

Some homotopy groups of the mod 4 Moore space

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Abstract

Let M^n be a Moore space of type $(\mathbf{Z}_4, n-1)$. We calculate the homotopy groups $\pi_{2n-k}(M^n)$ in the range $k=3, 4$ and $n \leq 24$. The methods are based on Toda's composition methods and we use Gray's cellular structure of the homotopy fiber of the pinching map from M^n to an n -sphere S^n and also use James' exact sequence including a relative homotopy group $\pi_*(M^n, S^{n-1})$.

1 Introduction and summary

We denote by $\iota_n \in \pi_n(S^n)$ the homotopy class of the identity map of S^n and by $M_q^n = S^{n-1} \cup_{q\iota_{n-1}} e^n$ a Moore space of type $(\mathbf{Z}_q, n-1)$. In particular we set $M^n = M_4^n$. The purpose of the present note is to determine the stable group $\pi_{2n-4}^s(M^n) \cong \pi_{n-2}^s(M^2)$ and the metastable group $\pi_{2n-3}(M^n)$ for $n \leq 24$. For example, the notation $(\mathbf{Z}_4)^r \oplus (\mathbf{Z}_2)^s$ or $4^r + 2^s$ means the abelian group

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{Z}_4 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbf{Z}_4}_r \oplus \underbrace{\mathbf{Z}_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2}_s.$$

Our result is stated as follows.

Theorem 1.1 $\pi_{n-2}^s(M^2) \cong \pi_{2n-4}(M^n) \cong (\mathbf{Z}_4)^r \oplus (\mathbf{Z}_2)^s$, where r and s are given in the following table.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| n | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| r | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| s | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| n | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | | | |
| r | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| s | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | | | |

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Theorem 1.2 (i) $\pi_{2n-3}(M^n)$ for $n \leq 10$ is isomorphic to the group G in the following table.

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|---|---|-------|---------|-------|---|---|---------|---------|
| n | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| G | 4 | 8 | 2^2 | $8+2^2$ | $4+2$ | 4 | 2 | $8+2^2$ | $4+2^3$ |

(ii) $\pi_{2n-3}(M^n) \cong (\mathbf{Z}_4)^r \oplus (\mathbf{Z}_2)^s$ for $n \geq 11$, where r and s are given in the following table.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| n | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| r | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| s | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 |

We determine $\pi_{2n-2}(M^n)$ for $3 \leq n \leq 7$.

Proposition 1.3 $\pi_4(M^3) \cong (\mathbf{Z}_2)^2$, $\pi_5(M^4) \cong \mathbf{Z}_8 \oplus (\mathbf{Z}_2)^2$, $\pi_6(M^5) \cong \mathbf{Z}_4 \oplus (\mathbf{Z}_2)^2$, $\pi_{10}(M^6) \cong \mathbf{Z}_8 \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2$ and $\pi_{12}(M^7) \cong \mathbf{Z}_2$.

Our result overlaps with that of Baues-Buth [4]. The result of Theorem 1.2 for $n = 5$ and 9 corrects the corresponding result of Shinpo [13].

Our method is to use the composition methods developed by Toda [15]. We use the second stage in the cellular decomposition of the homotopy fiber of the collapsing map $p : M^n \rightarrow S^n$ obtained by Gray [6]. We also use the James exact sequence (James [7]) including the relative homotopy group $\pi_*(M^n, S^{n-1})$. The key step determining the group extension of $\pi_*(M^n)$ is Lemma 2.5 which ensures that elements of $\pi_*(M^n)$ induced from those of $\pi_*(M_2^n)$ with lifts ([10]) are of order 2. We use the notations and the results of [15], [9] and [8] freely.

2 Fundamental facts

For a pair of spaces (X, A) , let $i_{A,X} : A \rightarrow X$ be the inclusion and $p_{X,A} : X \rightarrow X/A$ be the map pinching A to one point. In particular we set $i_n = i_{A,X}$ and $p_n = p_{X,A}$ for $(X, A) = (M_q^n, S^{n-1})$. Let ι'_n be the identity class of M_q^n . Let $\eta_2 \in \pi_3(S^2)$ be the Hopf map and $\eta_n = \sum^{\infty} \eta_2$ for $n \geq 2$. For integers a and b , we denote by (a, b) the greatest common divisor of a and b . We set $\eta = \sum^{\infty} \eta_2$, $\iota' = \sum^{\infty} \iota'_2$, $i = \sum^{\infty} i_2$ and $p = \sum^{\infty} p_2$. Then, as is well known ([2]),

$$\{M_q^2, M_q^2\} = \mathbf{Z}_q\{\iota'\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_{(q,2)}\{i\eta p\} \quad (q \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4})$$

and

$$\{M_q^2, M_q^2\} = \mathbf{Z}_{2q}\{\iota'\} \quad (q \equiv 2 \pmod{4}).$$

Although we know the group structure of $[M_q^3, M_q^3]$ by Corollary III.D.15 of [3] or by Proposition 11 of [1], we show the following.

Lemma 2.1 (i) $[M_q^3, M_q^3] = \mathbf{Z}_q\{\iota_3\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_q\{i_3\eta_2p_3\}$ for $q \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$.

(ii) $[M_q^3, M_q^3] = \mathbf{Z}_{2q}\{\iota_3\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_q^2\{ai_3\eta_2p_3 - 2\iota_3\}$ for $q \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$, where a is an odd integer.

Proof. First we note that $[M_q^3, M_q^3] \cong [M_q^2, \Omega M_q^3]$ is abelian by making use of Theorem X.3.10 of [16].

By Proposition 7.1 of [12], the order of ι_3 is q or $2q$ according as $q \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ or $q \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$. We have $\pi_2(M_q^3) = \mathbf{Z}_q\{i_3\}$. We consider the following exact sequence induced from the cofibration starting with $q\iota_2$:

$$0 \leftarrow \pi_2(M_q^3) \xleftarrow{i_3^*} [M_q^3, M_q^3] \xleftarrow{p_3^*} \pi_3(M_q^3) \xleftarrow{q\iota_3^*} \pi_3(M_q^3).$$

By [14], $\pi_3(M_q^3) = \mathbf{Z}_{(2q, q^2)}\{i_3\eta_2\}$. So the assertion (i) is obtained.

Next assume that $q \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$. Then, in the above exact sequence, we have $q\iota_3 = xi_3\eta_2p_3$ for an integer x . By stabilizing the relation, we have $q\iota' = xi\eta p$ and so x becomes odd. Since $0 = 2q\iota_3 = 2xi_3\eta_2p_3$ and $i_3\eta_2p_3$ is of order q , we can set $2x = aq$ for an odd integer a . So we have the relation $q\iota_3 = a \cdot \frac{q}{2}i_3\eta_2p_3$, and hence the element $ai_3\eta_2p_3 - 2\iota_3$ is of order $\frac{q}{2}$. This leads to (ii), completing the proof. \square

Let F be the homotopy fiber of the map $p_n: M_q^n \rightarrow S^n$. According to [6], F has a homotopy type of a CW-complex $S^{n-1} \cup e^{2(n-1)} \cup e^{3(n-1)} \cup \dots$ and the subcomplex $Y = S^{n-1} \cup e^{2(n-1)}$ of the second stage has the following cell structure.

Lemma 2.2

$$Y = S^{n-1} \cup_{q(\iota_{n-1}, \iota_{n-1})} e^{2n-2},$$

where $[,]$ is the Whitehead product.

The following sequence is exact for $k \leq 2n-5$ ($i = i_{Y, M_q^k}$):

$$\pi_{n+k+1}(S^n) \xrightarrow{\Delta} \pi_{n+k}(Y) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_{n+k}(M_q^n) \xrightarrow{p_{n*}} \pi_{n+k}(S^n). \quad (1)$$

We have a formula

$$\Delta(\alpha \circ \Sigma\beta) = \Delta(\alpha) \circ \beta \quad (\alpha \in \pi_m(S^n), \beta \in \pi_{n+k}(S^{m-1})). \quad (2)$$

We set $i' = i_{S^{n-1}, Y}$.

Lemma 2.3 $\Delta\iota_n = qi'$ for $n \geq 3$.

Proof. We consider the exact sequence (1) for $k = -1$:

$$\pi_n(S^n) \xrightarrow{\Delta} \pi_{n-1}(Y) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_{n-1}(M_q^n) \longrightarrow 0.$$

Since $\pi_{n-1}(Y) = \mathbf{Z}\{i'\}$ and $\pi_{n-1}(M_q^n) = \mathbf{Z}_q\{i_n\}$, we have the assertion. \square

Next we show the following result overlapping with that of [14].

Lemma 2.4 $\pi_n(M_q^n) = \{i_n \eta_{n-1}\} \cong \begin{cases} \mathbf{Z}_{(2q, q^2)} & (n=3) \\ \mathbf{Z}_{(q, 2)} & (n \geq 4). \end{cases}$

Proof. We consider the exact sequence (1) for $k=0$:

$$\pi_{n+1}(S^n) \xrightarrow{\Delta} \pi_n(Y) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_n(M_q^n) \xrightarrow{p_{n*}} \pi_n(S^n).$$

Since $\pi_n(M_q^n) = i_{n*} \pi_n(S^{n-1})$, p_{n*} is trivial and i_* is an epimorphism. Note that $q\iota_2 \circ \eta_2 = q^2\eta_2$. So, by (2) and Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\eta_3 &= \Delta\iota_3 \circ \eta_2 \\ &= qi' \circ \eta_2 \\ &= i' \circ q\iota_2 \circ \eta_2 \\ &= q^2i' \eta_2. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\pi_3(Y) = \mathbf{Z}_{2q}\{i'\eta_2\}$, we have $\pi_3(M_q^3) \cong \pi_3(Y)/(\text{Im}\Delta) \cong \mathbf{Z}_{(2q, q^2)}$.

For $n \geq 4$, we have $\pi_n(Y) = \mathbf{Z}_2\{i'\eta_{n-1}\}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\eta_n &= \Delta\iota_n \circ \eta_{n-1} \\ &= qi' \circ \eta_{n-1} \\ &= qi' \eta_{n-1}. \end{aligned}$$

This leads to the assertion, completing the proof. \square

Assume that q is even and set $q' = \frac{q}{2}$. Then we consider the following commutative diagram between the cofiber sequences:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} S^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{2\iota_{n-1}} & S^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{i} & M_2^n & \xrightarrow{p} & S^n \\ \downarrow = & & \downarrow q'\iota_{n-1} & & \downarrow c_n & & \downarrow = \\ S^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{q\iota_{n-1}} & S^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{i_n} & M_q^n & \xrightarrow{p_n} & S^n. \end{array} \quad (3)$$

Here $p : M_2^n \rightarrow S^n$ is the collapsing map, $i : S^{n-1} \rightarrow M_2^n$ is the inclusion and $c_n : M_2^n \rightarrow M_q^n$ is the natural map.

When there exists an element $\beta \in \pi_k(M_q^n)$ satisfying $p_n\beta = \alpha$ for a given element $\alpha \in \pi_k(S^n)$, β is called a lift of α . A lift β is written as $[\alpha]$. Now we show a sharper result than that of Lemma 3.3 of [13].

Lemma 2.5 *Let $q \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$, $q' = \frac{q}{2}$ and $n \geq 3$. Suppose that $\alpha \in \pi_k(S^n)$ has a lift $[\alpha] \in \pi_k(M_2^n)$. Then $c_n[\alpha] \in \pi_k(M_q^n)$ is a lift of α . Moreover, if $2[\alpha] = 0$ or $2[\alpha] = i\eta_{n-1}\alpha$, then $c_n[\alpha] \in \pi_k(M_q^n)$ is of order 2.*

Proof. By the diagram (3), we have $p_n \circ c_n \circ [\alpha] = p[\alpha] = \alpha$. If $2[\alpha] = 0$, then $2c_n[\alpha] = 0$. Suppose that $2[\alpha] = i\eta_{n-1}\alpha$. Then we have $2c_n[\alpha] = c_n \circ i \circ \eta_{n-1} \circ \alpha = i_n \circ q' \iota_{n-1} \circ \eta_{n-1} \circ \alpha = 0$ for $n \geq 4$. Note that $2\iota_n \circ \alpha = 0$ if α is lifted to M_2^n ([10]). For $n = 3$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2c_3[\alpha] &= c_3 \circ i \circ \eta_2 \circ \alpha \\ &= i_3 \circ q' \iota_2 \circ \eta_2 \circ \alpha \\ &= i_3 \circ \eta_2 \circ (q')^2 \iota_3 \circ \alpha \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. \square

The following elements are known to be lifted to M_2^n ([10]): η_n ($n \geq 3$), ν_n^2 ($n \geq 5$), ε_n ($n \geq 4$), $\bar{\nu}_n$ ($n \geq 7$), μ_n ($n \geq 4$), κ_n ($n \geq 11$), σ_n^2 ($n \geq 17$), ω_n ($n \geq 15$), $\bar{\mu}_n$ ($n \geq 4$), $\bar{\sigma}_n$ ($n \geq 8$). The problem whether ε_3 , μ_3 , $\bar{\mu}_3$ can be lifted to M_2^3 and $\bar{\sigma}_7$ can be lifted to M_2^7 is open ([10]).

3 Proof of the theorems

A lift of an element $\alpha_n \in \pi_k(S^n)$ is also denoted as $\tilde{\alpha}_{n-1} \in \pi_k(M_q^n)$. We recall that $\pi_4(M_2^3)$ is isomorphic to \mathbf{Z}_4 and it is generated by a lift $\tilde{\eta}_2$ of η_3 and $2\tilde{\eta}_2 = i\eta_2^2$. We show the following ([4]).

Example 3.1 $\pi_4(M_q^3) = \mathbf{Z}_2\{c_3\tilde{\eta}_2\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{i_3\eta_2^2\}$ for $q \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$.

Proof. We consider the exact sequence (1) for $n = 3$ and $k = 1$:

$$\pi_5(S^3) \xrightarrow{\Delta} \pi_4(Y) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_4(M_q^3) \xrightarrow{p_{2*}} \pi_4(S^3).$$

By (2) and the proof of Lemma 2.4, we have

$$\Delta(\eta_3^2) = \Delta\eta_3 \circ \eta_3 = q^2 i' \eta_2 \circ \eta_3 = 0.$$

Obviously $\pi_4(Y) = \mathbf{Z}_2\{i' \eta_2^2\}$. By Lemma 2.5 for η_3 , $c_3\tilde{\eta}_2$ is of order 2. This completes the proof. \square

Hereafter we shall work in the 2-primary components of homotopy groups, unless otherwise stated.

The stable group $\pi_k^S(M^2)$ has the exponent 4 because $4\iota' = 0 \in \{M^2, M^2\}$. By making use of the exact sequence induced from the cofibration starting with $4\iota_1$, we can

determine the stable group $\pi_k^S(M^2)$ for $k \leq 23$. For example, we determine the group in the case of $k=3, 4, 8$ and 17 . The rest of Theorem 1.1 is obtained by the similar argument.

Example 3.2 (i) $\pi_3^S(M^2) = \mathbf{Z}_2\{\tilde{\eta}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{i\eta^2\}$ and $\pi_4^S(M^2) = \mathbf{Z}_2\{\tilde{\eta}\eta\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_4\{i\nu\}$.

(ii) $\pi_8^S(M^2) = \mathbf{Z}_4\{i\sigma\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{\tilde{\nu}^2\}$.

(iii) $\pi_{17}^S(M^2) = \mathbf{Z}_4\{\tilde{\delta}\rho\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{\tilde{\eta}\kappa\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{i\eta^*\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{i\eta\rho\}$, where $\tilde{\delta}\rho$ is a coextension of 8ρ .

Proof. The first half of (i) is easily obtained.

In the exact sequence

$$\dots \xrightarrow{4\iota_*} \pi_4^S(S^1) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_4^S(M^2) \xrightarrow{p_*} \pi_4^S(S^2) \longrightarrow 0,$$

we have $p_*(\tilde{\eta}\eta) = \eta^2$ and the order of $i\nu$ is 4. This leads to the second half of (i).

In the exact sequence

$$\dots \xrightarrow{4\iota_*} \pi_8^S(S^1) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_8^S(M^2) \xrightarrow{p_*} \pi_8^S(S^2) \longrightarrow 0,$$

we know $\pi_8^S(S^2) = \mathbf{Z}_2\{\nu^2\}$ and $\pi_8^S(S^1) = \mathbf{Z}_{16}\{\sigma\}$. The order of $i\sigma$ is 4. The order of $\tilde{\nu}^2 = \sum^{\infty} (c_5 \tilde{\nu}_i^2)$ is 2 because $\tilde{\nu}_i^2 \in \pi_{11}(M_2^5)$ is of order 2 ([10]). This leads to (ii).

In the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \pi_{17}^S(S^1) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_{17}^S(M^2) \xrightarrow{p_*} \pi_{17}^S(S^2) \xrightarrow{4\iota_*} \dots,$$

we know $\pi_{17}^S(S^2) = \mathbf{Z}_{32}\{\rho\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{\eta\kappa\}$ and $\pi_{17}^S(S^1) = \mathbf{Z}_2\{\eta^*\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{\eta\rho\}$. Since $p_*\tilde{\delta}\rho = 8\rho$, the order of $\tilde{\delta}\rho$ is 4. This leads to (iii), completing the proof. \square

We show

Lemma 3.3 $\pi_7(M^5) = \mathbf{Z}_8\{i_5\nu_4\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{i_5\sum\nu'\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{\tilde{\eta}_4\eta_6\}$.

Proof. In the exact sequence (1) for $n=5, k=2$:

$$\pi_8(S^5) \xrightarrow{\Delta} \pi_7(Y) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_7(M^5) \xrightarrow{p_{5*}} \pi_7(S^5),$$

we have $p_{5*}(\tilde{\eta}_4\eta_6) = \eta_5^2$ and $\pi_7(Y) = \mathbf{Z}_8\{i'\nu_4\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_{12}\{i'\sum\nu'\}$ because $4[\iota_4, \iota_4] = 8\nu_4$. Here, by abuse of notation, $\sum\nu'$ stands for a generator of the direct summand Z_{12} of $\pi_7(S^4)$.

By Theorem XI.8.9 of [16], we have $4\iota_4 \circ \nu_4 = 4\nu_4 + 6[\iota_4, \iota_4] = 16\nu_4 - 6\sum\nu'$. So we have $\Delta\nu_5 = \Delta\iota_5 \circ \nu_4 = 4i' \circ \nu_4 = -6i'\sum\nu'$. This leads to the group $\pi_7(M^5)$, completing the proof.

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Let A be a connected CW-complex and $X = A \cup e^n$ be the complex formed by attaching an n -cell. Let CY be the reduced cone of a pointed space Y . For an element

$\alpha \in \pi_{k-1}(Y)$, we denote by $\hat{\alpha}' \in \pi_k(CY, Y)$ an element satisfying $\partial \hat{\alpha}' = \alpha$, where $\partial: \pi_k(CY, Y) \rightarrow \pi_{k-1}(Y)$ is the connecting isomorphism. Let $\omega \in \pi_n(X, A)$ be the characteristic map of the n -cell e^n of X . For $\alpha \in \pi_{k-1}(S^{n-1})$, we set $\hat{\alpha} = \omega \hat{\alpha}' \in \pi_k(X, A)$. Let $\omega \in \pi_n(M^n, S^{n-1})$ and $\gamma \in \pi_n(M_2^n, S^{n-1})$ be the characteristic maps of the n -cells of M^n and M_2^n respectively. Let $[\omega, \iota_{n-1}] \in \pi_{2n-2}(M^n, S^{n-1})$ be the relative Whitehead product ([5]). Then, by (3) and [5], we can take $\omega = c_n \gamma$ and we have

$$c_n[\gamma, \iota_{n-1}] = 2[\omega, \iota_{n-1}]. \quad (4)$$

Let $j: (M^n, *) \rightarrow (M^n, S^{n-1})$ be the inclusion. We show

Lemma 3.4 $\pi_{15}(M^9) = \mathbf{Z}_8\{i_9 \sigma_8\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{i_9 \Sigma \sigma'\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{\tilde{\nu}_8^2\}$.

Proof. We consider the homotopy exact sequence of pair (M^9, S^8) :

$$\pi_{16}(M^9, S^8) \xrightarrow{\partial} \pi_{15}(S^8) \xrightarrow{i_9^*} \pi_{15}(M^9) \xrightarrow{j_*} \pi_{15}(M^9, S^8).$$

Since $\pi_{15}(M^9, S^8) = \mathbf{Z}_2\{\hat{\nu}_8^2\}$ and $j_* \tilde{\nu}_8^2 = \hat{\nu}_8^2$, j_* is a split epimorphism. By Theorem 2.1 of [7], $\pi_{16}(M^9, S^8)$ is generated by elements $\hat{\sigma}_8$ and $[\omega, \iota_8]$. By Theorem XI.8.9 of [16], $\partial \hat{\sigma}_8 = 4\iota_8 \circ \sigma_8 = 4\sigma_8 + 6[\iota_8, \iota_8] = 16\sigma_8 - 6\Sigma \sigma'$. By [5], $\partial[\omega, \iota_8] = -4[\iota_8, \iota_8] = -8\sigma_8 + 4\Sigma \sigma'$. So we have

$$\partial(\hat{\sigma}_8 + 2[\omega, \iota_8]) = 2\Sigma \sigma'$$

and

$$\partial(2\hat{\sigma}_8 + 3[\omega, \iota_8]) = 8\sigma_8.$$

This determines the group $\pi_{15}(M^9)$, completing the proof. \square

We recall that $\pi_{13}(S^6) = \mathbf{Z}_4\{\sigma''\}$, $2\sigma'' = \Sigma \sigma'''$ and $H(\sigma'') = \eta_{11}^2$ ([15]). By the Hilton formula ([16]), $2\iota_6 \circ \sigma'' = 2\sigma'' + [\iota_6, \iota_6] \circ H(\sigma'') = \Sigma \sigma'''$, because $[\iota_6, \iota_6] \circ \eta_{11}^2 = [\eta_6, \eta_6] = \eta_6 \circ [\iota_7, \iota_7] = 0$. So we have the relation $4\iota_6 \circ \sigma'' = 2\Sigma \sigma''' = 0$ and a coextension $\tilde{\sigma}'' \in \pi_{14}(M^7)$ of σ'' is taken as a representative of a Toda bracket $\{i_7, 4\iota_6, \sigma''\}$. $\tilde{\sigma}''$ is a lift of $\Sigma \sigma''$. We recall that $\pi_{14}(S^6) = \mathbf{Z}_8\{\bar{\nu}_6\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{\varepsilon_6\}$ ([15]). Then we show

Lemma 3.5 *By a suitable choice of a coextension $\tilde{\sigma}''$, the order of $\tilde{\sigma}''$ is 4.*

Proof. We have $4\tilde{\sigma}'' \in \{i_7, 4\iota_6, \sigma''\} \circ 4\iota_{14} = -i_7\{4\iota_6, \sigma'', 4\iota_{13}\}$. By Corollary 3.7 of [15], we have $\{2\iota_6, \Sigma \sigma''', 2\iota_{13}\}_1 \ni (\Sigma \sigma''')\eta_{13} = 0 \pmod{2\pi_{14}(S^6)} = \{2\bar{\nu}_6\}$. So we have $\{2\iota_6, \Sigma \sigma''', 2\iota_{13}\} \ni 0 \pmod{2\iota_6 \circ \pi_{14}(S^6) + 2\pi_{14}(S^6)} = \{2\bar{\nu}_6\}$. Here we have used the relations $2\iota_6 \circ \varepsilon_6 = 0$ and $2\iota_6 \circ \bar{\nu}_6 = 4\bar{\nu}_6$.

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
\{4\iota_6, \sigma'', 4\iota_{13}\} &\subset \{2\iota_6, 2\iota_6, \circ\sigma'', 4\iota_{13}\} \\
&= \{2\iota_6, \Sigma\sigma''', 4\iota_{13}\} \\
&\supset \{2\iota_6, \Sigma\sigma''', 2\iota_{13}\} \circ 2\iota_{14} \\
&\equiv 0 \pmod{\{4\bar{\nu}_6\} + 2\iota_6 \circ \pi_{14}(S^6)} = \{4\bar{\nu}_6\}.
\end{aligned}$$

So we have $4\tilde{\sigma}'' = 4a i_7 \bar{\nu}_6$ for a $\in \mathbf{Z}$. We set $\tilde{\sigma}''' = \tilde{\sigma}'' - a i_7 \bar{\nu}_6$. Then $p_7 \tilde{\sigma}''' = \Sigma\sigma'' = 2\sigma'$ and $4\tilde{\sigma}''' = 0$. By renaming $\tilde{\sigma}'''$ as $\tilde{\sigma}''$, we have the assertion. This completes the proof. \square

We set $4\tilde{\sigma}_n = \Sigma^{n-6} \tilde{\sigma}'' (n \geq 9)$. Since $p_{n+1} 4\tilde{\sigma}_n = 4\sigma_{n+1}$, the order of $4\tilde{\sigma}_n$ ($n \geq 9$) is 4. We show

Lemma 3.6 $\pi_{17}(M^{10}) = \mathbf{Z}_4\{4\tilde{\sigma}_9\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{i_{10}[\iota_9, \iota_9]\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{i_{10}\bar{\nu}_9\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{i_{10}\varepsilon_9\}.$

Proof. We consider the exact sequence (1) for $n=10$ and $k=7$:

$$\pi_{18}(S^{10}) \xrightarrow{\Delta} \pi_{17}(Y) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_{17}(M^{10}) \xrightarrow{p_{10*}} \pi_{17}(S^{10}).$$

We have $\text{Im } \Delta = 0$ and $\pi_{17}(Y) \cong \pi_{17}(S^9) = \mathbf{Z}_2\{\varepsilon_9\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{\bar{\nu}_9\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{[\iota_9, \iota_9]\}$ by [15] and Lemma 2.2. This completes the proof. \square

The group $\pi_{2n-3}(M^n)$ for $11 \leq n \leq 13$ is given as follows ([13]).

- Example 3.7 (i)** $\pi_{19}(M^{11}) = \mathbf{Z}_4\{i_{11}[\iota_{10}, \iota_{10}]\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{i_{11}\nu_{10}^3\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{i_{11}\iota_{10}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{i_{11}\eta_{10}\varepsilon_{11}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{\tilde{\nu}_{10}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{\tilde{\varepsilon}_{10}\}.$
- (ii)** $\pi_{21}(M^{12}) = \mathbf{Z}_2\{i_{12}\sigma_{11}\nu_{18}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{i_{12}\eta_{11}\mu_{12}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{\tilde{\nu}_{11}^2\nu_{18}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{\tilde{\mu}_{11}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{\tilde{\eta}_{11}\varepsilon_{13}\}.$
- (iii)** $\pi_{23}(M^{13}) = \mathbf{Z}_4\{i_{13}[\iota_{12}, \iota_{12}]\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_4\{i_{13}\zeta_{12}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{\tilde{\eta}_{12}\mu_{14}\}.$

Although we can get the group $\pi_{31}(M^{17})$ quickly ([13]), we take a roundabout way. First we recall that $\kappa_{10} \in \pi_{24}(S^{10})$ is not lifted to M_2^{10} ([10]) and has the property ([15], [9])

$$2\iota_{10} \circ \kappa_{10} = 2\kappa_{10} = 0.$$

So we can define a coextension $\tilde{\kappa}_{10} \in \{i, 2\iota_{10}, \kappa_{10}\} \subset \pi_{25}(M_2^{11})$ of κ_{10} . We know $\pi_{25}(S^{10}) = \mathbf{Z}_{16}\{\Sigma\rho'\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{\eta_{10}\kappa_{11}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{\sigma_{10}\bar{\nu}_{17}\}$ and $\pi_{26}(S^{11}) = \mathbf{Z}_{16}\{\Sigma^2\rho'\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{\eta_{11}\kappa_{12}\}$. Then we show

Lemma 3.8 *By a suitable choice of a coextension $\tilde{\kappa}_{10}$,*

$$2\tilde{\kappa}_{10} \equiv i\eta_{10}\kappa_{11} \pmod{i\sigma_{10}\bar{\nu}_{17}}$$

and the order of $\tilde{\kappa}_{10}$ is 4.

Proof. By Corollary 3.7 of [15], we have

$$\{2\iota_{11}, \kappa_{11}, 2\iota_{25}\}_1 \ni \kappa_{11}\eta_{25} = \eta_{11}\kappa_{12} \bmod 2\pi_{26}(S^{11}) = \{2\sum^2\rho'\}.$$

Since $\sum\{2\iota_{10}, \kappa_{10}, 2\iota_{24}\} \subset -\{2\iota_{11}, \kappa_{11}, 2\iota_{25}\}_1$, we have

$$\{2\iota_{10}, \kappa_{10}, 2\iota_{24}\} \ni \eta_{10}\kappa_{11} \bmod \{\sigma_{10}\bar{\nu}_{17}\} + 2\pi_{25}(S^{10}) = \{2\sum\rho', \sigma_{10}\bar{\nu}_{17}\}.$$

So we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2\tilde{\kappa}_{10} &\in \{i, 2\iota_{10}, \kappa_{10}\} \circ 2\iota_{25} \\ &= -i\{2\iota_{10}, \kappa_{10}, 2\iota_{24}\} \\ &\ni i\eta_{10}\kappa_{11} \\ &\bmod \{2i\sum\rho', i\sigma_{10}\bar{\nu}_{17}\}. \end{aligned}$$

So, by a suitable choice of a coextension $\tilde{\kappa}_{10}$, we have the relation. In the stable range, we have $i\eta\kappa \neq 0$ in $\pi_{16}^S(M_2^2)$. Hence the order of $\tilde{\kappa}_{10}$ is 4. This completes the proof. \square

Hereafter we set $\tilde{\kappa}_n = \sum^{n-10}\tilde{\kappa}_{10}$ for $n \geq 10$ for the coextension $\tilde{\kappa}_{10}$ in Lemma 3.8. Since $\sigma_{11}\bar{\nu}_{18} = 0$, we have $2\tilde{\kappa}_n = i\eta_n\kappa_{n+1}$ for $n \geq 11$.

We recall that σ_{16}^2 is not lifted to M_2^{16} ([10]). The following is a byproduct of our roundabout way.

Lemma 3.9 $[\iota_{16}, \iota_{16}] \in \{2\iota_{16}, \sigma_{16}^2, 2\iota_{30}\} \bmod 2\pi_{31}(S^{16})$.

Proof. Since $2\sigma_{15}^2 = [\iota_{15}, \iota_{15}]$, a Toda bracket $\{2\iota_{16}, \sigma_{16}^2, 4\iota_{30}\}_1$ is well defined. By Proposition 2.6 of [15], we have

$$H\{2\iota_{16}, \sigma_{16}^2, 4\iota_{30}\}_1 = -\Delta^{-1}(2\sigma_{15}^2) \circ 4\iota_{31} = -\{4\iota_{31}\} = \pm\{2H([\iota_{16}, \iota_{16}])\}.$$

The indeterminacy of $\{2\iota_{16}, \sigma_{16}^2, 4\iota_{30}\}_1$ is $2\iota_{16} \circ \sum\pi_{30}(S^{15}) + 4\pi_{31}(S^{16}) = \{4[\iota_{16}, \iota_{16}], 2\rho_{16}\}$. So $\{2\iota_{16}, \sigma_{16}^2, 4\iota_{30}\}_1$ contains $2[\iota_{16}, \iota_{16}]$ modulo elements of $\sum\pi_{30}(S^{15}) = \{\rho_{16}, \eta_{16}\kappa_{17}\}$. In the stable case, $\eta\kappa \neq 0$ and $\langle 2\iota, \sigma^2, 4\iota \rangle \ni 0 \bmod 2\pi_{15}^S(S^0) = \{2\rho\}$. Hence we have

$$2[\iota_{16}, \iota_{16}] \in \{2\iota_{16}, \sigma_{16}^2, 4\iota_{30}\}_1 \bmod \{4[\iota_{16}, \iota_{16}], 2\rho_{16}\}.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \{2\iota_{16}, \sigma_{16}^2, 4\iota_{30}\}_1 &\subset \{2\iota_{16}, \sigma_{16}^2, 4\iota_{30}\} \supset 2\{2\iota_{16}, \sigma_{16}^2, 2\iota_{30}\} \\ &\bmod 2\iota_{16} \circ \pi_{31}(S^{16}) + 4\pi_{31}(S^{16}) = \{4[\iota_{16}, \iota_{16}], 2\rho_{16}\} \end{aligned}$$

So, for any element $\alpha \in \{2\iota_{16}, \sigma_{16}^2, 4\iota_{30}\}$, we have

$$2\alpha \equiv 2[\iota_{16}, \iota_{16}] \bmod \{4[\iota_{16}, \iota_{16}], 2\rho_{16}\}.$$

This implies the relation $\alpha \equiv [\iota_{16}, \iota_{16}] \bmod \{2[\iota_{16}, \iota_{16}], \rho_{16}, \eta_{16}\kappa_{17}\}$. By the same argument as the above in the stable range, we have

$$\alpha \equiv [\iota_{16}, \iota_{16}] \bmod \{2[\iota_{16}, \iota_{16}], 2\rho_{16}\} = 2\pi_{31}(S^{16}).$$

The indeterminacy of $\{2\iota_{16}, \sigma_{16}^2, 2\iota_{30}\}$ is $2\iota_{16} \circ \pi_{31}(S^{16}) + 2\pi_{31}(S^{16}) = 2\pi_{31}(S^{16})$. Hence we have $[\iota_{16}, \iota_{16}] \in \{2\iota_{16}, \sigma_{16}^2, 2\iota_{30}\} \bmod 2\pi_{31}(S^{16})$. This completes the proof. \square

Let $\tilde{\sigma}_{16}^2 \in \pi_{31}(M_2^{17})$ be a coextension of σ_{16}^2 . Then we show

Lemma 3.10 $\pi_{31}(M_2^{17}) = \mathbf{Z}_4\{\tilde{\kappa}_{16}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_4\{\tilde{\sigma}_{16}^2\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{i\rho_{16}\}$, where $2\tilde{\kappa}_{16} = i\eta_{16}\kappa_{17}$ and $2\sigma_{16}^2 = i[\iota_{16}, \iota_{16}]$ for a suitable choice of a coextension $\tilde{\sigma}_{16}^2$.

Proof. In the exact sequence

$$\pi_{32}(M_2^{17}, S^{16}) \xrightarrow{\partial} \pi_{31}(S^{16}) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_{31}(M_2^{17}) \xrightarrow{j_*} \pi_{31}(M_2^{17}, S^{16}),$$

we know $\pi_{31}(M_2^{17}, S^{16}) \cong \pi_{31}(S^{17}) = \mathbf{Z}_2\{\sigma_{17}^2\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{\kappa_{17}\}$. So j_* is an epimorphism. By Theorem 2.1 of [7], we have $\pi_{32}(M_2^{17}, S^{16}) = \mathbf{Z}_{32}\{\hat{\rho}_{16}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{\hat{\eta}_{16}\tilde{\kappa}'_{17}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}\{[\omega, \iota_{16}]\}$. We have $\partial(\hat{\rho}_{16}) = 2\rho_{16}$, $\partial(\hat{\eta}_{16}\tilde{\kappa}'_{17}) = 0$ and $\partial([\omega, \iota_{16}]) = -2[\iota_{16}, \iota_{16}]$. We know $2\tilde{\kappa}_{16} = i\eta_{16}\kappa_{17}$.

By Lemma 3.9, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2\tilde{\sigma}_{16}^2 &\in \{i, 2\iota_{16}, \sigma_{16}^2\} \circ 2\iota_{31} \\ &= -i\{2\iota_{16}, \sigma_{16}^2, 2\iota_{30}\} \\ &\ni i[\iota_{16}, \iota_{16}] \\ &\bmod 2i_*\pi_{31}(S^{16}). \end{aligned}$$

So, by a suitable choice of the coextension $\tilde{\sigma}_{16}^2$, we have $2\tilde{\sigma}_{16}^2 = i[\iota_{16}, \iota_{16}]$. This completes the proof. \square

We set $\tilde{\sigma}_n^2 = \sum^{n-16} \tilde{\sigma}_{16}^2$ for $n \geq 16$. Now we show

Lemma 3.11 $\pi_{31}(M^{17}) = \mathbf{Z}_4\{i_{17}[\iota_{16}, \iota_{16}]\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_4\{i_{17}\rho_{16}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{i_{17}\eta_{16}\kappa_{17}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{c_{17}\tilde{\kappa}_{16}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{c_{17}\tilde{\sigma}_{16}^2\}$.

Proof. We consider the exact sequence (1) for $k=14$ and $n=17$:

$$\pi_{32}(S^{17}) \xrightarrow{\Delta} \pi_{31}(Y) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_{31}(M^{17}) \xrightarrow{p_{17*}} \pi_{31}(S^{17}).$$

We know $\pi_{31}(S^{17}) = \mathbf{Z}_2\{\kappa_{17}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{\sigma_{17}^2\}$ and $\pi_{32}(S^{17}) = \mathbf{Z}_{32}\{\rho_{17}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{\eta_{17}\kappa_{18}\}$. We have $\pi_{31}(Y) = \mathbf{Z}_{32}\{i'\rho_{16}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_4\{i'[\iota_{16}, \iota_{16}]\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{i'\eta_{16}\kappa_{17}\}$. We have $\Delta(\rho_{17}) = 4i'\rho_{16}$ and $\Delta(\eta_{17}\kappa_{18}) = 0$. By Lemmas 2.5 and 3.10, the order of $c_{17}\tilde{\kappa}_{16}$ is 2. By Lemmas 2.5, 3.10 and by (3), we have

$$2c_{17}\tilde{\sigma}_{16}^2 = c_{17} \circ i[\iota_{16}, \iota_{16}] = i_{17} \circ 2\iota_{16} \circ [\iota_{16}, \iota_{16}] = 4i_{17}[\iota_{16}, \iota_{16}] = 0.$$

This completes the proof. \square

The following result is easily obtained.

Lemma 3.12 (i) $\pi_{41}(M^{22}) = \mathbf{Z}_4\{i_{22}\bar{\kappa}_{21}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_4\{2\widetilde{\xi}_{21}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{i_{22}[\iota_{21}, \iota_{21}]\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{\widetilde{\sigma}_{21}\}$, where $2\widetilde{\xi}_{21} \in \{i_{22}, 4\iota_{21}, 2\bar{\xi}_{21}\}$.

(ii) $\pi_{43}(M^{23}) = \mathbf{Z}_4\{i_{23}[\iota_{22}, \iota_{22}]\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_4\{2\widetilde{\kappa}_{22}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{i_{23}\eta_{22}\bar{\kappa}_{23}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{i_{23}\sigma_{22}^3\}$, where $2\widetilde{\kappa}_{22} \in \{i_{23}, 4\iota_{22}, 2\bar{\kappa}_{22}\}$.

(iii) $\pi_{45}(M^{24}) = \mathbf{Z}_2\{i_{24}[\iota_{23}, \iota_{23}]\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{\widetilde{\sigma}_{23}^2\sigma_{31}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{\tilde{\eta}_{23}\bar{\kappa}_{24}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{i_{24}\eta_{23}^2\bar{\kappa}_{25}\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{i_{24}\nu_{23}\bar{\sigma}_{26}\}$.

The rest of Theorem 1.2 is obtained by the similar argument ([13]).

4 Some unstable homotopy groups of M^n

In this section, we shall prove Proposition 1.3. We recall that $\pi_6(M^4) = \mathbf{Z}_4\{\delta\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{\tilde{\eta}_3\eta_5\}$, where $j_*\delta = [\gamma, \iota_3]$ and $\Sigma\delta = 2i\nu_4$ ([11]). We show

Lemma 4.1 *There exists an element $\theta \in \pi_6(M^4)$ satisfying $j_*\theta = [\omega, \iota_3]$, $2\theta = \pm c_4\delta$ and $\pi_6(M^4) = \mathbf{Z}_8\{\theta\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{i_4\nu' + 2\theta\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{c_4\tilde{\eta}_3\eta_5\}$.*

Proof. By Theorem 2.1 of [7], we have $\pi_6(M^4, S^3) = \mathbf{Z}_2\{\hat{\eta}_3^2\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_4\{[\omega, \iota_3]\}$ and $\pi_7(M^4, S^3) = \mathbf{Z}_4\{\hat{\nu}'\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{[\omega, \eta_3]\}$. In the homotopy exact sequence of a pair (M^4, S^3) :

$$\pi_7(M^4, S^3) \xrightarrow{\partial} \pi_6(S^3) \xrightarrow{i_4^*} \pi_6(M^4) \xrightarrow{j_*} \pi_6(M^4, S^3) \xrightarrow{\partial} \pi_5(S^3),$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \partial\hat{\eta}_3^2 &= 4\iota_3 \circ \eta_3^2 = 0, \quad \partial[\omega, \iota_3] = -[4\iota_3, \iota_3] = 0, \\ \partial\hat{\nu}' &= 4\iota_3 \circ \nu' = 4\nu' = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \partial[\omega, \eta_3] = -[4\iota_3, \eta_3] = 0. \end{aligned}$$

So there exists an element $\theta \in \pi_6(M^4)$ satisfying $j_*\theta = [\omega, \iota_3]$ and we have a short exact sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow \pi_6(S^3) \xrightarrow{i_4^*} \pi_6(M^4) \xrightarrow{j_*} \pi_6(M^4, S^3) \longrightarrow 0.$$

By (4), we have

$$j_*(c_4\delta) = c_4j_*\delta = c_4[\gamma, \iota_3] = 2[\omega, \iota_3] = 2j_*\theta.$$

So we have the relation $2\theta = c_4\delta + ai_4\nu'$ for an integer a . Note that we take $c_5 = \Sigma c_4$ in the diagram (3). Then, by Lemma 3.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
c_5 \Sigma \delta &= c_5 \circ 2i\nu_4 \\
&= 2(i_5 \circ 2\iota_4 \circ \nu_4) \\
&= 2(i_5(4\nu_4 - \Sigma\nu')) \\
&= 8i_5\nu_4 - 2i_5\Sigma\nu' \\
&= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have $2\Sigma\theta = ai_5\Sigma\nu'$. Since $i_5\Sigma\nu'$ is not divisible by 2 by Lemma 3.3, a becomes even. So we have the relation $2\theta \equiv c_4\delta \pmod{2i_4\nu'}$. By the diagram (3), we have $4\theta = 2c_4\delta = c_4 \circ i\nu' = i_4 \circ 2\iota_3 \circ \nu' = 2i_4\nu' \neq 0$. Hence the order of θ is 8 and $2i_4\nu' = 4\theta = 2c_4\delta$. Thus we have $2\theta = \pm c_4\delta$ and we get the group $\pi_6(M^4)$. This completes the proof. \square

Let $\tilde{\nu}' \in \{i_4, 4\iota_3, \nu'\} \subset \pi_7(M^4)$ be a coextension of ν' . Then we show

Lemma 4.2 $\pi_8(M^5) = \mathbf{Z}_4\{\Sigma\tilde{\nu}'\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{i_5\nu_4\eta_7\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{i_5(\Sigma\nu')\eta_7\}$.

Proof. We consider the exact sequence

$$\pi_8(M^5, S^4) \xrightarrow{\partial} \pi_8(S^4) \xrightarrow{i_5^*} \pi_8(M^5) \xrightarrow{j_*} \pi_8(M^5, S^4) \xrightarrow{\partial} \pi_7(S^4).$$

By Theorem 2.1 of [7], we have $\pi_8(M^5, S^4) = \mathbf{Z}\{[\omega, \iota_4]\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_4\{\Sigma'\hat{\nu}'\}$ and $\pi_9(M^5, S^4) = \mathbf{Z}_2\{\hat{\nu}_4\hat{\eta}'_7\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{[\omega, \iota_4]\}$. Here $\Sigma' : \pi_7(M^4, S^3) \rightarrow \pi_8(M^5, S^4)$ is the relative suspension. We have $\partial[\omega, \iota_4] = -8\nu_4$, $j_*\Sigma\tilde{\nu}' = \Sigma'\hat{\nu}'$, $\partial\hat{\nu}_4\hat{\eta}'_7 = 4\iota_4 \circ \nu_4 \circ \eta_7 = (16\nu_4 - 6\Sigma\nu') \circ \eta_7 = 0$ and $\partial[\omega, \eta_4] = 0$. So the following short exact sequence splits:

$$0 \longrightarrow \pi_8(S^4) \xrightarrow{i_5^*} \pi_8(M^5) \longrightarrow \mathbf{Z}_4\{\Sigma'\hat{\nu}'\} \longrightarrow 0.$$

This completes the proof. \square

We set $2\tilde{\nu}_n = \Sigma^{n-2}\tilde{\nu}'$ for $n \geq 5$. By use of the exact sequence (1) for $n=6$ and $k=3$, we have

Example 4.3 $\pi_9(M^6) = \mathbf{Z}_4\{2\tilde{\nu}_5\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{i_6\nu_5\eta_8\}$.

By Theorem 1.2 of [7], we have $\pi_{10}(M^6, S^5) = \mathbf{Z}_8\{[\omega, \iota_5]\}$. Let $\beta \in \pi_{10}(M^6)$ be an element satisfying $j_*\beta = [\omega, \iota_5]$. Then we show

Lemma 4.4 $\pi_{10}(M^6) = \mathbf{Z}_8\{\beta\} \oplus \mathbf{Z}_2\{i_6\nu_5\eta_8^2\}$.

Proof. In the exact sequence

$$\pi_{11}(M^6, S^5) \xrightarrow{-2} \pi_{10}(S^5) \xrightarrow{i_6^*} \pi_{10}(M^6) \xrightarrow{j_*} \pi_{10}(M^6, S^5) \longrightarrow 0,$$

we have $\pi_{11}(M^6, S^5) = \mathbf{Z}_2\{[\omega, \eta_5]\}$ and $\partial[\omega, \eta_5] = 0$. So it suffices to show $8\beta = 0$. By the parallel argument to the proof of Lemma 4.1, we have a relation

$$2\beta = c_6\lambda + bi_6\nu_5\eta_8^2 \quad (b=0, 1),$$

where λ is a generator of $\pi_{10}(M_2^6) \cong \mathbf{Z}_8$ satisfying $j_*\lambda = [\gamma, \iota_5]$ and $4\lambda = i\nu_5\eta_8^2$ ([11]). By the diagram (3), we have

$$8\beta = c_6 \circ i\nu_5\eta_8^2 = i_6 \circ 2\iota_5 \circ \nu_5\eta_8^2 = 0.$$

This completes the proof. \square

Finally the following is easily obtained.

Example 4.5 $\pi_{12}(M^7) = \mathbf{Z}_2\{i_7\nu_6^2\}$.

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