

## WEAK $C_k^f$ -SPACES FOR MAPS AND THEIR DUALS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we introduce and study the concepts of weak  $C_k^f$ -spaces for maps which are generalized concepts of  $C_k^f$ -spaces for maps, and introduce the dual concepts of weak  $C_k^f$ -spaces for maps 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 [9] and Stasheff [11];

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

For each  $1 \leq m \leq n$ , let  $j_{m,n}^X : P^m(\Omega X) \rightarrow P^n(\Omega X)$  and  $e_n^X : P^n(\Omega X) \rightarrow P^\infty(\Omega X) \simeq X$  be the natural inclusions. Let  $f : A \rightarrow X$  be a map. A space  $X$  is called [6] a  $C_k^f$ -space if the inclusion  $e_k^X : P^k(\Omega X) \rightarrow X$  is  $f$ -cyclic. It is known [6] that a space  $X$  is a  $C_k^f$ -space for a map  $f : A \rightarrow X$  if and only if  $G^f(Z, X) = [Z, X]$  for any space  $Z$  with  $\text{cat } Z \leq k$ .

In this paper, we introduce the concepts of weak  $C_k^f$ -spaces for maps which are generalizations of  $C_k^f$ -spaces for maps [6] and study some properties of weak  $C_k^f$ -spaces for maps. We show that a space  $X$  is a weak  $C_k^f$ -space for a map  $f : A \rightarrow X$  if and only if  $WG^f(Z, X) = [Z, X]$  for any space  $Z$  with  $\text{cat } Z \leq k$ . Let  $f : A \rightarrow X$  and  $g : B \rightarrow Y$  be any maps. Then we show that the product space  $X \times Y$  is a weak  $C_k^{(f \times g)}$ -space for a map  $(f \times g) : A \times B \rightarrow X \times Y$  if and only if  $X$  is a weak  $C_k^f$ -space for a map  $f : A \rightarrow X$  and  $Y$  is a weak  $C_k^g$ -space for a

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map  $g : B \rightarrow Y$ . We also introduce the dual concepts of weak  $C_k^f$ -spaces for maps and obtain some dual results.

## 2. Weak $C_k^f$ -spaces for maps

Let  $f : A \rightarrow X$  be a map. A based map  $g : B \rightarrow X$  is called *f-cyclic* [10] if there is a map  $\phi : B \times A \rightarrow X$  such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A \times B & \xrightarrow{\phi} & X \\ j \uparrow & & \nabla \uparrow \\ A \vee B & \xrightarrow{(f \vee g)} & X \vee X \end{array}$$

is homotopy commute, where  $j : A \vee B \rightarrow A \times B$  is the inclusion and  $\nabla : X \vee X \rightarrow X$  is the folding map. We call such a map  $\phi$  an *associated map* of a *f-cyclic* map  $g$ . Clearly,  $g$  is *f-cyclic* iff  $f$  is *g-cyclic*. In the case  $f = 1_X : X \rightarrow X$ , a map  $g : B \rightarrow X$  is called *cyclic* [12]. We denote the set of all homotopy classes of *f-cyclic* maps from  $B$  to  $X$  by  $G^f(B, X)$  which is called the *Gottlieb set for a map  $f : A \rightarrow X$* . In the case  $f = 1_X : X \rightarrow X$ , we called such a set  $G^1(B, X)$  as the *Gottlieb set*, denoted by  $G(B, X)$ . In particular,  $G^f(S^n, X)$  will be denoted by  $G_n^f(X)$  which is called the *Gottlieb Group for a map  $f : A \rightarrow X$* . Gottlieb [3] introduced and studied the *evaluation subgroups*  $G_n(X) = G_n^1(X)$  of  $\pi_n(X)$ . In general,  $G(B, X) \subset G^f(B, X) \subset [B, X]$  for any spaces  $A, B, X$  and any map  $f : A \rightarrow X$ .

It is shown [15] that  $G_5(S^5 \times S^5) \cong 2\mathbb{Z} \oplus 2\mathbb{Z} \neq G_5^{i_1}(S^5 \times S^5) \cong 2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \neq \pi_5(S^5 \times S^5) \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$ .

Let  $f : A \rightarrow X$  be a based map. A based map  $g : B \rightarrow X$  is called a *weakly f-cyclic* [17] if  $g_{\#}(\pi_n(B)) \subset G_n^f(X)$  for all  $n$ . In the case  $f = 1_X : X \rightarrow X$ , a map  $g : B \rightarrow X$  is called *weakly cyclic* [13]. The set of all homotopy classes of *weakly f-cyclic* maps from  $B$  to  $X$  is denoted by  $WG^f(B, X)$ . In the case  $f = 1_X : X \rightarrow X$ , we called such a set  $WG^1(B, X)$  as the *weak Gottlieb set*, denoted by  $WG(B, X)$ . In particular,  $WG^f(S^n, X)$  will be denoted by  $WG_n^f(X)$  which is called the *weak Gottlieb group for a map  $f : A \rightarrow X$* . It is known [13] that any *cyclic* map is a *weakly cyclic* map, but the converse does not hold. That means, in general,  $G(B, X) \subsetneq WG(B, X)$  and  $G^f(B, X) \subset WG^f(B, X)$ . A space  $X$  is called a *G-space* [3] if  $G_n(X) = \pi_n(X)$  for all  $n$ . A space  $X$  is called a *G<sup>f</sup>-space* for a map  $f : A \rightarrow X$  [17] if  $G_n^f(X) = \pi_n(X)$  for all  $n$ .

LEMMA 2.1. *Let  $f : A \rightarrow X$ ,  $g : B \rightarrow Y$  be maps. If  $\alpha : Z \rightarrow X$  is a weakly  $f$ -cyclic map and  $\theta : C \rightarrow Z$  is an arbitrary map, then  $\alpha \circ \theta : C \rightarrow X$  is a weakly  $f$ -cyclic map.*

*Proof.* Since  $\alpha : Z \rightarrow X$  is a weakly  $f$ -cyclic map,  $(\alpha \circ \theta)_\#(\pi_n(C)) = \alpha_\# \circ \theta_\#(\pi_n(C)) \subset \alpha_\#(\pi_n(Z)) \subset G_n^f(X)$  for all  $n$ . Thus we know  $\alpha \circ \theta : C \rightarrow X$  is a weakly  $f$ -cyclic map.  $\square$

We can obtain, from the above definition, the following proposition.

PROPOSITION 2.2. *The followings are equivalent;*

- (1)  $X$  is a  $G^f$ -space for a map  $f : A \rightarrow X$
- (2)  $1_X : X \rightarrow X$  is weakly  $f$ -cyclic
- (3)  $WG^f(Z, X) = [Z, X]$  for any space  $Z$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2). It follows from the definition of  $G^f$ -space. (2) implies (3). For any space  $Z$ , let  $g : Z \rightarrow X$  be any map. Then we know, from Lemma 2.1, that  $g = 1_X \circ g : Z \rightarrow X$  is a weakly  $f$ -cyclic. (3) implies (2). Taking  $Z = X$ , then  $1_X : X \rightarrow X$  is a weakly  $f$ -cyclic map.  $\square$

It is known that any space  $X$  is filtered by the projective spaces of  $\Omega X$  by a result of Milnor [9] and Stasheff [11];

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For each  $1 \leq m \leq n$ , let  $j_{m,n}^X : P^m(\Omega X) \rightarrow P^n(\Omega X)$  and  $e_k^X : P^k(\Omega X) \rightarrow P^\infty(\Omega X) \simeq X$  be the natural inclusions.

Let  $f : A \rightarrow X$  be a map. A space  $X$  is called [6] a  $C_k^f$ -space for a map  $f : A \rightarrow X$  if the inclusion  $e_k^X : P^k(\Omega X) \rightarrow X$  is  $f$ -cyclic.

THEOREM 2.3. ([1],[2]) *The category  $\text{cat } X \leq k$  if and only if  $e_k^X : P^k(\Omega X) \rightarrow X$  has a right homotopy inverse.*

It is known [6] that a space  $X$  is a  $C_k^f$ -space for a map  $f : A \rightarrow X$  if and only if  $G^f(Z, X) = [Z, X]$  for any space  $Z$  with  $\text{cat } Z \leq k$ .

DEFINITION 2.4. *Let  $f : A \rightarrow X$  be a map. A space  $X$  is called a weak  $C_k^f$ -space for a map  $f : A \rightarrow X$  if  $e_k^X : P^k(\Omega X) \rightarrow X$  is a weakly  $f$ -cyclic map.*

$\Sigma X$  denote the reduced suspension of  $X$  and  $\Omega X$  denote the based loop space of  $X$ . The adjoint functor from the group  $[\Sigma X, Y]$  to the group  $[X, \Omega Y]$  will be denoted by  $\tau$ . The symbols  $e$  and  $e'$  denote  $\tau^{-1}(1_{\Omega X})$  and  $\tau(1_{\Sigma X})$  respectively.

PROPOSITION 2.5.

- (1) Any weak  $C_n^f$ -space for a map  $f : A \rightarrow X$  is a weak  $C_m^f$ -space for a map  $f : A \rightarrow X$  for  $1 \leq m \leq n$ .
- (2)  $X$  is a weak  $C_1^f$ -space for a map  $f : A \rightarrow X$  if and only if  $WG^f(\Sigma B, X) = [\Sigma B, X]$  for any space  $B$ .

*Proof.* (1) Since  $e_m^X \sim e_n^X \circ j_{m,n}^X : P^m(\Omega X) \rightarrow X$  and  $e_n^X : P^n(\Omega X) \rightarrow X$  is a weakly  $f$ -cyclic map, we know, from Lemma 2.1, that any weak  $C_n^f$ -space for a map  $f : A \rightarrow X$  is a weak  $C_m^f$ -space for a map  $f : A \rightarrow X$  for  $1 \leq m \leq n$ . (2) Suppose  $X$  is a weak  $C_1^f$ -space for a map  $f : A \rightarrow X$ . Thus  $e : \Sigma \Omega X = P^1(\Omega X) \rightarrow X$  is a weakly  $f$ -cyclic map. Let  $B$  be any space and  $g : \Sigma B \rightarrow X$  a map. Then we know, from Lemma 2.1, that  $g = e \circ \Sigma \tau(g) : \Sigma B \rightarrow X$  is weakly  $f$ -cyclic. On the other hand, taking  $B = \Omega X$ ,  $e : \Sigma \Omega X \rightarrow X$  is a weakly  $f$ -cyclic map. Thus  $X$  is a weak  $C_1^f$ -space for a map  $f : A \rightarrow X$ .  $\square$

THEOREM 2.6. *Let  $f : A \rightarrow X$  be a map. Then  $X$  is a weak  $C_k^f$ -space for a map  $f : A \rightarrow X$  if and only if  $WG^f(Z, X) = [Z, X]$  for any space  $Z$  with  $\text{cat } Z \leq k$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $X$  is a weak  $C_k^f$ -space. Then  $e_k^X : P^k(\Omega X) \rightarrow X$  is weakly  $f$ -cyclic. Let  $Z$  be a space with  $\text{cat } Z \leq k$  and  $g : Z \rightarrow X$  any map. Since  $\text{cat } Z \leq k$ , there exists a map  $s_k^Z : Z \rightarrow P^k(\Omega Z)$  such that  $e_k^Z \circ s_k^Z \sim 1_Z$ . We see  $g \circ e_k^Z \sim e_k^X \circ P^k(\Omega g)$  by the naturality of the construction of  $P^k(\Omega Z)$ . Thus we know, from Lemma 2.1, that  $g \sim g \circ e_k^Z \circ s_k^Z \sim e_k^X \circ (P^k(\Omega g) \circ s_k^Z) : Z \rightarrow X$  is weakly  $f$ -cyclic. It follows that  $WG^f(Z, X) = [Z, X]$ . Conversely, assume that  $WG^f(Z, X) = [Z, X]$  for any space  $Z$  with  $\text{cat } Z \leq k$ . It is known that  $\text{cat } C_\theta \leq \text{cat } Y + 1$  for any map  $\theta : X \rightarrow Y$ . Thus  $\text{cat } P^k(\Omega X) = \text{cat } C_\theta \leq \text{cat } P^{k-1}(\Omega X) + 1$ , where  $\theta : (\Omega X) * \cdots * (\Omega X) \rightarrow P^{k-1}(\Omega X)$  is the map. By induction, we have  $\text{cat } P^k(\Omega X) \leq k$ . Thus we know that  $e_k : P^k(\Omega X) \rightarrow X$  is weakly  $f$ -cyclic by our assumption, and hence  $X$  is a weak  $C_k^f$ -space for a map  $f : A \rightarrow X$ .  $\square$

We have the following corollary from Theorem 2.6, Proposition 2.2 and Proposition 2.5.

COROLLARY 2.7. *Any  $G^f$ -space is a weak  $C_k^f$ -space and any weak  $C_k^f$ -space is a weak  $C_1^f$ -space.*

We can easily obtain the following proposition.

PROPOSITION 2.8.

- (1) For any map  $f : A \rightarrow X$ ,  $i : C \rightarrow A$  and any space  $Z$ ,  $G^f(Z, X) \subset G^{f \circ i}(Z, X)$ .
- (2) If  $r : X \rightarrow Y$  is a map, then  $r_{\#} : G^f(Z, X) \rightarrow G^{r \circ f}(Z, Y)$  for any space  $Z$ .

PROPOSITION 2.9. [6] Let  $f : A \rightarrow X$  and  $g : B \rightarrow Y$  be any maps. The relation

$$G^{(f \times g)}(Z, X \times Y) \cong G^f(Z, X) \times G^g(Z, Y)$$

holds for any space  $Z$  (under the identification  $[Z, X \times Y] \cong [Z, X] \times [Z, Y]$ ).

LEMMA 2.10. Let  $f : A \rightarrow X$ ,  $g : B \rightarrow Y$  be maps.

- (1) If  $\alpha : Z \rightarrow X$  is weakly  $f$ -cyclic and  $\beta : Z \rightarrow Y$  is weakly  $g$ -cyclic, then  $(\alpha \times \beta)\Delta : Z \rightarrow X \times Y$  is weakly  $(f \times g)$ -cyclic.
- (2) If  $r : X \rightarrow Y$  is a map, then  $r_{\#} : WG^f(Z, X) \rightarrow WG^{r \circ f}(Z, Y)$  for any space  $Z$ .

*Proof.* (1) Since  $\alpha : Z \rightarrow X$  is weakly  $f$ -cyclic and  $\beta : Z \rightarrow Y$  is weakly  $g$ -cyclic, we have, from Proposition 2.9, that  $((\alpha \times \beta)\Delta)_{\#}(\pi_n(Z)) \cong \alpha_{\#}(\pi_n(Z)) \times \beta_{\#}(\pi_n(Z)) \subset G_n^f(X) \times G_n^g(X) \cong G_n^{f \times g}(X \times X)$ . Thus  $(\alpha \times \beta)\Delta : Z \rightarrow X \times Y$  is weakly  $(f \times g)$ -cyclic. (2) Let  $g : Z \rightarrow X$  be a weakly  $f$ -cyclic map. Then  $g_{\#}(\pi_n(Z)) \subset G_n^f(X)$  for all  $n$ . Thus we know, from Proposition 2.8(2), that  $(r \circ g)_{\#}(\pi_n(Z)) = r_{\#} \circ g_{\#}(\pi_n(Z)) \subset r_{\#}(G_n^f(X)) \subset G_n^{r \circ f}(Y)$ . Thus we have  $r_{\#} : WG^f(Z, X) \rightarrow WG^{r \circ f}(Z, Y)$  for any space  $Z$ .  $\square$

PROPOSITION 2.11. Let  $f : A \rightarrow X$ ,  $g : B \rightarrow Y$  be maps. Then  $WG^{(f \times g)}(Z, X \times Y) \cong WG^f(Z, X) \times WG^g(Z, Y)$  for any space  $Z$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\alpha : Z \rightarrow X$  and  $\beta : Z \rightarrow Y$  be maps. Suppose that  $(\alpha, \beta) \in WG^f(Z, X) \times WG^g(Z, Y)$ . We know, from Lemma 2.10(1), that  $(\alpha \times \beta) \circ \Delta_Z$  is weakly  $f \times g$ -cyclic and  $(\alpha \times \beta) \circ \Delta_Z \in WG^{f \times g}(Z, X \times Y)$ , where  $\Delta_Z : Z \rightarrow Z \times Z$  is the diagonal map. Conversely, suppose that  $(\alpha \times \beta)\Delta \in WG^{f \times g}(Z, X \times Y)$ . Let  $p_1 : X \times Y \rightarrow X$  and  $p_2 : X \times Y \rightarrow Y$  be the projections and  $i_1 : X \rightarrow X \times Y$  and  $i_2 : Y \rightarrow X \times Y$  be the inclusions defined by  $i_1(x) = (x, y_0)$  and  $i_2(y) = (x_0, y)$  for any  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$ , where  $x_0 \in X$  and  $y_0 \in Y$  are base points. Then we have, from Lemma 2.10(2), that  $\alpha \sim p_1 \circ (\alpha \times \beta)\Delta$  is weakly  $p_1 \circ (f \times g)$ -cyclic and  $\alpha$  is weakly  $f \sim p_1 \circ (f \times g) \circ i_1$ -cyclic. Similarly  $\beta \sim p_2 \circ (\alpha \times \beta)\Delta$  is weakly  $g \sim p_2 \circ (f \times g) \circ i_2$ -cyclic. It follows that  $\alpha \in WG^f(Z, X)$  and  $\beta \in WG^g(Z, Y)$ . Thus  $(\alpha, \beta) \in WG^f(Z, X) \times WG^g(Z, Y)$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 2.12.** *Let  $f : A \rightarrow X$ ,  $g : B \rightarrow Y$  be maps. Then  $X \times Y$  is a weak  $C_k^{(f \times g)}$ -space for a map  $(f \times g) : A \times B \rightarrow X \times Y$  if and only if  $X$  is a weak  $C_k^f$ -space for a map  $f : A \rightarrow X$  and  $Y$  is a weak  $C_k^g$ -space for a map  $g : B \rightarrow Y$ .*

*Proof.* If  $X \times Y$  is a weak  $C_k^{(f \times g)}$ -space for a map  $(f \times g) : A \times B \rightarrow X \times Y$ , then for any space  $Z$  with  $\text{cat } Z \leq k$  we see, from Theorem 2.6 and Proposition 2.11, that  $WG^f(Z, X) \times WG^g(Z, Y) \cong WG^{(f \times g)}(Z, X \times Y) = [Z, X \times Y] \cong [Z, X] \times [Z, Y]$ , and hence  $WG^f(Z, X) = [Z, X]$  and  $WG^g(Z, Y) = [Z, Y]$ . Thus  $X$  is a weak  $C_k^f$ -space for a map  $f : A \rightarrow X$  and  $Y$  is a weak  $C_k^g$ -space for a map  $g : B \rightarrow Y$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $X$  is a weak  $C_k^f$ -space for a map  $f : A \rightarrow X$  and  $Y$  is a weak  $C_k^g$ -space for a map  $g : B \rightarrow Y$ . Then  $WG^f(Z, X) = [Z, X]$  and  $WG^g(Z, Y) = [Z, Y]$  for any space  $Z$  with  $\text{cat } Z \leq k$ . It follows that  $WG^{(f \times g)}(Z, X \times Y) \cong WG^f(Z, X) \times WG^g(Z, Y) = [Z, X] \times [Z, Y] \cong [Z, X \times Y]$  for any space  $Z$  with  $\text{cat } Z \leq k$ . Thus  $X \times Y$  is a weak  $C_k^{(f \times g)}$ -space for a map  $(f \times g) : A \times B \rightarrow X \times Y$ .  $\square$

### 3. Weak $DC_k^p$ -spaces for maps

In [2], Ganea introduced the concept of cocategory of a space as follows; Let  $X$  be any space. Define a sequence of cofibrations

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

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

**DEFINITION 3.1.** [2] *The cocategory of  $X$ ,  $\text{cocat } X$ , is the least integer  $k \geq 0$  for which there is a map  $r : F_k \rightarrow X$  such that  $r \circ e'_k \sim 1$ . If there is no such integer,  $\text{cocat } X = \infty$ .*

The following remark can easily be obtained from the above definition.

**REMARK 3.2.**  *$\text{cocat } X \leq k$  if and only if  $e'_k : X \rightarrow F_k$  has a left homotopy inverse.*

For a map  $p : X \rightarrow A$ , a based map  $g : X \rightarrow B$  is *p-cocyclic* [10] if there is a map  $\theta : X \rightarrow A \vee B$  such that  $j\theta \sim (p \times g)\Delta$ , where  $j : A \vee B \rightarrow A \times B$  is the inclusion and  $\Delta : X \rightarrow X \times X$  is the diagonal map. The dual Gottlieb set for a map  $p : X \rightarrow A$ ,  $DG^p(X, B)$ , is the set of all homotopy classes of *p-cocyclic* maps from  $X$  to  $B$ . In the case  $p = 1_X : X \rightarrow X$ , 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  $B$ . We can identify  $H^n(X; \pi)$  with  $[X, K(\pi, n)]$ , and defined the coevaluation subgroup  $G^n(X; \pi)$  of  $H^n(X; \pi)$  to be the set of all homotopy classes of cocyclic maps from  $X$  to  $K(\pi, n)$ . The group  $G^n(X) = G^n(X; \mathbb{Z})$  is the dual of Gottlieb group  $G_n(X)$  of  $\pi_n(X)$  for all  $n$ . A space  $X$  is called a  $G'$ -space [4] if  $G^n(X) = H^n(X)$  for all  $n$ . In particular,  $DG^p(X, K(\mathbb{Z}, n))$  will be denoted by  $G_p^n(X)$  which is called the *dual Gottlieb group for a map p : X → A*.

In general,  $DG(X, B) \subset DG^p(X, B) \subset [X, B]$  for any map  $p : X \rightarrow A$  and any space  $B$ . However, there is an example in [14] such that  $DG(X, B) \neq DG^p(X, B) \neq [X, B]$ .

It is introduced [19] that a space  $X$  is called  $DC_k^p$ -space for a map  $p : X \rightarrow A$  if  $e_k'^X : X \rightarrow F_k^X$  is *p-cocyclic*. It is known [18] that for a map  $p : X \rightarrow A$ ,  $g : X \rightarrow B$  is *p-cocyclic* if and only if  $g^*([B, Z]) \subset DG^p(X, Z)$  for any space  $Z$ .

**DEFINITION 3.3.** Let  $p : X \rightarrow A$  be a map, a map  $g : X \rightarrow B$  is called a *weakly p-cocyclic map* if  $g^*(H^n(B)) \subset G_p^n(X)$  for all  $n$ . The set of all homotopy classes of weakly *p-cocyclic* maps from  $X$  to  $B$  is denoted by  $WDG^p(X, B)$ . In particular,  $WDG^p(X, K(\mathbb{Z}, n))$  will be denoted by  $WG_p^n(X)$  which is called the *weak Gottlieb group for a map p : X → A*.

Clearly any *p-cocyclic*  $g : X \rightarrow B$  is a weakly *p-cocyclic*, but the converse does not hold. It is well known [4] that  $\mathbb{R}P^2$  is a  $G'$ -space, but not co- $H$ -space. Thus we easily know that  $1 : \mathbb{R}P^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}P^2$  is weakly cocyclic, but not cocyclic.

We showed [19] that a space  $X$  is a  $DC_k^p$ -space for a map  $p : X \rightarrow A$  if and only if  $DG^p(X, Z) = [X, Z]$  for any space  $Z$  with  $\text{cocat } Z \leq k$ .

**DEFINITION 3.4.** Let  $p : X \rightarrow A$  be a map. A space  $X$  is called a *weak  $DC_k^p$ -space for a map p : X → A* if  $e_k'^X : X \rightarrow F_k^X$  is a weakly *p-cocyclic*, that is,  $(e_k'^X)^*(H^n(F_k^X)) \subset G_p^n(X)$  for all  $n$ .

**THEOREM 3.5.** Let  $p : X \rightarrow A$  be a map. Then a space  $X$  is a weak  $DC_k^p$ -space for a map  $p : X \rightarrow A$  if and only if  $WDG^p(X, Z) = [X, Z]$  for any space  $Z$  with  $\text{cocat } Z \leq k$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $X$  is a weak  $DC_k^p$ -space for a map  $p : X \rightarrow A$ . Let  $Z$  be a space with  $\text{cocat } Z \leq k$  and  $g : X \rightarrow Z$  any map. For any  $n$ , let  $\alpha : Z \rightarrow K(\mathbb{Z}, n)$  be any map. Since  $\text{cocat } Z \leq k$ , there is a map  $s : F_k \rightarrow Z$  such that  $s \circ e'_k \sim 1_Z$ . Since  $e'_k : X \rightarrow F_k$  is weakly  $p$ -cocyclic,  $\alpha \circ s \circ F_k(g) \circ e'_k : X \rightarrow K(\mathbb{Z}, n)$  is  $p$ -cocyclic. Thus we have a map  $\theta : X \rightarrow A \vee K(\mathbb{Z}, n)$  such that  $j\theta \sim (p \times (\alpha \circ s \circ F_k(g) \circ e'_k))\Delta$ , where  $j : A \vee K(\mathbb{Z}, n) \rightarrow A \times K(\mathbb{Z}, n)$  is the inclusion and  $\Delta : X \rightarrow X \times X$  is the diagonal map. Interpreting  $F_k$  as a functor, we have the following homotopy commutative diagram;

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X & \xrightarrow{g} & Z & & \\ \downarrow e'_k & & \downarrow e'_k & \searrow 1 & \\ F_k(X) & \xrightarrow{F_k(g)} & F_k(Z) & \xrightarrow{s} & Z \xrightarrow{\alpha} K(\mathbb{Z}, n). \end{array}$$

Thus we have that  $\alpha \circ s \circ F_k(g) \circ e'_k \sim \alpha \circ g : X \rightarrow K(\mathbb{Z}, n)$  and  $\alpha \circ g : X \rightarrow K(\mathbb{Z}, n)$  is  $p$ -cocyclic. Thus we know that  $g$  is a weakly  $p$ -cocyclic map and  $WDG^p(X, Z) = [X, Z]$  for any space  $Z$  with  $\text{cocat } Z \leq k$ . On the other hand, we assume that for any space  $Z$  with  $\text{cocat } Z \leq k$ ,  $WDG^p(X, Z) = [X, Z]$ . It is well known [1] that if  $F \xrightarrow{i} E \xrightarrow{p} B$  is a fibration, then  $\text{cocat } F \leq \text{cocat } E + 1$ . From the fact that  $F_k \simeq F'_k \rightarrow F_{k-1} \xrightarrow{s'_{k-1}} B_{k-1}$  is a fibration, we know that  $\text{cocat } F_k \leq \text{cocat } F_{k-1} + 1$ . Then we have, by induction,  $\text{cocat } F_k \leq k$ . Thus we know, by our assumption, that  $e'_k : X \rightarrow F_k$  is weakly  $p$ -cocyclic and  $X$  is a weak  $DC_k^p$ -space for a map  $p : X \rightarrow A$ .  $\square$

**PROPOSITION 3.6.** *Let  $p : X \rightarrow A$  and  $q : Y \rightarrow A$  be any maps. Then the relation*

$$WDG^{\nabla(p \vee q)}(X \vee Y, B) \equiv WDG^p(X, B) \times WDG^q(Y, B)$$

*holds for any space  $B$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $g : X \vee Y \rightarrow B$  be a weakly  $\nabla(p \vee q)$ -cocyclic map. For any  $n$ , let  $\alpha : B \rightarrow K(\mathbb{Z}, n)$  be any map. Since  $\alpha \circ g : X \vee Y \rightarrow K(\mathbb{Z}, n)$  is  $\nabla(p \vee q)$ -cocyclic, there is a map  $G : X \vee Y \rightarrow A \vee K(\mathbb{Z}, n)$  such that  $jG \sim ((\nabla(p \vee q)) \times (\alpha \circ g))\Delta$ , where  $j : A \vee K(\mathbb{Z}, n) \rightarrow A \times K(\mathbb{Z}, n)$  is the inclusion and  $\Delta : X \vee Y \rightarrow (X \vee Y) \times (X \vee Y)$  is the diagonal. Consider the maps  $G_1 = G \circ i_1 : X \rightarrow A \vee K(\mathbb{Z}, n)$  and  $G_2 = G \circ i_2 : Y \rightarrow A \vee K(\mathbb{Z}, n)$ , where  $i_1 : X \rightarrow X \vee Y$ ,  $i_2 : Y \rightarrow X \vee Y$  are natural inclusions. Then  $j \circ G_1 \sim (p \times (\alpha \circ g \circ i_1))\Delta$ ,  $j \circ G_2 \sim (q \times (\alpha \circ g \circ i_2))\Delta$ , where  $i_1 : X \rightarrow X \vee Y$ ,  $i_2 : Y \rightarrow X \vee Y$  are natural inclusions. Thus we know



$(g \circ i_1, g \circ i_2) \in WDG^p(X, B) \times WDG^q(Y, B)$ . On the other hand, let  $(g_1, g_2) \in WDG^p(X, B) \times WDG^q(Y, B)$ . For any  $n$ , let  $\alpha : B \rightarrow K(\mathbb{Z}, n)$  be any map. Since  $g_1 : X \rightarrow B$  is weakly  $p$ -cocyclic and  $g_2 : Y \rightarrow B$  is weakly  $q$ -cocyclic, there are maps  $G_1 : X \rightarrow A \vee K(\mathbb{Z}, n)$  and  $G_2 : Y \rightarrow A \vee K(\mathbb{Z}, n)$  such that  $j \circ G_1 \sim (p \times (\alpha \circ g_1))\Delta$ ,  $j \circ G_2 \sim (q \times (\alpha \circ g_2))\Delta$  respectively. Let  $T : A \vee K(\mathbb{Z}, n) \vee A \vee K(\mathbb{Z}, n) \rightarrow A \vee A \vee K(\mathbb{Z}, n) \vee K(\mathbb{Z}, n)$  be the switching map. Then consider the map  $G = (\nabla \vee \nabla) \circ T \circ (G_1 \vee G_2) : X \vee Y \rightarrow A \vee K(\mathbb{Z}, n)$ . Then  $j \circ G \sim ((\nabla(p \vee q) \times \alpha \circ \nabla(g_1 \vee g_2))\Delta$ , where  $\Delta : X \vee Y \rightarrow (X \vee Y) \times (X \vee Y)$  is the diagonal map. Thus we know  $\nabla(g_1 \vee g_2) \in WDG^{\nabla(p \vee q)}(X \vee Y, B)$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.7.** *Let  $p : X \rightarrow A$  and  $q : Y \rightarrow A$  be any maps. Then the wedge space  $X \vee Y$  is a weak  $DC_k^{\nabla(p \vee q)}$ -space for a map  $\nabla(p \vee q) : X \vee Y \rightarrow A$  if and only if  $X$  is a weak  $DC_k^p$ -space for a map  $p : X \rightarrow A$  and  $Y$  is a weak  $DC_k^q$ -space for a map  $q : Y \rightarrow A$ .*

*Proof.* If  $X \vee Y$  is a weak  $DC_k^{\nabla(p \vee q)}$ -space for a map  $\nabla(p \vee q) : X \vee Y \rightarrow A$ , then we know, from Theorem 3.5 and Proposition 3.6, that  $WDG^p(X, Z) \times WDG^q(Y, Z) \equiv WDG^{\nabla(p \vee q)}(X \vee Y, Z) = [X \vee Y, Z] \equiv [X, Z] \times [Y, Z]$  for any space  $Z$  with  $\text{cocat } Z \leq k$ . Thus  $WDG^p(X, Z) = [X, Z]$ ,  $WDG^q(Y, Z) = [Y, Z]$  and  $X$  is a weak  $DC_k^p$ -space for a map  $p : X \rightarrow A$  and  $Y$  is a weak  $DC_k^q$ -space for a map  $q : Y \rightarrow A$ . On the other hand, suppose that  $X$  is a weak  $DC_k^p$ -space for a map  $p : X \rightarrow A$  and  $Y$  is a weak  $DC_k^q$ -space for a map  $q : Y \rightarrow A$ . Then we know that  $WDG^p(X, Z) = [X, Z]$ ,  $WDG^q(Y, Z) = [Y, Z]$  for any space  $Z$  with  $\text{cocat } Z \leq k$ . Thus we have, from Proposition 3.6, that  $WDG^{\nabla(p \vee q)}(X \vee Y, Z) \equiv WDG^p(X, Z) \times WDG^q(Y, Z) = [X, Z] \times [Y, Z] \equiv [X \vee Y, Z]$  for any space  $Z$  with  $\text{cocat } Z \leq k$ . Thus we know, from Theorem 3.5, that  $X \vee Y$  is a weak  $DC_k^{\nabla(p \vee q)}$ -space for a map  $\nabla(p \vee q) : X \vee Y \rightarrow A$ .  $\square$

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