# NOTE ON HOMOTOPY CLASSES OF SELF MAPS; $[\Sigma HP^3, \Sigma HP^3]$

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1. Introduction. Let X be a CW complex and  $\Sigma$  denote the reduced suspension. Then the homotopy classes of self maps of  $\Sigma X$  [ $\Sigma X$ ,  $\Sigma X$ ] has a group structure induced by the co-H structure of  $\Sigma X$ . In this paper we shall investigate [ $\Sigma X$ ,  $\Sigma X$ ] when X is the quarternionic projective space  $HP^2$  and  $HP^3$ . Let  $HP^n$  be the quarternionic projective space  $S^{4n+3}/S^3$  and let Eq(X) denote the group consisting of the self homotopy equivalences of X by the composition structure. Let + denote the sum operation in  $[\Sigma X, \Sigma X]$  and let  $\circ$  denote the composition of maps. Then we have the following theorems:

**Theorem 2.2.**  $[\Sigma HP^2, \Sigma HP^2]$  is abelian and isomorphic to Z+Z.

Theorem 2.20.  $[\Sigma HP^3, \Sigma HP^3]$  is non-abelian. We have a non trivial extension;

$$0 \to Z\{K, P, \Xi\} \to [\Sigma H P^2, \Sigma H P^2] \to Z\{id\} \to 0.$$

The non trivial commutator is  $< id, \Xi >= 24K$ . The center of  $[\Sigma HP^3, \Sigma HP^3] = Z\{K, P\}$ .

Let

$$H_X: [X, X] \to Hom(\tilde{H}_*(X), \tilde{H}_*(X))$$
  
 $\pi_X: [X, X] \to Hom(\pi_*(X), \pi_*(X))$ 

denote the maps defined by  $H_X(f)$  = the induced homomorphism on homology groups  $H_*(X)$  and  $\pi_X(f)$  = the induced homomorphism on homotopy groups  $\pi_*(X)$  for  $f \in [X,X]$  respectively. Then we call  $f \in [X,X]$  homologically trivial if  $\tilde{H}_X(f)$  is the trivial homomorphism, homotopy trivial if  $\pi_X(f)$  is the trivial homomorphism, homologically identity if  $H_X(f)$  is the identity and homotopically identity if  $\pi_X(f)$  is the identity. Then for the group of homologically identity maps of X,  $H_X^{-1}(id)$ , the group of homotopically identity maps of X,  $\pi_X^{-1}(id)$ , the group of self homotopy equivalences of X, Eq(X), the homologically trivial maps of X,  $H_X^{-1}(0)$  and the homotopically trivial maps of X,  $\pi_X^{-1}(0)$  in the case of  $X = \Sigma HP^2$  and  $\Sigma HP^3$  we obtain the followings:

Theorem 5.2. (1)  $H_{\Sigma HP^2}^{-1}(0) = \{0\} = \pi_{\Sigma HP^2}^{-1}(0), H_{\Sigma HP^2}^{-1}(id) = \{id_{\Sigma HP^2}\} = \pi_{\Sigma HP^2}^{-1}(id) \text{ and } Eq(\Sigma HP^2) = \{\pm id_{\Sigma HP^2}\}.$  (2)  $H_{\Sigma HP^3}^{-1}(0) = Z\{K\}, \pi_{\Sigma HP^3}^{-1}(0) = \{0\}, H_{\Sigma HP^3}^{-1}(id) = \{id_{\Sigma HP^3} + Z\{K\}\}, \pi_{\Sigma HP^3}^{-1}(id) = \{id_{\Sigma HP^3}\} \text{ and } Eq(\Sigma HP^3) = \{\pm id_{\Sigma HP^3} + Z\{K\}\}.$ 

We shall give the composition operations in  $[\Sigma HP^2, \Sigma HP^2]$  and  $[\Sigma HP^3, \Sigma HP^3]$  in the section 5.

**Lemma 5.22.** The standard left distributivity law is satisfied in  $[\Sigma HP^2, \Sigma HP^2]$ .

**Theorem 5.25.** The left distributivity law in  $[\Sigma HP^3, \Sigma HP^3]$  is as follows:

 $(f+g)\circ h=f\circ h+g\circ h$  for the case  $f,g\in Z\{K,P,\Xi\}$  or  $h\in\{id,\Xi\}$  and exceptinal cases;

$$(m \ id) \circ K = m^2 K, (a \ id + b\Xi) \circ K = a(1 + 24b) K$$
  
and  $(a \ id + b\Xi) \circ P = (a + 120b) P + 4320b K.$ 

Let (a,b) denote a  $id + b\xi \circ (/S^5)$  in  $[\Sigma HP^2, \Sigma HP^2]$  for abbreviation where id and  $\xi \circ (/S^5)$  are generators of  $[\Sigma HP^2, \Sigma HP^2]$ . Then we have:

Corollary 5.26. 
$$(a,b) \circ (c,d) = (ac,ad+bc+24bd)$$
.

Let (a, b, c, d) denote  $a id + bK + cP + d\Xi$  in  $[\Sigma HP^3, \Sigma HP^3]$  where id, K, P and  $\Xi$  are generators of  $[\Sigma HP^3, \Sigma HP^3]$ . Then we have:

Corollary 5.27.  $(a, b, c, d) \circ (e, f, g, h) = (ae, a2f + af(1 + 24d) + be + 360bg + 4320dg + 120bh, ag + ce + 360cg + g(a + 120d) + 120ch + 32dh, ah + de + 24dh).$ 

2. Groups  $[\Sigma HP^2, \Sigma HP^2]$  and  $[\Sigma HP^3, \Sigma HP^3]$ . We have the following exact sequence for the pair  $(\Sigma HP^2, S^5)$ :

$$\pi_{14}(\Sigma HP^{2}, S^{5}) \to \pi_{13}(S^{5}) \to \pi_{13}(\Sigma HP^{2}) \xrightarrow{j_{1}^{(1)}} \\ \parallel \qquad \qquad \parallel \qquad \qquad \parallel \\ Z_{2}\{[e^{9}, \iota_{5}] \circ \bar{\eta}\} \qquad Z_{2}\{\epsilon_{5}\} \qquad Z_{2}\{\epsilon_{5}\} + Z\{\kappa\}$$

$$\pi_{13}(\Sigma HP^{2}, S^{5}) \to \pi_{12}(S^{5}) \to \pi_{12}(\Sigma HP^{2})^{(2} \to \\ \parallel \qquad \qquad \parallel \qquad \qquad \parallel \\ Z\{[e^{9}, \iota_{5}]\} \qquad Z_{30}$$

$$\pi_{12}(\Sigma HP^{2}, S^{5}) \to \pi_{11}(S^{5}) \to \pi_{11}(\Sigma HP^{2}) \to \\ \parallel \qquad \qquad \parallel \qquad \qquad \parallel \qquad \qquad \parallel \\ Z_{24}\{e^{9} \circ \bar{\nu}\} \qquad Z_{2}\{\nu^{2}\} \qquad 0$$

$$(2.1)$$

$$\pi_{11}(\Sigma HP^{2}, S^{5}) \to \pi_{10}(S^{5}) \to \pi_{10}(\Sigma HP^{2}) \to \\ \parallel \qquad \qquad \parallel \qquad \qquad \parallel \\ Z_{2}\{e^{9} \circ \bar{\eta^{2}}\} \qquad Z_{2}\{\nu \circ \eta^{2}\} \qquad 0$$

$$\pi_{10}(\Sigma HP^{2}, S^{5}) \to \pi_{9}(S^{5}) \to \pi_{9}(\Sigma HP^{2}) \xrightarrow{j_{1}^{(3)}} \\ \parallel \qquad \qquad \parallel \qquad \qquad \parallel \\ Z_{2}\{e^{9} \circ \bar{\eta}\} \qquad Z_{2}\{\nu \circ \eta\} \qquad Z\{\xi\}$$

$$\pi_{9}(\Sigma HP^{2}, S^{5}) \to \pi_{8}(S^{5}) \to \pi_{8}(\Sigma HP^{2}) \to \\ \parallel \qquad \qquad \parallel \qquad \qquad \parallel \\ Z\{e^{9}\} \qquad Z_{24}\{\nu\} \qquad 0$$

$$;^{(1)}j_{*}\kappa = [e^{9}, \iota_{5}],^{(2}\Sigma p \in \pi_{12}(\Sigma HP^{2}),^{(3)}j_{*}\xi = 24e^{9}$$

where the symbols of almost all of elements of the homotopy groups of spheres are followed by Toda[13], p is the canonical projection  $S^{11} \to HP^2$  and, for example,  $e^9$  represents the characteristic element of  $\pi_9(\Sigma HP^2, S^5)$  such that  $\partial e^9 = \nu$  and similarly  $\bar{\eta}$  does the characteristic element of  $\pi_{k+1}(e^k, S^{k-1})$  such that  $\partial \bar{\eta} = \eta$ .

We obtain an exact sequence

$$0 \to \pi_9(\Sigma HP^2) \to [\Sigma HP^2, \Sigma HP^2] \to \pi_5(\Sigma HP^2) \to 0$$

from the Puppe sequence associated with the cofibering  $S^5 \subset \Sigma HP^2 \to S^9$  because  $\nu^*: \pi_6(\Sigma HP^2) \to \pi_9(\Sigma HP^2)$  is trivial and  $\pi_8(\Sigma HP^2) = 0$ . Therefore  $[\Sigma HP^2, \Sigma HP^2]$  is generated by id and  $\xi \circ (/S^5)$  where  $/S^5$ :

 $\Sigma HP^2 \to S^9$  denotes the collapsing map.

Theorem 2.2.  $[\Sigma HP^2, \Sigma HP^2]$  is abelian and  $[\Sigma HP^2, \Sigma HP^2] = Z\{id, \xi \circ (/S^5)\}.$ 

*Proof.* It remains to show the commutativity of id and  $\xi \circ (/S^5)$ . The map  $-id + \xi \circ (/S^5) + id$  is represented as follows:

$$\Sigma HP^2 \overset{\nabla}{\to} \Sigma HP^2 \vee \Sigma HP^2 \vee \Sigma HP^2 \overset{\Gamma}{\to} \Sigma HP^2 \vee \Sigma HP^2 \vee \Sigma HP^2 \overset{fold}{\to} \Sigma HP^2,$$

where  $\nabla$  denotes the pinching map and  $\Gamma = -id \vee \xi \circ (/S^5) \vee id$ .

Since the restriction  $\xi \circ (/S^5)|S^5$  is homotopy trivial,  $-id + \xi \circ (/S^5) + id$  is contained in the image of  $\pi_9(\Sigma HP^2)$  on the above Puppe sequence. The element  $\xi \in \pi_9(\Sigma HP^2)$  is characterized by the property that the induced homomorphism  $\xi_*$  on the homology group  $H_9(\Sigma HP^2)$  is 24id and trivial on others  $\tilde{H}_*(\Sigma HP^2)$ . The map  $-id + \xi \circ (/S^5) + id$  has the same property and so  $-id + \xi \circ (/S^5) + id = \xi \circ (/S^5)$ . Hence  $[\Sigma HP^2, \Sigma HP^2]$  is equal to  $Z\{id, \xi \circ (/S^5)\}$  as an abelian group.

Next we shall investigate  $[\Sigma HP^3, \Sigma HP^3]$ . First we note

**Lemma 2.3.** 
$$(/S^4) \circ p = 2\nu$$
.

*Proof.* Since  $HP^3/S^4 = HP^3/HP^1$  is homeomorphic to the Thom space of  $2[\xi]$  over  $HP^1$  where  $[\xi]$  is the canonical line bundle,  $(/S^4) \circ p$  must be  $2\nu$ .

Hence it follows  $j_*\Sigma p=2e^9\circ \nu$  where  $j_*:\pi_{12}(\Sigma HP^2)\to\pi_{12}(\Sigma HP^2,S^5)$ .

Lemma 2.4.  $\pi_{12}(\Sigma HP^2) = Z_{360}$  generated by  $\Sigma p$ .

Though the result of Lemma 2.4 is given by Morisugi[8], another proof is given in the section 4.

**Lemma 2.5.**  $\Sigma p \circ \eta \neq 0$  and it follows  $\Sigma p \circ \eta = i_* \epsilon_5$ .

The proof of Lemma 2.5 is given in the section 3.

Thus we have the following exact sequence for the pair  $(\Sigma HP^3, \Sigma HP^2)$ :

On the other hand from the cofiber sequences

$$S^5 \subset \Sigma HP^3 \to \Sigma HP^3/S^5 = S^9 \cup_{2\nu} e^{13}$$
 and  $S^9 \subset \Sigma HP^3/S^5 \to S^{13}$ 

we obtain the Puppe sequences using (2.1) and (2.6):

Here we note that  $[\Sigma HP^3/S^5, \Sigma HP^3]$  is abelian because  $\Sigma HP^3/S^5 = S^9 \cup_{2\nu} e^{13}$  is a double suspension. Thus we obtain

**Lemma 2.8.**  $[\Sigma HP^3/S^5, \Sigma HP^3] = Z\{(/S^9)^*\kappa, (/S^9)^*\rho, \tilde{\xi}\}$  where  $\tilde{\xi}$  denotes an extension of  $\xi$  on  $\Sigma HP^3/S^5$  such that  $\tilde{\xi}|S^9=\xi$ .

Now the generators  $K=(/\Sigma HP^2)^*\kappa, P=(/\Sigma HP^2)^*\rho$  and  $\Xi=(/S^5)^*\tilde{\xi}$  of  $[\Sigma HP^3, \Sigma HP^3]$  are given as follows:

$$\Xi: \Sigma HP^{3} \stackrel{/S^{5}}{\rightarrow} S^{9} \cup_{2\nu} e^{13} \stackrel{\tilde{\xi}}{\rightarrow} \Sigma HP^{3}$$

$$\cup \qquad \qquad \cup$$

$$S^{9} \stackrel{\tilde{\xi}}{\rightarrow} \Sigma HP^{2} \stackrel{/S^{5}}{\rightarrow} S^{9}$$

$$\parallel \qquad \qquad \parallel$$

$$S^{9} \stackrel{24\iota_{9}}{\rightarrow} S^{9}$$

$$(2.9)$$

$$P: \Sigma HP^{3} \stackrel{/\Sigma HP^{2}}{\rightarrow} S^{13} \stackrel{\rho}{\rightarrow} \Sigma HP^{3}$$

$$\downarrow /HP^{2}$$

$$S^{13} ; (/HP^{2}) \circ \rho = 360\iota_{13}$$

$$K: \Sigma HP^{3} \stackrel{/\Sigma HP^{2}}{\rightarrow} S^{13} \stackrel{\kappa}{\rightarrow} \Sigma HP^{2}$$

By (2.7), it follows that  $[\Sigma HP^3, \Sigma HP^3]$  is generated by 4 elements:  $id, K, P, \Xi$ .

Recall the Hilton-Milnor theorem (followed by G.W.Whitehead[14]). Let J(X) be the infinite reduced product spaces of James and let  $J_n(X)$  be the image of  $X^n$ . Let  $i: X \to J(X)$  be the canonical inlusion. It is well known that  $j: J(X) \to \Omega \Sigma X$  is a homotopy equivalence where  $j(x_1 \cdot x_2 \cdots x_n) = (\cdots (i(x_1) + i(x_2)) + i(x_3) + \cdots) + i(x_n)$ . We identify J(X) with  $\Omega \Sigma X$  by j for brevity. Let  $x \in [\Sigma X, Y]$ . Then let  $x' \in [X, \Omega Y]$  be its adjoint and occasionally x by the same sign. To state the Hilton-Milnor theorem precisely, we need some algebraic preliminaries. Let A be the free non-associative ring with n generators  $x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_n$ . A has an additive basis consisting of all parenthesized monomials in  $x_i$ . We shall single out certain of these, reffering to them as basic products. Let us define the weight of a monomial to be the number of its factors. Suppose Y be a connected homotopy associative Y space (grouplike space). If Y is a basic product and Y if Y is a basic product and Y if Y is define

$$w(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in [X_1^{w(1)} \wedge X_2^{w(2)} \dots \wedge X_n^{w(n)}, Y] = [X^{\wedge w}, Y]$$

using the iterated Samelson product. If  $Y=\Omega\Sigma X$ , its adjoint is the iterated Whitehead product

$$[x_1,x_2,\cdots,x_n]_w\in [\Sigma(X_1^{w(1)}\wedge X_2^{w(2)}\cdots\wedge X_n^{w(n)},\Sigma X]$$
 for  $x_i\in [\Sigma X_i,\Sigma X]\simeq [X_i,\Omega\Sigma X]$ . Then we have

Theorem (Hilton-Milnor). Let  $X_t(t=1,\dots,n)$  be connected CW-complexes with vertices. Then  $J(X_1 \vee X_2 \vee \dots \vee X_n)$  is homotopy equivalent to  $\prod_{w} J(\Sigma(X_1^{w(1)} \wedge X_2^{w(2)} \wedge \dots \wedge X_n^{w(n)}).$ 

An explicit equivalence can be constructed as follows. Let  $j_t: X_t \subset X = X_1 \vee X_2 \vee \cdots \vee X_n$  be the usual inclusion  $(t = 1, \ldots, n)$  and let  $i_t: X_t \subset J(X)$  be the composite of  $j_t$  with the inclusion  $i: X \to J(X)$ . For each basic product w, we can form the element (the iterated Samelson products)

$$w(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n) : X_1^{w(1)} \wedge X_2^{w(2)} \dots \wedge X_n^{w(n)} \to J(X).$$

This map can be extended uniquely to a homomorphism

$$w(i_1, i_2, \ldots, i_n) : J(X_1^{w(1)} \wedge X_2^{w(2)} \wedge \cdots \wedge X_n^{w(n)}) \rightarrow J(X).$$

Their weak products induces an equivalence:

$$\prod_{w} w(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n) : \prod_{w} J(X_1^{w(1)} \wedge X_2^{w(2)} \wedge \dots \wedge X_n^{w(n)}) \to J(X_1 \vee X_2 \vee \dots \vee X_n).$$

Consider the case n=2 and  $X_1=X_2=X$ . Let  $i_1=id_1$  and  $i_2=id_2$  denote the inclusions of  $\Sigma X$  into  $\Sigma X \vee \Sigma X$  so that  $\nabla = i_1 + i_2$ . Then the formula of the Hilton-Milnor theorem for n=2 is as follows:

Corollary. The iterated Samelson products  $\langle id_1, id_2 \rangle_w \in [X^w, \Omega\Sigma(X \vee X)]$  for basic products w induces a homotopy equivalence (not necessarily H space equivalent unless X is a co-H space)

$$\psi = \prod_{w} \langle i\widetilde{d_1, id_2} \rangle_w : \prod_{w} \Omega\Sigma(X^{\wedge w}) \simeq \Omega\Sigma(X \vee X)$$

where  $< id_1, id_2 >_w : \Omega\Sigma(X^{\wedge w}) \to \Omega\Sigma(X \vee X)$  is the unique homomorphic extension of  $< id_1, id_2 >_w$ . Especially  $< id_1, id_2 >_{w_*} : \pi_*(\Omega\Sigma(X^{\wedge w})) \to \pi_*(\Omega\Sigma(X \vee X))$  is an embedding to direct summands for each w.

It follows for any finite dimensional CW-complex A that

$$[\Sigma A, \Sigma(X \vee X)] \simeq \prod_w [A, \Omega \Sigma(X^{\wedge w})] \simeq \prod_w [\Sigma A, \Sigma(X^{\wedge w})].$$

Let  $pr_w: \prod_w \Omega\Sigma(X^{\wedge w}) \to \Omega\Sigma(X^{\wedge w})$  be the projection. Especially for A=X, the co-Hopf structure map  $\nabla \in [\Sigma X, \Sigma(X \vee X)] \simeq id_1 + id_2 \in [X, \Omega\Sigma(X \vee X)]$  corresponds to  $\prod_w h_w$  where  $h_w = pr_w \circ \psi^{-1} \circ \nabla$ . For

 $\alpha \in [\Sigma A, \Sigma X]$ , define  $h_w(\alpha)$  =the adjoint of  $h_{w*}\alpha'$  called the Hopf-Hilton invariants of  $\alpha$  so that  $\nabla \alpha \simeq \Pi_w h_w(\alpha)$  by the above correspondence. That is,

$$abla lpha = \sum_{w} [id_1, id_2]_w \circ h_w(lpha)$$

and its adjoint is

$$\nabla'\alpha' = \prod_{w} < i\widetilde{d_1, id_2} >_w \circ h_{w*}\alpha'$$

where  $\nabla' = (id_1 + id_2)$  denotes the canonical extension. Then the generalized Hopf invariants  $H_n : [\Sigma A, \Sigma X] \to [\Sigma A, \Sigma (X^{\wedge n})]$  are defined. Especially we need the evalution of  $H_2$ .

Our  $X = HP^2$ ,  $HP^3$  are not co-H spaces but for our requirement, it is sufficient to investigate a few invariants  $H_2()$ . On our cases  $\pi_8(\Omega \Sigma HP^2)$  and  $\pi_{12}(\Omega \Sigma HP^3)$ , we have  $<\widetilde{id_1,id_2}>_w=<\widetilde{id_1,id_2}>_w$  because

$$\pi_8(HP^2 \wedge HP^2) \simeq \pi_8(\Omega \Sigma (HP^2 \wedge HP^2)),$$
  
$$\pi_{12}(HP^3 \wedge HP^3) \subset \pi_{12}(\Omega \Sigma (HP^3 \wedge HP^3))$$

and

$$\pi_{12}(HP^3 \wedge HP^3 \wedge HP^3) \simeq \pi_{12}(\Omega \Sigma (HP^3 \wedge HP^3 \wedge HP^3))$$

for w with weight 2 or 3. First we consider

$$\nabla \xi = i_1 \circ \xi + i_2 \circ \xi + [id_1, id_2] \circ \{a(\xi)\iota_9\} = i_1 \circ \xi + i_2 \circ \xi + a(\xi)[\iota_5^{(1)}, \iota_5^{(2)}].$$

Let  $\xi' \in \pi_8(\Omega \Sigma H P^2)$  be the adjoint of  $\xi$ . Note that  $\Omega \Sigma H P^2 = S^4 \cup_{\nu} e^8 \cup_{[\iota,\iota]} e^8 \cup e^{12} \cup \cdots$ . From the following sequence

$$(2.10) \begin{array}{cccc} \pi_{8}(S^{4}) & \to \pi_{8}(\Omega \Sigma H P^{2}) \xrightarrow{j_{\bullet}^{(1)}} \pi_{8}(\Omega \Sigma H P^{2}, S^{4}) \to & \pi_{7}(S^{4}) \\ \parallel & \parallel & \parallel & \parallel \\ \Sigma \pi_{7}(S^{3}) & Z\{\xi'\} & Z\{e_{\nu}^{8}, e_{[\iota, \iota]}^{8}\} & Z\{\nu\} + Z_{12}\{\Sigma \omega\} \end{array}$$

$$;^{(1)}j_*\xi'=24e_{\nu}^8-12e^8[\iota,\iota]$$

we obtain

$$S^{8} \xrightarrow{\xi'} \Omega \Sigma P \xrightarrow{H_{2}} \Omega \Sigma (P \wedge P) \xrightarrow{\langle id_{1}, id_{2} \rangle} \Omega \Sigma (P \vee P)$$

$$\parallel \qquad \cup \qquad \qquad \cup \qquad \uparrow \langle id_{1}, id_{2} \rangle$$

$$(2.11) \xrightarrow{S^{8}} \xrightarrow{} J_{2}(P) \xrightarrow{/P} J_{2}(P)/P = \qquad P \wedge P$$

$$\downarrow \delta \qquad \downarrow /S^{4} \qquad \uparrow 0 \vee id$$

$$S^{8} \vee S^{8} \subset J_{2}(P)/S^{4} = S^{8} \vee (P \wedge P) \qquad \uparrow 0 \vee id$$

$$\parallel \qquad \qquad S^{8} \vee S^{8} \qquad = \qquad S^{8} \vee S^{8}$$

where P denotes  $HP^2$ ,  $\delta = 24\iota_8 \vee -12\iota_8$  in the diagram and  $P \wedge P$  has a CW-decomposition  $S^8 \cup_{\nu} e^{12} \cup_{\nu} e^{12} \cup e^{16}$ .

Hence we obtain

$$a(\xi)[\iota_5^{(1)}, \iota_5^{(2)}] = \text{the adjoint of } < \widetilde{id_1, id_2} >_* H_{2*} \xi'$$
  
= the adjoint of  $< \widetilde{id_1, id_2} >_* (-12\iota_8) = -12[\iota_5^{(1)}, \iota_5^{(2)}].$ 

Theorem 2.12. 
$$\nabla \xi = i_1 \circ \xi + i_1 \circ \xi - 12[\iota_5^{(1)}, \iota_5^{(2)}].$$

We have stated previously that Theorem 2.2 follows from this equation and  $\Phi_*[\iota_5^{(1)}, \iota_5^{(2)}] = \nu \circ \eta = 0$  in  $\pi_9(\Sigma HP^2)$ . The reduced diagonal map

$$\bar{\Delta}: HP^3 \to HP^3 \land HP^3 = S^8 \lor (S^8 \cup_{\nu} e^{12} \cup_{\nu} e^{12} \cup e^{16}) \cup \cdots$$

is decomposed as follows:

$$(2.13) \qquad HP^{3} \stackrel{/S^{4}}{\rightarrow} HP^{3}/S^{4} \rightarrow HP^{3} \wedge HP^{3}$$

$$\parallel \qquad \qquad \cup$$

$$S^{8} \cup_{2\nu} e^{12} \stackrel{\hat{\nabla}}{\rightarrow} S^{8} \cup_{\nu} e^{12} \cup_{\nu} e^{12}$$

The map  $\hat{\nabla}: S^8 \cup_{2\nu} e^{12} \to S^8 \cup_{\nu} e^{12} \cup_{\nu} e^{12}$  is the one gotten by the construction of the following cofiber sequences:

$$(2.14) \qquad S^{11} \xrightarrow{2\nu} S^8 \subset S^8 \cup_{2\nu} e^{12} \xrightarrow{/S^8} S^{12}$$

$$\downarrow \nabla \qquad \parallel \qquad \downarrow \hat{\nabla} \qquad \downarrow \nabla$$

$$S^{11} \vee S^{11} \xrightarrow{\nu \vee \nu} S^8 \subset S^8 \cup_{\nu} e^{12} \cup_{\nu} e^{12} \rightarrow S^{12} \vee S^{12}$$

Let  $\xi_2$  be the generator of  $\pi_8(S^4 \cup_{2\nu} e^8)$  such that  $j_*\xi_2 = 12e^8$  where  $j_*: S^4 \cup_{2\nu} e^8 \to (S^4 \cup_{2\nu} e^8, S^4)$  and for abbreviation, let  $\xi_2$  denote its suspended generator of  $\pi_{8+t}(\Sigma^t(S^4 \cup_{2\nu} e^8))$ , too. Let  $S_0^{11} = e_+^{12} \cap e_-^{12}$  be the equator of

 $S^{12}=e^{12}_+\cup e^{12}_-$  and then  $S^8\cup_\nu e^{12}\cup_\nu e^{12}$  is considered as the partial mapping cylinder of  $\nu:S^{11}_0\to S^8$ . Let  $\hat\iota$  be the map  $S^{12}=e^{12}_+\cup e^{12}_-\subset S^8\cup_{S_0}S^{12}$ .

**Lemma 2.15**  $\pi_{12}(S^8 \cup_{\nu} e^{12} \cup_{\nu} e^{12}) = Z\{\hat{\iota}, \hat{\nabla} \circ \xi_2\}.$ 

*Proof.* Consider the exact sequence of the pair  $(S^8 \cup_{\nu} e^{12} \cup_{\nu} e^{12}, S^8)$ :

$$\pi_{12}(S^8) = 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\pi_{12}(S^8 \cup_{\nu} e^{12} \cup_{\nu} e^{12})$$

$$\downarrow j_*$$

$$\pi_{12}(S^8 \cup_{\nu} e^{12} \cup_{\nu} e^{12}, S^8) = Z\{e_+^{12}, e_-^{12}\}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\pi_{11}(S^8) = Z_{24}\{\nu\}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\pi_{11}(S^8 \cup_{\nu} e^{12} \cup_{\nu} e^{12}) = 0$$

Then we have  $\partial^{-1}(0) = Z\{e_+^{12} + e_-^{12}, 12(e_+^{12} - e_-^{12})\}$ . From the definitions of  $\hat{\iota}$  and  $\hat{\nabla}\xi_2$ , we have

$$j_*\hat{\iota} = e_+^{12} + e_-^{12}, j_*(\hat{\nabla}\xi_2) = 12(e_+^{12} - e_-^{12}).$$

Considering the adjoints of this lemma, we obtain the following diagram:

where P denotes  $HP^2$  in the diagram and we have

$$\partial[e^{9(1)},\iota_5^{(2)}] = [\nu^{(1)},\iota_5^{(2)}] = [\iota_5^{(1)},\iota_5^{(2)}] \circ \nu = [\iota_5^{(1)},\nu^{(2)}] = -\partial[e^{9(2)},\iota_5^{(1)}].$$

It follows that

$$\pi_{13}(\Sigma(HP^2\vee HP^2,S^5\vee S^5)=$$

$$i_1 \circ \pi_{13}(\Sigma HP^2, S^5) + i_2 \circ \pi_{13}(\Sigma HP^2, S^5) + Z\{[e^{9(1)}, \iota_5^{(2)}], [e^{9(2)}, \iota_5^{(1)}]\}.$$

Let  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  be the adjoints of  $\langle id_1, id_2 \rangle_* \hat{\iota}$  and  $\langle id_1, id_2 \rangle_* \hat{\nabla} \circ \xi_2$  in  $\pi_{12}(\Omega \Sigma (HP^2 \vee HP^2))$  respectively. Then we have the following relations

$$\lambda = [id_{1}, id_{2}]_{*} \Sigma \hat{\iota} \qquad \mu = [id_{1}, id_{2}]_{*} \Sigma (\hat{\nabla} \circ \xi_{2})$$

$$(2.7) \quad j_{*} \lambda = [e^{9(1)}, \iota_{5}^{(2)}] + [e^{9(2)}, \iota_{5}^{(1)}] \qquad j_{*} \mu = 12([e^{9(1)}, \iota_{5}^{(2)}] - [e^{9(2)}, \iota_{5}^{(1)}])$$

$$[id_{1}, id_{2}]_{*} e_{+}^{13} = [e^{9(1)}, \iota_{5}^{(2)}] \qquad [id_{1}, id_{2}]_{*} e_{-}^{13} = [e^{9(2)}, \iota_{5}^{(1)}]$$

$$\Phi_{*} \lambda = 2\kappa \qquad \Phi_{*} \mu = 0$$

It follows that

$$\pi_{13}(\Sigma(HP^2 \vee HP^2)) = i_1 \circ \pi_{13}(\Sigma HP^2) + i_2 \circ \pi_{13}(\Sigma HP^2) + Z\{\lambda, \mu\} + Z\{[[\iota_5^{(1)}, \iota_5^{(2)}], [\iota_5^{(1)}], [[[\iota_5^{(1)}, \iota_5^{(2)}], \iota_5^{(2)}], \iota_5^{(2)}].$$

Similarly we have

$$\begin{split} \pi_{13}(\Sigma(HP^3\vee HP^3)) &= i_1\circ\pi_{13}(\Sigma HP^3) + i_2\circ\pi_{13}(\Sigma HP^3) \\ &+ Z\{\lambda,\mu\} + Z\{[[\iota_5^{(1)},\iota_5^{(2)}],[\iota_5^{(1)}],[[\iota_5^{(1)},\iota_5^{(2)}],\iota_5^{(2)}]\}. \\ \pi_{13}(\Sigma(HP^3\vee HP^3),S^5\vee S^5) &= i_1\circ\pi_{13}(\Sigma HP^3,S^5) + i_2\circ\pi_{13}(\Sigma HP^3,S^5) \\ &+ Z\{[e^{9(1)},\iota_5^{(2)}],[e^{9(2)},\iota_5^{(1)}]\}. \end{split}$$

Suppose X is a connected finite complex. Let  $id_j: X \to \Omega\Sigma(X \vee X)$  be the canonical inclusion into j-th factor and also its adjoint by the same sign. Then the commutator for  $f, g \in [\Sigma X, \Sigma X]$  is given by

$$-f - g + f + g = \Phi_*[f \circ id_1, g \circ id_2] \circ \Sigma \bar{\Delta} :$$
  
$$\Sigma X \to \Sigma (X \wedge X) \to \Sigma (X \vee X) \to \Sigma X$$

where  $[f \circ id_1, g \circ id_2] : \Sigma(X \wedge X) \to \Sigma(X \vee X)$  denotes the Whitehead product of  $f \circ id_1$  and  $g \circ id_2$  and  $\Phi : \Sigma(X \vee X) \to \Sigma X$  denotes the folding map. In our case  $X = HP^3$ , we have the following commutative diagram:

where P denotes  $HP^3$  and  $K = S^9 \cup_{\nu} e^{13} \cup_{\nu} e^{13}$ .

From this diagram and  $[\xi, \iota_5] = 24\kappa$  (see Theorem 7.1), we obtain

Lemma 2.19. The commutators in 
$$[\Sigma HP^3, \Sigma HP^3]$$
 are  $\langle id, K \rangle = \langle id, P \rangle = 0$  and  $\langle id, \Xi \rangle = 24K$ .

Theorem 2.20  $[\Sigma HP^3, \Sigma HP^3]$  is non-abelian. We have a non trivial extension:

$$0 \to Z\{K, P, \Xi\} \to [\Sigma H P^3, \Sigma H P^3] \to Z\{id\} \to 0.$$

The non trivial commutator is  $< id, \Xi >= 24K$ . The center of  $[\Sigma HP^3, \Sigma HP^3] = Z\{K, P\}$ .

*Proof.* The extension diagram follows from (2.7). The commutativities of K, P and  $\Xi$  is easily verified because these are contained in the image of the abelian group  $[\Sigma HP^3/S^5, \Sigma HP^3]$ . By Lemma 2.19, it follows that the non trivial commutator is  $\langle id, \Xi \rangle = 24K$ .

**3. Proof of Lemma 2.5.** Let F be the homotopy fibre of the collapsing map  $/S^4: HP^2 \to S^8$ . Then it is easily verified that the 10-skelton of F is  $S^4$ . Let i be the inclusion  $S^4 \subset F$ . The exact sequence of the fibration  $F \to HP^2 \to S^8$  must be as follows:

Since  $(/S^4)_*p = 2\nu$ , there exists an element  $\alpha \in \pi_{10}(F)$  such that  $\pi_{10}(F) = Z_2\{\alpha\} + i_*\Sigma\pi_9(S^3)$  and  $\iota_*\nu^2 = \alpha$ . On the  $E^2$ -term of the homology spectral sequence of the fibration  $F \to HP^2 \to S^8$ , the first non-trivial differential on  $H_8(S^8) \otimes H_4(F)$  just hits  $H_{11}(F) \simeq Z$ . Let  $K = S^4 \cup e^{11}$  be the mapping cone of  $2\nu^2$ . Then we may regard K as the 11-skelton of F. Let  $\beta$  be the generator of Z-summand of  $\pi_{11}(F)$  such that  $i_*\beta = 12p$  and let  $\gamma$  be the element of  $\pi_{12}(F)$  so that  $\gamma$  corresponds to  $p \circ \eta$ . Then we obtain the following exact sequence of homotopy groups of the pair  $(F, S^4)$ :

Consider the exact ladder of homotopy groups of the pairs  $(K, S^4)$  and  $(F, S^4)$ :

$$\pi_{12}(S^{4}) \to \pi_{12}(K) \to \pi_{12}(K, S^{4}) \to \pi_{11}(S^{4}) \to \\
\parallel \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \parallel \\
\pi_{12}(S^{4}) \to \pi_{12}(F) \to \pi_{12}(F, S^{4}) \to \pi_{11}(S^{4}) \to \\
\pi_{11}(K) \to \pi_{11}(K, S^{4}) \to \pi_{10}(S^{4}) \to \pi_{10}(K) \to \\
\downarrow \qquad \downarrow \\
\pi_{11}(F) \to \pi_{11}(F, S^{4}) \to \pi_{10}(S^{4}) \to \pi_{10}(F) \to \\$$

This ladder is equivalent to

Thus we may regard K as the 12-skelton of F and so  $\pi_{12}(F,K)=0$ . Then the 13-skelton of  $\Sigma F$  is of the form  $\Sigma K=S^5\vee S^{12}$ . Suppose c denotes the collapsing maps;  $K\to K/S^4=S^{11},\ S^5\vee S^{12}\to S^{12}$  in the following diagram.

The left suspension and the right one are isomorphic and so is the central suspension. Hence  $\Sigma p \circ \eta = \Sigma(p \circ \eta) \neq 0$  and it follows  $\Sigma p \circ \eta = i_* \epsilon_5$  for  $i: S^5 \subset \Sigma HP^2$ . Then we know the following groups are isomorphic to each other.

$$\pi_{12}(HP^2) \leftarrow \pi_{12}(F) \leftarrow \pi_{12}(K) \stackrel{\Sigma}{\rightarrow} \pi_{13}(S^5 \vee S^{12})$$

4. Proof of Lemma 2.4. The Steenrod operations on the cohomology groups of  $HP^3$ ,  $Sq^4(p=2)$  on  $H^4$ ,  $\wp^1(p=3)$  on  $H^4$  and  $H^8$ ,  $\wp^2$  on  $H^4$  and  $\wp^1(p=5)$  on  $H^4$  are non trivial. Hence  $\Sigma p$  cannot be divisible by 2,3,5. The generator of  $Z_5$ -summand of  $\pi_{10}(S^3)=Z_{15}$  can be detected by the property that  $\wp^1(p=5)$  on  $H^3$  is non trivial. It follows that the  $Z_5$ -component of  $\Sigma p$  in  $\pi_{12}(E(\hat{\nu})) \supset \pi_{12}(S^5) = \Sigma^2 \pi_{10}(S^3) + Z_2 \{\sigma'''\}$  contains the generator of the  $Z_5$ -summand. For the generator of  $Z_3$ -summand of  $\pi_{10}(S^3)=Z_{15}$ ,  $\wp^1(p=3)$  on  $H^3(S^3\cup e^{11})$  is trivial since the mod 3 Hopf invariant is trivial. Since  $(/S^5)_*\Sigma p=2\nu$ , it follows that the order of  $\Sigma p$  is divisible by 60. Recall that the homotopy groups of  $S^5 \cup_{\nu} e^9$  are  $\pi_5=Z$ ,  $\pi_6=\pi_7=Z_2,\pi_8=0$ ,  $\pi_9=Z$ ,  $\pi_{10}=\pi_{11}=0$  and

$$0 \to Z_{30} \to \pi_{12}(S^5 \cup_{\nu} e^9) \to Z_{12} \to 0$$

is an exact sequence. Hence it is enough for us to investigate the mod 3 and mod 2 extension problems for the group structure of  $\pi_{12}(S^5 \cup_{\nu} e^9)$ . Then we obtain the followings:

**Lemma 4.1.**  $\pi_{12}(S^5 \cup_{\nu} e^9)$  has  $Z_8$  as the 2-component.

**Lemma 4.2.**  $\pi_{12}(S^5 \cup_{\nu} e^9)$  has  $Z_9$  as the 3-component.

First for our calculation of the 2-component of  $\pi_{12}(S^5 \cup_{\nu} e^9)$ , consider the following the tower of fiber spaces (the connective fiber spaces of  $(S^5 \cup_{\nu} e^9)$ ):

$$K(Z,8) \rightarrow X_{4}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$K(Z_{2},6) \rightarrow X_{3} \stackrel{\xi}{\rightarrow} K(Z,9)$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$K(Z_{2},5) \rightarrow X_{2} \stackrel{\eta^{2}}{\rightarrow} K(Z_{2},7)$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$K(Z,4) \rightarrow X_{1} \stackrel{\eta}{\rightarrow} K(Z_{2},6)$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$(S^{5} \cup_{\nu} e^{9}) \stackrel{\iota}{\rightarrow} K(Z,5)$$

$$;\eta^{*}\iota = a, \eta^{2*}\iota = a', \xi^{*}\iota = a''$$

Proof of Lemma 4.1. The mod 2 cohomology algebra of  $K(Z_2, n)$  is the polynomial algebra over  $Z_2$  with the generators  $Sq^I\iota$  where I runs through all admissible sequences of excess less than n and the one of K(Z,n) is the polynomial algebra over  $Z_2$  with the generators  $Sq^I\iota$  where I runs through all admissible sequences of excess less than n and of the form  $Sq^I \neq Sq^JSq^1$ . We know  $H^*(S^5 \cup_{\nu} e^9; Z_2) = Z_2\{\iota\} + Z_2\{Sq^4\iota\}$ . Consider the cohomology spectral sequences of the tower of fiber spaces (figure 1-4), where the following above condensed statesments mean the full statesments below:

$$Sq^2\iota$$
  $\swarrow$   $a$   
;a hits  $Sq^2\iota$  by the differential  $d_*$ ,i.e.,  $d_*(a) = Sq^2\iota$   
 $Sq^4Sq^2a' \overset{\checkmark}{\nwarrow} Sq^5\iota \overset{\checkmark}{\nwarrow} Sq^2a''$   
;  $d_*(Sq^5\iota) = d_*(Sq^4Sq^1\iota) = Sq^4Sq^2a'$ , and  $d_*(Sq^2a'') = Sq^5\iota + Sq^4Sq^1\iota$ ,  $Sq^1a \leftarrow Sq^1\iota$   
: the horizontal arrow means the element  $Sq^1\iota$  of base space survives the

;the horizontal arrow means the element  $Sq^1\iota$  of base space survives the correspondent  $Sq^1a$  of total space.

;  ${}^{(1}Sq^2=0$  by Adem relation  $Sq^2Sq^2=Sq^3Sq^1$ ,  ${}^{(2}Sq^2Sq^3\iota=(Sq^5+Sq^4Sq^1)\iota=\iota^2}, {}^{(3}Sq^3Sq^1a=Sq^2Sq^2a=0}, {}^{(4}Sq^4Sq^2a=0}, {}^{(5}Sq^5Sq^1a=Sq^2Sq^3Sq^1a=0}, {}^{(6}Sq^5Sq^2a=0}, {}^{(7}Sq^6Sq^2a=0}, {}^{(8}Sq^4Sq^2Sq^1a=0}, {}^{(9}Sq^6Sq^3a=Sq^6Sq^1Sq^2a=0}, {}^{(10}Sq^1b=0}, Sq^5Sq^2Sq^1a=0}, {}^{(11}Sq^2b=0}, Sq^2Sq^4=Sq^6+Sq^5Sq^1, {}^{(12}Sq^3b=0}, Sq^6Sq^2Sq^1a=Sq^7Sq^2Sq^1a=0}$ 

Therefore we obtain  $\pi_{12}(S^5 \cup_{\nu} e^9) \otimes Z_2 = Z_2$ . To know the 2-order of c, we must investigate the Bockstein spectral sequence. Let  $d_r$  be the r-th Bockstein operator and let  $\tau$  be the transgression. Then we have the Bockstein relations:

**Lemma 4.3.**  $d_rb = 0$  for any r, i.e., b is a mod 2 reduction of a class

in  $H^{13}(X_i; Z)(i = 1, 2, 3, 4)$  with infinite order.

Proof. Consider the mapping cone of  $\kappa$ ,  $E(\hat{\nu}) = S^5 \cup_{\nu} e^9 \cup_{\kappa} e^{14}$  which is the  $S^5$ -bundle over  $S^9$  corresponding to the generator  $\hat{\nu}$  of  $\pi_8(SO(6)) = Z_{24}\{\hat{\nu}\}$  such that  $\pi_*\hat{\nu} = \nu$  because  $\pi_* : \pi_8(SO(6)) = Z_{24}\{\hat{\nu}\} \to \pi_8(S^5) = Z_{24}\{\hat{\nu}\}$  is an isomorphism induced by the projection  $\pi : SO(6) \to S^5$ . On the fiber sequence  $K(Z,13) \to F \to E(\hat{\nu}) \to K(Z,14)$  induced by the orientation class  $[E] \in H^{14}(E(\hat{\nu});Z)$ , the homotopy fibre F of [E] is  $S^5 \cup_{\nu} e^9$  up to 13 dimension. The class  $b \in H^{13}(X_i;Z_2)$  is the one correspondent to  $\kappa \in \pi_{13}(S^5 \cup_{\nu} e^9)$ . Thus b is a mod 2 reduction of a class in  $H^{13}(X_i;Z)$  with infinite order and so  $d_rb = 0$  for any r.

The next lemma necessary for our calculations is known as the "Bockstein lemma" (for example, see[9]).

**Lemma 4.4** [Bockstein lemma]. Let  $F \stackrel{i}{\subset} E \stackrel{p}{\to} B$  be a fiber space. Let the class  $u \in H^n(F; Z_2)$  be transgressive, and suppose  $d_r v = \tau(u)$  for some positive integer r and for some class  $v \in H^n(B; Z_2)$ . Then  $d_{r+1}p^*v$  is defined, and moreover  $i^*d_{r+1}p^*v = d_1u$ .

Corollary 4.5. (1) For  $K(Z_2,6) \subset X_3 \to X_2$ ,  $d_2c = Sq^4a''$  in  $H^{13}(X_3; Z_2)$ .

(2) For  $K(Z,8) \subset X_4 \to X_3$ , there exists  $d \in H^n(X_4; Z_2)$  such that  $d_3c = d$  and  $\tau(d) = Sq^5\iota$  for the fiber space  $X_4 \subset X_3 \to K(Z,9)$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $d_1c=Sq^1c=Sq^4Sq^2a\prime=\tau(Sq^4Sq^2\iota)$ . Hence  $i^*d_2c=Sq^5Sq^2\iota$  and so  $d_2c=Sq^4a''$ .

(2)  $d_2c = Sq^4a'' = \tau(Sq^4\iota)$ . Hence  $i^*d_3c = Sq^5\iota$ . Since  $Sq^5a'' = 0$ , there exists  $d \in H^n(X_4; Z_2)$  such that  $d_3c = d$  and  $\tau(d) = Sq^5\iota$  for the fiber space  $X_4 \subset X_3 \to K(Z, 9)$ .

**Theorem 4.6.**  $H^{12}(X_4; Z_2) = Z_2\{c\}$  and hence  $\pi_{12}(S^5 \cup_{\nu} e^9) \cong \pi_{12}(X_4) \cong Z_{360}$ .

From the structure of  $\pi_{12}(S^5 \cup_{\nu} e^9) = \pi_{12}(X_4)$  as a group, it is compatible that c is the mod 2 reduction class of a  $Z_8$ -class in  $H^{12}(X_4; Z_8)$ .

**Remark 4.7.** In addition, construct the connective fiber space  $X_5 \subset X_4 \to K(Z_8, 12)$  killing c by the fundamental class  $\iota \in H^{12}(K(Z_8, 12); Z_2)$ .

(figure 5)
$$H^*(X_4; Z_2) \quad H^*(K(Z_8); Z_2) \quad H^*(X_5; Z_2)$$

$$c \quad \leftarrow \quad \iota$$

$$d = d_3c \quad \leftarrow \quad d_3\iota \quad \swarrow e(\text{correspondent to } \epsilon_5)$$

$$b \quad \qquad \qquad b(\text{correspondent to } \kappa)$$

$$0 = Sq^1c$$

$$0 = Sq^1b \quad Sq^3\iota \quad \swarrow \quad 0 = Sq^1e$$

Then we obtain the 2-component of  $\pi_{13}(S^5 \cup_{\nu} e^9) = \pi_{13}(X_5)$  is equal to  $Z_2\{\epsilon_5\} + Z\{\kappa\}.$ 

Similarly for our calculation of the 3-component of  $\pi_{12}(S^5 \cup_{\nu} e^9) = \pi_{12}(E(\hat{\nu}))$ , consider the following the tower of fiber spaces (the connective fiber spaces of  $S^5 \cup_{\nu} e^9$ ):

$$K(Z,8) \rightarrow X_{2}$$

$$p \downarrow$$

$$K(Z,4) \rightarrow X_{1} \stackrel{\xi}{\rightarrow} K(Z,9)$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$S^{5} \cup_{\nu} e^{9} \stackrel{\iota}{\rightarrow} K(Z,5)$$

$$1^{*}\iota = a, \xi^{*}\iota = b,$$

Proof of Lemma 4.2. The mod 3 cohomology algebra of K(Z,n) is the free commutative algebra over  $Z_3$  with the generators  $\{\wp^I\iota\}$  where I runs through all admissible sequences of excess less than n and of the form  $\wp^I \neq \wp^J \beta$  ( $\beta$  denotes the Bockstein operation). We know  $H^*(S^5 \cup_{\nu} e^9; Z_3) = Z_3\{\iota\} + Z_3\{\wp^1\iota\}$ .

Consider the cohomology spectral sequences of the tower of fiber spaces

(figure 7) 
$$X_2 \subset X_1 \to K(Z,9)$$

$$H^*(X_1; Z_3) \qquad H^*((K(Z,9); Z_3) \qquad H^*(X_2; Z_3)$$

$$a \qquad \leftarrow \qquad \iota$$

$$0 = \beta a$$

$$b \qquad \qquad b \qquad \qquad \beta b = 0$$

$$c \qquad \qquad b \qquad \qquad \beta c = 0$$

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It follows  $H^{12}(X_2; Z_3) = Z_3\{b\}$ . Apply (4.3) (use the prime number 3 instead of 2) for the fibration  $K(Z,8) \subset X_2 \to X_1$ . Since  $d_1b = \beta b \wp^1 a$  in  $H^{13}(X_1; Z_3)$ , we obtain the relation  $\iota^* d_2 b = \beta \wp^1 \iota$  and so  $d_2 b = d$  in  $H^{13}(X_2; Z_3)$ . Therefore b is the mod 3 reduction class of a class in  $H^{12}(X_2; Z_9)$  with order 9. Hence  $\pi_{12}(S^5 \cup_{\nu} e^9) \otimes Z_3 = \pi_{12}(X_2) \otimes Z_3 \simeq H^{12}(X_2; Z_3) = Z_3$  and so it follows that  $\pi_{12}(S^5 \cup_{\nu} e^9)$  has  $Z_9$  as the 3-component.

Remark 4.8. We can also know the class  $c \in H^{13}(X_2; Z_3)$  is the one correspondent to  $\kappa$  from the similar argument as (4.3).

5. Left distributive law and composition law. For abbreviation, let  $P^n$  denote the quorternionic projective space  $HP^n$  in this section. First we shall investigate the composition structure in  $[\Sigma P^2, \Sigma P^2] = Z\{id, \xi \circ (/S^5)\}$ . We have

Theorem 5.1. 
$$(\xi \circ (/S^5)) \circ (\xi \circ (/S^5)) = 24\xi \circ (/S^5)$$
.

*Proof.*  $(\xi \circ (/S^5) \circ (\xi \circ (/S^5)) = \xi \circ (/S^5) \circ \xi \circ (/S^5) = \xi \circ (24\iota_9) \circ (/S^5) = 24\xi \circ (/S^5).$ 

Recall the diagram (2.7), the following diagram

$$\pi_{10}(\Sigma P^{3}) = 0$$

$$\downarrow 2\nu^{*}$$

$$Z_{2}\{\eta\} = \pi_{6}(\Sigma P^{3}) \qquad \qquad \pi_{13}(\Sigma P^{3}) = Z\{\rho, \kappa\}$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$[\Sigma P^{3}/S^{5}, \Sigma P^{3}] \qquad = [S^{9} \cup_{2\nu} e^{13}, \Sigma P^{3}] = Z\{(/S^{9})^{*}\kappa, (/S^{9})^{*}\rho, \tilde{\xi}_{5}\}$$

$$\downarrow (/S^{5})^{*} \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$Z\{id\} \subset [\Sigma P^{3}, \Sigma P^{3}] \qquad \qquad \pi_{9}(\Sigma P^{3}) = Z\{\xi\}$$

$$\downarrow |S^{5} \qquad \qquad \downarrow 2\nu^{*}$$

$$Z\{\iota_{5}\} = \pi_{5}(\Sigma P^{3}) \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$\downarrow (/S^{5})^{*} \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$0$$

and the facts that the extension  $\tilde{\xi} \in [S^9 \cup_{2\nu} e^{13}, \Sigma P^3]$  of  $\xi$  satisfies the condition that  $(/\Sigma P^2) \circ \tilde{\xi}$  is  $120(/S^9)$  and  $\rho$  satisfies the condition that  $(/\Sigma P^2) \circ \rho$  is  $360\iota_{13}$ . We collect the behaviors of the induced homomorphisms on homology groups of  $\Xi, P, K$ ; the non-trivial cases are as follows:

$$\Xi_*$$
 on  $H_9(\Sigma P^3, Z) = 24id_*, \Xi_*$  on  $H_{13}(\Sigma P^3, Z) = 120id_*$  and  $P_*$  on  $H_{13}(\Sigma P^3, Z) = 360id_*$ , especially  $K_*$  is trivial on  $\tilde{H}_*(\Sigma P^3, Z)$ 

For the group of homologically identity maps of X,  $H_X^{-1}(id)$ , the group of homotopically identity maps of X, $\pi_X^{-1}(id)$ , the group of self homotopy equivalences of X,Eq(X), the homologically trivial maps of X,  $H_X^{-1}(0)$  and the homotopically trivial maps of X, $\pi_X^{-1}(0)$  for  $X = \Sigma P^2$  and  $\Sigma P^3$  we obtain the following.

Theorem 5.2. (1) 
$$H_{\Sigma P^2}^{-1}(0) = \{0\} = \pi_{\Sigma P^2}^{-1}(0), \ H_{\Sigma P^2}^{-1}(id) = \{id\} = \pi_{\Sigma P^2}^{-1}(id), \ and \ Eq(\Sigma P^2) = \{\pm id\}.$$
 (2)  $H_{\Sigma P^3}^{-1}(0) = Z\{K\}, \ \pi_{\Sigma P^3}^{-1}(0) = \{0\}, \ H_{\Sigma P^3}^{-1}(id) = Z\{id + Z\{K\}\}, \ \pi_{\Sigma P^3}^{-1}(id) = \{id\} \ and \ Eq(\Sigma P^3) = \pm id + Z\{K\}\}.$ 

*Proof.* Since  $K_*\rho = 360\kappa$  on  $\pi_{13}(\Sigma P^3)$ , it is easily verified that  $\pi_{\Sigma P^3}^{-1}(id)$  and  $\pi_{\Sigma P^3}^{-1}(0)$  are singletons.

We have

Theorem 5.3.  $\xi \circ \nu = 60\Sigma p$ .

Consequently there exists an extension  $\tilde{\xi}$  of  $\xi$  as follows:

The proof of Theorem 5.3 is given in the section 6.

Next we shall investigate the composition structures of  $[\Sigma P^3, \Sigma P^3]$ . In our choices of  $\rho$  and  $\tilde{\xi}$  there exists an ambiguity. We must choose the appropriate generators of  $[\Sigma P^3, \Sigma P^3]$  to know the composition structures of  $[\Sigma P^3, \Sigma P^3]$ . Here we shall give the precise definition of them. The homotopy fibre of  $\Sigma P^3 \vee (\Sigma P^3/S^5) \to \Sigma P^3 \times (\Sigma P^3/S^5)$  is  $S^{13}$  up to dim 15 and the inclusion  $S^{13} \subset \Sigma P^3 \vee (\Sigma P^3/S^5)$  is  $[\iota_9, \iota_5]$ , and so we define  $\phi: [\Sigma P^3/S^5, \Sigma P^3] \to Z$  as follows;

$$(5.4) \qquad ((id \vee /S^5)\nabla)_*(f) = f + (/S^5) \circ f + \phi(f)[\iota_9, \iota_5] \circ (/S^9)$$

$$\text{for } f \in [\Sigma P^3/S^5, \Sigma P^3].$$

$$\Sigma P^3/S^5 \xrightarrow{f} \Sigma P^3 \xrightarrow{\nabla} \Sigma P^3 \vee \Sigma P^3 \xrightarrow{id \vee /S^5} \Sigma P^3 \vee (\Sigma P^3/S^5)$$

It is easily verified that f is a homomorphism. And moreover we have

**Lemma 5.5.** 
$$\phi(\kappa \circ (/S^5)) = 1$$
.

*Proof.* It is enough to show that  $((id \vee /S^5)\nabla)_*(\kappa) = \kappa + [\iota_9, \iota_5]$  in  $\pi_{13}(\Sigma P^3 \vee (\Sigma P^3/S^5))$ . Consider the homotopy groups of pairs:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_{13}(\Sigma P^2) & \to & \pi_{13}(\Sigma P^2, S^5) \\ & \downarrow (id \vee /S^5) \nabla & \downarrow (id \vee /S^5) \nabla \\ \pi_{13}(S^5) = Z_2\{\epsilon\} & \to & \pi_{13}(\Sigma P^2 \vee S^9) & \xrightarrow{j_{\star}} \pi_{13}(\Sigma P^2 \vee S^9, S^5 \vee *). \end{array}$$

From the equalities  $j_*\kappa=[e^9,\iota_5],\,((id\vee/S^5)\nabla)_*e^9=e^9+j_*\iota_9,$  we obtain

$$j_*(id \vee /S^5)\nabla)_*\kappa = ((id \vee /S^5)\nabla)_*\kappa = j_*(\kappa + [e^9, \iota_5]).$$

Hence  $((id \vee /S^5)\nabla)_*\kappa = \kappa + [e^9, \iota_5]$  or  $k + [e^9, \iota_5] + \epsilon$ , however  $i_*\epsilon = 0$  where  $i_*: \pi_{13}(\Sigma P^2) \to \pi_{13}(\Sigma P^3)$ , and so we have  $((id \vee /S^5)\nabla)_*\kappa = [e^9, \iota_5]$  in  $\pi_{13}(\Sigma P^3 \vee (\Sigma P^3/S^5))$ .

J(X) has the filtration  $J(X) = \bigcup_n J_n(X)$  where  $J_n(X)$  is the image of n-fold product  $X^n$ . It is well known  $J_2(S^4) = S^4 \cup_{[\iota,\iota]} e^8$ .  $J_3(S^4)$  has a CW-decomposition as follows:

$$J_3(S^4) = S^4 \cup_{[\iota, \iota]} e^8 \cup_r e^{12} = S^4 \times S^4 \times S^4 / (\text{some relations})$$

where  $e^8$  is attached by  $[\iota_4, \iota_4]$  and r denotes the attaching map of  $e^{12}$ . Then  $j_*r = 3[e^8, \iota_4]$  by the cohomological computations on  $S^4 \times S^4 \times S^4 \to J_3(S^4)$  where  $j_*: \pi_{11}(S^4 \cup_{[\iota,\iota]} e^8) \to \pi_{11}(S^4 \cup_{[\iota,\iota]} e^8, S^4)$ . Let q be the attaching map of 12-cell of

$$P^2 \times S^4/(S^4 \vee S^4 \equiv S^4) = P^2 \cup_{[\iota,\iota]} e^8 \cup_q e^{12}$$

where the identification map is the folding map  $\Phi: S^4 \vee S^4 \to S^4$ . Let  $e^8_{[\iota,\iota]}, e^8_{\nu} \in \pi_8(P^2 \cup_{[\iota,\iota]} e^8, S^4)$  be the characteristic elements such that  $\partial e^8_{[\iota,\iota]} = [\iota_4, \iota_4], \ \partial e^8_{\nu} = \nu$  respectively. Then we have

$$j_*q = [e^8_{[\iota,\iota]},\iota_4] + [e^8_{\nu},\iota_4] + e^8_{\nu} \circ \bar{\nu}$$

by the cohomological computations on  $P^2 \times S^4 \to P^2 \cup_{[\iota,\iota]} e^8 \cup_q e^{12}$  where  $j_*$ :  $\pi_{11}(P^2 \cup_{[\iota,\iota]} e^8) \to \pi_{11}(P^2 \cup_{[\iota,\iota]} e^8, S^4)$ . The 15-skeltons of  $J_2(S^4)$ ,  $J_2(P^2)$ ,  $J_2(P^3)$ ,  $J_3(S^4)$ ,  $J_3(P^2)$  and  $J_3(P^3)$  have the following CW-decompositions:

Then we have diagrams of the exact sequences of homotopy groups of some pairs in the above CW-decompositions, (5.7),(5.8),(5.9),(5.10),(5.11) and (5.12):

Generators of these groups and their homomorphic images in (5.7) are

enumerated as follows:

$$Z_{15}\{\alpha\} \longrightarrow Z\{p\} + Z_{15}\{\alpha\} \longrightarrow Z\{[e_{\nu}^{8}, \iota_{4}]\} + Z_{24}\{e_{\nu}^{8} \circ \bar{\nu}\}$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad$$

Generators of these groups and their homomorphic images in (5.8) are enumerated as follows:

$$Z_{2}\{\epsilon_{4}, p \circ \eta, q \circ \eta\} \rightarrow Z_{2}\{\epsilon_{4}\} + Z\{\kappa'\} \rightarrow Z\{e_{q}^{12(1)}, e_{q}^{12(2)}\}$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$Z_{2}\{\epsilon_{4}, q \circ \eta\} \rightarrow Z\{\kappa'\} \rightarrow Z\{e_{q}^{12(1)}, e_{q}^{12(2)}\}$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$Z\{e_{p}^{12}\} \rightarrow Z\{e_{p}^{12}\}$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$Z\{p, q\} + Z_{120}\{\hat{\alpha}\} \rightarrow Z\{p\} + Z_{120}\{\hat{\alpha}\} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$Z\{q\} + Z_{120}\{\hat{\alpha}\} \rightarrow Z_{120}\{\hat{\alpha}\} \rightarrow 0$$

And we have

Generators of these groups and their homomorphic images in (5.9) are enumerated as follows:

$$Z_{2}\{\epsilon_{4}\} + Z\{\kappa'\} \rightarrow Z\{\kappa'\} \rightarrow Z\{e_{p}^{12}\}$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad$$

And we have

$$Z_{2}\{\epsilon_{4}, p \circ \eta\} = \pi_{12}(P^{2}) \qquad = \qquad \pi_{12}(P^{2}) = Z_{2}\{\epsilon_{4}, p \circ \eta\}$$

$$\downarrow i_{*} \qquad \qquad \downarrow i_{*}^{(1)}$$

$$Z_{2}\{\epsilon'_{5}\} + Z\{\kappa'\} = \pi_{12}(J_{2}(P^{2})) \qquad \pi_{12}(J_{3}(P^{2})) = Z_{2}\{\epsilon'_{5}\} + Z\{\kappa'\}$$

$$\downarrow j_{*} \qquad \qquad \downarrow j_{*}$$

$$Z\{j_{*}\kappa'\} = \pi_{12}(J_{2}(P^{2}), P^{2}) \qquad \simeq \qquad \pi_{12}(J_{3}(P^{2}), P^{2}) = Z\{j_{*}\kappa', x\}$$

$$\downarrow \partial^{(2} \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow \partial^{(2} \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow \partial^{(2} \qquad \qquad \downarrow \partial^$$

And we have

(1  $\partial p \circ \eta = i_* \epsilon_4 = \epsilon_5'$ , (2  $i_* \hat{\alpha} = 3 \Sigma p'$ ,

and moreover,

The choices of  $\rho' \in \pi_{12}(J_3(P^3))$  and  $x \in \pi_{12}(J_3(P^2), P^2)$  have an ambiguity of mod  $Z\{\kappa'\}$  and mod  $Z\{j_*\kappa'\}$  respectively. They must satisfy the conditions  $j_*\rho' = 120e_r^{12} - (ae_q^{12(1)} + be_q^{12(2)}), \ a+b = 360$  and  $j_*x = 8e_r^{12} - (ce_q^{12(1)} + de_q^{12(2)}), \ c+d = 24$ . Thus we may choose  $\rho'$  and x so that

$$j_* 
ho' = 120e_r^{12} - 180(e_q^{12(1)} + e_q^{12(2)})$$

and

$$\hat{j}_* x = 8e_q^{12} - 12(e_q^{12(1)} + e_q^{12(2)}),$$

because of  $j_*\kappa'=e_q^{12(1)}-e_q^{12(2)}$ . Then we have  $j_*\rho'=15x$ . Let  $\rho$  be the adjoint of  $\rho'$ .

We are in a position to calculate the Hopf invariants of  $\kappa$  and  $\rho$ .

**Lemma 5.13.** We have the following commutative diagram:

and  $P^2 \wedge P^2$  has a CW-decomposition  $K \cup e^{16} = S^8 \cup_{\nu} e^{12} \cup_{\nu} e^{12} \cup e^{16}$ .

*Proof.* The map  $(P^2) \circ \kappa' = \hat{\iota}$  is followed by the definition of  $\hat{\iota}$  and  $j_*\kappa' = e_+^{12} + e_-^{12}$ .

Lemma 5.14. We have the following commutative diagram:

where  $Q = S^8 \cup_{2\nu} e^{12}$ ,  $K = S^8 \cup_{\nu} e^{12} \cup_{\nu} e^{12}$ ,  $M = S^{12} \cup e^{16} \cup \cdots$ ,  $P^3 \wedge P^3 = K \cup e^{16} \cup \cdots$  and  $f = 30\xi_2 \vee -15\hat{\nabla} \circ \xi_2 \vee 120\iota_{12}$ ,  $g = 0 \vee inclusion \vee 0 \cup \cdots$ .

*Proof.* The equality  $\hat{j}_*x = 8e_r^{12} - 12(e_q^{12(1)} + e_q^{12(2)})$  in (5.12) shows  $(/P^3)_*x = -\hat{\nabla} \circ \xi_2 \vee 8\iota_{12}$  in  $\pi_{12}(\Omega \Sigma P^3/P^3)$ . It follows the lemma by  $j_*\rho' = 15x$ .

By the equalities (2.17), we obtain

Theorem 5.15.  $\nabla \kappa = i_1 \circ \kappa + i_2 \circ \kappa + \lambda$ 

$$\nabla \rho = i_1 \circ \rho + i_2 \circ \rho - 15\mu \mod Z\{[[\iota_5^{(1)}, \iota_5^{(2)}], \iota_5^{(1)}], [[\iota_5^{(1)}, \iota_5^{(2)}], \iota_5^{(2)}]\}.$$

Corollary 5.16.  $\phi((/S^9)^*\rho) = 180$ , i.e.,

$$((id \vee /S^5)\nabla)_*\rho = \rho + (/S^5) \circ \rho + 180[\iota_9, \iota_5] = \rho + 30\xi_2 + 180[\iota_9, \iota_5].$$

**Remark 5.17.** The first equation in Theorem 5.15 also shows that  $\phi(\kappa \circ (/S^5)) = 1$  because  $(id \vee /S^5)_*\lambda = [\iota_9, \iota_5]$ .

Remark 5.18. Provided we take the suitable choice of the generator  $\tau$  of  $\pi_{13}(\Sigma P^3, S^5) = Z\{\tau, [\iota_9, \iota_5]\}$ , we obtain

$$\nabla \tau = i_1 \circ \tau + i_2 \circ \tau + 6([\iota_9^{(1)}, \iota_5^{(2)}] - [\iota_9^{(2)}, \iota_5^{(1)}])$$

and this relation is compatible with

$$\nabla \sigma''' = i_1 \circ \sigma''' + i_2 \circ \sigma''' + 12[\iota_9^{(1)}, \iota_5^{(2)}] \circ \nu$$

and  $\pi_{12}(S^5) = Z_{30} \{ \partial \tau = \alpha + \sigma''' \}.$ 

We note  $\phi(/S^9)^*$  :  $\pi_{13}(\Sigma P^3) \rightarrow [\Sigma P^3/S^5, \Sigma P^3] \rightarrow Z$  is an onto-

homomorphism and  $180\kappa - \rho$  is an generator of  $(\phi(/S^9)^*)^{-1}(0)$ . And so we can define  $\tilde{\xi}$  so that  $\tilde{\xi}$  and  $(/S^9)^*(180\kappa - \rho)$  are generators of  $\phi^{-1}(0) \simeq Z + Z \subset [\Sigma P^3/S^5, \Sigma P^3]$ . Let  $P = (/\Sigma P^2)^*\rho, \Xi = (/S^5)^*\tilde{\xi}$ . Since  $\kappa$  is homologically trivial, the homological degrees are independent to the choices of  $\rho$  and  $\tilde{\xi}$ .

**Lemma 5.19.**  $(/S^5) \circ \tilde{\xi} = 24id + 8\xi_2 \circ (/S^9)$  where id denotes the identity map on  $S^9 \cup_{2\nu} e^{13}$ .

*Proof.* The Puppe sequence obtained from the cofiber sequence  $S^9 \subset S^9 \cup_{2\nu} e^{13} \to S^{13}$  induces that self maps of  $S^9 \cup_{2\nu} e^{13}$  are characterized by the homological degrees of the induced homomorphisms on  $H^*(S^9 \cup_{2\nu} e^{13}; Z)$ . It follows  $(/S^5) \circ \xi_2 = 24id + 8\xi_2 \circ (/S^9)$ .

Lemma 5.20.  $\tilde{\xi} \circ \xi_2 = 4\rho$ .

Proof. Considering the homological degrees, we have  $\tilde{\xi} \circ \xi_2 = 4\rho + u\kappa$  for some integer u. Apply  $/S^9$  to this equation and so we obtain  $(\tilde{\xi} \circ \xi_2) \circ (/S^9) = 4\rho \circ (/S^9) + u\kappa \circ (/S^9)$  because  $/S^9$  is an suspension. On the other hand we have  $\phi(f \circ \Sigma g) = \phi(f) \deg H_{13}(\Sigma g)$  for  $f \in [\Sigma P^3/S^5, \Sigma P^3]$  and  $g \in [P^3/S^4, P^3/S^4]$ . Hence  $u = \phi((\tilde{\xi} \circ \xi_2) \circ (/S^9)) - 4\phi(\rho \circ (/S^9)) = \phi(\tilde{\xi}) \deg H_{13}((\tilde{\xi} \circ (/S^9)) = 0$ .

**Theorem 5.21.** Some relations of the compositions of the generators of  $[\Sigma P^3, \Sigma P^3]$  are as follows:

$$K \circ K = P \circ K = \Xi \circ K = 0, P \circ P = 360P, K \circ P = 360K, \Xi \circ P = 120P,$$
  
$$\Xi \circ \Xi = 24\Xi + 32P, P \circ \Xi = 120P, K \circ \Xi = 120K.$$

*Proof.* By the definition (2.9) and  $(/S^5) \circ \kappa = 0$ , the first three equations are easily verified.  $(/\Sigma P^2)_* \rho = 360 \iota_{13}$  implies  $P \circ P = 360 P$  and  $K \circ P = 360 K$ . The equations  $(\Sigma P^2)_* \tilde{\xi} = 120 (/S^9)$  and Lemma 5.5 imply  $P \circ \Xi = 360 K$ .

120P and  $K \circ \Xi = 120K$ . Recall that the map  $\Xi \circ P$  is represented as the following composition:

The relation  $(/S^5)_*\rho=30\xi_2$  is easily verified. By Remark 5.18, it follows  $\Xi\circ P=120P$ . Finally, since the following maps are suspensions except  $\tilde{\xi}$ , it holds that

$$\Xi \circ \Xi = \tilde{\xi} \circ (/S^5) \circ \tilde{\xi} \circ (/S^5) = \tilde{\xi} \circ \{24id + 8\xi_2 \circ (/S^9)\} \circ (/S^5)$$
$$= \tilde{\xi} \circ \{24(/S^5) + 8\xi_2 \circ (/\Sigma P^2)\} = 24\Xi + 32P.$$

We have the following left distributive law related with the composition and the sum by co-H structure.

**Lemma 5.22.** For any  $f, g, h \in [\Sigma P^2, \Sigma P^2]$ ,  $(f+g) \circ h = f \circ h + g \circ h$ .

*Proof.* It is sufficient to prove for  $h = \xi \circ (/S^5)$ . Recall Theorem 2.12;

$$\nabla \xi = i_1 \circ \xi + i_2 \circ \xi - 12([\iota_5^{(1)}, \iota_5^{(2)}] \text{ and } \Phi_*[\iota_5^{(1)}, \iota_5^{(2)}] = [\iota_5, \iota_5] = \nu \circ \eta = 0,$$

where  $\iota_5^{(j)}(j=1,2)$  donotes the inclusion  $S^5\subset \Sigma P^2\vee \Sigma P^2$  to the j-th factor and  $\Phi:\Sigma P^2\vee \Sigma P^2\to \Sigma P^2$  be the folding map. And so it follows that the out-side square of the following diagram is commutative  $(P=P^2)$ .

For  $[\Sigma P^3, \Sigma P^3]$ , we have

**Lemma 5.23.** Let  $f \in [\Sigma P^3, \Sigma P^3]$  and  $g, h \in [\Sigma P^3/S^5, \Sigma P^3]$ . Then we have a left distributive law in  $[\Sigma P^3, \Sigma P^3]$  as follows:

$$f + g \circ (/S^5) \circ (h \circ (/S^5))$$
  
=  $f \circ h \circ (/S^5) + g \circ (/S^5) \circ h \circ (/S^5) + \phi(h)[g_*\iota_9, f_*\iota_5] \circ (/\Sigma P^2).$ 

*Proof.* Apply  $f \vee g$  and  $/S^5$  to the relation

$$(id + /S^5) \circ h = h + (/S^5) \circ h + \phi(h)[\iota_9, \iota_5] \circ (/S^9)$$

and we obtain

$$(f \vee g) \circ (id + /S^5) \circ h \circ (/S^5) = f \circ h \circ (/S^5) + g \circ (/S^5) \circ h \circ (/S^5) + \phi(h)[g_*\iota_9, f_*\iota_5] \circ (/\Sigma P^2).$$

$$\Sigma P^3 \overset{/S^5}{\to} \Sigma P^3/S^5 \overset{h}{\to} \Sigma P^3 \overset{id+/S^5}{\to} \Sigma P^3 \vee (\Sigma P^3/S^5) \overset{f \vee g}{\to} \Sigma P^3.$$

Lemma 5.24.  $(m\ id_{\Sigma P^3})\circ\kappa=m^2\kappa,\ (m\ id_{\Sigma P^3})\circ\rho=m\rho\ in\ \pi_{13}(\Sigma P^3)$  and  $(m\ id_{\Sigma P^3})\circ\tilde{\xi}=m\tilde{\xi}\ in\ [\Sigma P^3/S^5,\Sigma P^3].$ 

*Proof.* Let  $\nabla^m : \Sigma P^n \to \Sigma P^n \vee \Sigma P^n \vee \cdots \vee \Sigma P^n$  be the m-fold pinching map and let  $\Phi : \Sigma P^n \vee \Sigma P^n \vee \cdots \vee \Sigma P^n \to \Sigma P^n$  be the folding map. Then our primary  $\nabla$  is represented  $\nabla^2$  by the new notation. Then we have

$$\begin{split} j_*\nabla\kappa &= \nabla j_*\kappa = \nabla[e^9, \iota_5] = [\nabla e^9, \nabla \iota_5] = [e_9^{(1)} + e_9^{(2)}, \iota_5^{(1)} + \iota_5^{(2)}] \\ &= j_*(\kappa + \kappa) + [e_9^{(1)}, \iota_5^{(2)}] + [e_9^{(2)}, \iota_5^{(1)}] \\ \pi_{13}(\Sigma P^2) &\stackrel{\nabla}{\to} \pi_{13}(\Sigma P^2 \vee \Sigma P^2) &\stackrel{\Phi_{\bullet}}{\to} \pi_{13}(\Sigma P^2) \\ \downarrow j_* & \downarrow j_* & \downarrow j_* \\ \pi_{13}(\Sigma P^2, S^5) &\stackrel{\nabla}{\to} \pi_{13}(\Sigma P^2 \vee \Sigma P^2, S^5 \vee S^5) &\stackrel{\Phi_{\bullet}}{\to} \pi_{13}(\Sigma P^2, S^5) \\ \parallel & \parallel \\ Z\{[e^9, \iota_5]\} & Z\{[e^{9(1)}, \iota_5^{(1)}], [e^{9(2)}, \iota_5^{(1)}], \\ [e^{9(1)}, \iota_5^{(2)}], [e^{9(2)}, \iota_5^{(2)}]\} \end{split}$$

and

$$\Phi_*[e^{9(1)}, \iota_5^{(2)}] = \Phi_*[e^{9(2)}, \iota_5^{(1)}] = [e^9, \iota_5] = j_*\kappa.$$

Hence

$$j_*\Phi_*\nabla_*\kappa = 4[e^9, \iota_5] = 4j_*\kappa$$

and so we obtain

$$(id_{\Sigma P^3}+id_{\Sigma P^3})\circ\kappa=\Phi_*\nabla_*\kappa=4\kappa$$

in  $\pi_{13}(\Sigma P^3)$ . Also we obtain

$$j_*\Phi_*\nabla_*^m\kappa = m^2[e^9, \iota_5] = m^2j_*\kappa$$

and

$$(m \ id_{\Sigma P^3}) \circ \kappa = \Phi_* \nabla_*^m \kappa = m^2 \kappa$$

in  $\pi_{13}(\Sigma P^3)$ . By Theorem 5.15, we obtain

$$\nabla_* \rho = i_1 \circ \rho + i_2 \circ \rho - 15\mu \bmod Z\{[[\iota_5^{(1)}, \iota_5^{(2)}], \iota_5^{(1)}], [[\iota_5^{(1)}, \iota_5^{(2)}], \iota_5^{(2)}]$$

Since  $\Phi_*\mu = \Phi_*[[\iota_5^{(1)}, \iota_5^{(2)}], \iota_5^{(1)}] = \Phi_*[[\iota_5^{(1)}, \iota_5^{(2)}], \iota_5^{(2)}] = 0$ , we obtain  $(id_{\Sigma P^3} + id_{\Sigma P^3}) \circ \rho = 2\rho$  and similarly  $(m \ id_{\Sigma P^3}) \circ \rho = \Phi_* \nabla_*^m \rho = m\rho$  for any integer m. Considering the homological degrees, we have

$$(m \; id_{\Sigma HP^3}) \circ \tilde{\xi} = m\tilde{\xi} + u\kappa \circ (/S^9)$$

for some integer u. Composing the suspension element  $\xi_2$ , we have

$$((m \ id_{\Sigma HP^3}) \circ \tilde{\xi}) \circ \xi_2 = (m \ id_{\Sigma HP^3}) \circ (4\rho) = 4(m \ id_{\Sigma HP^3}) \circ \rho = 4m\rho$$
$$= (m\tilde{\xi} + u\kappa \circ (/S^9)) \circ \xi_2 = m\tilde{\xi} \circ \xi_2 + u\kappa \circ (/S^9) \circ \xi_2 = 4m\rho + 12u\kappa.$$

Since  $\kappa$  has the infinite order, we obtain u=0, i.e.,  $(m\ id_{\Sigma HP^3})\circ \tilde{\xi}=m\tilde{\xi}.$ 

Thus summing up Lemmas 5.23 and 5.24, we obtain

Theorem 5.25. The left distributivity law in  $[\Sigma P^3, \Sigma P^3]$  is as follows:  $(f+g) \circ h = f \circ h + g \circ h$  for the case  $f, g \in Z\{K, P, \Xi\}$  or  $h \in Z\{id, \Xi\}$  and exceptinal cases;

$$(m \ id_{\Sigma HP^3}) \circ K = m^2 K, (a \ id_{\Sigma HP^3} + b\Xi) \circ K = a(1 + 24b) K$$
  
and  $(a \ id_{\Sigma HP^3} + b\Xi) \circ P = (a + 120b) P + 4320b K.$ 

Let (a,b) denote a  $id+b\xi\circ(/S^5)$  in  $[\Sigma P^2,\Sigma P^2]$  for abbreviation. Then we have

Corollary 5.26. 
$$(a,b) \circ (c,d) = (ac, ad + bc + 24bd)$$
.

Let (a,b,c,d) denote a  $id+bK+cP+d\Xi$  in  $[\Sigma P^3,\Sigma P^3]$  for abbreviation. Then we have

Corollary 5.27.  $(a,b,c,d) \circ (e,f,g,h) = (ae,a^2f+af(1+24d)+be+360bg+4320dg+120bh,ag+ce+360cg+g(a+120d)+120ch+32dh,ah+de+24dh).$ 

For example, the composition law is simple and plain in the group  $H^{-1}_{\Sigma HP^3}(id)$  of homologically identity maps of  $\Sigma P^3$ ;  $(id+aK)\circ(id+bK)=id+(a+b)K$ .

6. Proof of Theorem 5.4. We shall give the order of  $\xi \circ \nu$  in this section. We know  $(k\xi) \circ \nu = k\xi \circ \nu$  because  $\nu$  is a suspension. Since

 $j_*\xi \circ \nu = 0$  and  $\xi \circ \nu$  is contained in the image of  $\pi_{12}(S^5) = Z_{30}$  where  $j_*: \pi_{12}(\Sigma HP^2) \to \pi_{12}(\Sigma HP^2, S^5)$ ,  $30\xi \circ \nu = 0$ . On the other hand we have  $24\xi \circ \nu = \xi \circ (24\nu) = 0$ . Hence  $6\xi \circ \nu = 0$  is easily verified. In fact

## **Theorem 6.1.** The element $\xi \circ \nu$ has order 6.

Proof. Consider the mapping cone of  $\kappa$ ,  $E(\hat{\nu}) = S^5 \cup_{\nu} e^9 \cup_{\kappa} e^{14}$  which is the  $S^5$ -bundle over  $S^9$  corresponding to the generator  $\hat{\nu}$  of  $\pi_8(SO(6)) = Z_{24}\{\hat{\nu}\}$  such that  $\pi_*\hat{\nu} = \nu$  because  $p_*: \pi_8(SO(6)) = Z_{24}\{\hat{\nu}\} \to \pi_8(S^5) = Z_{24}\{\nu\}$  is an isomorphism induced by the projection  $p: SO(6) \to S^5$ . We know the Hopf-Whitehead J-homomorphism  $J: \pi_8(SO) = Z_2 \to \pi_8^s$  is an embedding to a direct summand and so the following diagram implies  $J(\hat{\nu})$  is a generator of  $Z_{24}$ -summand. It follows  $\Sigma \kappa = J(\hat{\nu})$ .

By Lemma 2.4, the exact sequence of homotopy groups of the fibration  $S^5 \to E(\hat{\nu}) \to S^9$  is as follows:

$$^{(1)}\Delta\nu=\nu^2$$

where  $\pi$  is the bundle projection. Let  $\tau_{S^6}$  be the tangent sphere bundle of  $S^6$  and let  $E(\tau_{S^6})$  denote its total space. Then the pull back diagram

$$E((12\iota_6)^*\tau_{S^6}) \to E(\tau_{S^6})$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$S^6 \xrightarrow{12\iota_6} S^6$$

induces the following commutative diagram:

There exists an elements  $\nu'$  which is a coextension of  $\nu \in \pi_9(S^6)$  and we have

$$\pi_9(S^5 \cup_{24} e^6) = \pi_9(E((12\iota_6)^*\tau_{S^6})) = Z_{24}\{\nu'\} + Z_2\{\nu \circ \eta\}$$

since  $\pi_9(E(\tau_{S^6})) = Z_2 + Z_2\{\nu \circ \eta\}$ . Recall the definition of  $\{\nu_5, 24\iota_8, \nu_8\}$  represented by the Toda braket.

The Toda braket.

$$S^{11} \stackrel{\nu}{\to} S^8 = S^8$$

$$\cap \qquad \downarrow 24\iota_8$$

$$S^{12} \stackrel{\Sigma^3 \xi}{\to} S^8 \cup_{\nu} e^{12} \to S^8 = S^8$$

$$\downarrow 24\iota_{12} \qquad \downarrow S^8 \qquad \cap \qquad \downarrow \nu$$

$$S^{12} = S^{12} \stackrel{\Sigma^3 \nu'}{\to} S^8 \cup_{24} e^9 \stackrel{\tilde{\nu}}{\to} S^5$$

$$\downarrow \nu \qquad \qquad \downarrow /S^8 \qquad \downarrow i$$

$$S^9 = S^9 \rightarrow S^5 \cup_{\nu} e^9$$

$$\downarrow 24\iota_9 \qquad \downarrow /S^5$$

$$S^9 = S^9$$
(figure 9)

The element  $\{\nu_5, 24\iota_8, \nu_8\}$  is the composition of  $\Sigma^3\nu'$  and  $\tilde{\nu}$  where  $\Sigma^3\tilde{\nu}$  is a coextension of  $\nu \in \pi_{12}(S^9)$  and  $\tilde{\nu}$  is an extension of  $\nu \in \pi_8(S^5)$  to  $S^8 \cup_{24} e^9$ . The indeterminacy on this case is  $\nu_5 \circ \pi_{12}(S^8) + \pi_9(S^5) \circ \nu_9 = 0$ . From the above diagram we obtain  $\xi \circ \nu = i_*\{\nu_5, 24\iota_8, \nu_8\}$ . On the other hand, by Adams[1] 7.17 p45-6 and Examples of 11.1 p53,  $\{j_3, 24\iota, j_3\} = 40j_7$  where  $j_r(r=3,7)$  denotes the image of the generator of  $\pi_r(SO)$  under the stable J homomorphism:  $\pi_r(SO) \to \pi_r^s$ . We may consider  $j_3 = \nu$  and  $j_7 = \sigma$  which are the Hopf maps. Since  $\pi_r^s = Z_{240}\{\sigma\}, \{j_3, 24\iota, j_3\}$  has the order 6. Since  $i_*: \pi_{12}(S^5) \to \pi_{12}(S^5 \cup_{\nu} e^9)$  is injective, it follows the order of  $\xi \circ \nu$  must be also 6.

7. Whitehead product. Our  $\kappa$  is related with the Whitehead product in  $\pi_*(\Sigma HP^3)$ . In fact

Theorem 7.1.  $[\xi, \iota_5] = 24\kappa \ in \ \pi_{13}(\Sigma HP^3)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\pi_k: E_k \to S^9$  be the induced sphere bundle of  $E(\tilde{\nu})$  by the map  $k\iota_9: S^9 \to S^9$ . The pull back diagram

$$E_k \to E(\hat{\nu})$$

$$\pi_k \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \pi$$

$$S^9 \xrightarrow{\text{kig}} S^9$$

induces

Especially  $E_{24}$  is homotopy equivalent to  $S^5 \times S^9 = (S^9 \vee S^5) \cup e^{14}$  attached by  $[\iota_9, \iota_5]$ , since  $\pi_8(SO(5)) = 0$ . It follows  $\pi_{12}(E_{24}) = \pi_{12}(S^9) + \pi_{12}(S^5) = Z_{24} + Z_{30}$ . The following diagram

$$Z\{e^{14}\} = \pi_{14}(E_{24}, S^{9} \vee S^{5}) \xrightarrow{\times 24} \pi_{14}(E(\hat{\nu}), S^{5} \cup_{\nu} e^{9}) = Z\{e^{14}\}$$

$$\partial^{(1} \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \partial^{(2}$$

$$\pi_{13}(S^{9} \vee S^{5}) \xrightarrow{\xi \vee_{\iota 5}} \pi_{13}(S^{5} \cup_{\nu} e^{9})$$

$$^{(1)}\partial e^{14}=[\iota_{9},\iota_{5}],\,^{(2)}\partial e^{14}=\kappa$$

implies  $(\xi \vee \iota_5)_*[\iota_9, \iota_5] = [\xi, \iota_5] = 24\kappa$ .

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