

# CLASSIFICATION OF MAPPINGS OF AN $(n+2)$ - COMPLEX INTO AN $(n-1)$ -CONNECTED SPACE WITH VANISHING $(n+1)$ -ST HOMOTOPY GROUP

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The present paper is concerned with the classification and corresponding extension theorem of mappings of the  $(n+2)$ -complex  $K^{n+2}$  ( $n > 2$ ) into the space  $Y$  whose homotopy groups  $\pi_i(Y)$  vanish for  $i < n$  and  $i = n+1$ , and the  $n$ -th homotopy group  $\pi_n(Y)$  of which has a finite number of generators. Our methods followed here are essentially analogous to those of Steenrod [2]. He introduced the important concept of the  $\cup_i$ -products of cocycles, which enables us to define  $\mathcal{C}_i$ -Square (refer to §1), a certain type of a combination of  $\cup_i$ -products. This square is a modification of the so-called Pontrjagin square (Pontrjagin [1], Whitehead [4], and Whitney [3]). It induces a homomorphism of  $H^n(K, I_m)$ , the  $n$ -th cohomology group with integral coefficients reduced *mod. m* of a complex  $K$ , into  $H^{2n-i}(K, I)$ , the  $(2n-i)$ -th cohomology group with integral coefficients, when  $m$  is even and  $n-i$  is odd. Together with squaring products we have a homomorphism (refer to §5) of  $H^n(K, \pi_n(Y))$  into  $H^{n+3}(K, \pi_{n+2}(Y))$  in the case  $i = n-3$ . As its application, Eilenberg-MacLane's cohomology class  $K^{n+h+1}$  of the semi-simplicial complex  $K(\pi_n(Y), n)$  with coefficients in  $\pi_{n+h}(Y)$  is determined in case where  $h = 2$  and  $n > 2$  (Eilenberg-MacLane [7]).

Another information from the homomorphism may contribute partially to the homotopy type problem of  $A_n^3$ -complexes (J. H. C. Whitehead [5], Chang [12], Uehara [13]).

In §1 the above mentioned product will be defined. In §2 we shall sketch the computation of the homotopy groups of some elementary types of reduced  $A_n^3$ -complexes. In §3 relations of products of cocycles in such complexes are discussed. The  $(n+3)$ -extension cocycle and the present classification of mappings will be embodied in §4, §5 respectively. The final section §6 will contain some applications to related subjects.

## §1. $\mathcal{C}_i$ -square

Let  $K$  be a finite simplicial complex or a cell complex. Let us consider the  $n$ -dimensional integral cochain group  $C^n$  of  $K$  and its subgroup  $Z^n(m)$  of all cocycles *mod. m* for an even integer  $m$ . If  $u^n \in Z^n(m)$ , then  $\delta u^n \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ .

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$m$ ) and  $\theta_m^{n+1}u^n = \frac{1}{m}\delta u^n$  is an  $(n+1)$ -integral cocycle.

If we define

$$\mathcal{C}_i u^n = u^n \cup_i u^n + m u^n \cup_{i+1} \theta_m^{n+1} u^n + (-1)^n \frac{m^2}{2} \theta_m^{n+1} u^n \cup_{i+2} \theta_m^{n+1} u^n,$$

for  $u^n \in Z^n(m)$  ( $m \geq 0$  is even), straightforward calculations, by means of the coboundary formula of Steenrod [2], give the following

LEMMA 1. *If  $n-i$  is odd, then we have*

- 1)  $\mathcal{C}_i u^n$  is a  $(2n-i)$ -dimensional integral cocycle,
- 2)  $2\mathcal{C}_i u^n \simeq 0$ ,
- 3)  $\mathcal{C}_i(ku^n) = k^2 \mathcal{C}_i u^n$ ,
- 4)  $\mathcal{C}_i(u^n + v^n) \simeq \mathcal{C}_i u^n + \mathcal{C}_i v^n$  for  $u^n, v^n \in Z^n(m)$ ,
- 5)  $\mathcal{C}_i(mx^n) \simeq 0$  for  $x^n \in C^n$ ,
- 6)  $\mathcal{C}_i(\delta x^{n-1}) \simeq 0$  for  $x^{n-1} \in C^{n-1}$ .

Thus  $\mathcal{C}_i$  induces a homomorphism such that:

$$\mathcal{C}_i: H^n(K, I_m) \longrightarrow {}_2H^{2n-i}(K, I),$$

where  ${}_2H = \{g; g \in H, 2g = 0\}$  for any abelian group  $H$ . We shall use this homomorphism in the following only when  $i = n-3$ .

## § 2. Some types of elementary $A_n^2$ -complexes

We shall refer to the following types of polyhedra as elementary  $A_n^2$ -complexes;

- i)  $B^0 = S^n$ ,  $n$ -sphere,
- ii)  $B^1(m) = S^n \cup e^{n+1}$ , where an  $(n+1)$ -element  $e^{n+1}$  is attached to  $S^n$  by a map  $f: \partial e^{n+1} \rightarrow S^n$  of degree  $m$ ,
- iii)  $B^2(0) = S^n \cup e^{n+2}$ , where  $e^{n+2}$  is attached to  $S^n$  by an essential map  $\eta: \partial e^{n+2} \rightarrow S^n$ ,
- iv)  $B^2(2r) = B^2(0) \cup e^{n+1}$ , when  $e^{n+1}$  is attached to  $S^n$  of  $B^2(0)$  by a map  $f: \partial e^{n+1} \rightarrow S^n$  of degree  $2r$ .

Then we have

LEMMA 2.

- $\alpha$ )  $\pi_{n+1}(B^2(0)) = 0$ ,
- $\beta$ )  $\pi_{n+1}(B^1(2r+1)) = 0$ ;  
 $\pi_{n+1}(B^1(2r)) = (2)$ , cyclic group of order 2, whose generator  $\zeta$  is represented by an essential map of  $S^{n+1}$  onto  $S^n \subset B^1(2r)$ ,
- $\gamma$ )  $\pi_{n+1}(B^2(2r)) = 0$ .

LEMMA 3.

- $\alpha$ )  $\pi_{n+2}(B^2(0)) = I$ , free cyclic group, whose generator  $\omega$  is represented by a

map of degree 2,

$$\beta) \pi_{n+2}(B^1(2r+1)) = 0;$$

$\pi_{n+2}(B^1(2r)) = (2) + (2)$ , direct sum of two cyclic groups of order two, with generators  $\xi$  and  $\bar{\zeta}$ , where  $\xi$  is represented by a map covering  $e^{n+1}$  essentially and  $\bar{\zeta}$  is represented by an essential map  $\eta: S^{n+2} \rightarrow S^n \subset B^1(2r)$ ,

$$\gamma) \pi_{n+2}(B^2(2r)) = I + (2): \text{direct sum of the free cyclic group with the generator } \omega \text{ and the cyclic group of order 2 with the generator } \xi.$$

*Proof of Lemmas.*

Some of these statements are easily deducible from known results of Freudenthal, J. H. C. Whitehead [6], G. W. Whitehead [9], Pontrjagin [10]. Thus we shall sketch here the proof of Lemma 3.

3,  $\alpha$ ) Any map which is homotopic to a map of  $S^{n+2}$  into  $S^n$  of  $B^2(0)$ , is contractible in  $B^2(0)$  to a point, so that there is no essential map of degree 0. Next we prove that there is no essential map  $f$  of odd degree  $k$ . If we denote  $f^*$  the inverse homomorphism between cohomology groups of the two spaces, we obtain  $f^*(S^{n+2} \cup_{n-2} S^n) = f^* S^{n+2} \cup_{n-2} f^* S^n \simeq 0$  in  $S^{n+2}$ , while in  $B^2(0)$ ,  $S^n \cup_{n-2} S^n = e^{n+2} \pmod{2}$  and thereby  $f^*(S^{n+2} \cup_{n-2} S^n) = f^* e^{n+2} = kS^{n+2} \pmod{2}$ . This is a contradiction.

Consider a map  $\varphi: S^{n+2} \rightarrow B^2(0)$  such that  $\varphi|V_{\cong 0}^{n+2}$  represents twice of a suitably chosen generator of the relative homotopy group  $\pi_{n+2}(B^2(0), S^n)$  and extend  $\varphi|V_{\cong 0}^{n+2}$  through the lower hemisphere  $V_{\cong 0}^{n+2}$  by contracting in  $S^n$  the resultant inessential map of the equator  $S^{n+1}$  into  $S^n$  to an point.  $\varphi$  has degree 2 and represents  $\omega$ .

3,  $\beta$ ) Let  $g$  be a map of  $S^{n+2}$  into  $B^1(2r)$  such that  $g|V_{\cong 0}^{n+2}$  represents of a generator of  $\pi_{n+2}(B^1(2r), S^n)$ , and extend  $g$  through the lower hemisphere  $V_{\cong 0}^{n+2}$  by contracting the resulting inessential map of the equator  $S^{n+1}$  into  $S^n$  to a point in  $S^n$ .  $g$  represents  $\xi$ .  $2\xi = 0$ .  $\xi$  is essential, for the superposition  $hg$  of  $g$  by the map  $h$  of  $B^1(2r)$  onto  $S^{n+1}$ , is essential, where  $h$  maps  $S^n$  into a point  $p$  of  $S^{n+1}$  and  $e^{n+1}$  topologically to  $S^{n+1} - p$ .

$$3, \gamma) \bar{\zeta} \text{ in } \pi_{n+2}(B^1(2r)) \text{ vanishes by imbedding } B^1(2r) \text{ in } B^2(2r).$$

We add here some remarks which will be needed later.

Let  $R^{n+1} = \sum_{\mu} B_{\mu}^1(n_{\mu})$  be a cell complex consisting of a finite number of  $B_{\mu}^1(n_{\mu})$  (even  $n_{\mu}$ ) with a single common point belonging to each  $S_{\mu}^n \subset B_{\mu}^1(n_{\mu})$  and let  $R^{n+2} = \sum_{\mu} B_{\mu}^2(n_{\mu})$  be a cell complex constructed similarly. Let  $\alpha_{\mu} \alpha_{\nu}$  denote the Whitehead product of  $\alpha_{\mu}$  and  $\alpha_{\nu}$ , where  $\alpha_{\mu}$  is a generator of  $\pi_n(S_{\mu}^n)$ , etc. Let  $(\alpha_{\mu} \alpha_{\nu})$  denote the subgroup of  $\pi_{2n-1}(S_{\mu}^n \vee S_{\nu}^n)$  generated by  $\alpha_{\mu} \alpha_{\nu}$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{n+1}(R^{n+1}) &= \sum_{\mu} \pi_{n+1}(B_{\mu}^1(n_{\mu})), \\ \pi_{n+2}(R^{n+2}) &= \sum_{\mu} \pi_{n+2}(B_{\mu}^2(n_{\mu})) \quad \text{for } n > 3, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\pi_{n+2}(R^{n+2}) = \sum_{\mu} \pi_{n+2}(B_{\mu}^2(n_{\mu})) + \sum_{\mu < \nu} (\alpha_{\mu} \alpha_{\nu}) \quad \text{for } n = 3,$$

by the recurrent usage of a result of G. W. Whitehead [8] or a slight generalization of lemma 5. 3. 2. of Blakers and Massay [11].

### §3. Products in some types of elementary $A_n^3$ -complexes

In §2 we sketched elementary  $A_n^2$ -complexes whose  $(n+1)$ -st homotopy groups vanish but whose  $n$ -th homotopy groups do not vanish. Among them  $B^2(0)$  and  $B^2(2r)$  have non-trivial  $(n+2)$ -nd homotopy groups. Here we construct from  $B^2(0)$  and  $B^2(2r)$   $A_n^3$ -complexes whose  $(n+2)$ -nd homotopy groups vanish.

Let  $B^3(0, k) = B^2(0) \cup e^{n+3}$  and let  $B^3(2r, k) = B^2(2r) \cup e_1^{n+3} \cup e_2^{n+3}$  where  $e^{n+3}$  and  $e_1^{n+3}$  are attached to  $B^2(0)$  and to  $B^2(2r)$  by maps of  $\partial e^{n+3}$ ,  $\partial e_1^{n+3}$  representing  $k\omega \in \pi_{n+2}(B^2(0))$ ,  $\pi_{n+2}(B^2(2r))$  respectively and  $e_2^{n+3}$  is attached to  $B^2(2r)$ , by a map  $\partial e_2^{n+3}$  into  $B^2(2r)$  representing  $\xi \in \pi_{n+2}(B^2(2r))$ .

**THEOREM 1.** *In  $B^3(0, k)$  we have*

$$\alpha) \quad S^n \cup_{n-3} S^n = ke^{n+3}, \quad 2ke^{n+3} \simeq 0,$$

where  $S^n$  and  $e^{n+3}$  represent cocycles.

*In  $B^3(2r, k)$ , we have*

$$\beta) \quad \mathcal{C}_{n-3} S^n = ke_1^{n+3}, \quad 2ke_1^{n+3} \simeq 0 \quad \text{and}$$

$$\gamma) \quad \theta_{2r}^{n+1} S^n \cup_{n-1} \theta_{2r}^{n+1} S^n = e_2^{n+3} \pmod{2},$$

where  $S^n$  represents itself as cocycle mod  $2r$  [see §1].

We denote  $B^3(m, 1)$  simply by  $B^3(m)$ , ( $m \geq 0$  is even).

*Proof of Theorem 1.* In  $B^3(0, k)$ , by orienting  $e^{n+3}$  suitably, we can define  $S^n \cup_{n-2} S^n = (-1)^n e^{n+3}$ . By Lemma 3,  $\alpha)$  in §2, we have  $\delta e^{n+3} = 2ke^{n+3}$ . Since  $\delta(S^n \cup_{n-2} S^n) = (-1)^n 2(S^n \cup_{n-3} S^n)$ , we obtain  $\alpha)$ .

In  $B^3(2r, k)$   $S^n$  is a cocycle mod  $2r$ . Let  $\kappa: B^3(0, k) \rightarrow B^3(2r, k)$  be the injection mapping, and let  $\kappa^*$  be its inverse homomorphism of cochain groups. Then  $\kappa^* \mathcal{C}_{n-3} S^n = \mathcal{C}_{n-3k} \kappa^* S^n = \kappa^* S^n \cup_{n-3} \kappa^* S^n = ke^{n+3} = \kappa^* ke_1^{n+3}$  in  $B^3(0, k)$ . We obtain therefore,  $\mathcal{C}_{n-3} S^n = ke_1^{n+3} + le_2^{n+3}$ , but  $2\mathcal{C}_{n-3} S^n \simeq 0$ . It follows that  $l=0$  and  $\beta)$  is proved.

For the part of  $\gamma)$ , set  $M^{n+3} = S^{n+1} \cup e^{n+3}$ , where  $e^{n+3}$  is attached to  $S^{n+1}$  by an essential map  $f: \partial e^{n+3} \rightarrow S^{n+1}$ . And let  $\kappa: B^3(2r, k) \rightarrow M^{n+3}$  be such a map that  $\kappa$  maps  $B^3(0, k)$  into a point  $\dot{p}$  of  $S^{n+1}$  and maps  $e_2^{n+3}$  onto  $e^{n+3}$ ,  $e^{n+1}$  onto  $S^{n+1} - \dot{p}$  topologically. Then, in  $M^{n+3}$ ,  $S^{n+1} \cup_{n-1} S^{n+1} = e^{n+3}$ . It follows that

$$e_2^{n+3} = \kappa^* e^{n+3} = \kappa^*(S^{n+1} \cup_{n-1} S^{n+1}) = \kappa^* S^{n+1} \cup_{n-1} \kappa^* S^{n+1} = e^{n+1} \cup_{n-1} e^{n+1} \pmod{2}. \quad \text{q.e.d.}$$

#### § 4. The $(n+3)$ -extension cocycle

Let  $K$  be a finite complex, the  $r$ -skelton of which is denoted by  $K^r$ . Let  $Y$  be an arcwise connected topological space such that  $\pi_i(Y) = 0$  for each  $i < n$  and for  $i = n+1$ , and  $\pi_n(Y)$  has a finite number of generators  $\alpha_\mu$  ( $\mu = 1, 2, \dots, l$ ).

Let  $n_\mu \geq 0$  be the order of  $\alpha_\mu$ . Define following reduced complexes:

$$\begin{aligned} R^n &= \sum_{\mu} B_{\mu}^0(n_{\mu}) = \sum_{\mu} S_{\mu}^n, \\ R^{n+2} &= \sum_{n_{\mu}: \text{even}} B_{\mu}^2(n_{\mu}) + \sum_{n_{\mu}: \text{odd}} B_{\mu}^1(n_{\mu}), \\ R^{n+3} &= \sum_{n_{\mu}: \text{even}} B_{\mu}^3(n_{\mu}) + \sum_{n_{\mu}: \text{odd}} B_{\mu}^1(n_{\mu}) \quad \text{for } n > 3, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$R^{n+3} = \sum_{n_{\mu}: \text{even}} B_{\mu}^3(n_{\mu}) + \sum_{n_{\mu}: \text{odd}} B_{\mu}^1(n_{\mu}) + \sum_{\mu < \nu} e_{\mu, \nu}^6 \quad \text{for } n = 3.$$

where  $e_{\mu, \nu}^6 = S_{\mu}^3 \times S_{\nu}^3 - S_{\mu}^3 \vee S_{\nu}^3$  and  $B^i(n_{\mu})$ 's and  $e_{\mu, \nu}^6$ 's in each reduced complex have only one point  $p$  in common. Then we can consider that  $R^n \subset R^{n+2} \subset R^{n+3}$ . (cf. § 2).

Let us define a map  $\varphi: R^n \rightarrow Y$  such that  $\varphi: S_{\mu}^n \rightarrow Y$  represents  $\alpha_{\mu} \in \pi_n(Y)$ . Then it is easily seen that  $\varphi$  is extended to a map  $\varphi: R^{n+2} \rightarrow Y$ . For a given normal map  $f: K^n \rightarrow Y$ , there exists a map  $h: K^n \rightarrow R^n$  such that  $h: K^{n-1} \rightarrow p$  and  $f$  is homotopic to  $\varphi h$ . Thus it may be supposed that  $f$  and  $\varphi h$  define the same map on  $K^n$ . If  $f$  is extensible to  $K^{n+1}$ , then  $f$  is also extensible to  $K^{n+2}$  from  $\pi_{n+1}(Y) = 0$ . Then the secondary obstruction  $c^{n+3}(f)$  is defined. Correspondingly,  $h$  can be extended to a map  $h: K^{n+2} \rightarrow R^{n+2}$  such that  $\varphi h$  and  $f$  are homotopic on  $K^{n+2}$  relative to  $K^n$ . Notice that  $h$ , moreover, can be extended to a map of  $K^{n+3}$  into  $R^{n+3}$ . It follows that  $c^{n+3}(f) \simeq c^{n+3}(\varphi h) = h^* c^{n+3}(\varphi)$ . If  $\omega(\alpha_{\mu})$  is such an element of  $\pi_{n+2}(Y)$  as is represented by a map  $\varphi \omega$ , where  $\omega$  is a map representing a generator of order 0 of  $\pi_{n+2}(B_{\mu}^2(n_{\mu}))$  ( $n_{\mu}$  even) (see § 2), and if  $\xi(\alpha_{\mu})$  is such an element of  $\pi_{n+2}(Y)$  as is represented by a map  $\varphi \xi$ , where  $\xi$  is a map representing a generator of order 2 of  $\pi_{n+2}(B_{\mu}^2(n_{\mu}))$ , then, we have by theorem 1 in § 3,

$$\begin{aligned} c^{n+3}(\varphi h) &= h^* c^{n+3}(\varphi) = h^* \left[ \sum_{n_{\mu} \geq 0, \text{even}} \omega(\alpha_{\mu}) e_{1, \mu}^{n+3} + \sum_{n_{\mu} > 0, \text{even}} \xi(\alpha_{\mu}) e_{2, \mu}^{n+3} + \left( \sum_{\mu < \nu} \alpha_{\mu} \alpha_{\nu} e_{\mu, \nu}^6 \right) \right] \\ &= h^* \left[ \sum_{n_{\mu} \geq 0, \text{even}} (\mathcal{C}_{n-3} S_{\mu}^n) \omega(\alpha_{\mu}) + \sum_{n_{\mu} > 0, \text{even}} (S_{q_{n-1}} \theta_{n_{\mu}}^{n+1} S_{\mu}^n) \xi(\alpha_{\mu}) + \left( \sum_{\mu < \nu} (S_{\mu}^3 \cup S_{\nu}^3) \alpha_{\mu} \alpha_{\nu} \right) \right], \end{aligned}$$

where the last terms  $\sum_{\mu < \nu} (S_{\mu}^3 \cup S_{\nu}^3) \alpha_{\mu} \alpha_{\nu}$  are added only when  $n = 3$ .

If we put  $c_{\mu}^n = h^* S_{\mu}^n$ , then the first obstruction  $c^n(f)$  of  $f$  is expressible in the following form:  $c^n(f) = \sum_{\mu} \alpha_{\mu} \cdot c_{\mu}^n$ .

Thus we obtain the following

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $K$  be a finite complex, and let  $K^r$  be its  $r$ -skelton. Let  $Y$  be an  $(n-1)$ -connected topological space whose  $(n+1)$ -th homotopy group vanishes. Given a mapping  $f: K^n \rightarrow Y$  such that  $f$  maps  $K^{n-1}$  into a point of  $Y$ .*

If the first obstruction  $c^n(f)$  is a cocycle, then  $f$  is extensible to a map  $f: K^{n+2} \rightarrow Y$  and its  $(n+3)$ -extension cocycle  $c^{n+3}(\bar{f})$  is determined from  $c^n(f)$  in the following form: ( $n \leq 3$ )

$$c^{n+3}(\bar{f}) \simeq \sum_{n_\mu \equiv 0, \text{ even}} (c_\mu^n \cup c_\mu^n + n_\mu c_\mu^n \cup \lambda_\mu^{n+1} + (-1)^n \frac{n_\mu^2}{2} \lambda_\mu^{n+1} \cup \lambda_\mu^{n+1}) \omega(\alpha_\mu) \\ + \sum_{n > 0, \text{ even}} (\lambda_\mu^{n+1} \cup \lambda_\mu^{n+1}) \zeta^n(\alpha_\mu) + \sum_{\mu < \nu} (c_\mu^3 \cup c_\nu^3) \alpha_\mu \alpha_\nu,$$

where the last terms is added only when  $n = 3$ , and  $c^n(f) = \sum_\mu \alpha_\mu c_\mu^n$ ,  $\lambda_\mu^{n+1} = \theta_{n_\mu}^{n+1} \cdot c_\mu^n = \frac{1}{n_\mu} \delta c_\mu^n$  ( $n_\mu > 0$ ), and  $\lambda_\mu^{n+1} = 0$  ( $n_\mu = 0$ ).

### § 5. Classification

We shall apply Theorem 2 in § 4 to the present classification problem in a usual way. Let  $Y$  be a space as was referred to above. It is our aim to classify all the classes of mappings of an  $(n+2)$ -dimensional complex  $K$  into the space  $Y$ . If we denote by  $\mathcal{C}_{n-3} c^n(f)$  the first terms in the expression of  $c^{n+3}(\bar{f})$  ( $n > 3$ ) in Theorem 2 and if we denote the second terms by  $S_{q_{n-1}} \theta^{n+1} c^n(f)$ , then we have

$$c^{n+3}(\bar{f}) \simeq (\mathcal{C}_{n-3} + S_{q_{n-1}} \theta^{n+1}) c^n(f).$$

We shall use this notation in the following.

Since  $\mathcal{C}_{n-3} + S_{q_{n-1}} \theta^{n+1}$  is a homomorphism of  $H^n(K, \pi_n(Y))$  into  $H^{n+3}(K, \pi_{n+2}(Y))$ , we have the classification theorem through analogous arguments of Steenrod [2].

THEOREM 3. ( $n > 3$ ).

Let  $K$  be an  $(n+2)$ -dimensional finite complex, and let  $Y$  be a space with the same property in Theorem 2.

All the homotopy classes of mappings of  $K$  into  $Y$ , that are contained in one homotopy class of mappings of  $K^n$  into  $Y$ , are in one to one correspondence with the cosets of the factor group:

$$H^{n+2}(K, \pi_{n+2}(Y)) / (\mathcal{C}_{n-4} + S_{q_{n-2}} \theta^n) H^{n-1}(K, \pi_n(Y)),$$

where  $\mathcal{C}_{n-4} + S_{q_{n-2}} \theta^n; H^{n-1}(K, \pi_n(Y)) \rightarrow H^{n+2}(K, \pi_{n+2}(Y))$  is a homomorphism.

THEOREM 3'. (The case  $n = 3$ ). All the homotopy classes of mappings of  $K^5$  into  $Y$ , that are homotopic to each other on  $K^3$ , are in one to one correspondence with the cosets of the factor group:

$$H^5(K^5, \pi_5(Y)) / \Psi H^2(K^5, \pi_3(Y))$$

where  $\Psi: H^2(K^5, \pi_3(Y)) \rightarrow H^5(K^5, \pi_5(Y))$  is a homomorphism defined in the following way.

Let  $\{\lambda^2\} \in H^2(K^5, \pi_3(Y))$ , and let  $\lambda^2 = \sum_\mu \alpha_\mu \lambda_\mu^2$ , where  $\alpha_\mu$  are generators of  $\pi_3(Y)$ . Then  $\Psi\{\lambda^2\}$  is a cohomology class represented by

$$\sum_{n_\mu > 0, \text{ even}} (n_\mu \lambda_\mu^2 \cup \theta_{n_\mu}^3 \lambda_\mu^2 - \frac{n_\mu^2}{2} \theta_{n_\mu}^3 \lambda_\mu^2 \cup \theta_{n_\mu}^3 \lambda_\mu^2) \omega(\alpha_\mu) + \sum_{n_\mu > 0, \text{ even}} (\theta_{n_\mu}^3 \lambda_\mu^2 \cup \theta_{n_\mu}^3 \lambda_\mu^2) \xi(\alpha_\mu) + \sum_{\mu < \nu} (c_\mu^3 \cup \lambda_\nu^2 + \lambda_\mu^2 \cup c_\nu^3) \alpha_\mu \alpha_\nu.$$

It is seen that  $2\mathcal{P}\{\lambda^2\} = 0$ .

**§ 6. Invariant cohomology class  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}^{n+3}$**

Eilenberg and MacLane [7] have introduced, for a space  $Y$  such that  $\pi_i(Y) = 0$  ( $i < n < i < n + h$ ), a cohomology class  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}^{n+h+1}$  of an abstract complex  $K(\pi_n(Y), n)$ , and studied the influence of  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}^{n+h+1}$  on homology groups of  $Y$ . We shall here deal with a space  $Y$  with the same property as in preceding sections. We consider the case  $n > 2$  and  $h = 2$ .

**THEOREM 4.** *Let  $\mathcal{K}^{n+3}$  be a cocycle belonging to  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}^{n+3}$ , then*

$$\mathcal{K}^{n+3} \circ (\mathcal{C}_{n-3} + S_{q_{n-1}} \theta^{n+1}) d^n \text{ for } n > 3, \\ \mathcal{K}^{n+3} \circ (\mathcal{C}_0 + S_{q_2} \theta^4) d^3 + \sum_{\mu < \nu} (d_\mu^3 \cup d_\nu^3) \alpha_\mu \alpha_\nu \text{ for } n = 3,$$

where  $d^n$  represents the element of  $H^n(\pi_n(Y), n, \pi_n(Y))$  which acts as the identity endomorphism of  $\pi_n(Y)$ , and  $d^n = \sum_{\mu} \alpha_\mu d_\mu^n$ .

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