CYCLIC MAPS AND RELATED TOPICS

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In this thesis, we study cyclic maps and related topics. Usually, we work in the category of spaces with base points and having the homotopy type of locally finite CW-complexes. A space X is called a G-space if each element of homotopy groups of X is a homotopy class of cyclic maps. Any H-space is a G-space, but the converse does not hold. Firstly, we define weakly cyclic maps closely related to G-spaces, and find a condition, under which H-spaces and G-spaces are equivalent. It follows easily that among spheres only S^1 , S^3 and S^7 are G-spaces. Secondly, we study homotopy groups of the free mapping space X^{Sp} with cyclic map as base point, and generalize the result of Koh. Thirdly, we study cyclic maps on the H-cogroup domains. We can easily obtain that for each $\alpha \in \pi_{2k+1}(S^{2k+1})$, $\beta \in \pi_n(S^{2k+1})$ $(k \ge 0, n \ge 1)$, $2\lceil \alpha, \beta \rceil = 0$ in $\pi_{2k+n}(S^{2k+1})$, where [,] is the Whitehead product. Finally, we introduce the evaluation subgroup of the fundamental group of a transformation group as a generalization of the evaluation subgroup of the fundamental group of a space. We show that the evaluation subgroup is an invariant of the homotopy type of the transformation group.

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