

**CERTAIN SUBGROUPS OF SELF-HOMOTOPY  
EQUIVALENCES OF THE WEDGE OF  
TWO MOORE SPACES**

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ABSTRACT. For a based, 1-connected, finite CW-complex  $X$ , we denote by  $\mathcal{E}(X)$  the group of homotopy classes of self-homotopy equivalences of  $X$  and by  $\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim+r}(X)$  the subgroup of homotopy classes which induce the identity on the homotopy groups of  $X$  in dimensions  $\leq \dim X + r$ . In this paper, we calculate the subgroups  $\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim+r}(X)$  when  $X$  is a wedge of two Moore spaces determined by cyclic groups and in consecutive dimensions.

**1. Introduction**

For a based space  $X$ , we denote by  $1 : X \rightarrow X$  the identity. Then the set  $[X, X]$  be the semi-group with respect to the composition of maps having unit 1, and the subset  $\mathcal{E}(X) (\subset [X, X])$  of homotopy classes of self-homotopy equivalences of  $X$  is a group.

For a finite CW-complex  $X$ , let  $\mathcal{E}_*(X)$  be the subgroup of homotopy classes which induce the identity on the homology groups of  $X$  and  $\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim+r}(X)$  be the subgroup of homotopy classes which induce the identity on the homotopy groups of  $X$  in dimensions  $\leq \dim X + r$ . The group  $\mathcal{E}(X)$  and the subgroup  $\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim+r}(X)$  have been studied extensively. For a survey of known results and applications of  $\mathcal{E}(X)$ , see [2], and for a list of references on the subgroups mentioned above, see [3]. In particular, Arkowitz and Maruyama examined  $\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim+r}(X)$  for Moore spaces  $X$ , see [4].

In this paper we calculate the subgroups  $\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim+r}(X)$  when  $X$  is the wedge of two Moore spaces.

We fix some notations and conventions. We shall work in the category of spaces with base points and maps preserving the base points. If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a map, then  $f_{*n} : H_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(Y)$  and  $f_{\#n} : \pi_n(X) \rightarrow \pi_n(Y)$  denote, respectively the induced homology and homotopy homomorphism in dimension  $n$ . The subscript ‘ $n$ ’ will often be omitted. In this paper we do not distinguish notationally between a map  $X \rightarrow Y$  and its homotopy class in  $[X, Y]$ .

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If  $G$  is an abelian group and  $n \geq 3$  an integer, then the Moore space  $M(G, n)$  is the space, unique up to homotopy type, characterized by

$$\tilde{H}_i(M(G, n)) = \begin{cases} G, & i = n, \\ 0, & i \neq n. \end{cases}$$

If  $G$  is free-abelian,  $M(G, n)$  is just a wedge of the  $n$ -spheres. Note that when  $G$  is finitely-generate,  $M(G, n)$  is a finite CW-complex of dim  $n$  if  $G$  is free-abelian and of dim  $n + 1$  if  $G$  is not free-abelian. Since  $M(G, n)$  is a double suspension, the set of homotopy classes  $[M(G, n), X]$  can be given abelian group structure with binary operation ‘+’.

Finally, if  $A$  is an abelian group, we write

$$\bigoplus^r A = A \oplus \cdots \oplus A \quad (r \text{ summands}).$$

We also use ‘ $\oplus$ ’ to denote cartesian product of sets.

## 2. Preliminaries

We begin with some results needed in this paper.

**Proposition 2.1.** *If  $X$  is  $(k-1)$ -connected and  $Y$  is  $(l-1)$ -connected,  $k, l \geq 2$ , and  $\dim P < k + l - 1$ , then the projections  $X \vee Y \rightarrow X$  and  $X \vee Y \rightarrow Y$  induce a bijection*

$$[P, X \vee Y] \rightarrow [P, X] \oplus [P, Y].$$

Proposition 2.1 is a consequence of [5, p. 405] since the inclusion  $X \vee Y \rightarrow X \times Y$  is a  $(k + l - 1)$ -equivalence.

Next we consider abelian groups  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  and Moore spaces  $M_1 = M(G_1, n_1)$  and  $M_2 = M(G_2, n_2)$ . Let  $X = M_1 \vee M_2 = M(G_1, n_1) \vee M(G_2, n_2)$  and denote by  $i_j : M_j \rightarrow X$  the inclusions and by  $p_j : X \rightarrow M_j$  the projections,  $j = 1, 2$ . If  $f : X \rightarrow X$ , then define  $f_{jk} : M_k \rightarrow M_j$  by  $f_{jk} = p_j f i_k$  for  $j, k = 1, 2$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** *The function  $\theta$  which assigns to each  $f \in [X, X]$ , the  $2 \times 2$  matrix*

$$\theta(f) = \begin{pmatrix} f_{11} & f_{12} \\ f_{21} & f_{22} \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $f_{jk} \in [M_k, M_j]$ , is a bijection. In addition,

- (1)  $\theta(f+g) = \theta(f) + \theta(g)$ , so  $\theta$  is an isomorphism  $[X, X] \rightarrow \bigoplus_{j,k=1,2} [M_k, M_j]$ .
- (2)  $\theta(fg) = \theta(f)\theta(g)$ , where  $fg$  denotes composition in  $[X, X]$  and  $\theta(f)\theta(g)$  denotes matrix multiplication.
- (3) under the identification  $H_r(M_1 \vee M_2) = H_r(M_1) \oplus H_r(M_2)$ , we have

$$f_{*r}(x, y) = (f_{11*r}(x) + f_{12*r}(y), f_{21*r}(x) + f_{22*r}(y))$$

for  $x \in H_r(M_1)$  and  $y \in H_r(M_2)$ .

(4) If  $\alpha_r : \pi_r(M_1) \oplus \pi_r(M_2) \rightarrow \pi_r(M_1 \vee M_2)$  and  $\beta_r : \pi_r(M_1 \vee M_2) \rightarrow \pi_r(M_1) \oplus \pi_r(M_2)$  are the homomorphisms induced by the inclusions and projections, respectively, then

$$\beta_r f_{\#r} \alpha_r(x, y) = (f_{11\#r}(x) + f_{12\#r}(y), f_{21\#r}(x) + f_{22\#r}(y))$$

for  $x \in \pi_r(M_1)$  and  $y \in \pi_r(M_2)$ .

*Proof.* Clearly  $[X, X] \approx [M_1, X] \oplus [M_2, X]$ . And  $[M_j, X] \approx [M_j, M_1] \oplus [M_j, M_2]$  by Proposition 2.1 for  $j = 1, 2$ . Then  $[X, X] \approx [M_1, M_1] \oplus [M_1, M_2] \oplus [M_2, M_1] \oplus [M_2, M_2]$ . The rest of the proof is straightforward and hence omitted.  $\square$

The homotopy groups  $\pi_{n+k}(M(G, n))$  and the groups of homotopy classes  $[M(G, n+k), M(G, k)]$  have been determined by Araki and Toda [1] when  $G$  is the cyclic group  $\mathbb{Z}_q$  ( $q > 1$ ) in stable homotopy category. They obtained the following results. See [1] if you want to know that in details.

**Proposition 2.3** ([1]). (1)  $\pi_n(M(\mathbb{Z}_q, n)) \approx \mathbb{Z}_q$  for all  $q$ .

$$(2) \pi_{n+1}(M(\mathbb{Z}_q, n)) \approx \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } q : \text{ odd} \\ \mathbb{Z}_2 & \text{for } q \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ \mathbb{Z}_2 & \text{for } q \equiv 0 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

$$(3) \pi_{n+2}(M(\mathbb{Z}_q, n)) \approx \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } q : \text{ odd} \\ \mathbb{Z}_4 & \text{for } q \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 & \text{for } q \equiv 0 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

$$(4) \pi_{n+3}(M(\mathbb{Z}_q, n)) \approx \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}_{(q,24)} & \text{for } q : \text{ odd} \\ \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{(q,24)} & \text{for } q \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{(q,24)} & \text{for } q \equiv 0 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

**Proposition 2.4** ([1]). (1)  $[(M(\mathbb{Z}_q, n-1)), (M(\mathbb{Z}_q, n))] \approx \mathbb{Z}_q$  for all  $q$ .

$$(2) [(M(\mathbb{Z}_q, n)), (M(\mathbb{Z}_q, n))] \approx \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}_q & \text{for } q : \text{ odd} \\ \mathbb{Z}_{2q} & \text{for } q \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ \mathbb{Z}_q \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 & \text{for } q \equiv 0 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

$$(3) [(M(\mathbb{Z}_q, n+1)), (M(\mathbb{Z}_q, n))] \approx \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } q : \text{ odd} \\ \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 & \text{for } q \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 & \text{for } q \equiv 0 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

$$(4) [(M(\mathbb{Z}_q, n+2)), (M(\mathbb{Z}_q, n))] \approx \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}_{(q,24)} & \text{for } q : \text{ odd} \\ \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{(q,24)} & \text{for } q \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{(q,24)} & \text{for } q \equiv 0 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

We also need the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.5** ([4]). For the Moore space  $X = M(G, n)$ ,

- (1)  $\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim}(X) \approx \bigoplus^{(r+s)s} \mathbb{Z}_2$ , where  $r$  is the rank of  $G$  and  $s$  is the number of 2-torsion summands in  $G$ .
- (2)  $\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim+1}(X) = 1$  if  $n > 3$ .

### 3. Wedge of two Moore spaces

In this section we completely determine the group  $\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim+r}(X)$  for  $X = M(\mathbb{Z}_q, n+1) \vee M(\mathbb{Z}_q, n)$ ,  $n \geq 5$ .

From now on, we let  $M_1 = M(\mathbb{Z}_q, n+1) = S^{n+1} \cup_q e^{n+2}$  and  $M_2 = M(\mathbb{Z}_q, n) = S^n \cup_q e^{n+1}$ ,  $q > 1$ . And we let  $f \in [X, X]$  and use the notation of Section 2 so that  $f_{jk} = p_j f i_k \in [M_k, M_j]$  for  $j, k = 1, 2$ . Then  $f \in \mathcal{E}(X) \Leftrightarrow f_{*n}, f_{*(n+1)}$  are isomorphisms. By Proposition 2.2, we can identify  $f \in \mathcal{E}(X)$  with the  $2 \times 2$  matrix

$$\theta(f) = \begin{pmatrix} f_{11} & f_{12} \\ f_{21} & f_{22} \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $f_{11} \in \mathcal{E}(M_1)$ ,  $f_{12} \in [M_2, M_1]$ ,  $f_{21} \in [M_1, M_2]$ ,  $f_{22} \in \mathcal{E}(M_2)$ . The group structure in  $\mathcal{E}(X)$  is then given by matrix multiplication.

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $f \in [X, X]$  be given by  $f = \begin{pmatrix} f_{11} & f_{12} \\ f_{21} & f_{22} \end{pmatrix}$ . Then*

$$f \in \mathcal{E}(X) \Leftrightarrow f_{11} \in \mathcal{E}(M_1) \text{ and } f_{22} \in \mathcal{E}(M_2).$$

*Proof.*  $f \in \mathcal{E}(X) \Leftrightarrow f_{*n}, f_{*(n+1)}$  are isomorphisms  $\Leftrightarrow f_{22*n}, f_{11*(n+1)}$  are isomorphisms  $\Leftrightarrow f_{11} \in \mathcal{E}(M_1)$ ,  $f_{22} \in \mathcal{E}(M_2)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.2.**  $\pi_{n+k}(M_1 \vee M_2) \approx \pi_{n+k}(M_1) \oplus \pi_{n+k}(M_2)$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3$ .

*Proof.* The Moore spaces  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are  $n$ -connected and  $(n-1)$ -connected, respectively and  $n \geq 5$ . By Proposition 2.1,  $[S^{n+k}, M_1 \vee M_2] \approx [S^{n+k}, M_1] \oplus [S^{n+k}, M_2]$  for  $k < n$ .  $\square$

From Lemma 3.2, it is clear that

$$f_{\#n+k}(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} f_{11\#n+k} & f_{12\#n+k} \\ f_{21\#n+k} & f_{22\#n+k} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\forall x \in \pi_{n+k}(M_1), \forall y \in \pi_{n+k}(M_2), k = 0, 1, 2, 3.$$

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $f \in \mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim}(X)$  be given by  $f = \begin{pmatrix} f_{11} & f_{12} \\ f_{21} & f_{22} \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $f_{22} = 1$ .*

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.2 and Proposition 2.2,  $f_{22} \in \mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim X}(M_2)$ . We know that  $\dim X = n+2$  and  $\dim M_2 = n+1$ . So  $f_{22} = 1$  from Theorem 2.5(2).  $\square$

From now on, it suffices that we consider just  $f_{11}, f_{12}, f_{21}$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** *For the space  $X = M_1 \vee M_2$ ,*

$$\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim}(X) \approx \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}_q, & \text{if } q : \text{odd} \\ \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2, & \text{if } q \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2, & \text{if } q \equiv 0 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* By Proposition 2.2,  $[X, X] \approx [M_1, M_1] \oplus [M_1, M_2] \oplus [M_2, M_1] \oplus [M_2, M_2]$ .

First, in the case  $q$  is odd: Since  $[M_1, M_2] \approx 0$ ,  $f_{21} = 0$ . By Theorem 2.5(1),  $\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{n+2}(M_1) = 1$ . So  $f_{11} = 1$ . Since  $\pi_{n+1}(M(\mathbb{Z}_q, n)) \approx 0$ ,  $\pi_{n+2}(M(\mathbb{Z}_q, n)) \approx 0$ , and  $\pi_n(M(\mathbb{Z}_q, n+1)) \approx 0$ ,  $f_{12\#k} = 0$  for all  $k \leq n+2$ . So  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & f_{12} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim}(X)$  for any  $f$  in  $[M_2, M_1]$ . By Proposition 2.4,  $[M_2, M_1] \approx \mathbb{Z}_q = \langle i\pi \rangle$ . Therefore

$$\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim}(X) \approx \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & f_{12} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid f_{12} \in \langle i\pi \rangle \right\}.$$

Therefore  $\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim}(X) \approx \mathbb{Z}_q$ .

Second, in the case  $q \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ : By Proposition 2.4,  $[M_1, M_1] \approx \mathbb{Z}_{2q} = \langle 1 \rangle$ . We know that  $\pi_{n+1}(M_1) \approx \mathbb{Z}_q = \langle i \rangle$  and  $\pi_{n+2}(M_1) \approx \mathbb{Z}_2 = \langle i\eta \rangle$ , where  $i : S^{n+1} \hookrightarrow M_1$  is inclusion and  $\eta$  is the generator of  $\pi_{n+2}(S^{n+1})$ . Let  $\pi : M_1 \rightarrow S^{n+2}$  be the map shrinking  $S^{n+1}$  to the base point of  $S^{n+2}$ . Then  $\pi i : S^{n+1} \rightarrow S^{n+2}$  is trivial. So  $(i\eta\pi)_{\#n+1}(i) = i\eta\pi i = 0$  and  $(i\eta\pi)_{\#n+2}(i\eta) = i\eta\pi i\eta = 0$ . Thus  $\begin{pmatrix} 1+i\eta\pi & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim}(X)$ . By Theorem 2.5(1),  $\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim}(M_1) \approx \mathbb{Z}_2$ . So  $f_{11} \in 1 + \langle i\eta\pi \rangle$ .

When  $q$  is even, there exist elements  $\bar{\eta} \in [M_2, S^{n-1}]$  and  $\tilde{\eta} \in [S^{n+2}, M_2]$  such that  $\bar{\eta}i = \eta$  and  $\pi\tilde{\eta} = \eta$ . Consider  $[M_2, M_1] \approx \mathbb{Z}_q = \langle i\pi \rangle$  and  $\pi_{n+2}(M_2) \approx \mathbb{Z}_4 = \langle \tilde{\eta} \rangle$ . Since  $(i\pi)_{\#n+2}(\tilde{\eta}) = i\pi\tilde{\eta} = i\eta \neq 0$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & i\pi \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  does not belong to  $\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim}(X)$ . So if  $f \in \mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim}(X)$ , then  $f_{12} = 0$ .

Now let us consider  $f_{21}$ . For even  $q$ , we use the following notations  $\eta_1 = i\bar{\eta}$  and  $\eta_2 = \tilde{\eta}\pi$ . Then  $[M_1, M_2] \approx \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 = \langle \eta_1 \rangle \oplus \langle \eta_2 \rangle$ . We know that  $\pi_{n+1}(M_1) \approx \mathbb{Z}_2 = \langle i \rangle$ .  $\eta_{1\#n+1}(i) = \eta_1 i = i\bar{\eta}i = i\eta \neq 0$ . Hence  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \eta_1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  does not belong to  $\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim}(X)$ . On the other hand  $\eta_{2\#n+1}(i) = \eta_2 i = \tilde{\eta}\pi i = 0$  and  $\eta_{2\#n+2}(i\eta) = \eta_2 i\eta = \tilde{\eta}\pi i\eta = 0$ . So  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \eta_2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim}(X)$ . Thus we conclude the following results.

$$\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim}(X) \approx \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1+\epsilon & 0 \\ f_{21} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid \epsilon \in \langle i\eta\pi \rangle, \epsilon^2 = 1 \text{ and } f_{21} \in \langle \eta_2 \rangle, \eta_2^2 = 1 \right\}.$$

Therefore  $\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim}(X) \approx \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$ .

Last, in the case  $q \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ : By Proposition 2.4,  $[M_1, M_1] \approx \mathbb{Z}_q \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 = \langle 1 \rangle \oplus \langle i\eta\pi \rangle$ . By the same manner in case  $q \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 1+i\eta\pi & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim}(X)$ .

And  $[M_1, M_2] \approx \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 = \langle \eta_1 \rangle \oplus \langle \eta_2 \rangle \oplus \langle i\eta^2\pi \rangle$ . Since  $\eta_{1\#n+2}(i\eta) = \eta_1 i\eta = i\bar{\eta}i\eta = i\eta^2 \neq 0$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \eta_1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  does not belong to  $\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim}(X)$ . However  $\eta_{2\#n+1}(i) = \eta_2 i = \tilde{\eta}\pi i = 0$ ,  $\eta_{2\#n+2}(i\eta) = \eta_2 i\eta = \tilde{\eta}\pi i\eta = 0$ ,  $(i\eta^2\pi)_{\#n+2}(i) = 0$  and  $(i\eta^2\pi)_{2\#n+2}(i\eta) = 0$ . So  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \eta_2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ i\eta^2\pi & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  belong to  $\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim+1}(X)$ . Now  $[M_2, M_1] \approx \mathbb{Z}_2 = \langle i\pi \rangle$  and  $\pi_{n+2}(M_2) \approx \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 = \langle \tilde{\eta} \rangle \oplus \langle i\eta^2 \rangle$ . Since  $(i\pi)_{\#n+2}(\tilde{\eta}) = i\pi\tilde{\eta} = i\eta \neq 0$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & i\pi \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  does not belong to  $\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim}(X)$ . Thus we

conclude the following results.

$$\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim(X)} \approx \left\{ \left( \begin{array}{cc} 1 + \epsilon & 0 \\ f_{21} & 1 \end{array} \right) \mid f_{21} \in \langle \eta_2 \rangle \oplus \langle i\eta^2\pi \rangle, \eta_2^2 = 1, (i\eta^2\pi)^2 = 1 \right\}.$$

Therefore  $\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim(X)} \approx \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5.** For the space  $X = M_1 \vee M_2$ ,  $n \geq 5$ ,

$$\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim+1}(X) \approx \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}_q, & \text{if } q : \text{odd} \\ 1, & \text{if } q \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ 1, & \text{if } q \equiv 0 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* First, in the case  $q$  is odd: Since  $\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim+1}(X) \subseteq \mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim}(X)$ , it suffices to consider  $[M_2, M_1] \approx \mathbb{Z}_q = \langle i\pi \rangle$ . We know that  $\pi_{n+3}(M_2) \approx \mathbb{Z}_{(q,24)} = \langle i\nu \rangle$ . And  $i\pi_{\#n+3}(i\nu) = i\pi i\nu = 0$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim+1}(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}_q$ . That is  $\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim+1}(X) = \mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim}(X)$ .

Second, in the case  $q \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ : By Theorem 2.5,  $\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim+1}(M_1) = 1$ . Hence, it suffices to consider only  $\eta_2$ .  $\pi_{n+3}(M_1) \approx \mathbb{Z}_4 = \langle \tilde{\eta} \rangle$ , and  $(\eta_2)_{\#n+3}(\tilde{\eta}) = \eta_2 \tilde{\eta} = \tilde{\eta} \pi \tilde{\eta} = \tilde{\eta} \eta \neq 0$ . Therefore  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \eta_2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  does not belong to  $\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim+1}(X)$ . Thus we can conclude  $\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim+1}(X) = 1$ .

Last, in the case  $q \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ : It suffices to consider just two generators  $\eta_2, i\eta^2\pi$ .  $\pi_{n+3}(M_1) \approx \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 = \langle \tilde{\eta} \rangle \oplus \langle i\eta^2 \rangle$ . Like the second case,  $(\eta_2)_{\#n+3}(\tilde{\eta}) \neq 0$  and  $(i\eta^2\pi)_{\#n+3}(\tilde{\eta}) = i\eta^2\pi\tilde{\eta} = i\eta^3 \neq 0$ . Finally, we obtain the result  $\mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim+1}(X) = 1$ .  $\square$

We denote by  $\mathcal{Z}(X)$  the subset of  $[X, X]$  consisting of all homotopy classes which induces the trivial homomorphism on homotopy groups in dimensions less than or equal to  $\dim X$ . Consider the bijection map  $T : \mathcal{E}_{\#}^{\dim}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(X)$  defined by the translation by the identity map, that is,  $T(f) = f - 1$ .

**Corollary 3.6.** For the space  $X = M_1 \vee M_2$ ,

(1) if  $q : \text{odd}$ , then

$$\mathcal{Z}(X) \approx \left\{ \left( \begin{array}{cc} 0 & 0 \\ f_{21} & 0 \end{array} \right) \mid f_{21} \in \langle i\pi \rangle, (i\pi)^q = 1 \right\},$$

(2) if  $q \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , then

$$\mathcal{Z}(X) \approx \left\{ \left( \begin{array}{cc} f_{11} & 0 \\ f_{21} & 0 \end{array} \right) \mid f_{11} \in \langle i\eta\pi \rangle, f_{21} \in \langle \eta_2 \rangle, (i\eta\pi)^2 = 1, \eta_2^2 = 1 \right\},$$

and

(3) if  $q \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ , then

$$\mathcal{Z}(X) \approx \left\{ \left( \begin{array}{cc} f_{11} & 0 \\ f_{21} & 0 \end{array} \right) \mid f_{11} \in \langle i\eta\pi \rangle, f_{21} \in \langle \eta^2 \rangle \oplus \langle i\eta^2\pi \rangle, (i\eta^2\pi)^2 = 1 \right\}.$$

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