

$\mathcal{E}(X)$ FOR NON-SIMPLY CONNECTED H -SPACES

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§ 0. Introduction.

Let X be a path-connected H -space with a unit x_0 and let $\mathcal{E}(X)$ be the group of homotopy classes of homotopy equivalences: $(X, x_0) \rightarrow (X, x_0)$. In the case of X being simply connected, D.M. Sunday, J.R proved that if $\text{rank}(\pi_i(X)) \geq 2$, for some i , then $\mathcal{E}(X)$ contains a non abelian free subgroup (Theorem B-(2) of [3]). In this paper we investigate the case of an associative H -space X being not simply connected and having the homotopy type of a CW -complex.

THEOREM A. *There exists a splitting exact sequence:*

$$\{1\} \longrightarrow \nu^{-1}(1) \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}(X) \xrightarrow{\nu} GL(n, Z) \longrightarrow \{1\},$$

where n is the rank of $\pi_1(X, x_0)$.

Especially, since $GL(n, Z)$ is not of finite rank for $n \geq 2$ we have

COROLLARY. *If $\text{rank}(\pi_1(X, x_0)) \geq 2$ then $\mathcal{E}(X)$ is not of finite rank.*

Next let $\mathcal{E}_H(X)$ be the subgroup of $\mathcal{E}(X)$ consisting of homotopy-homomorphisms (H -maps), then we have

THEOREM B. *If the natural homomorphism*

$$\pi_1(Z(X), x_0) \longrightarrow \pi_1(X, x_0)/\text{Torsion}$$

is onto, where $Z(X)$ denotes the homotopy-centre of X , then $\mathcal{E}_H(X)$ contains $GL(n, Z)$ as a semi-direct factor.

In addition, if we assume that $\pi_1(X, x_0)$ is torsion free we have

COROLLARY. *$\mathcal{E}(X)$ is isomorphic to the direct sum $GL(n, Z) \oplus K(X)$, where $K(X)$ denotes the kernel of the natural representation*

$$\mathcal{E}_H(X) \longrightarrow \text{Aut}(\pi_1(X, x_0)) = GL(n, Z).$$

§1. Definitions of homomorphisms ν and μ .

Let $\pi_1(X, x_0)$ be isomorphic to the direct sum $Z^n \oplus F$, where F is the torsion subgroup, and let $\{\alpha_i\}$ ($i=1, \dots, n$) be a system of generators of Z^n . For a map $f: (X, x_0) \rightarrow (X, x_0)$ we define a homomorphism:

$$\tilde{f}: Z^n \xrightarrow{i} \pi_1(X, x_0) \xrightarrow{f_*} \pi_1(X, x_0) \xrightarrow{j} Z^n$$

by the composition jf_*i , i is the inclusion and j is the projection.

LEMMA 1. $(\tilde{h}f) = \tilde{h}\tilde{f}$, $i\tilde{d} = id$

Proof. Consider the diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} Z^n & \xrightarrow{i} & \pi_1(X, x_0) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & \pi_1(X, x_0) & \xrightarrow{h_*} & \pi_1(X, x_0) \\ & & & & \downarrow j & & \downarrow j \\ & & & & Z^n & & Z^n \\ & & & & \uparrow i & & \\ & & & & & & \end{array}$$

Then, for $x \in Z^n$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f_*i(x) &= ijf_*i(x) + x' \quad (x' \in F) \\ h_*f_*i(x) &= h_*i\tilde{f}(x) + h_*(x') \\ jh_*f_*i(x) &= jh_*i\tilde{f}(x) + jh_*(x') \quad (jh_*(x') = 0) \end{aligned}$$

thus we have $(\tilde{h}f)(x) = \tilde{h}\tilde{f}(x)$ i.e. $\tilde{h}f = \tilde{h}\tilde{f}$.

Since we may regard \tilde{f} as an element of $GL(n, Z)$ by using the system of generators $\{\alpha_i\}$ we define $\nu(f)$ by the matrix \tilde{f} and get a homomorphism,

$$\nu: \mathcal{E}(X) \longrightarrow GL(n, Z).$$

Conversely, let $A = (a_{ij})$ be a matrix of degree n with Z -coefficient. Now, from isomorphisms:

$$[X, S^1] \cong H^1(X, Z) \cong \text{Hom}(H_1(X, Z), Z) \cong \text{Hom}(\pi_1(X, x_0), Z) \cong \text{Hom}(Z^n, Z),$$

we obtain a map

$$f_i: X \longrightarrow S^1 \quad (i=1, \dots, n)$$

which satisfies $f_{i*}(\alpha_j) = a_{ji}$.

Define a map $f_A: X \rightarrow X$ by

$$f_A(x) = (\alpha_1 f_1(x)) \odot (\alpha_2 f_2(x)) \odot \dots \odot (\alpha_n f_n(x)),$$

where \odot denotes the multiplication of X .

The following lemma can be easily deduced from definitions.

LEMMA 2. $f_{A^*}: \pi_m(X, x_0) \rightarrow \pi_m(X, x_0)$ satisfies

- (1) $f_{A^*}=0$ -homomorphism if $m \geq 2$
- (2) $f_{A^*}|F=0$ and $f_{A^*}|Z^n=A$ if $m=1$.

Moreover if we define a map $\hat{f}_A: X \rightarrow X$ by $\hat{f}_A(x)=x \odot f_A(x)$, then we can transform lemma 2 to the following

LEMMA 3. $\hat{f}_{A^*}: \pi_m(X, x_0) \rightarrow \pi_m(X, x_0)$ satisfies

- (1) \hat{f}_{A^*} is the identity if $m \geq 2$
- (2) $\hat{f}_{A^*}|F$ is the identity and $\hat{f}_{A^*}|Z^n=I_n+A$ if $m=1$,

where I_n denotes the unit matrix of degree n .

Thus, from Whitehead's theorem, we obtain

LEMMA 4. \hat{f}_A is a homotopy equivalence if and only if the matrix I_n+A is contained in $GL(n, Z)$.

Now we define a correspondence $\mu: GL(n, Z) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}(X)$ by

$$\mu(A)=\hat{f}_A-I_n.$$

Then, by considering the induced homomorphism, we have, from lemma 3,

LEMMA 5. The correspondence $\nu\mu$ is the identity.

§ 2. The homomorphism μ .

In this section we prove

LEMMA 6. μ is an anti-homomorphism ($\mu(A)\mu(B)=\mu(BA)$)

For the proof we need some sub-lemmas. We denote $A-I_n$ by A' for short. First we note the equality:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{f}_{A'}\hat{f}_{B'} &= (1_X \odot f_{A'}) (1_X \odot f_{B'}) \\ &= 1_X (1_X \odot f_{B'}) \odot f_{A'} (1_X \odot f_{B'}) \\ &= (1_X \odot f_{B'}) \odot f_{A'} (1_X \odot f_{B'}) \\ &= 1_X \odot \{f_{B'} \odot f_{A'} (1_X \odot f_{B'})\}. \end{aligned}$$

Sub-lemma 1. $f_P(1_X \odot f_Q)=f_{P+QP}$ for any matrices P and Q .

Proof. Consider the diagram for $f_{i*}(\alpha_j) = p_{ji}$, $P = (p_{ij})$:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X \times X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X \\
 & & (1_X, f_Q) & \textcircled{\circ} & \downarrow (f_1, \dots, f_n) \\
 & & & & T^n = S^1 \times \dots \times S^1 \\
 & & & & \downarrow \alpha_1 \times \dots \times \alpha_n \\
 & & & & X \times \dots \times X \xrightarrow{\quad} X \\
 & & & & \textcircled{\circ} \dots \textcircled{\circ}
 \end{array}$$

Since we have the equality for the induced homomorphisms:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (f_1 \cdots f_n)_*(1_X \textcircled{\circ} f_Q)_* \{(\alpha_i)\} &= (f_1 \cdots f_n)_* \{(\alpha_i) + Q(\alpha_i)\} \\
 &= (f_1 \cdots f_n)_* \{(I_n + Q)(\alpha_i)\} \\
 &= (I_n + Q)P\{(\alpha_i)\}
 \end{aligned}$$

the proof follows from definitions of maps.

Sub-lemma 2. We can take any element of $\pi_1(X, x_0)$ as an H -map, i.e. $\alpha(xy) \cong \alpha(x) \textcircled{\circ} \alpha(y)$ for $\alpha: (S^1, 1) \rightarrow (X, x_0)$.

Proof. Since the obstruction is given by the separation element of two maps:

$$S^1 \times S^1 \longrightarrow X, \quad \alpha(xy) \text{ and } \alpha(x) \textcircled{\circ} \alpha(y),$$

the proof follows from $\pi_2(X, x_0) = \{0\}$.

Analogously we have

Sub-lemma 3. For $\alpha, \beta \in \pi_1(X, x_0)$ two maps,

$$\alpha(x) \textcircled{\circ} \beta(y) \text{ and } \beta(y) \textcircled{\circ} \alpha(x): S^1 \times S^1 \longrightarrow X$$

are homotopic.

Sub-lemma 4. $f_P \textcircled{\circ} f_Q = f_{P+Q}: X \rightarrow X$.

Proof. Consider the diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & T^n \times T^n & \xrightarrow{\quad} & (X \times X \times \dots \times X) \times (X \times X \dots \times X) \\
 & \searrow \tilde{f}_P \times \tilde{f}_Q & \downarrow \text{multiplication of } T^n & & \downarrow X \times X \\
 & & T^n & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X \\
 & \tilde{f}_{P+Q} & & \alpha_1 \textcircled{\circ} \alpha_2 \textcircled{\circ} \dots \textcircled{\circ} \alpha_n &
 \end{array}$$

Here the square of maps in the right hand means that

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (x_i) \times (y_i) & \longrightarrow & (\alpha_i(x_i)) \times (\alpha_i(y_i)) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & (\alpha_1(x_1) \odot \cdots \odot \alpha_n(x_n)) \times (\alpha_1(y_1) \odot \cdots \odot \alpha_n(y_n)) \\
 & & \downarrow \\
 & & \alpha_1(x_1) \odot \cdots \odot \alpha_n(x_n) \odot \alpha_1(y_1) \cdots \odot \alpha_n(y_n) \\
 (x_i y_i) & \longrightarrow & \alpha_1(x_1 y_1) \odot \cdots \odot \alpha_n(x_n y_n),
 \end{array}$$

and \bar{f}_P is defined by $f_P(x) = (f_1(x) \cdots f_n(x))$ for $f_i : X \rightarrow S^1$ such that $f_{i*}(\alpha_j) = p_{ji}$, $P = (p_{ij})$.

Then sub-lemma 2 and 3 shows that the square is commutative up to homotopy and the triangle in the left hand is also commutative up to homotopy by the definitions of \bar{f}_P , \bar{f}_Q , and \bar{f}_{P+Q} . Thus the proof is completed by $f_P = (1_X \odot 1_X \odot \cdots \odot 1_X)(\alpha_1 \times \cdots \times \alpha_n) \bar{f}_P, \cdots$ etc.

Now the proof of lemma 6 completes from above lemmas as follows,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{f}_{A'} \hat{f}_{B'} &= 1_X \odot \{f_{B'} \odot f_{A'}(1_X \odot f_{B'})\} \\
 &\cong 1_X \odot (f_{B'} \odot f_{A'+B', A'}) \\
 &\cong 1_X \odot f_{B'+A'+B', A'} \\
 &\cong 1_X \odot f_{B-I_n+A-I_n+BA-B-A+I_n} \\
 &= 1_X \odot f_{BA-I_n} = \hat{f}_{BA-I_n}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus the proof of Theorem A is easily obtained from lemma 5 and 6.

§ 3. The Proof of Theorem B.

For the proof it is sufficient to show that the map:

$$\hat{f}_A : X \longrightarrow X \quad (A : \text{a matrix of degree } n)$$

is an H -map. Recall the definition of \hat{f}_A ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{f}_A(x) &= x \odot f_A(x) \\
 &= x \odot (\alpha_1(f_1(x)) \odot \alpha_2(f_2(x)) \cdots \odot \alpha_n(f_n(x))),
 \end{aligned}$$

where $f_i : X \rightarrow S^1$ is given by $f_{i*}(\alpha_j) = a_{ji}$ for $A = (a_{ij})$ and $\{\alpha_i\}$ is a system of generators of the free part of $\pi_1(X, x_0)$.

Under the assumption we may consider that each α_i can be taken as an H -map: $S^1 \rightarrow Z(X) \rightarrow X$ by sub-lemma 2. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{f}_A(x \odot y) &= x \odot y \odot (\alpha_1(f_1(x \odot y))) \odot (\alpha_2(f_2(x \odot y))) \odot \cdots \odot (\alpha_n(f_n(x \odot y))) \\
&\cong x \odot y \odot (\alpha_1(f_1(x))) \odot (\alpha_1(f_1(y))) \odot \cdots \odot (\alpha_n(f_n(x))) \odot (\alpha_n(f_n(y))) \\
&\cong x \odot y \odot (\alpha_1(f_1(x))) \odot (\alpha_2(f_2(x))) \odot \cdots \odot (\alpha_n(f_n(x))) \odot (\alpha_1(f_1(y))) \odot \cdots \odot (\alpha_n(f_n(y))) \\
&\cong x \odot (\alpha_1(f_1(x))) \odot \cdots \odot (\alpha_n(f_n(x))) \odot y \odot (\alpha_1(f_1(y))) \odot \cdots \odot (\alpha_n(f_n(y))) \\
&\cong \hat{f}_A(x) \odot \hat{f}_A(y).
\end{aligned}$$

Here, we note that the second equality is derived from sub-lemma 2 and the following

LEMMA 7. For any map $f : (X, x_0) \rightarrow (S^1, 1)$, f is an H -map.

Proof. Consider two maps:

$$X \times X \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f_1} \\ \xrightarrow{f_2} \end{array} S^1; \quad \begin{array}{l} f_1(x, y) = f(x \odot y) \\ f_2(x, y) = f(x) \odot f(y). \end{array}$$

Clearly we have $f_1|_{X \vee X} = f_2|_{X \vee X}$. Then the proof is completed by $\pi_i(S^1, 1) = \{0\}$ ($i > 1$).

Now, let $h : (X, x_0) \rightarrow (X, x_0)$ be a map contained in $\mathcal{E}_H(X)$ such that $\nu(h) = I_n$, and consider two compositions $h\hat{f}_A$ and \hat{f}_Ah for a matrix A .

Then the following lemma completes the proof of Corollary of Theorem B.

LEMMA 8. \hat{f}_Ah is homotopic to $h\hat{f}_A$.

Proof. Since $\hat{f}_Ah(x) = h(x) \odot f_A(h(x)) \sim h(x) \odot (\alpha_1(f_1(h(x)))) \odot \cdots \odot (\alpha_n(f_n(h(x))))$ and $h\hat{f}_A(x) = h(x \odot f_A(x)) \sim h(x) \odot h(f_A(x)) \sim h(x) \odot h(\alpha_1 f_1(x)) \odot \cdots \odot h(\alpha_n f_n(x))$ it is sufficient to show $h\alpha_i f_i \sim \alpha_i f_i h$, i.e. the homotopy-commutativity of the diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
X & \xrightarrow{f_i} & S^1 & \xrightarrow{\alpha_i} & X \\
\uparrow h & & & & \uparrow h \\
X & \xrightarrow{f_i} & S^1 & \xrightarrow{\alpha_i} & X
\end{array}$$

Since $h^* = \text{identity} : H^1(X; Z) \rightarrow H^1(X; Z)$ follows from the condition $\nu(h) = I_n$ we have $(hf_i)^* = f_i^* h^* = f_i^*$, i.e. $hf_i \sim f_i$. Moreover, $h\alpha_i \sim \alpha_i$ is clear from $\nu(h) = I_n$ and the additional assumption. Hence these complete the proof.

Addendum. Another proof of theorem A was informed to the author from M. Mimura and A. Kono in preparation of the paper.

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