SELF-HOMOTOPY EQUIVALENCES OF THE TOTAL SPACES OF A SPHERE BUNDLE OVER A SPHERE

Dedicated to Professor Minoru Nakaoka on his 60th birthday

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§1. Introduction.

In this paper we study the group of homotopy classes of self-homotopy equivalences, $\mathcal{E}(X)$, for the total space of a S^m -bundle over S^n with the condition :

$$3 < m + 1 < n < 2m - 2$$
.

J. W. Rutter determined this group for the case of m=3 and n=7 in [3], and also some generalizations of Rutter's result are given in [4] and [6]. Moreover Y. Nomura computed $\mathcal{E}(X)$ for real and complex Stiefel manifolds in [5]. Then our purpose is to obtain a generalization of these results in a some sense. Let H be the natural representation:

$$H: \mathscr{E}(X) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Aut} H_*(X)$$

which is defined by $H(f)=f_*$ and we denote by $\mathcal{E}_+(X)$ the kernel of H. Then we have an exact sequence

$$\{1\} \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}_+(X) \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}(X) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Aut} H_*(X) \,.$$

Hence it is almost sufficient for us to determine $\mathcal{E}_+(X)$ and *H*-image.

Let $q: X \to S^n$ be the S^m -bundle with the characteristic class $\xi (\in \pi_{n-1}(SO(m+1)))$. James-Whitehead showed in [2] that X has a CW-decomposition:

$$X = S^m \bigcup_{\beta} e^n \bigcup_{\alpha} e^{m+n}$$
 ,

where $\beta = p_*(\xi)$ for the usual projection $p: SO(m+1) \rightarrow S^m$.

Let $P_n^m(\beta)$ be the subgroup of $\pi_n(S^m)$,

$$\{x \mid [e_n, x] \in \beta \circ \pi_{m+n-1}(S^{n-1})\}$$
,

and we denote by η the generator of $\pi_{N+1}(S^N)$. We will prove

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THEOREM 1. Suppose that $[\ell_{m+1}, E\beta] \circ \eta \equiv 0 \mod E\beta \circ \pi_{m+n+1}(S^n)$. Then there exists an exact sequence

 $\{0\} \longrightarrow H_{\xi} \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}_{+}(X) \longrightarrow G_{\xi} \longrightarrow \{0\} \ ,$

where

$$H_{\xi} = \pi_{m+n}(X) / [\ell_m, \pi_{n+1}(X)] \cup \{\pi_{m+1}(X) \circ J(\xi)\}$$

and

$$G_{\xi} = P_n^m(\beta) [\{\beta \circ \eta\} \subset \pi_n(S^m) / \{\beta \circ \eta\}.$$

Remark. For example, the assumption is always satisfied if $m=2 \mod 4$ and $m \ge 9$.

THEOREM 2. Suppose
$$2\beta \equiv 0$$
.
 $H\text{-image} = Z_2 \times Z_2$ if $2J(\hat{\xi}) \equiv 0$ and $[\epsilon_{m+1}, E\beta] \equiv 0 \mod E\beta \circ \pi_{m+n}(S^n)$
 $H\text{-image} = Z_2$ if either $[\epsilon_{m+1}, E\beta] \equiv 0$, $2J(\hat{\xi}) \equiv 0$ or $[\epsilon_{m+1}, E\beta] \equiv 0$,
 $2J(\hat{\xi}) \equiv 0 \mod E\beta \circ \pi_{m+n}(S^n)$
 $H\text{-image} = Z_2$ if $[\epsilon_{m+1}, E\beta] + 2J(\hat{\xi}) \equiv 0$ and $2J(\hat{\xi}) \equiv 0 \mod E\beta \circ \pi_{m+n}(S^n)$,
 $H\text{-image} = \{0\}$ otherwise.

Theorem 3. Suppose that the order of β is odd. Then

$$H\text{-}image = Z_2 \quad if \quad [\ell_{m+1}, \ E\beta] + 2J(\xi) \equiv 0 \mod E\beta \circ \pi_{m+n}(S^n)$$

and

$$H$$
-image = $\{0\}$ otherwise.

Our method is based on Barcus-Barratt theory [1]. Let $A = S^m \bigcup_{\beta} e^n$ be the subcomplex of X and consider the fibring

$$r_A: (X^X, 1_X) \longrightarrow (X^A, i) \qquad (i=1_X | A)$$

defined by restricting maps on A. Then we have an exact sequence

$$\pi_1(X^A, i) \xrightarrow{} \pi_0(r_A^{-1}(i), 1_X) \longrightarrow \pi_0(X^X, 1_X) \longrightarrow \pi_0(X^A, i).$$

Using an identification of $\pi_0(r_A^{-1}(i), \mathbf{1}_X)$ with $\pi_{m+n}(X, x_0)$, the above sequence can be transformed into the exact sequence

$$\{0\} \longrightarrow G_{X,A} \longrightarrow \mathscr{E}(X) \longrightarrow \mathscr{E}(A),$$

where $G_{X,A}$ denotes the group $i_*\pi_{m+n}(A)/\{i_*\pi_{m+n}(A)\cup\partial_{X,A}(\pi_1(X^A, i))\}$.

Since $\mathscr{E}(A)$ can be determined by Barcus-Barratt Theorem our work is to describe the group $G_{X,A}$ and the image $\mathscr{E}(X) \rightarrow \mathscr{E}(A)$. In §2 the operation $\partial_{X,A}$ is investigated and §3 $\partial_{X,A}$ is considered again from the view of Suspension-

version. §4 contains some homotopy groups, and the image $\mathcal{E}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}(A)$ is discussed in §5. At last, in §6, we give some examples.

§2. Barcus-Barratt Operation.

LEMMA 2.1.
$$i_*(\pi_{m+n}(A)) = \pi_{m+n}(X), \ \pi_{m+n-1}(A) \cong Z\{\alpha\} + G(\beta) \text{ and the sequence}$$

 $\{0\} \longrightarrow i_{m^*}\{\pi_{m+n-1}(S^m)\} \longrightarrow G(\beta) \longrightarrow \beta_*^{-1}(0) \longrightarrow \{0\}$

is exact where $\beta_*: \pi_{m+n-2}(S^{n-1}) \to \pi_{m+n-1}(S^m)$ is induced by β . Especially we have

$$G_{X,A} = \pi_{m+n}(X)/\partial_{X,A}\pi_1(X^A, i).$$

Proof. The proof follows from the homotopy exact sequence and the homotopy excision theorem.

Let $r_{Sm}: (X^A, i) \rightarrow (X^{Sm}, \iota_m)$ be the fibring $(i_m = \iota | S^m: S^m \rightarrow X)$ and let $\Lambda_{A,X}$ be the fibre $r_{Sm}^{-1}(i_m)$, i.e.

$$\Lambda_{A, X} = \{f : A \longrightarrow X | f | S^m = \iota_m \} .$$

Consider the exact sequence

$$\pi_{\mathbf{1}}(\Lambda_{A, X}, i) \longrightarrow \pi_{\mathbf{1}}(X^{A}, i) \longrightarrow \pi_{\mathbf{1}}(X^{S^{m}}, i_{m}) \longrightarrow \pi_{\mathbf{0}}(\Lambda_{A, X}, i)$$

and identifications

$$\pi_1(X^{sm}, i_m) \longleftrightarrow \pi_{m+1}(X, x_0) \text{ and } \pi_1(\Lambda_{A, X}, i) \longleftrightarrow \pi_{n+1}(X, x_0)$$

given by

$$S^1 \times S^m \xrightarrow{f} X, \quad d_1(f) = d(f, \iota_m \circ pr)$$

and

$$S^1 \times A \longrightarrow X, \qquad d_2(g) = d(g, \imath \circ pr),$$

where d denotes the separation elemen (see Appendix).

LEMMA 2.2. By the composition

$$\pi_{n+1}(X, x_0) \longleftrightarrow \pi_1(\Lambda_{A, X}, i) \longrightarrow \pi_1(X^A, i) \longrightarrow \pi_{m+n}(X, x_0)$$

any element z is mapped to Whitehead product $[c_m, z]$.

For the proof we need some preparations. Let ϕ be a map $A \to A \lor S^n$ $(A = S^m \cup e^n \to (S^m \cup e^n) \lor S^n)$ which is obtained from shrinking the equator of e^n to a point.

LEMMA 2.3. $\phi_*(\alpha) = \alpha + [\iota_m, \iota_n] (\in \pi_{m+n-1}(A \lor S^n))$

Proof. From the assumption on m, n we have the decomposition

$$\pi_{m+n-1}(A \vee S^n) = \pi_{m+n-1}(A) \oplus \pi_{m+n-1}(S^n) \oplus Z[\iota_m, \iota_n]$$

Clearly the first factor of $\phi_*(\alpha)$ is α and the second factor is zero by the existence of the projection $X \rightarrow S^n$. Since the third factor is determined by the cohomology ring of X we may think that it is just $[\ell_m, \ell_n]$. These complete the proof.

Let us define three spaces X_i (*i*=0, 1, 2) as follows:

$$X_0 = (A \vee S^n) \bigcup_{\phi,(\alpha)} e^{m+n}, \quad X_1 = X \vee S^n \quad \text{and} \quad X_2 = S^m \times S^n \cup (A \vee S^n).$$

Then three Barcus-Barratt operations are obtained from fibrings:

$$(X^{X_{\iota}}, v_{\iota}) \longrightarrow (X^{A \vee S^{n}}, \iota \vee (x_{0})) \qquad (i=0, 1, 2),$$

where (x_0) denotes the constant map $S^n \rightarrow x_0 (\in X)$ and v_i is an appropriate extension of $i \lor (x_0)$ over X. We denote them by

$$\partial_i = \partial_{X_1, A \vee S^n} : \pi_1(X^{A \vee S^n}, i \vee (x_0)) \longrightarrow \pi_{m+n}(X, x_0), \qquad (i=0, 1, 2).$$

Now, applying the additive theorem of Barcus-Barratt we have

Lemma 2.4. $\partial_0 = \partial_1 + \partial_2$

Since $\pi_1(X^{A \vee S^n}, \iota \vee (x_0))$ has a decomposition

$$\pi_1(X^{A \vee S^n}, i \vee (\pi_0)) = \pi_1(X^A, i) \oplus \pi_1(X^{S^n}, (x_0))$$

we may regard $\pi_1(X^{S^n}, (x_0))$ as a subgroup of $\pi_1(X^{A \vee S^n}, \iota \vee (x_0))$.

LEMMA 2.5. The restriction $\partial_1 | \pi_1(X^{S^n}, (x_0)) = 0$.

Proof. It is sufficient from definitions to show that the image of the homomorphism

$$\pi_1(X^{X_1}, v_1) \longrightarrow \pi_1(X^{A \vee S^n}, i \vee (x_0))$$

contains $\pi_1(X^{S^n}, (x_0))$ for the map $v_1: X_1 = X \vee S^n \to X$, $(1_X \vee (x_0))$, and then this means that any map: $S^1 \times (A \vee S^n) \to X$ is extendable over $S^1 \times (X \vee S^n)$ if $f | S^1 \times A = i \circ \operatorname{proj}_A$ and $f | * \times S^n = (x_0)$. Since the map $\tilde{f}: S^1 \times (X \vee S^n) \to X$ defined by

$$\tilde{f}|S^1 \times X = 1_X \circ \operatorname{proj}_X$$
 and $\tilde{f}|S^1 \times S^n = f|S^1 \times S^n$

satisfies the conditions the proof is completed.

LEMMA 2.6. The restriction $\partial_2 | \pi_1(X^{S^n}, (x_0))$ can be identified with the homomorphism

$$\pi_1(X^{S^n}, (x_0)) = \pi_{n+1}(X, x_0) \longrightarrow \pi_{m+n}(X, x_0)$$

defined by Whitehead product $[c_m,]$.

Proof. Consider the commutative diagram



where ∂ on the left hand is the boundary operator derived from the fibring $X^{S^m \times S^n} \rightarrow X^{S^m \vee S^n}$. Then by Barcus-Barratt formula (p. 66 of [1]) the proof is completed.

Now, using the following diagram, the proof of lemma 2.2 is completed from lemma 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6.



here we identify the space A with $A \vee S^n / S^n$ and the map $\iota : A \to X$ with the map $A \longrightarrow A \vee S^n / X$. $\phi \qquad \iota \vee (x_0)$

§3. Suspension of Barcus-Barratt Operation.

In this section our purpose is to describe the group $E\{\partial_{X,A}(X^4, i)\}$ as a subgroup of $\pi_{m+n+1}(EX, x_0)$ with other terms. First we consider the general case. For any spaces Y and K, the map $\Sigma: Y^K \to EY^{EK}$ which assigns each map $f: K \to Y$ to the map $Ef: EK \to EY$ induces the homomorphism

$$\Sigma^*: \pi_1(Y^K, u) \longrightarrow \pi_1(EY^{EK}, Eu), \qquad (u: K \to Y),$$

i.e. for $f: S^1 \times K \rightarrow Y$, $\Sigma^*(f)(s, (t, x)) = (t, f(s, x))$ $(x \in K)$. Since, for a map $h: L \rightarrow K$, it holds

 $\Sigma^{*}h^{*}(f)(s, (t, y)) = (t, f(s, h(y)))$

and

$$(Eh)^*\Sigma^*(f)(s, (t, y)) = (\Sigma f)(s, (t, h(y)) = (t, f(s, h(y))) \qquad (y \in L)$$

we have the following commutative diagram:

$$\pi_{1}(Y^{K}, u) \xrightarrow{\Sigma^{*}} \pi_{1}(EY^{EK}, Eu)$$

$$\downarrow h^{*} \qquad \downarrow Eh^{*}$$

$$\pi_{1}(Y^{L}, uh) \xrightarrow{\Sigma^{*}} \pi_{1}(EY^{EL}EuEh)$$
(3.1)

Now, applying the diagram 3.1 to our case Y=X, K=A and $h=\beta$, we have

LEMMA 3.2. There exists a commutative diagram



In the above diagram if we identify $\pi_1(EX^{S^{m+1}}, i_{m+1})$ with $\pi_{m+2}(EX, x_0)$ we have

LEMMA 3.3. $\hat{o}_{E.1, S^{m+1}}$ may be considered as the composition $\circ EJ(\hat{\xi})$, where $\hat{\xi}$ denotes the characteristic class of the bundle.

Proof. We note that there exists a map: $T(\xi) = S^{m+1} \bigcup_{J(\xi)} e^{m+n+1} \rightarrow EX$ of degree ± 1 . Then the proof completed by applying the sphere theorem of [1] to the diagram

$$\pi_{1}(EX^{S^{m+1}}, i_{m+1}) \xrightarrow{\partial_{EA, S^{m+1}}} \pi_{m+n+1}(EX, x_{0})$$

$$\xrightarrow{}_{\pi_{1}(T(\xi)^{S^{m+1}}, i_{m+1})} \xrightarrow{\partial_{T(\xi), S^{m+1}}} \pi_{T(\xi), S^{m+1}}$$

which is obtained from using lemma 3.2.

LEMMA 3.4. $E\hat{o}_{X_{r-1}} \{\pi_1(X^A, i)\} = \pi_{m+2}(EX) \circ EJ(\xi).$

Proof. Consider the sequence associated with the fibring $r: X^{i} \rightarrow X^{sm}$

$$\pi_1(A_{X_{-1}}, i) \longrightarrow \pi_1(X^A, i) \xrightarrow{r_*} \pi_1(X^{S^m}, i_m) \xrightarrow{\sigma_A, S^m} \pi_n(X, x_0)$$

$$\stackrel{r_*}{\underset{Z_2 = \pi_{m+1}(S^m) \longrightarrow i_m \circ \eta \circ E_i 3}{\longrightarrow}} \pi_n(X, x_0)$$

Since $\partial : \pi_{n+1}(S^n) \to \pi_n(S^m)$ is given by $\partial(\eta) = \beta \circ \eta$ and we have $\beta \circ \eta = \eta \circ E_{\beta}$, by

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the assumption $n \leq 2m-2 r_*$ is onto. Thus the proof follows from lemma 3.2 and 3.3.

§ 4. The suspension $\pi_k(X) \rightarrow \pi_{k+1}(EX)$

Now we are interested in the kernel of the suspension

$$E_k: \pi_k(X) \longrightarrow \pi_{k+1}(EX) \qquad (k=m+n, m-n-1)$$

Let ν be the attaching map for a cell of a *CW*-complex, then we denote by $\overline{\nu}$ the characteristic map for the cell. By the homotopy excision we know

LEMMA 4.1. For i=1, 2 there exists a decomposion

$$\pi_{k+i}(EX, S^{m+1}) \cong \overline{J(\overline{\xi})} \circ \pi_{k+i}(D^{m+n+1}, S^{m+n}) + \overline{E\beta} \circ \pi_{k+i}(D^{n-i}, S^n)$$
$$+ [\iota_{m+1}, \overline{E\beta} \circ \pi_{n+2}(D^{n+1}, S^n)]_r,$$

where $[,]_r$ denotes relative Whitehead product.

Consider the following ladder:

First we note that the homomorphism

$$\pi_{k+i}(X, S^m) \longrightarrow \pi_{k+i+1}(EX, S^{m+1}) \qquad (i=0, \pm 1)$$

is injective because we have a commutative diagram

Hence we have

$$E_{k}^{-1}(0) = i_{m_{*}}(E^{-1}\partial \pi_{k+1}(EX, S^{m+1}))$$
(4.2)

On the other hand, from lemma 4.1, we have

$$\partial \pi_{k+2}(EX, S^{m+1}) = J(\xi) \circ \pi_{k+1}(S^{m+1}) \cup E\beta \circ \pi_{k+1}(S^n) \cup [\iota_{m+1}, E_i \Im \pi_{k-m-1}(S^n)] \quad (4.3)$$

LEMMA 4.4. For $x \in \pi_s(S^{n-1})$ ($s \leq 2m-2$), $J(\xi) \circ E^{m+1}x$ is contained in the E-image if and only if $\beta \circ x = 0$.

Proof. Take Hopf invariant of the element, i.e.

$$H(J(\xi) \circ E^{m-1}x) = \pm HJ(\xi) \circ E^{m+1}x = \pm E^{m+1}\beta E^{m+1}x = \pm E^{m+1}(\beta \circ x).$$

Then the proof follows from $s \leq 2m-2$.

Now, suppose that $\beta \circ x = 0$. Then there exists $\sigma_x \in \pi_{s+1}(X)$ such that $q_*(\sigma_x) = Ex$. Lemma 4.4 is more exactly stated as follows:

LEMMA 4.5. There exists an element $\xi_x \in \pi_s(SO(m))$ satisfying

- (1) $EJ(\xi_X) = J(\xi) \circ E^{m+1}x$
- (2) $i_m (J(\xi_x)) = [\epsilon_m, \sigma_x]$

Proof. Let ξ' be the induced bundle over S^{s+1} by the map Ex. Since $p_*(\xi') = p_*(\xi) \circ x = \beta \circ x = 0$ there exists an element ξ_X of $\pi_s(SO(m))$ which is mapped to ξ by the inclusion $SO(m) \rightarrow SO(m+1)$. Then we have

$$EJ(\hat{\xi}_X) = -J(\hat{\xi}') = -J(\hat{\xi} \circ X) = \pm J(\hat{\xi}) \circ E^{m+1}X.$$

Next, consider the commutative diagram



then By [2] we have, in $\pi_{s-m}(Y)$,

$$i_{m*}(J(\xi_X)) + [\iota_m, \iota_{s+1}] = 0$$

for a cross-section e_{n-1} of q'. Clearly this shows (2).

Now, we know that there exists an element w_{\sharp} of $\pi_{m+n-1}(S^m)$ such that

if $2\beta=0$ then $Ew_{\xi}=[\mathfrak{c}_{m+1}, \mathfrak{c}_{m+1}]\circ E^{m+1}\beta$ if *m* is odd^{*n*} and $2\beta=0$ then $Ew_{\xi}=J(2\xi)\pm[\mathfrak{c}_{m+1}, \mathfrak{c}_{m+1}]\circ E_{\beta}$.

Then from (4.2), (4.3), and lemma 4.5 we obtain

LEMMA 4.6. $E_{m^{-n}}^{-1}(0) = [\iota_m, \pi_{n+1}(X)] \cup \{\iota_{m^*}(w_{\xi^{\circ}}\eta)\}$ $E_{m^{-n}-1}^{-1}(0) = [\iota_m, \pi_n(X)] \cup \{i_{m^*}(w_{\xi})\}.$

LEMMA 4.7. Suppose that $[c_{m+1}, E\beta] \circ \eta \equiv 0 \mod E\beta \circ \pi_{m+n+1}(S^n)$. Then we have

$$\hat{o}_{X-1}\pi_1(X^{4}, i) = \{ [\ell_m, \pi_{n+1}(X)] \} \cup \{ \pi_{m+1}(S^{m}) \circ J(\xi) \}.$$

Proof. By lemma 3.4 there exists an element γ_{z} of $\pi_{1}(X^{A}, i)$ satisfying

- (1) $E\partial_{X,A}(\gamma_{\xi}) = i_{m+2*}(\eta) \circ EJ(\xi)$
- (2) γ_{ξ} is mapped to the generator of $\pi_1(X^{S^m}, i_m) = Z_2$ by r_* .

Since $\pi_1(X^A, i)$ is the sum of $\{\gamma_{\xi}\}$ and the image $\pi_1(\Lambda_{X,A}, i) \rightarrow \pi_1(X^A, i)$ the proof is completed by lemma 2.6 and 4.6.

§5. Proof of theorems.

Recall the sequence in §1

$$0 \longrightarrow G_{X,A} \longrightarrow \mathscr{E}(X) \longrightarrow \mathscr{E}(A),$$

and imbed this one in a diagram as follows:

$$\begin{array}{c|c} AutH_{*}(X) \longrightarrow AutH_{*}(A) \\ H_{X} \uparrow & r_{*} & \uparrow H_{A} \\ \{0\} \longrightarrow G_{X,A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}(X) \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}(A) \\ & \downarrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \{0\} \longrightarrow H_{\xi} \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}_{+}(X) \longrightarrow G_{\xi} \subset \mathcal{E}_{+}(A) \\ & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \{1\} & \{1\} \end{array}$$

Then, if $[\iota_{m+1}, E\beta \circ \eta] \in E\beta \circ \pi_{m+n+1}(S^n)$, we have from lemma 2.1 and 4.7

Lemma 5.1. $H_{\xi} = \pi_{m+n}(X) / \{ [\iota_m, \pi_{n+1}(X)] \} \cup \{ \pi_{m+1}(X) \circ J(\xi) \}$

Next, consider the exact sequence

$$\pi_n(S^m) \xrightarrow{t} \mathcal{E}(A) \xrightarrow{d} Z_2 \times Z_2$$

which is defined by

$$t(f): A \xrightarrow{} \phi A \lor S^n \xrightarrow{} 1 \lor f A \lor S^m \xrightarrow{} 1 \lor \iota_m A \qquad (f \in \pi_n(S^m))$$

and $d(h) = (\text{degree on } e^m \text{ of } h, \text{ degree on } e^n \text{ of } h).$

Clearly d is equivalent to the representation H and moreover the kernel of t is determined by the sphere theorem of [1] as follows:

$$t^{-1}(1_X) = \{\eta \circ E\beta\} = \{\beta \circ \eta\}.$$

Since the definition of t and lemma 2.3 imply

$$t(f)_*(\alpha) = \alpha + [\iota_m, f] \qquad (X = A \bigcup_{\alpha} e^{m+n})$$

the element t(f) is contained in the image $\varepsilon(X) \rightarrow \varepsilon(A)$ if and only if $[\varepsilon_m, f] \in \partial \pi_{m+n}(S^n) = \beta \circ \pi_{m+n-1}(S^{n-1})$.

Thus, noting $rH_X = H_A r$, we have

LEMMA 5.2.
$$G_{\xi} = P_n^m(\beta) / \{\beta \circ \eta\}$$
 if $[\iota_{m+1}, E\beta \circ \eta] \in E\beta \circ \pi_{m+n+1}(S^n)$

Now we proced to study of the representation H_X . First we note

LEMMA 5.3. The kernel $(q | A)_* : \pi_{m+n-1}(A) \to \pi_{m+n-1}(S^n)$ is generated by α and the $i_m \cdot image$ $(i_m : S^m \to A)$.

Proof. This is easily obtained from the diagram (k=m+n-1)

Let f be a map: $A \rightarrow A$ satisfying

$$f_*(e^m) = ae^m$$
 and $f_*(e^n) = be^m$

which we call a map of type (a, b) and denote by f_a^b . Then the following lemma is easy.

LEMMA 5.4. There exists a map of type (a, b) if and only if $(b-a)\beta=0$.

Let g_a^b be another map. Clearly there exists a map $g: S^n \to S^m$ by which g_a^b is represented as the composition of maps

$$g_a^b = (f_a^b \lor g) \circ \phi : A \longrightarrow A \lor S^n \longrightarrow A \lor S^m \longrightarrow A$$

Now we are interested in the element $\int_{a}^{b} (\alpha)$. Then lemma 2.3 gives

$$g_{a*}^{b}(\alpha) = f_{a*}^{b}(\alpha) + a[\iota_{m}, g]$$

On the other hand, since we have

$$(q \mid A)_* f^b_{a^*}(\alpha) = (b \iota_n)_* (q \mid A)_*(\alpha) = 0$$

lemma 5.3 gives, for some $\sigma_a^b \in \pi_{m+n-1}(S^m)$,

$$f_{a^{*}}^{b}(\alpha) = ab\alpha + \imath_{m^{*}}(\sigma_{a}^{b}).$$

Thus we have from these lemmas

LEMMA. 5.5. There exists a map $f: X \rightarrow X$ whose restriction f|A is of type (a, b) if and only if there exists a map f_a^b such that

$$f_{a^*}^b(\alpha) = ab\alpha + \iota_{m^*}(\sigma_a^b), \qquad \sigma_a^b \in a[\iota_m, \pi_n(S^m)] \cup \beta \circ \pi_{m+n-1}(S^{n-1}).$$

Especially if $a=\pm 1$ the condition is equivalent to $E\phi_a^b \in E\beta \circ \pi_{m+n}(S^n)$.

Next, for the reason of our dimensional assumption, the space A is desuspendable, so there exists a co-H-map $\nu: A \to A \lor A$ and the addition of two maps is defined as usal. Then we want to get some formula on $(f_a^b + f_c^d)_*(\alpha)$. For the

purpose we must investigate the group $\pi_k(A \lor A)$ for k=m+n-1. First, by the well-known decomposition of this group it holds

$$\nu_*(\alpha) = \alpha + \alpha + \chi$$
 $(\chi \in \partial \pi_{k+1}(A \times A, A \lor A))$

Next- since the order of β is finite there exists a map $\tau: S^n \to A$ of degree $o(\beta)$ and we have the element $[\iota_m^1, \tau^2]$ of $\pi_k(A \lor A)$ where each upper index denotes the order of A imbedded in $A \lor A$ and $o(\beta)$ is the order of the element. Let $Q: A = S^m \cup e^n \to S^n = A/S^m$ be the collapsing map, then for maps $Q \lor 1_A: A \lor A \to S^n \lor A$ and $1_A \lor Q: A \lor A \to A \lor S^n$ we have

LEMMA 5.6.
$$(1_A \lor Q)_*(\chi) = [t_m^1, t_n], \quad (Q \lor 1_A)_*(\chi) = (-1)^{mn} [t_n, t_m^2],$$

 $(1_A \lor Q)_*([t_m^1, \tau^2]) = 0(\beta)[t_m^1, t_n] \quad and \quad (Q \lor 1_A)_*([t_1^1, \tau_m^2]) = 0(\beta)[t_n, t_m^2].$

 $\mathit{Proof.}\xspace$ The third and fourth are clear and the others follows from the diagram

LEMMA 5.7. There exists an isomorphism

 $\pi_{k}(A \lor A) = \pi_{k}(A) + \pi_{k}(A) + Z\{\chi\} + Z[\tau^{1}, \iota_{m}^{2}] + [\iota_{m}^{1}, \iota_{m}^{2}] \circ \pi_{k}(S^{2m-1})$

Proof. Noting the assumption m+1 < n < 2m-1, consider the following diagram which is naturally obtained:



, where \times denotes the reduced join operator.

Then the proof follows from lemma 5.6. Now, consider the map $f_a^b \lor f_c^d : A \lor A \to A \lor A$, then we prove

LEMMA 5.8. $(f_a^b \vee f_c^d)_*([\tau^1, \epsilon_m^2]) \equiv bc[\tau^1, \epsilon_m^2] \mod [\ell_m^1 \circ \pi_n(S^n), \epsilon_m^2]$

and

$$(f_a^b \vee f_c^d)_*(\chi) \equiv ad \{\chi\} + \{(-1)^{mn}(bc - ad)/0(\beta)\} [\tau^1, \iota_m^2] \mod [\iota_m^1, \iota_m^2] \circ \pi_k(S^{2m-1})$$

Remark. bc-ad is divisible by $o(\beta)$ because we have $b-c\equiv 0\equiv d-a \mod o(\beta)$ (lemma 5.4).

Proof. By lemma 5.7 we can put

$$(f_a^b \vee f_c^d)_*(\chi) \equiv r \{\chi\} + s[\tau^1, \iota_m^2] \mod [\iota_m^1, \iota_m^2] \circ \pi_k(S^{2m-1})$$

for some integers r and s. Then from lemma 5.6 it follows that r=ad and $o(\beta)s=(-1)^{mn}(bc-r)=(-1)^{mn}(bc-ad)$. Hence the proof is completed.

Let μ be the folding map $A \lor A \rightarrow A$. We note that there exists an element $\lambda \equiv \pi_{n-1}(SO(m))$ such that

$$o(\beta)\alpha = i_{m}(J(\lambda)) + [i_{m}, \tau]$$

where $i_*(\lambda) = o(\beta)\xi$ for $\iota: SO(m) \rightarrow SO(m+1)$.

LEMMA 5.9.
$$\mu_*(\chi) = 2\alpha + \iota_{m^*}(\sigma_2^2)$$
 and $\mu_*([\tau^1, \iota_m^2]) = (-1)^{mn} \{o(\beta)\alpha - \iota_{m^*}(J(\lambda))\}$

Proof. By definition $\nu_*(\alpha) = \alpha + \alpha + \chi$, then we have

$$\mu_*\nu_*(\alpha) = (2 \cdot 1_A)_*(\alpha)$$
 i.e. $4\alpha + i_{m^*}(\sigma_2^2) = 2\alpha + \mu_*(\chi)$.

Since $\mu_*([\tau^1, \iota_m^2]) = [\tau, \iota_m]$ the second follows from the above note.

LEMMA 5.10.
$$\sigma_{a+c}^{b+d} \equiv \sigma_a^b + \sigma_c^d + ad(\sigma_2^2) + \{(ad-bc)/o(\beta)\} J(\lambda)$$
$$\mod [\iota_m, \ \pi_n(S^m)] \cup \{\beta \circ \pi_{m+n-1}(S^{n-1})\}$$

Proof. Apply above lemmas to the identity

$$(f_{a+c}^{b+d})_{*}(\alpha) = (f_{a}^{b} + f_{c}^{d})_{*}(\alpha) = \mu_{*}(f_{a}^{b} \vee f_{c}^{d})_{*}\nu_{*}(\alpha).$$

Then the proof easily follows.

Now, let $\hat{\sigma}_a^b$ be the suspension of σ_a^b , then lemma 5.10 gives rise

$$\hat{\sigma}_{a+c}^{b+d} \equiv \hat{\sigma}_a^b + \hat{\sigma}_c^d + ad(\hat{\sigma}_2^2) - (ab - cd)J(\xi) \mod E\beta \circ \pi_{m+n}(S^n) .$$

Lemma 5.11. $\hat{\sigma}_a^b = \{a(a-1)/2\}(\hat{\sigma}_{-1}^{-1}) + a(b-a)J(\xi) \mod E\beta \circ \pi_{m+n}(S^n)$

Proof. By lemma 5.4
$$b=a+ko(\beta)$$
 for some integer k. Hence we have
 $\hat{\sigma}_{a}^{b}=\hat{\sigma}_{0+a}^{ko(\beta)+a}=\hat{\sigma}_{0}^{ko(\beta)}+\hat{\sigma}_{a}^{a}+ko(\beta)J(\xi)=\hat{\sigma}_{a}^{a}+a(b-a)J(\xi) \mod E\beta\cdot\pi_{m+n}(S^{n})$

On the other hand, lemma 5.10 implies $\hat{\sigma}_{a+1}^{a+1} \equiv \hat{\sigma}_a^a + a(\hat{\sigma}_2^2)$, i.e. we have

 $\hat{\sigma}_a^a = \{a(a-1)/2\} (\hat{\sigma}_{-1}^{-1}).$

Thus the proof is completed.

Since lemma 5.11 shows that it is important for our purpose to determine $\hat{\sigma}_{1}^{-1}$, so here we recall the definition of σ_{1}^{-1} , which is given by

$$(-1_A)_*(\alpha) = \alpha + i_{m^*}(\sigma_{-1}^{-1})$$

Then, applying the suspension operator, we have

$$(-1_{EA})_{*}(E\alpha) = E\alpha + i_{m+1*}(\hat{\sigma}_{-1}^{-1}), \quad \text{i.e.} \quad i_{m+1*}(\hat{\sigma}_{-1}^{-1}) = -2E\alpha.$$

On the other hand, since we may regard the mapping cone of the projection $q: X \rightarrow S^n$ as the Thom space of the vector bundle characterized by ξ we can put

 $E\alpha = \imath_{m+1} (\lambda_{\xi} J(\xi)), \quad \lambda_{\xi} = 1 \text{ or } -1.$

Hence, using $i_{m+1}^{-1}(0) = \{ [\iota_{m+1}, E\beta] \} \cup E\beta \circ \pi_{m+n}(S^n) \}$, we know that

$$\hat{\sigma}_{-1}^{-1} \equiv -2\lambda_{\xi} J(\xi) + c_{\xi} [\iota_{m+1}, E\beta] \mod E\beta \circ \pi_{m+n}(S^n)$$
(5.12)

for some integer c_{ξ} . For example, if ξ has a cross-section then we may take $\lambda_{\xi} = -1$ ([2]), but, in general, it is not easy to determine λ_{ξ} .

LEMMA 5.13. $o(\beta)(1+\lambda_{\xi})J(\xi)=0$

Proof. Consider the following diagrams $(a=o(\beta))$:



and



Then we can obtain

 $a \equiv a \lambda_{\xi} \lambda_{\zeta}, \mod o(J(\xi)) \text{ and } -\lambda_{\xi'} J(\xi') = J(\xi'), \text{ i.e. } -\lambda_{\xi'} a J(\xi) = a J(\xi).$

Clearly these give the proof. Now we prove

LEMMA 5.14 In (5.12) we can take

(1) $\lambda_{\xi} = -1$ and $c_{\xi} = 1$ if $2\beta = 0$ (2) $c_{\xi} = -\lambda_{\xi}$ or $-\lambda_{\xi} + o(\beta)/2$ otherwise

Proof. (1) the case: $2\beta = 0$. By lemma 5.13 and 5.11 we have

$$2J(\xi) = -2\lambda_{\xi}J(\xi)$$
 and $\hat{\sigma}_{2}^{0} = \hat{\sigma}_{-1}^{-1} - 4J(\xi)$. On the other hand, $f_{2^{\bullet}}^{0}(\alpha) = \sigma_{2}^{0}$

implies that

$$\hat{\sigma}_{2}^{0} = (Ef_{2}^{0})_{*}(E\alpha) = 2\lambda_{\xi}J(\xi) + [\iota_{m+1}, \iota_{m+1}]HJ(\xi) = 2\lambda_{\xi}J(\xi) + [\iota_{m+1}, E\beta]$$

Hence we obtain

$$\hat{\sigma}_{-1}^{-1} \equiv 4J(\hat{\varsigma}) + 2\lambda_{\hat{\varsigma}}J(\hat{\varsigma}) + [\iota_{m+1}, E_{\beta}] \equiv 2J(\hat{\varsigma}) + [\iota_{m+1}, E_{\beta}]$$

(2) the other case. Note that this occurs only in the case of m = odd.

Take Hopf-invariant on the both side of (5.12), then we have, from the formula $H(J(\xi)) = -E^{m+1}(\xi)$ and $H([\iota_{m+1}, E\beta]) = 2E^{m+1}\beta$,

$$2\lambda_{\xi}E^{m+1}+2c_{\xi}E^{m+1}\beta=0.$$

Then, in our dimensional restriction, this means $2(\lambda_{\xi}+c_{\xi})=0$ and then the proof is completed.

Now the proof of theorem 2 and 3 are completed by the following lemma which is a consequence of lemma 5.11 and 5.14.

LEMMA 5.15. If
$$2\beta = 0$$
 we have

$$\hat{\sigma}_{-1}^{-1} \equiv 2J(\hat{\varsigma}) + [\ell_{m+1}, E\beta]$$
$$\hat{\sigma}_{-1}^{-1} \equiv -2J(\hat{\varsigma})$$
$$\hat{\sigma}_{-1}^{-1} \equiv [\ell_{m+1}, E\beta] \mod E\beta \circ \pi_{m+n}(S^n)$$

and if the order of β is odd

$$-\lambda_{\xi}\hat{\sigma}_{-1}^{-1}\equiv 2J(\xi)+[\iota_{m+1}, E\beta].$$

Remark. Since the second case of lemma 5.15 can be shown to be true in the case $o(\beta)=2$ odd Theorem 3 also holds in this case.

§6. Some Examples

(1) The case of having a cross section.

$$H_{\xi} \coloneqq \pi_{m+n}(S^m) / \{ \eta \circ J(\xi) \cup [\iota_m, \pi_{n+1}(S^m)] \} + \pi_{m+n}(S^n) .$$

$$G_{\xi} \equiv \{ x \mid x \in \pi_n(S^m), [\iota_m, x] \equiv 0 \}$$

$$\mathscr{E}(X) \longrightarrow Z_2$$
 is onto if $2J(\hat{\varsigma}) \neq 0$,

and

$$\mathcal{E}(X) \longrightarrow Z_2 \times Z_2$$
 is onto if $2J(\xi) = 0$.

(II) Complex Stiefel manifolds $W_{n,2}$ $(n \ge 5)$.

Let ξ_n be the standard sphere bundle

$$S^{2n-3} \longrightarrow W_{n,2} \longrightarrow S^{2n-1}, \qquad \beta_n = n\eta.$$

Since $[\iota_{2n-2}, \eta \circ \eta] = \eta \circ [\iota_{2n-1}, \iota_{2n-1}]$ the assumption is satisfied. If *n* is even the case reduces to (I) and for odd *n* we have

if $n\equiv 1 \mod 4$, then $H_{\xi_n} = \pi_{4n-4}(W_{n,2})$, $G_{\xi_n} = \{0\}$ and $\mathcal{C}(W_{n,2}) \longrightarrow Z_2$ is onto. and

if
$$n \equiv 3 \mod 4$$
, then $H_{\xi_n} = \pi_{4n-4}(W_{n,2})/\iota_* \{ [\iota_{2n-3}, \pi_{2n}(S^{2n-3})] \}$,
 $G_{\xi_n} = \{0\}$, $\varepsilon(W_{n,2}) \longrightarrow Z_2$ is onto.

(III) Quaternion Stiefel manifolds $X_{n,2}$

Let τ_n be the standard bundle

$$S^{4n-5} \longrightarrow X_{n,2} \longrightarrow S^{1n-1}, \qquad \tau_n = n\nu.$$

Since $[\iota_{4n-4}, \nu \circ \eta] = 0$ the assumption is satisfied. Then if $n \ge 3$ we have

$$H_{\tau_n} = \pi_{8n-6}(X_{n,2}) / [\iota_{4n-5}, \pi_{4n}(X_{n,2})] \cup \iota_* \{\eta \circ J(\tau_n)\}, \text{ and } G_{\tau_n} = \{0\}.$$

The image $\varepsilon(X_{n,2}) \rightarrow Z_2 \times Z_2$ is more complicated, so we omit it.

APPENDIX: Separation elements

$$\begin{split} & K \cup e^n \xrightarrow{f} g \xrightarrow{} X, \quad f \mid K = g \mid K \Rightarrow d(f, g) \in \pi_n(X) \\ & K \cup e^n_i = K \cup e^n, \qquad \hat{K} = e^n_1 \cup K \cup e^n_2, \\ & k : \hat{K} \longrightarrow K \cup e^n, \qquad k \mid K \cup e^m_i = \text{identity.} \end{split}$$

1. The sequence: $0 \rightarrow \pi_n(\hat{K}) \rightarrow \pi_n(\hat{K}, K) \times \pi_n(K \cup e^n)$ is exact. For

For,

$$\pi_n(K) \longrightarrow \pi_n(\hat{K}) \longrightarrow \pi(K, \hat{K})$$

$$k_* \bigvee \uparrow \iota_*$$

$$\pi_n(K \cup e^n)$$

where $\iota: K \cup e^n \rightarrow e_1^n \cup K \subset \hat{K}$.

$$\begin{split} &\xi: S^n = E_1^n \cup E_-^n \xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} D^n \xrightarrow{\chi_1} \chi_2 \xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} K \,. \\ & \Leftrightarrow k_*(\xi) = 0 \,, \qquad \chi_1 - \chi_2 \in \pi_n(K, K) \,. \end{split}$$

Then $d(f, g) = h_*(\xi)$, where $h: \widehat{K} \to X$, $h \mid e_1^n \cup K = f$, $h \mid K \cup e_2^n = g$.

2.
$$K \cup e^n \longrightarrow e_1^n \bigcup_{\lambda_1} L \bigcup_{\lambda_2} e_2^n \swarrow F \longrightarrow X$$
,
 $H(K) \subset L, \ H(e^n) = e_1^n + e_2^n$, $F \mid L = G \mid L$.

Then $d(FH, GH) = d(f_1, g_1) + d(f_2, g_2)$, where $f_1 = F | e_1^n \cup L$ and $g_1 = G | e_1^n \cup L$.

Proof.

$$\hat{K} = e_1^n \cup K \cup e_2^n \longrightarrow \hat{H}_1 = H \longrightarrow e_{1,1}^n \cup \cup e_{2,1}^n = L_1 \longrightarrow F_1$$

$$\hat{K} = e_1^n \cup K \cup e_2^n \longrightarrow \hat{H} \longrightarrow \hat{L} = L = L_1 \longrightarrow e_{1,2}^n \cup \cup e_{2,2}^n = L_1 \longrightarrow F_1$$

$$H_2 = H \longrightarrow e_{1,2}^n \cup \cup e_{2,2}^n = L_2 \longrightarrow G$$

And consider the diagram:

where

$$\hat{L}_{\iota} = e_{\iota, \iota}^{n} \bigcup_{\lambda_{\iota, \iota}} L \bigcup_{\lambda_{\iota, \iota}} e_{\iota, \iota}^{n} \xrightarrow{f_{\iota, \iota}} \hat{L} .$$

Then

$$H_{*}(\xi) \longrightarrow (\lambda_{1,1} + \lambda_{2,1} - \lambda_{1,2} - \lambda_{2,2}) \times 0$$

$$j_{1_{*}}(\xi_{1}) + j_{2_{*}}(\xi_{2}) \longrightarrow (\lambda_{1,1} - \lambda_{1,2} + \lambda_{2,1} - \lambda_{2,2}) \times 0$$

Hence $\hat{H}_{*}(\xi) = j_{1,*}(\xi_1) + j_{2,*}(\xi_2)$ (from the injectivity). And then we have

$$d(FH, FG) = (F \cup G)_* H_*(\xi)$$

= (F \cup G)_*(j_1,(\xi_1)) + (F \cup G)_*(j_2,(\xi_2))
= d(f_1, g_1) + d(f_2, g_2).

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