

## On equivariant self-homotopy equivalences of $G$ -CW complexes

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**ABSTRACT.** Let  $G$  be a finite group. We give a short exact sequence for calculating the group  $\mathcal{E}_G(X)$  of based  $G$ -homotopy classes of based  $G$ -self-homotopy equivalences of a  $G$ -CW complex  $X$  under certain conditions.

### 0. Introduction

For a based  $G$ -space  $X$ , the set  $\mathcal{E}_G(X)$  of based  $G$ -equivariant homotopy classes of based  $G$ -equivariant self-homotopy equivalences of  $X$  forms a group under composition of maps. In this paper, we study  $\mathcal{E}_G(X)$  for a  $G$ -CW complex  $X$  under certain conditions. Throughout the paper,  $G$  is a finite group and  $H$  a subgroup of  $G$ , all  $G$ -CW complexes are  $G$ -connected and have  $G$ -fixed base points, and all  $G$ -maps and  $G$ -homotopies (denoted by  $\simeq$ ) preserve the base points  $*$ . For a  $G$ -map  $f : A \rightarrow B$  between  $G$ -CW complexes, we consider the reduced cone  $CA = A \times I / (A \times \{1\}) \cup (\{*\} \times I)$ , the reduced suspension  $SA = CA / A \times \{0\}$  and the reduced mapping cone  $C_f = B \cup_f CA$  obtained from the topological sum of  $B$  and  $CA$  by identifying each  $(a, 0) \in CA$  with  $f(a) \in B$ , where  $G$  acts trivially on  $I = [0, 1]$ . Then a  $G$ -coaction of  $SA$  on  $C_f$  defines a map  $\lambda$  in §1, whose restriction to  $\text{Im } i_*$  yields the homomorphism  $\lambda : i_*([SA, B]_G) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_G(C_f)$ , where  $i : B \rightarrow C_f$  is the inclusion (Lemma 1.3). This homomorphism will be used in §3. In §2  $\mathcal{E}_G(C_f)$  for  $A = G/H^+ \wedge S^n$ , the  $n$ -fold reduced suspension of  $G/H^+$ , is studied. Here  $G/H$  denotes the left coset space of  $G$  by  $H$  with action given by  $g \cdot (g'H) = (gg')H$  for  $g \in G$  and  $g'H \in G/H$ , and  $G/H^+$  the topological sum of  $G/H$  and a single point  $*$ , the base point of  $G/H^+$ . A homomorphism  $\varphi \times \psi : \mathcal{E}_G(C_f) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_G(A) \times \mathcal{E}_G(B)$  is obtained when  $\dim B \leq n - 1$  and  $n \geq 2$ . The image and the kernel of this homomorphism are studied in §2 and §3, respectively. Then, a short exact sequence for calculating  $\mathcal{E}_G(C_f)$  is obtained in Theorem 3.5. The non-equivariant case is due to Barcus and Barratt [1, Theorem (6.1)]. In §4 we show that if  $n \geq 2$  then  $\mathcal{E}_G(G/H^+ \wedge S^n)$  is anti-

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isomorphic to the group  $U(\mathbf{Z}(N(H)/H))$  of units of the integral group ring  $\mathbf{Z}(N(H)/H)$  of  $N(H)/H$ , where  $N(H)$  denotes the normalizer of  $H$  in  $G$  (Theorem 4.1). In §5 using the above anti-isomorphism and short exact sequence, we study  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_2}(C_f)$  for each  $\mathbf{Z}_2$ -map  $f : \mathbf{Z}_2^+ \wedge S^{n+k} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_2^+ \wedge S^n$  with  $n \geq k + 3 \geq 4$  (Theorem 5.11) and further calculate  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_2}(C_f)$  in the case of  $k = 1$  (Proposition 5.16). In §6 we also study  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_6}(C_f)$  for each  $\mathbf{Z}_6$ -map  $f : \mathbf{Z}_6^+ \wedge S^{n+k} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_2^+ \wedge S^n$  with  $n \geq k + 3 \geq 4$  (Theorem 6.6) and calculate  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_6}(C_f)$  in the case of  $k = 1$  (Proposition 6.10). We use the following notation:  $[X, Y]_G$  denotes the set of based  $G$ -homotopy classes of based  $G$ -maps of  $X$  into  $Y$ .  $X^H$  denotes the  $H$ -stationary subspace  $\{x \in X \mid gx = x \text{ for every } g \in H\}$ .  $(\mathbf{Z}_q)^k$  denotes the direct product of  $k$ -copies of  $\mathbf{Z}_q$ . The same symbol will be used for a  $G$ -map and its  $G$ -homotopy class. A  $G$ -CW complex  $X$  is called  $G$ -connected (resp.  $G$ -1-connected) if the fixed point set  $X^H$  is connected (resp. simply connected) for every subgroup  $H$  of  $G$ .

**1. Preliminaries**

For a  $G$ -map  $f : A \rightarrow B$  between  $G$ -CW complexes we consider the sequence of the induced cofibering

$$A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{i} C_f \xrightarrow{p} SA,$$

where  $i$  and  $p$  are  $G$ -maps with respect to the natural  $G$ -actions. The coaction

$$(1.1) \quad l : C_f \rightarrow C_f \vee SA,$$

defined by collapsing the subspace  $A \times \{1/2\}$  of  $C_f = B \cup_f CA$  to the base point  $*$ , is a  $G$ -map and defines a map

$$(1.2) \quad \lambda : [SA, C_f]_G \rightarrow [C_f, C_f]_G$$

by  $\lambda(\alpha) = \nabla(1 \vee \alpha)l$  for  $\alpha \in [SA, C_f]_G$ , where  $\nabla$  denotes the folding map. Then we have the following, which will be used in §3.

**LEMMA 1.3.**  $\lambda(\alpha + \beta) = \lambda(\alpha)\lambda(\beta)$  for  $\alpha \in [SA, C_f]_G$  if  $\beta$  belongs to the image of  $i_* : [SA, B]_G \rightarrow [SA, C_f]_G$ .

**PROOF.** If  $\beta = i\beta'$  for some  $\beta' \in [SA, B]_G$ , then  $\lambda(\alpha)\beta = \beta$  by the definition of  $\lambda$ . For the natural  $G$ -comultiplication  $l'$  on  $SA$ ,  $(l \vee 1)l = (1 \vee l')l$ . These equalities,  $\lambda(\alpha)\beta = \beta$  and  $(l \vee 1)l = (1 \vee l')l$ , yield

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(\alpha)\lambda(\beta) &= \nabla(\lambda(\alpha) \vee \lambda(\alpha)\beta)l = \nabla(\lambda(\alpha) \vee \beta)l \\ &= \nabla(1 \vee \nabla)(1 \vee \alpha \vee \beta)(1 \vee l')l = \lambda(\alpha + \beta). \end{aligned} \quad \text{q.e.d.}$$

**2. Homomorphism  $\varphi \times \psi$  and its image**

In this section we assume that  $A = G/H^+ \wedge S^n$  with  $n \geq 2$  and  $B$  is a  $G$ -CW complex; we consider the mapping cone

$$C_f = B \cup_f (G/H^+ \wedge e^{n+1})$$

of a  $G$ -map  $f : A \rightarrow B$ . Note that  $G/H^+ \wedge S^n = \bigvee_i (g_i H/H^+ \wedge S^n)$ , the one point union of  $n$ -spheres with action given by  $g \cdot (g_i H/H^+) = (gg_i)H/H^+$ .

LEMMA 2.1. *If  $\dim B \leq n - 1$ , then  $i_* : [B, B]_G \rightarrow [B, C_f]_G$  and  $p^* : [SA, SA]_G \rightarrow [C_f, SA]_G$  are bijective.*

PROOF. Let  $L$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Since the fixed point set  $C_f^L = B^L \cup_f (((G/H)^L)^+ \wedge e^{n+1})$ ,  $(C_f^L, B^L)$  is  $n$ -connected (cf. [8, II, (3.9) Theorem]). Hence  $i_* : [B, B]_G \rightarrow [B, C_f]_G$  is bijective by [2, II, (5.3) Corollary]. Also  $SA = G/H^+ \wedge S^{n+1}$  implies that  $[SB, SA]_G = [B, SA]_G = 0$  by [2, II, (5.2) Lemma]. Therefore, the Puppe sequence (cf. [2, III, (2.2)])

$$\longrightarrow [SB, SA]_G \xrightarrow{(Sf)^*} [SA, SA]_G \xrightarrow{p^*} [C_f, SA]_G \xrightarrow{i^*} [B, SA]_G \longrightarrow$$

shows that  $p^*$  is bijective. q.e.d.

Since the suspension  $S : [A, A]_G \rightarrow [SA, SA]_G$  is bijective (see §4), the above lemma allows us to define a map

$$(2.2) \quad \varphi \times \psi : [C_f, C_f]_G \rightarrow [A, A]_G \times [B, B]_G$$

by  $\varphi = S^{-1}p^{*-1}p_*$  and  $\psi = i_*^{-1}i^*$  under the assumption of Lemma 2.1. Namely,  $S\varphi(h)$  and  $\psi(h)$  are the elements uniquely determined by the  $G$ -homotopy commutative diagram

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} B & \xrightarrow{i} & C_f & \xrightarrow{p} & SA \\ \downarrow \psi(h) & & \downarrow h & & \downarrow S\varphi(h) \\ B & \xrightarrow{i} & C_f & \xrightarrow{p} & SA. \end{array}$$

Therefore  $\varphi \times \psi$  is a homomorphism of monoids, and hence a homomorphism

$$(2.4) \quad \varphi \times \psi : \mathcal{E}_G(C_f) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_G(A) \times \mathcal{E}_G(B)$$

of groups can be defined as the restriction of the map  $\varphi \times \psi$  in (2.2) to  $\mathcal{E}_G(C_f)$  when  $\dim B \leq n - 1$ . From now on, we study the image of this homomorphism  $\varphi \times \psi$ . Let  $ESA = (SA)^I$ , the space of free paths (not necessary equivariant) in  $SA$ , and  $PSA = \{\sigma \in ESA \mid \sigma(1) = *\}$ , the space of paths in  $SA$ , where  $G$  acts on  $ESA$  and  $PSA$  by  $(g \cdot \sigma)(t) = g \cdot \sigma(t)$  for  $g \in G$  and  $\sigma \in ESA$

(or  $PSA$ ), and let

$$\Omega SA \xrightarrow{j} F_p \xrightarrow{q} C_f \quad (q(x, \sigma) = x)$$

be the path fibering induced from the fibering  $\Omega SA \rightarrow PSA \rightarrow SA$  by  $p : C_f \rightarrow SA$ , where  $G$  acts diagonally on  $F_p = \{(x, \sigma) \in C_f \times PSA \mid p(x) = \sigma(0)\}$ . Then a  $G$ -lifting  $\iota : B \rightarrow F_p$  of  $i : B \rightarrow C_f$  can be defined by  $\iota(b) = (b, 0_*) \in F_p$ , where  $0_*$  denotes the constant path,  $0_*(t) = *, t \in I$ .

LEMMA 2.5. (i) If  $\dim B \leq n - 1$ , then  $q_* : [B, F_p]_G \rightarrow [B, C_f]_G$  is bijective.

(ii) If  $B$  is  $G$ -1-connected, then  $\iota_* : [A, B]_G \rightarrow [A, F_p]_G$  is bijective.

PROOF. (i) Let  $L$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Since  $SA^L = ((G/H)^L)^+ \wedge S^{n+1}$ ,  $\pi_i(\Omega SA^L) = 0$  for all  $i \leq n - 1$ . Therefore, the homotopy sequence

$$\longrightarrow \pi_i(\Omega SA^L) \xrightarrow{j_*} \pi_i(F_p^L) \xrightarrow{q_*} \pi_i(C_f^L) \xrightarrow{\delta} \pi_{i-1}(\Omega SA^L) \longrightarrow$$

of the fibering  $\Omega SA^L \rightarrow F_p^L \rightarrow C_f^L$  shows that  $q_* : \pi_i(F_p^L) \rightarrow \pi_i(C_f^L)$  is isomorphic for all  $i \leq n - 1$  and epimorphic for  $i = n$ . Hence, if  $\dim B \leq n - 1$ , then  $q_* : [B, F_p]_G \rightarrow [B, C_f]_G$  is bijective in the same way as in [2, II, (5.4) Theorem].

(ii) Since  $A = G/H^+ \wedge S^n$ , it suffices to show that  $\iota_* : \pi_n(B^H) \rightarrow \pi_n(F_p^H)$  is isomorphic by [4, Lemma 2.1']. Let  $E_p = \{(x, \sigma) \in C_f \times ESA \mid p(x) = \sigma(0)\}$ , where  $G$  acts diagonally on  $E_p$ . Then the fibering

$$F_p \xrightarrow{u} E_p \xrightarrow{r} SA \quad (r(x, \sigma) = \sigma(1))$$

induces the isomorphism  $r_* : \pi_i(E_p^H, F_p^H) \rightarrow \pi_i(SA^H)$  for all  $i$ . Also, since  $C_f^H = B^H \cup_f ((G/H)^H)^+ \wedge e^{n+1}$ , Blakers-Massey Theorem implies that  $p_* : \pi_i(C_f^H, B^H) \rightarrow \pi_i(SA^H)$  is isomorphic for all  $i \leq n + 1$  (cf. [8, VII, (7.12) Theorem]). The inclusion  $e : C_f \rightarrow E_p$  defined by  $e(x) = (x, 0_{p(x)})$  is a  $G$ -homotopy equivalence satisfying  $p = re$ . Therefore, in particular,  $(e, \iota)_* = r_*^{-1} p_* : \pi_{n+1}(C_f^H, B^H) \rightarrow \pi_{n+1}(E_p^H, F_p^H)$  and  $e_* : \pi_i(C_f^H) \rightarrow \pi_i(E_p^H)$  for  $i = n$  and  $n + 1$  are isomorphic. Thus, the equality  $ei = ui$  gives rise to the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \longrightarrow & \pi_{n+1}(C_f^H) & \longrightarrow & \pi_{n+1}(C_f^H, B^H) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & \pi_n(B^H) & \xrightarrow{\iota_*} & \pi_n(C_f^H) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & e_* \downarrow \cong & & (e, \iota)_* \downarrow \cong & & \iota_* \downarrow & & e_* \downarrow \cong & & \\ \longrightarrow & \pi_{n+1}(E_p^H) & \longrightarrow & \pi_{n+1}(E_p^H, F_p^H) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & \pi_n(F_p^H) & \xrightarrow{u_*} & \pi_n(E_p^H) & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

whose top and bottom rows are the homotopy sequences of the pairs  $(C_f, B^H)$  and  $(E_p^H, F_p^H)$ , respectively. This diagram shows that  $\iota_* : \pi_n(B^H) \rightarrow \pi_n(F_p^H)$  is isomorphic by the five lemma. q.e.d.

Let  $\varphi \times \psi$  be the homomorphism in (2.4). Then we show the following in the same way as in the non-equivariant case due to Rutter [6, Theorem 4.6].

LEMMA 2.6. *If  $B$  is  $G$ -1-connected and  $\dim B \leq n - 1$ , then the image of  $\varphi \times \psi$  is equal to*

$$M = \{(h_1, h_2) \in \mathcal{E}_G(A) \times \mathcal{E}_G(B) \mid h_2 f = f h_1 \text{ in } [A, B]_G\}.$$

PROOF. Let  $(h_1, h_2)$  be any element of  $M$ . Then, each  $G$ -homotopy  $h_2 f \simeq f h_1$  allows us to construct a  $G$ -map  $h : C_f \rightarrow C_f$  such that  $h i \simeq i h_2$  and  $S h_1 p \simeq p h$ , that is,  $\psi(h) = h_2$  and  $S\varphi(h) = S h_1$  in (2.3). Therefore, to prove  $M \subset \text{Im}(\varphi \times \psi)$ , it suffices to show that the above element  $h$  is a  $G$ -homotopy equivalence. For each subgroup  $L$  of  $G$ ,  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  induce the isomorphisms  $h_{1*} : H_i(A^L; \mathbf{Z}) \rightarrow H_i(A^L; \mathbf{Z})$  and  $h_{2*} : H_i(B^L; \mathbf{Z}) \rightarrow H_i(B^L; \mathbf{Z})$  for all  $i$ , respectively. Therefore,  $h$  induces the isomorphism  $h_* : H_i(C_f^L; \mathbf{Z}) \rightarrow H_i(C_f^L; \mathbf{Z})$  for all  $i$  by the five lemma, and hence it induces the isomorphism  $h_* : \pi_i(C_f^L) \rightarrow \pi_i(C_f^L)$  for all  $i$  by Whitehead Theorem. By [2, II, (5.5) Corollary], this shows that  $h$  is a  $G$ -homotopy equivalence. Thus,  $M \subset \text{Im}(\varphi \times \psi)$ . Next, let  $h$  be any element of  $\mathcal{E}_G(C_f)$ . Then,  $p_* h = p^* S\varphi(h)$  by the definition of  $\varphi$ , and each  $G$ -homotopy  $p h \simeq S\varphi(h) p$  allows us to construct a  $G$ -map  $\bar{h} : F_p \rightarrow F_p$  such that the diagram

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} \Omega S A & \xrightarrow{j} & F_p & \xrightarrow{q} & C_f & \xrightarrow{p} & S A \\ & & \downarrow \Omega S\varphi(h) & & \downarrow h & & \downarrow S\varphi(h) \\ \Omega S A & \xrightarrow{j} & F_p & \xrightarrow{q} & C_f & \xrightarrow{p} & S A \end{array}$$

is  $G$ -homotopy commutative. Let  $\iota : B \rightarrow F_p$  be the  $G$ -lifting of  $i : B \rightarrow C_f$  in Lemma 2.5. Then, the equality  $q \iota = i$  and the commutativity of the diagrams (2.3) and (2.7) yield

$$q \iota \psi(h) = \iota \psi(h) \simeq h i = h q \iota \simeq q \bar{h} \iota,$$

and hence  $\iota \psi(h) \simeq \bar{h} \iota$  by Lemma 2.5 (i). Furthermore, let  $\tau : A \rightarrow \Omega S A$  be a  $G$ -map defined by  $\tau(a)(t) = (a, 1 - t)$  for  $a \in A$  and  $t \in I$ . Then,  $\Omega S\varphi(h)\tau = \tau\varphi(h)$ . Let  $\tau_s : A \rightarrow P S A$  be a  $G$ -homotopy defined by  $\tau_s(a)(t) = p(a, s(1 - t))$  for  $a \in A$  and  $s, t \in I$ , and let  $h_s : A \rightarrow F_p$  be a  $G$ -homotopy defined by  $h_s(a) = ((a, s), \tau_s(a))$ . Then this  $G$ -homotopy  $h_s$  shows that  $\iota f \simeq j \tau$ . Now, these  $G$ -homotopies and the equality,  $\iota \psi(h) \simeq \bar{h} \iota$ ,  $\iota f \simeq j \tau$  and  $\Omega S\varphi(h)\tau = \tau\varphi(h)$ , and the commutativity of the diagram (2.7) yield

$$\iota \psi(h) f \simeq \bar{h} \iota f \simeq \bar{h} j \tau \simeq j \Omega S\varphi(h)\tau = j \tau\varphi(h) \simeq \iota f \varphi(h).$$

Hence,  $\psi(h) f \simeq f \varphi(h)$  by Lemma 2.5 (ii). Thus,  $\text{Im}(\varphi \times \psi) \subset M$ . q.e.d.

**3. Kernel of  $\varphi \times \psi$  and a short exact sequence**

In this section we assume that  $A' = G/H^+ \wedge S^{n-1}$  with  $n \geq 2$  and  $B'$  is a  $G$ -CW complex; we also assume that  $f' : A' \rightarrow B'$  is any  $G$ -map and that  $f = Sf' : A = SA' \rightarrow B = SB'$ . Then we have

LEMMA 3.1. *If  $B$  is  $G$ -1-connected, then there is an exact sequence of groups*

$$[SA, B]_G \xrightarrow{i_*} [SA, C_f]_G \xrightarrow{p_*} [SA, SA]_G.$$

PROOF. An isomorphism  $\pi_{n+1}(C_f^H, B^H) \cong \pi_{n+1}(((G/H)^H)^+ \wedge S^{n+1})$  obtained by Blakers-Massey Theorem yields an exact sequence

$$\pi_{n+1}(B^H) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_{n+1}(C_f^H) \xrightarrow{p_*} \pi_{n+1}(((G/H)^H)^+ \wedge S^{n+1}),$$

which implies this lemma by [4, Lemma 2.1']. q.e.d.

Let  $\lambda$  be the map in (1.2) and  $\varphi \times \psi$  the homomorphism in (2.4). Then we have

LEMMA 3.2. (i)  $\lambda(\alpha) = 1 + \alpha p$  for  $\alpha \in [SA, C_f]_G$ .

(ii) *If  $B$  is  $G$ -1-connected and  $\dim B \leq n - 1$ , then the kernel of  $\varphi \times \psi$  is isomorphic to*

$$K = i_*[SA, B]_G / (Sf)^*[SB, C_f]_G.$$

PROOF. (i) Since  $C_f \simeq SC_{f'}$  by the assumption  $f = Sf'$ ,  $C_f$  has the natural  $G$ -comultiplication  $l' : C_f \rightarrow C_f \vee C_f$ , and  $l \simeq (1 \vee p)l'$  for the  $G$ -coaction  $l$  in (1.1). Therefore, by the definition of  $\lambda$  in (1.2),

$$\lambda(\alpha) = \nabla(1 \vee \alpha)(1 \vee p)l' = 1 + \alpha p.$$

(ii) The equality of (i) and the definitions of  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  in (2.2) give rise to the commutative diagram

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} [SB, C_f]_G & \xrightarrow{(Sf)^*} & [SA, C_f]_G & \xrightarrow{\lambda} & [C_f, C_f]_G & \xrightarrow{i^*} & [B, C_f]_G \\ & \searrow i_* & \downarrow 1+p_* & \swarrow S\varphi & \downarrow p_* & \searrow \psi & \uparrow i_* \cong \\ [SA, B]_G & & [SA, SA]_G & \xrightarrow{p^*} & [C_f, SA]_G & & [B, B]_G \end{array}$$

Since the row sequence in (3.3) is an exact sequence of groups if we replace  $\lambda$  by  $p^*$ , we have

$$(3.4) \quad \psi^{-1}(1) = 1 + \psi^{-1}(0) = 1 + p^*[SA, C_f]_G = \lambda([SA, C_f]_G).$$

Also, (3.4), (3.3) and Lemma 3.1 yield

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ker}(\varphi \times \psi) &\cong (S\varphi)^{-1}(1) \cap \lambda([SA, C_f]_G) \\ &= \lambda(i_*[SA, B]_G). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, by (3.3) and Lemma 3.1 we have  $(Sf)^*[SB, C_f]_G \subset i_*[SA, B]_G$  and by Lemma 1.3 and (i) of this lemma we have a group isomorphism

$$\lambda(i_*[SA, B]_G) \cong i_*[SA, B]_G / (Sf)^*[SB, C_f]_G. \quad \text{q.e.d.}$$

Now Lemmas 2.6 and 3.2 give the following theorem, which is due to Barcus and Barratt in the non-equivariant case [1, Theorem (6.1)] (cf. [5, Theorem 2.12]).

**THEOREM 3.5.** *Let  $A' = G/H^+ \wedge S^{n-1}$  with  $n \geq 2$  and  $B'$  a  $G$ -CW complex, and let  $f' : A' \rightarrow B'$  be a  $G$ -map. If  $B = SB'$  is  $G$ -1-connected and  $\dim B \leq n - 1$ , then for the mapping cone  $C_f = B \cup_f (G/H^+ \wedge e^{n+1})$  of the  $G$ -map  $f = Sf' : A = SA' \rightarrow B = SB'$  with the natural  $G$ -action, there is an exact sequence of groups*

$$0 \longrightarrow K \xrightarrow{\bar{\lambda}} \mathcal{E}_G(C_f) \xrightarrow{\varphi \times \psi} M \longrightarrow 1$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} K &= i_*[SA, B]_G / (Sf)^*[SB, C_f]_G \quad \text{and} \\ M &= \{(h_1, h_2) \in \mathcal{E}_G(A) \times \mathcal{E}_G(B) \mid h_2 f = f h_1 \text{ in } [A, B]_G\}. \end{aligned}$$

**4. Anti-isomorphism:**  $\mathcal{E}_G(G/H^+ \wedge S^n) \cong U(\mathbf{Z}(N(H)/H))$  ( $n \geq 2$ )

Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $H$  a subgroup of  $G$ . Note that  $(G/H)^H = N(H)/H$ , where  $N(H)$  denotes the normalizer of  $H$  in  $G$ . Then we have

**THEOREM 4.1.** *If  $n \geq 2$ , then the group  $\mathcal{E}_G(G/H^+ \wedge S^n)$  is anti-isomorphic to the group  $U(\mathbf{Z}(N(H)/H))$  of units of the integral group ring  $\mathbf{Z}(N(H)/H)$  of  $N(H)/H$ .*

**PROOF.** To prove this theorem, it suffices to show that there is a ring anti-isomorphism  $[G/H^+ \wedge S^n, G/H^+ \wedge S^n]_G \cong \mathbf{Z}(N(H)/H)$ . Let  $\{g_i H\}$  be the left decomposition of  $N(H)$  with respect to  $H$ , and let the homotopy class of the composite of a map  $m : S^n = H/H^+ \wedge S^n \rightarrow S^n = g_i H/H^+ \wedge S^n$  of degree  $m$  and the inclusion of  $g_i H/H^+ \wedge S^n$  into  $N(H)/H^+ \wedge S^n$  be identified with  $mg_i H \in \mathbf{Z}(N(H)/H)$ . Then by [4, Corollary 2.2], the restriction to  $S^n = H/H^+ \wedge S^n$  and this identification yield the following isomorphism  $\Phi$  of additive groups.

$$\Phi : [G/H^+ \wedge S^n, G/H^+ \wedge S^n]_G \cong \pi_n(N(H)/H^+ \wedge S^n) \cong \mathbf{Z}(N(H)/H).$$

Let  $u$  and  $v$  be any two elements of the set  $[G/H^+ \wedge S^n, G/H^+ \wedge S^n]_G$  and  $j : N(H)/H^+ \wedge S^n \rightarrow G/H^+ \wedge S^n$  the inclusion. Since  $v$  is equivariant,

$$v|(g_i H/H^+ \wedge S^n) = g_i H \cdot v|(H/H^+ \wedge S^n).$$

If  $u|(H/H^+ \wedge S^n) = m_0 H + m_1 g_1 H + \dots + m_k g_k H \in \pi_n(N(H)/H^+ \wedge S^n)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(vu) &= vj(m_0 H + m_1 g_1 H + \dots + m_k g_k H) \\ &= (v|(H/H^+ \wedge S^n))m_0 + \dots + (v|(g_k H/H^+ \wedge S^n))m_k \\ &= m_0(H \cdot v|(H/H^+ \wedge S^n)) + \dots + m_k(g_k H \cdot v|(H/H^+ \wedge S^n)) \\ &= m_0 H \cdot \Phi(v) + \dots + m_k g_k H \cdot \Phi(v) \\ &= \Phi(u) \cdot \Phi(v). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\Phi$  is an anti-isomorphism of rings. q.e.d.

For a finite abelian group  $G$ , let  $n_2$  denote the number of its elements of order 2 and  $c$  the number of its cyclic subgroups (including  $\{e\}$ ). Then we have the following theorem due to Higman (cf. [3, Theorem 4.1]).

**THEOREM 4.2 (Higman).** *Let  $G$  be a finite abelian group. Then*

$$U(\mathbf{Z}G) = \pm G \times F,$$

where  $F$  is a free abelian group of rank  $(|G| + n_2 + 1)/2 - c$ .

Now Theorems 4.1 and 4.2 immediately give the following.

**THEOREM 4.3.** *Let  $G$  be a finite abelian group and  $H$  a subgroup of  $G$ . If  $n \geq 2$ , then*

$$\mathcal{E}_G(G/H^+ \wedge S^n) \cong \mathbf{Z}_2 \times G/H \times (\mathbf{Z})^k, \quad k = (|G/H| + n_2 + 1)/2 - c,$$

where  $\mathbf{Z}_2 = \{1, -1\}$ ,  $n_2$  denotes the number of elements of order 2 and  $c$  denotes the number of cyclic subgroups of  $G/H$ .

Let  $E_q$  be the  $q \times q$  identity matrix and  $F_q$  the  $q \times q$  matrix defined by

$$(4.4) \quad F_q = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & 1 \\ E_{q-1} & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}.$$

If  $G/H$  is isomorphic to the cyclic group  $\mathbf{Z}_q$  of order  $q$ , then  $\mathcal{E}_G(G/H^+ \wedge S^n)$  has the torsion subgroup  $\mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_q$  generated by  $-E_q$  and  $F_q$ .

**COROLLARY 4.5.** *In the above theorem, if  $G/H$  is isomorphic to the cyclic group  $\mathbf{Z}_q$ , then*

$$\mathcal{E}_G(G/H^+ \wedge S^n) \cong \mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_q \times (\mathbf{Z})^k, \quad k = [q/2] + 1 - d(q),$$



where  $d(q)$  is the number of divisors of  $q$  and the torsion subgroup  $\mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_q$  is generated by  $-E_q$  and  $F_q$ , and, in particular,

$$\mathcal{E}_G(G/H^+ \wedge S^n) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_q, & \text{if } q = 2, 3, 4, 6 \\ \mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_q \times (\mathbf{Z})^k, & \text{if } q \text{ is a prime } \geq 5, \end{cases}$$

where  $k = (q - 3)/2$ .

**5.  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_2}(C_f)$  for  $f : \mathbf{Z}_2^+ \wedge S^{n+k} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_2^+ \wedge S^n$  ( $n \geq k + 3 \geq 4$ )**

In this section  $A = \mathbf{Z}_2^+ \wedge S^{n+k}$  and  $B = \mathbf{Z}_2^+ \wedge S^n$  with  $n \geq k + 3 \geq 4$ ; for each  $\mathbf{Z}_2$ -map  $f : A \rightarrow B$  we consider its mapping cone

$$(5.1) \quad C_f = (\mathbf{Z}_2^+ \wedge S^n) \cup_f (\mathbf{Z}_2^+ \wedge e^{n+k+1}).$$

Since  $[A, B]_{\mathbf{Z}_2} \cong \pi_{n+k}(\mathbf{Z}_2^+ \wedge S^n) \cong \pi_{n+k}(S^n) \oplus \pi_{n+k}(S^n)$  by [4, Lemma 2.1'], the  $\mathbf{Z}_2$ -homotopy class  $f \in [A, B]_{\mathbf{Z}_2}$  can be written as  $f = Sf'$  for some  $f' \in [\mathbf{Z}_2^+ \wedge S^{n+k-1}, \mathbf{Z}_2^+ \wedge S^{n-1}]_{\mathbf{Z}_2}$  and

$$(5.2) \quad f = \begin{pmatrix} f_1 & f_2 \\ f_2 & f_1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad f_i \in \pi_{n+k}(S^n), \quad i = 1, 2.$$

We first calculate the group  $K$  in Theorem 3.5. By an argument similar to the proof of Lemma 2.1 we have

$$(5.3) \quad i_* : [SB, B]_{\mathbf{Z}_2} \rightarrow [SB, C_f]_{\mathbf{Z}_2} \text{ is epimorphic.}$$

Let  $\eta_n$  denote the generator of  $\pi_{n+1}(S^n) = \mathbf{Z}_2$ . Then by [7, Proposition 3.1]

$$(5.4) \quad \eta_n S f_i = f_i \eta_{n+k} \quad \text{for any } f_i \in \pi_{n+k}(S^n) \quad (n \geq k + 3 \geq 4).$$

Since  $[SB, B]_{\mathbf{Z}_2} \cong \pi_{n+1}(S^n) \oplus \pi_{n+1}(S^n) = \mathbf{Z}_2\{\eta_n\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{\eta_n\}$  and similarly  $[SA, A]_{\mathbf{Z}_2} \cong \mathbf{Z}_2\{\eta_{n+k}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{\eta_{n+k}\}$ , (5.4) yields

$$(5.5) \quad (Sf)^*[SB, B]_{\mathbf{Z}_2} = f_*[SA, A]_{\mathbf{Z}_2}.$$

Now, (5.3) and (5.5) yield

$$(5.6) \quad (Sf)^*[SB, C_f]_{\mathbf{Z}_2} = (Sf)^*i_*[SB, B]_{\mathbf{Z}_2} = i_*f_*[SA, A]_{\mathbf{Z}_2} = 0.$$

As in the proof of Lemma 3.1 we have an exact sequence of groups

$$[SA, A]_{\mathbf{Z}_2} \xrightarrow{f_*} [SA, B]_{\mathbf{Z}_2} \xrightarrow{i_*} [SA, C_f]_{\mathbf{Z}_2}.$$

Therefore, (5.6) yields

$$(5.7) \quad \begin{aligned} K &= i_*[SA, B]_{\mathbf{Z}_2} \cong [SA, B]_{\mathbf{Z}_2} / f_*[SA, A]_{\mathbf{Z}_2} \\ &\cong \pi_{n+k+1}(S^n) \oplus \pi_{n+k+1}(S^n) / \{(f_1\eta, f_2\eta), (f_2\eta, f_1\eta)\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\eta = \eta_{n+k}$  and  $\{x, y\}$  denotes the subgroup generated by  $x$  and  $y$ . We next calculate the subgroup  $M$  of  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_2}(A) \times \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_2}(B)$  in Theorem 3.5. Let  $E = E_2$  be the  $2 \times 2$  identity matrix and  $F = F_2$  the  $2 \times 2$  matrix of order 2 defined in (4.4), and let

$$a = (-E, -E), \quad b = (F, F), \quad c = (E, -E), \quad \text{and} \quad d = (E, F).$$

Then, by Corollary 4.5

$$(5.8) \quad \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_2}(A) \times \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_2}(B) \cong (\mathbf{Z}_2)^4 \text{ generated by } a, b, c \text{ and } d,$$

and for the presentation of  $\mathbf{Z}_2$ -homotopy class  $f$  in (5.2) we have

$$(5.9) \quad \begin{aligned} f(-E) &= (-E)f & \text{and } fF &= Ff & \text{always hold,} \\ f &= (-E)f & \text{if and only if } 2f_i &= 0 \text{ for } i = 1 \text{ and } 2, \\ f &= Ff & \text{if and only if } f_1 &= f_2, \\ f &= (-F)f & \text{if and only if } f_1 &= -f_2. \end{aligned}$$

Now by Theorem 3.5, (5.8) and (5.9) we have

$$(5.10) \quad M \cong \begin{cases} (\mathbf{Z}_2)^2 & \text{if } f_1 \neq f_2, f_1 \neq -f_2 \text{ and } 2f_i \neq 0 \text{ for } i = 1 \text{ or } 2, \\ (\mathbf{Z}_2)^3 & \text{if } f_1 \neq f_2 \text{ and } 2f_i = 0 \text{ for } i = 1 \text{ and } 2, \\ (\mathbf{Z}_2)^3 & \text{if } f_1 = f_2 \text{ and } f_1 \neq -f_2, \\ (\mathbf{Z}_2)^3 & \text{if } f_1 \neq f_2 \text{ and } f_1 = -f_2, \\ (\mathbf{Z}_2)^4 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Consequently by Theorem 3.5 we have

**THEOREM 5.11.** *If  $n \geq k + 3 \geq 4$ , then for each  $\mathbf{Z}_2$ -map  $f : \mathbf{Z}_2^+ \wedge S^{n+k} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_2^+ \wedge S^n$ , its  $\mathbf{Z}_2$ -homotopy class  $f \in [\mathbf{Z}_2^+ \wedge S^{n+k}, \mathbf{Z}_2^+ \wedge S^n]_{\mathbf{Z}_2}$  can be written as (5.2), and for its mapping cone  $C_f$  there is an exact sequence of groups*

$$0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_2}(C_f) \rightarrow M \rightarrow 1$$

where  $K$  and  $M$  are the groups in (5.7) and (5.10) respectively.

Using this theorem, we further calculate the group  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_2}(C_f)$  for  $k = 1$ . Since the group  $\pi_{n+1}(S^n)$  in (5.2) is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{Z}_2$  generated by  $\eta_n$ , for each  $\mathbf{Z}_2$ -map  $f : A \rightarrow B$  its  $\mathbf{Z}_2$ -homotopy class  $f \in [A, B]_{\mathbf{Z}_2}$  can be written as

$$f = \begin{pmatrix} s\eta & t\eta \\ t\eta & s\eta \end{pmatrix}, \quad \eta = \eta_n, \quad s, t = 0, 1.$$

Also, since the group  $\pi_{n+2}(S^n)$  in (5.7) is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{Z}_2$  generated by  $\eta_n\eta_{n+1}$ , the group  $K$  in (5.7) is trivial when  $s \neq t$ , and hence by Theorem 5.11 and

(5.10)

$$(5.12) \quad \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_2}(C_f) \cong (\mathbf{Z}_2)^3 \quad \text{if } s \neq t.$$

We now assume that  $s = t = 0$ . Then the group  $K$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2$ , and hence Theorem 5.11 and (5.10) yield the exact sequence of groups

$$(5.13) \quad 0 \longrightarrow \mathbf{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2 \xrightarrow{\lambda} \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_2}(C_f) \xrightarrow{\varphi \times \psi} (\mathbf{Z}_2)^4 \longrightarrow 1,$$

where (5.8) shows that the right-hand group  $(\mathbf{Z}_2)^4$  is generated by  $a, b, c$  and  $d$ . Furthermore, since  $C_f \simeq (\mathbf{Z}_2^+ \wedge S^n) \vee (\mathbf{Z}_2^+ \wedge S^{n+2})$  by (5.1), the right inverse  $\sigma : (\mathbf{Z}_2)^4 \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_2}(C_f)$  of the homomorphism  $\varphi \times \psi$  can be given by

$$\sigma(a) = -E_4, \quad \sigma(b) = \begin{pmatrix} F & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & F \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma(c) = \begin{pmatrix} -E & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & E \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma(d) = \begin{pmatrix} F & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & E \end{pmatrix}.$$

Therefore, (5.13) is a split extension, and hence  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_2}(C_f)$  is isomorphic to the semi-direct product  $(\mathbf{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2) \rtimes (\mathbf{Z}_2)^4$ . Furthermore, for  $\eta^2 = \eta_n \eta_{n+1}$  we define

$$(5.14) \quad \begin{aligned} P &= \begin{pmatrix} \eta^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \eta^2 \end{pmatrix}, & Q &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \eta^2 \\ \eta^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\ P_4 &= \begin{pmatrix} E & P \\ \mathbf{0} & E \end{pmatrix}, & Q_4 &= \begin{pmatrix} E & Q \\ \mathbf{0} & E \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Then,  $P_4$  and  $Q_4$  generate  $\lambda(\mathbf{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2)$  by the definition of  $\lambda$ , and hence  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_2}(C_f)$  is generated by  $\sigma(a), \sigma(b), \sigma(c), \sigma(d), P_4$  and  $Q_4$ . Thus, we have

$$(5.15) \quad \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_2}(C_f) \cong D_4 \times (\mathbf{Z}_2)^3 \quad \text{if } s = t = 0,$$

where the direct factor  $D_4$  is the dihedral group of order 8, and  $(\mathbf{Z}_2)^3$  is generated by  $\sigma(a), \sigma(b)$  and  $\sigma(c)$ . If  $s = t = 1$ , then the group  $K$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{Z}_2$  by (5.7) and the group  $M$  is isomorphic to  $(\mathbf{Z}_2)^4$  by (5.10). Therefore, by (5.12), (5.15) and Theorem 5.11 we have

**PROPOSITION 5.16.** *If  $n \geq 4$ , then for each  $\mathbf{Z}_2$ -map  $f : \mathbf{Z}_2^+ \wedge S^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_2^+ \wedge S^n$ , its  $\mathbf{Z}_2$ -homotopy class  $f \in [\mathbf{Z}_2^+ \wedge S^{n+1}, \mathbf{Z}_2^+ \wedge S^n]_{\mathbf{Z}_2}$  can be written as*

$$f = \begin{pmatrix} s\eta & t\eta \\ t\eta & s\eta \end{pmatrix}, \quad \eta = \eta_n, \quad s, t = 0, 1,$$

and for its mapping cone  $C_f$ , we have

$$\mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_2}(C_f) = \begin{cases} (\mathbf{Z}_2)^3 & \text{if } s \neq t \\ D_4 \times (\mathbf{Z}_2)^3 & \text{if } s = t = 0. \end{cases}$$

If  $s = t = 1$ , then there is an exact sequence of groups

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_2}(C_f) \rightarrow (\mathbf{Z}_2)^4 \rightarrow 1.$$

**6.  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_6}(C_f)$  for  $f : \mathbf{Z}_6^+ \wedge S^{n+k} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_2^+ \wedge S^n$  ( $n \geq k + 3 \geq 4$ )**

We take  $A = \mathbf{Z}_6^+ \wedge S^{n+k}$  and  $B = \mathbf{Z}_2^+ \wedge S^n$  with  $n \geq k + 3 \geq 4$ , where  $\mathbf{Z}_2 = \mathbf{Z}_6/\mathbf{Z}_3$ . Since  $[A, B]_{\mathbf{Z}_6} \cong \pi_{n+k}(S^n) \oplus \pi_{n+k}(S^n)$ , each  $\mathbf{Z}_6$ -homotopy class  $f \in [A, B]_{\mathbf{Z}_6}$  can be written as  $f = Sf'$  for some  $f' \in [\mathbf{Z}_6^+ \wedge S^{n+k-1}, \mathbf{Z}_2^+ \wedge S^{n-1}]_{\mathbf{Z}_6}$  and

$$(6.1) \quad f = \begin{pmatrix} f_1 & f_2 & f_1 & f_2 & f_1 & f_2 \\ f_2 & f_1 & f_2 & f_1 & f_2 & f_1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad f_i \in \pi_{n+k}(S^n), \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Let  $K$  be the group in Theorem 3.5. Then, as in §5 we have

$$(6.2) \quad K \cong \pi_{n+k+1}(S^n) \oplus \pi_{n+k+1}(S^n) / \{(f_1\eta_{n+k}, f_2\eta_{n+k}), (f_2\eta_{n+k}, f_1\eta_{n+k})\}.$$

We calculate the subgroup  $M$  of  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_6}(A) \times \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_6}(B)$  in Theorem 3.5. Let  $E_q$  be the  $q \times q$  identity matrix and  $F_q$  the  $q \times q$  matrix of order  $q$  defined in (4.4), and let

$$a = (F_6, F_2), \quad b = (-E_6, -E_2), \quad c = (E_6, -E_2) \quad \text{and} \quad d = (E_6, F_2).$$

Then by Corollary 4.5

$$(6.3) \quad \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_6}(A) \times \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_6}(B) \cong \mathbf{Z}_6 \times (\mathbf{Z}_2)^3 \text{ generated by } a, b, c \text{ and } d,$$

and

$$(6.4) \quad \begin{aligned} f(-E_6) &= (-E_2)f \text{ and } fF_6 = F_2f \text{ always hold,} \\ f &= (-E_2)f \quad \text{if and only if } 2f_i = 0 \text{ for } i = 1 \text{ and } 2, \\ f &= F_2f \quad \text{if and only if } f_1 = f_2, \\ f &= (-F_2)f \quad \text{if and only if } f_1 = -f_2 \end{aligned}$$

for  $f$  in (6.1). Now by Theorem 3.5, (6.3) and (6.4) we have

$$(6.5) \quad M \cong \begin{cases} \mathbf{Z}_3 \times (\mathbf{Z}_2)^2 & \text{if } f_1 \neq f_2, f_1 \neq -f_2 \text{ and } 2f_i \neq 0 \text{ for } i = 1 \text{ or } 2, \\ \mathbf{Z}_3 \times (\mathbf{Z}_2)^3 & \text{if } f_1 \neq f_2 \text{ and } 2f_i = 0 \text{ for } i = 1 \text{ and } 2, \\ \mathbf{Z}_3 \times (\mathbf{Z}_2)^3 & \text{if } f_1 = f_2 \text{ and } f_1 \neq -f_2, \\ \mathbf{Z}_3 \times (\mathbf{Z}_2)^3 & \text{if } f_1 \neq f_2 \text{ and } f_1 = -f_2, \\ \mathbf{Z}_3 \times (\mathbf{Z}_2)^4 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Consequently by Theorem 3.5 we have

**THEOREM 6.6.** *If  $n \geq k + 3 \geq 4$ , then for each  $\mathbf{Z}_6$ -map  $f : \mathbf{Z}_6^+ \wedge S^{n+k} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_2^+ \wedge S^n$ , its  $\mathbf{Z}_6$ -homotopy class  $f \in [\mathbf{Z}_6^+ \wedge S^{n+k}, \mathbf{Z}_2^+ \wedge S^n]_{\mathbf{Z}_6}$  can be written as (6.1), and for its mapping cone  $C_f$  there is an exact sequence of groups*

$$0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_6}(C_f) \rightarrow M \rightarrow 1$$

where  $K$  and  $M$  are the groups in (6.2) and (6.5) respectively.

We further calculate the group  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_6}(C_f)$  for  $k = 1$ . Since the group  $\pi_{n+1}(S^n)$  in (6.1) is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{Z}_2$  generated by  $\eta_n$ , we have  $f_1 = s\eta$ ,  $f_2 = t\eta$ ,  $\eta = \eta_n$  with  $s, t = 0, 1$  in (6.1). Also, since the group  $\pi_{n+2}(S^n)$  in (6.2) is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{Z}_2$  generated by  $\eta_n\eta_{n+1}$ , the group  $K$  in (6.2) is trivial when  $s \neq t$ , and hence by Theorem 6.6 and (6.5)

$$(6.7) \quad \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_6}(C_f) \cong \mathbf{Z}_3 \times (\mathbf{Z}_2)^3 \quad \text{if } s \neq t.$$

We now assume that  $s = t = 0$ . Then the group  $K$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2$ , and hence Theorem 6.6 and (6.5) yield the exact sequence of groups

$$(6.8) \quad 0 \longrightarrow \mathbf{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2 \xrightarrow{\lambda} \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_6}(C_f) \xrightarrow{\varphi \times \psi} \mathbf{Z}_6 \times (\mathbf{Z}_2)^3 \longrightarrow 1,$$

where (6.3) shows that the right-hand group  $\mathbf{Z}_6 \times (\mathbf{Z}_2)^3$  is generated by  $a, b, c$  and  $d$ . Furthermore, since  $C_f \simeq (\mathbf{Z}_2^+ \wedge S^n) \vee (\mathbf{Z}_6^+ \wedge S^{n+2})$ , the right inverse  $\sigma : \mathbf{Z}_6 \times (\mathbf{Z}_2)^3 \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_2}(C_f)$  of the homomorphism  $\varphi \times \psi$  can be given by

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(a) &= \begin{pmatrix} F_2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & F_6 \end{pmatrix}, & \sigma(b) &= -E_8, \\ \sigma(c) &= \begin{pmatrix} -E_2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & E_6 \end{pmatrix}, & \sigma(d) &= \begin{pmatrix} F_2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & E_6 \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $F_q$  is the matrix in (4.4). Therefore, the sequence (6.8) is a split extension, and hence  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_6}(C_f) \cong (\mathbf{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2) \rtimes (\mathbf{Z}_6 \times (\mathbf{Z}_2)^3)$ . Let  $P_8$  and  $Q_8$  be  $8 \times 8$  matrices defined by

$$\begin{aligned} P_{12} &= (P \ P \ P), & Q_{12} &= (Q \ Q \ Q), \\ P_8 &= \begin{pmatrix} E_2 & P_{12} \\ \mathbf{0} & E_6 \end{pmatrix}, & Q_8 &= \begin{pmatrix} E_2 & Q_{12} \\ \mathbf{0} & E_6 \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $P$  and  $Q$  are the  $2 \times 2$  matrices in (5.14). Then,  $P_8$  and  $Q_8$  generate  $\lambda(\mathbf{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2)$  by the definition of  $\lambda$ , and hence  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_6}(C_f)$  is generated by  $\sigma(a), \sigma(b), \sigma(c), \sigma(d), P_8$  and  $Q_8$ . Thus, we have

$$(6.9) \quad \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_6}(C_f) \cong D_4 \times \mathbf{Z}_6 \times (\mathbf{Z}_2)^2 \quad \text{if } s = t = 0,$$

where the direct factor  $\mathbf{Z}_6 \times (\mathbf{Z}_2)^2$  is generated by  $\sigma(a), \sigma(b)$  and  $\sigma(c)$ . If  $s = t = 1$ , then the group  $K$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{Z}_2$  by (6.2) and the group  $M$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{Z}_3 \times (\mathbf{Z}_2)^4$  by (6.5). Therefore, by (6.7), (6.9) and Theorem 6.6 we have

**PROPOSITION 6.10.** *If  $n \geq 4$ , then for each  $\mathbf{Z}_6$ -map  $f : \mathbf{Z}_6^+ \wedge S^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_2^+ \wedge S^n$ , its  $\mathbf{Z}_6$ -homotopy class  $f \in [\mathbf{Z}_6^+ \wedge S^{n+1}, \mathbf{Z}_2^+ \wedge S^n]_{\mathbf{Z}_6}$  can be written as*

$$f = \begin{pmatrix} s\eta & t\eta & s\eta & t\eta & s\eta & t\eta \\ t\eta & s\eta & t\eta & s\eta & t\eta & s\eta \end{pmatrix}, \quad \eta = \eta_n, \quad s, t = 0, 1,$$

and for its mapping cone  $C_f$  we have

$$\mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_6}(C_f) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{Z}_3 \times (\mathbf{Z}_2)^3 & \text{if } s \neq t \\ D_4 \times \mathbf{Z}_3 \times (\mathbf{Z}_2)^3 & \text{if } s = t = 0. \end{cases}$$

If  $s = t = 1$ , then there is an exact sequence of groups

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{Z}_6}(C_f) \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_3 \times (\mathbf{Z}_2)^4 \rightarrow 1.$$

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