MULTIPLICATIVE STRUCTURES OF MONOIDS OF SELF HOMOTOPY EQUIVALENCES OF K(G, 1)-SPACES

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Introduction

In the present work we study multiplicative structures of monoids of self homotopy equivalences of K(G, 1)-spaces. Historically, in order to study K(G, 1)-fibrations, the multiplicative structures were not used and many authors still obtained certain results without them. However, we would like to show that the multiplicative structures are determined easily. This enables us to make use of several techniques on bundle theory in our subjects and some results by predecessors are obtained in a rather conceptual and easy way.

Our main result is Theorem 1 which states the explicit formula of multiplication of the (simplicial) monoid EWG. This theorem implies the famous result by Gottlieb [4] about the homotopy groups of universal K(G, 1)-fibration, as a corollary (Corollary 2). Further applications are Hill’s result on the homotopy type of the classifying space WEWG (Theorem 3) and the existence of a principal refinement of every nilpotent fibration (Theorem 4 and the continued Remark).

1. Main Theorem and applications

We first fix our notations and definitions. Almost all of them are found in [11], [3] or [2], some of the rest are the following. Let EX denote the simplicial monoid of self weak equivalences of a simplicial set X which is a sub simplicial monoid of hom(X, X). The set of invertible simplices of EX forms its maximal subgroup AX. If X is minimal, then AX = EX is proved by making use of minimality of every fibration Δ[n] × X → Δ[n].

Let G be a simplicial group and X a G-space. We define a simplicial set W(G; X) whose set of n-simplices W_n(G; X) is G_0 × G_1 × · · · × G_n× X_n by adopting the formulae of the faces and degeneracies as

∂_i(g_0, g_1, · · · , g_{n-1}, x) =
The universal \( G \)-bundle \( G \to W G \to W G \) is defined to be \( G \to W(G; G) \to W(G; *) \) and \( W G \) is called the \( W \)-construction. The canonical twisting function \( t(G)=\{t(G)_n: W_n G \to G_{n-1}\}_{n\in \mathbb{N}} \) is defined by \( t(G)_n(g_0, g_1, \ldots, g_{n-1})=g_{n-1} \). A twisting function \( t=(t_n: B_n \to G_{n-1})_{n\in \mathbb{N}} \) is defined to be the composition \( t(G) \theta(t) \) with some simplicial map \( \theta(t): B \to W G \), which is uniquely determined by \( t \). The twisted cartesian product (T.C.P.) with base \( B \), \( G \)-space \( X \) and twisting function \( t: B \to G \) is the simplicial set \( B \times_t X \) whose set of \( n \)-simplices is \( B_n \times X_n \), with faces and degeneracies given by \( d_n(b, x)=(d_n b, t_n(b) d_n x), s_n(b, x)=(d_i b, t_i x), 0 \leq i \leq n-1, s_i(b, x)=(s_i b, s_i x), 0 \leq i \leq n \). The T.C.P. \( W G \times_t X \) is identified with \( W(G; X) \). In this paper the nerve functor ([9]) is also denoted by \( W \).

In order to state our main theorem we fix some groups and group homomorphisms. Let \( G \) be a group, \( \text{Aut} G \) the group of automorphisms of \( G \) and \( \text{Inn}: G \to \text{Aut} G \) the homomorphism which sends an element \( g \) to its inner automorphism \( \text{Inn}(g)(g g^{-1})=g \). These groups have natural \( \text{Aut} G \)-actions, evaluation of \( G \) and conjugation of \( \text{Aut} G \) respectively, and we find the homomorphism \( \text{Inn} \) to be \( \text{Aut} G \)-equivariant. The kernel of \( \text{Inn} \) is the center \( Z G \) of \( G \) and the cokernel of \( \text{Inn} \) the group of outer automorphisms \( \text{Out} G \). So we have the long exact sequence of \( \text{Aut} G \)-groups \( 1 \to Z G \to G \to \text{Aut} G \to \text{Out} G \to 1 \).

**Theorem 1.** \( E W G \), the simplicial group of self weak equivalences of \( K(G, 1) \)-space \( W G \), is isomorphic to \( W(G; \text{Aut} G) \) where \( G \) acts on \( \text{Aut} G \) through the homomorphism \( \text{Inn} \) and the multiplication is given by the formula

\[
(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; \alpha)(y_0, y_1, \ldots, y_{n-1}; \beta) = (z_0, z_1, \ldots, z_{n-1}; \alpha \beta), z_i = x_i \text{ Inn}(x_{i+1} \ldots x_{n-1})(\alpha(y_i)).
\]

**Corollary 2.** ([4], [5]). The homotopy groups of the classifying space \( EW E W G \), \( \pi_n EW E W G \) are isomorphic to \( Z G \) if \( n=2 \), \( \text{Out} G \) if \( n=1 \) and \( \{1\} \) in the other cases, and moreover the \( \pi_* W(E W G; W G) \)-equivariant homotopy sequence of the universal \( K(G, 1) \)-fibration \( W G \to W(E W G; W G) \to EW E W G \) is isomorphic to the \( \text{Aut} G \)-exact sequence \( 1 \to Z G \to G \to \text{Aut} G \to \text{Out} G \to 1 \).

It was Hill, Jr.[5] who determined the \( k \)-invariant of the two stage Postnikov space \( EW E W G \). The \( k \)-cocycle is defined as follows (see[10]). Let \( s \) be a section of the quotient \( \text{Aut} G \to \text{Out} G \) satisfying \( s(1)=1 \). The difference between \( s(x) s(y) \) and \( s(xy) \) is measured by an element \( f(x, y) \in \text{Inn} G \) and the equation \( s(x) s(y)=s(xy) f(x, y) \), so we have the function \( f: \text{Out} G^2 \to \text{Inn} G \).
Further we have a lifting \( g \colon \text{Out}^G \to G \), \( \text{Inn} = f \) with the property \( g(x, 1) = 1 = g(1, x) \). The associative law \( (s(x) s(y)) s(z) = s(x) (s(y) s(z)) \) provides that there exists a function \( u \colon \text{Out}^G \to ZG \) such that \( u(x, y, z) g(x y z) = g(x, y) g(y, z) \). The function \( u \colon \overline{W}_1 \text{Out}^G \to ZG \) is a 3-cochain of the space \( \overline{W} \text{Out}^G \) which is twisted by the canonical twisting function \( t(\text{Out}^G) \) and by the group homomorphism \( s = s \mid ZG \colon \text{Out}^G \to \text{Aut} ZG \), the composition of the set function \( s \) and the restriction \( \text{Aut} G \to \text{Aut} ZG \). The cocycle is a cocycle (see [10]).

**Remark.** Contrary to [10] we adopt right action to define local coefficient cohomology theory. Under the isomorphism \( B_\text{Con}(\text{Out}^G, \text{Out}^G, \ast) \cong B_\text{Con}(\ast, \text{Out}^G, \text{Out}^G) = \overline{W} \text{Out}^G, (x; x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) \mapsto (x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; (x x_0 \cdots x_{n-1})^{-1}) \), our cocycle corresponds to that of MacLane.

**Theorem 3** (Hill, Jr.[5]). The classifying space \( \overline{W} \text{Out}^G \) of the \( K(G, 1) \)-fibrations has a strong deformation retract which is the two stage Postnikov space with the \( k \)-cocycle \( u^{-1} \).

Finally, we will show another type of application of Theorem 1.

**Theorem 4.** Let \( p \colon E \to B \) be a (based) nilpotent \( K(G, 1) \)-fibration (see [7] or [2]) where \( E, B \) are connected. Then \( p \) is decomposed into a finite tower of principal fibrations with abelian \( K(A, 1) \)-fibres.

**Remark.** Theorem 4 and its \( K(A, n) \) version induce the more general theorem: the Moore-Postnikov decomposition of a (based) nilpotent fibration \( F \to E \to B \), where \( F, E \) and \( B \) are all connected, admits a principal refinement (see [7; Thm. 2.14] or [2; 4.7 Prop.]).

### 2. Proof of Theorem 1

A group \( G \) is regarded as a small category with one object \( * \). A functor \( \alpha \colon G \to G \) is only a group homomorphism, and a natural transformation \( \alpha \to \beta \) only a relation \( \beta = \text{Inn}(x) \alpha, x \in G \). So the functor category (see [9]) \( G^G \) has the following structure maps: \( S, T \colon MG^G = G \times \text{End} G \to \text{OG}^G = \text{End} G, S(x, \alpha) = \alpha, T(x, \alpha) = \text{Inn}(x) \alpha \), \( I \colon \text{End} G \to G \times \text{End} G, I(\alpha) = (1, \alpha) \) and \( m \colon G \times G \times \text{End} G \to G \times \text{End} G, m(x, y, \beta) = (xy, \beta) \).

**Proposition 5.** \( W(G; \text{End} G) \) is isomorphic to \( \text{hom}(\overline{W} G, \overline{W} G) \).

Proof. The correspondence, \( (x; \alpha) = (x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}; \alpha_n) \mapsto ((x_0, x_1), (x_1, x_2), \ldots, (x_{n-1}, x_n)), \alpha_i = \text{Inn}(x_i \cdots x_{i-1}) \alpha_i \) makes \( W(G; \text{End} G) \) and \( \overline{W} G^G \) isomorphic. The \( n \)-simplex \( (x; \alpha) \), considered to be an \( n \)-simplex of \( \overline{W} G^G \), is usually regarded as the functor \( n \to G^G, (i, j) \mapsto (x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{j-1}, x_j) \) where \( n = 0 \leftarrow 1 \leftarrow \cdots \leftarrow n \) is the category with \( n + 1 \) objects 0, 1, \ldots, \( n \) and one morphism \( (i, j) \) from \( j \) to \( i \) if \( i \leq j \). By adjointness, \( \text{Cat}(n, G) \cong \text{Cat}(n \times G, G) \), the \( n \)-simplex \( (x; \alpha) \) is also regarded as the
functor \( n \times G \to G, ((i, j), g) \to ((x_1 \cdots x_{j-1}, \alpha_{ij}), g) \to x_1 \cdots x_{j-1} \alpha_{ij}(g) \). Further, applying the nerve \( W \) to the functor \( n \times G \to G \), we have an \( n \)-simplex \( \Delta[n] \times WG = Wn \times WG \simeq W(n \times G) \to WG \) of \( \text{hom}(WG, WG) \). Since the nerve functor is fully-faithful, the correspondence \( \text{Cat}(n \times G, G) \to S(W(n \times G), WG) \) is bijective. Naturalities of these correspondences make the composition \( W(G; \text{End} G) \to \text{horn}(WG, WG) \) simplicial, and the proposition is proved.

An \( n \)-simplex or a functor, corresponding to an \( n \)-simplex \( (x; \alpha) \in W_n(G; \text{End} G) \), is also called \( (x; \alpha) \).

**Proposition 6.** Let \( (x; \alpha) = (x_0, \cdots, x_{n-1}; \alpha), (y; \beta) = (y_0, \cdots, y_{n-1}; \beta) \) be \( n \)-simplices of \( \text{hom}(WG, WG) \), and let \( (u, g) = ((u(0), u(1), \cdots, u(k)), (g_0, g_1, \cdots, g_{k+1})) \) be a \( k \)-simplex of \( \Delta[n] \times WG \), then we have (i) \( (x; \alpha) (u, g) = (x_0, x_1, \cdots, x_{n-1}), z_i = x_{u(i)} \text{Inn}(x_{u(i+1)} \cdots x_{u(i+1)-1}) \alpha_{u(i+1)}(g_i), \) and (ii) \( (x; \alpha) (y; \beta) = ((x; \alpha) ((0, 1, \cdots, n), y); \alpha \beta). \)

Proof. The \( k \)-simplex \( (u, g) \) is regarded as the following sequence of morphisms in \( n \times G \)
\[
((u(0), u(1)), g_0), ((u(1), u(2)), g_1), \cdots, ((u(k-1), u(k)), g_{k+1}),
\]
where \( ((u(0), u(1), g_0), (u(1), g_1), \cdots, ((u(k-1), u(k)), g_{k+1})) \). Applying the functor \( (x; \alpha): n \times G \to G, \alpha_i(g) \), to the above sequence, we have a sequence of morphisms in \( G \) which is the \( k \)-simplex \( (x, \alpha) (u, g) \). This proves (i). Put \( (x; \gamma) = (x; \alpha)(y; \beta) \), and apply a 1-simplex \( ((i, i+1), g) \) to both sides, then we get the following equations,
\[
x_i \text{Inn}(x_{i+1} \cdots x_{n-1}) (\alpha(y_i \text{Inn}(y_{i+1} \cdots y_{n-1}) (\beta(g)))) = z_i \text{Inn}(x_{i+1} \cdots z_{n-1}) (\gamma(g)), 0 \leq i \leq n-1 \cdots (1).
\]
Substituting 1 for \( g \) in the equations (1), we find, \( z_i = x_i \text{Inn}(x_{i+1} \cdots x_{n-1}) (\alpha(y_i)) \cdots (2) \). Comparing (1), (2) in the case \( i = n-1 \), we have \( \gamma = \alpha \beta \), and (ii) is completed.

**Remark.** The monoid \( \text{hom}(WG, WG) \) acts on \( WG \) by the formula \( (x; \alpha) y = (x; \alpha)((0, 1, \cdots, n), y) \).

Since it is easy for the reader to see \( (x; \alpha) \) is invertible iff \( \alpha \in \text{Aut} G \), Theorem 1 is proved.

Next we prove Corollary 2. Fundamental maps related to \( EWG \simeq W(G; \text{Aut} G) \) are the \( \text{Aut} G \)-principal bundle \( \text{Aut} G \to W(G; \text{Aut} G) \to WG \), the short exact sequence of simplicial groups \( WZG \to W(G; \text{Aut} G) \to W(\text{Inn} G; \text{Aut} G), \) and the canonical epimorphism of simplicial groups with the contractible kernel \( W \text{Inn} G, r: W(\text{Inn} G; \text{Aut} G) \to \text{Out} G \). All maps except \( p \) have their deloopings, \( \bar{W}i, \bar{W}j, \bar{W}q \) and \( \bar{W}r \).

**Proposition 7.** \( \bar{W}q: \bar{W}(G; \text{Aut} G) \to \bar{W}(\text{Inn} G; \text{Aut} G) \) is a minimal fibration.

Since \( \bar{W}W(G; \text{Aut} G) \) is fibrant, the proof can be reduced to the following
Lemma 8. Let \( x, y \) be elements of \( \overline{W}_n W(\text{Inn} G; \text{Aut} G) \). If \( n \geq 3 \), then \( \partial_i x = \partial_i y \), for all \( i \neq k \) imply \( x = y \).

Proof. Put \( x = (\alpha_0, (x(1); \alpha_1), \ldots, (x(n-1); \alpha_{n-1})) \), \( y = (\beta_0, (y(1); \beta_1), \ldots, (y(n-1); \beta_{n-1})) \). In case of \( 0 \leq k \leq n-2 \), \( \partial_x x = \partial_y y \) proves \( \alpha_0 = \beta_0 \) and \( (x(i); \alpha_i) = (y(i); \beta_i) \) for \( 0 \leq i \leq n-2 \), further \( \partial_{n-1} x = \partial_{n-1} y \) implies \( (x(n-1)_0, \ldots, (x(n-1)_{n-3}) = (y(n-1)_0, \ldots, (y(n-1)_{n-3}) \) and the rest, \( x(n-1)_{n-2} = y(n-1)_{n-2} \), \( \alpha_{n-1} = \beta_{n-1} \), are proved by \( \partial_j x = \partial_j y \), \( 0 \leq j \leq n-2 \), \( j \neq k \). Such a \( j \) exists by the condition \( n \geq 3 \). Therefore we have \( x = y \). Similar procedure, taking \( \partial_0 x = \partial_0 y \), \( \partial_1 x = \partial_1 y \) and \( \partial_j x = \partial_j y \) for \( 2 \leq j \leq n \), \( j \neq k \), implies \( x = y \) in the case \( 2 \leq k \leq n \). This completes the lemma.

Examining the homotopy long exact sequence of the fibration \( \overline{W}_q \), we find that the first half of Corollary 2 is proved.

The homomorphism \( i: \text{Aut} G \to W(G; \text{Aut} G) \) induces the map of contractible free \( \text{Aut} G \)-spaces, \( \overline{W}: W \text{Aut} G \to W W (G; \text{Aut} G) \), and therefore induces the homotopy equivalence, \( I = \overline{W} \text{Aut} G \to W W (G; \text{Aut} G) / \text{Aut} G = W W (G; \text{Aut} G) / \overline{W} G \). It enables us to fix the identification \( \pi_1 I: \text{Aut} G = \pi_1 W \text{Aut} G \to \pi_1 W W (G; \text{Aut} G) / \overline{W} G \). For the second half we need more identifications, \( \pi_2 \overline{W} j: Z G = \pi_2 W^2 Z G \to \pi_2 W W (G; \text{Aut} G), \pi_1 \overline{W} r q: \pi_1 W W (G; \text{Aut} G) \to \pi_1 W \text{Out} G = \text{Out} G \). For the universal \( K(G; 1) \)-fibration, \( \overline{W} G \to W (G; \text{Aut} G); \overline{W} G \). We examine \( \pi_1 \overline{W} j, \pi_1 \overline{W} r q \) and the connecting homomorphism \( \delta: \pi_2 W W (G; \text{Aut} G) \to \pi_1 W G \) under the above identifications. It is easy to see that \( \overline{W} q p, I \) is only the canonical projection, \( W \text{Aut} G \to \overline{W} \text{Out} G \). So \( \pi_1 \overline{W} j \) is identified with the projection \( \text{Aut} G \to \overline{W} \text{Out} G \). As for \( \pi_1 \overline{W} j \) we introduce a left inverse \( f \) of \( I \). Define \( f_1: W (G; \text{Aut} G) / \overline{W} G \to \overline{W} i \text{Aut} G \) by \( f_1(\alpha; x) = \alpha \text{Inn} (x) \). Once \( f_1 \) is thus given, \( f_2 \) and other \( f_n \)'s are determined through the routine computations such that \( f \) becomes simplicial. It is easy to see \( f = 1_{\text{Aut} G} \) and \( f k = \overline{W} \text{Inn} \). In order to examine the connecting homomorphism it is enough to compare the homotopy sequences of two fibratiobs:

\[
\begin{align*}
\overline{W} Z G & \to W W Z G \\
\downarrow & \downarrow W (j; \subset) \\
\overline{W} G & \to W (G; \text{Aut} G) / \overline{W} G \to \overline{W} W (G; \text{Aut} G).
\end{align*}
\]

We notice that \( 1_{\overline{W} G} = \delta: \pi_2 W^2 Z G \to \pi_1 W Z G \). This completes examinations.

With respect to \( \text{Aut} G \)-actions, the well known fact that \( \pi_1 \) acts on itself by conjugation and the following proposition imply the second half of Corollary 2.

Proposition 9. In the universal \( K(G; 1) \)-fibration, \( \text{Aut} G \) acts on \( \pi_1 \overline{W} G = G \) by evaluation through the isomorphism \( \pi_1 I \).
Proof. Let \( \alpha \) be an element of \( \overline{W}_1 \text{Aut} G = \text{Aut} G \). Then we have \( I(\alpha) = (\alpha; 1) \) and \( p, I(\alpha) = \alpha \in \overline{W}_1 W(G; \text{Aut} G) \). These elements define paths \( \tilde{I}(\alpha) : \Delta[1] \to \overline{W}(W(G; \text{Aut} G); \overline{W} G), \alpha : \Delta[1] \to \overline{WW}(G; \text{Aut} G) \). By making use of the canonical twisting function \( t = t(W(G; \text{Aut} G)) : \overline{WW}(G; \text{Aut} G) \to \overline{W}(G; \text{Aut} G) \) we define a simplicial map \( \tilde{\alpha} : \Delta[1] \times \overline{WG} \to \overline{W}(W(G; \text{Aut} G); \overline{WG}), \tilde{\alpha}(u, x) = (u^*\alpha; t((u, 1)^*\alpha) x) \) for \( (u, x) \in \Delta[1] \times \overline{W} G \). Here \( u^* \) denotes the map \( \overline{W} W(G; \text{Aut} G) \to \overline{W} W(G; \text{Aut} G) \) induced by \( u^* \). Substituting \( 1^* = (1, 1, \ldots, 1) \) for \( t^{-1} \), we find that the restriction \( \tilde{\alpha} |_{1^* := WW G} \) is identified with the canonical inclusion \( k \). Since \( \tilde{\alpha}((0, 1), 1) = (\alpha; 1), \tilde{\alpha} |_{1^* := WW G} \) is identified with the path \( \tilde{I}(\alpha) \). These show that the homotopy class of \( I(\alpha) \) operates on \( \pi_1 \text{WG} = G \) as the homomorphism \( \pi_1 \gamma (\Delta[1] \times \overline{WG}) : \pi_1 \text{WG} \to \pi_1 \text{WG} \). Since \( \tilde{\alpha}((0, 0), 1) = (1_G; (1; \alpha) x) = (1_G; (1; \alpha) ((0, 1), x)) = (1_G; \alpha(x)) \), the homomorphism is equal to \( \alpha \). This proves Proposition 9.

3. Proof of Theorem 3

In section 1 we have fixed a section \( s : \text{Out} G \to \text{Aut} G \) and a function \( f : \text{Out} G \to \text{Inn} G \) which satisfies \( s(x) s(y) = s(xy)f(x, y) \). By making use of them we construct a right inverse \( R : \overline{W} \text{Out} G \to \overline{WW}(\text{Inn} G; \text{Aut} G) \) to \( \overline{W} \). Put \( h(x, y) = s(y)f(x, y)^{-1} s(x)^{-1} \) and define \( R \) by the formulae

\[
R_n(b) = (R_n, 0, b, \ldots, R_n, b_{n-1}(b)), \quad R_n, i(b) = (c_0, c_1, \ldots, c_{i-1}; s(b_i)),
\]

\[
c_j = h(b_j, \ldots, b_{i-1}, b_i) h(b_{i+1}, \ldots, b_{n-1})^{-1} \text{ for } b = (b_0, b_1, \ldots, b_{n-1}) \in \overline{W}_n \text{Out} G.
\]

Long but routine calculations make us find \( R \) to be simplicial. We find immediately it to be a right inverse to \( \overline{W} \).

The proof of Theorem 3 is organized as follows.

(i) We obtain a simplicial map over \( \overline{W} \text{Out} G \) \( U^{-1} : \overline{W} \text{Out} G \to \overline{W}(\overline{W}^2 \text{ZG} \times \text{Out} G) \) corresponding to the cocycle \( u^{-1} \in Z^2(\overline{W} \text{Out} G; \text{ZG}) \). Here \( \overline{W}^2 \text{ZG} \times \text{Out} G \) is the semi-direct product of simplicial groups \( \overline{W}^2 \text{ZG}, \text{Out} G \) with the action \( s : \text{Out} G \times \overline{W}^2 \text{ZG} \to \overline{W}^2 \text{ZG} \) which is the canonical extension of the group action \( s_1 : \text{Out} G \to \text{Aut} \text{ZG} \) defined in section 1. The map \( U^{-1} \) defines a twisting function \( t' = t(\overline{W}^2 \text{ZG} \times_\gamma \text{Out} G) U^{-1} \) and a fibration \( \overline{W}^2 \text{ZG} \to \overline{W} \text{Out} G \times_\gamma \overline{W}^2 \text{ZG} \to \overline{W} \text{Out} G \).

(ii) We can lift the map \( R \) to a cofibration \( \overline{R} : \overline{W} \text{Out} G \times_\gamma \overline{W}^2 \text{ZG} \to \overline{WW}(G; \text{Aut} G) \) which makes the diagram

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\overline{W}^2 \text{ZG} \to \overline{W} \text{Out} G \times_\gamma \overline{W}^2 \text{ZG} \to \overline{W} \text{Out} G \\
\downarrow = \overline{R} \downarrow R \\
\overline{W}^2 \text{ZG} \to \overline{WW}(G; \text{Aut} G) \to \overline{WW}(\text{Inn} G; \text{Aut} G)
\end{array}
\]

commutative.

After these procedures, Theorem 3 would be proved because \( \overline{R} \) is a trivial
cofibration and all the spaces in the diagram are fibrant. Covering homotopy property and some other techniques, concerning closed model categories, provide moreover the fact that \((R, R)\) has a left inverse which is a strong deformation retraction of these fibrations.

We begin with procedure (i). Let \(C^i_t(B, A)\) be the set of \(A\)-valued twisted normalized \(n\)-cochains of a simplicial set \(B\) with a twisting function \(t = t(\Gamma)\theta(t): B \rightarrow \Gamma\) and a group action \(\phi: \Gamma \rightarrow \text{Aut}^A\), where \(\Gamma\) is a group and \(A\) a (multiplicative) commutative group. The differentials \(Sf(b) = \prod_{i=0}^{n} f(\partial_i b)\), \(\varepsilon(i) = (-1)^{i+1}b\), \(b \in B_{n+1}\), \(f \in C^i_t(B, A)\), make \((C^i_t(B, A), S)\) a cochain complex. Applying the normalized cochain complex functor to the cosimplicial simplicial set \(\Delta [\ast]\) we have a cochain complex \(Sw^\Gamma(B, W_T\Gamma \times, C^w(\Delta [\ast]; A))\) where the set of \(r\)-cochains \(Sw^\Gamma(B, W_T\Gamma \times, C^w(\Delta [\ast]; A))\) is the set of simplicial maps over \(W_T\Gamma\) (see [8]).

**Proposition 10.** These cochain complexes are isomorphic by the correspondence \(\mu: C^i_t(B; A)^{SMB, WT \Gamma \times, C^w(\Delta [\ast]; A))}: \mu(f)(b) = (\theta(t)(b), [a^t\zeta a, k^t b)^{-1} f(a^t b))]\) where \(f \in C^i_t(B; A), b \in B_k\) and \(a \in \Delta [k]_a\).

Proof. The inverse function \(\nu\) is defined as \(\nu(\theta(t), g)(b) = g(b)(0, 1, \ldots, n), b \in B_n\). Details are left to the readers (see [8]).

The short exact sequence \(1 \rightarrow Z^w(\Delta [\ast]; A) \rightarrow C^w(\Delta [\ast]; A) \rightarrow Z^w+1(\Delta [\ast]; A) \rightarrow 1\) is a model of the universal fibration \(\overline{W}^w A \rightarrow \overline{W}^w A \rightarrow \overline{W}^{w+1} A\). We construct an isomorphism \(Z^w(\Delta [\ast]; A) \rightarrow \overline{W}^w A\) as follows. A twisting function \(t_k^{w+1}: Z^{w+1}(\Delta [k]; A) \rightarrow Z^w(\Delta [k-1]; A)\) is defined as \(t_k^{w+1}(f) = f(\theta, k-1)^{-1} f(\theta, k)\) (see [11; §23]). We have the isomorphism of Eilenberg-MacLane spaces \(\theta(t^{w+1}): Z^{w+1}(\Delta [\ast]; A) \rightarrow \overline{W} Z^{w}(\Delta [\ast]; A), \theta(t^{w+1})_a(f) = (t_k^{w+1}(\partial_0 \partial_3 \cdots \partial_{k-1}) f), \cdots, t_k^{w+1}(f))\), and the isomorphism \(\eta: Z^w(\Delta [\ast]; A) \rightarrow A \otimes \Delta[0], \eta(f) = f(k)\) for \(f \in Z^w(\Delta [k]; A)\). The composition \(\gamma = \overline{W}^w \eta \overline{W}^{w-1} \theta(t^w) \overline{W}^{w-2} \theta(t^{w-1}) \cdots \theta(t^0): Z^w(\Delta [\ast]; A) \rightarrow \overline{W}^w A\), is the isomorphism which we need.

**Lemma 11.** We have the explicit formula
\[
\gamma_3(f) = f(0, 1, 2, 3).
\]

We need one more isomorphism \(\xi: W(\Gamma; \overline{W}^w A) \rightarrow \overline{W}(\overline{W}^w A \times_\phi \Gamma)\) which is defined by \(\xi(y; a) = ((y_0 \cdots y_{k-1}(a_0), y_0), (y_1 \cdots y_{k-1}(a_1), y_1), \cdots, (y_{k-1}(a_{k-1}), y_{k-1}))\) for \((y; a) = (y_0, y_1, \ldots, y_{k-1}, a_0, a_1, \ldots, a_{k-1}) \in W_k(\Gamma; \overline{W}^w A)\). Mixing up above isomorphisms we have the isomorphism \(Z^w(B; A) \rightarrow S\overline{W}_T(B, \overline{W}(\overline{W}^w A \times_\phi \Gamma))\). We conclude that the cocycle \(t^{w-1}\) determines the simplicial map over \(\overline{W} \text{Out} G U^{-1}\).

\(\text{Out} G \rightarrow \overline{W}(\overline{W}^2 ZG \times, \text{Out} G), \text{the twisting function } t': \overline{W} \text{Out} G \rightarrow \overline{W}^2 ZG \times, \text{Out} G\) and the fibration \(\overline{W}^2 ZG \rightarrow \overline{W} \text{Out} G \times, \overline{W}^2 ZG \rightarrow \overline{W} \text{Out} G\). We have moreover explicit formulae \(t'_1(b_0) = s(b_0), t'_2(b_0, b_1) = s(b_1)\) and \(t'_3(b_0, b_1, b_2) = s(b_2)\).
We turn to procedure (ii) at once. We define the following injective maps
\( R_0: 1 \rightarrow 1, R_1: \text{Out}_G \times 1 \rightarrow \text{Aut}_G, R_2: \text{Out}_G \times 1 \times \text{ZG} \rightarrow \text{Aut}_G \times (G \times \text{Aut}_G) \) and
\( R_3: \text{Out}_G \times 1 \times \text{ZG} \times \text{ZG} \rightarrow \text{Aut}_G \times (G \times \text{Aut}_G) \times (G \times \text{Aut}_G) \) by
\[
R_0(1) = 1, R_1((b_0, b_1), (1, a_1)) = (s(b_0), (s(b_1) (g(b_0, b_1)^{-1} a_1); s(b_1))), R_2((b_0, b_1, b_2), (1, a_1, (a_{2,0}, a_{2,1}))) = (s(b_0), (s(b_1) (g(b_0, b_1)^{-1} s(b_2)) (u(b_0, b_1, b_2)^{-1} a_1)); s(b_1)), R_3((b_0, b_1, b_2), (1, a_0, (a_{2,0}, a_{2,1})), (s(b_0) (g(b_0, b_1, b_2)^{-1} g(b_1, b_2) a_{2,0}, s(b_2) (g(b_1, b_2)^{-1} a_{2,1}); s(b_3)))\)

respectively. By making use of the above explicit formulae of \( t' \) and the relation \( u(b_0, b_1, b_2) g(b_0, b_1, b_2) \) it turns out that \( (R_0, R_1, R_2, R_3) \) is a simplicial map truncated at level 3 or equivalently a simplicial map \( sk^3(\mathcal{W} \text{Out}_G \times \mathcal{W}^2 \text{ZG}) \rightarrow \mathcal{W} \text{W}(G; \text{Aut}_G) \) (see [1]). We find further that the following diagram truncated at level 3

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\mathcal{W}^2 \text{ZG} \rightarrow \mathcal{W} \text{Out}_G \times \mathcal{W}^2 \text{ZG} \rightarrow \mathcal{W} \text{Out}_G \\
\downarrow (1,1,1,1) \downarrow (R_0, R_1, R_2, R_3) \downarrow R \\
\mathcal{W}^2 \text{ZG} \rightarrow \mathcal{W} \text{W}(G; \text{Aut}_G) \rightarrow \mathcal{W} \text{W}(\text{Inn}_G; \text{Aut}_G)
\end{array}
\]

or equivalently the following diagram of simplicial maps

\[
\begin{array}{c}
sk^3(\mathcal{W} \text{Out}_G \times \mathcal{W}^2 \text{ZG}) \rightarrow sk^3(\mathcal{W} \text{Out}_G \times \mathcal{W}^2 \text{ZG}) \rightarrow \mathcal{W} \text{Out}_G \\
\cap \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow R \\
\mathcal{W}^2 \text{ZG} \rightarrow \mathcal{W} \text{W}(G; \text{Aut}_G) \rightarrow \mathcal{W} \text{W}(\text{Inn}_G; \text{Aut}_G)
\end{array}
\]

is commutative.

**Proposition 12.** For any commutative diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
sk^3 X & \subset & X \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
\mathcal{W} \text{W}(G; \text{Aut}_G) & \rightarrow & \mathcal{W} \text{W}(\text{Inn}_G; \text{Aut}_G)
\end{array}
\]

the filler \( X \rightarrow \mathcal{W} \text{W}(G; \text{Aut}_G) \) exists uniquely.

**Proof.** The filtration \( sk^3 X \subset sk^4 X \subset \cdots \subset X \) and the push out diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
\Pi \hat{\Delta} [n+1] & \subset & \Pi \Delta [n+1] \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
\text{sk}^3 X & \subset & \text{sk}^{n+1} X
\end{array}
\]

reduce the proposition to the following

**Lemma 13.** When \( n \geq 3 \), for any commutative diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
\hat{\Delta} [n+1] & \subset & \Delta [n+1] \\
\downarrow z & & \downarrow \\
\mathcal{W} \text{W}(G; \text{Aut}_G) & \rightarrow & \mathcal{W} \text{W}(\text{Inn}_G; \text{Aut}_G)
\end{array}
\]
the filler $\Delta[n+1]\to \tilde{W}W(G; \text{Aut}G)$ exists uniquely.

Proof. The equivalent condition to give a simplicial map $z$ is to give $n$-simplices $z_0, z_1, \ldots, z_{n+1} \in \tilde{W}_n W(G; \text{Aut}G)$ such that $\partial_i z_j = \partial_{j-1} z_i$ for $i < j$. The diagram restricted to the horn $\Lambda^{n+1}[n+1] \subset \Delta[n+1]$ has a filler $\tilde{w}$ because $\tilde{W}q$ is a fibration. The $n+1$-simplex $w$ satisfies equation $\partial_i w = z_i$ for any $i \neq n+1$. Since $\partial_i \partial_{n+1} w = \partial_n \partial_i w = \partial_i z_i = \partial_i z_{n+1}$ for $i = 0, 1, \ldots, n$ analogous arguments in Lemma 8 imply $\partial_{n+1} w = z_{n+1}$. Therefore $w$ is a filler without any restriction. Similar arguments show the uniqueness of $w$ and the lemma is proved.

We are given a commutative diagram

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
\tilde{W}^2 ZG & \to & \tilde{W} \text{Out} G \times \tilde{W}^2 ZG \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow R \\
\tilde{W}^2 ZG & \to & \tilde{W}W(G; \text{Aut} G) \\
\end{array}
$$

The restriction $R_{\tilde{W}^2 ZG}: \tilde{W}^2 ZG \to \tilde{W}^2 ZG$ is equal to the identity of $\tilde{W}^2 ZG$ because $\tilde{W}^2 ZG = \cosk^3 \tilde{W}^2 ZG$. Since $R_0, \ldots, R_3$ are injective, injectivity of $R$ is proved by induction. Hence completing Procedure (ii), Theorem 3 is proved.

4. Proof of Theorem 4

Let us consider a fibration $\tilde{W}A \to E \to B$, where $A$ is an abelian group, $B$ an one vertexed fibrant simplicial set and $E$ a T.C.P. (twisted cartesian product) $B \times \tilde{W}A$ with $t: B \to W(A; \text{Aut} A)$. The fibration is classified as the following commutative diagram

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
\tilde{W}A & \to & E \\
\downarrow = & \downarrow \tilde{\theta}(t) \\
\tilde{W}A & \to & W(W(A; \text{Aut} A); \tilde{W}A) \\
\end{array}
$$

**Lemma 14.** For the above fibration the $\pi_t E$-action on $\pi_t \tilde{W}A = A$ is determined by the homomorphism $\pi_t \theta(t) \pi_t p_t: \pi_t E \to \pi_t B \to \pi_t \text{Aut} A$, and the action is trivial iff the fibration is principal.

Proof. By naturality $\pi_t E$ acts on $A$ through $\pi_t \tilde{\theta}(t)$. For the universal fibration it is proved in Proposition 9 that $\text{Aut} A = \pi_t W(W(A; \text{Aut} A); \tilde{W}A)$ acts on $A$ by evaluation. In this abelian case $\pi_t p_t$ is identified with $1_{\text{Aut} A}$ under the specific identification $\pi_t I: \text{Aut} A \to \pi_t W(W(A; \text{Aut} A); \tilde{W}A)$. Therefore we have $\pi_t I^{-1} \pi_t \tilde{\theta}(t) = \pi_t \theta(t) \pi_t p_t$ and the first half of the lemma is concluded. Let $t(B): B \to \pi_t B$ be the twisting function defined by $t(B)(b) = \text{the homotopy class of } \partial\gamma^{-1} b$. Since $t(\text{Aut} A)(a_0, a_1, \ldots, a_{n-1}) = a_{n-1} = \partial\gamma^{-1}(a_0, \ldots, a_{n-1})$, we have $t(\text{Aut} A) \tilde{W}q \theta(t) = \pi_t \tilde{W}q \pi_t \theta(t) t(B)$ by naturality, furthermore since $\pi_t \tilde{W}q = 1_{\text{Aut} A}$,
By making use of the last equation, surjectivity of \( t(B) \) and \( \pi_1p \), and exactness of \( 1 \rightarrow WA \rightarrow W(A; Aut A) \rightarrow Aut A \rightarrow 1 \), the rest of the lemma is proved.

**Remark (1)** When the fibre \( WA \) is replaced by \( W^*A \), similar lemma can be proved by similar arguments (see [8]).

**Remark (2).** After Lemma 14 and Remark (1), a \( K(A, n) \)-fibration is called principal when it satisfies the following equivalent conditions; (1) it has the untwisted \( k \)-invariant, (2) the value of its twisted function is reduced to the sub simplicial group \( K(A, n) \) (i.e. \( W^*A \subset W^*A \times Aut A \simeq EK(A, n) \)), (3) it is fibre homotopy equivalent to a principal \( K(A, n) \)-fibration (bundle), (4) the fundamental group of its base space acts trivially on \( A \).

Let \( WG \rightarrow E \rightarrow B \), \( E = B \times WG \), be a nilpotent fibration ([7]), which is classified as

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
WG & \rightarrow & E & \rightarrow & B \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \theta(t) & & \downarrow \theta(t) \\
WG & \rightarrow & W(W(G; Aut G); WG) & \rightarrow & WW(G; Aut G) \\
\end{array}
\]

Comparing the homotopy long exact sequences of the diagram with the following commutative diagram which is analogous to that appeared in the proof of Lemma 14,

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
B & \xrightarrow{t} & W(G; Aut G) \\
\downarrow t(B) & & \downarrow \pi_1 \theta(t) \\
\pi_1 B & \xrightarrow{\pi_1 \theta(t)} & \text{Out } G \\
\end{array}
\]

we see that the structure group is reduced to the subgroup \( W(G; \Gamma) \subset W(G; Aut G) \), \( \Gamma = \text{Im } \pi_1 \theta(t) \). Then we have the reduced diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
WG & \rightarrow & E & \rightarrow & B \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \theta(t) & & \downarrow \theta(t) \\
WG & \rightarrow & W(W(G; \Gamma); WG) & \rightarrow & WW(G; \Gamma) \\
\end{array}
\]

and the homotopy long exact sequence of the lower fibration in the diagram becomes \( 1 \rightarrow ZG \rightarrow G \rightarrow \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma/\text{Inn } G \rightarrow 1 \). Naturality implies that this new "universal" fibration is nilpotent. If it admits a principal refinement our original fibration has the induced refinement and that would prove Theorem 4.

Let \( G = G_0 \supset G_i \supset \cdots \supset G_q \supset \cdots \supset G_N = \{1\} \) be a lower central \( \Gamma \)-series of the nilpotent \( \Gamma \)-or \( \pi_1E \)-group \( G = \pi_1 WG \), which satisfies that (i) \( G_q \) is normal and \( \Gamma \)-invariant, (ii) \( G_q/G_{q+1} \) is contained in \( Z(G/G_{q+1}) \) and (iii) the induced \( \Gamma \)-action
on \( G_q/G_{q+1} \) is trivial. The series associates the following series of subgroups 
\[ W(G_0; \Gamma) \supset W(G_1; \Gamma) \supset \cdots \supset W(G_q; \Gamma) \supset \cdots \supset W(G_N; \Gamma) = \Gamma. \]

**Lemma 15.** \( W(G_{q+1}; \Gamma) \) is normal in \( W(G_q; \Gamma) \) and there exists a natural isomorphism \( W(G_q; \Gamma)/W(G_{q+1}; \Gamma) \cong W(G_q/G_{q+1}); \Gamma. \)

**Proof.** Define a simplicial map \( W(G_q; \Gamma) \to W(G_q/G_{q+1}; \Gamma) \) by \((x; \alpha) = (x_0, x_1, \cdots, x_{n-1}; \alpha) \to \bar{x} = (\bar{x}_0, \bar{x}_1, \cdots, \bar{x}_{n-1}). \) If \((x; \alpha)(y; \beta) = (z_0, z_1, \cdots, z_{n-1}; \alpha \beta)\) we have \( \bar{x}_i = x_i, x_{i+1}, \cdots, x_{n-1} \alpha(y_i) , x_{n-1}^{-1} = \bar{y}_i, \bar{y}_i \) by Theorem 1. Hence we find that the map is a homomorphism of simplicial groups, it is epic and its kernel is equal to \( W(G_{q+1}; \Gamma). \)

Successive factorizations of the contractible space \( WW(G; \Gamma) \) with these subgroups decompose the fibration \( W(W(G; \Gamma); \Gamma) \to WW(G; \Gamma) \) into a series of simplicial sets \( W(W(G_0; \Gamma)/\Gamma \to W(W(G_1; \Gamma)/\Gamma \to \cdots \to W(W(G_0; \Gamma)/\Gamma \to W(G_0; \Gamma)/G_{q+1}; \Gamma). \)

**Lemma 16.** Let \( H \) be a simplicial group, \( K \) a sub simplicial group of \( H \) and \( L \) a normal sub simplicial group of \( K. \) Then the canonical projection \( WH/L \to WH/K \) is a principal \( K/L \)-fibration.

**Proof.** The canonical projection \( WH/L \to WH/K \) is identified with \( W(H; H/L) \to W(H; H/K) \). The canonical right action \( H/L \times K/L \to H/L \) and the isomorphism of orbit spaces \( (H/L)/(K/L) \cong H/K \) induce the action \( W(H; H/L) \times K/L \to W(H; H/L) \) and the isomorphism \( W(H; H/L)/(K/L) \cong W(H; H/K). \)

By making use of these lemmas we find that every \( W(G_q/G_{q+1}; \Gamma) \to WW(G; \Gamma)/W(G_{q+1}; \Gamma) \to WW(G; \Gamma)/W(G_q; \Gamma) \) is a principal \( W(G_q/G_{q+1}); \Gamma \)-fibration (bundle), and therefore is principal (see Remark (2) after Lemma 14). We obtained a principal refinement of \( W(W(G; \Gamma); \Gamma) \to WW(G; \Gamma), \) and the proof of Theorem 4 is completed.

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