

## Vanishing of $\text{Im } J$ classes in the stunted quaternionic projective spaces

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### §1. Introduction

Let  $HP^n$  be the quaternionic projective space, and

$$i: S^{4m} \longrightarrow HP_m^l = HP^l/HP^{m-1} = S^{4m} \cup e^{4m+4} \cup \dots \cup e^{4l}$$

be the inclusion to the bottom sphere in the stunted space. Then the purpose of this paper is to investigate the induced homomorphism

$$(1.1) \quad i_*: \pi_{4n-1}^s(S^{4(n-r)}) \longrightarrow \pi_{4n-1}^s(HP_{n-r}^l) \quad (n-r = m \leq l)$$

of  $i$  between the stable homotopy groups on  $(\text{Im } J)_2$ , where

(1.2)  $(\text{Im } J)_2$  is the 2-primary component of the image of the stable  $J$ -homomorphism  $J: \pi_{4r-1}(SO) \rightarrow \pi_{4r-1}(\Omega^\infty S^\infty) = \pi_{4n-1}^s(S^{4(n-r)})$  ( $r \geq 1$ ), and is the cyclic group of order  $2^{3+v(r)}$  by Adams [1] and Quillen [7].

Here and throughout this paper  $v(r) = v_2(r)$  denotes the exponent of 2 in the prime power decomposition of a positive integer  $r$ . Also, we put

$$(1.3) \quad a(n, r) = \binom{n+r}{r}, \quad b(n, r) = \binom{n+r-1}{r-1}.$$

The main result is stated as follows:

**THEOREM A.** *The induced homomorphism  $i_*$  in (1.1) satisfies the following properties on  $(\text{Im } J)_2$  in (1.2).*

- (i) *If  $l < n$ , then  $i_*$  is injective on  $(\text{Im } J)_2$ .*
- (ii) *Let  $l = n$  and  $r$  be odd  $\geq 1$ . Then  $i_*((\text{Im } J)_2)$  is 0 if  $a(n, r)$  is odd,  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  if  $b(n, r)$  is odd and  $r + n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}/4$  if  $r > 1$ ,  $b(n, r)$  is odd and  $n \equiv r \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}/8$  if  $r = 1$  and  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ .*
- (iii) *Let  $l = n$  and  $r$  be even  $\geq 2$ , and assume that  $b(n, r)$  is odd. Then  $\text{Ker}(i_*) \cap (\text{Im } J)_2$  is*

$$0 \text{ if } v(n) = v(r), \quad \mathbb{Z}/2 \text{ if } v(n) > v(r).$$

The connecting homomorphism  $\partial_*: \pi_i^s(HP_{m+1}^l) \rightarrow \pi_{i-1}^s(S^{4m})$  associated with the cofiber  $S^{4m} \rightarrow HP_m^l \rightarrow HP_{m+1}^l$  often plays an important role in the study of the stunted projective spaces; and Theorem A yields a partial result on  $\partial_*$ .

Moreover, we have a similar result for the quaternionic quasi-projective space  $Q_n$  (cf. [5]) instead of  $HP^n$ . In this case, we have the inclusion

$$i: S^{4m+3} \rightarrow Q_m^l = Q_{l+1}/Q_m = S^{4m+3} \cup e^{4m+7} \cup \dots \cup e^{4l+3}$$

to the bottom sphere and the induced homomorphism

$$(1.4) \quad i_*: \pi_{4n+2}^s(S^{4(n-r)+3}) \rightarrow \pi_{4n+2}^s(Q_{n-r}^l) \quad (r \geq 1, l \geq n-r).$$

**THEOREM B.**  $i_*$  in (1.4) satisfies (i) and (iii) in Theorem A and the following (ii)':

- (ii)' Let  $l = n$  and  $r$  be odd  $\geq 1$ . Then  $i_*((\text{Im } J)_2)$  is 0 if  $a(n, r)$  is odd, 0 if  $a(n, r)$  is even,  
 $Z/2$  if  $b(n, r)$  is odd and  $n \equiv r \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  
 $Z/4$  if  $b(n, r)$  is odd,  $n+r \equiv 4 \pmod{8}$  and  $r \equiv 1$  or  $3 \pmod{8}$ .

These theorems are proved by applying the recent results given in [4].

To prove these theorems, we consider a finite CW-spectrum

$$(1.5) \quad X = S^0 \cup e^{4a_1} \cup \dots \cup e^{4a_t} \cup e^{4r} \quad (1 \leq a_1 \leq \dots \leq a_t < r)$$

in general, by noticing that  $\Sigma^{-4(n-r)}HP_{n-r}^n$  and  $\Sigma^{-4(n-r)-3}Q_{n-r}^n$  are such ones. We define  $d(X)$  by

$$(1.6) \quad d(X) = v \text{ (the order of Coker } [h: \pi_{4r}(X) \rightarrow H_{4r}(X; Z)]),$$

where  $h$  is the Hurewicz homomorphism. Then, by the theorem of Crabb and Knapp [2] on the maximal codegree, we have the inequality

$$(1.7) \quad d(X) \leq m(r), \text{ where } m(r) \text{ is } 2r \text{ if } r \text{ is even and } 2r+1 \text{ if } r \text{ is odd.}$$

Now, consider the inclusion  $i: S^0 \rightarrow X$  and the induced homomorphism

$$(1.8) \quad i_*: \pi_{4r-1}(S^0) \rightarrow \pi_{4r-1}(X) \quad \text{for } X \text{ in (1.5).}$$

Then we have the following results which yield Theorems A and B of above as special cases, where

$$(1.9) \quad j_r \text{ denotes the generator of } (\text{Im } J)_2 = Z/2^{3+v(r)} \text{ in (1.2).}$$

**THEOREM C.**  $i_*$  in (1.8) satisfies the following properties:

- (i) If  $r$  is odd and  $d(X) = m(r) - \varepsilon$  for  $0 \leq \varepsilon \leq 2$ , then  $2^\varepsilon i_*(j_r) = 0$ .
- (ii) If  $r$  is even and  $d(X) = m(r)$ , then  $2^{2+v(r)} i_*(j_r) = 0$ .
- (iii) Put  $d = d(X) - d(X/S^0)$ , where  $d(X/S^0)$  is defined similarly to  $d(X)$  in (1.6). If  $d \leq 2 + v(r)$ , then  $2^{2+v(r)-d} i_*(j_r) \neq 0$ .

We prepare in §2 some necessary properties for the proof of the theorems, and prove Theorem C in §3 and Theorems A and B in §4.

**§2. Preliminaries**

To treat the spectrum  $X$  in (1.5) and its  $4(r - 1)$ -dimensional skeleton  $X'$  in the next section, we consider the following  $4m$ -dimensional finite  $CW$ -spectrum in this section:

$$(2.1) \quad Y = S^0 \cup e^{4a_1} \cup \dots \cup e^{4a_k} \quad \text{with } 1 \leq a_1 \leq \dots \leq a_k = m.$$

For the spectrum  $V = Y$  or  $S^0$ , we will consider the mod 2 Adams spectral sequence which has the  $E_2$ -term

$$E_2^{s,t}(V) = \text{Ext}_A^{s,t}(H^*(V; Z/2), Z/2)$$

and converges to  $\pi_*(V)$ , where  $A$  is the mod 2 Steenrod algebra. For  $2 \leq u \leq \infty$ , we denote by  $E_u^{s,t}(V)$  the  $E_u$ -term of the spectral sequence. For the generator  $j_r \in (\text{Im } J)_2 = Z/2^{3+v(r)}$  in (1.9),  $2^{3+v(r)-i} j_r$  represents a unique element

$$(2.2) \quad \alpha_{2r/i} \in E_2^{q-i, q-i+4r-1}(S^0) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq 3$$

(cf. [6], [8]), where  $q = 2r + 2$  or  $2r + 1$  if  $r$  is odd or even respectively. Furthermore, for the homomorphism  $i_*: E_2^{s,t}(S^0) \rightarrow E_2^{s,t}(V)$  induced from the inclusion  $i: S^0 \rightarrow V$  to the bottom sphere, we put  ${}_0\alpha_{2r/i} = i_*(\alpha_{2r/i})$ . Then, by the similar way as in [3; Lemmas 3.6, 3.9], we have the following lemma for the spectrum  $Y$  in (2.1).

LEMMA 2.3. *Assume that  $r > m$ .*

- (i) *When  $r$  is odd,  $E_2^{s,s+4r-1}(Y) = 0$  if  $s \geq 2r + 2$ , and  $= Z/2\{ {}_0\alpha_{2r/i} \}$  if  $s = 2r + 2 - i$  and  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ .*
- (ii) *When  $r$  is even,  $E_2^{s,s+4r-1}(Y) = 0$  if  $s \geq 2r + 1$ , and  $= Z/2\{ {}_0\alpha_{2r/1} \}$  if  $s = 2r$ .*

In fact, the elements  ${}_0\alpha_{2r/i}$  in Lemma 2.3 are non zero permanent cycles, that is  ${}_0\alpha_{2r/i} \neq 0$  in  $E_\infty(Y)$ , by the following lemma.

LEMMA 2.4. *If  $r > m$ , then  $i_*: \pi_{4r-1}(S^0) \rightarrow \pi_{4r-1}(Y)$  is injective on  $(\text{Im } J)_2$ .*

PROOF. Let  $W = Y^*$  be the  $S$ -dual of  $Y$  with  $\dim W = 4m$ , and  $p: W \rightarrow S^{4m}$  the collapsing map to the top cell. Then by the same reason as in the proof of [3; Prop.2.1], it suffices to show the following:

$$(*) \quad v(|p^*(t)|) = 3 + v(r) \quad \text{for } p^*(t) \in KO^{4(m-r)}(W)_{(2)}/\text{Im}(\psi^3 - 1).$$

Here,  $t \in KO^{4(m-r)}(S^{4m}) = Z$  is the generator, and  $\psi^3: KO^i(W)_{(2)} \rightarrow KO^i(W)_{(2)}$  is

the stable Adams operation on the  $KO$ -cohomology groups localized at 2. But, by the cell structure of  $W$ , we have an isomorphism

$$KO^{4(m-r)}(W) \cong \sum_{i=0}^m H^{4i}(W; Z) \otimes KO^{4(m-r-i)}(S^0),$$

and we can take  $p^*(t) \in KO^{4(m-r)}(W)$  as one element in a basis of the free part. Then we see that, for an integer  $c$ ,  $cp^*(t) \in \text{Im}(\psi^3 - 1)$  if and only if  $c$  is divisible by  $9^r - 1$ . This implies (\*), and we have the desired result. Q.E.D.

Assume that a map  $f: S^{k-1} \rightarrow Y$  with  $k > 4m$  is given for the spectrum  $Y$  in (2.1). We denote the cofiber of  $f$  by  $C(f)$  and the inclusion  $S^0 \rightarrow C(f)$  by  $i$ , and we put  $e = d(C(f)) - d(C(f)/S^0)$ , where each  $d(\ )$  is defined similarly as in (1.6). Then we have the following lemma, in which all homotopy groups are assumed to be cocalized at 2.

**LEMMA 2.5.** *If  $i_*(2^e\gamma) \neq 0$  in  $\pi_{k-1}(Y)$  for some  $\gamma \in \pi_{k-1}(S^0)$ , then  $i_*(\gamma) \neq 0$  in  $\pi_{k-1}(C(f))$ .*

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

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \pi_k(C(f)) & \xrightarrow{q_*} & \pi_k(C(f)/S^0) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \pi_{k-1}(S^0) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & \pi_{k-1}(C(f)) \\ & & \uparrow j_* & & \parallel & & \uparrow j_* \\ \pi_k(Y/S^0) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \pi_{k-1}(S^0) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & \pi_{k-1}(Y). & & \end{array}$$

Here the homotopy groups are all assumed to be localized at 2, the horizontal two sequences are the exact sequences associated with the respective cofiberings and each  $j_*$  is the homomorphism induced from the canonical inclusion. By the definition of  $e$ , we can take the generators  $x$  and  $y$  of the respective free parts of  $\pi_k(C(f))$  and  $\pi_k(C(f)/S^0)$  to satisfy

$$q_*(x) = 2^e y + v \quad \text{for some torsion element } v.$$

Assume that  $i_*(\gamma) = 0$  in  $\pi_{k-1}(C(f))$ . Then  $\gamma = \partial(ty + w)$  for some integer  $t$  and some torsion element  $w$ , and thus  $2^e\gamma = \partial(2^e w - tv)$ . Since any torsion element of  $\pi_k(C(f)/S^0)$  is in  $\text{Im}(j_*)$ ,  $i_*(2^e\gamma) = 0$  in  $\pi_{k-1}(Y)$ , and thus we have the desired result. Q.E.D.

**§3. Proof of Theorem C**

Let  $X$  be a  $CW$ -spectrum in (1.5). For a non zero element  $y \in \pi_{t-s}(X)$ , we put  $F(y) = s$  if  $y$  represents a non zero element of  $E_\infty^{s,t}(X)$ . That is,  $F(y)$  denotes the mod 2 Adams filtration of  $y$ . Consider the  $S$ -dual of  $X$ , and apply

Theorem 1 and Proposition 3.2 in [4] to it. Then we have the following proposition, where  $h: \pi_{4r}(X) \rightarrow H_{4r}(X; Z)$  is the Hurewicz homomorphism and the image  $h(x)$  of an element  $x \in \pi_{4r}(X)$  is regarded as an integer through the isomorphism  $H_{4r}(X; Z) \cong Z$ .

**PROPOSITION 3.1.** *Let  $\varepsilon(r) = 2$  or  $4$  for even or odd  $r \geq 1$  respectively. If  $d(X) \geq 2r - \varepsilon(r)$ , then there is an element  $x \in \pi_{4r}(X)$  satisfying  $v(h(x)) = F(x) = d(X)$ .*

Let  $X'$  be the  $4(r - 1)$ -skeleton of  $X$ . Then we have the exact sequence

$$(3.2) \quad E_2^{s-1,t}(X) \xrightarrow{p_*} E_2^{s-1,t}(S^{4r}) \xrightarrow{\partial} E_2^{s,t}(X') \xrightarrow{i_*} E_2^{s,t}(X) \longrightarrow 0$$

for  $t - s = 4r - 1$ , where each  $E_2^{s,t}(\ )$  is the  $E_2$ -term of the spectral sequence as in §2. Let  $h_0 \in E_2^{1,1}(S^0) = Z/2$  be the generator. Then  $E_2^{s-1,t}(S^{4r}) = E_2^{s-1,s-1}(S^0) = Z/2\{h_0^{s-1}\}$ , and we have the following proposition, where  $m(r)$  is the integer in (1.7).

**PROPOSITION 3.3.** (i) *If  $d(X) = m(r)$ , then*

$$\partial(h_0^i) \neq 0 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq m(r) - 1.$$

(ii) *If  $r$  is odd and  $d(X) = m(r) - \varepsilon$  for  $1 \leq \varepsilon \leq 2$ , then*

$${}_0\alpha_{2r/t} = 0 \in E_3^{2r-t+2,6r-t+1}(X) \text{ for } \varepsilon = 1 \text{ and } 1 \leq t \leq 2, \text{ and}$$

$${}_0\alpha_{2r/1} = 0 \in E_4^{2r+1,6r}(X) \text{ for } \varepsilon = 2.$$

**PROOF.** (i) We put  $M = m(r) - 1$ . Suppose that  $\partial(h_0^i) = 0$  for some  $1 \leq i \leq M$ . Then there is an element  $z \in E_2^{i+4r}(X)$  satisfying  $p_*(z) = h_0^i$  by the exactness of (3.2), and we have  $p_*(h_0^{M-i}z) = h_0^M$ . We use Lemma 2.3 to the case of  $Y = X'$ . Then  $E_2^{s,t}(X') = 0$  for  $s \geq M + 2$  and  $t - s = 4r - 1$ , and we have  $E_2^{s,t}(X) = 0$  for the same  $s$  and  $t$  by (3.2). Therefore we have  $h_0^{M-i}z \neq 0 \in E_\infty(X)$ , and  $v(h(\gamma)) = M$  for an element  $\gamma \in \pi_{4r}(X)$  which represents  $h_0^{M-i}z$ , where  $h$  is the Hurewicz homomorphism and we regard  $h(\gamma)$  as an integer as in Proposition 3.1. But this contradicts the assumption  $d(X) = M + 1$ , and thus we have  $\partial(h_0^i) \neq 0$  for any  $1 \leq i \leq M$ .

(ii) Since  $d(X) = 2r - \varepsilon + 1$  for some  $1 \leq \varepsilon \leq 2$  by the assumption, we have  $h_0^{2r-\varepsilon+1} \in \text{Im}(p_*)$  by Proposition 3.1. Then, using (3.2), we have  ${}_0\alpha_{2r/i} \neq 0$  in  $E_2^{2r-i+2,6r-i+1}(X)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq \varepsilon$ . Suppose that  $\partial(h_0^{2r-2}) \neq 0$ . Then we have  $\partial(h_0^{2r-2}) = {}_0\alpha_{2r/3}$  by Lemma 2.3. But it contradicts the above, since then  ${}_0\alpha_{2r/1} = 0$  in  $E_2^{2r+1,6r}(X)$ . Hence we have  $\partial(h_0^{2r-2}) = 0$ , and so there is an element  $y \in E_2^{2r-2,6r-2}(X)$  satisfying  $p_*(y) = h_0^{2r-2}$  by (3.2).

Now consider the case of  $\varepsilon = 1$ . We get the first required equality if we show  $d_2(y) \neq 0$ , because  $d_2(y) \in E_2^{2r,6r-1}(X) \cong Z/2\{{}_0\alpha_{2r/2}\}$  and then  $d_2(h_0y)$

$= {}_0\alpha_{2r/1}$ . Suppose that  $d_2(y) = 0$ . Then we have  $d_2(h_0y) = 0$  also, and  $d_u(h_0y) = 0$  for any  $u \geq 3$  since it is an element of 0-group by Lemma 2.3 and (3.2). Since  $p_*(h_0y) = h_0^{2r-1}y$ ,  $h_0y$  cannot be the image of  $d_u$  for any  $u \geq 2$ . Thus  $h_0y$  is represented by an element  $\beta \in \pi_{4r}(X)$  with  $v(h(\beta)) = 2r - 1$ , and this contradicts the assumption  $d(X) = 2r$ . Hence we have  $d_2(y) \neq 0$ , and the desired result. For the case of  $\varepsilon = 2$ , we have  $d_2(y) = 0$  and  $d_3(y) = {}_0\alpha_{2r/1}$  by the similar argument to  $\varepsilon = 1$ , and the second required equality. Q.E.D.

**PROOF OF THEOREM C.** (i) and (ii). Let  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ . Then the element  $2^{3+v(r)-i}i_*(j_r) \in \pi_{4n-1}(X)$  represents the element  ${}_0\alpha_{2r/i} \in E_2^{q-i, q-i+4r-1}(X)$ , and  $E_2^{s, s+4r-1}(X) = 0$  for any  $s \geq q$ , by Lemma 2.3 and (3.2), where  $q = 2r + 2$  or  $2r + 1$  for odd or even  $r$  respectively. Thus to prove  $2^{3+v(r)-i}i_*(j_r) = 0$  we may show that  ${}_0\alpha_{2r/i} = 0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ .

When  $d(X) = m(r) - \varepsilon$  for odd  $r$  and  $1 \leq \varepsilon \leq 2$ , the assertion follows from Proposition 3.3 (ii). Now assume that  $d(X) = m(r)$ . By Proposition 3.3 (i) and Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\partial(h_0^{2r-i+1}) = {}_0\alpha_{2r/i} \quad \text{for odd } r \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq 3, \text{ and}$$

$$\partial(h_0^{2r-1}) = {}_0\alpha_{2r/1} \quad \text{for even } r,$$

where  $\partial$  is the homomorphism in (3.2). Therefore,  ${}_0\alpha_{2r/i} = 0 \in E_2^{2r-i+2, 6r-i+1}(X)$  for odd  $r$  and  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ , and  ${}_0\alpha_{2r/1} = 0 \in E_2^{2r, 6r-1}(X)$  for even  $r$ . Thus we have (i) and (ii).

(iii) We apply Lemmas 2.4 and 2.5 to the case of  $(C(f), Y, e) = (X, X', d)$ , where  $d = d(X) - d(X/S^0)$ . Lemma 2.4 implies that  $2^{2+v(r)}i_*(j_r) \neq 0$  in  $\pi_{4r-1}(X')$ , and thus we have the desired result by Lemma 2.5.

**§4. Proof of Theorems A and B**

We will apply Theorem C to the spectra  $\Sigma^{-4(n-r)}HP_{n-r}^n$  and  $\Sigma^{-4(n-r)-3}Q_{n-r}^n$ . Recall the integers  $a(n, r)$  and  $b(n, r)$  defined for given integers  $n$  and  $r \geq 1$  in (1.3). Also, we put  $c(n, r) = \binom{n+r-2}{r-1}$ . Then by [4; Th. 2, 3] we have the following:

- LEMMA 4.1.** (i)  $d(\Sigma^{-4(n-r)}HP_{n-r}^n) = m(r)$  if and only if  $a(n, r)$  is odd.  
 (ii) Assume that  $r \geq 3$  is odd. Then,  $d(\Sigma^{-4(n-r)}HP_{n-r}^n) = m(r) - 1$  or  $m(r) - 2$  if the following (1) or (2) holds respectively:  
 (1)  $a(n, r) + 1 \equiv (a(n, r)/2) + b(n, r) \equiv 1 \pmod 2$ ;  
 (2)  $a(n, r) \equiv 2 \pmod 4$ ,  $b(n, r) \equiv 1 \pmod 2$  and  $(a(n, r)/2) + b(n, r) + 2c(n, r) \equiv 2 \pmod 4$ .

- LEMMA 4.2. (i)  $d(\Sigma^{-4(n-r)-3}Q_{n-r}^n) = m(r)$  if and only if  $a(n, r)$  is odd.  
 (ii) Assume that  $r \geq 1$  is odd. Then,  $d(\Sigma^{-4(n-r)-3}Q_{n-r}^n) = m(r) - 1$  or  $m(r) - 2$  if the following (1)' or (2)' holds respectively:  
 (1)'  $a(n, r) \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ;  
 (2)'  $a(n, r) \equiv 4(1 + (n + 1)c(n, r)) \pmod{8}$ .

Let  $i_*: \pi_{4n-1}^s(S^{4(n-r)}) \rightarrow \pi_{4n-1}^s(HP_{n-r}^n)$  be the homomorphism in (1.1). Then, by Theorem C and Lemma 4.1, we have the following theorem.

- THEOREM 4.3. (i) If  $a(n, r)$  is odd, then  $i_*((\text{Im } J)_2) = 0$  for odd  $r \geq 1$ , and  $2^{2+v(r)}i_*(j_r) = 0$  for even  $r \geq 2$ .  
 (ii) For odd  $r \geq 3$ ,  $2i_*(j_r) = 0$  or  $4i_*(j_r) = 0$  if (1) or (2) in Lemma 4.1 holds respectively.

Similarly, for the homomorphism  $i_*: \pi_{4n+2}^s(S^{4(n-r)+3}) \rightarrow \pi_{4n+2}^s(Q_{n-r}^n)$  in (1.4), we have the following theorem by Theorem C and Lemma 4.2.

- THEOREM 4.4.  $i_*$  satisfies (i) in Theorem 4.3 and the following (ii)':  
 (ii)' For odd  $r \geq 1$ ,  $2i_*(j_r) = 0$  or  $4i_*(j_r) = 0$  if (1)' or (2)' in Lemma 4.2 holds respectively.

PROOF OF THEOREM A. (i) follows from Lemma 2.4 by applying it to the case of  $Y = \Sigma^{-4(n-r)}HP_{n-r}^l$  and  $m = l - n + r$  for  $l < n$ .

(ii) Let  $i_*: \pi_{4n-1}^s(S^{4(n-r)}) \rightarrow \pi_{4n-1}^s(HP_{n-r}^n)$  be the homomorphism in (1.1) for  $l = n$ , and  $(\text{Im } J)_2 \subset \pi_{4n-1}^s(S^{4(n-r)})$  as in (1.2). We put  $P = \Sigma^{-4(n-r)}HP_{n-r}^n$  and  $d = d(P) - d(P/S^0)$ . Then, by the same reason to Lemma 4.1 (i), we have

$$(4.5) \quad d(P/S^0) = m(r - 1) \text{ if and only if } b(n, r) \text{ is odd.}$$

Assume that  $r$  is odd. If  $a(n, r)$  is odd, then  $i_*((\text{Im } J)_2) = 0$  by Theorem 4.3 (i), and we have the first case of the required result. For the case of  $r = 1$ , since  $\Sigma^{-4n+4}HP_{n-1}^n$  is homotopy equivalent to  $S^0 \cup_{(n-1)v} e^4$ , where  $v \in \pi_3(S^0) = Z/24$  is the generator,  $i_*((\text{Im } J)_2)$  is a cyclic group of order  $\text{g.c.m.}\{n - 1, 8\}$ . Hence we have the desired result for  $r = 1$ . Now we assume further that  $b(n, r)$  is odd and  $r \geq 3$ . Then we see that the condition (1) in Lemma 4.1 (ii) is equivalent to that  $r + n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ . Thus, if  $r + n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ , then  $2i_*(j_r) = 0$  by Theorem 4.3 (ii), and  $i_*(j_r) \neq 0$  by Theorem C (iii) since  $d = 2$  by Lemma 4.1 (ii) and (4.5). Hence we have the second case of the desired result. Similarly, the condition (2) in Lemma 4.1 (ii) is equivalent to that  $n \equiv r \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ . Then, under this condition,  $d = 1$  by Lemma 4.1 (ii) and (4.5), and we have  $i_*((\text{Im } J)_2) = Z/4$  by Theorem 4.3 (ii) and Theorem C (iii), which is the third case of the required result.

(ii) Assume that  $r$  is even. Then,  $b(n, r)$  is odd if and only if  $d(P/S^0) = 2r - 1$  by (4.5), and under this assumption we have the following:

$v(n) > v(r)$  if and only if  $a(n, r)$  is odd,

$v(n) = v(r)$  if and only if  $d(P) = 2r - 1$ ,

Hence, if  $b(n, r)$  is odd and  $v(n) = v(r)$ , then  $2^{2+v(r)}i_*(j_r) \neq 0$  by Theorem C (iii) since  $d = 0$  in this case, and thus  $\text{Ker}(i_*) \cap (\text{Im } J)_2 = 0$ . If both  $a(n, r)$  and  $b(n, r)$  are odd, then  $2^{2+v(r)}i_*(j_r) = 0$  by Theorem 4.3 (i), and  $\text{Ker}(i_*) \cap (\text{Im } J)_2 = Z/2$  by Theorem C (iii) since  $d = 1$  in this case. Thus we have completed the proof. Q.E.D.

The proof of Theorem B is similar to that of Theorem A, by using Lemma 4.2 and Theorem 4.4 instead of Lemma 4.1 and Theorem 4.3.

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