

**ON THE GROUP  $\pi(\Sigma A \times B, X)$**

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INTRODUCTION

We work in the homotopy category of pointed  $CW$ -complexes, and denote the suspension functor with  $\Sigma$ . The group  $\pi(\Sigma A \times B, X)$  is not **abelian** in general under the usual multiplication but we use the notation “+” for it. In §1 we shall describe the multiplication of the group  $\pi(\Sigma A \times B, X)$ , and, as a by-product, obtain from the associativity of the multiplication that the bi-additivity of the generalized Whitehead product (GWP) does not hold in general (see Proposition 3.4 of [1]). In fact, as an example, we offer the following:

Let  $i_1$  and  $i_2$  be inclusion maps from  $CP^2$  and  $S^n$  into  $CP^2 \vee S^n$  respectively. Then we have that

$$[2\Sigma i_1, \Sigma i_2] \neq 2[\Sigma i_1, \Sigma i_2] \text{ and } [\Sigma i_1, 2\Sigma i_2] = 2[\Sigma i_1, \Sigma i_2]$$

in  $\pi(\Sigma CP^2 \wedge S^n, \Sigma CP^2 \vee S^n)$ .

In §2 we investigate the group  $\pi(\Sigma X, \Sigma A \times B)$  and show that any element of this group can be determined by 4-components under some assumptions. In §3 we apply §2 to the case of  $X = A \times B$ , i.e. the group of self-maps of the space  $\Sigma A \times B$ .

Specially we are interested in describing the composition of two elements with their components and give the special case of  $A = B = S^n$  as an example.

1.  $\pi(\Sigma A \times B, X)$

Let  $i_1$  and  $i_2$  be inclusion maps:  $A, B \rightarrow A \times B$ , and let  $P_A$  and  $P_B$  be projections:  $A \times B \rightarrow A, B$  respectively.

**Lemma 1.1.** *Let  $\pi: A \times B \rightarrow A \wedge B$  be the projection. Any element  $f \in \pi(\Sigma A \times B, X)$  can be uniquely represented by the form*

$$f = \alpha \Sigma P_A + \beta \Sigma P_B + \gamma \Sigma \pi$$

for  $\alpha \in \pi(\Sigma A, X)$ ,  $\beta \in \pi(\Sigma B, X)$  and  $\gamma \in \pi(\Sigma A \wedge B, X)$ .

*Proof.* In fact a representation can be obtained from a part of Puppe exact sequence of the cofibering:  $A \vee B \rightarrow A \times B$ . Then clearly we have  $\alpha = f \Sigma i_A$ ,  $\beta = f \Sigma i_B$  and moreover the uniqueness of  $\gamma$  follows from the injectivity of  $(\Sigma \pi)^*$ . □

Here we give a brief account of GWP of [1]. For two maps  $\alpha: \Sigma A \rightarrow X$  and  $\beta: \Sigma B \rightarrow X$ , GWP  $[\alpha, \beta] \in \pi(\Sigma A \wedge B, X)$  is defined by

$$\alpha \Sigma P_A + \beta \Sigma P_B = \beta \Sigma P_B + \alpha \Sigma P_A + [\alpha, \beta] \Sigma \pi.$$

**Proposition 1.2.** *GWP has following properties:*

- (1) *Let us be  $\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle$  the commutator of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  ( $\in \pi(\Sigma A, X)$ ) then we have*

$$\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle = [\alpha, \beta] \Sigma d_A,$$

*where  $d_A$  is the diagonal map:  $A \rightarrow A \wedge A$ .*

- (2) *If  $f \in \pi(X, Y)$  then  $f[\alpha, \beta] = [f\alpha, f\beta]$ .*  
 (3) *If  $\sigma_k \in \pi(\Sigma Y_k, Z)$  and  $f_k \in \pi(X_k, Y_k)$  for  $k = 1, 2$  then it holds that*

$$[\sigma_1 \Sigma f_1, \sigma_2 \Sigma f_2] = [\sigma_1, \sigma_2] \Sigma f_1 \wedge f_2.$$

- (4) *For four maps  $\Sigma f \in \pi(\Sigma Y, \Sigma A)$ ,  $\Sigma g \in \pi(\Sigma Y, \Sigma B)$ ,  $\sigma \in \pi(\Sigma A, X)$  and  $\tau \in \pi(\Sigma B, X)$  we have*

$$\sigma \Sigma f + \tau \Sigma g = \tau \Sigma g + \sigma \Sigma f + [\sigma, \tau] \Sigma (f \wedge g) \Sigma d_Y.$$

- (5) *If  $X$  is a suspension (i.e.  $X = \Sigma X^*$ ) then  $d_X = 0$ .*

**Lemma 1.3.** *For  $\alpha \in \pi(\Sigma A, X)$ ,  $\beta \in \pi(\Sigma B, X)$  and  $\gamma \in \pi(\Sigma A \wedge B, X)$  we have the following:*

- (1)  $\alpha \Sigma P_A + \beta \Sigma P_B = \beta \Sigma P_B + \alpha \Sigma P_A + [\alpha, \beta] \Sigma \pi$ .  
 (2)  $\alpha \Sigma P_A + \gamma \Sigma \pi = \gamma \Sigma \pi + \alpha \Sigma P_A + [\alpha, \gamma] \Sigma \varphi_A \Sigma \pi$ , where  $\varphi_A$  is defined by  $\varphi_A(a \wedge b) = a \wedge a \wedge b$ .  
 (3)  $\beta \Sigma P_B + \gamma \Sigma \pi = \gamma \Sigma \pi + \beta \Sigma P_B + [\beta, \gamma] \Sigma \psi_B \Sigma \pi$ , where  $\psi_B$  is defined by  $\psi_B(a \wedge b) = b \wedge a \wedge b$ .

*Proof.* (1) is just the definition of GWP. Next, by applying (1) and (4) of lemma 1.2 to the diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \Sigma A \times B & \xrightarrow{\Sigma P_A} & \Sigma A & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & X \\ \parallel & & & & \parallel \\ \Sigma A \times B & \xrightarrow{\Sigma \pi} & \Sigma A \wedge B & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & X, \end{array}$$

we have that

$$[\alpha \Sigma P_A, \gamma \Sigma \pi] \Sigma d_A \times 1_B = [\alpha, \gamma] \Sigma (P_A \wedge \pi) \Sigma d_A \times 1_B = [\alpha, \gamma] \Sigma \varphi_A \Sigma \pi.$$

The case (3) is analogous to the case (2). Thus the proof is completed.  $\square$

Now let us represent  $f = \alpha \Sigma P_A + \beta \Sigma P_B + \gamma \Sigma \pi$  with the triple  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ .

**Theorem 1.4.**  $(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1) + (\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2) = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2, \beta_1 + \beta_2, \delta + \gamma_2)$  for  $\delta = \delta_1 - [\beta_2, \delta_1] \Sigma \psi_B$  and  $\delta_1 = -[\alpha_2, \beta_1] + \gamma_1 - [\alpha_2, \gamma_1] \Sigma \varphi_A$ .

*Proof.* For abbreviation we use notations:  $\bar{\alpha} = \alpha \Sigma P_A$ ,  $\bar{\beta} = \beta \Sigma P_B$ ,  $\bar{\gamma} = \gamma \Sigma \pi$  and so on. Now by using lemma 1.3 we have equalities

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_1 + f_2 &= (\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1) + (\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2) \\
 &= \bar{\alpha}_1 + \bar{\beta}_1 + \bar{\gamma}_1 + \bar{\alpha}_2 + \bar{\beta}_2 + \bar{\gamma}_2 \\
 &= \bar{\alpha}_1 + \bar{\beta}_1 + \bar{\alpha}_2 + \bar{\gamma}_1 - [\alpha_2, \gamma_1] \Sigma \varphi_A \Sigma \pi + \bar{\beta}_2 + \bar{\gamma}_2 \\
 &= \bar{\alpha}_1 + \bar{\alpha}_2 + \bar{\beta}_1 - \overline{[\alpha_2, \beta_1]} + \bar{\gamma}_1 - \overline{[\alpha_2, \gamma_1] \Sigma \varphi_A} + \bar{\beta}_2 + \bar{\gamma}_2 \\
 &= \bar{\alpha}_1 + \bar{\alpha}_2 + \bar{\beta}_1 + \bar{\delta}_1 + \bar{\beta}_2 + \bar{\gamma}_2 \\
 &= \bar{\alpha}_1 + \bar{\alpha}_2 + \bar{\beta}_1 + \bar{\beta}_2 + \bar{\delta}_1 - \overline{[\beta_2, \delta_1] \Sigma \psi_B} + \bar{\gamma}_2 \\
 &= \bar{\alpha}_1 + \bar{\alpha}_2 + \bar{\beta}_1 + \bar{\beta}_2 + \bar{\delta} + \bar{\gamma}_2 \\
 &= (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2, \beta_1 + \beta_2, \delta + \gamma_2).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus the proof is completed.  $\square$

**Corollary 1.5.** *If  $A$  and  $B$  are both suspensions then it holds that*

$$(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1) + (\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2) = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2, \beta_1 + \beta_2, -[\alpha_2, \beta_1] + \gamma_1 + \gamma_2).$$

*Proof.* Since  $\varphi_A$  and  $\psi_B$  are trivial by (5) of lemma 1.2 the proof follows from Theorem 1.4.  $\square$

**Corollary 1.6.** *For  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \pi(\Sigma A, X)$  and  $\beta \in \pi(\Sigma B, X)$  it holds that*

$$[\alpha_1 + \alpha_2, \beta] = [\alpha_2, -[\alpha_1, \beta]] \Sigma \varphi_A + [\alpha_1, \beta] + [\alpha_2, \beta].$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(0, \beta, 0) + \{(\alpha_1, 0, 0) + (\alpha_2, 0, 0)\} \\
 &= (0, \beta, 0) + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2, 0, 0) \\
 &= (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2, \beta, -[\alpha_1 + \alpha_2, \beta]).
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\{(0, \beta, 0) + (\alpha_1, 0, 0)\} + (\alpha_2, 0, 0) \\
 &= (\alpha_1, \beta, -[\alpha_1, \beta]) + (\alpha_2, 0, 0) \\
 &= (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2, \beta, -[\alpha_2, \beta] - [\alpha_1, \beta] - [\alpha_2, -[\alpha_1, \beta]] \Sigma \varphi_A).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus the proof follows from the associativity of the addition of the group  $\pi(\Sigma A \times B, X)$ .  $\square$

By (5) of lemma 1.2 and the above corollary 1.6 it is easy to obtain the following:

**Corollary 1.7** (Proposition 3.4 of [1]). *If  $A$  is a suspension then it holds that*

$$[\alpha_1 + \alpha_2, \beta] = [\alpha_1, \beta] + [\alpha_2, \beta]$$

for  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \pi(\Sigma A, X)$  and  $\beta \in \pi(\Sigma B, X)$ .

Now we consider a special case:  $A = CP^2$ ,  $B = S^n$  and  $X = \Sigma CP^2 \vee S^n$ . Let  $i_1$  and  $i_2$  be inclusions:  $CP^2, S^n \rightarrow CP^2 \vee S^n$  respectively, and let us be  $\alpha = \Sigma i_1$  and  $\beta = \Sigma i_2$ . Since  $\varphi_A: CP^2 \wedge S^n \rightarrow CP^2 \wedge CP^2 \wedge S^n$  is defined by  $\varphi_A(a \wedge b) = a \wedge a \wedge b$ ,  $\varphi_A$  can be regarded as  $\Sigma^n d$  for the diagonal map  $d: CP^2 \rightarrow CP^2 \wedge CP^2$ .

Since  $d^*: H^4(CP^2 \wedge CP^2) \rightarrow H^4(CP^2)$  is clearly an isomorphism  $\Sigma^n d$  is non-trivial. On the other hand, accordingly to Hilton-Milnor Theorem ([3])  $[\alpha, [\alpha, \beta]]_*$  is injective. Hence  $[\alpha, [\alpha, \beta]]\Sigma\varphi_A$  is non-trivial. Then these show

$$[2\Sigma i_1, \Sigma i_2] \neq 2[\Sigma i_1, \Sigma i_2] \text{ and } [\Sigma i_1, 2\Sigma i_2] = 2[\Sigma i_1, \Sigma i_2].$$

**Remark.** The second equality follows from Corollary 1.7.

## 2. ON THE GROUP $\pi(\Sigma X, \Sigma A \times B)$

First by using lemma 1.1 we define  $\xi_{AB} \in \pi(\Sigma A \wedge B, \Sigma A \times B)$  as follows:

$$1_{\Sigma A \times B} = \Sigma i_A \Sigma P_A + \Sigma i_B \Sigma P_B + \xi_{AB} \Sigma \pi.$$

**Corollary 2.1.**  $\Sigma \pi \xi_{AB} = 1_{\Sigma A \wedge B}$ .

*Proof.* Apply  $(\Sigma \pi)_*$  to the above equality. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma \pi &= \Sigma \pi (\Sigma i_A \Sigma P_A + \Sigma i_B \Sigma P_B + \xi_{AB} \Sigma \pi) \\ &= 0 + 0 + \Sigma \pi \xi_{A \wedge B} \Sigma \pi. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $(\Sigma \pi)^*$  is injective the proof is completed.  $\square$

Here we note that the representation of  $f \in \pi(\Sigma A \times B, X)$  in lemma 1.1 is given by

$$f = f|_{\Sigma A} \Sigma P_A + f|_{\Sigma B} \Sigma P_B + f \xi_{AB} \Sigma \pi,$$

where  $f|_K$  denotes the restriction of  $f$  on  $K$ .

For example if  $h$  is a map  $A \times B \rightarrow X$  then  $\Sigma h \xi_{AB}$  is essentially the Hopf-construction of  $f$ , i.e.  $C(h)$  (see [2]) and we have a representation:

$$\Sigma h = \Sigma h_A + \Sigma h_B + C(h) \Sigma \pi,$$

where  $h$  is a map of type  $(h_A, h_B)$ .

Secondly we define two maps  $\varphi \in \pi(Y, \Sigma A \times B)$  and  $\phi \in \pi(\Sigma A \times B, Y)$  for  $Y = \Sigma A \vee \Sigma B \vee \Sigma A \wedge B$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi &= \Sigma i_A \vee \Sigma i_B \vee \xi_{AB}, \\ \phi &= i_{\Sigma A} \Sigma P_A + i_{\Sigma B} \Sigma P_B + i_{\Sigma A \wedge B} \Sigma \pi. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.2.**  $\varphi$  is a homotopy equivalence with  $\phi$  as its inverse.

*Proof.* Easy.  $\square$

In the following of this section we assume that

- (1)  $A$  is  $a$ -connected and  $B$  is  $b$ -connected,
- (2)  $a \leq b$ ,
- (3)  $\dim X \leq 2a + b + 2$ .

Then by Hilton-Milnor theorem,  $f \in \pi(\Sigma X, \Sigma A \times B)$  can be represented as follows:

$$f = \Sigma i_A f_A + \Sigma i_B f_B + [\Sigma i_A, \Sigma i_B] f_{C_1} + \xi_{AB} f_{C_2},$$

where  $f_* \in \pi(\Sigma X, \Sigma *)$  and  $f_{C_*} \in \pi(\Sigma X, \Sigma A \wedge B)$ .

More precisely we have

**Lemma 2.3.**  $f_A = \Sigma P_A f$ ,  $f_B = \Sigma P_B f$ ,  $f_{C_1} = \Sigma(P_A \wedge P_B)H(f)$  and  $f_{C_2} = \Sigma \pi f$ , where  $H(f)$  denotes Hopf-invariant of  $f$ .

*Proof.* First we note that  $[\gamma, \delta \Sigma \pi]H(f) = 0$  because this element is decomposed as follows:

$$\Sigma X \xrightarrow{H(f)} \Sigma(A \times B) \wedge (A \times B) \xrightarrow{\Sigma(1 \wedge \pi)} \Sigma(A \times B) \wedge (A \wedge B) \xrightarrow{[\gamma, \delta]} \Sigma A \times B.$$

Then the proof is deduced from our assumptions. Secondly apply  $f$  from the right to the equality. We obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} f &= (\Sigma i_A P_A + \Sigma i_B P_B + \xi_{AB} \Sigma \pi) f \\ &= (\Sigma i_A P_A + \Sigma i_B P_B) f + \xi_{AB} \Sigma \pi f \\ &= \Sigma i_A P_A f + \Sigma i_B P_B f + [\Sigma i_A, \Sigma i_B] (\Sigma P_A \wedge \Sigma P_B) H(f) + \xi_{AB} \Sigma \pi f. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the proof is completed.  $\square$

### 3. ON THE GROUP $\pi(\Sigma A \times B, \Sigma A \times B)$

In this section we assume that  $A$  and  $B$  are both  $n$ -connected,  $\dim A \leq \dim B$  and  $\dim A + \dim B \leq 3n + 2$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** *Our assumptions contain*

- (1)  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $A \wedge B$  are all suspensions, so  $\pi(\Sigma K, X)$  is **abelian** for  $K = A, B$  and  $A \wedge B$ ,
- (2)  $\dim B \leq 2n + 1$ . Hence  $\pi(\Sigma *, \Sigma A \wedge B) = 0$  for  $* = A$  or  $B$ ,
- (3)  $\Sigma: \pi(X, Y) \rightarrow \pi(\Sigma X, \Sigma Y)$  is onto for any pair  $(X, Y)$  of  $\{A, B\}$ .

*Proof.* Easy.  $\square$

In §1,  $f \in \pi(\Sigma A \times B, \Sigma A \wedge B)$  has a representation:

$$f = f_A \Sigma P_A + f_B \Sigma P_B + f_C \Sigma \pi$$

for  $f_* \in \pi(*, \Sigma A \times B)$  and  $C = A \wedge B$ .

And moreover in §2,  $f_*$  has a representation:

$$f_* = \Sigma i_A f_{*1} + \Sigma i_B f_{*2} + \xi_{AB} f_{*3} + [\Sigma i_A, \Sigma i_B] f_{*4}$$

for  $f_{*1} \in \pi(\Sigma^*, \Sigma A)$ ,  $f_{*2} \in \pi(\Sigma^*, \Sigma B)$  and  $f_{*3}, f_{*4} \in \pi(\Sigma^*, \Sigma A \wedge B)$ .

Thus  $f \in \pi(\Sigma A \times B, \Sigma A \times B)$  has a form of a  $(3 \times 4)$ -matrix (note lemma 3.1):

$$(f_{*k}) = \begin{pmatrix} f_{A1} & f_{A2} & 0 & 0 \\ f_{B1} & f_{B2} & 0 & 0 \\ f_{C1} & f_{C2} & f_{C3} & f_{C4} \end{pmatrix}.$$

We want to compute the composition  $gf$  for  $f, g \in \pi(\Sigma A \times B, \Sigma A \times B)$ . Since we have that  $gf = (gf_A)\Sigma P_A + (gf_B)\Sigma P_B + (gf_C)\Sigma\pi$  it is sufficient for our purpose to compute  $gf_* \in \pi(\Sigma^*, \Sigma A \times B)$ .

**Lemma 3.2.**  $g_C = g\xi_{AB}$ .

*Proof.* First we have

$$\begin{aligned} g &= g1_{\Sigma A \times B} \\ &= g(\Sigma i_A \Sigma P_A + g \Sigma i_B \Sigma P_B + g\xi_{AB} \Sigma\pi) \\ &= g|_{\Sigma A} \Sigma P_A + g|_{\Sigma B} \Sigma P_B + g\xi_{AB} \Sigma\pi. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand  $g = g_A \Sigma P_A + g_B \Sigma P_B + g_C \Sigma\pi$ . Hence we have  $g_C = g\xi_{AB}$ .  $\square$

Now we proceed to  $gf_*$ :

$$\begin{aligned} gf_* &= g(\Sigma i_A f_{*1} + \Sigma i_B f_{*2} + \xi_{AB} f_{*3} + [\Sigma i_A, \Sigma i_B] f_{*4}) \\ &= g|_{\Sigma A} f_{*1} + g|_{\Sigma B} f_{*2} + g\xi_{AB} f_{*3} + [g|_{\Sigma A}, g|_{\Sigma B}] f_{*4} \\ &= g_A f_{*1} + g_B f_{*2} + g_C f_{*3} + [g_A, g_B] f_{*4}. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 3.3.**

$$\begin{aligned} [g_A, g_B] &= \Sigma i_A [g_{A1}, g_{B1}] + \Sigma i_B [g_{A2}, g_{B2}] \\ &\quad + [\Sigma i_A, \Sigma i_B] (\Sigma g'_{A1} \wedge \Sigma g'_{B2} - \tau \Sigma g'_{A2} \wedge g'_{B1}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $g_{*k} = \Sigma g'_{*k}$  for  $* \in \{A, B\}$  and  $k = 1, 2$ .

*Proof.* Apply lemma 1.2 and Propositions 3.3, 3.4 of [1] to the equality:

$$[g_A, g_B] = [\Sigma i_A g_{A1} + \Sigma i_B g_{A2}, \Sigma i_A g_{B1} + \Sigma i_B g_{B2}],$$

then the proof is completed.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.4.** *We have*

$$g_A f_{C1} = \Sigma i_A (g_{A1} f_{C1}) + \Sigma i_B (g_{A2} f_{C1}) + [\Sigma i_A, \Sigma i_B] \Sigma g'_{A1} \wedge g'_{A2} H(f_{C,1}).$$

*Proof.* Apply the distributive law to the equality:

$$g_A f_{C1} = (\Sigma i_A g_{A1} + \Sigma i_B g_{A2}) f_{C1},$$

then the proof is completed.  $\square$

From these lemmas we have

**Theorem 3.5.** *If  $f = (f_{*k})$  and  $g = (g_{*k})$  then  $gf = h = (h_{*k})$  is given by*

(1) *the case of  $* = A$ , or  $B$ ,*

$$h_{*1} = g_{A1} f_{*1} + g_{B1} f_{*2},$$

$$h_{*2} = g_{A2} f_{*1} + g_{B2} f_{*2},$$

(2) *the case of  $* = C = A \wedge B$ ,*

$$h_{C1} = g_{A1} f_{C1} + g_{B1} f_{C2} + [g_{A1}, g_{B1}] f_{C4} + g_{C1} f_{C3},$$

$$h_{C2} = g_{A2} f_{C1} + g_{B2} f_{C2} + [g_{A2}, g_{B2}] f_{C4} + g_{C2} f_{C3},$$

$$h_{C3} = g_{C3} f_{C3},$$

$$h_{C4} = \Sigma g'_{A1} \wedge g'_{A2} H(f_{C1}) + \Sigma g'_{B1} \wedge g'_{B2} H(f_{C2}) \\ + (\Sigma g'_{A1} \wedge g'_{B2} - \Sigma \tau \Sigma g'_{A2} \wedge g'_{B1}) f_{C4} + g_{C4} f_{C3}.$$

As an example we take  $A = B = S^n$ . Let us be  $f \in \pi(\Sigma S^n \times S^n, \Sigma S^n \times S^n)$  with its matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} f_{11} & f_{12} & 0 & 0 \\ f_{21} & f_{22} & 0 & 0 \\ f_{31} & f_{32} & f_{33} & f_{34} \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $f_{ij}(\{i, j\} = \{1, 2\})$ ,  $f_{33}, f_{34} \in \mathbf{Z}$  and  $f_{31}, f_{32} \in \pi_{2n+1}(S^{n+1})$ .

If  $h = gf$  then  $h_{ij}$  is given by

$$h_{11} = g_{11} f_{11} + g_{21} f_{12},$$

$$h_{12} = g_{12} f_{11} + g_{22} f_{12},$$

$$h_{21} = g_{11} f_{21} + g_{21} f_{22},$$

$$h_{22} = g_{12} f_{21} + g_{22} f_{22},$$

$$h_{31} = g_{11} \circ f_{31} + g_{21} \circ f_{32} + f_{33} g_{31} + f_{34} g_{12} g_{22} [\iota_{n+1}, \iota_{n+1}],$$

$$h_{32} = g_{12} \circ f_{31} + g_{22} \circ f_{32} + f_{33} g_{32} + f_{34} g_{12} g_{22} [\iota_{n+1}, \iota_{n+1}],$$

$$h_{33} = g_{33} f_{33},$$

$$h_{34} = (g_{11} g_{22} - (-1)^n g_{12} g_{21}) f_{34} + g_{34} f_{33} + g_{11} g_{12} H(f_{31}) + g_{21} g_{22} H(f_{32}),$$

where  $g_{**} \circ f_{**}$  denotes  $(g_{**} \iota_{n+1}) f_{**}$ .

Here we describe some results obtained from the above table of the composition.

1.  $f$  is a homotopy equivalence if and only if  $f_{33} = \pm 1$  and

$$\begin{vmatrix} f_{11} & f_{12} \\ f_{21} & f_{22} \end{vmatrix} = \pm 1.$$

2. We denote the group of self-homotopy equivalences of  $\Sigma S^n \times S^n$  with  $\varepsilon(G_n)$  and orientation-preserving self-homotopy equivalences with  $\varepsilon_0(G_n)$ , where **orientation-preserving** means that the above determinant is 1 and  $f_{33} = 1$ , then  $\varepsilon_0(G_n)$  is a normal subgroup and the quotient is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2$ .
3.  $\varepsilon_0(G_n)$  contains a subgroup:

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & a \end{pmatrix} \right\} \cong \mathbf{Z}.$$

4.  $\varepsilon_0(G_n)$  contains a subgroup:

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha & \beta & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \cong \pi_{2n+1}(S^{n+1}) \oplus \pi_{2n+1}(S^{n+1}).$$

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