

87. A Note on the Spaces of Self Homotopy Equivalences for Fibre Spaces

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1. Introduction. Throughout this note, we shall work within the category of compactly generated Hausdorff spaces which will be simply called *spaces*. Let X and Y be spaces with base points x_0 and y_0 respectively. We denote by $\text{map}(X, Y)$ and $\text{map}_0(X, Y)$ the space of maps of X to Y and the space of maps of (X, x_0) to (Y, y_0) respectively. Moreover, when k is a map of X to Y , we denote by $\text{map}(X, Y; k)$ the path component of k in $\text{map}(X, Y)$, and $\text{map}_0(X, Y; k)$ is defined similarly. A *CW* complex means a connected *CW* complex with non-degenerate base point. Let X be a *CW* complex with base point x_0 , $G(X)$ the space of self homotopy equivalences of X and $G_0(X)$ the space of self homotopy equivalences of (X, x_0) . In previous papers [5], [6], [7] we studied $G_0(X)$ when $X=E$ is a fibre space of a fibration: $F \xrightarrow{i} E \xrightarrow{p} B$. This paper is also concerned with $G_0(X)$ for a fibre space X .

2. Main results. We quote the following two theorems [5, 6].

Theorem A. *Let E and B be CW complexes and $p: E \rightarrow B$ a fibration with fibre F . Let $n > 1$ be a given integer. If F is $(n-1)$ -connected and $\pi_i(B) = 0$ for every $i \geq n$, then we have the following fibration:*

$$\mathcal{Q}(E \bmod F) \longrightarrow G_0(E) \xrightarrow{\rho} G_0(B) \times G_0(F),$$

where $\mathcal{Q}(E \bmod F)$ is the space of self fibre homotopy equivalences of E leaving the fibre F fixed.

Theorem B. *Under the same hypothesis as above, the image of $\rho: G_0(E) \rightarrow G_0(B) \times G_0(F)$ is just the union of the path components in $G_0(B) \times G_0(F)$ each of which contains (g, h) satisfying*

$$[\chi_\infty(h)] \circ [k] = [k] \circ [g],$$

where $\chi_\infty(h)$ is a self map of (B_∞, b_∞) and $k: (B, b_0) \rightarrow (B_\infty, b_\infty)$ is a classifying map in Allaud's sense for the fibration: $F \xrightarrow{i} E \xrightarrow{p} B$.

Let $\varepsilon(X)$ denote the group $\pi_0(G_0(X))$ for a *CW* complex X and let R be a subgroup of $\varepsilon(B) \times \varepsilon(F)$ consisting of the elements $([g], [h])$ satisfying $[\chi_\infty(h)] \circ [k] = [k] \circ [g]$. Then our main result is the following

Theorem 1. *Let E and B be CW complexes and $F \xrightarrow{i} E \xrightarrow{p} B = K(\pi, n)$ a fibration classified by a map $k: (B, b_0) \rightarrow (B_\infty, b_\infty)$ in Allaud's sense. Let $n > 1$ be a given integer. If F is n -connected and $\pi_j(F) = 0$ for every $j \geq 2n$, then we have the following fibration:*

$$\text{map}_0(B, G(F)) \longrightarrow G_0(E) \xrightarrow{\rho} R \times G_{0i}(F),$$

where G_{0i} denotes the path component in $G_0(F)$ containing the identity map id_F , and we have the following exact homotopy sequence of the above fibration for every $j \geq 0$

$$1 \longrightarrow \pi_j(\text{map}_0(B, G(F))) \longrightarrow \pi_j(G_0(E)) \longrightarrow \pi_j(R \times G_{0i}(F)) \longrightarrow 1.$$

By using the fact that $G(F)$ has the same weak homotopy type as $F \times G_0(F)$ we can easily see the following corollary, which is a generalization of Nomura's theorem (Theorem 3.2 in [3]).

Corollary. *Under the same hypothesis as Theorem 1, we have the following exact sequence*

$$1 \longrightarrow [B, F]_0 \longrightarrow \varepsilon(E) \longrightarrow R \longrightarrow 1.$$

3. Sketch of proof. We shall denote by $X \underset{w}{\simeq} Y$ that X has the same weak homotopy type as Y . First we show the following

Lemma 2. *It holds that*

$$\mathcal{G}(E \text{ mod } F) \underset{w}{\simeq} \text{map}_0(B, F) \underset{w}{\simeq} \text{map}_0(B, G(F)).$$

In fact, since we may regard F as a loop space from our hypothesis (see Corollary 9.9 in [4]), there exists an H -map $\sigma : F \rightarrow G(F)$ such that σ induces isomorphisms $\sigma_* : \pi_i(F) \rightarrow \pi_i(G(F))$ for every $i \geq n-1$ by using Theorem 5.1 in [1]. Let B'_∞ and B''_∞ be an $(n-1)$ -connective CW complex (B_∞, n) of B and an $(n-1)$ -stage Postnikov complex of B_∞ respectively. Then we have a fibration $B'_\infty \xrightarrow{Bj} B_\infty \xrightarrow{\pi} B''_\infty$. By using Theorem 7 in [5] we have the following

$$\mathcal{G}(E \text{ mod } F) \underset{w}{\simeq} \Omega \text{map}_0(B, B_\infty; k) \underset{w}{\simeq} \Omega \text{map}_0(B, B'_\infty; k'),$$

where $Bj \circ k' \simeq k$. Furthermore, noting that B'_∞ has the same weak homotopy type as BF and B'_∞ itself has the homotopy type of a loop space, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega \text{map}_0(B, B'_\infty; k') &\underset{w}{\simeq} \text{map}_0(B, \Omega B'_\infty) \underset{w}{\simeq} \text{map}_0(B, \Omega BF) \\ &\underset{w}{\simeq} \text{map}_0(B, F) \underset{w}{\simeq} \text{map}_0(B, G(F)). \end{aligned}$$

Next we see easily the following

Proposition 3. *Let X be a CW complex and Y a path connected H -space. Then there exists a cross-section $s : Y \rightarrow \text{map}(X, Y; l)$ for the following fibration :*

$$\text{map}_0(X, Y; l) \longrightarrow \text{map}(X, Y; l) \xrightarrow{\omega} Y,$$

where ω is the evaluation map at the base point x_0 of X .

We need the following

Lemma 4. *B''_∞ has the same weak homotopy type as $BG_0(F)$.*

In fact, there exists the map $Bj' : BG_0(F) \rightarrow BG(F) = B_\infty$ induced by the inclusion $i' : G_0(F) \rightarrow G(F)$ (see [2]). Then the map $\pi \circ Bj' : BG_0(F) \rightarrow B''_\infty$ induces the isomorphisms of homotopy groups.

Proof of Theorem 1. We have the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \Omega \text{map}_0(B, B'_\infty; k') & \xrightarrow{\Omega(Bj)_\#} & \Omega \text{map}_0(B, B_\infty; k) & \xrightarrow{\Omega\pi_\#} & \Omega \text{map}_0(B, B''_\infty; \pi \circ k) \\
 \downarrow \Omega i & & \downarrow \Omega i & & \downarrow \Omega i \\
 \Omega \text{map}(B, B'_\infty; k') & \xrightarrow{\Omega(Bj)_\#} & \Omega \text{map}(B, B_\infty; k) & \xrightarrow{\Omega\pi_\#} & \Omega \text{map}(B, B''_\infty; \pi \circ k) \\
 \downarrow \omega & & \downarrow \omega & & \downarrow \omega \\
 F & \xrightarrow{j} & G(F) & \xrightarrow{\Omega\pi} & \Omega B''_\infty
 \end{array}$$

Here it should be noticed that $\Omega B''_\infty$ has the same weak homotopy type as $G_0(F)$ by Lemma 4.

Now, we regard the fibration on the left hand of the above diagram as the following fibration :

$$\text{map}_0(B, F) \longrightarrow \text{map}(B, F) \xrightarrow{\omega} F.$$

Thus, by Proposition 3 we see that

$$(\Omega i)_* : \pi_r(\text{map}_0(B, F; l)) \longrightarrow \pi_r(\text{map}(B, F; l))$$

is a monomorphism for every r . On the other hand, we can easily see that the homomorphism

$$(\Omega(Bj)_\#)_* : \pi_r(\Omega \text{map}(B, B'_\infty; k')) \longrightarrow \pi_r(\Omega \text{map}(B, B_\infty; k))$$

is a monomorphism for every r . In other words, the homomorphism of $\pi_r(\mathcal{G}(E \text{ mod } F))$ into $\pi_r(\mathcal{G}(E))$ induced by the inclusion is a monomorphism for every r . This implies that the following homotopy sequence of the fibration ρ is exact for every $r \geq 0$

$$1 \rightarrow \pi_r(\mathcal{G}(E \text{ mod } F)) \longrightarrow \pi_r(G_0(E)) \longrightarrow \pi_r(R \times_{G_{0i}}(F)) \longrightarrow 1.$$

Correction of the previous paper [5]. On p. 16, line 18, “a map of B to B' ” should be replaced by “a map of CW complex B to CW complex B' ”.

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