

EXACT G -SEQUENCES AND RELATIVE G -PAIRS

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Gottlieb has defined and studied the evaluation subgroups $G_n(X)$ of the homotopy groups $\Pi_n(X)$ of a topological space X [1, 2]. Recently, the group $G_n(X)$ is generalized by the first author and Kim [6] as follows; Let (X, A) be a topological pair. Consider the class of continuous maps $F : A \times S^n \rightarrow X$ such that $F(a, s_0) = a$, then the map $h : (S^n, s_0) \rightarrow (X, x_0)$ defined by $h(s) = F(x_0, s)$ represents an element $[h]$ in $\Pi_n(X, x_0)$. The set of all elements $[h] \in \Pi_n(X, x_0)$ obtained in the above manner from some F is denoted by $G_n(X, A, x_0)$ and called the generalized evaluation subgroups of the homotopy groups.

The exactness of the homotopy sequence for a topological pair (X, A) plays an important role in algebraic topology. In [8] we have defined and studied the relative evaluation subgroups $G_n^{\text{Rel}}(X, A)$ of a topological pair (X, A) . Consider a map

$$H : (X \times I^n, A \times \partial I^n, x_0 \times J^{n-1}) \rightarrow (X, A, x_0)$$

such that $H(x, u) = x$ for $x \in X$ and $u \in J^{n-1}$. Then the map $f : (I^n, \partial I^n, J^{n-1}) \rightarrow (X, A, x_0)$ defined by $f(u) = H(x_0, u)$, where x_0 is a base point of X , represents an element $\alpha = [f] \in \Pi_n(X, A, x_0)$. The set of all elements $\alpha \in \Pi_n(X, A, x_0)$ obtained in the above manner from some H is denoted by $G_n^{\text{Rel}}(X, A, x_0)$.

In particular, we show that if (X, A) is a CW -pair, we obtain a subsequence of the homotopy sequence of (X, A)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \rightarrow \Pi_{n+1}(X, A) & \rightarrow \Pi_n(A) & \rightarrow \Pi_n(X) & \rightarrow \Pi_n(X, A) & \rightarrow \cdots \\ & \cup & \cup & \cup & \\ \rightarrow G_{n+1}^{\text{Rel}}(X, A) & \rightarrow G_n(A) & \rightarrow G_n(X, A) & \rightarrow G_n^{\text{Rel}}(X, A) & \rightarrow \cdots \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \cdots & \rightarrow & \Pi_2(X, A) & \rightarrow & \Pi_1(A) & \rightarrow & \Pi_1(X) \\ & & \cup & & \cup & & \cup \\ \cdots & \rightarrow & G_2^{\text{Rel}}(X, A) & \rightarrow & G_1(A) & \rightarrow & G_1(X, A). \end{array}$$

We call this subsequence the *G-sequence* for a *CW-pair* (X, A) . Furthermore, we show that if the inclusion $i: A \hookrightarrow X$ has a left homotopy inverse, then the *G-sequence* for (X, A) is exact [8].

In this paper, we study such pairs and show that the fundamental group of A acts trivially on the *G-sequence* for a *CW-pair* (X, A) . Next, we introduce relative *G-pairs* and calculate relative evaluation subgroups $G_n^{\text{Rel}}(X, A)$ by the exactness of the *G-sequences* for those pairs.

Throughout this paper, all spaces are assumed to be pathwise connected with base point and all *CW-complexes* assumed to be locally finite.

THEOREM 1. *If (X, A) is a CW-pair, the fundamental group $\Pi_1(A)$ operates trivially on the G-sequence of (X, A) . In diagrammatic terms, this means that, for each $\mathfrak{s} \in \Pi_1(A)$, all vertical maps in the following diagram are identity maps:*

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \rightarrow & G_{n+1}^{\text{Rel}}(X, A) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & G_n(A) & \longrightarrow & G_n(X, A) & \longrightarrow & G_n^{\text{Rel}}(X, A) & \longrightarrow \\ & \downarrow \tau_{\mathfrak{s}'} & & \downarrow \tau_{\mathfrak{s}} & & \downarrow \tau_{\eta} & & \downarrow \tau_{\mathfrak{s}'} & \\ \rightarrow & G_{n+1}^{\text{Rel}}(X, A) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & G_n(A) & \longrightarrow & G_n(X, A) & \longrightarrow & G_n^{\text{Rel}}(X, A) & \longrightarrow \end{array}$$

(where $\eta = i_*(\mathfrak{s})$ and see p. 164 in [6] for $\tau_{\mathfrak{s}'}, \tau_{\mathfrak{s}}$ and τ_{η}).

Proof. Since the fundamental group $\Pi_1(A)$ operates on the homotopy sequence of a pair (X, A) , it is sufficient to show that all vertical maps are the identity maps. Let $\mathfrak{s} = [\sigma]$ be any element of $\Pi_1(A)$ and $\eta = i_*(\mathfrak{s})$.

For $n=1$, $G_1(X, A, x_0)$ is contained in $Z(i_*(\Pi_1(A)), \Pi_1(X))$ (see Theorem 1 [9]), where $Z(H, K)$ denotes the centralizer of a subgroup H of K . Thus we have $\tau_{\eta}(\alpha) = \eta + \alpha - \eta = i_*(\mathfrak{s}) + \alpha - i_*(\mathfrak{s}) = \alpha$ for any $\alpha \in G_1(X, A, x_0)$. Therefore $\tau_{\eta}: G_1(X, A, x_0) \rightarrow G_1(X, A, x_0)$ is the identity map for any $\mathfrak{s} \in \Pi_1(A)$. Since $G_1(A) = G_1(A, A, x_0)$ is contained in $Z(\Pi_1(A), \Pi_1(A)) = Z(\Pi_1(A))$, we also have that $\tau_{\mathfrak{s}}$ is the identity map on $G_1(A)$ for every $\mathfrak{s} \in \Pi_1(A)$.

For $n \geq 2$, we only prove that $\tau_{\mathfrak{s}'}: G_n^{\text{Rel}}(X, A) \rightarrow G_n^{\text{Rel}}(X, A)$ is the

identity map for any $\mathfrak{s} \in \Pi_1(A)$. Let α be any element of $G_n^{\text{Rel}}(X, A)$. Then there is an affiliated homotopy

$$H : (X \times I^n, A \times \partial I^n, x_0 \times J^{n-1}) \rightarrow (X, A, x_0)$$

such that $H(x, u) = x$ for every $u \in J^{n-1}$ and $[H(x_0, \quad)] = \alpha$. If we define $F : I^n \times I \rightarrow X$ by $F(u, t) = H(\sigma(1-t), u)$, then $F(\partial I^n \times I) \subset A$ and $F(u, t) = \sigma(1-t)$ for every $u \in J^{n-1}$. Since $[F(\quad, 0)] = \alpha$ and $F(u, t) = \sigma(1-t)$ for every $u \in J^{n-1}$, we have $\alpha = [F(\quad, 1)] = \tau_{\mathfrak{s}'}(\alpha)$. Thus $\tau_{\mathfrak{s}'}$ is the identity map on $G_n^{\text{Rel}}(X, A)$ for any $\mathfrak{s} \in \Pi_1(A)$.

A CW-pair (X, A) is said to be an *H-pair* if and only if X and A are *H-spaces* and the restriction of the product in X to $B \times B$ is homotopic (and therefore may be assumed equal) to the product in B .

THEOREM 2. *Every H-pair has an exact G-sequence.*

Proof. Let (X, A) be an *H-pair*. Then $G_n^{\text{Rel}}(X, A, x_0) = \Pi_n(X, A, x_0)$ for $n > 1$, by Theorem 5 [8]. Since X and A are *H-spaces*, $G_n(X) = \Pi_n(X)$ and $G_n(A) = \Pi_n(A)$. Thus the *G-sequence* for (X, A) is just the homotopy sequence. Therefore the *G-sequence* for (X, A) is exact.

A space X satisfying $G_n(X) = \Pi_n(X)$ for every n is called a *G-space*. Any *H-space* is a *G-space*, but the converse is not true [5]. A pair (X, A) is a *G-pair* if X and A are *G-spaces*.

THEOREM 3. *Every G-pair (X, A) has an exact G-sequence if ∂ -image of $\Pi_n(X, A)$ is equal to ∂ -image of $G_n^{\text{Rel}}(X, A)$, where ∂ is the connecting homomorphism in the homotopy sequence of (X, A) .*

Proof. Consider the following sequence;

$$\rightarrow G_n(A, x_0) \xrightarrow{i_*} G_n(X, A, x_0) \xrightarrow{j_*} G_n^{\text{Rel}}(X, A, x_0) \xrightarrow{\partial'} G_{n-1}(A, x_0) \rightarrow$$

for $n > 1$. Since X and A are *G-spaces*, $G_n(A) = \Pi_n(A)$ and $G_n(X, A) = \Pi_n(X, A)$. Thus it is sufficient to show that the *G-sequence* is exact at $G_n(A)$ for $n \geq 1$. Since $\partial(G_n^{\text{Rel}}(X, A)) = \partial(\Pi_n(X, A))$, $\ker i_* = \text{Im } \partial \cap G_n(A) = \text{Im } \partial'$, where $\partial' : G_n^{\text{Rel}}(X, A) \rightarrow G_{n-1}(A)$ is the connecting homomorphism.

A topological pair (X, A) is said to be a *relative G-pair* if $G_n^{\text{Rel}}(X, A) = \Pi_n(X, A)$ for all $n > 1$.

Remark. For any topological space X , the pair (X, X) is a relative G -pair. For any CW -complex X , the pair (X, x_0) is a relative G -pair. Because, by Theorem 12 [8], the pair (X, x_0) has an exact G -sequence;

$\rightarrow G_n(x_0, x_0) \rightarrow G_n(X, x_0, x_0) \rightarrow G_n^{Rel}(X, x_0, x_0) \rightarrow G_{n-1}(x_0, x_0) \rightarrow$
 for $n > 1$. Since $G_n(x_0, x_0) = 0$, $\Pi_n(X, x_0) = G_n(X, x_0, x_0)$ is isomorphic to $G_n^{Rel}(X, x_0, x_0)$ which is a subgroup of $\Pi_n(X, x_0, x_0) = \Pi_n(X, x_0)$. Thus we have $G_n^{Rel}(X, x_0, x_0) = \Pi_n(X, x_0, x_0)$.

THEOREM 4. Every G -pair is a relative G -pair if $\partial(G_n^{Rel}(X, A)) = \partial(\Pi_n(X, A))$ for every $n > 1$.

Proof. Let (X, A) be a G -pair. Then $\Pi_n(A) = G_n(A)$ and $\Pi_n(X) = G_n(X, A)$ for $n > 1$. Consider the following commutative ladder;

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} \rightarrow & G_n(A) & \rightarrow & G_n(X, A) & \rightarrow & G_n^{Rel}(X, A) & \rightarrow & G_{n-1}(A) & \rightarrow & G_{n-1}(X, A) & \rightarrow \\ & \parallel & & \parallel & & \downarrow i & & \parallel & & \parallel & \\ \rightarrow & \Pi_n(A) & \rightarrow & \Pi_n(X) & \rightarrow & \Pi_n(X, A) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \Pi_{n-1}(A) & \rightarrow & \Pi_{n-1}(X) & \rightarrow \end{array}$$

for $n > 1$, where i is the inclusion.

Let α be any element of $\Pi_n(X, A)$. Then $\partial(\alpha)$ belongs to $\Pi_{n-1}(A) = G_{n-1}(A)$. Since the lower and the upper sequences are exact, there is an element $\beta \in G_n^{Rel}(X, A)$ such that $\partial(\beta) = \partial(\alpha)$. Thus $\partial(\beta - \alpha) = 0$. So for some $\gamma \in \Pi_n(X) = G_n(X, A)$, we have $\beta - \alpha = j_*(\gamma)$. This implies $\beta - \alpha \in G_n^{Rel}(X, A)$. Therefore α belongs to $G_n^{Rel}(X, A)$.

For a CW -pair (X, A) , if $i : A \rightarrow X$ has a left homotopy inverse, then the pair (X, A) has an exact G -sequence. For the CW -pair (B^n, S^{n-1}) , $i : S^{n-1} \rightarrow B^n$ does not have a left homotopy inverse but the pair (B^n, S^{n-1}) has an exact G -sequence.

THEOREM 5. The topological pair (B^n, S^{n-1}) has an exact G -sequence.

Proof. We first show that $(B^n)^{S^{n-1}}$ is contractible to the inclusion $i : S^{n-1} \rightarrow B^n$. If we define a homotopy $H : (B^n)^{S^{n-1}} \times I \rightarrow (B^n)^{S^{n-1}}$ by $H(f, t)(u) = f(u)t + u(1-t)$, then H is well-defined and continuous. Since

$$H(f, 0)(u) = f(u)0 + u(1-0) = u = i(u)$$

$$H(f, 1)(u) = f(u)$$

$$H(i, t)(u) = ut + u(1-t) = u = i(u).$$

Thus $(B^n)^{S^{n-1}}$ is contractible to i .

Since (B^n, S^{n-1}) is a CW -pair, we have the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 ((B^n)^{B^n}, R((B^n)^{B^n}), 1_{B^n}) & \xrightarrow{p} & ((B^n)^{S^{n-1}}, (S^{n-1})^{S^{n-1}}, 1_{S^{n-1}}) \\
 \downarrow w & & \downarrow w \\
 & & (B^n, S^{n-1}, x_0)
 \end{array}$$

where, w is the evaluation map from $(B^n)^{B^n}$ (or $(B^n)^{S^{n-1}}$) to B^n and $R((B^n)^{B^n})$ is the subspace of $(B^n)^{B^n}$ such that $f \in R((B^n)^{B^n})$ iff $f(S^{n-1}) \subset S^{n-1}$.

Since $p^{-1}((S^{n-1})^{S^{n-1}}) = R((B^n)^{B^n})$, $p_* : \Pi_n((B^n)^{B^n}, R((B^n)^{B^n}), 1_{B^n}) \rightarrow \Pi_n((B^n)^{S^{n-1}}, (S^{n-1})^{S^{n-1}}, 1_{S^n})$ is onto. So

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_n^{\text{Rel}}(B^n, S^{n-1}, x_0) &= w_* (\Pi_n((B^n)^{B^n}, R((B^n)^{B^n}), 1_{B^n})) \\
 &= w_* p_* (\Pi_n((B^n)^{B^n}, R((B^n)^{B^n}), 1_{B^n})) \\
 &= w_* (\Pi_n((B^n)^{S^{n-1}}, (S^{n-1})^{S^{n-1}}, 1_{S^{n-1}})).
 \end{aligned}$$

Consider the following commutative ladder;

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \cdots \rightarrow \Pi_m((B^n)^{S^{n-1}}, i) & \rightarrow & \Pi_m((B^n)^{S^{n-1}}, (S^{n-1})^{S^{n-1}}, i) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \Pi_{m-1}((S^{n-1})^{S^{n-1}}, i) \xrightarrow{i_*} \cdots \\
 \downarrow w_* & & \downarrow w_* & & \downarrow w_* i_* \\
 \cdots \rightarrow G_m(B^n, S^{n-1}) & \xrightarrow{j_*} & G_m^{\text{Rel}}(B^n, S^{n-1}) & \xrightarrow{\partial'} & G_{m-1}(S^{n-1}) \rightarrow \cdots \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \cdots \rightarrow \Pi_m(\bigcap, x_0) & \xrightarrow{j_*} & \Pi_m(B^n, \bigcap, x_0) & \xrightarrow{\partial'} & \Pi_{m-1}(\bigcap, x_0) \rightarrow \cdots
 \end{array}$$

By the property of evaluation subgroups, the vertical homomorphisms w_* are epimorphisms. Since B^n is contractible, $\Pi_m(B^n, x_0)$ is the trivial group for $m \geq 1$. Thus ∂' is a monomorphism. Thus it is sufficient to show that ∂' is an epimorphism. Since $\Pi_m((B^n)^{S^{n-1}}, i) = 0$, ∂ is an isomorphism. Thus ∂' is an epimorphism.

COROLLARY 6. $G_n^{\text{Rel}}(B^n, S^{n-1}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n : \text{odd number greater than } 1 \\ 2Z \subset Z & \text{if } n : \text{even and } n \neq 2, 4, 8 \\ Z = \Pi_n(B^n, S^{n-1}) & \text{if } n = 2, 4, 8. \end{cases}$

Proof. By the above theorem, $G_n^{\text{Rel}}(B^n, S^{n-1}) = G_{n-1}(S^{n-1})$.

THEOREM 7. *If a pair (X, A) has an exact G-sequence and X is deformable into A relative to a point $x_0 \in A$, then*

$$G_n(A, x_0) = G_n(X, A, x_0) \oplus G_{n+1}^{\text{Rel}}(X, A, x_0)$$

for $n \geq 2$ and $i_* : G_n(A, x_0) \rightarrow G_n(X, A, x_0)$ is an epimorphism for $n \geq 1$.

Proof. According to the hypothesis, there exists a homotopy $h_t : X \rightarrow X$, $(0 \leq t \leq 1)$, such that $h_0(x) = x$, $h_1(x) \in A$, $h_t(x_0) = x_0$, for

each $x \in X$ and $t \in I$. Since $ih_1 = h_0$ is homotopic to $h_0(\text{rel } x_0)$, we have $i_*h_{1*} = 1$. Hence h_{1*} is a monomorphism and i_* is an epimorphism for every $n \geq 1$. Thus $G_n(X, A, x_0)$ and $G_{n+1}^{\text{Rel}}(X, A, x_0)$ are abelian for $n \geq 1$. Thus we have the following split short exact sequence;

$$0 \longrightarrow G_{n+1}^{\text{Rel}}(X, A, x_0) \longrightarrow G_n(A, x_0) \xrightleftharpoons[h_{1*}]{i_*} G_n(X, A, x_0) \longrightarrow 0.$$

Therefore, $G_n(A, x_0) = G_n(X, A, x_0) \oplus G_{n+1}^{\text{Rel}}(X, A, x_0)$.

THEOREM 8. *Let Y be a Lie group, B be a subgroup, and G be any closed subgroup contained in B . If $p : (Y, B, e) \rightarrow (Y/G, B/G, \bar{e})$ is a quotient pair map, then $p_*(\Pi_n(Y, B, e))$ is contained in $G_n^{\text{Rel}}(Y/G, B/G, \bar{e})$, where e is the unit element of Y and $\bar{e} = eG$.*

Proof. Note that the natural map $\pi : Y/G \times Y \rightarrow Y/G$ given by $\Pi(aG, b) = baG$ is continuous. If $\alpha \in p_*(\Pi_n(Y, B, e))$, then there is a map $f : (I^n, \partial I^n, J^{n-1}) \rightarrow (Y, B, e)$ such that $\alpha = [pf]$. Then the map $H = \Pi(1 \times f) : Y/G \times I^n \rightarrow Y/G$ is an affiliated map for α . In fact,

$$H(bG, u) = \Pi(1 \times f)(bG, u) = \Pi(bG, f(u)) = f(u)bG \in B/G$$

for $b \in B$ and $u \in \partial I^n$,

$$H(G, u) = \Pi(G, f(u)) = f(u)G = pf(u) \text{ for } u \in I^n,$$

$$H(yG, v) = \Pi(yG, e) = eyG = yG \text{ for } v \in J^{n-1}.$$

Thus we have that α belongs to $G_n^{\text{Rel}}(Y/G, B/G, \bar{e})$.

In particular, if G is a finite subgroup of B , we have the following;

THEOREM 9. *Let Y be a Lie group and B be a subgroup. If G is a finite subgroup contained in B , then we have*

$$G_n^{\text{Rel}}(Y/G, B/G, \bar{e}) = \Pi_n(Y/G, B/G, \bar{e}) \text{ for } n > 2.$$

Proof. Since the quotient map $p : Y \rightarrow Y/G$ is a fiber map with fiber G , $p_* : \Pi_n(Y, G, e) \rightarrow \Pi_n(Y/G, \bar{e})$ is an isomorphism. Similarly, $\Pi_n(B, G, e)$ is isomorphic to $\Pi_n(Y/G, \bar{e})$ by p_* . Since (B, G) and (Y, G) are H -pairs, $\Pi_n(B, G, e) = G_n^{\text{Rel}}(B, G, e)$ and $\Pi_n(Y, G, e) = G_n^{\text{Rel}}(Y, G, e)$ for $n > 1$. Consider the following commutative ladder;

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} \rightarrow & \Pi_n(B, G) & \rightarrow & \Pi_n(Y, G) & \rightarrow & \Pi_n(Y, B) & \rightarrow & \Pi_{n-1}(B, G) & \rightarrow & \Pi_{n-1}(Y, G) & \rightarrow \\ & \downarrow p_* & \\ \rightarrow & \Pi_n(B/G) & \rightarrow & \Pi_n(Y/G) & \rightarrow & \Pi_n(Y/G, B/G) & \rightarrow & \Pi_{n-1}(B/G) & \rightarrow & \Pi_{n-1}(Y/G) & \rightarrow \end{array}$$

By five lemma, $p_* : \Pi_n(Y, B, e) \rightarrow \Pi_n(Y/G, B/G, \bar{e})$ is an isomorphism

for $n > 2$. If we use Theorem 8, we have

$$H_n(Y/G, B/G, e) = G_n^{\text{Rel}}(Y/G, B/G, \bar{e}) \text{ for } n > 2.$$

THEOREM 10. *If (X, A) and (Y, B) are relative G -pairs, then $(X \times Y, A \times B)$ is also a relative G -pair.*

Proof.
$$\begin{aligned} H_n(X \times Y, A \times B, x_0 \times y_0) &= H_n(X, A, x_0) \oplus H_n(Y, B, y_0) \\ &= G_n^{\text{Rel}}(X, A, x_0) \oplus G_n^{\text{Rel}}(Y, B, y_0) \\ &= G_n^{\text{Rel}}(X \times Y, A \times B, x_0 \times y_0). \end{aligned}$$

for $n > 1$.

THEOREM 11. *If (X, A) and (Y, B) have exact G -sequences, then $(X \times Y, A \times B)$ has an exact G -sequence.*

Proof. Consider the following ladder of sequences;

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \rightarrow G_n(A \times B) & \xrightarrow{i_*} G_n(X \times Y, A \times B) & \xrightarrow{j_*} G_n^{\text{Rel}}(X \times Y, A \times B) & \rightarrow & \\ \downarrow (p_1^*, p_2^*) & \downarrow (p_1^{**}, p_2^{**}) & \downarrow (p_1^*, p_2^*) & & \\ \rightarrow G_n(A) \oplus G_n(B) & \xrightarrow{i_1^* \oplus i_2^*} G_n(X, A) \oplus G_n(Y, B) & \xrightarrow{j_1^* \oplus j_2^*} G_n^{\text{Rel}}(X, A) \oplus G_n^{\text{Rel}}(Y, B) & \rightarrow & \end{array}$$

Since $(p_1^{**}, p_2^{**}) i_*[f] = (p_1^{**}, p_2^{**}) [f] = ([p_1 f], [p_2 f])$ and $(i_1^* \oplus i_2^*) (p_1^*, p_2^*) [f] = (i_1^* \oplus i_2^*) ([p_1' f], [p_2' f]) = ([p_1 f], [p_2 f])$, the rectangle on the left is commutative.

Similarly, the middle rectangle and the right rectangle are commutative. Since (X, A) and (Y, B) have exact G -sequence, the lower sequence is exact. By Theorem 10[8], all vertical homomorphisms are isomorphisms. Thus the upper G -sequence for $(X \times Y, A \times B)$ is exact.

COROLLARY 12. *For any CW-complexes $X, Y, (X \times Y, X)$ and $(X \times Y, Y)$ have exact G -sequences.*

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