

Metastable homotopy groups of $Sp(n)$

Dedicated to Professor Hiroshi Toda on his 60th Birthday

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§0. Introduction and the statements of results

Let $Sp(n)$ be the n -th symplectic group. The homotopy groups of $Sp(n)$, $\pi_i(Sp(n))$, have been studied by various authors. If $i < 4n + 2$, then $\pi_i(Sp(n))$ is well known by the Bott periodicity theorem [2]. For $4n + 2 \leq i \leq 4n + 8$, $\pi_i(Sp(n))$ are determined in [2], [3], [8], [6]. For $i = 4n + 9$, $\pi_i(Sp(n))$ is determined by Ōshima [12]. In this paper we determine the 2-primary component of the group $\pi_i(Sp(n))$ for $4n + 10 \leq i \leq 4n + 15$. In the previous paper [10], we reduced the calculation of $\pi_i(Sp(n))$ to that of $\pi_{i+1}(Sp/Sp(n))$ for some range of i , where $Sp = \varinjlim Sp(n)$ and $Sp/Sp(n)$ is the orbit space. Since in the metastable range of i , $4n + 2 \leq i \leq 8n + 4$, $\pi_i(Sp/Sp(n))$ is isomorphic to the $\pi_i^*(Q_{n+1}^\infty)$, the stable homotopy group of the stunted quasi-quaternionic projective space Q_{n+1}^∞ , we carry out the calculation of $\pi_i^*(Q_{n+1}^\infty)$ for the range $4n + 11 \leq i \leq 4n + 16$.

Before the statement of the main result, we prepare some notation. For $n \geq 1$ and $s \geq 1$, define a number $M(n, s)$ by the following equation [16]:

$$(e^t + e^{-t} - 2)^s = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{(2s)!}{(2n)!} M(n, s) t^{2n}.$$

Then it is easy to see that $M(n, s)$ is an integer [16]. Define a number $d^A(n, m)$ by

$$d^A(n, m) = \text{g.c.d.}_{s \geq m+1} \left\{ \frac{a(n-1)}{a(n-s)} (2s-1)! M(n, s) \right\},$$

where $a(k)$ is 1 or 2 according as k is even or odd. Let $d_2^A(n, m)$ be the index of 2 in the prime decomposition of the integer $d^A(n, m)$. In the following theorem, $\pi_{*}(\)$ means the 2-component of homotopy groups, the symbol $+$ means the direct sum and (l, k) means the greatest common divisor of integers l and k . Our main results are as follows;

Main theorem.

1) If $n \geq 2$, then

$$\pi_{4n+10}(Sp(n)) \cong \begin{cases} Z/2 + Z/2 + Z/2^{d_2^A(n+3, n)} & \text{if } n \equiv 1(4), \\ Z/2 + Z/2^{d_2^A(n+3, n)}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

2) If $n \geq 2$, then

$$\pi_{4n+11}(Sp(n)) \cong \begin{cases} Z/2 + Z/2 + Z/2 & \text{if } n \equiv 1(4), \\ Z/2 + Z/2 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

3) If $n \geq 2$, then

$$\pi_{4n+12}(Sp(n)) \cong \begin{cases} Z/2 + Z/2 + Z/2 & \text{if } n \equiv 0(2), \\ Z/2 + Z/2 & \text{if } n \equiv 1(2). \end{cases}$$

4) If $n \geq 3$, then

$$\pi_{4n+13}(Sp(n)) \cong \begin{cases} Z/16 & \text{if } n \equiv 1(2), \\ Z/2 + Z/8 + Z/64 & \text{if } n \equiv 6(8), \\ Z/2 + Z/32 & \text{if } n \equiv 2(8), \\ Z/2 + Z/2 + Z/8 & \text{if } n \equiv 0(8), \\ Z/2 + Z/2 + Z/4 + Z/k & \text{if } n \equiv 4(8), \end{cases}$$

where $k = 16/(16, (n+4)/8)$.

5) If $n \geq 3$, then

$$\pi_{4n+14}(Sp(n)) \cong \begin{cases} Z/2 + Z/2 + Z/2^{d_2^{4(n+4, n)}} & \text{if } n \equiv 0(4), \\ Z/2 + Z/2^{d_2^{4(n+4, n)}} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

6) If $n \geq 3$, then

$$\pi_{4n+15}(Sp(n)) \cong \begin{cases} Z/2 + Z/2 + Z/2 & \text{if } n \equiv 0(4), \\ Z/2 + Z/2 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Note that for exceptional value of n in the above theorem, those homotopy groups are already known by [14] and [7].

Since our methods for calculation of $\pi_{4n+i}^s(Q_{n+1}^\infty)$ are e -invariant methods, in §1 we recall the basic facts about e -invariants. In §2 we apply the e -invariants to the stunted (quasi-) projective spaces HP_{n+1}^{n+k} or Q_{n+1}^{n+k} and investigate the properties of the attaching maps of their top cells, which we need in §§4–5. In §3 we recall the relations among $\pi_i(Sp/Sp(n))$, $\pi_i^e(Q_{n+1}^\infty)$ and $\pi_i(Sp(n))$. In §§4–5 we carry out the calculation of the 2-component of $\pi_i^e(Q_{n+1}^\infty)$ for $4n+11 \leq i \leq 4n+16$.

§1. The e -invariant

In this section we recall the basic properties of e -invariant (Cf. [1], [15], [16]). Let $K^*()$ be the reduced complex K theory and $KO^*()$ be the reduced real K theory. We denote its representative spectrum by K or KO . Let HQ be the representative spectrum of the cohomology theory with rational coefficients, $H^*(; Q)$. For $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ (integers), there is a stable map

$$CH_i: K \longrightarrow \Sigma^{2i}HQ,$$

such that for a large j the $2j$ -th component of CH_i ,

$$(CH_i)_{2j}: BU \longrightarrow K(Q, 2i + 2j),$$

is the usual universal $(i + j)$ -th chern character. We denote the composite

$$KO \xrightarrow{c} K \xrightarrow{CH_{2i}} \Sigma^{4i}HQ,$$

by PH_i and call it the i -th Pontrjagin character, where $c: KO \rightarrow K$ is the complexification map.

Let $n \geq 1$. Let X be a spectrum such that

$$(1.1) \quad H^{4n}(X; Q) = H^{4n-1}(X; Q) = 0.$$

For $\alpha \in \pi_{4n-1}(X)$, there exists a homomorphism

$$e(\alpha): KO^{4*}(X) \longrightarrow Q/Z,$$

defined by

$$e(\alpha)(\beta) = \langle \Sigma^{4s}PH_{n-s}, \beta, \alpha \rangle / a(n-s),$$

where $\beta \in KO^{4s}(X)$, $\langle \Sigma^{4s}PH_{n-s}, \beta, \alpha \rangle \in \pi_{4n}(\Sigma^{4n}HQ) = Q$ is the stable Toda bracket [14] associated with the sequence

$$S^{4n-1} \xrightarrow{\alpha} X \xrightarrow{\beta} \Sigma^{4s}KO \xrightarrow{\Sigma^{4s}PH_{n-s}} \Sigma^{4n}HQ,$$

and $a(i) = 1$ or 2 according as i is even or odd. It is easy to see that under the assumption (1.1) the e -invariant $e(\alpha)$ is well defined. Now the following proposition is well known (See [1], [15] and [16]).

Proposition 1.1. *Let X be a spectrum such that $H^{4n}(X; Q) = H^{4n-1}(X; Q) = 0$. Let $\alpha \in \pi_{4n-1}(X)$. Then*

- 1) $e(\alpha): KO^{4s}(X) \rightarrow Q/Z$ is a homomorphism.
- 2) $e(\alpha + \alpha') = e(\alpha) + e(\alpha')$, where $\alpha' \in \pi_{4n-1}(X)$.
- 3) When $X = S^{4s}$, $e(\alpha)(g)$ is equal to the Adams e'_R invariant [1] up to sign, where $g \in KO^{4s}(S^{4s})$ is the standard generator.
- 4) $e(\alpha)(\gamma\beta) = PH_k(\gamma)(e(\alpha)(\beta))$, where $\gamma \in \pi_{4k}(KO)$ and $\beta \in KO^{4s}(X)$.
- 5) (Naturality) Let Y be a spectrum which satisfies that $H^{4n}(Y; Q) = H^{4n-1}(Y; Q) = 0$. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a map. Then for any $\beta \in KO^{4s}(Y)$, $e(f_*\alpha)(\beta) = e(\alpha)(f^*\beta)$.
- 6) Let $\gamma: S^{4(n+m)-2} \rightarrow S^{4m-1}$ and $\alpha: S^{4m-1} \rightarrow X$ such that $q\alpha = q\gamma = 0$ for some integer q . Then

$$e(\langle \alpha, q, \gamma \rangle)(\beta) = (q \cdot e(\alpha)(\beta))e(\Sigma\gamma)(g_{m-s}),$$

where g_{m-s} is a generator of $KO^{4s}(S^{4m})$.

§ 2. Stunted quaternionic (quasi-) projective spaces

Let HP^n be the quaternionic n dimensional projective space. We denote

the stunted projective space HP^n/HP^{m-1} by HP_m^n ($n \geq m$). Let Q^n be the $4n-1$ dimensional quaternionic quasi-projective space [5]. We denote the stunted quasi-projective space Q^n/Q^{m-1} by Q_m^n . We denote the attaching map of the top cell in HP_{n+1}^{n+k} (resp. Q_{n+1}^{n+k}) by ${}_H\varphi_{n+1}^{n+k}$ (resp. ${}_Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+k}$). Recall that $KO^*(HP_{n+1}^{n+k})$ is the free $KO^*(S^0)$ module generated by x^{n+i} for $1 \leq i \leq k$ and $KO^*(Q_{n+1}^{n+k})$ is the free $KO^*(S^0)$ module generated by x_{n+i} for $1 \leq i \leq k$. Originally $x^i \in KO^{4i}(HP_+^\infty)$ is the i -fold iterated product of the first KO theoretic Pontrjagin class $x \in KO^4(HP_+^\infty)$, where X_+ means a space with a disjoint base point. These generators can be chosen so that $x^{i-1} \in KO^{4(i-1)}(HP_+^{i-1})$ corresponds to $x_i \in KO^{4i-1}(Q^i)$ under the Thom isomorphism (Cf. [4]). The following theorem is essential in our later calculation and has been proved in [4] or [16].

Theorem 2.1. 1) $PH_{n-s}: KO^{4s}(HP_+^\infty) \rightarrow H^{4n}(HP_+^\infty; Q)$ is given by

$$PH_{n-s}(x^s) = \frac{(2s)!}{(2n)!} M(n, s) \cdot (x^H)^n,$$

where $x^H \in H^4(HP_+^\infty; Z)$ is the standard generator. Similarly $PH_{n-s}: KO^{4s-1}(Q^\infty) \rightarrow H^{4n-1}(Q^\infty; Q)$ is given by

$$PH_{n-s}(x_s) = \frac{(2s-1)!}{(2n-1)!} M(n, s) (x^H)_n,$$

where $(x^H)_n \in H^{4n-1}(Q^\infty; Z)$ corresponds to $(x^H)^{n-1} \in H^{4(n-1)}(HP_+^\infty; Z)$ under the Thom isomorphism.

2) Let $n \geq m+1$ and $m \geq 1$. For any s such that $m \leq s \leq n-1$,

$$e({}_H\varphi_m^n)(x^s) = \frac{(2s)! M(n, s)}{(2n)! a(n-s)}, \quad \text{for } x^s \in KO^{4s}(HP_m^n),$$

$$e({}_Q\varphi_m^n)(x_s) = \frac{(2s-1)! M(n, s)}{(2n-1)! a(n-s)}, \quad \text{for } x_s \in KO^{4s-1}(Q_m^n).$$

Examples 2.2.

- 1) $e({}_H\varphi_{n+1}^{n+2})(x^{n+1}) = (n+1)/24,$
- 2) $e({}_H\varphi_{n+1}^{n+3})(x^{n+1}) = (5n+4)(n+1)/(2 \cdot 6!),$
- 3) $e({}_H\varphi_{n+1}^{n+4})(x^{n+1}) = (35n^2 + 49n + 18)(n+1)/(2 \cdot 9!),$
- 4) $e({}_Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+2})(x_{n+1}) = (n+2)/24,$
- 5) $e({}_Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+3})(x_{n+1}) = (5n+4)(n+3)/(2 \cdot 6!),$
- 6) $e({}_Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+4})(x_{n+1}) = (35n^2 + 49n + 18)(n+4)/(2 \cdot 9!),$

Proof. By definition of the number $M(n, s)$ the following is a permanent equation with respect to a variable z ;

$$\left(\sum_{i \leq 1} \frac{2z}{(2i)!} \right)^s = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{(2s)!}{(2n)!} M(n, s) z^n.$$

Comparing the both sides in the above equation, the assertions are easily verified by direct calculation and Theorem 2.1.

Proposition 2.3. For $1 \leq i \leq 3$ let X_{n+i}^{n+3} be HP_{n+i}^{n+3} or ΣQ_{n+i}^{n+3} . Then the e -invariant

$$e: \pi_{4n+15}^s(X_{n+i}^{n+3}) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(KO^{4*}(X_{n+i}^{n+3}), Q/Z)$$

is monomorphic.

Proof. Consider the cofiber sequence:

$$X_{n+2}^{n+2} \longrightarrow X_{n+2}^{n+3} \longrightarrow X_{n+3}^{n+3}.$$

Then we have the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \pi_{4n+15}^s(X_{n+2}^{n+2}) & \longrightarrow & \pi_{4n+15}^s(X_{n+2}^{n+3}) & \longrightarrow & \pi_{4n+15}^s(X_{n+3}^{n+3}) \\ \downarrow e_1 & & \downarrow e_2 & & \downarrow e_3 \\ 0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(KO^{4*}(X_{n+2}^{n+2}), Q/Z) & \rightarrow & \text{Hom}(KO^{4*}(X_{n+2}^{n+3}), Q/Z) & \rightarrow & \text{Hom}(KO^{4*}(X_{n+3}^{n+3}), Q/Z), \end{array}$$

where e_i is the e -invariant and horizontal sequences are exact. Since e_1 and e_3 are equal (up to sign) to the usual e'_R -invariants, both e_1 and e_3 are monomorphic. Therefore so is e_2 . Similarly, considering the cofiber sequence:

$$X_{n+1}^{n+1} \longrightarrow X_{n+1}^{n+3} \longrightarrow X_{n+2}^{n+3},$$

we have the desired results.

Let j_3 (resp. j_7) be a generator of $\pi_3^s(S^0) \cong Z/24$ (resp. $\pi_7^s(S^0) \cong Z/240$) such that $e'_R(j_3) = 1/24$ (resp. $e'_R(j_7) = 1/240$). Then both HP_{n+1}^{n+2} and $\Sigma^5 Q_{n+1}^{n+1}$ are homotopy equivalent to the mapping cone of $(n+1)j_3$, that is, $S^{4n+4} \cup_{(n+1)j_3} e^{4n+8}$. Thus we identify them.

Proposition 2.4.

$${}_H\varphi_{n+1}^{n+3} = \Sigma_Q^5 \varphi_n^{n+2} + i_{0*} j_7,$$

where i_0 is the inclusion map of the bottom sphere.

Proof. From Proposition 2.3 it is enough to show that

$$e(\Sigma_Q^5 \varphi_n^{n+2} + i_{0*} j_7) = e({}_H\varphi_{n+1}^{n+3}),$$

under the identification $HP_{n+1}^{n+2} \approx \Sigma^5 Q_{n+1}^{n+1}$. Note that under this identification the element $x^i \in KO^{4i}(HP_{n+1}^{n+2})$ corresponds to the element $x_{i-1} \in KO^{4i}(\Sigma^5 Q_{n+1}^{n+1})$ for $i = n+1$ or $n+2$. Then the above equation easily follows by Proposition 1.1 and Example 2.2.

Proposition 2.5. For $1 \leq j \leq 4$, there exist stable maps,

$$f_j: HP_{n+1}^{n+j} \longrightarrow \Sigma Q_{n+1}^{n+j},$$

such that for $j \leq 3$ the following diagram commutes:

$$(2.6) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} S^{4n+4j+3} & \xrightarrow{H\varphi_{n+1}^{n+j+1}} & HP_{n+1}^{n+j} & \longrightarrow & HP_{n+1}^{n+j+1} \\ & \downarrow \begin{matrix} (n+1)\cdots(n+j) \\ (I)_j \end{matrix} & \downarrow \begin{matrix} (n+j+1)f_j \\ (II)_j \end{matrix} & & \downarrow f_{j+1} \\ S^{4n+4j+3} & \xrightarrow{\Sigma Q_{n+1}^{n+j+1}} & \Sigma Q_{n+1}^{n+j} & \longrightarrow & \Sigma Q_{n+1}^{n+j+1}, \end{array}$$

where the horizontal lines are cofiber sequences. In particular, for $1 \leq i \leq j$,

$$(2.7) \quad f_j^*(x_{n+i}) = ((n+1)\cdots(n+j)/(n+i))x^{n+i},$$

where $f_j^*: KO^{4(n+i)}(\Sigma Q_{n+1}^{n+j}) \rightarrow KO^{4(n+i)}(HP_{n+1}^{n+j})$ is the homomorphism induced by f_j .

Proof. By induction on j . For $j=1$, we take the identity map of S^{4n+4} as f_1 because $HP_{n+1}^n = \Sigma Q_{n+1}^n = S^{4n+4}$. Clearly for $j=1$ (2.7) holds and the diagram $(I)_1$ commutes. Suppose that for some k there exists a map f_k such that the diagram $(I)_k$ commutes and (2.7) holds. Then clearly there exists a map $f_{k+1}: HP_{n+1}^{n+k+1} \rightarrow \Sigma Q_{n+1}^{n+k+1}$ such that the diagram $(II)_k$ commutes. Then from Theorem 2.1, investigating the Pontrjagin character, it follows that for $j=k+1$, (2.7) holds. Now using (2.7) for $j=k+1$, by easy computation we have

$$e((n+k+1)f_k \circ_H \varphi_{n+1}^{n+k+1}) = e((n+1)\cdots(n+k)\Sigma Q_{n+1}^{n+k+1}).$$

Therefore, when $k+1 \leq 4$, by Proposition 2.3, we see that the diagram $(I)_{k+1}$ commutes. This completes the proof of Proposition 2.5.

§3. Metastable homotopy groups of $Sp(n)$

The following Proposition are proved in [10, Proposition 2.4].

Proposition 3.1. *Let $i > 4n+1$. If $i \equiv 0, 1, 3$ or $7 \pmod 8$, then $\pi_i(Sp(n))$ is isomorphic to $\pi_{i+1}(Sp/Sp(n))$. If $i \equiv 4$ or $5 \pmod 8$, then $\pi_i(Sp(n))$ is isomorphic to $\pi_{i+1}(Sp/Sp(n)) + \mathbb{Z}/2$.*

Except the case $m=5$, the following theorem is proved in [10, Theorem II].

Theorem 3.2. *Let $n \geq 1$ and $1 \leq m \leq 5$. Then, in the 2-component, $\pi_{4(n+m)-2}(Sp(n))$ is isomorphic to the direct sum of $\text{Tor}(\pi_{4(n+m)-1}(Sp/Sp(n)))$ and a cyclic group $\mathbb{Z}/2^{d_2^{4(n+m,n)}}$.*

Since Q_{n+1}^{n+m} is a subcomplex of the Stiefel manifold $Sp(n+m)/Sp(n)$, and since the pair $(Sp(n+m)/Sp(n), Q_{n+1}^{n+m})$ is $(8n+9)$ -connected [5], by the suspension theorem it is obvious that $\pi_{4n+i+1}(Sp/Sp(n))$ is isomorphic to $\pi_{4n+i+1}^{\mathbb{Z}_2}(Q_{n+1}^{\infty})$ for $i \leq 4n+3$. So from Proposition 3.1 and Theorem 3.2, in the metastable range for our purpose it is enough to compute the group $\pi_{4n+i+1}^{\mathbb{Z}_2}(Q_{n+1}^{\infty})$. This can be done in the following sections.

Proof of Theorem 3.2. For the proof it is enough (see [10]) to show that for $m=5$, the stable quaternionic James number $X^s\{n+m, m\}$ ([11] or [10]) is equal

to the order of e -invariant of $Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+m}$ which is easily obtained by Theorem 2.1 and we denote it by $X^A\{n+m, m\}$ [10].

Consider the following Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence:

$$E_{p,q}^2 = H_p(Q^\infty; Z) \otimes \pi_q^s(S^0),$$

which converges to $\pi_*^s(Q^\infty)$, where all spectra are localized at (2). We denote the generator of $H_{4p-1}(Q^\infty; Z)$ by γ_p . Then we have

Lemma 3.3.

$d^8(\gamma_{n+1} \otimes \eta\kappa) = \gamma_{n-1} \otimes \varepsilon\kappa$ if $n \equiv 1$ or $2 \pmod 4$ and $=0$, otherwise.

$d^8(\gamma_{n+3} \otimes \bar{\nu}) = \gamma_{n+1} \otimes \eta\kappa$, if $n \equiv 0$ or $3 \pmod 4$ and $=0$, otherwise.

Here $\eta \in \pi_1^s(S^0)$, $\kappa \in \pi_{14}^s(S^0)$, $\varepsilon \in \pi_8^s(S^0)$ and $\bar{\nu} \in \pi_8^s(S^0)$ are some generators of the 2-primary component of $\pi_*^s(S^0)$ (see [14]).

Proof. Consider the following spectral sequence;

$$E_{p,q}^2(X) = H_p(X; Z) \otimes \pi_q^s(S^0) \implies \pi_*^s(X),$$

for $X = Q^\infty, HP^\infty$ or MSP (the symplectic Thom spectrum). As is well known there is a stable map $j: HP^\infty \rightarrow \Sigma^4 MSP$ such that $j_*\beta_{n+1} = b_n$, where $\beta_{n+1} \in H_{4n+4}(HP^\infty; Z) \cong Z\{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots\}$ and $b_n \in H_{4n}(MSP; Z) \cong Z[b_1, b_2, \dots]$ are standard generators. Let $\alpha \in \pi_k^s(S^0)$ and ν be a generator of $\pi_8^s(S^0) \cong Z/8$. Now under the assumption that $(n+1)\nu\alpha = 0$, Proposition 2.4 implies that $d^8(\gamma_{n+1} \otimes \alpha) = \gamma_{n-1} \otimes \delta$ for some $\delta \in \pi_{k+7}^s(S^0)$ if and only if $d^8(\beta_{n+2} \otimes \alpha) = \beta_n \otimes (\delta + \alpha\sigma)$, where $\sigma \in \pi_7^s(S^0) \cong Z/16$. On the other hand, if $d^8(\beta_{n+2} \otimes \alpha) = \beta_n \otimes (\delta + \alpha\sigma)$ then it holds that in $E_{*,*}^*(MSP)$ $d^8(b_{n+1} \otimes \alpha) = b_{n-1} \otimes (\delta + \alpha\sigma)$, moreover, $d^8(S^{4n-1}(b_{n+1}) \otimes \alpha) = \delta + \alpha\sigma$, where S^{4n-1} is a certain Landweber Novikov operation in MSP -theory (See, for example [9]). Now it is not difficult [9] to see that

$$d^8(S^{4n-1}(b_{n+1}) \otimes \eta\kappa) = d^8\left(\left(nb_2 + \binom{n}{2}b_1^2\right) \otimes \eta\kappa\right) = (n(n+1)/2)\varepsilon\kappa.$$

This proves the first assertion of Lemma 3.3. Similarly the second assertion follows.

Since $X^s\{n+5, 4\} = X\{n+5, 4\} = X^A\{n+5, 4\}$, there is an element $\delta_n \in \pi_{4n+18}^s(S^{4n+3})$ such that $i_*\delta_n = X^A\{n+5, 4\}Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+5}$ (see the diagram below).

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} S^{4n+18} & \xrightarrow{X^A\{n+5,4\}} & S^{4n+18} & & \\ & & \downarrow \delta_n & \searrow Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+5} & \\ & & \downarrow Q\varphi_{n+2}^{n+5} & & \\ \Sigma^{-1}Q_{n+2}^{n+4} & \xrightarrow{\bar{\omega}} & S^{4n+3} & \xrightarrow{i_0} & Q_{n+1}^{n+4} \longrightarrow Q_{n+2}^{n+4} \end{array}$$

It is not difficult to see that $X^s\{n+5, 5\} = X^A\{n+5, 5\}$ if and only if the order of δ_n in $\pi_{4n+18}^s(S^{4n+3})/\text{Im } \bar{\omega}_*$ is equal to the order of the e -invariant of δ_n . In terms of the spectral sequence, the above diagram implies that

$$d^{16}(X\{n+5, 4\} \otimes \gamma_{n+5}) = \gamma_{n+1} \otimes \delta_n \text{ in } E^{16}\text{-term.}$$

Since $\delta_n \in \pi_{15}^s(S^0) \cong Z/16\{\rho\} + Z/2\{\eta\kappa\}$, Lemma 3.3 implies that if $n \equiv 0$ or $3 \pmod 4$

then $\eta\kappa \in \text{Im } \bar{\varphi}_*$ and that if $n \equiv 1$ or $2 \pmod 4$ then δ_n can not be equal to $\eta\kappa$. Thus the order of δ_n in $\pi_{4n+18}^s(S^{4n+3})/\text{Im } \bar{\varphi}_*$ is equal to the order of the e -invariant of δ_n and consequently the differential $d^{16}: E_{4n+19,0}^{16} \rightarrow E_{4n+3,15}^{16}$ can be completely determined by e -invariants. This proves that $X^A\{n+5, 5\} = X^s\{n+5, 5\}$.

§4. Computation

From now on all spaces or spectra should be considered to be localized at (2) since our interest are in the 2-component. We freely use the structure or notations in [14] about the 2-component of the stable homotopy groups of spheres.

1) $\text{Tor}(\pi_{4n+11}^s(Q_{n+1}^\infty))$.

Consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & S^{4n+6} & & & & \\
 & & \downarrow (n+2)\nu & & & & \\
 & & S^{4n+3} & & & & \\
 & & \downarrow i_0 & & & & \\
 S^{4n+10} & \xrightarrow{Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+3}} & Q_{n+1}^{n+2} & \xrightarrow{i} & Q_{n+1}^{n+3} & \xrightarrow{p} & S^{4n+11}. \\
 & & \downarrow & & & & \\
 & & S^{4n+7} & & & &
 \end{array}$$

Applying $\pi_{4n+11}^s()$, we have

$$\text{Tor}(\pi_{4n+11}^s(Q_{n+1}^{n+3})) \cong \pi_{4n+11}^s(Q_{n+1}^{n+2}) / (Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+3} \circ \eta).$$

It is easy to see that $i_{0*}: \pi_{4n+11}^s(S^{4n+3}) \rightarrow \pi_{4n+11}^s(Q_{n+1}^{n+2})$ is an isomorphism.

Lemma 4.1.

$$Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+3} \circ \eta = \begin{cases} i_{0*}\bar{\nu} & \text{if } n \equiv 3(4), \\ i_{0*}\eta\sigma & \text{if } n \equiv 2(4), \\ 0 & \text{if } n \equiv 1(4). \\ i_{0*}\varepsilon & \text{if } n \equiv 0(4). \end{cases}$$

Proof. By Proposition 2.4 it is enough to show that

$${}_H\varphi_{n+2}^{n+4} \circ \eta = (n+2)\varepsilon + \binom{n+2}{2} \bar{\nu}.$$

But the above equation has already obtained in [13], and also follows from the second assertion of Lemma 3.3.

Therefore we have

$$\text{Tor}(\pi_{4n+11}^s(Q_{n+1}^\infty)) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/2 + \mathbb{Z}/2 & \text{if } n \equiv 1(4), \\ \mathbb{Z}/2 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

2) $\text{Tor}(\pi_{4n+15}^s(Q_{n+1}^\infty))$ for $n \geq 3$.

Now consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} S^{4n+3} & \xrightarrow{i_0} & Q_{n+1}^\infty & \longrightarrow & Q_{n+2}^\infty & \longrightarrow & S^{4n+4} \\ & & & & \uparrow i_0 & \nearrow (n+2)v & \\ & & & & S^{4n+7} & & \end{array}$$

Since $\pi_{12}^s(S^0) = 0$, $(n+2)v_*: \pi_{4n+15}^s(S^{4n+7}) \rightarrow \pi_{4n+15}^s(S^{4n+4})$ is trivial and $i_{0*}: \pi_{4n+15}^s(S^{4n+7}) \rightarrow \text{Tor}(\pi_{4n+15}^s(Q_{n+2}^\infty))$ is epic, applying $\pi_{4n+15}^s(\)$ to the above diagram we have

$$\text{Tor}(\pi_{4n+15}^s(Q_{n+1}^\infty)) \cong \text{Tor}(\pi_{4n+15}^s(Q_{n+2}^\infty)).$$

This completes the proof of 1) and 5) in Main Theorem in §0.

3) $\pi_{4n+12}^s(Q_{n+1}^\infty)$ for $n \geq 2$.

We shall prove

Theorem 4.2.

If $n \geq 2$, then $\pi_{4n+12}^s(Q_{n+1}^{\infty+3})$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}/2 + \mathbb{Z}/2$ if $n \not\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ and is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}/2 + \mathbb{Z}/2 + \mathbb{Z}/2$, otherwise.

Consider the homotopy exact sequence associated with the cofiber sequence;

$$S^{4n+3} \xrightarrow{i_0} Q_{n+1}^{\infty+2} \xrightarrow{p} S^{4n+7}.$$

Then we have

Lemma 4.3. $\pi_{4n+12}^s(Q_{n+1}^{\infty+2}) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2 + \mathbb{Z}/2$ if n is odd, and $\mathbb{Z}/2 + \mathbb{Z}/2 + \mathbb{Z}/2$ if n is even.

Now consider the cofiber sequence

$$S^{4n+10} \xrightarrow{Q\varphi_{n+1}^{\infty+3}} Q_{n+1}^{\infty+2} \longrightarrow Q_{n+1}^{\infty+3}.$$

Using Lemma 4.1 it is easy to see that if $n \not\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, then $\pi_{4n+12}^s(Q_{n+1}^{\infty+3}) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2 + \mathbb{Z}/2$ and that if $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, there is a short exact sequence;

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2 + \mathbb{Z}/2 \longrightarrow \pi_{4n+12}^s(Q_{n+1}^{\infty+3}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2 \longrightarrow 0,$$

where the last $\mathbb{Z}/2$ is generated by $\eta \in \pi_{4n+12}^s(S^{4n+11}) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2$. In order to see that the above group extension is trivial, as is well-known, it is enough to show that the Toda bracket $\langle Q\varphi_{n+1}^{\infty+3}, \eta, 2 \rangle \ni 0$.

Lemma 4.4. If $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ then the Toda bracket $\langle Q\varphi_{n+1}^{\infty+3}, \eta, 2 \rangle$ contains 0.

Proof. In Proposition 2.5 we proved that there is a map $f_2: HP_{n+1}^{\infty+2} \rightarrow \Sigma Q_{n+1}^{\infty+2}$ such that $(n+1)(n+2)\Sigma_Q\varphi_{n+1}^{\infty+3} = (n+3)f_2 \circ_H \varphi_{n+1}^{\infty+3}$. But if $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$, then by the

similar method it can be shown that

$$((n+1)(n+2)/2)\Sigma_Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+3} = ((n+3)/2)f_{2\circ_H}\varphi_{n+1}^{n+3}.$$

This implies that if $n \equiv 1 \pmod 4$, then $\Sigma_Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+3} = 2lf_{2\circ_H}\varphi_{n+1}^{n+3}$ for some l in $Z_{(2)}$ (integers localized at (2)). Thus in order to prove Lemma 4.4 it is enough to show that $\langle f_{2\circ_H}\varphi_{n+1}^{n+3}\circ 2, \eta, 2 \rangle$ contains 0. But the bracket

$$\langle f_{2\circ_H}\varphi_{n+1}^{n+3}\circ 2, \eta, 2 \rangle \ni f_{2\circ_H}\varphi_{n+1}^{n+3}\circ\eta^2.$$

On the other hand, from Lemma 4.1 and Proposition 2.5,

$$f_{2\circ_H}\varphi_{n+1}^{n+3}\circ\eta^2 = f_{2\circ}i_{0_*}v^3 = (n+2)i_{0_*}v^3 = 0,$$

in $Q_{n+1}^{n+2} = S^{4n+3} \cup_{(n+2)v} e^{4n+8}$.

This completes the proof of Theorem 4.2 and 2) of Main theorem.

4) $\pi_{4n+16}^s(Q_{n+1}^\infty)$ for $n \geq 3$.

Consider the cofiber sequence:

$$S^{4n+3} \xrightarrow{i_0} Q_{n+1}^\infty \xrightarrow{p} Q_{n+2}^\infty \longrightarrow S^{4n+4}.$$

Since $\pi_{4n+16}^s(S^{4n+3}) = \pi_{4n+16}^s(S^{4n+4}) = 0$, we have

$$\pi_{4n+16}^s(Q_{n+1}^\infty) \cong \pi_{4n+16}^s(Q_{n+2}^\infty).$$

Therefore from Theorem 4.3 we have proved 6) of Main Theorem.

5) $\pi_{4n+13}^s(Q_{n+1}^\infty)$ for $n \geq 2$.

Consider the following cofiber sequence:

$$(4.5) \quad S^{4n+10} \xrightarrow{Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+3}} Q_{n+1}^{n+2} \longrightarrow Q_{n+1}^{n+3} \longrightarrow S^{4n+11} \xrightarrow{\Sigma_Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+3}}.$$

Applying $\pi_{4n+13}^s(\)$ to the above sequence, from Lemma 4.1 we have

$$(4.6) \quad (\Sigma_Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+3})_*\eta^2 = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ i_{0_*}\eta^2\sigma & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

On the other hand,

Lemma 4.7. $\text{coker} (Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+3})_*$ is isomorphic to $Z/2$ which is generated by $i_{0_*}\eta\mu$.

Proof. Consider the cofiber sequence:

$$S^{4n+3} \xrightarrow{i_0} Q_{n+1}^{n+2} \xrightarrow{p} S^{4n+7} \xrightarrow{(n+2)v} S^{4n+4}.$$

Apply $\pi_{4n+13}^s(\)$ to the above sequence. Since $p\circ_Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+3} = (n+3)v$, it is easy to see that if n is even then Lemma 4.7 holds, and that if n is odd then $\pi_{4n+13}^s(Q_{n+1}^{n+2})$ is isomorphic to $Z/2$ generated by $i_{0_*}\eta\mu$. When n is odd, the image of $(Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+3})_*$ is trivial. Because, if the image of $(Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+3})_*$ is non-trivial, it follows that $Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+3}\circ v = i_{0_*}\eta\mu$. But this contradicts with the fact that $\eta\mu$ can be detected by d -invariant in KO -theory [1]. Thus Lemma 4.7 has been proved.

From (4.6) and Lemma 4.7, if n is even then we see that $\pi_{4n+13}^s(Q_{n+1}^{n+3})$ is isomorphic to $Z/2$ generated $i_{0*}\eta\mu$. If n is odd, then $\pi_{4n+13}^s(Q_{n+1}^{n+3})$ is a certain group extension of $Z/2$ and $Z/2$. However this group extension is trivial. Because, if not, then $\langle Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+3}, \eta^2, 2 \rangle = i_{0*}\eta\mu$. But this also contradicts with the fact that $\eta\mu$ can be detected by d -invariant in KO -theory [1]. This completes the proof of 3) of Main theorem.

§5. $\pi_{4n+14}^s(Q_{n+1}^{n+4})$.

Consider the following cofiber sequence:

$$S^{4n+14} \xrightarrow{Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+4}} Q_{n+1}^{n+3} \longrightarrow Q_{n+1}^{n+4} \longrightarrow S^{4n+15}.$$

From the above sequence we have

$$\pi_{4n+14}^s(Q_{n+1}^\infty) \cong \pi_{4n+14}^s(Q_{n+1}^{n+4}) \cong \pi_{4n+14}^s(Q_{n+1}^{n+3}) / \text{Im}(Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+4}).$$

First we calculate the group $\pi_{4n+14}^s(Q_{n+1}^{n+2})$. In the next Proposition, $Z/a\{\alpha\}$ means the cyclic group of order a , generated by α and the symbol $+$ between groups means the direct sum. And e -invariant $e(\)$ should be considered as

$$e: \pi_{4*-1}^s(X) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(KO^{4*}(X), Q/Z_{(2)}),$$

where a spectrum X is localized at (2) .

Considering the homotopy exact sequence associated with the cofiber sequence:

$$S^{4n+6} \xrightarrow{(n+2)v} S^{4n+3} \xrightarrow{i_0} Q_{n+1}^{n+2} \longrightarrow S^{4n+7},$$

it is easy to see that there exists a coextension $\tilde{\sigma} \in \pi_{4n+14}^s(Q_{n+1}^{n+2})$ of $\sigma \in \pi_{4n+14}^s(S^{4n+7}) \cong \pi_7^s(S^0)$. Then we have

Proposition 5.1.

$$\pi_{4n+14}^s(Q_{n+1}^{n+2}) \cong \begin{cases} Z/8\{i_{0*}\xi\} + Z/16\{\tilde{\sigma}\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 6(8), \\ Z/4\{i_{0*}\xi - 4\tilde{\sigma}\} + Z/32\{\tilde{\sigma}\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 2(8), \\ Z/2\{i_{0*}\xi - 8\tilde{\sigma}\} + Z/64\{\tilde{\sigma}\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 0(4), \\ Z/128\{\tilde{\sigma}\}, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Moreover generators can be taken so that they satisfy

$$e(\tilde{\sigma})(x_{n+2}) = 1/16,$$

$$e(i_{0*}\xi)(x_{n+2}) = 0,$$

$$e(i_{0*}\xi)(x_{n+1}) = 1/8,$$

and $e(\tilde{\sigma})(x_{n+1}) = (n+2)l/128$, where l is a certain unit in $Z_{(2)}$.

Proof. It is easy to see that there exists a short exact sequence of homotopy groups;

$$0 \longrightarrow \pi_{4n+14}^s(S^{4n+3}) \xrightarrow{i_{0*}} \pi_{4n+14}^s(Q_{n+1}^{n+2}) \xrightarrow{p_*} \pi_{4n+14}^s(S^{4n+7}) \longrightarrow 0.$$

$$\left\| \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\| \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array} \left\| \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\|$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathbb{Z}/8\{\xi\} \\ \\ \mathbb{Z}/16\{\sigma\} \end{array}$$

Since $\langle (n+2)v, \sigma, 16 \rangle = (n+2)\xi$, there is only one relation that

$$(n+2)i_{0*}\xi = 16\tilde{\sigma},$$

for any choice of $\tilde{\sigma}$. This proves the first assertion of Proposition 5.1. The rest of the assertion follows easily from the properties of e -invariant (See §1).

Next we investigate the structure of the group $\pi_{4n+14}^s(Q_{n+1}^{n+3})$. Considering the cofiber sequence:

$$S^{4n+10} \xrightarrow{Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+3}} Q_{n+1}^{n+2} \xrightarrow{i} Q_{n+1}^{n+3} \xrightarrow{p} S^{4n+11},$$

we have the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & & & & 0 \\
 & & & & & & \downarrow \\
 & & & & & & \pi_k^s(S^{4n+4}) \\
 & & & & & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & \pi_k^s(Q_{n+1}^{n+2}) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & \pi_k^s(Q_{n+1}^{n+3}) & \xrightarrow{p_*} & \pi_k^s(S^{4n+11}) & \xrightarrow{(\Sigma Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+3})_*} & \pi_k^s(\Sigma Q_{n+1}^{n+2}) \\
 & & & & & & \searrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & & & & & & & \pi_k^s(S^{4n+8}) \\
 & & & & & & & & \downarrow \\
 & & & & & & & & 0,
 \end{array}$$

where straight sequences are exact and $k = 4n + 14$.

Lemma 5.2. *Im $p_* \subset \pi_{4n+14}^s(S^{4n+11}) \cong \mathbb{Z}/8\{v\}$ is generated by $2v$ if n is even and is generated by v if n is odd.*

Proof. If n is odd, then $Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+3} \circ (n+4)v = 0$. This can be seen from the existence of the spectrum Q_{n+1}^{n+4} . Thus $Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+3} \circ v = 0$. If n is even, then clearly $Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+3} \circ v \neq 0$. On the other hand, since $\langle 2v, v, 2v \rangle = 0$, we see $Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+3} \circ (2v) = 0$.

Since there exists a short exact sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow \pi_{4n+14}^s(Q_{n+1}^{n+2}) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_{4n+14}^s(Q_{n+1}^{n+3}) \xrightarrow{p_*} \text{Im } p_* \longrightarrow 0,$$

and since $p_*(Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+4}) = (n+4)v$, if $n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{4}$, then $p_*(Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+4})$ is a generator of $\text{Im } p_* \cong \mathbb{Z}/4(a(n))$. Thus if $n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ then there exists a unique element $\alpha_n \in \pi_{4n+14}^s(Q_{n+1}^{n+2})$ such that

$$4(a(n))Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+4} = i_*\alpha_n.$$

Then clearly we have

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{4n+14}^s(Q_{n+1}^{n+4}) &\cong \pi_{4n+14}^s(Q_{n+1}^{n+3})/Im(\varphi_{n+1}^{n+4})_* \\ &\cong \pi_{4n+14}^s(Q_{n+1}^{n+2})/(\alpha_n). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if $n \not\equiv 0 \pmod 4$, in order to determine $\pi_{4n+14}^s(Q_{n+1}^{n+4})$, it is sufficient to describe α_n in terms of generators of $\pi_{4n+14}^s(Q_{n+1}^{n+2})$ (See Lemma 5.1). This can be done using the e -invariant.

Case n : odd.

In this case from Lemma 5.1 we can put $\alpha_n = l\tilde{\sigma}$ for some integer l , that is, $l(i_*\tilde{\sigma}) = 8_Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+4}$. Evaluating the e -invariant by $x_{n+1} \in KO^{4n+3}(Q_{n+1}^{n+3})$ at the both sides of the last equation, we have

$$l/128 = 8(n+4)(35n^2 + 49n + 18)/2 \cdot 9!, \pmod{Z_{(2)}}.$$

Solving the above equation we obtain that $l \equiv 8 \pmod{128}$ up to some multiple of units in $Z_{(2)}$. Therefore we see that if n is odd then $\pi_{4n+14}^s(Q_{n+1}^{n+4}) \cong Z/16$.

Case $n \equiv 6 \pmod 8$.

From Lemma 5.1, in this case we can put $\alpha_n = ki_{0_*}\xi + l\tilde{\sigma}$ for some integers k and l . Then we have the following equation:

$$\begin{aligned} e(ki_{0_*}\xi + l\tilde{\sigma})(x_{n+2}) &= e(4_Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+4})(x_{n+2}), \\ e(ki_{0_*}\xi + l\tilde{\sigma})(x_{n+1}) &= e(4_Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+4})(x_{n+1}), \end{aligned}$$

where $x_{n+2} \in KO^{4n+7}(Q_{n+1}^{n+3})$ and $x_{n+1} \in KO^{4n+3}(Q_{n+1}^{n+3})$. Using Example 2.2, we see that $k \equiv 4 \pmod 8$ and $y \equiv \pm 4 \pmod{16}$. Therefore in this case $\pi_{4n+14}^s(Q_{n+1}^{n+4}) \cong Z/8 + Z/4$.

Case $n \equiv 2 \pmod 8$.

By similar method, we have

$$\alpha_n = k(i_{0_*}\xi - 4\tilde{\sigma}) + l\tilde{\sigma},$$

where $k \equiv \pm 1 \pmod 4$ and $l \equiv 0 \pmod 8$. Thus, if $n \equiv 2 \pmod 8$, then $\pi_{4n+14}^s(Q_{n+1}^{n+4}) \cong Z/32$.

Now we shall treat the case $n \equiv 0 \pmod 4$. Consider the element $f_3 \circ_H \varphi_{n+2}^{n+4} \in \pi_{4n+14}^s(Q_{n+1}^{n+3})$, where $f_3: HP_{n+1}^{n+3} \rightarrow \Sigma Q_{n+1}^{n+3}$ is the map in Proposition 2.5. Since $p_*(f_3 \circ_H \varphi_{n+1}^{n+4}) = (n+1)(n+2)(n+3)v$, if $n \equiv 0 \pmod 4$ then the element $f_3 \circ_H \varphi_{n+1}^{n+4}$ is a coextension of a generator of $Im p_* \cong Z/4\{2v\}$. Since $(n+4)f_3 \circ_H \varphi_{n+1}^{n+4} = (n+1)(n+2)(n+3)_Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+4}$ and since $n \equiv 0 \pmod 4$, it is easy to see that if $n \equiv 0 \pmod 8$, then $_Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+4} = 2 \circ f_3 \circ_H \varphi_{n+1}^{n+4}$ up to some multiple of units in $Z_{(2)}$ and that if $n \equiv 4 \pmod 8$, then $_Q\varphi_{n+1}^{n+4} = 4(n+4/8)f_3 \circ_H \varphi_{n+1}^{n+4}$ up to some multiple of units. Let $4f_3 \circ_H \varphi_{n+1}^{n+4} = i_*\alpha_n$. Then investigating the e -invariant we see that if $n \equiv 0 \pmod 8$, then $\alpha_n = i_{0_*}\xi - 8\tilde{\sigma} + 4l\tilde{\sigma}$ for some unit l and that if $n \equiv 4 \pmod 8$, then $\alpha_n = 4l\tilde{\sigma}$ for some unit l . Therefore we have

$$\pi_{4n+14}^s(Q_{n+1}^{n+3}) \cong \begin{cases} Z/2 + Z/4 + Z/64 & \text{if } n \equiv 4 \pmod{8}, \\ Z/8 + Z/64 & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{8}, \end{cases}$$

where $Z/2$, $Z/4$, $Z/8$ and $Z/64$ are generated by $i_*(i_{0*}\xi - 8\bar{\sigma})$, $f_{3 \circ H}\varphi_{n+1}^{n+3} - i_{0*}\bar{\sigma}$, $f_{3 \circ H}\varphi_{n+1}^{n+3} - i_{0*}\bar{\sigma}$ and $i_{0*}\bar{\sigma}$ respectively. Therefore, by calculating $\pi_{4n+14}^s(Q_{n+1}^{n+3})/(\varrho\varphi_{n+1}^{n+4})$, we have

$$\pi_{4n+14}^s(Q_{n+1}^{n+4}) \cong \begin{cases} Z/2 + Z/8 & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{8}, \\ Z/2 + Z/4 + Z/(16/(16, (n+4)/8)) & \text{if } n \equiv 4 \pmod{8}. \end{cases}$$

Thus we have completed the proof of Main theorem.

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