

# HOMOTOPY GROUPS OF COMPACT LIE GROUPS

## E<sub>6</sub>, E<sub>7</sub> AND E<sub>8</sub>

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### § 1. Introduction

Let  $G$  be a simple, connected, compact and simply-connected Lie group. If  $k$  is the field with characteristic zero, then the algebra of cohomology  $H^*(G; k)$  is the exterior algebra generated by the elements  $x_1, \dots, x_l$  of the odd dimension  $n_1, \dots, n_l$ ; the integer  $l$  is the rank of  $G$  and  $n = \sum_{i=1}^l n_i$  is the dimension of  $G$ . Let  $X$  be the direct product of spheres of dimension  $n_1, \dots, n_l$ , then there exists a continuous map  $f: G \rightarrow X$  which induces isomorphisms of  $H^i(X; k)$  to  $H^i(G; k)$  for all  $i$  (cf. [8]). From this we deduce by Serre's  $C$ -theory [8] that  $f_*: \pi_i(G) \rightarrow \pi_i(X)$  are  $C$ -isomorphisms for all  $i$ , where  $C$  is the class of finite abelian groups. Therefore the rank of  $\pi_q(G)$  is equal to the number of such  $i$  that  $n_i$  is equal to  $q$ , and particularly if  $q$  is even, then  $\pi_q(G)$  is finite. It is a classical fact that  $\pi_2(G) = 0$  and  $\pi_3(G) = Z$ .

According to Bott-Samelson [6];

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_i(E_6) &= 0 & \text{for } 4 \leq i \leq 8, & & \pi_9(E_6) &= Z, \\ \pi_i(E_7) &= 0 & \text{for } 4 \leq i \leq 10, & & \pi_{11}(E_7) &= Z, \\ \pi_i(E_8) &= 0 & \text{for } 4 \leq i \leq 14, & & \pi_{15}(E_8) &= Z. \end{aligned}$$

where  $E_6, E_7$  and  $E_8$  are compact exceptional Lie groups.

In this paper, using the killing method we compute the 2-components of homotopy group  $\pi_j(G)$ , where  $G = E_6, E_7$  and  $E_8$ . The results are stated as follows;

$j$	$4 \leq j \leq 14$	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
$\pi_j(E_8 : 2)$	0	$Z$	$Z_2$	$Z_2$	$Z_8$	0	0	$Z_2$	0	$Z + Z_2$

$j$	24	25	26	27	28
$\pi_j(E_8 : 2)$	$Z_2 + Z_2$	$Z_2$	0	$Z$	0

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$j$	$4 \leq j \leq 10$	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
$\pi_j(E_7 : 2)$	0	$Z$	$Z_2$	$Z_2$	0	$Z$	$Z_2$	$Z_2$	$Z_4$	$Z + Z_2$

$j$	20	21	22	23	24	25
$\pi_j(E_7 : 2)$	$Z_2$	$Z_2$	$Z_4$	$Z_2 + Z_2 + Z_2$	$Z_2 + Z_2 + Z_2$	$Z_2 + Z_2$

$j$	$4 \leq j \leq 8$	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
$\pi_j(E_6 : 2)$	0	$Z$	0	$Z$	$Z_4$	0	0	$Z$	0	$Z + Z_2$

$j$	18	19	20	21	22
$\pi_j(E_6 : 2)$	$Z_{16} + Z_2$	0	$Z_8$	0	0

All spaces that we consider in this paper are those which have the homotopy groups of finite type. Let  $G$  be such a space, then  $\pi_i(G)$  is isomorphic to the direct sum of a free part  $F$  and the  $p$ -components of  $\pi_i(G)$  for every prime  $p$ . We denote by  $\pi_i(G : p)$  the direct sum of a certain subgroup  $F'$  of  $F$  and the  $p$ -component of  $\pi_i(G)$ , where the index  $[F : F']$  is prime to  $p$ .

Given an exact sequence for such  $A, B$  and  $C$

$$\cdots \longrightarrow \pi_i(A) \longrightarrow \pi_i(B) \longrightarrow \pi_i(C) \longrightarrow \cdots,$$

then we can form the following exact one in our case

$$\cdots \longrightarrow \pi_i(A : p) \longrightarrow \pi_i(B : p) \longrightarrow \pi_i(C : p) \longrightarrow \cdots.$$

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## § 2. The cohomology of the 3-connective fibre spaces of $E_6, E_7$ and $E_8$ .

H. Cartan and J.P. Serre introduced a method to calculate the homotopy group in [7]. Let  $K(\pi, n)$  be an Eilenberg-Mac-Lane space of type  $(\pi, n)$ .

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let  $X$  be an arcwise connected topological space, then there exists a sequence of  $(n-1)$ -connected spaces  $(X, n)$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , and  $(X, 1) = X$ ) and continuous maps  $f_n : (X, n+1) \longrightarrow (X, n)$  such that:*

- (I) the triple  $((X, n + 1), f_n, (X, n))$  is a fibre space with a fibre  $K(\pi_n(X), n - 1)$ .
- (II) there exists a fibre space  $X'_n$  over the base space  $K(\pi_n(X), n)$ , where  $X'_n$  and  $(X, n)$  are of the same homotopy type, such that the fibre is  $(X, n + 1)$ .

Hence  $f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_{n-1}$  defines the isomorphism of  $\pi_i(X, n)$  to  $\pi_i(X)$  for  $i \geq n$ .

LEMMA 2.2. Let  $X$  be a 2-connected topological space. Assume that  $X$  satisfies the following conditions,

- (1)  $\pi_3(X)$  is isomorphic to an infinite cyclic group,
- (2)  $H^*(X; Z_2) = A_0 \otimes A_1 \otimes \dots \otimes A_r \otimes B$

where  $x_3$  is a generator of  $H^3(X; Z_2) \approx Z_2, A_0 = Z_2[x_3]/(x_3)^{s_0}, A_i = Z_2[Sq^{2^i}Sq^{2^{i-1}} \dots Sq^{2^2}x_3]/(Sq^{2^i}Sq^{2^{i-1}} \dots Sq^{2^2}x_3)^{2^{s_i}}$  ( $s_i \geq 1$ )  $1 \leq i \leq r$ , and  $Sq^{2^{r+1}}Sq^{2^r} \dots Sq^{2^2}x_3 = 0$ , then

$$H^*((X, 4); Z_2) = Z_2[w] \otimes \Delta(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_r) \otimes B'$$

where the  $\text{deg.} a_i = (2^{i+1} + 1)(2^{s_i} - 1) + 2^{2^i}$ ,  $\text{deg.} w = 2^{2^{r+1}}, \Delta(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_r)$  indicates a submodule having  $a_0, \dots, a_r$  as a simple system of generators and  $B'$  is isomorphic to  $B$  by  $(f_1 \circ f_2 \circ f_3)^* : H^*(X; Z_2) \longrightarrow H^*((X, 4); Z_2)$ .

*Proof.* From the above theorem, there exists a fibre space  $((X, 4), f_1 \circ f_2 \circ f_3, X)$  with a fibre  $K(Z, 2)$ . Since  $K(Z, 2)$  is the infinite dimensional complex projective space, its mod 2 cohomology structure is  $H^*(Z, 2; Z_2) \approx Z_2[u]$ , where  $u$  is a generator of  $H^2(Z, 2; Z_2)$ . Let  $\{E_r^{**}\}$  be the mod 2 spectral sequence associated to the above fibration  $((X, 4), X, K(Z, 2))$ , then

$$E_2^{**} = A_0 \otimes A_1 \otimes \dots \otimes A_r \otimes B \otimes Z_2[u].$$

Clearly we have  $d_3(1 \otimes u) = x_3 \otimes 1$ . Hence if  $n$  is even,  $d_3(1 \otimes u^n) = 0$ , if  $n$  is odd,  $d_3(1 \otimes u^n) = x_3 \otimes u^{n-1}$ , and  $d_3(x_3^{s_0-1} \otimes u^n) = 0$  for all  $n > 0$ . Thus we obtain

$$E_4^{**} = A(\bar{a}_0) \otimes A_1 \otimes A_2 \otimes \dots \otimes A_r \otimes B \otimes Z_2[u^n]$$

where  $\bar{a}_0 = (x_3)^{s_0-1} \otimes u$ .

Let  $\tau$  be the transgression,  $\tau(u^2) = Sq^2x_3$ , since the transgression commutes the Steenrod operation. Thus  $d_5(1 \otimes u^2) = Sq^2x_3 \otimes 1$ . Since  $d_t$  is derivative,  $d_5(1 \otimes u^{2n}) = 0$  if  $n$  is even,  $d_5(1 \otimes u^{2n}) = Sq^2x_3 \otimes u^{2(n-1)}$  if  $n$  is odd, and  $d_5((Sq^2x_3)^{2^{s_i-1}} \otimes u^{2n}) = 0$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . Thus

$$E_0^{**} = A(\bar{a}_0, \bar{a}_1) \otimes A_2 \otimes A_3 \otimes \cdots \otimes A_r \otimes B \otimes Z_2[u^4]$$

where  $\bar{a}_1 = (Sq^2 x_3)^{2^{s_1-1}} \otimes u^2$ .

Carrying on similarly, we have

$$E_{2^{r+1}+2}^{**} = A(\bar{a}_0, \bar{a}_1, \dots, \bar{a}_r) \otimes B \otimes Z_2[u^{2^{r+1}}]$$

where  $\bar{a}_i = (Sq^{2^i} Sq^{2^{i-1}} \cdots Sq^2 x_3)^{2^{s_i-1}} \otimes u^{2^i}$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, r$ , and  $s_i \geq 1$ . Clearly  $d_t = 0$  for all  $t \geq 2^{r+1} + 2$ . Thus we obtain

$$E_\infty^{**} = A(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_r) \otimes B \otimes Z_2[u^{2^{r+1}}].$$

Since  $E_\infty^{**}$  is the graded algebra associated to  $H^*((X, 4); Z_2)$ , assume that  $a_i, w, B'$  correspond to  $\bar{a}_i, u^{2^{r+1}}, B$  respectively. We have the lemma.

Particularly, we can assume that  $B$  is mapped isomorphically onto  $B'$  by the homomorphism  $(f_1 \circ f_2 \circ f_3)^*$ ;  $H^*(X; Z_2) \rightarrow H^*((X, 4); Z_2)$ . Thus the relation of  $B$  are arranged in  $B'$ .

The mod 2 cohomology algebra of the exceptional Lie groups have been determined by S. Araki [2] and S. Araki-Y. Shikata [3]. These algebra are as follow.

- (2. 1)  $H^*(F_4; Z_2) = Z_2[x_3]/(x_3^4) \otimes A(Sq^2 x_3, x_{15}, Sq^8 x_{15}),$   
 (2. 2)  $H^*(E_6; Z_2) = Z_2[x_3]/(x_3^4) \otimes A(Sq^2 x_3, Sq^4 Sq^2 x_3, x_{15}, Sq^8 Sq^4 Sq^2 x_3, Sq^8 x_{15}),$   
 (2. 3)  $H^*(E_7; Z_2) = Z_2[x_3, Sq^2 x_3, Sq^4 Sq^2 x_3]/(x_3^4, (Sq^2 x_3)^4, (Sq^4 Sq^2 x_3)^4)$   
 $\otimes A(x_{15}, Sq^8 Sq^4 Sq^2 x_3, Sq^8 x_{15}, Sq^4 Sq^8 x_{15}),$   
 (2. 4)  $H^*(E_8; Z_2) = Z_2[x_3, Sq^2 x_3, Sq^4 Sq^2 x_3, x_{15}]/(x_3^{16}, (Sq^2 x_3)^8, (Sq^4 Sq^2 x_3)^4, x_{15}^4)$   
 $\otimes A(Sq^8 Sq^4 Sq^2 x_3, Sq^8 x_{15}, Sq^4 Sq^8 x_{15}, Sq^2 Sq^4 Sq^8 x_{15})$

where  $x_i$  denotes a generator of degree  $i$ .

(2. 5) In the inclusion  $F_4 \subset E_6 \subset E_7 \subset E_8$ , every subgroup is totally non-homologous to zero mod 2 in any bigger group containing it, where each exceptional group denotes simply-connected one. (See, S. Araki and Y. Shikata [3], Theorem 3).

If  $Sq^{16} Sq^8 Sq^4 Sq^2 x_3 = 0$  in  $E_8$ , then this is a primitive element. By (2. 4), there is no primitive element of degree 33. Thus  $Sq^{16} Sq^8 Sq^4 Sq^2 x_3 = 0$  in  $E_8$ . Similarly we have  $Sq^{16} Sq^8 Sq^4 Sq^2 x_3 = 0$  in  $E_6, E_7$  and  $Sq^4 Sq^2 x_3 = 0$  in  $F_4$ .

**COROLLARY 2. 3.** *Let  $\tilde{G}$  be the 3-connective fibre space over  $G$ : where  $G = F_4, E_6, E_7, E_8$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} H^*(\tilde{F}_4; Z_2) &= Z_2[y_8] \otimes \Delta(y_9, y_{11}, y_{15}, y_{23}), \\ H^*(\tilde{E}_6; Z_2) &= Z_2[y_{32}] \otimes \Delta(y_9, y_{11}, y_{15}, y_{17}, y_{23}, y_{33}), \\ H^*(\tilde{E}_7; Z_2) &= Z_2[y_{32}] \otimes \Delta(y_{11}, y_{15}, y_{19}, y_{23}, y_{27}, y_{33}, y_{35}), \\ H^*(\tilde{E}_8; Z_2) &= Z_2[y_{15}, y_{32}]/(y_{15}^4) \otimes \Delta(y_{23}, y_{27}, y_{29}, y_{33}, y_{35}, y_{39}, y_{47}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $y_i$  denotes a generator of degree  $i$ . By the naturality of the homomorphism  $p^* = (f_1 f_2 f_3)^*$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} Sq^8 y_{15} &= y_{23} && \text{in } \tilde{E}_6, \tilde{E}_7, \tilde{E}_8 \text{ and } \tilde{F}_4, \\ Sq^4 y_{23} &= y_{27} && \text{in } \tilde{E}_7, \tilde{E}_8, \\ Sq^2 y_{27} &= y_{29} && \text{in } \tilde{E}_8. \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 2. 4. We have the following relations,

- (i)  $Sq^1 y_8 = y_9, Sq^2 y_9 = y_{11}$  in  $\tilde{F}_4$ ,
- (ii)  $Sq^2 y_9 = y_{11}, Sq^8 y_9 = y_{17}$  in  $\tilde{E}_6$ ,
- (iii)  $Sq^8 y_{11} = y_{19}$  in  $\tilde{E}_7$ .

*Proof.* (i) From Theorem 2. 1, there exists a fibration  $(\bar{F}_4, K(Z, 3), \tilde{F}_4)$ , where  $\bar{F}_4$  denotes the space which has same homotopy type as  $F_4$ . We consider the spectral sequence  $\{E_r^{**}\}$  over  $Z_2$  associated with the above fibration. Then

$$E_2^{**} = H^*(Z, 3; Z_2) \otimes H^*(\tilde{F}_4; Z_2).$$

It is known that

$$H^*(Z, 3; Z_2) = Z_2[v, Sq^2 v, Sq^4 Sq^2 v, \dots]$$

where  $v$  is a fundamental class of  $H^3(Z, 3; Z_2)$ . From the mod 2 cohomology algebra of  $F_4, Sq^4 v \otimes 1, (Sq^2 v)^2 \otimes 1$  and  $v^4 \otimes 1$  must be  $d_r$ -images for some  $r$ . If  $p \neq 0$  and  $0 < q < 8$ , or  $q \neq 0$  and  $0 < p < 3$ , then  $E_r^{p, q} = 0$  for all  $r$ . Since  $E_r^{9, 8}$  has only one element  $1 \otimes y_8$  for  $r \leq 9$ ,  $Sq^4 Sq^2 v \otimes 1$  is not a  $d_r$ -image for  $r \leq 8$ . Thus  $\tau$  be the transgression, we have  $\tau(y_8) = Sq^4 Sq^2 v$ . Since  $E_r^{9, 9}$  has only one generator  $1 \otimes y_9$  and  $(Sq^2 v)^2 \otimes 1$  is not a  $d_r$ -image for  $r \leq 10$ , we have that  $\tau(y_9) = (Sq^2 v)^2$ . Consider

$$d_r : E_r^{p, q} \longrightarrow E_r^{1, 2, 0} \quad \text{for } p + q = 11 \text{ and } r = q + 1.$$

From Corollary 2. 3, we have  $E_r^{p, q} = 0$  for  $q \neq 8, 9$ . But  $E_7^{2, 9} = 0$ .  $E_7^{3, 8}$  has one generator  $v \otimes y_8$  and  $d_9(v \otimes y_8) = v Sq^4 Sq^2 v \otimes 1 \neq 0$ , for  $d_9(1 \otimes y_8)$

$= Sq^4 Sq^2 v \otimes 1$ . Thus  $E_{12}^{0,11}$  has only one generator  $1 \otimes y_{11}$  and  $v^4 \otimes 1$  is not a  $d_r$ -image for  $r \leq 11$ . Therefore we have that  $\tau(y_{11}) = v^4$ . Using Adem's relation, from  $Sq^1 Sq^4 Sq^2 v = Sq^5 Sq^2 v = (Sq^2 v)^2$ ,  $Sq^2 (Sq^2 v)^2 = Sq^2 Sq^5 Sq^2 v = Sq^6 Sq^3 v = v^4$ , we obtain  $Sq^1 y_8 = y_9$ , and  $Sq^2 y_9 = y_{11}$ .

(ii) From Theorem 2.1, there exists a fibration  $(\bar{E}_6, K(Z, 3), \tilde{E}_6)$  where  $\bar{E}_6$  denotes the space which has the same homotopy type as  $E_6$ . Let  $\tau$  be the transgression associated with this fibration. Let  $\{E_r^{p,q}\}$  be the mod 2 spectral sequence associated with this fibration. Then

$$E_2^{**} = H^*(Z, 3; Z_2) \otimes H^*(\tilde{E}_6; Z_2).$$

By the same argument as in  $\tilde{F}_4$ , we have that  $\tau(y_9) = (Sq^2 v)^2$  and  $\tau(y_{11}) = v^4$ . Consider

$$d_r; E_r^{p,q} \longrightarrow E_r^{18,0} \quad \text{for } p+q=17 \text{ and } r=q+1.$$

From Corollary 2.3, we have  $E_r^{p,q} = 0$  for  $q \neq 9, 11, 15$  and  $17$  ( $q \leq 22$ ). But  $E_r^{2,15} = 0$ .  $E_{10}^{8,9}$  has one generator  $(vSq^2 v) \otimes y_9$  and  $d_{10}((vSq^2 v) \otimes y_9) = v(Sq^2 v)^3 \otimes 1 \neq 0$ , for  $d_{10}(1 \otimes y_9) = (Sq^2 v)^2 \otimes 1$ .  $E_{12}^{6,11}$  has one generator  $v^2 \otimes y_{11}$  and  $d_{12}(v^2 \otimes y_{11}) = v^6 \otimes 1 \neq 0$  for  $d_{12}(1 \otimes y_{11}) = v^4 \otimes 1$ . Thus, since  $E_{17}^{0,17}$  has one generator  $y_{17}$  and  $(Sq^4 Sq^2 v)^2 \otimes 1$  is not a  $d_r$ -image for  $r \leq 16$ ,  $d_{18}(1 \otimes y_{17}) = (Sq^4 Sq^2 v)^2 \otimes 1$ , i.e.  $\tau(y_{17}) = (Sq^4 Sq^2 v)^2$ . Using Adem's relation,  $Sq^2 (Sq^2 v)^2 = Sq^2 Sq^5 Sq^2 v = Sq^6 Sq^3 v = v^4$  and  $Sq^8 (Sq^2 v)^2 = Sq^8 Sq^5 Sq^2 v = Sq^9 Sq^4 Sq^2 v = (Sq^4 Sq^2 v)^2$ . From the commutativity of the Steenrod operation and the transgression, we obtain  $Sq^2 y_9 = y_{11}$  and  $Sq^8 y_9 = y_{17}$ .

(iii) Consider the fibration  $(\bar{E}_7, K(Z, 3), \tilde{E}_7)$  of theorem 2.1 (II), where  $\bar{E}_7$  has the same homotopy type as  $E_7$ . Let  $\{E_r^{p,q}\}$  be the mod 2 spectral sequence associated with this fibration. Then

$$E_r^{**} = H^*(Z, 3; Z_2) \otimes H^*(\tilde{E}_7; Z_2).$$

From the mod 2 cohomology algebra of  $E_7$ ,  $v^4 \otimes 1$  and  $(Sq^2 v)^4 \otimes 1$  must be the  $d_r$ -images for some  $r$ . Since  $H^*(\bar{E}_7; Z_2) = 0$  for degree  $\leq 10$ , we have  $E_r^{p,q} = 0$  for  $p \neq 0$  and  $0 < q < 10$ . Thus we have that  $\tau(y_{11}) = v^4$ , where  $\tau$  is the transgression. Consider

$$d_r; E_r^{p,q} \longrightarrow E_r^{20,0} \quad \text{for } p+q=19 \text{ and } r=q+1.$$

From  $H^i(\tilde{E}_7; Z_2) = 0$  for  $i \neq 11, 15$  and  $i < 19$ , it follows that  $E_r^{p,q} = 0$  for  $(p, q) \neq (4, 11)$  and  $(2, 15)$ . On the other hand  $H^i(Z, 3; Z_2) = 0$  for  $i = 2, 4$

and  $i \leq 4$ . Thus  $E_r^{p,q} = 0$  for  $(p, q) = (4, 11)$  and  $(2, 15)$ . From this we obtain  $\tau(y_{19}) = (Sq^2v)^4$ . By Adem's relation  $Sq^8v^4 = Sq^8Sq^6Sq^3v = Sq^{10}Sq^4Sq^3v + Sq^{11}Sq^3Sq^3v = Sq^{10}Sq^5Sq^2 + Sq^{11}Sq^5Sq^1v = (Sq^2v)^4$ . Thus we obtain  $Sq^8y_{11} = y_{19}$ .

**LEMMA 2.5.** *Let a topological space  $X$  be 2-connected and the homology of finite type. Assume that  $H^*(X; Z_2)$  has the additive basis  $a_1, \dots, a_s$  for  $\dim. < N$ . Then there exist a finite cell complex  $K = * \cup e_1 \cup e_2 \cup \dots \cup e_s$ , where  $\dim. e_i = \text{degree } a_i = n_i$  and a continuous map  $f; K \rightarrow X$  such that  $f$  induces isomorphism of  $H^*(X; Z_2)$  onto  $H^*(K; Z_2)$  for  $\dim. < N$ .*

*Particularly if  $\pi_{n_i-1}(K^{n_i-1})$  is finite, then we can assume that the class of attaching map of  $e_i$  belong to the 2-components. Here  $*$  denotes a vertex and  $K^n$  the  $n$ -skelton of  $K$ .*

*Proof.* We prove this by induction on dimension  $N$ . Suppose that there exist a finite cell complex  $K_0 = K^{N-1}$  and a continuous map  $f_0; K_0 \rightarrow X$  satisfying lemma 2.5 for  $\dim. < N$ . Here we may assume that  $f_0; K_0 \rightarrow X$  is the injection by the mapping-cylinder argument. Suppose that  $H^N(X; Z_2)$  has generator  $a_{s+1}, \dots, a_r$ .

From the cohomology exact sequence for pair  $(X, K_0)$  and the assumption of the induction, we have

$$H^i(X, K_0; Z_2) = 0 \quad \text{for } i < N,$$

$$H^N(X, K_0; Z_2) \approx H^N(X; Z_2).$$

By the duality, we obtain

$$H_i(X, K_0; Z_2) = 0 \quad \text{for } i < N$$

and

$$H_N(X, K_0; Z_2) \text{ has the generators } \bar{a}_{s+1}, \dots, \bar{a}_r.$$

By Serre's  $C$ -theory [8], we have that  $\pi_N(X, K_0) \otimes Z_2 \rightarrow H_N(X, K_0) \otimes Z_2$  is an isomorphism. Let  $f_i: (E^N, S^{N-1}) \rightarrow (X, K_0)$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, r-s$ ) be the generators of  $\pi_N(X, K_0)$  such that they correspond to  $\bar{a}_{s+i}$  by the above isomorphism and construct a cell complex  $K$  which is obtained from the disjoint union of  $C(S_1^{N-1} \vee \dots \vee S_{r-s}^{N-1})$  and  $K_0$  by identifying  $S_1^{N-1} \vee \dots \vee S_{r-s}^{N-1}$  with its image under a map  $(f_1|S_1^{N-1}) \vee \dots \vee (f_{r-s}|S_{r-s}^{N-1}); S_1^{N-1} \vee \dots \vee S_{r-s}^{N-1} \rightarrow K_0$ , where  $CY$  is a cone over the space  $Y$  and  $S_i^{N-1}$  is a  $(N-1)$ -sphere. Using the map  $f_i$  the inclusion map  $f_0; K_0 \rightarrow X$  has

an extension over  $K$  and we denote this extension by  $g : K \rightarrow X$ . Then  $g : K \rightarrow X$  induce an isomorphism  $H_N(K, K_0; Z_2)$  onto  $H_N(X, K_0; Z_2)$  and from the duality between homology and cohomology, it follows that  $g^* : H^N(X, K_0; Z_2) \rightarrow H^N(K, K_0; Z_2)$  is an isomorphism onto.

Applying the five lemma to the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} H^{N-1}(K_0; Z_2) & \longrightarrow & H^N(X, K_0; Z_2) & \longrightarrow & H^N(X; Z_2) & \longrightarrow & H^N(K_0; Z_2) = 0 \\ \downarrow \approx & & \downarrow g^* & & \downarrow g^{**} & & \downarrow \approx \\ H^{N-1}(K_0; Z_2) & \longrightarrow & H^N(K, K_0; Z_2) & \longrightarrow & H^N(K; Z_2) & \longrightarrow & H^N(K_0; Z_2) = 0, \end{array}$$

we obtain that

$$g^* : H^N(X; Z_2) \longrightarrow H^N(K; Z_2)$$

is an isomorphism.

Particularly if  $\pi_{N-1}(K_0)$  is finite, then there exists an odd integer  $q$  such that  $q\{f_i | S^{N-1}\}$  belongs to the 2-component of  $\pi_{N-1}(K_0)$ . Displacing  $f_i$  by  $qf_i$ , it is sufficient for the last statement that we construct a cell complex  $K$  from  $K_0$ . Consequently the lemma is proved.

Let  $\alpha$  be an element of  $\pi_{n+i-1}(S^n)$  and consider a cell complex  $K_\alpha = S^n \cup e^{n+i}$  which is uniquely determined by  $\alpha$  up to homotopy type.

**THEOREM 2.6.** *Let  $n > i$  and  $i = 2$  (4 or 8 respectively), then  $Sq^i : H^n(K_\alpha; Z_2) \rightarrow H^{n+i}(K_\alpha; Z_2)$  is an isomorphism onto if and only if  $\alpha \equiv \eta_n$ , ( $\nu_n$  or  $\sigma_n$  respectively) mod  $2\pi_{n+i-1}(S^n)$ . (For the proof see H. Tada; [11] Proposition 8.1)*

From Lemma 2.5 and Corollary 2.3, there exist a cell complex  $M = S^8 \cup e^9 \cup e^{11} \cup e^{15}$  and a continuous map  $f : M \rightarrow \tilde{F}_4$  such that  $f$  induces an  $C_2$ -isomorphisms  $\pi_i(M)$  onto  $\pi_i(\tilde{F}_4)$  for  $i \leq 14$ , where  $C_2$  is the classes of finite abelian group whose 2-primary components are zero. Since  $Sq^1 y_8 = y_9$  in  $\tilde{F}_4$ , we may assume that  $e^9$  is attached to  $S^8$  by a map of degree two. Then we have

$$(2.6) \quad \begin{aligned} \pi_{13}(S^8 \cup_2 e^9; 2) &= 0, \\ \pi_{14}(S^8 \cup_2 e^9; 2) &\approx \pi_{14}(S^8; 2) = Z_2 \quad \text{generated by } \nu_8^2, \end{aligned}$$

we denote by  $\nu_8^2$  a generator of  $\pi_{14}(S^8 \cup_2 e^9; 2)$  identifying with that of  $\pi_{14}(S^8; 2)$  by the inclusion  $S^8 \subset S^8 \cup_2 e^9$ .

Consider the following exact sequence



$$\pi_i(S^8 : 2) \longrightarrow \pi_i(S^8 : 2) \longrightarrow \pi_i(S^8 \cup e^9 : 2) \longrightarrow \pi_i(S^9 : 2) \longrightarrow \pi_i(S^9 : 2)$$

for  $i \leq 15$ . From  $\pi_{12}(S^8) = \pi_{13}(S^9) = \pi_{14}(S^9) = 0$  and  $\pi_{14}(S^8) = \{\nu_8^2\} = Z_2$ , (2. 6) is obtained.

Consider the exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{14}(S^{10} : 2) &\longrightarrow \pi_{14}(S^8 \cup_2 e^9 : 2) \xrightarrow{i^*} \pi_{14}(S^8 \cup_2 e^9 \cup e^{11} : 2) \xrightarrow{j_*} \pi_{14}(S^{11} : 2) \\ &\longrightarrow \pi_{14}(S^9 \cup_2 e^{10} : 2) \end{aligned}$$

where  $i$  is the inclusion  $S^8 \cup_2 e^9 \subset S^8 \cup_2 e^9 \cup e^{11}$ , and  $j : S^8 \cup_2 e^9 \cup e^{11} \longrightarrow S^{11}$  is the projection. From (2. 6), we have the following exact sequence

$$(2. 7) \quad 0 \longrightarrow \pi_{14}(S^8 \cup_2 e^9 : 2) \xrightarrow{i^*} \pi_{14}(S^8 \cup_2 e^9 \cup e^{11} : 2) \xrightarrow{j_*} \pi_{14}(S^{11} : 2) \longrightarrow 0.$$

Then there exists a coextension (in the sense of [11])  $\bar{\nu}_{10}$  of  $\nu_{10}$  and  $j_*\bar{\nu}_{10} = \nu_{11}$ . Assume that  $8\bar{\nu}_{10} = 0$ , then  $-i_*\nu_8^2 = i_*\nu_8^2 = 8\bar{\nu}_{10}$ . Let  $f : S^{14} \vee S^{11} \longrightarrow S^8 \cup_2 e^9 \cup e^{11}$  be a map such that  $f|_{S^{14}}$  and  $f|_{S^{11}}$  representative of  $8i_{14} \oplus \nu_{11}$ , then  $f \circ g : S^{14} \longrightarrow S^8 \cup_2 e^9 \cup e^{11}$  is homotopic to zero. Consider a mapping cone  $C_f$  of  $f$ , then there exists a coextension  $G : S^{15} \longrightarrow C_f$  of  $g$ . Let  $K$  be a mapping cone of  $G$ , then we have a complex

$$K = S^8 \cup e_8 \cup e^{11} \cup e^{12} \cup e^{15} \cup e^{16}$$

and  $Sq^4 u_8 = u_{12}$ ,  $Sq^4 u_{12} = u_{16}$ , where  $u_8$ ,  $u_{12}$  and  $u_{16}$  are cohomology classes mod 2 which are represented by  $S^8$ ,  $e^{12}$  and  $e^{16}$  respectively. Thus it is verified that  $Sq^4 Sq^4 u_8 \neq 0$  in  $K$ . By use of Adem's relation

$$Sq^4 Sq^4 u_8 = Sq^5 Sq^2 u_8 + Sq^2 Sq^6 u_8.$$

Since there is no cell of dimension 10 or 14 in  $K$ , the right side of the above equation vanishes in  $K$ , but this is a contradiction. Thus we have proved that  $8\bar{\nu}_{10} = 0$ . Therefore, from the exact sequence (2. 7), we obtain

$$\pi_{14}(S^8 \cup e^9 \cup e^{11} : 2) = \{i_*\nu_8^2\} + \{\bar{\nu}_{10}\} \approx Z_2 + Z_8.$$

In the complex  $M = S^8 \cup_2 e^9 \cup e^{11} \cup e^{15}$ , let  $e^{15}$  be attached to  $S^8 \cup_2 e^9 \cup e^{11}$  by a map  $h : S^{14} \longrightarrow S^8 \cup_2 e^9 \cup e^{11}$ , then we have the sequence

$$\pi_{14}(S^{14} : 2) \xrightarrow{h_*} \pi_{14}(S^8 \cup_2 e^9 \cup e^{11} : 2) \longrightarrow \pi_{14}(M : 2) \longrightarrow \pi_{14}(S^{15} : 2) = 0$$

is exact. By Lemma 5.5 of [10],  $\pi_{14}(F_4) = Z_2$ . Thus  $\pi_{14}(M : 2) \approx Z_2$  and

$$h_* \iota_{14} = b \bar{\nu}_{10} + a(i_* \nu_8^2) \quad \text{where } a = 0 \text{ or } 1,$$

for an odd integer  $b$ . Thus

$$j_* h_* \iota_{14} = \nu_{11} \pmod{2\pi_{14}(S^{11})}.$$

By theorem 2.6, we have the following important lemma.

LEMMA 2.7.  $Sq^4 y_{11} = y_{15}$  in  $\tilde{F}_4$ .

Considering the natural inclusions  $\tilde{F}_4 \subset \tilde{E}_6 \subset \tilde{E}_7$ , we have

COROLLARY 2.8.  $Sq^4 y_{11} = y_{15}$  in  $\tilde{E}_6$  and  $\tilde{E}_7$ .

§ 3. Homotopy group of some cell complexes.

Let  $X$  be an  $m$ -connected CW-complex and let  $\alpha$  be an element of  $\pi_{n-1}(X)$  ( $n > m$ ). Consider a CW-complex  $K_\alpha = X \cup_{\alpha} e^n$ .

LEMMA 3.1. Let  $i$  be an injection  $X \rightarrow K_\alpha$  and let  $p : K_\alpha \rightarrow S^n$  be a mapping which shrinks  $X$  to a point. Then the following sequence is exact for  $j \leq m + n - 1$

$$(3.1) \quad \dots \rightarrow \pi_j(S^{n-1}) \xrightarrow{\alpha_*} \pi_j(X) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_j(K_\alpha) \rightarrow \pi_{j-1}(S^{n-1}) \xrightarrow{\alpha_*} \pi_{j-1}(X) \rightarrow \dots$$

Here  $\partial$  is a composition  $E^{-1} \circ p_* : \pi_j(K_\alpha) \rightarrow \pi_{j-1}(S^{n-1})$ , and  $E : \pi_{j-1}(S^{n-1}) \rightarrow \pi_j(S^n)$  is the suspension homomorphism. If  $\alpha$  is of order a power of 2, then the above sequence is exact for the 2-primary components.

Proof. See Blakers-Massey [4].

We introduce necessary results on the homotopy group of spheres. According to [11], the results are listed in the following table;

(i)  $n > k + 1$

(3.2)

$k =$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
$\pi_{n+k}(S^n : 2)$	$Z$	$Z_2$	$Z_2$	$Z_8$	0	0	$Z_2$	$Z_{16}$	$Z_2 + Z_2$
Generator	$\iota_n$	$\eta_n$	$\eta_n^2$	$\nu_n$			$\nu_n^2$	$\sigma_n$	$\bar{\nu}_n, \epsilon_n$

$k =$	9	10	11	12	13
$\pi_{n+k}(S^n : 2)$	$Z_2 + Z_2 + Z_2$	$Z_2$	$Z_8$	0	0
Generator	$\nu_n^3, \eta_n \epsilon_{n+1}, \mu_n$	$\eta_n \mu_{n+1}$	$\zeta_n$		

(ii)  $n \leq k + 1$   $n = 9, 10, 11, 13, 14$ .

(3. 3)

$k =$	8	9	10	11
$\pi_{k+9}(S^9 : 2)$	$Z_2 + Z_2 + Z_2$	$Z_2 + Z_2 + Z_2 + Z_2$	$Z_8 + Z_2$	$Z_8 + Z_2$
Generator	$\sigma_9 \eta_{16}, \bar{\nu}_9, \varepsilon_9$	$\sigma_9 \eta_{16}^2, \nu_9^3, \mu_9, \eta_9 \varepsilon_{10}$	$\sigma_9 \nu_{16}, \eta_9 \mu_{10}$	$\zeta_9, \bar{\nu}_9 \nu_{17}$
$\pi_{k+10}(S^{10} : 2)$		$Z + Z_2 + Z_2 + Z_2$	$Z_4 + Z_2$	$Z_8$
Generator		$\Delta(\ell_{21}), \nu_{10}^3, \mu_{10}, \eta_{10} \varepsilon_{11}$	$\sigma_{10} \nu_{17}, \eta_{10} \mu_{11}$	$\zeta_{10}$
$\pi_{k+11}(S^{11} : 2)$			$Z_2 + Z_2$	$Z_8$
Generator			$\sigma_{11} \nu_{18}, \eta_{11} \mu_{12}$	$\zeta_{11}$
$\pi_{k+13}(S^{13} : 2)$				
Generator				
$\pi_{k+14}(S^{14} : 2)$				
Generator				

$k =$	12	13	14
$\pi_{k+9}(S^9 : 2)$	0	$Z_2$	$Z_{16} + Z_4$
Generator		$\sigma_9 \nu_{16}^2$	$\sigma_9^2, \kappa_9$
$\pi_{k+10}(S^{10} : 2)$	$Z_4$	$Z_2$	$Z_{16} + Z_2$
Generator	$\Delta(\nu_{21})$	$\sigma_{10} \nu_{17}^2$	$\sigma_{10}^2, \kappa_{10}$
$\pi_{k+11}(S^{11} : 2)$	$Z_2$	$Z_2 + Z_2$	$Z_{16} + Z_2$
Generator	$\theta'$	$\theta' \eta_{23}, \sigma_{11} \nu_{18}^2$	$\sigma_{11}^2, \kappa_{11}$
$\pi_{k+13}(S^{13} : 2)$	$Z_2$	$Z_2$	$Z_{16} + Z_2$
Generator	$E\theta$	$E\theta \eta_{25}$	$\sigma_{13}^2, \kappa_{13}$
$\pi_{k+14}(S^{14} : 2)$		$Z$	$Z_8 + Z_2$
Generator		$\Delta(\ell_{29})$	$\sigma_{14}^2, \kappa_{14}$

We shall use the following relations;

(3. 4)  $\sigma_n \circ \mu_{n+7} = \eta_n \circ \sigma_{n+1} = \bar{\nu}_n + \varepsilon_n$  for  $n \geq 10$   
 by Lemma 6. 4 of [11],

- (3. 5)  $\sigma_n \circ \eta_{n+7}^2 = \eta_n^2 \circ \sigma_{n+2} = \nu_n^8 + \eta_n \circ \varepsilon_{n+1}$  for  $n \geq 10$   
by Lemma 6. 3 of [11],
- (3. 6)  $\sigma_n \circ \nu_{n+7} = 0$  for  $n \geq 12$   
 $\nu_n \circ \sigma_{n+3} = 0$  for  $n \geq 11$ ,  
 $2\sigma_{10} \circ \nu_{17} = \nu_{10} \circ \sigma_{13}$  by (7. 20) of [11],  
 $\varepsilon_n \circ \eta_{n+8}^2 = \eta_n^2 \circ \varepsilon_{n+2} = 0$  for  $n \geq 9$  by (7. 10) and (7. 20) of [11],
- (3. 7)  $\sigma_n \circ \bar{\nu}_{n+7} = 0$  for  $n \geq 11$  by (10. 8) of [11],  
 $\sigma_n \circ \varepsilon_{n+7} = 0$  for  $n \geq 6$  by Lemma 10. 7 of [11],
- (3. 8)  $\nu_n \circ \varepsilon_{n+3} = \nu_n \circ \nu_{n+3} = 0$  for  $n \geq 7$  by (7. 17) of [11],  
 $\nu_n \circ \eta_{n+3} = \eta_n \circ \nu_{n+1} = 0$  for  $n \geq 6$  by (5. 9) of [11],
- (3. 9)  $\nu_n \circ \mu_{n+3} = 0$  for  $n \geq 7$  by Theorem 7. 6 of [11],
- (3. 10)  $A(\iota_{21}) \circ \eta_{19} = 2\sigma_{10} \circ \nu_{17}$  by (7. 21) of [11].

Consider a generator  $\sigma_n$  of  $\pi_{n+7}(S^n : 2) \approx Z_{16}$  for  $n \geq 9$  and a cell complex  $K_{\sigma_n} = S^n \cup_{\sigma_n} e^{n+8}$ . Let  $i : S^n \rightarrow K_{\sigma_n}$  be the injection.

PROPOSITION 3. 2. *We have the following tables of the homotopy groups  $\pi_j(K_{\sigma_n} : 2)$  for  $n = 9, 10, 11, 14$  and 15, and generator of their 2-primary components.*

(3. 11)

$j$	$j \leq 8$	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
$\pi_j(K_{\sigma_9} : 2)$	0	$Z$	$Z_2$	$Z_2$	$Z_8$	0	0	$Z_2$	0
Generator		$i_*\iota_9$	$i_*\eta_9$	$i_*\eta_9^2$	$i_*\nu_9$			$i_*\nu_9^2$	

$j$	17	18	19	20	21	22
$\pi_k(K_{\sigma_9} : 2)$	$Z + Z_2 + Z_2$	$Z_2 + Z_2 + Z_2$	$Z_2$	$Z_8 + Z_2$	0	0
Generator	$\widetilde{16}\iota_{16}, i_*\varepsilon_9, i_*\bar{\nu}_9$	$i_*\eta_9\varepsilon_{10}, i_*\nu_9^8, i_*\mu_9$	$i_*\eta_9\mu_{10}$	$i_*\zeta_9, i_*\bar{\nu}_9\nu_{17}$		

(3. 12)

$j$	$j \leq 9$	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
$\pi_j(K_{\sigma_{10}} : 2)$	0	$Z$	$Z_2$	$Z_2$	$Z_8$	0	0	$Z_2$	0
Generator		$i_*\iota_{10}$	$i_*\eta_{10}$	$i_*\eta_{10}^2$	$i_*\nu_{10}$			$i_*\nu_{10}^2$	

$j$	18	19	20	21	22	23
$\pi_j(K_{\sigma_{10}} : 2)$	$Z + Z_2$	$Z + Z_2 + Z_2$	$Z_2$	$Z_{16}$	$Z_4$	0
Generator	$\widetilde{16\epsilon_{17}}, i_*\epsilon_{10}$	$i_*\Delta(\epsilon_{21}), i_*\eta_{10}\epsilon_{11}, i_*\mu_{10}$	$i_*\eta_{10}\mu_{11}$	$\widetilde{4\nu_{17}}$	$i_*\Delta(\nu_{21})$	

(3. 13)

$j$	$j \leq 9$	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
$\pi_j(K_{\sigma_{11}} : 2)$	0	$Z$	$Z_2$	$Z_2$	$Z_8$	0	0	$Z_2$	0
Generator		$i_*\epsilon_{11}$	$i_*\eta_{11}$	$i_*\eta_{11}^2$	$i_*\nu_{11}$			$i_*\nu_{11}^2$	

$j$	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
$\pi_j(K_{\sigma_{11}} : 2)$	$Z_2 + Z$	$Z_2 + Z_2$	$Z_2$	$Z_{32}$	$Z_2$	$Z_2$	$Z_2$
Generator	$i_*\epsilon_{14}, \widetilde{16\epsilon_{18}}$	$i_*\mu_{11}, i_*\eta_{11}\epsilon_{12}$	$i_*\eta_{11}\mu_{12}$	$\widetilde{2\nu_{18}}$	$i_*\theta'$	$i_*\theta'\eta_{23}$	$i_*\kappa_{11}$

(3. 14)

$j$	$j \leq 13$	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
$\pi_j(K_{\sigma_{14}} : 2)$	0	$Z$	$Z_2$	$Z_2$	$Z_8$	0	0	$Z_2$	0
Generator		$i_*\epsilon_{14}$	$i_*\eta_{14}$	$i_*\eta_{14}^2$	$i_*\nu_{14}$			$i_*\nu_{14}^2$	

$j$	22	23	24	25	26	27
$\pi_j(K_{\sigma_{14}} : 2)$	$Z + Z_2$	$Z_2 + Z_2$	$Z_2$	$Z_{64}$	0	$Z$
Generator	$\widetilde{16\epsilon_{21}}, i_*\epsilon_{14}$	$i_*\mu_{14}, i_*\eta_{14}\epsilon_{15}$	$i_*\eta_{14}\mu_{15}$	$\widetilde{\nu_{21}}$		$i_*\Delta(\epsilon_{29})$

(3. 15)

$j$		15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
$\pi_j(K_{\sigma_{15}} : 2)$	0	$Z$	$Z_2$	$Z_2$	$Z_8$	0	0	$Z_2$	0
Generator		$i_*\epsilon_{15}$	$i_*\eta_{15}$	$i_*\eta_{15}^2$	$i_*\nu_{15}$			$i_*\nu_{15}^2$	

$j$	23	24	25	26	27	28
$\pi_j(K_{\sigma_{15}} : 2)$	$Z + Z_2$	$Z_2 + Z_2$	$Z_2$	$Z_{64}$	0	0
Generator	$\widetilde{16\epsilon_{22}}, i_*\epsilon_{15}$	$i_*\mu_{15}, i_*\eta_{15}\epsilon_{16}$	$i_*\eta_{15}\mu_{16}$	$\widetilde{\nu_{22}}$		

Here we denote by  $\tilde{\beta}$  an element of  $\pi_i(K_{\sigma_n} : 2)$  such that  $\partial\tilde{\beta} = \beta \in \pi_{i-1}(S^{n+7} : 2)$  i.e. we may consider that  $\tilde{\beta}$  is a coextension of  $\beta$ .

*Proof.* Consider the exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned} \cdots \longrightarrow \pi_j(S^{n+7} : 2) &\xrightarrow{\sigma_{n*}} \pi_j(S^n : 2) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_j(K_{\sigma_n} : 2) \xrightarrow{\partial} \pi_{j-1}(S^{n+7} : 2) \\ &\xrightarrow{\sigma_{n*}} \pi_{j-1}(S^n : 2) \longrightarrow \cdots \end{aligned}$$

of (3. 1) for  $j \leq 2n + 5$ . From  $\pi_j(S^{n+7} : 2) = 0$  for  $j \leq n + 6$  and from the exactness of the above sequence, it follows that

$$i_* : \pi_j(S^n : 2) \longrightarrow \pi_j(K_{\sigma_n} : 2)$$

are isomorphisms onto for  $j \leq n + 6$ , and  $n = 9, 10, 11, 14, 15$ .

It follows from (3. 1) that the sequence

$$\pi_{n+7}(S^{n+7} : 2) \xrightarrow{\sigma_{n*}} \pi_{n+7}(S^n : 2) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_{n+7}(K_{\sigma_n} : 2) \xrightarrow{\partial} \pi_{n+6}(S^{n+7} : 2) = 0$$

is exact for  $n \geq 9$ . From  $\pi_{n+7}(S^n : 2) \approx \{\sigma_n\} \approx Z_{16}$ , we have that

$$(3. 16) \quad \sigma_{n*} : \pi_{n+7}(S^{n+7} : 2) \longrightarrow \pi_{n+7}(S^n : 2)$$

is an epimorphism. Thus we obtain  $\pi_{n+7}(K_{\sigma_n} : 2) = 0$  for  $n = 9, 10, 11, 14$  and 15.

Consider the exact sequence

$$\pi_{n+8}(S^{n+7} : 2) \xrightarrow{\sigma_n} \pi_{n+8}(S^n : 2) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_{n+8}(K_{\sigma_n} : 2) \xrightarrow{\partial} Z = \{16\epsilon_{n+7}\} \longrightarrow 0$$

of (3. 1) for  $n \geq 9$ . From (3. 2), (3. 3) and (3. 4) we have that

$$(3. 17) \quad \sigma_{n*} : \pi_{n+8}(S^{n+7} : 2) \longrightarrow \pi_{n+8}(S^n : 2)$$

are monomorphisms for  $n \geq 9$ . Thus it follows from the exactness of the above sequence that the table is true for  $\pi_{n+8}(K_{\sigma_n} : 2)$ ,  $n = 9, 10, 11, 14, 15$ .

From (3. 17) and the exact sequence (3. 1), it follows that the sequence

$$\pi_{n+9}(S^{n+7} : 2) \xrightarrow{\sigma_{n*}} \pi_{n+9}(S^n : 2) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_{n+9}(K_{\sigma_n} : 2) \longrightarrow 0$$

is exact for  $n \geq 9$ . From (3. 5), (3. 2) and (3. 3), we have that

$$(3. 18) \quad \sigma_{n*} : \pi_{n+9}(S^{n+7} : 2) \longrightarrow \pi_{n+9}(S^n : 2)$$

is monomorphisms for  $n \geq 9$ . Thus we obtain that

$$\pi_{n+9}(K_{\sigma_n} : 2) \approx \pi_{n+9}(S^n : 2) / \{\sigma_n \circ \eta_{n+7}\}.$$

From (3. 18) and the exact sequence (3. 1), it follows that the sequence

$$\pi_{n+10}(S^{n+7} : 2) \xrightarrow{\sigma_{n*}} \pi_{n+10}(S^n : 2) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_{n+10}(K_{\sigma_n} : 2) \longrightarrow 0$$

is exact for  $n \geq 9$ . From (3. 2), (3. 3) and (3. 6), it follows that

(3. 19)  $\sigma_{9*} : \pi_{19}(S^{16} : 2) \longrightarrow \pi_{19}(S^9 : 2)$  is a monomorphism,  
 $\sigma_{n*} : \pi_{n+10}(S^{n+7} : 2) \longrightarrow \pi_{n+10}(S^n : 2)$  is trivial for  $n = 14, 15$ ,  
the kernel of  $\sigma_{10*} : \pi_{20}(S^{17} : 2) \longrightarrow \pi_{20}(S^{10} : 2)$  is

generated by  $\{4\nu_{17}\}$ , and

$$\text{the kernel of } \sigma_{11*} : \pi_{21}(S^{18} : 2) \longrightarrow \pi_{21}(S^{11} : 2) \text{ is}$$

generated by  $\{2\nu_{18}\}$ .

Thus it follows that the table is true for  $\pi_{n+10}(K_{\sigma_n} : 2)$   $n = 9, 10, 11, 14$  and  $15$ .

In the stable rangs, we have the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \pi_{n+11}(S^n : 2) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_{n+11}(K_{\sigma_n} : 2) \xrightarrow{\partial} \pi_{n+10}(S^{n+7} : 2) \longrightarrow 0$$

of (3. 1) for  $n \geq 13$ . Moreover we have the following relation in the stable secondary compositions

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta \in \langle \sigma, 4\nu, 2\iota \rangle \pmod{2G_{11}} & \quad \text{from Lemma 9. 1 of [11],} \\ \supset \langle \sigma, \nu, 8\iota \rangle & \quad \text{from Proposition 1. 2 of [11],} \end{aligned}$$

and  $\langle \sigma, \nu, 8\iota \rangle$  is a coset of the subgroup  $\sigma \circ G_4 + 8G_{11} = 8G_{11}$ . Thus

$$\zeta \equiv \langle \sigma, \nu, 8\iota \rangle \pmod{2 G_{11}}$$

where  $G_n$  is the  $n$ -th stable homotopy group of the sphere and  $\zeta$  is a generator of the 2-components of  $G_{11}$ .

From Proposition 1. 8 of [11], we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} i_*\xi &= i_* \langle \sigma, \nu, 8\iota \rangle \pmod{2 i_*G_{11}} \\ &= -8\bar{\nu} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{\alpha} \in \pi_i(K_{\sigma_n} : 2)$  is a coextension of  $\alpha \in \pi_{i-1}(S^{n+7} : 2)$ . Thus, from this and from the exactness of the above sequence it follows that

(3. 20)  $\pi_{n+11}(K_{\sigma_n} : 2) = \{\bar{\nu}\} = Z_{64}$

for  $n \geq 13$

From (3. 1), (3. 19) and from  $\pi_{n+11}(S^{n+7} : 2) = 0$  for  $n \geq 0$ , it follows the next four exact sequences and the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & \pi_{20}(S^9 : 2) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & \pi_{20}(K_{\sigma_9} : 2) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
 & & \downarrow E & & \downarrow E & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & \pi_{21}(S^{10} : 2) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & \pi_{21}(K_{\sigma_{10}} : 2) & \xrightarrow{\theta} & \{4\nu_{17}\} \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow E & & \downarrow E & & \downarrow E \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & \pi_{22}(S^{11} : 2) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & \pi_{22}(K_{\sigma_{11}} : 2) & \xrightarrow{\theta} & \{2\nu_{18}\} \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow E^{n-11} & & \downarrow E^{n-11} & & \downarrow E^{n-11} \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & \pi_{n+11}(S^n : 2) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & \pi_{n+11}(K_{\sigma_n} : 2) & \xrightarrow{\theta} & \{\nu_{n+7}\} \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

for  $n \geq 13$ , where  $E : \pi_{21}(S^{10} : 2) \longrightarrow \pi_{22}(S^{11} : 2)$  and  $E^{n-11} : \pi_{22}(S^{11} : 2) \longrightarrow \pi_{n+11}(S^n : 2)$  are isomorphisms. From (3. 20) and the above diagram, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \pi_{20}(K_{\sigma_9} : 2) &= \{i_*\zeta_9\} + \{i_*\bar{\nu}_9 \circ \nu_{17}\} \approx Z_8 + Z_2, \\
 \pi_{21}(K_{\sigma_{11}} : 2) &= \{\tilde{4}\nu_{17}\} \approx Z_{16}, \\
 \pi_{22}(K_{\sigma_{11}} : 2) &= \{\tilde{2}\nu_{18}\} \approx Z_{32}, \\
 \pi_{n+11}(K_{\sigma_n} : 2) &= \{\tilde{\nu}_{n+7}\} \approx Z_{64} \quad \text{for } n \geq 13.
 \end{aligned}$$

It is easily seen the results of  $\pi_{n+12}(K_{\sigma_n} : 2)$  and  $\pi_{n+13}(K_{\sigma_n} : 2)$  from the exact sequence of (3. 1), the table (3. 2), (3. 3) and the relation (3. 6).

Consider the exact sequence

$$\pi_{25}(S^{18} : 2) \xrightarrow{\sigma_{11}^*} \pi_{25}(S^{11} : 2) \xrightarrow{i^*} \pi_{25}(K_{\sigma_{11}} : 2) \xrightarrow{\theta} \pi_{24}(S^{18} : 2) \xrightarrow{\sigma_n^*} \pi_{24}(S^{11} : 2)$$

of (3. 1). From (3. 2), (3. 3) it follows that

$$(3. 21) \quad \sigma_{11}^* : \pi_j(S^{18} : 2) \longrightarrow \pi_j(S^{11} : 2) \quad \text{for } j = 24, 25$$

are monomorphisms. Thus from the exactness of the above sequence we have

$$\pi_{25}(K_{\sigma_{11}} : 2) \approx \pi_{25}(S^{11} : 2) / \{\sigma_{11}^2\} = \{\kappa_{11}\} \approx Z_2$$

From (3. 1) and (3. 2), we have the exact sequence

$$\pi_{26}(S^{18} : 2) \xrightarrow{\sigma_{11}^*} \pi_{26}(S^{11} : 2) \xrightarrow{i^*} \pi_{26}(K_{\sigma_{11}} : 2) \longrightarrow 0.$$

From (3. 7) and (3. 2), we have that



3. 22) 
$$i_* : \pi_{26}(S^{11} : 2) \longrightarrow \pi_{26}(K_{\sigma_{11}} : 2)$$

an isomorphism onto.

Next consider a generator  $\nu_{10}$  of  $\pi_{13}(S^{10} : 2)$  of order 8 and an element  $= d(\iota_{21}) + \gamma$  of  $\pi_{19}(S^{10} : 2)$  of order infinite order, where  $\gamma$  is an element  $\eta_{20} \circ \varepsilon_{11} + b\nu_{10}^3$  of  $\pi_{19}(S^{10} : 2)$  with the order at most 2 ( $a, b = 0$  or 1). Let a cell complex  $K = S^{11} \cup C(S^{13} \vee S^{19})$  be obtained by attaching  $C(S^{13} \vee S^{19})$  to  $S^{10}$  by  $\nu_{10} \vee \beta : S^{13} \vee S^{19} \longrightarrow S^{10}$ . Then we have the following lemma.

LEMMA 3. 3. *We have the following table of homotopy group  $\pi_j(K : 2)$  for  $j \leq 21$  ;*

$j$	$j \leq 9$	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
$\pi_j(K : 2)$	0	$Z$	$Z_2$	$Z_2$	0	$Z$	$Z_2$	$Z_2$
Generator		$i_*\iota_{10}$	$i_*\eta_{10}$	$i_*\eta_{10}^2$		$\widetilde{8\iota_{13}}$	$\widetilde{\eta_{13}}$	$\widetilde{\eta_{13}^2}$
$j$	17	18	19	20	21			
$\pi_j(K : 2)$	$Z_{16} + Z_4$	$Z_2 + Z_2$	$Z_2 + Z_2$	$Z_2 + Z_2$	$Z_{128}$			
Generator	$i_*\sigma_{10}, \widetilde{2\nu_{13}}$	$i_*\nu_{10}, i_*\varepsilon_{10}$	$i_*\eta_{10}\varepsilon_{11}, i_*\mu_{10}$	$i_*\sigma_{10}\nu_{17}, i_*\eta_{10}\mu_{11}$	$\sigma_{13} \oplus \eta_{19}$			

Here  $i : S^{10} \longrightarrow K$  is an injection and we denote by  $\bar{\alpha}$  an element of  $\pi_j(K : 2)$  such that  $\bar{\alpha}$  is a coextension of  $\alpha \in \pi_{j-1}(S^{13} \vee S^{19} : 2)$ .

*Proof.* By (3. 1), we have an exact sequence

3. 23) 
$$\begin{aligned} \dots \longrightarrow \pi_j(S^{13} \vee S^{19} : 2) &\xrightarrow{(\nu_{10} \vee \beta)_*} \pi_j(S^{10} : 2) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_j(K : 2) \\ &\xrightarrow{\partial} \pi_{j-1}(S^{13} \vee S^{19} : 2) \xrightarrow{(\nu_{10} \vee \beta)_*} \pi_{j-1}(S^{10} : 2) \longrightarrow \dots \end{aligned}$$

or  $j \leq 21$ . We can identify  $\pi_j(S^{13} \vee S^{19} : 2)$  ( $(\nu_{10} \vee \beta)_*$  respectively) with  $\pi_j(S^{13} : 2) \oplus \pi_j(S^{19} : 2)$  ( $\nu_{10*} + \beta_*$  respectively) for  $j \leq 21$  and we shall use the notation  $\alpha = \nu_{10*} + \beta_*$ .

From the tables (3. 2), (3. 3), the relations (3. 6), (3. 8) and the exact sequence (3. 23), it is easy to see the results of  $\pi_j(K : 2)$  for  $j \neq 17, 21$ .

Consider the exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{17}(S^{13} : 2) \oplus \pi_{17}(S^{19} : 2) &\xrightarrow{\alpha} \pi_{17}(S^{10} : 2) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_{17}(K : 2) \\ &\xrightarrow{\partial} \pi_{16}(S^{13} : 2) \oplus \pi_{16}(S^{19} : 2) \xrightarrow{\alpha} \pi_{16}(S^{10} : 2) \end{aligned}$$

of (3. 23), where  $\pi_{16}(S^{13} : 2) \oplus \pi_{16}(S^{19} : 2) = \pi_{16}(S^{13} : 2) = \{\nu_{13}\} \approx Z_8$  and  $\pi_{17}(S^{13} : 2) \oplus \pi_{17}(S^{19} : 2) = 0$  by (3. 2). We have that the homomorphism  $\alpha : \pi_{16}(S^{13} : 2) \oplus \pi_{16}(S^{19} : 2) \longrightarrow \pi_{16}(S^{10} : 2)$  is an epimorphism and its kernel is generated by  $\{2\nu_{13}\}$ . Thus we obtain the following sequence

$$(3. 24) \quad 0 \longrightarrow \{\sigma_{10}\} \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_{17}(K : 2) \xrightarrow{\partial} \{2\nu_{13}\} \longrightarrow 0.$$

By Adams [1],

$$\{\nu_{10}, 2\nu_{13}, 4\epsilon_{16}\} \equiv 0 \pmod{4\pi_{17}(S^{10} : 2)}$$

and we have, by Proposition 1. 8 of [11],  $4\widetilde{2\nu_{13}} = -i_*\{\nu_{10}, 2\nu_{13}, 4\epsilon_{16}\} \in 4i_*\pi_{17}(S^{10} : 2)$ . Thus  $4(\widetilde{2\nu_{13}} + i_*\alpha) = 0$  for some  $\alpha \in \pi_{17}(S^{10} : 2)$ . We may replace  $\widetilde{2\nu_{13}} + i_*\alpha$  by  $\widetilde{2\nu_{13}}$ . Thus, from (3. 24), follows that

$$\pi_{17}(K : 2) = \{i_*\sigma_{10}\} + \{\widetilde{2\nu_{13}}\} \approx Z_{16} + Z_4.$$

From (3. 23), we have the exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{21}(S^{13} : 2) \oplus \pi_{21}(S^{19} : 2) &\xrightarrow{\alpha} \pi_{21}(S^{10} : 2) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_{21}(K : 2) \\ &\xrightarrow{\partial} \pi_{20}(S^{13} : 2) \oplus \pi_{20}(S^{19} : 2) \xrightarrow{\alpha} \pi_{20}(S^{10} : 2). \end{aligned}$$

By (3. 6), (3. 10) and the diagram (3. 2), (3. 3), we have

$$\alpha\{\sigma_{13}\} = \nu_{10} \circ \sigma_{13} = 2\sigma_{10} \circ \nu_{17} = \mathcal{A}(\epsilon_{21}) \circ \eta_{19} = \alpha\{\eta_{13}\}.$$

Thus we obtain that

$$(3. 25) \quad \text{the kernel of } \alpha : \pi_{20}(S^{13} : 2) \oplus \pi_{20}(S^{19} : 2) \longrightarrow \pi_{20}(S^{10} : 2)$$

is generated by  $\{\sigma_{13} \oplus \eta_{13}\} \approx Z_{16}$ .

By (3. 8), (3. 10) and the diagram (3. 2),

$$(3. 26) \quad \begin{aligned} \alpha\{\bar{\nu}_{13}\} &= \nu_{10} \circ \bar{\nu}_{13} = 0, \\ \alpha\{\epsilon_{13}\} &= \nu_{10} \circ \epsilon_{13} = 0, \\ \alpha\{\eta_{19}^2\} &= \beta\{\eta_{19}^2\} = \mathcal{A}(\epsilon_{21}) \circ \eta_{19}^2 + a\eta_{10} \circ \epsilon_{11} \circ \eta_{19}^2 + b\nu_{10}^3 \circ \eta_{19}^2 \\ &= 2\sigma_{10} \circ \nu_{18} \circ \eta_{19}^2 + 4a\nu_{10} \circ \epsilon_{13} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, from (3. 25), (3. 26) and the from above sequence, it follows that the sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \{\zeta_{10}\} \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_{21}(K : 2) \xrightarrow{\theta} \{\sigma_{13} \oplus \eta_{19}\} \longrightarrow 0$$

is exact. By (9. 3) of [11],

$$\zeta_{10} \in \{\nu_{10}, 2\sigma_{13}, 8\iota_{20}\} \quad \text{mod } 8\pi_{21}(S^{10} : 2)$$

and by Proposition 1. 3 of [11]

$$\begin{aligned} i_*\zeta_{10} &\in i_*\{\nu_{10}, 2\sigma_{13}, 8\iota_{20}\} \\ &= -8 \widetilde{2\sigma_{13}} \\ &= -16 \widetilde{\sigma_{13} \oplus \eta_{19}}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we obtain that

$$\pi_{21}(K : 2) = \widetilde{\{\sigma_{13} \oplus \eta_{19}\}} \approx Z_{128}.$$

§ 4. Homotopy groups of exceptional Lie groups  $E_6, E_7$  and  $E_8$ .

(I) HOMOTOPY GROUPS  $\pi_j(E_8 : 2)$  for  $j \leq 28$ .

From Corollary 2. 3, Lemma 2. 5, there exist a cell complex  $K_{\tilde{E}_8} = S^{15} \cup_{\sigma_{15}} e^{23} \cup e^{27} \cup e^{29}$  and a continuous map  $f : K_{\tilde{E}_8} \longrightarrow \tilde{E}_8$ , from which the following isomorphism  $f_*$ , induced by a map  $f$ , is obtained;

$$(4. 1) \quad f_* : \pi_j(S^{15} \cup_{\sigma_{15}} e^{23} \cup e^{27} \cup e^{29} : 2) \approx \pi_j(\tilde{E}_8 : 2) \quad \text{for } j \leq 28.$$

Let  $e^{27}$  be attached to  $K_{\sigma_{15}} = S^{15} \cup_{\sigma_{15}} e^{23}$  by a map  $g : S^{26} \longrightarrow K_{\sigma_{15}}$  and  $e^{29}$  be attached to  $S^{15} \cup_{\sigma_{15}} e^{23} \cup e^{27}$  by a map  $h : S^{28} \longrightarrow S^{15} \cup_{\sigma_{15}} e^{23} \cup e^{27}$ , then, from Corollary 2. 3 and Theorem 2. 6, it follows that the next diagrams are commutative

$$(4. 2) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} (i) & \begin{array}{ccc} S^{26} & \xrightarrow{g} & K_{\sigma_{15}} \\ & \searrow \nu_{23} & \downarrow p \\ & & S^{23} \end{array} & (ii) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} S^{28} & \xrightarrow{h} & S^{15} \cup_{\sigma_{15}} e^{23} \cup e^{27} \\ & \searrow \nu_{27} & \downarrow p' \\ & & S^{27} \end{array} \end{array}$$

where  $p, p'$  are the maps which shrink  $S^{15}, S^{15} \cup_{\sigma_{15}} e^{23}$  are respectively to a point. From (4. 1),

$$\pi_j(\tilde{E}_8 : 2) \approx \pi_j(S^{15} \cup_{\sigma_{15}} e^{23} \cup e^{27} : 2) \quad \text{for } j \leq 27.$$

Consider the exact sequence

$$\pi_{26}(S^{26} : 2) \xrightarrow{g_*} \pi_{26}(K_{\sigma_{15}} : 2) \xrightarrow{i'_*} \pi_{26}(S^{15} \cup_{\sigma_{15}} e^{23} \cup e^{27} : 2) \xrightarrow{\partial} \pi_{26}(S^{26} : 2)$$

of (3. 1), where  $i' : K_{\sigma_{15}} \rightarrow S^{15} \cup_{\sigma_{15}} e^{23} \cup e^{27}$  is the inclusion map. From (i) of (4. 2) and the table (3. 15), we have that

$$(4. 3) \quad g_* : \pi_{26}(S^{26} : 2) \rightarrow \pi_{26}(K_{\sigma_{15}} : 2)$$

is an epimorphism. Thus, from the exactness of the above sequence, we obtain

$$(4. 4) \quad \pi_{26}(S^{15} \cup_{\sigma_{15}} e^{23} \cup e^{27} : 2) = 0.$$

It follows from (3. 1), (3. 15) and (4. 3) that the sequence

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = \pi_{27}(K_{\sigma_{15}} : 2) &\xrightarrow{i'_*} \pi_{27}(S^{15} \cup_{\sigma_{15}} e^{23} \cup e^{27} : 2) \xrightarrow{\partial} \pi_{26}(S^{26} : 2) \\ &\xrightarrow{g_*} \pi_{26}(K_{\sigma_{15}} : 2) \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

is exact. Thus we obtain

$$(4. 5) \quad \pi_{27}(S^{15} \cup_{\sigma_{15}} e^{23} \cup e^{27} : 2) = Z.$$

Next consider the diagram;

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & \pi_{28}(S^{15} \cup_{\sigma_{15}} e^{23} : 2) = 0 & & & & \\ & & \downarrow i'_* & & & & \\ \pi_{28}(S^{28} : 2) & \xrightarrow{h_*} & \pi_{28}(S^{15} \cup e^{23} \cup e^{27} : 2) & \xrightarrow{i''_*} & \pi_{28}(S^{15} \cup e^{23} \cup e^{27} \cup e^{29} : 2) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \pi_{27}(S^{28} : 2) = 0 \\ \downarrow \eta_{27*} & \swarrow \eta'_* & \downarrow \partial & & & & \\ \pi_{28}(S^{27} : 2) & \xleftarrow{E} & \pi_{27}(S^{26} : 2) & & & & \\ & & \downarrow g_* & & & & \\ & & \pi_{27}(S^{15} \cup_{\sigma_{15}} e^{23} : 2) = 0 & & & & \end{array}$$

where  $i''$  is a inclusion map. From (3. 1) the row and column sequences are exact, and from (ii) of (4. 2) and from the definition of  $\partial$ , it follows that the diagram is commutative. By (3. 15),  $\partial : \pi_{28}(S^{15} \cup e^{23} \cup e^{27} : 2) \rightarrow \pi_{27}(S^{26} : 2)$  is an isomorphism, and  $E : \pi_{27}(S^{26} : 2) \rightarrow \pi_{28}(S^{27} : 2)$  is an isomorphism. Thus, from the commutativity of the above diagram, it follows that

$$h_* : \pi_{28}(S^{28} : 2) \rightarrow \pi_{28}(S^{15} \cup_{\sigma_{15}} e^{23} \cup e^{27} : 2)$$

is epimorphic. Thus, from the exactness of the column sequence, we obtain

$$(4.6) \quad \pi_{28}(S^{15} \cup_{\sigma_{15}} e^{23} \cup e^{27} \cup e^{29} : 2) = 0.$$

From (4.1), (3.15) and (4.4) (4.9), it follows the next table of the homotopy groups of exceptional Lie group  $E_8$ .

PROPOSITION 4.1.

$j$	1, 2	3	$4 \leq j \leq 14$	15	16	17	18	19	20
$\pi_j(E_8 : 2)$	0	$Z$	0	$Z$	$Z_2$	$Z_2$	$Z_8$	0	0

$j$	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
$\pi_j(E_8 : 2)$	$Z_2$	0	$Z + Z_2$	$Z_2 + Z_2$	$Z_2$	0	$Z$	0

(II) HOMOTOPY GROUPS  $\pi_j(E_7 : 2)$  for  $j \leq 25$ .

From Lemma 2.5, there exist a cell complex  $K_{\tilde{E}_7} = S^{11} \cup e^{15} \cup e^{19} \cup e^{23} \cup e^{26} \cup e^{27}$  and a continuous map  $k : K_{\tilde{E}_7} \rightarrow \tilde{E}_7$  such that  $k_* : \pi_j(K_{\tilde{E}_7}) \rightarrow \pi_j(\tilde{E}_7)$  are  $C_2$ -isomorphism onto for  $j \leq 28$ . By Corollary 2.8 and Lemma 2.4,  $e^{15}$  is attached to  $S^{11}$  by a representative of  $\nu_{11} \in \pi_{14}(S^{11} : 2)$ .

Consider the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 S^{11} \cup e^{15} \cup e^{19} & \longrightarrow & S^{15} \cup e^{19} \\
 \nu_{11} \downarrow k & & \downarrow \bar{k} \\
 \tilde{E}_7 & \subset & \tilde{E}_8
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{l}
 \nearrow f \\
 S^{15}
 \end{array}$$

where  $p$  is a map which shrinks  $S^{11}$  to a point and  $\tilde{E}_7 \subset \tilde{E}_8$  is the natural inclusion. Since  $\pi_i(\tilde{E}_8) = 0$  for  $i \leq 14$ ,  $k|S^{11} \simeq 0$  in  $E_8$ . Thus there exists a map  $\bar{k} : S^{15} \cup e^{19} \rightarrow \tilde{E}_8$  such that the above diagram is homotopy commutative. A generator  $x_{15} \in H^{15}(\tilde{E}_7 : Z_2)$  corresponds to a generator  $x_{15} \in H^{15}(\tilde{E}_8 : Z_2)$  by the natural inclusion  $\tilde{E}_7 \subset \tilde{E}_8$ . Thus, from the commutativity of the above diagram,  $x_{15} \in H^{15}(\tilde{E}_8 : Z_2)$  corresponds to a generator of  $H^{15}(S^{15} \cup e^{19} : Z_2)$  by  $\bar{k}^*$ . Let  $f : S^{15} \rightarrow \tilde{E}_8$  be a representative of a generator  $\{f\}$  of  $\pi_{15}(\tilde{E}_8) = Z$ , then  $\bar{k}|S^{15}$  is homotopic to  $x\{f\}$  for some odd integer  $x$ . Let  $e^{19}$  be attached to  $S^{15}$  by  $\beta : S^{15} \rightarrow S^{15}$  for a cell complex  $S^{15} \cup e^{19}$  of the above diagram.

Since  $\bar{k}$  is extended over  $e^{19}$ , we have

$$0 = (\bar{k}|S^{15})_*\beta = x(f_*\beta) \quad \text{in 2-component.}$$

By (4. 1),  $f_* : \pi_j(S^{15}) \longrightarrow \pi_j(\tilde{E}_8)$  are  $C_2$ -isomorphism onto for  $j \leq 21$ . Thus it follows  $\beta = 0$ . From this we have that  $S^{11} \cup e^{19}$  is a subcomplex of  $K_{\tilde{E}_7}$ , and  $e^{19}$  is attached to  $S^{11}$  by  $\sigma_{11}$ .

LEMMA 4. 2. *We may regard the inclusion  $j : K_{\sigma_{11}} = S^{11} \cup_{\sigma_{11}} e^{19} \subset K_{\tilde{E}_7}$  as the fibre map. Let  $F$  be the fibre, then  $H^*(F; Z_2)$  has additive basis  $\{1, a_{14}, a_{22}, a_{26}\}$  for degree  $< 29$ , where  $a_i$  denote a generator of degree  $i$ .*

*Proof.* From lemma 2. 5,  $H^*(K_{\tilde{E}_7}; Z_2) = \mathcal{A}(x_{11}, x_{15}, x_{19}, x_{23}, x_{27})$  for degree  $< 30$  and  $Sq^4 x_{11} = x_{15}$ ,  $Sq^8 x_{15} = x_{23}$ ,  $Sq^4 x_{23} = x_{27}$ ,  $Sq^8 x_{11} = x_{19}$ . Let  $\{E_r^{**}\}$  be the mod 2 spectral sequence associated with the above fibering, then we have

$$E_2^{**} = H^*(K_{\tilde{E}_7}; Z_2) \otimes H^*(F; Z_2)$$

and

$$E_\infty^{**} = \mathcal{A}(x_{11}, x_{19}) \text{ for degree } < 30.$$

Clearly  $K_{\tilde{E}_7}$  and  $F$  are 10- and 13-connected respectively. We have the following cohomology exact sequence  $\cdots \longrightarrow H^*(K_{\tilde{E}_7}; Z_2) \xrightarrow{j^*} H^*(K_{\sigma_{11}}; Z_2) \longrightarrow H^*(F; Z_2) \xrightarrow{\tau} H^*(K_{\tilde{E}_7}; Z_2) \longrightarrow \cdots$  for degree  $\leq 24$ . It follows that  $H^*(F; Z_2) = \{1, a_{14}, a_{22}\}$  for degree  $< 24$  where  $\tau(a_{14}) = x_{15}$  and  $\tau(a_{22}) = x_{23}$ , i.e.,  $d_{15}(1 \otimes a_{14}) = x_{15} \otimes 1$  and  $d_{23}(1 \otimes a_{22}) = x_{23} \otimes 1$ . For  $24 \leq q \leq 29$ , any non-zero element of  $E_2^{0, q}$  must be cancelled by  $d_r$  with some element of  $E_r^{q-r+1}$ . By the dimensional reason, the only possibilities of such  $q$  are  $q = 24, 25, 26$  corresponding to  $x_{11} \otimes a_{14}$ ,  $x_{11}x_{15} \otimes 1$  and  $x_{27} \otimes 1$  respectively. Thus  $H^q(F; Z_2) = 0$  for  $q = 27, 28, 29$ . Since  $d_{15}(x_{11} \otimes a_{14}) = x_{11}x_{15} \otimes 1 \neq 0$ ,  $x_{11} \otimes a_{14}$  is not a  $d_{15}$ -image, hence  $H^{24}(F; Z_2) = 0$ . We have also  $H^{25}(F; Z_2) = 0$  since  $x_{11}x_{15} \otimes 1 = 0$  in  $E_2^{26, 0}$ . By the dimensional reason, we see that  $x_{27} \otimes 1 \neq 0$  in  $E_2^{27, 0}$ , hence there exists an element  $a_{26}$  such that  $d_{28}(1 \otimes a_{26}) = x_{27} \otimes 1$  and  $a_{26}$  generates  $H^{26}(F; Z_2) \approx Z_2$ .

From the proof of this lemma, we have that  $a_{14}, a_{22}, a_{26}$  are transgressive elements. Since  $Sq^8 x_{15} = x_{23}$ ,  $Sq^4 x_{23} = x_{27}$ , it follows, from the commutativity of the Steenrod operation and the transgression, that

$$(4. 7) \quad Sq^8 a_{14} = a_{22}, \quad Sq^4 a_{22} = a_{26}.$$

By Lemma 2. 5 and Theorem 2. 6, there exists a cell complex  $K_F = S^{14} \cup e^{22} \cup e^{26}$  and a continuous map from  $K_F$  to  $F$  which induces

isomorphisms from  $\pi_j(K_F : 2)$  onto  $\pi_j(F : 2)$  for  $j \leq 26$ . Let  $f : K_F \rightarrow K_{\sigma_{11}} = S^{11} \cup e^{19}$  be the mapping from a fibre to the total space identifying  $F$  with  $K_F$  for dimension  $\leq 26$ . Then  $f|S^{14}$  is a representative of  $\nu_{11}$ .

Consider the exact sequence

$$(4.8) \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} \cdots & \longrightarrow & \pi_j(K_F : 2) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & \pi_j(K_{\sigma_{11}} : 2) & \xrightarrow{j_*} & \pi_j(K_{\bar{E}_7} : 2) \\ & & & & \xrightarrow{\partial} & & \\ & & \pi_{j-1}(K_F : 2) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & \pi_{j-1}(K_{\sigma_{11}} : 2) & \longrightarrow & \cdots \end{array}$$

associated with the above fibering for  $j \leq 26$  and the following homotopy commutative diagram

$$(4.9) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} S^{14} & \xrightarrow{i} & K_F \\ \downarrow \nu_{11} & & \downarrow f \\ S^{11} & \xrightarrow{i} & K_{\sigma_{11}}. \end{array}$$

From (3. 1), (3. 14) and from the fact that  $e^{26}$  is attached to  $K_{\sigma_{14}}$  by a coextension of  $\nu_{22}$ , we have the next table ;

(4. 10)

$j$	$j \leq 13$	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
$\pi_j(K_F : 2)$	0	$Z$	$Z_2$	$Z_2$	$Z_3$	0	0	$Z_2$
Generator		$i_*\iota_{14}$	$i_*\eta_{14}$	$i_*\eta_{14}^2$	$i_*\nu_{14}$			$i_*\nu_{14}^2$

$j$	21	22	23	24	25	26
$\pi_j(K_F : 2)$	0	$Z + Z_2$	$Z_2 + Z_2$	$Z_2$	0	$Z$
Generator		$\widetilde{16}\iota_{21}, i_*\epsilon_{14}$	$i_*\mu_{14}, i_*\eta_{14}\epsilon_{15}$	$i_*\eta_{14}\mu_{15}$		$\widetilde{64}\iota_{25}$

LEMMA 4. 3. For the homomorphism  $f_* : \pi_j(K_F : 2) \rightarrow \pi_j(K_{\sigma_{11}} : 2)$ , we have the following table ;

(4. 11)

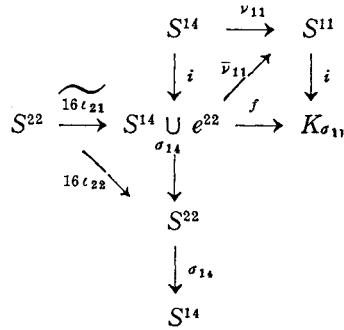
$\alpha =$	$i_*\iota_{14}$	$i_*\eta_{14}$	$i_*\eta_{14}^2$	$i_*\nu_{14}$	$i_*\nu_{14}^2$	$\widetilde{16}\iota_{21}$	$i_*\epsilon_{14}$	$i_*\mu_{14}$	$i_*\eta_{14}\epsilon_{15}$	$i_*\eta_{14}\mu_{15}$
$f_*\alpha =$	$i_*\nu_{14}$	0	0	$i_*\nu_{14}^2$	$i_*\eta_{11}\epsilon_{12}$	$\widetilde{4}2\nu_{18}$	0	0	0	0

*Proof.* From (4. 9), (3. 8), (3. 9), it follows that the table is true excepting for  $\alpha = i_*\widetilde{16}\iota_{21}, i_*\nu_{14}^2$ .

The relation  $i_*\eta_{11} \circ \varepsilon_{12} = i_*\nu_{11}^3$  in  $\pi_{20}(K\sigma_{11} : 2)$  imply the formula

$$f_*(i_*\nu_{14}^2) = i_*\eta_{11} \circ \varepsilon_{12}.$$

Consider the following commutative diagram



where  $\widetilde{16\iota_{21}}$  is a coextension of  $16\iota_{21}$  and  $\bar{\nu}_{11}$  is an extension of  $\nu_{11}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_*\widetilde{16\iota_{21}} &= i_*\bar{\nu}_{11} \circ \widetilde{16\iota_{21}} \\
 &= -i_*\{\nu_{11}, \sigma_{14}, 16\iota_{21}\} \text{ by Proposition 1. 8 of [11],} \\
 &= -i_*\zeta_{11} \text{ by (9. 3) of [11],} \\
 &= -4 \widetilde{2\nu_{21}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

PROPOSITION 4. 4. *The homotopy groups  $\pi_j(E_7 : 2)$  for  $j \leq 25$  are listed in the following table;*

$j$	1, 2	3	$4 \leq j \leq 10$	11	12	13	14	15
$\pi_j(E_7 : 2)$	0	$Z$	0	$Z$	$Z_2$	$Z_2$	0	$Z$
$j$	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
$\pi_j(E_7 : 2)$	$Z_2$	$Z_2$	$Z_4$	$Z + Z_2$	$Z_2$	$Z_2$	$Z_4$	$Z + Z_2 + Z_2$
$j$	24		25					
$\pi_j(E_7 : 2)$	$Z_2 + Z_2 + Z_2$		$Z_2 + Z_2$					

*Proof.* The results of  $\pi_j(E_7 : 2)$  for  $j \leq 22$  follow immediately from the tables (4. 10), (3. 13), (4. 11) and from the exactness of the sequence of (4. 8).



$$\{\nu_{11}, \varepsilon_{14}, 2\ell_{22}\} \supset E^4\{\nu_7, \varepsilon_{10}, 2\ell_{18}\} \subset E^4\pi_{19}(S^7) = 0.$$

Thus we have

$$(4.12) \quad \{\nu_{11}, \varepsilon_{14}, 2\ell_{22}\} \equiv 0 \pmod{2\pi_{23}(S^{11})}.$$

Similarly we have

$$(4.13) \quad \{\nu_{11}, \mu_{14}, 2\ell_{23}\} \equiv 0 \pmod{2\pi_{24}(S^{11})}.$$

$\{\nu_{11}, \eta_{14} \circ \varepsilon_{15}, 2\ell_{23}\} \supset \{\nu_{11} \circ \eta_{14}, \varepsilon_{15}, 2\ell_{23}\} = \{0, \varepsilon_{15}, 2\ell_{23}\} \equiv 0$  by Proposition 1. 2 of [11]. Thus we have

$$(4.14) \quad \{\nu_{11}, \eta_{14} \circ \varepsilon_{15}, 2\ell_{23}\} \equiv 0 \pmod{2\pi_{24}(S^{11} : 2)}.$$

Similarly,

$$(4.15) \quad \{\nu_{11}, \eta_{14} \circ \mu_{15}, 2\ell_{24}\} \equiv 0 \pmod{2\pi_{25}(S^{11} : 2)}.$$

Consider the commutative diagram

$$(4.16) \quad \begin{array}{ccccccccc} \pi_j(K_F : 2) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & \pi_j(K_{\sigma_{11}} : 2) & \xrightarrow{j_*} & \pi_j(K_{\tilde{E}_7} : 2) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \pi_{j-1}(K_F : 2) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & \pi_{j-1}(K_{\sigma_{11}} : 2) \\ \uparrow i_* & & \uparrow i_* & & \uparrow i_* & & \uparrow i_* & & \uparrow i_* \\ \pi_j(S^{14} : 2) & \xrightarrow{\nu_{11*}} & \pi_j(S^{11} : 2) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & \pi_j(S^{11} \cup e^{15} : 2) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \pi_{j-1}(S^{14} : 2) & \xrightarrow{\nu_{11*}} & \pi_{j-1}(S^{11} : 2) \end{array}$$

where  $i, j$  are inclusions.

From Proposition 1. 8 of [11] and the above secondary composition, coextension  $\tilde{\varepsilon}_{14}, \tilde{\mu}_{14}, \widetilde{\eta_{14} \circ \varepsilon_{15}}$  and  $\widetilde{\eta_{14} \circ \mu_{15}}$  of  $\varepsilon_{14}, \mu_{14}, \eta_{14} \circ \varepsilon_{15}$  and  $\eta_{14} \circ \mu_{15}$  respectively are elements of order 2. Thus from the commutativity and the exactness of the above diagram. (4.16), the results of  $\pi_j(K_{\tilde{E}_7} : 2)$  for  $j = 23, 24, 25$ , are obtained.

(III) HOMOTOPY GROUPS  $\pi_j(E_6 : 2)$  for  $j \leq 22$ .

By Corollary 2. 3,

$$H^*(\tilde{E}_6 ; Z_2) = Z_2[y_{32}] \otimes \mathcal{A}(y_9, y_{11}, y_{15}, y_{17}, y_{23}, y_{33})$$

and

$$Sq^2 y_9 = y_{11}, Sq^8 y_9 = y_{17}, Sq^4 y_{11} = y_{15}, Sq^8 y_{15} = y_{23}.$$

From Lemma 2. 5, there exists a cell complex  $K_{\tilde{E}_6}$  and a continuous

map  $l : K\tilde{E}_6 \longrightarrow \tilde{E}_6$  such that  $l_* : \pi_j(K\tilde{E}_6) \longrightarrow \pi_j(\tilde{E}_6)$  are  $C_2$ -isomorphism onto for  $j \leq 24$ , i.e.,  $K\tilde{E}_6 = S^9 \cup e^{11} \cup e^{15} \cup e^{17} \cup e^{20} \cup e^{23} \cup e^{24}$ .

By Corollary 2. 8,  $e^{11}$  is attached to  $S^9$  by  $\gamma_9$ .

LEMMA 4. 5.  $K\sigma_9 = S^9 \cup_{\sigma_9} e^{17}$  is a subcomplex of  $K\tilde{E}_6$ . Exchanging an inclusion map  $K\sigma_9 \longrightarrow K\tilde{E}_6$  by a fibre map, we denote by  $F$  the fibre of this fibering. Then  $H^*(F; Z_2)$  has the additive basis  $\{1, a_{10}, a_{14}, a_{20}, a_{22}\}$  for degree  $\leq 25$  such that  $Sq^4 a_{10} = a_{14}$ ,  $Sq^8 a_{14} = a_{22}$ , where  $a_i$  denotes a generator of degree  $i$ .

*Proof.* From Lemma 2. 5,  $H^*(K\tilde{E}_6; Z_2) = \mathcal{A}(x_9, x_{11}, x_{15}, x_{17}, x_{23})$  for degree  $< 32$  and  $Sq^2 x_9 = x_{11}$ ,  $Sq^4 x_{11} = x_{15}$ ,  $Sq^8 x_{15} = x_{23}$ ,  $Sq^8 x_9 = x_{17}$ .

By use of Adem's relation we have relations

$$\begin{aligned} Sq^6 x_{11} &= Sq^6 Sq^2 x_9 = Sq^4 Sq^4 x_9 + Sq^7 Sq^1 x_9, \\ Sq^2 x_{15} &= Sq^2 Sq^4 x_{11} = Sq^5 Sq^1 x_{11} + Sq^6 x_{11}. \end{aligned}$$

Since there is no cell of dimension 10 and 13,  $Sq^6 x_{11} = 0$  in  $K\tilde{E}_6$ . Since there is no cell of dimension 12 and  $Sq^6 x_{11} = 0$ ,  $Sq^2 x_{15} = 0$  in  $K\tilde{E}_6$ . Then  $e^{17}$  is inessential to  $e^{15}$ , that is, up to homotopy type  $S^9 \cup e^{11} \cup e^{17}$  is a subcomplex. Since  $\pi_{16}(S^9 \cup e^{11}, S^9) \approx \pi_{16}(S^{11}) = 0$ , we have that  $S^9 \cup e^{17}$  is a subcomplex. Then, by Theorem 2. 6, we may consider that  $S^9 \cup e^{17} = K\sigma_9$  is a subcomplex of  $K\tilde{E}_6$ .

Let  $\{E_r^{**}\}$  be the mod 2 spectral sequence associated with a fibering  $\{K\sigma_9, i, K\tilde{E}_6\}$  with the fibre  $F$ , then

$$E_2^{**} = H^*(K\tilde{E}_6; Z_2) \otimes H^*(F; Z_2)$$

and

$$E_\infty^{**} = \wedge(x_9, x_{17}) \quad \text{for degree } \leq 25.$$

By concerning the cohomology exact sequence associated with this fibering, we have  $H^*(F; Z_2) = \{1, a_{10}, a_{14}\}$  for degree  $< 18$  with generator  $a_{10}, a_{14}$  such that  $d_{11}(1 \otimes a_{10}) = x_{11} \otimes 1$  and  $d_{15}(1 \otimes a_{14}) = x_{15} \otimes 1$ . For the total degree  $< 27$ ,  $E_2^{**}$  is the sum of  $'E_2^{**} = H^*(K\tilde{E}_6; Z_2) \otimes \{1, a_{10}, a_{14}\}$  and  $\sum_{q \geq 18} 1 \otimes H^q(F; Z_2)$ . From  $'E_2^{**}$  we compute  $'E_r^{**}$  giving  $d_r$  trivially except  $d_r(b \otimes a_{10}) = b x_{11} \otimes 1$  and  $d_r(b \otimes a_{14}) = b x_{15} \otimes 1$ ,  $b \in H^*(K\tilde{E}_6; Z_2)$ . Then we have for the total degree  $< 30$ ,  $'E_\infty^{**} = \mathcal{A}(x_9, x_{17}, x_{23}) \otimes 1 + \{x_{11} \otimes a_{10}, x_{15} \otimes a_{14}\}$ , where we use the fact  $x_{11}^2 = x_{15}^2 = 0$ . Compare this with  $E_\infty^{**}$ , we conclude that  $x_{23} \otimes 1, x_{11} \otimes a_{10}$  must be cancelled by some elements  $a_{22}, a_{20}$ , i.e.,

$d_{23}(1 \otimes a_{22}) = x_{23} \otimes 1$  and  $d_{11}(1 \otimes a_{20}) = x_{11} \otimes a_{10}$ . Moreover, no other non-zero elements exists in  $H^*(F; Z_2)$  for degree  $\leq 25$ . Thus  $H_*(F; Z_2) = \{1, a_{10}; a_{14}, a_{20}, a_{22}\}$  for degree  $\leq 25$ .

From the above proof,  $a_{10}, a_{14}$  and  $a_{22}$  are transgressive element. Since  $Sq^4 a_{11} = x_{15}$  and  $Sq^8 a_{15} = x_{23}$ , using the commutativity of Steenrod operation and transgression we have  $Sq^4 a_{10} = a_{14}$  and  $Sq^8 a_{14} = a_{22}$ .

By Lemma 2.5, there exists a cell complex  $K_F = S^{10} \cup e^{14} \cup e^{20} \cup e^{22}$  and a continuous map which induce  $C_2$ -isomorphisms from  $\pi_j(K_F)$  to  $\pi_j(F)$  for  $j \leq 24$ . We identify the fiber to the total space, then we have a commutative diagram

$$(4.17) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} S^{10} & \xrightarrow{i} & K_F \\ \downarrow \eta_9 & & \downarrow f \\ S^9 & \xrightarrow{i} & K_{\sigma_9} \end{array}$$

where  $i$  is inclusion map, and the exact sequence

$$(4.18) \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} \cdots & \longrightarrow & \pi_j(K_F; 2) & \longrightarrow & \pi_j(K_{\sigma_9}; 2) & \longrightarrow & \pi_j(K\bar{E}_6; 2) \\ & & \longrightarrow & \longrightarrow & \longrightarrow & \longrightarrow & \cdots \end{array}$$

Consider the cell complex  $K_F = S^{10} \cup e^{14} \cup e^{20} \cup e^{22}$ . Since  $Sq^4 a_{10} = a_{14}$ ,  $e^{14}$  is attached to  $S^{10}$  by a representative of  $\nu_{10}$ .

From  $\pi_{19}(S^{10} \cup e^{14}, S^{10}) \approx \pi_{18}(S^{13}) = 0$ , we may assume that  $K_F = S^{10} \cup C(S^{13} \vee S^{19}) \cup e^{22}$ .

Let  $\alpha : S^{21} \longrightarrow S^{10} \cup C(S^{13} \vee S^{19})$  be the attaching map of  $e^{22}$  and  $e^{20}$  be attached to  $S^{10}$  by  $\beta : S^{19} \longrightarrow S^{10}$ . Consider the exact sequence

$$\pi_{21}(S^{10}; 2) \longrightarrow \pi_{21}(S^{10} \cup e^{14} \cup e^{20}; 2) \xrightarrow{\partial} \pi_{20}(S^{13} \vee S^{19}; 2) \xrightarrow{(\nu_{10} \vee \beta)_*} \pi_{20}(S^{10}; 2).$$

From the definition of  $\partial$ , we have the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_{21}(S^{10} \cup e^{14} \cup e^{20}; 2) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \pi_{20}(S^{13} \vee S^{19}; 2) \\ \searrow p_* & & \swarrow E \\ \pi_{21}(S^{14} \vee S^{20}; 2) & = & \pi_{21}(S^{14}; 2) + \pi_{21}(S^{20}; 2) \end{array}$$

where  $p$  is a map which shrinks  $S^{10}$  to a point. Since  $Sq^8 a_{14} = a_{22}$ ,  $p_* \alpha = \sigma_{14} + x\eta_{20}$  for  $x = 1$  or  $0$ . From the exactness of the above sequence,  $0 = (\nu_{10} \vee \beta)_* \circ \partial \alpha = \nu_{10} \circ \sigma_{13} + x(\beta \circ \eta_{19})$ . Thus we have  $x(\beta \circ \eta_{19}) = \nu_{10} \circ \sigma_{13} \neq 0$  and  $x = 1$ .

Put  $\beta = a(\mathcal{A}(\iota_{21})) + b\eta_{10} \circ \varepsilon_{11} + c\nu_{11}^3 + d\mu_{10}$  for some integers  $a, b, c, d$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_{10} \circ \sigma_{13} &= \beta \circ \eta_{19} \\ &= a(\mathcal{A}(\iota_{21})) \circ \eta_{19} + b\eta_{10}^2 \circ \varepsilon_{12} + c\nu_{10}^3 \circ \eta_{19} + d\eta_{10} \circ \mu_{11} \\ &= a\nu_{10} \circ \sigma_{13} + 0 + 0 + d\eta_{10} \circ \mu_{11} \quad \text{by (3. 6) and (3. 10).} \end{aligned}$$

Thus by (3. 3)  $a = 1$  and  $d = 0$ . Therefore

$$(4. 19) \quad \begin{aligned} \beta &= \mathcal{A}(\iota_{21}) + b\eta_{10} \circ \varepsilon_{11} + c\nu_{10}^3 \quad \text{where } b, c = 0 \text{ or } 1. \\ \partial\alpha &= \sigma_{13} + \eta_{19} \end{aligned}$$

From (4. 19), Lemma 3. 3 and from the exact sequence

$$\dots \longrightarrow \pi_j(S^{21} : 2) \xrightarrow{\alpha_*} \pi_j(S^{10} \cup e^{14} \cup e^{20} : 2) \longrightarrow \pi_j(K_F : 2) \longrightarrow \pi_{j-1}(S^{21} : 2) \xrightarrow{\alpha_*} \dots$$

of (3. 1), we have the next table;

(4. 20)

$j$	$j \leq 9$	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
$\pi_j(K_F : 2)$	0	$Z$	$Z_2$	$Z_2$	0	$Z$	$Z_2$	$Z_2$	$Z_{16} + Z_4$
Generator		$i_*\iota_{10}$	$i_*\eta_{10}$	$i_*\eta_{10}^2$		$\widetilde{8\iota_{13}}$	$\widetilde{\eta_{13}}$	$\widetilde{\eta_{13}^2}$	$i_*\sigma_{10}, \widetilde{2\nu_{13}}$

$j$	18	19	20	21
$\pi_j(K_F : 2)$	$Z_2 + Z_2$	$Z_2 + Z_2$	$Z_2 + Z_2$	0
Generator	$i_*\overline{\nu_{10}}, i_*\varepsilon_{10}$	$i_*\eta_{10}\varepsilon_{11}, i_*\mu_{10}$	$i_*\sigma_{10}\nu_{17}, i_*\eta_{10}\mu_{11}$	

LEMMA 4. 6. For the homomorphism  $f_* : \pi_j(K_F : 2) \longrightarrow \pi_F(K_{\sigma_9} : 2)$ , we have the following table;

(4. 21)

$\alpha =$	$i_*\iota_{10}$	$i_*\eta_{10}$	$i_*\eta_{10}^2$	$\eta_{13}$	$i_*\sigma_{10}$	$2\nu_{13}$	$i_*\nu_{10}$	$i_*\varepsilon_{10}$
$f_*\alpha =$	$i_*\eta_9$	$i_*\eta_9^2$	$4i_*\nu_9$	$i_*\nu_9^2$	$i_*\varepsilon_9 + i_*\overline{\nu_9}$	$i_*\varepsilon_9$	$i_*\nu_9^3$	$i_*\eta_9\varepsilon_{10}$

$\alpha =$	$i_*\eta_{10} \circ \varepsilon_{11}$	$i_*\mu_{10}$	$i_*\sigma_{10}\nu_{17}$	$i_*\eta_{10}\mu_{11}$
$f_*\alpha =$	0	$i_*\eta_9\mu_{10}$	$i_*\nu_9\nu_{17}$	$4i_*\xi_9$

*Proof.* We shall use the next relations

$$\begin{aligned}
 \eta_n^3 &= 4\nu_n & \text{for } n \geq 5 & & \text{by (5. 5) of [11],} \\
 \eta_n \circ \bar{\nu}_{n+1} &= \nu_n^3 & \text{for } n \geq 6 & & \text{by Lemma 6. 3 of [11],} \\
 \eta_9 \circ \sigma_{10} &= \bar{\nu}_9 + \varepsilon_9 & & & \text{by Lemma 6. 4 of [11],} \\
 \eta_n^2 \circ \varepsilon_{n+2} &= 0 & \text{for } n \geq 9 & & \text{by (7. 10), (7. 20) of [11],} \\
 4\zeta_n &= \eta_n^2 \circ \mu_{n+2} & \text{for } n \geq 5 & & \text{by Lemma 6. 7 of [11].}
 \end{aligned}$$

From (4. 17), (4. 22), it follows that the table is true except for  $\alpha = \widetilde{\eta}_{13}$  and  $\widetilde{2\nu}_{13}$ .

From the definition of  $\widetilde{\eta}_{13}$  and (4. 17), we have the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & S^{10} & \xrightarrow{\eta_9} & S^9 \\
 & & \downarrow i & \nearrow \overline{\eta_9} & \downarrow i \\
 S^{15} & \xrightarrow{\widetilde{\eta}_{13}} & S^{10} \cup e^{14} & \xrightarrow{f} & S^9 \cup_{\sigma_9} e^{17} \\
 & \searrow \eta_{14} & \downarrow \nu_{10} & & \\
 & & S^{14} & & 
 \end{array}$$

where  $p$  is the mapping which shrinks  $S^{10}$  to a point and  $\overline{\eta_9}$  is a extension of  $\eta_9$ . Thus we have

$$f_*\widetilde{\eta}_{13} = i_*\overline{\eta_9} \circ \widetilde{\eta}_{13} = i_*\{\eta_9, \nu_{10}, \eta_{13}\} \ni i_*\nu_9^2 \quad \text{by Lemma 5. 5 of [11].}$$

Consider the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & S^{10} & \xrightarrow{\eta_9} & S^9 \\
 & & \downarrow i & \nearrow \overline{\eta_9} & \downarrow i \\
 S^{17} & \xrightarrow{\widetilde{2\nu}_{13}} & S^{10} \cup e^{14} & \xrightarrow{f} & S^9 \cup_{\sigma_9} e^{17} \\
 & \searrow 2\nu_{14} & \downarrow \nu_{10} & & \\
 & & S^{14} & & \\
 & & \downarrow \nu_{11} & & \\
 & & S^{11} & & 
 \end{array}$$

then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_*\widetilde{2\nu}_{13} &= i_*\overline{\eta_9} \circ \widetilde{2\nu}_{13} \in i_*\{\eta_9, \nu_{10}, 2\nu_{13}\} & \text{by Proposition 1. 7 of [11],} \\
 &\in i_*\varepsilon_9 & \text{by (6. 1) of [11].}
 \end{aligned}$$

PROPOSITION 4. 7. *The homotopy groups  $\pi_j(E_6 : 2)$  for  $j \leq 22$  are listed in the following table;*

$j$	1, 2	3	$4 \leq j \leq 8$	9	10	11	12	13	14
$\pi_j(E_6 : 2)$	0	$Z$	0	$Z$	0	$Z$	$Z_4$	0	0

$j$	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
$\pi_j(E_6 : 2)$	$Z$	0	$Z + Z_2$	$Z_{16} + Z_2$	0	$Z_8$	0	0

*Proof.* The results of  $\pi_j(E_6 : 2)$  for  $j \neq 18, 20$ , follow immediately from the table the (3. 11), (4. 20), (4. 21) and from the exact sequence (4. 18).

By (3. 9) and Proposition 1. 2 of [11],  $\mu \in \langle \eta, 8\iota, 2\sigma \rangle \cong \langle \eta, 2\sigma, 8\iota \rangle + \langle 2\sigma, \eta, 8\iota \rangle$  and  $\langle 2\sigma, \eta, 8\iota \rangle \cong \langle \sigma, 2\eta, 8\iota \rangle \cong 0$ . Then, by concerning the suspension homomorphism, we obtain

$$\{\eta_9, 2\sigma_{10}, 8\iota_{17}\} \ni \mu_9.$$

By Lemma 9. 1 of [11], we have

$$\{\eta_9, \eta_{10} \circ \varepsilon_{11}, 2\iota_{19}\} \ni \zeta_9.$$

Consider the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 \pi_{18}(K_F : 2) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & \pi_{18}(K_{\sigma_9} : 2) & \xrightarrow{j_*} & \pi_{18}(K_{E_6} : 2) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \pi_{17}(K_F : 2) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & \pi_{17}(K_{\sigma_9} : 2) \\
 \uparrow i_* & & \uparrow i_* & & \uparrow i_* & & \uparrow i_* & & \uparrow i_* \\
 \pi_{18}(S^{10} : 2) & \xrightarrow{\eta_{9*}} & \pi_{18}(S^9 : 2) & \xrightarrow{j_*} & \pi_{18}(S^9 \cup e^{11} : 2) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \pi_{17}(S^{10} : 2) & \xrightarrow{\eta_{9*}} & \pi_{17}(S^9 : 2)
 \end{array}$$

where  $j$  is a inclusion map  $S^9 \xrightarrow{\eta_9} S^9 \cup e^{11}$ .

By Proposition 1. 8 of [11], we have

$$j_*\mu_9 \in j_*\{\eta_9, 2\sigma_{10}, 8\iota_{17}\} = -8 \widetilde{2\sigma_{10}}.$$

From the above commutative diagram and from the tables (3. 11), (4. 20), (4. 21), we obtain

$$\pi_{18}(K_{\widetilde{E}_6} : 2) \approx Z_{16} + Z_2.$$

We have the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 \pi_{20}(K_F : 2) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & \pi_{20}(K_{G_9} : 2) & \longrightarrow & \pi_{20}(K_{E_6} : 2) & \longrightarrow & \pi_{19}(K_F : 2) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & \pi_{19}(K_{G_9} : 2) \\
 \uparrow \tilde{i}_* & & \uparrow i_* & & \uparrow i_* & & \uparrow i_* & & \uparrow i_* \\
 \pi_{20}(S^{10} : 2) & \xrightarrow{\eta_9^*} & \pi_{20}(S^9 : 2) & \xrightarrow{j_*} & \pi_{20}(S^9 \cup e^{11} : 2) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \pi_{19}(S^{10} : 2) & \xrightarrow{\eta_8^*} & \pi_{19}(S^9 : 2)
 \end{array}$$

and from Proposition 1. 7 of [11]

$$j_* \zeta_9 \in j_* \{ \eta_9, \eta_{10} \circ \varepsilon_{11}, 2\iota_{19} \} = -2 \widetilde{\eta_{10} \circ \varepsilon_{11}}.$$

From the exact sequence (4. 18) and from the table (3. 8), (4. 10), (4. 21), we obtain

$$\pi_{20}(K_{\tilde{E}_6} : 2) \approx Z_8.$$

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