

# On classification of maps of a css complex into a css group

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## Introduction

Let  $G$  be a reduced 0-connected css group (for the definition, see [5]) and  $(K, L)$  be a css pair. Denote by  $e_n$  the unit of  $G_n$  and by  $e$  the css subgroup of  $G$  consisting of all  $e_n, n \geq 0$ . The set  $\Pi(K, L; G)$  of all homotopy classes of maps  $f: (K, L) \rightarrow (G, e)$  has a natural group structure. Then, we have a filtration

$$(1) \quad \Pi(K, L; G) = D_0^1 \supseteq D_1^1 \supseteq D_2^1 \supseteq \dots,$$

by normal subgroups  $D_n^1 (n \geq 0)$  defined in § 3. On the other hand, for each  $n \geq 1$ , there are sequences of subgroups:

$$\begin{aligned} H^{n-1}(K, L; \pi_n(G)) &= 'P_n^n \supseteq 'P_{n+1}^n \supseteq \dots \supseteq 'P_\infty^n \\ &\quad \text{(the reduced } (n-1)\text{-st cohomology group),} \\ H^n(K, L; \pi_n(G)) &= P_n^n \supseteq P_{n+1}^n \supseteq \dots \supseteq P_\infty^n \supseteq 'R_1^n \supseteq 'R_2^n \supseteq \dots \supseteq 'R_n^n = 0, \\ H^{n+1}(K, L; \pi_n(G)) &\supseteq R_1^n \supseteq R_2^n \supseteq \dots \supseteq R_n^n = 0 \end{aligned}$$

which are defined in § 2. Our purpose of this paper is to show that, for  $1 \leq m < n$ , there are homomorphisms

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_m^{n-m} : P_{n-1}^m &\rightarrow H^{n+1}(K, L; \pi_n(G)) / R_{m+1}^n, \\ ' \theta_m^{n-m} : 'P_{n-1}^m &\rightarrow H^n(K, L; \pi_n(G)) / 'R_{m+1}^n, \end{aligned}$$

which induce isomorphisms

$$P_{n-1}^m / P_n^m \approx R_m^n / R_{m+1}^n, \quad 'P_{n-1}^m / 'P_n^m \approx 'R_m^n / 'R_{m+1}^n$$

(§ 2, Theorem 1) and to show that

$$D_{n-1}^1/D_n^1 \approx P_\infty^n/R_1^n$$

(§ 3, Theorem 2). The homomorphisms  $\theta_m^{n-m}$  and  $\theta_m^{n-m}$  are generalized cohomology operations.

In the paper [4] S. T. Hu gave a filtration (1) of  $\Pi(K, L; G)$  for a finite cell complex  $(K, L)$  and a topological group  $G$ . Our filtration (1) is defined by the same manner as that of S. T. Hu, i.e.,  $D_n^1$  is the set of homotopy classes of maps which are  $n$ -homotopic with 0 relative to  $L$  (see (5.2) of [4]). Then, our Theorem 2 corresponds to Theorem (5.7) of [4].

As an application, we derive some results for  $\Pi(K, L; G)$  which correspond to those of F. P. Peterson [6] in the case of cohomotopy groups. We assume that  $(K, L)$  is of finite dimension and  $\Pi(K, L; G)$  is abelian. If  $\pi_r(G)$  and  $H^r(K, L)$  are finitely generated for  $r \geq 1$ ,  $\Pi(K, L; G)$  is finitely generated (§ 4, Proposition 1). Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a class of abelian groups in the sense of J. P. Serre [7]. If  $H^r(K, L; \pi_r(G))$  and  $H^{r-1}(K, L; \pi_r(G))$  belong to  $\mathcal{C}$  for  $r < n$ ,  $j_n^*: \Pi(K, L; {}^nG) \rightarrow \Pi(K, L; G)$  induced by the injection  $j_n: {}^nG \rightarrow G$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -isomorphism (for the definition of  ${}^nG$ , see § 2). If  $H^r(K, L; \pi_r(G))$  and  $H^{r+1}(K, L; \pi_r(G))$  belong to  $\mathcal{C}$  for  $r > n$  and  $\Pi(K, L; G/{}^{n+1}G)$  is abelian,  $p_n^*: \Pi(K, L; G) \rightarrow \Pi(K, L; G/{}^{n+1}G)$  induced by the natural map  $p_n: G \rightarrow G/{}^{n+1}G$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -isomorphism (§ 4, Proposition 2).

### § 1. Preliminaries

Let  $G$  be a css group,  $N$  be a css normal subgroup of  $G$ ,  $G/N$  be the css factor group and  $q: G \rightarrow G/N$  be the natural map. The triple  $(G, G/N, q)$  is a principal fibre bundle with fibre  $N$  (IV, Definition 2.1 of [1]). Then, there is a dimension preserving function  $\beta: G/N \rightarrow G$  such that

$$(1) \quad q\beta a = a, \quad \beta\ell_0 = \ell_0,$$

$$(2) \quad \beta s_i a = s_i \beta a, \quad i \geq 0,$$

$$(3) \quad \beta \partial_i a = \partial_i \beta a, \quad i > 0,$$

(4) if  $N$  is  $(n-1)$ -connected,  $\beta \partial_0 a = \partial_0 \beta a$  for  $a \in (G/N)_k$ ,  $k=1, \dots, n$  (IV, 2 of [1]). Then

$$\xi a = (\beta \partial_0 a)^{-1} (\partial_0 \beta a) \quad (\in N)$$

is a twisted function of  $(G, G/N, q)$ . Let  $\bar{W}N$  be the  $W$ -construction of  $N$  (IV, 5 of [1]). Then  $\xi$  induces a map  $k_\xi: G/N \rightarrow \bar{W}N$  defined by

$$k_\xi a = [\xi \partial_0^{m-1} a, \xi \partial_0^{m-2} a, \dots, \xi a] \quad (a \in (G/N)_m).$$

Consider the case where  $N$  is a reduced  $(n-1)$ -connected  $K(\pi, n)$  ( $n \geq 1$ ), i.e.,  $\pi_n(N) = \pi$ ,  $\pi_k(N) = 0$  for  $k \neq n$  and  $N^{n-1} = \{e_k, k=0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ . Let  $(K, L)$  be a css pair. Since  $\bar{W}N$  is a  $K(\pi, n+1)$ , there is a natural one-to-one correspondence

$$T: \Pi(K, L; \bar{W}N) \rightarrow H^{n+1}(K, L; \pi),$$

which is defined as follows. Let  $t: N_n \rightarrow \pi$  be a homomorphism defined by

$$t(x) = \text{the element of } \pi \text{ represented by } x.$$

Let  $g: (K, L) \rightarrow (\bar{W}N, *)$  ( $*$  is the base point of  $\bar{W}N$ ) be a map. Since  $N$  is  $(n-1)$ -reduced,  $g(\sigma)$  is written by  $[e_0, e_1, \dots, e_{n-1}, g_n(\sigma)]$  for  $\sigma \in K_{n+1}$ . Then the function  $tg_n: \sigma \rightarrow tg_n(\sigma)$  defines a cocycle of  $Z^{n+1}(K, L; \pi)$  which represents  $T[g]$ . Then  $k_\xi$  induces a transformation

$$k_\xi^*: \Pi(K, L; G/N) \rightarrow H^{n+1}(K, L; \pi)$$

which is defined by

$$k_\xi^* = T \circ k_\xi^*,$$

where  $k_\xi^*: \Pi(K, L; G/N) \rightarrow \Pi(K, L; \bar{W}N)$  is the transformation induced by  $k_\xi$ .

**Lemma 1.** *The transformation  $k_\xi^*$  is a homomorphism.*

**Proof.** Define a function  $\omega: (G/N \times G/N)_{n+1} \rightarrow \pi$  by

$$\omega(a \times b) = t\xi ab - t\xi a - t\xi b \quad (a, b \in (G/N)_{n+1}).$$

Then  $\omega$  is a cochain of  $C^{n+1}(G/N \times G/N, G/N \cup G/N; \pi)$ . Define a cochain  $c \in C^n(G/N \times G/N, G/N \cup G/N; \pi)$  by

$$c(a' \times b') = t((\beta a' b')^{-1}(\beta a')(\beta b')) \quad (a', b' \in (G/N)_n).$$

For  $a, b \in (G/N)_{n+1}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i=0}^{n+1} (-1)^i c(\partial_i(a \times b)) &= \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} (-1)^i t((\beta \partial_i(ab))^{-1}(\beta \partial_i a)(\beta \partial_i b)) \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} (-1)^i t(\partial_i((\beta ab)^{-1}(\beta a)(\beta b))) \\
&\quad + t((\beta \partial_0(ab))^{-1}(\beta \partial_0 a)(\beta \partial_0 b)) - t((\partial_0 \beta ab)^{-1}(\partial_0 \beta a)(\partial_0 \beta b)).
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sum_{i=0}^{n+1} (-1)^i t(\partial_i((\beta ab)^{-1}(\beta a)(\beta b))) = 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i=0}^{n+1} (-1)^i c(\partial_i(a \times b)) &= t((\beta \partial_0(ab))^{-1}(\partial_0 \beta ab)(\partial_0 \beta ab)^{-1}(\beta \partial_0 a)(\beta \partial_0 b)) \\
&\quad - t((\partial_0 \beta ab)^{-1}(\beta \partial_0 a)(\beta \partial_0 b)(\beta \partial_0 b)^{-1}(\beta \partial_0 a)^{-1}(\partial_0 \beta a)(\partial_0 \beta b)) \\
&= t\xi ab - t((\beta \partial_0 b)^{-1}(\beta \partial_0 a)^{-1}(\partial_0 \beta a)(\beta \partial_0 b)) - t((\beta \partial_0 b)^{-1}(\partial_0 \beta b)) \\
&= t\xi ab - t\xi a - t\xi b.
\end{aligned}$$

This shows that  $\delta c = \omega$ . Let  $g, g'; (K, L) \rightarrow (G/N, e)$  be two maps. Then

$$\omega(g(\sigma) \times g'(\sigma)) = \delta c(g(\sigma) \times g'(\rho)) \quad \text{for } \sigma \in K_{n+1}.$$

Then  $k_{\xi}^{\sharp}$  is a homomorphism.

Let  $K$  be a complex with base point  $*$ . The cone  $CK$  of  $K$  is obtained from  $K \times I$  by identifying the subcomplex  $K \times I \cup * \times I$  to  $* \times 0$ . Denote by  $r$  the identification map:  $K \times I \rightarrow CK$ . Let  $(K, L)$  be a css pair, and  $\pi$  be an abelian group. A natural isomorphism.

$\tau^*: H^{q+1}(CK, CL \cup K; \pi) \rightarrow H^q(K, L; \pi)$  (the reduced  $q$ -th cohomology group) is defined as follows. Let  $(E, B, p)$  be a fibre complex in the sense of D. M. Kan [5] such that  $B$  is a  $K(\pi, q+1)$  and  $E$  is acyclic. Then the fibre of  $p$  is a  $K(\pi, q)$ . An element  $\alpha \in H^{q+1}(CK, CL \cup K; \pi)$  is represented by a map  $f: (CK, CL \cup K) \rightarrow (B, *)$ . The homotopy  $h: K \times I \rightarrow B$  defined by  $h = f \circ r$  is lifted to  $h': (K \times I, L \times I \cup K \times 1) \rightarrow (E, *)$ . Then  $\tau^*$  is defined by

$\tau^* \alpha =$  the element of  $H^q(K, L; \pi)$  represented by  $h' \downarrow K \times 0$ .

Let  $N$  be a css group. Let  $WN = \bar{W}N \times_{\eta} N$  be the twisted cartesian product whose twisted function  $\eta$  is defined by

$$\eta[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}] = x_{i-1}$$

(IV, 5 of [1]). The map  $p: WN \rightarrow \bar{W}N$  defined by  $p(w, x) = w$  is a fibre map in the sense of Kan, and  $WN$  is acyclic. Then, if  $N$  is a  $K(\pi, q)$ , the isomorphism  $\tau^*$  is defined by using  $(WN, \bar{W}N, p)$ .

§ 2. Cohomology operations associated to a css group

Let  $G$  be a reduced 0-connected css group. Denote by  ${}^nG$  the maximal css normal subgroup of  $G$  such that  $({}^nG)^{n-1} = \{e_k, k=0, \dots, n-1\}$ . Then we have a sequence of css normal subgroups of  $G$ :

$$G = {}^1G \supseteq {}^2G \supseteq \dots \supseteq {}^nG \supseteq \dots .$$

We put

$$B_n^m = {}^mG/{}^{n+1}G \quad (m \leq n+1), \quad B_\infty^m = {}^mG .$$

Let

$$p_{n,m}^l : B_n^l \rightarrow B_m^l \quad (l-1 \leq m \leq n \leq \infty), \quad j_{n,l}^{m,l} : B_n^m \rightarrow B_n^l \quad (l \leq m \leq n+1 \leq \infty)$$

be the natural map and the injection respectively. The map  $p_{n,m}^l$  is a fibre map whose fibre is  $B_n^{m+1}$ . Especially, the fibre of  $p_{n,n-1}^n$  is  $B_n^n$  and  $B_n^n$  is a reduced  $(n-1)$ -connected  $K(\pi_n(G), n)$ . Let  $(K, L)$  be a css pair. The map  $p_{n,m}^m$  ( $m \leq n \leq \infty$ ) induces a homomorphism

$$p_{n,m}^{m,*} : \Pi(K, L ; B_n^m) \rightarrow \Pi(K, L ; B_m^m) .$$

Let  $U : \Pi(K, L ; B_m^m) \rightarrow H^m(K, L ; \pi_m(G))$  be the natural isomorphism. Then

$$p_{n,m}^{m,*} = U \circ p_{n,m}^{m,*} : \Pi(K, L ; B_n^m) \rightarrow H^m(K, L ; \pi_m(G))$$

is a homomorphism. Denote by  $\tau_m^n : B_{n-1}^m \rightarrow \bar{W}B_n^n$  ( $m \leq n < \infty$ ) the map defined by a twisted fluction  $\xi$  of the principal fibre bundle  $(B_n^m, B_{n-1}^m, p_{n,n-1}^m)$  (see § 1). Then  $\tau_m^n$  induces a transformation  $\tau_m^{n,*} : \Pi(K, L ; B_{n-1}^m) \rightarrow \Pi(K, L ; \bar{W}B_n^n)$ , and the transformation

$$\tau_m^{n,*} = T \circ \tau_m^{n,*} : \Pi(K, L ; B_{n-1}^m) \rightarrow H^{n+1}(K, L ; \pi_n(G))$$

is a homomorphism by Lemma 1. Denote by  $P_n^m = P_n^m(K, L)$  the image of  $p_{n,m}^{m,*}$  and by  $R_m^n = R_m^n(K, L)$  the image of  $\tau_m^{n,*}$ . Then we have a sequence of subgroups:

$$\begin{aligned} H^m(K, L ; \pi_m(G)) &= P_m^m \supseteq P_{m+1}^m \supseteq \dots \supseteq P_\infty^m, \\ H^{n+1}(K, L ; \pi_n(G)) &\supseteq R_1^n \supseteq R_2^n \supseteq \dots \supseteq R_n^n = 0 . \end{aligned}$$

The subgroups  $P_n^m$  and  $R_m^n$  are natural, i.e., if  $f : (K, L) \rightarrow (K', L')$  is a map of css pairs, then

$$f^*(P_n^m(K', L')) \subseteq P_n^m(K, L), \quad f^*(R_m^n(K', L')) \subseteq R_m^n(K, L) .$$

**Theorem 1.** For  $m < n$ , there is a natural homomorphism

$$\theta_m^{n-m} = \theta_m^{n-m}(K, L) : P_{n-1}^m \rightarrow H^{n+1}(K, L; \pi_n(G))/R_{m+1}^n$$

such that the kernel of  $\theta_m^{n-m}$  is  $P_n^m$  and the image of  $\theta_m^{n-m}$  is  $R_m^n/R_{m+1}^n$ .

**Proof.** Consider the following commutative diagram :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & \Pi(K, L; B_n^m) & & \\ & & \downarrow p_{n,n-1}^{m,*} & \searrow p_{n,m}^{m,\#} & \\ \Pi(K, L; B_{n-1}^{m+1}) & \xrightarrow{j_{n-1}^{m+1,m,*}} & \Pi(K, L; B_{n-1}^m) & \xrightarrow{p_{n-1,m}^{m,\#}} & H^m(K, L; \pi_m(G)) \\ & \searrow \tau_{m+1}^{m,\#} & \downarrow \tau_m^{m,\#} & & \\ & & H^{n+1}(K, L; \pi_n(G)) & & \end{array}$$

whose row and column are exact (see [3]). Define a homomorphism  $\theta_m^{n-m}$  by

$$\theta_m^{n-m}\alpha = \tau_m^{m,\#} \circ (p_{n-1,m}^{m,\#})^{-1}\alpha \quad \text{mod. } R_{m+1}^n, \quad \alpha \in P_{n-1}^m.$$

This is well defined by the exactness of the row. It is clear that the image of  $\theta_m^{n-m}$  is  $R_m^n/R_{m+1}^n$  and  $P_n^m \subseteq \text{kernel } \theta_m^{n-m}$ . If  $\theta_m^{n-m}\alpha = 0$  for  $\alpha \in P_{n-1}^m$ , there are elements  $\beta \in \Pi(K, L; B_{n-1}^m)$  and  $\gamma \in \Pi(K, L; B_{n-1}^{m+1})$  such that  $p_{n-1,m}^{m,\#}\beta = \alpha$ ,  $\tau_m^{m,\#} \circ j_{n-1}^{m+1,m,*}\gamma = \tau_m^{m,\#}\beta$ . By the exactness of the column, there is an element  $\delta \in \Pi(K, L; B_n^m)$  such that  $\beta = (j_{n-1}^{m+1,m,*}\gamma)(p_{n,n-1}^{m,*}\delta)$ . Then

$$\alpha = p_{n-1,m}^{m,\#}\beta = p_{n-1,m}^{m,\#} \circ p_{n,n-1}^{m,*}\delta = p_{n,m}^{m,\#}\delta.$$

This shows that kernel  $\theta_m^{n-m} \subseteq P_n^m$ . The naturality of  $\theta_m^{n-m}$  is clear.

**Corollary 1.**  $P_{n-1}^m/P_n^m \approx R_m^n/R_{m+1}^n$ .

The homomorphism  $\theta_m^r$  ( $m, r \geq 1$ ) defined in the proof in the above is a generalized cohomology operation associated to  $G$ . We say that  $R_m^{m+r}$  is the image of  $\theta_m^r$ . If the dimension of  $(K, L)$  is  $s$ , i.e.,  $H^k(K, L; \pi) = 0$  for each  $k > s$  and for any abelian group  $\pi$ , then  $\theta_m^r$  is trivial for  $m+r \geq s$  and  $P_{s-1}^m = P_s^m = \dots = P_\infty^m$ . If  $G$  is  $t$ -connected ( $t \geq 1$ ),  $\theta_m^r$  is trivial for  $m \leq t$  and  $R_1^n = R_2^n = \dots = R_{t+1}^n$  for  $n > t$ .

Let  $\tau^* : H^{q+1}(CK, CL \cup K; *) \rightarrow H^q(K, L; *)$  be the natural isomorphism defined in §1. We put

$$'P_n^m = \tau^* P_n^m(CK, CL \cup K) \subseteq H^{m-1}(K, L; \pi_m(G))$$

$$'R_m^n = \tau^* R_m^n(CK, CL \cup K) \subseteq H^n(K, L; \pi_n(G)).$$

We define the suspension

$$'\theta_m^{n-m} : 'P_{n-1}^m \rightarrow H^n(K, L; \pi_n(G))/'R_{m+1}^n$$

of  $\theta_m^{n-m}$  by

$$'\theta_m^{n-m} = \tau^* \circ \theta_m^{n-m} \circ \tau^{*-1} \quad (\text{see [2]}).$$

**Corollary 2.**  $'P_{n-1}^m/'P_n^m \approx 'R_m^n/'R_{m+1}^n$ .

### § 3. Classification of maps of a complex into a css group

Let  $G$  be a reduced 0-connected css group and  $(K, L)$  be a css pair. Denoting by  $D_n^m$  ( $m-1 \leq n$ ) the kernel of  $P_{\infty, n}^m : \Pi(K, L; {}^mG) \rightarrow \Pi(K, L; B_n^m)$ , we have a filtration

$$\Pi(K, L; {}^mG) = D_{m-1}^m \supseteq D_m^m \supseteq D_{m+1}^m \supseteq \dots$$

of  $\Pi(K, L; {}^mG)$  by normal subgroups. For  $m \leq n \leq l+1$ , since  $D_l^n$  and  $D_l^m$  are the image of  $j_{\infty}^{l+1, n} *$  and  $j_{\infty}^{l+1, m} *$  respectively,  $j_{\infty}^{n, m} *$  induces an epimorphism  $\bar{j}_{\infty}^{n, m} : D_l^n \rightarrow D_l^m$ , and  $\bar{j}_{\infty}^{n, m} *$  induces an epimorphism

$$\alpha_{l+1}^{n, m} : D_l^n / D_{l+1}^n \rightarrow D_l^m / D_{l+1}^m.$$

Since the kernel of  $p_{\infty, n}^n : \Pi(K, L; {}^nG) \rightarrow \Pi(K, L; B_n^n)$  is  $D_n^n$  and the image of  $p_{\infty, n}^n = U \circ p_{\infty, n}^n *$  is  $P_{\infty}^n$ ,  $p_{\infty, n}^n$  induces an isomorphism

$$\beta_n : D_{n-1}^n / D_n^n \approx P_{\infty}^n.$$

Then the homomorphism

$$\gamma^{n, m} = \alpha_n^{n, m} \circ \beta_n^{-1} : P_{\infty}^n \rightarrow D_{n-1}^m / D_n^m$$

is an epimorphism.

**Lemma 2.** *The kernel of  $\gamma^{n, m}$  is  $'R_m^n$ , then*

$$D_{n-1}^m / D_n^m \approx P_{\infty}^n / 'R_m^n.$$

**Proof.** Consider the following commutative diagram :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \Pi(K, L; {}^{n+1}G) & \rightarrow & \Pi(K, L; {}^mG) & \rightarrow & \Pi(K, L; B_n^m) & & \\ & & \downarrow j_{\infty}^{n+1, n} * & & \downarrow \approx & & \\ \Pi(CK, CL \cup K; B_{n-1}^m) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \Pi(K, L; {}^nG) & \rightarrow & \Pi(K, L; {}^mG) & \rightarrow & \Pi(K, L; B_{n-1}^m) \\ & & \downarrow p_{\infty, n}^n * & & & & \\ & & \Pi(K, L; B_n^n) & & & & \end{array}$$

whose rows and column are exact. Here,  $\partial$  is defined as follows. Let  $f: (CL, CL \cup K) \rightarrow (B_{n-1}^m, e)$  represent  $\alpha \in \Pi(CK, CL \cup K; B_{n-1}^m)$ . The homotopy  $h = f \circ r: K \times I \rightarrow B_{n-1}^m$  is lifted to  $h': (K \times I, L \times I \cup K \times 1) \rightarrow ({}^mG, e)$ . Then  $\partial\alpha$  is represented by  $h'|K \times 0: K \rightarrow {}^mG$ . Now, by the diagram in the above, we see that the kernel of  $\gamma^{n,m}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} & p_{\infty,n}^{n,*}(\partial\Pi(CK, CL \cup K; B_{n-1}^m) \cdot j_{\infty}^{n+1,n,*}\Pi(K, L; {}^{n+1}G)) \\ &= p_{\infty,n}^{n,*}(\partial\Pi(CK, CL \cup K; B_{n-1}^m)). \end{aligned}$$

Then, the proof is complete, if the following diagram is commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Pi(CK, CL \cup K; B_{n-1}^m) & \xrightarrow{\tau_m^{n,*}} & \Pi(CK, CL \cup K; \bar{W}B_n^n) \\ \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \tau^* \\ \Pi(K, L; {}^nG) & \xrightarrow{p_{\infty,n}^{n,*}} & \Pi(K, L; B_n^n). \end{array}$$

Let  $\alpha, f, h, h'$  be as above. Then  $p_{\infty,n}^{n,*}(h'|K \times 0)$  represents  $p_{\infty,n}^{n,*}(\partial\alpha)$ . Let  $\tau_m^n: B_{n-1}^m \rightarrow \bar{W}B_n^n$  be defined by a twisted function  $\xi$  of  $(B_n^m, B_{n-1}^m, p_{n,n-1}^m)$  and  $\xi$  be defined by a function  $\beta: B_{n-1}^m \rightarrow B_n^m$  (see §1). Then the map  $l: B_n^m \rightarrow WB_n^n = \bar{W}B_n^n \times_{\eta} B_n^n$  defined by

$$l(b) = (\tau_m^n \circ p_{n,n-1}^m b, (\beta \circ p_{n,n-1}^m b)^{-1} \cdot b)$$

is a fibre preserving map, i.e.,  $\tau_m^n \circ p_{n,n-1}^m = p \circ l$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} p \circ l \circ p_{\infty,n}^{n,*} h' &= \tau_m^n \circ p_{n,n-1}^m \circ p_{\infty,n}^{n,*} h' \\ &= \tau_m^n \circ p_{\infty,n-1}^m \circ h' = \tau_m^n \circ h, \end{aligned}$$

$l \circ p_{\infty,n}^{n,*}(h'|K \times 0) = l \circ p_{\infty,n}^{n,*}(h'|K \times 0)$  represents  $\tau^* \circ \tau_m^n \circ \alpha$ . Then

$$p_{\infty,n}^{n,*}(\partial\alpha) = \tau^* \circ \tau_m^n \circ \alpha.$$

This completes the proof.

By Lemma 2 together with the definitions in §2, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $G$  be a reduced 0-connected css group and  $(K, L)$  be a css pair. Then, there is a filtration*

$$\Pi(K, L; G) = D_0^1 \supseteq D_1^1 \supseteq D_2^1 \supseteq \dots$$

*by normal subgroups such that*



$$D_{n-1}^1/D_n^1 \approx P_\infty^n/'R_1^n \quad (n \geq 1).$$

If  $(K, L)$  is of finite dimension,  $P_\infty^n \subseteq H^n(K, L; \pi_n(G))$  is the intersection of the kernels of the cohomology operations  $\theta_n^l$ ,  $l=1, 2, \dots$ , associated to  $G$ . If  $G$  is  $(m-1)$ -connected ( $m \geq 1$ ), then  $D_0^1 = \dots = D_{m-1}^1$ ,  $'R_1^m = 0$ , and  $'R_1^n = \dots = 'R_m^n$  ( $n > m$ ) is the image of the suspension  $'\theta_m^{n-m}$  of the cohomology operation  $\theta_m^{n-m}$  associated to  $G$ .

#### § 4. Application

Let  $G$  be a reduced 0-connected css group and  $(K, L)$  be a css pair of finite dimension. We assume that  $\Pi(K, L; G)$  is abelian. Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a class of abelian groups in the sense of J. P. Serre [7].

**Proposition 1.** *If  $H^r(K, L; \pi_r(G)) \in \mathcal{C}$  for  $r \geq 1$ , then  $\Pi(K, L; G) \in \mathcal{C}$ . Especially, if  $\pi_r(G)$  and  $H^r(K, L)$  are finitely generated for  $r \geq 1$ ,  $\Pi(K, L; G)$  is finitely generated.*

**Proof.** The first part follows from Theorem 2. The second part follows from Theorem 2.2 in Appendix of [6].

Let  $p_n: G \rightarrow G/'^{n+1}G$  be the natural map and  $j_n: {}^nG \rightarrow G$  be the injection. The maps  $p_n$  and  $j_n$  induce homomorphisms  $p_n^*: \Pi(K, L; G) \rightarrow \Pi(K, L; G/'^{n+1}G)$  and  $j_n^*: \Pi(K, L; {}^nG) \rightarrow \Pi(K, L; G)$  respectively.

**Proposition 2.** (i) *If  $H^r(K, L; \pi_r(G)) \in \mathcal{C}$  for  $r < n$ ,  $j_n^*$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -epimorphism.*

(ii) *If  $H^{r-1}(K, L; \pi_r(G)) \in \mathcal{C}$  for  $r < n$ ,  $j_n^*$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -monomorphism.*

(iii) *If  $H^r(K, L; \pi_r(G)) \in \mathcal{C}$  for  $r > n$ ,  $p_n^*$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -monomorphism.*

(iv) *If  $H^{r+1}(K, L; \pi_r(G)) \in \mathcal{C}$  for  $r > n$  and  $\Pi(K, L; G/'^{n+1}G)$  is abelian,  $p_n^*$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -epimorphism.*

**Proof.** (i) Since the sequence  $\Pi(K, L; {}^nG) \xrightarrow{j_n^*} \Pi(K, L; G) \xrightarrow{p_{n-1}^*} \Pi(K, L; G/'^nG)$  is exact, the image of  $j_n^*$  is  $D_{n-1}^1$ . Then the proposition follows from Theorem 2.

(ii) Since the sequence  $\Pi(CK, CL \cup K; G/'^nG) \xrightarrow{\partial} \Pi(K, L; {}^nG) \xrightarrow{j_n^*} \Pi(K, L; G)$  is exact, the kernel of  $j_n^*$  is  $\partial\Pi(CK, CL \cup K; G/'^nG)$  and  $\Pi(CK, CL \cup K; G/'^nG) \in \mathcal{C}$  by Theorem 2.

(iii) Since the kernel of  $p_n^*$  is  $D_n^1$ , the proposition follows from Theorem 2.

(iv) Denoting by  $D'_m$  the kernel of  $p_{n,m}^1: \Pi(K, L; G/n+1G) \rightarrow \Pi(K, L; G/m+1G)$  ( $0 \leq m \leq n$ ), we have a filtration

$$(1) \quad \Pi(K, L; G/n+1G) = D'_0 \supseteq D'_1 \supseteq \dots \supseteq D'_n = 0$$

such that  $p_n^* D'_r \subseteq D'_r$  and  $P_n^r / R_1^r \approx D'_{r-1} / D'_r$  by Theorem 2. From the definition, the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P_\infty^r / R_1^r & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & D_{r-1}^1 / D_r^1 \\ \downarrow \eta & \approx & \downarrow p_n^* \\ P_n^r / R_1^r & \xrightarrow{\gamma'} & D'_{r-1} / D'_r \end{array}$$

is commutative. Here,  $\gamma$  and  $\gamma'$  are isomorphisms induced by  $\gamma^{r,1}$  defined in §3 and  $\eta$  is the injection. Let  $S = p_n^* \Pi(K, L; G)$ . Then

$$(2) \quad D'_r \cap S = p_n^* D_r^1,$$

$$(3) \quad D'_{r-1} / D'_r + p_n^* D_{r-1}^1 \approx P_n^r / P_\infty^r,$$

$$(4) \quad P_n^r / P_\infty^r \in \mathcal{C} \quad (\text{by Corollary 1}),$$

From the filtration (1), we have a filtration

$$\Pi(K, L; G/n+1G)/S = D'_0 + S/S \supseteq D'_1 + S/S \supseteq \dots \supseteq D'_n + S/S = 0.$$

Since  $D'_{r-1} + S/D'_r + S \approx D'_{r-1}/D'_r + D'_{r-1} \cap S$ , the proof is complete by (2), (3) and (4).

Let  $\pi_r(G)$  be finitely generated for  $r \geq 1$ . We assume that  $\pi_r(G) = 0$  for  $1 \leq r < m$ ,  $m < r < n$  and  $H^r(K, L) = 0$  for  $r > n$ . Then, in the exact sequence

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Pi(CK, CL \cup K; G) & \xrightarrow{j_m^*} & \Pi(CK, CL \cup K; G/m+1G) \xrightarrow{\partial} \Pi(K, L; m+1G) \\ & \downarrow j_{m+1}^* & \downarrow p_m^* \\ & \Pi(K, L; G) & \xrightarrow{p_m^*} \Pi(K, L; G/m+1G) \quad (\text{see [3]}), \end{array}$$

$p_m^*$  is onto and  $U \circ (j_{m-1}^{m,1})^{-1}: \Pi(K, L; G/m+1G) \rightarrow H^m(K, L; \pi_m(G))$  is an isomorphism by Proposition 2, and in the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \Pi(CK, CL \cup K; G/{}^{m+1}G) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \Pi(K, L; {}^{m+1}G) & & \\
 & \approx \uparrow & & \approx \uparrow & \\
 & j_{m+1}^{m,1*} \circ p_{n,m+1}^m & & j_{\infty}^{n,m+1*} & \\
 H^m(CK, CL \cup K; \pi_m(G)) & \xrightarrow{p_{n-1,m}^*} & \Pi(CK, CL \cup K; {}^mG/{}^nG) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \Pi(K, L; {}^nG) \\
 \approx \downarrow \tau^* & \approx & \downarrow \tau_m^\# & \approx \downarrow & p_{\infty,n}^{\#} \\
 H^{m-1}(K, L; \pi_m(G)) & & H^{n+1}(CK, CL \cup K; \pi_n(G)) & \xrightarrow{\tau^*} & H^n(K, L; \pi_n(G)), \\
 & & & \approx & 
 \end{array}$$

the homomorphisms denoted by  $\approx$  are isomorphisms by Proposition 2 or by definition and the map

$$\tau^* \circ \tau_m^\# \circ (p_{n-1,m}^m)^\#{}^{-1} \circ \tau^{*-1} : H^{m-1}(K, L; \pi_m(G)) \longrightarrow H^n(K, L; \pi_n(G))$$

is the cohomology operation  $'\theta_m^{n-m}$  by definition (see § 2). By putting

$$\begin{aligned}
 'p^* &= \tau^* \circ p_{n-1,m}^m \circ (p_{n,m+1}^m)^\#{}^{-1} \circ (j_{m+1}^{m,1*})^{-1} \circ 'p_m^* \\
 j^* &= j_{m+1}^* \circ j_{\infty}^{n,m+1*} \circ (p_{\infty,n}^{\#})^{-1}, \quad p^* = U \circ (j_{m+1}^{m,1*})^{-1} \circ p_m^*,
 \end{aligned}$$

we have the following exact sequence:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \Pi(CK, CL \cup K; G) & \xrightarrow{'p^*} & H^{m-1}(K, L; \pi_m(G)) & \xrightarrow{'\theta_m^{n-m}} & H^n(K, L; \pi_n(G)) & & \\
 & & \downarrow j^* & & \downarrow p^* & & \\
 & & \Pi(K, L; G) & \xrightarrow{p^*} & H^m(K, L; \pi_m(G)) & \longrightarrow & 0.
 \end{array}$$

(cf. Theorem 3.8 of [6]).

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