

The homotopy types of SU(n)-gauge groups over $\mathbb{C}P^3$

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Abstract

Let *m* and *n* be two positive integers such that $m \le n$ and $n \ge 3$. 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 $(\frac{1}{4}(n-1)n(n+1)(n+2), k) = (\frac{1}{4}(n-1)n(n+1)(n+2), k')$, when *n* is even.

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1 Introduction

Let G be a topological group and let M be a topological space. Let $P \to M$ 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 $\mathcal{G}(P)$ 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] 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] 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 $\mathcal{G}_k(M)$ depends on the special case $\mathcal{G}_k(\mathbb{C}P^2)$. 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.

- *U*(*n*)-gauge groups [2];
- for G = SU(2), $\mathcal{G}_k(M) \simeq \mathcal{G}_{k'}(M)$ if and only if (6, k) = (6, k') [7];
- 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];
- for G = Sp(2), if $\mathcal{G}_k(M) \simeq \mathcal{G}_{k'}(M)$ 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];
- 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].

So in [10] studies the homotopy types of SU(n)-gauge groups over non-spin 4-manifolds and shows that if $\mathcal{G}_k(\mathbb{C}P^2)$ is homotopy equivalent to $\mathcal{G}_{k'}(\mathbb{C}P^2)$, 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 one-to-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

$$\varepsilon_1 : \mathbb{C}P^3 \xrightarrow{pinch} S^6 \xrightarrow{\epsilon_1} BSU(n),$$

where ϵ_1 generates $\pi_6(BSU(n)) \cong \mathbb{Z}$. The other copy of \mathbb{Z} corresponds to multiples of the map

$$\varepsilon_2 \colon \mathbb{C}P^3 \to \mathbb{C}P^3/\mathbb{C}P^1 \simeq S^4 \vee S^6 \xrightarrow{pinch} S^4 \xrightarrow{\epsilon_2} BSU(n),$$

where ϵ_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

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

2 Preliminaries

Let BSU(n) and $B\mathcal{G}_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3)$ 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 ε_2 . Observe that there is a fibration

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

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

$$\mathcal{G}_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3) \to SU(n) \xrightarrow{\alpha_k} Map_{0,k}^*(\mathbb{C}P^3, BSU(n)) \to B\mathcal{G}_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3) \xrightarrow{ev} BSU(n), (2.1)$$

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

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

3 The group $[\mathbb{C}P^m \land A, SU(n+1)]$ when n-m is even

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

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

Put $X = \mathbb{C}P^m \wedge A$. In this section, we first in case that n - m is an even integer and $n \ge 3$ 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 $x_{2i+1} = \sigma c_i$, σ 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

$$\Omega U(\infty) \xrightarrow{\Omega \pi} \Omega W_{n+1} \xrightarrow{\delta} U(n+1) \xrightarrow{j} U(\infty) \xrightarrow{\pi} W_{n+1}.$$
(3.1)

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

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

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

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

Since ΣX 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

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

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

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

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 $\bar{x}_{2i+3} \colon W_{n+1} \to K(\mathbb{Z}, 2i+3)$ then a_{2i+2} is represented by a loop map $\Omega \bar{x}_{2i+3} \colon \Omega W_{n+1} \to \Omega K(\mathbb{Z}, 2i+3) \cong K(\mathbb{Z}, 2i+2)$. 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 λ is given by the following composition

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

In the following lemma we show that the homomorphism λ is monomorphism.

Lemma 3.2 *The map* λ *is monic.*

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

$$S^{2m-1} \to \mathbb{C}P^{m-1} \to \mathbb{C}P^m \to S^{2m}.$$
 (3.2)

Apply $[\Sigma^{2n-2m} \mathbb{C}P^2 \wedge -, \Omega W_{n+1}]$ to the cofibration (3.2), we get the following exact sequence

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

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

$$S^{2m-3} \to \mathbb{C}P^{m-2} \to \mathbb{C}P^{m-1} \to S^{2m-2}, \tag{3.3}$$

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

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

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

By apply $[\Sigma^{2n-1}, \Omega W_{n+1}]$ to the cofibration (3.4), 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

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

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), we get the following exact sequence

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

Since ΩW_{n+1} is (2n+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

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

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

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

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 ΩW_{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 $[\Sigma^{2n-2}, \Omega W_{n+1}]$ to the cofibration (3.4), 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 $[\Sigma^{2n-2m}\mathbb{C}P^2 \wedge \mathbb{C}P^{m-1}, \Omega W_{n+1}]$ is isomorphic to \mathbb{Z} . Also by [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

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

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 $(a_{2n+2})^* : H^{2n+2}(K(\mathbb{Z}, 2n + 2)) \rightarrow H^{2n+2}(\Omega W_{n+1})$ and $(a_{2n+4})^* : H^{2n+4}(K(\mathbb{Z}, 2n + 4)) \rightarrow H^{2n+4}(\Omega W_{n+1})$ are isomorphism, the map $a^* : H^j(K(\mathbb{Z}, 2n + 2) \times K(\mathbb{Z}, 2n + 4)) \rightarrow H^j(\Omega W_{n+1})$ is also isomorphism for j = 2n + 2 and 2n + 4. Since $[X, \Omega W_{n+1}]$ is a free abelian group then the map λ 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 ζ_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

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

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

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

where

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

$$+ ch_{2}x^{2} \sum_{\substack{i_{1}+\dots+i_{k}=m-2, k=[\frac{m-2}{2}],\\2\leq i_{1}\leq i_{2}\leq \dots \leq i_{k}}} ch_{i_{1}}x^{i_{1}}\cdots ch_{i_{k}}x^{i_{k}}}$$

+ $ch_{3}x^{3} \sum_{\substack{i_{1}+\dots+i_{k}=m-3, k=[\frac{m-3}{3}],\\3\leq i_{1}\leq i_{2}\leq \dots \leq i_{k}}} ch_{i_{1}}x^{i_{1}}\cdots ch_{i_{k}}x^{i_{k}} + \cdots$
+ $ch_{k}x^{k} \sum_{\substack{i_{1}=m-k, k=[\frac{m}{2}]}} ch_{i_{1}}x^{i_{1}}.$

We will prove the following proposition.

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

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

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

$$\vdots$$

$$\alpha_{m,1} = \frac{1}{2} (n+1)! A_1 (2, 0, n+2),$$

$$\alpha_{m,1} = (n+2)! A_1 (0, 0, 1).$$

Proof According to the definition of the map λ , 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

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

and calculation the second component is as follows

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

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

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

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

Now consider the map α_{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 $\varepsilon_{m,n} \colon S^{2m-1} \rightarrow SU(n)$ 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

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

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.

Proposition 3.4 There are lifts $\tilde{\xi}_{i,k}$ of $j \circ l_i$ for i = 1, 2, respectively,

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

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

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

composition

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

We have

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

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

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

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

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

= $(m-1)!\Sigma kt^m \otimes \Sigma^{-1}(\xi_i)^*(x_{2i-2m+3}),$

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 $\tilde{\xi}_{1,k}$ and $\tilde{\xi}_{2,k}$. By Lemma 3.1, H_1 is isomorphic to $H_1'/(Im(\Omega\pi)_* \cap H_1')$. We have

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

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

According to the map of λ , we have $\lambda(\tilde{\xi}_{1,k}) = ((\tilde{\xi}_{1,k})^*(a_{2n+2}), (\tilde{\xi}_{1,k})^*(a_{2n+4}))$. 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

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

and computing the second component is as follows

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

Therefore $\lambda(\tilde{\xi}_{1,k}) = k((m-1)!(n-m+1)!, 0, \frac{1}{2}(m-1)!(n-m+2)!)$. Similarly we can show that $\lambda(\tilde{\xi}_{2,k}) = k(0, 0, (m-1)!(n-m+2)!)$. Therefore H_1' is generated by α and α' , where

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

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

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 $at^m u_{2n-2m+2} + bt^{m-1}u_{2n-2m+4} + ct^m\zeta_{2n-2m+4}$ belong to $H^{2n+2}(X) \oplus H^{2n+4}(X)$ by (a, b, c). Let $B = \{(a, b, c) | a + (m-1)b \equiv 0 \mod 2\}$. Recall (2n+5)-skeleton of ΩW_{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)

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 $Im\lambda \subseteq \{(a, b, c) | a + (m - 1)b \equiv 0 \mod 2\}.$

In the following, we bring an application.

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

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

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Proof Apply $[\Sigma^{2n}, \Omega W_{n+1}]$ to cofibration $S^3 \xrightarrow{\eta} S^2 \xrightarrow{i} \mathbb{C}P^2 \xrightarrow{q} S^4$ 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 η , *i* and *q* are Hopf map, inclusion map and the quotient map, respectively, and the maps η^* , *i*^{*} 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 η^* sends t_1 to t_2 so η^* 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, 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

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

where q and q_1 are quotient maps and $\mathbb{C}P^3/\mathbb{C}P^1 \simeq S^6 \vee S^4$. We have $\lambda(\phi_1) = u, \lambda(\phi_2) = v$ and $\lambda(\phi_3) = w$, respectively. Thus Im $(\lambda) = B$.

Put $\beta = \{u, v, w\}$. We know that $u, v, w \in Im\lambda$ and generators of Im λ , therefore β is a basis for Im λ . 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, 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 β , Im $\lambda \circ (\Omega \pi)_*$ is generated by $\alpha_{i,j}$, where

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

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 6×6 and 3×3 -matrices *M'* and *M''* such that

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

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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

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

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' is generated by α and α' , where

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

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

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

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

These conditions are equivalent to

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

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

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

4 The group $[\mathbb{C}P^m \land A, SU(n+1)]$ when n-m is odd

In this section, we in case that n - m is an odd integer and $n \ge 3$ will study the group [X, U(n + 1)] and then obtain the order of group [X, U(n)]. Recall the homomorphism λ defined before in case one. To better distinguish the two cases we now relabel the homomorphism as λ' . 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* λ' *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

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

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

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

Since ΩW_{n+1} is (2n+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

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

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

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

$$[\Sigma^{2n-2m+6}\mathbb{C}P^{m-2}, \Omega W_{n+1}] \to \pi_{2n+3}(\Omega W_{n+1}) \to [\Sigma^{2n-2m+5}\mathbb{C}P^{m-1}, \Omega W_{n+1}] \to [\Sigma^{2n-2m+5}\mathbb{C}P^{m-2}, \Omega W_{n+1}], \quad (4.2)$$

respectively. Consider the exact sequence (4.1). Since ΩW_{n+1} is (2n + 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). 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) 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, ΩW_{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_1 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'' generates $[\Sigma^{2n-2m+5}\mathbb{C}P^{m-1}, \Omega W_{n+1}]$. Note that by the connectivity of ΩW_{n+1} , the map s'' factors as the composite

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

where *q* is the pinch map to the top cell and *c'* is $S^{2n+3} \xrightarrow{\eta} S^{2n+2} \hookrightarrow \Omega W_{n+1}$. 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 η since *n* is odd. Therefore $s'' \circ s'$ is homotopic to $S^{2n+4} \xrightarrow{\eta^2} S^{2n+2} \hookrightarrow \Omega W_{n+1}$, 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 $\theta_{i,j} = \zeta_{n-m+i} \otimes x^j$, where $1 \le i \le 2$ and $1 \le j \le m$, with the following Chern characters

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

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

:

$$ch_{n+1}(\theta_{1,m}) = \sigma^{2n-2m+2}A_1t^m, \qquad ch_{n+1}(\theta_{2,m}) = 0,$$

and also

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

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where

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

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 $1 \le i \le 2$ and $1 \le j \le m$, where

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha'_{1,1} &= \frac{1}{m!} (n+1)! (1,0,0), & \alpha'_{2,1} &= \frac{1}{(m-1)!} (n+1)! \left(0,1,\frac{n+2}{m}\right), \\ \alpha'_{1,2} &= B_1 (n+1)! (1,0,0), & \alpha'_{2,2} &= (n+1)! (0,C_1,(n+2)B_1), \end{aligned}$$

Proof Similar to the proof of Proposition 3.3, we get

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

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, there are lifts $\tilde{\xi}_{i,k}$ 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 $\tilde{\xi}_{1,k}$ and $\tilde{\xi}_{2,k}$. By Lemma 3.1, we know that the subgroup H_2 is isomorphic to $H_2'/(Im(\Omega\pi)_* \cap H_2')$. We have

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

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

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

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

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

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

Therefore H_2' is generated by α and α' , 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 ΩW_{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)

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.

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 $n \ge 4$ 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, 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 λ' . Consider the following maps

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

where p_1 and p_2 are pinch maps, q_1 is quotient map and θ' 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 $Im(\lambda') = B'$.

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

Theorem 4.5 [*X*, *U*(*n* + 1)] *is isomorphic to* $\mathbb{Z}_{\frac{1}{5}(n+1)!} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{\frac{1}{5}(n+1)!} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{\frac{1}{4}(n+2)!}$.

Proof By Proposition 4.2, 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 β' , Im $\lambda' \circ (\Omega \pi)_*$ is generated by

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

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

conclude that

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

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 α and α' , where

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= k(2(n-2)!, 0, 0) = k(n-2)!(2, 0, 0), \\ \alpha' &= k(0, 0, 2(n-1)!) = k(n-2)!(0, 0, 2(n-1)). \end{aligned}$$

Now under basis β' , the subgroup H_2' is generated by $\alpha = k(n-2)!(2,0,0)$ and $\alpha' = k(n-2)!(2,0,0)$ 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' 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

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

Similar to the discussion in the proof of Proposition 3.7, 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 and when *n* is even then the statement follows from Proposition 4.6.

5 Proof of Theorem 1.1

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

$$\begin{split} [\Sigma A, \mathcal{G}_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3)] &\xrightarrow{(\Omega ev)_*} [\Sigma A, SU(n)] \xrightarrow{(\alpha_k)_*} [\Sigma A, Map_{0,k}^*(\mathbb{C}P^3, BSU(n))] \\ &\to [\Sigma A, B\mathcal{G}_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3)] \longrightarrow [\Sigma A, BSU(n)], \end{split}$$

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

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

Thus we get $[\Sigma A, B\mathcal{G}_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3)] \cong Coker(\alpha_k)_*$. By definitions of α_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 $|Coker(\alpha_k)_*| = \frac{T}{O_1}$. 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 $[\Sigma A, B\mathcal{G}_{0,k}(\mathbb{C}P^3)] \cong [\Sigma A, B\mathcal{G}_{0,k'}(\mathbb{C}P^3)]$. Thus $|Coker(\alpha_k)_*| = |Coker(\alpha_{k'})_*|$. That is, $\frac{T}{O_1} = \frac{T}{O_1'}$, 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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