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S¹-INVARIANT HOMOTOPY OF SPHERES

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The main purpose of this note is to present tables of S^{1} -invariant (or "complex projective") homotopy of spheres through the stable 13-stem and unstable 6-stem. Randall [8] has previously computed these through the stable 6-stem, while various cases in the unstable 1, 2 and 3-stems have been computed by Rees [10], and \overline{O} shima [5]. It has recently come to our attention that \overline{O} shima [6] has also computed the S^{1} -invariant stable homotopy through the 13-stem (by quite different methods) and obtained some partial results in higher stems. His results, however, require substantial arithmetical work to reduce them to the explicit form we give here. We use his results to settle one question concerning the 3-primary part of the 11-stem which our methods did not cover. In all common cases, after a good deal of calculation, our results and \overline{O} shima's can be seen to agree.

Another purpose of this note is to attempt to introduce a consistent and suggestive terminology for what has been referred to in the past as "symmetric," "projective," or "F-projective" homotopy. The more general notion of G-invariant homotopy is defined in §1, and some basic properties are given. In §2 the methods used for computing the stable stems are outlined, and in §3 the non-stable cases are dealt with. Tables summarzing the results appear in §4. This work was part of a Master's Thesis by the first named author [4].

1. G-invariant homotopy

Let G be a topological group acting on S^n such that the orbit space $Y = S^n/G$ is a CW-complex (necessarily of dimension less than or equal to n). We usually write Y_r for the quotient $Y/Y^{(r-1)}$, and γ for any of the quotient maps $S^n \rightarrow Y$ or $S^n \rightarrow Y_r$.

DEFINITION. 1.1 A map $S^n \xrightarrow{f} X$ is called strictly *G*-invariant if $f=f_1\gamma$ for some $f_1: Y \to X$, and *G*-invariant if $f \simeq f_1\gamma$ for some $f_1: Y \to X$. A class $\alpha \in \pi_n(X)$ is called *G*-invariant if it is represented by a strictly *G*-invariant map $S^n \xrightarrow{f} X$ (in which case any representative of α is *G*-invariant). We write $\pi_n^G(X)$ for the subset of G-invariant homotopy classes of $\pi_n(X)$ (or $\pi_n^\mu(X)$ in case the group action $\mu: G \times S^n \to S^n$ is not obvious).

The following proposition gives the most elementary properties of Ginvariant homotopy, the proofs being trivial.

Proposition. 1.2. (a) $\pi_n^G(X) \neq \phi$, indeed $0 \in \pi_n^G(X)$. (b) If $g: X \to X'$ then $g_*\pi_n^G(X) \subset \pi_n^G(X')$. (c) If $H \subset G$ acts on S^n by restriction of the G-action, then $\pi_n^G(X) \subset \pi_n^H(X)$.

The cases $G=Z_2, S^1, S^3$ acting in the standard way on spheres S^n, S^{2n+1}, S^{4n+3} respectively, have been subjected to the most study and have been called real projective, complex projective, and quaternionic projective respectively (also real symmetric, etc.). In general $\pi_n^c(X)$ is not a subgroup, as we see in the next example.

EXAMPLE 1.3. $\pi_{3}^{S_1}(S^2) = \{k^2\eta : k \in Z\}$.

Proof. See [4], [5], or [10].

Proposition 1.4. If X is an H-space or n is in the stable range (i.e. n < 2r-1 and X is (r-1)-connected), then $\pi_n^G(X)$ is a subgroup of $\pi_n(X)$.

Proof. See [4] or [11].

An alternative definition for $\pi_n^G(X)$ is:

 $\pi_n^G(X) = Im[\gamma^*: [Y, X] \to [S^n, X] = \pi_n(X)].$

The following useful lemma is an easy consequence of the homotopy extension property and cellular approximation.

Lemma 1.5. If X is (r-1)-connected then

$$\pi_n^G(X) = Im[\gamma^*: [Y_r, X] \to \pi_n(X)].$$

Proof. See [4].

2. Computation of stable G-invariant homotopy

The following theorem can be used for computing any stable G-invariant homotopy subgroup:

Theorem 2.1. Take X to be (r-1)-connected and n < 2r-1. Then

$$\pi_n^G(X) \approx \operatorname{Ker}\left[(Dp \wedge 1)_* : \pi_{M-2}(S^{M-n-2} \wedge X) \to \pi_{M-2}(D(C_{\gamma}) \wedge X)\right],$$

where M is sufficiently large, $D=D_{M-1}$ is the Spanier-Whitehead (M-1)-dual, and

 $p: C_{\gamma} \to S^{n+1}$ is the map induced by the cofibration sequence of $S^n \xrightarrow{\gamma} Y_r$.

Proof. Applying the functor $\{-, \Sigma X\}$ to the cofibration sequence results in an exact sequence:

$$\{C_{\gamma}, \Sigma X\} \xleftarrow{p^{\sharp}} \{S^{n+1}, \Sigma X\} \xleftarrow{(\Sigma \gamma)^{\sharp}} \{Y_{r}, \Sigma X\}.$$

Hence, $\pi_n^G(X) = \operatorname{Im} \gamma^* \approx \operatorname{Im}(\Sigma \gamma)^* = \operatorname{Ker} p^*$.

Next, consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{cases} S^{n+1}, \Sigma X \} & \xrightarrow{p^*} & \{C_{\gamma}, \Sigma X \} \\ \downarrow \approx & \downarrow \approx \\ \{S^{M-1}, S^{M-n-2} \wedge \Sigma X \} & \stackrel{(Dp \wedge 1)_*}{\longrightarrow} & \{S^{M-1}, D(C_{\gamma}) \wedge \Sigma X \} \\ & & \parallel \\ \{S^{M-2}, S^{M-n-2} \wedge X \} & \stackrel{(Dp \wedge 1)_*}{\longrightarrow} & \{S^{M-2}, D(C_{\gamma}) \wedge X \} \\ & \uparrow \approx & \uparrow \approx \\ \pi_{M-2}(S^{M-n-2} \wedge X) & \stackrel{(Dp \wedge 1)_*}{\longrightarrow} & \pi_{M-2}(D(C_{\gamma}) \wedge X) \end{cases}$$

Since the vertical maps are given respectively by (M-1)-duality, desuspension and stability this diagram commutes and these maps are isomorphisms. Hence $\pi_{\pi}^{c}(X) \approx \text{Ker } p^{\sharp} \approx \text{Ker}(Dp \wedge 1)_{*}$.

In the case of S¹-invariant homotopy, say $\pi_{2r+2k-1}(X)$ with X(2r-2) or (2r-1)-connected, we have $Y_{2r}=Y_{2r-1}=CP_r^{r+k-1}$, where $CP_q^{p}=CP^{p}/CP^{q-1}$, $CP_q=CP^{\infty}/CP^{q-1}$ as usual. Hence $C_{\gamma}=CP_r^{r+k}$. Furthermore, taking M divisible by any sufficiently large power of 2, $D_{2M-1}CP_r^{r+k}=\Sigma CP_{M-r-k-1}^{M-r-1}$ ([2]), and $D_{2M-1}(p)=\Sigma J$ where $J:S^{2(M-r-k-1)}\to CP_{M-r-k-1}^{M-r-1}$ is the inclusion into the bottom cell. For X a sphere the theorem now gives:

Lemma 2.2. (a) For
$$k < r-1$$

 $\pi_{2r+2k-1}^{S^1}(S^{2r-1}) \approx \operatorname{Ker} [J_*: \pi_{2M-2r-2}(S^{2M-2r-2k-2}) \to \pi_{2M-2r-2}(CP_{M-r-k-1})]$.
(b) For $k < r$
 $\pi_{2r+2k-1}^{S^1}(S^{2r}) \approx \operatorname{Ker} [J_*: {}_{2M-2r-3}(S^{2M-2r-2k-2}) \to \pi_{2M-2r-3}(CP_{M-r-k-1})]$.

These lemmas refer to the entire groups but are also true when the groups are replaced by their *p*-primary components. In our computations we deal with the 2, 3, 5 and 7-primary components individually. All others are trivial in the range being considered.

For the 2-primary component Mosher's results [3] can be applied to Lemma 2.2 directly, giving $\pi_{n+k}^{S^1}(S^n)$ for $k \le 11$ (2-primary part) in the stable range. However, at any prime p, the following method is applicable.

The first step is to compute the stable homotopy groups of CP_m and S^{2m} through the appropriate stem. This is done by means of the Adams Spectral Sequence. For any space X the E_2 term can be computed by constructing a minimal resolution $\{M_s\}$ for $H^*(X)$ and using the equality

$$\operatorname{Ext}_{A}^{s,t}(H^{*}(X;Z_{b}),Z_{b}) = \operatorname{Hom}^{t}(M_{s},Z_{b})$$

where A is the mod p Steenrod algebra. Let $\{M_s\}$ and $\{N_s\}$ represent minimal resolutions of $H^*(CP_m)$ and $H^*(S^{2m})$, respectively.

Having computed the E_2 terms, it is routine to find

$$\operatorname{Ker}\left[J_{\sharp,2}:\operatorname{Ext}_{A}(H^{*}(S^{2m});Z_{p}),Z_{p})\to\operatorname{Ext}_{A}(H^{*}(CP_{m};Z_{p}),Z_{p})\right]$$

by the following procedure. Starting with $J^*: H^*(CP_m; Z_p) \to H^*(S^{2m}; Z_p)$, we can choose $\bar{J}^*: \{M_s\} \to \{N_s\}$ to be an A-chain map which covers J^* . $J_{\sharp,2}$ is defined to be $\operatorname{Hom}_A(\bar{J}^*, Z_p)$.

At this point we must consider the effect of any possible Adams differentials as well as those cases where an element in the kernel of $J_{*,2}$ gives a homotopy class which can map under J_* to a non-zero class of higher filtration. Using this information it is possible to compute J_* .

There are many cases where no differentials can exist because of dimensional reasons, and other places where their existence can be decided by naturality. In certain cases the exact homotopy sequence of the cofibration

$$S^{2m} \xrightarrow{J} CP_m \to CP_{m+1}$$

can also be used to help determine the existence of differentials.

DIAGRAMS 2.4. The Adams Spectral Sequences for the 2-primary parts of $\pi_*(S^{2m})$ and $\pi_*(CP_m)$ are illustrated through total degree 2m+7 by the diagrams below (for CP_m not all relations are shown as it would be confusing). The action of J_* is indicated as follows. When elements $\hat{e}_{i,j}$ and $\hat{f}_{i,j}$ are represented by disks it implies that $J_{*,2}(\hat{e}_{i,j})=\hat{f}_{i,j}$. $J_{*,2}$ is zero on those represented by circles. For example, in the $m\equiv 1(8)$ diagram, $J_{*,2}(\hat{e}_{2,8})=\hat{f}_{2,8}, J_{*,2}$ $(\hat{e}_{3,6})=0$. All differentials are indicated (by a remark or an arrow \diagdown), and if any class is mapped to one of a higher filtration it is noted. The corresponding diagrams at the primes 3, 5, 7 are generally much simpler and are not given here.







* $\pi_{2m+7}(CP_m) = Z_2 + Z_2; \ m \equiv 3 \pmod{16}$ $Z_2 + Z_4; \ m \equiv 11 \pmod{32}$ $Z_2 + Z_8; \ m \equiv 27 \pmod{64}$ $Z_2 + Z_{16}; \ m \equiv 59 \pmod{64}$









by cellular approximation.

Lemma 3.4. For n > 1 the Hopf map $\eta: S^3 \to S^2$ induces isomorphisms $\eta_*: \pi_{2n+1}^{S^1}(S^3) \xrightarrow{\approx} \pi_{2n+1}^{S^1}(S^2).$

Proof. Consider the Hopf fibration $S^1 \rightarrow S^3 \xrightarrow{\eta} S^2$. For n > 1, this induces the fibre mapping sequence:

$$\cdots \rightarrow 0 = [CP^n, S^1] \rightarrow [CP^n, S^3] \stackrel{\eta_{\sharp}}{\rightarrow} [CP^n, S^2].$$

Because of cup products, for n > 1, any $f: CP^n \to S^2$ is such that $f^*: H^2(S^2; Z) \to H^2(CP^n; Z)$ is trivial, and hence $0 = f_*: H_2(CP^n; Z) \to H_2(S^2; Z)$. By [1], p. 68, f lifts to S^3 and η_* is therefore an epimorphism. Thus η_* is an isomorphism. By the following commutative diagram

 $\gamma_* \text{ maps } \pi_{2n+1}^{S^1}(S^3) = \text{Im } \gamma_{1*} \text{ isomorphically onto } \pi_{2n+1}^{S^1}(S^2) = \text{Im } \gamma_*.$

Proposition 3.5. $\pi_{2n+1}^{S^1}(S^3) = 0 \subset \pi_5(S^3) = Z_2.$

Proof. Consider the factorization



Since $\pi_5^{S^1}(S^4) = 0$ (from stable case), $\gamma \simeq 0$ and the result follows.

Corollary. $\pi_5^{S^1}(S^2) = 0$ (by 3.4 and 3.5)

This result, along with previous non-stable computations by Oshima and Rees, completes the nustable 1,2,3 stems. The next proposition gives the results for the 4-stem.

Proposition 3.6. (a) $\pi_9^{S^1}(S^5) = 0 \subset \pi_9(S^5) \approx Z_2.$ (b) $\pi_7^{S^1}(S^3) = \pi_7(S^3) \approx Z_2.$

Proof. (a) $\pi_{\mathfrak{g}}^{S^1}(S^5) \subset \pi_{\mathfrak{g}}^{Z_2}(S^5) = 0$ [7]. (b) $\pi_7(S^3) = Z_2[\zeta \circ \eta_6]$. Now $\eta_6 \in \pi_7^{S^1}(S^6)$ (§2), so $\zeta \circ \eta_6 \in \pi_7^{S^1}(S^3)$ by naturality.



* J_* takes the class of a to the class of a'. However, on the E_2 level, $J_*(a)=0$.

3. Unstable computations

Calculating $\pi_{n+k}^{S^1}(S^n)$ in the unstable range $k \ge n-1$ presents extra difficulties since in general this is not a subgroup. Although no general technique such as that of §2 is available, one useful method is to write

$$\pi_{2m+1}^{S^1}(X) = \operatorname{Im}\left[\gamma^{\sharp}: [CP_r^m, X] \to \pi_{2m+1}(X)\right]$$

and then pick the truncation number r as large as possible (cf. Lemma 3.1 below). A second method is to apply the stable computations of §2 when possible.

Lemma 3.1. For k > n-1

$$\pi_{2n+2k+1}^{S^1}(S^{2n}) = \operatorname{Im}[\gamma^*: [CP_{n+1}^{n+k}, S^{2n}] \to \pi_{2n+2k+1}(S^{2n})].$$

Proof. By cellular approximation, truncation at CP_n^{n+k} is possible. Let ζ_n generate $H^{2n}(CP_n^{n+k}; Z)$. Since $k \ge n$, $\zeta_n^2 \ne 0$. It follows that any map $f: CP_n^{n+k} \rightarrow S^{2n}$ induces $f^*=0: H^{2n}(S^{2n}; Z) \rightarrow H^{2n}(CP_n^{n+k}; Z)$, and therefore f factors through CP_{n+1}^{n+k} .

REMARK 3.2. In the remaining non-stable case k=n-1 the Hopf invariant $h: \pi_{4n-1}(S^{2n}) \to Z$ will yield useful information, at least on the infinite cyclic subgroup of $\pi_{4n-1}(S^{2n})$.

REMARK 3.3. In $\pi_{2n+2k+1}^{S^1}(S^{2n+1})$ truncation occurs automatically at CP_{n+1}^{n+k} ,

Corollary. $\pi_7^{S^1}(S^2) = \pi_7(S^2) \approx Z_2$ (by 3.4).

We now turn to the two remaining cases in the 5-stem.

Theorem 3.7. $\pi_9^{S^1}(S^4) = 0 \subset \pi_9(S^4) \approx Z_2$.

Proof. By Lemma 3.1 we must consider

Im $[\gamma^{\sharp}: [CP_3^4, S^4] \to \pi_9(S^4)]$.

The cofibration sequence $S^7 \xrightarrow{\gamma} S^6 = CP_3^3 \rightarrow CP_3^4 \rightarrow S^8 \xrightarrow{\Sigma \gamma} S^7 \rightarrow \cdots$ gives rise to the exact sequence

$$\pi_7(S^4) \stackrel{\gamma^*}{\leftarrow} \pi_6(S^4) \leftarrow [CP_3^4, S^4] \leftarrow \pi_8(S^4) \stackrel{(\Sigma\gamma)^*}{\longleftarrow} \pi_7(S^4) \leftarrow \cdots.$$

Now $\pi_7^{S^1}(S^6) = Z_2[\eta_6]$ (§2), hence $\gamma \simeq \eta_6$ and $\Sigma \gamma \simeq \eta_7$. It follows readily from known facts about compositions in the homotopy of spheres [12] that γ^{\sharp} is monic and $(\Sigma \gamma)^{\sharp}$ epic. Hence $[CP_3^4, S^4] = 0$.

Lemma 3.8. $[CP_3^5, S^6] \approx Z$ with generator $[\beta]$ such that the composition $S^6 \xrightarrow{J} CP_3^5 \xrightarrow{\beta} S^6$ has degree 8 (note $[CP_3^5, S^6]$ is a group by stability).

Proof. Consider the cofibration sequence

(1)
$$S^7 \xrightarrow{\gamma} CP_3^3 = S^6 \xrightarrow{J} CP_3^4 \to S^8 \xrightarrow{\Sigma} S^7 \to \cdots$$

where $\gamma \simeq \eta_6$ as in 3.7. This induces the exact sequence.

$$[S^{7}, S^{6}] \stackrel{\eta^{*}}{\leftarrow} [S^{6}, S^{6}] \stackrel{j^{*}}{\leftarrow} [CP_{3}^{4}, S^{6}] \leftarrow [S^{8}, S^{6}] \stackrel{\eta^{*}}{\leftarrow} [S^{7}, S^{6}] \leftarrow \cdots$$

$$\overset{\mathbb{N}}{Z_{2}} \stackrel{\mathbb{N}}{\leftarrow} Z \qquad \qquad \overset{\mathbb{N}}{Z_{2}[\eta^{2}]} \stackrel{\mathbb{N}}{\leftarrow} Z_{2}[\eta]$$

Hence $[CP_3^4, S^6] \approx Z$ with generator $[\alpha]$ such that $[\alpha j] = j^{\sharp}[\alpha] = 2\iota_6$.

Now look at the Puppe sequence

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(2)
$$S^9 \xrightarrow{\gamma} CP_3^4 \xrightarrow{i} CP_3^5 \rightarrow S^{10} \rightarrow \cdots$$

In order to identify $[\gamma] \in \pi_9(CP_3^4)$ we consider the induced homotopy sequence, which is stable and hence exact:

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_9(S^9) &\xrightarrow{\gamma*} \pi_9(CP_3^4) \to \pi_9(CP_3^5) \to \pi_9(S^{10}) \to \cdots \\ & \aleph & \aleph & || \\ & Z & Z_4 + Z_3 & Z_3 & 0 \end{aligned}$$

It follows from exactness that $[\gamma]$ generates the Z_4 summand.

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From (1) we get the following exact sequence:

$$\pi_{9}(S^{7}) \xrightarrow{\gamma_{*}} \pi_{9}(S^{6}) \xrightarrow{j_{*}} \pi_{9}(CP_{3}^{4}) \to \pi_{9}(S^{8}) \xrightarrow{\gamma_{*}} \pi_{9}(S^{7}) \to \cdots$$
$$\underset{Z_{2} \longrightarrow Z_{8} + Z_{3}}{\aleph} \xrightarrow{\aleph} Z_{4} + Z_{3} \qquad \underset{Z_{2}}{\mathbb{Z}} \xrightarrow{\approx} Z_{2}$$

Again, using exactness we find $j_*[\nu] = [\gamma]$ where ν generates Z_8 , i.e. $\gamma \simeq j\nu$. From this and (2) we get:

$$\pi_{9}(S^{6}) \xleftarrow{\gamma_{\ddagger}} [CP_{3}^{4}, S^{6}] \xleftarrow{i^{\ddagger}} [CP_{3}^{5}, S^{6}] \leftarrow \pi_{10}(S^{6}) = 0 \leftarrow \cdots$$

$$Z_{3} + Z_{8} \bigvee_{\pi_{6}(S^{6})}^{\nu^{\ddagger}} j^{\ddagger} \bigwedge_{Z} Z_{8} \bigvee_{\pi_{6}(S^{6})}^{\nu^{\ddagger}} j^{\ddagger} j^{}} j$$

Therefore $\gamma^{\dagger}[\alpha] = \nu^{\dagger} j^{\dagger}[\alpha] = \nu^{\dagger}(2\iota_{6}) = 2\nu$, which implies by exactness that $[CP_{5}^{5}, S^{6}] \approx Z$ with generator $[\beta]$ such that $i^{\dagger}[\beta] = 4[\alpha]$. Thus $[\beta j_{1}] = j^{\dagger}[\beta] = j^{\dagger}i^{\dagger}[\beta] = j^{\dagger}(4[\alpha]) = 8\iota_{6}$.

Theorem 3.9. $\pi_{11}^{S^1}(S^6) = \{32k^2w_6 : k \in Z\}, where \pi_{11}(S^6) = Z[w_6].$

Proof. Consider any map $\alpha: CP_3^5 \rightarrow S^6$. By the lemma $[\alpha] = k[\beta]$ for some integer k. It also follows from the lemma that $\alpha^*(u_6) = 8kv_3$, where u_6 generates $H^6(S^6; Z) \approx Z$ and v_i generates $H^{2i}(CP_r^n; Z) \approx Z$, $r \leq i \leq n$. Setting $f = \alpha \gamma$, there is a homotopy commutative diagram of cofibration sequences

for a suitable map φ .

Clearly $H^6(C_f; Z) = Z[u]$ with $j^*(u) = u_6$, and $H^{12}(C_f; Z) = Z[v]$ with $\varphi^*(v) = v_6$. Since i^* is an isomorphism in dimension 6, it is easy to see that $\varphi^*(u) = 8kv_3$. Thus

$$\varphi^*(u^2) = (\varphi^*(u))^2 = 64k^2v_3^2 = 64k^2v_6 = \varphi^*(64k^2v),$$

 $u^2 = 64k^2v.$

Letting h denote the Hopf invariant, this shows

$$h(f) = 64k^2 = h(32k^2w_6)$$
, since $h(w_6) = 2$.

But h is monic here, so $f \simeq 32k^2 w_6$.

Theorem 3.10. $\pi_{11}^{S^1}(S^5) = 0 \subset \pi_{11}(S^5) = Z_2.$

Proof. We must consider



By the usual cofibrations one readily finds

$$0 = j^{*}: [CP_{3}^{4}, S^{5}] \rightarrow \pi_{6}(S^{5}),$$

where $j: S^6 \hookrightarrow CP_3^4$. Letting b_1 equal the composition $S^6 \xrightarrow{j} CP_3^4 \xrightarrow{i} CP_3^5, j_1^* = j^*i^*$ =0. Using this we can trucate to



Now we must identify $[\gamma]$. From the Puppe sequence

$$S^{11} \xrightarrow{\gamma} CP_4^5 \xrightarrow{i} CP_4^6 \rightarrow S^{12} \rightarrow \cdots$$

and stability we get the following induced exact sequence:

$$\pi_{11}(S^{11}) \xrightarrow{\gamma_*} \pi_{11}(CP_4^5) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_{11}(CP_4^6) \rightarrow \pi_{11}(S^{12}) \rightarrow \cdots$$

$$\underset{Z}{\wr} \qquad \underset{Z_2+Z_8}{\wr} \qquad \underset{Z_4}{\lor} \qquad 0$$

[γ] generates Ker[$i_*: \pi_{11}(CP_4^5) \rightarrow \pi_{11}(CP_4^6)$] so [γ]=($\eta_{10}, 2\nu_8$).

We know $\pi_8(S^5) = Z_8(\nu_5)$ and $\pi_{10}(S^5) = Z_2[\beta]$ with $\beta = \nu_5 \circ \eta_8^2$, [12], p. 44. Now $(0, \nu_5) \circ (\eta_{10}, 2\nu_8) = 2\nu_5 \circ \nu_8 = 0 \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ and $(\beta, 0) \circ (\eta_{10}, 2\nu_8) = \beta \circ \eta_{10} = \nu_5 \circ \eta_8^2 \circ \eta_{10} = \nu_5 \circ \eta_8^3 = \nu_5 \circ (4\nu_8) = 4(\nu_5^2) = 0 \in \mathbb{Z}_2$. Since these classes generate any classes of $\pi_{11}^{S^1}(S^5)$ it follows that $\pi_{11}^{S^1}(S^5) = 0$.

Theorem 3.11. $\pi_9^{S^1}(S^3) = 0 \subseteq \pi_9(S^3) \approx Z_3$.

Proof.



Consider the mod 3 Postnikov system for S^3

$$K(Z_{3}, 9) \rightarrow X_{9} \xrightarrow{\overset{\downarrow}{\rightarrow}} X_{11}$$

$$K(Z_{3}, 6) \xrightarrow{i} X_{6} \xrightarrow{\overset{\downarrow}{\rightarrow}} K(Z_{3}, 10)$$

$$\overset{\downarrow}{\overset{\downarrow}{\rightarrow}} K(Z, 3) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{P}^{1}\iota_{3}} K(Z_{3}, 7)$$

where $i^*(x_{10}) = \mathcal{P}^1 \iota_6$.

$$[CP_2^4, S^3] \approx [CP_2^4, X_6] \approx [CP_2^5, X].$$

We have the fibre mapping exact sequence:

$$\begin{bmatrix} CP_2^5, K(Z, 2) \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} CP_2^5, K(Z_3, 6) \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\sim} \begin{bmatrix} CP_2^5, X_6 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} CP_2^5, K(Z, 3) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\overset{\textcircled{}}{\longrightarrow} \qquad \overset{\textcircled{}}{\longrightarrow} \qquad \overset{\end{array}{}}{\longrightarrow} \qquad \overset{\textcircled{}}{\longrightarrow} \qquad \overset{\end{array}{}}{\longrightarrow} \qquad \overset{}}{\longrightarrow} \qquad \overset{\end{array}{}}{\longrightarrow} \qquad \overset{\end{array}{}}{\longrightarrow} \qquad \overset{}}{\longrightarrow} \qquad \overset{}{\longrightarrow} \qquad \overset{}}{\longrightarrow} \qquad}$$

For any $f: CP_2^4 \to X_6$ there is an extension to some $f: CP_2^5 \to X_6$. The map f will lift to $CP_2^5 \to X_9$ if and only if $f^*(x_{10})=0$. But

$$f^*(x_{10}) = \zeta_3^* i^*(x_{10}) = \zeta_3^*(\mathscr{P}^1 \iota_6) = \mathscr{P}^1 \zeta_3 = 0$$
.

Therefore, \vec{f} lifts to $g: CP_2^5 \to X_9$. The map g lifts to $CP_2^5 \to S^3$ since all other obstructions are in dimensions ≥ 11 so they they vanish. Therefore, any map $f: CP_2^4 \to S^3$ will factor through the inclusion μ as



Since $S^9 \xrightarrow{\gamma} CP_2^4 \xrightarrow{\mu} CP_2^5$ represents two stages of a cofibration sequence it follows that $f\gamma \simeq g\mu\gamma = g(\mu\gamma) \simeq 0$.

Proposition 3.12. $\pi_{13}^{S^1}(S^7) = 0 \subseteq \pi_{13}(S^7) \approx Z_2$.

Proof.



Consider $S^{13} \xrightarrow{\gamma} CP_4^6 \rightarrow CP_4^7 \rightarrow S^{14} \rightarrow \cdots$. By stability this induces the exact se-

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quence

$$\pi_{13}(S^{13}) \xrightarrow{\gamma_*} \pi_{13}(CP_4^6) \to \pi_{13}(CP_4^7) \to \pi_{13}(S^{14}) = 0 \to \cdots,$$

hence $[\gamma]$ generates $\operatorname{Ker}[\pi_{13}(CP_4^6) \to \pi_{13}(CP_4^7)]$. By computing the 2-primary components of these groups we see that $[\gamma] \equiv 0 \pmod{C_2}$, hence $\pi_{13}^{S^1}(S^7) = 0$.

REMARK. In [9] Randall shows that the Whitehead square w_n is S^1 -invariant only if $n=2^m-1$ for some m. From the results in this section we see that w_3 , w_7 (also w_1 trivially) are S^1 -invariant. It seems plausible to conjecture that w_n is otherwise never S^1 -invariant.

4. Tables

Tables I and II below give the 2- and 3-primary subgroups of the S^{1} -invariant homotopy of spheres through the stable 13-stem. In this range all other *p*-primary parts are trivial, with the exceptions $\pi_{n+1}^{S^{1}}(S^{n})=Z_{5}$ when $n \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ and $\pi_{n+11}^{S^{1}}(S^{n})=Z_{7}$ when $n \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$. Table III gives the unstable S^{1} -invariant subsets through the 6-stem.



Table Ia

$A_7 = $	$\begin{array}{l} & (0 ; n \equiv 0 \pmod{128} \\ & Z_2[8\sigma]; n \equiv 64 \pmod{12} \\ & Z_4[4\sigma]; n \equiv 32 \pmod{64} \\ & Z_8[2\sigma]; \text{ otherwise} \end{array}$) 8))	$B_7 = \begin{cases} 0 \\ Z_2[8\sigma] \end{cases}$; $n \equiv 2 \pmod{32}$]; $n \equiv 18 \pmod{32}$	}
$C_7 = $	$[0; n \equiv 4 \pmod{32}]$ $[Z_2[8\sigma]; n \equiv 20 \pmod{32}]$, }			
$B_9 = \cdot$	$egin{aligned} & Z_2[\eta\overline{ u}] + Z_2[\eta^2\sigma] \ & Z_2[\eta\overline{ u}] + Z_2[\eta^2\sigma] + Z_2[\mu] \ & Z_2[\eta\overline{ u}] + Z_2[\eta^2\sigma] + Z_2[\mu] \end{aligned}$; n≡2 (mod]; n≡18 (mod]; n≡34 (mod	64) 1 32) 1 64)		
$D_9 = c$	$egin{aligned} & (Z_{2}[\eta \overline{ u}] + Z_{2}[\eta^{2} \sigma] \ & (Z_{2}[\eta \overline{ u}] + Z_{2}[\eta^{2} \sigma] + Z_{2}[\mu^{2} \sigma] + Z_{2}[\mu^{2} \sigma] \ & (Z_{2}[\eta \overline{ u}]) + Z_{2}[\eta^{2} \sigma] + Z_{2}[\mu^{2} \sigma] \ & (Z_{2}[\eta \overline{ u}]) + Z_{2}[\eta^{2} \sigma] + Z_{2}[\mu^{2} \sigma] \ & (Z_{2}[\eta^{2} \sigma]) + Z_{2}[\mu^{2} \sigma] \ & (Z_{2}[\eta^{2} \sigma]) + Z_{2}[\eta^{2} \sigma] \ & (Z_{2}[\eta^{2} \sigma]) + Z_{2}[\eta^{2} \sigma] \ & (Z_{2}[\eta^{2} \sigma]) + Z_{2}[\eta^{2} \sigma] \ & (Z_{2}[\eta^{2} \sigma]) \ & (Z_{2}[\eta^{2} \sigma]) + Z_{2}[\eta^{2} \sigma] \ & (Z_{2}[\eta^{2} \sigma]) \ & (Z$; <i>n</i> ≡22 (mod]; <i>n</i> ≡6 (mod	1 32) 32)		
$A_{11} = 0$	$Z_2[4\zeta]; n \equiv 0 \pmod{256}$ $Z_4[2\zeta]; \text{ otherwise}$)}	$B_{11} = \begin{cases} Z_2[4\zeta] \\ 0 \end{cases}$]; $n \equiv 2 \pmod{64}$; othersiwise	}
$C_{11} = -$	$\begin{cases} Z_2[4\zeta]; n \equiv 100 \pmod{1} \\ Z_4[2\zeta]; n \equiv 36 \pmod{12} \\ Z_8[\zeta]; otherwise \end{cases}$	28) 8)	$D_{11} = \begin{cases} 0\\ Z_2 \mid 4\zeta\\ Z_8 \mid \zeta \mid \end{cases}$; $n \equiv 38 \pmod{64}$]; $n \equiv 5 \pmod{64}$; otherswise	}

Table II
$$\pi_{n+k}^{S^1}(S^n), k < n-1$$

(3-primary part)

$n \equiv 0(9)$.1	2	3	4	5.	6	7	8
k=0	0	0	-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	·0	• 0	· 0	0	0	•0	0 .	0
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	Z_3	· Z3	0	Z_3	Z_3	0	$\cdot Z_3$	Z_3
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	• 0	· 0	·0
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	•0	0	0	0	0
7	0	Z_3	0	Z_3	Z_3	0	Z_3	Z_3	0
8	•0	0	0	0	0	0	· 0 ·	0	· 0
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	•0	0
10	0	Z_3	0	0	Z_3	0	0	Z_3	0
11	<i>P</i> ₁₁	Z_3	Q_{11}	Z_9	0	Z_9	Z_9	Z_3	Z_9
12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Z_3	Z_3	0	Z_3	Z_3	0	Z_3	Z_3	0

 $P_{11} = \begin{cases} 0 \ ; n \equiv 0 \pmod{81} \\ Z_3; n \equiv 27, 54 \pmod{81} \\ Z_9; n \equiv 9, 18 \pmod{27} \end{cases}$ $Q_{11} = \begin{cases} 0 \ ; n \equiv 2 \pmod{27} \\ Z_3; n \equiv 11 \pmod{27} \\ Z_3; n \equiv 20 \pmod{27} \end{cases}$



In Table I the subgroups are given with their corresponding generators, as these are not always obvious. In all other cases the subsets automatically determine the generators.

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