

# On the Gottlieb groups $G_{n+k}(M(\mathbb{Z}^m \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2, n))$ for $k = 1, 2$

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**Abstract.** We are motivated by [M. Arkowitz. K. Maruyama. J. Math. Soc. Japan, 66(3):735–743, 2014]: “It would be interesting to compute other Gottlieb groups of Moore spaces such as, for example,  $G_{n+1}(M(A, n))$ ” to compute the Gottlieb groups  $G_{n+k}(M(\mathbb{Z}^m \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2, n))$  for  $k = 1, 2$  and  $m \geq 1$ .

**Анотація.** В статті [M. Arkowitz. K. Maruyama. J. Math. Soc. Japan, 66(3):735–743, 2014] було поставлене питання про обчислення груп Готтліба просторів Мура, наприклад, таких як  $G_{n+1}(M(A, n))$ . В даній роботі обчислюються групи Готтліба  $G_{n+k}(M(\mathbb{Z}^m \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2, n))$  для  $k = 1, 2$  та  $m \geq 1$ .

## INTRODUCTION

Given a pointed space  $X$ , its  $n$ -th Gottlieb group  $G_n(X)$  with  $n \geq 1$  was introduced and studied by Gottlieb in [8, 9], and it has been shown to have many topological applications. There have been recent results on Gottlieb groups of rational spaces [5, pp. 377–380] and on Gottlieb groups of spheres, projective and Moore spaces [7].

The paper [2] deals with  $G_n(\Sigma X_1 \vee \Sigma X_2 \vee \cdots \vee \Sigma X_k)$ , where  $\Sigma X_i$  is the suspension of the space  $X_i$ , with particular attention to the case  $k = 2$  and  $X_i$  a sphere. Necessary and sufficient conditions for an element of the homotopy group  $\pi_n(\Sigma X_1 \vee \cdots \vee \Sigma X_k)$  to be in  $G_n(\Sigma X_1 \vee \cdots \vee \Sigma X_k)$  are presented in [2, Proposition 2.4].

We are motivated by [2, Remark 4.5]: “It would be interesting to compute other Gottlieb groups of Moore spaces such as, for example,  $G_{n+1}(M(A, n))$ ”

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to compute the Gottlieb groups  $G_{n+k}(M(\mathbb{Z}^m \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2, n))$  for  $k = 1, 2$  and  $m \geq 1$ .

This paper is organized as follows. Section 1 fixes up some notations and definitions, and necessary known results on Gottlieb groups as well.

Section 2 generalizes some results presented in [2]. First, the groups  $G_N(\bigvee_{t \in T} \mathbb{S}^{n_t})$  for  $n_t \geq 2$  with  $t \in T$  are computed provided  $|T| \geq 2$  and  $N < 2 \min\{n_t\}_{t \in T} - 1$ . Then [8, 9] are used to study

$$G_N\left(\bigvee_{s \in S} \mathbb{S}^1 \vee \bigvee_{t \in T} \mathbb{S}^{n_t}\right)$$

with  $|S| \geq 1$ ,  $|T| \geq 0$  and  $n_t \geq 2$  for  $t \in T$  provided  $N < 2 \min\{n_t\} - 1$ .

Section 3 presents computations of Gottlieb groups of Moore spaces  $M(A, n)$  for some finitely generated Abelian groups  $A$  and, in particular, it is devoted to explicit computations of Gottlieb groups  $G_{n+k}(M(\mathbb{Z}^m \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2, n))$  for  $k = 1, 2$  and  $m \geq 1$ . The main results of this paper, as consequences of Theorems 3.9 and 3.18, say:

- if  $n \geq 3$  then  $G_{n+1}(M(\mathbb{Z}^m \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2, n)) = 0$  for  $m \geq 1$ ;
- if  $n \geq 4$  then  $G_{n+2}(M(\mathbb{Z}^m \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2, n)) = 0$  for  $m \geq 1$ .

Conclusions on  $G_{n+k}(M(A, n))$  with  $k = 1, 2$  for some finitely generated Abelian groups  $A$  are derived as well.

## 1. PREREQUISITES

Throughout this paper all spaces and maps are assumed to be connected, based and of the homotopy type of  $CW$ -complexes. We use the standard terminology and notation from homotopy theory, mainly from [16]. We do not distinguish between a map and its homotopy class, write  $\Omega X$  (resp.  $\Sigma X$ ) for the loop (resp. suspension) space on a space  $X$  and  $[X, Y]$  for the set of homotopy classes of maps  $X \rightarrow Y$ , and  $X \simeq Y$  for a homotopy equivalence of spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ .

Given spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ , we use the customary notations  $X \vee Y$  and  $X \wedge Y = (X \times Y)/(X \vee Y)$  for the *wedge* and the *smash* product of spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively. Let  $\iota_X$  be the identity map on a space  $X$  and  $\iota_n$  be the identity map on the  $n$ -sphere  $\mathbb{S}^n$  and write  $\pi_n(X)$  with  $n \geq 0$  for the  $n$ -th homotopy group of  $X$ .

For maps  $\alpha: \Sigma X \rightarrow Z$  and  $\beta: \Sigma Y \rightarrow Z$ , there exists a map

$$k(\alpha, \beta): \Sigma(X \wedge Y) \rightarrow Z$$

as defined in [1] and its homotopy class is the generalized Whitehead product:

$$[\alpha, \beta] = [k(\alpha, \beta)] \in [\Sigma(X \wedge Y), Z].$$

In particular, given the inclusions

$$j_1: \Sigma X \hookrightarrow \Sigma X \vee \Sigma Y \quad \text{and} \quad j_2: \Sigma Y \hookrightarrow \Sigma X \vee \Sigma Y$$

we call

$$k = k(j_1, j_2): \Sigma(X \wedge Y) \rightarrow \Sigma X \vee \Sigma Y$$

the *generalized Whitehead map*. By [1, Corollary 4.3], there is a homotopy equivalence  $C_k \xrightarrow{\cong} \Sigma X \times \Sigma Y$  where  $C_k$  stands for the mapping cone of the map  $k$ .

In the sequel, we need a formula which generalizes one proved by Barcus-Barratt [3, Corollary (7.4)] in case  $A$  and  $B$  are spheres and by Rutter [15, Theorem 3.5.1] if  $A$  and  $B$  are suspensions. In fact only  $A$  needs to be a co- $H$ -space.

**Proposition 1.1** ([4, (3.4) Proposition, p. 51]). *Assume  $A$  is a co- $H$ -space and  $B$  has finite dimension. Then, the Whitehead product of  $\Sigma A \xrightarrow{\alpha} Z$  and  $\Sigma B \xrightarrow{\gamma} \Sigma Y \xrightarrow{\beta} Z$  satisfies the formula*

$$[\alpha, \beta\gamma] = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [[\alpha, \beta^k] \circ (\iota_A \wedge h_k(\gamma))]$$

for the James-Hopf invariant  $h_k: [\Sigma B, \Sigma Y] \rightarrow [\Sigma B, (\Sigma Y)^{\wedge k}]$ , where the symbol

$$[[\alpha, \beta^k] = [\cdots [[\alpha, \beta], \beta], \dots, \beta]$$

denotes an iterated Whitehead product.

**Remark 1.2.**

- (i)  $h_1(\gamma) = \gamma$  for any  $\gamma \in [\Sigma B, \Sigma Y]$ ;
- (ii) if  $\gamma \in [\Sigma B, \Sigma Y]$  is a suspension then it is easily seen that  $h_k(\gamma) = 0$  for  $k \geq 2$ .

Now, given an Abelian group  $A$  and  $n \geq 2$ , write  $M(A, n)$  for the *Moore space* of type  $(A, n)$ . Notice that

$$M(A, n+1) = \Sigma M(A, n) \text{ for } n \geq 2,$$

and  $M(A, 2) = \Sigma L(A)$  for some space  $L(A)$ . Certainly,  $\pi_n(M(A, n)) = A$  and  $M(\mathbb{Z}, n) = \mathbb{S}^n$ , the  $n$ -sphere, for the group  $\mathbb{Z}$  of integers. Furthermore,  $M^n = \Sigma^{n-2}\mathbb{R}P^2$  with the real projective plane  $\mathbb{R}P^2 = M^2$  and  $n \geq 3$  is the Moore space of type  $(\mathbb{Z}_2, n-1)$ . If  $\mathbf{m}: \mathbb{S}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^n$  is a map of degree  $m$  then

$$M(\mathbb{Z}_m, n) = \mathbb{S}^n \cup_{\mathbf{m}} e^{n+1}$$

for the cyclic group  $\mathbb{Z}_m$  with order  $m$ . Denote by  $i_{n+1}: \mathbb{S}^n \hookrightarrow M(\mathbb{Z}_m, n)$  the canonical inclusion map and by  $p_{n+1}: M(\mathbb{Z}_m, n) \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^{n+1}$  the pinching map.

**Proposition 1.3** ([7, Lemma 3.15]). *If  $A$  and  $B$  are torsion Abelian groups whose primary components are indexed by disjoint sets of primes then the inclusion map*

$$M(A, m) \vee M(B, n) \hookrightarrow M(A, m) \times M(B, n)$$

*is a homology isomorphism for  $m, n \geq 2$ , and consequently, a homotopy equivalence as well.*

Notice that Proposition 1.3 implies that the space  $M(A, m) \wedge M(B, n)$  is contractible for  $m, n \geq 2$  provided that the groups  $A, B$  are Abelian torsion groups and their primary components are indexed by disjoint sets of primes. In particular, the space  $M(\mathbb{Z}_k, m) \wedge M(\mathbb{Z}_l, n)$  is contractible for  $m, n \geq 2$  provided  $k$  and  $l$  are relatively prime.

Given  $m \geq 1$ , recall that the  $m$ -th *Gottlieb group*  $G_m(X)$  of a path-connected space  $X$  has been defined in [8, 9] as the subgroup of the homotopy group  $\pi_m(X)$  consisting of all elements which can be represented by a map  $f: \mathbb{S}^m \rightarrow X$  such that

$$f \vee \iota_X: \mathbb{S}^m \vee X \rightarrow X$$

extends (up to homotopy) to  $F: \mathbb{S}^m \times X \rightarrow X$ . Recall that  $\alpha \in G_m(\Sigma X)$  if and only if the generalized Whitehead product  $[\alpha, \iota_{\Sigma X}] = 0$  (see [1, Proposition 5.1]).

Given the inclusion maps

$$j_1: \Sigma X \hookrightarrow \Sigma X \vee \Sigma Y \quad \text{and} \quad j_2: \Sigma Y \hookrightarrow \Sigma X \vee \Sigma Y$$

and identifying  $\Sigma X \vee \Sigma Y$  with  $\Sigma(X \vee Y)$ , then, by [2, Proposition 2.2], we have:

**Proposition 1.4** ([2, Proposition 2.3]). *Let  $\alpha \in \pi_n(\Sigma X \vee \Sigma Y)$ . Then,  $\alpha \in G_n(\Sigma X \vee \Sigma Y)$  if and only if  $[\alpha, j_1] = 0 = [\alpha, j_2]$ .*

A straightforward extension of the Proposition 1.4 to the wedge

$$T = \Sigma X_1 \vee \cdots \vee \Sigma X_k$$

gives that  $\alpha \in G_n(T)$  if and only if  $[\alpha, j_s] = 0$ , for  $s = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , where  $j_s \in [\Sigma X_s, T]$  is the inclusion and  $\alpha \in \pi_n(T)$ .

Let  $A_p$  be the  $p$ -primary component of an Abelian group  $A$ . It follows from [9, Theorems 1-7 and 2-1] and Proposition 1.3 that:

**Corollary 1.5.**

- (i) *Let  $A$  and  $B$  torsion Abelian groups whose primary components are indexed by disjoint set of primes. Then,*

$$G_k(M(A, m) \vee M(B, n)) = j_{1*}G_k(M(A, m)) \oplus j_{2*}G_k(M(B, n)),$$

for  $k \geq 1$ ,  $m, n \geq 2$ . In particular, if the 2-primary component  $A_2$  is trivial one finds that

$$G_k(M(A, m) \vee M^{n+1}) = j_{1*}G_k(M(A, m)) \oplus j_{2*}G_k(M^{n+1}),$$

for  $k \geq 1$ ,  $m, n \geq 2$ .

(ii) If  $A = \bigoplus_{i=1}^t A_{p_i}$  is the primary decomposition of the finite Abelian group  $A$ , then

$$G_k(M(A, m)) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^t j_{i*}G_k(M(A_{p_i}, m)),$$

for  $k \geq 1$ ,  $m \geq 2$ .

Since inclusions and projections  $X_k \xrightarrow{j_k} X_1 \vee X_2 \xrightarrow{q_l} X_l$  satisfy

$$q_l j_k = \begin{cases} *, & \text{if } k \neq l, \\ \iota_{X_k}, & \text{if } k = l, \end{cases}$$

for  $k, l = 1, 2$ , we can state:

**Proposition 1.6.** *Suppose*

$$\pi_m(X_1 \vee X_2) = j_{1*}\pi_m(X_1) \oplus j_{2*}\pi_m(X_2),$$

for some  $m \geq 1$ . Then,

$$G_m(X_1 \vee X_2) \subseteq j_{1*}G_m(X_1) \oplus j_{2*}G_m(X_2).$$

*Proof.* By [9, Proposition 1-4], we have

$$q_{k*}: G_m(X_1 \vee X_2) \rightarrow G_m(X_k).$$

If  $\alpha \in G_m(X_1 \vee X_2)$ , then  $\alpha = j_{1*}(\alpha_1) + j_{2*}(\alpha_2)$ , where  $\alpha_k \in \pi_m(X_k)$  and so,  $\alpha_k = q_{k*}(\alpha)$  with  $\alpha_k \in G_m(X_k)$ , for  $k = 1, 2$ . This implies that

$$G_m(X_1 \vee X_2) \subseteq j_{1*}G_m(X_1) \oplus j_{2*}G_m(X_2) \approx G_m(X_1 \times X_2). \quad \square$$

**Remark 1.7.** If the spaces  $X$  and  $Y$  are  $(m-1)$ - and  $(n-1)$ -connected, respectively, then  $\pi_{k+1}(X \times Y, X \vee Y) = 0$  for  $k+1 < m+n$ . This implies that the inclusion map  $X \vee Y \hookrightarrow X \times Y$  is an  $(m+n-1)$ -equivalence. Consequently, the inclusion map

$$M(A, m) \vee M(B, n) \hookrightarrow M(A, m) \times M(B, n)$$

implies an isomorphism

$$\pi_k(M(A, m) \vee M(B, n)) \xrightarrow{\cong} \pi_k(M(A, m)) \oplus \pi_k(M(B, n))$$

for  $k < m+n-1$ . In particular,

$$M(A \oplus B, n) = M(A, n) \vee M(B, n)$$

yields an isomorphism

$$\pi_k(M(A \oplus B, n)) \xrightarrow{\cong} \pi_k(M(A, n)) \oplus \pi_k(M(B, n))$$

for  $k < 2n - 1$ .

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be Abelian groups. By Proposition 1.6 and Remark 1.7 we get:

**Corollary 1.8.** *If  $k < m + n - 1$ , then*

$$G_k(M(A, m) \vee M(B, n)) \subseteq j_{1*}G_k(M(A, n)) \oplus j_{2*}G_k(M(B, m)),$$

for  $k \geq 1$  and  $m, n \geq 2$ .

## 2. GOTTIEB GROUPS OF WEDGE OF SPHERES

In view of [2, Corollary 3.6],  $G_N(\mathbb{S}^m \vee \mathbb{S}^n) = 0$  with  $2 \leq m \leq n$  provided  $N < 2m - 1$ . In this section, we first compute  $G_N(\bigvee_{t \in T} \mathbb{S}^{n_t})$  with  $|T| \geq 2$  and  $n_t \geq 2$  for  $t \in T$  provided  $N < 2 \min\{n_t\}_{t \in T} - 1$ . Then, we make use of [8] and [9] to study  $G_N(\bigvee_{s \in S} \mathbb{S}^1 \vee \bigvee_{t \in T} \mathbb{S}^{n_t})$  with  $|S| \geq 1$ ,  $|T| \geq 1$  and  $n_t \geq 2$  for  $t \in T$  provided  $N < 2 \min\{n_t\} - 1$ .

First recall that [2, Proposition 2.4] states:

**Proposition 2.1.** *Let  $\alpha \in \pi_n(\Sigma X_1 \vee \cdots \vee \Sigma X_k)$ . Then,*

$$\alpha \in G_n(\Sigma X_1 \vee \cdots \vee \Sigma X_n)$$

*if and only if  $[\alpha, j_i] = 0$  for the canonical inclusions*

$$j_i: \Sigma X_k \hookrightarrow \Sigma X_1 \vee \cdots \vee \Sigma X_n$$

*with  $i = 1, \dots, k$ .*

Furthermore, from [2, Theorem 3.4] it is derived:

**Proposition 2.2.** *Suppose that  $2 \leq m, n$  and  $N < 2 \min\{m, n\} - 1$ , then*

$$G_N(\mathbb{S}^m \vee \mathbb{S}^n) = 0.$$

Applying Proposition 2.1, we get a generalized version of [2, Theorem 3.4] which yields:

**Proposition 2.3.** *Suppose that  $k \geq 2$  and  $n_i \geq 2$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ . If  $N < 2 \min_{1 \leq i \leq k-1} \{n_i\}$  then*

$$G_N(\mathbb{S}^{n_1} \vee \cdots \vee \mathbb{S}^{n_k}) = 0.$$

Then, we derive a generalization of Proposition 2.2:

**Corollary 2.4.** *Let  $T$  be a set with  $|T| \geq 2$  and  $n_t \geq 2$  for  $t \in T$ . If  $N < 2 \min_{t \in T} \{n_t\} - 1$ , then*

$$G_N\left(\bigvee_{t \in T} \mathbb{S}^{n_t}\right) = 0.$$

*Proof.* Let  $f: \mathbb{S}^N \rightarrow \bigvee_{t \in T} \mathbb{S}^{n_t}$ . Since the image  $f(\mathbb{S}^N)$  is compact, there exist  $k \geq 1$ ,  $t_i \in T$  with  $i = 1, \dots, k$  and a map

$$f': \mathbb{S}^N \xrightarrow{f'} \bigvee_{i=1}^k \mathbb{S}^{n_{t_i}}$$

such that  $j \circ f' = f$  for the canonical inclusion  $j: \bigvee_{i=1}^k \mathbb{S}^{n_{t_i}} \hookrightarrow \bigvee_{t \in T} \mathbb{S}^{n_t}$ .

Certainly, we may assume that  $k \geq 2$ . But,  $p \circ j = \iota \circ \bigvee_{k=1}^n \mathbb{S}^{n_{t_k}}$  for the projection map  $p: \bigvee_{t \in T} \mathbb{S}^{n_t} \rightarrow \bigvee_{i=1}^n \mathbb{S}^{n_{t_i}}$ , therefore [9, Proposition 1-4.] implies that the map

$$p_*: \pi_N\left(\bigvee_{t \in T} \mathbb{S}^{n_t}\right) \rightarrow \pi_N\left(\bigvee_{i=1}^n \mathbb{S}^{n_{t_i}}\right)$$

carries  $G_N\left(\bigvee_{t \in T} \mathbb{S}^{n_t}\right)$  into  $G_N\left(\bigvee_{i=1}^n \mathbb{S}^{n_{t_i}}\right)$ . Consequently, in view of Proposition 2.3, we get  $p_*(f) = f' = 0$  and the proof is complete.  $\square$

Next, we need:

**Theorem 2.5** ([8, Theorem IV.1]). *Suppose  $X$  has the same homotopy type as a compact, connected polyhedron. Then,  $G_1(X) = 0$  if the Euler-Poincaré number  $\chi(X) \neq 0$ .*

Since  $\chi(\mathbb{S}^1 \vee \mathbb{S}^n) = (-1)^n$  for  $n \geq 1$  and  $\chi\left(\bigvee_{i=1}^k \mathbb{S}^1\right) = 1 - k$ , we deduce from Theorem 2.5 that

$$G_1(\mathbb{S}^1 \vee \mathbb{S}^n) = 0 \tag{2.1}$$

for  $n \geq 1$  and

$$G_1\left(\bigvee_{i=1}^k \mathbb{S}^1\right) = 0 \tag{2.2}$$

for  $k \geq 2$ .

Furthermore, applying (2.2) and [9, Proposition 1-4.] as in the proof of Corollary 2.4, we get:

$$G_1\left(\bigvee_{t \in T} \mathbb{S}^1\right) = 0 \tag{2.3}$$

for  $|T| \geq 2$ .

Then, we can state:

**Proposition 2.6.** *If  $S, T$  are sets with  $|S|, |T| \geq 1$  and  $n_t \geq 2$  for  $t \in T$  then*

$$G_1\left(\bigvee_{s \in S} \mathbb{S}^1 \vee \bigvee_{t \in T} \mathbb{S}^{n_t}\right) = 0.$$

*Proof.* First, notice that the case  $|S| = |T| = 1$  follows from (2.1). Next, applying the Seifert-van Kampen Theorem, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_1\left(\mathbb{S}^1 \vee \bigvee_{t \in T} \mathbb{S}^{n_t}\right) &= j_{1*} \pi_1\left(\mathbb{S}^1 \vee \mathbb{S}^{n_{t_0}}\right) * j_{2*} \pi_1\left(\bigvee_{t \in T \setminus \{t_0\}} \mathbb{S}^{n_t}\right) \\ &= j_{1*} \pi_1\left(\mathbb{S}^1 \vee \mathbb{S}^{n_{t_0}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

with  $|T| \geq 2$  for the canonical inclusions

$$j_1: \mathbb{S}^1 \vee \mathbb{S}^{n_{t_0}} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{S}^1 \vee \bigvee_{t \in T} \mathbb{S}^{n_t}, \quad j_2: \bigvee_{t \in T \setminus \{t_0\}} \mathbb{S}^{n_t} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{S}^1 \vee \bigvee_{t \in T} \mathbb{S}^{n_t}$$

and

$$\pi_1\left(\bigvee_{s \in S} \mathbb{S}^1 \vee \bigvee_{t \in T} \mathbb{S}^{n_t}\right) = j_{1*} \pi_1\left(\bigvee_{s \in S} \mathbb{S}^1\right) * j_{2*} \pi_1\left(\bigvee_{t \in T} \mathbb{S}^{n_t}\right) = j_{1*} \pi_1\left(\bigvee_{s \in S} \mathbb{S}^1\right)$$

with  $|S| \geq 2$  and  $|T| \geq 1$  for the canonical inclusions

$$j_1: \bigvee_{s \in S} \mathbb{S}^1 \hookrightarrow \bigvee_{s \in S} \mathbb{S}^1 \vee \bigvee_{t \in T} \mathbb{S}^{n_t}, \quad j_2: \bigvee_{t \in T} \mathbb{S}^{n_t} \hookrightarrow \bigvee_{s \in S} \mathbb{S}^1 \vee \bigvee_{t \in T} \mathbb{S}^{n_t}.$$

Then, Proposition 1.6 and equations (2.1), (2.3) yield that

$$G_1\left(\mathbb{S}^1 \vee \bigvee_{t \in T} \mathbb{S}^{n_t}\right) \subseteq G_1\left(\mathbb{S}^1 \vee \mathbb{S}^{n_{t_0}}\right) = 0$$

with  $|T| \geq 2$  and

$$G_1\left(\bigvee_{s \in S} \mathbb{S}^1 \vee \bigvee_{t \in T} \mathbb{S}^{n_t}\right) \subseteq G_1\left(\bigvee_{s \in S} \mathbb{S}^1\right) = 0$$

with  $|S| \geq 2$  and  $|T| \geq 1$  and the proof follows.  $\square$

Next, recall:

**Theorem 2.7** ([9, Theorem 6-2]). *Let  $p: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$  be a covering map. If  $n \geq 1$  then  $p_*^{-1}(G_n(X) \subseteq G_n(\tilde{X}))$ . In other words, if we identify  $\pi_n(\tilde{X})$  with  $\pi_n(X)$  under the isomorphism  $p_*$  for  $n \geq 2$  then  $G_n(\tilde{X}) \cong G_n(X)$ .*

Now, consider the space

$$X = \bigvee_{s \in S} \mathbb{S}^1 \vee \bigvee_{t \in T} \mathbb{S}^{n_t}$$

with  $|S|, |T| \geq 1$  and  $m_t \geq 2$  for  $t \in T$ . Then, by the Seifert-van Kampen Theorem, we have that  $\pi_1(X) = \pi_1\left(\bigvee_{s \in S} \mathbb{S}^1\right)$  and the space

$$\tilde{X} = \bigvee_{g \in \pi_1(X)} \left( \bigvee_{t \in T} \mathbb{S}^{n_t} \right)$$

is the universal covering of  $X$ .

Therefore, Corollary 2.4, Proposition 2.6 and Theorem 2.7 yield:

**Proposition 2.8.** *Let  $|S|, |T| \geq 1$  and  $n_t \geq 2$  with  $t \in T$ . If*

$$N < 2 \min\{n_t\}_{t \in T} - 1$$

*then  $G_N\left(\bigvee_{s \in S} \mathbb{S}^1 \vee \bigvee_{t \in T} \mathbb{S}^{n_t}\right) = 0$ .*

### 3. COMPUTATIONS

In this section we compute Gottlieb groups  $G_{n+k}(M(A, n))$  with  $k = 1, 2$  of Moore spaces  $M(A, n)$  for some finitely generated Abelian groups  $A$ . First, we recall from [2]:

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $A$  be any finitely generated Abelian group and  $n \geq 3$ . Then,*

$$G_n(M(A, n)) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \\ 0, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd and } \text{rk}(A) \neq 1, \\ 2\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{Z} = \pi_n(\mathbb{S}^n), & \text{if } n \neq 3, 7 \text{ is odd and } A = \mathbb{Z}, \\ \mathbb{Z} = \pi_n(\mathbb{S}^n), & \text{if } n = 3, 7 \text{ and } A = \mathbb{Z}. \end{cases}$$

In addition, by [2, Corollary 4.4] if  $n$  is odd, then  $G_n(M(\mathbb{Z} \oplus A, n))$  is infinite cyclic, where  $A$  is a finite Abelian group.

We work in the sequel with a finitely generated Abelian group  $A$  whose torsion subgroup has order  $|A| \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ . Notice that in [7, Chapter 3] there are some results on  $G_{n+1}(M(A, n))$  only for  $A$  having an odd order torsion subgroup.

**Groups  $G_{n+1}(M(A, n))$ .** First, we observe that Proposition 2.3 leads to the following:

**Proposition 3.2.** *If  $n \geq 2$  and  $m \geq 2$  then  $G_{n+k}(M(\mathbb{Z}^m, n)) = 0$  for  $k < n - 1$ .*

Because  $M^n = M(\mathbb{Z}_2, n - 1)$ , by [7, Corollary 3.11], we have:

**Proposition 3.3.**  $G_{n+1}(M(\mathbb{Z}_2, n)) = 0$ , for  $n \geq 3$ .

Let

$$\eta_n = \Sigma^{n-2} \eta_2: \mathbb{S}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^n$$

be the  $(n - 2)$ -suspension of the Hopf map  $\eta_2: \mathbb{S}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^2$ . Now, using both propositions above, we show:

**Proposition 3.4.** *Let  $n \geq 3$ . Then:*

(i)  $G_{n+1}(M(\mathbb{Z}^m \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2, n)) = 0$ , for  $m \geq 2$ ;

(ii)  $G_{n+1}(M(\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2, n)) \subseteq$   
 $\subseteq j_{1*}(G_{n+1}(\mathbb{S}^n)) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}_2\{j_1\eta_n\}, & \text{if } n = 6 \text{ or } n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

*Proof.* (i) Since

$$G_{n+1}(M(\mathbb{Z}^m \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2, n)) = G_{n+1}(M(\mathbb{Z}^m, n) \vee M(\mathbb{Z}_2, n)),$$

by Corollary 1.8 and Propositions 3.2 and 3.3, statement (i) follows.

(ii) First, recall from [7, (1.15)] that

$$\#[\iota_n, \eta_n] = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } n = 2, 6 \text{ or } n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, \\ 2, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Now, applying Corollary 1.8 and Proposition 3.3, the proof is complete.  $\square$

**Remark 3.5.** If  $A$  is a finite group with order  $|A| \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  then the 2-primary component  $A_2$  has order two.

**Proposition 3.6.** *Let  $A$  be a finite Abelian group with  $|A| \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ . For  $n \geq 3$ , it holds:*

(i)  $G_{n+1}(M(A, n)) = 0$ ;

(ii)  $G_{n+1}(M(\mathbb{Z}^m \oplus A, n)) = 0$  for  $m \geq 2$ ;

(iii)  $G_{n+1}(M(\mathbb{Z} \oplus A, n)) \subseteq$   
 $\subseteq j_{1*}(G_{n+1}(\mathbb{S}^n)) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}_2\{j_1\eta_n\}, & \text{if } n = 6 \text{ or } n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

*Proof.* (i) By Corollary 1.5 we can write

$$G_{n+1}(M(A, n)) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^t j_{i*} G_{n+1}(M(A_{p_i}, n))$$

for  $A = \bigoplus_{i=1}^t A_{p_i}$ . Furthermore, by [7, Proposition 3.19] we know that  $G_{n+1}(M(A_{p_i}, n)) = 0$  for  $p_i > 2$ , and by Remark 3.5 we know that  $A_2 \approx \mathbb{Z}_2$  if  $|A| \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ . Consequently,

$$G_{n+1}(M(A, n)) = j_{2*} G_{n+1}(M(A_2, n)) \approx G_{n+1}(M(\mathbb{Z}_2, n)) = 0,$$

where the last equality is due to Proposition 3.3.

(ii) We simply write

$$G_{n+1}(M(\mathbb{Z}^m \oplus A, n)) = G_{n+1}(M(\mathbb{Z}^m, n) \vee M(A, n)).$$

Then, by Corollary 1.8, Proposition 3.2 and previous item, the result follows.

(iii) It is similar to the proof of Proposition 3.4(ii).  $\square$

Proposition 3.4(ii) gives only two possibilities for  $G_{n+1}(M(\mathbb{Z} \oplus A, n))$ . In the sequel, we show that it is trivial, but first, we pose some needed results.

Write  $\bar{\eta}_n : M^{n+2} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^n$  for the *extension* of  $\eta_n$  with  $n \geq 3$ . It is the unique (up to homotopy) element satisfying  $\bar{\eta}_n i_{n+2} = \eta_n$ . Then,

$$\Sigma \bar{\eta}_n = \bar{\eta}_{n+1} \quad \text{and} \quad 2\bar{\eta}_n = \eta_n^2 p_{n+2}, \quad (n \geq 3).$$

Dually, let  $\tilde{\eta}_n : \mathbb{S}^{n+2} \rightarrow M^{n+1}$  be the *coextension* of  $\eta_n$  for  $n \geq 2$ . It is the unique (up to homotopy) element satisfying  $p_{n+1} \tilde{\eta}_n = \eta_{n+1}$ . Then,

$$\Sigma \tilde{\eta}_n = \tilde{\eta}_{n+1} \quad \text{and} \quad 2\tilde{\eta}_n = i_{n+1} \eta_n^2, \quad (n \geq 2). \quad (3.1)$$

By [7, Lemma 1.26],  $\pi_{n+1}(M^n) = \mathbb{Z}_4\{\tilde{\eta}_{n-1}\}$  and  $[M^{n+2}, \mathbb{S}^n] = \mathbb{Z}_4\{\bar{\eta}_n\}$  for  $n \geq 3$ . Furthermore, from [12, Lemma 1.5] we have

$$[M^{n+1}, M^n] = \mathbb{Z}_2\{i_n \bar{\eta}_{n-1}\} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2\{\tilde{\eta}_{n-1} p_{n+1}\}, \quad (n \geq 4). \quad (3.2)$$

Recall that

$$G_{n+1}(M(\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2, n)) \subseteq j_{1*}(G_{n+1}(\mathbb{S}^n)).$$

If  $j_{1*}(G_{n+1}(\mathbb{S}^n))$  is non-trivial, we have that  $j_1 \eta_n \in G_{n+1}(M(\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2, n))$  if and only if  $[j_1 \eta_n, j_1] = 0 = [j_1 \eta_n, j_2]$ , for the inclusions

$$j_1 : \mathbb{S}^n \hookrightarrow M(\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2, n) \quad \text{and} \quad j_2 : M^{n+1} \hookrightarrow M(\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2, n).$$

Now,  $[j_1 \eta_n, j_1] = j_1[\eta_n, \iota_n] = 0$ , since  $G_{n+1}(\mathbb{S}^n) = \mathbb{Z}_2\{\eta_n\}$  and consequently  $j_1 \eta_n \in G_{n+1}(M(\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2, n))$  if and only if  $[j_1 \eta_n, j_2] = 0$ .

To compute  $[j_1 \eta_n, j_2]$ , we notice that by Remark 1.2(ii) or degree reasons  $h_k(\eta_n) = 0$  for  $k \geq 2$ . Then, we make use of Proposition 1.1 and obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} [j_2, j_1 \eta_n] &= [j_2, j_1] \circ (\iota_{M(\mathbb{Z}_2, n-1)} \wedge \eta_n) + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} [[j_2, j_1^k] \circ (\iota_{M(\mathbb{Z}_2, n-1)} \wedge h_k(\eta_n))] \\ &= [j_2, j_1] \circ (\iota_{M(\mathbb{Z}_2, n-1)} \wedge \eta_n) \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

for  $n \geq 3$ , where  $h_k$  is the James-Hopf invariant and the symbol

$$[[j_2, j_1^k] = [\cdots [j_2, j_1], j_1], \dots, j_1]$$

denotes the iterated Whitehead product.

Now, we show a formula useful in the sequel, found in the proof of [13, Lemma 3.1]:

**Lemma 3.7.** *We have that*

$$\eta_2 \wedge \iota_{M^2} = i_4 \bar{\eta}_3 + \tilde{\eta}_3 p_5. \quad (3.4)$$

*Proof.* The cofibration  $\mathbb{S}^4 \xrightarrow{i_5} M^5 \xrightarrow{p_5} \mathbb{S}^5$  yields the exact sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow \pi_5(M^4) = \mathbb{Z}_4\{\tilde{\eta}_3\} \xrightarrow{p_5^*} [M^5, M^4] \xrightarrow{i_5^*} \pi_4(M^4) = \mathbb{Z}_2\{i_4\eta_3\} \rightarrow 0.$$

But,

$$\eta_2 \wedge \iota_{M^2} \in [M^5, M^4] = \mathbb{Z}_2\{i_4\bar{\eta}_3\} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2\{\tilde{\eta}_3 p_5\}$$

and:

$$\eta_2 \wedge i_2 = \iota_2 \eta_2 \wedge i_2 \iota_1 = (\iota_2 \wedge i_2) \circ (\eta_2 \wedge \iota_1) = i_4 \eta_3 = (i_4 \bar{\eta}_3) \circ i_5,$$

$$\eta_2 \wedge i_2 = \eta_2 \iota_3 \wedge \iota_{M^2} i_2 = (\eta_2 \wedge \iota_{M^2}) \circ (\iota_3 \wedge i_2) = (\eta_2 \wedge \iota_{M^2}) \circ i_5.$$

Hence,  $i_5^*(\eta_2 \wedge \iota_{M^2} - i_4 \bar{\eta}_3) = 0$  and the exact sequence above implies

$$\eta_2 \wedge \iota_{M^2} = i_4 \bar{\eta}_3 + x \tilde{\eta}_3 p_5 \tag{3.5}$$

with  $x = 0, 1$ .

Next, consider the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \pi_5(\mathbb{S}^4) = \mathbb{Z}_2\{\eta_4\} \xrightarrow{p_5^*} [M^5, \mathbb{S}^4] \xrightarrow{i_5^*} \pi_4(\mathbb{S}^4) = \mathbb{Z}\{\iota_n\} \rightarrow \cdots$$

determined by the cofibration  $\mathbb{S}^4 \xrightarrow{i_5} M^5 \xrightarrow{p_5} \mathbb{S}^5$ . Then,  $\eta_2 \wedge p_2 \in [M^5, \mathbb{S}^4]$  and  $p_5^*(\eta_4) = \eta_4 p_5 \neq 0$ .

Furthermore:

$$\eta_2 \wedge p_2 = \eta_2 \iota_3 \wedge \iota_2 p_2 = (\iota_2 \wedge \eta_2) \circ (\iota_3 \wedge p_2) = \eta_4 p_5 \neq 0,$$

$$\eta_2 \wedge p_2 = \iota_2 \eta_2 \wedge p_2 \iota_{M^2} = (\iota_2 \wedge p_2) \circ (\eta_2 \wedge \iota_{M^2}) = p_4(\eta_2 \wedge \iota_{M^2}) \neq 0.$$

Consequently, (3.5) yields

$$p_4(\eta_2 \wedge \iota_{M^2}) = p_4 i_4 \bar{\eta}_3 + x p_4 \tilde{\eta}_3 p_5 = x p_4 \tilde{\eta}_3 p_5.$$

Since,  $p_4(\eta_2 \wedge \iota_{M^2}) \neq 0$ , we derive that  $x = 1$  and the proof is complete.  $\square$

Then, (3.2) and (3.4) lead to the following:

**Corollary 3.8.**  $\Sigma^{n-2}(\eta_2 \wedge \iota_{M^2}) = i_{n+2} \bar{\eta}_{n+1} + \tilde{\eta}_{n+1} p_{n+3} \neq 0$  for  $n \geq 2$ .

Now, we are in a position to state the main result of this section.

**Theorem 3.9.** *Let  $n \geq 3$ . Then  $G_{n+1}(M(\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2, n)) = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Writing

$$\eta_n \wedge \iota_{M(\mathbb{Z}_2, n-1)} = \Sigma^{n-2} \eta_2 \wedge \Sigma^{n-2} \iota_{M^2} = \Sigma^{2(n-2)} (\eta_2 \wedge \iota_{M^2})$$

we see, by Corollary 3.8, that

$$\eta_n \wedge \iota_{M(\mathbb{Z}_2, n-1)} \neq 0 \text{ for } n \geq 2.$$

Further, by (3.3), it follows that  $[j_2, j_1 \eta_n] \neq 0$ , for  $n \geq 3$ , since  $[j_2, j_1]$  is a basic product. Then for  $n \geq 3$

$$j_1 \eta_n \notin G_{n+1}(M(\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2, n)) \quad \text{and} \quad G_{n+1}(M(\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2, n)) = 0. \quad \square$$

**Corollary 3.10.** *Let  $A$  be a finite Abelian group with  $|A| \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ . Then  $G_{n+1}(M(\mathbb{Z} \oplus A, n)) = 0$  for  $n \geq 3$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $A$  is a finite Abelian group with order  $|A| \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , we apply [6, Chapter III, Theorem 15.2] to write  $A = \bigoplus_{i=1}^t A_{p_i}$  for the primary decomposition of  $A$  with  $p_1 = 2$ . By Corollaries 1.5 and 1.8 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} G_{n+1}(M(\mathbb{Z} \oplus A, n)) &\subseteq \\ &\subseteq j_{1*} G_{n+1}(M(\mathbb{Z} \oplus A_2, n)) \oplus \bigoplus_{i=2}^t j_{i*} G_{n+1}(M(A_{p_i}, n)). \end{aligned}$$

As  $G_{n+1}(M(A_{p_i}, n)) = 0$  for  $p_i > 2$  (see [7, Proposition 3.19]) and  $A_2 \approx \mathbb{Z}_2$  (cf. Remark 3.5), we get

$$\begin{aligned} G_{n+1}(M(\mathbb{Z} \oplus A, n)) &\subseteq j_{1*} G_{n+1}(M(\mathbb{Z} \oplus A_2, n)) \approx \\ &\approx G_{n+1}(M(\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2, n)) = 0. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Recall that, by [6, Chapter III, Theorem 15.2], for any finitely generated Abelian group  $B$  there is an isomorphism  $B \approx \mathbb{Z}^m \oplus A$  with  $m \geq 0$  and a finite Abelian group  $A$ . Furthermore, by means of the universal coefficient theorem for homotopy [10, p. 30], for any Abelian group  $A$ , a pointed space  $X$  and  $n \geq 2$ , there exists a short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}(A, \pi_{n+1}(X)) \rightarrow [M(A, n), X] \rightarrow \text{Hom}(A, \pi_n(X)) \rightarrow 0. \quad (3.6)$$

Notice that by equation (3.6) the order  $\sharp j_2$  of the canonical inclusion map

$$j_2: M(A, n) \hookrightarrow M(\mathbb{Z} \oplus A, n)$$

is finite. If  $A$  has odd order so does  $\sharp j_2$ , and we conclude that

$$G_{n+1}(M(\mathbb{Z} \oplus A, n)) = j_{1*} G_{n+1}(\mathbb{S}^n), \quad n \geq 3,$$

since  $[j_2, j_1 \eta_n] = 0$ . Finally, we summarize the groups  $G_{n+1}(M(\mathbb{Z}^m \oplus A, n))$  for a finite Abelian group  $A$  as follows:

- (a)  $G_{n+1}(M(\mathbb{Z}^m \oplus A, n)) = 0$  for  $m \geq 0$ ,  $m \neq 1$ ,  $n \geq 3$  provided  $|A|$  is odd;
- (b)  $G_{n+1}(M(\mathbb{Z} \oplus A, n)) = j_{1*} G_{n+1}(\mathbb{S}^n)$ , for  $n \geq 3$  provided  $|A|$  is odd;
- (c)  $G_{n+1}(M(\mathbb{Z}^m \oplus A, n)) = 0$ , for  $m \geq 0$ ,  $n \geq 3$  provided  $|A| \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

**Groups  $G_{n+2}(M(A, n))$ .** We compute  $G_{n+2}(M(A, n))$  for  $n \geq 4$ , under the same conditions for  $A$  as before. First, we recall from [7, Corollary 3.11] that  $G_{n+2}(M(\mathbb{Z}_2, n)) = 0$  for  $n \geq 3$ . Further, by [7, (1.16)],

$$\sharp[\iota_n, \eta_n^2] = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}, \\ 2, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Analogous to Propositions 3.4 and 3.6, we can state the following two results:

**Proposition 3.11.** *Let  $n \geq 4$ . Then:*

(i)  $G_{n+2}(M(\mathbb{Z}^m \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2, n)) = 0$ , for  $m \geq 2$ .

(ii)  $G_{n+2}(M(\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2, n)) \subseteq$   
 $\subseteq j_{1*}(G_{n+2}(\mathbb{S}^n)) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}_2\{j_1\eta_n^2\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

**Proposition 3.12.** *Let  $A$  be a finite Abelian group with  $|A| \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ . For  $n \geq 4$ , it holds:*

(i)  $G_{n+2}(M(A, n)) = 0$ .

(ii)  $G_{n+2}(M(\mathbb{Z}^m \oplus A, n)) = 0$  for  $m \geq 2$ .

(iii)  $G_{n+2}(M(\mathbb{Z} \oplus A, n)) \subseteq$   
 $\subseteq j_{1*}(G_{n+2}(\mathbb{S}^n)) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}_2\{j_1\eta_n^2\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

Next, we show that the Gottlieb group from Proposition 3.11(ii) is trivial using the same technics as in Proposition 3.4(ii). First, we recall from [11, Lemma 3.7] and [14, Lemma 2.1]:

**Lemma 3.13.**

(i)  $[M^5, M^3] = \mathbb{Z}_2\{i_3\eta_2\bar{\eta}_3\} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2\{\tilde{\eta}_2\eta_4p_5\} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2\{\tau p_5\} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2\{\overline{\Sigma}\lambda_2\tilde{\eta}_3p_5\};$

(ii)  $[M^6, M^4] = \mathbb{Z}_2\{i_4\eta_3\bar{\eta}_4\} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2\{\tilde{\eta}_3\eta_5p_6\} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2\{\lambda_2p_6\};$

(iii)  $[M^7, M^5] = \mathbb{Z}_2\{i_5\eta_4\bar{\eta}_5\} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2\{\tilde{\eta}_4\eta_6p_7\} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2\{i_5\nu_4p_7\}.$

**Lemma 3.14.** *For  $n \geq 6$  we have that*

$$[M^{n+2}, M^n] = \mathbb{Z}_2\{i_n\eta_{n-1}\bar{\eta}_n\} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2\{\tilde{\eta}_{n-1}\eta_{n+1}p_{n+2}\} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2\{i_n\nu_{n-1}p_{n+2}\},$$

*Proof.* The cofibration

$$\mathbb{S}^{n+1} \xrightarrow{i_{n+2}} M^{n+2} \xrightarrow{p_{n+2}} \mathbb{S}^{n+2}$$

leads to the short exact sequence of homotopy groups

$$0 \rightarrow \pi_{n+2}(M^n) \xrightarrow{p_{n+2}^*} [M^{n+2}, M^n] \xrightarrow{i_{n+2}^*} 2\pi_{n+1}(M^n) \rightarrow 0,$$

for  $n \geq 6$ . By [7, Lemmas 1.26 and 1.27], we know that

$$\pi_{n+1}(M^n) = \mathbb{Z}_4\{\tilde{\eta}_{n-1}\}$$

and

$$\pi_{n+2}(M^n) = \mathbb{Z}_2\{\tilde{\eta}_{n-1}\eta_{n+1}\} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2\{i_n\nu_{n-1}\}.$$

The sequence above is therefore

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2\{\tilde{\eta}_{n-1}\eta_{n+1}\} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2\{i_n\nu_{n-1}\} \xrightarrow{p_{n+2}^*} [M^{n+2}, M^n] \xrightarrow{i_{n+2}^*} \mathbb{Z}_2\{2\tilde{\eta}_{n-1}\} \rightarrow 0,$$

for  $n \geq 6$ , which splits by means of

$$\theta: \mathbb{Z}_2\{2\tilde{\eta}_{n-1}\} \rightarrow [M^{n+2}, M^n], \quad \theta(2\tilde{\eta}_{n-1}) = i_n\eta_{n-1}\bar{\eta}_n.$$

Thus,

$$(i_{n+2}^*\theta)(2\tilde{\eta}_{n-1}) = i_n\eta_{n-1}\bar{\eta}_n i_{n+2}.$$

From (3.1) we conclude that

$$(i_{n+2}^*\theta)(2\tilde{\eta}_{n-1}) = 2\tilde{\eta}_{n-1},$$

that is,  $i_{n+2}^*\theta$  is the identity homomorphism and the proof follows.  $\square$

**Remark 3.15.** It follows from Lemmas 3.13 and 3.14 that the suspension map

$$\Sigma_*: [M^{n+2}, M^n] \rightarrow [M^{n+3}, M^{n+1}]$$

is an isomorphism, for  $n \geq 5$ .

From [16, Proposition 5.6] we know that, the 2-primary component of  $\pi_6(\mathbb{S}^3)$  is  $\pi_6^3 = \mathbb{Z}_4\{\nu'\}$  and  $\pi_7^4 = \mathbb{Z}\{\nu_4\} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_4\{\Sigma\nu'\}$ .

By [14, (2.1) and (2.2)], the following relations hold:

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_6(M^4) &= \mathbb{Z}_4\{\lambda_2\} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_4\{\tilde{\eta}_3\eta_5\}, & 2\lambda_2 &= i_4\nu', \\ \pi_7(M^5) &= \mathbb{Z}_4\{i_5\nu_4\} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_4\{\tilde{\eta}_4\eta_6\}, & \Sigma\lambda_2 &= 2(i_5\nu_4) \in \pi_7(M^5), \\ [\iota_{M^4}, i_4] &= \lambda_2 p_6, & \pm\nu' &= \bar{\eta}_3\tilde{\eta}_4. \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

Next, recall from (3.4) that  $\eta_2 \wedge \iota_{M^2} = i_4\bar{\eta}_3 + \tilde{\eta}_3 p_5$ . Then, for  $\eta_2^2 \wedge \iota_{M^2}$ , we have the following:

**Lemma 3.16.**  $\eta_2^2 \wedge \iota_{M^2} = i_4\eta_3\bar{\eta}_4 + \tilde{\eta}_3\eta_5 p_6$ .

*Proof.* In view of (3.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_2^2 \wedge \iota_{M^2} &= (\eta_2\eta_3) \wedge \iota_{M^2} \\ &= (\eta_2 \wedge \iota_{M^2})(\eta_3 \wedge \iota_{M^2}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (\eta_2 \wedge \iota_{M^2})(\Sigma(\eta_2 \wedge \iota_{M^2})) \\
&= (i_4 \bar{\eta}_3 + \tilde{\eta}_3 p_5)(\Sigma(\eta_2 \wedge \iota_{M^2})) \\
&= (i_4 \bar{\eta}_3)(\Sigma(\eta_2 \wedge \iota_{M^2})) + (\tilde{\eta}_3 p_5)(\Sigma(\eta_2 \wedge \iota_{M^2})) \\
&= (i_4 \bar{\eta}_3)(i_5 \bar{\eta}_4 + \tilde{\eta}_4 p_6) + (\tilde{\eta}_3 p_5)(i_5 \bar{\eta}_4 + \tilde{\eta}_4 p_6) \\
&= i_4 \bar{\eta}_3 i_5 \bar{\eta}_4 + i_4 \bar{\eta}_3 \tilde{\eta}_4 p_6 + \tilde{\eta}_3 p_5 i_5 \bar{\eta}_4 + \tilde{\eta}_3 p_5 \tilde{\eta}_4 p_6 \\
&= i_4 \bar{\eta}_3 i_5 \bar{\eta}_4 + i_4 \bar{\eta}_3 \tilde{\eta}_4 p_6 + \tilde{\eta}_3 p_5 \tilde{\eta}_4 p_6
\end{aligned}$$

since  $p_5 i_5 = 0$ .

Also, due to relations (3.7),

$$\eta_2^2 \wedge \iota_{M^2} = i_4 \eta_3 \bar{\eta}_4 + i_4 (\pm \nu') p_6 + \tilde{\eta}_3 \eta_5 p_6 = i_4 \eta_3 \bar{\eta}_4 \pm i_4 \nu' p_6 + \tilde{\eta}_3 \eta_5 p_6.$$

Next, consider the sequence of maps

$$M^6 \xrightarrow{p_6} \mathbb{S}^6 \xrightarrow{\nu'} \mathbb{S}^3 \xrightarrow{i_4} M^4.$$

Again by (3.7),  $i_4 \nu' = 2\lambda_2$  and  $[\iota_{M^4}, i_4] = \lambda_2 p_6$ , and then

$$\begin{aligned}
i_4 \nu' p_6 &= (2\lambda_2) p_6 = (\lambda_2 + \lambda_2)(\Sigma p_5) \\
&= \lambda_2(\Sigma p_5) + \lambda_2(\Sigma p_5) = 2(\lambda_2 p_6) \\
&= 2[\iota_{M^4}, i_4] = [\iota_{M^4}, 2i_4] \\
&= [\iota_{M^4}, 0] = 0,
\end{aligned}$$

and the proof follows.  $\square$

Making use of Lemmas 3.13 and 3.14, the formula stated in Lemma 3.16 yields a non trivial suspended element:

**Lemma 3.17.**  $\Sigma^{n-2}(\eta_2^2 \wedge \iota_{M^2}) = i_{n+2} \eta_{n+1} \bar{\eta}_{n+2} + \tilde{\eta}_{n+1} \eta_{n+3} p_{n+4}$  for  $n \geq 2$ .

To improve Proposition 3.11(2) in the next theorem, first we observe that  $j_1 \eta_n^2 \in G_{n+2}(M(\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2, n))$  if and only if  $[j_1 \eta_n^2, j_2] = 0$ , where

$$j_1: \mathbb{S}^n \hookrightarrow M(\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2, n) \quad \text{and} \quad j_2: M^{n+1} \hookrightarrow M(\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2, n)$$

are the inclusions. Further, by Proposition 1.1, we have for  $n \geq 3$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
[j_2, j_1 \eta_n^2] &= [j_2, j_1] \circ (\iota_{M(\mathbb{Z}_2, n-1)} \wedge \eta_n^2) + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} [[j_2, j_1^k] \circ (\iota_{M(\mathbb{Z}_2, n-1)} \wedge h_k(\eta_n^2))] \\
&= [j_2, j_1] \circ (\iota_{M(\mathbb{Z}_2, n-1)} \wedge \eta_n^2).
\end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

Then, the main result of this subsection now comes:

**Theorem 3.18.** *If  $n \geq 4$  then  $G_{n+2}(M(\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2, n)) = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Writing

$$\eta_n^2 \wedge \iota_{M(\mathbb{Z}_2, n-1)} = \Sigma^{n-2} \eta_2^2 \wedge \Sigma^{n-2} \iota_{M^2} = \Sigma^{2(n-2)} (\eta_2^2 \wedge \iota_{M^2}),$$

Lemma 3.17 implies that  $\eta_n^2 \wedge \iota_{M(\mathbb{Z}_2, n-1)} \neq 0$  for  $n \geq 2$ . Then, by (3.8), we conclude that  $[j_2, j_1 \eta_n^2] \neq 0$  for  $n \geq 3$ . Therefore  $j_1 \eta_n^2 \notin G_{n+2}(M(\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2, n))$ , for  $n \geq 4$  and consequently  $G_{n+2}(M(\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2, n)) = 0$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.19.** *Let  $A$  be a finite Abelian group with  $|A| \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ . Then  $G_{n+2}(M(\mathbb{Z} \oplus A, n)) = 0$ , for  $n \geq 4$ .*

We close the paper summarizing the groups as before:

- (a)  $G_{n+2}(M(\mathbb{Z}^m \oplus A, n)) = 0$  for  $m \geq 0$ ,  $m \neq 1$ ,  $n \geq 4$  provided  $|A|$  is odd;
- (b)  $G_{n+2}(M(\mathbb{Z} \oplus A, n)) = j_{1*} G_{n+1}(S^n)$ , for  $n \geq 4$  provided  $|A|$  is odd;
- (c)  $G_{n+2}(M(\mathbb{Z}^m \oplus A, n)) = 0$ , for  $m \geq 0$ ,  $n \geq 4$  provided  $|A| \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

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