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## CATEGORY OF MAPS AND GOTTLIEB SETS FOR MAPS, AND THEIR DUALS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we introduce and study the concepts of  $WC_k^f$ -spaces with respect to spaces which are generalized concepts of  $C_k^f$ -spaces for maps, and introduce the dual concepts of  $WC_k^f$ -spaces with respect to spaces and obtain some dual results.

### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, a space means a space of the homotopy type of a locally finite connected CW complex. All maps shall mean continuous functions. It is known that any space X is filtered by the projective spaces of  $\Omega X$  by a result of Milnor [8] and Stasheff [10];

$$\Sigma \Omega X = P^1(\Omega X) \hookrightarrow P^2(\Omega X) \hookrightarrow \dots \hookrightarrow P^\infty(\Omega X) \simeq X.$$

For each k, let  $e_k^X : P^k(\Omega X) \to P^\infty(\Omega X) \simeq X$  be the natural inclusion. Let  $f : A \to X$  be a map. A space X is called [5] a  $C_k^f$ -space if the inclusion  $e_k^X : P^k(\Omega X) \to X$  is f-cyclic. It is known [5] that a space X is a  $C_k^f$ -space for a map  $f : A \to X$  if and only if  $G^f(Z, X) = [Z, X]$  for any space Z with cat  $Z \leq k$ . For any spaces Z, X, we define mapcat  $(Z, X) \leq k$  if for any map  $g : Z \to X$ , cat  $g \leq k$ . It is known that if cat  $Z \leq k$ , then mapcat  $(Z, X) \leq k$ , but the converse does not hold(see Example 2.6).

In this paper, we introduce the concepts of  $WC_k^f$ -spaces with respect to spaces which are generalizations of  $C_k^f$ -spaces for maps [5] and study some properties of  $WC_k^f$ -spaces with respect to spaces. We show that for a space Z with mapcat  $(Z, X) \leq k$ , a space X is a  $WC_k^f$ -space with

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respect to Z if and only if  $G^f(Z, X) = [Z, X]$ . Let  $f : A \to X$  and  $g : B \to Y$  be any maps and Z a space with mapcat  $(Z, X) \leq k$ . Then we show that the product space  $X \times Y$  is a  $WC_k^{f \times g}$ -space with respect to Z if and only if X is a  $WC_k^f$ -space with respect to Z and Y is a  $WC_k^g$ -space with respect to Z. We also introduce the dual concepts of  $WC_k^f$ -spaces with respect to spaces and obtain some dual results.

# 2. $WC_k^f$ -spaces with respect to spaces

The LS category of X [3], denoted cat X, is the least integer k such that X is the union of k + 1 open sets  $U_i$ , each contractible in X. We now recall the following Ganea's theorems [3].

THEOREM 2.1. ([3],[4]) The category cat  $X \leq k$  if and only if  $e_k^X : P^k(\Omega X) \to X$  has a right homotopy inverse.

The definition of LS category extends from spaces to continuous maps as follows. Let  $g: X \to Y$  be a map. The *LS category of* g [3], denoted *cat* g is the least integer k such that X is the union of k + 1 open sets  $U_i$  for which the restriction of g to each  $U_i$  is homotopic to a constant map  $U_i \to *$ . Note that *cat*  $X = cat 1_X$ .

THEOREM 2.2. [3] Let  $g: Z \to X$  be a map. Then the category cat  $g \leq k$  if and only if there is a map  $\bar{g}: Z \to P^k(\Omega X)$  such that  $e_k^X \circ \bar{g} \sim g: Z \to X$ , where  $e_k^X: P^k(\Omega X) \to X$  is the natural inclusion.

DEFINITION 2.3. Let Z, X be any two spaces. The mapcategory of mapping space from Z to X is less than equal to k, mapcat  $(Z, X) \leq k$ , means that for any map  $g: Z \to X$ , cat  $g \leq k$ .

It is clear that mapcat  $(Z, X) \leq k$  if and only if  $(e_k^X)_{\#} : [Z, P^k(\Omega X)] \to [Z, X]$  is an epimorphism.

The following propositions say that a relationship between category of a space and mapcategory of a mapping space.

PROPOSITION 2.4. cat  $Z \leq k$  if and only if for any space X, mapcat  $(Z, X) \leq k$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $cat \ Z \le k$ . Then there is a map  $s_k^Z : Z \to P^k(\Omega Z)$  such that  $e_k^Z \circ s_k^Z \sim 1$ . Let X be a space and  $g : Z \to X$  a map. We see  $e_k^X \circ P^k(\Omega g) \sim g \circ e_k^Z$  by the naturality of the construction of

 $P^k(\Omega Z)$  as is shown in the following homotopy commutative diagram;

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P^k(\Omega Z) & \xrightarrow{P^k(\Omega g)} & P^k(\Omega X) \\ e^Z_k & & e^X_k \\ Z & \xrightarrow{g} & X. \end{array}$$

Thus we have a map  $\bar{g} = P^k(\Omega g) \circ s_k^Z : Z \to P^k(\Omega X)$  such that  $e_k^X \circ \bar{g} \sim g$ . Thus we know mapcat  $(Z, Y) \leq k$ . On the other hand, suppose that for any space X, the mapcategory mapcat  $(Z, X) \leq k$ . Taking X = Z and  $g = 1_Z$ , then we know that  $cat Z \leq k$ .

PROPOSITION 2.5. cat  $X \leq k$  if and only if for any space Z, mapcat  $(Z, X) \leq k$ .

Proof. Suppose that cat  $X \leq k$ . Then there is a map  $s_k^X : X \to P^k(\Omega X)$  such that  $e_k^X \circ s_k^X \sim 1$ . Let Z be a space and  $g : Z \to X$  a map. Then we have  $e_k^X \circ (s_k^X \circ g) \sim 1_X \circ g \sim g$  and mapcat  $(Z, X) \leq k$ . On the other hand, suppose that for any space Z, the mapcategory mapcat  $(Z, X) \leq k$ . Taking Z = X and  $g = 1_X$ , then we know that cat  $X \leq k$ .

In general, if  $cat \ Z \leq k$ , then  $mapcat \ (Z, X) \leq k$  for a space X, but the converse does not hold by the following example.

EXAMPLE 2.6. It is well known fact that  $cat \mathbb{C}P^n = n$ . Thus if we take  $X = \mathbb{C}P^k$  and  $Z = \mathbb{C}P^{k+1}$ , then we know, from Proposition 2.5, that mapcat  $(Z, X) \leq k$ , but cat Z = k + 1.

Let  $f : A \to X$  be a map. A based map  $g : B \to X$  is called *f-cyclic* [12] if there is a map  $\phi : A \times B \to X$  such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A \times B & \stackrel{\phi}{\longrightarrow} & X \\ i & & & \nabla \\ A \lor B & \stackrel{(f \lor g)}{\longrightarrow} & X \lor X \end{array}$$

is homotopy commute, where  $j: A \vee B \to A \times B$  is the inclusion and  $\nabla: X \vee X \to X$  is the folding map. Clearly, g is f-cyclic iff f is gcyclic. In the case,  $f = 1_X : X \to X$ ,  $g: B \to X$  is called cyclic [15]. We denote the set of all homotopy classes of f-cyclic maps from B to X by  $G^f(B,X) \subset [B,X]$  which is called the *Gottlieb set for a* map  $f: A \to X$ . If  $f = 1_X : X \to X$ , then we recover the *Gottlieb* set  $G(B,X) = G^{1_X}(B,X)$  defined by Varadarajan [11]. In general,

 $G(B,X) \subset G^f(B,X) \subset [B,X]$  for any spaces A, B, X and any map  $f: A \to X$ .

It is shown [14] that  $G(S^5, S^5 \times S^5) \cong 2\mathbb{Z} \oplus 2\mathbb{Z} \neq G^{i_1}(S^5, S^5 \times S^5) \cong 2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \neq [S^5, S^5 \times S^5] \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$ . It is introduced [5] that a space X is called a  $C_k^f$ -space if the inclusion  $e_k^X : P^k(\Omega X) \to X$  is f-cyclic.

LEMMA 2.7. Let  $f : A \to X$  be a map. Then  $g : B \to X$  is f-cyclic if and only if  $(g)_{\#}([Z,B]) \subset G^{f}(Z,X)$  for any space Z.

Proof. Suppose that  $g: B \to X$  is f-cyclic. Let Z be a space and  $\theta: Z \to B$  a map. Since  $g: B \to X$  is f-cyclic, there is a map  $G: A \times B \to X$  such that  $Gj \sim \nabla(f \lor g)$ , where  $j: A \lor B \to A \times B$  is the inclusion and  $\nabla: X \lor X \to X$  is the folding map. Then  $\phi = G(1 \times \theta): A \times Z \to X$  satisfies  $\phi j \sim \nabla(f \lor g\theta)$ . Thus we have  $g_{\#}([Z, B]) \subset G^{f}(Z, X)$  for any space Z. On the other hand, taking Z = B and  $1_{B}: B \to B \in [B, B]$ . Since  $g \sim g_{\#}(1_{B}) \in G^{f}(B, X), g: B \to X$  is f-cyclic.  $\Box$ 

THEOREM 2.8. [5] A space X is a  $C_k^f$ -space for a map  $f : A \to X$  if and only if  $G^f(Z, X) = [Z, X]$  for any space Z with cat  $Z \leq k$ .

Example 2.9.

(1) The torus  $T^k$  is a space with  $mapcat(T^k, X) \leq k$ . It is well known fact that  $cat \ T^k = k$ . Thus we know, from Proposition 2.4, that  $mapcat(T^k, X) \leq k$ , that is,  $(e_k^X)_{\#} : [T^k, P^k(\Omega X)] \to [T^k, X]$  is an epimorphism.

(2) If a space Z satisfy  $cat Z \leq k$ , then Z is also a space with  $mapcat(Z, X) \leq k$  from Proposition 2.4.

DEFINITION 2.10. Let  $f : A \to X$  be a map and Z a space with mapcat  $(Z, X) \leq k$ . Then a space X is called a  $WC_k^f$ -space with respect to a space Z if  $(e_k^X)_{\#}([Z, P^k(\Omega X]) \subset G^f(Z, X))$ , where  $e_k^X : P^k(\Omega X) \to X$  is the natural inclusion.

THEOREM 2.11. Let  $f : A \to X$  be a map and Z space with mapcat  $(Z, X) \leq k$ . A space X is a  $WC_k^f$ -space with respect to Z if and only if  $G^f(Z, X) = [Z, X]$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that X is a  $WC_k^f$ -space with respect to Z. Since mapcat  $(Z, X) \leq k$ ,  $(e_k^X)_{\#} : [Z, P^k(\Omega X)] \to [Z, X]$  is an epimorphism. Since X is a  $WC_k^f$ -space with respect to  $Z, [Z, X] = (e_k^X)_{\#}([Z, P^k(\Omega X)]) \subset G^f(Z, X)$  and  $G^f(Z, X) = [Z, X]$ .

Conversely, assume that  $G^{f}(Z, X) = [Z, X]$ . Thus we know  $(e_{k}^{X})_{\#}([Z, P^{k}(\Omega X)]) = [Z, X] \subset G^{f}(Z, X)$  and X is a  $WC_{k}^{f}$ -space with respect to Z.

We have the following corollary from Theorem 2.8 and Example 2.9.

COROLLARY 2.12. X is a  $C_k^f$ -space if and only if for each space Z with cat  $Z \leq k$ , X is a  $WC_k^f$ -space with respect to Z.

THEOREM 2.13. Let  $f : A \to X$  and  $g : B \to Y$  be any maps and Za space with mapcat  $(Z, X) \leq k$ . Then the product space  $X \times Y$  is a  $WC_k^{f \times g}$ -space with respect to Z if and only if X is a  $WC_k^f$ -space with respect to Z and Y is a  $WC_k^g$ -space with respect to Z.

*Proof.* Suppose  $X \times Y$  is a  $WC_k^{f \times g}$ -space with respect to Z. It is known [5] that  $G^{f \times g}(Z, X \times Y) \cong G^f(Z, X) \times G^g(Z, Y)$  for any space Z. Since Z is a space with mapcat  $(Z, X) \leq k$ , we have, from Theorem 2.11, that  $G^f(Z, X) \times G^g(Z, Y) \cong G^{f \times g}(Z, X \times Y) = [Z, X \times Y] = [Z, X] \times [Z, Y]$  and hence  $G^f(Z, X) = [Z, X]$  and  $G^g(Z, Y) = [Z, Y]$ . Thus X is a  $WC_k^f$ -space with respect to Z and Y is a  $WC_k^g$ -space with respect to Z.

Conversely, suppose that X is a  $WC_k^f$ -space with respect to Z and Y is a  $WC_k^g$ -space with respect to Z. Then  $G^f(Z, X) = [Z, X]$  and  $G^g(Z, Y) = [Z, Y]$  by Theorem 2.11. It follows that  $G^{f \times g}(Z, X \times Y) \cong G^f(Z, X) \times G^g(Z, Y) = [Z, X] \times [Z, Y] = [Z, X \times Y]$ . Thus  $X \times Y$  is a  $WC_k^{f \times g}$ -space with respect to Z.  $\Box$ 

## **3.** $DWC_k^p$ -spaces with respect to spaces

In [3], Ganea introduced the concept of cocategory of a space as follows; Let X be a any space. Define a sequence of cofibrations

$$\mathcal{C}_k: X \xrightarrow{e'_k} F_k \xrightarrow{s'_k} B_k \ (k \ge 0)$$

as follows, let  $C_0: X \xrightarrow{e'_0} cX \xrightarrow{s'_0} \Sigma X$  be the standard cofibration. Assuming  $C_k$  to be defined, let  $F'_{k+1}$  be the fibre of  $s'_k$  and  $e''_{k+1}: X \to F'_{k+1}$  lift  $e'_k$ . Define  $F_{k+1}$  as the reduced mapping cylinder of  $e''_{k+1}$ , let  $e'_{k+1}: X \to F_{k+1}$  is the obvious inclusion map, and let  $B_{k+1} = F_{k+1}/e'_{k+1}(X)$  and  $s'_{k+1}: F_{k+1} \to F_{k+1}/e_{k+1}(X)$  the quotient map.

DEFINITION 3.1. [3] The cocategory of X, cocat X, is the least integer  $k \ge 0$  for which there is a map  $r: F_k \to X$  such that  $r \circ e'_k \sim 1$ . If there is no such integer, cocat  $X = \infty$ .

The following remark can easily obtained from the above definition.

REMARK 3.2. cocat  $X \leq k$  if and only if  $e'_k : X \to F_k$  has a left homotopy inverse.

For a map  $p: X \to A$ , a based map  $g: X \to B$  is *p*-cocyclic [9] if there is a map  $\theta: X \to A \lor B$  such that  $j\theta \sim (p \times g)\Delta$ , where  $j: A \lor B \to A \times B$ is the inclusion and  $\Delta: X \to X \times X$  is the diagonal map. The dual Gottlieb set for a map  $p: X \to A$ ,  $DG^p(X, B)$ , is the set of all homotopy classes of *p*-cocyclic maps from X to B. In the case  $p = 1_X: X \to X$ , we call a 1-cocyclic map is just a cocyclic map, and denoted by, DG(X, B), which is the set of all homotopy classes of cocyclic maps from X to B.

In general,  $DG(X, B) \subset DG^p(X, B) \subset [X, B]$  for any map  $p: X \to A$  and any space B. However, there is an example in [13] such that  $DG(X, B) \neq DG^p(X, B) \neq [X, B]$ .

Let  $g: X \to Z$  be a map. A cocategory of a map is less than equal to k, cocat  $g \leq k$ ,[3] if there is a map  $\bar{g}: F_k^X \to Z$  such that  $\bar{g} \circ e_k^{'X} \sim g: X \to Z$ .

DEFINITION 3.3. Let X, Z be any two spaces. The mapcocategory of mapping space from X to Z is less than equal to k, mapcocat  $(X, Z) \leq k$ , means that for any map  $g: X \to Z$ , cocat  $g \leq k$ .

It is clear that mapcocat  $(X, Z) \leq k$  if and only if  $(e_k'^X)^{\#} : [F_k^X, Z] \to [X, Z]$  is an epimorphism.

PROPOSITION 3.4. cocat  $Z \leq k$  if and only if for any space X, mapcocat  $(X, Z) \leq k$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $cocat Z \leq k$ . Then there is a map  $s_k^{'Z} : F_k^Z \to Z$ ) such that  $s_k^{'Z} \circ e_k^{'Z} \sim 1$ . Let X be a space and  $g : X \to Z$  a map. We see  $F_k(g) \circ e_k^{'X} \sim e_k^{'Z} \circ g$  by the naturality of the construction of  $F_k^Z$  as is shown in the following homotopy commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
F_k^X & \xrightarrow{F_k(g)} & F_k^Z \\
 e_k'^X & e_k'^Z \\
 X & \xrightarrow{g} & Z.
\end{array}$$

Thus we have a map  $\bar{g} = s_k^{Z} \circ F_k(g) : F_k^X \to Z$  such that  $\bar{g} \circ e_k^{X} \sim g$ . Thus we know mapcocat  $(X, Z) \leq k$ . On the other hand, suppose that for any space X, the mapcocategory mapcocat  $(X, Z) \leq k$ . Taking X = Z and  $g = 1_Z$ , then we know that cocat  $Z \leq k$ .

PROPOSITION 3.5. cocat  $X \leq k$  if and only if for any space Z, mapcocat  $(X, Z) \leq k$ .

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Proof. Suppose that cocat  $X \leq k$ . Then there is a map  $s_k^{'X} : F_k^X \to X$ such that  $s_k^{'X} \circ e_k^{'X} \sim 1$ . Let Z be a space and  $g : X \to Z$  a map. Then we have  $(g \circ s_k^{'X}) \circ e_k^{'X} \sim 1_X \circ g \sim g$  and mapcat  $(X, Z) \leq k$ . On the other hand, suppose that for any space Z, the mapcocategory mapcocat  $(X, Z) \leq k$ . Taking Z = X and  $g = 1_X$ , then we know that cocat  $X \leq k$ .

It is introduced [18] that a space X is called  $DC_k^p$ -space for a map  $p: X \to A$  if  $e_k^{'X}: X \to F_k^X$  is p-cocyclic.

LEMMA 3.6. Let  $p: X \to A$  be a map. Then  $g: X \to B$  is p-cocyclic if and only if  $(g)^{\#}([B,Z]) \subset DG^p(X,Z)$  for any space Z.

Proof. Suppose that  $g: X \to B$  is *p*-cocyclic. Let *Z* be a space and  $h: B \to Z$  a map. Since  $g: X \to B$  is *p*-cocyclic, there is a map  $\theta: X \to A \lor B$  such that  $j\theta \sim (p \times g)\Delta$ , where  $j: A \lor B \to A \times B$  is the inclusion and  $\Delta: X \to X \times X$  is the diagonal map. Then  $\phi = (1 \lor h)\theta: X \to A \lor Z$  satisfies  $j\phi \sim (p \times hg)\Delta$ . Thus we have  $g^{\#}([B, Z]) \subset DG^{p}(X, Z)$  for any space *Z*. On the other hand, taking Z = B and  $1_{B}: B \to B \in [B, B]$ . Since  $g \sim g^{\#}(1_{B}) \in DG^{p}(X, B), g: X \to B$  is *p*-cocyclic.

THEOREM 3.7. [18] A space X is a  $DC_k^p$ -space for a map  $p: X \to A$  if and only if  $DG^p(X, Z) = [X, Z]$  for any space Z with cocat  $Z \leq k$ .

REMARK 3.8. If a space Z satisfy cocat  $Z \leq k$ , then also Z is a space with  $mapcocat(Z, X) \leq k$  from Proposition 3.4.

DEFINITION 3.9. Let  $p : X \to A$  be a map and Z a space with mapcocat  $(X, Z) \leq k$ . A space X is called a  $DWC_k^p$ -space with respect to a space Z if  $(e_k^{'X})^{\#}([F_k^X, Z]) \subset DG^p(X, Z)$ .

THEOREM 3.10. Let  $p : X \to A$  be a map and Z a space with mapcocat  $(X, Z) \leq k$ . Then a space X is a  $DWC_k^p$ -space with respect to Z if and only if  $DG^p(X, Z) = [X, Z]$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that X is a  $DWC_k^p$ -space with respect to Z. Since mapcocat  $(X,Z) \leq k$ ,  $(e_k^{'X})^{\#} : [F_k^X, Z] \to [X,Z]$  is an epimorphism. Since X is a  $DWC_k^p$ -space with respect to  $Z, [X,Z] = (e_k^{'X})^{\#}([F_k^X,Z]) \subset DG^p(X,Z)$  and  $DG^p(X,Z) = [X,Z]$ .

Conversely, assume that  $DG^p(X, Z) = [X, Z]$ . Thus we know  $(e'^X_k)^{\#}([F^X_k, Z]) = [X, Z] \subset G^p(X, Z)$  and X is a  $DWC^p_k$ -space with respect to Z.

We have the following corollary from Theorem 3.7 and Remark 3.8.

COROLLARY 3.11. X is a  $DC_k^p$ -space if and only if for each space Z with cocat  $Z \leq k, X$  is a  $DWC_k^p$ -space with respect to Z.

Let  $p: X \to A$  and  $q: Y \to A$  be any maps. Then it is known [18] that the relation  $DG^{\nabla(p \lor q)}(X \lor Y, B) \equiv DG^p(X, B) \times DG^q(Y, B)$  holds for any space B.

THEOREM 3.12. Let  $p: X \to A$  and  $q: Y \to A$  be any maps and Za space with mapcocat  $(X, Z) \leq k$ . Then the wedge space  $X \vee Y$  is a  $DWC_k^{\nabla(p \vee q)}$ -space with respect to Z if and only if X is a  $DWC_k^p$ -space with respect to Z and Y is a  $DWC_k^q$ -space with respect to Z.

Proof. If  $X \vee Y$  is a  $DWC_k^{\nabla(p \vee q)}$ -space with respect to Z, then we know, from Theorem 3.10 and the above fact, that  $DG^p(X, Z) \times DG^q(Y, Z) \equiv DG^{\nabla(p \vee q)}(X \vee Y, Z) = [X \vee Y, Z] \equiv [X, Z] \times [Y, Z]$ . Then we have  $DG^p(X, Z) = [X, Z]$  and  $DG^q(Y, Z) = [Y, Z]$ . Thus we know that X is a  $DWC_k^p$ -space with respect to Z and Y is a  $DWC_k^p$ -space with respect to Z. On the other hand, suppose that X is a  $DWC_k^p$ -space with respect to Z. Then  $DG^p(X, Z) = [X, Z]$ ,  $DG^q(Y, Z) = [Y, Z]$ . Thus we know  $DG^{\nabla(p \vee q)}(X \vee Y, Z) = [X, Z]$ ,  $DG^q(Y, Z) = [Y, Z]$ . Thus we know  $DG^{\nabla(p \vee q)}(X \vee Y, Z) \equiv DG^p(X, Z) \times DG^q(Y, Z) = [X, Z] \times [Y, Z] \equiv [X \vee Y, Z]$ . Thus  $X \vee Y$  is a  $DWC_k^{\nabla(p \vee q)}$ -space with respect to Z.

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