \mu_6$ .

Before the proof of this lemma, we prove Theorem 2.1 (1) from the lemma. Consider (2.1) for the fibration  $SU(3) \xrightarrow{\hat{I}} G_2 \xrightarrow{\hat{P}} S^6$  and the cofibration  $S^4 \xrightarrow{\eta_3} S^3 \xrightarrow{\hat{I}'} C_{\eta_3}$ , that is, the following commutative diagram with exact rows and columns, where  $G_2$  is the exceptional Lie group of rank 2.

Since  $\pi_{13}(G_2) = 0$  and the first  $\eta_{14}^*$  of the diagram is surjective by [4], we have  $[C_{\eta_{13}}, G_2] = 0$ . Hence the third and the fourth  $\partial$  of the diagram are injective. Moreover, by [9, Lemma 6.3, p. 64] and Lemma 3.1(1),(2),(4), the above diagram induces the following commutative diagram with exact rows, where three  $\partial$ 's are injective.

Since  $\partial(\Sigma^{10}q_3)^*\mu_6$  is of order 2, the order of  $\overline{[\sigma''']}$  is 8. Recall from [6] ([3, Table 1]) that  $\pi_{14}(\mathrm{SU}(3))_{(2)} = \mathbf{Z}_4\{[\nu_5^2]\nu_{11}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{i_*\mu'\}$  and  $2[\nu_5^2]\nu_{11} = i_*\varepsilon_3\nu_{11}$ . Hence we can write  $\partial\mu_6 = 2a \cdot [\nu_5^2]\nu_{11} + b \cdot i_*\mu' = a \cdot i_*\varepsilon'\eta_{13} + b \cdot i_*\mu' \ (a,b \in \{0,1\})$ . If b=0, then a=1 and  $\partial\mu_6 = 2[\nu_5^2]\nu_{11}$  and hence  $\partial(\Sigma^{10}q_3)^*\mu_6 = (\Sigma^9q_3)^*\partial\mu_6 = 0$ , and this is a contradiction. Hence b=1, that is,  $\partial\mu_6 = 2a \cdot [\nu_5^2]\nu_{11} + i_*\mu'$ . Therefore

$$4\overline{[\sigma''']} = \partial (\Sigma^{10}q_3)^* \mu_6 = (\Sigma^9 q_3)^* \partial \mu_6 = (\Sigma^9 q_3)^* i_* \mu'.$$

Thus we obtain Theorem 2.1 (1).

Proof of Lemma 3.1. We refer (1) to [3].

(2) The first equality follows from the equality  $\varepsilon'\eta_{13} = v'\varepsilon_6$  [9, (7.12)]. The last equality is in [6, (4.1)]. In order to prove the second equality, we consider the following homotopy exact sequence of the fibration  $S^3 \stackrel{i}{\to} SU(3) \stackrel{p}{\to} S^5$ .

$$(3.2) \quad \mathbf{Z}_{4}\{[2\iota_{5}]\nu_{5}\sigma_{8}\} \xrightarrow{p_{*}} \mathbf{Z}_{8}\{\nu_{5}\sigma_{8}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_{2}\{\eta_{5}\mu_{6}\} \xrightarrow{\hat{c}} \mathbf{Z}_{4}\{\mu'\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_{2}^{2}\{\varepsilon_{3}\nu_{11}, \varepsilon'\eta_{13}\}$$
$$\xrightarrow{i_{*}} \mathbf{Z}_{4}\{[\nu_{5}^{2}]\nu_{11}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_{2}\{i_{*}\mu'\}$$

The boundary homomorphism  $\partial$  satisfies  $\partial(\iota_5) = \eta_3$  and so  $\partial(\eta_5\mu_6) = \eta_3^2\mu_5 = 2\mu'$ . By [6, (4.4)], we have  $2\iota_5 \circ (\nu_5\sigma_8) = 2(\nu_5\sigma_8)$  and so  $p_*[2\iota_5]\nu_5\sigma_8 = 2(\nu_5\sigma_8)$  and hence the order of  $\partial(\nu_5\sigma_8)$  is 2. Thus if we write  $\partial(\nu_5\sigma_8) = x \cdot \mu' + y \cdot \varepsilon_3\nu_{11} + z \cdot \varepsilon'\eta_{13}$  for  $0 \le x \le 3$  and  $y, z \in \{0, 1\}$ , then x = 0 or 2. Since  $i_*\varepsilon_3\nu_{11} = 2[\nu_5^2]\nu_{11}$ , we have  $0 = i_*\partial(\nu_5\sigma_8) = 2y[\nu_5^2]\nu_{11} + z \cdot i_*\varepsilon'\eta_{13}$ . If z = 0, then y = 0 and so  $0 \ne \partial(\nu_5\sigma_8) = x \cdot \mu'$  and hence x = 2, and therefore  $\partial(\nu_5\sigma_8 + \eta_5\mu_6) = 0$ . This is impossible. Thus z = 1 and

$$i_* \varepsilon' \eta_{13} = 2y[v_5^2] v_{11}.$$

On the other hand, it follows from [9, Proposition 1.4, Lemma 5.4, (5.4)] that

$$\{[v_5^2], \eta_{11}, 2\iota_{12}\} \circ \eta_{13} = -([v_5^2] \circ \{\eta_{11}, 2\iota_{12}, \eta_{12}\}) = 2[v_5^2]v_{11} \neq 0$$

and hence  $i_* \varepsilon' \eta_{13} = 2[v_5^2] v_{11}$ , since  $\pi_{13}(SU(3)) \circ \eta_{13}$  is generated by  $i_* \varepsilon' \eta_{13}$ . Hence y = 1 by (3.3) and so  $i_* \varepsilon' \eta_{13} = 2[v_5^2] v_{11}$ .

We refer (3) to [2].

While (4) was announced in [2, Proposition 3.7], we will prove it because our notations are different from theirs. We have the following commutative diagram with exact rows.

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{Z}_{2}\{\varepsilon_{5}\} & \xrightarrow{-\eta_{13}^{*}} & \mathbf{Z}_{2}^{3}\{v_{5}^{3}, \mu_{5}, \eta_{5}\varepsilon_{6}\} \xrightarrow{(\Sigma^{9}q_{3})^{*}} & \mathbf{Z}_{2}\{q^{*}v_{5}^{3}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_{4}\{p_{*}[\overline{\sigma'''}]\} \xrightarrow{(\Sigma^{9}i')^{*}} & \mathbf{Z}_{2}\{\sigma'''\} \xrightarrow{-\eta_{12}^{*}} & 0 \\ \downarrow^{\Sigma} & \cong \downarrow^{\Sigma} & \downarrow^{\Sigma} & \cong \downarrow^{\Sigma} \\ \mathbf{Z}_{8}\{\overline{v}_{6}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_{2}\{\varepsilon_{6}\} \xrightarrow{-\eta_{14}^{*}} & \mathbf{Z}_{2}^{3}\{v_{6}^{3}, \mu_{6}, \eta_{6}\varepsilon_{7}\} \xrightarrow{(\Sigma^{10}q_{3})^{*}} & [C_{\eta_{13}}, \mathbf{S}^{6}]_{(2)} & \xrightarrow{(\Sigma^{10}i')^{*}} & \mathbf{Z}_{2}\{2\sigma''\} \xrightarrow{-\eta_{13}^{*}} & 0 \end{split}$$

We have  $\eta_{14}^* \overline{\nu}_6 = \nu_6^3$  and  $\eta_{14}^* \varepsilon_6 = \eta_6 \varepsilon_7$  by [9, Lemma 6.3, (7.5)]. Hence  $2\Sigma p_* \overline{[\sigma''']} = (\Sigma^{10} q_3)^* \mu_6$  by (2) and the second exact row of the above diagram. Therefore  $\#\Sigma p_* \overline{[\sigma''']} = 4$  and  $[C_{\eta_{13}}, S^6]_{(2)} = \mathbf{Z}_4 \{\Sigma p_* \overline{[\sigma''']}\}$  and  $2\Sigma p_* \overline{[\sigma''']} = (\Sigma^{10} q_3)^* \mu_6$ .

**3.2. Proof of Theorem 2.1 (2).** By (3.1) and [6] ([3, Table 1]), we obtain the following exact sequence:

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{Z}_{4}\{[\nu_{5}^{2}]\nu_{11}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_{2}\{i_{*}\mu'\} &\xrightarrow{-\eta_{14}^{*}} \mathbf{Z}_{4}\{[2\iota_{5}]\nu_{5}\sigma_{8}\} \xrightarrow{(\Sigma^{10}q_{3})^{*}} [C_{\eta_{13}}, SU(3)]_{(2)} \\ &\xrightarrow{(\Sigma^{10}i')^{*}} \mathbf{Z}_{2}\{i_{*}\varepsilon'\} \xrightarrow{-\eta_{13}^{*}} \mathbf{Z}_{4}\{[\nu_{5}^{2}]\nu_{11}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_{2}\{i_{*}\mu'\} \end{split}$$

We have  $\eta_{14}^*[\nu_5^2]\nu_{11} = 0$ . Since  $p_*: \pi_{15}(\mathrm{SU}(3))_{(2)} \to \pi_{15}(\mathrm{S}^5)_{(2)} = \mathbf{Z}_8\{\nu_5\sigma_8\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{\eta_5\mu_6\}$  is injective and  $p_*\eta_{14}^*i_*\mu' = p_*i_*\mu'\eta_{14} = 0$ , it follows that  $\eta_{14}^*i_*\mu' = 0$  and hence that the above  $(\Sigma^{10}q_3)^*$  is injective. By Lemma 3.1 (1),  $\eta_{13}^*i_*\varepsilon' = 2[\nu_5^2]\nu_{11}$ . Hence the above  $(\Sigma^{10}q_3)^*$  is surjective. Thus  $(\Sigma^{10}q_3)^*: \mathbf{Z}_4\{[2\iota_5]\nu_5\sigma_8\} \cong [C_{\eta_{13}},\mathrm{SU}(3)]_{(2)}$  is an isomorphism.

**3.3. Proof of Theorem 2.1 (3).** Consider (2.1) for the fibration  $S^3 \to SU(3) \to S^5$  and the cofibration  $S^4 \xrightarrow{\eta_3} S^3 \to C_{\eta_3}$ , that is, the following commutative diagram with exact rows and columns.

LEMMA 3.2. (1) ([2, Proposition 3.3(6)])

$$\Sigma: [\mathit{C}_{\eta_{13}}, S^{10}]_{(2)} = \mathbf{Z}_{8}\{\overline{\nu_{10}}\} \cong [\mathit{C}_{\eta_{14}}, S^{11}]_{(2)}.$$

- (2)  $[C_{\eta_{14}}, S^5]_{(2)} = \mathbf{Z}_4\{(\Sigma^{11}q_3)^*\zeta_5\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2^2\{(\Sigma^{11}q_3)^*\nu_5\overline{\nu}_8, \nu_5^2\Sigma\overline{\nu}_{10}\}.$ (3)  $[C_{\eta_{14}}, S^3]_{(2)} = \mathbf{Z}_2^2\{\overline{2\mu'}, \overline{\varepsilon_3\nu}_{11}\}.$
- (4) The following sequence is exact:

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbf{Z}_{4}\{[2i_{5}]\zeta_{5}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_{2}\{[\nu_{5}\overline{\nu}_{8}]\} \xrightarrow{(\Sigma^{11}q_{3})^{*}} [C_{\eta_{14}}, SU(3)]_{(2)}$$
$$\xrightarrow{(\Sigma^{11}i')^{*}} \mathbf{Z}_{4}\{[\nu_{5}^{2}]\nu_{11}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_{2}\{i_{*}\mu'\} \longrightarrow 0$$

(5) The following sequence is exact:

$$0 \to \mathbf{Z}_2^2\{\overline{2\mu'}, \overline{\varepsilon_3\nu_{11}}\} \overset{i_*}{\to} [C_{\eta_{14}}, \mathrm{SU}(3)]_{(2)} \overset{p_*}{\to} [C_{\eta_{14}}, \mathrm{S}^5]_{(2)} \to 0$$

(6) There exists  $\overline{i_*\mu'}$  such that  $2 \cdot \overline{i_*\mu'} = (\Sigma^{11}q_3)^*[2\iota_5]\zeta_5$  and  $p_*\overline{i_*\mu'} = \pm(\Sigma^{11}q_3)^*\zeta_5$ .

Before the proof of the lemma, we prove Theorem 2.1(3) from the lemma. By (3.4) and Lemma 3.2 (2),(4),(5), we see that  $\mathbb{Z}_2\{(\Sigma^{11}q_3)^* [\nu_5 \overline{\nu}_8]\}$  is a direct summand of  $[C_{\eta_{14}}, SU(3)]_{(2)}$  and that the order of  $[v_5^2]\Sigma\overline{v_{10}}$  is 4, since the order of  $[v_5^2]$  is 4 by [6]. Then Theorem 2.1(3) is easily obtained from Lemma 3.2(4),(6).

*Proof of Lemma* 3.2. (1) Since  $[C_{\eta_{13}}, S^{10}]$  is stable and  $\pi_{14}(S^{10}) = \pi_{15}(S^{10}) =$ 0, we obtain (1).

- (2) In the third row of (3.4) we have  $v_5\sigma_8\eta_{15} = v_5\varepsilon_8$  by [9, p. 152],  $\eta_5\mu_6\eta_{15} =$  $4\zeta_5$  by [7, Proposition (2.2)] and [9, (7.7), (7.14)],  $v_5^3\eta_{14} = 0$  by [9, Proposition 5.2], and  $\eta_5 \varepsilon_6 \eta_{14} = 4(\nu_5 \sigma_8)$  by [9, Lemma 6.6, (7.5), (7.10)]. Hence we have the following exact sequence:
- $(3.5) \quad 0 \to \mathbf{Z}_{4}\{(\Sigma^{11}q_{3})^{*}\zeta_{5}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_{2}\{(\Sigma^{11}q_{3})^{*}\nu_{5}\overline{\nu}_{8}\} \to [C_{\eta_{14}}, S^{5}]_{(2)} \xrightarrow{(\Sigma^{11}i')^{*}} \mathbf{Z}_{2}\{\nu_{5}^{3}\} \to 0$

Since  $(\Sigma^{11}i')^*v_5^2\Sigma\overline{v_{10}} = v_5^3$ , the order of  $v_5^2\Sigma\overline{v_{10}}$  is 2. Hence (3.5) splits and (2) is obtained.

- (3) In the first row of (3.4) we have  $v'\mu_6\eta_{15} = v'\eta_6\mu_7$ ,  $\mu'\eta_{14} = v'\mu_6$  by [7, Proposition (2.2)] and  $\varepsilon_3v_{11}\eta_{14} = 0$ ,  $v'\varepsilon_6\eta_{14} = v'\eta_6\varepsilon_7$  by [9]. Hence  $(\Sigma^{11}i')^*$ :  $[C_{\eta_{14}}, S^3]_{(2)} \cong \mathbb{Z}_2^2 \{ 2\mu', \varepsilon_3 \nu_{11} \}.$  Thus we obtain (3).
- (4) By the same proof of [6, (4.4)], we have  $2\iota_5 \circ (\nu_5 \sigma_8 \eta_{15}) = 2(\nu_5 \sigma_8 \eta_{15})$  and hence

$$p_*\eta_{15}^*([2\iota_5]\nu_5\sigma_8) = 2\iota_5 \circ (\nu_5\sigma_8\eta_{15}) = 2(\nu_5\sigma_8\eta_{15}) = 0.$$

Since  $2\iota_5 \circ \zeta_5 = 2\zeta_5$  by [6, (4.4)], the second  $p_*$  of (3.4) is injective, and hence  $\eta_{15}^*([2\iota_5]\nu_5\sigma_8) = 0$ . Also  $p_*([2\iota_5]\nu_5\sigma_8) = 2(\nu_5\sigma_8)$  by [6, (4.4)], and  $\eta_{14}^*([\nu_5^2]\nu_{11}) = 0$ . Thus we obtain (4).

- (5) Since the orders of  $[C_{\eta_{14}}, S^3]_{(2)}$ ,  $[C_{\eta_{14}}, SU(3)]_{(2)}$  and  $[C_{\eta_{14}}, S^5]_{(2)}$  are respectively 4, 64 and 16 by (3), (4) and (2), we obtain (5).
  - (6) By (2) and (4), we can write

(3.6) 
$$p_* \overline{i_* \mu'} = x \cdot (\Sigma^{11} q_3)^* \zeta_5 + y \cdot (\Sigma^{11} q_3)^* \nu_5 \overline{\nu}_8 + z \cdot \nu_5^2 \Sigma \overline{\nu}_{10},$$

(3.7) 
$$2 \cdot \overline{i_* \mu'} = A \cdot (\Sigma^{11} q_3)^* [2i_5] \zeta_5 + B \cdot (\Sigma^{11} q_3)^* [\nu_5 \overline{\nu}_8],$$

where  $x, A \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  and  $y, z, B \in \{0, 1\}$ .

By applying  $(\Sigma^{11}i')^*$  to (3.6), we have  $0 = z \cdot v_5^3$ . Hence z = 0. We will show that x = 1 or 3. If x = 0, then  $\overline{i_*\mu'} - y \cdot (\Sigma^{11}q_3)^*[v_5\overline{v}_8] \in$  $Ker(p_*) = Image(i_*)$  and hence

$$i_*\mu' = (\Sigma^{11}i')^*(\overline{i_*\mu'} - y(\Sigma^{11}q_3)^*[v_5\overline{v}_8]) \in i_*(\Sigma^{11}i')^*[C_{\eta_{14}}, \mathbf{S}^3]_{(2)} = \mathbf{Z}_2\{2[v_5^2]v_{11}\}$$

by (3) and [6, (4.1)]. This is impossible. Hence  $x \neq 0$ . If x = 2, then

$$p_*\overline{i_*\mu'} = p_*(\Sigma^{11}q_3)^*([2\iota_5]\zeta_5 + y[\nu_5\overline{\nu}_8]),$$

since  $2\iota_5 \circ \zeta_5 = 2\zeta_5$  by [6, (4.4)]. Now  $\overline{i_*\mu'} - (\Sigma^{11}q_3)^*([2\iota_5]\zeta_5 + y[\nu_5\overline{\nu}_8]) \in \text{Ker}(p_*) = \text{Image}(i_*)$ . Hence  $\overline{i_*\mu'} - (\Sigma^{11}q_3)^*([2\iota_5]\zeta_5 + y[\nu_5\overline{\nu}_8]) \equiv 0 \pmod{i_*2\mu'}, i_*\overline{\varepsilon_3\nu_{11}}$  by (3). Then  $i_*\mu' = (\Sigma^{11}i')^*(\overline{i_*\mu'} - (\Sigma^{11}q_3)^*([2\iota_5]\zeta_5 + y[\nu_5\overline{\nu}_8])) \equiv 0 \pmod{2i_*\mu'}, 2[\nu_5^2]\nu_{11})$  by (4) and [6, (4.1)]. This is impossible. Hence  $x \neq 2$ . Therefore x = 1 or 3 as desired.

By applying  $p_*$  to (3.7), we have  $2p_*\overline{i_*\mu'}=2A(\Sigma^{11}q_3)^*\zeta_5+B(\Sigma^{11}q_3)^*\nu_5\overline{\nu}_8$ . The left term of this equality is  $2x\cdot(\Sigma^{11}q_3)^*\zeta_5$  by (3.6). Hence  $A\equiv x\pmod{2}$  and B=0. Rewrite  $w\cdot\overline{i_*\mu'}+y(\Sigma^{11}q_3)^*[\nu_5\overline{\nu}_9]$  as  $\overline{i_*\mu'}$ , where w is 1 or -1 according as A is 1 or 3. Then  $2\cdot\overline{i_*\mu'}=(\Sigma^{11}q_3)^*[2i_5]\zeta_5$  and  $p_*\overline{i_*\mu'}=(\Sigma^{11}q_3)^*[2i_5]\zeta_5$ 

 $-wx(\Sigma^{11}q_3)^*\zeta_5 = \pm(\Sigma^{11}q_3)^*\zeta_5$ . Thus we obtain (6). This completes the proof of Lemma 3.2.

## 4. Sp(2)

The purpose of this section is to prove (4), (5) and (6) of Theorem 2.1. Recall that  $\omega = v' + \alpha_1(3)$  and so  $\Sigma^n \omega = 2v_{n+3} + \alpha_1(n+3)$  for  $n \ge 2$ .

**4.1. Proof of Theorem 2.1 (4).** By [6] ([3, Table 4]) and [9], we have the following commutative diagram with exact rows.

$$\begin{bmatrix} C_{\Sigma^9\omega}, \mathbf{S}^3 \end{bmatrix} & \xrightarrow{(\Sigma^9 i')^*} & \mathbf{Z}_2^2 \{\mu_3, \eta_3 \varepsilon_4\} & \xrightarrow{(\Sigma^9\omega)^*} & \mathbf{Z}$$

Commutativity of this diagram implies that the first  $(\Sigma^9 q_3)^*$  has a left inverse. Hence the second row splits and so (4) is obtained.

4.2. Proof of Theorem 2.1 (5). In the following exact sequence

$$\pi_{17}(\operatorname{Sp}(2)) \xrightarrow{(\Sigma^{10}q_3)^*} [C_{\Sigma^{10}\omega}, \operatorname{Sp}(2)] \xrightarrow{(\Sigma^{10}i')^*} \pi_{13}(\operatorname{Sp}(2))$$

we have  $\pi_{17}(\mathrm{Sp}(2))_{(3)} = \pi_{13}(\mathrm{Sp}(2))_{(3)} = 0$  by [6] ([3, Table 4]). Hence (4.1)  $[C_{\Sigma^{10}\omega}, \mathrm{Sp}(2)]_{(2,3)} = [C_{\Sigma^{10}\omega}, \mathrm{Sp}(2)]_{(2)}.$ 

Therefore it suffices to compute  $[C_{\Sigma^{10}\omega}, \operatorname{Sp}(2)]_{(2)}$ .

Lemma 4.1. (1) We have the following commutative diagram with exact rows and columns from (2.1).

$$(4.2) \hspace{1cm} [C_{\Sigma^{11}\omega}, \mathbf{S}^7]_{(2)} \xrightarrow{(\Sigma^{11}i')^*} \mathbf{Z}_8\{\sigma'\} \xrightarrow{(\Sigma^{11}\omega)^*} \cdots$$

$$\downarrow \hat{\sigma} \hspace{1cm} \downarrow \hat{\sigma} \hspace{1c$$

We have

$$(4.3) \quad (\Sigma^{10}q_3)^* (\mathbf{Z}_8\{\nu_7\sigma_{10}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{\eta_7\mu_8\}) = \mathbf{Z}_7^2\{(\Sigma^{10}q_3)^*\nu_7\sigma_{10}, (\Sigma^{10}q_3)^*\eta_7\mu_8\},$$

(4.4) 
$$(\Sigma^{11}i')^*[C_{\Sigma^{11}\omega}, S^7]_{(2)} = \mathbf{Z}_2\{4\sigma'\},$$

$$(5) \qquad (\Sigma^{10}q_3)^* \mathbf{Z}_8\{ [\nu_7]\sigma_{10} \} = \mathbf{Z}_4\{ (\Sigma^{10}q_3)^* [\nu_7]\sigma_{10} \},$$

$$(4.6) [C_{\Sigma^{10}\omega}, \mathbf{S}^7]_{(2)} = \mathbf{Z}_2^3 \{ (\Sigma^{10}q_3)^* \nu_7 \sigma_{10}, (\Sigma^{10}q_3)^* \eta_7 \mu_8, \nu_7 \Sigma^5 \overline{\nu_5} \}.$$

- (2) The order of  $i_*\overline{\epsilon'}$  is 4.
- (3)  $\mathbf{Z}_{2}\{i_{*}\mu_{3}\overline{\eta_{12}}\}$  is a direct summand of  $[C_{\Sigma^{10}\omega}, \operatorname{Sp}(2)]_{(2)}$  and  $(\Sigma^{10}i')^{*}i_{*}\mu_{3}\overline{\eta_{12}} = i_{*}\eta_{3}\mu_{4}$ .

Before the proof of Lemma 4.1 we prove Theorem 2.1 (5) from Lemma 4.1. By Lemma 4.1 (3),  $[C_{\Sigma^{10}\omega}, \operatorname{Sp}(2)]_{(2)} = \mathbf{Z}_2\{i_*\mu_3\overline{\eta}_{12}\} \oplus L$ , where L is the subgroup generated by  $[\nu_7]\nu_{10}$  and  $(\Sigma^{10}q_3)^*[\nu_7]\sigma_{10}$ . Hence it suffices for Theorem 2.1 (5) to prove that  $L = \mathbf{Z}_8\{[\nu_7]\nu_{10}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{2 \cdot [\nu_7]\nu_{10} - (\Sigma^{10}q_3)^*[\nu_7]\sigma_{10}\}$ .

By (4.5) and the third row of (4.2), we can write

$$(4.7) 4 \cdot \overline{[\nu_7]\nu_{10}} = x \cdot (\Sigma^{10}q_3)^* [\nu_7]\sigma_{10} \quad (x \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}).$$

Since  $i_*\varepsilon' = 2[\nu_7]\nu_{10}$  by [6, (5.1)], it follows that  $i_*\overline{\varepsilon'} - 2 \cdot \overline{[\nu_7]\nu_{10}} \in \text{Ker}(\Sigma^{10}i')^* = \text{Image}(\Sigma^{10}q_3)^*$  and hence from (4.5) that  $i_*\overline{\varepsilon'} - 2 \cdot \overline{[\nu_7]\nu_{10}} \in \mathbf{Z}_4\{(\Sigma^{10}q_3)^*[\nu_7]\nu_{10}\}$ , that is,

$$(4.8) i_*\overline{\varepsilon'} - 2 \cdot \overline{[v_7]v_{10}} = y \cdot (\Sigma^{10}q_3)^* [v_7]\sigma_{10} (y \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}).$$

By Lemma 4.1 (2), (4.7) and (4.8), we have

$$0 \neq 2 \cdot i_* \overline{\varepsilon'} = (x + 2y) (\Sigma^{10} q_3)^* [v_7] v_{10}, \quad 0 = 4 \cdot i_* \overline{\varepsilon'} = 2(x + 2y) (\Sigma^{10} q_3)^* [v_7] v_{10}.$$

Hence  $x+2y\equiv 2\pmod 4$  and so  $2\cdot i_*\overline{\epsilon'}=2(\Sigma^{10}q_3)^*[\nu_7]\sigma_{10}$  and  $x\equiv 0$  or 2. To induce a contradiction, assume x=0. Then y=1 or 3 and  $\#[\nu_7]\nu_{10}\equiv 4$  by (4.7). On the other hand, it follows from (4.8) that  $0=p_*i_*\overline{\epsilon'}=2\cdot p_*[\nu_7]\nu_{10}+y(\Sigma^{10}q_3)^*\nu_7\sigma_{10}$ . Hence the order of  $p_*[\nu_7]\nu_{10}\in [C_{\Sigma^{10}\omega},S^7]_{(2)}$  is 4. This contradicts (4.6). Hence x=2 so that  $\#[\nu_7]\nu_{10}=8$  and  $4[\nu_7]\nu_{10}=2(\Sigma^{10}q_3)^*[\nu_7]\sigma_{10}$  by (4.7). Therefore

$$L = \mathbf{Z}_{8}\{\overline{[\nu_{7}]\nu_{10}}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_{2}\{2 \cdot \overline{[\nu_{7}]\nu_{10}} - (\Sigma^{10}q_{3})^{*}[\nu_{7}]\sigma_{10}\}$$

as desired.

Proof of Lemma 4.1. Since  $\Sigma^n\omega\equiv 2\nu_{n+3}\pmod{\alpha_1(n+3)}$  for  $n\geq 2$  and since  $\pi_{17}(S^3)_{(2)}\cong\pi_{16}(S^3)_{(2)}\cong\pi_{13}(S^7)\cong \mathbb{Z}_2$  and  $\pi_{16}(\operatorname{Sp}(2))\cong\mathbb{Z}_2^2$ , it follows that the homomorphisms  $(\Sigma^{10}\omega)^*:\pi_{13}(X)_{(2)}\to\pi_{16}(X)_{(2)}$  for  $X=S^3,S^7,\operatorname{Sp}(2)$  and  $(\Sigma^{11}\omega)^*:\pi_{14}(S^3)_{(2)}\to\pi_{17}(S^3)_{(2)}$  are trivial. Hence the second row of (4.2) is exact and the second and the third  $(\Sigma^{10}i')^*$  are surjective. We have  $(\Sigma^{11}\omega)^*\sigma'=2(\sigma'\nu_{14})=2k\cdot\nu_7\sigma_{10}$  for some odd integer k by  $[9,\ (7.19)]$ . Hence we obtain (4.3), (4.4) and (4.5). To prove (4.6), consider the following commutative diagram with exact rows.

$$(4.9) \qquad 0 \xrightarrow{(\Sigma^{10}\omega)^{+}} \mathbf{Z}_{2}\{\nu'\eta_{6}\mu_{7}\} \qquad \xrightarrow{(\Sigma^{9}q_{3})^{+}} [C_{\Sigma^{9}\omega}, S^{3}]_{(2)} \xrightarrow{(\Sigma^{9}i')^{+}} \mathbf{Z}_{2}^{2} \xrightarrow{(\Sigma^{9}\omega)^{+}} 0$$

$$\downarrow \partial \qquad \downarrow \partial \qquad$$

Since  $(\Sigma^4 \omega)^* \Sigma \nu' = \Sigma \nu' \circ 2\nu_7 = 0$ , we can take  $\overline{\Sigma \nu'} \in [C_{\Sigma^4 \omega}, S^4]_{(2)}$  such that (4.10)  $\# \overline{\Sigma \nu'} = 4$ .

Since  $\Sigma^2 v' = 2v_5$  by [9, Lemma 5.4], we have  $(\Sigma^5 i')^* \Sigma \overline{\Sigma v'} = 2v_5 = (\Sigma^5 i')^* (2\overline{v_5})$  so that there exists an integer x such that

$$\Sigma \overline{\Sigma v'} = 2\overline{v_5} + x \cdot (\Sigma^5 q_3)^* \sigma'''$$

and hence

(4.11) 
$$\Sigma^6 \overline{\Sigma \nu'} = 2\Sigma^5 \overline{\nu_5} + 8x(\Sigma^{10} q_3)^* \sigma_{10},$$

since  $\Sigma^4 \sigma''' = 8\sigma^9$  by [9, Lemma 5.14]. Since  $(\Sigma^8 i')^* (\nu_5 \Sigma^4 \overline{\Sigma} \nu') = \nu_5 \Sigma^5 \nu' = 2\nu_5^2 = 0$ , we can write

$$v_5\Sigma^4\overline{\Sigma v'}=a\cdot (\Sigma^8q_3)^*v_5\sigma_8+b\cdot (\Sigma^8q_3)^*\eta_5\mu_6\quad (a\in \mathbf{Z},b\in\{0,1\}).$$

We have  $0 = 4(v_5 \Sigma^4 \overline{\Sigma v'}) = 4a \cdot (\Sigma^8 q_3)^* v_5 \sigma_8$ , where the first equality follows from (4.10). Hence  $a \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  so that, by (4.3), we have

$$(4.12) v_7 \Sigma^6 \overline{\Sigma v'} = \Sigma^2 (v_5 \Sigma^4 \overline{\Sigma v'}) = b \cdot (\Sigma^{10} q_3)^* \eta_7 \mu_8.$$

In (4.9), we have  $\partial(\eta_7\mu_8) = v'\eta_6\mu_7$  and  $\partial v_7^2 = 0$ , since  $\partial \iota_7 \equiv \pm v' \pmod{\alpha_1(3)}$ . Hence  $(\Sigma^8 i')^* \partial v_7^2 = 0$ . Therefore

(4.13) 
$$\hat{\sigma}([C_{\Sigma^{10}\omega}, S^7]_{(2)}) = \mathbf{Z}_2\{(\Sigma^9 q_3)^* \nu' \eta_6 \mu_7\}.$$

Now, by (4.11) and (4.12), we have

$$b \cdot (\Sigma^{10} q_3)^* \eta_7 \mu_8 = \nu_7 \Sigma^6 \overline{\Sigma \nu'} = \nu_7 (2\Sigma^5 \overline{\nu_5} + 8x(\Sigma^{10} q_3)^* \sigma_{10}) = 2(\nu_7 \Sigma^5 \overline{\nu_5}).$$

Also  $0 = \partial(2\nu_7\Sigma^5\overline{\nu_5}) = \partial(b \cdot (\Sigma^{10}q_3)^*\eta_7\mu_8) = b \cdot (\Sigma^9q_3)^*\nu'\eta_6\mu_7$ , where the first equality follows from (4.13). Hence b = 0 so that  $2(\nu_7\Sigma^5\overline{\nu_5}) = 0$ . This proves (4.6) and completes the proof of (1).

(2) We have  $4\overline{\epsilon'} = (\Sigma^{10}q_3)^*(\alpha)$  for some  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_2\{\varepsilon_3 v_{11}^2\}$ . Then  $i_*(4\overline{\epsilon'}) = i_*(\Sigma^{10}q_3)^*(\alpha) = (\Sigma^{10}q_3)^*i_*(\alpha) = 0$ . Thus  $\#i_*\overline{\epsilon'}$  is 1, 2 or 4. Set  $k = \#i_*\overline{\epsilon'}$ . To induce a contradiction, assume k is 1 or 2. Since  $i_*(k\overline{\epsilon'}) = 0$ , we have  $k\overline{\epsilon'} = \partial(\beta)$  for some  $\beta \in [C_{\Sigma^{11}\omega}, S^7]_{(2)}$ . Then

$$0 \neq k\varepsilon' = (\Sigma^{10}i')^*(k\overline{\varepsilon'}) = (\Sigma^{10}i')^*\partial(\beta) = \partial(\Sigma^{11}i')^*\beta \in \partial(\mathbf{Z}_2\{4\sigma'\}) = 0,$$

since  $(\Sigma^{11}i')^*[C_{\Sigma^{11}\omega}, S^7]_{(2)} = \operatorname{Ker}(\Sigma^{11}\omega)^* = \mathbf{Z}_2\{4\sigma'\}$ . This is a contradiction. Thus  $\#i_*\overline{\epsilon'} = 4$  as desired.

(3) By the exact sequence

$$\pi_{17}(S^{12}) = 0 \longrightarrow [C_{\Sigma^{10}\omega}, S^{12}] \xrightarrow{(\Sigma^{10}i')^*} \pi_{13}(S^{12}) \longrightarrow \pi_{16}(S^{12}) = 0$$

we have  $[C_{\Sigma^{10}\omega}, S^{12}] = \mathbb{Z}_2\{\overline{\eta_{12}}\}$ . Since  $(\Sigma^{10}i')^*(\mu_3\overline{\eta_{12}}) = \mu_3\eta_{12} = \eta_3\mu_4$  and since  $\#(\mu_3\overline{\eta_{12}}) = 2$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_2\{\mu_3\overline{\eta_{12}}\}$  is a direct summand of  $[C_{\Sigma^{10}\omega}, S^3]_{(2)}$ . Thus we obtain (3), since  $(\Sigma^{10}i')^*i_*\mu_3\overline{\eta_{12}} = i_*(\Sigma^{10}i')^*\mu_3\overline{\eta_{12}} = i_*\mu_3\eta_{12}$ . This completes the proof of Lemma 4.1.

## 4.3. Proof of Theorem 2.1 (6). Let

$$\mathbf{S}^6 \xrightarrow{\nu'} \mathbf{S}^3 \xrightarrow{i'_2} C_{\nu'} \xrightarrow{q_{3,2}} \mathbf{S}^7; \quad \mathbf{S}^6 \xrightarrow{\alpha_1(3)} \mathbf{S}^3 \xrightarrow{i'_3} C_{\alpha_1(3)} \xrightarrow{q_{3,3}} \mathbf{S}^7$$

be the usual cofibrations. If  $n \ge 2$ , then  $9\Sigma^n \omega = 2v_{n+3}$  and  $4\Sigma^n \omega = \alpha_1(n+3)$  and so we have the following commutative diagram of cofibrations:

Then for any  $n \ge 2$  and for any pointed space X we have

$$f^*: [C_{\Sigma^n\omega}, X]_{(2)} \cong [C_{2\nu_{n+3}}, X]_{(2)}; \quad g^*: [C_{\Sigma^n\omega}, X]_{(3)} \cong [C_{\alpha_1(n+3)}, X]_{(3)}.$$

If  $n \ge 5$ , then  $[C_{\Sigma^n \omega}, \operatorname{Sp}(2)]$  is a finite group and so

$$\begin{split} [C_{\Sigma^n \omega}, \operatorname{Sp}(2)]_{(2,3)} &= [C_{\Sigma^n \omega}, \operatorname{Sp}(2)]_{(2)} \oplus [C_{\Sigma^n \omega}, \operatorname{Sp}(2)]_{(3)} \\ &\cong [C_{2\nu_{n+3}}, \operatorname{Sp}(2)]_{(2)} \oplus [C_{\alpha_1(n+3)}, \operatorname{Sp}(2)]_{(3)}. \end{split}$$

Therefore it suffices to prove the following:

(4.14) 
$$[C_{2\nu_{14}}, \operatorname{Sp}(2)]_{(2)} = \mathbf{Z}_{8}^{2}\{(\Sigma^{11}q_{3,2})^{*}[\zeta_{7}], \overline{2[2\sigma']}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_{2}\{(\Sigma^{11}q_{3,2})^{*}i_{*}\overline{\varepsilon}_{3}\},$$
  
(4.15)  $[C_{\alpha_{1}(14)}, \operatorname{Sp}(2)]_{(3)} = \mathbf{Z}_{27}\{\overline{i_{*}}\alpha_{3}(\overline{3})\}.$ 

Lemma 4.2. (1) 
$$[C_{2\nu_{14}}, S^3]_{(2)} = \mathbf{Z}_4\{\overline{\mu'}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2^3\{\varepsilon_3\overline{\nu_{11}}, \varepsilon'\overline{\eta_{13}}, (\Sigma^{11}q_{3,2})^*\overline{\varepsilon}_3\}.$$
  
(2)  $[C_{2\nu_{14}}, S^7]_{(2)} = \mathbf{Z}_8\{(\Sigma^{11}q_{3,2})^*\zeta_7\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2^2\{(\Sigma^{11}q_{3,2})^*\overline{\nu}_7\nu_{16}, \overline{4\sigma'}\}.$ 

- (3) ([3, Proposition 4.4(1)])  $3\iota_5 \circ \pi_{12}(S^5) = 3\pi_{12}(S^5)$ . (4) ([9])  $\pi_{13}(S^3)_{(3)} = \mathbf{Z}_3\{\alpha_1(3)\alpha_2(6)\}$  and  $\alpha_2(3)\alpha_1(10) = -\alpha_1(3)\alpha_2(6)$ . (5) ([9])  $\pi_{17}(S^3)_{(3)} = \mathbf{Z}_3\{\alpha_1(3)\alpha_3'(6)\}$  and  $\alpha_3(3)\alpha_1(14) = \alpha_1(3)\alpha_3'(6)$ .

Before the proof of Lemma 4.2, we prove (4.14) and (4.15) from Lemma 4.2. For  $n \ge 2$ , to simplify notations, we denote  $\Sigma^n q_{3,2}: C_{2\nu_{n+3}} \to S^{n+7}$  and  $\Sigma^n q_{3,3}: C_{\alpha_1(n+3)} \to S^{n+7}$  by q, and  $\Sigma^n i_2': S^{n+3} \to C_{2\nu_{n+3}}$  and  $\Sigma^n i_3': S^{n+3} \to C_{2\nu_{n+3}}$  $C_{\alpha_1(n\pm 3)}$  by i''.

To prove (4.14), we consider (2.1) for the fibration  $S^3 \xrightarrow{i} Sp(2) \xrightarrow{p} S^7$  and the cofibration  $S^8 \xrightarrow{2\nu_5} S^5 \xrightarrow{i''} C_{2\nu_5}$ , that is, the following commutative diagram with exact rows and columns, where  $\rightarrow$  means a monomorphism.

$$[C_{2\nu_{15}},\operatorname{Sp}(2)]_{(2)} \xrightarrow{i^{n_*}} \quad \mathbf{Z}_2\{[\sigma'\eta_{14}]\} \qquad \stackrel{(2\nu_{15})^*}{\longrightarrow} \qquad 0$$

$$\downarrow^{p_*} \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{p_*} \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{p_*}$$

$$0 \longrightarrow [C_{2\nu_{15}},\operatorname{S}^7]_{(2)} \xrightarrow{i^{n_*}} \quad \mathbf{Z}_2^3\{\sigma'\eta_{14},\overline{\nu}_7,\varepsilon_7\} \qquad \stackrel{(2\nu_{15})^*}{\longrightarrow} \qquad 0$$

$$\downarrow^{\bar{c}} \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{\bar{c}} \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{\bar{c}}$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_2\{\bar{e}_3\} \qquad \stackrel{q^*}{\longrightarrow} \qquad [C_{2\nu_{14}},\operatorname{S}^3]_{(2)} \xrightarrow{i^{n_*}} \quad \mathbf{Z}_4\{\mu'\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2^2\{\varepsilon_3\nu_{11},\nu'\varepsilon_6\} \qquad \stackrel{(2\nu_{14})^*}{\longrightarrow} \qquad 0$$

$$\downarrow^{i_*} \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{i_*} \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{i_*} \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{i_*} \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{\bar{c}}$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_8\{[\zeta_7]\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{i_*\bar{e}_3\} \xrightarrow{q^*} \qquad [C_{2\nu_{14}},\operatorname{Sp}(2)]_{(2)} \xrightarrow{i^{n_*}} \qquad \mathbf{Z}_{16}\{[2\sigma']\} \qquad \stackrel{(2\nu_{14})^*}{\longrightarrow} \qquad \mathbf{Z}_8\{[\nu_7]\sigma_{10}\}$$

$$\downarrow^{p_*} \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{p_*} \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{p_*}$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_8\{\zeta_7\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{\bar{\nu}_7\nu_{15}\} \xrightarrow{q^*} \qquad [C_{2\nu_{14}},\operatorname{S}^7]_{(2)} \xrightarrow{i^{n_*}} \qquad \mathbf{Z}_8\{\sigma'\} \qquad \stackrel{(2\nu_{14})^*}{\longrightarrow} \qquad \mathbf{Z}_8\{\nu_7\sigma_{10}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{\eta_7\mu_8\}$$

Here we have not used Lemma 4.2 but [6, 9]. Since  $p_*(2v_{14})^*[2\sigma'] = 4(\sigma'v_{14}) =$  $4(\nu_7\sigma_{10})=p_*(4[\nu_7]\sigma_{10})$  by [9, (7.19)], we have  $(2\nu_{14})^*[2\sigma']=4[\nu_7]\sigma_{10}$ . Since  $\partial(\iota_7)=\nu'$ , we have  $\partial(\overline{\nu}_7)=\nu'\overline{\nu}_6=\varepsilon_3\nu_{11}$ ,  $\partial(\overline{\nu}_7\nu_{15})=\varepsilon_3\nu_{11}^2$  and  $\partial(\varepsilon_7)=\nu'\varepsilon_6=\varepsilon'\eta_{13}$ . It then follows from Lemma 4.2(1),(2) that the above diagram induces the following commutative diagram with short exact rows and exact columns.

Write  $p_*\overline{2[2\sigma']} = x \cdot q^*\zeta_7 + \underline{y} \cdot q^*\overline{v}_7v_{15} + \underline{z} \cdot \overline{4\sigma'}$   $(x,y,z \in \mathbb{Z})$ . Then  $p_*(\overline{2[2\sigma']} - x \cdot q^*[\zeta_7]) = y \cdot q^*\overline{v}_7v_{15} + \underline{z} \cdot \overline{4\sigma'}$  and  $2(\overline{2[2\sigma']} - \underline{x} \cdot q^*[\zeta_7]) \in \operatorname{Ker}(p_*) = \operatorname{Image}(i_*)$ . Hence we can write  $2 \cdot \overline{2[2\sigma']} - 2\underline{x} \cdot q^*[\zeta_7] = A \cdot i_*\overline{\mu'} + B \cdot i_*q^*\overline{\varepsilon}_3$  for some  $A, B \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Multiplying by 4, we have  $8 \cdot \overline{2[2\sigma']} = 0$ . Hence the order of  $\overline{2[2\sigma']}$  is 8. Therefore the second row of the above diagram splits and we obtain (4.14).

We prove (4.15). By Lemma 4.2(4),(5) and equalities  $3\beta_1(5) = -\alpha_1(5)\alpha_2(8)$ ,  $3\beta_1(7) = 0$  ([9, Lemma 13.8, Theorem 13.9]), we have  $\alpha_2(7)\alpha_1(14) = 0$  and  $\alpha_1(3)\alpha_2(6)\alpha_1(13) = 0$  and  $\alpha_1(14)^*: \pi_{17}(S^3)_{(3)} \cong \pi_{14}(S^3)_{(3)}$ . Hence we have the following commutative diagram with exact rows and columns from (2.1).

Since  $\partial(\alpha_2(7)) = \partial(i_7)\alpha_2(6) = \alpha_1(3)\alpha_2(6)$ , the third  $\partial$  is an isomorphism so that the second  $\partial$  is surjective. Since  $\partial q^*\alpha_3'(7) = q^*\partial\alpha_3'(7) = 0$ , there exists  $a \in [C_{\alpha_1(14)}, \operatorname{Sp}(2)]_{(3)}$  such that  $p_*(a) = q^*\alpha_3'(7)$ . The order of a is 9 or 27. In order to induce a contradiction, assume the order of a is 9. By the exactness of the first column of the above diagram, there exists a generator b of  $\pi_{18}(\operatorname{Sp}(2))_{(3)} = \mathbb{Z}_9$  such that  $p_*b = 3\alpha_3'(7)$ . Then  $p_*(q^*b - 3a) = 0$ . Hence  $q^*b - 3a \in \operatorname{Ker}(p_*) = \operatorname{Image}(i_*) \cong \mathbb{Z}_3$  and  $0 = 3(q^*b - 3a) = 3q^*b$ . This contradicts  $\#q^*b = 9$ . Therefore the order of a is 27. Hence  $[C_{\alpha_1(14)}, \operatorname{Sp}(2)]_{(3)} = \mathbb{Z}_{27}\{i_*\alpha_3(3)\}$ . This completes the proof of (4.15).

*Proof of Lemma* 4.2 (1). As seen above, we have the following exact sequence.

$$0 \to \mathbf{Z}_2\{\bar{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_3\} \overset{g^*}{\to} [C_{2\nu_{14}}, S^3]_{(2)} \overset{i''^*}{\to} \mathbf{Z}_4\{\mu'\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2^2\{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_3\nu_{11}, \nu'\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_6\} \to 0$$

We have

$$4\overline{\mu'} = 4\iota_3 \circ \overline{\mu'}$$
 (since S<sup>3</sup> is an H-space)  
 $\in \{4\iota_3, \mu', 2\nu_{14}\} \circ q$  (by [9, Proposition 1.9])

and

Indet
$$\{4i_3, \mu', 2v_{14}\} = 4i_3 \circ \pi_{18}(S^3) + \pi_{15}(S^3) \circ 2v_{15} = \mathbb{Z}_{15},$$
  

$$\Sigma^2 \{4i_3, \mu', 2v_{14}\} \subset \{4i_5, \Sigma^2 \mu', 2v_{16}\}_2 = \{2i_5, 2\Sigma^2 \mu', 2v_{16}\}_2$$

$$= \{2i_5, \eta_5^2 \mu_7, 2v_{16}\}_2 \supset \{2i_5 \circ \eta_5^2, \mu_7, 2v_{16}\}_2 = \{0\}.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \left\{4 \iota_5, \Sigma^2 \mu', 2 \nu_{16}\right\}_2 &= \text{Indet} \left\{4 \iota_5, \Sigma^2 \mu', 2 \nu_{16}\right\}_2 = 4 \iota_5 \circ \Sigma^2 \pi_{18}(S^3) = \mathbf{Z}_{15}, \\ \left\{4 \iota_3, \mu', 2 \nu_{14}\right\} &= \mathbf{Z}_{15}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if we take  $\overline{\mu'}$  as a 2-primary element, then  $4\iota_3 \circ \overline{\mu'} = 0$ , that is,  $4\overline{\mu'} = 0$ . Since  $i''^*(\varepsilon_3\overline{\nu_{11}}) = \varepsilon_3\nu_{11}$  and  $i''^*(\varepsilon'\overline{\eta_{13}}) = \varepsilon'\eta_{13} = \nu'\varepsilon_6$ , it suffices to prove that  $\#\varepsilon_3\overline{\nu_{11}} = \#\varepsilon'\overline{\eta_{13}} = 2$ . This is done as follows. Since  $\overline{\nu_{11}} = \Sigma\overline{\nu_{10}}$  and  $\#\varepsilon_3 = 2$ ,  $\#\varepsilon_3\overline{\nu_{11}} = 2$ . Since  $i''^*: [C_{2\nu_{14}}, S^{13}] \to \pi_{14}(S^{13})$  is an isomorphism,  $\#\overline{\eta_{13}} = 2$  so that  $\#\varepsilon'\overline{\eta_{13}} = 2$ .

Proof of Lemma 4.2 (2). We have the following exact sequence.

$$0 \to \mathbf{Z}_8\{\zeta_7\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{\overline{\nu}_7\nu_{15}\} \stackrel{q^*}{\to} [C_{2\nu_{14}}, \mathbf{S}^7]_{(2)} \stackrel{i''^*}{\to} \mathbf{Z}_2\{4\sigma'\} \to 0$$

We have

$$2 \cdot \overline{4\sigma'} = 2\iota_7 \circ \overline{4\sigma'}$$
 (since S<sup>7</sup> is an H-space)  
 $\in \{2\iota_7, 4\sigma', 2\nu_{14}\} \circ q$  (by [9, Proposition 1.9])

and

Indet
$$\{2\iota_7, 4\sigma', 2\nu_{14}\} = 2\pi_{18}(S^7) = \mathbf{Z}_4\{2\zeta_7\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_{63}.$$

We shall show  $\{2\iota_7,4\sigma',2\nu_{14}\}=\mathbf{Z}_4\{2\zeta_7\}\oplus\mathbf{Z}_{63}$  as follows. Since  $\Sigma:\pi_{18}(S^7)\to\pi_{19}(S^8)$  is an isomorphism by [9] and Indet $\{2\iota_8,\Sigma(4\sigma'),2\nu_{15}\}_1=2\pi_{19}(S^8)$ , we have

$$\Sigma\{2\iota_7, 4\sigma', 2\nu_{14}\} = (-1)\{2\iota_8, \Sigma(4\sigma'), 2\nu_{15}\}_1.$$

We have

$$\{2\imath_{8}, \Sigma(4\sigma'), 2\nu_{15}\}_{1} \supset \{2\imath_{8}, \Sigma(4\sigma'), 2\imath_{15}\}_{1} \circ \nu_{16} \quad (by \ [9, \ Proposition \ 1.2])$$

and

$$\begin{split} \{2 \imath_8, \Sigma(4\sigma'), 2 \imath_{15}\}_1 \ni \Sigma(4\sigma') \circ \eta_{15} &= 0 \quad (by \ [9, \ Corollary \ 3.7]), \\ Indet \{2 \imath_8, \Sigma(4\sigma'), 2 \imath_{15}\}_1 &= 2 \imath_8 \circ \Sigma \pi_{15}(S^7) + 2 \pi_{16}(S^8) = 0. \end{split}$$

Hence  $\{2i_8, \Sigma(4\sigma'), 2i_{15}\}_1 = \{0\}$  so that  $\{2i_8, \Sigma(4\sigma'), 2\nu_{15}\}_1 \ni 0$ . Thus  $\{2i_8, \Sigma(4\sigma'), 2\nu_{15}\}_1 = 2\pi_{19}(S^8)$  and

$${2\iota_7, 4\sigma', 2\nu_{14}} = 2\pi_{18}(S^7) = \mathbf{Z}_4{2\zeta_7} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_{63}.$$

Therefore we can write

$$2 \cdot \overline{4\sigma'} = 2x q^* \zeta_7 \quad (0 \le x \le 3).$$

In this case, we have

$$\#(\overline{4\sigma'} - x q^* \zeta_7) = 2,$$

$$[C_{2\nu_{14}}, \mathbf{S}^7]_{(2)} = \mathbf{Z}_8 \{q^* \zeta_7\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2^2 \{q^* \overline{\nu}_7 \nu_{16}, \overline{4\sigma'} - x q^* \zeta_7\}.$$

Hence, by rewriting  $\overline{4\sigma'} - x q^* \zeta_7$  as  $\overline{4\sigma'}$ , we have

$$[C_{2\nu_{14}}, S^7]_{(2)} = \mathbf{Z}_8\{q^*\zeta_7\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2^2\{q^*\overline{\nu}_7\nu_{16}, \overline{4\sigma'}\}.$$

*Proof of Lemma* 4.2 (3). Since  $\Sigma : \pi_{12}(S^5) \to \pi_{13}(S^6)$  is injective by [9], we have  $3\iota_5 \circ \pi_{12}(S^5) = 3\pi_{12}(S^5)$  as desired.

*Proof of Lemma* 4.2 (4). It follows from [9, Theorem 13.9] that  $\pi_{13}(S^3)_{(3)} = \mathbb{Z}_3\{\alpha_1(3)\alpha_2(6)\}$  and from [9, Lemma 13.5] that

$$\alpha_2(3) \in {\{\alpha_1(3), \Sigma(3\iota_5), \Sigma\alpha_1(5)\}}_1 \subset {\{\alpha_1(3), \Sigma(3\iota_5), \Sigma\alpha_1(5)\}} \subset {\pi_{10}(S^3)}.$$

Since Indet $\{\alpha_1(3), \Sigma(3\iota_5), \Sigma\alpha_1(5)\} = \pi_7(S^3) \circ \alpha_1(7) + \alpha_1(3) \circ \pi_{10}(S^6) = 0$ , we have  $\alpha_2(3) = \{\alpha_1(3), 3\iota_6, \alpha_1(6)\}_1 = \{\alpha_1(3), 3\iota_6, \alpha_1(6)\}.$ 

Then

$$\begin{split} \alpha_2(3)\alpha_1(10) &= \{\alpha_1(3), 3\imath_6, \alpha_1(6)\}_1 \circ \alpha_1(10) \\ &= \alpha_1(3) \circ \Sigma \{3\imath_5, \alpha_1(5), \alpha_1(8)\} \quad (by \ [9, \ Proposition \ 1.4]) \\ &\in \alpha_1(3) \circ (-\{3\imath_6, \alpha_1(6), \alpha_1(9)\}_1) \quad (by \ [9, \ Proposition \ 1.3]) \\ &= -(\alpha_1(3) \circ \{3\imath_6, \alpha_1(6), \alpha_1(9)\}_1) \quad (since \ \mathit{S}^3 \ is \ an \ H\text{-space}). \end{split}$$

We have Indet $\{3\iota_6, \alpha_1(6), \alpha_1(9)\}_1 = 3\iota_6 \circ \Sigma \pi_{12}(S^5) = 3 \cdot \Sigma \pi_{12}(S^5)$  and so  $\alpha_1(3) \circ \text{Indet}\{3\iota_6, \alpha_1(6), \alpha_1(9)\}_1 = 0.$ 

Thus  $\alpha_1(3) \circ \{3\iota_3, \alpha_1(6), \alpha_1(9)\}_1$  consists of a single element. Hence

$$\begin{split} \alpha_1(3) \circ \{3 \imath_6, \alpha_1(6), \alpha_1(9)\}_1 &= \alpha_1(3) \circ (-\Sigma \{3 \imath_5, \alpha_1(5), \alpha_1(8)\}) \\ &= \alpha_1(3) \circ (-2\alpha_2(6)) \quad \text{(by [3, Proposition 4.4 (1)])} \\ &= \alpha_1(3) \alpha_2(6). \end{split}$$

Therefore  $\alpha_2(3)\alpha_1(10) = -\alpha_1(3)\alpha_2(6)$  as desired.

*Proof of Lemma* 4.2 (5). Since  $\alpha_3(3) \in \{\alpha_2(3), 3\iota_{10}, \alpha_1(10)\}_1$  by [9, Lemma 13.5], we have

$$\begin{split} (4.16) \quad & \alpha_3(3)\alpha_1(14) \in \left\{\alpha_2(3), 3\imath_{10}, \alpha_1(10)\right\}_1 \circ \alpha_1(14) \\ & = \alpha_2(3) \circ \Sigma \{3\imath_9, \alpha_1(9), \alpha_1(12)\} \quad \text{(by [9, Proposition 1.4])}. \end{split}$$

Since  $\{3i_5, \alpha_1(5), \alpha_1(8)\} = 2\alpha_2(5) + 3\pi_{12}(S^5)$  by [3, Proposition 4.4(1)], we have  $2\alpha_2(9) \in \Sigma^4\{3i_5, \alpha_1(5), \alpha_1(8)\} \subset \{3i_9, \alpha_1(9), \alpha_1(12)\}_4$ .

We have

Indet
$$\{3\iota_9, \alpha_1(9), \alpha_1(12)\} = 3\iota_9 \circ \pi_{16}(S^9) = 3\pi_{16}(S^9),$$

where the last equality follows from the fact  $\Sigma \pi_{15}(S^8) = \pi_{16}(S^9)$ . Hence  $\{3\iota_9, \alpha_1(9), \alpha_1(12)\} = 2\alpha_2(9) + 3\pi_{16}(S^9)$ . Since  $\pi_{16}(S^9)$  is stable and is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{Z}_3 \oplus \mathbf{Z}_{80}$  by [9], it follows that

$$\Sigma{3\iota_9, \alpha_1(9), \alpha_1(12)} = 2\alpha_2(10) + 3\pi_{17}(S^{10})$$

and so

$$\alpha_2(3) \circ \Sigma\{3\iota_9, \alpha_1(9), \alpha_1(12)\} = \alpha_2(3) \circ 2\alpha_2(10) = -\alpha_2(3)\alpha_2(10).$$

Hence (4.16) yields

$$(4.17) \alpha_3(3)\alpha_1(14) = -\alpha_2(3)\alpha_2(10).$$

By [9, Proposition 13.3], we have

$$\pi_{17}(S^3)_{(3)} = \mathbf{Z}_3\{\alpha_1(3)\alpha_3'(6)\}.$$

Hence  $\alpha_3(3)\alpha_1(14) = x \cdot \alpha_1(3)\alpha_3'(6)$  for some integer x. Then (4.17) yields

$$(4.18) -\alpha_2(4)\alpha_2(11) = \alpha_3(4)\alpha_1(15) = x \cdot \alpha_1(4)\alpha_3'(7).$$

By the EHP-sequence, we see that  $\alpha_1(4)\alpha_3'(7) \neq 0$ . On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{split} \alpha_2(4) \circ \alpha_2(11) \in & \Sigma\{\alpha_1(3), 3\imath_6, \alpha_1(6)\} \circ \alpha_2(11) \subset -\{\alpha_1(4), 3\imath_7, \alpha_1(7)\} \circ \alpha_2(11) \\ &= \alpha_1(4) \circ \{3\imath_7, \alpha_1(7), \alpha_2(10)\}. \end{split}$$

Since Indet $\{3\iota_7,\alpha_1(7),\alpha_2(10)\}=3\iota_7\circ\pi_{18}(S^7)$ , it follows that  $\alpha_1(4)\circ\{3\iota_7,\alpha_1(7),\alpha_2(10)\}$  is a single element. Thus

$$(4.19) \hspace{3.1em} \alpha_2(4)\alpha_2(11) = \alpha_1(4) \circ \{3\iota_7,\alpha_1(7),\alpha_2(10)\}.$$

Since  $\sum_{1}^{\infty} : \pi_{18}(S^7)_{(3)} = \mathbf{Z}_9\{\alpha_3'(7)\} \cong (\pi_{11}^s)_{(3)} = \mathbf{Z}_9\{\alpha_3'\},$  where  $\pi_n^s = \lim_{k \to \infty} \pi_{n+k}(S^k)$ , we have

$$\Sigma^{\infty}\{3\imath_7,\alpha_1(7),\alpha_2(10)\}=\langle 3\imath,\alpha_1,\alpha_2\rangle.$$

By [9, (3.9)], we have  $\langle 3i, \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \rangle = \langle \alpha_2, \alpha_1, 3i \rangle$ . It follows from [8, Proposition 4.17 ii)] that  $\langle \alpha_2, \alpha_1, 3i \rangle = 2\alpha_3' + 3\pi_{11}^s$  so that

$${3\iota_7, \alpha_1(7), \alpha_2(10)} = 2\alpha'_3(7) + 3\pi_{18}(S^7).$$

Hence (4.18) and (4.19) yield

$$(-x)\cdot\alpha_1(4)\alpha_3'(7)=\alpha_2(4)\alpha_2(11)=\alpha_1(4)\circ 2\alpha_3'(7)=-\alpha_1(4)\alpha_3'(7).$$

Therefore  $x \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  and  $\alpha_3(3)\alpha_1(14) = \alpha_1(3)\alpha_3'(6)$  as desired.

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