

# COHOMOLOGY AND THE CLASSIFICATION OF LIFTINGS

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**1. Introduction.** In this paper we will be concerned with the problem of homotopy classification of liftings of a map. Suppose that  $\beta = (E, B, p)$  is a locally trivial fibre space with fibre  $F$ . Then, for  $f: X \rightarrow B$ , there is the set  $L(X, f, \beta)$  of homotopy classes of liftings of  $f$ . Assuming that  $L(X, f, \beta)$  is not empty and that  $X$  is  $(2n-1)$ -coconnected and  $F$  is  $(n-1)$ -connected, we will construct, for  $\alpha \in L(X, f, \beta)$ , an abelian group structure on  $L(X, f, \beta)$  such that  $\alpha$  is the zero element. Denote the group by  $(L(X, f, \beta), \alpha)$  and the sum of two elements  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  by  $\gamma_1 +_\alpha \gamma_2$ .

Given  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1 \in L(X, f, \beta)$ , the different group structures on  $L(X, f, \beta)$  determined by  $\alpha_0$  and  $\alpha_1$  are isomorphic in the best possible way. The translation  $(L(X, f, \beta), \alpha_1) \rightarrow (L(X, f, \beta), \alpha_0)$  which sends  $\gamma$  to  $\gamma +_{\alpha_1} \alpha_0$  is an isomorphism.

A weak form of the classification problem is then to determine the structure of the group  $(L(X, f, \beta), \alpha)$ .

In §2 we define a  $B$ -cohomology theory where  $B$  is a fixed space. These are generalizations of cohomology with local coefficients, and if  $B$  is a point, they are generalized cohomology theories as in [9]. For each CW-pair  $(X, A)$  and integer  $n$ ,  $h^n(X, A)$  is a local system of abelian groups over the mapping space  $\mathcal{M}(X, B)$ . The group assigned to  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, B)$  is denoted by  $h^n(X, A, f)$ .

In §4 we construct the spectral sequence for a fibre map  $\pi: Y \rightarrow X$ . This is analogous to Dold's generalization of the Serre spectral sequence [2].

In §§5 and 6 we define a  $B$ -spectrum and show how to construct a  $B$ -cohomology theory from a  $B$ -spectrum. We then associate to a fibre space  $\beta = (E, B, p)$  a  $B$ -spectrum  $\mathcal{S}(\beta)$  in a natural way and define, for  $\alpha \in L(X, f, \beta)$ , a correspondence

$$\psi_\alpha: L(X, f, \beta) \rightarrow h^0(X, f, \mathcal{S}(\beta)),$$

which, in the stable range, i.e., when  $X$  is  $(2n-1)$ -coconnected and  $F$  is  $(n-1)$ -connected, is one-one and onto. The group structure on  $L(X, f, \beta)$  having  $\alpha$  as zero element is obtained by pulling back the group structure on  $h^0(X, f, \mathcal{S}(\beta))$  via  $\psi_\alpha$ . Then (using the terminology of §7) we show that  $L(X, f, \beta)$  has a natural affine group structure.

Suppose that  $G$  is a finite group which acts on  $X$  and  $Y$  and is free on  $X$ . Let  $E(X, Y)$  denote the set of homotopy classes of equivariant maps from  $X$  to  $Y$ . Using a construction of Heller [3] and our previous results, we define an affine

group structure on  $E(X, Y)$ , provided  $E(X, Y)$  is not empty,  $X/G$  is  $(2n-1)$ -coconnected and  $Y$  is  $(n-1)$ -connected. Our main result on the structure of  $(E(X, Y), \alpha)$  is Theorem (8.13).

In §§9 and 10 we make use of recent results of Hirsch and Haefliger [4], [5] which reduce the problem of classifying immersions (embeddings) of a closed  $n$ -dimensional  $C^\infty$ -manifold  $M$  in euclidean space  $E^{n+k}$  to a problem of classifying equivariant maps. These allow us to define a natural affine group structure on the set  $IM^{n+k}(M)(EM^{n+k}(M))$  of regular homotopy classes of immersions (isotopy classes of embeddings) of  $M$  in  $E^{n+k}$  provided the set is not empty and  $2k > n+1$  ( $2k > n+3$ ). Using Theorem (8.13) we compute the rank and  $p$ -primary component,  $p$ -odd, of these groups.

In §11 we study a question raised by Lashof and Smale [7] as to what classes in  $H^k(M)$  are realizable as normal classes of an immersion of  $M$  into  $E^{n+k}$ .

**2. Cohomology theories.** Given a space  $X$ , let  $\bar{X}$  denote the category whose objects are points of  $X$  and such that the set of maps  $M(x_0, x_1)$ ,  $x_0, x_1 \in X$ , consists of equivalence classes of paths from  $x_1$  to  $x_0$ , the equivalence relation being homotopy relative to the end points. A continuous map  $f: X_1 \rightarrow X_2$  defines a covariant functor  $\bar{f}: \bar{X}_1 \rightarrow \bar{X}_2$  in the obvious way.

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  denote the category of abelian groups. A *local system* of abelian groups over  $X$  is a covariant functor  $L: \bar{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ . We will denote  $L([\sigma])$  by  $\sigma_\#$  where  $[\sigma]$  is an equivalence class of paths.

Suppose that local systems  $L_1: \bar{X}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  and  $L_2: \bar{X}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  and a map  $f: X_1 \rightarrow X_2$  are given. A *homomorphism*  $\psi$  over  $f$  from  $L_1$  to  $L_2$  is a natural transformation  $\psi: L_1 \rightarrow L_2 \bar{f}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{L}$  denote the category whose objects are pairs  $(X, L)$  where  $L$  is a local system over  $X$  and whose maps are pairs  $(f, \psi): (X_1, L_1) \rightarrow (X_2, L_2)$ , where  $f: X_1 \rightarrow X_2$  and  $\psi$  is a homomorphism over  $f$  from  $L_1$  to  $L_2$ .

Let  $\mathcal{P}^2$  denote the category of CW-pairs. Fix a space  $B$ . For any space  $X$  let  $\mathcal{M}(X, B)$  denote the space with the compact-open topology of maps  $f: X \rightarrow B$ . For  $g: X_1 \rightarrow X_2$  define  $\mathcal{M}(g): \mathcal{M}(X_2, B) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(X_1, B)$  by  $\mathcal{M}(g)(f) = fg$ .

A *B-cohomology theory* on  $\mathcal{P}^2$  consists of the following.

(A). For  $(X, A) \in \mathcal{P}^2$ ,  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, B)$  and each integer  $n$ , an abelian group  $h^n(X, A, f)$ .

(B). For  $(X, A) \in \mathcal{P}^2$  and  $F: I \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(X, B)$ , with  $F(0) = f_0$ ,  $F(1) = f_1$ , a homomorphism

$$F_\#: h^n(X, A, f_1) \rightarrow h^n(X, A, f_0).$$

(C). For  $g: (X_1, A_1) \rightarrow (X_2, A_2)$  and  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X_2, B)$ , a homomorphism

$$g^*: h^n(X_2, A_2, f) \rightarrow h^n(X_1, A_1, fg).$$

(D). For  $(X, A) \in \mathcal{P}^2$  and  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, B)$  a homomorphism

$$d: h^n(A, f|_A) \rightarrow h^{n+1}(X, A, f).$$

These are to have the following properties.

I. For  $(X, A) \in \mathcal{P}^2$ , the collection  $\{h^n(X, A, f), F_\#, f \in \mathcal{M}(X, B), F \in \mathcal{M}(X, B)^I\}$ , is a local system over  $\mathcal{M}(X, B)$  which will be denoted by  $h^n(X, A)$ .

II. For  $g: (X_1, A_1) \rightarrow (X_2, A_2)$  the collection  $\{g^*: h^n(X_2, A_2, f) \rightarrow h^n(X_1, A_1, fg)\}$ ,  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X_2, B)$  is a homomorphism of local systems over  $\mathcal{M}(g)$ .

Then, for  $(X, A) \in \mathcal{P}^2$ , the collection  $\{h^n(A, f|_A), F|_{A\#}, f \in \mathcal{M}(X, B), F \in \mathcal{M}(X, B)^I\}$  is a local system over  $\mathcal{M}(X, B)$ . Here  $F|_A: I \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(A, B)$  is defined by  $F|_A(t)(a) = F(t)(a)$ ,  $a \in A$ .

III. For  $(X, A) \in \mathcal{P}^2$ , the collection  $\{d: h^n(A, f|_A) \rightarrow h^{n+1}(X, A, f)\}$ ,  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, B)$  is a homomorphism of local systems over the identity map  $\mathcal{M}(X, B) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(X, B)$ .

IV. The function  $\mathcal{H}^n: \mathcal{P}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$  defined by  $\mathcal{H}^n(X, A) = (\mathcal{M}(X, B), h^n(X, A))$  and  $\mathcal{H}^n(g) = (\mathcal{M}(g), g^*)$  is a contravariant functor.

V. For  $g: (X_1, A_1) \rightarrow (X_2, A_2)$  and  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X_2, B)$ , the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} h^n(A_2, f|_{A_2}) & \xrightarrow{d} & h^{n+1}(X_2, A_2, f) \\ \downarrow (g|_{A_1})^* & & \downarrow g^* \\ h^n(A_1, f|_{A_2 g|_{A_1}}) & \xrightarrow{d} & h^{n+1}(X_1, A_1, fg) \end{array}$$

is commutative.

VI. For  $G: (X_1, A_1) \times I \rightarrow (X_2, A_2)$  a homotopy from  $g_0$  to  $g_1$ , the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & h^n(X_1, A_1, fg_1) \\ & \nearrow g_1^* & \downarrow (fG)_\# \\ h^n(X_2, A_2, f) & & h^n(X_1, A_1, fg_0) \\ & \searrow g_0^* & \end{array}$$

is commutative.

VII. For  $(X, A) \in \mathcal{P}^2$  and  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, B)$ , the sequence

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{i^*} h^n(A, f|_A) \xrightarrow{d} h^{n+1}(X, A, f) \xrightarrow{j^*} h^{n+1}(X, f) \xrightarrow{i^*} \cdots$$

is exact. Here  $j: X \rightarrow (X, A)$  and  $i: A \rightarrow X$  are inclusions.

VIII. If  $X = A_1 \cup A_2$  and  $(A_1, A_1 \cap A_2)$  and  $(X, A_2)$  are in  $\mathcal{P}^2$ , then, for  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, B)$ ,

$$i^*: h^n(X, A_2, f) \rightarrow h^n(A_1, A_1 \cap A_2, f|_{A_1})$$

is an isomorphism. Here  $i: (A_1, A_1 \cap A_2) \rightarrow (X, A_2)$  is inclusion.

EXAMPLE 1. Take  $B$  to be a point. Then any generalized cohomology theory (such as in [9]) may be regarded as a  $B$ -cohomology theory on  $\mathcal{P}^2$ .

For the next example, if  $L$  is a local system of abelian groups over  $X$ , let  $H^n(X, A; L)$  denote the  $n$ th singular cohomology group of  $(X, A)$  with coefficients in  $L$ .

EXAMPLE 2. Fix a space  $B$  and a local system  $L$  over  $B$ . For  $(X, A) \in \mathcal{P}^2$  and

$f \in \mathcal{M}(X, B)$ , the composition  $L\bar{f}: \bar{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is a local system over  $X$ . We then have  $H^n(X, A; L\bar{f})$ .

For  $F: I \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(X, B)$  with  $F(0)=f_0$ ,  $F(1)=f_1$ , and  $x \in X$ , define  $\sigma_x: I \rightarrow B$  by  $\sigma_x(t)=F(x, t)$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ . Then let  $F_{\#}=\sigma_{x\#}: L(f_1(x)) \rightarrow L(f_0(x))$ . There results a coefficient homomorphism

$$F_{\#}: H^n(X, A, L\bar{f}_1) \rightarrow H^n(X, A, L\bar{f}_0).$$

With the homomorphism induced by a continuous mapping of pairs and the boundary operator defined in the usual way, it is easy to see that we have a  $B$ -cohomology theory on  $\mathcal{P}^2$ .

**3. Description of  $F_{\#}$ .** Assume that a cohomology theory over  $B$  is given. Axioms IV and VI imply.

(3.1) LEMMA. If  $g: (X_1, A_1) \rightarrow (X_2, A_2)$  is a homotopy equivalence, then for  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X_2, B)$ ,

$$g^*: h^n(X_2, A_2, f) \rightarrow h^n(X_1, A_1, fg)$$

is an isomorphism.

A subspace  $A \subset X$  is a weak deformation retract of  $X$  if the inclusion  $i: A \rightarrow X$  is a homotopy equivalence. By the exact cohomology sequence for  $(X, A)$  and the above lemma, we have

(3.2) LEMMA. If  $A$  is a weak deformation retract of  $X$ , then for  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, B)$ ,  $h^n(X, A, f)=0$ .

Now let  $f_0, f_1 \in \mathcal{M}(X, B)$  and let  $F: X \times I \rightarrow B$  be a homotopy from  $f_0$  to  $f_1$ . Let  $I=\{0, 1\}$ . We then have a boundary operator

$$(3.3) \quad d_j: h^n(X \times I \cup A \times I, X \times \{j\} \cup A \times I, F) \rightarrow h^{n+1}(X \times I, X \times I \cup A \times I, F), \\ j = 0, 1.$$

(3.4) LEMMA. For  $j=0, 1$ ,  $d_j$  is an isomorphism.

**Proof.** By exactness, it is sufficient to show that  $h^n(X \times I, X \times \{j\} \cup A \times I, F)=0$ . This follows from the preceding lemma.

Let  $\varepsilon(j)=0$  if  $j=1$  and  $\varepsilon(j)=1$  if  $j=0$ . Define  $i_j: (X, A) \rightarrow (X \times I \cup A \times I, X \times \{\varepsilon(j)\} \cup A \times I)$  by  $i_j(x)=(x, j)$ ,  $j=0, 1$ . By Axiom VIII,

$$(3.5) \quad i_j^*: h^n(X \times I \cup A \times I, X \times \{\varepsilon(j)\} \cup A \times I, F) \rightarrow (X, A, f_j)$$

is an isomorphism. Hence we have a suspension isomorphism

$$(3.6) \quad s_j: h^{n+1}(X \times I, X \times I \cup A \times I, F) \rightarrow h^n(X, A, f_{\varepsilon(j)}), \quad j = 0, 1,$$

by  $s_j = i_{\varepsilon(j)}^* d_j^{-1}$ .

Let  $\pi: X \times I \rightarrow X$  be the projection.

(3.7) LEMMA. For  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, B)$ , the composition

$$h^n(X, A, f) \xrightarrow{s_1^{-1}} h^{n+1}(X \times I, X \times \dot{I} \cup A \times I, f\pi) \xrightarrow{s_0} h^n(X, A, f)$$

is minus the identity.

The proof is the same as for ordinary cohomology.

The next theorem characterizes  $F_\#$  in terms of suspension.

(3.8) THEOREM. Let  $f_0, f_1 \in \mathcal{M}(X, B)$  and let  $F: X \times I \rightarrow B$  be a homotopy from  $f_0$  to  $f_1$ . Commutativity holds in the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & h^n(X, A, f_1) \\ & \nearrow s_0 & \downarrow -F_\# \\ h^{n+1}(X \times I, X \times \dot{I} \cup A \times I, F) & & \\ & \searrow s_1 & \downarrow \\ & & h^n(X, A, f_0) \end{array}$$

**Proof.** Define  $M: (X \times I) \times I \rightarrow X \times I$  by  $M(x, t)(\lambda) = (x, t\lambda)$ . Then  $FM_0 = f_0\pi$  and  $FM_1 = F$ . We have by Axioms II and III a commutative diagram

$$(3.9) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} h^n(X, A, f_1) & \xrightarrow{(\mathcal{M}(i_1)FM)_\#} & h^n(X, A, f_0) \\ \uparrow s_0 & & \uparrow s_0 \\ h^{n+1}(X \times I, X \times \dot{I} \cup A \times I, F) & \xrightarrow{(FM)_\#} & h^{n+1}(X \times I, X \times \dot{I} \cup A \times I, F) \\ \downarrow s_1 & & \downarrow s_1 \\ h^n(X, A, f_0) & \xrightarrow{(\mathcal{M}(i_0)FM)_\#} & h^n(X, A, f_0) \end{array}$$

By the previous lemma  $s_1 s_0^{-1}$  on the right is minus the identity. Next, we have  $\mathcal{M}(i_1)FM = F$  in  $\mathcal{M}(X, B)^I$  and  $\mathcal{M}(i_0)FM$  in  $\mathcal{M}(X, B)^I$  is the constant path on  $f_0$ . Therefore  $(\mathcal{M}(i_1)FM)_\# = F_\#$  and  $(\mathcal{M}(i_0)FM)_\#$  is the identity. It follows that  $s_1 s_0^{-1}$  on the left is  $-F_\#$ .

Let  $\tau_p = \langle v_0 \cdots v_p \rangle$  be an euclidean  $p$ -simplex and  $\tau_p$  its boundary. Let  $\tau_{p,i} = \langle v_0 \cdots v_{i-1}, v_{i+1} \cdots v_p \rangle$  and let  $J_i(\tau_p)$  be the closure of  $\tau_p - \tau_{p,i}$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq p$ .

For  $F \in \mathcal{M}(X \times \tau_p, B)$ , define

$$(3.10) \quad s_i: h^n(X \times \tau_p, X \times \tau_p, F) \rightarrow h^{n-1}(X \times \tau_{p,i}, X \times \tau_{p,i}, F),$$

$0 \leq i \leq p$ , to be the composition

$$\begin{aligned} h^n(X \times \tau_p, X \times \tau_p, F) &\xrightarrow{d^{-1}} h^{n-1}(X \times \tau_p, X \times J_i(\tau_p), F) \\ &\xrightarrow{i^*} h^{n-1}(X \times \tau_{p,i}, X \times \tau_{p,i}, F). \end{aligned}$$

Applying  $s_0$   $p$ -times, we obtain

$$(3.11) \quad s_0^p: h^n(X \times \tau_p, X \times \tau_p, F) \rightarrow h^{n-p}(X \times \{v_p\}, F).$$

Define  $\lambda_k: X \rightarrow X \times \tau_p$  by  $\lambda_k(x) = (x, v_k)$ ,  $k = p-1, p$ , and let  $\pi: X \times \tau_p \rightarrow X$  be the projection.

(3.12) LEMMA. For  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, B)$ , the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} h^n(X \times \tau_p, X \times \dot{\tau}_p, f\pi) & \xrightarrow{S_i} & h^n(X \times \tau_{p,i}, X \times \dot{\tau}_{p,i}, f\pi) \\ \downarrow \lambda_p^* s_0^p & & \downarrow \lambda_p^* s_0^{p-1} \\ h^{n-p}(X, f) & \xrightarrow{(-1)^i} & h^{n-p}(X, f) \end{array}$$

is commutative, where  $k = p$  if  $0 \leq i \leq p$ , and  $k = p-1$  if  $i = p$ .

The proof is the same as for ordinary cohomology.

Now for  $F \in \mathcal{M}(X \times \tau_p, B)$  consider the diagrams

$$(3.13) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} h^n(X \times \tau_p, X \times \dot{\tau}_p, F) & \xrightarrow{S_i} & h^n(X \times \tau_{p,i}, X \times \dot{\tau}_{p,i}, F) \\ \downarrow \lambda_p^* s_0^p & & \downarrow \lambda_p^* s_0^{p-1} \\ h^n(X, F\lambda_p) & \xrightarrow{(-1)^i} & h^n(X, F\lambda_p), \quad 0 \leq i \leq p \end{array}$$

$$(3.14) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} h^n(X \times \tau_p, X \times \dot{\tau}_p, F) & \xrightarrow{S_p} & h^n(X \times \tau_{p,p}, X \times \dot{\tau}_{p,p}, F) \\ \downarrow \lambda_p^* s_0^p & & \downarrow \lambda_{p-1}^* s_0^{p-1} \\ h^n(X, F\lambda_p) & \xrightarrow{(-1)^p T_\#} & h^n(X, F\lambda_{p-1}) \end{array}$$

where  $T: X \times I \rightarrow B$  is defined by  $T(x, t) = F(x, tv_{p-1} + (1-t)v_p)$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ .

(3.15) LEMMA. The diagrams (3.13) and (3.14) are commutative.

The proof is similar to the proof of Theorem (3.8). Here we use the preceding lemma, the homotopy  $M: (X \times \tau_p) \times I \rightarrow X \times \tau_p$  by  $M(x, z)(\lambda) = \lambda z + (1-\lambda)v_p$ ,  $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$ , and a diagram similar to (3.9).

**4. The spectral sequence.** Assume that a space  $B$  and a  $B$ -cohomology theory on  $\mathcal{P}^2$  is given. In this section we construct the spectral sequence associated with a fibre map  $\pi: Y \rightarrow X$ . This is a generalization of the Serre-Dold spectral sequence [2].

We assume that  $\pi: Y \rightarrow X$  is locally trivial,  $X$  is a polyhedron and for each pair  $(K, L)$  of subcomplexes of  $X$ , we have  $(\pi^{-1}(K), \pi^{-1}(L)) \in \mathcal{P}^2$ .

Let  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, B)$  be given. Let  $F(x) = \pi^{-1}(x)$ ,  $x \in X$ . We now describe the way in which the collection of groups  $h^n(F(x), f\pi)$ ,  $x \in X$ , is a local system over  $X$ . Let  $\sigma: I \rightarrow X$  be a path from  $x_0$  to  $x_1$ . By the covering homotopy property, there is  $S(\sigma): F(x_0) \times I \rightarrow X$  such that  $S(\sigma)$  covers  $\sigma$  and  $S(\sigma)_0: F(x_0) \rightarrow F(x_0)$  is the identity. We then have  $S(\sigma)_1: F(x_0) \rightarrow F(x_1)$ .

Next, for  $x \in X$ , we have  $T(x, \sigma): I \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(F(x), B)$  by  $T(x, \sigma)(t)(y) = f\sigma(t)$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ ,  $y \in F(x)$ . Note that  $T(x_0, \sigma)(1) = f\pi S(\sigma)_1$ . Let

$$(4.1) \quad \sigma_{\#}: h^n(F(x_1), f\pi) \rightarrow h^n(F(x_0), f\pi)$$

be the composition

$$h^n(F(x_1), f\pi) \xrightarrow{S(\sigma)_1^*} h^n(F(x_0), f\pi S(\sigma)_1) \xrightarrow{T(x_0, \sigma)_{\#}} h^n(F(x_0), f\pi).$$

(4.2) LEMMA. The assignment of  $h^n(F(x), f\pi)$  to  $x \in X$  and of  $\sigma_{\#}$  to  $\sigma \in X^1$  is a local system on  $X$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\sigma$  be a path from  $x_0$  to  $x_1$  and  $\tau$  a path from  $x_1$  to  $x_2$ . We will show that  $(\sigma\tau)_{\#} = \sigma_{\#}\tau_{\#}$  and leave the other properties to the reader. Consider the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & h^n(F(x_1), f\pi S(\tau)_1) & \xrightarrow{T(x_1, \tau)_{\#}} & h^n(F(x_1), f\pi) \\ & S(\tau)_1^* \nearrow & \downarrow S(\sigma)_1^* & & \downarrow S(\sigma)_1^* \\ h^n(F(x_2), f\pi) & & h^n(F(x_0), f\pi S(\sigma\tau)_1) & \xrightarrow{T(x_0, \tau)_{\#}} & h^n(F(x_0), f\pi S(\sigma)_1) \\ & S(\sigma\tau)_1^* \searrow & \downarrow T(x_0, \sigma)_{\#} & & \downarrow T(x_0, \sigma)_{\#} \\ & & h^n(F(x_0), f\pi) & & \end{array}$$

The left hand triangle is commutative, since we may take  $S(\sigma\tau)_1$  to be the composition  $S(\tau)_1 S(\sigma)_1$ . The lower triangle is commutative by Axiom I. The square is commutative by Axiom II. Thus  $(\sigma\tau)_{\#} = \sigma_{\#}\tau_{\#}$ .

We will denote the local system described above by  $[h^n(F)]$ .

Let  $X_p$  be the  $p$ -skeleton of  $X$  and let  $Y_p = \pi^{-1}(X_p)$ . We have an exact sequence

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{d} h^n(Y, Y_p, f\pi) \xrightarrow{i^*} h^n(Y, Y_{p-1}, f\pi) \xrightarrow{j^*} h^n(Y_p, Y_{p-1}, f\pi) \xrightarrow{d} \cdots$$

Piecing these together leads to an exact couple with

$$(4.3) \quad E_1^{p,q} = h^{p+q}(Y_p, Y_{p-1}, f\pi), \quad D_1^{p,q} = h^{p+q}(Y, Y_{p-1}, f\pi).$$

Fix a total ordering of the vertices of  $X$ . For  $\tau_p = \langle v_0 \cdots v_p \rangle$ , define

$$(4.4) \quad \tilde{s}_i: h^{p+q}(\pi^{-1}(\tau_p), \pi^{-1}(\dot{\tau}_p), f\pi) \rightarrow h^{p+q-1}(\pi^{-1}(\tau_{p,i}), \pi^{-1}(\dot{\tau}_{p,i}), f\pi)$$

to be  $i^*d^{-1}$ , where  $d$  is from the cohomology sequence of the triple  $(\pi^{-1}(\tau_p), \pi^{-1}(\tau_{p,i}), \pi^{-1}(J_i(\tau_p)))$  and  $i: (\pi^{-1}(\tau_{p,i}), \pi^{-1}(\dot{\tau}_{p,i})) \rightarrow (\pi^{-1}(\dot{\tau}_p), \pi^{-1}(J_i(\tau_p)))$  is the inclusion.

Applying  $\tilde{s}_0$   $p$ -times leads to an isomorphism

$$(4.5) \quad \tilde{s}_0^p: h^{p+q}(\pi^{-1}(\tau_p), \pi^{-1}(\dot{\tau}_p), f\pi) \rightarrow h^q(F(v_p), f\pi).$$

Consider the diagrams

$$(4.6) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} h^{p+q}(\pi^{-1}(\tau_p), \pi^{-1}(\dot{\tau}_p), f\pi) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{s}_i} & h^{p+q-1}(\pi^{-1}(\tau_{p,i}), \pi^{-1}(\dot{\tau}_{p,i}), f\pi) \\ \downarrow \tilde{s}_0^p & & \downarrow \tilde{s}_0^{p-1} \\ h^q(F(v_p), f\pi) & \xrightarrow{(-1)^i} & h^q(F(v_p), f\pi), \quad 0 \leq i < p, \end{array}$$

$$(4.7) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} h^{p+q}(\pi^{-1}(\tau_p), \pi^{-1}(\dot{\tau}_p), f\pi) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{s}_p} & h^{p+q-1}(\pi^{-1}(\tau_{p,p}), \pi^{-1}(\dot{\tau}_{p,p}), f\pi) \\ \downarrow \tilde{s}_0^p & & \downarrow \tilde{s}_0^{p-1} \\ h^q(F(v_p), f\pi) & \xrightarrow{(-1)^p \sigma_{\#}} & h^q(F(v_{p-1}), f\pi) \end{array}$$

where  $\sigma: I \rightarrow X$  is defined by  $\sigma(t) = tv_p + (1-t)v_{p-1}$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ .

(4.8) LEMMA. *The diagrams (4.6) and (4.7) are commutative.*

**Proof.** We will show that (4.7) is commutative. Choose  $S: F(v_{p-1}) \times \tau_p \rightarrow \pi^{-1}(\tau_p)$  to cover the inclusion  $\tau_p \subset X$  and such that  $S\lambda_{p-1}: F(v_{p-1}) \rightarrow F(v_{p-1})$  is the identity. We have a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} h^q(F(v_{p-1}), f\pi S\lambda_p) & \xleftarrow{(S\lambda_p)^*} & h^q(F(v_p), f\pi) \\ \uparrow \lambda_p^* \tilde{s}_0^p & & \uparrow \tilde{s}_0^p \\ h^{p+q}(F(v_{p-1}) \times \tau_p, F(v_{p-1}) \times \dot{\tau}_p, f\pi S) & \xleftarrow{S^*} & h^{p+q}(\pi^{-1}(\tau_p), \pi^{-1}(\dot{\tau}_p), f\pi) \\ \downarrow \lambda_{p-1}^* \tilde{s}_0^{p-1} S_p & & \downarrow \tilde{s}_0^{p-1} \tilde{s}_p \\ h^q(F(v_{p-1}), f\pi S\lambda_{p-1}) & \xleftarrow{(S\lambda_{p-1})^*} & h^q(F(v_{p-1}), f\pi) \end{array}$$

Now use this, the commutativity of (3.14) and the fact that  $S\lambda_{p-1}$  is the identity to deduce that

$$\tilde{s}_0^{p-1} \tilde{s}_p = (-1)^p T_{\#}(S\lambda_p)^* \tilde{s}_0^p.$$

Next, note that  $T = T(v_{p-1}, \sigma)$ . Therefore  $T_{\#}(S\lambda_p)^* = \sigma_{\#}$ . The proof that (4.6) is commutative is similar.

For  $\tau_p \subset X$ , let  $i(\tau_p): \pi^{-1}(\tau_p) \rightarrow Y_p$  be the inclusion. We have

$$(4.9) \quad i(\tau_p)^*: h^{p+q}(Y_p, Y_{p-1}, f\pi) \rightarrow h^{p+q}(\pi^{-1}(\tau_p), \pi^{-1}(\dot{\tau}_p), f\pi).$$

Let  $C^*(X; [h^q(F)])$  denote the simplicial cochain complex of  $X$  with coefficients in  $[h^q(F)]$ . Define

$$(4.10) \quad \psi: h^{p+q}(Y_p, Y_{p-1}, f\pi) \rightarrow C^p(X; [h^q(F)])$$

by  $\psi(u)(\tau_p) = \tilde{s}_0^p i(\tau_p)^*(u)$ ,  $u \in h^{p+q}(Y_p, Y_{p-1}, f\pi)$ . Then  $\psi$  is an isomorphism and, by Lemma (4.8), commutes with the boundary operator. Therefore we have an identification

$$(4.11) \quad \psi: E_2^{p,q} \rightarrow H^p(X; [h^q(F)]).$$



We have a filtration

$$(4.12) \quad h^n(Y, f\pi) = J^{0,n} \supset \dots \supset J^{p,n-p} \supset \dots,$$

where

$$J^{p,n-p} = \text{Image}(h^n(Y, Y_{p-1}, f\pi) \rightarrow h^n(Y, f\pi)).$$

As usual, let  $E_\infty^{p,n-p} = J^{p,n-p}/J^{p+1,n-p-1}$ . We will discuss now the convergence of  $\{E_r, d_r\}$  to  $E_\infty$ .

**DEFINITION.** A pair  $(X, A)$  is  $k$ -coconnected if for every local system  $L$  of abelian groups over  $X$ , we have  $H^q(X, A; L) = 0, q \geq k$ .

(4.13) **LEMMA.** If  $Y$  is  $k$ -coconnected and  $F(x), x \in X$ , is  $l$ -coconnected, then  $D_r^{p,q} = 0, r > \max(k+2-p, l+1)$ .

**Proof.** By inspecting the singular cohomology spectral sequence of  $\pi: Y_s \rightarrow Y_s$ , we see that  $Y_s$  is  $(s+l)$ -coconnected. Therefore  $(Y, Y_{p-1})$  is  $s$ -coconnected if  $s > \max(k, p-1+l)$ . Now take  $r > \max(k+2-p, l+1)$ . Then  $p+r-2 > \max(k, p-1+l)$  so that by obstruction theory, there is  $M: Y \times I \rightarrow Y$  such that  $M_0$  is the identity,  $M_1(Y) \subset Y_{p+r-2}$ , and  $M_t$  restricted to  $Y_{p-1}$  is the identity,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ . We have a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} h^{p+q}(Y, Y_{p-1}, f\pi) & \xrightarrow{i^*} & h^{p+q}(Y_{p+r-2}, Y_{p-1}, f\pi) & \xrightarrow{M_1^*} & h^{p+q}(Y, Y_{p-1}, f\pi M_1) \\ & \searrow & & & \downarrow (f\pi M)_\# \\ & & & & h^{p+q}(Y, Y_{p-1}, f\pi) \\ & & M_0^* & \nearrow & \end{array}$$

which implies that  $i^*$  is injective. By exactness,

$$D_r^{p,q} = \text{Image}(h^{p+q}(Y, Y_{p+r-2}, f\pi) \rightarrow h^{p+q}(Y, Y_{p-1}, f\pi)) = 0.$$

(4.14) **THEOREM.** Suppose that either (a)  $X$  is finitely coconnected or (b)  $Y$  and  $F(x), x \in X$ , are finitely coconnected. Then

- (1) For each pair  $(p, q)$ , there is an integer  $r(p, q)$  such that  $E_{r(p,q)}^{p,q} \simeq E_\infty^{p,q}$ .
- (2) The filtration (4.12) is finite.

This follows by a standard spectral sequence argument. For case (b), the preceding lemma is needed.

**5. Liftings.** Suppose that we have a pair  $(\beta, \Delta)$  where  $\beta = (E, B, p)$  is a Serre fibre space and  $\Delta: B \rightarrow E$  is a cross-section ( $p\Delta = \text{identity}$ ). For  $(X, A) \in \mathcal{P}^2$ , let

$$(5.1) \quad \mathcal{L}(X, A, \beta, \Delta) = \{g: X \rightarrow E \mid g_{|A} = \Delta p g_{|A}\}$$

and define

$$(5.2) \quad \omega: \mathcal{L}(X, A, \beta, \Delta) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(X, B)$$

by  $\omega(g) = pg$ .

(5.3) LEMMA. *The map  $\omega$  is a Serre fibre map.*

This follows easily from the exponential law and the fact that  $p$  is a Serre fibre map.

Note that  $\omega$  has a cross-section

$$(5.4) \quad \delta: \mathcal{M}(X, B) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X, A, \beta, \Delta)$$

defined by  $\delta(f) = \Delta f$ .

The fibre above  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, B)$  will be denoted by  $\mathcal{L}(X, A, f, \beta, \Delta)$ . When we speak of the homotopy groups of  $\mathcal{L}(X, A, f, \beta, \Delta)$ , it will be understood that the base-point is  $\Delta f$ .

Let  $F: I \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(X, B)$  be a path from  $f_0$  to  $f_1$ . Then  $\delta F$  is a path in  $\mathcal{L}(X, A, \beta, \Delta)$  from  $\Delta f_0$  to  $\Delta f_1$ . We have

$$(5.5) \quad (\delta F)_\#: \pi_n(\mathcal{L}(X, A, \beta, \Delta); \Delta f_1) \rightarrow \pi_n(\mathcal{L}(X, A, \beta, \Delta); \Delta f_0).$$

Now define

$$(5.6) \quad F_\#: \pi_n(\mathcal{L}(X, A, f_1, \beta, \Delta)) \rightarrow \pi_n(\mathcal{L}(X, A, f_0, \beta, \Delta))$$

so that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_n(\mathcal{L}(X, A, f_1, \beta, \Delta)) & \xrightarrow{F_\#} & \pi_n(\mathcal{L}(X, A, f_0, \beta, \Delta)) \\ \downarrow i_\# & & \downarrow i_\# \\ \pi_n(\mathcal{L}(X, A, \beta, \Delta); \Delta f_1) & \xrightarrow{(\delta F)_\#} & \pi_n(\mathcal{L}(X, A, \beta, \Delta); \Delta f_0) \end{array}$$

is commutative. (This is possible because of the cross-section  $\delta$ .) Then, as in [1], we have

(5.7) LEMMA. *The correspondence  $f \rightarrow \pi_n(\mathcal{L}(X, A, f, \beta, \Delta))$  and  $F \rightarrow F_\#$  is a local system on  $\mathcal{M}(X, B)$ .*

We consider the effect of a change of variable. For  $g: (X_1, A_1) \rightarrow (X_2, A_2)$ , we have a commutative diagram

$$(5.8) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{L}(X_2, A_2, \beta, \Delta) & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}(g)} & \mathcal{L}(X_1, A_1, \beta, \Delta) \\ \downarrow \omega & & \downarrow \omega \\ \mathcal{M}(X_2, B) & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{M}(g)} & \mathcal{M}(X_1, B) \end{array}$$

where  $\mathcal{L}(g)(h) = hg$ . Therefore the collection

$$(5.9) \quad \mathcal{L}(g)_\#: \pi_n(\mathcal{L}(X_2, A_2, f, \beta, \Delta)) \rightarrow \pi_n(\mathcal{L}(X_1, A_1, fg, \beta, \Delta)),$$

$f \in \mathcal{M}(X_2, B)$ , is a homomorphism of local systems.

Now let  $(\beta_1, \Delta_1)$  and  $(\beta_2, \Delta_2)$  be given where  $\beta_i = (E_i, B, p_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ . By a map

$$(5.10) \quad (k, K): (\beta_1, \Delta_1) \rightarrow (\beta_2, \Delta_2)$$

we mean  $k: E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  such that  $p_2 k = p_1$  and  $K: B \times I \rightarrow E_2$  such that  $K_0 = \Delta_2$ ,  $K_1 = k\Delta_1$ , and  $p_2 K_t = \text{identity}$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ . Thus, up to the homotopy  $K$ ,  $k$  is cross-section preserving. We have a commutative diagram

$$(5.11) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{L}(X, A, \beta_1, \Delta_1) & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}(k)} & \mathcal{L}(X, A, \beta_2, \Delta_2) \\ & \searrow \omega & \swarrow \omega \\ & \mathcal{M}(X, B) & \end{array}$$

where  $\mathcal{L}(k)(h) = kh$ . Note that for  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, B)$ , the composition  $I \xrightarrow{k} \mathcal{M}(B, E_2) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{M}(f)} \mathcal{M}(X, E_2)$  is a path in  $\mathcal{L}(X, A, \beta_2, \Delta_2)$  from  $\Delta_2 f$  to  $k\Delta_1 f$ . Define

$$(5.12) \quad (k, K)_\# : \pi_n(\mathcal{L}(X, A, f, \beta_1, \Delta_1)) \rightarrow \pi_n(\mathcal{L}(X, A, f, \beta_2, \Delta_2)),$$

$f \in \mathcal{M}(X, B)$ , to be the composition

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_n(\mathcal{L}(X, A, f, \beta_1, \Delta_1)) & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}(k)_\#} & \pi_n(\mathcal{L}(X, A, f, \beta_2, \Delta_2); k\Delta_1 f) \\ & & \downarrow (\mathcal{M}(f)K)_\# \\ & & \pi_n(\mathcal{L}(X, A, f, \beta_2, \Delta_2)). \end{array}$$

It is easy to show that  $(k, K)_\#$  is a homomorphism of local systems.

**6. B-spectra.** Given  $(\beta, \Delta)$  as in the previous section, let

$$(6.1) \quad \Omega(E; \Delta) = \{\sigma: I \rightarrow E \mid \sigma(I) \subset p^{-1}(b), \text{ some } b \in B, \text{ and } \sigma(0) = \sigma(1) = \Delta(b)\}$$

and define

$$(6.2) \quad \Omega(p): \Omega(E; \Delta) \rightarrow B$$

by  $\Omega(p)(\sigma) = b$ , where  $\sigma(I) \subset p^{-1}(b)$ . Using the exponential law we see that  $\Omega(\beta; \Delta) = (\Omega(E; \Delta), B, \Omega(p))$  is a Serre fibre space. Define a cross-section

$$(6.3) \quad \Omega(\Delta): B \rightarrow \Omega(E; \Delta)$$

by  $\Omega(\Delta)(b)(t) = \Delta(b)$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ .

The pair  $(\Omega(\beta; \Delta), \Omega(\Delta))$  will be called the *loop space* of  $(\beta, \Delta)$ .

For  $(X, A) \in \mathcal{P}^2$  and  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, B)$ , the exponential law gives an identification

$$(6.4) \quad \mathcal{L}(X, A, f, \Omega(\beta; \Delta), \Omega(\Delta)) \rightarrow \Omega(\mathcal{L}(X, A, f, \beta, \Delta)).$$

This in turn leads to an identification

$$(6.5) \quad \pi_r(\mathcal{L}(X, A, f, \Omega(\beta; \Delta), \Omega(\Delta))) \rightarrow \pi_{r+1}(\mathcal{L}(X, A, f, \beta, \Delta)).$$

A *B-spectrum*  $\mathcal{S}$  is a sequence of pairs  $(\beta_m, \Delta_m)$ ,  $-\infty < m < +\infty$ , where  $\beta_m = (E_m, B, p_m)$  is a Serre fibre space and  $\Delta_m: B \rightarrow E_m$  is a cross-section, together with maps

$$(6.6) \quad (k_m, K_m): (\beta_m, \Delta_m) \rightarrow (\Omega(\beta_{m+1}; \Delta_{m+1}), \Omega(\Delta_{m+1})).$$

Given a  $B$ -spectrum  $\mathcal{S}$ , we have for  $(X, A) \in \mathcal{P}^2$  and  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, B)$ , a homomorphism

$$(6.7) \quad (k_m, K_m)_\# : \pi_n(\mathcal{L}(X, A, f, \beta_m, \Delta_m)) \rightarrow \pi_{n+1}(\mathcal{L}(X, A, f, \beta_{m+1}, \Delta_{m+1}))$$

(using the identification (6.5)). Now, for each integer  $n$ , let

$$(6.8) \quad h^n(X, A, f; \mathcal{S}) = \text{dir lim}_m \pi_{-n+m}(\mathcal{L}(X, A, f, \beta_{m+1}, \Delta_{m+1})).$$

Given  $F: I \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(X, B)$  from  $f_0$  to  $f_1$ , the homomorphisms

$$(6.9) \quad F_\# : \pi_n(\mathcal{L}(X, A, f_1, \beta_m, \Delta_m)) \rightarrow \pi_n(\mathcal{L}(X, A, f_0, \beta_m, \Delta_m))$$

commute with those in (6.7). Let

$$(6.10) \quad F_\# : h^n(X, A, f_1; \mathcal{S}) \rightarrow h^n(X, A, f_0; \mathcal{S})$$

be obtained from these by passing to the direct limit.

Given  $g: (X_1, A_1) \rightarrow (X_2, A_2)$  and  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X_2, B)$ , the homomorphisms

$$(6.11) \quad \mathcal{L}(g)_\# : \pi_n(\mathcal{L}(X_2, A_2, f, \beta_m, \Delta_m)) \rightarrow \pi_n(\mathcal{L}(X_1, A_1, fg, \beta_m, \Delta_m))$$

commute with those in (6.7). Define

$$(6.12) \quad g^* : h^n(X_2, A_2, f; \mathcal{S}) \rightarrow h^n(X_1, A_1, fg; \mathcal{S})$$

to be the direct limit of the  $\mathcal{L}(g)_\#$ .

For  $(X, A) \in \mathcal{P}^2$  let  $i: A \rightarrow X$  and  $j: X \rightarrow (X, A)$  be the inclusions. Then for  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, B)$  we have

$$(6.13) \quad \mathcal{L}(X, A, f, \beta_m, \Delta_m) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}(j)} \mathcal{L}(X, f, \beta_m, \Delta_m) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}(i)} \mathcal{L}(A, f|_A, \beta_m, \Delta_m).$$

Using the exponential law we see that  $\mathcal{L}(i)$  is a fibre map. Further,  $\mathcal{L}(j)$  is an identification with the fibre  $\mathcal{L}(i)^{-1}(\Delta_m f|_A)$ . Therefore, we have an exact sequence

$$(6.14) \quad \begin{array}{c} \cdots \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}(i)_\#} \pi_n(\mathcal{L}(A, f|_A, \beta_m, \Delta_m)) \xrightarrow{\delta_\#} \pi_{n-1}(\mathcal{L}(X, A, f, \beta_m, \Delta_m)) \\ \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}(j)_\#} \pi_{n-1}(\mathcal{L}(X, f, \beta_m, \Delta_m)) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}(i)_\#} \cdots \end{array}$$

and the homomorphisms  $\delta_\#$  commute with those in (6.7). Therefore we may define

$$(6.15) \quad d: h^n(A, f|_A; \mathcal{S}) \rightarrow h^{n+1}(X, A, f; \mathcal{S})$$

to be the direct limit of the  $\delta_\#$ .

(6.16) THEOREM. With  $h^n$ ,  $\#$ ,  $*$ , and  $d$  as defined in (6.8), (6.10), (6.12) and (6.15) we have a  $B$ -cohomology theory on  $\mathcal{P}^2$ .

**Proof.** Using the results of §5, Axioms I through VI are easily checked. Axiom VII follows from the exactness of (6.14) and the fact that exactness is preserved

under direct limit. For Axiom VIII, note that if  $i: (A_1, A_1 \cap A_2) \rightarrow (X, A_2)$  is the inclusion, then for  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, B)$ ,

$$\mathcal{L}(i): \mathcal{L}(X, A_2, f, \beta_m, \Delta_m) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(A_1, A_1 \cap A_2, f|_{A_1}, \beta_m, \Delta_m)$$

is a homeomorphism.

**7. The group structure.** The *suspension*  $S(F)$  of a space  $F$  will be the quotient obtained from  $F \times I$  by the identification

$$(7.1) \quad (x, t) \sim (x', t) \text{ if and only if } x = x' \text{ or } t = 0 \text{ or } t = 1.$$

However, we will use a weaker topology than the usual one. Let  $\omega: F \times I \rightarrow S(F)$  denote the projection. A basis for the topology on  $S(F)$  is to consist of sets of the form  $\omega(U \times (t_1, t_2))$ ,  $U$  open in  $F$ ,  $0 < t_1 < t_2 < 1$ , or  $\omega(F \times (t, 1])$ ,  $t < 1$ , or  $\omega(F \times [0, t))$ ,  $t > 0$ .

Suppose that  $\beta = (E, B, p)$  is a fibre space. Let  $\Sigma(E)$  be the quotient obtained from  $E \times I$  by the identification

$$(7.2) \quad (e, t) \sim (e', t) \text{ if and only if } e = e' \text{ or } t = 0 \text{ or } 1 \text{ and } p(e) = p(e').$$

Let  $\omega: E \times I \rightarrow \Sigma(E)$  be the projection. A basis for the topology on  $\Sigma(E)$  is to consist of sets of the form  $\omega(U \times (t_1, t_2))$ ,  $U$  open in  $E$ ,  $0 < t_1 < t_2 < 1$ , or  $\omega(p^{-1}(V) \times (t, 1])$ ,  $t < 1$ , or  $\omega(p^{-1}(V) \times [0, t))$ ,  $t > 0$ , where  $V$  is open in  $B$ . Define

$$(7.3) \quad \Sigma(p): \Sigma(E) \rightarrow B$$

by  $\Sigma(p)([e, t]) = p(e)$ .

(7.4) LEMMA. If  $\beta = (E, B, p)$  is locally trivial with fibre  $F$ , then  $\Sigma(\beta) = (\Sigma(E), B, \Sigma(p))$  is locally trivial with fibre  $S(F)$ .

This is easily checked. We will call  $\Sigma(\beta)$  the *suspension* of  $\beta$ .

We will now describe a natural way of assigning to  $\beta$  a  $B$ -spectrum. Let  $\Sigma^m(\beta) = \Sigma(\Sigma^{m-1}(\beta))$  and define

$$(7.5) \quad \Delta_m: B \rightarrow \Sigma^m(E)$$

by  $\Delta_m(b) = [e, 0 \cdots 0]$ ,  $e \in p^{-1}(b)$ . Note that  $\Delta_m$  is a cross-section to  $\Sigma^m(p): \Sigma^m(E) \rightarrow B$ .

Let  $\mathcal{S}(\beta)$  denote the  $B$ -spectrum consisting of pairs  $(\Gamma_m, \delta_m)$  and maps

$$(7.6) \quad (k_m, K_m): (\Gamma_m, \delta_m) \rightarrow (\Omega(\Gamma_{m+1}; \delta_{m+1}), \Omega(\delta_{m+1})),$$

where

$$(7.7) \quad \begin{aligned} (\Gamma_m, \delta_m) &= (\Sigma^m(\beta), \Delta_m), \quad m > 0, \\ &= (\Omega^{-m+1}(\Sigma(\beta); \Delta_1), \Omega^{-m+1}(\Delta_1)), \quad m \leq 0, \end{aligned}$$

and for  $m > 0$

$$(7.8) \quad k_m: \Sigma^m(E) \rightarrow \Omega(\Sigma^{m+1}(E); \Delta_{m+1})$$

is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} k_m([e, t_1, \dots, t_m])(\lambda) &= [\Delta_m p(e), 2\lambda], \quad 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1/2, \\ &= [e, t_1, \dots, t_m, 2-2\lambda], \quad 1/2 \leq \lambda \leq 1, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(7.9) \quad K_m: B \times I \rightarrow \Omega(\Sigma^{m+1}(E), \Delta_{m+1})$$

is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} K_m(b, t)(\lambda) &= [\Delta_m(b), 2t\lambda], \quad 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1/2, \\ &= [\Delta_m(b), 2t(1-\lambda)], \quad 1/2 \leq \lambda \leq 1; \end{aligned}$$

whereas for  $m \leq 0$ ,

$$(7.10) \quad k_m: \Omega^{-m+1}(\Sigma(E); \Delta_1) \rightarrow \Omega^{-m+1}(\Sigma(E); \Delta_1)$$

is to be the identity, and

$$(7.11) \quad K_m: B \times I \rightarrow \Omega^{-m+1}(\Sigma(E); \Delta_1)$$

is to be the constant homotopy  $K_m(b, t) = \Omega^{-m+1}(\Delta_1)(b)$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ .

The *square* of  $\beta = (E, B, p)$  is  $\beta^2 = (E^2, E, p_1)$ , where

$$(7.12) \quad E^2 = \{(e_1, e_2) \in E \times E \mid p(e_1) = p(e_2)\}$$

and  $p_1: E^2 \rightarrow E$  is given by  $p_1(e_1, e_2) = e_1$ . There is a cross-section  $\Delta: E \rightarrow E^2$  by  $\Delta(e) = (e, e)$ . Now define

$$(7.13) \quad \mu: E^2 \rightarrow \Omega(\Sigma(E); \Delta_1)$$

by

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(e_1, e_2)(\lambda) &= [e_2, 2\lambda], \quad 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1/2, \\ &= [e_1, 2-2\lambda], \quad 1/2 \leq \lambda \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

In the diagrams

$$(7.14) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} E^2 & \xrightarrow{\mu} & \Omega(\Sigma(E); \Delta_1) \\ \downarrow p_1 & & \downarrow \Omega(\Sigma(p)) \\ E & \xrightarrow{p} & B \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} E^2 & \xrightarrow{\mu} & \Omega(\Sigma(E); \Delta_1) \\ \uparrow \Delta & & \uparrow \Omega(\Sigma(\Delta_1)) \\ E & \xrightarrow{p} & B \end{array}$$

the first is commutative and the second is homotopy commutative, a connecting homotopy being

$$(7.15) \quad M: E \times I \rightarrow \Omega(\Sigma(E); \Delta_1)$$

by

$$\begin{aligned} M(e, t)(\lambda) &= [e, 2t\lambda], \quad 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1/2, \\ &= [e, 2t(1-\lambda)], \quad 1/2 \leq \lambda \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $M_t$  is a lifting of  $p$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ .

Given  $X \in \mathcal{P}^2$  and  $f: X \rightarrow B$ , let

$$(7.16) \quad \mathcal{L}(X, f, \beta) = \{g: X \rightarrow E \mid pg = f\}$$

and

$$(7.17) \quad L(X, f, \beta) = \pi_0(\mathcal{L}(X, f, \beta)).$$

Suppose that  $L(X, f, \beta)$  is not empty. Let  $\alpha \in L(X, f, \beta)$  be represented by  $g: X \rightarrow E$  and define

$$(7.18) \quad \psi_\alpha: L(X, f, \beta) \rightarrow h^0(X, f, \mathcal{S}(\beta))$$

to be the composition

$$(7.19) \quad L(X, f, \beta) \xrightarrow{\eta(g)} L(X, g, \beta^2) \xrightarrow{\mu\#} L(X, f, \Omega(\Sigma(\beta); \Delta_1)) \longrightarrow h^0(X, f, \mathcal{S}(\beta)),$$

where  $\eta(g)([q]) = [g \times q]$ ,  $q \in \mathcal{L}(X, f, \beta)$ , and the unmarked arrow is inclusion into the direct limit. Note that  $\eta(g)$  is one-one and onto.

(7.20) LEMMA. *The correspondence  $\psi_\alpha$  is independent of the representative chosen for  $\alpha$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $g'$  also represent  $\alpha$  and let  $H: X \times I \rightarrow E$  satisfy  $H_0 = g$ ,  $H_1 = g'$  and  $pH_t = f$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ . Then, for  $q \in \mathcal{L}(X, f, \beta)$ , define

$$J: X \times I \rightarrow \Omega(\Sigma(E); \Delta_1)$$

by  $J(x, t) = \mu(H(x, t), q(x))$ ,  $x \in X$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ . We have  $J_0 = \mu(g \times q)$ ,  $J_1 = \mu(g' \times q)$  and  $\Omega(\Sigma(p))J_t = f$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ . Therefore  $[\mu(g \times q)] = [\mu(g' \times q)]$  in  $L(X, f, \Omega(\Sigma(\beta); \Delta_1))$ . This completes the proof.

We need now the following fact. Suppose that we have a commutative diagram

$$(7.21) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} E_1 & \xrightarrow{\mu} & E_2 \\ \downarrow p_1 & & \downarrow p_2 \\ B_1 & \xrightarrow{\nu} & B_2 \end{array}$$

with both  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  fibre maps. Let  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  denote the respective fibres.

(7.22) LEMMA. *Suppose that*

$$\mu\#: \pi_m(F_1; e_1) \rightarrow \pi_m(F_2; e_2)$$

*is an isomorphism,  $m < 2n$ . Then if  $X \in \mathcal{P}^2$  is  $(2n-1)$ -coconnected, the correspondence*

$$\mu\#: L(X, f, \beta_1) \rightarrow L(X, \nu f, \beta_2), \quad f \in \mathcal{M}(X, B_1),$$

*is one-one and onto.*

This is well known.

(7.23) **THEOREM.** Let  $\beta = (E, B, p)$  be locally trivial with fibre  $F$ . If  $F$  is  $(n-1)$ -connected,  $X \in \mathcal{P}^2$  is  $(2n-1)$ -coconnected and  $L(X, f, \beta)$  is not empty, then  $\psi_\alpha$  in (7.18) is one-one and onto.

**Proof.** Apply the above lemma to conclude that both  $\mu_\#$  in (7.19) and the inclusion of  $L(X, f, \Omega(\Sigma(\beta); \Delta_1))$  into the direct limit  $h^0(X, f, \mathcal{S}(\beta))$  are one-one and onto.

With  $X$  and  $\beta$  as in the above theorem, let  $(L(X, f, \beta), \alpha)$  denote the set  $L(X, f, \beta)$  together with the abelian group structure determined by the condition that  $\psi_\alpha$  be an isomorphism. For  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in L(X, f, \beta)$ , let  $\gamma_1 +_\alpha \gamma_2$  denote their sum in  $(L(X, f, \beta), \alpha)$ . Using the homotopy  $M$  of (7.15), we see that  $\alpha$  is the zero in this group.

(7.24) **LEMMA.** For  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1 \in L(X, f, \beta)$  we have  $\psi_{\alpha_0}(\alpha_1) = -\psi_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_0)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $g_0, g_1: X \rightarrow E$  represent  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1$  respectively. Then  $\psi_{\alpha_0}(\alpha_1)$  is represented by  $\mu(g_0 \times g_1)$  and  $\psi_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_0)$  by  $\mu(g_1 \times g_0)$ . From the definition of  $\mu$ , the product  $\mu(g_0 \times g_1) \cdot \mu(g_1 \times g_0)$  is homotopic as a lifting of  $f$  to the trivial lifting  $\Omega(\Delta_1)f$ . That is,  $\psi_{\alpha_0}(\alpha_1) + \psi_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_0) = 0$ . This completes the proof.

(7.25) **LEMMA.** For  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1 \in L(X, f, \beta)$  and  $v \in h^0(X, f, \mathcal{S}(\beta))$ , we have  $\psi_{\alpha_1}\psi_{\alpha_0}^{-1}(v) = \psi_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_0) + v$ .

**Proof.** Let  $q: X \rightarrow E$  be a lifting of  $f$  such that  $\mu(g_0 \times q)$  represents  $v$ . Then  $q$  represents  $\psi_{\alpha_0}^{-1}(v)$  and  $\psi_{\alpha_1}\psi_{\alpha_0}^{-1}(v)$  is represented by  $\mu(g_1 \times q)$ . From the definition of  $\mu$ , we see that  $\mu(g_1 \times q)$  is homotopic as a lifting of  $f$  to  $\mu(g_1 \times g_0) \cdot \mu(g_0 \times q)$ . The latter represents  $\psi_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_0) + v$ . This completes the proof.

(7.26) **LEMMA.** For  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \gamma \in L(X, f, \beta)$ , we have  $\alpha_0 +_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_1 +_{\alpha_2}\gamma) = \alpha_0 +_{\alpha_2}\gamma$ .

**Proof.** By (7.24) and (7.25), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_1 +_{\alpha_2}\gamma) &= \psi_{\alpha_1}\psi_{\alpha_2}^{-1}(\psi_{\alpha_2}(\alpha_1) + \psi_{\alpha_2}(\gamma)) \\ (7.27) \qquad &= \psi_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_2) + \psi_{\alpha_2}(\alpha_1) + \psi_{\alpha_2}(\gamma) \\ &= \psi_{\alpha_2}(\gamma). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_0 +_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_1 +_{\alpha_2}\gamma) &= \psi_{\alpha_1}^{-1}(\psi_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_0) + \psi_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_1 +_{\alpha_2}\gamma)) \\ (7.28) \qquad &= \psi_{\alpha_1}^{-1}(\psi_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_0) + \psi_{\alpha_2}(\gamma)) \\ &= \psi_{\alpha_1}^{-1}(\psi_{\alpha_1}\psi_{\alpha_0}^{-1}\psi_{\alpha_2}(\gamma)) = \psi_{\alpha_0}^{-1}\psi_{\alpha_2}(\gamma). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, by (7.25)

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_0 +_{\alpha_2}\gamma &= \psi_{\alpha_2}^{-1}(\psi_{\alpha_2}(\alpha_0) + \psi_{\alpha_2}(\gamma)) \\ (7.29) \qquad &= \psi_{\alpha_2}^{-1}(\psi_{\alpha_2}\psi_{\alpha_0}^{-1}\psi_{\alpha_2}(\gamma)) = \psi_{\alpha_0}^{-1}\psi_{\alpha_2}(\gamma). \end{aligned}$$

Comparing (7.28) and (7.29) gives the desired result.

Let  $\mathcal{U}$  denote the category of sets and functions, let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an arbitrary category and let  $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$  be a contravariant functor. We say that  $F$  has a *natural affine group structure* if for each object  $X \in \mathcal{C}$  and element  $\alpha \in F(X)$ , there is a rule



which assigns an abelian group structure to the set  $F(X)$ . Denote this group by  $(F(X), \alpha)$  and for  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in F(X)$  let  $\gamma_1 +_\alpha \gamma_2$  denote their sum in  $(F(X), \alpha)$ . The following conditions must be satisfied.

(A). The zero of  $(F(X), \alpha)$  is  $\alpha$ .

(B). If  $g: X_1 \rightarrow X_2$  is a map in  $\mathcal{C}$ , then  $F(g): (F(X_2), \alpha) \rightarrow (F(X_1), F(g)(\alpha))$  is a homomorphism.

(C). For  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1 \in F(X)$ , the translation  $T(\alpha_0, \alpha_1): (F(X), \alpha_1) \rightarrow (F(X), \alpha_0)$  defined by  $T(\alpha_0, \alpha_1)(\gamma) = \alpha_0 +_{\alpha_1} \gamma$  is an isomorphism.

(D).  $T(\alpha_0, \alpha_0)$  is the identity,  $\alpha_0 \in F(X)$ .

(E).  $T(\alpha_0, \alpha_1)T(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) = T(\alpha_0, \alpha_2)$ ,  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in F(X)$ .

Now let  $\mathcal{P}(\beta, 2n-1)$  denote the category whose objects are pairs  $(X, f)$  with  $X$  a  $(2n-1)$ -coconnected CW-complex,  $f \in \mathcal{M}(X, B)$  and  $L(X, f, \beta)$  not empty. A map  $g: (X_1, f_1) \rightarrow (X_2, f_2)$  in the category is to be  $g: X_1 \rightarrow X_2$  such that  $f_1 = f_2 g$ .

(7.30) THEOREM. Let  $\beta = (E, B, p)$  be locally trivial with fibre  $F$  which is  $(n-1)$ -connected. Then the set functor  $L(X, f, \beta): \mathcal{P}(\beta, 2n-1) \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$  has a natural affine group structure.

**Proof.** Properties (A) and (B) are easily checked. We will show now that

$$T(\alpha_0, \alpha_1): (L(X, f, \beta), \alpha_1) \rightarrow (L(X, f, \beta), \alpha_0)$$

is a homomorphism. By Lemma (7.26)

$$\begin{aligned} T(\alpha_0, \alpha_1)(\gamma_2 +_{\alpha_1} \gamma_2) &= \alpha_0 +_{\alpha_1} (\gamma_1 +_{\alpha_1} \gamma_2) \\ &= (\alpha_0 +_{\alpha_1} \gamma_1) +_{\alpha_0} (\alpha_0 +_{\alpha_1} \gamma_2) \\ &= T(\alpha_0, \alpha_1)(\gamma_1) +_{\alpha_0} T(\alpha_0, \alpha_1)(\gamma_2). \end{aligned}$$

Property (D) is evident and (E) is just Lemma (7.26). Finally (D) and (E) imply that  $T(\alpha_0, \alpha_1)$  is an isomorphism.

**8. Equivariant maps.** Let  $G$  act as a group of transformations on  $X$  and  $Y$ . A map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is *equivariant* if  $f(gx) = gf(x)$ ,  $g \in G$ ,  $x \in X$ . Two equivariant maps  $f_0, f_1: X \rightarrow Y$  are *equivariantly homotopic* if there is a homotopy  $F: X \times I \rightarrow Y$  from  $f_0$  to  $f_1$ , such that  $F_t$  is equivariant,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ . Let  $E(X, Y)$  denote the set of equivariant homotopy classes of equivariant maps from  $X$  to  $Y$ . A map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is an *equivariant homotopy equivalence* if there is  $g: Y \rightarrow X$  such that  $fg$  and  $gf$  are equivariantly homotopic to the identity.

The following is an equivariant form of a theorem of J. H. C. Whitehead [10].

(8.1) LEMMA. Suppose that  $X$  and  $Y$  are connected CW-complexes on which the action of  $G$  is both free and cellular. If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is equivariant and  $f_\#: \pi_m(X; x_0) \rightarrow \pi_m(Y; y_0)$  is an isomorphism,  $m \leq \max(\dim X, \dim Y)$ , then  $f$  is an equivariant homotopy equivalence.

The proof can be carried out, using the mapping cylinder of  $f$ , along the same lines as the proof of the Whitehead theorem.

Let  $W$  be a  $G$ -free acyclic complex. For any space  $Z$  with an action of  $G$ , we have a locally trivial fibre space

$$(8.2) \quad \beta_z = (W \times Z/G, W/G, \pi_z),$$

where  $G$  acts diagonally on  $W \times Z$  and  $\pi_z: W \times Z/G \rightarrow W/G$  is induced by projection. The fibre is  $Z$ .

(8.3) LEMMA. Suppose  $X$  is a CW-complex on which the action of  $G$  is both free and cellular. Let  $q: W \times X \rightarrow X$  be the projection. Then

$$q^\#: E(W \times X, Y) \rightarrow E(X, Y)$$

is one-one and onto.

**Proof.** This follows from Lemma (8.1), since  $q^\#: \pi_m(W \times X, (w_0, x_0)) \rightarrow \pi_m(X, x_0)$  is an isomorphism,  $m \geq 0$ .

Let  $X$  satisfy the hypothesis of the above lemma and let

$$(8.4) \quad \varphi: E(X, Y) \rightarrow L(W \times X/G, \pi_x, \beta_y)$$

be the composition

$$E(X, Y) \xrightarrow{q^{\#-1}} E(W \times X, Y) \xrightarrow{\lambda} L(W \times X/G, \pi_x, \beta_y),$$

where  $\lambda$  is defined as follows. Let  $\alpha \in E(W \times X, Y)$  be represented by  $g: W \times X \rightarrow Y$ . We have  $\tilde{g}: W \times X \rightarrow W \times Y$  by  $\tilde{g}(w, x) = (w, g(w, x))$  and  $\tilde{g}$  is equivariant. Its orbit map  $\tilde{g}/G: W \times X/G \rightarrow W \times Y/G$  is a lifting of  $\pi_x$ . Let  $\lambda(\alpha)$  be the class of  $\tilde{g}/G$ . The correspondence  $\lambda$  is essentially due to A. Heller [3] and is one-one and onto. Therefore  $\varphi$  is one-one and onto.

Fix a space  $Y$  and an action of  $G$  on  $Y$ . Let  $\mathcal{Q}(Y, G, 2n-1)$  denote the category whose objects are CW-complexes  $X$  with an action of  $G$  which is both free and cellular and such that  $X/G$  is  $(2n-1)$ -coconnected and  $E(X, Y)$  is not empty. The maps in the category are to be equivariant maps. We then have a covariant functor

$$(8.5) \quad D: \mathcal{Q}(Y, G, 2n-1) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\beta_y, 2n-1)$$

which sends  $X$  to  $(W \times X/G, \pi_x)$ .

Suppose  $Y$  is  $(n-1)$ -connected. There are the set functors  $E( \ , Y): \mathcal{Q}(Y, G, 2n-1) \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$  and  $L( \ , \beta_y): \mathcal{P}(\beta_y, 2n-1) \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$  and  $\varphi$  in (8.4) is a natural transformation  $E( \ , Y) \rightarrow L( \ , \beta_y)D$ . Since  $\varphi$  is one-one and onto, we may, for  $X \in \mathcal{Q}(Y, G, 2n-1)$  and  $\alpha \in E(X, Y)$ , define an abelian group  $(E(X, Y), \alpha)$  with underlying set  $E(X, Y)$  by the condition that

$$(8.6) \quad \varphi: (E(X, Y), \alpha) \rightarrow (L(W \times X/G, \pi_x, \beta_y), \varphi(\alpha))$$

be an isomorphism. Then from Theorem (7.30) we have

(8.7) THEOREM. Let  $Y$  be an  $(n-1)$ -connected space with an action of the finite group  $G$  on  $Y$ . Then the set functor  $E( \ , Y): \mathcal{Q}(G, 2n-1) \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$  has a natural affine group structure.

REMARK. The addition in  $(E(X, Y), \alpha)$  has a very simple description. Let  $g, k_1, k_2: X \rightarrow Y$  represent  $\alpha, \gamma_1, \gamma_2$  respectively. Let  $G$  act diagonally on  $Y^3$  and consider the equivariant map  $g \times k_1 \times k_2: X \rightarrow Y^3$ . The subspace

$$V(Y) = \{(y_1, y_2, y_3) \in Y^3 \mid y_1 = y_2 \text{ or } y_1 = y_3\}$$

is invariant and  $\pi_m(Y^3, V(Y)) = 0, m \leq 2n-1$ . Since  $X/G$  is  $(2n-1)$ -coconnected we may construct a homotopy  $H: X \times I \rightarrow Y^3$  such that  $H_0 = g \times k_1 \times k_2, H_1(X) \subset V(Y)$  and  $H_t$  is equivariant,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ . Define a folding map  $\lambda: V(Y) \rightarrow Y$  by  $\lambda(y, y_2, y) = y_2$  and  $\lambda(y, y, y_3) = y_3$ . A representative of  $\gamma_1 + \alpha \gamma_2$  is  $\lambda H_1$ . We will not need this fact so we will not stop to prove it.

Let  $[X, Y]$  denote the track group of homotopy classes of maps from  $X$  to  $Y$  and let  $\zeta: E(X, Y) \rightarrow [X, Y]$  assign to an equivariant homotopy class its ordinary homotopy class. Define

$$(8.8) \quad \theta: (E(X, Y), \alpha) \rightarrow [X, Y]$$

by  $\theta(\gamma) = \zeta(\gamma) - \zeta(\alpha)$ .

Fix base-points  $w_0 \in W$  and  $y_0 \in Y$ . Let  $i: X \rightarrow W \times X/G$  be given by  $i(x) = [w_0, x], x \in X$ . This identifies  $X$  with the fibre  $\pi_x^{-1}([w_0])$ . Let  $w_0^*: X \rightarrow W/G$  and  $(w_0, y_0)^*: X \rightarrow W \times Y/G$  be the constant maps at  $[w_0]$  and  $[w_0, y_0]$  respectively and let  $z \in L(X, w_0^*, \beta_Y)$  be the class of  $(w_0, y_0)^*$ . Consider the diagram

$$(8.9) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} [X, Y] & \xrightarrow{\varphi_0} & L(X, w_0^*, \beta_Y) & \xrightarrow{\psi_z} & h^0(X, w_0^*, \mathcal{S}(\beta_Y)) \\ \uparrow \theta & & & & \uparrow i^* \\ (E(X, Y), \alpha) & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & L(W \times X/G, \pi_X, \beta_Y) & \xrightarrow{\psi_{\varphi(\alpha)}} & h^0(W \times X/G, \pi_X, \mathcal{S}(\beta_Y)), \end{array}$$

where  $\varphi_0$  is defined as follows. Given  $g: X \rightarrow Y$  define  $g_0: X \rightarrow W \times Y/G$  by  $g_0(x) = [w_0, g(x)], x \in X$ . Then let  $\varphi_0(g) = [g_0]$ .

We have an operation

$$(8.10) \quad \rho: G \times [X, Y] \rightarrow [X, Y]$$

of  $G$  on  $[X, Y]$  defined by  $\rho(g, \gamma) = (g^{-1})^\# g_\#(\gamma), g \in G, \gamma \in [X, Y]$ .

Next, we have a fibre map  $\pi_X: W \times X/G \rightarrow W/G$  with fibre  $X$ . Take  $f \in \mathcal{M}(W/G, W/G)$  to be the identity. Then from §4, the collection  $h^0(\pi_X^{-1}([w]), \pi_X, \mathcal{S}(\beta_Y)), [w] \in W/G$ , is a local system over  $W/G$ . Out of this we obtain an operation

$$(8.11) \quad \bar{\rho}: \pi_1(W/G; [w_0]) \times h^0(X, w_0^*, \mathcal{S}(\beta_Y)) \rightarrow h^0(X, w_0^*, \mathcal{S}(\beta_Y)).$$

Make the canonical identification of  $G$  with  $\pi_1(W/G; [w_0])$ .

(8.12) LEMMA. *The diagram (8.9) is commutative and*

$$\psi_z \varphi_0: [X, Y] \rightarrow h^0(X, w_0^*, \mathcal{S}(\beta_Y))$$

*is an operator isomorphism.*

The proof is tedious but straightforward and will be omitted. As a consequence of the lemma,  $\theta$  is a homomorphism.

For a group  $A$  with  $G$  as left operators, let  $I(A)$  denote its subgroup of invariant elements. Note that the image of  $\theta$  is contained in  $I([X, Y])$ . For an integer  $n$ , let  $\mathcal{A}(n)$  denote the class of abelian torsion groups whose  $p$ -primary component is zero if  $p$  does not divide  $n$ .

(8.13) THEOREM. *Let  $G$  have order  $n$ . Then*

$$\theta: (E(X, Y), \alpha) \rightarrow I([X, Y])$$

*is an isomorphism modulo  $\mathcal{A}(n)$ .*

**Proof.** By the preceding lemma it is sufficient to show that

$$(8.14) \quad i^*: h^0(W \times X/G, \pi_X, \mathcal{S}(\beta_Y)) \rightarrow I(h^0(X, w_0^*, \mathcal{S}(\beta_Y)))$$

is an isomorphism modulo  $\mathcal{A}(n)$ . Applying the spectral sequence of §4 to  $\pi_X: W \times X/G \rightarrow W/G$ , we have

$$E_2^{p,q} = H^p(W/G; [h^q(X, \mathcal{S}(\beta_Y))])$$

and a finite filtration

$$h^0(W \times X/G, \pi_X, \mathcal{S}(\beta_Y)) = J^{0,0} \supset J^{1,-1} \supset \dots \supset J^{k,-k} \supset \dots$$

with  $E_\infty^{k,-k} = E_r^{k,-k}$  for large  $r$ .

We need the well-known facts [6] that  $H^p(W/G; [h^q(X, \mathcal{S}(\beta_Y))])$  is in  $\mathcal{A}(n)$ ,  $p > 0$ , and

$$H^0(W/G; [h^q(X, \mathcal{S}(\beta_Y))]) \simeq I(h^q(X, w_0^*, \mathcal{S}(\beta_Y))).$$

From the above filtration we have that  $i^*$  in (8.14) is an isomorphism modulo  $\mathcal{A}(n)$ . This completes the proof.

Suppose  $G = Z_2$  and  $Y = S^n$ , where the action of  $Z_2$  on  $S^n$  is given by the antipodal map. Let  $\Sigma^n(X)$  denote the  $n$ th stable cohomotopy group of  $X$ .

(8.15) COROLLARY. *Let  $T$  be a cellular fixed point free involution on the CW-complex  $X$  with  $X/T$   $(2n-1)$ -coconnected. Then*

$$\theta: (E(X, S^n), \alpha) \rightarrow I(\Sigma^n(X))$$

*is an isomorphism modulo 2-torsion.*

Let  $\omega: \Sigma^n(X) \rightarrow H^n(X)$  be the Hopf map and let  $\mathcal{Q}$  denote the rational numbers. A theorem of Serre [8] asserts that

$$(8.16) \quad \omega \otimes 1: \Sigma^n(X) \otimes \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow H^n(X; \mathcal{Q})$$

is an isomorphism.

Let  $Z_2$  operate on  $H^n(X; \mathcal{Q})$  by the rule  $U \rightarrow T^*(u)$ ,  $n$ -odd, and  $U \rightarrow -T^*(u)$ ,  $n$ -even.

(8.17) COROLLARY. With  $X$  and  $T$  as in (8.15)

$$\omega\theta \otimes 1: (E(X, S^n), \alpha) \otimes Q \rightarrow I(H^n(X; Q))$$

is an isomorphism.

**Proof.** Note that with the operation defined above on  $H^n(X; Q)$ ,  $\omega \otimes 1$  is an operator isomorphism. Now apply (8.15).

**9. Immersions and embeddings.** For a closed  $C^\infty$ -manifold  $M$  of dimension  $n$  let  $T(M)$  and  $T_0(M)$  denote respectively its tangent bundle and tangent sphere bundle. Let  $E^{n+k}$  denote Euclidean  $(n+k)$ -space. An immersion  $f: M \rightarrow E^{n+k}$  is a  $C^\infty$ -map whose derivative  $T(f): T(M) \rightarrow T(E^{n+k})$  has rank  $n$  at each point  $x \in M$ . Two immersions  $f_0, f_1: M \rightarrow E^{n+k}$  are *regularly homotopic* if there is a  $C^\infty$ -map  $F: M \times I \rightarrow E^{n+k}$  such that  $F_0=f_0$ ,  $F_1=f_1$ , and  $F_t$  is an immersion,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ . Let  $IM^{n+k}(M)$  denote the set of regular homotopy classes of immersions of  $M$  into  $E^{n+k}$ .

An *embedding*  $f: M \rightarrow E^{n+k}$  is a one-one immersion. Two embeddings  $f_0, f_1: M \rightarrow E^{n+k}$  are *isotopic* if there is a  $C^\infty$ -map  $F: M \times I \rightarrow E^{n+k}$  such that  $F_0=f_0$ ,  $F_1=f_1$  and  $F_t$  is an embedding,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ . Let  $EM^{n+k}(M)$  denote the set of isotopy classes of embeddings of  $M$  into  $E^{n+k}$ .

There is a fixed point free involution  $A_M$  on  $T_0(M)$  which on each fibre  $S^{n-1}$  is the antipodal map  $A_{n-1}$ .

Let  $\Delta$  denote the diagonal of  $M \times M$ . There is a fixed point free involution  $B_M$  on  $M \times M - \Delta$  defined by  $(x, y) \rightarrow (y, x)$ .

An immersion  $f: M \rightarrow E^{n+k}$  determines an equivariant map  $T_0(f): T_0(M) \rightarrow E^{n+k} \times S^{n+k-1}$ . Since the projection  $\pi: E^{n+k} \times S^{n+k-1} \rightarrow S^{n+k-1}$  is equivariant, so also is  $\pi T_0(f): T_0(M) \rightarrow S^{n+k-1}$ .

An embedding  $f: M \rightarrow E^{n+k}$  gives an equivariant map  $f \times f: M \times M - \Delta \rightarrow E^{n+k} \times E^{n+k} - \Delta$ . There is  $\lambda: E^{n+k} \times E^{n+k} - \Delta \rightarrow S^{n+k-1}$  by  $\lambda(v_1, v_2) = v_1 - v_2 / |v_1 - v_2|$  and  $\lambda$  is equivariant. Then  $\lambda(f \times f): M \times M - \Delta \rightarrow S^{n+k-1}$  is also equivariant.

Our study of the sets  $IM^{n+k}(M)$  and  $EM^{n+k}(M)$  is based on the following

(9.1) THEOREM (HIRSCH-HAEFLIGER [5]). Suppose  $2k > n+1$ . The correspondence

$$\eta: IM^{n+k}(M) \rightarrow E(T_0(M); S^{n+k-1})$$

defined by  $\eta([f]) = [\pi T_0(f)]$  is one-one and onto.

(9.2) THEOREM (HAEFLIGER [4]). Suppose  $2k > n+3$ . The correspondence

$$\tau: EM^{n+k}(M) \rightarrow E(M \times M - \Delta; S^{n+k-1})$$

defined by  $\tau([f]) = [\lambda(f \times f)]$  is one-one and onto.

By means of  $\eta$  and  $\tau$  the sets  $IM^{n+k}(M)$  and  $EM^{n+k}(M)$  inherit a natural affine group structure.

(9.3) THEOREM. For  $k > 1$ ,

$$A_M^\# : \Sigma^{n+k-1}(T_0(M)) \rightarrow \Sigma^{n+k-1}(T_0(M))$$

is  $(-1)^n$  times the identity, modulo 2-torsion.

**Proof.** There is a spectral sequence  $\{E_r\}$  with

$$E_2^{p,q} = H^p(M; [\Sigma^q(S^{n-1})])$$

and a filtration

$$\Sigma^{n+k-1}(T_0(M)) = J^{0,n+k-1} \supset \dots \supset J^{n,k-1} \supset 0$$

with  $J^{p,q}/J^{p+1,q-1} = E_\infty^{p,q}$ . It is sufficient to show that for  $q > 0$ , the induced automorphism of  $E_2^{p,q}$  is  $(-1)^n$  times the identity. This agrees with the coefficient automorphism determined by  $A_{m-1}^\# : \Sigma^q(S^{n-1}) \rightarrow \Sigma^q(S^{n-1})$ , since  $A_{m-1}$  is the restriction of  $A_M$  to the fibre. It is well known that for  $q > 0$ ,  $A_{m-1}^\#$  is  $(-1)^n$  times the identity. This completes the proof.

Letting  $I(\Sigma^{n+k-1}(T_0(M)))$  denote the subgroup of elements invariant under  $(A_{m+k-1})_\# A_M^\#$ , we have by the above lemma

(9.4) COROLLARY. Let  $k > 1$ . For  $k$  even,  $I(\Sigma^{n+k-1}(T_0(M))) = \Sigma^{n+k-1}(T_0(M))$  and for  $k$  odd,  $I(\Sigma^{n+k-1}(T_0(M))) = 0$ , modulo 2-torsion.

We will write  $M \subseteq E^{n+k}$  ( $M \subset E^{n+k}$ ) if there exists an immersion (embedding) of  $M$  in  $E^{n+k}$ . Applying (8.15) and the preceding corollary, we have

(9.5) THEOREM. Suppose  $2k > n+1$  and  $M \subseteq E^{n+k}$ . For  $k$ -odd  $(IM^{n+k}(M), \alpha) = 0$  modulo 2-torsion. For  $k$ -even

$$\theta\eta : (IM^{n+k}(M), \alpha) \rightarrow \Sigma^{n+k-1}(T_0(M))$$

is an isomorphism modulo 2-torsion.

For embeddings we have

(9.6) THEOREM. Suppose  $2k > n+3$  and  $M \subset E^{n+k}$ . Then

$$\theta\tau : (EM^{n+k}(M), \alpha) \rightarrow I(\Sigma^{n+k-1}(M \times M - \Delta))$$

is an isomorphism modulo 2-torsion.

Here  $I(\Sigma^{n+k-1}(M \times M - \Delta))$  is the subgroup of elements invariant under  $(A_{m+k-1})_\# B_M^\#$ .

**10. Rank of  $IM^{n+k}(M)$  and  $EM^{n+k}(M)$ .** In this section it is assumed that  $M$  is orientable. Let

$$(10.1) \quad \tilde{\omega} : (IM^{n+k}(M), \alpha) \rightarrow H^k(M)$$

be the composition

$$(IM^{n+k}(M), \alpha) \xrightarrow{\theta\eta} \Sigma^{n+k-1}(T_0(M)) \xrightarrow{\omega} H^{n+k-1}(T_0(M)) \xrightarrow{\psi} H^k(M)$$

where  $\psi$  is from the Gysin sequence for  $T_0(M) \rightarrow M$ .

For an immersion  $g: M \rightarrow E^{n+k}$ , the *normal class* of  $g$  is the Euler class  $\chi(g) \in H^k(M)$  of the normal bundle of  $g$ .

(10.2) LEMMA. *Let  $\gamma$  generate  $H^{n+k-1}(S^{n+k-1})$ . Then with a suitable orientation of the normal bundle of  $g$ , we have*

$$\chi(g) = \psi T_0(g)^* \pi^*(\gamma).$$

**Proof.** This follows from Theorem (1.1) of [7]. Let  $g^{-1}(T_0(E^{n+k}))$  be the bundle over  $M$  induced by  $g$  and let

$$T_0(M) \xrightarrow{f_2} g^{-1}(T_0(E^{n+k})) \xrightarrow{\tilde{g}} T_0(E^{n+k})$$

be the factorization of  $T_0(g)$ . Then

$$(10.3) \quad \psi T_0(g)^* \pi^*(\gamma) = \psi f_2^* \tilde{g}^* \pi^*(\gamma).$$

In the Gysin sequence for  $g^{-1}(T_0(E^{n+k})) \rightarrow M$ , we have  $\psi \tilde{g}^* \pi^*(\gamma) = 1 \in H^0(M)$ . Using the notation of Theorem (1.1) of [7], we have

$$\psi f_2^* \tilde{g}^* \pi^*(\gamma) = G_2 \psi \tilde{g}^* \pi^*(\gamma) = G_2^*(1) = \chi(g).$$

This completes the proof.

The above lemma implies that  $\chi(g)$  depends only on the class  $\beta \in IM^{n+k}(M)$ , so we will write  $\chi(\beta)$  instead of  $\chi(g)$ .

$$(10.4) \text{ LEMMA. For } \gamma \in IM^{n+k}(M), \tilde{\omega}(\gamma) = \chi(\gamma) - \chi(\alpha).$$

**Proof.** This follows from the preceding lemma and the definition of  $\tilde{\omega}$ .

Now from Theorem (9.5) we have

$$(10.5) \text{ THEOREM. Suppose } 2k > n+1 \text{ and } M \subseteq E^{n+k}. \text{ For } k\text{-odd, } (IM^{n+k}(M), \alpha) \otimes Q = 0 \text{ and for } k\text{-even}$$

$$\tilde{\omega} \otimes 1: (IM^{n+k}(M), \alpha) \otimes Q \rightarrow H^k(M; Q),$$

given by  $\tilde{\omega} \otimes 1(\gamma \otimes x) = (\chi(\gamma) - \chi(\alpha)) \otimes x$ , is an isomorphism.

For embeddings, let

$$(10.6) \quad \tilde{\omega}: (EM^{n+k}(M), \alpha) \rightarrow H^{n+k-1}(M \times M - \Delta)$$

be the composition

$$(EM^{n+k}(M), \alpha) \xrightarrow{\theta\tau} \Sigma^{n+k-1}(M \times M - \Delta) \xrightarrow{\omega} H^{n+k-1}(M \times M - \Delta).$$

By Theorem (8.15) we have an isomorphism

$$(10.7) \quad \tilde{\omega} \otimes 1: (EM^{n+k}(M), \alpha) \otimes Q \rightarrow I(H^{n+k-1}(M \times M - \Delta; Q)).$$

Let  $u \in H_{2n}(M \times M)$  be a fundamental class and let

$$(10.8) \quad D: H^{n+k-1}(M \times M - \Delta; Q) \rightarrow H_{n-k+1}(M \times M, \Delta; Q)$$

denote the Lefschetz-Poincaré duality map

$$D(v) = u \cap v, \quad v \in H^{n+k-1}(M \times M - \Delta; Q).$$

Next, let

$$(10.9) \quad \kappa: H_*(M; Q) \otimes H_*(M; Q) \rightarrow H_*(M \times M; Q)$$

be the Künneth map and  $\delta: M \rightarrow M \times M$  the diagonal map. For  $a \in H_{n-k+1}(M)$ , write

$$\kappa^{-1}\delta_*(a) = a \otimes 1 \oplus 1 \otimes a + \hat{a},$$

$$\hat{a} \in \sum_{i=1}^{n-k} H_i(M; Q) \otimes H_{i'}(M; Q),$$

$i' = n - k + 1 - i$ . The element  $a$  is *primitive* if  $\hat{a} = 0$ . Let  $j: M \times M \rightarrow (M \times M, \Delta)$  be the inclusion. We have an isomorphism

$$(10.10) \quad (j_*\kappa)^{-1}D: H^{n+k-1}(M \times M - \Delta; Q) \rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{n-k+1} H_i(M; Q) \otimes H_{i'}(M; Q).$$

Define an involution  $T$  on the right hand side of (10.10) by

$$(10.11) \quad \begin{aligned} T(a \otimes 1) &= (-a) \otimes 1 - \hat{a}, \quad \dim(a) = n - k + 1, \\ T(a \otimes b) &= (-1)^{i'} b \otimes a, \quad \dim(a) = i, \dim(b) = i' > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $(j_*\kappa)^{-1}D$  is an operator isomorphism when the involution on the left is  $(-1)^{n+k}B_M^*$  and on the right is  $(-1)^kT$ . Now let

$$(10.12) \quad J_{n,k}(M; Q) = \sum_{i=1}^r H_i(M; Q) \otimes H_{i'}(M; Q),$$

where  $r$  is the greatest integer less than or equal to  $n - k/2$  and let  $P_{n-k+1}(M; Q)$  denote the subgroup of primitive elements in  $H_{n-k+1}(M; Q)$ .

(10.13) **THEOREM** Suppose  $2k > n + 3$  and  $M \subset E^{n+k}$ . Then  $(EM^{n+k}(M), \alpha) \otimes Q$  is given by the following table:

|                               | $k \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$                    | $k \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$   |
|-------------------------------|--|---|
| $n+k \equiv 0, 1, 2 \pmod{4}$ | $J_{n,k}(M; Q)$                          | $J_{n,k}(M; Q) \oplus P_{n-k+1}(M; Q)$                          |
| $n+k \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$       | $J_{n,k}(M; Q) \oplus H_{n-k+1/2}(M; Q)$ | $J_{n,k}(M; Q) \oplus H_{n-k+1/2}(M; Q) \oplus P_{n-k+1}(M; Q)$ |



**Proof.** The various cases are all handled in the same way. For example, when  $n+k \equiv 0, 1, 2 \pmod{4}$  and  $k \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ ,

$$\rho: J_{n,k}(M; Q) \rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{n-k+1} H_i(M; Q) \otimes H_i(M; Q)$$

by

$$\rho\left(\sum_{i=1}^r a_i \otimes b_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^r (a_i \otimes b_i \oplus (-1)^{ii'} b_{i'} \otimes a_i)$$

is injective onto the subgroup of elements invariant under  $(-1)^k T$ .

**11. The normal class of an immersion.** In this section,  $M$  is orientable. We consider a question raised by Lashof and Smale [7] as to what elements  $v \in H^k(M)$  are realizable as normal classes of an immersion. Such elements will be characterized as permanent cycles in a spectral sequence.

If  $M \subseteq E^{n+k}$  let

$$(11.1) \quad N^k(M) = \{v \in H^k(M) \mid v = \chi(\gamma), \gamma \in IM^{n+k}(M)\}.$$

If  $2k > n+1$ , then by Lemma (10.4),  $N^k(M)$  is a coset of  $\bar{\omega}(IM^{n+k}(M), \alpha)$ . If it is assumed that  $M \subseteq E^{n+k-1}$  or  $M \subset E^{n+k}$ , then there is  $\alpha \in IM^{n+k}(M)$  such that  $\chi(\alpha) = 0$ . In this case  $N^k(M) = \bar{\omega}(IM^{n+k}(M), \alpha)$  and is therefore a subgroup of  $H^k(M)$ .

Let  $S^\infty$  and  $P^\infty$  be the infinite dimensional sphere and projective space respectively, let  $X(M) = S^\infty \times T_0(M)/Z_2$  and  $P_0(M) = T_0(M)/Z_2$  and let  $\pi_1: X(M) \rightarrow P^\infty$  and  $\pi_2: X(M) \rightarrow P_0(M)$  be the projections. Pick  $s_0 \in S^\infty$  and define  $i: T_0(M) \rightarrow X(M)$  by  $i(x) = [s_0, x]$ ,  $x \in T_0(M)$ . From the definition of  $\bar{\omega}$  and the commutativity of (8.9) we see that the image of  $\bar{\omega}$  is equal to the image of the composition

$$(11.2) \quad \begin{aligned} H^0(X(M), \pi_1, \mathcal{S}(\beta)) &\xrightarrow{i^*} \Sigma^{n+k-1}(T_0(M)) \\ &\xrightarrow{\omega} H^{n+k-1}(T_0(M)) \xrightarrow{\psi} H^k(M), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\beta = (S^\infty \times S^{n+k-1}/Z_2, P^\infty, \pi_1)$ .

Constructing the spectral sequence for the identity map  $X(M) \rightarrow X(M)$  and  $\pi_1 \in \mathcal{M}(X(M), P^\infty)$ , we have

$$(11.3) \quad E_2^{p,q} = H^p(X(M); [\Sigma^{q+n+k-1}(pt)]) = H^p(P_0(M); [\Sigma^{q+n+k-1}(pt)])$$

(the right-hand identification being made by  $\pi_2^*$ ) and

$$(11.4) \quad j: H^0(X(M), \pi_1, \mathcal{S}(\beta)) \rightarrow E_\infty^{n+k-1, -(n+k-1)} \subset H^{n+k-1}(P_0(M); [Z]).$$

Then the following diagram is commutative.

$$(11.5) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} H^0(X(M), \pi_1, \mathcal{S}(\beta)) & \xrightarrow{i^*} & \Sigma^{n+k-1}(T_0(M)) \\ \downarrow j & & \downarrow \omega \\ H^{n+k-1}(P_0(M); [Z]) & \xrightarrow{P^*} & H^{n+k-1}(T_0(M)) \end{array}$$

where  $p: T_0(M) \rightarrow P_0(M)$  is the orbit map. Combining the above facts, we have

(11.6) THEOREM. Suppose  $2k > n+1$  and  $M \subset E^{n+k}$  or  $M \subseteq E^{n+k-1}$ . Then

$$N^k(M) = \psi p^*(E_{\infty}^{n+k-1, -(n+k-1)}).$$

(11.7) LEMMA. For  $k$ -odd  $\psi p^*(H^{n+k-1}(P_0(M); [Z])) = 0$ . For  $k$ -even,  $\psi p^*(H^{n+k-1}(P_0(M); [Z])) \subset 2H^k(M)$ .

**Proof.** Comparing the spectral sequence for  $T_0(M) \rightarrow M$  and  $P_0(M) \rightarrow M$ , we have a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H^{n+k-1}(P_0(M); [Z]) & \xrightarrow{p^*} & H^{n+k-1}(T_0(M)) \\ \downarrow j & & \downarrow j \\ E_{\infty}^{k, n-1} & & E_{\infty}^{k, n-1} \\ \cap & & \parallel \\ H^k(M; H^{n-1}(P^{n-1}; [Z])) & \xrightarrow{(\tilde{p}^*)\#} & H^k(M; H^{n-1}(S^{n-1})) = H^k(M), \end{array}$$

$\searrow \psi$

where  $\tilde{p}: S^{n-1} \rightarrow P^{n-1}$  is the restriction of  $p$  to the fibre. The involution on  $Z$  is  $(-1)^{n+k}$ . Thus  $H^{n-1}(P^{n-1}; [Z])$  is  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  or  $\mathbb{Z}$  depending on whether  $k$  is odd or even. In the former case  $\tilde{p}^*$  has image 0 and in the latter  $\tilde{p}^*$  has image  $2H^{n-1}(S^{n-1})$ . The lemma now follows from the commutativity of the above diagram.

From (11.6), (11.7) and Theorem (10.6), we have

(11.8) THEOREM. Suppose  $2k > n+1$  and  $M \subseteq E^{n+k-1}$ . For  $k$ -odd,  $N^k(M) = 0$ . For  $k$ -even,  $N^k(M)$  is a subgroup of  $2H^k(M)$  having finite index.

REMARK. For  $k=n$  or  $n-1$  and  $k$ -even, we deduce that

$$\psi p^*(H^{n+k-1}(P_0(M); [Z])) = 2H^k(M).$$

Then using Theorem (11.6), we obtain the following table for  $N^k(M)$ :

|         | $n$ -even | $n$ -odd      |
|---------|-----------|---------------|
| $k=n$   | $2H^n(M)$ | 0             |
| $k=n-1$ | 0         | $2H^{n-1}(M)$ |

The values for  $k=n$  were given by Lashof and Smale [7]. Information for  $k < n-1$  would involve computing the twisted cohomology operations which appear as differential operators in the spectral sequence.

Let  $S^k \times S^{n-1}$  have the involution  $(a, b) \rightarrow (a, -b)$ .

(11.9) LEMMA. For  $k$ -even, there is an equivariant map  $f: S^k \times S^{n-1} \rightarrow S^{k+n-1}$  of degree 2.

**Proof.** Let  $p: S^k \times S^{n-1} \rightarrow S^k \times P^{n-1}$  be the orbit map. There is an equivariant map  $g: S^k \times S^{n-1} \rightarrow S^{k+n-1}$  of degree 0, namely, the projection onto  $S^{n-1}$  followed by the inclusion  $S^{n-1} \subset S^{k+n-1}$ . Now the correspondence

$$E(\bar{S}^k \times S^{n-1}, S^{k+n-1}) \rightarrow H^{k+n-1}(S^k \times P^{n-1}; [Z])$$

which assigns to  $f$  the primary obstruction  $d(f, g)$  to an equivariant homotopy between  $f$  and  $g$  is one-one and onto. The involution on  $Z$  is  $(-1)^{k+n} = (-1)^n$  and, by an elementary computation,  $H^{k+n-1}(S^k \times P^{n-1}; [Z]) = Z$  and

$$p^*: H^{k+n-1}(S^k \times P^{n-1}; [Z]) \rightarrow H^{k+n-1}(S^k \times S^{n-1})$$

takes a generator to twice a generator. Therefore if we choose  $f$  so that  $d(f, g)$  is a generator, the degree of  $f$  will be 2.

Suppose that  $M$  is parallelizable. Then  $T_0(M) = M \times S^{n-1}$  and we can define

$$(11.10) \quad \psi: \Sigma^{n+k-1}(T_0(M)) \rightarrow \Sigma^k(M)$$

to be the composition

$$\Sigma^{n+k-1}(M \times S^{n-1}) \xrightarrow{j^{*-1}} \Sigma^{n+k-1}(M \times S^{n-1}, M \times S^{n-1}) \longrightarrow \Sigma^k(M),$$

where  $j$  is inclusion and the unmarked arrow is  $(n-1)$ -fold desuspension. The following diagram is commutative:

$$(11.11) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \Sigma^{n+k-1}(T_0(M)) & \xrightarrow{\psi} & \Sigma^k(M) \\ \downarrow \omega & & \downarrow \omega \\ H^{n+k-1}(T_0(M)) & \xrightarrow{\psi} & H^k(M) \end{array}$$

(11.12) THEOREM. Suppose  $M$  is parallelizable and  $2k > n+1$ . Then

$$\psi\theta\eta: (IM^{n+k}(M), \alpha) \rightarrow \Sigma^k(M)$$

has image 0,  $k$ -odd, and  $2\Sigma^k(M)$ ,  $k$ -even.

**Proof.** We will first show that the image of

$$i^*: h^0(X(M), \pi_1, \mathcal{S}(\beta)) \rightarrow \Sigma^{n+k-1}(T_0(M))$$

is 0,  $k$ -odd, and is contained in  $2\Sigma^{n+k-1}(T_0(M))$ ,  $k$ -even. This will imply that the image of  $\psi\theta\eta$  is 0,  $k$ -odd, and contained in  $2\Sigma^k(N)$ ,  $k$ -even. We have a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T_0(M) & \xrightarrow{i} & X(M) \\ \downarrow \tilde{\rho} & & \downarrow \rho \\ S^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{i}} & S^\infty \times S^{n-1}/Z_2 \end{array}$$

where  $\rho$  and  $\bar{\rho}$  are projections and  $\bar{i}$  is inclusion. Comparing the spectral sequences for  $\rho$  and  $\bar{\rho}$ , we obtain a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} h^0(X(M), \pi_1, \mathcal{S}(\beta)) & \xrightarrow{i^*} & \Sigma^{n+k-1}(T_0(M)) \\ \downarrow j & & \downarrow \bar{j} \\ H^{n-1}(S^\infty \times S^{n-1}/Z_2; [\Sigma^k(M)]) & \xrightarrow{\bar{i}^*} & H^{n-1}(S^{n-1}; \Sigma^k(M)) \end{array}$$

Since  $\bar{j}$  is an isomorphism and  $\bar{i}^*$  has image 0,  $k$ -odd, and  $2H^{n-1}(S^{n-1}; \Sigma^k(M))$ ,  $k$ -even, it follows that the image of  $i^*$  is 0,  $k$ -odd, and contained in  $2\Sigma^{n+k-1}(T_0(M))$ ,  $k$ -even.

Suppose now that  $k$  is even. Let  $u \in 2\Sigma^k(M)$  and choose  $f: M \rightarrow S^k$  such that  $u = 2[f]$ . Let  $f': M \times S^{n-1} \rightarrow S^k \times S^{n-1}$  be defined by  $f'(x, b) = (f(x), b)$ . Then  $f'$  is equivariant when the involution on  $M \times S^{n-1}$  is  $(x, b) \rightarrow (x, -b)$  and on  $S^k \times S^{n-1}$  is  $(a, b) \rightarrow (a, -b)$ . By Lemma (11.9), there is an equivariant map  $g: S^k \times S^{n-1} \rightarrow S^{n+k-1}$  of degree 2. Let  $\gamma \in E(T_0(M), S^{n+k-1})$  be the class of  $gf'$ . Then choosing  $\alpha \in IM^{n+k}(M)$  so that  $\zeta_\gamma(\alpha) = 0$  in  $\Sigma^{n+k-1}(T_0(M))$ , (see (8.8)), we have

$$\psi\theta\eta(\eta^{-1}(\gamma)) = 2[f] = u.$$

Therefore, when  $k$  is even, the image of  $\psi\theta\eta$  is onto  $2\Sigma^k(M)$ . This completes the proof.

Let  $S^k(M)$  denote the subgroup of spherical classes of  $H^k(M)$ , that is, the image of  $\omega: \Sigma^k(M) \rightarrow H^k(M)$ .

(11.13) COROLLARY. *Suppose  $M$  is parallelizable and  $2k > n + 1$ . Then  $N^k(M) = 0$ ,  $k$ -odd, and  $N^k(M) = 2S^k(M)$ ,  $k$ -even.*

**Proof.** Choose  $\alpha \in IM^{n+k}(M)$  such that  $\zeta_\gamma(\alpha) = 0$ . Suppose  $v \in N^k(M)$ . Let  $\gamma \in IM^{n+k}(M)$  be such that  $v = \chi(\gamma)$ . Then by Lemma (10.4),  $v = \bar{\omega}(\gamma)$ . By the preceding theorem, there is  $u \in \Sigma^k(M)$  such that  $\psi\theta\eta(\gamma) = 2u$ . Then, by the commutativity of (11.11),

$$v = \bar{\omega}(\gamma) = 2\omega(u) \in 2S^k(M).$$

Conversely, suppose  $v \in 2S^k(M)$ . Let  $u \in \Sigma^k(M)$  be such that  $v = 2\omega(u)$ . By the preceding theorem there is  $\gamma \in IM^{n+k}(M)$  such that  $\psi\theta\eta(\gamma) = 2u$ . By the commutativity of (9.12)

$$\chi(\gamma) = \bar{\omega}(\gamma) = \omega(2u) = v.$$

This completes the proof.

REMARK. Theorems (11.12) and (11.13) are also true if  $M$  is a  $\pi$ -manifold. The proofs are essentially the same.

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