

# **The homotopy types of** *SU(n)***-gauge groups over** C*P***<sup>3</sup>**

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#### **Abstract**

Let *m* and *n* be two positive integers such that  $m \leq n$  and  $n \geq 3$ . In this article, by the unstable *K*-theory method, we will study the homotopy types of gauge groups of the principal *SU*(*n*)-bundles over  $\mathbb{C}P^3$ . Let  $\mathcal{G}_{l,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3)$  be the gauge groups of the principal  $SU(n)$ -bundles over  $\mathbb{C}P^3$ , we will partially classify the homotopy types of  $\mathcal{G}_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3)$  by showing that if there is a homotopy equivalence  $\mathcal{G}_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3) \simeq \mathcal{G}_{0,k'}(\mathbb{C}P^3)$  then we have  $(\frac{1}{2}(n-1)n(n+1)(n+2), k) = (\frac{1}{2}(n-1)n(n+1)(n+2), k')$ , when *n* is odd and  $(\frac{1}{4}(n-1)n(n+1))$  $1)n(n + 1)(n + 2)$ ,  $k$ ) =  $(\frac{1}{4}(n - 1)n(n + 1)(n + 2)$ ,  $k'$ ), when *n* is even.

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## **1 Introduction**

Let *G* be a topological group and let *M* be a topological space. Let  $P \rightarrow M$  be a principal *G*-bundle over *M*. The gauge group of this principal *G*-bundle, denote by  $\mathcal{G}(P)$ , is the topological group of automorphisms of *P*, where an automorphism of *P* is a *G*-equivariant self map of *P* covering the identity map of *M*. The main problem is to classify the homotopy types of *G*(*P*) as P ranges over all principal *G*-bundles over *M* for fixed *G* and *M*.

When *G* is a simple, simply-connected compact Lie group and *M* is a simply-connected closed four-manifold, then there is a one-to-one correspondence between the set of isomorphism classes of principal *G*-bundles over *M* and the homotopy set  $[M, BG] \cong \mathbb{Z}$ . Thus there are countably many equivalence classes of principal *G*-bundles over *M*. Each has a gauge group, so there are potentially countably many distinct gauge groups. While there are countably many inequivalent principal G-bundles, Crabb and Sutherland in [\[3](#page-17-0)] showed that their gauge groups have only finitely many distinct homotopy types. Let  $P_k \to M$  represent the equivalence class of principal *G*-bundle whose second Chern class is *k* and  $\mathcal{G}_k(M)$  be the gauge group of this principal *G*-bundle. In recent years there has been considerable interest

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in determining the precise number of homotopy types of these gauge groups and explicit classification results have been obtained. Let  $(a, b)$  be the their greatest common divisor of two integers *a* and *b*. When *M* is a spin 4-manifold, Theriault [\[14\]](#page-17-1) showed that there is a homotopy equivalence

$$
\mathcal{G}_k(M) \simeq \mathcal{G}_k(S^4) \times \prod_{i=1}^t \Omega^2 G,
$$

where *t* is the second Betti number of *M*. Thus the homotopy type of  $\mathcal{G}_k(M)$  depends on the special case  $\mathcal{G}_k(S^4)$ . Many cases of homotopy types of  $\mathcal{G}_k(S^4)$  have been studied. When M is a non-spin 4-manifold, So  $[11]$  showed that there is a homotopy equivalence

$$
\mathcal{G}_k(M) \simeq \mathcal{G}_k(\mathbb{C}P^2) \times \prod_{i=1}^{t-1} \Omega^2 G.
$$

Thus the homotopy type of  $G_k(M)$  depends on the special case  $G_k(\mathbb{C}P^2)$ . Only a few of the homotopy types of gauge groups over simply-connected non-spin four-manifolds have been studied, which we mention some results in the following.

- $\bullet$  *U*(*n*)-gauge groups [\[2](#page-17-3)];
- for  $G = SU(2), \mathcal{G}_k(M) \simeq \mathcal{G}_{k'}(M)$  if and only if  $(6, k) = (6, k')$  [\[7](#page-17-4)];
- if  $G = SU(3)$  then an integral homotopy equivalence  $\mathcal{G}_k(M) \simeq \mathcal{G}_{k'}(M)$  implies that  $(12, k) = (12k')$ , while  $(12, k) = (12k')$  implies that there is a homotopy equivalence  $\mathcal{G}_k(M) \simeq \mathcal{G}_{k'}(M)$  after localizing rationally or at any prime [\[13\]](#page-17-5);
- for  $G = Sp(2)$ , if  $G_k(M) \simeq G_{k'}(M)$  then  $(20, k) = (20, k')$ , and conversely, if  $(20, k) =$  $(20, k')$  then  $\mathcal{G}_k(M) \simeq \mathcal{G}_{k'}(M)$  when localized rationally or at any prime [\[12](#page-17-6)];
- for  $G = Sp(n)$ , if there is a homotopy equivalence  $\mathcal{G}_k(\mathbb{C}P^2) \simeq \mathcal{G}_{k'}(\mathbb{C}P^2)$  then we have  $(4n(2n + 1), k) = (4n(2n + 1), k')$  [\[8](#page-17-7)].

So in [\[10\]](#page-17-8) studies the homotopy types of *SU*(*n*)-gauge groups over non-spin 4-manifolds and shows that if  $G_k(\mathbb{C}P^2)$  is homotopy equivalent to  $G_{k'}(\mathbb{C}P^2)$ , then  $(\frac{1}{2}(n-1)n(n+1), k)$  =  $(\frac{1}{2}(n-1)n(n+1), k')$ , if *n* is odd and  $((n-1)n(n+1), k) = ((n-1)n(n+1), k')$ , if *n* is even.

In this article, we will study the homotopy types of  $SU(n)$ -gauge groups over  $\mathbb{C}P^3$  for  $n > 2$ . This is the first time  $\mathbb{C}P^3$  gauge groups have been studied. Note that there is a oneto-one correspondence between the set of isomorphism classes of principal  $SU(n)$ -bundles over  $\mathbb{C}P^3$  and the homotopy set  $[\mathbb{C}P^3, BSU(n)] \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$ . One copy of  $\mathbb Z$  corresponds to multiples of the map

$$
\varepsilon_1\colon \mathbb{C}P^3\stackrel{pinch}{\longrightarrow} S^6\stackrel{\epsilon_1}{\longrightarrow} BSU(n),
$$

where  $\epsilon_1$  generates  $\pi_6(BSU(n)) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ . The other copy of  $\mathbb Z$  corresponds to multiples of the map

$$
\varepsilon_2\colon \mathbb{C}P^3\to \mathbb{C}P^3/\mathbb{C}P^1\simeq S^4\vee S^6\stackrel{pinch}{\longrightarrow} S^4\stackrel{\varepsilon_2}{\longrightarrow} BSU(n),
$$

<span id="page-1-0"></span>where  $\epsilon_2$  generates  $\pi_4(BSU(n)) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ . Therefore the gauge groups are doubly-indexed, with  $\mathcal{G}_{l,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3)$  corresponding to the principal  $SU(n)$ -bundle determined by the map  $l\varepsilon_1 + k\varepsilon_2$ . Since the classification results for  $\mathcal{G}_{l,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3)$  with  $l \neq 0$  are more complex, we will not study the homotopy types of  $\mathcal{G}_{l,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3)$  and only consider the case  $\mathcal{G}_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3)$ . We will partially classify the homotopy types of  $\mathcal{G}_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3)$  by using unstable *K*-theory to give a lower bound for the number of homotopy types. We will prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.1** *Let*  $n > 2$ , *if*  $\mathcal{G}_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3)$  *is homotopy equivalent to*  $\mathcal{G}_{0,k'}(\mathbb{C}P^3)$  *then we have* 

$$
\begin{cases} \left(\frac{1}{2}(n-1)n(n+1)(n+2), k\right) = \left(\frac{1}{2}(n-1)n(n+1)(n+2), k'\right) \text{ if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ \left(\frac{1}{4}(n-1)n(n+1)(n+2), k\right) = \left(\frac{1}{4}(n-1)n(n+1)(n+2), k'\right) \text{ if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}
$$

## **2 Preliminaries**

Let  $BSU(n)$  and  $BG_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3)$  be the classifying spaces of  $SU(n)$  and  $\mathcal{G}_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3)$  respectively. Also, let  $Map_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3, BSU(n))$  and  $Map_{0,k}^*(\mathbb{C}P^3, BSU(n))$  respectively be the components of the freely continuous and pointed continuous maps between  $\mathbb{C}P^3$  and  $BSU(n)$ containing the map  $\varepsilon_2$ . Observe that there is a fibration

$$
Map^*_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3, BSU(n)) \to Map_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3, BSU(n)) \stackrel{ev}{\to} BSU(n),
$$

where *ev* evaluates a map at the basepoint of  $\mathbb{C}P^3$ . By [1, 3], there is a homotopy equivalence

$$
B\mathcal{G}_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3)\simeq Map_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3,BSU(n)).
$$

The evaluation fibration therefore determines a homotopy fibration sequence

<span id="page-2-1"></span>
$$
\mathcal{G}_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3) \to SU(n) \stackrel{\alpha_k}{\to} Map_{0,k}^*(\mathbb{C}P^3, BSU(n)) \to B\mathcal{G}_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3) \stackrel{ev}{\longrightarrow} BSU(n), (2.1)
$$

where  $\alpha_k$ :  $SU(n) \to Map_{0,k}^*(\mathbb{C}P^3, BSU(n))$  is the boundary map.

In this article, we use the method in [\[10\]](#page-17-8). This article is organized as follows. In Sects. [3](#page-2-0) and [4,](#page-11-0) respectively, in cases where *n*−*m* is an even integer and *n*−*m* is an odd integer, we first study the group  $[{\mathbb C}P^m \wedge A, SU(n+1)]$ , where *A* is the quotient  ${\mathbb C}P^{n-m+2}/{\mathbb C}P^{n-m}$ . Then we study the subgroup of  $[{\mathbb C}P^m \wedge A, SU(n)]$  which is then used in Sect. [5](#page-16-0) to show that if  $G_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3) \simeq G_{0,k'}(\mathbb{C}P^3)$  then  $(\frac{1}{2}(n-1)n(n+1)(n+2), k) = (\frac{1}{2}(n-1)n(n+1)(n+2), k')$ , when *n* is odd and  $n \ge 3$  and  $(\frac{1}{4}(n-1)n(n+1)(n+2), k) = (\frac{1}{4}(n-1)n(n+1)(n+2), k')$ , when *n* is even and  $n \geq 4$ . In Sect. [5,](#page-16-0) we will prove Theorem [1.1.](#page-1-0)

## <span id="page-2-0"></span>**3 The group**  $[CP^m \wedge A, SU(n+1)]$  when  $n-m$  is even

Let *A* be the quotient  $\mathbb{C}P^{n-m+2}/\mathbb{C}P^{n-m}$ . That is,

$$
A = \begin{cases} \sum^{2n-2m} \mathbb{C}P^2 \simeq S^{2n-2m+2} \cup e^{2n-2m+4} & \text{if } n-m \text{ is even,} \\ S^{2n-2m+2} \vee S^{2n-2m+4} & \text{if } n-m \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}
$$

Put *X* =  $\mathbb{C}P^m \wedge A$ . In this section, we first in case that *n* − *m* is an even integer and *n* ≥ 3 will study the group  $[X, U(n + 1)]$  and then obtain the order of group  $[X, U(n)]$ .

Denote the symmetric space  $U(\infty)/U(n + 1)$  by  $W_{n+1}$ . Recall that as an algebra

$$
H^*(U(\infty); \mathbb{Z}) = \bigwedge (x_1, x_3, \ldots),
$$
  

$$
H^*(BU(\infty); \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}[c_1, c_2, \ldots],
$$
  

$$
H^*(U(n+1); \mathbb{Z}) = \bigwedge (x_1, x_3, \ldots, x_{2n+1}),
$$

where  $c_i$  is the *i*-th universal Chern class and  $x_{2i+1} = \sigma c_i$ ,  $\sigma$  is the cohomology suspension and  $x_{2i+1}$  has degree  $2i + 1$ . Consider the projection  $\pi: U(\infty) \to W_{n+1}$ . As an algebra we have that the cohomology of  $W_{n+1}$  is given by

$$
H^*(W_{n+1};\mathbb{Z}) = \bigwedge (\bar{x}_{2n+3}, \bar{x}_{2n+5}, \ldots),
$$

where  $\pi^*(\bar{x}_{2i+1}) = x_{2i+1}$ . Consider the following fibre sequence

<span id="page-3-0"></span>
$$
\Omega U(\infty) \xrightarrow{\Omega \pi} \Omega W_{n+1} \xrightarrow{\delta} U(n+1) \xrightarrow{j} U(\infty) \xrightarrow{\pi} W_{n+1}.
$$
 (3.1)

Applying the functor  $[X, -]$  to fibration  $(3.1)$ , there is an exact sequence as follows

$$
[X,\Omega U(\infty)] \stackrel{(\Omega\pi)_*}{\longrightarrow} [X,\Omega W_{n+1}] \stackrel{\delta_*}{\longrightarrow} [X,U(n+1)] \stackrel{j_*}{\longrightarrow} [X,U(\infty)] \stackrel{\pi_*}{\longrightarrow} [X,W_{n+1}].
$$

Since  $W_{n+1}$  is  $(2n+2)$ -connected, for  $i < 2n+2$  we have  $\pi_i(W_{n+1}) \cong 0$ . By the homotopy sequence of the fibration [\(3.1\)](#page-3-0), we have  $\pi_{2n+3}(W_{n+1}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$  and also

$$
\pi_{2n+4}(W_{n+1}) \cong \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \\ \mathbb{Z}_2 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \end{cases} \qquad \pi_{2n+5}(W_{n+1}) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \\ \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}
$$

Since  $\Sigma X$  is a *CW*-complex consisting only of odd dimensional cells, therefore we have

$$
[X, U(\infty)] \cong [\Sigma X, BU(\infty)] \cong \tilde{K}^0(\Sigma X) \cong 0.
$$

Thus we get the following exact sequence

$$
\tilde{K}^0(X) \stackrel{(\Omega \pi)_*}{\longrightarrow} [X, \Omega W_{n+1}] \stackrel{\delta_*}{\longrightarrow} [X, U(n+1)] \to 0.
$$

<span id="page-3-1"></span>Therefore we have the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.1** 
$$
[X, U(n+1)] \cong Coker(\Omega \pi)_* \cong [X, \Omega W_{n+1}]/Im \Omega \pi_*
$$
.

We need to obtain the  $Im\Omega\pi_*$ . Define a homomorphism

$$
\lambda: [X, \Omega W_{n+1}] \to H^{2n+2}(X) \oplus H^{2n+4}(X),
$$

by  $\lambda(\alpha) = (\alpha^*(a_{2n+2}), \alpha^*(a_{2n+4}))$ , where  $\alpha \in [X, \Omega W_{n+1}], a_{2n+2}$  and  $a_{2n+4}$  are generators of  $H^{2n+2}(\Omega W_{n+1}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$  and  $H^{2n+4}(\Omega W_{n+1}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$  respectively. Note that for  $i = n, n + 1$ ,  $a_{2i+2} = \sigma(\bar{x}_{2i+3}) \in H^{2i+2}(\Omega W_{n+1})$ . Since the cohomology class  $\bar{x}_{2i+3}$  represents a map  $\bar{x}_{2i+3}$ :  $W_{n+1} \rightarrow K(\mathbb{Z}, 2i+3)$  then  $a_{2i+2}$  is represented by a loop map  $\Omega \bar{x}_{2i+3}$ :  $\Omega W_{n+1} \rightarrow$  $\Omega K(\mathbb{Z}, 2i + 3) \cong K(\mathbb{Z}, 2i + 2)$ . Taking the product of such maps for  $i = n, n + 1$ , we obtain a map

$$
a = a_{2n+2} \times a_{2n+4} \colon \Omega W_{n+1} \to K(\mathbb{Z}, 2n+2) \times K(\mathbb{Z}, 2n+4).
$$

Now the map  $\lambda$  is given by the following composition

$$
a_* \colon [X, \Omega W_{n+1}] \to H^{2n+2}(X) \oplus H^{2n+4}(X).
$$

In the following lemma we show that the homomorphism  $\lambda$  is monomorphism.

**Lemma 3.2** *The map* λ *is monic.*

**Proof** First, we need show to show the group  $[X, \Omega W_{n+1}]$  is a free abelian group. We recall  $A = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P^{2} = S^{2n-2m+2} \cup e^{2n-2m+4}$ . Consider the following cofibration sequence

<span id="page-4-0"></span>
$$
S^{2m-1} \to \mathbb{C}P^{m-1} \to \mathbb{C}P^m \to S^{2m}.
$$
 (3.2)

Apply [ $\Sigma^{2n-2m}$   $\mathbb{C}P^2$  ∧ − ,  $\Omega$  *W<sub>n+1</sub>*] to the cofibration [\(3.2\)](#page-4-0), we get the following exact sequence

$$
\begin{aligned} [\Sigma^{2n-2m+1}\mathbb{C}P^2 \wedge \mathbb{C}P^{m-1}, \Omega W_{n+1}] &\to [\Sigma^{2n}\mathbb{C}P^2, \Omega W_{n+1}] \to [\mathbb{C}P^m \wedge A, \Omega W_{n+1}] \\ &\to [\Sigma^{2n-2m}\mathbb{C}P^2 \wedge \mathbb{C}P^{m-1}, \Omega W_{n+1}] \to [\Sigma^{2n-1}\mathbb{C}P^2, \Omega W_{n+1}]. \end{aligned}
$$

We show that the terms  $[\Sigma^{2n-2m+1}\mathbb{C}P^2 \wedge \mathbb{C}P^{m-1}, \Omega W_{n+1}]$  and  $[\Sigma^{2n-1}\mathbb{C}P^2, \Omega W_{n+1}]$  are zero. Consider the following cofibration sequences

<span id="page-4-2"></span><span id="page-4-1"></span>
$$
S^{2m-3} \to \mathbb{C}P^{m-2} \to \mathbb{C}P^{m-1} \to S^{2m-2},
$$
\n(3.3)

$$
S^3 \to S^2 \to \mathbb{C}P^2 \to S^4. \tag{3.4}
$$

Now apply  $[\Sigma^{2n-2m+1}\mathbb{C}P^2 \wedge -, \Omega W_{n+1}]$  to the cofibration [\(3.3\)](#page-4-1), we get the following exact sequence

$$
\begin{aligned} [\Sigma^{2n-1} \mathbb{C}P^2, \, \Omega W_{n+1}] &\rightarrow [\Sigma^{2n-2m+1} \mathbb{C}P^2 \wedge \mathbb{C}P^{m-1}, \, \Omega W_{n+1}] \\ &\rightarrow [\Sigma^{2n-2m+1} \mathbb{C}P^2 \wedge \mathbb{C}P^{m-2}, \, \Omega W_{n+1}] \\ &\rightarrow [\Sigma^{2n-2} \mathbb{C}P^2, \, \Omega W_{n+1}]. \end{aligned}
$$

By apply  $[\Sigma^{2n-1}$  –,  $\Omega W_{n+1}]$  to the cofibration [\(3.4\)](#page-4-2), we get the following exact sequence

$$
\pi_{2n+2}(\Omega W_{n+1}) \to \pi_{2n+3}(\Omega W_{n+1}) \to [\Sigma^{2n-1}\mathbb{C}P^2, \Omega W_{n+1}] \to \pi_{2n+1}(\Omega W_{n+1}).
$$

When *n* is even then we get  $[\Sigma^{2n-1}\mathbb{C}P^2, \Omega W_{n+1}]$  is zero. When *n* is odd then we get the following exact sequence

$$
\pi_{2n+2}(\Omega W_{n+1}) \cong \mathbb{Z} \stackrel{f}{\to} \pi_{2n+3}(\Omega W_{n+1}) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \to [\Sigma^{2n-1}\mathbb{C}P^2, \Omega W_{n+1}] \to 0.
$$

Since the map *f* sends  $f_1: S^{2n+3} \to W_{n+1}$  to  $f_2: S^{2n+4} \xrightarrow{\Sigma^{2n+1} \eta} S^{2n+3} \xrightarrow{f_1} W_{n+1}$ , so the map *f* is surjective. Thus we get  $[\Sigma^{2n-1}\mathbb{C}P^2, \Omega W_{n+1}]$  is isomorphic to zero.

Again apply  $[\Sigma^{2n-2m+1} - \wedge \mathbb{C}P^{m-2}, \Omega W_{n+1}]$  to the cofibration [\(3.4\)](#page-4-2), we get the following exact sequence

$$
\begin{aligned} [\Sigma^{2n-2m+5} \mathbb{C}P^{m-2}, \Omega W_{n+1}] &\to [\Sigma^{2n-2m+1} \mathbb{C}P^2 \wedge \mathbb{C}P^{m-2}, \Omega W_{n+1}] \\ &\to [\Sigma^{2n-2m+3} \mathbb{C}P^{m-2}, \Omega W_{n+1}] \\ &\to [\Sigma^{2n-2m+4} \mathbb{C}P^2, \Omega W_{n+1}], \end{aligned}
$$

Since  $\Omega W_{n+1}$  is (2*n*+1)-connected, we conclude that the terms  $[\Sigma^{2n-2m+5} \mathbb{C}P^{m-2}, \Omega W_{n+1}]$ and  $[\Sigma^{2n-2m+3}\mathbb{C}P^{m-2}, \Omega W_{n+1}]$  are zero. Therefore  $[\Sigma^{2n-2m+1}\mathbb{C}P^2 \wedge \mathbb{C}P^{m-2}, \Omega W_{n+1}]$ is isomorphic to zero. Therefore  $[\Sigma^{2n-2m+1}\mathbb{C}P^2 \wedge \mathbb{C}P^{m-1}, \Omega W_{n+1}]$  is isomorphic to zero. Thus there is an exact sequence

$$
0 \to [\Sigma^{2n} \mathbb{C}P^2, \Omega W_{n+1}] \to [\mathbb{C}P^m \wedge A, \Omega W_{n+1}]
$$
  

$$
\to [\Sigma^{2n-2m} \mathbb{C}P^2 \wedge \mathbb{C}P^{m-1}, \Omega W_{n+1}] \to 0.
$$

We show the group  $[\Sigma^{2n-2m}\mathbb{C}P^2 \wedge \mathbb{C}P^{m-1}, \Omega W_{n+1}]$  is a free abelian group isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Again, apply  $[\Sigma^{2n-2m}\mathbb{C}P^2 \wedge -$ , Ω $W_{n+1}]$  to the cofibration [\(3.3\)](#page-4-1), we get the following exact sequence

$$
\begin{aligned} [\Sigma^{2n-2m+1} \mathbb{C}P^2 \wedge \mathbb{C}P^{m-2}, \Omega W_{n+1}] &\to [\Sigma^{2n-2} \mathbb{C}P^2, \Omega W_{n+1}] \\ &\to [\Sigma^{2n-2m} \mathbb{C}P^2 \wedge \mathbb{C}P^{m-1}, \Omega W_{n+1}] \\ &\to [\Sigma^{2n-2m} \mathbb{C}P^2 \wedge \mathbb{C}P^{m-2}, \Omega W_{n+1}]. \end{aligned}
$$

Note that the first term  $[\Sigma^{2n-2m+1}\mathbb{C}P^2 \wedge \mathbb{C}P^{m-2}, \Omega W_{n+1}]$  is zero, it is due to the connectivity of  $\Omega W_{n+1}$ . Similarly we have that the last term  $[\Sigma^{2n-2m}\mathbb{C}P^2 \wedge \mathbb{C}P^{m-2}, \Omega W_{n+1}]$ is also zero. By apply  $[\Sigma^{2n-2}$ –,  $\Sigma W_{n+1}]$  to the cofibration [\(3.4\)](#page-4-2), we can conclude that  $[\Sigma^{2n-2}\mathbb{C}P^2,\Omega W_{n+1}] \cong \pi_{2n+2}(\Omega W_{n+1}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ . Therefore we obtain  $[\Sigma^{2n-2m}\mathbb{C}P^2 \wedge \Omega W_{n+1}]$  $\mathbb{C}P^{m-1}$ ,  $\Omega W_{n+1}$ ] is isomorphic to Z. Also by [\[9\]](#page-17-9), we know that  $[\Sigma^{2n}\mathbb{C}P^2, \Omega W_{n+1}] \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$ . Therefore we obtain the exact sequence

$$
0 \to \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \to [\mathbb{C}P^m \wedge A, \Omega W_{n+1}] \to \mathbb{Z} \to 0,
$$

thus by exactness we conclude that there is a splitting that gives  $[\mathbb{C}P^m \wedge A, \Omega W_{n+1}]$  is a free abelian group isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$ . Now, since the maps  $(a_{2n+2})^* : H^{2n+2}(K(\mathbb{Z}, 2n +$ 2)) →  $H^{2n+2}(\Omega W_{n+1})$  and  $(a_{2n+4})^*$ :  $H^{2n+4}(K(\mathbb{Z}, 2n+4))$  →  $H^{2n+4}(\Omega W_{n+1})$  are isomorphism, the map  $a^*$ :  $H^j(K(\mathbb{Z}, 2n+2) \times K(\mathbb{Z}, 2n+4)) \to H^j(\Omega W_{n+1})$  is also isomorphism for  $j = 2n + 2$  and  $2n + 4$ . Since [X,  $\Omega W_{n+1}$ ] is a free abelian group then the map  $\lambda$  is monomorphism.

Recall that  $H^*(\mathbb{C}P^m) = \mathbb{Z}[t]/(t^{m+1})$ , where  $|t| = 2$  and  $K(\mathbb{C}P^m) = \mathbb{Z}[x]/(x^{m+1})$ . Let  $\zeta_n$  be a generator of  $\tilde{K}^0(S^{2n})$ . Note that  $\tilde{K}^0(X) = \mathbb{C}P^m \wedge \Sigma^{2n-2m} \mathbb{C}P^2$  is a free abelian group generated by  $\theta_{i,j} = \zeta_{n-m} \otimes x^i \otimes x^j$ , where  $1 \le i \le m$  and  $1 \le j \le 2$ , with the following Chern characters

$$
ch_{n+1}(\theta_{1,1}) = ch_{n-m}(\zeta_{n-m})(ch_m(x) \otimes ch_1(x) + ch_{m-1}(x) \otimes ch_2(x))
$$
  
=  $\sigma^{2n-2m} \left( \frac{1}{m!} t^m \otimes t + \frac{1}{(m-1)!} t^{m-1} \otimes \frac{1}{2} t^2 \right),$ 

similarly

$$
ch_{n+1}(\theta_{1,2}) = \sigma^{2n-2m} \frac{1}{(m-1)!} t^{m-1} \otimes t^2, \qquad ch_{n+2}(\theta_{1,2}) = \sigma^{2n-2m} \frac{1}{m!} t^m \otimes t^2,
$$
  

$$
\vdots
$$

$$
ch_{n+1}(\theta_{m,1}) = \sigma^{2n-2m} A_1 t^m \otimes t, \qquad ch_{n+2}(\theta_{m,1}) = \sigma^{2n-2m} A_1 t^m \otimes \frac{1}{2} t^2,
$$
  

$$
ch_{n+1}(\theta_{m,2}) = 0, \qquad ch_{n+2}(\theta_{m,2}) = \sigma^{2n-2m} A_1 t^m \otimes t^2,
$$

where

$$
ch_m(x^m) = A_1 t^m = ch_1 x \sum_{\substack{i_1 + \dots + i_{m-1} = m-1, \\ 0 \le i_1 \le i_2 \le \dots \le i_{m-1}}} ch_{i_1} x^{i_1} \cdots ch_{i_{m-1}} x^{i_{m-1}}
$$

$$
+ ch_2 x^2 \sum_{\substack{i_1 + \dots + i_k = m-2, k = \lceil \frac{m-2}{2} \rceil, \\ 2 \le i_1 \le i_2 \le \dots \le i_k}} ch_{i_1} x^{i_1} \cdots ch_{i_k} x^{i_k}
$$
  
+ ch\_3 x<sup>3</sup> 
$$
\sum_{\substack{i_1 + \dots + i_k = m-3, k = \lceil \frac{m-3}{3} \rceil, \\ 3 \le i_1 \le i_2 \le \dots \le i_k}} ch_{i_1} x^{i_1} \cdots ch_{i_k} x^{i_k} + \dots
$$
  
+ ch\_k x<sup>k</sup> 
$$
\sum_{\substack{i_1 = m-k, k = \lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil}} ch_{i_1} x^{i_1}.
$$

<span id="page-6-0"></span>We will prove the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.3** *Im*  $\lambda \circ (\Omega \pi)_*$  *is generated by*  $\alpha_{i,j}$ *, for*  $1 \leq i \leq m$  *and*  $1 \leq j \leq 2$ *, where* 

$$
\alpha_{1,1} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot (m-1)!} (n+1)! \left( \frac{2}{m}, 1, \frac{n+2}{m} \right),
$$
  
\n
$$
\alpha_{1,2} = \frac{1}{(m-1)!} (n+1)! \left( 0, 1, \frac{n+2}{m} \right),
$$
  
\n
$$
\vdots
$$
  
\n
$$
\alpha_{m,1} = \frac{1}{2} (n+1)! A_1(2, 0, n+2),
$$
  
\n
$$
\alpha_{m,1} = (n+2)! A_1(0, 0, 1).
$$

*Proof* According to the definition of the map  $\lambda$ , we have

$$
\lambda \circ (\Omega \pi)_*(\theta_{1,1}) = ((\Omega \pi \circ \theta_{1,1})^*(a_{2n+2}), (\Omega \pi \circ \theta_{1,1})^*(a_{2n+4})).
$$

The calculation of the first component is as follows

$$
(\Omega \pi \circ \theta_{1,1})^* (a_{2n+2}) = a_{2n+2} \circ \Omega \pi(\theta_{1,1}) = (n+1)! c h_{n+1}(\theta_{1,1})
$$
  
=  $(n+1)! \left( \frac{1}{m!} t^m \otimes t + \frac{1}{(m-1)!} t^{m-1} \otimes \frac{1}{2} t^2 \right) \sigma^{2n-2m},$ 

and calculation the second component is as follows

$$
(\Omega \pi \circ \theta_{1,1})^* (a_{2n+4}) = a_{2n+4} \circ \Omega \pi(\theta_{1,1}) = (n+2)! c h_{n+2}(\theta_{1,1})
$$
  
=  $(n+2)! \left( \frac{1}{m!} t^m \otimes \frac{1}{2} t^2 \right) \sigma^{2n-2m}.$ 

Therefore we have

$$
\lambda \circ (\Omega \pi)_*(\theta_{1,1}) = \left(\frac{1}{m!}(n+1)!, \frac{1}{2 \cdot (m-1)!}(n+1)!, \frac{1}{2 \cdot m!}(n+2)!\right)
$$

$$
= \frac{1}{2 \cdot (m-1)!}(n+1)!\left(\frac{2}{m}, 1, \frac{n+2}{m}\right).
$$

Similarly we can show

$$
\lambda \circ (\Omega \pi)_*(\theta_{1,2}) = \left(0, \frac{1}{(m-1)!}(n+1)!, \frac{1}{m!}(n+2)!\right)
$$

$$
= \frac{1}{(m-1)!}(n+1)!\left(0, 1, \frac{n+2}{m}\right),
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$$
\begin{aligned}\n\vdots \\
\lambda \circ (\Omega \pi)_*(\theta_{m,1}) &= \left( (n+1)! A_1, 0, \frac{1}{2}(n+2)! A_1 \right) = \frac{1}{2}(n+1)! A_1(2, 0, n+2), \\
\lambda \circ (\Omega \pi)_*(\theta_{m,2}) &= (0, 0, (n+2)! A_1) = (n+2)! A_1(0, 0, 1).\n\end{aligned}
$$

Now consider the map  $\alpha_{k*}$ :  $[\Sigma A, SU(n)] \rightarrow [\Sigma A, Map_0^*(\mathbb{C}P^m, BSU(n))]$ . Note that the group  $[\Sigma A, SU(n)]$  is isomorphic to  $\tilde{K}^1(\Sigma A) \cong \tilde{K}^0(\Sigma^2 A) \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$  and is a free abelian group generated by  $\xi_i = \zeta_{n-m+1} \otimes x^i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Let  $\varepsilon_{m,n}$ :  $S^{2m-1} \to SU(n)$  represents the generator of  $\pi_{2m-1}(SU(n)) \cong \mathbb{Z}$  and  $l_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ , be the adjoint of the composition

$$
\mathbb{C}P^m \wedge \Sigma A \stackrel{q \wedge \mathbb{1}}{\longrightarrow} \Sigma S^{2m-1} \wedge \Sigma A \stackrel{\Sigma \varepsilon_{m,n} \wedge \xi_i}{\longrightarrow} \Sigma SU(n) \wedge SU(n) \stackrel{[ev, ev]}{\longrightarrow} BSU(n),
$$

where  $[ev, ev]$  is the Whitehead product. Let  $j: SU(n) \rightarrow SU(n + 1)$  is the canonical inclusion and  $H_1$  be the subgroup of  $[X, U(n + 1)]$  generated by  $j \circ l_1$  and  $j \circ l_2$ . We study the group  $H_1$ . First, we have the following proposition.

<span id="page-7-0"></span>**Proposition 3.4** *There are lifts*  $\xi_{i,k}$  *of*  $j \circ l_i$  *for*  $i = 1, 2$ *, respectively,* 

$$
\mathbb{C}P^m \wedge \widetilde{A \overset{\tilde{\xi}_{i,k}}{\longrightarrow} SU(n+1)}
$$

 $such that \, (\tilde{\xi}_{i,k})^*(a_{2i+2}) = (m-1)!kt^m \otimes \Sigma^{-1}(\xi_i)^*(x_{2i-2m+3})$ *, where*  $\Sigma$  *is the cohomology suspension isomorphism.*

*Proof* Hamanaka and Kono in [\[4](#page-17-10), [5](#page-17-11)] showed that there is a lift  $\gamma$ :  $\Sigma SU(n+1) \wedge SU(n+1) \rightarrow$ *W<sub>n+1</sub>* of  $[ev, ev]$  such that  $\gamma^*(\bar{x}_{2i+3}) = \sum_{j+k=i} \sum x_{2j+1} \otimes x_{2k+1}$ . Let  $\tilde{\gamma}$  be the following

composition

$$
\tilde{\gamma}: \mathbb{C}P^m \wedge \Sigma A \stackrel{q \wedge 1}{\longrightarrow} \Sigma S^{2m-1} \wedge \Sigma A \stackrel{\Sigma j \circ k_{E_{m,n}} \wedge j \circ \xi_i}{\longrightarrow} \Sigma SU(n+1) \wedge SU(n+1) \stackrel{\gamma}{\longrightarrow} W_{n+1}.
$$

We have

$$
\tilde{\gamma}^*(\bar{x}_{2i+3}) = (q \wedge 1)^*(\Sigma j \circ k\varepsilon_{m,n} \wedge j \circ \xi_i)^* \gamma^*(\bar{x}_{2i+3})
$$
  
=  $(q \wedge 1)^*(\Sigma j \circ k\varepsilon_{m,n} \wedge j \circ \xi_i)^* \left(\sum_{j+k=i} \Sigma x_{2j+1} \otimes x_{2k+1}\right)$   
=  $(q \wedge 1)^*((m-1)!\Sigma ku_{2m-1} \otimes (j \circ \xi_i)^*(x_{2i-2m+3}))$   
=  $(m-1)!k t^m \otimes (\xi_i)^*(x_{2i-2m+3}),$ 

where  $u_{2m-1}$  is the generator of  $H^{2m-1}(S^{2m-1})$ . Let the map  $S: \Sigma \mathbb{C}P^m \wedge A \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}P^m \wedge \Sigma A$ be the swapping map and the map *ad* :  $[\Sigma \mathbb{C}P^m \wedge A, W_{n+1}] \longrightarrow [\mathbb{C}P^m \wedge A, \Omega W_{n+1}]$  be the adjunction. We take  $\tilde{\xi}_{i,k}$ :  $\mathbb{C}P^m \wedge A \longrightarrow \Omega W_{n+1}$  to be the adjoint of the following composition

$$
\Sigma \mathbb{C}P^m \wedge A \stackrel{S}{\longrightarrow} \mathbb{C}P^m \wedge \Sigma A \stackrel{\tilde{\gamma}}{\longrightarrow} W_{n+1},
$$

that is  $\xi_{i,k}$ :  $ad(\tilde{\gamma} \circ S)$ , then  $\xi_{i,k}$  is a lift of  $i \circ l_i$ , for  $i = 1, 2$ . We get

$$
(\tilde{\gamma} \circ S)^*(\bar{x}_{2i+3}) = S^* \circ \tilde{\gamma}^*(\bar{x}_{2i+3}) = S^*((m-1)!k t^m \otimes (\xi_i)^*(x_{2i-2m+3}))
$$
  
=  $(m-1)! \Sigma k t^m \otimes \Sigma^{-1} (\xi_i)^*(x_{2i-2m+3}),$ 

thus we have  $(\tilde{\xi}_{i,k})^*(a_{2i+2}) = (m-1)!kt^m \otimes \Sigma^{-1}(\xi_i)^*(x_{2i-2m+3})$ .

Now let  $H_1'$  be the subgroup generated by  $\xi_{1,k}$  and  $\xi_{2,k}$ . By Lemma [3.1,](#page-3-1)  $H_1$  is isomorphic to  $H_1'/(Im(\Omega \pi)_* \cap H_1')$ . We have

$$
c_{n-m+2}(\xi_1) = (n-m+1)!\sigma^{2n-2m+2}t, \quad c_{n-m+3}(\xi_1) = \frac{1}{2}(n-m+2)!\sigma^{2n-2m+2}t^2,
$$
  

$$
c_{n-m+3}(\xi_2) = (n-m+2)!\sigma^{2n-2m+2}t^2.
$$

According to the map of  $\lambda$ , we have  $\lambda(\xi_{1,k}) = ((\xi_{1,k})^*(a_{2n+2}), (\xi_{1,k})^*(a_{2n+4}))$ . Note that  $x_{2n-2m+3} = \sigma(c_{n-m+2})$  and  $x_{2n-2m+5} = \sigma(c_{n-m+3})$ . The calculation of the first component is as follows

$$
(\tilde{\xi}_{1,k})^*(a_{2n+2}) = (m-1)!k t^m \otimes \Sigma^{-2} c_{n-m+2}(\xi_1) = (m-1)! k t^m \otimes (n-m+1)! \sigma^{2n-2m} t,
$$

and computing the second component is as follows

$$
(\tilde{\xi}_{1,k})^*(a_{2n+4}) = (m-1)!kt^m \otimes \Sigma^{-2}c_{n-m+3}(\xi_1)
$$
  
=  $(m-1)!kt^m \otimes \frac{1}{2}(n-m+2)!\sigma^{2n-2m}t^2$ .

Therefore  $\lambda(\xi_{1,k}) = k((m-1)!(n-m+1)!, 0, \frac{1}{2}(m-1)!(n-m+2)!)$ . Similarly we can show that  $\lambda(\xi_{2,k}) = k(0, 0, (m-1)!(n-m+2)!)$ . Therefore  $H_1$ <sup>'</sup> is generated by  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$ , where

$$
\alpha = \frac{1}{2}k(m-1)!(n-m+1)!(2, 0, n-m+2),
$$
  
\n
$$
\alpha' = k(m-1)!(n-m+2)!(0, 0, 1).
$$

Let *t* be the generator of  $H^2(\mathbb{C}P^m)$ , also  $u_{2n-2m+2}$  and  $u_{2n-2m+4}$  are generators of  $H^{2n-2m+2}(A)$  and  $H^{2n-2m+4}(A)$ , respectively. We denote an element  $at^m u_{2n-2m+2}$  + *b*<sup>*tm*−1</sup>*u*<sub>2*n*−2*m*+4 + *c*<sup>*tm*</sup>ζ<sub>2*n*−2*m*+4 belong to  $H^{2n+2}(X) \oplus H^{2n+4}(X)$ by (*a*, *b*, *c*). Let *B* =</sub></sub>  ${(a, b, c)|a + (m - 1)b \equiv 0 \mod 2}.$  Recall  $(2n + 5)$ -skeleton of  $\Omega W_{n+1}$  is  $S^{2n+4} \vee S^{2n+2}.$ Let  $(a, b, c) \in Im\lambda$ , then there exists  $f \in [X, \Omega W_{n+1}]$  such that

$$
f^*(a_{2n+2}) = at^m u_{2n-2m+2} + bt^{m-1} u_{2n-2m+4}, \quad f^*(a_{2n+4}) = ct^m u_{2n-2m+4}.
$$
 (3.5)

<span id="page-8-0"></span>We have  $Sq^{2}(t^{m-1}) = (m-1)t^{m}$ ,  $Sq^{2}(u_{2n-2m+2}) = u_{2n-2m+4}$  and  $Sq^{2}(a_{2n+2}) = 0$ . Now apply  $Sq^2$  to (3.5), we get  $a + (m - 1)b \equiv 0 \mod 2$ . Thus we have the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.5** *I*m $\lambda$  ⊂ {(*a*, *b*, *c*)|*a* + (*m* − 1)*b* ≡ 0 *mod* 2}.

In the following, we bring an application.

• *SU*(*n*)-gauge groups over  $\mathbb{C}P^3$  where *n* is an odd integer and  $n \geq 3$ In the previous calculations, we now take  $m = 3$ . First, we need the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.6** *Im* $\lambda = \{(a, b, c) | a + 2b \equiv 0 \mod 2 \}.$ 

*Proof* Apply  $[\Sigma^{2n}$  –,  $\Omega W_{n+1}]$  to cofibration  $S^3 \longrightarrow S^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}P^2 \longrightarrow S^4$  to obtain the exact sequence

$$
\pi_{2n+5}(W_{n+1}) \xrightarrow{q^*} [\Sigma^{2n} \mathbb{C}P^2, \Omega W_{n+1}] \xrightarrow{i^*} \pi_{2n+3}(W_{n+1}) \xrightarrow{\eta^*} \pi_{2n+4}(W_{n+1}),
$$

where  $\eta$ , *i* and *q* are Hopf map, inclusion map and the quotient map, respectively, and the maps  $\eta^*$ , *i*<sup>\*</sup> and  $q^*$  are induced maps. We know that  $\pi_{2n+3}(W_{n+1}) \cong \mathbb{Z}{t_1}$  and also  $\pi_{2n+4}(W_{n+1}) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2\{t_2\}$ , where  $t_2$ :  $S^{2n+4} \xrightarrow{\eta} S^{2n+3} \xrightarrow{t_1} W_{n+1}$ . Since  $\eta^*$  sends  $t_1$  to  $t_2$  so  $\eta^*$  is a surjection map. Thus by exactness we can conclude that  $[\Sigma^{2n} \mathbb{C}P^2, \Omega W_{n+1}]$  has a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -summand with its generator  $t_3$  that the map  $i^*$  sends  $t_3$  to  $2t_1$ .

Now, let  $B = \{(a, b, c) | a + 2b \equiv 0 \mod 2\}$ . By Lemma [3.5,](#page-8-0) we have  $Im \lambda \subseteq B$ . Put  $u = (0, 0, 1), v = (0, 1, 1)$  and  $w = (2, 0, 0)$ . For the converse case, we show that *u*, *v* and w are in  $Im\lambda$ . Consider the following maps

$$
\begin{aligned}\n\phi_1: \mathbb{C}P^3 \wedge A & \xrightarrow{q} S^6 \wedge S^{2n-2} \hookrightarrow \Omega W_{n+1}, \\
\phi_2: \mathbb{C}P^3 \wedge A & \xrightarrow{q} \mathbb{C}P^3/\mathbb{C}P^1 \wedge S^{2n-2} \simeq S^{2n+4} \vee S^{2n+2} \hookrightarrow \Omega W_{n+1}, \\
\phi_3: \mathbb{C}P^3 \wedge A & \xrightarrow{q_1} S^6 \wedge A \simeq \Sigma^{2n} \mathbb{C}P^2 \xrightarrow{t_3} \Omega W_{n+1},\n\end{aligned}
$$

where *q* and *q*<sub>1</sub> are quotient maps and  $\mathbb{C}P^3/\mathbb{C}P^1 \simeq S^6 \vee S^4$ . We have  $\lambda(\phi_1) = u$ ,  $\lambda(\phi_2) = v$ <br>and  $\lambda(\phi_3) = w$ , respectively. Thus Im  $(\lambda) = B$ . and  $\lambda(\phi_3) = w$ , respectively. Thus Im  $(\lambda) = B$ .

<span id="page-9-0"></span>Put  $\beta = \{u, v, w\}$ . We know that  $u, v, w \in Im\lambda$  and generators of Im  $\lambda$ , therefore  $\beta$  is a basis for Im  $\lambda$ . Let  $p = (n + 1)n(n - 1)$ . We have the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.7**  $[X, U(n+1)]$  *is isomorphic to*  $\mathbb{Z}_{\frac{1}{4}(n+1)!} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{\frac{1}{2}(n+2)!} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{\frac{1}{2}(n+1)!}$ .

*Proof* By Proposition [3.3,](#page-6-0) Im  $\lambda \circ (\Omega \pi)_*$  is generated by  $\alpha_{i,j}$ , where  $1 \le i \le 3$  and  $1 \le j \le 2$ . Note that under basis  $\beta$ , Im  $\lambda \circ (\Omega \pi)_*$  is generated by  $\alpha_{i,j}$ , where

$$
\alpha_{1,1} = (n-2)! \left( \frac{1}{12} (n-1) p, \frac{1}{4} p, \frac{1}{12} p \right), \quad \alpha_{1,2} = (n-2)! \left( \frac{1}{6} (n-1) p, \frac{1}{2} p, 0 \right),
$$
  
\n
$$
\alpha_{2,1} = (n-2)! \left( \frac{1}{4} np, \frac{1}{2} p, \frac{1}{4} p \right), \qquad \alpha_{2,2} = (n-2)! \left( \frac{1}{2} np, p, 0 \right),
$$
  
\n
$$
\alpha_{3,1} = (n-2)! ((n+2) p, 0, p), \qquad \alpha_{3,2} = (n-2)! (2(n+2) p, 0, 0).
$$

We represent the coordinate of Im  $\lambda \circ (\Omega \pi)_*$  by the following matrix

$$
M = (n-2)! \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{12}(n-1)p & \frac{1}{4}p & \frac{1}{12}p \\ \frac{1}{6}(n-1)p & \frac{1}{2}p & 0 \\ \frac{1}{4}np & \frac{1}{2}p & \frac{1}{4}p \\ \frac{1}{2}np & p & 0 \\ (n+2)p & 0 & p \\ 2(n+2)p & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}
$$

that is, Im  $\lambda \circ (\Omega \pi)_*$  is generated by the row vectors of matrix *M*. By using the Smith normal form, there exist invertible  $6 \times 6$  and  $3 \times 3$ -matrices *M'* and *M''* such that

$$
M' \cdot M \cdot M'' = (n-2)! \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4}p & 0 & 0\\ 0 & \frac{1}{2}(n+2)p & 0\\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}p \end{bmatrix}
$$

where 
$$
M' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -6 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -24 & 0 & 12 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -6 & 3 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -24 & 12 & 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}
$$
 and  $M'' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & -(n-1) & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Therefore we can

conclude that

$$
[X, U(n + 1)] \cong \mathbb{Z}_{\frac{1}{4}(n+1)!} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{\frac{1}{2}(n+2)!} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{\frac{1}{2}(n+1)!}.
$$

<span id="page-10-0"></span> $\Box$ 

We write  $|G|$  for the order of a group *G*. We will prove the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.8** 
$$
|H_1| = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(n+2)(n+1)n}{\left(\frac{1}{2}(n+2)(n+1)n,k\right)} \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{36}p}{\left(\frac{1}{36}p,k\right)}
$$
.

**Proof** We know that the subgroup  $H_1$ <sup>'</sup> is generated by  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$ , where

$$
\alpha = k(2(n-2)!, 0, (n-1)!) = k(n-2)!(2, 0, n-1),
$$
  
\n
$$
\alpha' = k(0, 0, 2(n-1)!) = k(n-2)!(0, 0, 2(n-1)).
$$

Note that under basis β, the subgroup  $H_1'$  is generated by  $\alpha = k(n-2)!(n-1, 0, 1)$  and  $\alpha' = k(n-2)!(2(n-1), 0, 0)$ . We represent the coordinate of  $H_1'$  by the following matrix

$$
M_{H_1'} = k(n-2)! \begin{bmatrix} n-1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2(n-1) & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},
$$

that is,  $H_1'$  is generated by the row vectors of matrix  $M_{H_1'}$ . The new coordinate of  $H_1'$ 

$$
M_{H_1'} \cdot M'' = k(n-2)! \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3(n-1) & 3 \\ 0 & 6(n-1) & 0 \end{bmatrix}.
$$

Let  $r = (n - 2)!$ , then we have

$$
\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ -6 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot kr \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3(n-1) & 3 \\ 0 & 6(n-1) & 0 \end{bmatrix} = kr \begin{bmatrix} 0 & n-1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -18 \end{bmatrix}.
$$

Put  $\rho = (0, (n-1)kr, kr)$  and  $\rho' = (0, 0, -18kr)$ . Then we have

$$
H_1' = \{x\rho + y\rho' \in [X, U(n+1)]|x, y \in \mathbb{Z}\}.
$$

If  $x \rho + y \rho'$  and  $x' \rho + y' \rho'$  are the same modulo Im  $\lambda \circ (\Omega \pi)_*$  then we have

$$
\begin{cases} (n-1) xkr \equiv (n-1)x'kr \bmod \frac{1}{2}(n+2)p, \\ 18 ykr \equiv 18y'kr \bmod \frac{1}{2}p. \end{cases}
$$

These conditions are equivalent to

$$
\begin{cases} xk \equiv x'k \mod \frac{1}{2}(n+2)(n+1)n, \\ yk \equiv y'k \mod \frac{1}{36}p. \end{cases}
$$

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This implies that there are  $\frac{\frac{1}{2}(n+2)(n+1)n}{\frac{1}{2}(n+2)(n+1)n}$  $\frac{\frac{1}{2}(n+2)(n+1)n}{(\frac{1}{2}(n+2)(n+1)n,k)}$  distinct value of *x* and  $\frac{\frac{1}{36}p}{(\frac{1}{36}p, n+1)(n+1)n}$  $\frac{36 P}{(\frac{1}{36} p,k)}$  distinct value of *y*, so we have

$$
|H_1| = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(n+2)(n+1)n}{(\frac{1}{2}(n+2)(n+1)n, k)} \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{36}p}{(\frac{1}{36}p, k)}.
$$

### <span id="page-11-0"></span>**4 The group**  $[CP^m \wedge A, SU(n+1)]$  when  $n-m$  is odd

In this section, we in case that  $n - m$  is an odd integer and  $n \geq 3$  will study the group  $[X, U(n + 1)]$  and then obtain the order of group  $[X, U(n)]$ . Recall the homomorphism  $\lambda$  defined before in case one. To better distinguish the two cases we now relabel the homomorphism as  $\lambda'$ . That is,  $\lambda'$ :  $[X, \Omega W_{n+1}] \to H^{2n+2}(X) \oplus H^{2n+4}(X)$  is defined by  $\lambda'(\alpha) = (\alpha^*(a_{2n+2}), \alpha^*(a_{2n+4}))$ . We have the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.1** *The map*  $\lambda'$  *is monic.* 

*Proof* Recall  $A = S^{2n-2m+2} \vee S^{2n-2m+4}$  and  $X = \mathbb{C}P^m \wedge A$ . We show the group  $[X, \Omega W_{n+1}]$  is a free abelian group. We have the following isomorphism

$$
[X, \Omega W_{n+1}] = [\mathbb{C}P^m \wedge (S^{2n-2m+2} \vee S^{2n-2m+4}), \Omega W_{n+1}]
$$
  
\n
$$
\cong [\Sigma^{2n-2m+2} \mathbb{C}P^m, \Omega W_{n+1}] \oplus [\Sigma^{2n-2m+4} \mathbb{C}P^m, \Omega W_{n+1}].
$$

Apply  $[\Sigma^{2n-2m+2}$ –,  $\Omega W_{n+1}]$  to the cofibration [\(3.2\)](#page-4-0), we get the following exact sequence

$$
\begin{aligned} [\Sigma^{2n-2m+3} \mathbb{C} P^{m-1}, \Omega W_{n+1}] &\to \pi_{2n+2}(\Omega W_{n+1}) \to [\Sigma^{2n-2m+2} \mathbb{C} P^m, \Omega W_{n+1}] \\ &\to [\Sigma^{2n-2m+2} \mathbb{C} P^{m-1}, \Omega W_{n+1}]. \end{aligned}
$$

Since  $\Omega W_{n+1}$  is (2*n*+1)-connected, we obtain that the first term  $[\Sigma^{2n-2m+3}\mathbb{C}P^{m-1}, \Omega W_{n+1}]$ and the last term  $[\Sigma^{2n-2m+2}\mathbb{C}P^{m-1}, \Omega W_{n+1}]$  are zero. Thus  $[\Sigma^{2n-2m+2}\mathbb{C}P^m, \Omega W_{n+1}]$ is isomorphic to  $\pi_{2n+2}(\Omega W_{n+1}) \cong \pi_{2n+3}(W_{n+1}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ . We prove that  $[\Sigma^{2n-2m+4}\mathbb{C}P^m,$  $\Omega W_{n+1}$ ] is also a free abelian group. For this, again apply  $[\Sigma^{2n-2m+4}$ –,  $\Omega W_{n+1}]$  to the cofibration  $(3.2)$ , we get the exact sequence

$$
\begin{aligned} [\Sigma^{2n-2m+5}\mathbb{C}P^{m-1},\Omega W_{n+1}] &\to \pi_{2n+4}(\Omega W_{n+1}) \to [\Sigma^{2n-2m+4}\mathbb{C}P^m,\Omega W_{n+1}] \\ &\to [\Sigma^{2n-2m+4}\mathbb{C}P^{m-1},\Omega W_{n+1}] \to \pi_{2n+3}(\Omega W_{n+1}). \end{aligned}
$$

Apply  $[\Sigma^{2n-2m+4}$  –,  $\Omega W_{n+1}]$  and  $[\Sigma^{2n-2m+5}$  –,  $\Omega W_{n+1}]$  to the cofibration [\(3.3\)](#page-4-1), we get the following exact sequences

$$
\begin{aligned} [\Sigma^{2n-2m+5} \mathbb{C}P^{m-2}, \Omega W_{n+1}] &\to \pi_{2n+2}(\Omega W_{n+1}) \to [\Sigma^{2n-2m+4} \mathbb{C}P^{m-1}, \Omega W_{n+1}] \\ &\to [\Sigma^{2n-2m+4} \mathbb{C}P^{m-2}, \Omega W_{n+1}], \quad (4.1) \\ [\Sigma^{2n-2m+6} \mathbb{C}P^{m-2}, \Omega W_{n+1}] &\to \pi_{2n+3}(\Omega W_{n+1}) \to [\Sigma^{2n-2m+5} \mathbb{C}P^{m-1}, \Omega W_{n+1}] \end{aligned}
$$

<span id="page-11-2"></span><span id="page-11-1"></span>
$$
\rightarrow [\Sigma^{2n-2m+5} \mathbb{C}P^{m-2}, \Omega W_{n+1}], \quad (4.2)
$$

respectively. Consider the exact sequence [\(4.1\)](#page-11-1). Since  $\Omega W_{n+1}$  is (2*n* + 1)-connected then the first term and the last term are zero, thus  $[\Sigma^{2n-2m+4}\mathbb{C}P^{m-1}, \Omega W_{n+1}]$  is isomorphic to  $\pi_{2n+2}(\Omega W_{n+1}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ . Now, consider the exact sequence [\(4.2\)](#page-11-2). We know that when *n* is even then  $\pi_{2n+3}(\Omega W_{n+1})$  is zero, so the group  $[\Sigma^{2n-2m+5}\mathbb{C}P^{m-1}, \Omega W_{n+1}]$  is isomorphic to zero, where by the exact sequence [\(4.1\)](#page-11-1) we have that the group  $[\Sigma^{2n-2m+5}\mathbb{C}P^{m-2}, \Omega W_{n+1}]$  is zero. When *n* is odd then we prove that the group  $[\Sigma^{2n-2m+5} \mathbb{C}P^{m-1}, \Omega W_{n+1}]$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ . Since *n* is odd,  $\Omega W_{n+1}$  has  $(2n + 5)$ -skeleton equal to  $S^{2n+2} \vee S^{2n+4}$ , so any map  $\Sigma^{2n-2m+5}\mathbb{C}P^{m-1} \to \Omega W_{n+1}$  factors as

$$
\Sigma^{2n-2m+5} \mathbb{C} P^{m-1} \xrightarrow{q} S^{2n+3} \xrightarrow{l} S^{2n+2} \hookrightarrow \Omega W_{n+1},
$$

where  $q$  is the pinch map to the top cell and *l* is some map. Taking *l* to be the class of order 2 show that  $[\Sigma^{2n-2m+5}\mathbb{C}P^{m-1}, \Omega W_{n+1}] \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$ . Thus, in cases where *n* is even and *n* is odd, we get the following exact sequences

$$
0 \to \mathbb{Z} \to [\Sigma^{2n-2m+4} \mathbb{C} P^m, \Omega W_{n+1}] \to \mathbb{Z} \to 0,
$$
  

$$
\mathbb{Z}_2 \xrightarrow{s_1} \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \to [\Sigma^{2n-2m+4} \mathbb{C} P^m, \Omega W_{n+1}] \to \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Z}_2,
$$

respectively. We show that the map *s*<sup>1</sup> is injective. For this, it needs to be shown that the composite

$$
S^{2n+4} \xrightarrow{s'} \Sigma^{2n-2m+5} \mathbb{C} P^{m-1} \xrightarrow{s''} \Omega W_{n+1}
$$

is nontrivial, where *s'* is the suspension of the attaching map  $S^{2m-1} \to \mathbb{C}P^{m-1}$  with cofibre  $\mathbb{C}P^m$ , and *s*<sup>"</sup> generates  $[\Sigma^{2n-2m+5}\mathbb{C}P^{m-1}, \Omega W_{n+1}]$ . Note that by the connectivity of  $\Omega W_{n+1}$ , the map *s''* factors as the composite

$$
\Sigma^{2n-2m+5} \mathbb{C} P^{m-1} \stackrel{q}{\longrightarrow} S^{2n+3} \stackrel{c'}{\longrightarrow} \Omega W_{n+1}
$$

where *q* is the pinch map to the top cell and *c'* is  $S^{2n+3} \longrightarrow S^{2n+2} \hookrightarrow \Omega W_{n+1}$ . On the other hand, the composite  $S^{2n+4} \xrightarrow{s'} \Sigma^{2n-2m+5} \mathbb{C}P^{m-1} \xrightarrow{q} S^{2n+3}$  is homotopic to  $\eta$  since *n* is odd. Therefore  $s'' \circ s'$  is homotopic to  $S^{2n+4} \longrightarrow \frac{\eta^2}{2n-2m+4} \longrightarrow \Omega W_{n+1}$ , which is nontrivial. Thus in both cases, by exactness we obtain  $[\Sigma^{2n-2m+4}\mathbb{C}P^m, \Omega W_{n+1}]$  is a free abelian group isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$ . Therefore we can conclude that the group  $[X, \Omega W_{n+1}]$  is a free abelian group that is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$ .

Note that  $\tilde{K}^{0}(X = \mathbb{C}P^{m} \wedge (S^{2n-2m+2} \vee S^{2n-2m+4}))$  is a free abelian group generated by  $\theta$ *i*, *j* =  $\zeta$ <sub>*n*−*m*+*i*</sub> ⊗ *x*<sup>*j*</sup>, where 1 ≤ *i* ≤ 2 and 1 ≤ *j* ≤ *m*, with the following Chern characters

$$
ch_{n+1}(\theta_{1,1}) = \sigma^{2n-2m+2} \frac{1}{m!} t^m, \qquad ch_{n+1}(\theta_{2,1}) = \sigma^{2n-2m+4} \frac{1}{(m-1)!} t^{m-1},
$$
  

$$
ch_{n+1}(\theta_{1,2}) = \sigma^{2n-2m+2} B_1 t^m, \qquad ch_{n+1}(\theta_{2,2}) = \sigma^{2n-2m+4} C_1 t^{m-1},
$$

. . .

$$
ch_{n+1}(\theta_{1,m}) = \sigma^{2n-2m+2} A_1 t^m, \qquad ch_{n+1}(\theta_{2,m}) = 0,
$$

and also

$$
ch_{n+2}(\theta_{1,1}) = 0, \t\t ch_{n+2}(\theta_{2,1}) = \sigma^{2n-2m+4} \frac{1}{m!} t^m,
$$
  
\n
$$
ch_{n+2}(\theta_{1,2}) = 0, \t\t ch_{n+2}(\theta_{2,2}) = \sigma^{2n-2m+4} B_1 t^m,
$$
  
\n
$$
\vdots
$$
  
\n
$$
ch_{n+2}(\theta_{1,m}) = 0, \t\t ch_{n+2}(\theta_{2,m}) = \sigma^{2n-2m+4} A_1 t^m
$$

where

$$
ch_m(x^2) = B_1 t^m = \sum_{\substack{i+j=m,\\1 \le i \le [\frac{m}{2}]} } ch_i x ch_j x = \sum_{k=1}^{[\frac{n}{2}]} \frac{1}{k!(m-k)!} t^m,
$$

[ *m*

<span id="page-13-0"></span>and  $ch_{m-1}(x^2) = C_1 t^{m-1}$ . We have the following proposition.

**Proposition 4.2** *Im*  $\lambda' \circ (\Omega \pi)_*$  *is generated by*  $\alpha'_{i,j}$ *, for*  $1 \leq i \leq 2$  *and*  $1 \leq j \leq m$ *, where* 

$$
\alpha'_{1,1} = \frac{1}{m!} (n+1)!(1,0,0), \qquad \alpha'_{2,1} = \frac{1}{(m-1)!} (n+1)! \left(0, 1, \frac{n+2}{m}\right),
$$
  
\n
$$
\alpha'_{1,2} = B_1(n+1)!(1,0,0), \qquad \alpha'_{2,2} = (n+1)!(0, C_1, (n+2)B_1),
$$
  
\n
$$
\vdots
$$
  
\n
$$
\alpha'_{1,m} = A_1(n+1)!(1,0,0), \qquad \alpha'_{2,m} = A_1(n+2)!(0,0,1).
$$

*Proof* Similar to the proof of Proposition [3.3,](#page-6-0) we get

$$
\lambda' \circ (\Omega \pi)_*(\theta_{1,1}) = \left(\frac{1}{m!}(n+1)!, 0, 0\right),
$$
  
\n
$$
\lambda' \circ (\Omega \pi)_*(\theta_{2,1}) = \left(0, \frac{1}{(m-1)!}(n+1)!, \frac{1}{m!}(n+2)!\right),
$$
  
\n
$$
\lambda' \circ (\Omega \pi)_*(\theta_{1,2}) = (B_1(n+1)!, 0, 0),
$$
  
\n
$$
\lambda' \circ (\Omega \pi)_*(\theta_{2,2}) = (0, C_1(n+1)!, B_1(n+2)!),
$$
  
\n
$$
\vdots
$$
  
\n
$$
\lambda \circ (\Omega \pi)_*(\theta_{1,m}) = (A_1(n+1)!, 0, 0),
$$
  
\n
$$
\lambda \circ (\Omega \pi)_*(\theta_{2,m}) = (0, 0, A_1(n+2)!).
$$

 $\Box$ 

Let  $H_2$  be the subgroup of  $[X, U(n + 1)]$  generated by  $j \circ l_1$  and  $j \circ l_2$ . By proof of Proposition [3.4,](#page-7-0) there are lifts  $\xi_{i,k}$  of  $j \circ l_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ , respectively, such that

$$
(\tilde{\xi}_{i,k})^*(a_{2i+2}) = (m-1)!kt^m \otimes \Sigma^{-1}(\xi_i)^*(x_{2i-2m+3}).
$$

Now let  $H_2'$  be the subgroup generated by  $\xi_{1,k}$  and  $\xi_{2,k}$ . By Lemma [3.1,](#page-3-1) we know that the subgroup  $H_2$  is isomorphic to  $H_2'/(Im(\Omega \pi)_* \cap H_2')$ . We have

$$
c_{n-m+2}(\xi_1) = (n-m+1)!\sigma^{2n-2m+4}, \qquad c_{n-m+3}(\xi_1) = 0,
$$
  
\n
$$
c_{n-m+2}(\xi_2) = 0, \qquad c_{n-m+3}(\xi_2) = (n-m+2)!\sigma^{2n-2m+6}.
$$

According to the map of  $\lambda'$ , we have  $\lambda'(\xi_{1,k}) = ((\xi_{1,k})^*(a_{2n+2}), (\xi_{1,k})^*(a_{2n+4}))$ . The calculation of the first and second components are as follows

$$
(\tilde{\xi}_{1,k})^*(a_{2n+2}) = (m-1)!kt^m \otimes \Sigma^{-2}c_{n-m+2}(\xi_1)
$$
  
=  $(m-1)!kt^m \otimes (n-m+1)! \sigma^{2n-2m+2}$ ,  
 $(\tilde{\xi}_{1,k})^*(a_{2n+4}) = (m-1)!kt^m \otimes \Sigma^{-2}c_{n-m+3}(\xi_1) = 0.$ 

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Therefore  $\lambda'(\xi_{1,k}) = k((m-1)!(n-m+1)!, 0, 0)$ . Similarly we can show that

$$
\lambda(\xi_{2,k}) = k(0,0,(m-1)!(n-m+2)!).
$$

Therefore  $H_2'$  is generated by  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$ , where

$$
\alpha = k((m-1)!(n-m+1)!, 0, 0) = k(m-1)!(n-m+1)!(1, 0, 0),
$$
  

$$
\alpha' = k(0, 0, (m-1)!(n-m+2)!) = k(m-1)!(n-m+2)!(0, 0, 1).
$$

Let  $B' = \{(a, b, c) | (m - 1)b \equiv c \mod 2\}$ . We know that  $(2n + 5)$ -skeleton of  $\Omega W_{n+1}$  is  $\Sigma^{2n} \mathbb{C}P^2 \simeq S^{2n+2} \cup e^{2n+4}$ . Let  $(a, b, c) \in Im\lambda'$ , then there exists  $g \in [X, \Omega W_{n+1}]$  such that

$$
g^*(a_{2n+2}) = at^m \zeta_{2n-2m+2} + bt^{m-1} \zeta_{2n-2m+4}, \quad g^*(a_{2n+4}) = ct^m \zeta_{2n-2m+4}.
$$
 (4.3)

<span id="page-14-0"></span>Now apply  $Sq^2$  to (4.3). Since  $Sq^2(t^{m-1}) = (m-1)t^m$ ,  $Sq^2(\zeta_{2n-4}) = 0$  and  $Sq^2(a_{2n+2}) =$  $a_{2n+4}$ , we get  $(m-1)b \equiv c \mod 2$ . Thus we have the following lemma.

 $\Box$  **Lemma 4.3**  $Im\lambda' \subseteq \{(a, b, c) | (m - 1)b \equiv c \mod 2\}.$ 

In the following, we bring an application.

• *SU*(*n*)-gauge groups over  $\mathbb{C}P^3$  where *n* is an even integer and  $n \geq 4$ Now, we take  $m = 3$ . We need the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.4**  $Im\lambda' = \{(a, b, c) | 2b \equiv c \mod 2\}.$ 

*Proof* Let  $B' = \{(a, b, c) | 2b \equiv c \mod 2\}$ . By Lemma [4.3,](#page-14-0) we have  $Im \lambda' \subseteq B'$ . Put  $u' = (1, 0, 0), v' = (0, 1, 0)$  and  $w' = (0, 0, 2)$ . For the converse case, we show that *u'*, *v'* and  $w'$  are in Im  $\lambda'$ . Consider the following maps

$$
\begin{aligned}\n\phi_1: \mathbb{C}P^3 \wedge A & \xrightarrow{q_1} S^6 \wedge A \xrightarrow{p_1} S^6 \wedge S^{2n-4} \hookrightarrow \Omega W_{n+1}, \\
\phi_2: \mathbb{C}P^3 \wedge A & \xrightarrow{q_1} \mathbb{C}P^3/\mathbb{C}P^1 \wedge A \xrightarrow{p_1} S^4 \wedge A \xrightarrow{p_2} S^4 \wedge S^{2n-2} \hookrightarrow \Omega W_{n+1}, \\
\phi_3: \mathbb{C}P^3 \wedge A & \xrightarrow{q_1} S^6 \wedge A \xrightarrow{p_2} S^6 \wedge S^{2n-2} \xrightarrow{\theta'} \Omega W_{n+1},\n\end{aligned}
$$

where  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are pinch maps,  $q_1$  is quotient map and  $\theta'$  is the generator of  $\pi_{2n+5}(W_{n+1})$ . We have  $\lambda'(\phi_1) = u'$ ,  $\lambda'(\phi_2) = v'$  and  $\lambda'(\phi_3) = w'$ , respectively. Thus  $Im(\lambda') = B'$  $\Box$ 

Put  $\beta' = \{u', v', w'\}$ . Since  $u', v', w' \in Im\lambda'$  and generators of Im  $\lambda'$ , therefore  $\beta'$  is a basis for Im  $\lambda'$ . Recall  $p = (n + 1)n(n - 1)$ . We have the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.5**  $[X, U(n+1)]$  *is isomorphic to*  $\mathbb{Z}_{\frac{1}{6}(n+1)!} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{\frac{1}{2}(n+1)!} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{\frac{1}{4}(n+2)!}$ 

*Proof* By Proposition [4.2,](#page-13-0) Im  $\lambda' \circ (\Omega \pi)_*$  is generated by  $\alpha'_{i,j}$  for  $1 \le i \le 2$  and  $1 \le j \le 3$ . Note that under basis  $\beta'$ , Im  $\lambda' \circ (\Omega \pi)_*$  is generated by

$$
\alpha'_{1,1} = (n-2)! \left( \frac{1}{6} p, 0, 0 \right), \qquad \alpha'_{2,1} = (n-2)! \left( 0, \frac{1}{2} p, \frac{1}{12} (n+2) p \right),
$$
  
\n
$$
\alpha'_{1,2} = (n-2)! \left( \frac{1}{2} p, 0, 0 \right), \qquad \alpha'_{2,2} = (n-2)! \left( 0, p, \frac{1}{4} (n+2) p \right),
$$
  
\n
$$
\alpha'_{1,3} = (n-2)! (2p, 0, 0), \qquad \alpha'_{2,3} = (n-2)! (0, 0, (n+2) p).
$$

We represent the coordinate of Im  $\lambda' \circ (\Omega \pi)_*$  by the following matrix

$$
N = (n-2)! \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{6}p & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2}p & \frac{1}{12}(n+2)p \\ \frac{1}{2}p & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & p & \frac{1}{4}(n+2)p \\ 2p & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (n+2)p \end{bmatrix}
$$

Again, by using the Smith normal form, there exist invertible  $6 \times 6$  and  $3 \times 3$ -matrices *N'* and  $N''$  such that

$$
N' \cdot N \cdot N'' = (n-2)! \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{6}p & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2}p & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{4}(n+2)p \end{bmatrix}
$$
  
where  $N' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 12 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -24 & 0 & 12 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $N'' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{-1}{2}(n+2) \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Therefore we can conclude that

conclude that

$$
[X, U(n+1)] \cong \mathbb{Z}_{\frac{1}{6}(n+1)!} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{\frac{1}{2}(n+1)!} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{\frac{1}{4}(n+2)!}.
$$

 $\Box$ 

<span id="page-15-0"></span>We will prove the following proposition.

**Proposition 4.6** 
$$
|H_2| = \frac{\frac{1}{4}(n+2)(n+1)n}{\left(\frac{1}{4}(n+2)(n+1)n,k\right)} \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{36}p}{\left(\frac{1}{36}p,k\right)}
$$
.

*Proof* We know that the subgroup  $H_2'$  is generated by  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$ , where

$$
\alpha = k(2(n-2)!, 0, 0) = k(n-2)!(2, 0, 0),
$$
  
\n
$$
\alpha' = k(0, 0, 2(n-1)!) = k(n-2)!(0, 0, 2(n-1)).
$$

Now under basis  $β'$ , the subgroup  $H_2$ <sup>'</sup> is generated by  $α = k(n - 2)!(2, 0, 0)$  and  $α' =$  $k(n-2)!(0, 0, n-1)$ . We represent the coordinate of  $H_2'$  by the following matrix

$$
N_{H_2'} = k(n-2)! \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & n-1 \end{bmatrix}.
$$

The new coordinate of  $H_2$ <sup> $\prime$ </sup> is as follow

$$
N_{H_2'} \cdot N'' = k(n-2)! \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3(n-1) \end{bmatrix}.
$$

Recall  $r = (n - 2)!$ . Then we have

$$
\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} \cdot kr \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3(n-1) \end{bmatrix} = kr \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & n-1 \end{bmatrix}.
$$

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Similar to the discussion in the proof of Proposition [3.7,](#page-9-0) we can conclude

$$
|H_2| = \frac{\frac{1}{4}(n+2)(n+1)n}{\left(\frac{1}{4}(n+2)(n+1)n, k\right)} \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{36}p}{\left(\frac{1}{36}p, k\right)}.
$$

The two cases are now being treated simultaneously. Consider the map of  $j_*$ :  $[X, SU(n)] \rightarrow [X, U(n+1)]$ . We put

$$
O_1 = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(n+2)(n+1)n}{\left(\frac{1}{2}(n+2)(n+1)n, k\right)} \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{36}p}{\left(\frac{1}{36}p, k\right)}, \quad O_2 = \frac{\frac{1}{4}(n+2)(n+1)n}{\left(\frac{1}{4}(n+2)(n+1)n, k\right)} \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{36}p}{\left(\frac{1}{36}p, k\right)}
$$

Let *P* be the subgroup of  $[X, SU(n)]$  generated by  $l_1$  and  $l_2$ . We have the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.7** *The following hold:*

$$
|P| = \begin{cases} O_1 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ & O_2 & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}
$$

*Proof* By definition of *P* and  $H_1$ , we have  $j_*(P) = H_1$ . When *n* is odd then the statement follows from Proposition [3.8](#page-10-0) and when *n* is even then the statement follows from Proposition  $4.6.$ 

#### <span id="page-16-0"></span>**5 Proof of Theorem [1.1](#page-1-0)**

Apply the functor  $[\Sigma A, -]$  to the fibration [\(2.1\)](#page-2-1) to obtain the following exact sequence

$$
[\Sigma A, \mathcal{G}_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3)] \stackrel{(\Omega e v)_*}{\longrightarrow} [\Sigma A, SU(n)] \stackrel{(\alpha_k)_*}{\longrightarrow} [\Sigma A, Map^*_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3, BSU(n))]
$$
  

$$
\rightarrow [\Sigma A, B\mathcal{G}_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3)] \longrightarrow [\Sigma A, BSU(n)],
$$

where  $[\Sigma A, BSU(n)] \cong \tilde{K}^{0}(\Sigma A) \cong 0$ . By adjunction, we have

$$
[\Sigma A, Map^*_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3, BSU(n))] \cong [\Sigma A \wedge \mathbb{C}P^3, BSU(n)].
$$

The exact sequence becomes

$$
[\Sigma A, \mathcal{G}_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3)] \stackrel{(\Omega e v)_*}{\longrightarrow} \tilde{K}^0(\Sigma^2 A) \stackrel{(\alpha_k)_*}{\longrightarrow} [X, SU(n))] \longrightarrow [\Sigma A, B\mathcal{G}_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3)] \longrightarrow 0.
$$

Thus we get  $[\Sigma A, B\mathcal{G}_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3)] \cong Coker(\alpha_k)_*$ . By definitions of  $\alpha_k$  and P, the image of  $(\alpha_k)_*$  is *P*. Let *n* be odd. If *T* is the order of [*X*, *SU*(*n*)] then by exactness we have

$$
T = |Im(\alpha_k)_*| \cdot |Coker(\alpha_k)_*| = |P| \cdot |Coker(\alpha_k)_*| = O_1 \cdot |Coker(\alpha_k)_*|.
$$

Therefore  $|Coker(\alpha_k)_*| = \frac{T}{Q_1}$ . Now suppose that  $\mathcal{G}_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3) \simeq \mathcal{G}_{0,k'}(\mathbb{C}P^3)$ . Then there is an isomorphism of groups  $[\sum_{T} A, B\mathcal{G}_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3)] \cong [\Sigma A, B\mathcal{G}_{0,k'}(\mathbb{C}P^3)]$ . Thus  $|Coker(\alpha_k)_*|$  =  $|Coker(\alpha_{k'})_*|$ . That is,  $\frac{T}{Q_1} = \frac{T}{Q_1'}$ , where

$$
O_1' = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(n+2)(n+1)n}{\left(\frac{1}{2}(n+2)(n+1)n, k'\right)} \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{36}p}{\left(\frac{1}{36}p, k'\right)}.
$$

Therefore we can conclude that if  $\mathcal{G}_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3) \simeq \mathcal{G}_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3)$  then

$$
\left(\frac{1}{2}(n-1)n(n+1)(n+2),k\right) = \left(\frac{1}{2}(n-1)n(n+1)(n+2),k'\right).
$$

If *n* is even, similarly we can conclude that if  $\mathcal{G}_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3) \simeq \mathcal{G}_{0,k'}(\mathbb{C}P^3)$  then

$$
\left(\frac{1}{4}(n-1)n(n+1)(n+2),k\right) = \left(\frac{1}{4}(n-1)n(n+1)(n+2),k'\right).
$$

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