

On Postnikov's complexes and spaces of loops

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M. M. Postnikov [1] defined the natural system of an arcwise-connected space and its complex which is a generalization of Eilenberg-MacLane's complex [3], and he obtained its geometrical realization [2].

It is the purpose of this paper to consider the properties of these systems and complexes of a space and of the space of loops on it, and to extend the theorems, concerned with the properties of Eilenberg-MacLane's complexes and their geometrically realized spaces (see [4], [5], for examples), to the case of Postnikov's complexes. In §§ 2 and 3, we shall construct the natural systems and their Postnikov's complexes of a topological space and of the space of loops on it, connecting them each other by some special relations (theorem 3.12).

In § 4, we have occasion to discuss the realization problem, and the following theorems are given:

THEOREM 4.2. If the natural systems of two spaces are isomorphic, then the natural systems of the spaces of loops on them are so also.

THEOREM 4.3. For a given system (G_i, k_i) satisfying some conditions, there exists a space of loops whose natural system and the given system are isomorphic if and only if G_1 operates trivially on G_i ($i \geq 2$).

In § 5, two problems will be considered, which are generalizations of Serre's [4] and of Cartan-Serre's fibering [6], i. e.,

THEOREM 5.1. For two systems \mathbf{H} and \mathbf{F} satisfying some conditions, there exists a fibering (E, X, F, p) , in the sense of Serre [4], such that the natural systems of X and F are isomorphic to \mathbf{H} and \mathbf{F} respectively.

THEOREM 5.4. For two systems (G_i, k_i) , (H_i, l_i) and groups F_i ($i=1, 2, \dots$) with some conditions, assume that the following sequence

$$\longrightarrow F_i \longrightarrow G_i \longrightarrow H_i \longrightarrow F_{i-1} \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow H_2 \longrightarrow F_1 \longrightarrow G_1 \longrightarrow H_1 \longrightarrow 0$$

is exact. Then there exists a fibering (E, X, F, p) , in the sense of Serre [4], such that the natural systems of E and X are isomorphic to (G_i, k_i) and (H_i, l_i) respectively and the homotopy exact sequence of this fiber space E is isomorphic to the given exact sequence.

In this paper we quote the notations, definitions and Postnikov's theorem from a report by P.J. Hilton [7], which we rewrite in § 1 of this paper without essential modifications.

§ 1. Preliminaries

1. The systems

A non-decreasing sequence of $(p+1)$ terms of non-negative integers $\leq r$ is called an $(r, p)^*$ -sequence. If the terms are distinct it is called an (r, p) -sequence. If \mathbf{a} is an (r, p) -sequence, we denote by $\mathbf{a}^{(i)}$ the $(r, p-1)$ -sequence obtained by omitting the i -th term ($i=0, 1, \dots, p$), and by \mathbf{a}^{-1} the $(r, r-p-1)$ -sequence complementary to \mathbf{a} . We identify an $(r, 0)$ -sequence with its single element. A function defined on $(r, p)^*$ -sequences taking values in an additive abelian group G and taking the value 0 on non- (r, p) -sequence is called an (r, p) -function over G .

Given a multiplicative group G_1 , let $K(G_1)$ be its cell-complex in the sense of Eilenberg-MacLane [3]. The face $A^{\mathbf{a}}$ of an r -cell A is an $(r-p-1)$ -cell, obtained from A by deleting from its matrix representation the rows and columns whose numbers belong to \mathbf{a} . If θ_1 is an isomorphism $G_1 \approx H_1$, the mapping $\tilde{\theta}_1: K(G_1) \rightarrow K(H_1)$ is given by $\tilde{\theta}_1 A = \|\theta_1(d_{ij})\|$, where A is the matrix $\|d_{ij}\|$, $i, j=0, 1, \dots, r$.

A cell complex K is called a (G_1, σ) -complex if

- 1) to every r -cell A and every (r, p) -sequence \mathbf{a} corresponds an $(r-p-1)$ -cell $A^{\mathbf{a}}$,
- 2) $\sigma: K \rightarrow K(G_1)$ is dimension preserving and $\sigma(A^{\mathbf{a}}) = (\sigma A)^{\mathbf{a}}$,
- 3) the boundary of A is given by $\sum_{i=0}^r (-1)^i A^{(i)}$.

Let G_1 act as a group of left operators on G . Let C^r be an r -cochain of the (G_1, σ) -complex K over G . Define a coboundary \mathcal{D}_σ by

$$\mathcal{D}_\sigma C^r(A) = \sigma_{01}(A) C^r(A^{(0)}) + \sum_{i=1}^{r+1} (-1)^i C^r(A^{(i)}),$$

for every $(r+1)$ -cell A , $\sigma_{01}(A)$ being the element of the matrix $\sigma(A)$ with indices 0, 1.

We now construct the p -augmented complex of K over G with factor k , where k is a $(p+1)$ - \mathcal{D}_σ -cocycle of K , and call the new complex K' . An r -cell of K' is to be a pair (A, φ) where A is an r -cell of K and φ is an (r, p) -function over G satisfying

$$\sigma_{a_0 a_1}(A) \varphi(\mathbf{a}^{(0)}) + \sum_{i=1}^{p+1} (-1)^i \varphi(\mathbf{a}^{(i)}) + k(A^{\mathbf{a}^{-1}}) = 0,$$

for every $(r, p+1)$ -sequence $\mathbf{a} = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{p+1})$

Given an (r, q) -sequence \mathbf{a} , and an $(r-q-1, p)^*$ -sequence \mathbf{b} , we define the $(r, p)^*$ -sequence $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{a} \circ \mathbf{b}$ as follows: Take the sequence 0, 1, \dots , r . Remove the $(q+1)$ elements in \mathbf{a} and renumber the remainder 0, 1, \dots , $r-q-1$. The sequence \mathbf{b} picks

out, perhaps with repetitions, $(p+1)$ elements in this sequence. These elements, with their original numbers, are the elements of \mathbf{c} . Now define $(r-q-1, p)$ -function $\varphi^{\mathbf{a}}$ by $\varphi^{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{b}) = \varphi(\mathbf{a} \circ \mathbf{b})$ and define $(A, \varphi)^{\mathbf{a}}$ as $(A^{\mathbf{a}}, \varphi^{\mathbf{a}})$. Finally, we define $\sigma(A, \varphi) = \sigma(A)$, so that K' is a (G_1, σ) -complex. If we identify the cell $(A, 0)$ with A , where $\dim A \leq p$, we have $K^{p-1} = K'^{p-1}$, $K^p \subset K'^p$.

Let us define a system $(G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n, \dots; k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n, \dots)$, which we call \mathbf{G} . G_1 is a multiplicative group of left operators on the additive abelian groups G_i , $i \geq 2$. Denote $K(G_1)$ by K_1 and let K_{i+1} be the $(i+1)$ -augmentation of K_i over G_{i+1} with factor k_i where k_i is an $(i+2)$ - \mathcal{F}_σ -cocycle of K_i over G_{i+1} , $i = 1, 2, \dots$. Then the sequence $(G_1, k_1, G_2, k_2, \dots)$ is called a system, written $\mathbf{G} = (G_i, k_i)$, the complex K_i is called the cell-complex of \mathbf{G} and the sequence of complexes K_1, K_2, \dots is called the complex $K(\mathbf{G})$.

A mapping μ of the (G_1, σ) -complex K on the (H_1, σ') -complex L is called a θ_1 -isomorphism if

- 1) θ_1 is an isomorphism $G_1 \approx H_1$,
- 2) μ preserves dimension and is (1-1),
- 3) for every cell $A \in K$ and every sequence \mathbf{a} , $\mu(A^{\mathbf{a}}) = (\mu A)^{\mathbf{a}}$,
- 4) for every cell A , $\tilde{\theta}_1 \sigma(A) = \sigma'(\mu A)$.

An isomorphic mapping, η , of the group G on the group H (on which H_1 acts as a group of left operators) is called a θ_1 -isomorphism if $\eta(\alpha g) = (\theta_1 \alpha)(\eta g)$, $\alpha \in G_1$, $g \in G$. If $\mu: K \rightarrow L$ and $\eta: G \rightarrow H$ are θ_1 -isomorphisms, and if C^r is an r -cochain of L over H , we define $\mu^* C^r$, an r -cochain of K over G , by

$$\mu^* C^r(A) = \eta^{-1}(C^r(\mu A)).$$

Now suppose L' is the p -augmentation of L over H with some factor l , and suppose further that there exists a p -cochain, d , of K over G , such that $k - \mu^* l = \mathcal{F}_\sigma d$. Define the θ_1 -isomorphism V of K' on L' by $V(A, \varphi) = (\mu A, \psi)$, where the (r, p) -function ψ over H is given by

$$\psi(\mathbf{a}) = \eta\{\varphi(\mathbf{a}) + d(A^{\mathbf{a}-1})\}.$$

It is called the η -prolongation of μ with cochain d .

We now say that two systems $\mathbf{G} = (G_i, k_i)$ and $\mathbf{H} = (H_i, l_i)$ are isomorphic if there is given for each i an isomorphism $\theta_i: G_i \approx H_i$ such that θ_i is a θ_1 -isomorphism if $i > 1$, and such that there exists for each i a θ_1 -isomorphism $\tilde{\theta}_i$ of K_i on L_i , $\tilde{\theta}_i$ being a θ_i -prolongation of $\tilde{\theta}_{i-1}$, where K_i and L_i are the cell-complexes of the systems \mathbf{G} and \mathbf{H} respectively.

2. The natural system of a space

We wish to associate a system $\mathbf{G} = (G_i, k_i)$ with an arcwise-connected topological space X . The groups G_i will be the homotopy groups of the space. Put $K_1 =$

$K(G_1)$. A 0-dimensional singular simplex in x_0 is normal. A singular simplex of arbitrary dimension is called 0-normal if all its 0-faces are normal. As shown in [3], there is a natural mapping, w_1 , of the 0-normal singular simplexes of X into K_1 , say $w_1: S_1(X) \rightarrow K_1$, such that $w_1(T^r)$ is an r -cell A_1^r of K_1 . Moreover, the 1-cells and 2-cells of K_1 are covered by w_1 . We make the inductive hypothesis that K_i is constructed, and that a definition of $(i-1)$ -normal singular simplexes has been given, moreover, that, if $S_i(X)$ is the complex consisting of $(i-1)$ -normal singular simplexes, there is a mapping $w_i: S_i(X) \rightarrow K_i$, such that $w_i(T^r)$ is an r -cell of K_i , and that the i -cells and $(i+1)$ -cells of K_i are covered by w_i . With each i -cell A_i^j of K_i we associate an $(i-1)$ -normal T_N^i such that $w_i(T_N^i) = A_i^j$ and call it the normal i -dimensional singular simplex of X corresponding to A_i^j . Then T^r is i -normal if it is $(i-1)$ -normal and all its i -faces are normal. For each $(i+1)$ -cell, A_i^{i+1} , of K_i , choose an i -normal T_S^{i+1} with $w_i(T_S^{i+1}) = A_i^{i+1}$, and call it the standard $(i+1)$ -singular simplex of X corresponding to A_i^{i+1} . Let the boundary of an $(i+2)$ -dimensional Euclidean ordered simplex, $\dot{\Delta}^{i+2}$, be mapped into X so that the map of the r -th face defines $T_{r,S}^{i+1}$ an $(i+1)$ -dimensional standard singular simplex of X corresponding to the r -th face $A_i^{i+2(r)}$ of an $(i+2)$ -cell A_i^{i+2} of K_i . Taking the base point in $\dot{\Delta}^{i+2}$ as the zero vertex, we can choose the map so that it represents an element of $\pi_{i+1}(X)$. Associating the cell A_i^{i+2} with this element defines the factor k_i , which turns out to be an $(i+2)$ - \mathcal{P}_σ -cocycle.

Let T^r be i -normal. Every $(r, i+1)$ -sequence \mathbf{a} determines an $(i+1)$ -face $T^r(\mathbf{a})$ of T^r , spanned by the vertices whose numbers belong to \mathbf{a} . Let $T^r(\mathbf{a})_s$ be a standard $(i+1)$ -simplex with $w_i(T^r(\mathbf{a})_s) = w_i(T^r(\mathbf{a}))$. The simplexes $T^r(\mathbf{a}), T^r(\mathbf{a})_s$ are distinguished from each other by an element $\varphi_{i+1}^r(\mathbf{a})$ of $\pi_{i+1}(X)$. It turns out that the pair $(w_i(T^r), \varphi_{i+1}^r)$ is an r -cell of K_{i+1} . We put

$$w_{i+1}(T^r) = (w_i(T^r), \varphi_{i+1}^r).$$

Continuing the construction, we obtain the sequence of factors of the system \mathbf{G} and we also define, in each dimension, the concept of a normal singular simplex. \mathbf{G} is called the natural system of the space X . Its construction involves a certain arbitrariness, but all natural systems of a space are isomorphic.

A system \mathbf{G}^n is called n -segment of the system \mathbf{G} if

$$H_i = \begin{cases} G_i, & (i \leq n), \\ 0, & (i > n), \end{cases} \quad l_i = \begin{cases} k_i, & (i < n), \\ 0, & (i \geq n), \end{cases}$$

where $\mathbf{G}^n = (H_i, l_i)$, $\mathbf{G} = (G_i, k_i)$. Two systems are called n -isomorphic ($1 \leq n \leq \infty$) if their $(n-1)$ -segments are isomorphic. The complexes $K_{n-1}(\mathbf{G}), K_{n-1}(\mathbf{H})$ must be isomorphic when \mathbf{G} and \mathbf{H} are n -isomorphic.

THEOREM (Postnikov). Every system is n -isomorphic ($1 \leq n \leq \infty$) to the natural

system of some n -dimensional CW-complex.

§ 2. The natural system of a space of loops I

In §§ 2-4, X will denote an arcwise-connected simply-connected topological space. We shall denote the i -th homotopy group $\pi_i(X, x_0)$ and the natural system by π_i and (π_i, k_i) respectively. Let K_i and e^r be the cell-complex of (π_i, k_i) and the unique r -cell of $K_1 = K(\pi_1)$ respectively. For the (π_1, σ) -complex K_1 , $\sigma : K_1 \rightarrow K(\pi_1)$ is the identity map, and $\sigma_{\dot{a}_0 a_1}(A_i^r)$ is the unit element of π_1 for each cell A_i^r . Let us define the normal 1-dimensional singular simplex of X corresponding to e^1 and the standard 2-dimensional singular simplex of X corresponding to e^2 by the collapsed simplexes. Consequently we have $k_1 = 0$.

Let \hat{X} be the space of loops on X with the base point x_0 . Hereafter each notation covered by \wedge denotes the notation concerned with the space of loops. In particular, \hat{e}^r is the r -dimensional matrix $\|d_{ij}\|$ where d_{ij} is the unit element of $\hat{\pi}_1$ for each i and j .

THEOREM 2.1. $\hat{\pi}_1$ operates trivially on $\hat{\pi}_n$ ($n \geq 2$).

PROOF. We denote by E^n and I the n -element and the unit interval. Let $[\hat{f}]$ be an element of $\hat{\pi}_1$, i. e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{f} = \hat{f}(y) : E^1, \dot{E}^1 &\rightarrow \hat{X}, \hat{x}_0, \\ \hat{f}(y)(s) = f(y, s) : E^1 \times I, (E^1 \times I)^\cdot &\rightarrow X, x_0. \end{aligned}$$

where s being the parameter of loop.

Let $\hat{\beta}$ be an element of $\hat{\pi}_n$ and \hat{g} be its representation:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{g} = \hat{g}(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) : E^n, \dot{E}^n &\rightarrow \hat{X}, \hat{x}_0, \\ \hat{g}(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)(s) = g(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n, s) : E^n \times I, (E^n \times I)^\cdot &\rightarrow X, x_0. \end{aligned}$$

We denote by $f^*(\hat{\beta})$ the image of $\hat{\beta}$ by $[\hat{f}]$ and let \hat{h}_0 be a representation of $f^*(\hat{\beta})$ defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{h}_0 = \hat{h}_0(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) : E^n, \dot{E}^n &\rightarrow \hat{X}, \hat{x}_0, \\ \hat{h}_0(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)(s) = h_0(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n, s) : E^n \times I, (E^n \times I)^\cdot &\rightarrow X, x_0 \\ = \begin{cases} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(2z-1, 2s), \\ x_0, \\ x_0, \\ g(2y_1, \dots, 2y_n, 2s-1) \end{array} \right. & \begin{cases} (1 \geq z \geq \frac{1}{2}, 0 \leq s \leq \frac{1}{2}), \\ (1 \geq z \geq \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \leq s \leq 1), \\ (\frac{1}{2} \geq z \geq 0, 0 \leq s \leq \frac{1}{2}), \\ (\frac{1}{2} \geq z \geq 0, \frac{1}{2} \leq s \leq 1), \end{cases} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

where $z = \sqrt{y_1^2 + y_2^2 + \dots + y_n^2}$.

Let \hat{h}_1 be another representation of $\hat{\beta}$ defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{h}_1 &= \hat{h}_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) : E^n, \dot{E}^n \rightarrow \hat{X}, \hat{x}_0, \\ \hat{h}_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)(s) &= h_1(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n, s) : E^n \times I, (E^n \times I)^{\circ} \rightarrow X, x_0 \\ &= \begin{cases} x_0, & (1 \geq z \geq \frac{1}{2}, 0 \leq s \leq 1), \\ x_0, & (\frac{1}{2} \geq z \geq 0, 0 \leq s \leq \frac{1}{2}), \\ g(2y_1, \dots, 2y_n, 2s-1), & (\frac{1}{2} \geq z \geq 0, \frac{1}{2} \leq s \leq 1). \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Then we have the homotopy between \hat{h}_0 and \hat{h}_1 defined by the following expression:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{h}_t &= \hat{h}_t(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) : E^n, \dot{E}^n \rightarrow \hat{X}, \hat{x}_0, \\ \hat{h}_t(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)(s) &= h_t(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n, s) : E^n \times I, (E^n \times I)^{\circ} \rightarrow X, x_0 \\ &= \begin{cases} f(1-2(1-t)(1-z), 2s), & (1 \geq z \geq \frac{1}{2}, 0 \leq s \leq \frac{1}{2}), \\ x_0, & (1 \geq z \geq \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \leq s \leq 1), \\ f(t, 2s), & (\frac{1}{2} \geq z \geq 0, 0 \leq s \leq \frac{1}{2}), \\ g(2y_1, \dots, 2y_n, 2s-1), & (\frac{1}{2} \geq z \geq 0, \frac{1}{2} \leq s \leq 1). \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Thus the proof of theorem 2.1 is complete.

Define $\rho_{r+1} : \Delta^{r+1} \rightarrow \Delta^r \times I$ by

$$\rho_{r+1}(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{r+1}) = \begin{cases} (ly_1, ly_2, \dots, ly_{r+1}) & (y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_r \geq y_{r+1}), \\ (my_1, my_2, \dots, my_{r+1}), & (y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_r \leq y_{r+1}), \end{cases}$$

where $l = \frac{y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_{r+1}}{y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_r}$ and $m = \frac{y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_{r+1}}{y_{r+1}}$, and

$$\Delta^{r+1} = \left\{ (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{r+1}) : \begin{array}{l} 0 \leq y_i \leq 1, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, r+1 \\ 0 \leq y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_{r+1} \leq 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

is an $(r+1)$ -dimensional Euclidean simplex and Δ^r is the r -face $\Delta^{r+1(r+1)}$ of Δ^{r+1} contained in the hyperplane $y_{r+1} = 0$.

Let $\hat{T}^r : \Delta^r \rightarrow \hat{X}$ be an r -dimensional singular simplex of \hat{X} and define ξ_{r+1} by $\xi_{r+1}(P, s) = \hat{T}^r(P)(s)$ where $P \in \Delta^r$. Define $\tau : \hat{T}^r \rightarrow T^{r+1}$ by

$$\tau \hat{T}^r = \xi_{r+1} \circ \rho_{r+1} : \Delta^{r+1} \rightarrow X.$$

We use the same notation τ for the induced map: $[\hat{T}^r] \rightarrow [T^{r+1}]$ subject to the condition that $[\hat{T}^r]$ is an element of $\hat{\pi}_r$. It is easily seen that

1) $\tau : [\hat{T}^r] \rightarrow [T^{r+1}]$ is an isomorphism of $\hat{\pi}_r$ onto π_{r+1} ,

- 2) $T^{r+1(i)} = \tau(\hat{T}^{r(i)})$, $i=0, 1, \dots, r$,
 3) $T^{r+1(r+1)}$ is the collapsed simplex (see notations of [8]).

Define φ_{i+1*}^{r+1} , $(r+1, i+1)$ -function over π_{i+1} , by

$$\varphi_{i+1*}^{r+1}(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} \tau\psi_i^r(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_i), & (a_{i+1} = r+1), \\ 0, & (a_{i+1} < r+1), \end{cases}$$

where ψ_i^r is an (r, i) -function over $\hat{\pi}_i$ and $(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{i+1})$ is an $(r+1, i+1)$ -sequence. And denote by α this transformation from ψ_i^r to φ_{i+1*}^{r+1} . Let $\hat{A}_i^r = \|\psi_i^r(i, j)\|$ be a matrix representation of an r -cell \hat{K}_1 , and define α on \hat{K}_1 as follows:

$$\alpha \hat{A}_i^r = (e^{r+1}, \alpha \psi_i^r).$$

If α was defined on \hat{K}_i , we define α on \hat{K}_{i+1} as follows:

$$\alpha \hat{A}_{i+1}^r = (\alpha \hat{A}_i^r, \alpha \psi_{i+1}^r),$$

where $\hat{A}_{i+1}^r = (\hat{A}_i^r, \psi_{i+1}^r)$ is an r -cell of \hat{K}_{i+1} . Then we have the following lemma.

LEMMA 2.2. α is an isomorphism (into).

This is trivial.

LEMMA 2.3. If $\mathbf{a} = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{p-1}, a_p)$ is an (r, p) -sequence, $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{a}^{(p)}$ and ψ_{i-1}^{r-1} is an $(r-1, i-1)$ -function over $\hat{\pi}_{i-1}$, then we have

$$(\alpha \psi_{i-1}^{r-1})^{\mathbf{a}^{-1}} = \begin{cases} \alpha(\psi_{i-1}^{r-1} \mathbf{c}^{-1}), & (a_p = r), \\ 0, & (a_p < r). \end{cases}$$

PROOF. 1°. $a_p = r$: Let $\mathbf{b} = (b_0, b_1, \dots, b_i)$ be a $(p, i)^*$ -sequence.

If $b_i = p$, $(\alpha \psi_{i-1}^{r-1})^{\mathbf{a}^{-1}}(b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{i-1}, p) = \tau(\psi_{i-1}^{r-1} \mathbf{c}^{-1}(b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{i-1}))$,

if $b_i < p$, since the last element of $\mathbf{a}^{-1} \circ \mathbf{b}$ is less than r , we have

$$(\alpha \psi_{i-1}^{r-1})^{\mathbf{a}^{-1}}(b_0, b_1, \dots, b_i) = (\alpha \psi_{i-1}^{r-1})(\mathbf{a}^{-1} \circ \mathbf{b}) = 0.$$

Thus we have $(\alpha \psi_{i-1}^{r-1})^{\mathbf{a}^{-1}} = \alpha(\psi_{i-1}^{r-1} \mathbf{c}^{-1})$,

2°. $a_p < r$: Since the last element of $\mathbf{a}^{-1} \circ \mathbf{b}$ is less than r for each sequence \mathbf{b} , we have

$$(\alpha \psi_{i-1}^{r-1})^{\mathbf{a}^{-1}}(\mathbf{b}) = (\alpha \psi_{i-1}^{r-1})(\mathbf{a}^{-1} \circ \mathbf{b}) = 0.$$

LEMMA 2.4. If \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{c} are the same sequences given in lemma 2.3, then

$$(\alpha \hat{A}_{i-2}^{r-1})^{\mathbf{a}^{-1}} = \begin{cases} \alpha(\hat{A}_{i-2}^{r-1} \mathbf{c}^{-1}), & (a_p = r), \\ (\dots((e^p, 0), 0) \dots, 0), & (a_p < r). \end{cases}$$

PROOF. 1°. $a_p = r$: In the case $i=3$, for an $(r-1)$ -cell $\hat{A}_1^{r-1} = \|\psi_1^{r-1}(i, j)\|$, we have

$$(\alpha \hat{A}_1^{r-1})^{\mathbf{a}^{-1}} = (e^r, \alpha \psi_1^{r-1})^{\mathbf{a}^{-1}} = (e^{r \mathbf{a}^{-1}}, (\alpha \psi_1^{r-1})^{\mathbf{a}^{-1}})$$

$$= (e^p, \alpha(\psi_1^{r-1} c^{-1})) = \alpha(\hat{A}_1^{r-1} c^{-1}).$$

Making the inductive hypothesis as follows: $(\alpha \hat{A}_{i-3}^{r-1})^{\mathbf{a}^{-1}} = \alpha(\hat{A}_{i-3}^{r-1} c^{-1})$, let us consider an $(r-1)$ -cell $\hat{A}_{i-2}^{r-1} = (\hat{A}_{i-3}^{r-1}, \psi_{i-2}^{r-1})$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha \hat{A}_{i-2}^{r-1})^{\mathbf{a}^{-1}} &= ((\alpha \hat{A}_{i-3}^{r-1})^{\mathbf{a}^{-1}}, (\alpha \psi_{i-2}^{r-1})^{\mathbf{a}^{-1}}) = (\alpha(\hat{A}_{i-3}^{r-1} c^{-1}), \alpha(\psi_{i-2}^{r-1} c^{-1})) \\ &= \alpha(\hat{A}_{i-3}^{r-1} c^{-1}, \psi_{i-2}^{r-1} c^{-1}) = \alpha(\hat{A}_{i-2}^{r-1} c^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

2°. $a_p < r$: $(\alpha \hat{A}_{i-2}^{r-1})^{\mathbf{a}^{-1}} = ((\alpha \hat{A}_{i-3}^{r-1})^{\mathbf{a}^{-1}}, 0) = \dots = (\dots((e^p, 0), 0)\dots, 0)$.

THEOREM 2.5. *If $\hat{A}_1^{r-1} = \|\psi_1^{r-1}(i, j)\|$ is an $(r-1)$ -cell of \hat{K}_1 , $A_{2*}^r = \alpha \hat{A}_1^{r-1} = (e^r, \alpha \psi_1^{r-1})$ is an r -cell of K_2 .*

PROOF. In the first place we have to remark that ψ_1^{r-1} has the following relations:

$$\psi_1^{r-1}(i, j) + \psi_1^{r-1}(j, l) = \psi_1^{r-1}(i, l), \quad (i, j, l = 0, 1, \dots, r-1).$$

When $r=2$, since $\alpha \psi_1^{r-1}$ is a $(2, 2)$ -function over π_2 , $(e^2, \alpha \psi_1^1)$ is a 2-cell of K_2 . Consider the case $r \geq 3$. Let $\mathbf{a} = (a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3)$ be an $(r, 3)$ -sequence.

1°. $a_3 < r$: It is trivial.

$$\begin{aligned} 2°. \quad a_3 = r: \quad & \alpha \psi_1^{r-1}(\mathbf{a}^{(0)}) + \sum_{j=1}^3 (-1)^{(j)} \alpha \psi_1^{r-1}(\mathbf{a}^{(j)}) \\ & = \tau(\psi_1^{r-1}(a_1, a_2) - \psi_1^{r-1}(a_0, a_2) + \psi_1^{r-1}(a_0, a_1)) = \tau(0) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

THEOREM 2.6. $w_2(\tau \hat{T}^r) = \alpha(\hat{w}_1 \hat{T}^r)$.

PROOF. By the definition of w_2 , we have $w_2(\tau \hat{T}^r) = (e^{r+1}, \varphi_2^{r+1})$ where $\varphi_2^{r+1}(\mathbf{a}) = [(\tau \hat{T}^r)(\mathbf{a})]$ for each $(r+1, 2)$ -sequence $\mathbf{a} = (a_0, a_1, a_2)$.

On the other hand, $\hat{w}_1 \hat{T}^r = \|\psi_1^r(i, j)\|$ where $\psi_1^r(\mathbf{b}) = [(\hat{T}^r)(\mathbf{b})]$ for each $(r, 1)$ -sequence \mathbf{b} .

1°. $a_2 = r+1$: Put $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a}^{(2)}$. Since $\tau[(\hat{T}^r)(\mathbf{b})] = [(\tau \hat{T}^r)(\mathbf{a})]$, we have $\varphi_2^{r+1}(\mathbf{a}) = \tau \psi_1^r(\mathbf{b})$.

2°. $a_2 < r+1$: $\varphi_2^{r+1}(\mathbf{a}) = 0$.

Thus we have $\varphi_2^{r+1} = \alpha \psi_1^r$ and then $w_2(\tau \hat{T}^r) = (e^{r+1}, \alpha \psi_1^r) = \alpha \|\psi_1^r(i, j)\| = \alpha(\hat{w}_1 \hat{T}^r)$.

DEFINITION 2.7. We define \hat{T}_N^1 corresponding to \hat{e}^1 by the collapsed simplex and \hat{T}_N^1 corresponding to other 1-cells by the method given in § 1.

DEFINITION 2.8. When \hat{T}_N^1 is the normal 1-dimensional singular simplex of \hat{X} corresponding to \hat{A}_1^1 , then we define T_N^2 corresponding to $A_{2*}^2 = \alpha \hat{A}_1^1$ by $\tau \hat{T}_N^1$.

REMARK. All 2-cells of K_2 are covered by α and therefore the definition of the normal 2-dimensional singular simplex of X corresponding to each 2-cell of K_2 was given by the above definition.

LEMMA 2.9. T_N^2 corresponding to $A_{2*}^2 = (e^2, 0)$ is the collapsed simplex.

This is easily seen by definitions 2.7 and 2.8.

DEFINITION 2.10. We define \hat{T}_S^2 corresponding to \hat{e}^2 by the collapsed simplex and \hat{T}_S^2 corresponding to other 2-cells by the method given in § 1.

DEFINITION 2.11. When \hat{T}_S^2 is the standard 2-dimensional singular simplex of \hat{X} corresponding to \hat{A}_1^2 we define T_S^3 corresponding to $A_{2*}^3 = \alpha \hat{A}_1^2$ by $\tau \hat{T}_S^2$ and T_S^3 corresponding to other 3-cells by the method given in § 1.

LEMMA 2.12. T_S^3 corresponding to $A_{2*}^3 = (e^3, 0)$ is the collapsed simplex.

This is easily seen by definitions 2.10 and 2.11.

THEOREM 2.13. $k_2(e^4, 0) = 0$

PROOF. Since $(e^4, 0)^{(j)} = (e^3, 0)$, $j=0, 1, 2, 3, 4$, and T_S^3 corresponding to $(e^3, 0)$ is the collapsed simplex, we have $k_2(e^4, 0) = 0$.

THEOREM 2.14. $\hat{k}_1 = \tau^{-1} \circ k_2 \circ \alpha$.

PROOF. Let \hat{A}_1^3 , \hat{T}_{jS}^2 and \hat{f} be a 3-cell of \hat{K}_1 , the standard 2-dimensional singular simplex of \hat{X} corresponding to the j -th face $\hat{A}_1^{3(j)}$ of \hat{A}_1^3 and a representation of an element of $\hat{\pi}_2$ defined by $\hat{f}|_{\Delta^{3(j)}} = \hat{T}_{jS}^2$, $j=0, 1, 2, 3$ respectively. Then, by the definition, we have

$$\hat{k}_1 : \hat{A}_1^3 \rightarrow [\hat{f}] \in \hat{\pi}_2.$$

By lemma 2.4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha \hat{A}_1^3)^{(j)} &= \alpha(\hat{A}_1^{3(j)}), & (j=0, 1, 2, 3), \\ (\alpha \hat{A}_1^3)^{(4)} &= (e^3, 0). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently T_S^3 corresponding to $(\alpha \hat{A}_1^3)^{(j)}$ is $\tau \hat{T}_{jS}^2$ ($j=0, 1, 2, 3$) or the collapsed simplex ($j=4$). Therefore we have $k_2(\alpha \hat{A}_1^3) = [f]$ where $f : \Delta^4 \rightarrow X$ is defined as follows:

$$f|_{\Delta^{4(j)}} = \tau \hat{T}_{jS}^2, \quad (j=0, 1, 2, 3),$$

and $f|_{\Delta^{4(4)}}$ is the constant map.

Thus we have

$$\hat{k}_1 = \tau^{-1} \circ k_2 \circ \alpha.$$

§ 3. The natural system of a space of loops II

In this section, in the process of definition of the natural systems of X and \hat{X} , we assume that

$$\begin{aligned} K_{n-1}, S_{n-1}(X), w_{n-1}, T_N^{n-1}, T_S^n, k_{n-1}, \\ \hat{K}_{n-2}, S_{n-2}(\hat{X}), \hat{w}_{n-2}, \hat{T}_N^{n-2}, \hat{T}_S^{n-1}, \hat{k}_{n-2}, \quad (n=3, 4, \dots, i) \end{aligned}$$

are defined by the method of § 1 and satisfying the following five relations:

- 1) When \hat{A}_{n-2}^{r-1} is an $(r-1)$ -cell of \hat{K}_{n-2} , $A_{n-1*}^r = \alpha \hat{A}_{n-2}^{r-1}$ is an r -cell of K_{n-1} .
- 2) $w_{n-1}(\tau \hat{T}^r) = \alpha(\hat{w}_{n-2} \hat{T}^r)$.
- 3) \hat{T}_N^{n-2} corresponding to $(\dots((\hat{e}^{n-2}, 0), 0), \dots, 0)$ is the collapsed simplex. When \hat{T}_N^{n-2} is the normal $(n-2)$ -dimensional singular simplex of \hat{X} corresponding to \hat{A}_{n-2}^{n-2} , T_N^{n-1} corresponding to $A_{n-1*}^{n-1} = \alpha \hat{A}_{n-2}^{n-2}$ is $\tau \hat{T}_N^{n-2}$.
- 4) \hat{T}_S^{n-1} corresponding to $(\dots((\hat{e}^{n-1}, 0), 0), \dots, 0)$ is the collapsed simplex. When \hat{T}_S^{n-1} is the standard $(n-1)$ -dimensional singular simplex of \hat{X} corresponding to \hat{A}_{n-2}^{n-1} , T_S^n corresponding to $A_{n-1*}^n = \alpha \hat{A}_{n-2}^{n-1}$ is $\tau \hat{T}_S^{n-1}$.
- 5) $\hat{k}_{n-2} = \tau^{-1} \circ k_{n-1} \circ \alpha$.

REMARK 1. T_N^{n-1} corresponding to $(\dots((e^{n-1}, 0), 0), \dots, 0)$ is the collapsed simplex.
 T_S^n corresponding to $(\dots((e^n, 0), 0), \dots, 0)$ is the collapsed simplex.

REMARK 2. If \hat{T}^r belongs to $\mathcal{S}_{n-1}(\hat{X})$, $\tau \hat{T}^r$ belongs to $\mathcal{S}_n(X)$.

REMARK 3. $\hat{k}_{n-2}(\dots((\hat{e}^n, 0), 0), \dots, 0) = 0$,
 $k_{n-1}(\dots((e^{n+1}, 0), 0), \dots, 0) = 0$.

THEOREM 3.1. If \hat{A}_{i-1}^{r-1} is an $(r-1)$ -cell of \hat{K}_{i-1} , then $A_{i*}^r = \alpha \hat{A}_{i-1}^{r-1}$ is an r -cell of K_i .

PROOF. The case $i=2$ was proved in theorem 2.5. We assume that $i>2$. Put

$$\hat{A}_{i-1}^{r-1} = (\hat{A}_{i-2}^{r-1}, \psi_{i-1}^{r-1}), \quad \varphi_{i*}^r = \alpha \psi_{i-1}^{r-1},$$

where $A_{i-1*}^r = \alpha \hat{A}_{i-2}^{r-1}$ is an r -cell of K_{i-1} by the inductive hypothesis. Let $\mathbf{a} = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{i+1})$ be an $(r, i+1)$ -sequence.

1°. $a_{i+1} < r$: Since $\varphi_{i*}^r(\mathbf{a}^{(j)}) = 0$ and $A_{i-1*}^r \mathbf{a}^{-1} = (\dots((e^{i+1}, 0), 0), \dots, 0)$,

we have

$$\sum_{j=0}^{i+1} (-1)^j \varphi_{i*}^r(\mathbf{a}^{(j)}) + k_{i-1}(A_{i-1*}^r \mathbf{a}^{-1}) = 0.$$

2°. $a_{i+1} = r$: Put $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{a}^{(i+1)}$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=0}^{i+1} (-1)^j \varphi_{i*}^r(\mathbf{a}^{(j)}) + k_{i-1}(A_{i-1*}^r \mathbf{a}^{-1}) &= \sum_{j=0}^i (-1)^j \tau \psi_{i-1}^{r-1}(\mathbf{c}^{(j)}) + k_{i-1} \alpha (\hat{A}_{i-2}^{r-1} \mathbf{c}^{-1}) \\ &= \tau \left(\sum_{j=0}^i (-1)^j \psi_{i-1}^{r-1}(\mathbf{c}^{(j)}) + \hat{k}_{i-2}(\hat{A}_{i-2}^{r-1} \mathbf{c}^{-1}) \right) = \tau(0) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 3.2. If T^r is the constant map: $\Delta^r \rightarrow x_0$,

$$w_i T^r = (\dots((e^r, 0), 0), \dots, 0).$$

PROOF. It is trivial in the cases $i=1, 2$. Assume that this lemma holds in the cases $i=1, 2, \dots, j-1$. By the definition of w_j we have

$$w_j T^r = (w_{j-1} T^r, \varphi_j^r),$$

where $\varphi_j^r(\mathbf{a}) = [T^r(\mathbf{a}) - T^r(\mathbf{a})_s]$ for each (r, j) -sequence \mathbf{a} .

Since $T^r(\mathbf{a})$ is the collapsed simplex, we have $w_{j-1} T^r(\mathbf{a}) = (\dots((e^r, 0), 0), \dots, 0)$ and

$T^r(\mathbf{a})_s$ is the collapsed simplex. Consequently φ_j^r is the constant map. Therefore we have

$$w_j T^r = (w_{j-1} T^r, 0) = \dots = (\dots ((e^r, 0), 0) \dots, 0).$$

THEOREM 3.3. $w_i(\tau \hat{T}^r) = \alpha(\hat{w}_{i-1} \hat{T}^r).$

PROOF. By definition, we have

$$w_i(\tau \hat{T}^r) = (w_{i-1}(\tau \hat{T}^r), \varphi_i^{r+1}) = (\alpha(\hat{w}_{i-2} \hat{T}^r), \varphi_i^{r+1}),$$

where

$$\varphi_i^{r+1}(\mathbf{a}) = [\tau \hat{T}^r(\mathbf{a}) - (\tau \hat{T}^r(\mathbf{a}))_s]$$

and $\mathbf{a} = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_i)$ is an $(r+1, i)$ -sequence. On the other hand,

$$\hat{w}_{i-1} \hat{T}^r = (\hat{w}_{i-2} \hat{T}^r, \psi_{i-1}^r),$$

where

$$\psi_{i-1}^r(\mathbf{b}) = [\hat{T}^r(\mathbf{b}) - (\hat{T}^r(\mathbf{b}))_s]$$

and \mathbf{b} is an $(r, i-1)$ -sequence.

1°. $a_i = r+1, \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a}^{(i)}$: In this case it is easy to see that

$$\varphi_i^{r+1}(\mathbf{a}) = \tau \psi_{i-1}^r(\mathbf{b}).$$

2°. $a_i < r+1$: $\tau \hat{T}^r(\mathbf{a})$ is the collapsed simplex and therefore $(\tau \hat{T}^r(\mathbf{a}))_s$ is also the collapsed simplex. Consequently $\varphi_i^{r+1} = 0$. Thus we have

$$\varphi_i^{r+1} = \alpha \psi_{i-1}^r.$$

DEFINITION 3.4. We define \hat{T}_N^{i-1} corresponding to $(\dots ((\hat{e}^{i-1}, 0), 0) \dots, 0)$ by the collapsed simplex.

DEFINITION 3.5. When \hat{T}_N^{i-1} is the normal $(i-1)$ -dimensional singular simplex of \hat{X} corresponding to \hat{A}_{i-1}^{i-1} , then we define T_N^i corresponding to $A_{i*}^i = \alpha \hat{A}_{i-1}^{i-1}$ by $\tau \hat{T}_N^{i-1}$.

LEMMA 3.6. T_N^i corresponding to $(\dots ((e^i, 0), 0) \dots, 0)$ is the collapsed simplex. It is easily seen by definitions 3.4 and 3.5

DEFINITION 3.7. \hat{T}_S^i corresponding to $(\dots ((\hat{e}^i, 0), 0) \dots, 0)$ is defined by the collapsed simplex.

DEFINITION 3.8. When \hat{T}_S^i is the standard i -dimensional singular simplex of \hat{X} corresponding to \hat{A}_{i-1}^i , we define T_S^{i+1} corresponding to $A_{i*}^{i+1} = \alpha \hat{A}_{i-1}^i$ by $\tau \hat{T}_S^i$.

LEMMA 3.9. T_S^{i+1} corresponding to $(\dots ((e^{i+1}, 0), 0) \dots, 0)$ is the collapsed simplex. This is easily seen by definition 3.7 and 3.8.

THEOREM 3.10. $k_i(\dots ((e^{i+2}, 0), 0) \dots, 0) = 0$.

It is a trivial result of lemma 3.9.

THEOREM 3.11. $\hat{k}_{i-1} = \tau^{-1} \circ k_i \circ \alpha.$

PROOF. Let \hat{A}_{i-1}^{i+1} be an $(i+1)$ -cell of \hat{K}_{i-1} , \hat{T}_{jS}^i be the standard i -dimensional singular simplex of \hat{X} corresponding to the j -th face $\hat{A}_{i-1}^{i+1(j)}$ of \hat{A}_{i-1}^{i+1} and \hat{f} be a representation of an element of $\hat{\pi}_i$ defined by

$$\hat{f}|_{\Delta^{i+1(j)}} = \hat{T}_{jS}^i, \quad (j=0, 1, \dots, i+1).$$

Then we have

$$\hat{k}_{i-1}: A_{i-1}^{i+1} \rightarrow [\hat{f}].$$

By lemma 2.4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha \hat{A}_{i-1}^{i+1})^{(j)} &= \alpha(\hat{A}_{i-1}^{i+1(j)}), \quad (j=0, 1, \dots, i+1), \\ (\alpha \hat{A}_{i-1}^{i+1})^{(i+2)} &= (\dots((e^{i+1}, 0), 0)\dots, 0). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently T_S^{i+1} corresponding to $(\alpha \hat{A}_{i-1}^{i+1})^{(j)}$ is $\tau \hat{T}_{jS}^i$ ($j=0, 1, \dots, i+1$) or the collapsed simplex ($j=i+2$).

Therefore we have

$$k_i(\alpha \hat{A}_{i-1}^{i+1}) = [f],$$

where $f: \Delta^{i+2} \rightarrow X$ is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f|_{\Delta^{i+2(j)}} &= \tau \hat{T}_{jS}^i, \quad (j=0, 1, \dots, i+1), \\ f|_{\Delta^{i+2(i+2)}} &= \text{the constant map.} \end{aligned}$$

Namely

$$\hat{k}_{i-1} = \tau^{-1} \circ k_i \circ \alpha.$$

We are now in a position to conclude the studies of §§ 2 and 3:

THEOREM 3.12. *Let X and \hat{X} be an arcwise-connected simply-connected topological space and the space of loops on X respectively. Then we can construct the natural systems of X and \hat{X} which satisfy the following relations for each $i \geq 3$:*

- 1) *If \hat{A}_{i-2}^{r-1} is an $(r-1)$ -cell of \hat{K}_{i-2} , $A_{i-1*}^r = \alpha \hat{A}_{i-2}^{r-1}$ is an r -cell of K_{i-1} .*
- 2) *$w_{i-1}(\tau \hat{T}^r) = \alpha(\hat{w}_{i-2} \hat{T}^r)$,*
- 3) *\hat{T}_N^{i-2} corresponding to $(\dots((\hat{e}^{i-2}, 0), 0)\dots, 0)$ is the collapsed simplex.
 T_N^{i-1} corresponding to $(\dots((e^{i-1}, 0), 0)\dots, 0)$ is the collapsed simplex.*

If \hat{T}_N^{i-2} is the normal $(i-2)$ -dimensional singular simplex of \hat{X} corresponding to \hat{A}_{i-2}^{i-2} , $\tau \hat{T}_N^{i-2}$ is the normal $(i-1)$ -dimensional singular simplex of X corresponding to $A_{i-1}^{i-1} = \alpha \hat{A}_{i-2}^{i-2}$.*

- 4) *\hat{T}_S^{i-1} corresponding to $(\dots((\hat{e}^{i-1}, 0), 0)\dots, 0)$ is the collapsed simplex.
 T_S^i corresponding to $(\dots((e^i, 0), 0)\dots, 0)$ is the collapsed simplex.*

If \hat{T}_S^{i-1} is the standard $(i-1)$ -dimensional singular simplex of \hat{X} corresponding to \hat{A}_{i-1}^{i-1} , $\tau \hat{T}_S^{i-1}$ is the standard i -dimensional singular simplex of X corresponding to $A_{i-1}^i = \alpha \hat{A}_{i-1}^{i-1}$.*

$$\begin{aligned}
 5) \quad & \hat{k}_{i-2}(\cdots((\hat{e}^i, 0), 0)\cdots, 0) = 0, \\
 & k_{i-1}(\cdots((e^{i+1}, 0), 0)\cdots, 0) = 0, \\
 & \hat{k}_{i-2} = \tau^{-1} \circ k_{i-1} \circ \alpha.
 \end{aligned}$$

§ 4. Isomorphism of natural systems

Let X and Y be two arcwise-connected, simply-connected topological spaces, and \hat{X} and \hat{Y} the spaces of loops on X and Y respectively. We make the assumption that the natural systems $\mathbf{G} = (G_i, k_i)$, $\hat{\mathbf{G}} = (\hat{G}_i, \hat{k}_i)$, $\mathbf{H} = (H_i, l_i)$ and $\hat{\mathbf{H}} = (\hat{H}_i, \hat{l}_i)$ of X , \hat{X} , Y and \hat{Y} , respectively, have been defined such that they satisfy the relations given in theorem 3.12.

Let K_i , \hat{K}_i , L_i and \hat{L}_i be the cell-complexes of the above systems \mathbf{G} , $\hat{\mathbf{G}}$, \mathbf{H} and $\hat{\mathbf{H}}$ respectively. Put $e^i = \|d_{mn}\|$, $E^i = \|D_{mn}\|$, $d_{mn} = 1 \in G_1$, $D_{mn} = 1 \in H_1$, $m=0, 1, \dots, i$, $n=0, 1, \dots, i$.

Assume that \mathbf{G} and \mathbf{H} are isomorphic, i. e., there exists for each i an isomorphism $\theta_i: G_i \simeq H_i$ such that θ_i is a θ_1 -isomorphism if $i > 1$, and such that there exists for each i a θ_1 -isomorphism $\tilde{\theta}_i$ of K_i on L_i . $\tilde{\theta}_i$ being a θ_i -prolongation of $\tilde{\theta}_{i-1}$ with i -cochain d_{i-1} .

LEMMA 4.1. $\tilde{\theta}_{i+1} \alpha \hat{K}_i = \alpha \hat{L}_i$.

PROOF. In the first place, we intend to prove the case $i=1$. Let $\|\psi_1^r(i, j)\|$ be an r -cell of \hat{K}_1 . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha \|\psi_1^r(i, j)\| &= (e^{r+1}, \alpha \psi_1^r) \in K_2, \\
 \tilde{\theta}_2 \alpha \|\psi_1^r(i, j)\| &= (E^{r+1}, \theta_2^{r+1}) \in L_2,
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\theta_2^{r+1}(\mathbf{a}) = \theta_2(\alpha \psi_1^r(\mathbf{a}) + d_1(e^{r+1} \mathbf{a}^{-1}))$$

for each $(r+1, 2)$ -sequence $\mathbf{a} = (a_0, a_1, a_2)$. Since $k_1=0$ and $l_1=0$, we have $d_1=0$ and

$$\theta_2^{r+1}(\mathbf{a}) = \theta_2 \alpha \psi_1^r(\mathbf{a}) = \begin{cases} \theta_2 \tau \psi_1^r(\mathbf{a}^{(2)}), & (a_2 = r+1), \\ 0, & (a_2 < r+1). \end{cases}$$

Define an $(r, 1)$ -function Ψ_1^r as follows:

$$\Psi_1^r(a_0, a_1) = \tau^{-1} \theta_2^{r+1}(a_0, a_1, r+1)$$

for each $(r, 1)$ -sequence (a_0, a_1) . Then we have that $\|\Psi_1^r(i, j)\|_{i, j=0, 1, \dots, r}$ is an r -cell of \hat{L}_1 , and

$$\alpha \|\Psi_1^r(i, j)\| = (E^{r+1}, \theta_2^{r+1}) \in L_2.$$

Conversely, let $\|\Psi_1^r(i, j)\|$ be an r -cell of \hat{L}_1 . Then we have

$$\alpha \|\Psi_1^r(i, j)\| = (E^{r+1}, \alpha \Psi_1^r) \in L_2.$$

Put $\varphi_2^{r+1} = \theta_2^{-1} \circ \alpha \circ \Psi_1^r$. Then we have

$$\varphi_2^{r+1}(\mathbf{a}) = \theta_2^{-1} \alpha \Psi_1^r(\mathbf{a}) = 0$$

for each $(r+1, 2)$ -sequence $\mathbf{a} = (a_0, a_1, a_2)$ with $a_2 < r+1$.

Put

$$\psi_1^r(a_0, a_1) = \tau^{-1} \varphi_2^{r+1}(a_0, a_1, r+1).$$

Then

$$\tilde{\theta}_2 \alpha \|\psi_1^r(i, j)\| = (E^{r+1}, \alpha \Psi_1^r).$$

Secondly we make the inductive assumption that the following relation

$$\tilde{\theta}_i \alpha \hat{K}_{i-1} = \alpha \hat{L}_{r-1}$$

has been proved. Let $\hat{A}_i^r = (\hat{A}_{i-1}^r, \psi_i^r)$ be an r -cell of \hat{K}_i . Then $\tilde{\theta}_i \alpha \hat{A}_i^r = (\tilde{\theta}_i \alpha \hat{A}_{i-1}^r, \varphi_{i+1}^{r+1})$ is an $(r+1)$ -cell of L_{i+1} ,

where

$$\varphi_{i+1}^{r+1}(\mathbf{a}) = \theta_{i+1}(\alpha \psi_i^r(\mathbf{a}) + d_i((\alpha \hat{A}_{i-1}^r)^{\mathbf{a}^{-1}}))$$

for each $(r+1, i+1)$ -sequence $\mathbf{a} = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{i+1})$.

In the case $a_{i+1} < r+1$,

$$\alpha \psi_i^r(\mathbf{a}) = 0,$$

$$d_i((\alpha \hat{A}_{i-1}^r)^{\mathbf{a}^{-1}}) = d_i(\dots((e^{i+1}, 0), 0)\dots, 0) = 0,$$

i. e.,

$$\varphi_{i+1}^{r+1}(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{i+1}) = 0 \text{ for } a_{i+1} < r+1.$$

Put

$$\Psi_i^r(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_i) = \tau^{-1} \varphi_{i+1}^{r+1}(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_i, r+1).$$

By the inductive hypothesis there exists an r -cell \hat{B}_{i-1}^r of \hat{L}_{i-1} such that

$$\alpha \hat{B}_{i-1}^r = \tilde{\theta}_i \alpha \hat{A}_{i-1}^r.$$

Since $(\tilde{\theta}_i \alpha \hat{A}_{i-1}^r, \varphi_{i+1}^{r+1})$ is an $(r+1)$ -cell of L_{i+1} , for each $(r+1, i+2)$ -sequence \mathbf{a} we have

$$\sum_{j=0}^{i+2} (-1)^j \varphi_{i+1}^{r+1}(\mathbf{a}^{(j)}) + l_i((\tilde{\theta}_i \alpha \hat{A}_{i-1}^r)^{\mathbf{a}^{-1}}) = 0.$$

Especially in the case $\mathbf{a} = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{i+1}, r+1)$ and $\mathbf{b} = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{i+1})$, we have

$$\sum_{j=0}^{i+1} (-1)^j \Psi_i^r(\mathbf{b}^{(j)}) + l_{i-1}(\hat{B}_{i-1}^r)^{\mathbf{b}^{-1}} = 0.$$

Namely, $\tilde{\theta}_i \alpha \hat{K}_i \subset \alpha \hat{L}_i$.

Conversely, let $\hat{B}_i^r = (\hat{B}_{i-1}^r, \Psi_i^r)$ be an r -cell of \hat{L}_i . Then we have

$$\alpha \hat{B}_i^r = (\alpha \hat{B}_{i-1}^r, \alpha \Psi_i^r),$$

and by the inductive hypothesis there exists an r -cell \hat{A}_{i-1}^r of \hat{K}_{i-1} such that

$$\tilde{\theta}_i \alpha \hat{A}_{i-1}^r = \alpha \hat{B}_{i-1}^r$$

Let φ_{i+1}^{r+1} be an $(r+1, i+1)$ -function defined as follows:

$$\varphi_{i+1}^{r+1}(\mathbf{a}) = \theta_{i+1}^{-1} \alpha \Psi_i^r(\mathbf{a}) - d_i((\alpha \hat{A}_{i-1}^r)^{\mathbf{a}^{-1}})$$

for each $(r+1, i+1)$ -sequence \mathbf{a} . Then

$$\varphi_{i+1}^{r+1}(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{i+1}) = 0 \quad \text{for } a_{i+1} < r+1.$$

Define ψ_i^r as follows:

$$\psi_i^r(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_i) = \tau^{-1} \varphi_{i+1}^{r+1}(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_i, r+1)$$

for each (r, i) -sequence (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_i) .

Then we have

$$\alpha \Psi_i^r(\mathbf{a}) = \theta_{i+1}(\alpha \psi_i^r(\mathbf{a}) + d_i((\alpha \hat{A}_{i-1}^r)^{\mathbf{a}^{-1}})),$$

and if $(\hat{A}_{i-1}^r, \psi_i^r)$ is an r -cell of \hat{K}_i we have

$$\tilde{\theta}_{i+1} \alpha (\hat{A}_{i-1}^r, \psi_i^r) = (\tilde{\theta}_i \alpha \hat{A}_{i-1}^r, \alpha \Psi_i^r) = \alpha \hat{B}_{i-1}^r.$$

Therefore we can complete this proof by showing that $(\hat{A}_{i-1}^r, \psi_i^r)$ is an r -cell of \hat{K}_i .

Since $(\alpha \hat{B}_{i-1}^r, \alpha \Psi_i^r)$ is an $(r+1)$ -cell of L_{i+1} ,

$$\sum_{j=0}^{i+2} (-1)^j \Psi_i^r(\mathbf{a}^{(j)}) + l_i((\alpha \hat{B}_{i-1}^r)^{\mathbf{a}^{-1}}) = 0$$

for each $(r+1, i+2)$ -sequence $\mathbf{a} = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{i+2})$. Consequently,

$$\sum_{j=0}^{i+2} (-1)^j \theta_{i+1} \alpha \psi_i^r(\mathbf{a}^{(j)}) + \sum_{j=0}^{i+2} (-1)^j \theta_{i+1} d_i((\alpha \hat{A}_{i-1}^r)^{(\mathbf{a}^{(j)})^{-1}}) + l_i \tilde{\theta}_i(\alpha \hat{A}_{i-1}^r)^{\mathbf{a}^{-1}} = 0.$$

Especially, in the case $a_{i+2} = r+1$, $\mathbf{b} = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{i+1})$, we have

$$\sum_{j=0}^{i+1} (-1)^j \tau \psi_i^r(\mathbf{b}^{(j)}) + \sum_{j=0}^{i+2} (-1)^j d_i((\alpha \hat{A}_{i-1}^r)^{\mathbf{a}^{-1}})^{(j)} + \theta_{i+1}^{-1} l_i \tilde{\theta}_i \alpha (\hat{A}_{i-1}^r)^{\mathbf{b}^{-1}} = 0,$$

$$\sum_{j=0}^{i+1} (-1)^j \psi_i^r(\mathbf{b}^{(j)}) + \tau^{-1} (\tau d_i + \theta_{i+1}^{-1} l_i \tilde{\theta}_i) \alpha (\hat{A}_{i-1}^r)^{\mathbf{b}^{-1}} = 0.$$

Substituting k_i for $\tau d_i + \theta_{i+1}^{-1} l_i \tilde{\theta}_i$ and \hat{k}_{i-1} for $\tau^{-1} \circ k_i \circ \alpha$ we obtain

$$\sum_{j=0}^{i+1} (-1)^j \psi_i^r(\mathbf{b}^{(j)}) + \hat{k}_{i-1}(\hat{A}_{i-1}^r)^{\mathbf{b}^{-1}} = 0.$$

Thus $(\hat{A}_{i-1}^r, \psi_i^r)$ is an r -cell of \hat{K}_i .

THEOREM 4.2. *On the assumptions mentioned above, $\hat{G} \approx \hat{H}$. That is to say, there exists for each i an isomorphism $\eta_i : \hat{G}_i \approx \hat{H}_i$ such that η_i is an η_1 -isomorphism if $i > 1$, and such that there exists for each i an η_1 -isomorphism $\tilde{\eta}_i$ of \hat{K}_i on \hat{L}_i , $\tilde{\eta}_i$ being an η_1 -prolongation of $\tilde{\eta}_{i-1}$ with some i -cochain \hat{d}_{i-1} .*

PROOF. Put

$$\eta_i = \tau^{-1} \circ \theta_{i+1} \circ \tau, \quad \tilde{\eta}_i = \alpha^{-1} \circ \tilde{\theta}_{i+1} \circ \alpha \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{d}_{i-1} = \tau^{-1} \circ d_i \circ \alpha.$$

By lemma 4.1, it is justified that $\tilde{\eta}_i$ is a mapping from \hat{K}_i onto \hat{L}_i . It is easy to see that

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_i &\text{ is an isomorphism from } \hat{G}_i \text{ onto } \hat{H}_i, \\ \tilde{\eta}_i &\text{ preserves dimension and is } (1-1), \\ \hat{d}_{i-1} &\text{ is an } i\text{-cochain of } \hat{K}_{i-1} \text{ over } \hat{G}_i. \end{aligned}$$

Since \hat{G}_1 and \hat{H}_1 operate trivially on \hat{G}_i and \hat{H}_i ($i \geq 2$), respectively, η_i is an η_1 -isomorphism.

For each cell $\|\psi_1^r(i, j)\|$ of \hat{K}_1 , we have

$$\tilde{\eta}_1 \|\psi_1^r(i, j)\| = \alpha^{-1} \tilde{\theta}_2 \alpha \|\psi_1^r(i, j)\| = \|\tau^{-1} \theta_2 \tau(\psi_1^r(i, j))\| = \|\eta_1 \psi_1^r(i, j)\|.$$

Put $\hat{B}_i^r = \tilde{\eta}_i \hat{A}_i^r$, i. e., $\alpha \hat{B}_i^r = \tilde{\theta}_{i+1} \alpha \hat{A}_i^r$.

Let $\mathbf{a} = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_j)$ be an (r, j) -sequence and we denote it by \mathbf{b} when we consider it as an $(r+1, j)$ -sequence, then

$$\alpha(\hat{B}_i^{\mathbf{a}}) = (\alpha \hat{B}_i^r)^{\mathbf{b}} = (\tilde{\theta}_{i+1} \alpha \hat{A}_i^r)^{\mathbf{b}} = \tilde{\theta}_{i+1} \alpha(\hat{A}_i^{\mathbf{a}}),$$

i. e., $(\tilde{\eta}_i \hat{A}_i^r)^{\mathbf{a}} = \tilde{\eta}_i(\hat{A}_i^{\mathbf{a}})$.

Let $\hat{K}_1 = K(\hat{G}_1)$ and $\hat{L}_1 = K(\hat{H}_1)$ be (\hat{G}_1, σ) -complex and (\hat{H}_1, σ') -complex, respectively. Defining \hat{A}_i^r by $(\dots((\hat{A}_i^r, \psi_2^r), \psi_3^r) \dots, \psi_i^r)$, we have

$$\sigma(\hat{A}_i^r) = \sigma(\hat{A}_i^r) = \hat{A}_i^r$$

and then $\tilde{\eta}_1 \sigma(\hat{A}_i^r) = \tilde{\eta}_1 \hat{A}_i^r$.

On the other hand by the definition of $\tilde{\eta}_i$,

$$\sigma'(\tilde{\eta}_i \hat{A}_i^r) = \sigma'(\alpha^{-1} \tilde{\theta}_{i+1} \alpha \hat{A}_i^r) = \sigma'(\alpha^{-1} \tilde{\theta}_2 \alpha \hat{A}_i^r) = \alpha^{-1} \tilde{\theta}_2 \alpha \hat{A}_i^r = \tilde{\eta}_1 \hat{A}_i^r.$$

Thus, we have

$$\tilde{\eta}_1 \sigma(\hat{A}_i^r) = \sigma'(\tilde{\eta}_i \hat{A}_i^r)$$

for each r -cell \hat{A}_i^r of \hat{K}_i .

Let us consider the property of \hat{d}_{i-1} :

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \hat{d}_{i-1}(\hat{A}_{i-1}^{i+1}) &= \sum_{j=0}^{i+1} (-1)^j \hat{d}_{i-1}(\hat{A}_{i-1}^{i+1(j)}) = \tau^{-1}(\nabla d_i(\alpha \hat{A}_{i-1}^{i+1})) \\ &= \tau^{-1}(k_i \alpha \hat{A}_{i-1}^{i+1} - \theta_{i+1}^{-1} l_i \tilde{\theta}_i(\alpha \hat{A}_{i-1}^{i+1})) \\ &= \hat{k}_{i-1} \hat{A}_{i-1}^{i+1} - \eta_{i+1}^{-1} \hat{l}_{i-1} \tilde{\eta}_i(\hat{A}_{i-1}^{i+1}). \end{aligned}$$

To finish the proof, we must prove that

$$\tilde{\eta}_i \hat{A}_i^r = (\tilde{\eta}_{i-1} \hat{A}_{i-1}^r, \Psi_i^r)$$

for each r -cell $\hat{A}_i^r = (\hat{A}_{i-1}^r, \psi_i^r)$ of \hat{K}_i , where Ψ_i^r is defined as follows:

$$\Psi_i^r(\mathbf{a}) = \eta_i(\psi_i^r(\mathbf{a}) + \hat{d}_{i-1}(\hat{A}_{i-1}^r \mathbf{a}^{-1}))$$

for each (r, i) -sequence \mathbf{a} .

Since $\tilde{\eta}_i = \alpha^{-1} \circ \tilde{\theta}_{i+1} \circ \alpha$,

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\eta}_i \hat{A}_i^r &= \alpha^{-1}(\tilde{\theta}_i \alpha \hat{A}_{i-1}^r, \phi_{i+1}^{r+1}) = (\alpha^{-1} \tilde{\theta}_i \alpha \hat{A}_{i-1}^r, \alpha^{-1} \phi_{i+1}^{r+1}) \\ &= (\tilde{\eta}_{i-1} \hat{A}_{i-1}^r, \alpha^{-1} \phi_{i+1}^{r+1}), \end{aligned}$$

where $\phi_{i+1}^{r+1}(\mathbf{a}) = \theta_{i+1}(\alpha \psi_i^r(\mathbf{a}) + d_i((\alpha \hat{A}_{i-1}^r)^{\mathbf{a}^{-1}}))$

for each $(r+1, i+1)$ -sequence \mathbf{a} .

Let $\mathbf{b} = (b_0, b_1, \dots, b_i)$ be an (r, i) -sequence, and let \mathbf{a} be an $(r+1, i+1)$ -sequence defined by $\mathbf{a} = (b_0, b_1, \dots, b_i, r+1)$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha^{-1} \phi_{i+1}^{r+1})(\mathbf{b}) &= \tau^{-1}(\phi_{i+1}^{r+1}(\mathbf{a})) \\ &= \tau^{-1} \theta_{i+1}(\alpha \psi_i^r(\mathbf{a}) + d_i \alpha(\hat{A}_{i-1}^r \mathbf{b}^{-1})) = \eta_i \psi_i^r(\mathbf{b}) + \eta_i \hat{d}_{i-1}(\hat{A}_{i-1}^r \mathbf{b}^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\tilde{\eta}_i$ is an η_i -prolongation of $\tilde{\eta}_{i-1}$.

REMARK. We can extend theorem 4.2 to the following form and its proof is very similar to that of theorem 4.2:

Let (G_i, k_i) , (G'_i, k'_i) , (H_i, l_i) and (H'_i, l'_i) be systems, not necessarily being the natural systems of spaces, and assume that

$$G_1 = 0 \text{ and } H_1 = 0,$$

G'_i operates trivially on G'_i ($i \geq 2$), H'_i operates trivially on H'_i ($i \geq 2$), there exists an isomorphism τ such that $\tau: G'_{i-1} \simeq G_i$ ($i \geq 2$) and

$$\tau: H'_{i-1} \simeq H_i \text{ ($i \geq 2$)},$$

$k'_{i-1} = \tau^{-1} \circ k_i \circ \alpha$ and $l'_{i-1} = \tau^{-1} \circ l_i \circ \alpha$ where α is the isomorphism defined in § 2,

$$k_i(\dots((e^{i+2}, 0), 0)\dots, 0) = 0 \text{ and } l_i(\dots((E^{i+2}, 0), 0)\dots, 0) = 0$$

where e^{i+2} and E^{i+2} are the matrices defined at the beginning of this section,

(G_i, k_i) and (H_i, l_i) are isomorphic.

Then we have that (G'_i, k'_i) and (H'_i, l'_i) are isomorphic.

THEOREM 4.3. *Let (G'_i, k'_i) be a system such that $k'_i(\dots((e^{i+2}, 0), 0)\dots, 0) = 0$. Then there exists a space of loops whose natural system is isomorphic to (G'_i, k'_i) if and only if G'_i operates trivially on G'_i ($i \geq 2$).*

PROOF. The condition is evidently necessary. To prove the sufficiency, let G'_i be a multiplicative group of left operators which operate trivially on G'_i ($i \geq 2$). Define a system (G_i, k_i) as follows:

$$G_1 = 0,$$

there exists an isomorphism $\tau: G'_{i-1} \simeq G_i$ ($i \geq 2$),

$k_i = \tau \circ k'_{i-1} \circ \alpha^{-1}$ where α is the isomorphism defined in § 2,
 $k_i = 0$ on the complementary of the image of α

Then, by Postnikov's theorem (see § 1), there exists a topological space X whose natural system is isomorphic to (G_i, k_i) . Let \hat{X} be the space of loops on X , then it is easy to see that the natural system of \hat{X} and (G'_i, k'_i) are isomorphic.

§ 5. Fiberings

1. By theorem 4.3, we have the following theorem:

THEOREM 5.1. *For two systems $G' = (G'_i, k'_i)$ and $G = (G_i, k_i)$ given in theorem 4.3 and in its proof, there exists a fibering (E, X, F, p) such that the natural systems of X and F are isomorphic to G and G' respectively.*

2. Let G_i and H_i be multiplicative groups of left operators on abelian groups G_i and H_i ($i \geq 2$), respectively, and assume that the following sequence is exact:

$$\begin{array}{cccccccccccc} \longrightarrow & F_i & \longrightarrow & G_i & \longrightarrow & H_i & \longrightarrow & F_{i-1} & \longrightarrow & \cdots & \longrightarrow & H_2 & \longrightarrow & F_1 & \longrightarrow & G_1 & \longrightarrow & H_1 & \longrightarrow & 0. \\ & & & f_i & & g_i & & h_i & & & & & & h_2 & & f_1 & & g_1 & & h_1 & & \end{array}$$

We now consider two systems $G = (G_i, k_i)$ and $H = (H_i, l_i)$ and denote their cell-complexes by K_i and L_i . In this section we assume that the following relations hold:

- 1) g_i is an onto-homomorphism: $G_i \rightarrow H_i$,
- 2) $g_i(x_1 x_i) = g_1(x_1) g_i(x_i)$ for all elements $x_1 \in G_1$ and $x_i \in G_i$,
- 3) $g_{i+1} \circ k_i = l_i \circ \bar{g}_i$, defining $\bar{g}_1: K_1 \rightarrow L_1$ by $\bar{g}_1 \|d_{ij}\| = \|g_1 d_{ij}\|$ and \bar{g}_i on K_i by $\bar{g}_i A_i^r = (\bar{g}_{i-1} A_{i-1}^r, g_i \circ \varphi_i^r)$ for each r -cell $A_i^r = (A_{i-1}^r, \varphi_i^r)$ of K_i , inductively.

LEMMA 5.2. *We have*

$$g_1(\sigma_{a_0 a_1}(A_j^r)) = \sigma_{a_0 a_1}(\bar{g}_1 A_j^r)$$

for each r -cell $A_j^r = (\cdots ((A_1^r, \varphi_2^r), \varphi_3^r) \cdots, \varphi_j^r)$ of K_j and for each (r, i) -sequence $\mathbf{a} = (a_0, a_1, \cdots, a_i)$.

PROOF. By definitions

$$g_1(\sigma_{a_0 a_1}(A_j^r)) = g_1(\sigma_{a_0 a_1}(A_1^r)) = \sigma_{a_0 a_1}(\bar{g}_1 A_1^r).$$

On the other hand

$$\sigma_{a_0 a_1}(\bar{g}_j A_j^r) = \sigma_{a_0 a_1}(\cdots ((\bar{g}_1 A_1^r, g_2 \circ \varphi_2^r), g_3 \circ \varphi_3^r) \cdots, g_j \circ \varphi_j^r) = \sigma_{a_0 a_1}(\bar{g}_1 A_1^r).$$

LEMMA 5.3. *If $\bar{g}_{i-1}(K_{i-1}) \subset L_{i-1}$, $\bar{g}_i(K_i) \subset L_i$.*

PROOF. Let $A_i^r = (A_{i-1}^r, \varphi_i^r)$ be an r -cell of K_i , then we have

$$\sigma_{a_0 a_1}(A_{i-1}^r) \varphi_i^r(\mathbf{a}^{(i)}) + \sum_{j=1}^{i+1} (-1)^j \varphi_i^r(\mathbf{a}^{(j)}) + k_{i-1}(A_{i-1}^r \mathbf{a}^{-1}) = 0$$

for each $(r, i+1)$ -sequence $\mathbf{a} = (a_0, a_1, \cdots, a_{i+1})$.

Transforming this expression by g_i we have

$$\sigma_{a_0 a_1}(\bar{g}_{i-1} A_{i-1}^r) \cdot g_i \varphi_i^r(\mathbf{a}^{(0)}) + \sum_{j=0}^{i+1} (-1)^j g_i \varphi_i^r(\mathbf{a}^{(j)}) + g_i k_{i-1}(A_{i-1}^r \mathbf{a}^{-1}) = 0.$$

But

$$g_i k_{i-1}(A_{i-1}^r \mathbf{a}^{-1}) = l_{i-1} \bar{g}_{i-1}(A_{i-1}^r \mathbf{a}^{-1}) = l_{i-1}((\bar{g}_{i-1} A_{i-1}^r) \mathbf{a}^{-1}).$$

Thus we have that $\bar{g}_i A_i^r$ is contained in L_i .

THEOREM 5.4. *There exists a fibering (E, X, F, p) , in the sense of Serre [4], such that the natural systems of E and X are isomorphic to \mathbf{G} and \mathbf{H} respectively and its homotopy exact sequence is the above given exact sequence.*

PROOF. Define a mapping $\bar{g}: K(\mathbf{G}) \rightarrow K(\mathbf{H})$ by $\bar{g}(A_1^r, A_2^r, \dots) = (\bar{g}_1 A_1^r, \bar{g}_2 A_2^r, \dots)$. By Postnikov's theorem we have two spaces Y and X whose natural systems are isomorphic to \mathbf{G} and \mathbf{H} respectively. Let $g^*: Y \rightarrow X$ be the barycentric extension of \bar{g} . Construct a fibering (E, X, F, p) by the method of Cartan-Serre [6] as follows:

Let E be a space of pairs $(y, \omega(t))$ where $y \in Y$ and $\omega(t)$ is a path of X such that $\omega(0) = g^*(y)$. Y is a deformation retract of E and therefore all natural systems of E are isomorphic to \mathbf{G} .

The map $p: E \rightarrow X$ such that $p(y, \omega(t)) = \omega(1)$ makes E a fiber space with base space X and fiber F which is a subspace of E consisting of pairs $(y, \omega(t))$ such that $\omega(1)$ is a fixed point of X .

In the following diagram which consists of the given exact sequence and the homotopy exact sequence of this fiber space E :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} \pi_{i+1}(E) & \xrightarrow{j'} & \pi_{i+1}(X) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \pi_i(F) & \xrightarrow{j} & \pi_i(E) & \xrightarrow{j'} & \pi_i(X) \\ \downarrow \rho' & & \downarrow \rho'' & & & & \downarrow \rho' & & \downarrow \rho'' \\ G_{i+1} & \xrightarrow{g_{i+1}} & H_{i+1} & \xrightarrow{h_{i+1}} & F_i & \xrightarrow{f_i} & G_i & \xrightarrow{g_i} & H_i \end{array}$$

it is easily verified that $\rho'' \circ j' = g_i \circ \rho'$. And then we have, for each $a \in \pi_i(F)$,

$$g_i \rho' j'(a) = \rho'' j' j(a) = 0,$$

that is to say,

$$\rho' j(a) \in g_i^{-1}(0) = \text{image of } f_i.$$

Since g_{i+1} maps G_{i+1} onto H_{i+1} , f_i is an isomorphism and therefore we can define

$$\rho: \pi_i(F) \rightarrow F_i \text{ by } \rho(a) = f_i^{-1} \rho' j(a).$$

And then we have $f_i \circ \rho = \rho' \circ j$.

On the other hand, since $\rho \circ \partial = f_i^{-1} \circ \rho' \circ j \circ \partial = 0$ and $h_{i+1} \circ \rho'' = 0$, we have

$$\rho \circ \partial = h_{i+1} \circ \rho''.$$

By the five lemma, we can conclude that $\rho: \pi_i(F) \rightarrow F_i$ is an isomorphism (onto). Thus the proof is complete.

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