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FIBRE HOMOTOPY SELF-EQUIVALENCES

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Introduction.

Let ξ be a fibre space $p: E \to E$ which means that the projection p has the COVERING HOMOTOPY PROPERTY for CW-complexes. Then a map $f: E \rightarrow E$ is a fibre preserving map if $p \circ f = p$ and a map f_0 is fibre homotopic to a map f_1 if there exists a homotopy $f_t: E \to E$ such that $p \circ f_t = p$ for all t. Now we call a fibre preserving map $f: E \rightarrow E$ a fibre homotopy self-equivalence if there is a fibre preserving map $g: E \rightarrow E$ such that $g \circ f$ and $f \circ g$ are both fibre homotopic to the identity 1_E . Then it is clear that the set of fibre homotopy classes of fibre homotopy self-equivalences forms a group under the multiplication defined by the composite of maps, which we denote by $\mathcal{L}(\xi)$. This group $\mathcal{L}(\xi)$ has been studied by several authors ([4], [5]) and also the purpose of this note is to investigate $\mathcal{L}(\xi)$ for ξ , a sphere bundle over a sphere. By using Gottlieb's theorem, K. Tsukiyama showed in a preprint that there exists a split extension:

 $0 \longrightarrow \pi_{n+q}(S^q) \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}(\xi) \longrightarrow Z_2 \longrightarrow 0$

for ξ , a S^q -bundle over S^n $(n+2 \leq q)$. As a generalization of this result we prove

THEOREM A. Let $\xi: S^q \rightarrow E \rightarrow S^n$ be a S^q -bundle over S^n (n, q>2) with a cross-section, so that there exists $\eta \in \pi_{n-1}(SO(q))$ with $i_*(\eta) = \xi$. If $J(\eta)$ is contained in $\Sigma^{2}(\pi_{n+q-3}(S^{q-2}))$ we have an exact sequence.

$$0 \longrightarrow \pi_{n+q}(S^q) / [\pi_{n+1}(S^q), \iota_q] \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}(\xi) \longrightarrow Z_2 \# P_n^q \longrightarrow 0,$$

where P_n^q denotes the kernel of the homomorphism defined by Whitehead product $[, \iota_q]: \pi_n(S^q) \rightarrow \pi_{n+q-1}(S^q)$ and # denotes the semi-direct product with a relation $\tau \cdot b \cdot \tau = (-\iota_q)_* b \text{ for } \tau \neq 1 \in \mathbb{Z}_2.$

Moreover, as a bi-product of the proof of Theorem A, we obtain

THEOREM B. If $J(\eta) \circ \Sigma^{q-1} \pi_{n+1}(S^n) \subset [\pi_{n+1}(S^q), \iota_q]$, then fibre homotopy selfequivalences $f_0, f_1: E \rightarrow E$ are fibre homotopic if and only if they are homotopic.

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COROLLARY. In the case $n \leq 2q-2$, if $J(\xi) \circ \Sigma^{q}(\pi_{n+1}(S^n)) = 0$ we have the same conclusion as Teeorem B.

For example, Let $V_{n,2}$ be the Stiefel manifold O(n)/O(n-2) and let ξ_n be the fibring $S^{n-2} \rightarrow V_{n,2} \rightarrow S^{n-1}$. Then the conditions of Theorem A are fulfilled if $n \equiv 0 \mod 4$, $n \geq 8$. Thus, from well-known results $[h_{n-1}, \iota_{n-2}] \neq 0$ and $[h_{n-1}h_n, \iota_{n-2}] = 0$ for $n \equiv 0 \mod 4$, $h_n \neq 0 \in \pi_n(S^{n-1})$ we obtain an exact sequence $(n \equiv 0 \mod 4)$:

 $0 \longrightarrow \pi_{2n-3}(S^{n-2}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}(\xi_n) \longrightarrow Z_2 \longrightarrow 0 \,.$

Analogously, in the cases of the complex and quaternion, there exist following exact sequences:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 0 \longrightarrow \pi_{4n-4}(S^{2n-3})/[\pi_{2n}(S^{2n-3}), t_{2n-3}] \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mu_n) \longrightarrow Z_2 \# P_{2n-1}^{2n-3} \longrightarrow 0 \\ & (n \equiv 0 \mod 4) \,, \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 \longrightarrow \pi_{8n-6}(S^{4n-5}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}(v_n) \longrightarrow Z_2 \longrightarrow 0 & (n \equiv 0 \mod 24) \,, \end{array}$$

where μ_n is the fibring: $S^{2n-3} \rightarrow W_{n,2} \rightarrow S^{2n-1}$ and v_n is the fibring: $S^{4n-5} \rightarrow X_{n,2} \rightarrow S^{4n-1}$.

Here, we list up some notations which are used throughout this note.

 X^{Y} : the space of continuous maps $Y \rightarrow X$ endowed with C - O topology.

 X_{9}^{Y} : the sub-space of X^{Y} consisting of a base point preserving maps.

 $\pi_0(X, x_0)$: the set of path-connected components of X with the distinguished point x_0 .

J: the *J*-homomorphism: $\pi_r(SO(n)) \rightarrow \pi_{n+r}(S^n)$.

 Σ^n : the *n*-fold suspension functor.

 $[\alpha, \beta]$: Whitehead product.

1. Preliminaries.

Let $\xi: S^q \to E \xrightarrow{p} S^n$ be a S^q -bundle over S^n with the characteristic class $\xi \in \pi_{n-1}(SO(q+1))$ and we consider the fibring

$$p^E \colon E^E \longrightarrow S^{n^E}$$

which is obtained by $p^{E}(f) = p \circ f$. Clearly the fibre over p is the space of fibre preserving maps: $E \rightarrow E$, which we denote by ξ^{ξ} . Then we have a part of the exact sequence associated with the fibring:

(1.1)
$$\pi_1(E^E, 1_E) \xrightarrow{p_*^E} \pi_1(S^{n^E}, p) \longrightarrow \pi_0(\xi^{\xi}, 1_E) \xrightarrow{r_0(E^E, 1_E)} \pi_0(S^{n^E}, p).$$

Here we note that ξ^{ξ} , E^{E} are Hopf spaces with the multiplication defined by the composite of maps and $\pi_{0}(\xi^{\xi}, 1_{E})$, $\pi(E^{E}, 1_{E})$ are semi-groups and appropriate arrows are homomorphic.

Since $\mathcal{L}(\xi)$ is the group consisting of invertible elements of $\pi_0(\xi^{\xi}, 1_E)$ the

sequence (1.1) is transformed into the exact sequence,

(1.2)
$$\pi_1(E^E, 1_E) \xrightarrow{p_*^E} \pi_1(S^{n^E}, p) \xrightarrow{\rightarrow} \mathcal{L}(\hat{\xi}) \xrightarrow{\rightarrow} \mathcal{C}(E) \xrightarrow{\rightarrow} \pi_0(S^{n^E}, p),$$

where $\mathcal{E}(E)$ denotes the group of homotopy classes of self-homotopy equivalences of E. For, it is sufficient for exactness to show $(p_E^*)^{-1}(p) = i_*(\mathcal{L}(\xi))$. Let f be an element of $\mathcal{E}(E)$ such that $p \circ f = p$ and g be the inverse of f, i.e. $g \circ f \sim 1_E \sim$ $f \circ g$. Since it holds that $p \sim p \circ (f \circ g) \sim (p \circ f) \circ g \sim p \circ g$ we may consider that f and g are both contained in $\mathcal{L}(\xi)$. Then $f \circ g$ is contained in ∂ -image, i.e. $f \circ g = \partial(\sigma)$ for some $\sigma \in \pi_1(S^{n^E}, p)$ and this shows that f has a right inverse $g \circ \partial(\sigma^{-1})$. Analogousely f has a left inverse, hence f is an invertible element of $\pi_0(\xi^{\xi}, 1_E)$, i.e. $[f] \equiv i_*(\mathcal{L}(\xi))$.

Thus our purpose is to clarify the image of the homomorphism

$$p^E_* \colon \pi_1(E^E, 1_E) \longrightarrow \pi_1(S^{n^E}, p)$$

and the kernel of the morphism

$$p^E_*: \mathcal{E}(E) \longrightarrow \pi_0(S^{n^E}, p).$$

However, for computing these things, it is seemed to need some additional conditions. We assume that ξ has a cross-section ι_n and $n, q \ge 3$, so that E has a CW-decomposition ([3]):

$$E = K \bigcup_{a} e^{n+q}, \qquad K = S^q \vee S^n$$

where $\alpha = J(\eta) + [\iota_n, \iota_q]$ for $\eta \in \pi_{n-1}(SO(q))$ with $i_*(\eta) = \xi$.

2. Barcus-Barratt operations.

We consider two fibrings

$$\begin{array}{cccc} F_2 & & & E_0^E & \xrightarrow{r_2} & E_0^K \\ & & & & p^E & & \\ F_1 & & & & S_0^{nE} & & \\ & & & & & r_1 & \\ \end{array}$$

where r_i denotes the restriction map and $F_1 = r_1^{-1}(p \mid K)$, $F_2 = r_2^{-1}(i_K)$ i.e.

$$F_1 = \{g : E \longrightarrow S^n \ g(*) = *, \ g \mid K = p \mid K\},\$$

$$F_2 = \{f : E \longrightarrow E \ f(*) = *, \ f \mid K = i_K\}.$$

Then we have two boundary homomorphisms:

(2.1)
$$\pi_1(E_0^K, i_K) \xrightarrow{} \pi_0(F_2, 1_E) \cong \pi_{n+q}(E),$$

and

$$\pi_1(S_0^{n^K}, pK) \xrightarrow{} \pi_0(F_1, p) \cong \pi_{n+q}(S^n) \, .$$

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By Barcus-Barratt (page 62 of [1]) we may regard ∂_1 and ∂_2 as Barcus-Barratt operations $p_*(\alpha)_{p|K}$ and α_{i_K} respectively.

Now, using the identification $\pi_1(X_0^{S^n}, u) = \pi_{n+1}(X)$ given by Barcus-Barratt (page 59 of [1]) we obtain identifications:

$$\pi_{1}(E_{0}^{K}, i_{K}) = \pi_{1}(E_{0}^{Sq}, \epsilon_{q}) \times \pi_{1}(E_{0}^{Sn}, \epsilon_{n}) = \pi_{q+1}(E) \times \pi_{n+1}(E) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ u & v \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\pi_{0}(F_{2}, \mathbf{1}_{E}) = \pi_{n+q}(E) = \pi_{n+q}(S^{q}) \times \pi_{n+q}(S^{n}),$$

where $x \in \pi_{q+1}(S^q)$, $y \in \pi_{n+1}(S^q)$, $u \in \pi_{q+1}(S^n)$ and $v \in \pi_{n+1}(S^n)$. Then, from Theorem 4.1, 4.2, and 4.6 of [1], we obtain

LEMMA 2.2.
$$\alpha_{\iota_{K}}\left(\begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ u & v \end{bmatrix}\right) = x \Sigma f(\eta) + f(\eta) \Sigma^{n-1} x + (-1)^{n+1} [y, \iota_{q}]$$

 $+ f(\eta) \Sigma^{q-1} v + u \Sigma f(\eta) + (-1)^{n+q+1} [\iota_{n}, u].$

If $J(\eta)$ is contained in Σ^2 -image we have

 $x \Sigma J(\eta) = J(\eta) \Sigma^{n-1} x$ for all $x \in \pi_{q+1}(S^q)$

from Hilton-Barratt formula, Hence Lemma 2.2 is restated as follows:

(2.3)
$$\partial_2 \left(\begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ u & v \end{bmatrix} \right) = J(\eta) \Sigma^{q-1} v + (-1)^{n+1} [y, \iota_q] + u \Sigma J(\eta) + (-1)^{n+q-1} [\iota_n, u].$$

Moreover, by using the identification:

$$\pi_1(S_0^{nK}, p/K) = \pi_1(S_0^{nSq}, pt) \times \pi_1(S_0^{S^n}, 1_{S^n}) = \pi_{q+1}(S^n) + \pi_{n+1}(S^n)$$

we have

LEMMA 2.4.
$$\partial_1(u, v) = u \Sigma J(\eta) + (-1)^{n+q+1} [\iota_n, u]$$

3. The image of $p_*^E : \pi_1(E^E, 1_E) \rightarrow \pi_1(S^{n^E}, p)$.

First we note that the homomorphism:

$$p^E_* \colon \pi_1(E^E, 1_E) \longrightarrow \pi_1(S^{n^E}, p)$$

is equivalent to the homomorphism:

$$P_{0^*}^E \colon \pi_1(E_0^E, 1_E) \longrightarrow \pi_1(S_0^{n^E}, p)$$

because of 2-connectedness of E and S^n .

Now consider the diagram which is obtained from two fibrings as stated in §2:

Thus, using lemma 2.2 and 2.3, it is easy to obtain isomorphisms:

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_1(S_0^{n^E}, p)/p_{0_{\bullet}}^E(\pi_1(E_0^E, 1_E)) \\ &\cong \{\pi_1(S_0^{n^E}, p)/\pi_1(F_1, p \mid K)\} / \{p_{0_{\bullet}}^E(\pi_1(E_0^E, 1_E)/\pi_1(F_2, 1_E))\} \\ &\cong \partial_1^{-1}(p \mid K)/p_{0_{\bullet}}^K(\partial_2^{-1}(1_E)) \cong A/B , \end{aligned}$$

where $A = (u, v) | u \in \pi_{n+q}(S^n)$, $v \in \pi_{n+1}(S^n)$ with $u \sum J(\eta) + (-1)^{n+q+1}[\iota_n, u] = 0$ } and $B = A \cap \{(u, v) | J(\eta) \sum^{q-1} v + (-1)^{n+q+1}[v, \iota_q] = 0$ for some $v \in \pi_{n+1}(S^q)$ }. Then we have

LEMMA 3.1 If $J(\eta)$ is contained in Σ^2 -image we have $\pi_1(S_0^{n^E}, p)/p_{0*}(\pi_1(E_0^E, 1_E)) \cong \{0\}$ if $J(\eta)\Sigma^{q-1}\pi_{n+1}(S^n) \subset [\pi_{n+1}(S^q), \ell_q],$ $\cong Z_2$ if otherwise.

4. The kernel of $\mathcal{E}(E) \rightarrow \pi_0(S^{n^E}, p) =$ Image of $\mathcal{L}(\xi) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}(E)$.

First consider the following diagram (the continuation of the preceeding one):

$$(4.1) \qquad \begin{aligned} \pi_{1}(E_{0}^{K}, i_{K}) &\longrightarrow \pi_{1}(S_{0}^{nK}, p \mid K) \\ & \downarrow \partial_{2} & \downarrow \partial_{1} \\ \pi_{n+q}(S^{q}) \times \pi_{n+q}(S^{n}) &= \pi_{0}(F_{2}, 1_{E}) &\longrightarrow \pi_{0}(F_{1}, p) = \pi_{n+q}(S^{n}) \\ & \downarrow i_{2}, & \downarrow i_{1}, \\ \pi_{0}(\xi^{\xi}, 1_{E}) &\longrightarrow \pi_{0}(E_{0}^{E}, 1_{E}) &\longrightarrow \pi_{0}(S_{0}^{nE}, p) \\ & \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \pi_{q}(S^{q}) & \pi_{q}(S^{n}) \\ \pi_{n}(S^{q}) & \pi_{n}(S^{n}) \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \pi_{0}(E_{0}^{K}, i_{K}) &\longrightarrow \pi^{0}(S_{0}^{nK}, p \mid K) = \pi_{q}(S^{n}) \times \pi_{n}(S^{n}) . \end{aligned}$$

Let $f: E \rightarrow E$ be a map such that $p \circ f = p$. From the commutativity of (4.1) we obtain

$$r_{2}(f) = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ \beta & 1_{S^n} \end{bmatrix}, a \in \pi_q(S^q) \text{ and } \beta \in \pi_n(S^n).$$

Conversely we take an element of $\pi_0(E_0^K, i_K)$ with a form $\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ \beta & 1_{S^n} \end{bmatrix}$ for $a \in \pi_q(S^q)$, $\beta \in \pi_n(S^q)$, i.e. a map $\hat{f}: K = S^q \vee S^n \to E$ defined by $\hat{f} | S^q = a\iota_q$ and $\hat{f} | S^n = \iota_n + \iota_q \circ \beta$. Since it holds

$$\hat{f}_{*}(\alpha) = a\alpha + a[\beta, \iota_{q}]$$

 \hat{f} is extendable over E if and only if $a[\beta, \iota_q]=0$. Let f be an extension of \hat{f} in such a case. Since $p \circ f | K=p \circ \hat{f}=p | K$ the separation element d(pf, p) $(\in \pi_{n+q}(S^n))$ is defined and we have

$$d(pf, p) = d(pf, pf') + d(pf', p) = p_*d(f, f') + d(pf', p)$$

for another extension of \hat{f} , f'. Thus we obtain

LEMMA 4.2. There exists an exact sequence:

$$i_*(\pi(\xi^{\xi}, 1_B)) \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ \beta & 1_{S^n} \end{bmatrix} a \in \pi_q(S^q), \ \beta \in \pi_n(S^q), \ \lfloor \beta, \ \iota_q \rfloor = 0 \right\} \longrightarrow 0 \ .$$

Moreover, using the following identities obtained from the diagram (4.1):

$$\begin{split} i_{*}(\pi_{0}(\xi^{\xi}, 1_{E})) &\cap i_{2*}\{\pi_{n+q}(S^{q}) \times \pi_{n+1}(S^{n})\} \\ &= i_{2*}(\pi_{n+q}(S^{q}) \times \partial_{1}\pi_{1}(S_{0}^{nE}, p \mid K)) \\ &= i_{2*}(\pi_{n+q}(S^{q}) \times (u \Sigma J(\eta) + (-1)^{n+q+1}[\epsilon_{n}, u])), \ u \in \pi_{q+1}(S^{n}), \end{split}$$

we can easily obtain

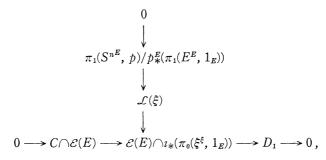
LEMMA 4.3. There exists an exact sequence.

$$0 \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow i_*(\pi_0(\xi^{\xi}, 1_E)) \longrightarrow D \longrightarrow 0,$$

where $C = i_{2*} \{ (\pi_{n+q}(S^q) \times (\pi_{q+1}(S^n) \Sigma J(\eta) + (-1)^{n+q+1} [\iota_n, \pi_{n+1}(S^n)]) \}$ and D denotes the middle term in lemma 4.2.

5. The proof of Theorems.

We start from the diagram:



where D_1 denotes the subgroup of D with a=1. On the other hand, the intersection $D_1 \cap i_*(\pi_0(\xi^{\xi}, 1_E))$ is clearly contained in $\mathcal{E}(E)$. Then from lemma 2.2 we have an isomorphism:

$$D_1 \cap \mathcal{E}(E) \cong \pi_{n+q}(S^q) / \{ J(\eta) \Sigma^{q-1} \pi_{n+1}(S^n) + (-1)^{n+1} [\pi_{n+1}(S^q), \iota_q] \}$$

Now Theorem B follows from lemma 3.1 by using the diagram (5.1) and the above isomorphism.

In the case $J(\eta)\Sigma^{q-1}\pi_{n+1}(S^n) \subset [\pi_{n+1}(S^q), \iota_q]$, Theorem A can be analogously obtained.

Finally we consider the case $J(\eta)\Sigma^{q-1}\pi_{n+1}(S^n) \oplus [\pi_{n+1}(S^q), \iota_q]$. We show that a homomorphism ϕ :

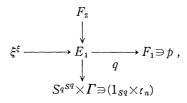
$$G = \pi_{n+q}(S^q) / [\pi_{n+1}(S^q), \iota_q] \longrightarrow \pi_0(\xi^{\xi}, 1_E)$$

can be defined, which makes the following diagram commute,

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \pi_0(\xi^{\xi}, \ 1_E) & \longrightarrow & \pi_0(E^E, \ 1_E) \\ & & & \uparrow & & \\ G & & \longrightarrow & \pi_0(F_2, \ 1_E) \ , \end{array}$$

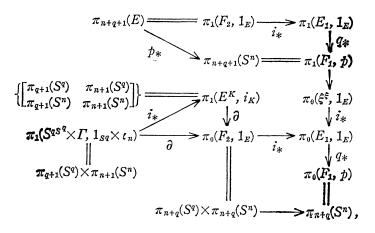
Then Theorem A follows from the diagram (5.1) and lemma 3.1.

Consider the following two fibrings which are obtained from the restriction of fibrings in $\S 2$:



where $E_1 = (p^E)^{-1}(F_1) = (r_2)^{-1}((p^K)^{-1}(p \mid K))$ and Γ denotes the space of cross-sections: $S^n \to E$. Then we have the diagram consisting of a part of a the homotopy exact sequence of fibrings:

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where i_* denotes the homomorphism induced by appropriate inclusions. Now we can easily deduce following results from the diagram (5.2):

(1) p_* is surjective $\Rightarrow q_*$ is surjective $\Rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \pi_0(\xi^{\xi}, 1_E) \rightarrow \pi_0(E_1, 1_E)$ is exact.

(2)
$$J(\eta)\Sigma^{q-1}h_{n+1} = \partial \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & h_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} \in \partial \pi_1(S^{qSq} \times \Gamma, 1_{Sq} \times \iota_n) \Longrightarrow \iota_*(J(\eta)\Sigma^{q-1}h_{n+1}) \neq 0,$$

where h_{n+1} is the generator of $\pi_{n+1}(S^n)$.

$$(3) \quad \left[\pi_{n+q}(S^q), \iota_q\right] = \partial \left[\begin{matrix} \pi & \pi_{n+1}(S^q) \\ 0 & 0 \end{matrix} \right] \subset \partial \pi_1(S^{qS^q} \times \Gamma, 1_{S^q} \times \iota_n) \Rightarrow i_*(\left[\pi_{n+1}(S^q), \iota_q\right]) = 0 \,.$$

(4)
$$q_*i_*(\pi_{n+q}(S^q)) = 0 \Longrightarrow \iota_*(\pi_{n+q}(S^q)) \subset \iota_*(\pi_0(\xi^{\xi}, 1_E)).$$

Thus the homomorphism ϕ which we want is naturally defined by using $(1)\sim(4)$.

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