

## The quasi $KO$ -homology types of the stunted real projective spaces

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### 0. Introduction.

Let  $E$  be an associative ring spectrum with unit, and  $X, Y$  be  $CW$ -spectra. We say that  $X$  is *quasi  $E_*$ -equivalent to  $Y$*  if there exists a map  $h: Y \rightarrow E \wedge X$  such that the composite  $(\mu \wedge 1)(1 \wedge h): E \wedge Y \rightarrow E \wedge X$  is an equivalence where  $\mu: E \wedge E \rightarrow E$  stands for the multiplication of  $E$ . In this case we write  $X \underset{E}{\sim} Y$ , and we call such a map  $h: Y \rightarrow E \wedge X$  a quasi  $E_*$ -equivalence. We shall be concerned with the quasi  $KO_*$ -equivalence where  $KO$  is the real  $K$ -spectrum. In [Y2] we have determined the quasi  $KO_*$ -types of the real projective  $n$ -spaces  $RP^n$ . The purpose of this note is to determine the quasi  $KO_*$ -types of the stunted real projective spaces  $RP^n/RP^m$  as a continuation of [Y2].

In order to describe our main result precisely we have to introduce some elementary suspension spectra with three or four cells (see [Y3, Y4]). The Moore spectrum  $SZ/n$  of type  $Z/n$  is constructed by the cofiber sequence  $\Sigma^0 \xrightarrow{n} \Sigma^0 \xrightarrow{i} SZ/n \xrightarrow{j} \Sigma^1$ . Let  $M_{2m}$  and  $V_{2m}$  denote the cofibers of the maps  $i\eta: \Sigma^1 \rightarrow SZ/2m$  and  $i\bar{\eta}: \Sigma^1 SZ/2 \rightarrow SZ/m$  respectively. Here  $\eta: \Sigma^1 \rightarrow \Sigma^0$  stands for the stable Hopf map of order 2 and  $\bar{\eta}: \Sigma^1 SZ/2 \rightarrow \Sigma^0$  its extension satisfying  $\bar{\eta}i = \eta$ . The complex  $K$ -spectrum  $KU$  possesses the conjugation  $t: KU \rightarrow KU$  which gives rise to an involution  $t_*$  on  $KU_*X$  for any  $CW$ -spectrum  $X$ . By comparing  $KU_*RP^n$  with  $KU_*M_{2m}$  or  $KU_*V_{2m}$  as an abelian group with involution, and then by characterizing a  $CW$ -spectrum  $X$  which admits the same quasi  $KO_*$ -type as  $M_{2m}$  or  $V_{2m}$ , we have established the following determination [Y2, Theorem 5] (cf. [F]).

**THEOREM 1.**  $\Sigma^1 RP^n$  is quasi  $KO_*$ -equivalent to  $SZ/2^{4r}$ ,  $M_{2^{4r}}$ ,  $V_{2^{4r+1}}$ ,  $\Sigma^4 \vee V_{2^{4r+1}}$ ,  $V_{2^{4r+2}}$ ,  $M_{2^{4r+2}}$ ,  $SZ/2^{4r+3}$ ,  $\Sigma^0 \vee SZ/2^{4r+3}$  according as  $n = 8r, 8r+1, \dots, 8r+7$ .

Let  $M'_{2m}$  and  $MP_{2m}$  denote the cofibers of the maps  $\eta j: SZ/2m \rightarrow \Sigma^0$  and  $i\eta \vee \bar{\eta}: \Sigma^1 \vee \Sigma^2 \rightarrow SZ/2m$  respectively. Here  $\bar{\eta}: \Sigma^2 \rightarrow SZ/2m$  stands for a coexten-

sion of  $\eta$  satisfying  $j\bar{\eta}=\eta$ . By applying the same method as in the proof of Theorem 1 established in [Y2] we will show the following main result (cf. [FY]).

- THEOREM 2. i)  $\Sigma^{4m}(RP^{4m+n}/RP^{4m})$  is quasi  $KO_*$ -equivalent to  $RP^n$ .  
 ii)  $\Sigma^{4m}(RP^{4m+n}/RP^{4m-1})$  is quasi  $KO_*$ -equivalent to the wedge  $\Sigma^0 \vee RP^n$ .  
 iii)  $\Sigma^{4m}(RP^{4m+n-2}/RP^{4m-2})$  is quasi  $KO_*$ -equivalent to  $RP^n$  where  $\Sigma^1 RP^n = SZ/2^{4r}$ ,  $\Sigma^0 \vee SZ/2^{4r}$ ,  $SZ/2^{4r+1}$ ,  $M_{2^{4r+1}}$ ,  $V_{2^{4r+2}}$ ,  $\Sigma^4 \vee V_{2^{4r+2}}$ ,  $V_{2^{4r+3}}$ ,  $M_{2^{4r+3}}$  according as  $n=8r, 8r+1, \dots, 8r+7$ .  
 iv)  $\Sigma^{4m+2}(RP^{4m+n-2}/RP^{4m-3})$  is quasi  $KO_*$ -equivalent to  $M'_{2^{4r}}$ ,  $\Sigma^1 \vee M'_{2^{4r}}$ ,  $M'_{2^{4r+1}}$ ,  $\Sigma^1 MP_{2^{4r+2}}$ ,  $\Sigma^4 M'_{2^{4r+2}}$ ,  $\Sigma^5 \vee \Sigma^4 M'_{2^{4r+2}}$ ,  $\Sigma^4 M'_{2^{4r+3}}$ ,  $\Sigma^1 MP_{2^{4r+4}}$  according as  $n=8r, 8r+1, \dots, 8r+7$ .

In §1 and §2 we will characterize a  $CW$ -spectrum  $X$  admitting the same quasi  $KO_*$ -type as  $SA \vee \Sigma^1 SD \vee M'_{2^m}$  or  $\Sigma^2 SB \vee \Sigma^3 SE \vee MP_{4m}$  under some restrictions on  $A, D, B$  and  $E$  (Theorems 1.6 and 2.6), where  $SG$  denotes the Moore spectrum of type  $G$ . In particular, Theorem 2.6 shows that  $\Sigma^4 MP_{4m}$  is quasi  $KO_*$ -equivalent to  $MP_{4m}$  (Corollary 2.7). In §3 we will first investigate the  $KU$ - and  $KO$ -homologies of the stunted real projective spaces  $RP^n/RP^m$  (cf. [Ad1], [FY]), and then prove our main result (Theorem 2) by means of results obtained in §1, §2 and [Y2]. In fact, Theorem 2 i) and iii) are shown by applying [Y2, Theorem 2.5] as Theorem 1 was done in [Y2]. Moreover, Theorem 2 iv) is established by applying Theorem 1.6 and Corollary 2.7 (or Theorem 2.6). On the other hand, Theorem 2 ii) is obtained by making use of the Thom isomorphism in  $KO$ -theory as was done in [FY].

In this note we will work in the stable homotopy category of  $CW$ -spectra.

### 1. The cofiber $M'_{2^m}$ of the map $\eta_j: SZ/2^m \rightarrow \Sigma^0$ .

1.1. Let  $KO, KU$  and  $KC$  denote the real, complex and self-conjugate  $K$ -spectrum respectively. These  $K$ -spectra are closely related each other. Thus we have nice relations among them given by the cofiber sequences as follows ([An] or [B]):

$$(1.1) \quad \Sigma^1 KO \xrightarrow{\eta \wedge 1} KO \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_u} KU \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_o \pi_u^{-1}} \Sigma^2 KO$$

$$(1.2) \quad \Sigma^2 KO \xrightarrow{\eta^2 \wedge 1} KO \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_c} KC \xrightarrow{\tau \pi_c^{-1}} \Sigma^3 KO$$

$$(1.3) \quad KC \xrightarrow{\zeta} KU \xrightarrow{\pi_u^{-1}(1-t)} \Sigma^2 KU \xrightarrow{\gamma \pi_u} \Sigma^1 KC$$

which are related by the commutative diagram below

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & \Sigma^1 KU & = & \Sigma^1 KU & & \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 KO & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_c} & KC & \xrightarrow{\tau\pi_c^{-1}} & \Sigma^3 KO & \xrightarrow{\eta^2 \wedge^1} & \Sigma^1 KO \\
 \parallel & & \downarrow \zeta & & \downarrow \eta \wedge^1 & & \parallel \\
 KO & \longrightarrow & KU & \longrightarrow & \Sigma^2 KO & \longrightarrow & \Sigma^1 KO \\
 & \varepsilon_u \downarrow & \downarrow \varepsilon_0 \pi_u^{-1} & & \downarrow \eta \wedge^1 & & \\
 & & \Sigma^2 KU & = & \Sigma^2 KU & & 
 \end{array}
 \tag{1.4}$$

In place of (1.3) we sometimes use the cofiber sequence

$$KC \xrightarrow{\zeta} KU \xrightarrow{1-t} KU \xrightarrow{\tau} \Sigma^1 KC .
 \tag{1.3}'$$

We denote by  $M_{2m}$  and  $M'_{2m}$ ,  $m \geq 1$ , the suspension spectra with three cells constructed by the cofiber sequences

$$\Sigma^1 \xrightarrow{i_\eta} SZ/2m \xrightarrow{i_M} M_{2m} \xrightarrow{j_M} \Sigma^2
 \tag{1.5}$$

$$SZ/2m \xrightarrow{\eta^j} \Sigma^0 \xrightarrow{i'_M} M'_{2m} \xrightarrow{j'_M} \Sigma^1 SZ/2m .
 \tag{1.6}$$

Note that  $M'_{2m}$  is the Spanier-Whitehead dual of  $M_{2m}$ , thus  $M'_{2m} = \Sigma^2 DM_{2m}$ . The  $KU$ - and  $KO$ -homologies of these elementary suspension spectra  $M_{2m}$  and  $M'_{2m}$  are easily calculated in [Y3, Propositions 4.1 and 4.2].

PROPOSITION 1.1. i)  $KU_0 M_{2m} \cong Z \oplus Z/2m$  on which  $t_* = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $KU_1 M_{2m} = 0$ .

ii)  $KU_0 M'_{2m} \cong Z$ ,  $KU_1 M'_{2m} \cong Z/2m$  on both of which  $t_* = 1$ .

iii)  $KO_i M_{2m} \cong \begin{matrix} Z/2m & 0 & Z \oplus Z/2 & Z/2 & Z/4m & 0 & Z & 0 \end{matrix}$

$KO_i M'_{2m} \cong \begin{matrix} Z & Z/4m & Z/2 & Z/2 & Z & Z/2m & 0 & 0 \end{matrix}$

according as  $i=0, 1, \dots, 7$ .

We denote by  $MP_{2m}$ ,  $m \geq 1$ , the suspension spectrum with four cells constructed by the cofiber sequence

$$\Sigma^1 \vee \Sigma^2 \xrightarrow{i_{\eta \vee \tilde{\eta}}} SZ/2m \xrightarrow{i_{MP}} MP_{2m} \xrightarrow{j_{MP}} \Sigma^2 \vee \Sigma^3
 \tag{1.7}$$

where  $\tilde{\eta} : \Sigma^2 \rightarrow SZ/2m$  stands for a coextension of  $\eta$  satisfying  $j\tilde{\eta} = \eta$ . Then there exists a cofiber sequence

$$\Sigma^2 \xrightarrow{i_{M\tilde{\eta}}} M_{2m} \xrightarrow{k_{MP}} MP_{2m} \xrightarrow{l_{MP}} \Sigma^3
 \tag{1.8}$$

making the diagram below commutative

$$(1.9) \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & \Sigma^2 & = & \Sigma^2 & \\ & & & \downarrow^{i_M \tilde{\eta}} & & \downarrow_0 & \\ \Sigma^1 & \xrightarrow{i_{\tilde{\eta}}} & SZ/2m & \longrightarrow & M_{2m} & \longrightarrow & \Sigma^2 \\ \downarrow & & \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \Sigma^1 \vee \Sigma^2 & \xrightarrow{i_{\tilde{\eta} \vee \tilde{\eta}}} & SZ/2m & \longrightarrow & MP_{2m} & \longrightarrow & \Sigma^2 \vee \Sigma^3 \\ & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & & & & \Sigma^3 & = & \Sigma^3. \end{array}$$

PROPOSITION 1.2. i)  $KU_0MP_{2m} \cong Z \oplus Z/m$  on which  $t_* = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $KU_1MP_{2m} \cong Z$  on which  $t_* = -1$ .

ii)  $KO_iMP_{2m} \cong Z/2m, 0, Z, Z$  according as  $i \equiv 0, 1, 2, 3 \pmod{4}$ .

PROOF. i) Use the two exact sequences

$$0 \longrightarrow KU_1MP_{2m} \longrightarrow KU_0\Sigma^2 \xrightarrow{\tilde{\eta}_*} KU_0SZ/2m \longrightarrow KU_0MP_{2m} \longrightarrow KU_{-1}\Sigma^1 \longrightarrow 0$$

$$0 \longrightarrow KU_1MP_{2m} \longrightarrow KU_0\Sigma^2 \xrightarrow{(i_M \tilde{\eta})_*} KU_0M_{2m} \longrightarrow KU_0MP_{2m} \longrightarrow 0$$

induced by the cofiber sequences (1.7), (1.8). Here  $\tilde{\eta}_* : KU_0\Sigma^2 \rightarrow KU_0SZ/2m$  is expressed to be  $\tilde{\eta}_* = m : Z \rightarrow Z/2m$ , as is shown in the proof of [Y3, Proposition 4.1]. Hence we obtain that  $KU_1MP_{2m} \cong Z$  and  $KU_0MP_{2m} \cong Z \oplus Z/m$ . Moreover, it follows immediately that  $t_* = -1$  on  $KU_1MP_{2m} \cong Z$  and  $t_* = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  on  $KU_0MP_{2m} \cong Z \oplus Z/m$  because  $t_* = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  on  $KU_0M_{2m} \cong Z \oplus Z/2m$ .

ii) Use the long exact sequence of  $KO$ -homology induced by the cofiber sequence (1.7). Then  $KO_iMP_{2m}$  is easily calculated except  $i=4$ . On the other hand, the cofiber sequence (1.8) gives rise to a short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow KO_4\Sigma^2 \rightarrow KO_4M_{2m} \rightarrow KO_4MP_{2m} \rightarrow 0$  in the  $i=4$  case. So the result is immediately obtained.

1.2. The short exact sequences

$$(1.10) \quad 0 \longrightarrow [\Sigma^2, KU \wedge X] \xrightarrow{j_M^*} [M_{2m}, KU \wedge X] \xrightarrow{i_M^*} [SZ/2m, KU \wedge X] \longrightarrow 0$$

$$(1.11) \quad 0 \longrightarrow [\Sigma^1SZ/2m, KU \wedge X] \xrightarrow{j_M^{**}} [M_{2m}', KU \wedge X] \xrightarrow{i_M^{**}} [\Sigma^0, KU \wedge X] \longrightarrow 0$$

induced by the cofiber sequences (1.5), (1.6) are split for any  $CW$ -spectrum  $X$ . Moreover the universal coefficient sequence

$$(1.12) \quad \begin{array}{c} 0 \longrightarrow \text{Ext}(KU_0SZ/2m, KU_{i+1}X) \longrightarrow [\Sigma^iSZ/2m, KU \wedge X] \\ \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(KU_0SZ/2m, KU_iX) \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

is also a split exact sequence for each  $i$  (cf. [ArT]), where the arrow  $\kappa_i$  assigns to any map  $f$  its induced homomorphism  $f_*$  of  $KU$ -homology in dimension  $i$ .

Let  $A, D$  be a 2-torsion free abelian groups and  $m=2^k, k \geq 0$ . We now deal with a  $CW$ -spectrum  $X$  such that

$$(1.13) \quad KU_0X \cong A \oplus Z \text{ and } KU_1X \cong D \oplus Z/2m \text{ on both of which } t_* = 1, \text{ and} \\ \text{in addition } KO_1X \cong (A \otimes Z/2) \oplus D \oplus Z/4m \text{ and } KO_6X = 0 = KO_7X.$$

By means of Proposition 1.1 we note that the wedge sum  $SA \vee \Sigma^1SD \vee M'_{2m}$  satisfies the above condition (1.13). In this section we will conversely prove that a  $CW$ -spectrum  $X$  satisfying (1.13) is quasi  $KO_*$ -equivalent to  $SA \vee \Sigma^1SD \vee M'_{2m}$ . In order to investigate the behaviour of the conjugation  $t_*$  on  $[M'_{2m}, KU \wedge X]$  for such a  $CW$ -spectrum  $X$ , we will first show

LEMMA 1.3. *There exists a direct sum decomposition*

$$[\Sigma^1SZ/2m, KU \wedge X] \cong \text{Hom}(KU_0SZ/2m, KU_1X) \oplus \text{Ext}(KU_0SZ/2m, KU_2X) \\ \cong Z/2m \oplus (A \oplus Z) \otimes Z/2m$$

on which  $t_* = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ i_2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  where  $i_2: Z/2m \rightarrow (A \otimes Z/2m) \oplus Z/2m$  denotes the injection into the last factor.

PROOF. Denote by  $t_{2m}$  the conjugation  $t_*$  on  $[\Sigma^1SZ/2m, KU \wedge X]$ . Consider the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}(KU_0SZ/2m, KU_2X) \rightarrow [\Sigma^1SZ/2m, KU \wedge X] \xrightarrow{\kappa_1} \text{Hom}(KU_0SZ/2m, KU_1X) \rightarrow 0 \\ \downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow 1-t_{2m} \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow \\ 0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}(KU_0SZ/2m, KU_2X) \rightarrow [\Sigma^1SZ/2m, KU \wedge X] \xrightarrow[\kappa_1]{} \text{Hom}(KU_0SZ/2m, KU_1X) \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

with split exact rows. Note that the left vertical arrow is just multiplication by 2 and the right one is trivial.

In order to give a matrix representation of the central arrow  $1-t_{2m}$ , we here observe the connecting homomorphism  $\delta: \text{Hom}(Z/2m, KU_1X) \rightarrow \text{Ext}(Z/2m, KU_2X \otimes Z/2)$  associated with the short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow KU_2X \otimes Z/2 \rightarrow KC_1X \rightarrow KU_1X \rightarrow 0$  induced by the cofiber sequence (1.3)'. This short exact sequence is obtained as the canonical exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow (A \otimes Z/2) \oplus Z/2 \rightarrow (A \otimes Z/2) \oplus D \oplus Z/4m \rightarrow D \oplus Z/2m \rightarrow 0$  because  $\epsilon_{c*}: KO_1X \rightarrow KC_1X$  is an isomorphism. So it is easily seen that the connecting homomorphism  $\delta: Z/2m \rightarrow (A \otimes Z/2) \oplus Z/2$  is given by  $\delta(1) = (0, 1)$ . Hence we can express as  $1-t_{2m} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -i_2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  on  $[\Sigma^1SZ/2m, KU \wedge X] \cong \text{Hom}(KU_0SZ/2m, KU_1X) \oplus \text{Ext}(KU_0SZ/2m, KU_2X)$  by choosing suitably a splitting of  $\kappa_1$  if necessary. Thus  $[\Sigma^1SZ/2m, KU \wedge X]$  has

a direct sum decomposition so that  $t_{2m} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ i_2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  on it as desired.

Let  $P$  denote the cofiber of the stable Hopf map  $\eta: \Sigma^1 \rightarrow \Sigma^0$ . The cofiber sequence  $\Sigma^1 \xrightarrow{\eta} \Sigma^0 \xrightarrow{i_P} P \xrightarrow{j_P} \Sigma^2$  gives rise to a split exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow [\Sigma^2, KU \wedge X] \rightarrow [P, KU \wedge X] \rightarrow [\Sigma^0, KU \wedge X] \rightarrow 0$ . As is well known (cf. [Y3, (2.3)]),  $[P, KU \wedge X]$  has a direct sum decomposition

$$(1.14) \quad [P, KU \wedge X] \cong KU_0 X \oplus KU_2 X \quad \text{on which } t_* = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

LEMMA 1.4. *There exists a direct sum decomposition*

$$\begin{aligned} [M'_{2m}, KU \wedge X] &\cong KU_0 X \oplus \text{Hom}(KU_0 SZ/2m, KU_1 X) \oplus \text{Ext}(KU_0 SZ/2m, KU_2 X) \\ &\cong (A \oplus Z) \oplus Z/2m \oplus (A \oplus Z) \otimes Z/2m \end{aligned}$$

on which  $t_* = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\rho & i_2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  where  $\rho: A \oplus Z \rightarrow (A \oplus Z) \otimes Z/2m$  denotes the canonical projection.

PROOF. Use the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} SZ/2m & \xrightarrow{\eta j} & \Sigma^0 & \xrightarrow{i'_M} & M'_{2m} & \xrightarrow{j'_M} & \Sigma^1 SZ/2m \\ j \downarrow & & \parallel & & \downarrow k' & & \downarrow j \\ \Sigma^1 & \xrightarrow{\eta} & \Sigma^0 & \xrightarrow{i_P} & P & \xrightarrow{j_P} & \Sigma^2 \end{array}$$

which gives rise to the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 \longrightarrow & [\Sigma^2, KU \wedge X] & \xrightarrow{j'_P} & [P, KU \wedge X] & \xrightarrow{i'_P} & [\Sigma^0, KU \wedge X] & \longrightarrow 0 \\ & j^* \downarrow & & \downarrow k'^* & & \parallel & \\ 0 \longrightarrow & [\Sigma^1 SZ/2m, KU \wedge X] & \xrightarrow{j'^*_M} & [M'_{2m}, KU \wedge X] & \xrightarrow{i'^*_M} & [\Sigma^0, KU \wedge X] & \longrightarrow 0 \\ & \kappa_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow \kappa_1 & & & \\ & \text{Hom}(KU_0 SZ/2m, KU_1 X) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \text{Hom}(KU_1 M'_{2m}, KU_1 X) & & & \end{array}$$

with two split exact rows. The central composite  $\kappa_1 k'^*: [P, KU \wedge X] \rightarrow \text{Hom}(KU_1 M'_{2m}, KU_1 X)$  is evidently trivial, and the left vertical arrow  $j^*: [\Sigma^2, KU \wedge X] \rightarrow [\Sigma^1 SZ/2m, KU \wedge X]$  is expressed as the column  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \rho \end{pmatrix}$  where  $[\Sigma^1 SZ/2m, KU \wedge X]$  is decomposed as in Lemma 1.3 and  $\rho: \text{Hom}(Z, KU_2 X) \rightarrow \text{Ext}(Z/2m, KU_2 X)$  denotes the canonical projection. Hence  $k'^*: [P, KU \wedge X] \rightarrow$

$[M'_{2m}, KU \wedge X]$  is written into the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ a & \rho \end{pmatrix}$  for some homomorphism  $a: A \oplus Z \rightarrow (A \oplus Z) \otimes Z/2m$ , where  $[P, KU \wedge X]$  is decomposed as in (1.14) and  $[M'_{2m}, KU \wedge X]$  is decomposed by making use of the splitting exact sequence (1.11) and Lemma 1.3.

Denote by  $t_P$  and  $t_{M'}$  the conjugations  $t_*$  on  $[P, KU \wedge X]$  and  $[M'_{2m}, KU \wedge X]$  respectively. Then (1.14) says that  $t_P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ , and Lemma 1.3 asserts that  $t_{M'}$  is written into the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ b & 1 & 0 \\ c & i_2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  for some homomorphisms  $b: A \oplus Z \rightarrow Z/2m$ ,  $c: A \oplus Z \rightarrow (A \oplus Z) \otimes Z/2m$ . However  $i_2 b = 0: A \oplus Z \rightarrow (A \oplus Z) \otimes Z/2m$  which implies  $b = 0$ , because  $t_{M'}^2 = 1$ . Moreover the equality  $t_{M'} k'^* = k'^* t_P$  shows that  $c = 2a - \rho: A \oplus Z \rightarrow (A \oplus Z) \otimes Z/2m$ . So we may take to be  $c = -\rho$  by replacing suitably the splitting of  $i_M'^*$  if necessary. Thus  $[M'_{2m}, KU \wedge X]$  has a direct sum decomposition so that  $t_{M'} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\rho & i_2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  on it as desired.

**1.3.** For any CW-spectrum  $X$  satisfying (1.13) we consider the commutative diagram below

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 0 & & & & \\
 & & \downarrow & & & & \\
 & & \text{Ext}(KU_0SZ/2m, KU_2X) & \text{Hom}(KU_0M'_{2m}, KU_0X) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \text{Hom}(KU_0\Sigma^0, KU_0X) & \\
 & & \downarrow & \uparrow \kappa_0 & & \cong \uparrow \kappa_0 & \\
 0 \longrightarrow & [\Sigma^1SZ/2m, KU \wedge X] & \longrightarrow & [M'_{2m}, KU \wedge X] & \longrightarrow & [\Sigma^0, KU \wedge X] & \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & \downarrow \kappa_1 & & \downarrow \kappa_1 & & & \\
 & \text{Hom}(KU_0SZ/2m, KU_1X) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \text{Hom}(KU_1M'_{2m}, KU_1X) & & & \\
 & \downarrow & & & & & \\
 & 0 & & & & & 
 \end{array}$$

where the arrows  $\kappa_i$  ( $i=0, 1$ ) assign to any map  $f$  its induced homomorphism of  $KU$ -homology in dimension  $i$ . Then we can rewrite the direct sum decomposition on  $[M'_{2m}, KU \wedge X]$  obtained in Lemma 1.4 as follows:

$$(1.15) \quad [M'_{2m}, KU \wedge X] \cong \text{Hom}(KU_0M'_{2m}, KU_0X) \oplus \text{Hom}(KU_1M'_{2m}, KU_1X) \oplus \text{Ext}(KU_0SZ/2m, KU_2X).$$

**PROPOSITION 1.5.** Let  $A, D$  be 2-torsion free abelian groups,  $m=2^k$ ,  $k \geq 0$ , and  $X$  be a CW-spectrum satisfying the condition (1.13). Then there exists a map

$f_{M'} : M'_{2m} \rightarrow KU \wedge X$  with  $(t \wedge 1)f_{M'} = f_{M'}$ , whose induced homomorphisms of  $KU$ -homologies in dimensions 0, 1 are respectively the canonical inclusions  $i_0 : Z \rightarrow A \oplus Z$  and  $i_1 : Z/2m \rightarrow D \oplus Z/2m$ .

PROOF. Under the direct sum decomposition on  $[M'_{2m}, KU \wedge X]$  given in (1.15), we can choose a map  $f_{M'} : M'_{2m} \rightarrow KU \wedge X$  corresponding to the element  $w = (i_0, i_1, 0)$ . Then it is immediate that  $(t \wedge 1)f_{M'} = f_{M'}$  because  $t_{M'}(w) = w$  as is easily calculated by means of the matrix representation of  $t_{M'}$  obtained in Lemma 1.4.

We will now prove a main result in this section, which characterize a  $CW$ -spectrum  $X$  admitting the same quasi  $KO_*$ -type as  $SA \vee \Sigma^1 SD \vee M'_{2m}$  where  $SG$  denotes the Moore spectrum of type  $G$  for  $G = A$  or  $D$ .

**THEOREM 1.6.** *Let  $A, D$  be 2-torsion free abelian groups such that  $\text{Ext}(D, A \oplus Z)$  is uniquely 2-divisible, and  $m = 2^k, k \geq 0$ . Then a  $CW$ -spectrum  $X$  is quasi  $KO_*$ -equivalent to the wedge sum  $SA \vee \Sigma^1 SD \vee M'_{2m}$  if and only if  $KU_0 X \cong A \oplus Z$  and  $KU_1 X \cong D \oplus Z/2m$  on both of which  $t_* = 1$  and in addition  $KO_1 X \cong (A \otimes Z/2) \oplus D \oplus Z/4m$  and  $KO_6 X = 0 = KO_7 X$ .*

PROOF. The “only if” part is evident from Proposition 1.1.

The “if” part: By use of Proposition 1.5 we can choose a map  $f_{M'} : M'_{2m} \rightarrow KU \wedge X$  with  $(t \wedge 1)f_{M'} = f_{M'}$  inducing the canonical inclusions  $i_0 : Z \rightarrow A \oplus Z, i_1 : Z/2m \rightarrow D \oplus Z/2m$  in  $KU$ -homologies. By virtue of [Y2, Lemma 1.1] there exist maps  $g_{M'} : M'_{2m} \rightarrow KC \wedge X, h_0 : \Sigma^0 \rightarrow KO \wedge X$  and  $h_1 : SZ/2m \rightarrow \Sigma^2 KO \wedge X$  making the diagram below commutative

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \Sigma^0 & \xrightarrow{i'_M} & M'_{2m} & \xrightarrow{j'_M} & \Sigma^1 SZ/2m \\
 h_0 \downarrow & & g_{M'} \downarrow & & \downarrow h_1 \\
 KO \wedge X & \longrightarrow & KC \wedge X & \xrightarrow{\tau \pi_c^{-1} \wedge 1} & \Sigma^3 KO \wedge X \\
 \parallel & & \zeta \wedge 1 \downarrow & & \downarrow \gamma \wedge 1 \\
 KO \wedge X & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_u \wedge 1} & KU \wedge X & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_0 \pi_u^{-1} \wedge 1} & \Sigma^2 KO \wedge X
 \end{array}$$

with  $(\zeta \wedge 1)g_{M'} = f_{M'}$ . However the map  $h_1 : SZ/2m \rightarrow \Sigma^2 KO \wedge X$  becomes trivial because  $KO_6 X = 0 = KO_7 X$ . Hence we get a map  $h_{M'} : M'_{2m} \rightarrow KO \wedge X$  with  $(\varepsilon_u \wedge 1)h_{M'} = f_{M'}$ .

Choose next maps  $f_A : SA \rightarrow KU \wedge X$  and  $f_D : \Sigma^1 SD \rightarrow KU \wedge X$  whose induced homomorphisms are respectively the canonical inclusions  $i_A : A \rightarrow A \oplus Z$  and  $i_D : D \rightarrow D \oplus Z/2m$  in  $KU$ -homologies. By use of [Y2, Lemma 1.2] there exists a map  $g_D : \Sigma^1 SD \rightarrow KC \wedge X$  with  $(\zeta \wedge 1)g_D = f_D$  because  $\text{Ext}(D, KU_2 X)$  is uniquely

2-divisible. Then the composite maps  $(\varepsilon_o\pi_u^{-1}\wedge 1)f_A: SA\rightarrow\Sigma^2KO\wedge X$  and  $(\tau\pi_c^{-1}\wedge 1)g_D: SD\rightarrow\Sigma^2KO\wedge X$  are both trivial because  $KO_6X=0=KO_7X$ . Hence we get maps  $h_A: SA\rightarrow KO\wedge X$  and  $h_D: \Sigma^1SD\rightarrow KO\wedge X$  with  $(\varepsilon_u\wedge 1)h_A=f_A$  and  $(\varepsilon_u\wedge 1)h_D=f_D$ .

We finally apply [Y3, Proposition 1.1] to show that the map  $h=h_A\vee h_D\vee h_{M'}: SA\vee\Sigma^1SD\vee M'_{2m}\rightarrow KO\wedge X$  is a quasi  $KO_*$ -equivalence.

**2. The cofiber  $MP_{4m}$  of the map  $i\eta\vee\tilde{\eta}: \Sigma^1\vee\Sigma^2\rightarrow SZ/4m$ .**

**2.1.** Let  $B, E$  be 2-torsion free abelian groups and  $m=2^k, k\geq 0$ . We here deal with a  $CW$ -spectrum  $X$  such that

$$(2.1) \quad KU_0X \cong B\oplus Z\oplus Z/2m \text{ on which } t_* = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and } KU_1X \cong E\oplus Z$$

on which  $t_*=-1$ , and in addition  $KO_iX \cong Z/4m, 0, B\oplus Z$  or  $E\oplus Z$  according as  $i=0, 1, 2$  or  $7$  (cf. Proposition 1.2).

For such a  $CW$ -spectrum  $X$  it is verified that  $KO_6X \cong B\oplus Z$  because  $(\tau\pi_c^{-1})_*: KC_1X\rightarrow KO_6X$  is an isomorphism. By means of Proposition 1.2 we note that the wedge sum  $\Sigma^2SB\vee\Sigma^3SE\vee MP_{4m}$  satisfies the above condition (2.1). In this section we will conversely prove that a  $CW$ -spectrum  $X$  satisfying (2.1) is quasi  $KO_*$ -equivalent to  $\Sigma^2SB\vee\Sigma^3SE\vee MP_{4m}$ . For this purpose we will first investigate the behaviour of the conjugations  $t_*$  on  $[SZ/4m, KU\wedge X]$  and  $[M_{4m}, KU\wedge X]$  as in Lemmas 1.3 and 1.4 because we can use the cofiber sequences (1.5), (1.8).

Consider the map  $\lambda=\lambda_{4m,2m}: SZ/4m\rightarrow SZ/2m$  associated with the canonical epimorphism  $\rho_{4m,2m}: Z/4m\rightarrow Z/2m$ . This map  $\lambda$  gives rise to the following commutative diagram

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}(KU_0SZ/2m, KU_1X) & \rightarrow & [SZ/2m, KU\wedge X] & \xrightarrow{\kappa_0} & \text{Hom}(KU_0SZ/2m, KU_0X) & \rightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ 0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}(KU_0SZ/4m, KU_1X) & \rightarrow & [SZ/4m, KU\wedge X] & \xrightarrow{\kappa_0} & \text{Hom}(KU_0SZ/4m, KU_0X) & \rightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

$\downarrow \lambda^*$

with split exact rows. Hence  $\lambda^*: [SZ/2m, KU\wedge X]\rightarrow[SZ/4m, KU\wedge X]$  is represented by the matrix

$$(2.3) \quad \lambda^* = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \downarrow & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for some homomorphism } l: Z/2m\rightarrow(E\oplus Z)\otimes Z/4m$$

where  $[SZ/2n, KU\wedge X] \cong \text{Hom}(KU_0SZ/2n, KU_0X) \oplus \text{Ext}(KU_0SZ/2n, KU_1X) \cong Z/2m\oplus(E\oplus Z)\otimes Z/2n$  for  $n=m$  or  $2m$ . In fact, we may take to be  $2l=0$  as is shown in the proof of the following lemma.

**LEMMA 2.1.** *There exists a direct sum decomposition*

$$[SZ/4m, KU \wedge X] \cong \text{Hom}(KU_0SZ/4m, KU_0X) \oplus \text{Ext}(KU_0SZ/4m, KU_1X) \\ \cong Z/2m \oplus (E \oplus Z) \otimes Z/4m$$

on which  $t_* = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2i_2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  where  $2i_2 : Z/2m \rightarrow (E \otimes Z/4m) \oplus Z/4m$  denotes the canonical injection into the last factor.

PROOF. Denote by  $t_{2n}$  the conjugation  $t_*$  on  $[SZ/2n, KU \wedge X]$ ,  $n=m$  or  $2m$ . Obviously we may express as  $t_{2n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ a_{2n} & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  for some homomorphism  $a_{2n} : Z/2m \rightarrow (E \oplus Z) \otimes Z/2n$  where  $[SZ/2n, KU \wedge X]$  is decomposed as in (2.3). In order to represent  $t_{2n}$  precisely we first observe the connecting homomorphism  $\delta : \text{Hom}(Z/2m, KU_0X) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Hom}(Z/2m, Z/2m) \rightarrow \text{Ext}(Z/2m, KU_1X \otimes Z/2)$  associated with the short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow KU_1X \otimes Z/2 \rightarrow KC_0X \rightarrow Z/2m \rightarrow 0$  induced by the cofiber sequence (1.3)', as in the proof of Lemma 1.3. This short exact sequence is obtained as the canonical exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow (E \otimes Z/2) \oplus Z/2 \rightarrow (E \otimes Z/2) \oplus Z/4m \rightarrow Z/2m \rightarrow 0$  because the cofiber sequence (1.2) gives rise to an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow KO_0X \rightarrow KC_0X \rightarrow KO_5X \rightarrow 0$ . So it is easily seen that the connecting homomorphism  $\delta : Z/2m \rightarrow (E \otimes Z/2) \oplus Z/2$  is given by  $\delta(1) = (0, 1)$ .

Hence the homomorphism  $a_{2m} : Z/2m \rightarrow (E \otimes Z/2m) \oplus Z/2m$  may be taken to be the injection  $i_2$  into the last factor, by replacing the splitting of the upper  $\kappa_0$  in (2.2) suitably if necessary. Thus  $t_{2m} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ i_2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then the equality  $\lambda^* t_{2m} = t_{4m} \lambda^*$  shows that  $a_{4m} = 2i_2 + 2l : Z/2m \rightarrow (E \otimes Z/4m) \oplus Z/4m$ . By replacing suitably the splitting of the lower  $\kappa_0$  in (2.2) if necessary, we may take to be  $a_{4m} = 2i_2$ , and hence  $2l = 0$ . Thus  $[SZ/4m, KU \wedge X]$  has a direct sum decomposition so that  $t_{4m} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2i_2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  on it as desired.

LEMMA 2.2. *There exists a direct sum decomposition*

$$[M_{4m}, KU \wedge X] \cong \text{Hom}(KU_0SZ/4m, KU_0X) \oplus \text{Ext}(KU_0SZ/4m, KU_1X) \oplus KU_2X \\ \cong Z/2m \oplus (E \oplus Z) \otimes Z/4m \oplus (B \oplus Z \oplus Z/2m)$$

on which  $t_* = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2i_2 & -1 & 0 \\ i_3 & 0 & -t_0 \end{pmatrix}$  where  $t_0 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  on  $B \oplus Z \oplus Z/2m$  and  $2i_2 : Z/2m \rightarrow (E \oplus Z) \otimes Z/4m$  and  $i_3 : Z/2m \rightarrow B \oplus Z \oplus Z/2m$  denote the canonical injections into the last factor respectively.

PROOF. Use the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \Sigma^1 & \xrightarrow{\eta} & \Sigma^0 & \xrightarrow{i_P} & P & \xrightarrow{j_P} & \Sigma^2 \\
 \parallel & & \downarrow i & & \downarrow k & & \parallel \\
 \Sigma^1 & \xrightarrow{i_\eta} & SZ/4m & \xrightarrow{i_M} & M_{4m} & \xrightarrow{j_M} & \Sigma^2
 \end{array}$$

which gives rise to the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 \longrightarrow & [\Sigma^2, KU \wedge X] & \xrightarrow{j_M^*} & [M_{4m}, KU \wedge X] & \xrightarrow{i_M^*} & [SZ/4m, KU \wedge X] & \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & \parallel & & \downarrow k^* & & \downarrow i^* & \\
 0 \longrightarrow & [\Sigma^2, KU \wedge X] & \xrightarrow{j_P^*} & [P, KU \wedge X] & \xrightarrow{i_P^*} & [\Sigma^0, KU \wedge X] & \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

with split exact rows. Denote by  $t_P$  and  $t_M$  the conjugations  $t_*$  on  $[P, KU \wedge X]$  and  $[M_{4m}, KU \wedge X]$  respectively. As is easily verified,  $t_P$  may be represented

by the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} t_0 & 0 \\ t_0 & -t_0 \end{pmatrix}$  on  $[P, KU \wedge X] \cong KU_0 X \oplus KU_2 X$  where  $t_0 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

on  $B \oplus Z \oplus Z/2m$ . Moreover, Lemma 2.1 asserts that  $t_M$  is written into the

matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2i_2 & -1 & 0 \\ b & c & -t_0 \end{pmatrix}$  for some homomorphisms  $b: Z/2m \rightarrow B \oplus Z \oplus Z/2m$  and

$c: (E \oplus Z) \otimes Z/4m \rightarrow B \oplus Z \oplus Z/2m$ , where  $[M_{4m}, KU \wedge X]$  is decomposed by using the splitting exact sequence (1.10) and Lemma 2.1.

On the other hand, we may express  $k^*: [M_{4m}, KU \wedge X] \rightarrow [P, KU \wedge X]$  as the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} i_3 & 0 & 0 \\ d & e & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  for some homomorphisms  $d: Z/2m \rightarrow B \oplus Z \oplus Z/2m$  and  $e: (E \oplus Z) \otimes Z/4m \rightarrow B \oplus Z \oplus Z/2m$ . Then the equality  $t_P k^* = k^* t_M$  shows that  $b = -i_3 - 2d - e(2i_2)$  and  $c = 0$ . So we may take to be  $b = i_3$  and  $c = 0$  by replacing suitably the splitting of  $i_M^*$  if necessary. Thus  $[M_{4m}, KU \wedge X]$  has a direct sum

decomposition so that  $t_M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2i_2 & -1 & 0 \\ i_3 & 0 & -t_0 \end{pmatrix}$  on it as desired.

**2.2.** The realification map  $\epsilon_0 \pi_u^{-1}: KU \rightarrow \Sigma^2 KO$  gives rise to the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 \longrightarrow & [\Sigma^2, KU \wedge X] & \xrightarrow{j_M^*} & [M_{4m}, KU \wedge X] & \xrightarrow{i_M^*} & [SZ/4m, KU \wedge X] & \longrightarrow 0 \\
 (2.4) & \downarrow e_0 & & \downarrow e_M & & \downarrow e_{4m} & \\
 0 \longrightarrow & [\Sigma^2, \Sigma^2 KO \wedge X] & \xrightarrow{j_M^*} & [M_{4m}, \Sigma^2 KO \wedge X] & \xrightarrow{i_M^*} & [SZ/4m, \Sigma^2 KO \wedge X] & \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

with exact rows, for any CW-spectrum  $X$  satisfying (2.1). The top exact sequence is evidently split, and the bottom one is also split because

$j^* : [\Sigma^1, \Sigma^2 KO \wedge X] \otimes Z/4m \rightarrow [SZ/4m, \Sigma^2 KO \wedge X]$  is an isomorphism. We will explicitly give a matrix representation of the induced homomorphism  $e_M : [M_{4m}, KU \wedge X] \rightarrow [M_{4m}, \Sigma^2 KO \wedge X]$ .

The short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow KO_2 X \rightarrow KU_2 X \xrightarrow{e_0} KO_0 X \rightarrow 0$  is obtained as the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow B \oplus Z \xrightarrow{\varphi} B \oplus Z \oplus Z/2m \xrightarrow{\psi} Z/4m \rightarrow 0$ , where  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are represented by the matrices  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $(0 \ 1 \ 2)$ . Thus

(2.5)  $e_0 : KU_2 X \rightarrow KO_0 X$  is expressed as the row  $(0 \ 1 \ 2)$ .

We will next investigate the right arrow  $e_{4m}$  in (2.4) by making use of the commutative diagram

$$(2.6) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} 0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}(KU_0 SZ/2n, KU_1 X) \rightarrow [SZ/2n, KU \wedge X] \xrightarrow{\kappa_0} \text{Hom}(KU_0 SZ/2n, KU_0 X) \rightarrow 0 \\ \downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow e_{2n} \\ \text{Ext}(KO_0 SZ/2n, KO_7 X) \xrightarrow{\cong} [SZ/2n, \Sigma^2 KO \wedge X] \end{array}$$

with a split exact row, where  $n=m$  or  $2m$ . The short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow KU_1 X \rightarrow KO_7 X \rightarrow Z/2 \rightarrow 0$  induced by the cofiber sequence (1.1) is obtained as the canonical exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow E \oplus Z \rightarrow E \oplus Z \rightarrow Z/2 \rightarrow 0$ . Hence the left vertical arrow is expressed as the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  on  $(E \otimes Z/2n) \oplus Z/2n$ . Therefore  $e_{2n} : [SZ/2n, KU \wedge X] \rightarrow [SZ/2n, \Sigma^2 KO \wedge X]$  is written into the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} u_{2n} & 1 & 0 \\ v_{2n} & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  for some homomorphisms  $u_{2n} : Z/2m \rightarrow E \otimes Z/2n$  and  $v_{2n} : Z/2m \rightarrow Z/2n$  where  $[SZ/2n, KU \wedge X] \cong Z/2m \oplus (E \oplus Z) \otimes Z/2n$  is decomposed as in (2.3) and  $[SZ/2n, \Sigma^2 KO \wedge X] \cong (E \oplus Z) \otimes Z/2n$ .

In order to express  $e_{2n}$  ( $n=m, 2m$ ) precisely we here use the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} & & 0 & & 0 & & & & \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & KU_1 X & \longrightarrow & KO_7 X & \longrightarrow & KO_0 X & \longrightarrow & KU_0 X & \longrightarrow & KO_6 X & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \parallel & & \downarrow \cong & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & KU_1 X & \longrightarrow & KU_7 X & \longrightarrow & KC_0 X & \longrightarrow & KU_0 X & \longrightarrow & B \oplus Z & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & & & & \\ & & & & KO_5 X & = & KO_5 X & & & & & & \\ & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & & & & \\ & & & & 0 & & 0 & & & & & & \end{array}$$

where the two long exact sequences are induced by the cofiber sequences (1.1) and (1.3). Since the left column is obtained as the canonical exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow E \oplus Z \rightarrow E \oplus Z \rightarrow E \otimes Z/2 \rightarrow 0$ , the discussion given in the proof of Lemma 2.1 shows that  $2u_{2m} = 0$  and  $v_{2m} = -1$ . So we may take to be  $u_{2m} = 0$  and  $v_{2m} = -1$ , thus  $e_{2m} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  where  $[SZ/2m, KU \wedge X]$  is decomposed as in the proof of Lemma 2.1 and  $[SZ/2m, \Sigma^2 KO \wedge X]$  might be changed by a suitable direct sum decomposition if necessary.

On the other hand, the induced homomorphism  $\lambda^* : [SZ/2m, KU \wedge X] \rightarrow [SZ/4m, KU \wedge X]$  is represented by the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ l_1 & 2 & 0 \\ l_2 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  for some homomorphism  $l = \begin{pmatrix} l_1 \\ l_2 \end{pmatrix} : Z/2m \rightarrow (E \oplus Z) \otimes Z/4m$  with  $2l = 0$ , because of (2.3). Moreover the induced homomorphism  $\lambda^* : [SZ/2m, \Sigma^2 KO \wedge X] \rightarrow [SZ/4m, \Sigma^2 KO \wedge X]$  is given by the canonical inclusion  $i_{2m, 4m} : (E \oplus Z) \otimes Z/2m \rightarrow (E \oplus Z) \otimes Z/4m$ . Therefore the equality  $\lambda^* e_{2m} = e_{4m} \lambda^*$  shows that  $u_{4m} = -l_1$  and  $v_{4m} = -2$ . So we may take to be  $u_{4m} = 0$ ,  $v_{4m} = -2$  by replacing suitably the splitting of  $\kappa_0$  in (2.6) if necessary. Thus we see that

(2.7)  $e_{4m} : [SZ/4m, KU \wedge X] \rightarrow [SZ/4m, \Sigma^2 KO \wedge X]$  is expressed as the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Remark that the conjugation  $t_{4m}$  on  $[SZ/4m, KU \wedge X]$  remains to be expressed by the same matrix as given in Lemma 2.1 because  $2l_1 = 0$ , in spite of changing the direct sum decomposition on  $[SZ/4m, KU \wedge X]$  slightly in the above discussion.

LEMMA 2.3. *There exist direct sum decompositions*

$$[M_{4m}, KU \wedge X] \cong \text{Hom}(KU_0 SZ/4m, KU_0 X) \oplus \text{Ext}(KU_0 SZ/4m, KU_1 X) \oplus KU_2 X \\ \cong Z/2m \oplus (E \oplus Z) \otimes Z/4m \oplus (B \oplus Z \oplus Z/2m),$$

$$[M_{4m}, \Sigma^2 KO \wedge X] \cong \text{Ext}(KO_0 SZ/4m, KO_7 X) \oplus KO_0 X \cong (E \oplus Z) \otimes Z/4m \oplus Z/4m$$

so that  $(\varepsilon_0 \pi_u^{-1})_* : [M_{4m}, KU \wedge X] \rightarrow [M_{4m}, \Sigma^2 KO \wedge X]$  is represented by the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

PROOF. From (2.5) and (2.7) it follows that  $e_M : [M_{4m}, KU \wedge X] \rightarrow [M_{4m}, \Sigma^2 KO \wedge X]$  is written into the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ r & s & t & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  for some homomorphisms  $r : Z/2m \rightarrow Z/4m$ ,  $s : E \otimes Z/4m \rightarrow Z/4m$  and  $t : Z/4m \rightarrow Z/4m$ . Since the conjugation  $t_M$  on  $[M_{4m}, KU \wedge X]$  is explicitly given in Lemma 2.2, the

equality  $e_M t_M = -e_M$  then implies that  $2t = -2r - 2 : Z/2m \rightarrow Z/4m$ . So we may take to be  $r=0, s=0$  and  $t=-1$  by replacing suitably splittings of  $i_M^*$ 's in (2.4) if necessary. Thus we have direct sum decompositions on  $[M_{4m}, KU \wedge X]$  and  $[M_{4m}, \Sigma^2 KO \wedge X]$  as desired.

We again remark that the conjugation  $t_M$  on  $[M_{4m}, KU \wedge X]$  remains to be expressed by the same matrix as given in Lemma 2.2, in spite of changing slightly the direct sum decomposition on  $[M_{4m}, KU \wedge X]$  in the above lemma.

2.3. For any CW-spectrum  $X$  satisfying (2.1) we use the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 0 & & 0 & & \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 & & \text{Ext}(KU_0 M_{4m}, KU_1 X) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \text{Ext}(KU_0 SZ/4m, KU_1 X) & & \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 0 \longrightarrow & [\Sigma^2, KU \wedge X] & \longrightarrow & [M_{4m}, KU \wedge X] & \longrightarrow & [SZ/4m, KU \wedge X] & \\
 & \cong \downarrow \kappa_0 & & \downarrow \kappa_0 & & \downarrow \kappa_0 & \\
 0 \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(KU_0 \Sigma^2, KU_0 X) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(KU_0 M_{4m}, KU_0 X) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(KU_0 SZ/4m, KU_0 X) & \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
 & & & 0 & & 0 & 
 \end{array}$$

in order to rewrite the direct sum decomposition on  $[M_{4m}, KU \wedge X]$  given in Lemma 2.3 as follows :

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.8) \quad [M_{4m}, KU \wedge X] &\cong \text{Hom}(KU_0 M_{4m}, KU_0 X) \oplus \text{Ext}(KU_0 M_{4m}, KU_1 X) \\
 &\cong \text{Hom}(KU_0 SZ/4m, KU_0 X) \oplus \text{Hom}(KU_0 \Sigma^2, KU_0 X) \oplus \text{Ext}(KU_0 M_{4m}, KU_1 X) \\
 &\cong Z/2m \oplus (B \oplus Z \oplus Z/2m) \oplus (E \oplus Z) \otimes Z/4m.
 \end{aligned}$$

The cofiber sequence (1.8) gives rise to a short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow [\Sigma^3, KU \wedge X] \xrightarrow{i_{MP}^*} [MP_{4m}, KU \wedge X] \xrightarrow{k_{MP}^*} [M_{4m}, KU \wedge X] \longrightarrow 0.$$

Notice that the universal coefficient sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}(KU_0 MP_{4m}, KU_1 X) \rightarrow [MP_{4m}, KU \wedge X] \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=0,1} \text{Hom}(KU_i MP_{4m}, KU_i X) \rightarrow 0$$

is a pure exact sequence (use [Y1, Theorem 5]). Then we see by means of [HM, Lemma 3.6] that its pure exact sequence is split because  $\text{Pext}((B \oplus E) * Q/Z, (E \oplus Z) \otimes Z/2m) = 0$  for  $m=2^k, k \geq 0$ . We will here give a matrix representation of the induced homomorphism  $k_{MP}^*$  explicitly.

LEMMA 2.4. *There exists a direct sum decomposition*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [MP_{4m}, KU \wedge X] \\
 & \cong \text{Hom}(KU_0MP_{4m}, KU_0X) \oplus \text{Hom}(KU_1MP_{4m}, KU_1X) \oplus \text{Ext}(KU_0MP_{4m}, KU_1X) \\
 & \cong (Z/2m \oplus B \oplus Z \oplus Z/2m) \oplus (E \oplus Z) \oplus (E \oplus Z) \otimes Z/2m
 \end{aligned}$$

so that  $k_{MP}^*: [MP_{4m}, KU \wedge X] \rightarrow [M_{4m}, KU \wedge X]$  is represented by the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  where  $[M_{4m}, KU \wedge X] \cong \text{Hom}(KU_0M_{4m}, KU_0X) \oplus \text{Ext}(KU_1M_{4m}, KU_1X) \cong (Z/2m \oplus B \oplus Z \oplus Z/2m) \oplus (E \oplus Z) \otimes Z/4m$ .

PROOF. Consider the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & 0 & & & 0 \\
 & & & \downarrow & & & \downarrow \\
 & & & \text{Ext}(KU_0MP_{4m}, KU_1X) & \longrightarrow & & \text{Ext}(KU_0M_{4m}, KU_1X) \\
 & & & \downarrow & & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & [\Sigma^3, KU \wedge X] & \xrightarrow{i_{MP}^*} & [MP_{4m}, KU \wedge X] & \xrightarrow{k_{MP}^*} & [M_{4m}, KU \wedge X] \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} \kappa_0 \\ \kappa_1 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \kappa_0 \\
 & & \cong \downarrow \kappa_1 & & \text{Hom}(KU_0MP_{4m}, KU_0X) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \text{Hom}(KU_0M_{4m}, KU_0X) \\
 & & & & \oplus & & \downarrow \\
 & & & & \text{Hom}(KU_1\Sigma^3, KU_1X) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(KU_1MP_{4m}, KU_1X) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
 & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & & & 0 & & 0
 \end{array}$$

with exact row and columns. The top arrow is the canonical monomorphism  $i_{2m,4m}: (E \oplus Z) \otimes Z/2m \rightarrow (E \oplus Z) \otimes Z/4m$  and the bottom one is just multiplication by 2 on  $E \oplus Z$ . Observe the connecting homomorphism  $\delta: \text{Hom}(KU_1MP_{4m}, KU_1X) \rightarrow \text{Ext}(Z/2, KU_1X)$  associated with the short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow KU_1MP_{4m} \rightarrow KU_1\Sigma^3 \rightarrow Z/2 \rightarrow 0$  induced by the cofiber sequence (1.8). Since the connecting homomorphism  $\delta: E \oplus Z \rightarrow (E \oplus Z) \otimes Z/2$  is evidently the canonical epimorphism,  $k_{MP}^*: [MP_{4m}, KU \wedge X] \rightarrow [M_{4m}, KU \wedge X]$  may be expressed as the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Here  $[M_{4m}, KU \wedge X]$  is decomposed as in (2.6) and  $[MP_{4m}, KU \wedge X]$  is done by choosing splittings of  $\kappa_0$  and  $\kappa_1$  suitably.

PROPOSITION 2.5. Let  $B, E$  be 2-torsion free abelian groups,  $m=2^k$ ,  $k \geq 0$ , and  $X$  be a CW-spectrum satisfying the condition (2.1). Then there exists a map  $f_{MP}: MP_{4m} \rightarrow KU \wedge X$  such that the composite  $(\epsilon_0 \pi_u^{-1} \wedge 1) f_{MP} k_{MP}: M_{4m} \rightarrow MP_{4m} \rightarrow KU \wedge X \rightarrow \Sigma^2 KO \wedge X$  is trivial, whose induced homomorphisms of  $KU$ -homologies in dimensions 0, 1 are respectively the canonical inclusions  $i_0: Z \oplus Z/2m \rightarrow B \oplus Z \oplus Z/2m$

and  $i_1: Z \rightarrow E \oplus Z$ .

PROOF. Among maps  $f: MP_{4m} \rightarrow KU \wedge X$  inducing the canonical inclusions  $i_0, i_1$  in  $KU$ -homologies we pick up the map  $f_{MP}: MP_{4m} \rightarrow KU \wedge X$  corresponding to the element  $w=(1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0)$  under the direct sum decomposition on  $[MP_{4m}, KU \wedge X]$  given in Lemma 2.4. By means of Lemmas 2.3 and 2.4 we can easily compute that  $e_M k_{MP}^*(w)=0$ . Thus the composite  $(\varepsilon_o \pi_u^{-1} \wedge 1) f_{MP} k_{MP}: M_{4m} \rightarrow \Sigma^2 KO \wedge X$  becomes trivial.

2.4. We will now prove a main result in this section, which characterize a CW-spectrum  $X$  admitting the same quasi  $KO_*$ -type as  $\Sigma^2 SB \vee \Sigma^3 SE \vee MP_{4m}$ .

THEOREM 2.6. *Let  $B, E$  be 2-torsion free abelian groups such that  $\text{Ext}(E, B \oplus Z)$  is uniquely 2-divisible, and  $m=2^k, k \geq 0$ . A CW-spectrum  $X$  is quasi  $KO_*$ -equivalent to the wedge sum  $\Sigma^2 SB \vee \Sigma^3 SE \vee MP_{4m}$  if and only if  $KU_0 X \cong B \oplus Z \oplus Z/2m$  on which  $t_* = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $KU_1 X \cong E \oplus Z$  on which  $t_* = -1$ , and in addition  $KO_i X \cong Z/4m, 0, B \oplus Z$  or  $E \oplus Z$  according as  $i=0, 1, 2$  or  $7$ .*

PROOF. The “only if” part is evident from Proposition 1.2.

The “if” part: By means of Proposition 2.5 we can choose a map  $f_{MP}: MP_{4m} \rightarrow KU \wedge X$  inducing the canonical inclusions  $i_0: Z \oplus Z/2m \rightarrow B \oplus Z \oplus Z/2m, i_1: Z \rightarrow E \oplus Z$  in  $KU$ -homologies such that the composite  $(\varepsilon_o \pi_u^{-1} \wedge 1) f_{MP} k_{MP}: M_{4m} \rightarrow \Sigma^2 KO \wedge X$  is trivial. So there exist maps  $h_0: M_{4m} \rightarrow KO \wedge X, h_1: \Sigma^1 \rightarrow KO \wedge X$  making the diagram below commutative

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 M_{4m} & \xrightarrow{k_{MP}} & MP_{4m} & \xrightarrow{l_{MP}} & \Sigma^3 \\
 \downarrow h_0 & & \downarrow f_{MP} & & \downarrow h_1 \\
 KO \wedge X & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_u \wedge 1} & KU \wedge X & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_o \pi_u^{-1} \wedge 1} & \Sigma^2 KO \wedge X.
 \end{array}$$

Since the map  $h_1$  is trivial, we get a map  $h_{MP}: MP_{4m} \rightarrow KO \wedge X$  with  $(\varepsilon_u \wedge 1) h_{MP} = f_{MP}$ .

Choose next maps  $f_B: \Sigma^2 SB \rightarrow KU \wedge X$  and  $f_E: \Sigma^3 SE \rightarrow KU \wedge X$  whose induced homomorphisms are respectively the canonical inclusions  $i_B: B \rightarrow B \oplus Z \oplus Z/2m$  and  $i_E: E \rightarrow E \oplus Z$  in  $KU$ -homologies. The composite  $(\varepsilon_o \pi_u^{-1} \wedge 1) f_B: SB \rightarrow KO \wedge X$  becomes trivial because the realification  $(\varepsilon_o \pi_u^{-1})_*: KU_2 X \rightarrow KO_0 X$  restricted to  $B$  is trivial by (2.5) and  $KO_1 X=0$ . On the other hand, there exists a map  $g_E: \Sigma^3 SE \rightarrow KC \wedge X$  with  $(\zeta \wedge 1) g_E = f_E$  by means of [Y2, Lemma 1.2] because  $\text{Ext}(E, KU_4 X)$  is uniquely 2-divisible. Making use of this map  $g_E$  we will show that the composite  $(\varepsilon_o \pi_u^{-1} \wedge 1) f_E: \Sigma^1 SE \rightarrow KO \wedge X$  is trivial, too.

Consider the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Ext}(E, KO_1X) & \longrightarrow & [SE, KO \wedge X] & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(E, KO_0X) \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow (\eta \wedge 1)_* & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Ext}(E, KO_2X) & \longrightarrow & [SE, \Sigma^{-1}KO \wedge X] & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(E, KO_1X) \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

with  $KO_1X=0$ . In order to show that the central arrow  $(\eta \wedge 1)_*$  is trivial, we observe the connecting homomorphism  $\delta: \text{Hom}(E, KO_0X) \rightarrow \text{Ext}(E, KO_2X)$  associated with the short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow KO_2X \rightarrow KU_2X \rightarrow KO_0X \rightarrow 0$  induced by the cofiber sequence (1.1). Since  $KO_0X \cong Z/4m$  and  $\text{Ext}(E, KO_2X) \cong \text{Ext}(E, B \oplus Z)$  is uniquely 2-divisible, the connecting homomorphism  $\delta$  is trivial. Thus  $(\eta \wedge 1)_*: [SE, KO \wedge X] \rightarrow [SE, \Sigma^{-1}KO \wedge X]$  is trivial, and hence  $(\epsilon_o \pi_u^{-1} \wedge 1)_{f_E}: \Sigma^1 SE \rightarrow KO \wedge X$  becomes trivial.

Consequently we get maps  $h_B: \Sigma^2 SB \rightarrow KO \wedge X$  and  $h_E: \Sigma^3 SE \rightarrow KO \wedge X$  as well as  $h_{MP}: MP_{4m} \rightarrow KO \wedge X$  with  $(\epsilon_u \wedge 1)h_H = f_H$  for  $H=B, E$  and  $MP$ . We can now apply [Y3, Proposition 1.1] to show that the map  $h = h_B \vee h_E \vee h_{MP}: \Sigma^2 SB \vee \Sigma^3 SE \vee MP_{4m} \rightarrow KO \wedge X$  is a quasi  $KO_*$ -equivalence.

Combining Theorem 2.6 with Proposition 1.2 we obtain the following result immediately.

COROLLARY 2.7.  $\Sigma^4 MP_{4m}$  is quasi  $KO_*$ -equivalent to  $MP_{4m}$  for any  $m, m \geq 1$ .

### 3. The stunted real projective spaces $RP^n/RP^m$ .

3.1. Let  $RP^n$  be the real projective  $n$ -space, and  $X_n$  be the suspension spectrum  $\Sigma^{-n}SP^2S^n$  whose  $n$ -th term is the symmetric square  $SP^2S^n$  of  $n$ -sphere. The spectrum  $X_{n+1}$  is exhibited by the following two cofiber sequences [L, JTTW]:

(3.1)  $\Sigma^n \longrightarrow X_n \longrightarrow X_{n+1} \longrightarrow \Sigma^{n+1}$

(3.2)  $RP^n \longrightarrow \Sigma^0 \longrightarrow X_{n+1} \longrightarrow \Sigma^1 RP^n$

which are related by the commutative diagram below

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & & \Sigma^n & = & \Sigma^n \\
 & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 RP^{n-1} & \longrightarrow & \Sigma^0 & \longrightarrow & X_n & \longrightarrow & \Sigma^1 RP^{n-1} \\
 \downarrow & & \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 (3.3) \quad RP^n & \longrightarrow & \Sigma^0 & \longrightarrow & X_{n+1} & \longrightarrow & \Sigma^1 RP^n \\
 & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & & & \Sigma^{n+1} & = & \Sigma^{n+1} .
 \end{array}$$

Hence we may regard that the stunted real projective space  $RP^n/RP^m$  is

obtained by the cofiber sequence

$$(3.4) \quad RP^n/RP^m \longrightarrow X_{m+1} \longrightarrow X_{n+1} \longrightarrow \Sigma^1(RP^n/RP^m), \quad m < n.$$

In [Y2, Theorem 2.7] we have determined the quasi  $KO_*$ -type of  $X_{n+1}$  as follows.

**THEOREM 3.1.**  $X_{n+1}$  is quasi  $KO_*$ -equivalent to  $\Sigma^0, P, \Sigma^4, \Sigma^4 \vee \Sigma^4, \Sigma^4, P, \Sigma^0, \Sigma^0 \vee \Sigma^0$  according as  $n=8r, 8r+1, \dots, 8r+7$ .

As a result we note that

$$(3.5) \quad \Sigma^{4m} X_{4m+n} \text{ is quasi } KO_*\text{-equivalent to } X_n.$$

The conjugation  $t$  on  $KU$  gives rise to an involution  $t_*$  on  $KU_*X$  for any  $CW$ -spectrum  $X$ . Thus the  $KU$ -homology  $KU_*X$  is regarded as a  $Z/2$ -graded abelian group with involution. In order to investigate the structure of  $KU_*(RP^n/RP^m)$  as a  $Z/2$ -graded abelian group with involution, we recall the following result (see [Ad1], [F] or [Y2, Proposition 2.6]).

**PROPOSITION 3.2.** i)  $KU_0RP^n=0$ , and  $KU_{-1}RP^n \cong Z/2^s$  or  $Z \oplus Z/2^s$  according as  $n=2s$  or  $2s+1$ .

ii) The conjugation  $t_*$  on  $KU_{-1}RP^n$  behaves as  $t_*=1$  if  $n \not\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $t_* = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  if  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

iii)  $KO_0RP^n=0$  if  $n \equiv 2, 3, 4 \pmod{8}$ ,  $KO_4RP^n=0$  if  $n \equiv 0, 6, 7 \pmod{8}$  and  $KO_6RP^n=0$  for all  $n$ .

Let  $RP_\sigma^n$  be a fixed  $CW$ -spectrum such that  $KU_*RP_\sigma^n \cong KU_*RP^n$  and the conjugation  $t_*$  on  $KU_{-1}RP_\sigma^n$  behaves as

$$(3.6) \quad t_*=1 \text{ if } n \not\equiv 3 \pmod{4} \text{ and } t_* = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ if } n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, \text{ and in addition}$$

$$KO_0RP_\sigma^n=0 \text{ if } n \equiv 4, 5, 6 \pmod{8}, KO_4RP_\sigma^n=0 \text{ if } n \equiv 0, 1, 2 \pmod{8} \text{ and } KO_6RP_\sigma^n=0 \text{ for all } n.$$

As an abelian group with involution  $KU_*RP_\sigma^n$  differs from  $KU_*RP^n$  when  $n$  is odd, although they coincide when  $n$  is even. For example, as in Theorem 2 ii) we may set  $\Sigma^1RP_\sigma^n$  to be  $SZ/2^{4r}, \Sigma^0 \vee SZ/2^{4r}, SZ/2^{4r+1}, M_{2^{4r+1}}, V_{2^{4r+2}}, \Sigma^4 \vee V_{2^{4r+2}}, V_{2^{4r+3}}, M_{2^{4r+3}}$  according as  $n=8r, 8r+1, \dots, 8r+7$ . By applying [Y2, Theorem 2.5] with (3.6) we notice that  $RP_\sigma^n$  is uniquely determined up to quasi  $KO_*$ -equivalence.

**3.2.** We will first study the  $KU$ -homology of  $RP^n/RP^m$  with the involution  $t_*$  (cf. [Ad1]). For simplicity  $RP^n/RP^m$  is sometimes abbreviated to be  $RP_{m+1}^n$ .

**PROPOSITION 3.3.** As abelian groups with involution the  $KU$ -homologies of the stunted real projective spaces are isomorphic to the following  $KU$ -homologies:

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 X & = & RP^{4m+n}/RP^{4m} & RP^{4m+n}/RP^{4m-1} & RP^{4m+n-2}/RP^{4m-2} & RP^{4m+n-2}/RP^{4m-3} \\
 KU_0X & \cong & 0 & KU_0\Sigma^{4m} & 0 & KU_0\Sigma^{4m-2} \\
 KU_{-1}X & \cong & KU_{-1}RP^n & KU_{-1}RP^n & KU_{-1}RP^n & KU_{-1}RP^n.
 \end{array}$$

PROOF. i) The  $X=RP^{2t+n}/RP^{2t}$  case: Use the two cofiber sequences  $RP^{2t} \rightarrow RP^{2t+n} \rightarrow RP_{2t+1}^{2t+n} \rightarrow \Sigma^1 RP^{2t}$  and  $X_{2t+1} \rightarrow X_{2t+n+1} \rightarrow RP_{2t+1}^{2t+n} \rightarrow \Sigma^1 X_{2t+1}$ . Then it follows from Theorem 3.1 and Proposition 3.2 that  $KU_0 RP_{2t+1}^{2t+n} = 0$ , and hence the sequence  $0 \rightarrow KU_{-1} RP^{2t} \rightarrow KU_{-1} RP^{2t+n} \rightarrow KU_{-1} RP_{2t+1}^{2t+n} \rightarrow 0$  is exact. The result is now immediate.

ii) The  $X=RP^{2t+n}/RP^{2t-1}$  case: Use the two cofiber sequences  $\Sigma^{2t} \rightarrow RP_{2t}^{2t+n} \rightarrow RP_{2t+1}^{2t+n} \rightarrow \Sigma^{2t+1}$  and  $\Sigma^{2t-1} \rightarrow RP_{2t-1}^{2t+n} \rightarrow RP_{2t}^{2t+n} \rightarrow \Sigma^{2t}$ . Assume that  $KU_0 RP_{2t}^{2t+n} = 0$ . Then there exist two exact sequences  $0 \rightarrow KU_1 RP_{2t}^{2t+n} \rightarrow KU_1 RP_{2t+1}^{2t+n} \rightarrow KU_0 \Sigma^{2t} \rightarrow 0$  and  $0 \rightarrow KU_0 \Sigma^{2t} \rightarrow KU_{-1} RP_{2t-1}^{2t+n} \rightarrow KU_{-1} RP_{2t}^{2t+n} \rightarrow 0$ . By use of the former sequence we see that  $KU_1 RP_{2t+1}^{2t+n} \cong Z \oplus KU_1 RP_{2t}^{2t+n}$ . When  $n=2s$ , this is a contradiction because  $KU_1 RP_{2t+1}^{2t+n} \cong KU_1 RP^n \cong Z/2^s$  by the above i) and Proposition 3.2. On the other hand, the latter sequence is obtained in the form of the short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow Z \rightarrow Z \oplus Z/2^{s+1} \rightarrow Z/2^s \rightarrow 0$  when  $n=2s+1$ , because  $KU_{-1} RP_{2t-1}^{2t+n} \cong KU_{-1} RP^{n+2} \cong Z \oplus Z/2^{s+1}$ . This is obviously a contradiction, too. Therefore it is easily verified that  $KU_0 RP_{2t}^{2t+n} \cong Z$ , and hence  $KU_0 RP_{2t}^{2t+n} \cong KU_0 \Sigma^{2t}$  and  $KU_1 RP_{2t}^{2t+n} \cong KU_1 RP_{2t+1}^{2t+n}$ . The result is now immediate from the above i).

In order to determine the quasi  $KO_*$ -types of  $RP^{2t+n}/RP^{2t}$  we will next show that  $KO_i(RP^{2t+n}/RP^{2t})=0$  for certain dimensions  $i$  as so are  $KO_i RP^n$  and  $KO_i RP^n$ .

LEMMA 3.4. i)  $KO_{4m}(RP^{4m+n}/RP^{4m}) = 0 = KO_{4m}(RP^{4m+n}/RP^{4m-2})$  if  $n \equiv 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \pmod{8}$ .

ii)  $KO_{4n+4}(RP^{4m+n}/RP^{4m}) = 0 = KO_{4m+4}(RP^{4m+n}/RP^{4m-2})$  if  $n \equiv 0, 1, 5, 6, 7 \pmod{8}$ .

iii)  $KO_{4m+6}(RP^{4m+n}/RP^{4m}) = 0 = KO_{4m+6}(RP^{4m+n}/RP^{4m-2})$  for all  $n$ .

PROOF. Since  $\varepsilon_{u*}: KO_j RP_{2t+1}^{2t+n} \otimes Z[1/2] \rightarrow KU_j RP_{2t+1}^{2t+n} \otimes Z[1/2]$  is a monomorphism, Proposition 3.3 implies that  $KO_j RP_{2t+1}^{2t+n}$  is 2-torsion whenever  $j$  is even. Use the cofiber sequence  $RP_{2t+1}^{2t+n} \rightarrow X_{2t+1} \rightarrow X_{2t+n+1} \rightarrow \Sigma^1 RP_{2t+1}^{2t+n}$ ,  $t=2m$  or  $2m-1$ . By means of (3.5) we then get epimorphisms  $KO_{i+1} X_{n+1} \rightarrow KO_{i+4m} RP_{4m+1}^{4m+n}$  and  $KO_{i+1} X_{n-1} \rightarrow KO_{i+4m} RP_{4m-1}^{4m+n-2}$  for  $i=0, 4$  or  $6$ , because  $X_1 = \Sigma^0$  and  $X_r \underset{KO}{\sim} \Sigma^0$ . The result is now immediate from Theorem 3.1.

PROOF OF THEOREM 2 i) and iii). Combine Proposition 3.3 with Lemma 3.4 and then apply Theorem 2.5 in [Y2], as was previously done in [Y2] to prove Theorem 1.

3.3. In order to determine the quasi  $KO_*$ -type of  $RP^{4m+n-2}/RP^{4m-3}$  we will

here calculate the  $KO$ -homology of  $RP^{4m+n-2}/RP^{4m-3}$  although it has completely done by [FY].

LEMMA 3.5. *The  $KO$ -homology  $KO_{i+4m}(RP^{4m+n-2}/RP^{4m-3})$  is isomorphic to the following abelian group  $A_{i,n}$  for each  $i$  and  $n$ :*

$$A_{i,n} = KO_4RP^{n+2}, KO_5RP^{n+2}, KO_4\Sigma^0, KO_7RP^{n+2}, KO_0RP^{n+2}, KO_5RP_\sigma^n, \\ KO_0\Sigma^0, KO_3RP^{n+2}/KO_2\Sigma^0 \quad \text{according as } i=0, 1, \dots, 7.$$

PROOF. Use the three cofiber sequences  $\Sigma^{4m-3} \rightarrow RP_{4m-3}^{4m+n-2} \rightarrow RP_{4m-2}^{4m+n-2} \rightarrow \Sigma^{4m-2}$ ,  $\Sigma^{4m-2} \rightarrow RP_{4m-2}^{4m+n-2} \rightarrow RP_{4m-1}^{4m+n-2} \rightarrow \Sigma^{4m-1}$  and  $RP_{4m-2}^{4m+n-2} \rightarrow X_{4m-2} \rightarrow X_{4m+n-1} \rightarrow \Sigma^1 RP_{4m-2}^{4m+n-2}$ . By means of Theorems 2 i), iii) and 3.1 we notice that  $RP_{4m-3}^{4m+n-2} \underset{KO}{\sim} \Sigma^{4m-4} RP^{n+2}$ ,  $RP_{4m-1}^{4m+n-2} \underset{KO}{\sim} \Sigma^{4m} RP_\sigma^n$  and  $X_{4m-2} \underset{KO}{\sim} P$ . Consider the long exact sequences of  $KO$ -homologies associated with the three cofiber sequences. By use of the first two exact sequences we see easily that  $A_{4,n} \cong KO_0RP^{n+2}$ ,  $A_{3,n} \cong KO_7RP^{n+2}$ ,  $A_{5,n} \cong KO_5RP_\sigma^n$ ,  $A_{2,n} \cong Z$  and  $A_{0,n}$  is 2-torsion. By use of the third exact sequence we then get that  $A_{6,n} \cong KO_6P$ ,  $A_{0,n} \cong KO_1X_{n-1}$  and hence  $A_{6,n} \cong KO_0\Sigma^0$ ,  $A_{0,n} \cong KO_4RP^{n+2}$ . So there exist short exact sequences  $0 \rightarrow KO_2\Sigma^0 \rightarrow KO_3RP^{n+2} \rightarrow A_{7,n} \rightarrow 0$  and  $0 \rightarrow A_{1,n} \rightarrow KO_1RP_\sigma^n \rightarrow KO_2\Sigma^0 \rightarrow 0$ . Therefore it follows that  $A_{7,n} \cong KO_3RP^{n+2}/KO_2\Sigma^0$ ,  $A_{1,n} \cong KO_5RP^{n+2}$ , and hence  $A_{2,n} \cong KO_4\Sigma^0$ .

In particular, Lemma 3.5 shows that

(3.7) i)  $KO_{4+4m}(RP^{4m+n-2}/RP^{4m-3})=0=KO_{5+4m}(RP^{4m+n-2}/RP^{4m-3})$  if  $n \equiv 0, 1, 2 \pmod 8$ , and  $KO_{7+4m}(RP^{4m+n-2}/RP^{4m-3}) \cong Z/2^{4r+1}$ ,  $Z \oplus Z/2^{4r+1}$  or  $Z/2^{4r+2}$  according as  $n=8r$ ,  $8r+1$  or  $8r+2$ .

ii)  $KO_{4m}(RP^{4m+n-2}/RP^{4m-3})=0=KO_{1+4m}(RP^{4m+n-2}/RP^{4m-3})$  if  $n \equiv 4, 5, 6 \pmod 8$ , and  $KO_{3+4m}(RP^{4m+n-2}/RP^{4m-3}) \cong Z/2^{4r+3}$ ,  $Z \oplus Z/2^{4r+3}$  or  $Z/2^{4r+4}$  according as  $n=8r+4$ ,  $8r+5$  or  $8r+6$ .

iii)  $KO_{4m}(RP^{4m+n-2}/RP^{4m-3})=0=KO_{4+4m}(RP^{4m+n-2}/RP^{4m-3})$  if  $n \equiv 3 \pmod 4$ .

PROOF OF THEOREM 2 iv). The  $n \not\equiv 3 \pmod 4$  case: Combine Proposition 3.3 with (3.7) i) and ii), and then apply Theorem 1.6. The result is easily shown.

The  $n \equiv 3 \pmod 4$  case: Set  $n=4s-1$ . Putting Theorems 1 and 2 i) together we see that  $RP_{4m-3}^{4m+n-2}$  is quasi  $KO_*$ -equivalent to  $\Sigma^{4m-5}M_{2s}$ . Thus there exists a map  $h_M: \Sigma^{4m-5}M_{2s} \rightarrow KO \wedge RP_{4m-3}^{4m+n-2}$  which induces the canonical isomorphism in  $KU$ -homology. Using the cofiber sequence (1.8) we consider the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \Sigma^{4m-3} & \longrightarrow & \Sigma^{4m-5}M_{2s} & \longrightarrow & \Sigma^{4m-5}MP_{2s} & \longrightarrow & \Sigma^{4m-2} \\ \iota \wedge 1 \downarrow & & h_M \downarrow & & h_{MP} \downarrow & & \downarrow \iota \wedge 1 \\ KO \wedge \Sigma^{4m-3} & \longrightarrow & KO \wedge RP_{4m-3}^{4m+n-2} & \longrightarrow & KO \wedge RP_{4m-2}^{4m+n-2} & \longrightarrow & KO \wedge \Sigma^{4m-2}. \end{array}$$

The complexification  $\epsilon_{u*}: KO_{4m-3}RP_{4m-3}^{4m+n-2} \rightarrow KU_{4m-3}RP_{4m-3}^{4m+n-2}$  is a monomorphism

because of (3.7) iii). Therefore the left square in the above diagram becomes commutative by means of Propositions 1.1, 1.2 and 3.3. Hence there exists a map  $h_{MP}: \Sigma^{4m-5}MP_{2^{2s}} \rightarrow KO \wedge RP_{4m-2}^{4m+n-2}$  making the above diagram commutative. Obviously the map  $h_{MP}$  is a quasi  $KO_*$ -equivalence. Thus  $\Sigma^{4m+2}PR_{4m-2}^{4m+n-2}$  is quasi  $KO_*$ -equivalent to  $\Sigma^5MP_{2^{2s}}$ , which is also so to  $\Sigma^1MP_{2^{2s}}$  by Corollary 2.7.

REMARK. We may directly apply Theorem 2.6 combining Proposition 3.3 with Lemma 3.5 in the  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  case, in place of the above discussion using the cofiber sequence (1.8) and Corollary 2.7.

3.4. Let  $E$  be an associative ring spectrum with unit and  $\xi$  be an  $n$ -dimensional real vector bundle over a  $CW$ -complex  $X$ . Let  $T(\xi)$  denote the Thom complex of  $\xi$ , thus  $T(\xi) = D(\xi)/S(\xi)$  where  $D(\xi)$  and  $S(\xi)$  are respectively the associated disc and sphere bundle. We say  $\xi$  to be  $E$ -orientable if there exists a Thom class  $u_\xi \in E^n T(\xi)$  such that the composite  $(u_\xi \wedge p^+) \Delta: T(\xi) \rightarrow T(\xi) \wedge D(\xi)^+ \rightarrow \Sigma^n E \wedge X^+$  gives rise to an isomorphism  $E_* T(\xi) \rightarrow E_{*-n} X^+$ . Here  $\Delta$  denotes the map induced by the diagonal map and  $p$  denotes the projection of the disc bundle  $D(\xi)$  over  $X$ , and  $Y^+$  stands for the based  $CW$ -complex with the additional base point  $+$  for any  $CW$ -complex  $Y$ .

Hence we notice

(3.8) the Thom complex  $T(\xi)$  is quasi  $E_*$ -equivalent to  $\Sigma^n X^+$  whenever its  $n$ -dimensional vector bundle  $\xi$  over  $X$  is  $E$ -orientable.

PROOF OF THEOREM 2 ii). Let  $\xi_n$  be the canonical line bundle over  $RP^n$  and  $\theta$  be the trivial line bundle over  $RP^n$ . As is well known, the  $8m$ -dimensional vector bundle  $4m\xi_n \oplus 4m\theta$  over  $RP^n$  is  $KO$ -orientable because it has a spin reduction, thus its first and second Stiefel-Whitney classes vanish (see [ABS]). On the other hand, the Thom complex  $T(4m\xi_n)$  is homeomorphic to the stunted real projective space  $RP^{4m+n}/RP^{4m-1}$  (see [A]). The result follows immediately from (3.8).

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