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## ON THE $K$ -THEORY OF $PE_6$

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### Introduction

Let  $E_6$  be the exceptional compact simply-connected simple Lie group and let  $PE_6$  be the projective group associated with  $E_6$ . In other words  $PE_6 = E_6 / Z(E_6)$  with  $Z(E_6) \cong \mathbb{Z}/3$  where  $Z(E_6)$  denotes the center of  $E_6$ . The complex  $K$ -group  $K^*(PE_6)$  of  $PE_6$  has been calculated by Held and Suter in [5] and by Hodgkin in [7] independently. In this paper we calculate the real  $K$ -group  $KO^*(PE_6)$  of  $PE_6$ . To our aim, however, we begin with the computation of  $K^*(PE_6)$  by a different method from [5, 7] and we compute  $KO^*(PE_6)$  by applying the techniques parallel to  $K^*(PE_6)$  and using some results obtained in course of calculation as well as the result on  $K^*(PE_6)$ .

We study these  $K$ -groups along the way of getting the  $K$ -groups of  $PE_7$  in [10]. In the case of  $E_7$  we used the  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -equivariant  $K$ -theories because of  $Z(E_7) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2$ . In the present case we make use of the  $\mathbb{Z}/3$ -equivariant  $K$ -theories and we reduce the structures of the  $K$ -groups of  $PE_6$  to those of  $K$ -groups of  $E_6$  and  $L^n(3)$ , the usual lens spaces, for  $1 \leq n \leq 6$ . We refer to [6, 12] for information about the  $K$ -groups of  $E_6$ .

In Section 1 we review some basic materials and give the ring structures of  $K$ -groups of the relevant lens spaces. In Section 2 and in Sections 3, 4 we determine the structures of  $K^*(PE_6)$  and  $KO^*(PE_6)$  respectively. The main results are Theorems 2.1 and 3.1.

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### 1. Preliminaries

By  $\Gamma$  we denote the center of  $E_6$  which is a cyclic group of order 3 and set

$$\Gamma = \{\gamma \mid \gamma^3 = 1\}.$$

Consider the symmetric pair  $(E_6, Spin(10) \cdot S^1)$  with the subgroup of maximal rank. Then we see that  $\Gamma$  coincides with the central subgroup of  $S^1 \subset Spin(10) \cdot S^1$  or order 3.

According to [13] we have the following irreducible representations

$$\rho: E_6 \rightarrow U(78), \rho_1: E_6 \rightarrow U(27) \text{ and } \rho_1^*: E_6 \rightarrow U(27)$$

where  $\rho_1^*$  denotes the complex conjugate of  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho$  the adjoint representation of  $E_6$ . Moreover

$$\text{Ker } \rho = \Gamma \text{ and } \text{Ker } \rho_1 = \text{Ker } \rho_1^* = \{1\}.$$

And the fundamental representations of  $E_6$  are  $\rho, \rho_1, \lambda^2 \rho_1, \lambda^3 \rho_1 (= \lambda^3 \rho_1^*), \lambda^2 \rho_1^*$  and  $\rho_1^*$ , in which in particular  $\rho$  and  $\lambda^3 \rho_1$  are the complexification of real representations. The same symbols  $\rho$  and  $\lambda^3 \rho_1$  are used to denote also these real representations hereafter.

By Lemma of [9] (see also [1], Chap. 10) we have

(1.1) The restrictions of the fundamental representations to  $Spin(10) \cdot S^1$  are

$$\rho = \lambda^2 \rho_{10} \otimes 1 + \Delta^+ \otimes t^3 + \Delta^- \otimes t^{-3} + 1,$$

$$\rho_1 = 1 \otimes t^4 + \Delta^- \otimes t + \rho_{10} \otimes t^{-2},$$

$$\lambda^2 \rho_1 = \Delta^- \otimes t^5 + \lambda^3 \rho_{10} \otimes t^2 + \rho_{10} \otimes t^2 + \Delta^- \rho_{10} \otimes t^{-1} + \lambda^2 \rho_{10} \otimes t^{-4},$$

$$\text{and } \lambda^3 \rho_1 = \lambda^3 \rho_{10} \otimes t^6 + \lambda^3 \rho_{10} \otimes t^{-6} + \Delta^+ \lambda^2 \rho_{10} \otimes t^3 + \Delta^- \lambda^2 \rho_{10} \otimes t^{-3} \\ + \rho_{10} \lambda^3 \rho_{10} \otimes 1 + \lambda^2 \rho_{10} \otimes 1$$

where  $\rho_{10}$  and  $t$  are the canonical non-trivial 10- and 1-dimensional representations of  $Spin(10)$  and  $S^1$  respectively, and  $\Delta^\pm$  are the half-spin representations of  $Spin(10)$ . The restrictions of  $\rho_1^*$  and  $\lambda^2 \rho_1^*$  are immediate from (1.1) since  $(\Delta^\pm)^* = \Delta^\mp$ .

Let  $V$  be the representation space of the canonical non-trivial complex 1-dimensional representation of  $\Gamma$ . We write  $nV$  for the direct sum of  $n$  copies of  $V$ . Let  $B(nV \oplus C^k)$  and  $S(nV \oplus C^k)$  denote the unit ball and unit sphere in  $nV \oplus C^k$  centered at the origin  $o$ , and let  $\Sigma^{nV+2k} = B(nV \oplus C^k) / S(nV \oplus C^k)$  with the collapsed  $S(nV \oplus C^k)$  as base point. And then the lens space  $L^n(3)$  is defined to be the orbit space  $S((n+1)V) / \Gamma$ .

Let  $nV$  be embedded in  $(n+k)V = nV \oplus kV$  by the assignment  $v \mapsto (v, 0)$ . Then there is an equivariant homeomorphism  $S((n+k)V) / S(nV) \approx \Sigma^{nV} \wedge S(kV)_+$  via which these spaces are identified below. For our computation we use mainly the following exact sequences, which are obtained from applying the equivariant  $K$ -functor to the cofibrations

$$S(nV) \times X \xrightarrow{i} B(nV) \times X \xrightarrow{j} \Sigma^{nV} \wedge X_+$$

$$\text{and } S(nV) \times X \xrightarrow{i} S((n+k)V) \times X \xrightarrow{j} \Sigma^{nV} \wedge (S(kV) \times X)_+$$

where  $i$ 's and  $j$ 's are the canonical inclusions and projections and  $Y_+$  denotes the disjoint union of a  $\Gamma$ -space  $Y$  and a point.

$$(1.2) \quad (i) \quad \cdots \rightarrow \tilde{h}_T^*(\Sigma^{nV} \wedge X_+) \xrightarrow{j^*} h_T^*(B(nV) \times X) \xrightarrow{i^*} h_T^*(S(nV) \times X) \xrightarrow{\delta} \tilde{h}_T^*(\Sigma^{nV} \wedge X_+) \rightarrow \cdots$$

$$\text{and} \quad (ii) \quad \cdots \rightarrow \tilde{h}_T^*(\Sigma^{nV} \wedge (S(kV) \times X)_+) \xrightarrow{j^*} h_T^*(S((n+k)V) \times X) \xrightarrow{i^*} h_T^*(S(nV) \times X) \xrightarrow{\delta} \tilde{h}_T^*(\Sigma^{nV} \wedge (S(kV) \times X)_+) \rightarrow \cdots$$

for  $h=K, KO$ , in which there holds  $\delta(xi^*(y)) = \delta(x)y$ .

If  $X$  is a compact free  $\Gamma$ -space then we have a canonical isomorphism  $h^*(X/\Gamma) \cong h_T^*(X)$  which we identify in the following.

Especially we consider (1.2) (ii) when  $k=1$  and  $X$  a point,  $E_6$ . Then we have a homeomorphism

$$\varphi: (\Sigma^{nV} \wedge (S(V) \times X)_+) / \Gamma \approx \Sigma^{2n} \wedge (S^1 \times X)_+$$

arising from the map from  $B(nV) \times S(V) \times X$  to  $B(C^n) \times S^1 \times X$  given by the assignment  $((z_1, \dots, z_n), z, x) \mapsto ((z^{-1}z_1, \dots, z^{-1}z_n), z^3, z^{-1}x)$  where  $z^{-1}x$  is  $x$  if  $X$  is a point and denotes the product of  $z^{-1}$  and  $x$  in  $E_6$  if  $X=E_6$ , under the identification  $S(V)=S^1$ , the circle subgroup of  $E_6$  which is a factor of  $Spin(10) \cdot S^1$  stated above. Therefore we see that (1.2) (ii) yields the following exact sequence

$$(1.3) \quad \cdots \rightarrow h^*(S^1 \times X) \xrightarrow{J} h_T^*(S((n+1)V) \times X) \xrightarrow{i^*} h_T^*(S(nV) \times X) \xrightarrow{\bar{\delta}} h^*(S^1 \times X) \rightarrow \cdots$$

for  $X$  a point,  $E_6$ , in which  $J=j^*\varphi^*$ ,  $\bar{\delta}=\varphi^{*-1}\delta$  (up to the suspension isomorphism) and so there holds  $\bar{\delta}(xi^*(y)) = \bar{\delta}(x)y$ .

For later use we write  $A \cdot g$  for the module over a ring  $A$  generated by  $g$ . We recall from [11] the Thom isomorphism theorem in complex  $K$ -theory. Let  $\mu \in \tilde{K}(S^2)$  be the Bott element. Then  $\tilde{K}(S^{2n}) = \mathbb{Z} \cdot \mu^n$  and we have by [11] the following.

(1.4) There exists an element  $\tau_{nV}$  of  $\tilde{K}_T(\Sigma^{nV})$  such that multiplication by  $\tau_{nV}$ ,  $x \mapsto \tau_{nV} \wedge x$ , induces an isomorphism  $K_T^*(X) \cong \tilde{K}_T^*(\Sigma^{nV} \wedge X_+)$  for any  $\Gamma$ -space  $X$ , the restriction of  $\tau_{nV}$  to  $K_T(o) = R(\Gamma)$  is  $(1-V)^n$  and forgetting action  $\tau_{nV}$  becomes  $\mu^n$ , where  $R(\Gamma)$  is the complex representation ring of  $\Gamma$ .

As is well known, given a map  $f: X \rightarrow U(n)$  (resp.  $O(n)$ ), the homotopy class of the composite of this with an inclusion  $U(n) \subset U$  (resp.  $O(n) \subset O$ ) can be viewed as an element of  $K^{-1}(X)$  (resp.  $KO^{-1}(X)$ ) for which  $\beta(f)$  we write in any case where  $U$  (resp.  $O$ ) is the infinite unitary (resp. orthogonal) group. According to [6], then

$$(1.5) \quad K^*(E_6) = \Lambda(\beta(\rho), \beta(\rho_1), \beta(\lambda^2 \rho_1), \beta(\lambda^3 \rho_1), \beta(\lambda^2 \rho_1^*), \beta(\rho_1^*)) \quad \text{as a ring.}$$

When we deal with the real  $K$ -theory, we consider the complex  $K$ -theory to be  $\mathbb{Z}/8$ -graded. The coefficient ring of each theory is given by  $KO^*(+)=\mathbb{Z}[\eta_1, \eta_4]/(2\eta_1, \eta_1^3, \eta_1\eta_4, \eta_4^2-4)$  where  $\eta_i \in KO^{-i}(+)$  and  $K^*(+)=\mathbb{Z}[\mu]/(\mu^4-1)$  ( $+$  = point). Let us denote by  $r$  and  $c$  the realification and complexification homomorphisms as usual. In [12], Theorem 5.6  $KO^*(E_6)$  is determined by using (1.5) as follows.

(1.6) There exist elements  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in KO^0(E_6)$  such that  $c(\lambda_1)=\mu^3\beta(\rho_1)\beta(\rho_1^*)$ ,  $c(\lambda_2)=\mu^3\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1^*)$  and as a  $KO^*(+)$ -module

$$KO^*(E_6)=F \oplus r(T).$$

Here  $F$  is the subalgebra of  $KO^*(E_6)$  generated by

$$\beta(\rho), \beta(\lambda^3\rho_1), \lambda_1, \lambda_2$$

and is a free  $KO^*(+)$ -module, and  $T$  is the submodule of  $K^*(E_6)$  generated by the monomials

$$\begin{aligned} & n\beta(\rho_1), n\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1), n\beta(\rho_1)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1), \\ & n\beta(\rho_1)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1^*), n\beta(\rho_1)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1^*), n\beta(\rho_1)\beta(\rho_1^*)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1) \end{aligned}$$

where  $n$  is a monomial in  $\beta(\rho), \beta(\lambda^3\rho_1)$  with coefficients in  $K^*(+)$ . Further,  $\lambda_1^2=\lambda_2^2=0$ , and  $\beta(\rho)^2$  and  $\beta(\lambda^3\rho_1)$  are divisible by  $\eta_1$ .

REMARKS 1. In fact it follows from the square formula of [4], §6 that  $\beta(\rho)^2=\eta_1(\beta(\lambda^2\rho)+78\beta(\rho))$  and  $\beta(\lambda^3\rho_1)^2=\eta_1(\beta(\lambda^2(\lambda^3\rho_1))+27\beta(\lambda^3\rho_1))$ . And we have  $\lambda^2\rho=\lambda^3\rho_1+\rho$  by (1.1), so that  $\beta(\rho)^2=\eta_1(\beta(\lambda^3\rho_1)+\beta(\rho))$ . Using  $\eta_1r(x)=0$  stated in the subsequent remark we see that  $\eta_1\beta(\lambda^2(\lambda^3\rho_1))$  is only a linear combination of  $\eta_1\beta(\lambda^3\rho_1)$  and  $\eta_1\beta(\rho)$ , and further observation of the restriction of  $\lambda^2(\lambda^3\rho_1)$  to  $Spin(10) \cdot S^1$  leads to  $\eta_1\beta(\lambda^2(\lambda^3\rho_1))=0$  which therefore implies  $\beta(\lambda^3\rho_1)^2=\eta_1\beta(\lambda^3\rho_1)$ . As is noted in [12] all the other relations can be easily obtained from making use of the equality

$$r(x)r(y)=r(xcr(y))=r(xy)+r(xy^*) \quad \text{for } x, y \in T$$

where  $y^*$  denotes the complex conjugate of  $y$ .

2. The elements  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  described above are unique. For example, if there exists another element  $\lambda'_1$  such that  $c(\lambda_1)=c(\lambda'_1)$  then, considering the Bott exact sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow KO^*(E_6) \xrightarrow{\chi} KO^*(E_6) \xrightarrow{c} K^*(E_6) \xrightarrow{\delta} \cdots$$

where  $\chi$  is multiplication by  $\eta_1$  and  $\delta$  is given by  $\delta(\mu x)=r(x)$  [2], we see that  $\lambda'_1-\lambda_1$  can be written as  $\lambda'_1-\lambda_1=\eta_1 a$  for some  $a \in KO^{-7}(E_6)$ . But we may assume

that  $a \in F$  because of  $\chi\delta=0$  and the odd dimensional generators of  $F$  are only  $\beta(\rho), \beta(\lambda^3\rho_1)$ . Hence we see that  $a$  is divisible by  $\eta_1^2$ , so that  $\eta_1 a$  must be zero. This is quite similar to  $\lambda_2$ .

We next recall the Bott element of the equivariant  $KO$ -theory associated with  $\Gamma$ . Let  $W=r(V)$ , the realification of  $V$ , and we write  $nW$  to denote the direct sum of  $n$  copies of  $W$  as before. We show that  $W \oplus W$  is provided with a  $Spin$   $\Gamma$ -module structure. It suffices to prove that the composite homomorphism  $i: \Gamma \rightarrow U(1) \rightarrow SO(2) \xrightarrow{d} SO(2) \times SO(2) \rightarrow SO(4)$ , where the unlabelled arrows are canonical inclusions and  $d$  is the diagonal map, may be lifted to a homomorphism  $\tilde{i}$  from  $\Gamma$  to  $Spin(4)$ , satisfying  $\pi\tilde{i}=i$  where  $\pi$  denotes the canonical projection from  $Spin(4)$  to  $SO(4)$ . Now we see that the map  $\gamma \mapsto (\cos\frac{\pi}{3} + e_1 e_2 \sin\frac{\pi}{3})(\cos\frac{\pi}{3} + e_3 e_4 \sin\frac{\pi}{3})$ , where  $e_1, \dots, e_4$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  such that  $e_i^2 = -1$ ,  $e_i e_j = -e_j e_i$  if  $i \neq j$ , defines a required lifting  $\tilde{i}$ . So we see further that  $2nW$  in general can be provided with a  $Spin$   $\Gamma$ -module structure. To state the Thom isomorphism theorem in the equivariant  $KO$ -theory moreover we need the following fact [11].

(1.7) Let  $X$  be a compact *trivial*  $\Gamma$ -space. Then for a real  $\Gamma$ -vector bundle  $E$  over  $X$  the assignment  $E \mapsto \text{Hom}_\Gamma(X \times \mathbb{R}, E) \oplus W \otimes_C \text{Hom}(X \times W, E)$  induces an isomorphism

$$KO_\Gamma^*(X) \cong KO^*(X) \oplus \mathbb{Z} \cdot W \otimes K^*(X)$$

where  $C$  is identified with  $\text{Hom}_\Gamma(W, W)$  normally. In fact the 2nd direct summand of this equality is equal to  $r(\mathbb{Z} \cdot V \otimes K^*(X))$ .

From [3] we then have

(1.8) There is an element  $\tau_{(4n+2\varepsilon)W+4\varepsilon} \in \tilde{KO}_\Gamma(\Sigma^{(4n+2\varepsilon)V+4\varepsilon})$  for  $\varepsilon=0,1$  such that the assignment  $x \mapsto \tau_{(4n+2\varepsilon)W+4\varepsilon} \wedge x$  induces an isomorphism  $KO_\Gamma^*(X) \cong KO_\Gamma^*(\Sigma^{(4n+2\varepsilon)V+4\varepsilon} \wedge X_+)$  for any  $\Gamma$ -space  $X$  and the restriction of  $\tau_{(4n+2\varepsilon)W+4\varepsilon}$  to  $\tilde{KO}_\Gamma(\Sigma^{4\varepsilon}) = \mathbb{Z} \cdot \eta_4^\varepsilon \oplus \mathbb{Z} \cdot W\mu^{2\varepsilon}$  is  $3^n(r(V-1))^n(r(\mu^2 - V\mu^2))^\varepsilon$ .

Finally we mention the structure of the  $K$ -groups of lens spaces  $L^n(3)$  for  $1 \leq n \leq 6$ . This can be obtained by easy calculations using (1.3) when  $X=a$  point. As for the 0-terms it can be found in [8] for any lens space  $L^n(p)$  with  $p$ , prime. But the technique used here is essential for our computation in the following sections. In order to describe the results we introduce the ring generators. By  $\xi_n$  we denote the complex line bundle  $S((n+1)V) \times_\Gamma V \rightarrow L^n(3)$ . And we set

$$\sigma_n = \xi_n - 1 \in \tilde{K}(L^n(3)) \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\sigma}_{n,i} = r(\mu^i \sigma_n) \in \tilde{KO}^{-2i}(L^n(3)).$$

Let  $p$  be the composite  $L^n(3) \rightarrow L^n(3)/(L^n(3)-N) \approx S^{2n+1}$  of canonical projection and homeomorphism where  $N$  is a coordinates neighborhood of some element of  $L^n(3)$ .

Then we set

$$v_n = p^*(\iota_n) \in \tilde{K}^{2n+1}(L^n(3)) \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{v}_n = p^*(\iota_n) \in \tilde{KO}^{2n+1}(L^n(3))$$

where  $p^*: \tilde{h}^{2n+1}(S^{2n+1}) \rightarrow \tilde{h}^{2n+1}(L^n(3))$  and  $\iota_n$  denotes a generator of  $\tilde{h}^{2n+1}(S^{2n+1}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ .

Observing the exact sequence (1.3) where  $X = \text{a point}$  we see that

$$(1.9) \quad \delta(v_{n-1}) = 3 \in K^0(S^1) = \mathbb{Z} \cdot 1, \quad J(\iota_0) = v_n \text{ (up to sign) and } J(1) = (-\sigma_n)^n.$$

Forgetting the action of  $\Gamma$ , the  $v_{n-1}$  and  $\tau_{nV}$  become  $3\iota_{n-1}$  and  $\mu^n$  respectively. So we have  $\delta(v_{n-1}) = 3\tau_{nV} \wedge 1$  (up to sign), so that the 1st formula follows. The 2nd formula is immediate from the definition of  $v_{n-1}$  and the 3rd also follows from (1.4) immediately. We ignore the sign below because it may be exchanged if necessary. Then from this it follows that

$$(1.10) \quad \delta(\bar{v}_{n-1}) = 3 \in KO^0(S^1) = \mathbb{Z} \cdot 1, \quad J(\iota_0) = \bar{v}_n \text{ and } J(r(\mu^{i+n})) = r(\mu^i(-\sigma_n)^n).$$

Making use of (1.3) when  $X = \text{a point}$  together with these two facts (1.9), (1.10) we can get the following results inductively by taking  $n$  in turn to be  $0, 1, \dots, 6$ .

$$(1.11) \quad (i) \quad \tilde{K}^0(L^n(3)) = \mathbb{Z}/3^{s+r} \cdot \sigma_n \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3^s \cdot \sigma_n^2 \text{ and } K^{-1}(L^n(3)) = \mathbb{Z} \cdot v_n$$

for  $0 \leq n \leq 6$  where  $s = [\frac{n}{2}]$ ,  $r = ((-1)^{n-1} + 1)/2$  and the ring structure is given by

$$\sigma_n^3 + 3\sigma_n^2 + 3\sigma_n = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad v_n^2 = 0.$$

$$(ii) \quad \tilde{KO}^0(L^n(3)) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/3^s \cdot \bar{\sigma}_{n,0} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2 \cdot \eta_1 \bar{v}_n & (n=0, 4) \\ \mathbb{Z}/3^s \cdot \bar{\sigma}_{n,0} & (\text{otherwise}), \end{cases}$$

$$\tilde{KO}^{-1}(L^n(3)) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} \cdot \eta_4 \bar{v}_n & (n=1, 5) \\ 0 & (n=2, 6) \\ \mathbb{Z} \cdot \bar{v}_n & (n=3) \\ \mathbb{Z}/2 \cdot \eta_1^2 \bar{v}_n & (n=0, 4), \end{cases}$$

$$KO^{-2}(L^n(3)) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/3^t \cdot \bar{\sigma}_{n,1} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2 \cdot \eta_1 \bar{v}_n & (n=3) \\ \mathbb{Z}/3^t \cdot \bar{\sigma}_{n,1} & (\text{otherwise}), \end{cases}$$

$$\tilde{KO}^{-3}(L^n(3)) = \begin{cases} 0 & (n=1, 5) \\ \mathbb{Z} \cdot \bar{v}_n & (n=2, 6) \\ \mathbb{Z}/2 \cdot \eta_1^2 \bar{v}_n & (n=3) \\ \mathbb{Z} \cdot \eta_4 \bar{v}_n & (n=0, 4), \end{cases}$$

$$\tilde{KO}^{-4}(L^n(3)) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/3^s \cdot \bar{\sigma}_{n,2} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2 \cdot \eta_1 \bar{v}_n & (n=2, 6) \\ \mathbb{Z}/3^s \cdot \bar{\sigma}_{n,2} & (\text{otherwise}), \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
K\tilde{O}^{-5}(L^n(3)) &= \begin{cases} \mathbf{Z} \cdot \bar{v}_n & (n=1, 5) \\ \mathbf{Z}/2 \cdot \eta_1^2 \bar{v}_n & (n=2, 6) \\ \mathbf{Z} \cdot \eta_4 \bar{v}_n & (n=3) \\ 0 & (n=0, 4) \end{cases} \\
K\tilde{O}^{-6}(L^n(3)) &= \begin{cases} \mathbf{Z}/3^t \cdot \bar{\sigma}_{n,3} \oplus \mathbf{Z}/2 \cdot \eta_1 \bar{v}_n & (n=1, 5) \\ \mathbf{Z}/3^s \cdot \bar{\sigma}_{n,3} & (n=0, 2, 4, 6) \\ \mathbf{Z}/3^t \cdot \bar{\sigma}_{n,3} & (n=3) \end{cases} \\
\text{and } K\tilde{O}^{-7}(L^n(3)) &= \begin{cases} \mathbf{Z}/2 \cdot \eta_1^2 \bar{v}_n & (n=1, 5) \\ \mathbf{Z} \cdot \eta_4 \bar{v}_n & (n=2, 6) \\ 0 & (n=3) \\ \mathbf{Z} \cdot \bar{v}_n & (n=0, 4) \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

for  $0 \leq n \leq 6$  where  $s = [\frac{n}{2}]$ ,  $t = [\frac{n+1}{2}]$  and the ring structure is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{\sigma}_{n,i} \bar{\sigma}_{n,j} &= ((-1)^{i+j} + (-1)^{i+1} + (-1)^{j+1} - 2) \bar{\sigma}_{n,i+j} + ((-1)^{i+j} + (-1)^{i+1} + (-1)^j - 1) r(\mu^{i+j}) \\
\eta_4 \bar{\sigma}_{n,i} &= 2 \bar{\sigma}_{n,i+2} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{v}_n^2 = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

## 2. The complex $K$ -group of $PE_6$

In this section we give the structure of  $K^*(PE_6)$ .

We denote a canonical complex line bundle  $E_6 \times_r V \rightarrow PE_6$  by  $\xi$  and set

$$\sigma = \xi - 1 \in K(PE_6).$$

Since  $\rho$  and  $\lambda^3 \rho_1$  are trivial on  $Z(E_6) = \Gamma$ , these can be regarded as representations of  $PE_6$  and so the elements

$$\beta(\rho), \beta(\lambda^3 \rho_1) \in K^{-1}(PE_6)$$

can be defined in the manner as mentioned in the preceding section. From (1.1) we see that  $\rho_1(\gamma)$  is a  $27 \times 27$  scalar matrix with all diagonal entries  $\omega = \exp(\frac{2\pi i}{3})$  where  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . Hence it follows that the assignments  $g \mapsto \rho_1^*(g) \rho_1(g)$ ,  $g \mapsto \lambda^2 \rho_1(g) 13 \rho_1(g)$  and  $g \mapsto \lambda^2 \rho_1^*(g) 13 \rho_1^*(g)$  induce three maps from  $PE_6$  to  $U$  where  $g \in E_6$ . We denote also the homotopy classes of maps by

$$\beta(\rho_1 + \rho_1^*), \beta(13 \rho_1 + \lambda^2 \rho_1), \beta(13 \rho_1^* + \lambda^2 \rho_1^*) \in K^{-1}(PE_6)$$

respectively. In order to describe the result we need one more element. Let  $N$  be the representation space of the (regular) representation  $\Gamma \rightarrow SO(3)$  of  $N$  given by the assignment



$$\gamma \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and put  $F = E_6 \times C^{27} \otimes N$  which is viewed as a product bundle over  $E_6$ . We define a  $\Gamma$ -equivariant bundle isomorphism  $f: F \rightarrow F$  by the assignment  $(g, (v_1, v_2, v_3)) \mapsto (g, (\rho_1(\gamma^2 g)v_1, \rho_1(\gamma g)v_2, \rho_1(g)v_3))$ . Then  $f$  defines an element of  $K_F^{-1}(E_6)$  in the usual way, which we denote by

$$\beta(\rho_1, \Gamma) \in K_F^{-1}(E_6) = K^{-1}(PE_6).$$

In fact, this coincides with  $\iota(\beta(\rho_1))$  where  $\iota: K^{-1}(E_6) \rightarrow K_F^{-1}(E_6)$  is the transfer map.

Then we have

**Theorem 2.1** ([5, 7]). *With the notation as above*

$$K^*(PE_6) = \Lambda(\beta(\rho), \beta(\lambda^3 \rho_1), \beta(\rho_1 + \rho_1^*), \beta(13\rho_1 + \lambda^2 \rho_1), \beta(13\rho_1^* + \lambda^2 \rho_1^*), \beta(\rho_1, \Gamma)) \\ \otimes P / (\beta(\rho_1, \Gamma)\sigma)$$

as a ring. Here  $P$  is the subring of  $K^*(PE_6)$  generated by  $\sigma$  such that

$$P \cong \mathbb{Z} \cdot 1 \oplus \mathbb{Z} / 27 \cdot \sigma \oplus \mathbb{Z} / 27 \cdot \sigma^2,$$

where the ring structure is given by

$$\sigma^3 + 3\sigma^2 + 3\sigma = 0.$$

We prepare a lemma for a proof of the theorem. According to (1.4) the restriction of  $\tau_{7V} \in \tilde{K}_\Gamma(\Sigma^{7V})$  to  $R(\Gamma)$  is  $27(V-1)$ . From this fact we see that  $\tau_{7V}$  yields an equivariant bundle isomorphism  $\alpha$  from  $S(7V) \times E_6 \times (27V \oplus S)$  to  $S(7V) \times E_6 \times (C^{27} \oplus S)$  for some  $\Gamma$ -module  $S$ . On the other hand,  $\rho_1$  induces an equivariant bundle isomorphism  $f$  from  $S(7V) \times E_6 \times (C^{27} \oplus S)$  to  $S(7V) \times E_6 \times (27V \oplus S)$  given by  $f(x, g, (u, v)) = (x, g, (\rho_1(g)u, v))$ . Then, in the usual way, the composite  $\alpha f$  defines an element of  $K_F^{-1}(S(7V) \times E_6) = K^{-1}(S(7V) \times_\Gamma E_6)$  which we denote by  $\tilde{\beta}(\rho_1)$ . Similarly, by taking  $\lambda^2 \rho_1$  and  $\lambda^2 \alpha$ ,  $\rho_1^*$  and  $\alpha^*$ , and  $\lambda^2 \rho_1^*$  and  $\lambda^2 \alpha^*$  instead of  $\rho_1$  and  $\alpha$  respectively we get the elements  $\tilde{\beta}(\lambda^2 \rho_1), \tilde{\beta}(\rho_1^*), \tilde{\beta}(\lambda \rho_1^*) \in K_F^{-1}(S(7V) \times E_6)$ . Also we denote by the same symbols the restrictions of these elements to  $K_F^{-1}(S(nV) \times E_6)$  for  $1 \leq n \leq 6$ .

Let  $\pi_1$  (resp.  $\pi_2$ ) denote the projection from  $S(nV) \times E_6$  to the 1st (resp. 2nd) factor. Put  $\tilde{\beta}(\rho) = \pi_2^*(\beta(\rho))$ ,  $\tilde{\beta}(\lambda^3 \rho_1) = \pi_2^*(\beta(\lambda^3 \rho_1))$ ,  $\tilde{\sigma} = \pi_1^*(\sigma_{n-1}) = \pi_2^*(\sigma)$  and  $\tilde{v}_{n-1} = \pi_2^*(v_{n-1})$ .

Then we have

**Lemma 2.2.** *With the notation as above*

$$K_F^*(S((n+1)V) \times E_6) = P_n \otimes \Lambda_n / (\tilde{\sigma} \otimes \tilde{v}_n)$$

as a ring for  $0 \leq n \leq 6$ . Here  $P_n$  is the subring generated by  $\tilde{\sigma}$  such that

$$P_n = \mathbb{Z} \cdot 1 \oplus \mathbb{Z} / 3^{s+r} \cdot \tilde{\sigma} \oplus \mathbb{Z} / 3^s \cdot \tilde{\sigma}^2$$

where  $s = [\frac{n}{2}]$ ,  $r = ((-1)^{n-1} + 1)/2$  and the ring structure is given by

$$\tilde{\sigma}^3 + 3\tilde{\sigma}^2 + 3\tilde{\sigma} = 0,$$

$$\text{and} \quad \Lambda_n = \Lambda(\tilde{\beta}(\rho), \tilde{\beta}(\rho_1), \tilde{\beta}(\lambda^2 \rho_1), \tilde{\beta}(\lambda^3 \rho_1), \tilde{\beta}(\lambda^2 \rho_1^*), \tilde{\beta}(\rho_1^*), \tilde{v}_n).$$

In other words,

$$K^*(S((n+1)V) \times E_6) \cong \Lambda(\tilde{\beta}(\rho), \tilde{\beta}(\rho_1), \tilde{\beta}(\lambda^2 \rho_1), \tilde{\beta}(\lambda^3 \rho_1), \tilde{\beta}(\lambda^2 \rho_1^*), \tilde{\beta}(\rho_1^*)) \otimes K^*(L^n(3))$$

as a ring canonically.

Proof. For a proof we make use of (1.3) when  $X = E_6$  and we show this inductively on  $n$ . In this case the exact sequence (1.3) is as follows.

$$\cdots \rightarrow K^*(S^1 \times E_6) \xrightarrow{J} K_F^*(S((n+1)V) \times E_6) \xrightarrow{i^*} K_F^*(S(nV) \times E_6) \xrightarrow{\tilde{\delta}} \cdots$$

in which the maps satisfy  $\tilde{\delta}(xi^*(y)) = \tilde{\delta}(x)y$ . Furthermore we see by (1.9) that there hold the equalities  $\tilde{\delta}(\tilde{v}_{n-1}) = 3$ ,  $J(i_0 \times 1) = \tilde{v}_n$  and  $J(1) = (-\tilde{\sigma})^n$ . We now check the 1st stage of our induction. Because  $S(V)$  may be viewed as a  $\Gamma$ -invariant subspace of  $E_6$  as noted in the preceding of (1.3), it follows that  $S(V) \times_{\Gamma} E_6 \approx S^1 \times E_6$  which is induced by the assignment  $(z, g) \mapsto (z^3, z^{-1}g)$  where  $z \in S(V)$  and  $g \in E_6$ , and so

$$\begin{aligned} K_F^*(S(V) \times E_6) &\cong K^*(S^1 \times E_6) \\ &\cong \Lambda(i_0) \otimes \Lambda(\beta(\rho), \beta(\rho_1), \beta(\lambda^2 \rho_1), \beta(\lambda^3 \rho_1), \beta(\lambda^2 \rho_1^*), \beta(\rho_1^*)) \end{aligned}$$

by (1.5).

We consider the elements of  $K_F^*(S(V) \times E_6)$  corresponding to the generators of  $K^*(S^1 \times E_6)$  via this isomorphism. By definition we see that  $\tilde{\beta}(\rho_1)$  of  $K_F^*(S(V) \times E_6)$  can be decomposed into the form  $\beta(\rho_1) + n\mu$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  via this isomorphism where  $n\mu$  is constructed with  $\rho_1|S^1$  and  $\alpha$  described in the preceding of Lemma 2.2. Now as mentioned above  $\alpha$  arises from  $\tau_{7V}$  and  $\rho_1|S^1 = t^4 + 16t + 10t^{-2}$  which follows from the 2nd formula of (1.1). So we get the case when  $n=0$  by an inspection of the construction of  $\tilde{\beta}(\rho_1)$ . For the same reasons the  $\tilde{\beta}(a)$ 's correspond to  $\beta(a)$ 's respectively. In particular, it is immediate as for  $a = \rho, \lambda^3 \rho_1$ . And also it is straightforward that  $\tilde{v}_0$  corresponds to  $i_0$  up to sign. Hence we conclude that

$$K_F^*(S(V) \times E_6) = \Lambda_0 (= P_0 \otimes \Lambda_0 / (\tilde{\sigma} \otimes \tilde{v}_0)).$$

For the next stage of induction we observe the above exact sequence when  $n=1$ . Then clearly  $i^*(\tilde{\beta}(a))=\tilde{\beta}(a)$ ,  $i^*(\tilde{\sigma})=0$  and from the discussion above it follows that

$$\delta(\tilde{v}_0)=3, J(\iota_0 \times n)=\tilde{v}_1 \tilde{n} \text{ and } J(n)=-\tilde{\sigma} \tilde{n}$$

where  $n$  is a monomial in  $\beta(\rho)$ ,  $\beta(\rho_1)$ ,  $\beta(\lambda^2 \rho_1)$ ,  $\beta(\lambda^3 \rho_1)$ ,  $\beta(\lambda^2 \rho_1^*)$ ,  $\beta(\rho_1^*)$  and  $\tilde{n}$  the monomial obtained by replacing by  $\beta(a)$ 's by  $\tilde{\beta}(a)$ 's in  $n$ . Furthermore we have

$$\delta(\tilde{v}_0 n)=3 \tilde{n}$$

using the equality  $\delta(xi^*(y))=\delta(x)y$ . By applying these formulas and the result for  $S(V) \times E_6$  to the exact sequence above we can get  $K_F^*(S(2V) \times E_6)=P_1 \otimes \Lambda_1 / (\tilde{\sigma} \otimes \tilde{v}_1)$ . Similarly we see that the remaining stages of induction can be done in turn as in the computation of  $K^*(L^*(3))$ .

From this result and (1.11) (i) we infer that the last isomorphism is given by using the canonical action of  $K_F^*(S((n+1)V))$  on  $K_F^*(S((n+1)V) \times E_6)$  induced by the external tensor product, and the proof is completed.

**Proof of Theorem 2.1.** According to (1.2) (i) where  $X=E_6$  and  $n=7$  we have an exact sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow \tilde{K}_F^*(\Sigma^{7V} \wedge E_{6+}) \xrightarrow{j^*} K^*(PE_6) \xrightarrow{i^*} K_F^*(S(7V) \times E_6) \xrightarrow{\delta} \cdots$$

Here we have  $j^*(\tau_{7V} \wedge 1)=27\sigma$  by (1.3). But  $\rho_1$  induces a bundle isomorphism  $E_6 \times_T 27V \cong PE_6 \times C^{27}$  in a canonical way because  $\rho_1(\gamma)$  is the  $27 \times 27$  scalar matrix with entries  $\omega = \exp(\frac{2\pi i}{3})$  where  $\gamma$  is the generator of  $\Gamma$ . So  $27\sigma=0$  which implies  $j^*=0$ . Therefore the above exact sequence becomes the short exact sequence

$$(2.3) \quad 0 \rightarrow K^*(PE_6) \xrightarrow{i^*} K_F^*(S(7V) \times E_6) \xrightarrow{\delta} K^*(PE_6) \rightarrow 0.$$

where  $\delta$  also denotes the composition of the  $\delta$  as above with the inverse of the Thom isomorphism.

Consider the images of the elements given in the beginning of this section by  $i^*$ . Then by an inspection of definition we have

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} i^*(\sigma) &= \tilde{\sigma}, \quad i^*(\beta(\rho)) = \tilde{\beta}(\rho), \quad i^*(\beta(\lambda^3 \rho_1)) = \tilde{\beta}(\lambda^3 \rho_1), \\ i^*(\beta(\rho_1 + \rho_1^*)) &= \tilde{\beta}(\rho_1) + (\tilde{\sigma} + 1)\tilde{\beta}(\rho_1^*), \quad i^*(\beta(13\rho_1 + \lambda^2 \rho_1)) \\ &= 13\tilde{\beta}(\rho_1) + (\tilde{\sigma} + 1)\tilde{\beta}(\lambda^2 \rho_1), \quad i^*(\beta(13\rho_1^* + \lambda^2 \rho_1^*)) = 13\tilde{\beta}(\rho_1^*) + (\tilde{\sigma} + 1)^2\tilde{\beta}(\lambda^2 \rho_1^*) \\ \text{and} \quad i^*(\beta(\rho_1, \Gamma)) &= (\tilde{\sigma}^2 + 3\tilde{\sigma} + 3)\tilde{\beta}(\rho_1) - \tilde{v}_6. \end{aligned}$$

By these formulas and Lemma 2.2 when  $n=6$  we see easily that the right-hand

side  $R$  of the equality of Theorem 2.1 becomes a subalgebra of  $K^*(PE_6)$ , since  $i^*$  is injective. Moreover by definition it follows that

$$(2.5) \quad \delta(\tilde{\beta}(\rho_1)) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \delta(\tilde{v}_6) = \tilde{\sigma}^2 + 3\tilde{\sigma} + 3.$$

Using (2.4), (2.5) together with the equality  $\delta(xi^*(y)) = \delta(x)y$  we can verify easily that  $R$  fills  $K^*(PE_6)$ , because of the surjectivity of  $\delta$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 2.1.

### 3. The real $K$ -group of $PE_6$

In this section and the following we study the real  $K$ -group of  $PE_6$ . To begin with we recall the convention done in Section 1. The representations  $\rho$  and  $\lambda^3\rho_1$  of  $E_6$  are indeed real and are trivial on the center of  $E_6$ . So we view these as real representations of  $PE_6$  and for these the same notation is used. Furthermore the complex  $K$ -theory is regarded as a  $\mathbb{Z}/8$ -graded cohomology theory with the coefficient ring  $K^*(+) = \mathbb{Z}[\mu]/(\mu^4 - 1)$ . Now we set

$$\bar{\sigma}_i = r(\mu^i \sigma) \quad \text{for} \quad 0 \leq i \leq 3.$$

Then we have

**Theorem 3.1.** *There exist elements  $\lambda, \bar{\lambda}_1 \in \widetilde{KO}^0(PE_6)$  such that  $c(\lambda) = \mu^3\beta(13\rho_1 + \lambda^2\rho_1)\beta(13\rho_1^* + \lambda^2\rho_1^*)$ ,  $c(\bar{\lambda}_1) = \mu^3\beta(\rho_1, \Gamma)\beta(\rho_1 + \rho_1^*)$ , and as a  $KO^*(+)$ -module*

$$KO^*(PE_6) = P \otimes F \oplus r(T).$$

Here

$$P = \mathbb{Z}/27[\bar{\sigma}_0, \bar{\sigma}_1, \bar{\sigma}_2, \bar{\sigma}_3]/I$$

where  $I$  denotes the ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}/27[\bar{\sigma}_0, \bar{\sigma}_1, \bar{\sigma}_2, \bar{\sigma}_3]$  generated by

$$\bar{\sigma}_i \bar{\sigma}_j - ((-1)^{i+j} + (-1)^{i+1} + (-1)^{j+1} - 2)\bar{\sigma}_{i+j} - ((-1)^{i+j} + (-1)^{i+1} + (-1)^{j+1} - 1)r(\mu^{i+j}),$$

$F$  denotes the subalgebra of  $KO^*(PE_6)$  generated by  $\beta(\rho)$ ,  $\beta(\lambda^3\rho_1)$ ,  $\lambda$ ,  $\bar{\lambda}_1$ , which is a free  $KO^*(+)$ -module, and  $T$  the submodule in  $K^*(PE_6)$  generated by the monomials

$$\begin{aligned} & n\beta(\rho_1, \Gamma), n\beta(\rho_1 + \rho_1^*), n\beta(13\rho_1 + \lambda^2\rho_1^*), n\beta(\rho_1, \Gamma)\beta(13\rho_1 + \lambda^2\rho_1), \\ & n\beta(\rho_1, \Gamma)\beta(\rho_1 + \rho_1^*)\beta(13\rho_1 + \lambda^2\rho_1), \beta(\rho_1, \Gamma)\beta(13\rho_1 + \lambda^2\rho_1)\beta(13\rho_1^* + \lambda^2\rho_1^*) \end{aligned}$$

where  $n$  is a monomial in  $\sigma$ ,  $\beta(\rho)$ ,  $\beta(\lambda^3\rho_1)$  with coefficients in  $K^*(+)$ . Further,  $\lambda^2 = \bar{\lambda}_1^2 = \bar{\sigma}_i \bar{\lambda}_1 = 0$ ,  $\beta(\rho)^2 = \eta_1(\beta(\lambda^3\rho_1) + \beta(\rho))$  and  $\beta(\lambda^3\rho_1)^2 = \eta_1\beta(\lambda^3\rho_1)$ .

**REMARK.** All the other relations can be obtained from the relations in  $K^*(PE_6)$ ,  $K^*(L^6(3))$  and  $KO^*(L^6(3))$  by using the equalities  $r(x)r(y) = r(xy) + r(xy^*)$ ,  $r(x^*) = r(x)$

and (2.4). The following is a sample calculation. For  $x \in T$

$$\begin{aligned} r(x)r(\beta(\rho_1, \Gamma)) &= (\bar{\sigma}_0 + 3)r(x\beta(\rho_1 + \rho_1^*)), \quad r(x^*\beta(\rho_1 + \rho_1^*)) = r((\sigma + 1)^2 x\beta(\rho_1 + \rho_1^*)), \\ r(x\sigma\beta(\rho_1, \Gamma)) &= 0, \quad \bar{\sigma}_0 r(\mu^i\beta(\rho_1, \Gamma)) = 0, \quad (\bar{\sigma}_0 + 3)r(\mu^i\beta(\rho_1 + \rho_1^*)) = 0, \quad i = 1, 3, \\ (\bar{\sigma}_0 + 3)r(\beta(\rho_1 + \rho_1^*)) &= 2r(\beta(\rho_1, \Gamma)), \quad (\bar{\sigma}_0 + 3)r(\mu^2\beta(\rho_1 + \rho_1^*)) = \eta_4 r(\beta(\rho_1, \Gamma)). \end{aligned}$$

We are now going to prove the theorem. The proof is done parallel to that of the complex case. However we have a difference between the complex and real cases in the real version of (2.3) for reasons of the real Thom isomorphism theorem.

Apply (1.2) (i) to  $X = E_6$ ,  $n = 7$ , then we have an exact sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow \widetilde{KO}_F^*(\Sigma^{7V} \wedge E_{6+}) \xrightarrow{j^*} KO^*(PE_6) \xrightarrow{i^*} KO_F^*(S(7V) \times E_6) \xrightarrow{\delta} \cdots$$

Combining this with the Thom isomorphism (1.8) such that  $\widetilde{KO}_F^{k+4}(\Sigma^V \wedge E_{6+}) \cong \widetilde{KO}_F^k(\Sigma^{7V} \wedge E_{6+})$  gives the following.

**Lemma 3.2.** *We have a short exact sequence*

$$0 \rightarrow KO^*(PE_6) \xrightarrow{i^*} KO_F^*(S(7V) \times E_6) \xrightarrow{\bar{\delta}} \widetilde{KO}_F^*(\Sigma^V \wedge E_{6+}) \rightarrow 0$$

where  $\bar{\delta}$  is the composite of  $\delta$  with the inverse of the Thom isomorphism, so that  $\bar{\delta}$  is of degree 5 and satisfies  $\bar{\delta}(xi^*(y)) = \bar{\delta}(x)y$ .

**Proof.** The Thom isomorphism is given by multiplication by  $\tau_{6W+4}$ . So any element of  $\widetilde{KO}_F^*(\Sigma^{7V} \wedge E_{6+})$  may be written as  $x = \tau_{6W+4} \wedge x'$  for some  $x' \in \widetilde{KO}_F^*(\Sigma^{V+4} \wedge E_{6+})$ . Now by (1.8) the restriction of  $\tau_{6W+4}$  to  $\widetilde{KO}_F^*(\Sigma^4)$  is  $9r(\mu^2 V - \mu^2)$  and by Theorem 2.1  $27\sigma = 0$ . Therefore we see that  $3j^*(x) = 0$ .

Consider  $c(x) \in \widetilde{K}_F^*(\Sigma^{7V} \wedge E_{6+})$ . Then  $c(x)$  may be written in the form  $c(x) = \tau_{7V} \wedge y$  for some  $y \in K_F^*(E_6) = K^*(PE_6)$ . So the restriction of  $c(x)$  to  $K^*(PE_6)$  is  $27\sigma y$  which is, of course, zero. This shows that  $c(j^*(x)) = 0$ , so that applying  $r$  to this equality yields  $2j^*(x) = 0$ . By comparing these two results we see that  $j^* = 0$  whence the assertion follows.

We are in need of  $KO_F^*(S(7V) \times E_6)$ , which is given inductively as in the complex case by changing 7 for  $0, 1, \dots, 6$  in turn.

In order to describe the result we give some elements of  $KO_F^*(S(nV) \times E_6)$  for  $1 \leq n \leq 7$ . Similarly to the complex case we write  $\tilde{a}$  for  $\pi_1^*(a)$  (resp.  $\pi_2^*(a)$ ) where  $a \in KO_F^*(S(nV)) = KO^*(L^{n-1}(3))$  (resp.  $a \in KO_F^*(E_6) = KO^*(PE_6)$ ). Moreover, since  $KO_F^*(S(7V) \times E_6) = KO^*(S(7V) \times_r E_6)$ , by [12], Proposition 4.7 we have elements  $\tilde{\lambda}_1, \tilde{\lambda}_2 \in KO_F^*(S(7V) \times E_6)$  such that  $c(\tilde{\lambda}_1) = \mu^3 \tilde{\beta}(\rho_1) \tilde{\beta}(\rho_1^*)$ ,  $c(\tilde{\lambda}_2) = \mu^3 \tilde{\beta}(\lambda^2 \rho_1) \tilde{\beta}(\lambda^2 \rho_1^*)$ , which satisfy  $\tilde{\lambda}_1^2 = \tilde{\lambda}_2^2 = 0$ . For the restriction of these elements to  $KO_F^*(S(nV) \times E_6)$  for

$1 \leq n \leq 6$  we use the same notation. We denote by  $\tilde{F}$  the subalgebra of  $KO_F^*(S(nV) \times E_6)$  generated by  $\tilde{\beta}(\rho)$ ,  $\tilde{\beta}(\lambda^3 \rho_1)$ ,  $\tilde{\lambda}_1$ ,  $\tilde{\lambda}_2$  and by  $\tilde{T}$  the submodule of  $K_F^*(S(nV) \times E_6)$  generated by the monomials  $n\tilde{\beta}(\rho_1)$ ,  $n\tilde{\beta}(\lambda^2 \rho_1)$ ,  $n\tilde{\beta}(\rho_1)\tilde{\beta}(\lambda^2 \rho_1)$ ,  $n\tilde{\beta}(\rho_1)\tilde{\beta}(\lambda^2 \rho_1^*)$ ,  $n\tilde{\beta}(\rho_1)\tilde{\beta}(\lambda^2 \rho_1)\tilde{\beta}(\lambda^2 \rho_1^*)$ ,  $n\tilde{\beta}(\rho_1)\tilde{\beta}(\rho_1^*)\tilde{\beta}(\lambda^2 \rho_1)$  where  $n$  is a monomial in  $\tilde{\beta}(\rho)$ ,  $\tilde{\beta}(\lambda^3 \rho_1)$ .

Using the canonical action of  $KO^*(L^n(3)) = KO_F^*(S((n+1)V))$  on  $KO_F^*(S((n+1)V) \times E_6)$  induced by the external product we obtain the following isomorphism.

**Lemma 3.3.** *With the notation as above*

$$KO_F^*(S((n+1)V) \times E_6) \cong KO^*(L^n(3)) \otimes_{KO^*(+)} \tilde{F} \oplus r(K^*(L^n(3)) \otimes \tilde{T})$$

for  $0 \leq n \leq 6$  as a  $KO^*(+)$ -module and  $\tilde{F}$  is a free  $KO^*(+)$ -module.

**Proof.** The proof is quite similar to that of Lemma 2.2 and so proceeds inductively on  $n$ . Consider the exact sequence (1.3) when  $X = E_6$

$$\cdots \rightarrow KO^*(S^1 \times E_6) \xrightarrow{J} KO_F^*(S((n+1)V) \times E_6) \xrightarrow{i^*} KO_F^*(S(nV) \times E_6) \xrightarrow{\tilde{\delta}} \cdots$$

provided with the equality  $\tilde{\delta}(xi^*(y)) = \tilde{\delta}(x)y$ . Viewing  $S(V)$  as a  $\Gamma$ -invariant subspace of  $E_6$  as in the proof of Lemma 2.2 yields  $S(V) \times_r E_6 \approx S^1 \times E_6$  so that  $KO_F^*(S(V) \times E_6) \cong KO^*(S^1) \otimes_{KO^*(+)} KO^*(E_6)$ . So we may write  $KO_F^*(S(V) \times E_6) = KO^*(E_6) \oplus KO^*(E_6) \cdot \iota_0$  where  $\iota_0$  is the generator of  $\tilde{K}\tilde{O}^1(S^1)$  as in Section 1. Hence by (1.6) and the argument as in the proof of Lemma 2.2 we get Lemma 3.3 when  $n=0$ . This is, of course, the 1st stage of our induction.

Next consider the maps of the above sequence. Then clearly  $i^*(x) = x$  for  $x \in \tilde{F}$ ,  $x \in \tilde{T}$  and  $i^*(\tilde{\sigma}_{n,i}) = \tilde{\sigma}_{n-1,i}$ . By (1.10) we have  $\tilde{\delta}(\tilde{v}_{n-1}) = 3$ ,  $J(\iota_0) = \tilde{v}_n$  and  $J(r(\mu^{i+n})) = r(\mu^i(-\tilde{\sigma}^n))$ . Moreover we note that the degree of  $v_n$  is considered to be  $-1$ , so that  $c(\tilde{v}) = \mu^{3-n}v_n$ . Using these formulas together with the equality  $\tilde{\delta}(xi^*(y)) = \tilde{\delta}(x)y$ , (1.6) and (1.11) (ii) we can go on with our induction. Thus we get the lemma.

We are now ready to prove the theorem.

#### 4. Proof of Theorem 3.1

We continue to prove the theorem. We identify the isomorphism of Lemma 3.3 below and consider the images of the elements of  $KO^*(PE_6)$  described in Theorem 3.1 by  $i^*$  of Lemma 3.2. It is immediate by definition that  $i^*(\tilde{\sigma}_i) = \tilde{\sigma}_{6,i}$ ,  $i^*(\beta(\rho)) = \tilde{\beta}(\rho)$ ,  $i^*(\beta(\lambda^3 \rho_1)) = \tilde{\beta}(\lambda^3 \rho_1)$ . And by (2.4)  $i^*(r(\mu^i \beta(\rho_1 + \rho_1^*))) = r(\mu^i \tilde{\beta}(\rho_1) + (\sigma + 1)\mu^i \tilde{\beta}(\rho_1^*))$ ,  $i^*(r(\mu^i \beta(13\rho_1 + \lambda^2 \rho_1))) = r(13\mu^i \tilde{\beta}(\rho_1) + (\sigma + 1)\mu^i \tilde{\beta}(\lambda^2 \rho_1))$ ,  $i^*(r(\mu^i \beta(\rho_1, \Gamma))) = r((\sigma^2 + 3\sigma + 3)\mu^i \tilde{\beta}(\rho_1) - \mu^i v_6)$ . Furthermore we may assume that

$$(4.1) \quad i^*(\lambda) = 13^2 \tilde{\lambda}_1 + \tilde{\lambda}_2 + 13r((\sigma_6 + 1)^2 \mu^3 \tilde{\beta}(\rho_1) \tilde{\beta}(\lambda^2 \rho_1^*)).$$

Because, by using the Bott exact sequence we see that the difference between the elements on the both sides can be written as the form  $\eta_1 a$  where  $a \in KO_F^{-7}(S(7V) \times E_6)$  which satisfies  $a^2 = 0$  by [4], Example (6.6) and hence if necessary it suffices to replace either  $\tilde{\lambda}_1$  or  $\tilde{\lambda}_2$  by  $\tilde{\lambda}_1 + \eta_1 a$  or  $\tilde{\lambda}_2 + \eta_1 a$ . (In fact these  $a$ 's above must be zero by the same reason as mentioned in Remark 2 for (1.6).) Similarly by definition we can write as  $i^*(\tilde{\lambda}_1) = (\bar{\sigma}_{6,0} + 3)\tilde{\lambda}_1 - \bar{v}_6 r(\mu^2 \tilde{\beta}(\rho_1)) + \eta_1 a$  for some  $a \in KO_F^{-7}(S(7V) \times E_6)$ . But the odd dimensional generators of the first direct summand of  $KO_F^*(S(7V) \times E_6)$  in Lemma 3.3 is only  $\tilde{\beta}(\rho)$ ,  $\tilde{\beta}(\lambda^3 \rho_1)$ ,  $\bar{v}_6$  and so we see that the component of  $a$  which belongs to this direct summand is divisible by  $\eta_1^2$ . Therefore  $\eta_1 a$  must be zero since  $\eta_1 r(x) = 0$ , so that we have

$$(4.2) \quad i^*(\tilde{\lambda}_1) = (\bar{\sigma}_{6,0} + 3)\tilde{\lambda}_1 - \bar{v}_6 r(\mu^2 \tilde{\beta}(\rho_1)).$$

Since  $i^*$  is injective, by Lemma 3.2, it follows from this and the relation of (1.11) (ii) that  $\bar{\sigma}_i \tilde{\lambda}_1 = 0$ .

Because of the injectivity of  $i^*$  of (2.3), we get by (2.4)

$$\begin{aligned} \beta(\rho_1, \Gamma) + \beta(\rho_1, \Gamma)^* &= (\sigma^2 + 3\sigma + 3)\beta(\rho_1 + \rho_1^*), \quad \beta(\rho_1 + \rho_1^*)^* \\ &= (\sigma + 1)^2 \beta(\rho_1 + \rho_1^*), \quad \beta(\lambda^2 \rho_1 + \lambda^2 \rho_1^*) = (\sigma + 1)^2 (\beta(13\rho_1 + \lambda^2 \rho_1) \\ &\quad - 13\beta(\rho_1 + \rho_1^*)) + \beta(13\rho_1^* + \lambda^2 \rho_1^*). \end{aligned}$$

(The last element can be defined analogously to  $\beta(\rho_1 + \rho_1^*)$ .)

Denote by  $R$  the algebra over  $KO^*(+)$  on the right-hand side of the equality of Theorem 3.1. In virtue of the formulas above and (1.11), Lemmas 3.2, 3.3 and Theorem 2.1 we can then verify that  $R$  is a subalgebra of  $KO^*(PE_6)$ . From now on we prove that  $KO^*(PE_6)$  is filled with  $R$ . This is sufficient to show Theorem 3.1.

Observe the following exact sequence of (1.2) (i)

$$\cdots \rightarrow \widetilde{KO}_F^*(\Sigma^V \wedge E_{6+}) \xrightarrow{j_1^*} KO^*(PE_6) \xrightarrow{i_1^*} KO_F^*(S(V) \times E_6) \xrightarrow{\delta_1} \cdots$$

When we regard  $S(V)$  as the circle group which is a factor of  $Spin(10) \cdot S^1 \subset E_6$  as before we have  $S(V) \times_F E_6 \approx S^1 \times E_6$ , so that  $KO_F^*(S(V) \times E_6) \cong KO^*(S^1 \times E_6)$ , and so this sequence can be written as

$$(4.3) \quad \cdots \rightarrow \widetilde{KO}_F^*(\Sigma^V \wedge E_{6+}) \xrightarrow{j_1^*} KO^*(PE_6) \xrightarrow{i_1^*} KO^*(S^1 \times E_6) \xrightarrow{\delta_1} \cdots$$

Moreover we can write as

$$KO^*(S^1 \times E_6) = KO^*(E_6) \oplus KO^*(E_6) \cdot \iota_0$$

where  $\iota_0$  denotes the generator of  $KO^{-7}(S^1) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ .

To investigate  $\text{Im } i_1^*$  under the identification above we consider  $i_2^*: h_F^*(S(7V) \times E_6)$

$\rightarrow h^*(S(V) \times E_6)$  for  $h = KO, K$  where  $i_2$  denotes an inclusion of  $S(V) \times E_6$  into  $S(7V) \times E_6$ . From the arguments as in the proofs of Lemmas 2.2 and 3.3 it follows that  $i_2^*(\tilde{\beta}(a)) = \beta(a)$  for the fundamental representations  $a$ 's of  $E_6$  so that  $i_2^*(\tilde{\lambda}_k) = \lambda_k$  ( $k = 1, 2$ ), and  $i_2^*(\sigma_6) = i_2^*(v_6) = 0$  so that  $i_2^*(\tilde{\sigma}_{6,i}) = i_2^*(\tilde{v}_6) = 0$ . Therefore we have  $i_2^*(\tilde{\beta}(\rho_1)) = \beta(\rho_1)$ . For the same reasons we get  $i_2^*(\tilde{\beta}(\lambda^2 \rho_1)) = \beta(\lambda^2 \rho_1)$ . As to the other generators of  $KO^*(S(7V) \times E_6)$  it follows immediately by definition that  $i_2^*(\sigma_6) = i_2^*(v_6) = 0, i_2^*(\tilde{\sigma}_{6,i}) = i_2^*(\tilde{v}_6) = 0$ . These formulas, Lemma 3.3 and (1.6) show that

$$i_2^*(KO^*(S(7V) \times E_6)) = KO^*(E_6)$$

and so because of  $i_1^* = i_2^* i^*$  where  $i^*$  is as in Lemma 3.2 we have

$$i_1^*(KO^*(PE_6)) \subset KO^*(E_6)$$

in (4.3). More precisely we have

$$\textbf{Lemma 4.4.} \quad i_1^*(KO^*(PE_6)) = i_1^*(R).$$

**Proof.** We use the same notation as in (4.3) below for the maps  $j_1^*, i_1^*, \delta_1$  of the same kind in the complex version of (4.3). Then by (2.4) we get

$$(4.5) \quad i_1^*(\beta(\rho_1, \Gamma)) = 3\beta(\rho_1), \quad i_1^*(\beta(\rho_1 + \rho_1^*)) = \beta(\rho_1) + \beta(\rho_1^*) \quad \text{and} \quad i_1^*(\beta(13\rho_1 + \lambda^2 \rho_1)) \\ = 13\beta(\rho_1) + \beta(\lambda^2 \rho_1).$$

For any  $x \in \tilde{KO}^*(PE_6)$  we see by Theorem 2.1 that  $c(x)$  can be written as a polynomial in

$$\sigma, \beta(\rho), \beta(\lambda^3 \rho_1), \beta(\rho_1 + \rho_1^*), \beta(13\rho + \lambda^2 \rho_1), \beta(13\rho_1^* + \lambda^2 \rho_1^*), \beta(\rho_1, \Gamma)$$

with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Z}[\mu]/(\mu^4 - 1)$ . Therefore using (4.5) it follows that  $i_1^*(c(x))$  is written as a polynomial in

$$\beta(\rho), \beta(\lambda^3 \rho_1), \beta(\rho_1) + \beta(\rho_1^*), \beta(\rho_1) + \beta(\lambda^2 \rho_1), \beta(\rho_1^*) + \beta(\lambda^2 \rho_1^*), 3\beta(\rho_1)$$

with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Z}[\mu]/(\mu^4 - 1)$ .

On the other hand it follows from (1.5), (1.6) that  $c(i_1^*(x))$  can be written as a sum of a polynomial in

$$\beta(\rho), \beta(\lambda^3 \rho_1), \mu^3 \beta(\rho_1) \beta(\rho_1^*), \mu^3 \beta(\lambda^2 \rho_1) \beta(\lambda^2 \rho_1^*), \\ 2\mu^2 \beta(\rho), 2\mu^2 \beta(\lambda^3 \rho_1), 2\mu \beta(\rho_1) \beta(\rho_1^*), 2\mu \beta(\lambda^2 \rho_1) \beta(\lambda^2 \rho_1^*)$$

and the elements in the form

$$n\mu^i(\beta(\rho_1) + (-1)^i \beta(\rho_1^*)), \quad n\mu^i(\beta(\lambda^2 \rho_1) + (-1)^i \beta(\lambda^2 \rho_1^*)), \\ n\mu^i(\beta(\rho_1) \beta(\lambda^2 \rho_1^*) + (-1)^i \beta(\rho_1^*) \beta(\lambda^2 \rho_1)),$$



$$n\mu^i\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1^*)(\beta(\rho_1)+(-1)^{i+1}\beta(\rho_1^*)), n\mu^i\beta(\rho_1)\beta(\rho_1^*)(\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1)+(-1)^{i+1}\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1^*))$$

where  $n$  is a monomial in  $\beta(\rho)$ ,  $\beta(\lambda^3\rho_1)$  with coefficients in  $\mathbf{Z}$ . By combining these two facts we see that  $i_1^*(c(x))$  must be written as a sum of a polynomial in

$$\begin{aligned} &\beta(\rho), \beta(\lambda^3\rho), 2\mu^2\beta(\rho), 2\mu^2\beta(\lambda^3\rho_1), 3\mu^3\beta(\rho_1)\beta(\rho_1^*), 3\mu^3\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1^*), \\ &3\mu^2\beta(\rho_1)\beta(\rho_1^*)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1^*), 6\mu\beta(\rho_1)\beta(\rho_1^*), 6\mu\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1^*), \\ &6\mu\beta(\rho_1)\beta(\rho_1^*)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1^*), \mu^3(\beta(\rho_1)\beta(\rho_1^*)+\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1^*)+\beta(\rho_1)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1^*) \\ &\quad -\beta(\rho_1^*)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1)), \\ &2\mu(\beta(\rho_1)\beta(\rho_1^*)+\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1^*)+\beta(\rho_1)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1^*)-\beta(\rho_1^*)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1)) \end{aligned}$$

and the elements in the form

$$\begin{aligned} &n\mu^{2i}(\beta(\rho_1)+\beta(\rho_1^*)), n\mu^{2i}(\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1)+\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1^*)), 3n\mu^{2i+1}(\beta(\rho_1)-\beta(\rho_1^*)), \\ &3n\mu^{2i+1}(\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1)-\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1^*)), 9n\mu^{2i}(\beta(\rho_1)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1^*)+\beta(\rho_1^*)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1)), \\ &3n\mu^3(\beta(\rho_1)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1^*)-\beta(\rho_1^*)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1)), 6n\mu(\beta(\rho_1)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1^*)-\beta(\rho_1^*)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1)), \\ &3n\mu^{2i+1}\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1^*)(\beta(\rho_1)+\beta(\rho_1^*)), 9n\mu^{2i}\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1^*)(\beta(\rho_1)-\beta(\rho_1^*)), \\ &3n\mu^{2i+1}\beta(\rho_1)\beta(\rho_1^*)(\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1)+\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1^*)), 9n\mu^{2i}\beta(\rho_1)\beta(\rho_1^*)(\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1)-\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1^*)) \end{aligned}$$

where  $n$  is as above.

From (4.1), (4.2) and (4.5) we get

$$\begin{aligned} &ci_1^*(\beta(\rho))=\beta(\rho), ci_1^*(\eta_4\beta(\rho))=2\mu^2\beta(\rho), ci_1^*(\beta(\lambda^3\rho_1))=\beta(\lambda^3\rho_1), \\ &ci_1^*(\eta_4\beta(\lambda^3\rho_1))=2\mu^2\beta(\lambda^3\rho_1), ci_1^*(\bar{\lambda}_1)=3\mu^3\beta(\rho_1)\beta(\rho_1^*), \\ &ci_1^*(\eta_4\bar{\lambda}_1)=6\mu\beta(\rho_1)\beta(\rho_1^*), ci_1^*(r(\mu^i\beta(\rho_1, \Gamma)))=3\mu^i(\beta(\rho_1)+(-1)^i\beta(\rho_1^*)), \\ &ci_1^*(r(\mu^{2i}(\beta(\rho_1, \Gamma)-\beta(\rho_1+\rho_1^*))))=\mu^{2i}(\beta(\rho_1)+\beta(\rho_1^*)), \\ &ci_1^*(r(\mu^i(3\beta(13\rho_1+\lambda^2\rho_1)-13\beta(\rho_1, \Gamma))))=3\mu^i(\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1)+(-1)^i\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1^*)), \\ &ci_1^*(r(\mu^{2i}(\beta(13\rho_1+\lambda^2\rho_1)-13\beta(\rho_1, \Gamma)+13\beta(\rho_1+\rho_1^*))))=\mu^{2i}(\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1)+\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1^*)) \end{aligned}$$

and furthermore setting

$$\begin{aligned} a &= r(\mu^3\beta(\rho_1, \Gamma)\beta(13\rho_1+\rho_1^*)) - 13\bar{\lambda}_1, \quad b = 3\lambda - 299\bar{\lambda}_1 - 13a, \quad c = \lambda - 121\bar{\lambda}_1 - 4a \\ d &= r(\mu^{2i}(3\beta(\rho_1+\rho_1^*)-13\beta(\rho_1, \Gamma))(3\beta(13\rho_1+\lambda^2\rho_1)-13\beta(\rho_1, \Gamma))) \end{aligned}$$

we get

$$ci_1^*(a)=3\mu^3(\beta(\rho_1)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1^*)-\beta(\rho_1^*)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1)), \quad ci_1^*(b)=3\mu^3\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1^*),$$

$$\begin{aligned}
ci_1^*(c) &= \mu^3(\beta(\rho_1)\beta(\rho_1^*) + \beta(\lambda^2\rho_1)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1^*) + \beta(\rho_1)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1^*) - \beta(\rho_1^*)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1)), \\
ci_1^*(ar(\mu^{2i}(\beta(\rho_1, \Gamma) - \beta(\rho_1 + \rho_1^*))) &= 3\mu^{2i+3}\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1^*)(\beta(\rho_1) + \beta(\rho_1^*)), \\
ci_1^*(ac) &= 3\mu^2\beta(\rho_1)\beta(\rho_1^*)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1^*), \quad ci_1^*(d) = 9\mu^{2i}(\beta(\rho_1)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1^*) + \beta(\rho_1^*)\beta(\lambda^2\rho_1)).
\end{aligned}$$

By comparing these formulas with the above we obtain

(4.6) For any  $x \in KO^*(PE_6)$  there exists an element  $y \in R$  such that  $ci_1^*(x) = ci_1^*(y)$ .

By (4.6) and (1.6) we have  $i_1^*(x - y) \in F \cdot \eta_1$  using the symbols of (4.6) where  $F$  is as in (1.6). But  $\eta_1\lambda_1 = i_1^*(\eta_1\tilde{\lambda}_1)$ ,  $\eta_1\lambda_2 = i_1^*(\eta_1\lambda + \eta_1\tilde{\lambda}_1)$  by (4.1), (4.2) and clearly  $i_1^*(\beta(\rho)) = \beta(\rho)$ ,  $i_1^*(\beta(\lambda^3\rho_1)) = \beta(\lambda^3\rho_1)$ . So we see that for any  $x \in KO^*(PE_6)$  there exist elements  $y, z \in R$  such that  $i_1^*(x) = i_2^*(y + \eta_1z)$ . This completes the proof of Lemma 4.4.

Finally we consider the image of  $j_1^*$  of (4.3). Then we have

**Lemma 4.7.**  $j_1^*(\tilde{KO}_F^*(\Sigma^V \wedge E_6)) \subset R$ .

Proof. Consider the composition of  $j_1^*$  with  $\tilde{\delta}$  of Lemma 3.2. Then  $\text{Im } j_1^*\tilde{\delta} = \text{Im } j_1^*$  because of the surjectivity of  $\tilde{\delta}$ . So it suffices to check that

$$j_1^*\tilde{\delta}(KO_F^*(S(7V) \times E_6)) \subset R.$$

According to Lemma 3.3,  $KO_F^*(S(7V) \times E_6) = KO^*(L^6(3)) \otimes_{KO^*(+)} \tilde{F} \oplus r(K^*(L^6(3)) \otimes \tilde{T})$ . First we consider the image of the latter direct summand. Observe  $\tilde{\delta}(K^*(L^6(3)) \otimes \tilde{T})$  where  $\tilde{\delta}$  is the coboundary homomorphism of the same kind in the complex case. From (2.4) and the equalities  $c(\tau_{6W+4}) = \tau_{6V}\mu^2$ ,  $\tau_{7V} = \tau_{6V} \wedge \tau_V$  it follows that  $\tilde{\delta}(\tilde{\beta}(\rho_1)) = -\tau_V\mu^2$ ,  $\tilde{\delta}(v_6) = (\sigma^2 + 3\sigma + 3)\tau_V\mu^2$ . Together with this, using the formulas in the preceding of (2.4) and the equality  $\tilde{\delta}(xi^*(y)) = \tilde{\delta}(x)y$  where  $i^*$  is as in (2.3) we can get  $\tilde{\delta}(K^*(L^6(3)) \otimes \tilde{T})$  and so it can be easily verified that  $j_1^*\tilde{\delta}(r(K^*(L^6(3)) \otimes \tilde{T})) \subset R$  by using  $c(\tau_{6W+4}) = \tau_{6V}\mu^2$ .

We now observe the image of another direct summand. Clearly  $j_1^*\tilde{\delta}(x) = 0$  for  $x = \tilde{\sigma}_{6,v}$ ,  $\tilde{\beta}(\rho)$  and  $\tilde{\beta}(\lambda^3\rho_1)$ . As to the image of  $\tilde{v}_6 \in KO^{-3}(L^6(3)) = KO_F^{-3}(S(7V))$  by  $j_1^*\tilde{\delta}$  we see by definition that  $j_1^*\tilde{\delta}(\tilde{v}_6) \in KO_F^{-6}(+) = Z \cdot W\mu^3$  and  $cj_1^*\tilde{\delta}(\tilde{v}_6) = 0$  using  $c(\tilde{v}_6) = \mu v_6$ . But  $c(W\mu^3) \neq 0$ , which shows that

$$j_1^*\tilde{\delta}(\tilde{v}_6) = 0.$$

By definition we can write as  $c(\tilde{\lambda}_1) = -i^*(\mu(\sigma + 1)^2\beta(\rho_1 + \rho_1^*))\tilde{\beta}(\rho_1)$  where  $i^*$  is as in (2.3). Therefore  $cj_1^*\tilde{\delta}(\tilde{\lambda}_1) = -(\sigma^2 + 2\sigma)\mu\beta(\rho_1 + \rho_1^*)$ , so that  $cj_1^*\tilde{\delta}(\tilde{\lambda}_1) = cr(\mu\beta(\rho_1 + \rho_1^*))$ . Now  $i_1^*r(\mu\beta(\rho_1 + \rho_1^*)) = 0$ . So we can construct an element  $a_1 \in \tilde{KO}_F^{-3}(\Sigma^V \wedge E_6)$  such that  $j_1^*(a_1) = r(\mu\beta(\rho_1 + \rho_1^*))$  and  $c(a_1) = -\tau_V(\sigma + 1)^2\mu\beta(\rho_1 + \rho_1^*)$ . Then, from the surjectivity of  $\tilde{\delta}$  and the uniqueness of  $\tilde{\lambda}_1$  it follows that  $\tilde{\delta}(\tilde{\lambda}_1) = a_1$ , so that

$$j_1^*\tilde{\delta}(\tilde{\lambda}_1) = r(\mu\beta(\rho_1 + \rho_1^*)).$$

Similarly we obtain

$$j_1^* \delta(\tilde{\lambda}_2) = r(\mu(\sigma + 1)^2(\beta(13\rho_1 + \lambda^2\rho_1) - 13\beta(\rho_1 + \rho_1^*)) + \mu\beta(13\rho_1^* + \lambda^2\rho_1^*)).$$

Using these three formulas we can easily prove that  $j_1^* \delta(KO^*(L^6(3)) \otimes_{KO^*(+)} \tilde{F}) \subset R$ . For example, since  $\tilde{\lambda}_1 r((\sigma_6 + 1)\mu^3 \tilde{\beta}(\rho_1) \tilde{\beta}(\lambda^2 \rho_1^*)) = r(c(\tilde{\lambda}_1)(\sigma_6 + 1)\mu^3 \tilde{\beta}(\rho_1) \tilde{\beta}(\lambda^2 \rho_1^*)) = 0$ , we have  $\tilde{\lambda}_1 i^*(\lambda) = \tilde{\lambda}_1 \tilde{\lambda}_2$  by (4.1). Hence  $j_1^* \delta(\tilde{\lambda}_1 \tilde{\lambda}_2) = \lambda r(\mu\beta(\rho_1 + \rho_1^*))$ . Thus the proof is completed.

From Lemmas 4.4, 4.7 and the exactness of (4.3) it follows that  $KO^*(PE_6) = R$  immediately. This completes the proof of Theorem 3.1.

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