

### 63. On the Spaces of Self Homotopy Equivalences of Certain CW Complexes

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**1. Introduction.** Let  $X$  be a connected CW complex with base point which is a vertex of  $X$ . And let  $G(X)$  and  $G_0(X)$  be the space of self homotopy equivalences of  $X$  with the compact open topology and the space (subspace of  $G(X)$ ) of self homotopy equivalences of  $X$  preserving the base point, respectively. When  $X$  is an Eilenberg-MacLane complex  $K(\pi, n)$ , the weak homotopy type of  $G(X)$  and  $G_0(X)$  are completely determined by R. Thom [4] and D. H. Gottlieb [1], but it seems that little is known about the homotopy type of  $G(X)$  and  $G_0(X)$ .

**2. Results.** Now, let  $X$  and  $Y$  be connected locally finite CW complexes with base points. Then there exists the following homeomorphisms (see [3]),

$$(X \times Y)^{X \times Y} \cong X^{X \times Y} \times Y^{X \times Y} \cong (X^X)^Y \times (Y^Y)^X,$$

$$(X \times Y)_0^{X \times Y} \cong X_0^{X \times Y} \times Y_0^{X \times Y} = (X^X, X_0^X)^{(Y, y_0)} \times (Y^Y, Y_0^Y)^{(X, x_0)},$$

where  $Z_0^K$  denotes the space of maps of  $K$  to  $Z$  preserving the base points with the compact open topology,  $(Z, Z')^{(K, L)}$  denotes the space of maps of  $(K, L)$  to  $(Z, Z')$  and  $(Z, Z')^{(K, L)}$  is regarded as a subspace of  $Z^K$ . Under these correspondences we have the following two theorems.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be connected locally finite CW complexes with base points. For given  $n > 0$ , assume that  $\pi_i(X) = 0$  for every  $i > n$  and  $\pi_i(Y) = 0$  for every  $i \leq n$ . Then we have*

$$G(X \times Y) = G(X)^Y \times G(Y)^X,$$

$$G_0(X \times Y) = (G(X), G_0(X))^{(Y, y_0)} \times (G(Y), G_0(Y))^{(X, x_0)}.$$

**Theorem 2.** *For given  $n > 0$ , let  $X$  be a connected locally finite CW complex with base point whose dimension is not greater than  $n$  and let  $Y$  be an  $n$ -connected locally finite CW complex with base point. Then the same formulas on  $G(X \times Y)$  and  $G_0(X \times Y)$  as in Theorem 1 hold.*

These theorems are obtained by considering the induced homomorphisms of homotopy groups of self map of  $(X \times Y, (x_0, y_0))$ .

Let  $X$  be a connected locally finite CW complex with base point. Then every arcwise connected component of  $G(X)$  has the same homotopy type. The same fact holds for  $G_0(X)$ . More generally, we have

the following

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $X$  be a homotopy associative  $H$ -space with unit  $e$ . Suppose for each element  $x$  of  $X$  there exists an element  $x'$  of  $X$  such that  $x \cdot x'$  and  $x' \cdot x$  both are contained in the arcwise connected component of  $e$ . Then, every arcwise connected component of  $X$  has the same homotopy type.*

Let us consider a relation between  $G(X)$  and  $G_0(X)$  of a connected CW complex  $X$  with base point. We have

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $X$  be a connected CW complex with base point which is also an  $H$ -space. Then  $G(X)$  has the same weak homotopy type as  $X \times G_0(X)$ .*

Now, by performing a proof within the category of compactly generated spaces and maps along the argument used in the proofs of Theorems 1 and 2, we can obtain the following

**Theorem 3.** *For given  $n > 0$ , let  $X$  be a connected CW complex with base point and let  $Y$  be an  $n$ -connected CW complex with base point. Assume that  $\dim X \leq n$  or  $\pi_i(X) = 0$  for every  $i > n$ . Then the following holds*

$$G(X \times Y) \widetilde{w} G(X) \times G(Y) \times G(X)_0^Y \times G(Y)_0^X, \\ G_0(X \times Y) \widetilde{w} G_0(X) \times G_0(Y) \times G(X)_0^Y \times G(Y)_0^X,$$

where  $\widetilde{w}$  means to have the same weak homotopy type.

By setting  $X = K(\pi, n)$  in Theorem 3, we have

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $X$  be an  $n$ -connected CW complex with base point. Then we have*

$$G_0(K(\pi, n) \times X) \widetilde{w} \text{Aut}(\pi) \times G_0(X) \times G(X)_0^{K(\pi, n)}.$$

**Corollary 2.** *Let  $X$  be a simply connected finite CW complex with base point. Then we have*

$$G(S^1 \times X) \simeq O(2) \times G(X) \times \Omega G(X), \\ G_0(S^1 \times X) \simeq \mathbb{Z}_2 \times G_0(X) \times \Omega G(X),$$

where  $O(2)$  is the orthogonal group of degree 2 and  $\Omega G(X)$  is the loop space of  $G(X)$  based at the identity map  $\text{id}_X$  of  $X$ .

**3. Applications.** Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are connected CW complexes with base points. Let us denote by  $\varepsilon(X)$  and  $\varepsilon(Y)$  the group of based homotopy classes of self homotopy equivalences of  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. Then in the following we can define an action of the direct product  $\varepsilon(X) \times \varepsilon(Y)$  of  $\varepsilon(X)$  and  $\varepsilon(Y)$  on the group  $[X, G(Y)]_0$  whose multiplication is induced by the  $H$ -structure in  $G(Y)$ . Let  $k$  be an element of  $G_0(Y)$  and let  $G_i(Y)$  be the arcwise connected component of  $G(Y)$  containing  $\text{id}_Y$ . We define a self map  $\tilde{k}$  of  $G_i(Y)$  by using the multiplication in  $G(Y)$  as follows:

$$\tilde{k}(\alpha) = k^{-1} \cdot \alpha \cdot k \quad (\alpha \in G_i(Y)),$$

where  $k^{-1}$  is a fixed element of  $G_0(Y)$  which represents the inverse

element of  $[k]$ . Let  $[\tilde{f}]$  be an element of  $[X, G(Y)]_0 = [X, G_i(Y)]_0$ , then we have a well-defined action of  $\varepsilon(X) \times \varepsilon(Y)$  on  $[X, G_i(Y)]_0$  as follows:

$$([h], [k]) * [\tilde{f}] = [\tilde{k} \circ \tilde{f} \circ h].$$

If  $\pi_j(X) = 0$  for every  $j > n$  and  $Y$  be  $n$ -connected, then we define a correspondence  $\lambda$  of  $\varepsilon(X \times Y)$  to  $(\varepsilon(X) \times \varepsilon(Y)) \otimes [X, G(Y)]_0$  which is a semi-direct product of the groups  $\varepsilon(X) \times \varepsilon(Y)$  and  $[X, G(Y)]_0$  defined by the action introduced above. As a bi-product of Theorems 1 and 3, we have the following

**Theorem 4.** *For given  $n > 0$ , let  $X$  be a connected CW complex with base point such that  $\pi_i(X) = 0$  for every  $i > n$  and let  $Y$  be an  $n$ -connected CW complex with base point. Then  $\lambda$  is an isomorphism of  $\varepsilon(X \times Y)$  onto the semi-direct product group  $(\varepsilon(X) \times \varepsilon(Y)) \otimes [Y, G(X)]_0$  defined by the action introduced above.*

As a special case of this theorem, we have a generalization of the theorem of S. Sasao and Y. Ando [2] as follows.

**Corollary.** *Let  $X$  be an  $n$ -connected CW complex with base point. Then we have an isomorphism  $\lambda$ :*

$$\varepsilon(K(\pi, n) \times X) \longrightarrow (\text{Aut}(\pi) \times \varepsilon(X)) \otimes [K(\pi, n), G(X)]_0,$$

where the group on the right hand is a semi-direct product of two groups  $\text{Aut}(\pi) \times \varepsilon(X)$  and  $[K(\pi, n), G(X)]_0$ .

Finally, by observing that the direct product  $\varepsilon(X) \times \varepsilon(Y)$  of the groups  $\varepsilon(X)$  and  $\varepsilon(Y)$  is acting on the group  $[Y, G(X)]_0 = [Y, G_i(X)]_0$ , we have the following result.

**Theorem 5.** *For given  $n > 0$ , let  $X$  be a connected CW complex of  $\dim X \leq n$  with base point and let  $Y$  be an  $n$ -connected CW complex with base point. Suppose that  $[X, G(Y)]_0$  is trivial, then  $\lambda$  is an isomorphism of  $\varepsilon(X \times Y)$  onto the semi-direct product group  $(\varepsilon(X) \times \varepsilon(Y)) \otimes [Y, G(X)]_0$  defined by the action introduced above.*

As a special case of Theorem 5, we have

**Corollary.** *For given  $n > 0$ , let  $X$  be a connected CW complex of  $\dim X \leq n$  with base point. Then we have the following isomorphism*

$$\lambda: \varepsilon(X \times K(\pi, n+1)) \longrightarrow (\varepsilon(X) \times \text{Aut}(\pi)) \otimes [K(\pi, n+1), G(X)]_0.$$

Details will appear elsewhere.

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