

## SELF-HOMOTOPY EQUIVALENCES OF THE TOTAL SPACES OF A SPHERE BUNDLE OVER A SPHERE

Dedicated to Professor Minoru Nakaoka on his 60th birthday

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### §1. Introduction.

In this paper we study the group of homotopy classes of self-homotopy equivalences,  $\mathcal{E}(X)$ , for the total space of a  $S^m$ -bundle over  $S^n$  with the condition:

$$3 < m+1 < n < 2m-2.$$

J. W. Rutter determined this group for the case of  $m=3$  and  $n=7$  in [3], and also some generalizations of Rutter's result are given in [4] and [6]. Moreover Y. Nomura computed  $\mathcal{E}(X)$  for real and complex Stiefel manifolds in [5]. Then our purpose is to obtain a generalization of these results in a some sense. Let  $H$  be the natural representation:

$$H: \mathcal{E}(X) \longrightarrow \text{Aut } H_*(X)$$

which is defined by  $H(f)=f_*$  and we denote by  $\mathcal{E}_+(X)$  the kernel of  $H$ . Then we have an exact sequence

$$\{1\} \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}_+(X) \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}(X) \xrightarrow{H} \text{Aut } H_*(X).$$

Hence it is almost sufficient for us to determine  $\mathcal{E}_+(X)$  and  $H$ -image.

Let  $q: X \rightarrow S^n$  be the  $S^m$ -bundle with the characteristic class  $\xi (\in \pi_{n-1}(SO(m+1)))$ . James-Whitehead showed in [2] that  $X$  has a *CW*-decomposition:

$$X = S^m \underset{\beta}{\cup} e^n \underset{\alpha}{\cup} e^{m+n},$$

where  $\beta = p_*(\xi)$  for the usual projection  $p: SO(m+1) \rightarrow S^m$ .

Let  $P_n^m(\beta)$  be the subgroup of  $\pi_n(S^m)$ ,

$$\{x \mid [t_n, x] \in \beta \circ \pi_{m+n-1}(S^{n-1})\},$$

and we denote by  $\eta$  the generator of  $\pi_{N+1}(S^N)$ . We will prove

THEOREM 1. *Suppose that  $[\iota_{m+1}, E\beta] \circ \eta \equiv 0 \pmod{E\beta \circ \pi_{m+n+1}(S^n)}$ . Then there exists an exact sequence*

$$\{0\} \longrightarrow H_{\xi} \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}_+(X) \longrightarrow G_{\xi} \longrightarrow \{0\},$$

where

$$H_{\xi} = \pi_{m+n}(X) / [\iota_m, \pi_{n+1}(X)] \cup \{\pi_{m+1}(X) \circ J(\xi)\}$$

and

$$G_{\xi} = P_n^m(\beta) / \{\beta \circ \eta\} \subset \pi_n(S^m) / \{\beta \circ \eta\}.$$

*Remark.* For example, the assumption is always satisfied if  $m \equiv 2 \pmod 4$  and  $m \geq 9$ .

THEOREM 2. *Suppose  $2\beta = 0$ .*

$$H\text{-image} = Z_2 \times Z_2 \quad \text{if } 2J(\xi) \equiv 0 \text{ and } [\iota_{m+1}, E\beta] \equiv 0 \pmod{E\beta \circ \pi_{m+n}(S^n)}$$

$$H\text{-image} = Z_2 \quad \text{if either } [\iota_{m+1}, E\beta] \equiv 0, 2J(\xi) \neq 0 \text{ or } [\iota_{m+1}, E\beta] \neq 0,$$

$$2J(\xi) \equiv 0 \pmod{E\beta \circ \pi_{m+n}(S^n)}$$

$$H\text{-image} = Z_2 \quad \text{if } [\iota_{m+1}, E\beta] + 2J(\xi) \equiv 0 \text{ and } 2J(\xi) \neq 0 \pmod{E\beta \circ \pi_{m+n}(S^n)},$$

$$H\text{-image} = \{0\} \quad \text{otherwise.}$$

THEOREM 3. *Suppose that the order of  $\beta$  is odd. Then*

$$H\text{-image} = Z_2 \quad \text{if } [\iota_{m+1}, E\beta] + 2J(\xi) \equiv 0 \pmod{E\beta \circ \pi_{m+n}(S^n)}$$

and

$$H\text{-image} = \{0\} \quad \text{otherwise.}$$

Our method is based on Barcus-Barratt theory [1]. Let  $A = S^m \bigcup_{\beta} e^n$  be the subcomplex of  $X$  and consider the fibring

$$r_A : (X^X, 1_X) \longrightarrow (X^A, i) \quad (i = 1_X | A)$$

defined by restricting maps on  $A$ . Then we have an exact sequence

$$\pi_1(X^A, i) \xrightarrow{\partial_{X,A}} \pi_0(r_A^{-1}(i), 1_X) \longrightarrow \pi_0(X^X, 1_X) \longrightarrow \pi_0(X^A, i).$$

Using an identification of  $\pi_0(r_A^{-1}(i), 1_X)$  with  $\pi_{m+n}(X, x_0)$ , the above sequence can be transformed into the exact sequence

$$\{0\} \longrightarrow G_{X,A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}(X) \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}(A),$$

where  $G_{X,A}$  denotes the group  $i_*\pi_{m+n}(A) / \{i_*\pi_{m+n}(A) \cup \partial_{X,A}(\pi_1(X^A, i))\}$ .

Since  $\mathcal{E}(A)$  can be determined by Barcus-Barratt Theorem our work is to describe the group  $G_{X,A}$  and the image  $\mathcal{E}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}(A)$ . In §2 the operation  $\partial_{X,A}$  is investigated and §3  $\partial_{X,A}$  is considered again from the view of Suspension-

version. § 4 contains some homotopy groups, and the image  $\mathcal{E}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}(A)$  is discussed in § 5. At last, in § 6, we give some examples.

**§ 2. Barcus-Barratt Operation.**

LEMMA 2.1.  $i_*(\pi_{m+n}(A)) = \pi_{m+n}(X)$ ,  $\pi_{m+n-1}(A) \cong Z\{\alpha\} + G(\beta)$  and the sequence

$$\{0\} \longrightarrow i_{m*}\{\pi_{m+n-1}(S^m)\} \longrightarrow G(\beta) \longrightarrow \beta_*^{-1}(0) \longrightarrow \{0\}$$

is exact where  $\beta_* : \pi_{m+n-2}(S^{n-1}) \rightarrow \pi_{m+n-1}(S^m)$  is induced by  $\beta$ . Especiallly we have

$$G_{X,A} = \pi_{m+n}(X) / \partial_{X,A} \pi_1(X^A, i).$$

*Proof.* The proof follows from the homotopy exact sequence and the homotopy excision theorem.

Let  $r_{S^m} : (X^A, i) \rightarrow (X^{S^m}, i_m)$  be the fibring ( $i_m = i | S^m : S^m \rightarrow X$ ) and let  $A_{A,X}$  be the fibre  $r_{S^m}^{-1}(i_m)$ , i. e.

$$A_{A,X} = \{f : A \rightarrow X | f | S^m = i_m\}.$$

Consider the exact sequence

$$\pi_1(A_{A,X}, i) \longrightarrow \pi_1(X^A, i) \longrightarrow \pi_1(X^{S^m}, i_m) \longrightarrow \pi_0(A_{A,X}, i)$$

and identifications

$$\pi_1(X^{S^m}, i_m) \xleftrightarrow{d_1} \pi_{m+1}(X, x_0) \quad \text{and} \quad \pi_1(A_{A,X}, i) \xleftrightarrow{d_2} \pi_{n+1}(X, x_0)$$

given by

$$S^1 \times S^m \xrightarrow{f} X, \quad d_1(f) = d(f, i_m \circ pr)$$

and

$$S^1 \times A \xrightarrow{g} X, \quad d_2(g) = d(g, i \circ pr),$$

where  $d$  denotes the separation elemen (see Appendix).

LEMMA 2.2. *By the composition*

$$\pi_{n+1}(X, x_0) \xleftrightarrow{d_2} \pi_1(A_{A,X}, i) \longrightarrow \pi_1(X^A, i) \xrightarrow{\partial_{X,A}} \pi_{m+n}(X, x_0)$$

any element  $z$  is mapped to Whitehead product  $[\iota_m, z]$ .

For the proof we need some preparations. Let  $\phi$  be a map  $A \rightarrow A \vee S^n$  ( $A = S^m \cup e^n \rightarrow (S^m \cup e^n) \vee S^n$ ) which is obtained from shrinking the equator of  $e^n$  to a point.

LEMMA 2.3.  $\phi_*(\alpha) = \alpha + [\iota_m, \iota_n]$  ( $\in \pi_{m+n-1}(A \vee S^n)$ )

*Proof.* From the assumption on  $m, n$  we have the decomposition

$$\pi_{m+n-1}(A \vee S^n) = \pi_{m+n-1}(A) \oplus \pi_{m+n-1}(S^n) \oplus Z[\iota_m, \iota_n].$$

Clearly the first factor of  $\phi_*(\alpha)$  is  $\alpha$  and the second factor is zero by the existence of the projection  $X \rightarrow S^n$ . Since the third factor is determined by the cohomology ring of  $X$  we may think that it is just  $[\iota_m, \iota_n]$ . These complete the proof.

Let us define three spaces  $X_i$  ( $i=0, 1, 2$ ) as follows :

$$X_0 = (A \vee S^n) \bigcup_{\phi_*(\alpha)} e^{m+n}, \quad X_1 = X \vee S^n \quad \text{and} \quad X_2 = S^m \times S^n \cup (A \vee S^n).$$

Then three Barcus-Barratt operations are obtained from fibrings :

$$(X^{X_i}, v_i) \longrightarrow (X^{A \vee S^n}, i \vee (x_0)) \quad (i=0, 1, 2),$$

where  $(x_0)$  denotes the constant map  $S^n \rightarrow x_0 (\in X)$  and  $v_i$  is an appropriate extension of  $i \vee (x_0)$  over  $X$ . We denote them by

$$\partial_i = \partial_{X_i, A \vee S^n} : \pi_1(X^{A \vee S^n}, i \vee (x_0)) \longrightarrow \pi_{m+n}(X, x_0), \quad (i=0, 1, 2).$$

Now, applying the additive theorem of Barcus-Barratt we have

LEMMA 2.4.  $\partial_0 = \partial_1 + \partial_2$

Since  $\pi_1(X^{A \vee S^n}, i \vee (x_0))$  has a decomposition

$$\pi_1(X^{A \vee S^n}, i \vee (x_0)) = \pi_1(X^A, i) \oplus \pi_1(X^{S^n}, (x_0))$$

we may regard  $\pi_1(X^{S^n}, (x_0))$  as a subgroup of  $\pi_1(X^{A \vee S^n}, i \vee (x_0))$ .

LEMMA 2.5. *The restriction  $\partial_1|_{\pi_1(X^{S^n}, (x_0))} = 0$ .*

*Proof.* It is sufficient from definitions to show that the image of the homomorphism

$$\pi_1(X^{X_1}, v_1) \longrightarrow \pi_1(X^{A \vee S^n}, i \vee (x_0))$$

contains  $\pi_1(X^{S^n}, (x_0))$  for the map  $v_1 : X_1 = X \vee S^n \rightarrow X, (1_X \vee (x_0))$ , and then this means that any map :  $S^1 \times (A \vee S^n) \rightarrow X$  is extendable over  $S^1 \times (X \vee S^n)$  if  $f|_{S^1 \times A} = i \circ \text{proj}_A$  and  $f|_{S^1 \times S^n} = (x_0)$ . Since the map  $\tilde{f} : S^1 \times (X \vee S^n) \rightarrow X$  defined by

$$\tilde{f}|_{S^1 \times X} = 1_X \circ \text{proj}_X \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{f}|_{S^1 \times S^n} = f|_{S^1 \times S^n}$$

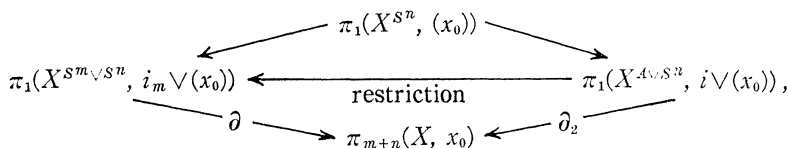
satisfies the conditions the proof is completed.

LEMMA 2.6. *The restriction  $\partial_2|_{\pi_1(X^{S^n}, (x_0))}$  can be identified with the homomorphism*

$$\pi_1(X^{S^n}, (x_0)) = \pi_{n+1}(X, x_0) \longrightarrow \pi_{m+n}(X, x_0)$$

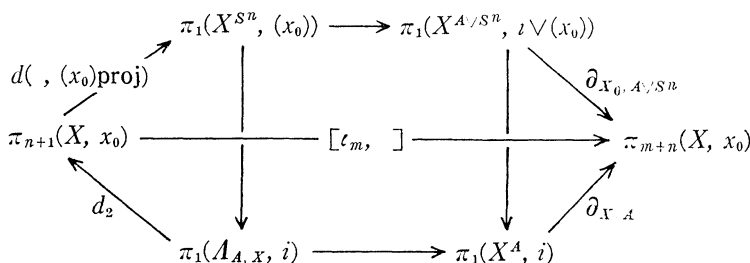
*defined by Whitehead product  $[\iota_m, \ ]$ .*

*Proof.* Consider the commutative diagram



where  $\partial$  on the left hand is the boundary operator derived from the fibring  $X^{S^m \times S^n} \rightarrow X^{S^m \vee S^n}$ . Then by Barcus-Barratt formula (p. 66 of [1]) the proof is completed.

Now, using the following diagram, the proof of lemma 2.2 is completed from lemma 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6.



here we identify the space  $A$  with  $A \vee S^n / S^n$  and the map  $\iota : A \rightarrow X$  with the map  $A \xrightarrow{\phi} A \vee S^n \xrightarrow{i \vee (x_0)} X$ .

**§ 3. Suspension of Barcus-Barratt Operation.**

In this section our purpose is to describe the group  $E\{\partial_{X,A}(X^A, i)\}$  as a subgroup of  $\pi_{m+n+1}(EX, x_0)$  with other terms. First we consider the general case. For any spaces  $Y$  and  $K$ , the map  $\Sigma : Y^K \rightarrow EY^{EK}$  which assigns each map  $f : K \rightarrow Y$  to the map  $Ef : EK \rightarrow EY$  induces the homomorphism

$$\Sigma^* : \pi_1(Y^K, u) \longrightarrow \pi_1(EY^{EK}, Eu), \quad (u : K \rightarrow Y),$$

i. e. for  $f : S^1 \times K \rightarrow Y$ ,  $\Sigma^*(f)(s, (t, x)) = (t, f(s, x))$  ( $x \in K$ ).

Since, for a map  $h : L \rightarrow K$ , it holds

$$\Sigma^* h^*(f)(s, (t, y)) = (t, f(s, h(y)))$$

and

$$(Eh)^* \Sigma^*(f)(s, (t, y)) = (\Sigma f)(s, (t, h(y))) = (t, f(s, h(y))) \quad (y \in L)$$

we have the following commutative diagram :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \pi_1(Y^K, u) & \xrightarrow{\Sigma^*} & \pi_1(EY^{EK}, Eu) \\
 \downarrow h^* & & \downarrow Eh^* \\
 \pi_1(Y^L, uh) & \xrightarrow{\Sigma^*} & \pi_1(EY^{EL}Eu Eh)
 \end{array} \tag{3.1}$$

Now, applying the diagram 3.1 to our case  $Y=X, K=A$  and  $h=\beta$ , we have

LEMMA 3.2. *There exists a commutative diagram*

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \pi_1(X^A, i) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \pi_{m+n}(X, x_0) & \xrightarrow{E} & \pi_{m+n+1}(EX, x_0) \\
 \downarrow r_* & \searrow \Sigma^* & \downarrow \partial_{X,A} & \searrow & \downarrow \partial_{EX,EA} \\
 \pi_1(X^{S^m}, i_m) & & \pi_1(EX^{EA}, Ei) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \pi_{m+n+1}(EX, x_0) \\
 \downarrow r_* & \searrow \Sigma^* & \downarrow r_* & \searrow & \uparrow \partial_{EA, S^{m+1}} \\
 \{0\} & & \pi_1(EX^{S^{m+1}}, i_{m+1}) = Z_2 & & 
 \end{array}$$

In the above diagram if we identify  $\pi_1(EX^{S^{m+1}}, i_{m+1})$  with  $\pi_{m+2}(EX, x_0)$  we have

LEMMA 3.3.  $\partial_{EA, S^{m+1}}$  may be considered as the composition  $\circ EJ(\xi)$ , where  $\xi$  denotes the characteristic class of the bundle.

*Proof.* We note that there exists a map:  $T(\xi) = S^{m+1} \cup_{J(\xi)} e^{m+n+1} \rightarrow EX$  of degree  $\pm 1$ . Then the proof completed by applying the sphere theorem of [1] to the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \pi_1(EX^{S^{m+1}}, i_{m+1}) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \pi_{m+n+1}(EX, x_0) \\
 \uparrow \cong & \nearrow \partial_{T(\xi), S^{m+1}} & \nearrow \\
 \pi_1(T(\xi)^{S^{m+1}}, i_{m+1}) & & 
 \end{array}$$

which is obtained from using lemma 3.2.

LEMMA 3.4.  $E\partial_{X,A}\{\pi_1(X^A, i)\} = \pi_{m+2}(EX) \circ EJ(\xi)$ .

*Proof.* Consider the sequence associated with the fibring  $r : X^A \rightarrow X^{S^m}$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \pi_1(A_{X^A}, i) & \longrightarrow & \pi_1(X^A, i) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \pi_1(X^{S^m}, i_m) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \pi_n(X, x_0) \\
 & & \downarrow r_* & & \downarrow \cong & \searrow \partial_{A, S^m} & \cup \\
 & & & & Z_2 = \pi_{m+1}(S^m) & \longrightarrow & \iota_m \circ \eta \circ E\beta
 \end{array}$$

Since  $\partial : \pi_{n+1}(S^n) \rightarrow \pi_n(S^m)$  is given by  $\partial(\eta) = \beta \circ \eta$  and we have  $\beta \circ \eta = \eta \circ E\beta$ , by

the assumption  $n \leq 2m - 2$   $r_*$  is onto. Thus the proof follows from lemma 3.2 and 3.3.

**§ 4. The suspension  $\pi_k(X) \rightarrow \pi_{k+1}(EX)$**

Now we are interested in the kernel of the suspension

$$E_k : \pi_k(X) \longrightarrow \pi_{k+1}(EX) \quad (k = m + n, m + n - 1).$$

Let  $\nu$  be the attaching map for a cell of a CW-complex, then we denote by  $\varepsilon$  the characteristic map for the cell. By the homotopy excision we know

LEMMA 4.1. For  $i = 1, 2$  there exists a decomposition

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{k+i}(EX, S^{m+1}) \cong & \overline{J}(\xi) \circ \pi_{k+i}(D^{m+n+1}, S^{m+n}) \cup \overline{E}\beta \circ \pi_{k+i}(D^{n-i}, S^n) \\ & + [\iota_{m+1}, \overline{E}\beta \circ \pi_{n+2}(D^{n+1}, S^n)]_r, \end{aligned}$$

where  $[\ , ]_r$  denotes relative Whitehead product.

Consider the following ladder :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \pi_{k+1}(S^n) & \xlongequal{\quad} & \pi_{k+1}(X, S^m) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \pi_k(S^m) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \pi_k(X) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \pi_k(X, S^m) \\ & & \downarrow & \partial & \downarrow & i_{m*} & E_k \downarrow & j_* & \downarrow \\ \pi_{k+2}(EX, S^{m+1}) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \pi_{k+1}(S^{m+1}) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \pi_{k+1}(EX) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \pi_{k+1}(EX) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \pi_{k+1}(EX, S^{m+1}) \\ & & \partial & & \iota_* & & \iota_* & & \iota_* \end{array}$$

First we note that the homomorphism

$$\pi_{k+i}(X, S^m) \longrightarrow \pi_{k+i+1}(EX, S^{m+1}) \quad (i = 0, -1)$$

is injective because we have a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_{k+i}(X, S^m) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \pi_{k+i}(S^n) \\ \downarrow E & q_* & \cong \downarrow E \\ \pi_{k+i+1}(EX, S^{m+1}) & \xrightarrow{Eq_*} & \pi_{k+i+1}(S^{m+1}). \end{array}$$

Hence we have

$$E_k^{-1}(0) = i_{m*}(E^{-1}\partial\pi_{k+1}(EX, S^{m+1})) \tag{4.2}$$

On the other hand, from lemma 4.1, we have

$$\partial\pi_{k+2}(EX, S^{m+1}) = J(\xi) \circ \pi_{k+1}(S^{m+1}) \cup E\beta \circ \pi_{k+1}(S^n) \cup [\iota_{m+1}, E\beta \circ \pi_{k-m-1}(S^n)] \tag{4.3}$$

LEMMA 4.4. For  $x \in \pi_s(S^{n-1})$  ( $s \leq 2m - 2$ ),  $J(\xi) \circ E^{m+1}x$  is contained in the  $E$ -image if and only if  $\beta \circ x = 0$ .

*Proof.* Take Hopf invariant of the element, i.e.

$$H(J(\xi) \circ E^{m-1}x) = \pm HJ(\xi) \circ E^{m+1}x = \pm E^{m+1}\beta E^{m+1}x = \pm E^{m+1}(\beta \circ x).$$

Then the proof follows from  $s \leq 2m - 2$ .

Now, suppose that  $\beta \circ x = 0$ . Then there exists  $\sigma_x \in \pi_{s+1}(X)$  such that  $q_*(\sigma_x) = Ex$ . Lemma 4.4 is more exactly stated as follows:

LEMMA 4.5. *There exists an element  $\xi_X \in \pi_s(SO(m))$  satisfying*

- (1)  $EJ(\xi_X) = J(\xi) \circ E^{m+1}x$
- (2)  $i_{m*}(J(\xi_X)) = [\iota_m, \sigma_x]$

*Proof.* Let  $\xi'$  be the induced bundle over  $S^{s+1}$  by the map  $Ex$ . Since  $p_*(\xi') = p_*(\xi) \circ x = \beta \circ x = 0$  there exists an element  $\xi_X$  of  $\pi_s(SO(m))$  which is mapped to  $\xi$  by the inclusion  $SO(m) \rightarrow SO(m+1)$ . Then we have

$$EJ(\xi_X) = -J(\xi') = -J(\xi \circ x) = \pm J(\xi) \circ E^{m+1}x.$$

Next, consider the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & S^n \\
 & \nearrow^{i_m} & \uparrow & & \uparrow Ex \\
 S^m & & Y & \xrightarrow{\quad} & S^{s+1} \\
 & \searrow_{i_m} & & & \uparrow q'
 \end{array}
 ,$$

then By [2] we have, in  $\pi_{s-m}(Y)$ ,

$$i_{m*}(J(\xi_X)) + [\iota_m, \iota_{s+1}] = 0$$

for a cross-section  $\iota_{s-1}$  of  $q'$ . Clearly this shows (2).

Now, we know that there exists an element  $w_{\xi}$  of  $\pi_{m+n-1}(S^m)$  such that

- if  $2\beta = 0$  then  $EW_{\xi} = [\iota_{m+1}, \iota_{m+1}] \circ E^{m+1}\beta$
- if  $m$  is odd and  $2\beta = 0$  then  $EW_{\xi} = J(2\xi) \pm [\iota_{m+1}, \iota_{m+1}] \circ E\beta$ .

Then from (4.2), (4.3), and lemma 4.5 we obtain

- LEMMA 4.6.  $E_{m-n}^{-1}(0) = [\iota_m, \pi_{n+1}(X)] \cup \{i_{m*}(w_{\xi} \circ \eta)\}$
- $E_{m-1-n}^{-1}(0) = [\iota_m, \pi_n(X)] \cup \{i_{m*}(w_{\xi})\}$ .

LEMMA 4.7. *Suppose that  $[\iota_{m+1}, E\beta] \circ \eta \equiv 0 \pmod{E\beta \circ \pi_{m+n+1}(S^n)}$ . Then we have*

$$\hat{\partial}_{X, A} \pi_1(X^A, i) = \{[\iota_m, \pi_{n+1}(X)]\} \cup \{\pi_{m+1}(S^m) \circ J(\xi)\}.$$

*Proof.* By lemma 3.4 there exists an element  $\gamma_{\xi}$  of  $\pi_1(X^A, i)$  satisfying

- (1)  $E\hat{\partial}_{X, A}(\gamma_{\xi}) = i_{m+2*}(\gamma) \circ EJ(\xi)$
- (2)  $\gamma_{\xi}$  is mapped to the generator of  $\pi_1(X^{S^m}, i_m) = Z_2$  by  $r_*$ .



Since  $\pi_1(X^A, i)$  is the sum of  $\{\gamma_\xi\}$  and the image  $\pi_1(A_{X,A}, i) \rightarrow \pi_1(X^A, i)$  the proof is completed by lemma 2.6 and 4.6.

**§ 5. Proof of theorems.**

Recall the sequence in §1

$$0 \longrightarrow G_{X,A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}(X) \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}(A),$$

and imbed this one in a diagram as follows :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & & \text{Aut}H_*(X) & \longrightarrow & \text{Aut}H_*(A) \\
 & & & & \uparrow H_X & & \uparrow H_A \\
 & & & & r_* & & \\
 \{0\} & \longrightarrow & G_{X,A} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{E}(X) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{E}(A) \\
 & & \downarrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 \{0\} & \longrightarrow & H_\xi & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{E}_+(X) & \longrightarrow & G_\xi \subset \mathcal{E}_+(A) \\
 & & & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 & & & & \{1\} & & \{1\}
 \end{array}$$

Then, if  $[\iota_{m+1}, E\beta \circ \eta] \in E\beta \circ \pi_{m+n+1}(S^n)$ , we have from lemma 2.1 and 4.7

LEMMA 5.1.  $H_\xi = \pi_{m+n}(X) / \{[\iota_m, \pi_{n+1}(X)]\} \cup \{\pi_{m+1}(X) \circ J(\xi)\}$

Next, consider the exact sequence

$$\pi_n(S^m) \xrightarrow{t} \mathcal{E}(A) \xrightarrow{d} Z_2 \times Z_2$$

which is defined by

$$t(f) : A \xrightarrow{\phi} A \vee S^n \xrightarrow{1 \vee f} A \vee S^m \xrightarrow{1 \vee \iota_m} A \quad (f \in \pi_n(S^m))$$

and  $d(h) = (\text{degree on } e^m \text{ of } h, \text{ degree on } e^n \text{ of } h)$ .

Clearly  $d$  is equivalent to the representation  $H$  and moreover the kernel of  $t$  is determined by the sphere theorem of [1] as follows :

$$t^{-1}(1_X) = \{\eta \circ E\beta\} = \{\beta \circ \eta\}.$$

Since the definition of  $t$  and lemma 2.3 imply

$$t(f)_*(\alpha) = \alpha + [\iota_m, f] \quad (X = A \bigcup_{\alpha} e^{m+n})$$

the element  $t(f)$  is contained in the image  $\varepsilon(X) \rightarrow \varepsilon(A)$  if and only if  $[\iota_m, f] \in \partial \pi_{m+n}(S^n) = \beta \circ \pi_{m+n-1}(S^{n-1})$ .

Thus, noting  $rH_X = H_A r$ , we have

LEMMA 5.2.  $G_\xi = P_n^m(\beta) / \{\beta \circ \eta\}$  if  $[\iota_{m+1}, E\beta \circ \eta] \in E\beta \circ \pi_{m+n+1}(S^n)$

Now we proceed to study of the representation  $H_X$ . First we note

LEMMA 5.3. *The kernel  $(q|A)_* : \pi_{m+n-1}(A) \rightarrow \pi_{m+n-1}(S^n)$  is generated by  $\alpha$  and the  $i_{m*}$ -image  $(i_m : S^m \rightarrow A)$ .*

*Proof.* This is easily obtained from the diagram ( $k=m+n-1$ )

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \pi_k(S^m) & \xrightarrow{i_{m*}} & \pi_k(A) & \xleftarrow{\partial} & \pi_{k+1}(X, A) \simeq Z_2 \\
 & & \downarrow & \searrow & \\
 & & \pi_k(X) & \xrightarrow{q_*} & \pi_k(S^n) \quad .
 \end{array}$$

Let  $f$  be a map:  $A \rightarrow A$  satisfying

$$f_*(e^m) = ae^m \quad \text{and} \quad f_*(e^n) = be^n$$

which we call a map of type  $(a, b)$  and denote by  $f_a^b$ . Then the following lemma is easy.

LEMMA 5.4. *There exists a map of type  $(a, b)$  if and only if  $(b-a)\beta=0$ .*

Let  $g_a^b$  be another map. Clearly there exists a map  $g : S^n \rightarrow S^m$  by which  $g_a^b$  is represented as the composition of maps

$$g_a^b = (f_a^b \vee g) \circ \phi : A \xrightarrow{\phi} A \vee S^n \xrightarrow{f_a^b \vee g} A \vee S^m \longrightarrow A$$

Now we are interested in the element  $f_a^b(\alpha)$ . Then lemma 2.3 gives

$$g_a^b(\alpha) = f_a^b(\alpha) + a[\iota_m, g].$$

On the other hand, since we have

$$(q|A)_* f_a^b(\alpha) = (b\iota_n)_*(q|A)_*(\alpha) = 0$$

lemma 5.3 gives, for some  $\sigma_a^b \in \pi_{m+n-1}(S^m)$ ,

$$f_a^b(\alpha) = ab\alpha + i_{m*}(\sigma_a^b).$$

Thus we have from these lemmas

LEMMA. 5.5. *There exists a map  $f : X \rightarrow X$  whose restriction  $f|A$  is of type  $(a, b)$  if and only if there exists a map  $f_a^b$  such that*

$$f_a^b(\alpha) = ab\alpha + i_{m*}(\sigma_a^b), \quad \sigma_a^b \in a[\iota_m, \pi_n(S^m)] \cup \beta \circ \pi_{m+n-1}(S^{n-1}).$$

*Especially if  $a = \pm 1$  the condition is equivalent to  $E\phi_a^b \in E\beta \circ \pi_{m+n}(S^n)$ .*

Next, for the reason of our dimensional assumption, the space  $A$  is desuspendable, so there exists a co- $H$ -map  $\nu : A \rightarrow A \vee A$  and the addition of two maps is defined as usual. Then we want to get some formula on  $(f_a^b + f_c^d)_*(\alpha)$ . For the

purpose we must investigate the group  $\pi_k(A \vee A)$  for  $k=m+n-1$ . First, by the well-known decomposition of this group it holds

$$\nu_*(\alpha) = \alpha + \alpha + \chi \quad (\chi \in \partial\pi_{k+1}(A \times A, A \vee A)).$$

Next- since the order of  $\beta$  is finite there exists a map  $\tau: S^n \rightarrow A$  of degree  $o(\beta)$  and we have the element  $[\iota_m^1, \tau^2]$  of  $\pi_k(A \vee A)$  where each upper index denotes the order of  $A$  imbedded in  $A \vee A$  and  $o(\beta)$  is the order of the element. Let  $Q: A = S^m \cup e^n \rightarrow S^n = A/S^m$  be the collapsing map, then for maps  $Q \vee 1_A: A \vee A \rightarrow S^n \vee A$  and  $1_A \vee Q: A \vee A \rightarrow A \vee S^n$  we have

LEMMA 5.6.  $(1_A \vee Q)_*(\chi) = [\iota_m^1, \iota_n]$ ,  $(Q \vee 1_A)_*(\chi) = (-1)^{mn}[\iota_n, \iota_m^2]$ ,

$(1_A \vee Q)_*([\iota_m^1, \tau^2]) = 0(\beta)[\iota_m^1, \iota_n]$  and  $(Q \vee 1_A)_*([\tau^1, \iota_m^2]) = 0(\beta)[\iota_n, \iota_m^2]$ .

*Proof.* The third and fourth are clear and the others follows from the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_k(A) & \xrightarrow{\nu_*} & \pi_k(A \vee A) = \pi_k(A) + \pi_k(A) + \partial\pi_{k+1}(A \times A, A \vee A) \\ & & \downarrow (1_A \vee Q)_* \quad \downarrow 1_A \quad \downarrow Q_* \\ & & \pi_k(A \vee S^n) = \pi_k(A) + \pi_k(S^n) + \partial\pi_{k+1}(A \times S^n, A \vee S^n) \end{array}$$

LEMMA 5.7. *There exists an isomorphism*

$$\pi_k(A \vee A) = \pi_k(A) + \pi_k(A) + Z\{\chi\} + Z[\tau^1, \iota_m^2] + [\iota_m^1, \iota_m^2] \circ \pi_k(S^{2m-1})$$

*Proof.* Noting the assumption  $m+1 < n < 2m-1$ , consider the following diagram which is naturally obtained:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \pi_k(A \vee S^n) & \longleftarrow & \pi_k(A \vee A) & \longrightarrow & \pi_k(S^n \vee A) \\ \uparrow \partial & & \uparrow \partial & & \uparrow \partial \\ \pi_{k+1}(A \times S^n, A \vee S^n) & \longleftarrow & \pi_{k+1}(A \times A, A \vee A) & \longrightarrow & \pi_{k+1}(S^n \times A, S^n \vee A) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ Z \simeq \pi_{k+1}(A \times S^n) & \longleftarrow & \pi_{k+1}(A \times A) & \longrightarrow & \pi_{k+1}(S^n \times A) \simeq Z \\ \swarrow & & \downarrow & & \swarrow \\ & & \pi_{k+1}(A \times A, A \times S^n) & & \pi_{k+1}(A \times S^n) \longrightarrow \pi_{k+1}(A \times S^m, S^m \times S^m) \\ & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ & & \pi_{k+1}(S^m \times S^m) & & \pi_k(S^m \times S^m) \end{array}$$

, where  $\times$  denotes the reduced join operator.

Then the proof follows from lemma 5.6.

Now, consider the map  $f_a^b \vee f_c^d : A \vee A \rightarrow A \vee A$ , then we prove

$$\text{LEMMA 5.8. } (f_a^b \vee f_c^d)_*([\tau^1, \iota_m^2]) \equiv bc[\tau^1, \iota_m^2] \pmod{[\iota_m^1 \circ \pi_n(S^m), \iota_m^2]}$$

and

$$(f_a^b \vee f_c^d)_*(\chi) \equiv ad\{\chi\} + \{(-1)^{mn}(bc-ad)/o(\beta)\}[\tau^1, \iota_m^2] \pmod{[\iota_m^1, \iota_m^2] \circ \pi_k(S^{2m-1})}$$

*Remark.*  $bc-ad$  is divisible by  $o(\beta)$  because we have  $b-c \equiv 0 \equiv d-a \pmod{o(\beta)}$  (lemma 5.4).

*Proof.* By lemma 5.7 we can put

$$(f_a^b \vee f_c^d)_*(\chi) \equiv r\{\chi\} + s[\tau^1, \iota_m^2] \pmod{[\iota_m^1, \iota_m^2] \circ \pi_k(S^{2m-1})}$$

for some integers  $r$  and  $s$ . Then from lemma 5.6 it follows that  $r=ad$  and  $o(\beta)s = (-1)^{mn}(bc-r) = (-1)^{mn}(bc-ad)$ . Hence the proof is completed.

Let  $\mu$  be the folding map  $A \vee A \rightarrow A$ . We note that there exists an element  $\lambda \equiv \pi_{n-1}(SO(m))$  such that

$$o(\beta)\alpha = i_{m*}(J(\lambda)) + [\iota_m, \tau]$$

where  $i_*(\lambda) = o(\beta)\xi$  for  $i : SO(m) \rightarrow SO(m+1)$ .

$$\text{LEMMA 5.9. } \mu_*(\chi) = 2\alpha + i_{m*}(\sigma_2^2) \quad \text{and} \quad \mu_*([\tau^1, \iota_m^2]) = (-1)^{mn} \{o(\beta)\alpha - i_{m*}(J(\lambda))\}$$

*Proof.* By definition  $\nu_*(\alpha) = \alpha + \alpha + \chi$ , then we have

$$\mu_*\nu_*(\alpha) = (2 \cdot 1_A)_*(\alpha) \quad \text{i. e.} \quad 4\alpha + i_{m*}(\sigma_2^2) = 2\alpha + \mu_*(\chi).$$

Since  $\mu_*([\tau^1, \iota_m^2]) = [\tau, \iota_m]$  the second follows from the above note.

$$\text{LEMMA 5.10. } \sigma_{a+c}^{b+d} \equiv \sigma_a^b + \sigma_c^d + ad(\sigma_2^2) + \{(ad-bc)/o(\beta)\}J(\lambda) \pmod{[\iota_m, \pi_n(S^m)] \cup \{\beta \circ \pi_{m+n-1}(S^{n-1})\}}$$

*Proof.* Apply above lemmas to the identity

$$(f_{a+c}^{b+d})_*(\alpha) = (f_a^b + f_c^d)_*(\alpha) = \mu_*(f_a^b \vee f_c^d)_*\nu_*(\alpha).$$

Then the proof easily follows.

Now, let  $\hat{\sigma}_a^b$  be the suspension of  $\sigma_a^b$ , then lemma 5.10 gives rise

$$\hat{\sigma}_{a+c}^{b+d} \equiv \hat{\sigma}_a^b + \hat{\sigma}_c^d + ad(\hat{\sigma}_2^2) - (ab-cd)J(\xi) \pmod{E\beta \circ \pi_{m+n}(S^n)}.$$

$$\text{LEMMA 5.11. } \hat{\sigma}_a^b = \{a(a-1)/2\}(\hat{\sigma}_-^2) + a(b-a)J(\xi) \pmod{E\beta \circ \pi_{m+n}(S^n)}$$

*Proof.* By lemma 5.4  $b=a+ko(\beta)$  for some integer  $k$ . Hence we have

$$\hat{\sigma}_a^b = \hat{\sigma}_{0+a}^{k\circ(\beta)+a} = \hat{\sigma}_0^{k\circ(\beta)} + \hat{\sigma}_a^a + k\circ(\beta)J(\xi) = \hat{\sigma}_a^a + a(b-a)J(\xi) \pmod{E\beta \circ \pi_{m+n}(S^n)}$$

On the other hand, lemma 5.10 implies  $\hat{\sigma}_{a+1}^a \equiv \hat{\sigma}_a^a + a(\hat{\sigma}_2^a)$ , i.e. we have

$$\hat{\sigma}_a^a = \{a(a-1)/2\}(\hat{\sigma}_{-1}^-).$$

Thus the proof is completed.

Since lemma 5.11 shows that it is important for our purpose to determine  $\hat{\sigma}_{-1}^-$ , so here we recall the definition of  $\sigma_{-1}^-$ , which is given by

$$(-1_A)_*(\alpha) = \alpha + i_{m^*}(\sigma_{-1}^-).$$

Then, applying the suspension operator, we have

$$(-1_{EA})_*(E\alpha) = E\alpha + i_{m+1^*}(\hat{\sigma}_{-1}^-), \text{ i.e. } i_{m+1^*}(\hat{\sigma}_{-1}^-) = -2E\alpha.$$

On the other hand, since we may regard the mapping cone of the projection  $q: X \rightarrow S^n$  as the Thom space of the vector bundle characterized by  $\xi$  we can put

$$E\alpha = i_{m+1^*}(\lambda_\xi J(\xi)), \quad \lambda_\xi = 1 \text{ or } -1.$$

Hence, using  $i_{m+1^*}^{-1}(0) = \{[\iota_{m+1}, E\beta]\} \cup E\beta \circ \pi_{m+n}(S^n)$ , we know that

$$\hat{\sigma}_{-1}^- \equiv -2\lambda_\xi J(\xi) + c_\xi [\iota_{m+1}, E\beta] \pmod{E\beta \circ \pi_{m+n}(S^n)} \tag{5.12}$$

for some integer  $c_\xi$ . For example, if  $\xi$  has a cross-section then we may take  $\lambda_\xi = -1$  ([2]), but, in general, it is not easy to determine  $\lambda_\xi$ .

LEMMA 5.13.  $o(\beta)(1 + \lambda_\xi)J(\xi) = 0$

*Proof.* Consider the following diagrams ( $a = o(\beta)$ ):

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X' & \longrightarrow & X \\ q' \downarrow & & \downarrow q \\ S^n & \xrightarrow{\text{deg. } a} & S^n \end{array}$$

and

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} S^{m+1} \vee S^{n+1} \bigcup_{-J(\xi')} e^{m+n+1} = EX' & \xrightarrow{\text{deg. } a} & EX & & \\ \text{deg. } \lambda_\xi \uparrow & & \uparrow \text{deg. } 1 & & \uparrow \text{deg. } 1 \\ & & C(q') & \longrightarrow & C(q) \\ \text{deg. } \lambda_\xi \uparrow & & \uparrow \text{deg. } 1 & & \uparrow \text{deg. } \lambda_\xi \\ S^{m+1} \bigcup_{J(\xi')} e^{m+n+1} & & & & S^{m+1} \bigcup_{J(\xi)} e^{m+n+1} \end{array}$$

Then we can obtain

$$a \equiv a\lambda_\xi \lambda_{\xi'}, \pmod{o(J(\xi))} \text{ and } -\lambda_{\xi'} J(\xi') = J(\xi'), \text{ i.e. } -\lambda_{\xi'} aJ(\xi) = aJ(\xi).$$

Clearly these give the proof. Now we prove

LEMMA 5.14 *In (5.12) we can take*

- (1)  $\lambda_{\xi} = -1$  and  $c_{\xi} = 1$  if  $2\beta = 0$
- (2)  $c_{\xi} = -\lambda_{\xi}$  or  $-\lambda_{\xi} + o(\beta)/2$  otherwise

*Proof.* (1) the case:  $2\beta = 0$ .  
By lemma 5.13 and 5.11 we have

$$2J(\xi) = -2\lambda_{\xi}J(\xi) \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\sigma}_{-1}^0 = \hat{\sigma}_{-1}^{-1} - 4J(\xi). \quad \text{On the other hand, } f_{\xi}^0(\alpha) = \sigma_{\xi}^0$$

implies that

$$\hat{\sigma}_{-1}^0 = (Ef_{\xi}^0)_*(E\alpha) = 2\lambda_{\xi}J(\xi) + [\iota_{m+1}, \iota_{m+1}]HJ(\xi) = 2\lambda_{\xi}J(\xi) + [\iota_{m+1}, E\beta]$$

Hence we obtain

$$\hat{\sigma}_{-1}^{-1} = 4J(\xi) + 2\lambda_{\xi}J(\xi) + [\iota_{m+1}, E\beta] = 2J(\xi) + [\iota_{m+1}, E\beta].$$

(2) the other case. Note that this occurs only in the case of  $m = \text{odd}$ .

Take Hopf-invariant on the both side of (5.12), then we have, from the formula  $H(J(\xi)) = -E^{m+1}(\xi)$  and  $H([\iota_{m+1}, E\beta]) = 2E^{m+1}\beta$ ,

$$2\lambda_{\xi}E^{m+1} + 2c_{\xi}E^{m+1}\beta = 0.$$

Then, in our dimensional restriction, this means  $2(\lambda_{\xi} + c_{\xi}) = 0$  and then the proof is completed.

Now the proof of theorem 2 and 3 are completed by the following lemma which is a consequence of lemma 5.11 and 5.14.

LEMMA 5.15. *If  $2\beta = 0$  we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\sigma}_{-1}^{-1} &\equiv 2J(\xi) + [\iota_{m+1}, E\beta] \\ \hat{\sigma}_{-1}^{-1} &\equiv -2J(\xi) \\ \hat{\sigma}_{-1}^{-1} &\equiv [\iota_{m+1}, E\beta] \pmod{E\beta \circ \pi_{m+n}(S^n)} \end{aligned}$$

and if the order of  $\beta$  is odd

$$-\lambda_{\xi}\hat{\sigma}_{-1}^{-1} \equiv 2J(\xi) + [\iota_{m+1}, E\beta].$$

*Remark.* Since the second case of lemma 5.15 can be shown to be true in the case  $o(\beta) = 2 \cdot \text{odd}$  Theorem 3 also holds in this case.

### § 6. Some Examples

(1) The case of having a cross section.

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\xi} &= \pi_{m+n}(S^m) / \{\eta \circ J(\xi) \cup [\iota_m, \pi_{n+1}(S^m)]\} + \pi_{m+n}(S^n). \\ G_{\xi} &= \{x \mid x \in \pi_n(S^m), [\iota_m, x] = 0\} \end{aligned}$$

and  $\mathcal{E}(X) \longrightarrow Z_2$  is onto if  $2J(\xi) \neq 0$ ,  
 $\mathcal{E}(X) \longrightarrow Z_2 \times Z_2$  is onto if  $2J(\xi) = 0$ .

(II) Complex Stiefel manifolds  $W_{n,2}$  ( $n \geq 5$ ).

Let  $\xi_n$  be the standard sphere bundle

$$S^{2n-3} \longrightarrow W_{n,2} \longrightarrow S^{2n-1}, \quad \beta_n = n\eta.$$

Since  $[\iota_{2n-2}, \eta \circ \eta] = \eta \circ [\iota_{2n-1}, \iota_{2n-1}]$  the assumption is satisfied. If  $n$  is even the case reduces to (I) and for odd  $n$  we have

if  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , then  $H_{\xi_n} = \pi_{1n-1}(W_{n,2})$ ,  $G_{\xi_n} = \{0\}$  and  $\mathcal{E}(W_{n,2}) \longrightarrow Z_2$  is onto.  
 and

if  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , then  $H_{\xi_n} = \pi_{4n-4}(W_{n,2}) / \iota_* \{[\iota_{2n-3}, \pi_{2n}(S^{2n-3})]\}$ ,

$$G_{\xi_n} = \{0\}, \quad \varepsilon(W_{n,2}) \longrightarrow Z_2 \text{ is onto.}$$

(III) Quaternion Stiefel manifolds  $X_{n,2}$

Let  $\tau_n$  be the standard bundle

$$S^{4n-5} \longrightarrow X_{n,2} \longrightarrow S^{1n-1}, \quad \tau_n = n\nu.$$

Since  $[\iota_{4n-4}, \nu \circ \eta] = 0$  the assumption is satisfied. Then if  $n \geq 3$  we have

$$H_{\tau_n} = \pi_{8n-6}(X_{n,2}) / [\iota_{4n-5}, \pi_{4n}(X_{n,2})] \cup \iota_* \{\eta \circ J(\tau_n)\}, \quad \text{and } G_{\tau_n} = \{0\}.$$

The image  $\varepsilon(X_{n,2}) \rightarrow Z_2 \times Z_2$  is more complicated, so we omit it.

**APPENDIX: Separation elements**

$$K \cup e^n \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f} \\ \xrightarrow{g} \end{array} X, \quad f|_K = g|_K \Rightarrow d(f, g) \in \pi_n(X).$$

$$K \cup e_i^n = K \cup e^n, \quad \hat{K} = e_1^n \cup K \cup e_2^n, \\ k : \hat{K} \longrightarrow K \cup e^n, \quad k|_{K \cup e_i^n} = \text{identity}.$$

1. The sequence:  $0 \rightarrow \pi_n(\hat{K}) \rightarrow \pi_n(\hat{K}, K) \times \pi_n(K \cup e^n)$  is exact.

For,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \pi_n(K) & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(\hat{K}) & \longrightarrow & \pi(K, \hat{K}) \\ & & k_* \downarrow & \uparrow i_* & \\ & & \pi_n(K \cup e^n) & & \end{array}$$

where  $i : K \cup e^n \rightarrow e_1^n \cup K \subset \hat{K}$ .

$$\xi : S^n = E_1^n \cup E_2^n \xrightarrow{\quad} D^n \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\chi_1} \\ \xrightarrow{\chi_2} \end{array} K.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow k_*(\xi) = 0, \quad \chi_1 - \chi_2 \in \pi_n(K, K).$$

Then  $d(f, g) = h_*(\xi)$ , where  $h: \hat{K} \rightarrow X$ ,  $h|e_1^n \cup K = f$ ,  $h|K \cup e_2^n = g$ .

$$2. \quad K \cup e^n \xrightarrow{H} e_1^n \cup L \cup e_2^n \begin{matrix} \leftarrow F \\ \leftarrow G \end{matrix} X,$$

$$H(K) \subset L, \quad H(e^n) = e_1^n + e_2^n, \quad F|L = G|L.$$

Then  $d(FH, GH) = d(f_1, g_1) + d(f_2, g_2)$ , where  $f_i = F|e_i^n \cup L$  and  $g_i = G|e_i^n \cup L$ .

*Proof.*

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & H_1 = H & \longrightarrow & e_{1,1}^n \cup \cup & e_{2,1}^n \\ & \nearrow & & & & & \\ \hat{K} = \overbrace{e_1^n \cup K \cup e_2^n} & \xrightarrow{\hat{H}} & \hat{L} = & L & = & \begin{matrix} L_1 \\ \oplus \\ L_2 \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{F} \\ \xrightarrow{G} \end{matrix} X \\ & \searrow & & & & & \\ & & & H_2 = H & \longrightarrow & e_{1,2}^n \cup \cup & e_{2,2}^n \end{array}$$

And consider the diagram :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(\hat{K}) & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(\hat{K}, K) \times \pi_n(K \cup e^n) \\ & & \xi \downarrow \hat{H}_* & & \downarrow \hat{H}_* \quad \downarrow H_* \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(\hat{L}) & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(\hat{L}, L) \times \pi_n(e_1^n \cup L \cup e_2^n) \\ & & \uparrow J_{i*} & & \uparrow \lambda_1 \quad \lambda_2 \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(\hat{L}_i) & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(\hat{L}_i, L) \times \pi_n(L \cup e_i^n), \end{array}$$

where

$$\hat{L}_i = e_{i,1}^n \cup_{\lambda_{i,1}} L \cup_{\lambda_{i,2}} e_{i,2}^n \xrightarrow{J_i} \hat{L}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} H_*(\xi) &\longrightarrow (\lambda_{1,1} + \lambda_{2,1} - \lambda_{1,2} - \lambda_{2,2}) \times 0 \\ J_{1*}(\xi_1) + J_{2*}(\xi_2) &\longrightarrow (\lambda_{1,1} - \lambda_{1,2} + \lambda_{2,1} - \lambda_{2,2}) \times 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\hat{H}_*(\xi) = J_{1*}(\xi_1) + J_{2*}(\xi_2)$  (from the injectivity). And then we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(FH, FG) &= (F \cup G)_* H_*(\xi) \\ &= (F \cup G)_*(J_{1*}(\xi_1)) + (F \cup G)_*(J_{2*}(\xi_2)) \\ &= d(f_1, g_1) + d(f_2, g_2). \end{aligned}$$

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