

# The additive structure of $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_t)$

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## §1. Introduction

Let  $t$  be a positive integer and let  $Q_t$  be the group of order  $4t$  given by

$$Q_t = \{ x, y : x^t = y^2, xyx = y \},$$

the group generated by two elements  $x$  and  $y$  with the relations  $x^t = y^2$  and  $xyx = y$ , that is,  $Q_t$  is the subgroup of the unit sphere  $S^3$  in the quaternion field  $H$  generated by the two elements

$$x = \exp(\pi i/t) \text{ and } y = j;$$

and  $Q_1 = Z_4$  and  $Q_t$  for  $t = 2^{m-1} (m \geq 2)$  is the generalized quaternion group which is denoted by  $H_m$  in [6] and [7].

Then,  $Q_t$  acts on the unit sphere  $S^{4n+3}$  in the quaternion  $(n+1)$ -space  $H^{n+1}$  by the diagonal action, and we have the quotient manifold

$$S^{4n+3}/Q_t \text{ of dimension } 4n+3.$$

Some partial results on the reduced  $KO$ -ring  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_t)$  of this manifold are obtained by [7], D. Pitt [17], H. Ôshima [16], [15] and T. Kobayashi [13]. Recently, T. Kobayashi has determined the additive structure of  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_t)$  in [14]. In this paper, we shall determine completely the additive structure of  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_t)$ .

Throughout this paper, we identify the orthogonal representation ring  $RO(Q_t)$  with the subring  $c(RO(Q_t))$  of the unitary representation ring  $R(Q_t)$  through the complexification  $c: RO(Q_t) \rightarrow R(Q_t)$ , since  $c$  is a ring monomorphism (cf. (2.1)).

Consider the complex representations  $a_0, a_1, a_2$  and  $b_1$  of  $Q_t$  given by

$$\begin{cases} a_0(x) = 1, \\ a_0(y) = -1, \end{cases} \begin{cases} a_1(x) = -1, \\ a_1(y) = \begin{cases} (-1)^{t-1}i & \text{if } t \text{ is odd,} \\ (-1)^{t-1} & \text{if } t \text{ is even,} \end{cases} \end{cases} \begin{cases} b_1(x) = \begin{pmatrix} x & 0 \\ 0 & x^{-1} \end{pmatrix}, \\ b_1(y) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{cases}$$

Then

$$a_i - 1, 2(b_1 - 2), (b_1 - 2)^2 \in \widetilde{RO}(Q_t) \quad (\text{cf. Prop.2.7}),$$

where  $\widetilde{RO}(Q_t)$  is the reduced orthogonal representation ring.

Consider the elements

$$(1.1) \quad \alpha_i = \xi(a_i - 1), \quad 2\beta_1 = \xi(2b_1 - 4), \quad \beta_1^2 = \xi((b_1 - 2)^2)$$

in  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_t)$  (cf. (3.3)), where  $\xi: \widetilde{RO}(Q_t) \rightarrow \widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_t)$  is the natural ring homo-

morphism (cf. (3.1)). Furthermore, consider the following subgroups of  $Q_t$ :

$$(1.2) \quad G_0 = Q_r \text{ generated by } x^q \text{ and } y, \quad G_1 = Z_q \text{ generated by } x^{2r},$$

where  $t = rq$ ,  $r = 2^{m-1}$ ,  $m \geq 1$  and  $q$  is odd. Then, we have the ring homomorphisms

$$(1.3) \quad \begin{aligned} i_0^* : \widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_t) &\longrightarrow \widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r), \\ i_1^* : \widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_t) &\longrightarrow \widetilde{KO}(L^{2n+1}(q)) \quad (L^{2n+1}(q) = S^{4n+3}/Z_q), \\ i^* : \widetilde{KO}(L^{2n+1}(q)) &\longrightarrow \widetilde{KO}(L_0^{2n+1}(q)), \end{aligned}$$

induced from the natural projections  $i_k : S^{4n+3}/G_k \longrightarrow S^{4n+3}/Q_t$  and the inclusion  $i : L_0^{2n+1}(q) \longrightarrow L^{2n+1}(q)$ , where  $L_0^{2n+1}(q)$  is the  $(4n+2)$ -skeleton of  $L^{2n+1}(q)$  the standard lens space modulo  $q$ .

Then, we have the following

**THEOREM 1.4.** (i) *The ring  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_t)$  is generated by the elements  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2$  if  $t = 1$ ,  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2, 2\beta_1$  and  $\beta_1^2$  if  $t \geq 3$  is odd,  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, 2\beta_1$  and  $\beta_1^2$  if  $t$  is even, respectively, where  $\alpha_i, 2\beta_1$  and  $\beta_1^2$  are the elements in (1.1).*

(ii) *Put  $t = rq$  where  $r = 2^{m-1}$ ,  $m \geq 1$  and  $q$  is odd. Then, we have the ring isomorphism*

$$\pi = i_0^* \oplus i_1^* : \widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_t) \cong \widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r) \oplus \widetilde{KO}(L_0^{2n+1}(q)),$$

where  $i_0^*, i_1^*$  and  $i^*$  are the ones in (1.3). Further, there hold the equalities

$$\begin{cases} \pi(\alpha_0) = \alpha_0, \pi(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2, \\ \pi(2\beta_1) = 2\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 + 2\bar{\sigma}, & \text{if } t \text{ is odd,} \\ \pi(\beta_1^2) = -4\alpha_1^2 - 10\alpha_2^2 - 12\alpha_1 + \bar{\sigma}^2, \\ \\ \pi(\alpha_i) = \alpha_i \quad (i = 0, 1, 2), \\ \pi(2\beta_1) = 2\beta_1 + 2\bar{\sigma}, & \text{if } t \text{ is even,} \\ \pi(\beta_1^2) = \beta_1^2 + \bar{\sigma}, \end{cases}$$

where  $\bar{\sigma}$  is the real restriction of the stable class  $\eta - 1$  of the canonical complex line bundle  $\eta$  over  $L_0^{2n+1}(q)$  and it generates the ring  $\widetilde{KO}(L_0^{2n+1}(q))$  (cf. [11, Prop. 2.11]), and the additive structure of  $\widetilde{KO}(L_0^{2n+1}(q))$  is given in [9, Th.1.10 and (6.1)].

Consider the following integers  $\bar{u}(i)$  and the elements  $\bar{\delta}_i$  and  $\bar{\alpha}_i$  in  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  with  $r = 2^{m-1}$  ( $m \geq 2$ ), where  $\alpha_i$  and  $2\beta_1$  are the ones in (1.1) for  $t = r$  and

$$2\beta(0) = 2\beta_1 \text{ and } \beta(s) = \beta(s-1)^2 + 4\beta(s-1) \quad (s \geq 1):$$

For  $i = 2^s + d \leq N' = \min\{r, n\}$  with  $0 \leq s < m$  and  $0 \leq d < 2^s$ , put

$$n' = 2n+1 \text{ if } n \text{ is odd, } = 2n \text{ if } n \text{ is even,}$$

$$n' = 2^s a'_s + b'_s, \quad 0 \leq b'_s < 2^s;$$

$$(1.5) \quad \bar{u}(1) = 2^{m-2+a_0}, \quad \bar{\delta}_1 = 2\beta_1, \quad \text{if } i = 1;$$

$$\begin{cases}
\bar{u}(2) = \begin{cases} 2^{m-3+a_i} & (n:\text{odd}), \\ 2^{m-2+a_i} & (n:\text{even}), \end{cases} & \text{if } i = 2; \\
\bar{\delta}_2 = \begin{cases} \beta(1) - 2^{1+a_i} \beta(0) - R_0(1, 0; a_i' + 1) & (n:\text{odd}), \\ \beta(1) & (n:\text{even}), \end{cases} \\
\bar{u}(i) = 2^{m-s-2+a_s}, \\
\bar{\delta}_i = \begin{cases} \sum_{t=0}^s (-1)^{2^t+1} 2^{(2^t-1)(a_s'+1)} \beta(s-t) - R_0(s, 0; a_s' + 1) & (n:\text{odd}), \\ \sum_{t=0}^s 2^{(2^t-1)(a_s'+1)} \beta(s-t) & (n:\text{even}), \end{cases} & \text{if } i = 2^s \ (2 \leq s \leq m-1); \\
\bar{u}(i) = 2^{m-s-3+a(i)}, \\
\bar{\delta}_i = \begin{cases} 2\beta_1^{a-1} \beta(1) \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) + \sum_{t=0}^s (-1)^{2^t} 2^{(2^{t+1}-1)a(i)} \beta_1^a \beta(s-t) & (d:\text{odd}), \\ \beta_1^{a-2} \beta(2) \prod_{t=1}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) + R(s, d; a(i)) & (n:\text{odd}, d:\text{even}), \\ \beta_1^{a-2} \beta(2) \prod_{t=1}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) + \sum_{t=0}^s (-1)^{2^t+a(i)} 2^{(2^{t+1}-1)a(i)-1} \beta_1^a \beta(s-t) & (n:\text{even}, d:\text{even}), \end{cases} \\
a(i) = \begin{cases} a_{s+1}' + 1 & \text{for } 2d \leq b_{s+1}', \\ a_{s+1}' & \text{for } 2d > b_{s+1}', \end{cases} \\
\text{if } i = 2^s + d \geq 3, d \geq 1; \\
\bar{\alpha}_1 = \begin{cases} \alpha_1 & (n:\text{even or } m=2), \\ \alpha_1 \pm 2^{m-2+n} \beta_1 & (n:\text{odd and } m \geq 3), \end{cases}
\end{cases}$$

where  $R_0(s, d, a_s' + 1)$  and  $R(s, d; a(i))$  are the ones in Propositions 7.1 and 7.2, respectively.

Then, the additive structure of  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  is given by the following theorem, where  $Z_k \langle x \rangle$  denotes the cyclic group of order  $k$  generated by  $x$ :

**THEOREM 1.6.** *Let  $r = 2^{m-1}$ ,  $m \geq 2$  and  $N' = \min\{r, n\}$ .*

*Then, we have*

$$\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r) = \begin{cases} Z_{2^{n+1}} \langle \alpha_0 \rangle \oplus Z_{2^{n+1}} \langle \bar{\alpha}_1 \rangle \oplus \sum_{i=1}^{N'} Z_{\bar{u}(i)} \langle \bar{\delta}_i \rangle & (n:\text{odd}), \\ Z_{2^{n+2}} \langle \alpha_0 \rangle \oplus Z_{2^{n+2}} \langle \bar{\alpha}_1 \rangle \oplus \sum_{i=1}^{N'} Z_{\bar{u}(i)} \langle \bar{\delta}_i \rangle & (n:\text{even}). \end{cases}$$

We notice that the additive structure of  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_i) = \widetilde{KO}(L^{2n+1}(4))$  is determined in [12, Th.B].

We prepare some results on the complex and orthogonal representation rings  $R(Q_i)$ ,

$RO(Q_t)$ ,  $R(G_k)$  and  $RO(G_k)$  for  $Q_t$  and the subgroups  $G_k$  given in (1.2), and the symplectic representation group  $RSp(Q_r)$  ( $r=2^{m-1}$ ) in §2.

In §3, we define the elements  $\alpha_i$  ( $i=0, 1, 2$ ),  $2\beta_{2j+1}$  and  $\beta_{2j}$  of  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_t)$  and study the homomorphisms  $i_k^* : \widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_t) \longrightarrow \widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/G_k)$  and  $i^* : \widetilde{KO}(L^{2n+1}(q)) \longrightarrow \widetilde{KO}(L_0^{2n+1}(q))$  of (1.3) in Lemma 3.6, Propositions 3.8 and 3.12. Also, the fundamental relations in  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  ( $r=2^{m-1}$ ) are given in Lemma 3.14, which play the important parts in the subsequent sections.

In §4, we first estimate an upper bound of the order of  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_t)$  by using the Atiyah–Hirzebruch spectral sequence, and especially we determine the order of  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  ( $r=2^{m-1}$ ) in Proposition 4.13. Furthermore, we prove Theorem 1.4 in Theorem 4.15 and Remark 4.16 by using the known results about the order of  $\widetilde{KO}(L_0^{2n+1}(q))$  given in [11, Prop.2.11], the order of  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  ( $r=2^{m-1}$ ) given in Proposition 4.13 and the results obtained in §3.

In §5 (resp. §8), we give some relations in  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  ( $r=2^{m-1}$ ) for odd  $n$  (resp. even  $n$ ), which are useful in the next section.

In §6 (resp. §9), we prove some basic relations concerned with an additive base of  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  ( $r=2^{m-1}$ ) for odd  $n$  (resp. even  $n$ ) by making use of the relations given in §5 (resp. §8)

In §7 (resp. §10), Theorem 1.6 for odd  $n$  (resp. even  $n$ ) is proved by combining the results given in the previous sections. Also, as the corollary of Theorem 1.6, we have the order of  $\bar{\delta}_1$  in  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  ( $r=2^{m-1}$ ), which is already proved in [13, Cor. 1.7].

## §2. The representation rings of $Q_t$

We denote the unitary (resp. orthogonal) representation ring of the group  $G$  by  $R(G)$  (resp.  $RO(G)$ ) and the symplectic representation group by  $RSp(G)$ . By the natural inclusion

$$O(n) \subset U(n), U(n) \subset O(2n), Sp(n) \subset U(2n) \text{ and } U(n) \subset Sp(n),$$

the following group homomorphisms are defined:

$$RO(G) \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{r} \\ \xrightarrow{c} \end{array} R(G) \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{c'} \\ \xrightarrow{h} \end{array} RSp(G).$$

The following facts (2.1) are well known (cf. eg. [2]).

(2.1) *These representation groups are free, and  $c$  is a ring homomorphism. Also*

$$rc = 2, hc' = 2, cr = 1 + t = c'h,$$

( $t$  denotes the conjugation), and  $c$  and  $c'$  are monomorphic.

Hence throughout this paper, we identify

$$RO(G) \text{ with } c(RO(G)), \text{ and } RSp(G) \text{ with } c'(RSp(G)).$$

Let  $t$  be a positive integer and let  $Q_t$  be the subgroup of order  $4t$  of the unit

sphere  $S^3$  in the quaternion field  $H$  generated by the two elements

$$x = \exp(\pi i/t) \quad \text{and} \quad y = j.$$

Consider the complex representations  $a_i$  ( $i = 0, 1, 2$ ) and  $b_j$  ( $j \in Z$ ) of  $Q_t$  given by

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{cases} a_0(x) = 1, \\ a_0(y) = -1, \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} a_i(x) = -1, \\ a_i(y) = \begin{cases} (-1)^{t-1} i & \text{if } t \text{ is odd,} \\ (-1)^{t-1} & \text{if } t \text{ is even,} \end{cases} \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} b_j(x) = \begin{pmatrix} x^j & 0 \\ 0 & x^{-j} \end{pmatrix}, \\ b_j(y) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & (-1)^j \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{cases}$$

Then, we see easily the following

**PROPOSITION 2.3.** (cf. [4, §47.15, Example 2]). *The complex representation ring  $R(Q_t)$  is a free  $Z$ -module with basis  $1, a_i$  ( $i = 0, 1, 2$ ) and  $b_j$  ( $1 \leq j < t$ ) and multiplicative structure is given as follows:*

$$a_0^2 = 1, \quad a_1^2 = \begin{cases} a_0 & \text{if } t \text{ is odd,} \\ 1 & \text{if } t \text{ is even,} \end{cases} \quad a_2 = a_0 a_1, \quad b_0 = 1 + a_0, \quad b_t = a_1 + a_2,$$

$$b_{t+i} = b_{t-i}, \quad b_{-i} = b_i, \quad b_i b_j = b_{i+j} + b_{i-j}, \quad a_0 b_i = b_i, \quad a_1 b_i = b_{t-i},$$

Let

$$(2.4) \quad \alpha_i = a_i - 1 \quad (i = 0, 1, 2) \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_j = b_j - 2 \quad (j \in Z)$$

be the elements in the reduced representation ring  $\widetilde{R}(Q_t)$ . Then, we have

**PROPOSITION 2.5.** (cf. [6, Prop.3.3]) *The reduced representation ring  $\widetilde{R}(Q_t)$  is a free  $Z$ -module with basis  $\alpha_i$  ( $i = 0, 1, 2$ ) and  $\beta_j$  ( $1 \leq j < t$ ), and multiplicative structure is given as follows:*

$$\alpha_0^2 = -2\alpha_0, \quad \alpha_1^2 = \begin{cases} \alpha_0 - 2\alpha_1 & \text{if } t \text{ is odd,} \\ -2\alpha_1 & \text{if } t \text{ is even,} \end{cases} \quad \alpha_2 = \alpha_0 \alpha_1 + \alpha_0 + \alpha_1, \quad \beta_0 = \alpha_0,$$

$$\beta_t = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2, \quad \beta_{t+i} = \beta_{t-i}, \quad \beta_{-i} = \beta_i,$$

$$\beta_i \beta_j = \beta_{i+j} + \beta_{i-j} - 2(\beta_i + \beta_j), \quad \alpha_0 \beta_i = -2\alpha_0, \quad \alpha_1 \beta_i = \beta_{t-i} - \beta_i - 2\alpha_1.$$

*These show that the ring  $\widetilde{R}(Q_t)$  is generated by  $\alpha_1$  if  $t=1$ ,  $\alpha_1$  and  $\beta_1$  if  $t \geq 3$  is odd, and  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1$  and  $\beta_1$  if  $t$  is even.*

Regarding  $RO(Q_t)$  as the subring of  $R(Q_t)$  under  $c : RO(Q_t) \longrightarrow R(Q_t)$  in (2.1), we have

**PROPOSITION 2.6** (cf. [5, (3.5) and (12.3)]).  *$RO(Q_t)$  is a free  $Z$ -module with basis  $1, a_0, a_1 + a_2, b_{2j}$  and  $2b_{2j+1}$  ( $1 \leq 2j, 2j+1 < t$ ) if  $t$  is odd, and  $1, a_i$  ( $i = 0, 1, 2$ ),  $b_{2j}$  and  $2b_{2j+1}$  ( $1 \leq 2j, 2j+1 < t$ ) if  $t$  is even.*

From (2.4), Propositions 2.5 and 2.6, we have

**PROPOSITION 2.7.** *The reduced representation ring  $\widetilde{RO}(Q_t)$  is a free  $Z$ -module with basis  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_{2j}$  and  $2\beta_{2j+1}$  ( $1 \leq 2j, 2j+1 < t$ ) if  $t$  is odd, and  $\alpha_i$  ( $i=0, 1, 2$ ),  $\beta_{2j}$  and  $2\beta_{2j+1}$  ( $1 \leq 2j, 2j+1 < t$ ) if  $t$  is even. These show that the ring  $\widetilde{RO}(Q_t)$  is generated by  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2$  if  $t=1$ ,  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2, 2\beta_1$  and  $\beta_1^2$  if  $t \geq 3$  is odd,  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, 2\beta_1$  and  $\beta_1^2$  if  $t$  is even.*

Regarding  $RSp(Q_r)$  ( $r=2^{m-1}$ ) as the subgroup under  $c': RSp(Q_r) \longrightarrow R(Q_r)$  in (2.1), we have

**PROPOSITION 2.8.** (cf. [17, Prop.1.6]).  *$RSp(Q_r)$  ( $r=2^{m-1}$ ) is a free  $Z$ -module with basis  $2, 2\alpha_i$  ( $i=0, 1, 2$ ),  $2b_{2j}$  and  $b_{2j+1}$  ( $1 \leq 2j, 2j+1 < r$ ).*

The following lemmas are well known:

**LEMMA 2.9** (cf. [1, §8]).  *$R(Z_k)$  is the truncated polynomial ring  $Z[\mu]/\langle \mu^k - 1 \rangle$ , where  $\mu$  is given by  $z \longrightarrow \exp(2\pi i/k)$  for the generator  $z$  of  $Z_k$  and  $\langle \mu^k - 1 \rangle$  means the ideal of  $Z[\mu]$  generated by  $\mu^k - 1$ .*

**LEMMA 2.10** (cf. [5, (3.5) and (12.3)]). *The ring  $\widetilde{RO}(Z_k)$  is generated by  $r(\mu-1)$  if  $k$  is odd,  $\rho-1$  and  $r(\mu-1)$  if  $k$  is even, where  $r$  is the real restriction and  $\rho$  is a real representation given by  $z \longrightarrow -1$  for the generator  $z$  of  $Z_k$ .*

Consider the following subgroup  $G_k$  of  $Q_t$ , where  $t=rq$ ,  $r=2^{m-1}$ ,  $m \geq 1$  and  $q$  is odd:

$$(2.11) \quad G_0 = Q_r \text{ generated by } x^q \text{ and } y, \quad G_1 = Z_q \text{ generated by } x^{2r}.$$

Then the inclusion  $i_k: G_k \subset Q_t$  induces the ring homomorphism

$$(2.12) \quad i_k^*: \widetilde{RO}(Q_t) \longrightarrow \widetilde{RO}(G_k)$$

by the restriction of representations of  $Q_t$  to  $G_k$ .

By [9, Prop. 2.9], Proposition 2.7 and Lemma 2.10, we see easily the following

**LEMMA 2.13.** (i)  $i_0^*$  is an epimorphism and

$$\begin{cases} i_0^*(\alpha_0) = \alpha_0, & i_0^*(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2, \\ i_0^*(\beta_2) = \alpha_0, & i_0^*(2\beta_{2i-1}) = 2(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2), \end{cases} \quad \text{if } t \text{ is odd,}$$

$$\begin{cases} i_0^*(\alpha_i) = \alpha_i & (i=0, 1, 2), \\ i_0^*(\beta_{2i}) = \beta_{2i}, & i_0^*(2\beta_{2i-1}) = 2\beta_{2i-1}, \end{cases} \quad \text{if } t \text{ is even.}$$

$$(ii) \quad \begin{cases} i_1^*(\alpha_0) = i_1^*(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) = 0, \\ i_1^*(\beta_{2i}) = r(\mu^{2i} - 1), & i_1^*(2\beta_{2i-1}) = 2r(\mu^{2i-1} - 1), \end{cases} \quad \text{if } t \text{ is odd,}$$

$$\begin{cases} i_1^*(\alpha_i) = 0 & (i = 0, 1, 2), \\ i_1^*(\beta_{2i}) = r(\mu^{2i} - 1), \quad i_1^*(2\beta_{2i+1}) = 2r(\mu^{2i+1} - 1), \end{cases} \quad \text{if } t \text{ is even.}$$

Let  $m \geq 2$ , and define  $\beta(s)$  in  $\widetilde{R}(Q_r)$  ( $r = 2^{m-1}$ ) inductively as follows:

$$(2.14) \quad \beta(0) = \beta_1, \quad \beta(s) = \beta(s-1)^2 + 4\beta(s-1) \quad (s \geq 1).$$

Then, we have the following lemmas.

LEMMA 2.15.  $\beta(k+1) - 2\sum_{s=1}^k \beta(s) \prod_{t=s+1}^k (2 + \beta(t)) = \beta(1) \prod_{t=1}^k (2 + \beta(t))$  in  $\widetilde{R}(Q_r)$ .

PROOF. By the induction on  $k$ , we can easily verify the equality. q.e.d.

LEMMA 2.16.  $P_{m,s} = \beta(s) \prod_{t=s-1}^{m-2} (2 + \beta(t)) = 0$  ( $1 \leq s \leq m$ ) holds in  $\widetilde{R}(Q_r)$ .

PROOF. In the similar way to the proof of [9, Lemmas 5.3–4], we have  $\beta_{r-1} - \beta_1 = \sum_{s=1}^{m-2} (2 + \beta_1) \beta(s) \prod_{t=s+1}^{m-2} (2 + \beta(t))$  and  $(2 + \beta_1) \beta(m-1) = 2(\beta_{r-1} - \beta_1)$ . Hence, by Lemma 2.15,  $P_{m,1} = 0$  follows. For the case  $s \geq 2$ , the equalities

$$P_{m,s} = P_{m,1} \prod_{t=0}^{s-2} (2 + \beta(t))$$

and  $P_{m,1} = 0$  imply  $P_{m,s} = 0$ , q.e.d.

By the definitions of  $\beta(s)$ ,  $P_{m,s}$ , Lemma 2.16 and Proposition 2.7, we have

LEMMA 2.17.  $2P_{m,1} = 0$ ,  $\beta_1 P_{m,1} = 0$  and  $P_{m,s} = 0$  ( $2 \leq s \leq m$ ) hold in  $\widetilde{KO}(Q_r)$ .

### §3. Some elements in $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_i)$

Assume that a topological group  $G$  acts freely on a topological space  $X$ . Then, the natural projection

$$p: X \longrightarrow X/G$$

define the ring homomorphism (cf. [10, Ch. 12, 5.4])

$$(3.1) \quad \xi: \widetilde{R}(G) \longrightarrow \widetilde{K}(X/G), \quad \xi: \widetilde{RO}(G) \longrightarrow \widetilde{KO}(X/G)$$

Furthermore, if  $H$  is the subgroup of  $G$ , then the inclusion  $i: H \subset G$  and the projections  $p': X \longrightarrow X/H$ ,  $i: X/H \longrightarrow X/G$  induce the commutative diagram

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \widetilde{R}(G) & \xrightarrow{\xi} & \widetilde{K}(X/G) \\ \begin{array}{c} \swarrow r \quad \searrow c \\ \widetilde{RO}(G) \end{array} & \xrightarrow{\xi} & \begin{array}{c} \swarrow c \quad \searrow r \\ \widetilde{KO}(X/G) \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \downarrow i^* \\ \widetilde{RO}(H) \end{array} & \xrightarrow{\xi} & \begin{array}{c} \downarrow i^* \\ \widetilde{KO}(X/H) \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \swarrow r \quad \searrow c \\ \widetilde{R}(H) \end{array} & \xrightarrow{\xi} & \begin{array}{c} \swarrow c \quad \searrow r \\ \widetilde{K}(X/H) \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$c\xi = \xi c, \quad r\xi = \xi r, \quad i^*\xi = \xi i^*, \quad ci^* = i^*c, \quad ri^* = i^*r,$$

where  $c$  is the complexification and  $r$  is the real restriction.

Now,  $Q_t$  acts on the unit sphere  $S^{4n+3}$  in the quaternion  $(n+1)$ -space  $H^{n+1}$  by the diagonal action

$$q(q_1, \dots, q_{n+1}) = (qq_1, \dots, qq_{n+1}) \quad \text{for } q \in Q_t, \quad q_i \in H.$$

Then the natural projection defines the ring homomorphism

$$\xi: \widetilde{RO}(Q_t) \longrightarrow \widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_t)$$

of (3.1), and by using the same letter, we define the elements

$$(3.3) \quad \alpha_i = \xi(\alpha_i) \quad (i=0, 1, 2), \quad \beta_{2j} = \xi(\beta_{2j}) \quad \text{and} \quad 2\beta_{2j+1} = \xi(2\beta_{2j+1})$$

in  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_t)$ , where  $\alpha_i, \beta_{2j}, 1$  and  $2\beta_{2j+1} \in \widetilde{RO}(Q_t)$  are the ones in Proposition 2.7.

Consider the orbit manifold  $S^{4n+3}/G_1$  obtained by the restricted action of  $Q_t$  to  $G_1 = Z_q$ . As is easily verified,  $S^{4n+3}/G_1$  is homeomorphic to the standard lens space  $L^{2n+1}(q) = S^{4n+3}/Z_q$  modulo  $q$ . Also,  $S^{4n+3}/Q_1$  is homeomorphic to  $L^{2n+1}(4)$ .

For  $\xi: \widetilde{RO}(Z_k) \longrightarrow \widetilde{KO}(L^{2n+1}(k))$  of (3.1), we have

**LEMMA 3.4.**  $\xi(r(\mu-1)) = r(\eta-1)$ , and  $\xi(\rho-1)$  is the stable class of the non trivial real line bundle if  $k$  is even, where  $\mu$  and  $\rho$  are the elements of Lemmas 2.9, 2.10 and  $\eta$  is the canonical complex line bundle over  $L^{2n+1}(k)$ .

**PROOF.** For  $\xi: \widetilde{RO}(Z_k) \longrightarrow \widetilde{K}(L^{2n+1}(k))$ , we have  $\xi(\mu-1) = \eta-1$  by [9, Lemma 3.8]. Thus, the first equality follows from the commutativity  $r\xi = \xi r$  in (3.2). Let  $k = 2l$  and consider the element  $c\xi(\rho)$  in  $\widetilde{K}(L^{2n+1}(2l))$ . Then we see that  $c\xi(\rho) = \xi c(\rho) = \xi(\mu^l) = \eta^l$  by (3.2) and the definitions of  $\rho$  and  $\mu$ . Since the first Chern class  $c_1(\eta^l) = lc_1(\eta) \neq 0$ ,  $\xi(\rho)$  is the non trivial real line bundle. q.e.d.

**REMARK 3.5.** We notice that

$$\alpha_0 = \rho - 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = r(\mu - 1)$$

in  $\widetilde{RO}(Q_1)$ , and so

$$\alpha_0 = \xi(\rho - 1) \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = r(\eta - 1)$$

in  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_1) = \widetilde{KO}(L^{2n+1}(4))$ .

Let  $L_0^{2n+1}(q)$  be the  $(4n+2)$ -skeleton of  $L^{2n+1}(q)$ , and  $i: L_0^{2n+1}(q) \longrightarrow L^{2n+1}(q)$  be the inclusion. Then we have

**LEMMA 3.6.**  $i^*\xi(r(\mu-1)) = r(\eta-1)$ , and  $i^*\xi: \widetilde{RO}(Z_q) \longrightarrow \widetilde{KO}(L_0^{2n+1}(q))$  is an epimorphism, where we denote the element  $i^*(r(\eta-1))$  in  $\widetilde{KO}(L_0^{2n+1}(q))$  by  $r(\eta-1)$  for simplicity.

**PROOF.** The equality  $i^*\xi(r(\mu-1)) = r(\eta-1)$  is obtained by Lemma 3.4. Since  $\widetilde{KO}(L_0^{2n+1}(q))$  is generated by  $r(\eta-1)$  (cf. [11, Prop.2.11]),  $i^*\xi$  is an epimorphism. q.e.d.

Let

$$(3.7) \quad \pi_1 = i^* i_1^* : \widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_t) \longrightarrow \widetilde{KO}(L_0^{2n+1}(q))$$

be the composition of  $i_1^* : \widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_t) \longrightarrow \widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/G_1) = \widetilde{KO}(L^{2n+1}(q))$  and  $i^* : \widetilde{KO}(L^{2n+1}(q)) \longrightarrow \widetilde{KO}(L_0^{2n+1}(q))$ . Then, we have

PROPOSITION 3.8.  $\pi_1$  is an epimorphism and

$$\begin{cases} \pi_1(\alpha_0) = \pi_1(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) = 0, \\ \pi_1(2\beta_1) = 2r(\eta-1), \quad \pi_1(\beta_1^2) = (r(\eta-1))^2, \end{cases} \quad \text{if } t \text{ is odd,}$$

$$\begin{cases} \pi_1(\alpha_i) = 0 \quad (i=0, 1, 2), \\ \pi_1(2\beta_1) = 2r(\eta-1), \quad \pi_1(\beta_1^2) = (r(\eta-1))^2, \end{cases} \quad \text{if } t \text{ is even.}$$

PROOF. The equalities except for  $\pi_1(\beta_1^2) = (r(\eta-1))^2$  follow from the definition of  $\pi_1$ , (3.2), (3.3), Lemmas 2.13, 3.4 and 3.6. By Propositions 2.5, 2.7, the equality  $\beta_1^2 = \beta_2 + \alpha_0 - 4\beta_1$  holds in  $\widetilde{RO}(Q_t)$ . Since  $i_1^*(\beta_2) = r(\eta^2-1)$ ,  $i_1^*(\alpha_0) = 0$  and  $i_1^*(2\beta_1) = 2r(\eta-1)$  in  $\widetilde{RO}(G_1)$  by Lemma 2.13, there holds the equality  $i_1^*(\beta_1^2) = r(\eta^2-1) - 4r(\eta-1)$  in  $\widetilde{RO}(G_1)$ . On the other hand,  $c((r(\eta-1))^2) = (\eta + \eta^{-1} - 2)^2 = c(r(\eta^2-1)) - c(4r(\eta-1))$ , and the complexification  $c$  is monomorphic (cf. (2.1)). Hence

$$r(\eta^2-1) - 4r(\eta-1) = (r(\eta-1))^2 \text{ in } \widetilde{RO}(G_1).$$

Therefore, the desired equality  $\pi_1(\beta_1^2) = (r(\eta-1))^2$  follows from (3.2), (3.3), Lemmas 3.4 and 3.6. Also,  $\pi_1$  is an epimorphism, since  $\widetilde{KO}(L_0^{2n+1}(q))$  is an odd torsion group generated by  $r(\eta-1) = (1/2)\pi_1(2\beta_1)$  (cf. [11, Prop.2.11]). q.e.d.

For the ring homomorphism

$$\xi : \widetilde{RO}(Q_r) \longrightarrow \widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r) \quad (r = 2^{m-1} \geq 2),$$

(3.9) (cf. [17, Th.2.5], [7, Th.1.1 and Cor.1.2])  $\xi$  is an epimorphism, and

$$\text{Ker } \xi = \begin{cases} \langle \beta_1^{n+1} RO(Q_r) \rangle & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ \langle \beta_1^{n+1} RSp(Q_r) \rangle & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \end{cases}$$

where  $\langle S \rangle$  means the ideal generated by the set  $S$ .

By Propositions 2.5–8, we see easily the following

LEMMA 3.10.  $\text{Ker } \xi$  in (3.9) is given as follows:

$$\text{Ker } \xi = \begin{cases} \langle \beta_1^{n+1} \rangle & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ \langle 2\beta_1^{n+1}, \beta_1^{n+2} \rangle & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

For the homomorphism

$$(3.11) \quad i_0^* : \widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_t) \longrightarrow \widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/G_0),$$

we have

PROPOSITION 3.12.  $i_0^*$  is an epimorphism and

$$\begin{cases} i_0^*(\alpha_0) = \alpha_0, & i_0^*(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2, \\ i_0^*(2\beta_1) = 2(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2), & i_0^*(\beta_1^2) = -4\alpha_1^3 - 10\alpha_1^2 - 12\alpha_1, \end{cases} \quad \text{if } t \text{ is odd,}$$

$$\begin{cases} i_0^*(\alpha_i) = \alpha_i \quad (i=0, 1, 2), \\ i_0^*(2\beta_1) = 2\beta_1, & i_0^*(\beta_1^2) = \beta_1^2, \end{cases} \quad \text{if } t \text{ is even.}$$

PROOF. By making use of the relations in Proposition 2.5, these equalities follow from Lemma 2.13, (3.2) and (3.3). By Proposition 2.7, Remark 3.5, [12, Th.B] and (3.9),  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/G_0)$  is generated by  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2$  if  $m=1$ ,  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, 2\beta_1$  and  $\beta_1^2$  if  $m \geq 2$ . Therefore,  $i_0^*$  is an epimorphism. q.e.d.

For any integer  $n \geq 0$  and  $m \geq 2$ , we define the elements  $2\beta(0)$  and  $\beta(s)$  ( $s \geq 1$ ) in  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  ( $r=2^{m-1}$ ) as follows:

$$(3.13) \quad 2\beta(0) = 2\beta_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \beta(s) = \beta(s-1)^2 + 4\beta(s-1).$$

Then, by (2.14), (3.3), Lemmas 2.15 and 2.16, we have

$$\text{LEMMA 3.14. (i) } \beta(k+1) - 2\sum_{t=1}^k \beta(t) \prod_{t=s+1}^k (2+\beta(t)) = \beta(1) \prod_{t=1}^k (2+\beta(t)).$$

$$(ii) \quad 2P_{m,1} = 0, \quad \beta_1 P_{m,1} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad P_{m,s} = 0 \quad (2 \leq s \leq m),$$

where  $P_{m,s} = \beta(s) \prod_{t=s-1}^{m-2} (2+\beta(t))$ .

#### §4. Proof of Theorem 1.4

The cohomology group of the quotient manifold  $X=S^{4n+3}/Q_t$  is given as follows:

$$(4.1) \quad (\text{cf. [3, Ch. XII, §7]}) \quad H^{4i}(X; Z) = Z_4 \quad \text{if } 0 < i \leq n,$$

$$H^{4i+2}(X; Z) = Z_4 \quad (t : \text{odd}), = Z_2 \oplus Z_2 \quad (t : \text{even}) \quad \text{if } 0 \leq i \leq n,$$

$$H^{2i+1}(X; Z) = 0 \quad \text{if } 0 \leq i \leq 2n, \quad H^0(X; Z) = H^{4n+3}(X; Z) = Z,$$

$$H^{4i}(X; Z_2) = H^{4i+3}(X; Z_2) = Z_2 \quad \text{if } 0 \leq i \leq n,$$

$$H^{4i+1}(X; Z_2) = H^{4i+2}(X; Z_2) = Z_2 \quad (t : \text{odd}), = Z_2 \oplus Z_2 \quad (t : \text{even}) \quad \text{if } 0 \leq i \leq n.$$

By (4.1) and the Atiyah–Hirzebruch spectral sequence for  $KO(X)$ , we have

LEMMA 4.2.

$$\# \widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_t) \leq \begin{cases} 2^{3n+2-\varepsilon(n)} t^n & \text{if } t \text{ is odd,} \\ 2^{4n+4-2\varepsilon(n)} t^n & \text{if } t \text{ is even,} \end{cases}$$

where  $\#A$  denotes the order of a group  $A$  and  $\varepsilon(n) = 0$  if  $n$  is even,  $= 1$  if  $n$  is odd.

REMARK 4.3. For the case  $t=1$ , the additive structure of  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_1) = \widetilde{KO}(L^{2n+1}(4))$  is determined in [12, Th.B] and  $\#\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_1) = 2^{3n+2-\epsilon(n)}$  holds.

First, we study the order of  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  ( $r=2^{m-1}$ ).

Let  $N^k$  be the  $k$ -skeleton of the CW-complex  $S^{4n+3}/Q_r$  in [6, Lemma 2.1], and  $j: N^k \subset S^{4n+3}/Q_r$  be the inclusion. For an element  $a \in \widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$ , we denote its image  $j^*(a) \in \widetilde{KO}(N^k)$  by the same letter  $a$ .

Consider the homomorphism

$$(4.4) \quad j_l^*: \widetilde{KO}(N^{8k+l}) \longrightarrow \widetilde{KO}(N^{8k+l-1}) \quad (0 \leq l \leq 7)$$

induced by the inclusion  $j_l: N^{8k+l-1} \subset N^{8k+l}$ .

Then, we have

LEMMA 4.5 (cf. [7, §4]).  $j_0^*$  is an epimorphism and

$$\text{Ker } j_0^* = Z_{2^{n+1}} \langle \beta_1^{2k} \rangle.$$

PROOF. By [7, §4], we see that  $j_0^*$  is an epimorphism and  $\text{Ker } j_0^*$  is a cyclic group generated by  $\beta_1^{2k}$ . On the other hand,  $2^{m+1}\beta_1^{2k} = 0$  in  $\widetilde{KO}(N^{8k+3})$  by [17, Prop.5.5]. Thus  $2^{m+1}\beta_1^{2k} = 0$  in  $\widetilde{KO}(N^{8k})$ . Consider the homomorphism  $j_0^*: \widetilde{K}(N^{8k}) \longrightarrow \widetilde{K}(N^{8k-1})$ . Then,  $\text{Ker } j_0^* = Z_{2^{n+1}} \langle \beta_1^{2k} \rangle \subset \widetilde{K}(N^{8k})$  (cf. [6, Lemma 5.4 and Proof of Theorem 1.1]). Therefore,  $c(2^m\beta_1^{2k}) = 2^m\beta_1^{2k} \neq 0$  for the complexification  $c: \widetilde{KO}(N^{8k}) \longrightarrow \widetilde{K}(N^{8k})$ . These imply that the order of  $\beta_1^{2k}$  is equal to  $2^{m+1}$ . q.e.d.

LEMMA 4.6 (cf. [7, §4]).  $j_l^*$  is isomorphic for  $l=7, 6, 5$  and  $3$ .

LEMMA 4.7 (cf. [7, §4]).  $j_4^*$  is an epimorphism and

$$\text{Ker } j_4^* = Z_{2^{n+1}} \langle 2\beta_1^{2k+1} \rangle.$$

PROOF. By [7, §4],  $j_4^*$  is an epimorphism and  $\text{Ker } j_4^*$  is a cyclic group generated by  $2\beta_1^{2k+1}$ . On the other hand, the order of  $2\beta_1^{2k+1}$  is equal to  $2^{m+1}$  in  $\widetilde{KO}(N^{8k+7})$  by [17, Prop.5.5], and  $\widetilde{KO}(N^{8k+7}) \cong \widetilde{KO}(N^{8k+4})$ . Thus, we have the desired result. q.e.d.

LEMMA 4.8. If  $a\alpha_1\beta_1^n = x\beta_1^{n+1}$  holds in  $\widetilde{R}(Q_r)$  for some  $a \in Z$  and  $x \in RSp(Q_r)$ , then  $a\alpha_1\beta_1 = x\beta_1^2$  holds in  $\widetilde{R}(Q_r)$ .

PROOF. The statement is trivial for  $n=0$ . Assume that  $n > 0$ . Since  $2^{m+1}(2\beta_1) = 0$  in  $\widetilde{KO}(S^7/Q_r)$  by Lemmas 4.6 and 4.7, there exists an element  $x' \in RO(Q_r)$  such that

$$2^{m+2}\beta_1 = x'\beta_1^2 \quad \text{in } \widetilde{R}(Q_r)$$

by (3.9). Therefore we have

$$a\alpha_1\beta_1^n x'^{n-1} = x\beta_1^{n+1} x'^{n-1}$$

and so  $(2^{m+2})^{n-1} a\alpha_1\beta_1 = (2^{m+2})^{n-1} x\beta_1^2$  in  $\widetilde{R}(Q_r)$ . This implies the desired result, because  $\widetilde{R}(Q_r)$  is a free  $Z$ -module. q.e.d.

LEMMA 4.9. *If  $\alpha_1\beta_1 = x\beta_1^2$  holds in  $\widetilde{R}(Q_r)$  for some  $a \in Z$  and  $x \in RSp(Q_r)$ , then  $a \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .*

PROOF. By (2.4) and Proposition 2.8,  $x$  is uniquely represented as

$$x = 2\varepsilon + 2\varepsilon_0 a_0 + 2\varepsilon_1 a_1 + 2\varepsilon_2 a_2 + \sum_{i=1}^{r-1} 2\lambda_{2i} b_{2i} + \sum_{i=1}^{r-1} \lambda_{2i-1} b_{2i-1},$$

where  $\varepsilon, \varepsilon_0, \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2$  and  $\lambda_j$  are some integers. By Proposition 2.3,

$$\alpha_1\beta_1 = a(2 - 2a_1 - b_1 + b_{r-1}) \quad \text{and} \quad x\beta_1^2 = x(5 + a_0 - 4b_1 + b_2).$$

Represent  $x(5 + a_0 - 4b_1 + b_2)$  by the linear combination of the basis of  $R(Q_r)$  by making use of the relations in Proposition 2.5, and compare the constant term and the coefficient of  $a_0$  in  $\alpha_1\beta_1$  with the ones in  $x\beta_1^2$ . Then, we have

$$2a = 10\varepsilon + 2\varepsilon_0 - 4\lambda_1 + 2\lambda_2 \quad \text{and} \quad 0 = 10\varepsilon_0 + 2\varepsilon - 4\lambda_1 + 2\lambda_2,$$

and so  $a \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

q.e.d.

LEMMA 4.10. *The orders of  $\alpha_0\beta_1^{2k}$  and  $\alpha_1\beta_1^{2k}$  are 4 in  $\widetilde{KO}(N^{8k+3}) = \widetilde{KO}(S^{8k+3}/Q_r)$ .*

PROOF. We notice that  $\alpha_0\beta_1^{2k} = 2^{2k}\alpha_0$  by Proposition 2.5. Consider the homomorphism  $i^* : \widetilde{KO}(S^{8k+3}/Q_r) \longrightarrow \widetilde{KO}(S^{8k+3}/Q_2)$  induced from the inclusion  $i : Q_2 \subset Q_r$ . Then we have

$$i^*(2\alpha_0\beta_1^{2k}) = i^*(2^{2k+1}\alpha_0) = 2^{2k+1}\alpha_0 \neq 0 \quad \text{in} \quad \widetilde{KO}(S^{8k+3}/Q_2)$$

(cf. [7, Th.1.3]). On the other hand,  $4\alpha_0\beta_1^{2k} = 0$  in  $\widetilde{KO}(N^{8k+2}) \cong \widetilde{KO}(N^{8k+3})$  by [7, Lemma 4.5]. Thus the order of  $\alpha_0\beta_1^{2k}$  is 4 in  $\widetilde{KO}(N^{8k+3})$ . Also  $4\alpha_1\beta_1^{2k} = 0$  in  $\widetilde{KO}(N^{8k+2}) \cong \widetilde{KO}(N^{8k+3})$  by [7, Lemma 4.5]. Hence the order of  $\alpha_1\beta_1^{2k}$  is 4 in  $\widetilde{KO}(N^{8k+3})$  by Lemmas 4.8–9, Proposition 2.7 and (3.9).

q.e.d.

LEMMA 4.11 (cf. [7, §4]).  *$j_2^*$  is an epimorphism and*

$$\text{Ker } j_2^* = Z_2 \langle 2\alpha_0\beta_1^{2k} \rangle \oplus Z_2 \langle 2\alpha_1\beta_1^{2k} \rangle.$$

PROOF. By [7, §4],  $j_2^*$  is an epimorphism. Consider the homomorphism  $i^* : \widetilde{KO}(S^{8k+3}/Q_r) \longrightarrow \widetilde{KO}(S^{8k+3}/Q_2)$  induced from the inclusion  $i : Q_2 \subset Q_r$ . Then

$$i^*(2\alpha_0\beta_1^{2k}) = 2^{2k+1}\alpha_0 \neq 2^{2k+1}\alpha_1 = i^*(2\alpha_1\beta_1^{2k})$$

in  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{8k+3}/Q_2)$  by [7, Th.1.3]. Thus  $2\alpha_0\beta_1^{2k} \neq 2\alpha_1\beta_1^{2k}$  in  $\widetilde{KO}(N^{8k+3}) = \widetilde{KO}(N^{8k+2})$ . Hence the desired result for  $\text{Ker } j_2^*$  follows from Lemma 4.10 and [7, Lemma 4.5].

q.e.d.

LEMMA 4.12 (cf. [7, §4]).  *$j_1^*$  is an epimorphism and*

$$\text{Ker } j_1^* = Z_2 \langle \alpha_0\beta_1^{2k} \rangle \oplus Z_2 \langle \alpha_1\beta_1^{2k} \rangle.$$

PROOF. By [7, §4],  $j_1^*$  is an epimorphism.  $\text{Ker } j_1^*$  is given in [7, Lemma 4.7].

q.e.d.

Summarizing Lemmas 4.5–7, 4.11 and 4.12, we have

PROPOSITION 4.13. (i)  *$j_i^* : \widetilde{KO}(N^{8k+1}) \longrightarrow \widetilde{KO}(N^{8k+l-1})$  is an epimorphism and  $j_i^*$*

is an isomorphism for  $l=7, 6, 5$  and  $3$ , and

$$\text{Ker } j_t^* = \begin{cases} Z_2^{n+1} \langle \beta_1^{2k} \rangle & \text{if } l=0, \\ Z_2^{n+1} \langle 2\beta_1^{2k+1} \rangle & \text{if } l=4, \\ Z_2 \langle \alpha_0 \beta_1^{2k} \rangle \oplus Z_2 \langle \alpha_1 \beta_1^{2k} \rangle & \text{if } l=1, \\ Z_2 \langle 2\alpha_0 \beta_1^{2k} \rangle \oplus Z_2 \langle 2\alpha_1 \beta_1^{2k} \rangle & \text{if } l=2. \end{cases}$$

$$(ii) \quad \# \widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r) = 2^{4n+4-2\epsilon(n)} r^n,$$

where  $\epsilon(n)=0$  if  $n$  is even,  $=1$  if  $n$  is odd.

Now, we consider the ring homomorphism

$$(4.14) \quad \pi = i_0^* \oplus \pi_1 : \widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_t) \longrightarrow \widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r) \oplus \widetilde{KO}(L_0^{2n+1}(q)),$$

where  $i_0^*$  and  $\pi_1$  are the ones of (3.11) and (3.7), respectively.

**THEOREM 4.15.** (i) Let  $t=rq$ .  $r=2^{m-1}$ ,  $m \geq 1$  and  $q$  is odd. Then,  $\pi$  in (4.14) is a ring isomorphism.

$$(ii) \quad \begin{cases} \pi(\alpha_0) = \alpha_0, & \pi(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2, \\ \pi(2\beta_1) = 2\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 + 2\bar{\sigma}, & \text{if } t \text{ is odd,} \\ \pi(\beta_1^2) = -4\alpha_1^2 - 10\alpha_1\alpha_2 - 12\alpha_1 + \bar{\sigma}^2, & \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \pi(\alpha_i) = \alpha_i \quad (i=0, 1, 2), \\ \pi(2\beta_1) = 2\beta_1 + 2\bar{\sigma} & \text{if } t \text{ is even,} \\ \pi(\beta_1^2) = \beta_1^2 + \bar{\sigma}^2, \end{cases}$$

where  $\bar{\sigma} = r(\eta-1)$  is the real restriction of the stable class of the canonical complex line bundle  $\eta$  over  $L_0^{2n+1}(q)$  (cf. Lemma 3.6).

**PROOF.**  $\pi_1$  and  $i_0^*$  are epimorphisms by Propositions 3.8 and 3.12, respectively. On the other hand, by Remark 4.3, Proposition 4.13(ii) and [11, Prop.2.11],

$$\# \widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r) = \begin{cases} 2^{3n+2-\epsilon(n)} & \text{if } r=1, \\ 2^{4n+4-2\epsilon(n)} r^n & \text{if } r \geq 2, \end{cases} \quad \text{and } \# \widetilde{KO}(L_0^{2n+1}(q)) = q^n.$$

Therefore  $\pi$  in (4.14) is also an epimorphism since  $q$  is odd, and so (i) follows from Lemma 4.2.

(ii) follows from the definition of  $\pi$  and Propositions 3.8 and 3.12. q.e.d.

**REMARK 4.16.** By Proposition 2.7, (3.3), (3.9), [11, Prop.2.11] and Theorem 4.15, the ring homomorphism

$$\xi : \widetilde{KO}(Q_t) \longrightarrow \widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_t)$$

is an epimorphism and so the ring  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_t)$  is generated by  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2$  if  $t=1$ ,  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2, 2\beta_1$  and  $\beta_1^2$  if  $t \geq 3$  is odd,  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, 2\beta_1$  and  $\beta_1^2$  if  $t$  is even. Moreover, by Theorem 4.15(i), Proposition 4.13(ii) and [11, Prop.2.11], we have

$$\#\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_t) = \begin{cases} 2^{3n+2-\epsilon(n)t^n} & \text{if } t \text{ is odd,} \\ 2^{4n+4-2\epsilon(n)t^n} & \text{if } t \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Combining Theorem 4.15 and Remark 4.16, we complete the proof of Theorem 1.4.

### §5. Some relations in $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$ ( $r=2^{m-1}$ ) for odd $n$

In this section, we give some relations in  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  ( $r=2^{m-1} \geq 2$ ) for odd  $n$ , which play an important part in the next section.

For the elements  $2\beta(0), \beta(s) \in \widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  in (3.13), we have the following lemmas:

LEMMA 5.1. *For any integers  $k_0, \dots, k_{s-1} \geq 0$  and  $k_s > 0$  ( $0 \leq s \leq m$ ), we have*

$$(1)_s \quad 2^{m+1-s+h} \prod_{t=0}^s \beta(t)^{k_t} = 0 \quad \text{if } m-s+h \geq 0,$$

$$(2)_s \quad 2^{\epsilon(k_0)} \prod_{t=0}^s \beta(t)^{k_t} = 0 \quad \text{if } m-s+h < 0,$$

where  $h = h(k_0, \dots, k_s) = 1 + [(n - \sum_{t=0}^s 2^t k_t) / 2^{s-1}]$  and  $\epsilon(k_0) = 0$  if  $k_0$  is even,  $= 1$  if  $k_0$  is odd.

PROOF. We prove the lemma by the induction on  $s$  and  $h$ . Consider the case  $s=0$ , and suppose that  $h(k_0) < 0$ . Then  $k_0 \geq n+1$  and  $\beta_1^{n+1} = 0$  by (3.9). Thus  $(1)_0$  and  $(2)_0$  for  $h(k_0) < 0$  hold. Suppose that  $h = h(k_0) \geq 0$ , and assume that  $(1)_0$  and  $(2)_0$  hold for any  $k_0$  with  $h(k_0) < h$ . Since  $h = 1 + 2(n - k_0) > 0$ ,

$$2^h \beta(0)^{k_0-1} P_{m,1} = 0$$

by Lemma 3.14, and so

$$(*) \quad 2^{m+1+h} \beta(0)^{k_0} + 2^{m-1+h} \beta(0)^{k_0+1} + \sum_{I_0} 2^{m-1-j+h} \beta(0)^{k_0-1} \beta(1) \beta(i_1) \cdots \beta(i_j) = 0,$$

by (3.13) and the definition of  $P_{m,1}$  in Lemma 3.14, where  $I_0 = \{(i_1, \dots, i_j) : 1 \leq j \leq m-2, 0 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_j \leq m-2\}$ . By the inductive hypothesis and (3.13), the second term and the term for any  $(i_1, \dots, i_j) \in I_0$  in  $(*)$  vanish. Thus,  $(1)_0$  and  $(2)_0$  hold.

Suppose that  $1 \leq s \leq m$  and  $h = h(k_0, \dots, k_s) < 0$ , and assume that  $(1)_{s'}$  and  $(2)_{s'}$  hold for any  $s'$  with  $0 \leq s' < s$ . In the case  $m-s+h \geq 0$ , by (3.13), we have

$$2^{m+1-s+h} \alpha \beta(s)^{k_s} = \sum_{i=0}^{k_s} \binom{k_s}{i} 2^{m+1-s+h+2i} \alpha \beta(s-1)^{2k_s-i},$$

where  $\alpha = \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} \beta(t)^{k_t}$ . By the assumption,

$$2^{m+1-s+h+2i} \alpha \beta(s-1)^{2k_s-i} = 0 \quad (0 \leq i \leq k_s).$$

This shows that  $(1)_s$  holds for  $h = h(k_0, \dots, k_s) < 0$  and  $m-s+h \geq 0$ . In the case  $m-s+h < 0$ , we can show that  $(2)_s$  holds for  $h = h(k_0, \dots, k_s) < 0$  in the similar way to the proof of the case  $m-s+h \geq 0$ .

Let  $1 \leq s \leq m$  and  $h = h(k_0, \dots, k_s) \geq 0$ , and assume that  $(1)_s$  and  $(2)_s$  hold for any  $k_0, \dots, k_s$  with  $h(k_0, \dots, k_s) < h$ . By Lemma 3.14,

$$2^{h+1} \alpha \beta(s)^{k_s-1} P_{m,s} = 0.$$

Hence

$$2^{m+1-s+h} \alpha \beta(s)^{k_s} + 2^{m-s+h} \alpha \beta(s-1) \beta(s)^{k_s} + \sum_{I_s} 2^{m-s-j+h} (2 + \beta(s-1)) \alpha \beta(s)^{k_s} \beta(i_1) \cdots \beta(i_j) = 0,$$

where  $\alpha = \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} \beta(t)^{k_t}$  and  $I_s = \{(i_1, \dots, i_j) : 1 \leq j \leq m-1-s, s \leq i_1 < \dots < i_j \leq m-2\}$ .

In the similar way to the proof of the case  $s=0$ , we have (1)<sub>s</sub> and (2)<sub>s</sub> for  $h \geq 0$  by the inductive hypothesis. q.e.d.

LEMMA 5.2. For any integers  $k_0, \dots, k_{s-1} \geq 0$  and  $k_s > l \geq 0$  ( $0 \leq s < m$ ),

$$2^{m+1-s+h'} \alpha \beta(s)^{k_s} = (-1)^l 2^{m+1-s+h'+2l} \alpha \beta(s)^{k_s-l} \text{ if } m-s+h' \geq 0.$$

Also

$$2^{\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s)^{k_s} = -2^{\varepsilon(k_0)+2} \alpha \beta(s)^{k_s-1} \text{ if } k_s \geq 2 \text{ and } m-s+h' < 0.$$

Here,  $h' = h'(k_0, \dots, k_s) = [(n - \sum_{t=0}^s 2^t k_t) / 2^s]$  and  $\alpha = \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} \beta(t)^{k_t}$ .

PROOF. We see easily that

$$2^{m+1-s+h'+2l} \alpha \beta(s)^{k_s-l-2} \beta(s+1) = 0$$

if  $k_s - 1 \geq l > 0$  and  $m - s + h' \geq 0$ , and also

$$2^{\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s)^{k_s-2} \beta(s+1) = 0$$

if  $k_s \geq 2$  and  $m - s + h' < 0$  by Lemma 5.1. Thus, we have the desired results. q.e.d.

LEMMA 5.3. (i)  $2^{m+2h} \beta(0)^{k_0} \beta(1)^{k_1} = 0$  if  $m-1+2h \geq 0$ ,

$$2^{\varepsilon(k_0)} \beta(0)^{k_0} \beta(1)^{k_1} = 0 \text{ if } m-1+2h < 0.$$

(ii)  $2^{m-s+2+2h} \alpha \beta(s)^{k_s} = 0$  if  $s \geq 1$  and  $m-s+1+2h \geq 0$ ,

$$2^{\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s)^{k_s} = 0 \text{ if } s \geq 1 \text{ and } m-s+1+2h < 0,$$

where  $h = h(k_0, \dots, k_s)$  is the one in Lemma 5.1 and  $\alpha = \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} \beta(t)^{k_t}$ .

PROOF. (i) By (3.13), we have

$$2^{m+2h} \beta(0)^{k_0} \beta(1)^{k_1} = \sum_{i=0}^{k_1} \binom{k_1}{i} 2^{m+2h+2i} \beta(0)^{k_0+2k_1-i},$$

$$2^{\varepsilon(k_0)} \beta(0)^{k_0} \beta(1)^{k_1} = \sum_{i=0}^{k_1} \binom{k_1}{i} 2^{\varepsilon(k_0)+2i} \beta(0)^{k_0+2k_1-i}.$$

On the other hand,

$$2^{m+2h+2i} \beta(0)^{k_0+2k_1-i} = 0 \quad (0 \leq i \leq k_1) \text{ if } m-1+2h \geq 0,$$

$$2^{\varepsilon(k_0)+2i} \beta(0)^{k_0+2k_1-i} = 0 \quad (0 \leq i \leq k_1) \text{ if } m-1+2h < 0$$

by Lemma 5.1. Thus we have (i).

(ii) is proved in the same manner as the proof of (i) by making use of (3.13) and Lemma 5.1. q.e.d.

LEMMA 5.4. *Suppose that  $m \geq 3$ ,  $l \geq 0$  and  $l \geq h = h(k_0, k_1)$  except for  $(l, h) = (0, -1)$ . Then, we have*

$$(1)_h \quad 2^{m-2+l}\beta(0)^{k_0}\beta(1)^{k_1} + \delta(l)2^{m-1+l}\beta(0)^{k_0+1}\beta(1)^{k_1-1} = 0 \text{ if } k_0 \geq 0, k_1 \geq 2,$$

$$(2)_h \quad 2^{m-2+l}\beta(0)^{k_0}\beta(1)^{k_1} - \delta(l)2^{m-1+l}\beta(0)^{k_0-1}\beta(1)^{k_1} = 0 \text{ if } k_0, k_1 \geq 1,$$

where  $\delta(l) = 1$  if  $l = 1$ ,  $= -1$  if  $l \neq 1$ . Moreover, we may replace  $\delta(l)$  in  $(1)_h$  and  $(2)_h$  by  $\pm 1$  if  $l > h$ .

PROOF. In the case  $h < 0$ , each term in  $(1)_h$  and  $(2)_h$  vanishes by Lemmas 5.1 and 5.3, and so  $(1)_h$  and  $(2)_h$  hold. We prove the lemma by the induction on  $h \geq 0$ . By Lemma 3.14,

$$2^l\beta(0)^{k_0+1}\beta(1)^{k_1-2}P_{m,1} = 0 \text{ if } k_0 \geq 0, k_1 \geq 2,$$

$$2^l\beta(0)^{k_0-1}\beta(1)^{k_1-1}P_{m,1} = 0 \text{ if } k_0, k_1 \geq 1.$$

By expanding the left hand sides of the above relations, we have

$$(1) \quad 2^{m-1+l}\beta(0)^{k_0+1}\beta(1)^{k_1-1} + 2^{m-2+l}\beta(0)^{k_0+2}\beta(1)^{k_1-1} \\ + \sum_{I_1} 2^{m-2+l-j}(2 + \beta(0))\beta(0)^{k_0+1}\beta(1)^{k_1-1}\beta(i_1) \cdots \beta(i_j) = 0,$$

$$(2) \quad 2^{m-1+l}\beta(0)^{k_0-1}\beta(1)^{k_1} + 2^{m-2+l}\beta(0)^{k_0}\beta(1)^{k_1} \\ + \sum_{I_1} 2^{m-2+l-j}(2 + \beta(0))\beta(0)^{k_0-1}\beta(1)^{k_1}\beta(i_1) \cdots \beta(i_j) = 0,$$

where  $I_1 = \{(i_1, \dots, i_j) : 1 \leq j \leq m-2, 1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_j \leq m-2\}$ . In the case  $h = 0$ , any term in  $\sum_{I_1}$  of (1) and (2) vanishes by Lemma 5.1, and

$$2^{m-2+l}\beta(0)^{k_0+2}\beta(1)^{k_1-1} = 2^{m-2+l}\beta(0)^{k_0}\beta(1)^{k_1} - 2^{m+l}\beta(0)^{k_0+1}\beta(1)^{k_1-1}$$

by (3.13). Thus, we obtain  $(1)_0$  and  $(2)_0$  from (1) and (2).

Consider the case  $h = 1$ . Then, by Lemmas 5.1 and 5.3,  $\sum_{I_1}$  in (1) is equal to

$$\pm 2^{m-2+l}\beta(0)^{k_0+1}\beta(1)^{k_1} = \pm 2^{m-1+l}\beta(0)^{k_0+2}\beta(1)^{k_1-1} \text{ (by } (1)_0).$$

On the other hand

$$2^{m-2+l}\beta(0)^{k_0+2}\beta(1)^{k_1-1} = 2^{m-2+l}\beta(0)^{k_0}\beta(1)^{k_1} - 2^{m+l}\beta(0)^{k_0+1}\beta(1)^{k_1-1} \text{ (by (3.13)).}$$

Hence, by (1)

$$2^{m-2+l}\beta(0)^{k_0}\beta(1)^{k_1} - 3 \cdot 2^{m-1+l}\beta(0)^{k_0+1}\beta(1)^{k_1-1} = 0.$$

Since  $2^{m-1+l}\beta(0)^{k_0+1}\beta(1)^{k_1-1} = 0$  by Lemma 5.1, we have  $(1)_1$ . By Lemma 5.1,  $\sum_{I_1}$  in (2) is equal to

$$\pm 2^{m-2+l}\beta(0)^{k_0-1}\beta(1)^{k_1+1} = \pm 2^{m-1+l}\beta(0)^{k_0}\beta(1)^{k_1} \text{ (by (3.13) and Lemma 5.1).}$$

Therefore, we have  $(2)_1$ .

Suppose  $h \geq 2$ . By Lemma 5.1 and  $(2)_{h-2}$ , any term of  $\sum_{I_1}$  in (1) and (2) vanishes, and also

$$2^{m-2+l}\beta(0)^{k_0+2}\beta(1)^{k_1-1} = 2^{m-2+l}\beta(0)^{k_0}\beta(1)^{k_1} - 2^{m+l}\beta(0)^{k_0+1}\beta(1)^{k_1-1} \quad (\text{by (3.13)}).$$

Thus, we have (1)<sub>h</sub> and (2)<sub>h</sub> for  $h \geq 2$ . Since  $2^{m+l}\beta(0)^{k_0+1}\beta(1)^{k_1-1} = 0 = 2^{m+l}\beta(0)^{k_0-1}\beta(1)^{k_1}$ , if  $l > h$  by Lemma 5.1, the last assertion follows. q.e.d.

LEMMA 5.5. *Suppose that  $m \geq 3$ ,  $l \geq 2$  and  $l \geq h = h(k_0, k_1)$  except for  $(l, h) = (2, 1)$ .*

Then

$$\begin{aligned} (3)_{h=3} \quad & 3 \cdot 2^m \beta(0)^{k_0} \beta(1)^{k_1} + 2^{m+1} \beta(0)^{k_0+1} \beta(1)^{k_1-1} = 0, \\ (3)_{h=3} \quad & 2^{m-3+l} \beta(0)^{k_0} \beta(1)^{k_1} - 2^{m-2+l} \beta(0)^{k_0+1} \beta(1)^{k_1-1} = 0, \\ (4)_{h=3} \quad & 3 \cdot 2^m \beta(0)^{k_0} \beta(1)^{k_1} - 2^{m+1} \beta(0)^{k_0-1} \beta(1)^{k_1} = 0, \\ (4)_{h=3} \quad & 2^{m-3+l} \beta(0)^{k_0} \beta(1)^{k_1} + 2^{m-2+l} \beta(0)^{k_0-1} \beta(1)^{k_1} = 0, \end{aligned} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{if } k_0 \geq 0, k_1 \geq 2, \\ \\ \text{if } k_0, k_1 \geq 1. \end{array}$$

PROOF. By Lemma 3.14, we have

$$2^{l-1} \beta(0)^{k_0+1} \beta(1)^{k_1-2} P_{m,1} = 0 \quad \text{if } k_0 \geq 0, k_1 \geq 2.$$

By expanding the left hand side of the above relation,

$$(3) \quad 2^{m-2+l} \beta(0)^{k_0+1} \beta(1)^{k_1-1} + 2^{m-3+l} \beta(0)^{k_0+2} \beta(1)^{k_1-1} \\ + \sum_{I_1} 2^{m-3-j+l} (2 + \beta(0)) \beta(0)^{k_0+1} \beta(1)^{k_1-1} \beta(i_1) \cdots \beta(i_j) = 0,$$

where  $I_1 = \{(i_1, \dots, i_j) : 1 \leq j \leq m-2, 1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_j \leq m-2\}$ . In  $\sum_{I_1}$  of (3), the terms for  $j \geq 3$  vanish by Lemma 5.1, and also the terms for  $j=2$  vanish by Lemmas 5.1, 5.3 and (2)<sub>h=4</sub> in Lemma 5.4. Thus,  $\sum_{I_1}$  in (3) is equal to

$$2^{m-4+l} (2 + \beta(0)) \beta(0)^{k_0+1} \beta(1)^{k_1} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } l \geq h \neq 3, \\ \pm 2^{m+1} \beta(0)^{k_0+1} \beta(1)^{k_1} = \pm 2^{m+2} \beta(0)^{k_0+2} \beta(1)^{k_1-1} & \text{if } l = h = 3, \end{cases}$$

by Lemmas 5.1, 5.3 and 5.4. On the other hand, by (3.13)

$$2^m \beta(0)^{k_0+2} \beta(1)^{k_1-1} = 2^m \beta(0)^{k_0} \beta(1)^{k_1} - 2^{m+2} \beta(0)^{k_0+1} \beta(1)^{k_1-1},$$

and by Lemma 5.1,

$$2^{m+4} \beta(0)^{k_0+1} \beta(1)^{k_1-1} = 0 \quad \text{if } h = 3.$$

Therefore, we have (3)<sub>h</sub>.

Also, we have

$$2^{l-1} \beta(0)^{k_0-1} \beta(1)^{k_1-1} P_{m,1} = 0 \quad \text{if } k_0, k_1 \geq 1,$$

by Lemma 3.14, and so

$$(4) \quad 2^{m-2+l} \beta(0)^{k_0-1} \beta(1)^{k_1} + 2^{m-3+l} \beta(0)^{k_0} \beta(1)^{k_1} + \sum_{I_1} 2^{m-3-j+l} (2 + \beta(0)) \beta(0)^{k_0-1} \beta(1)^{k_1} \beta(i_1) \cdots \beta(i_j) = 0.$$

In the similar way to the proof of (3)<sub>h</sub>, the terms for  $j \geq 2$  in  $\sum_{I_1}$  of (4) vanish, and  $\sum_{I_1}$  of (4) is equal to

$$\begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } l \geq h \neq 3, \\ \pm 2^{m+2} \beta(0)^{k_0} \beta(1)^{k_1} & \text{if } l = h = 3. \end{cases}$$

Hence, we have (4)<sub>h</sub>.

q.e.d.

LEMMA 5.6. *Let  $k_0$  and  $k_1$  be non negative integers. Then*

$$2^{2-\varepsilon(k_0)} \beta(0)^{k_0} \beta(1)^{k_1+1} + 2^{1-\varepsilon(k_0)} \beta(0)^{k_0+1} \beta(1)^{k_1} = 0$$

in  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_2)$ , where  $\varepsilon(k_0) = 0$  if  $k_0$  is even,  $= 1$  if  $k_0$  is odd.

PROOF. By Lemma 3.14,

$$2^{1-\varepsilon(k_0)} \beta(0)^{k_0} \beta(1)^{k_1} P_{2,1} = 0,$$

and  $P_{2,1} = (2 + \beta(0))\beta(1)$  by the definition of  $P_{2,1}$ . Therefore, the desired result follows.

q.e.d.

LEMMA 5.7. *Let  $2 \leq s \leq m-2$ ,  $l \geq -1$  and  $l \geq h = h(k_0, \dots, k_s)$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} (5)_{h \leq -1} \quad & 2^{m-s-1+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}} \beta(s)^{k_s} \pm 2^{m-s+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1} \beta(s)^{k_s-1} = 0, \\ (5)_{h \geq 0} \quad & 2^{m-s-1+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}} \beta(s)^{k_s} - \bar{\delta}(l) 2^{m-s+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1} \beta(s)^{k_s-1} = 0, \\ & \text{if } k_0, \dots, k_{s-1} \geq 0 \text{ and } k_s \geq 2, \\ (6)_{h \leq -1} \quad & 2^{m-s-1+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}} \beta(s)^{k_s} \pm 2^{m-s+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}-1} \beta(s)^{k_s} = 0, \\ (6)_{h \geq 0} \quad & 2^{m-s-1+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}} \beta(s)^{k_s} + \bar{\delta}(l) 2^{m-s+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}-1} \beta(s)^{k_s} = 0, \\ & \text{if } k_0, \dots, k_{s-2} \geq 0 \text{ and } k_{s-1}, k_s \geq 1, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\alpha = \prod_{t=0}^{s-2} \beta(t)^{k_t}$  and  $\bar{\delta}(l) = -1$  if  $l = 0$ ,  $= 1$  if  $l \geq 1$ . Moreover, we may replace  $\bar{\delta}(l)$  by  $\pm 1$  if  $l > h$  or  $k_0$  is an odd integer.

PROOF. First we consider the case  $h \leq -1$ . By Lemma 3.14,

$$2^{\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1} \beta(s)^{k_s-2} P_{m,s} = 0 \quad \text{if } k_{s-1} \geq 0, k_s \geq 2.$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (5) \quad & 2^{m-s+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1} \beta(s)^{k_s-1} + 2^{m-s-1+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+2} \beta(s)^{k_s-1} \\ & + \sum_{I_s} 2^{m-s-1-j+\varepsilon(k_0)} (2 + \beta(s-1)) \alpha \beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1} \beta(s)^{k_s-1} \beta(i_1) \cdots \beta(i_j) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $I_s = \{(i_1, \dots, i_j) : 1 \leq j \leq m-1-s, s \leq i_1 < \dots < i_j \leq m-2\}$ .  $\sum_{I_s}$  of (5) vanishes by Lemma 5.1, and

$$2^{m-s-1+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+2} \beta(s)^{k_s-1} = \pm 2^{m-s-1+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}} \beta(s)^{k_s}$$

by (3.13) and Lemma 5.1. This implies (5)<sub>h ≤ -1</sub>. In the similar way to the proof of (5)<sub>h ≤ -1</sub>, (6)<sub>h ≤ -1</sub> is obtained from the relation

$$(6) \quad 2^{m-s+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}-1} \beta(s)^{k_s} + 2^{m-s-1+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}} \beta(s)^{k_s}$$

$$+ \sum_{I_s} 2^{m-s-1-j+\varepsilon(k_0)} (2 + \beta(s-1)) \alpha \beta (s-1)^{k_{s-1}-1} \beta(s)^{k_s} \beta(i_1) \cdots \beta(i_j) = 0$$

which is the expansion of the relation

$$2^{\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta (s-1)^{k_{s-1}-1} \beta(s)^{k_s-1} P_{m,s} = 0$$

in Lemma 3.14.

In the case  $h=0$ , the terms for  $(i_1, \dots, i_j) \in I_s$  in  $\sum_{I_s}$  of (5) vanish except for  $(s)$  by Lemma 5.1 and so  $\sum_{I_s}$  of (5) is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & \pm 2^{m-s-1+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta (s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1} \beta(s)^{k_s} \quad (\text{by Lemma 5.3}) \\ & = \pm 2^{m-s+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta (s-1)^{k_{s-1}+2} \beta(s)^{k_s-1} \quad (\text{by (5)}_{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^{m-s-1+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta (s-1)^{k_{s-1}+2} \beta(s)^{k_s-1} \\ & = 2^{m-s-1+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta (s-1)^{k_{s-1}} \beta(s)^{k_s} \pm 2^{m-s+1+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta (s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1} \beta(s)^{k_s-1} \end{aligned}$$

by (3.13) and Lemma 5.1. These imply  $(5)_0$  from (5).  $(6)_0$  is obtained from (6) in the similar way to the proof of  $(5)_0$ .

Suppose  $h \geq 1$  and consider the relation  $2^l \times (5)$

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^{m-s+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta (s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1} \beta(s)^{k_s-1} + 2^{m-s-1+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta (s-1)^{k_{s-1}+2} \beta(s)^{k_s-1} \\ & + \sum_{I_s} 2^{m-s-1+l+\varepsilon(k_0)-j} (2 + \beta(s-1)) \alpha \beta (s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1} \beta(s)^{k_s-1} \beta(i_1) \cdots \beta(i_j) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

The terms for  $(i_1, \dots, i_j) \in I_s$  vanish by Lemma 5.1 except for  $(s)$ , and also the term for  $(s)$  vanishes by  $(6)_{h-2}$ . Therefore, we have  $(5)_{h \geq 1}$ .  $(6)_{h \geq 1}$  follows from the relation  $2^l \times (6)$  in the similar way to the proof of  $(5)_{h \geq 1}$ . q.e.d.

LEMMA 5.8. *Let  $m \geq 3$ ,  $k_{m-2} \geq 0$  and  $k_{m-1} \geq 0$ . Then*

$$2^{\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta (m-2)^{k_{m-2}+1} \beta(m-1)^{k_{m-1}+1} + 2^{\varepsilon(k_0)+1} \alpha \beta (m-2)^{k_{m-2}} \beta(m-1)^{k_{m-1}+1} = 0,$$

where  $\alpha$  is any monomial of  $\beta(0), \dots, \beta(m-3)$ .

PROOF. The result follows immediately from the relation

$$2^{\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta (m-2)^{k_{m-2}} \beta(m-1)^{k_{m-1}} P_{m,m-1} = 0$$

and the definition of  $P_{m,m-1}$  in Lemma 3.14. q.e.d.

LEMMA 5.9. *Let  $2 \leq s \leq m-2$ ,  $l \geq 2$  and  $l \geq h = h(k_0, \dots, k_s)$ . Then the following relations hold:*

$$(7)_{h(l=2)} \quad 2^{m-s+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta (s-1)^{k_{s-1}} \beta(s)^{k_s} + 3 \cdot 2^{m-s+1+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta (s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1} \beta(s)^{k_s-1} = 0,$$

$$(7)_{h(l \geq 3)} \quad 2^{m-s-2+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta (s-1)^{k_{s-1}} \beta(s)^{k_s} - 2^{m-s-1+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta (s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1} \beta(s)^{k_s-1} = 0,$$

$$\text{if } k_0, \dots, k_{s-1} \geq 0, \quad k_s \geq 2,$$

$$(8)_{h(l=2)} \quad 2^{m-s+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta (s-1)^{k_{s-1}} \beta(s)^{k_s} - 3 \cdot 2^{m-s+1+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta (s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1} \beta(s)^{k_s} = 0,$$

$$(8)_{\mathbf{h}(l \geq 3)} \quad 2^{m-s-2+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta (s-1)^{k_{s-1}} \beta (s)^{k_s} + 2^{m-s-1+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta (s-1)^{k_{s-1}-1} \beta (s)^{k_s} = 0,$$

*if*  $k_0, \dots, k_{s-2} \geq 0$  and  $k_{s-1}, k_s \geq 1$ ,

where  $\alpha = \prod_{t=0}^{s-2} \beta(t)^{k_t}$ .

PROOF. By Lemma 3.14, we have

$$2^{l-1+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta (s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1} \beta (s)^{k_s-2} P_{\mathbf{m},s} = 0.$$

Therefore

$$2^{m-s-1+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta (s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1} \beta (s)^{k_s-1} + 2^{m-s-2+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta (s-1)^{k_{s-1}+2} \beta (s)^{k_s-1} \\ + \sum_{i_s} 2^{m-s-2+l+\varepsilon(k_0)-j} (2 + \beta(s-1)) \alpha \beta (s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1} \beta (s)^{k_s-1} \beta (i_1) \cdots \beta (i_j) = 0.$$

If  $k_0$  is odd, any term in  $\sum_{i_s}$  vanishes by Lemmas 5.1, 5.3 and 5.7. Also, by (3.13)

$$2^{m-s-2+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta (s-1)^{k_{s-1}+2} \beta (s)^{k_s-1} = 2^{m-s-2+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta (s-1)^{k_{s-1}} \beta (s)^{k_s} \\ - 2^{m-s+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta (s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1} \beta (s)^{k_s-1}$$

and

$$2^{m-s+4} \alpha \beta (s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1} \beta (s)^{k_s-1} = 0 \quad \text{if } l = 2$$

by Lemma 5.1. Thus, we have (7)<sub>h</sub> in the case  $k_0$  is odd. In the case  $k_0$  is even, the terms for  $(i_1, \dots, i_j) \in \sum_{i_s}$  except for  $(s)$  vanish by Lemmas 5.1, 5.3, and 5.7. Thus,  $\sum_{i_s}$  is equal to

$$2^{m-s-3+l} (2 + \beta(s-1)) \alpha \beta (s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1} \beta (s)^{k_s} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } l \geq 3, \\ \pm 2^{m-s+1} \alpha \beta (s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1} \beta (s)^{k_s} & \text{if } l = 2, \end{cases}$$

by Lemmas 5.7 and 5.1. Also, by Lemma 5.7

$$\pm 2^{m-s+1} \alpha \beta (s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1} \beta (s)^{k_s} = \pm 2^{m-s+2} \alpha \beta (s-1)^{k_{s-1}+2} \beta (s)^{k_s-1} \quad \text{if } l = 2.$$

Therefore, we have (7)<sub>h</sub> in the case  $k_0$  is even. (8)<sub>h</sub> follows from the relation

$$2^{l-1+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta (s-1)^{k_{s-1}-1} \beta (s)^{k_s-1} P_{\mathbf{m},s} = 0$$

given by Lemma 3.14 in the similar way to the proof of (7)<sub>h</sub> above. q.e.d.

LEMMA 5.10. *Suppose*  $m \geq 3$ ,  $l \geq 0$  and  $l \geq h = h(k_0, k_1)$ . *Then, the following relations hold for any*  $k_0 \geq 0$  and  $k_1 \geq 2$ :

$$2^{m-2+l} \beta(0)^{k_0} \beta(1)^{k_1} = 2^{m+l} \beta(0)^{k_0} \beta(1)^{k_1-1} \quad \text{if } l=0, 1 \text{ and } (l, h) \neq (0, -1) \\ 2^{m-2+l} \beta(0)^{k_0} \beta(1)^{k_1} = -2^{m+l} \beta(0)^{k_0} \beta(1)^{k_1-1} \quad \text{if } l \geq 2, \\ 2^{m-3+l} \beta(0)^{k_0} \beta(1)^{k_1} = 3 \cdot 2^{m-1+l} \beta(0)^{k_0} \beta(1)^{k_1-1} \quad \text{if } l=2, 3 \text{ and } (l, h) \neq (2, 1), \\ 2^{m-3+l} \beta(0)^{k_0} \beta(1)^{k_1} = -2^{m-1+l} \beta(0)^{k_0} \beta(1)^{k_1-1} \quad \text{if } l \geq 4.$$

PROOF. These relations follow immediately from Lemmas 5.4 and 5.5. q.e.d.

LEMMA 5.11. *Suppose  $2 \leq s \leq m-2$ ,  $l \geq -1$  and  $l \geq h(k_0, \dots, k_s)$ . Then the following relations hold for any  $k_0, \dots, k_{s-1} \geq 0$  and  $k_s \geq 2$ :*

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{m-s-1+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s)^{k_s} &= \pm 2^{m-s+1+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s)^{k_s-1} & \text{if } l = -1, \\ 2^{m-s-1+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s)^{k_s} &= 2^{m-s+1+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s)^{k_s-1} & \text{if } l = 0, \\ 2^{m-s-1+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s)^{k_s} &= -2^{m-s+1+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s)^{k_s-1} & \text{if } l \geq 1, \\ 2^{m-s+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s)^{k_s} &= 3 \cdot 2^{m-s+2+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s)^{k_s-1} & \text{if } l = 2, \\ 2^{m-s-2+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s)^{k_s} &= -2^{m-s+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s)^{k_s-1} & \text{if } l \geq 3, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\alpha = \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} \beta(t)^{k_t}$ .

PROOF. We see easily the desired results by Lemmas 5.7 and 5.9.

q.e.d.

LEMMA 5.12. *Suppose  $l \geq 0$ ,  $l \geq h = h(k_0, \dots, k_{s-1}, 1)$ ,  $k_0, \dots, k_{s-2} \geq 0$  and  $k_{s-1} \geq 1$ . Then we have the following relations:*

$$(i) \quad 2^{m+l} \beta_1^{k_0+1} + (1 \pm 2^{l+1}) 2^{m+2+l} \beta_1^{k_0} = 0 \quad \text{if } s=1 \text{ and } m \geq 2.$$

Moreover

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{m-1} \beta_1^n + 3 \cdot 2^{m+1} \beta_1^{n-1} &= 0 \quad \text{if } s=1, m \geq 2 \text{ and } h=0, \\ 2^2 \beta_1^{n-1} + 5 \cdot 2^4 \beta_1^{n-2} &= 0 \quad \text{if } s=1, m=2 \text{ and } h=1, \\ 2^m \beta_1^{n-1} - 3 \cdot 2^{m+2} \beta_1^{n-2} &= 0 \quad \text{if } s=1, m \geq 3 \text{ and } h=1. \end{aligned}$$

$$(ii) \quad 2^{m-1+l} \alpha \beta(1)^{k_1+1} + (1 \pm 2^{l+2-\varepsilon(k_0)}) 2^{n+1+l} \alpha \beta(1)^{k_1} = 0 \quad \text{if } s=2 \text{ and } m \geq 3.$$

$$(iii) \quad 2^{m-s+1+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1} + (1 \pm 2^{l+2}) 2^{m-s+3+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}} = 0$$

if  $3 \leq s \leq m-1$ .

Here,  $\alpha = \prod_{t=0}^{s-2} \beta(t)^{k_t}$  in (ii) and (iii).

PROOF. (i) The first relation holds obviously by Lemma 5.1 if  $h = n-1-k_0 < 0$ . Consider the case  $m=2$ . By Lemma 5.6 and (3.13), we have

$$(5.13) \quad 2^{\varepsilon(k_0)} \beta_1^{k_0+2} + 3 \cdot 2^{\varepsilon(k_0)+1} \beta_1^{k_0+1} + 2^{\varepsilon(k_0)+3} \beta_1^{k_0} = 0 \quad \text{if } k_0 \geq 1.$$

When  $h = n-1-k_0 = 0$ , the second relation

$$2\beta_1^n + 3 \cdot 2^3 \beta_1^{n-1} = 0$$

follows from (5.13) and Lemma 5.1. Also, the first relation for  $h=0$  is obtained from the second one by Lemma 5.1. When  $h = n-1-k_0 = 1$ , the third relation follows from (5.13), Lemma 5.1 and the second one. The first relation for  $h=1$  is shown from the third one by Lemma 5.1.

Now, consider the case  $m \geq 3$ . In the relation  $(2)_h$  of Lemma 5.4, put  $k_1 = 1$ . Then, we have the second relation and also the first one for  $h=0$  by Lemma 5.1. The

forth relation follows from the first one for  $h=0$  and Lemma 5.1. The first relation for  $h=1$  is the immediate consequence of the forth one.

Suppose  $m \geq 2$  and  $h \geq 2$ . We shall prove the first relation for  $h \geq 2$  by the induction on  $h$ . By (5.13) if  $m=2$  and  $(2)_h$  of Lemma 5.4 if  $m \geq 3$ , we have

$$2^{m-1+l}\beta_1^{k_0+2} + 3 \cdot 2^{m+l}\beta_1^{k_0+1} + 2^{m+2+l}\beta_1^{k_0} = 0.$$

By the inductive assumption,

$$2^{m-1+l}(4 + \beta_1)\beta_1^{k_0+1} = \pm 2^{m+1+2l}\beta_1^{k_0+1}.$$

Therefore, we have

$$(1 \pm 2^{l+1})2^{m+l}\beta_1^{k_0+1} + 2^{m+2+l}\beta_1^{k_0} = 0,$$

and so

$$2^{m+l}\beta_1^{k_0+1} + (1 \pm 2^{l+1})2^{m+2+l}\beta_1^{k_0} = 0$$

by Lemma 5.1. Thus, we complete the proof of (i).

(ii), (iii) In the case  $h < 0$ , (ii) and (iii) are obtained from Lemmas 5.10, 5.11 and 5.1. Consider the case  $2 \leq s \leq m-2$  and  $h \geq 0$ . We shall prove (ii), (iii) for  $h \geq 0$  by the induction on  $h$ . Let  $h=0$  and put  $k_s=1$  in the relation  $(6)_0$  of Lemma 5.7. Then, we have

$$(5.14) \quad 2^{m-s-1+l+\epsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+2} + 2^{m-s+l+\epsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1} - 2^{m-s+2+l+\epsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}} = 0.$$

By Lemma 5.3,  $2^{m-2}\alpha\beta(1)^{k_1+2} = 0$  if  $h = h(k_0, k_1, 1) = 0$  and  $k_0$  is odd. Thus, (ii) for  $h=0$  and odd  $k_0$  is obtained from (5.14) with  $s=2$  and Lemma 5.1. (ii) for  $h=0$  and even  $k_0$  follows from  $2 \times (5.14)$  with  $s=2$  and Lemma 5.1, since

$$2^{m-2}\alpha\beta(1)^{k_1+2} = 2^m\alpha\beta(1)^{k_1+1} \quad \text{if } h = h(k_0, k_1, 1) = 0$$

by Lemma 5.10. Moreover, (iii) for  $h=0$  and  $3 \leq s \leq m-2$  follows from  $2 \times (5.14)$ , Lemmas 5.1 and 5.11. Let  $h \geq 1$  and put  $k_s=1$  in the relation  $(6)_h$  of Lemma 5.7. Then, we have

$$(5.15) \quad 2^{m-s-1+l+\epsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+2} + 3 \cdot 2^{m-s+l+\epsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1} + 2^{m-s+2+l+\epsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}} = 0$$

(ii) for  $h \geq 1$  and (iii) for  $h \geq 1$  and  $3 \leq s \leq m-2$  follow from (5.15) and Lemma 5.1 by the induction on  $h$ . Consider the case  $s=m-1$  and  $h \geq 0$ . By Lemma 5.8 and (3.13), we have

$$(5.16) \quad 2^{\epsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(m-2)^{k_{m-1}+2} + 3 \cdot 2^{\epsilon(k_0)+1}\alpha\beta(m-2)^{k_{m-1}+1} + 2^{\epsilon(k_0)+3}\alpha\beta(m-2)^{k_{m-1}} = 0.$$

(iii) for  $h \geq 0$  and  $s=m-1$  can be proved inductively by making use of (5.16), Lemmas 5.1, 5.3, 5.10 and 5.11 in the similar way to the proof of (iii) for  $h \geq 1$  and  $3 \leq s \leq m-2$ .  
q.e.d.

**§6. Basic relations concerned with an additive base of  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  ( $r = 2^{m-1}$ ) for odd  $n$**

In this section, we prove some basic relations concerned with an additive base of  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  ( $r = 2^{m-1}$ ) for odd  $n$  by making use of the relations given in §5.

Let  $s$ ,  $k$  and  $d$  be the integers which satisfy

$$(6.1) \quad 0 \leq s \leq m-2, \quad 2^s(k-1) \leq n-d < 2^s k, \quad k \geq 2 \text{ and } d \geq 0.$$

Then we have the following lemmas.

LEMMA 6.2. *Suppose  $1 \leq s \leq m-2$ ,  $k = 2k' \geq 2$  and  $d$  is even under the assumption (6.1). Then*

$$2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d \beta(s)^k = \sum_{t=1}^s 2^{m-s-4+2^{t+1}k} \beta_1^d \beta(s-t).$$

PROOF. Let  $u = s-t$  ( $1 \leq t \leq s$ ). Then, by (3.13), we have

$$2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d (\beta(u+1)^{2^{t-1}k} - \beta(u)^{2^t k}) = \sum_{i=1}^{2^{t-1}k} \binom{2^{t-1}k}{i} 2^{m-s-2+2i} \beta_1^d \beta(u)^{2^t k-i}.$$

The  $i$ -th term except for  $i=1, 2$  is equal to

$$(-1)^{i-1} \binom{2^{t-1}k}{i} 2^{m-s-4+2^{t+1}k} \beta_1^d \beta(u)$$

by Lemma 5.2. The  $i$ -th term from  $i=1, 2$  is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & \binom{2^{t-1}k}{i} 2^{m-s-2+2i} \beta_1^d \beta(u)^{2^t k-i} (\beta(u+1) - 2^2 \beta(u))^{2^{t-1}k-1} \quad (\text{by (3.13)}) \\ &= \binom{2^{t-1}k}{i} 2^{m-s-2+2i} \beta_1^d \beta(u)^{2^t k-i} \beta(u+1)^{2^{t-1}k-1} \\ & \quad + \sum_{j=1}^{2^{t-1}k-1} (-1)^j \binom{2^{t-1}k}{i} \binom{2^{t-1}k-1}{j} 2^{m-s-2+2i+2j} \beta_1^d \beta(u)^{2^t k-i-j} \beta(u+1)^{2^{t-1}k-1-j} \\ &= \binom{2^{t-1}k}{i} 2^{m-s-2+2i} \beta_1^d \beta(u)^{2^t k-i} \beta(u+1)^{2^{t-1}k-1} \\ & \quad + (-1)^{2^{t-1}k-1} \binom{2^{t-1}k}{i} 2^{m-s-4+2i+2^t k} \beta_1^d \beta(u)^{2^{t-1}k+1-i} \quad (\text{by Lemma 5.1}) \\ &= \pm \binom{2^{t-1}k}{i} 2^{m-s-6+2i+2^t k} \beta_1^d \beta(u)^{2^t k-i} \beta(u+1) \\ & \quad + (-1)^{i-1} \binom{2^{t-1}k}{i} 2^{m-s-4+2^{t+1}k} \beta_1^d \beta(u) \quad (\text{by Lemmas 5.2 and 5.1}). \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 5.1

$$\binom{2^{t-1}k}{i} 2^{m-s-6+2i+2^t k} \beta_1^d \beta(u)^{2^t k-i} \beta(u+1) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i=1 \text{ or } 2 \text{ and } k': \text{even} \geq 2, \\ 2^{m-s+t-4+2^t k} \beta_1^d \beta(u) \beta(u+1) & \text{if } i=1 \text{ and } k': \text{odd} \geq 1, \\ 2^{m-s+t-3+2^t k} \beta_1^d \beta(u+1) & \text{if } i=2 \text{ and } k': \text{odd} \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

On the other hand

$$2^{m-(u+1)-3+2^i k} \beta_1^d (2 + \beta(u)) \beta(u+1) = 0 \quad (\text{by Lemmas 5.4 and 5.7}).$$

Therefore, we have

$$2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d (\beta(u+1)^{2^{i-k}} - \beta(u)^{2^i k}) = 2^{m-s-4+2^{i+k}} \beta_1^d \beta(u) \quad (0 \leq u \leq s-1).$$

Summarizing these terms for  $0 \leq u \leq s-1$ , we have the desired result, since  $2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^{d+2^i k} = 0$  by Lemma 5.1. q.e.d.

LEMMA 6.3. *Suppose  $1 \leq s \leq m-3$ ,  $k=2k'$  and  $d$  is even under the assumption (6.1). Then*

$$2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d \beta(s)^k = 2^{m-s-4+k} \beta_1^d \beta(s+1) - 2^{m-s-4+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s).$$

PROOF. The result for  $k'=1$  follows immediately from (3.13). Suppose  $k' \geq 2$ . Then, by (3.13), we have

$$(*) \quad 2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d (\beta(s+1)^k - \beta(s)^k) = \sum_{i=1}^{k'} \binom{k'}{i} 2^{m-s-2+2i} \beta_1^d \beta(s)^{k-i}.$$

By Lemmas 5.10, 5.11 and 5.2,

$$2^{m-s-2+2i} \beta_1^d \beta(s)^{k-i} = (-1)^{i-1} 2^{m-s-4+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s)$$

for  $2 \leq i \leq k'$ . The first term in the right hand side of (\*) is equal to

$$k' 2^{m-s} \beta_1^d \beta(s)^{k-1} = -3k' 2^{m-s-4+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s)$$

by Lemmas 5.10 and 5.11. Therefore, the right hand side of (\*) is equal to

$$2^{m-s-4+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s) - k' 2^{m-s-2+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s).$$

On the other hand

$$2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d \beta(s+1)^k = (-1)^k 2^{m-s-4+k} \beta_1^d \beta(s+1)$$

by Lemma 5.11. Hence, by Lemma 5.1, the desired relation for even  $k'$  holds, and also the relation

$$(**) \quad 2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d \beta(s)^k = -2^{m-s-4+k} \beta_1^d \beta(s+1) + 3 \cdot 2^{m-s-4+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s)$$

holds if  $k'$  is odd. Moreover, by (3.13) and Lemma 5.12

$$2^{m-s-3+k} \beta_1^d \beta(s+1) = 2^{m-s-1+k} \beta_1^d \beta(s) + 2^{m-s-3+k} \beta_1^d \beta(s)^2 = \pm 2^{m-s-2+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s).$$

Thus, the desired result for odd  $k'$  follows from (\*\*). q.e.d.

LEMMA 6.4. *Suppose  $s=m-2 \geq 1$ ,  $k=2k'$  and  $d$  is even under the assumption (6.1). Then*

$$\beta_1^d \beta(m-2)^k = \begin{cases} \beta_1^d \beta(m-1) - 2^2 \beta_1^d \beta(m-2) & \text{if } k'=1, \\ -2^{k-2} \beta_1^d \beta(m-1) - 2^{2k-2} \beta_1^d \beta(m-2) & \text{if } k' \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

PROOF. The result for  $k'=1$  follows immediately from (3.13).

Suppose  $k' \geq 2$ . Then, in the same manner as the proof of Lemma 6.3, we have

$$\beta_1^d(\beta(m-1)^{k'} - \beta(m-2)^{k'}) = 2^{2k-2}\beta_1^d\beta(m-2) - k'2^{2k}\beta_1^d\beta(m-2).$$

Since  $P_{m,m} = \beta(m) = \beta(m-1)^2 + 2^2\beta(m-1) = 0$  by (3.13) and Lemma 3.14, we have

$$\beta_1^d\beta(m-1)^{k'} = (-1)^{k'-1}2^{k-2}\beta_1^d\beta(m-1).$$

Therefore, we see that

$$(*) \quad \beta_1^d\beta(m-2)^{k'} = (-1)^{k'-1}2^{k-2}\beta_1^d\beta(m-1) - 2^{2k-2}\beta_1^d\beta(m-2) + k'2^{2k}\beta_1^d\beta(m-2).$$

In the case  $k'$  is even, the last term in  $(*)$  vanishes by Lemma 5.1, and so the desired relation holds. Suppose  $k'$  is odd. Then the last term of  $(*)$  is equal to

$$\pm 2^{2k}\beta_1^d\beta(m-2).$$

by Lemma 5.1. On the other hand

$$2^{k-1}\beta_1^d\beta(m-1) = 2^{k-1}\beta_1^d\beta(m-2)^2 + 2^{k+1}\beta_1^d\beta(m-2) = \pm 2^{2k}\beta_1^d\beta(m-2)$$

by (3.13) and Lemma 5.12. Thus, the desired relation for odd  $k'$  follows from  $(*)$ .

q.e.d.

LEMMA 6.5. *Suppose  $s=0$ ,  $k=2k'$  and  $d$  is even under the assumption (6.1). Then, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_1^d\beta(1) - 2^2\beta_1^{d+1} &= 0 && \text{if } m=2 \text{ and } k'=1, \\ 2^{m-4+k}\beta_1^d\beta(1) + 2^{m-4+2k}\beta_1^{d+1} &= 0 && \text{if } m=2 \text{ and } k' \geq 2, \\ 2^{m-4+k}\beta_1^d\beta(1) - 2^{m-4+2k}\beta_1^{d+1} &= 0 && \text{if } m \geq 3. \end{aligned}$$

PROOF. By making use of (3.13) and Lemma 5.1, we have

$$(*) \quad 2^{m-2}\beta_1^d\beta(1)^{k'} = \sum_{i=1}^{k'} \binom{k'}{i} 2^{m-2+2i}\beta_1^{d+k-i}.$$

Thus,  $(*)$  implies the desired results for  $m \geq 2$  and  $k'=1$ . Consider the case  $k' \geq 2$ . Then the first term in the right hand side of  $(*)$  is equal to

$$-k'2^{m-4+2k}\beta_1^{d+1}$$

by Lemmas 5.12 and 5.1-2, and the  $i$ -th term in  $(*)$  is equal to

$$(-1)^{i-1} \binom{k'}{i} 2^{m-4+2k}\beta_1^{d+1} \quad (2 \leq i \leq k')$$

by Lemma 5.2. Therefore, we have

$$2^{m-2}\beta_1^d\beta(1)^{k'} = 2^{m-4+2k}\beta_1^{d+1} - k'2^{m-3+2k}\beta_1^{d+1} = (-1)^k 2^{m-4+2k}\beta_1^{d+1},$$

since  $2^{m-2+2k}\beta_1^{d+1} = 0$  by Lemma 5.1. On the other hand, we have

$$2^{m-2}\beta_1^d\beta(1)^{k'} = \begin{cases} (-1)^{k'-1}2^{k-2}\beta_1^d\beta(1) & \text{if } m=2, \\ (-1)^k 2^{m-4+k}\beta_1^d\beta(1) & \text{if } m \geq 3, \end{cases}$$

by Lemmas 3.14, 5.10 and 5.2. Hence, we have the desired results. q.e.d.

LEMMA 6.6. *Suppose  $0 \leq s \leq m-3$ ,  $k = 2k'$  and  $d$  is even under the assumption (6.1). Then*

$$\sum_{t=0}^{s+1} (-1)^{2t} 2^{m-s-4+2t} \beta_1^d \beta(s+1-t) = 0.$$

PROOF. The desired relation follows immediately from Lemmas 6.2, 6.3 and 6.5. q.e.d.

LEMMA 6.7. *Suppose  $s = m-2 \geq 0$ ,  $k = 2k'$  and  $d$  is even under the assumption (6.1). Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{t=0}^{m-1} (-1)^{2t} 2^{2k-2} \beta_1^d \beta(m-1-t) &= 0 \text{ if } k' = 1, \\ \sum_{t=0}^{m-1} 2^{2k-2} \beta_1^d \beta(m-1-t) &= 0 \quad \text{if } k' \geq 2. \end{aligned}$$

PROOF. Lemmas 6.2, 6.4 and 6.5 imply the desired relation. q.e.d.

LEMMA 6.8. *Suppose  $1 \leq s \leq m-2$ ,  $k = 2k'+1$  and  $d$  is even under the assumption (6.1). Then*

$$2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d (\beta(s+1-t)^{2^{t-1}k} - \beta(s-t)^{2^t k})$$

is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{m-s-3+2^t k} \beta_1^d \beta(1) - 3 \cdot 2^{m-s-4+2^{t+1} k} \beta_1^{d+1} & \quad \text{if } k = 3, s = t = 1, \\ -2^{m-s-3+2^t k} \beta_1^d \beta(1) + 2^{m-s-4+2^{t+1} k} \beta_1^{d+1} & \quad \text{if } k \geq 5, s = t = 1, \\ -2^{m-s-3+2^t k} \beta_1^d \beta(s) - 7 \cdot 2^{m-s-4+2^{t+1} k} \beta_1^d \beta(s-1) & \quad \text{if } k = 3, s \geq 2, t = 1, \\ 2^{m-s-3+2^t k} \beta_1^d \beta(s) + 2^{m-s-4+2^{t+1} k} \beta_1^d \beta(s-1) & \quad \text{if } k \geq 5, s \geq 2, t = 1, \\ 2^{m-s-4+2^{t+1} k} \beta_1^d \beta(s-t) & \quad \text{if } k \geq 3, 2 \leq t \leq s-1, \\ \pm 2^{m-s-3+2^t k} \beta_1^d \beta(1) + 2^{m-s-4+2^{t+1} k} \beta_1^{d+1} & \quad \text{if } s \geq t \geq 2, \end{aligned}$$

where  $t$  is an integer with  $1 \leq t \leq s$ .

PROOF. Put  $u = s - t$ . By (3.13), we have

$$2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d \beta(u+1)^{2^{t-1}k} = \sum_{i=0}^{2^t k} \binom{2^t k}{i} 2^{m-s-2+2i} \beta_1^d \beta(u)^{2^{t+1}k-i} \beta(u+1)^{2^{t-1}k-i}.$$

The term for  $i \geq 3$  vanishes and the term for  $i = 2$  is equal to

$$\pm k' 2^{m-u+1} \beta_1^d \beta(u)^{2^{t+1}k-2} \beta(u+1)^{2^{t-1}k-1}$$

by Lemma 5.1. Also, by Lemmas 5.4 and 5.7,

$$2^{m-u} \beta_1^d \beta(u)^{2^{t+1}k-1} \beta(u+1)^{2^{t-1}k-1} + 2^{m-u+1} \beta_1^d \beta(u)^{2^{t+1}k-2} \beta(u+1)^{2^{t-1}k-1} = 0.$$

Therefore, we have

$$2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d \beta(u+1)^{2^{t-1}k} = \sum_{i=0}^{2^{t-1}k} \binom{2^{t-1}k}{i} 2^{m-s-2+2i} \beta_1^d \beta(u)^{2^t k-i},$$

and so

$$(*) \quad 2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d (\beta(u+1)^{2^{t-1}k} - \beta(u)^{2^t k}) = \sum_{i=1}^{2^{t-1}k} \binom{2^{t-1}k}{i} 2^{m-s-2+2i} \beta_1^d \beta(u)^{2^t k-i}.$$

The  $i$ -th term in (\*) for  $i \neq 1, 2, 4$  is equal to

$$(-1)^{i-1} \binom{2^{t-1}}{i} 2^{m-s-4+2^{t+1}k} \beta_1^d \beta(u)$$

by Lemma 5.2. The  $i$ -th term in (\*) for  $i = 1$  ( $t \geq 1$ ),  $i = 2$  ( $t \geq 2$ ) and  $i = 4$  ( $t \geq 3$ ) is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} (**) & \binom{2^{t-1}}{i} 2^{m-s-2+2^t} \beta_1^d \beta(u)^{4-i} (\beta(u+1) - 4\beta(u))^{2^{t-1}k-2} \\ & = \binom{2^{t-1}}{i} 2^{m-s-2+2^t} \beta_1^d \beta(u)^{4-i} \{ \beta(u+1)^{2^{t-1}k-2} + \sum_{j=1}^{2^{t-1}k-2} (-1)^j \binom{2^{t-1}k-2}{j} 2^{2j} \beta(u)^j \beta(u+1)^{2^{t-1}k-2-j} \} \end{aligned}$$

(by (3.13)).

In the case  $i = 1$ ,  $(t, k) = (1, 3)$ , (\*\*) is equal to

$$\binom{2^{t-1}}{i} 2^{m-s-2+2^t} \beta_1^d \beta(u)^{4-i} \beta(u+1) - \binom{2^{t-1}}{i} 2^{m-s+2^t} \beta_1^d \beta(u)^{5-i}.$$

In the case  $i = 1$ ,  $t = 1$ ,  $k \geq 5$  or  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $t \geq 2$ ,  $k \geq 3$ , the  $j$ -th term in (\*\*) for  $2 \leq j \leq 2^{t-1}k - 3$  vanishes by Lemma 5.1, and so (\*\*) is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & \binom{2^{t-1}}{i} 2^{m-s-2+2^t} \beta_1^d \beta(u)^{4-i} \beta(u+1)^{2^{t-1}k-2} - (2^{t-1}k - 2) \binom{2^{t-1}}{i} 2^{m-s+2^t} \beta_1^d \beta(u)^{5-i} \beta(u+1)^{2^{t-1}k-3} \\ & + (-1)^{2^{t-1}k} \binom{2^{t-1}}{i} 2^{m-s-6+2^t+2^t k} \beta_1^d \beta(u)^{2^{t-1}k+2-i}. \end{aligned}$$

In the case  $i = 4$ ,  $t \geq 3$ ,  $k \geq 3$ , the  $j$ -th term in (\*\*) for  $1 \leq j \leq 2^{t-1}k - 3$  vanishes by Lemma 5.1, and so (\*\*) is equal to

$$\binom{2^{t-1}}{i} 2^{m-s-2+2^t} \beta_1^d \beta(u)^{4-i} \beta(u+1)^{2^{t-1}k-2} + (-1)^{2^{t-1}k} \binom{2^{t-1}}{i} 2^{m-s-6+2^t+2^t k} \beta_1^d \beta(u)^{2^{t-1}k+2-i}.$$

Suppose  $i = 1, 2, 4$  and  $1 \leq t \leq s$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \binom{2^{t-1}}{i} 2^{m-s-2+2^t} \beta_1^d \beta(u)^{4-i} \beta(u+1)^{2^{t-1}k-2} \\ & = \begin{cases} (-1)^{2^{t-1}k+1} \binom{2^{t-1}}{i} 2^{m-s-4+i+2^t k} \beta_1^d \beta(1) & \text{if } u = 0 \text{ (by Lemmas 5.4, 5.2),} \\ (-1)^{2^{t-1}k+i+1} \binom{2^{t-1}}{i} 2^{m-s-4+i+2^t k} \beta_1^d \beta(u+1) & \text{if } u \geq 1 \text{ (by Lemmas 5.7, 5.2).} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Suppose  $i = 1$  and  $(t, k) = (1, 3)$ . Then

$$\binom{2^{t-1}}{i} 2^{m-s+2^t} \beta_1^d \beta(u)^{5-i} = \begin{cases} 3 \cdot 2^{m-s-4+2^{t+1}k} \beta_1^{d+1} & \text{if } u = 0 \text{ (by Lemmas 5.12 and 5.2),} \\ 7 \cdot 2^{m-s-4+2^{t+1}k} \beta_1^d \beta(u) & \text{if } u \geq 1 \text{ (by Lemmas 5.12, 5.2 and 5.1).} \end{cases}$$

In the case  $i = 1, 2, 4$ ,  $(t, k) \neq (1, 3)$  and  $u \geq 0$ ,

$$(-1)^{2^{t-1}k} \binom{2^{t-1}}{i} 2^{m-s-6+2^t+2^t k} \beta_1^d \beta(u)^{2^{t-1}k+2-i} = (-1)^{i-1} \binom{2^{t-1}}{i} 2^{m-s-4+2^{t+1}k} \beta_1^d \beta(u) \text{ (by Lemma 5.2).}$$

In the case  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $(t, k) \neq (1, 3)$  and  $u \geq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & (2^{t-1}k - 2) \binom{2^{t-1}}{i} 2^{m-s+2^t} \beta_1^d \beta(u)^{5-i} \beta(u+1)^{2^{t-1}k-3} \\ & = \pm (2^{t-1}k - 2) \binom{2^{t-1}}{i} 2^{m-s+5+i} \beta_1^d \beta(u+1)^{2^{t-1}k-3} \text{ (by Lemmas 5.1, 5.4, 5.7),} \\ & = \pm (2^{t-1}k - 2) \binom{2^{t-1}}{i} 2^{m-s-3+i+2^t k} \beta_1^d \beta(u+1) \text{ (by Lemma 5.2),} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \pm 2^{m-s-2 \cdot 2^t k} \beta_1^d \beta(s) & \text{if } i = 1, t = 1, k \geq 5 \quad (\text{by Lemma 5.1}), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \quad (\text{by Lemma 5.1}). \end{cases}$$

Therefore, we have

$$(**) = \begin{cases} 2^{m-s-3+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(1) - 3 \cdot 2^{m-s-4+2^t k} \beta_1^{d+1} & (u = 0) \\ -2^{m-s-3+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s) - 7 \cdot 2^{m-s-4+2^t k} \beta_1^d \beta(s-1) & (u \geq 1) \end{cases} \quad \text{if } i = 1, (t, k) = (1, 3),$$

$$(**) = \begin{cases} -2^{m-s-3+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(1) + 2^{m-s-4+2^t k} \beta_1^{d+1} & (u = 0) \\ 2^{m-s-3+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s) + 2^{m-s-4+2^t k} \beta_1^d \beta(s-1) & (u \geq 1) \end{cases} \quad \text{if } i = 1, t = 1 \text{ and } k \geq 5,$$

$$(**) = \begin{cases} \binom{2^{t-1}}{i} \{-2^{m-s-4+i \cdot 2^t k} \beta_1^d \beta(1) + (-1)^{t-1} 2^{m-s-4+2^{t+1} k} \beta_1^{d+1}\} & (u = 0) \\ (-1)^{t-1} \binom{2^{t-1}}{i} \{2^{m-s-4+i \cdot 2^t k} \beta_1^d \beta(u+1) + 2^{m-s-4+2^{t+1} k} \beta_1^d \beta(u)\} & (u \geq 1) \end{cases}$$

if  $i = 1, 2, t \geq 2$  and  $k \geq 3$ , and

$$(**) = (-1)^{t-1} \binom{2^{t-1}}{i} \{2^{m-s-4+i \cdot 2^t k} \beta_1^d \beta(u+1) + 2^{m-s-4+2^{t+1} k} \beta_1^d \beta(u)\} \quad (u \geq 0)$$

if  $i = 4, t \geq 3$  and  $k \geq 3$ .

Hence, we have the desired results by summarizing the  $i$ -th terms with  $1 \leq i \leq 2^{t-1}$  in (\*). q.e.d.

**LEMMA 6.9.** *Suppose  $1 \leq s \leq m-3$ ,  $k = 2k'+1$  and  $d$  is even under the assumption (6.1). Then*

$$2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d \beta(s)^k = -2^{m-s-4+k} \beta_1^d \beta(s+1) + 2^{m-s-4+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s).$$

**PROOF.** By (3.13), we have

$$(*) \quad 2^{m-s-1} \beta_1^d \beta(s)^k = \sum_{i=0}^{k'} \binom{k'}{i} (-1)^i 2^{m-s-2+2i} \beta_1^d \beta(s)^{i+1} \beta(s+1)^{k'-i}$$

In the case  $k' = 1$ , the right hand side of (\*) is equal to

$$-2^{m-s-1} \beta_1^d \beta(s+1) + 2^{m-s+2} \beta_1^d \beta(s)$$

by Lemma 5.7 and (3.13), and so the desired result is obtained

Suppose  $k' \geq 2$ . Then the  $i$ -th term with  $2 \leq i \leq k' - 1$  in (\*) vanishes by Lemma 5.1, and so the right hand side of (\*) is equal to

$$2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d \beta(s) \beta(s+1)^{k'} - k' \cdot 2^{m-s} \beta_1^d \beta(s)^2 \beta(s+1)^{k'-1} + (-1)^{k'} 2^{m-s-2+2k'} \beta_1^d \beta(s)^{k'+1}.$$

On the other hand

$$2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d \beta(s) \beta(s+1)^{k'} = (-1)^{k'+1} 2^{m-s-4+k} \beta_1^d \beta(s+1),$$

$$2^{m-s} \beta_1^d \beta(s)^2 \beta(s+1)^{k'-1} = \pm 2^{m-s-3+k} \beta_1^d \beta(s+1)$$

by Lemmas 5.7, 5.11 and 5.1, and also

$$2^{m-s-2+2k'} \beta_1^d \beta(s)^{k'+1} = (-1)^k 2^{m-s-4+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s)$$

by Lemmas 5.10 and 5.11. Therefore, we obtain the desired result from (\*).

q. e. d.

**LEMMA 6.10.** *Suppose  $s = m-2 \geq 1$ ,  $k = 2k'+1$  and  $d$  is even under the assumption (6.1). Then*

$$\beta_1^d \beta(m-2)^k = 2^{k-2} \beta_1^d \beta(m-1) + 2^{2k-2} \beta_1^d \beta(m-2).$$

**PROOF.** In the case  $k' = 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_1^d \beta(m-2)^k &= \beta_1^d \beta(m-2) \beta(m-1) - 2^2 \beta_1^d \beta(m-2)^2 \quad (\text{by (3.13)}) \\ &= -2 \beta_1^d \beta(m-1) - 3 \cdot 2^4 \beta_1^d \beta(m-2) \quad (\text{by Lemmas 3.14 and 5.12}) \\ &= 2 \beta_1^d \beta(m-1) + 2^4 \beta_1^d \beta(m-2) \quad (\text{by Lemmas 5.1 and 5.12}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the desired result for  $k' = 1$  is obtained.

Suppose  $k' \geq 2$ . Then we have

$$\beta_1^d \beta(m-2)^k = \beta_1^d \beta(m-2) \beta(m-1)^{k'} - k' 2^2 \beta_1^d \beta(m-2)^2 \beta(m-1)^{k'-1} + (-1)^k 2^{2k'} \beta_1^d \beta(m-2)^{k'+1}$$

in the similar way to the proof of Lemma 6.9. Since  $\beta(m-1)^2 = -2^2 \beta(m-1)$  and  $\beta(m-2) \beta(m-1) = -2 \beta(m-1)$  by Lemma 3.14, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_1^d \beta(m-2) \beta(m-1)^{k'} &= (-1)^{k'} 2^{k-2} \beta_1^d \beta(m-1), \\ 2^2 \beta_1^d \beta(m-2)^2 \beta(m-1)^{k'-1} &= \pm 2^{k-1} \beta_1^d \beta(m-1) \quad (\text{by Lemma 5.1}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we obtain the desired result for  $k' \geq 2$ .

q. e. d.

**LEMMA 6.11.** *Suppose  $1 \leq s \leq m-3$ ,  $k = 2k'+1$  and  $d$  is even under the assumption (6.1). Then we have*

$$\begin{aligned} -3 \cdot 2^{m-s-4+2k} \beta_1^{d+1} + 2^{m-s-4+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(1) + 2^{m-s-4+k} \beta_1^d \beta(2) &= 0 \quad \text{if } s=1, k=3, \\ 2^{m-s-4+2k} \beta_1^{d+1} + 2^{m-s-4+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(1) + 5 \cdot 2^{m-s-4+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(2) + 2^{m-s-4+k} \beta_1^d \beta(3) &= 0 \quad \text{if } s=2, k=3, \\ 2^{m-s-4+2^{s+1}k} \beta_1^{d+1} + (1 \pm 2^{s+1}) 2^{m-s-4+2^s k} \beta_1^d \beta(1) \\ + \sum_{t=2}^{s-2} 2^{m-s-4+2^{t+1}k} \beta_1^d \beta(s-t) - 7 \cdot 2^{m-s-4+2^s k} \beta_1^d \beta(s-1) \\ + 5 \cdot 2^{m-s-4+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s) + 2^{m-s-4+k} \beta_1^d \beta(s+1) &= 0 \quad \text{if } s \geq 3, k=3, \\ 2^{m-s-4+2^{s+1}k} \beta_1^{d+1} + (1 \pm 2^{s+1}) 2^{m-s-4+2^s k} \beta_1^d \beta(1) \\ + \sum_{t=-1}^{s-2} 2^{m-s-4+2^{t+1}k} \beta_1^d \beta(s-t) &= 0 \quad \text{if } s \geq 1, k \geq 5. \end{aligned}$$

**PROOF.** The desired results follow immediately from Lemmas 6.8, 6.9 and 5.1.

q. e. d.

**LEMMA 6.12.** *Suppose  $s = m-2 \geq 1$ ,  $k = 2k'+1$  and  $d$  is even under the assumption*

(6.1). Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& -3 \ 2^{2k-2} \beta_1^{d+1} + 2^{2k-2} \beta_1^d \beta(1) - 2^{k-1} \beta_1^d \beta(2) = 0 \text{ if } m = 3, \ k = 3, \\
& 2^{2k-2} \beta_1^{d+1} + 2^{2k-2} \beta_1^d \beta(1) + 5 \ 2^{2k-2} \beta_1^d \beta(2) - 2^{k-2} \beta_1^d \beta(3) = 0 \text{ if } m = 4, \ k = 3, \\
& 2^{2^{m-1}k-2} \beta_1^{d+1} + (1 \pm 2^{m-1}) 2^{2^{m-1}k-2} \beta_1^d \beta(1) + \sum_{t=2}^{m-4} 2^{2^{t+1}k-2} \beta_1^d \beta(m-2-t) \\
& -7 \ 2^{2k-2} \beta_1^d \beta(m-3) + 5 \ 2^{2k-2} \beta_1^d \beta(m-2) - 2^{k-2} \beta_1^d \beta(m-1) = 0 \text{ if } m \geq 5, \ k = 3, \\
& 2^{2^{m-1}k-2} \beta_1^{d+1} + (1 \pm 2^{m-1}) 2^{2^{m-1}k-2} \beta_1^d \beta(1) \\
& + \sum_{t=1}^{m-4} (-1)^{t+1} 2^{2^{t+1}k-2} \beta_1^d \beta(m-2-t) = 0 \text{ if } m \geq 3, \ k \geq 5.
\end{aligned}$$

PROOF. The desired results follow immediately from Lemmas 6.8 and 6.10.

q. e. d.

LEMMA 6.13. Suppose  $1 \leq s \leq m-2$ ,  $k = 2k' + 1$  and  $d$  is even under the assumption (6.1). Then,  $2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d \beta(s)^k$  is equal to

$$\begin{aligned}
& 2^{m-s-3+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(1) - 3 \ 2^{m-s-4+2k} \beta_1^{d+1} \text{ if } s = 1, \ k = 3, \\
& -2^{m-s-3+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(2) + 2^{m-s-4+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(1) + 2^{m-s-4+2k} \beta_1^{d+1} \text{ if } s = 2, \ k = 3, \\
& -2^{m-s-3+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s) - 7 \ 2^{m-s-4+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s-1) \\
& + \sum_{t=2}^{s-2} 2^{m-s-4+2^{t+1}k} \beta_1^d \beta(s-t) + (1 \pm 2^{s+1}) 2^{m-s-4+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(1) \\
& + 2^{m-s-4+2^{s+1}k} \beta_1^{d+1} \text{ if } s \geq 3, \ k = 3, \\
& -2^{m-s-3+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(1) + 2^{m-s-4+2k} \beta_1^{d+1} \text{ if } s = 1, \ k \geq 5, \\
& 2^{m-s-3+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s) + \sum_{t=1}^{s-2} 2^{m-s-4+2^{t+1}k} \beta_1^d \beta(s-t) \\
& + (1 \pm 2^{s+1}) 2^{m-s-4+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(1) + 2^{m-s-4+2^{s+1}k} \beta_1^{d+1} \text{ if } s \geq 2, \ k \geq 5.
\end{aligned}$$

PROOF. The desired results follow from Lemmas 6.5 and 5.1.

q. e. d.

LEMMA 6.14. Suppose  $2 \leq s \leq m-2$  and  $d$  is even under the assumption (6.1). Then

$$2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d \beta(s-1) \beta(s)^k = \pm \varepsilon(k) 2^{m-s-2+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s) - 2^{m-s-2+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s-1),$$

where  $\varepsilon(k) = 0$  if  $k$  is even,  $= 1$  if  $k$  is odd.

PROOF. By Lemma 6.2, we have

$$2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d \beta(s-1) \beta(s)^k = \sum_{t=1}^s 2^{m-s-4+2^{t+1}k} \beta_1^d \beta(s-t) \beta(s-1)$$

if  $k$  is even. On the other hand,

$$(*) \quad 2^{m-s-4+2^{t+1}k} \beta_1^d \beta(s-t) \beta(s-1) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 2 \leq t \leq s, \\ -2^{m-s-2+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s-1) & \text{if } t = 1, \end{cases}$$

for any  $k \geq 2$  by Lemma 5.1 and (3.13). Therefore, the desired result for even  $k$  follows. Let  $k$  be odd. Then, by Lemmas 5.7 and 5.1, we have

$$2^{m-s-3+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s-1) \beta(s) = \pm 2^{m-s-2+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s).$$

Thus the desired result for odd  $k$  follows from Lemmas 6.13, 5.1 and (\*) above.

q. e. d.

LEMMA 6.15. Suppose  $2 \leq s \leq m-2$  and  $d \geq 2$  is even under the assumption (6.1).

Then

$$2^{m-s-3+k} \beta_1^{d-1} \beta(1) \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t))$$

$$= \begin{cases} (-1)^{k-1} 2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^{d-1} \beta(1) \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^{k-1} \pm \\ \quad 2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^{d-1} \beta(1) (2+\beta(0)) \prod_{t=1}^{s-1} \beta(t) \beta(s)^{k-2} \beta(s+1) & \text{if } s \leq m-3, \\ (-1)^{k-1} 2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^{d-1} \beta(1) \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^{k-1} & \text{if } s = m-2. \end{cases}$$

PROOF. By Lemma 3.14, we have

$$2^{k-l-2} \beta_1^{d-1} \beta(s)^l P_{m,1} = 0 \text{ for } 0 \leq l \leq k-2,$$

and so

$$(*) \quad 2^{m-s-3+k-l} \beta_1^{d-1} \beta(1) \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^l +$$

$$\sum_{I_s} 2^{m-s-3+k-l-j} \beta_1^{d-1} \beta(1) \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^l \beta(i_1) \cdots \beta(i_j) = 0.$$

In the case  $s = m-2$ , (\*) is equal to the relation

$$2^{m-s-3+k-l} \beta_1^{d-1} \beta(1) \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^l = -2^{m-s-4+k-l} \beta_1^{d-1} \beta(1) \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^{l+1}$$

for  $0 \leq l \leq k-2$ . Thus, we have the desired relation for  $s = m-2$ . Consider the case  $s \leq m-3$ . By Lemma 5.1, the terms for  $(i_1, \dots, i_j) \in I_s$  vanish except for  $(s)$ ,  $(s+1)$  and  $(s, s+1)$ . The term for  $(s+1)$  is equal to

$$2^{m-s-4+k-l} \beta_1^{d-1} \beta(1) \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^l \beta(s+1)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{s-1} \pm 2^{m-s-3+k-l} \beta_1^{d-1} \beta(1) \beta(0) \cdots \widehat{\beta(i)} \cdots \beta(s-1) \beta(s)^l \beta(s+1)$$

$$\pm 2^{m-s-4+k-l} \beta_1^{d-1} \beta(1) \beta(0) \cdots \beta(s-1) \beta(s)^l \beta(s+1) \text{ (by Lemma 5.1),}$$

where the notation  $\widehat{\beta(i)}$  means that  $\beta(i)$  is deleted. The term for  $(s, s+1)$  is equal to

$$2^{m-s-5+k-l} \beta_1^{d-1} \beta(1) \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^{l+1} \beta(s+1)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{s-1} \pm 2^{m-s-4+k-l} \beta_1^{d-1} \beta(1) \beta(0) \cdots \widehat{\beta(i)} \cdots \beta(s-1) \beta(s)^{l+1} \beta(s+1)$$

$$\pm 2^{m-s-5+k-l} \beta_1^{d-1} \beta(1) \beta(0) \cdots \beta(s-1) \beta(s)^{l+1} \beta(s+1) \text{ (by Lemma 5.1).}$$

On the other hand, by Lemma 5.7, we have

$$2^{m-s-4+k-l} \beta_1^{d-1} \beta(1) \beta(0) \cdots \widehat{\beta(i)} \cdots \beta(s-1) \beta(s)^l (2+\beta(s)) \beta(s+1) = 0 \text{ if } k-l \geq 3 \text{ or } i \geq 1,$$

$$2^{m-s-5+k-l} \beta_1^{d-1} \beta(1) \beta(0) \cdots \beta(s-1) \beta(s)^l (2+\beta(s)) \beta(s+1) = 0 \text{ if } k-l \geq 3.$$

Also, if  $k-l = 2$ , we have

$$2^{m-s-5+k-l} \beta_1^{d-1} \beta(1) \beta(0) \cdots \beta(s-1) \beta(s)^{l+1} \beta(s+1) = 0 \text{ (by Lemma 5.3),}$$

$$2^{m-s-4+k-l}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(1)\prod_{t=1}^{s-1}\beta(t)\beta(s)^{k-1}\beta(s+1) = 2^{m-s-2}\beta_1^{d+2^{s-k-1}}\beta(s+1) = 0 \text{ (by Lemma 5.1),}$$

since  $\beta(t) = \beta_1^{2^t} + 2^2 Q(\beta_1)$  by the definition of  $\beta(t)$  in (3.13), where  $Q(\beta_1)$  is a polynomial in  $\beta_1$  whose constant term is zero. Therefore, we have the following relations by (\*)

$$2^{m-s-3+k-l}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(1)\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^l = -2^{m-s-4+k-l}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(1)\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{l+1}$$

for  $0 \leq l \leq k-3$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^{m-s-1}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(1)\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-2} \\ &= -2^{m-s-2}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(1)\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-1} \pm 2^{m-s-2}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(1)(2+\beta(0))\prod_{t=1}^{s-1}\beta(t)\beta(s)^{k-2}\beta(s+1). \end{aligned}$$

The desired relation for  $s \leq m-3$  follows immediately from these relations. q.e.d.

**LEMMA 6.16.** *Under the same assumption as in Lemma 6.15, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{m-s-2}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(1)\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-1} &= 2^{m-s-2}\beta_1^{d+1}\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-1} \pm \\ & 2^{m-s-1}\beta_1^d\prod_{t=0}^{s-2}\beta(t)(2+\beta(s-1))\beta(s)^k. \end{aligned}$$

**PROOF.** Since  $\beta(1) = \beta_1^2 + 2^2\beta_1$  by (3.13),

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{m-s-2}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(1)\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-1} &= 2^{m-s-2}\beta_1^{d+1}\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-1} + \\ & 2^{m-s}\beta_1^d\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Also,  $2\beta_1^d\prod_{t=0}^{s-2}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-2}P_{m,s} = 0$  by Lemma 3.14, and so

$$2^{m-s}\beta_1^d\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-1} + \sum_{I_s} 2^{m-s-j}\beta_1^d\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-1}\beta(i_1)\cdots\beta(i_j) = 0.$$

The terms in  $\sum_{I_s}$  vanish except for the term for  $(s) \in I_s$  by Lemma 5.1. The term for  $(s)$  is equal to

$$2^{m-s-1}\beta_1^d\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^k = \pm 2^{m-s-1}\beta_1^d\prod_{t=0}^{s-2}\beta(t)(2+\beta(s-1))\beta(s)^k$$

by making use of Lemmas 5.7 and 5.1. Therefore, we have the desired result.

q.e.d.

**LEMMA 6.17.** *Under the same assumption as in Lemma 6.15, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^{m-s-1}\beta_1^d\prod_{t=0}^{s-2}\beta(t)(2+\beta(s-1))\beta(s)^k = \pm 2^{m-s-1+2k}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(s), \\ & 2^{m-s-2}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(1)(2+\beta(0))\prod_{t=1}^{s-1}\beta(t)\beta(s)^{k-2}\beta(s+1) = \pm 2^{m-s-1+2k}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(s) \pm 2^{m-s-2+2k}\beta_1^d\beta(s). \end{aligned}$$

**PROOF.** Since  $\beta(t)^2 = \beta(t+1) - 2^2\beta(t)$  by (3.13), the left hand side of the first relation is equal to

$$\pm 2^{m-s-1}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(s)^{k+1} \pm 2^{m-s}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(s-1)\beta(s)^k$$

by Lemma 5.1. On the other hand

$$2^{m-s-1}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(s)^{k+1} = 2^{m-s-1}\beta_1^{d-1}\sum_{i=0}^{k+1}\binom{k+1}{i}2^{2i}\beta(s-1)^{2k+2-i} = 0$$

by (3.13) and Lemma 5.1. Also, we have

$$2^{m-s}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(s-1)\beta(s)^k = \pm 2^{m-s+1}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(s)^k = \pm 2^{m-s-1+2k}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(s)$$

by Lemmas 5.7, 5.1 and 5.2. Thus we obtain the first relation. The left hand side of the second relation is equal to

$$(*) \pm 2^{m-s-1} \beta_1^{d-1} \beta(1) \prod_{t=1}^{s-1} \beta(t) \beta(s)^k \pm 2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d \beta(1) \prod_{t=1}^{s-1} \beta(t) \beta(s)^k \\ \pm 2^{m-s+1} \beta_1^{d-1} \beta(1) \prod_{t=1}^{s-1} \beta(t) \beta(s)^{k-1} \pm 2^{m-s} \beta_1^d \beta(1) \prod_{t=1}^{s-1} \beta(t) \beta(s)^{k-1}$$

by (3.13) and Lemma 5.1. The first term of (\*) is equal to  $2^{m-s-1} \beta_1^{d-1} \beta(s)^{k+1}$  by (3.13) and Lemma 5.1, and this is equal to zero, as is shown in the proof of the first relation. The second term of (\*) is equal to  $2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d \beta(s)^{k+1}$  by (3.13) and Lemma 5.1, and is equal to zero by Lemma 5.3. The third term of (\*) is equal to  $2^{m-s+1} \beta_1^{d-1} \beta(s)^k$  by (3.13) and Lemma 5.1, and

$$2^{m-s+1} \beta_1^{d-1} \beta(s)^k = \pm 2^{m-s-1+2k} \beta_1^{d-1} \beta(s)$$

by Lemma 5.7. The last term of (\*) is equal to  $2^{m-s} \beta_1^d \beta(s)^k$  by (3.13) and Lemma 5.1, and

$$2^{m-s} \beta_1^d \beta(s)^k = \pm 2^{m-s-2+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s)$$

by Lemma 5.2. Therefore we have the second relation. q.e.d.

By Lemmas 6.15–17, we see easily the following

LEMMA 6.18. *Under the same assumption as in Lemma 6.15, we have*

$$2^{m-s-3+k} \beta_1^{d-1} \beta(1) \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \\ = \begin{cases} (-1)^{k-1} 2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^{d+1} \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^{k-1} \pm 2^{m-s-2+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s) & \text{if } s \leq m-3, \\ (-1)^{k-1} 2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^{d+1} \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^{k-1} \pm 2^{m-s-1+2k} \beta_1^{d-1} \beta(s) & \text{if } s = m-2. \end{cases}$$

LEMMA 6.19. *Under the same assumption as in Lemma 6.15, we have*

$$2^{m-s-1} \beta_1^d \beta(s-1) \beta(s)^{k-1} = (-1)^k 2^{m-s-4+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s) - 2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d \beta(s-1) \beta(s)^k.$$

PROOF. By Lemma 3.14,  $\beta_1^d \beta(s)^{k-2} P_{m,s} = 0$ , and so

$$2^{m-s-1} \beta_1^d \beta(s-1) \beta(s)^{k-1} + 2^{m-s} \beta_1^d \beta(s)^{k-1} + \\ \sum_{i_s} 2^{m-s-1-j} \beta_1^d (2+\beta(s-1)) \beta(s)^{k-1} \beta(i_1) \cdots \beta(i_j) = 0.$$

The second term is equal to

$$3 \cdot 2^{m-s+2} \beta_1^d \beta(s)^{k-2} \quad (\text{by Lemma 5.11}) \\ = (-1)^{k-1} 3 \cdot 2^{m-s-4+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s) \quad (\text{by Lemma 5.2}).$$

The terms for  $(i_1, \dots, i_j) \in I_s$  vanish except for (s) by Lemma 5.1 and (3.13). The term for (s) is equal to

$$2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d (2+\beta(s-1)) \beta(s)^k = (-1)^k 2^{m-s-3+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s) + 2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d \beta(s-1) \beta(s)^k \quad (\text{by Lemma 5.11}).$$

These imply the desired result. q.e.d.

LEMMA 6.20. *Under the same assumption as in Lemma 6.15, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-2} \beta_1^d \beta(s)^k \\ = & 2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-2} \beta_1^{d+1} \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^{k-1} + (-1)^k 2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-4+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s) \\ & - 2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-2} \beta_1^d \beta(s-1) \beta(s)^k + \sum_{u=0}^{s-2} 2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-1} \beta_1^d \beta(u) \prod_{t=u+1}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^{k-1}. \end{aligned}$$

PROOF. By Lemma 3.14(i),

$$\beta(s) = \beta_1 \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) + 2 \sum_{u=0}^{s-1} \beta(u) \prod_{t=u+1}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)).$$

Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-2} \beta_1^d \beta(s)^k = & 2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-2} \beta_1^{d+1} \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^{k-1} + 2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-1} \beta_1^d \beta(s-1) \beta(s)^{k-1} \\ & + \sum_{u=0}^{s-2} 2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-1} \beta_1^d \beta(u) \prod_{t=u+1}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^{k-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the desired result follows from Lemma 6.19. q.e.d.

LEMMA 6.21. *Under the same assumption as in Lemma 6.15, we have*

$$2^{\mathfrak{m}-s+1} \beta_1^{d-1} \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^{k-1} = 0.$$

PROOF. By Lemma 3.14,  $2^2 \beta_1^{d-1} \prod_{t=0}^{s-2} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^{k-2} P_{\mathfrak{m},s} = 0$ , and so

$$2^{\mathfrak{m}-s+1} \beta_1^{d-1} \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^{k-1} + \sum_{i_s} 2^{\mathfrak{m}-s+1-j} \beta_1^{d-1} \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^{k-1} \beta(i_1) \cdots \beta(i_j) = 0.$$

The terms for  $(i_1, \dots, i_j) \in I_s$  vanish except for  $(s)$  by Lemma 5.1. The term for  $(s)$  is equal to

$$2^{\mathfrak{m}-s} \beta_1^{d-1} \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^k = 0 \text{ (by Lemma 5.7).}$$

Thus, we have the desired result. q.e.d.

LEMMA 6.22. *Under the same assumption as in Lemma 6.15, we have*

$$2^{\mathfrak{m}-s} \beta_1^d \prod_{t=1}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^{k-1} = 0.$$

PROOF. By Lemma 3.14,  $2 \beta_1^d \prod_{t=1}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^{k-2} P_{\mathfrak{m},s} = 0$ , and so

$$2^{\mathfrak{m}-s} \beta_1^d \prod_{t=1}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^{k-1} + \sum_{i_s} 2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-j} \beta_1^d \prod_{t=1}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^{k-1} \beta(i_1) \cdots \beta(i_j) = 0.$$

The terms for  $(i_1, \dots, i_j) \in I_s$  vanish except for  $(s)$ . The term for  $(s)$  is equal to

$$2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-1} \beta_1^d \prod_{t=1}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^k = 0 \text{ (by Lemma 5.7).}$$

This implies the desired result. q.e.d.

LEMMA 6.23. *Under the same assumption as in Lemma 6.15, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-1} \beta_1^{d-2} \beta(1) \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^{k-1} \\ = & \begin{cases} (-1)^{k+1} 2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-2+k} \beta_1^{d-2} \beta(1) \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \pm 2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-1+2k} \beta_1^{d-1} \beta(s) & \text{if } s \leq \mathfrak{m}-3, \\ (-1)^{k+1} 2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-2+k} \beta_1^{d-2} \beta(1) \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) & \text{if } s = \mathfrak{m}-2. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

**PROOF.** By Lemma 3.14,  $2^{k-l-1}\beta_1^{d-2}\beta(s)^l P_{m,1} = 0$  for  $0 \leq l \leq k-2$ , and so

$$2^{m-s+k-l-2}\beta_1^{d-2}\beta(1)\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^l \\ + \sum_{I_s} 2^{m-s+k-l-2-j}\beta_1^{d-2}\beta(1)\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^l \beta(i_1)\cdots\beta(i_j) = 0.$$

The terms for  $(i_1, \dots, i_j) \in I_s$  vanish except for  $(s)$ ,  $(s+1)$  and  $(s, s+1)$  by Lemma 5.1. Here we notice that the terms for  $(s+1)$  and  $(s, s+1)$  appear in  $\sum_{I_s}$  only for the case  $s \leq m-3$ . In the case  $2 \leq s \leq m-3$ , the sum of the terms for  $(s+1)$  and  $(s, s+1)$  in  $\sum_{I_s}$  is equal to

$$(*) \quad \pm 2^{m-s-4+k-l}\beta_1^{d-2}\beta(1)\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}\beta(t)\beta(s)^l(2\pm\beta(s))\beta(s+1)$$

by Lemma 5.1. By Lemma 5.7,  $(*) = 0$  if  $0 \leq l \leq k-3$ . Suppose  $l = k-2$ . Then  $(*)$  is equal to

$$\pm 2^{m-s-1}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(s)^{k-1}\beta(s+1) \pm 2^{m-s-2}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(s)^k\beta(s+1) \\ = \pm 2^{m-s+1}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(s)^k \pm 2^{m-s-1}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(s)^{k+1}$$

by (3.13) and Lemma 5.1. The term  $2^{m-s-1}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(s)^{k+1}$  vanishes as is shown in the first half of the proof of Lemma 6.17. Hence, we have

$$(*) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 0 \leq l \leq k-3, \\ \pm 2^{m-s-1+2k}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(s) & \text{if } l = k-2, \end{cases}$$

and so

$$2^{m-s+k-l-2}\beta_1^{d-2}\beta(1)\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^l \\ = \begin{cases} -2^{m-s+k-l-3}\beta_1^{d-2}\beta(1)\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{l+1} & \\ \quad \text{if } 0 \leq l \leq k-2 \text{ (} s = m-2 \text{) or } 0 \leq l \leq k-3 \text{ (} s \leq m-3 \text{),} \\ -2^{m-s+k-l-3}\beta_1^{d-2}\beta(1)\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{l+1} \pm 2^{m-s-1+2k}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(s) & \text{if } l = k-2 \text{ (} s \leq m-3 \text{).} \end{cases}$$

This implies the desired results. q.e.d.

**LEMMA 6.24.** *Under the same assumption as in Lemma 6.15, we have*

$$2^{m-s-1}\beta_1^{d+1}\prod_{t=1}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-1} \\ = \begin{cases} (-1)^{k+1}2^{m-s-2+k}\beta_1^{d-2}\beta(1)\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t)) \pm 2^{m-s-1+2k}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(s) & \text{if } 2 \leq s \leq m-3, \\ (-1)^{k+1}2^{m-s-2+k}\beta_1^{d-2}\beta(1)\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t)) & \text{if } s = m-2. \end{cases}$$

**PROOF.** By (3.13), we have

$$2^{m-s-1}\beta_1^{d+1}\prod_{t=1}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-1} \\ = 2^{m-s-1}\beta_1^{d-2}\beta(1)\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-1} - 2^{m-s+1}\beta_1^{d-1}\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-1} \\ - 2^{m-s}\beta_1^d\prod_{t=1}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-1}.$$

Therefore, the desired result follows from Lemmas 6.21–23. q.e.d.

**LEMMA 6.25.** *Suppose  $3 \leq s \leq m-2$ ,  $1 \leq u \leq s-2$  and  $d \geq 2$  is even under the assumption (6.1). Then*

$$2^{m-s-1} \beta_1^d \beta(u) \prod_{t=u+1}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^{k-1} = -2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d \beta(u) \prod_{t=u+1}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^k.$$

**PROOF.** By Lemma 3.14,  $\beta_1^d \beta(u) \prod_{t=u+1}^{s-2} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^{k-2} P_{m,s} = 0$ , and so

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^{m-s-1} \beta_1^d \beta(u) \prod_{t=u+1}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^{k-1} \\ & + \sum_{i,s} 2^{m-s-1-j} \beta_1^d \beta(u) \prod_{t=u+1}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^{k-1} \beta(i_1) \cdots \beta(i_j) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

The terms for  $(i_1, \dots, i_j) \in I_s$  vanish except for  $(s)$ ,  $(s+1)$  and  $(s, s+1)$  by Lemma 5.1. The term for  $(s+1)$  is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d \beta(u) \prod_{t=u+1}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^{k-1} \beta(s+1) \\ & = 2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d \prod_{t=u}^{s-1} \beta(t) \beta(s)^{k-1} \beta(s+1) \text{ (by Lemma 5.1)} \\ & = 2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d \prod_{t=u}^{s-1} \beta(t) \beta(s)^{k+1} = 0 \text{ (by (3.13) and Lemma 5.1)}. \end{aligned}$$

The term for  $(s, s+1)$  is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^{m-s-3} \beta_1^d \beta(u) \prod_{t=u+1}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^k \beta(s+1) \\ & = 2^{m-s-3} \beta_1^d \prod_{t=u}^{s-1} \beta(t) \beta(s)^k \beta(s+1) \text{ (by Lemma 5.1)} \\ & = 2^{m-s-3} \beta_1^d \prod_{t=u}^{s-1} \beta(t) \beta(s)^{k+2} = 0 \text{ (by (3.13) and Lemma 5.1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have the desired result. q.e.d.

**LEMMA 6.26.** *Under the same assumption as in Lemma 6.25, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d \beta(u) \prod_{t=u+1}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^k \\ & = \sum_{l=1}^s (-1)^{2^{l-1}} 2^{m-s-3 \cdot 2^{l-1} + k} \beta_1^d \beta(u) \prod_{t=u+1}^{s-2} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s-l). \end{aligned}$$

**PROOF.** Since

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d \beta(u) \prod_{t=u+1}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^k = 2^{m-s-1} \beta_1^d \beta(u) \prod_{t=u+1}^{s-2} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^k \\ & + 2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d \beta(u) \prod_{t=u+1}^{s-2} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s-1) \beta(s)^k, \end{aligned}$$

the desired result for even  $k$  follows from Lemmas 6.2 and 6.14, and also the one for odd  $k$  follows from Lemmas 6.13 and 6.14 by making use of Lemma 5.1. q.e.d.

**LEMMA 6.27.** *Suppose  $2 \leq s \leq m-2$  and  $d \geq 2$  is even under the assumption (6.1). Then*

$$2^{m-s-1} \beta_1^d \sum_{u=0}^{s-2} \beta(u) \prod_{t=u+1}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^{k-1}$$

$$= \begin{cases} -\sum_{u=1}^{s-2} \sum_{t=1}^s (-1)^{2^{t-1}} 2^{m-s-3+2^{t+1}k} \beta_1^d \beta(u) \prod_{t=u+1}^{s-2} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s-l) \\ + (-1)^{k+1} 2^{m-s-2+k} \beta_1^{d-2} \beta(1) \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \pm 2^{m-s-1+2k} \beta_1^{d-1} \beta(s) \quad \text{if } s \leq m-3, \\ -\sum_{u=1}^{s-2} \sum_{t=1}^s (-1)^{2^{t-1}} 2^{m-s-3+2^{t+1}k} \beta_1^d \beta(u) \prod_{t=u+1}^{s-2} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s-l) \\ + (-1)^{k+1} 2^{m-s-2+k} \beta_1^{d-2} \beta(1) \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \quad \text{if } s = m-2. \end{cases}$$

PROOF. The lemma is the immediate consequence of Lemmas 6.24–26.

q.e.d.

LEMMA 6.28. *Under the same assumption as in Lemma 6.25, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{t=1}^s \sum_{u=1}^{s-2} (-1)^{2^{t-1}} 2^{m-s-3+2^{t+1}k} \beta_1^d \beta(u) \beta(s-l) \prod_{t=u+1}^{s-2} (2+\beta(t)) \\ &= 2^{m-s-2+2^2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s-1) - 2^{m-4+2^2k} \beta_1^d \beta(1). \end{aligned}$$

PROOF. Since  $2^{m-s-3+2^2k} \beta_1^d (2+\beta(s-2)) \beta(s-1) = 0$  by Lemma 5.9, the term for  $l = 1$  in  $\sum_{t=1}^s$  is equal to

$$2^{m-s-2+2^2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s-1).$$

Consider the terms for  $3 \leq l \leq s$  in  $\sum_{t=1}^s$ . Then

$$2^{m-s-3+2^{t+1}k} \beta_1^d \beta(s-l) \beta(u) = 0$$

for any  $u$  with  $s-l \leq u \leq s-2$  by Lemma 5.1. Hence, the term for  $l$  ( $3 \leq l \leq s$ ) is equal to

$$\sum_{u=1}^{s-l} 2^{m-s-3+2^{t+1}k} \beta_1^d \beta(u) \beta(s-l) \prod_{t=u+1}^{s-2} (2+\beta(t)).$$

Therefore, the summation  $\sum_{t=2}^s$  of the left hand side of the desired relation is equal to

$$(*) \quad \sum_{t=2}^{s-1} \sum_{u=1}^{s-l} 2^{m-s-3+2^{t+1}k} \beta_1^d \beta(u) \beta(s-l) \prod_{t=u+1}^{s-2} (2+\beta(t)).$$

Also, by Lemma 5.1

$$2^{m-s-3+2^{i+1}k} \beta_1^d \beta(u) \beta(s-l) \beta(s-i) = 0$$

for any  $i, u$  with  $2 \leq i \leq l-1$ ,  $1 \leq u \leq s-l$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{u=1}^{s-l} 2^{m-s-3+2^{i+1}k} \beta_1^d \beta(u) \beta(s-l) \prod_{t=u+1}^{s-2} (2+\beta(t)) \\ &= \sum_{u=1}^{s-l} 2^{m-s+l-5+2^{i+1}k} \beta_1^d \beta(u) \beta(s-l) \prod_{t=u+1}^{s-l} (2+\beta(t)) \end{aligned}$$

for  $2 \leq l \leq s-1$ . Therefore, (\*) is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{t=2}^{s-1} \{ 2^{m-s+l-5+2^{t+1}k} \beta_1^d \beta(s-l)^2 + \\ & \sum_{u=1}^{s-l-1} 2^{m-s+l-5+2^{t+1}k} \beta_1^d \beta(u) \beta(s-l) (2+\beta(s-l)) \prod_{t=u+1}^{s-l-1} (2+\beta(t)) \}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, by Lemma 5.1

$$2^{m-s+l-5+2^{i+1}k} \beta_1^d \beta(s-l+1) = 0,$$

and so (\*) is equal to

$$-\sum_{t=2}^{s-1} \{ 2^{m-s+l-3+2^{t+1}k} \beta_1^d \beta(s-l) + \sum_{u=1}^{s-l-1} 2^{m-s+l-4+2^{t+1}k} \beta_1^d \beta(u) \beta(s-l) \prod_{t=u+1}^{s-l-1} (2+\beta(t)) \}$$

by making use of (3.13). While, by Lemma 5.9

$$2^{m-s+l-4+2^{l+1}k} \beta_1^d (2+\beta(s-l-1)) \beta(s-l) = 0 \quad (2 \leq l \leq s-2),$$

$$2^{m-s+l-4+2^{l+1}k} \beta_1^d \beta(u) (2+\beta(s-l-1)) \beta(s-l) = 0 \quad (2 \leq l \leq s-3).$$

These imply that

$$(*) = -2^{m-4+2^s k} \beta_1^d \beta(1).$$

Therefore, we have the desired result.

q. e. d.

### §7. The group $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$ ( $r=2^{m-1}$ ) for odd $n$

In this section, we shall determine the additive structure of  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  ( $r=2^{m-1}$ ) with  $m \geq 2$  for odd  $n$  by giving an additive base. In case  $m=1$ ,  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_1) = \widetilde{KO}(L^{2n+1}(4))$  and its additive structure is given in [12, Th. B]. The result in case  $m=2$  is given in [7, Th. 1.3].

Let  $m \geq 2$ . Then, we have the relations in  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  given by the following propositions.

**PROPOSITION 7.1.** *Suppose  $0 \leq s \leq m-2$  if  $k$  is even,  $1 \leq s \leq m-2$  if  $k$  is odd, and  $d$  is even under the assumption (6.1). Then, we have*

$$\sum_{t=0}^{s-1} (-1)^{2^t} 2^{m-s-4+2^t k} \beta_1^d \beta(s+1-t) + 2^{m-s-4+k} R_0(s+1, d; k) = 0,$$

where  $R_0(s+1, d; k)$  is the element

$$\begin{aligned} & (1 + (-1)^{2^{k'-1}}) 2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d \beta(s+1) && \text{if } k = 2k', \\ & (1 + (-1)^{2^{m-s-2}}) \beta_1^d \beta(s+1) + (1 + (-1)^{2^{s-1}}) 2^{k'+k} \beta_1^d \beta(s) \\ & + (1 + (-1)^{2^{s-1}}) (1 + (-1)^{2^{1+s-2i}}) 2^{k'+3k} \beta_1^d \beta(s-1) \\ & + (1 + (-1)^{2^{2k'-1}}) (1 + (-1)^{2^{i(s-1)+k'-1}}) 2^{s-1+(2^s-1)k} \beta_1^d \beta(1) \\ & - (1 - (-1)^{2^{2k'-1}}) 2^{1+3k} \beta_1^{d+1} && \text{if } k = 2k' + 1. \end{aligned}$$

**PROOF.** Combining Lemmas 6.6, 6.7, 6.11 and 6.12, the desired result follows immediately by making use of Lemma 5.1. q. e. d.

**PROPOSITION 7.2.** *Suppose  $2 \leq s \leq m-2$  and  $d \geq 2$  is even under the assumption (6.1). Then*

$$2^{m-s-3+k} \beta_1^{d-2} \beta(2) \prod_{t=1}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) + 2^{m-s-3+k} R(s, d; k) = 0,$$

where  $R(s, d; k) = (-1)^k \sum_{t=0}^s 2^{-1+(2^{t+1}-1)k} \beta_1^d \beta(s-t) +$

$$\begin{aligned} & (-1)^{(2^{k'-1}+1)\varepsilon(k)+2^{m-s-2}} 2^k \beta_1^d \beta(s) + 2^{2+k} \beta_1^{d-1} \beta(s) \\ & + (1 - (-1)^{2^{k'-1}}) \varepsilon(k) 2^{1+3k} \beta_1^d \beta(s-1) - 2^{s-1+(2^s-1)k} \beta_1^d \beta(1). \end{aligned}$$

Here,  $k' = [k/2]$  and  $\varepsilon(k) = 0$  if  $k$  is even,  $= 1$  if  $k$  is odd.

**PROOF.** The desired result follows from Lemmas 6.2, 6.13, 6.14, 6.18, 6.20, 6.27 and 6.28. q. e. d.

**PROPOSITION 7.3.** *Suppose  $1 \leq s \leq m-2$  and  $d$  is an odd integer with  $0 < d < 2^s$  under the assumption (6.1). Then, the following relation holds in  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  for any non negative integer  $n$ :*

$$2^{m-s-2+k}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(1)\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t)) + \sum_{t=0}^s(-1)^{2^t}2^{m-s-3+2^{t+1}k}\beta_1^d\beta(s-t) = 0.$$

**PROOF.** By [8, Lemma 7.3(ii)] and [9, Th.1.7], the relation

$$(*) \quad 2^{m-s-3+k}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(1)\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t)) + \sum_{t=0}^s(-1)^{2^t}2^{m-s-4+2^{t+1}k}\beta_1^d\beta(s-t) = 0$$

holds in  $\widetilde{K}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$ . Consider an element  $P(2\beta_1, \beta_1^2)$  of  $R(Q_r)$  which is a polynomial in  $2\beta_1$  and  $\beta_1^2$ . Then  $P(2\beta_1, \beta_1^2)$  is an element of  $c(RO(Q_r)) \subset R(Q_r)$  by Propositions 2.6 and 2.7. Since  $\beta_1 \in R(Q_r)$  is self-conjugate,

$$c\tau(P(2\beta_1, \beta_1^2)) = (1+t)(P(2\beta_1, \beta_1^2)) = 2P(2\beta_1, \beta_1^2),$$

where  $\tau: R(Q_r) \longrightarrow RO(Q_r)$  is the real restriction and  $t: R(Q_r) \longrightarrow R(Q_r)$  is the conjugation. Therefore, we find that the image of  $(*)$  by  $\tau$  is the desired relation by making use of the commutative diagram (3.2) and the definitions of  $\beta_1, \beta(t) \in \widetilde{K}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  in [9, (1.1) and (5.1)] and of  $2\beta_1, \beta(t) \in \widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  in (3.3) and (3.13), since we identify  $RO(Q_r)$  with  $c(RO(Q_r))$  under the monomorphic complexification  $c$  (cf. §2).

q. e. d.

**PROPOSITION 7.4.** (i)  $2^{n+1}\alpha_0 = 0$  ( $m \geq 2$ ).

$$(ii) \quad 2^{n+1}\alpha_1 = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } m = 2, \\ \pm 2^{m-1+2n}\beta_1 & \text{if } m \geq 3. \end{cases}$$

**PROOF.** (i) By Propositions 2.5 and 2.7,

$$2^{n+1}\alpha_0 = \alpha_0\beta_1^{n+1} \text{ in } \widetilde{RO}(Q_r)$$

and  $\alpha_0\beta_1^{n+1} \in \text{Ker } \xi$  by Lemma 3.10. Therefore,

$$2^{n+1}\alpha_0 = 0 \text{ in } \widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$$

by (3.9) and the definitions of  $\alpha_0, 2\beta_1$  and  $\beta_1^2 \in \widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  in (3.3) (see also Propositions 2.5 and 2.7).

(ii) By Proposition 2.5,

$$\alpha_1\beta_1^{n+1} = \beta_1^n(\beta_{r-1} - \beta_1) - 2\alpha_1\beta_1^n \text{ in } \widetilde{R}(Q_r).$$

On the other hand, by [9, Lemma 5.3]

$$\beta_{r-1} - \beta_1 = \sum_{u=1}^{m-2}(2+\beta_1)\beta(u)\prod_{t=u+1}^{m-2}(2+\beta(t)) \text{ in } \widetilde{R}(Q_r).$$

Thus

$$(*) \quad \alpha_1\beta_1^{n+1} = (\beta_1^{n+1} + (-1)^n 2^{n+1})\sum_{u=1}^{m-2}\beta(u)\prod_{t=u+1}^{m-2}(2+\beta(t)) \text{ in } \widetilde{R}(Q_r).$$

Since the both sides of  $(*)$  are the polynomials in  $\alpha_1$  and  $\beta_1^2$ , the same relation as  $(*)$  holds in  $\widetilde{RO}(Q_r)$  by Proposition 2.7. Also the same relation as  $(*)$  holds in  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$

by the definitions of  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\beta_1^2$  and  $\beta(t) \in \widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  in (3.3) and (3.13). Therefore, we have

$$2^{n+1}\alpha_1 = 2^{n+1}\sum_{u=1}^{m-2}\beta(u)\prod_{t=u+1}^{m-2}(2+\beta(t)) \text{ (by (3.9)).}$$

From this relation,  $2^{n+1}\alpha_1 = 0$  if  $m = 2$ . Let  $m \geq 3$ . Then, by Lemma 5.1,

$$2^{n+i-1}\beta(m-i) = 0 \quad (2 \leq i \leq m-2).$$

Hence, we have

$$2^{n+1}\sum_{u=1}^{m-2}\beta(u)\prod_{t=u+1}^{m-2}(2+\beta(t)) = 2^{n+m-2}\beta(1) = \pm 2^{m-1+2n}\beta_1 \text{ (by Lemmas 6.5 and 5.1).}$$

q. e. d.

Now, we are ready to prove Theorem 1.6 for odd  $n$ .

**PROOF OF THEOREM 1.6 FOR ODD  $n$ .** The group  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  ( $r = 2^{m-1}$ ) for odd  $n$  is additively generated by  $\alpha_0$ ,  $\bar{\alpha}_1$  and  $\bar{\delta}_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq N'$ ) by Propositions 2.5, 2.7, (3.9), (3.13) and the fact that  $2P_{m,1} = \beta_1 P_{m,1} = 0$  in Lemma 3.14(ii). On the other hand,  $2^{n+1} \times 2^{n+1} \times \prod_{i=1}^{N'} \bar{u}(i) = 2^{(m+3)n+2} = \# \widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  by Propositions 4.13(ii), 7.1-4, Lemma 5.1 and the definitions of  $\bar{\alpha}_1$ ,  $\bar{u}(i)$  and  $\bar{\delta}_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq N'$ ) in (1.5). Therefore, we complete the proof of Theorem 1.6 for odd  $n$ .  
q. e. d.

**COROLLARY 7.5** (cf. [13, Cor.1.7]). *The order of  $\bar{\delta}_1$  in  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  is equal to  $2^{m+2n-1}$  if  $n$  is an odd integer.*

### §8. Some relations in $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$ ( $r = 2^{m-1}$ ) for even $n$

In this section, we give some relations in  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  ( $r = 2^{m-1} \geq 2$ ) for even  $n$ , which play an important part in the next section.

For the elements  $2\beta(0)$ ,  $\beta(s) \in \widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  ( $1 \leq s \leq m$ ) in (3.13), we have the following lemmas.

**LEMMA 8.1.** *For any integers  $k_0, \dots, k_{s-1} \geq 0$  and  $k_s > 0$  ( $0 \leq s \leq m$ ), we have the following relations:*

$$(1)_s \begin{cases} 2^{m-s+h} \prod_{t=0}^s \beta(t)^{k_t} = 0 & \text{if } s=0, 1 \text{ and } m-s+h > 0, \\ 2^{m-s+h+\epsilon(k_0)} \prod_{t=0}^s \beta(t)^{k_t} = 0 & \text{if } 2 \leq s \leq m \text{ and } m-s+h > 0, \end{cases}$$

$$(2)_s \quad 2^{\epsilon(k_0)} \prod_{t=0}^s \beta(t)^{k_t} = 0 \quad \text{if } m-s+h \leq 0,$$

where  $h = h(k_0, \dots, k_s) = 1 + [(n - \sum_{t=0}^s 2^t k_t) / 2^{s-1}]$  and  $\epsilon(k_0) = 0$  if  $k_0$  is even,  $= 1$  if  $k_0$  is odd.

**PROOF.** We prove the lemma by the induction on  $s$  and  $h$ . Let  $s=0$ , and suppose that  $h(k_0) < 0$ . Then  $k_0 \geq n+1$  and  $2\beta_1^{n+1} = 0 = \beta_1^{n+2}$  by (3.9) and Lemma 3.10. Thus (1)<sub>0</sub> and (2)<sub>0</sub> for  $h(k_0) < 0$  hold. Suppose that  $h = h(k_0) \geq 0$ , and assume that (1)<sub>0</sub> and (2)<sub>0</sub> hold for any  $k_0$  with  $h(k_0) < h$ . Since  $h = h(k_0) = 1 + 2(n - k_0) > 0$  and  $n$  is

even,

$$2^{h-1}\beta_1^{k_0-1}P_{m,1} = 0$$

by Lemma 3.14, and so

$$(*) \quad 2^{m+h}\beta(0)^{k_0} + 2^{m-2+h}\beta(0)^{k_0+1} + \sum_{I_0} 2^{m-2+h-j}\beta(0)^{k_0-1}\beta(1)\beta(i_1)\cdots\beta(i_j) = 0,$$

where  $I_0 = \{(i_1, \dots, i_j) : 1 \leq j \leq m-1, 0 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_j \leq m-2\}$ .

By making use of (3.13) and the inductive hypothesis, the second term and the term for any  $(i_1, \dots, i_j) \in I_0$  in  $(*)$  vanish. Thus,  $(1)_0$  and  $(2)_0$  hold.

Let  $s = 1$ , and suppose that  $h = h(k_0, k_1) < 0$ . By (3.13),

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{m-1+h}\beta(0)^{k_0}\beta(1)^{k_1} &= \sum_{i=0}^{k_1} \binom{k_1}{i} 2^{m-1+h+2i}\beta(0)^{k_0+2k_1-i} \quad \text{if } m-1+h > 0, \\ 2^{\epsilon(k_0)}\beta(0)^{k_0}\beta(1)^{k_1} &= \sum_{i=0}^{k_1} \binom{k_1}{i} 2^{\epsilon(k_0)+2i}\beta(0)^{k_0+2k_1-i}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $m-1+h > 0$ ,

$$2^{m-1+h+2i}\beta(0)^{k_0+2k_1-i} = 0 \quad (0 \leq i \leq k_1)$$

by  $(1)_0$  and  $(2)_0$ . Thus  $(1)_1$  for  $h < 0$  holds. If  $m-1+h \leq 0$ ,

$$2^{\epsilon(k_0)+2i}\beta(0)^{k_0+2k_1-i} = 0 \quad (0 \leq i \leq k_1)$$

by  $(1)_0$  and  $(2)_0$ . Hence  $(2)_1$  for  $h < 0$  holds. Suppose  $h = h(k_0, k_1) \geq 0$ , and assume that  $(1)_1$  and  $(2)_1$  hold for any  $k_0, k_1$  with  $h(k_0, k_1) < h$ . Since  $h = 1 + n - k_0 - 2k_1 \geq 0$  and  $n$  is even,

$$2^h\beta(0)^{k_0}\beta(1)^{k_1-1}P_{m,1} = 0$$

by Lemma 3.14, and so

$$(**) \quad 2^{m-1+h}\beta(0)^{k_0}\beta(1)^{k_1} + 2^{m-2+h}\beta(0)^{k_0+1}\beta(1)^{k_1} \\ + \sum_{I_1} 2^{m-2+h-j}(2+\beta(0))\beta(0)^{k_0}\beta(1)^{k_1}\beta(i_1)\cdots\beta(i_j) = 0,$$

where  $I_1 = \{(i_1, \dots, i_j) : 1 \leq j \leq m-2, 1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_j \leq m-2\}$ .

By the inductive hypothesis and (3.13), the second term and the term for any  $(i_1, \dots, i_j) \in I_1$  in  $(**)$  vanish. Thus,  $(1)_1$  and  $(2)_1$  hold.

Let  $2 \leq s \leq m$ . Suppose  $h = h(k_0, \dots, k_s) < 0$ , and assume that  $(1)_{s-1}$  and  $(2)_{s-1}$  hold. Then, by (3.13),

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{m-s+h+\epsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s)^{k_s} &= \sum_{i=0}^{k_s} \binom{k_s}{i} 2^{m-s+h+\epsilon(k_0)+2i}\alpha\beta(s-1)^{2k_s-i}, \\ 2^{\epsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s)^{k_0} &= \sum_{i=0}^{k_s} \binom{k_s}{i} 2^{\epsilon(k_0)+2i}\alpha\beta(s-1)^{2k_s-i}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\alpha = \prod_{t=0}^{s-1}\beta(t)^{k_t}$ . If  $m-s+h > 0$ ,

$$2^{m-s+h+\epsilon(k_0)+2i}\alpha\beta(s-1)^{2k_s-i} = 0 \quad (0 \leq i \leq k_s)$$

by  $(1)_{s-1}$  and  $(2)_{s-1}$ , and so  $(1)_s$  for  $h < 0$  holds. If  $m-s+h \leq 0$ ,

$$2^{\epsilon(k_0)+2i}\alpha\beta(s-1)^{2k_s-i} = 0 \quad (0 \leq i \leq k_s)$$

by  $(1)_{s-1}$  and  $(2)_{s-1}$ , and so  $(2)_s$  for  $h < 0$  holds. Suppose  $h = h(k_0, \dots, k_s) \geq 0$ , and assume that  $(1)_s$  and  $(2)_s$  hold for any  $k_0, \dots, k_s$  with  $h(k_0, \dots, k_s) < h$ . By Lemma 3.14,

$$2^{h+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha\beta(s)^{k_s-1} P_{m,s} = 0 \quad (\alpha = \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} \beta(t)^{k_t}),$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} (***) \quad & 2^{m-s+h+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha\beta(s)^{k_s} + 2^{m-s-1+h+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha\beta(s-1)\beta(s)^{k_s} \\ & + \sum_{I_s} 2^{m-s-1-j+h+\varepsilon(k_0)} (2+\beta(s-1)) \alpha\beta(s)^{k_s} \beta(i_1) \cdots \beta(i_j) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $I_s = \{(i_1, \dots, i_j) : 1 \leq j \leq m-1-s, s \leq i_1 < \dots < i_j \leq m-2\}$ .

By the inductive hypothesis and (3.13), the second term and the term for any  $(i_1, \dots, i_j) \in I_s$  in (\*\*\*) vanish. Therefore,  $(1)_s$  and  $(2)_s$  for  $h \geq 0$  hold. q.e.d.

We can prove the following lemma in the similar way to the proof of Lemma 5.2 by making use of Lemma 8.1 and (3.13).

**LEMMA 8.2.** *For any integers  $k_0, \dots, k_{s-1} \geq 0$  and  $k_s > l > 0$  ( $0 \leq s \leq m$ ), we have*

$$2^{m-s+\varepsilon+h'} \alpha\beta(s)^{k_s} = (-1)^l 2^{m-s+\varepsilon+h'+2l} \alpha\beta(s)^{k_s-1} \quad \text{if } m-s+h' > 0.$$

Also

$$2^{\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha\beta(s)^{k_s} = -2^{\varepsilon(k_0)+2} \alpha\beta(s)^{k_s-1} \quad \text{if } k_s \geq 2 \text{ and } m-s+h' \leq 0.$$

Here,  $h' = [(n - \prod_{t=0}^s 2^t k_t) / 2^s]$ ,  $\alpha = \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} \beta(t)^{k_t}$  and  $\varepsilon = 0$  if  $s = 0$ ,  $\varepsilon = \varepsilon(k_0)$  if  $1 \leq s \leq m$ .

The following lemma is obtained in the similar way to the proof of Lemma 5.3 by making use of Lemma 8.1 and (3.13).

**LEMMA 8.3.** *Let  $h = h(k_0, \dots, k_s)$  be the one in Lemma 8.1 and  $\alpha = \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} \beta(t)^{k_t}$ . Then we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad & \begin{cases} 2^{m-1+2h} \beta(0)^{k_0} \beta(1)^{k_1} = 0 & \text{if } s = 1, m-2+2h \geq 0, \\ 2^{\varepsilon(k_0)} \beta(0)^{k_0} \beta(1)^{k_1} = 0 & \text{if } s = 1, m-2+2h < 0. \end{cases} \\ \text{(ii)} \quad & \begin{cases} 2^{m-s+1+2h+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha\beta(s)^{k_s} = 0 & \text{if } 2 \leq s \leq m, m-s+1+2h \geq 0, \\ 2^{\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha\beta(s)^{k_s} = 0 & \text{if } 2 \leq s \leq m, m-s+1+2h < 0. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

**LEMMA 8.4.** *Let  $m \geq 3$ ,  $l \geq 1$  and  $l \geq h = h(k_0, k_1)$  except for the case  $l = 1$  and  $h$  is even. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} (1)_h \quad & \pm (2+\beta(0)) 2^{m-4+l} \beta(0)^{k_0+1} \beta(1)^{k_1} = (2+\beta(0)) 2^{m-3+l} \beta(0)^{k_0+1} \beta(1)^{k_1-1} \quad \text{if } k_0 \geq 0 \text{ and } k_1 \geq 2, \\ (2)_h \quad & \pm (2+\beta(0)) 2^{m-4+l} \beta(0)^{k_0-1} \beta(1)^{k_1+1} = (2+\beta(0)) 2^{m-3+l} \beta(0)^{k_0-1} \beta(1)^{k_1} \quad \text{if } k_0 > 0, k_1 > 0. \end{aligned}$$

**PROOF.** By Lemma 3.14,

$$2^{l-1}\beta(0)^{k_0+1}\beta(1)^{k_1-2}P_{m,1} = 0,$$

and so

$$2^{m-3+l}(2+\beta(0))\beta(0)^{k_0+1}\beta(1)^{k_1-1} + \sum_{I_1} 2^{m-3+l-j}(2+\beta(0))\beta(0)^{k_0+1}\beta(1)^{k_1-1}\beta(i_1)\cdots\beta(i_j) = 0.$$

The terms for  $(i_1, \dots, i_j) \in I_1$  vanish except for  $(1) \in I_1$  by Lemma 8.1. This implies  $(1)_h$ .  $(2)_h$  follows from the relation

$$2^{l-1}\beta(0)^{k_0-1}\beta(1)^{k_1-1}P_{m,1} = 0$$

in Lemma 3.14 by making use of Lemma 8.1 in the similar way to the proof of  $(1)_h$ .  
q. e. d.

**LEMMA 8.5.** *Let  $m \geq 3$ ,  $l \geq 1$  and  $l \geq h = h(k_0, k_1)$ . Then*

$$(3)_h \quad 2^{m-1+l}\beta(0)^{k_0+1}\beta(1)^{k_1-1} \pm 2^{m-2+l}\beta(0)^{k_0}\beta(1)^{k_1} = 0 \quad \text{if } k_0 \geq 0 \text{ and } k_1 \geq 2,$$

$$(4)_h \quad 2^{m-1+l}\beta(0)^{k_0-1}\beta(1)^{k_1} \pm 2^{m-2+l}\beta(0)^{k_0}\beta(1)^{k_1} = 0 \quad \text{if } k_0 > 0 \text{ and } k_1 > 0,$$

$$(5)_h \quad 2^{m-2+l}\beta(0)^{k_0}\beta(1)^{k_1} = \pm 2^{m+l}\beta(0)^{k_0}\beta(1)^{k_1-1} \quad \text{if } k_0 \geq 0 \text{ and } k_1 \geq 2.$$

**PROOF.** If  $l = 1 \geq h$  and  $h$  is even, each term in  $(3)_h$ ,  $(4)_h$  and  $(5)_h$  vanishes by Lemma 8.1. In other cases,  $(3)_h$  and  $(4)_h$  follow from  $2 \times (1)_h$  and  $2 \times (2)_h$  in Lemma 8.4 by (3.13) and Lemma 8.1.  $(5)_h$  is the immediate consequence of  $(3)_h$  and  $(4)_h$ .  
q. e. d.

**LEMMA 8.6.** *Let  $m \geq 3$  and  $h(k_0, k_1) = 1$ . Then*

$$(6) \quad -2^{m-1}\beta(0)^{k_0+1}\beta(1)^{k_1-1} + 2^{m-2}\beta(0)^{k_0}\beta(1)^{k_1} \pm 2^{m-2+2n}\beta(0) = 0 \quad \text{if } k_0 \geq 0 \text{ and } k_1 \geq 2,$$

$$(7) \quad 2^{m-1}\beta(0)^{k_0-1}\beta(1)^{k_1} + 2^{m-2}\beta(0)^{k_0}\beta(1)^{k_1} \pm 2^{m-2+2n}\beta(0) = 0 \quad \text{if } k_0 > 0 \text{ and } k_1 > 0.$$

**PROOF.** Consider  $(1)_l$  for  $l = 1 = h(k_0, k_1)$  in Lemma 8.4. The term

$$2^{m-3}\beta(0)^{k_0+2}\beta(1)^{k_1}$$

vanishes by Lemma 8.3. By (3.13),

$$(*) \quad 2^{m-2}\beta(0)^{k_0+1}\beta(1)^{k_1} = \sum_{i=0}^{k_1} \binom{k_1}{i} 2^{m-2+2i}\beta(0)^{k_0+1+2k_1-i}$$

The term for  $i = 0$  in  $(*)$  vanishes by Lemma 8.1, and the term for  $i \geq 1$  in  $(*)$  is equal to

$$\binom{k_1}{i} 2^{m-2+2i}\beta(0)^{k_0+1+2k_1-i} = \pm \binom{k_1}{i} 2^{m-2+2k_0+2^2k_1}\beta(0)$$

by Lemmas 8.1-2. Therefore, we have

$$2^{m-2}\beta(0)^{k_0+1}\beta(1)^{k_1} = \pm 2^{m-2+2n}\beta(0).$$

On the other hand, by (3.13)

$$2^{m-2}\beta(0)^{k_0+2}\beta(1)^{k_1-1} = 2^{m-2}\beta(0)^{k_0}\beta(1)^{k_1} - 2^m\beta(0)^{k_0+1}\beta(1)^{k_1-1}.$$

Thus (6) follows from Lemma 8.4(1)<sub>l</sub>. (7) follows from Lemma 8.4(2)<sub>l</sub> in the similar way to the proof of (6).  
q. e. d.

LEMMA 8.7. *Let  $m \geq 3$  and  $h(k_0, k_1) = 2$ . Then*

$$(8) \quad 2^m \beta(0)^{k_0+1} \beta(1)^{k_1-1} + 2^{m-1} \beta(0)^{k_0} \beta(1)^{k_1} \pm 2^{m-2+2n} \beta(0) = 0 \quad \text{if } k_0 \geq 0 \text{ and } k_1 \geq 2,$$

$$(9) \quad -2^m \beta(0)^{k_0-1} \beta(1)^{k_1} + 2^{m-1} \beta(0)^{k_0} \beta(1)^{k_1} \pm 2^{m-2+2n} \beta(0) = 0 \quad \text{if } k_0 > 0 \text{ and } k_1 > 0.$$

PROOF. Consider  $(1)_2$  for  $l = 2 = h(k_0, k_1)$  in Lemma 8.4.

Then

$$2^{m-1} \beta(0)^{k_0+1} \beta(1)^{k_1} = \pm 2^{m+1} \beta(0)^{k_0+1} \beta(1)^{k_1-1} \quad (\text{by Lemma 8.5(5),})$$

By (3.13), we have

$$(*) \quad 2^{m-2} \beta(0)^{k_0+2} \beta(1)^{k_1} = \sum_{i=0}^{k_1} \binom{k_1}{i} 2^{m-2+2i} \beta(0)^{k_0+2k_1+2-i}.$$

The term for  $i = 0$  in  $(*)$  vanishes by Lemma 8.1, and

$$2^{m-2+2i} \beta(0)^{k_0+2k_1+2-i} = \pm 2^{m-2+2n} \beta(0) \quad \text{if } i \geq 1$$

by Lemmas 8.1-2. On the other hand, by (3.13) and Lemma 8.1,

$$2^{m-1} \beta(0)^{k_0+2} \beta(1)^{k_1-1} = 2^{m-1} \beta(0)^{k_0} \beta(1)^{k_1} \pm 2^{m+1} \beta(0)^{k_0+1} \beta(1)^{k_1-1}.$$

Therefore, (8) follows from Lemma 8.4(1)<sub>2</sub>. (9) follows from Lemmas 8.4(2)<sub>2</sub> and 8.5(5)<sub>1</sub> in the similar way to the proof of (8). q.e.d.

LEMMA 8.8. *Let  $m \geq 3$ ,  $l \geq 3$  and  $l \geq h = h(k_0, k_1)$ . Then*

$$(10)_h \quad 2^{m-2+l} \beta(0)^{k_0+1} \beta(1)^{k_1-1} - 2^{m-3+l} \beta(0)^{k_0} \beta(1)^{k_1} = 0 \quad \text{if } k_0 \geq 0, k_1 \geq 2,$$

$$(11)_h \quad 2^{m-2+l} \beta(0)^{k_0-1} \beta(1)^{k_1} + 2^{m-3+l} \beta(0)^{k_0} \beta(1)^{k_1} = 0 \quad \text{if } k_0 > 0, k_1 > 0.$$

PROOF. Consider  $(1)_h$  in Lemma 8.4. Then

$$(2 + \beta(0)) 2^{m-4+l} \beta(0)^{k_0+1} \beta(1)^{k_1} = 0$$

by Lemma 8.5(4)<sub>h-2</sub>. Also, by (3.13),

$$2^{m-3+l} \beta(0)^{k_0+2} \beta(1)^{k_1-1} = 2^{m-3+l} \beta(0)^{k_0} \beta(1)^{k_1} - 2^{m-1+l} \beta(0)^{k_0+1} \beta(1)^{k_1-1}.$$

Therefore,  $(10)_h$  follows from Lemma 8.4(1)<sub>h</sub>.  $(11)_h$  follows from Lemmas 8.4(2)<sub>h</sub> and 8.5(4)<sub>h-2</sub> in the similar way to the proof of  $(10)_h$ . q.e.d.

LEMMA 8.9. *Let  $2 \leq s \leq m-1$ ,  $l \geq 1$  and  $l \geq h = h(k_0, \dots, k_s)$ .*

Then

$$(12)_h \quad (2 + \beta(s-1)) 2^{m-s-2+l+\epsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1} \beta(s)^{k_s-1}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \pm (2 + \beta(s-1)) 2^{m-s-3+l+\epsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1} \beta(s)^{k_s} & \text{if } 2 \leq s \leq m-2, k_{s-1} \geq 0 \text{ and } k_s \geq 2, \\ 0 & \text{if } s = m-1, k_{s-1} \geq 0 \text{ and } k_s \geq 2, \end{cases}$$

$$(13)_h \quad (2 + \beta(s-1)) 2^{m-s-2+l+\epsilon(k_0)} \alpha \beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}-1} \beta(s)^{k_s}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \pm(2+\beta(s-1))2^{m-s-3+l+\epsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}-1}\beta(s)^{k_{s+1}} & \text{if } 2 \leq s \leq m-2, k_{s-1} > 0 \text{ and } k_s > 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } s = m-1, k_{s-1} > 0 \text{ and } k_s > 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $\alpha = \prod_{t=0}^{s-2} \beta(t)^{k_t}$ . Moreover, the right hand sides of (12)<sub>h</sub> and (13)<sub>h</sub> vanish if  $h \leq 0$ .

**PROOF.** By Lemma 3.14,

$$2^{l-1+\epsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1}\beta(s)^{k_s-2}P_{m,s} = 0,$$

and so

$$(2+\beta(s-1))2^{m-s-2+l+\epsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1}\beta(s)^{k_s-1} + \sum_{I_s} (2+\beta(s-1))2^{m-s-2+l-j+\epsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1}\beta(s)^{k_s-1}\beta(i_1)\cdots\beta(i_j) = 0.$$

Since  $I_{m-1} = \emptyset$ , (12)<sub>h</sub> for  $s = m-1$  holds. Consider the case  $2 \leq s \leq m-2$ . Then, the terms for  $(i_1, \dots, i_j) \in I_s$  vanish except for  $(s) \in I_s$  by Lemma 8.1. Therefore, (12)<sub>h</sub> holds. (13)<sub>h</sub> follows from the relation

$$2^{l-1+\epsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}-1}\beta(s)^{k_s-1}P_{m,s} = 0$$

in Lemma 3.14 in the same manner as the proof of (12)<sub>h</sub>. The last statement is easily verified by Lemma 8.1. q.e.d.

**LEMMA 8.10.** *Let  $2 \leq s \leq m-1$ ,  $l \geq 0$  and  $l \geq h = h(k_0, \dots, k_s)$ . Then*

$$(14)_h \quad 2^{m-s+l+\epsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1}\beta(s)^{k_s-1}$$

$$= \pm 2^{m-s-1+l+\epsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}}\beta(s)^{k_s} \quad \text{if } k_{s-1} \geq 0, k_s \geq 2,$$

$$(15)_h \quad 2^{m-s+l+\epsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}-1}\beta(s)^{k_s} = \pm 2^{m-s-1+l+\epsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}}\beta(s)^{k_s} \quad \text{if } k_{s-1} > 0, k_s > 0,$$

$$(16)_h \quad 2^{m-s-1+l+\epsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}}\beta(s)^{k_s} = \pm 2^{m-s+1+l+\epsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}}\beta(s)^{k_s-1} \quad \text{if } k_{s-1} \geq 0, k_s \geq 2,$$

where  $\alpha = \prod_{t=0}^{s-2} \beta(t)^{k_t}$ .

**PROOF.** Since

$$2^{m-s+1+l+\epsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1}\beta(s)^{k_s-1} = 0$$

by Lemma 8.1, (14)<sub>h</sub> and (15)<sub>h</sub> follow from (12)<sub>h</sub> and (13)<sub>h</sub> respectively by making use of (3.13) and Lemma 8.1. (16)<sub>h</sub> is the immediate consequence of (14)<sub>h</sub> and (15)<sub>h</sub>. q.e.d.

**LEMMA 8.11.** *Let  $2 \leq s \leq m-2$  and  $h(k_0, \dots, k_s) = 1$ . Then*

$$(17) \quad 2^{m-s+\epsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1}\beta(s)^{k_s-1} + 2^{m-s-1+\epsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}}\beta(s)^{k_s}$$

$$= \pm 2^{m-s+2k_{s-1}+2^2k_s+\epsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s-1) \quad \text{if } k_{s-1} \geq 0, k_s \geq 2,$$

$$(18) \quad 2^{m-s+\epsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}-1}\beta(s)^{k_s} - 2^{m-s-1+\epsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}}\beta(s)^{k_s}$$

$$= \pm 2^{m-s+2k_{s-1}+2^2k_s+\epsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s-1) \quad \text{if } k_{s-1} > 0, k_s > 0,$$

where  $\alpha = \prod_{t=0}^{s-2} \beta(t)^{k_t}$ . Moreover, the right hand sides of (17) and (18) vanish if  $s = 2$  or  $0 \leq n - \sum_{t=0}^s 2^t k_t < 2^{s-2}$ .

**PROOF.** Consider (12)<sub>1</sub> in Lemma 8.9. By (3.13)

$$2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-2+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+2} \beta(s)^{k_s} = \sum_{i=0}^{k_s} \binom{k_s}{i} 2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-2+\varepsilon(k_0)+2i} \alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+2k_s+2-i}.$$

The term for  $i=0$  vanishes by Lemma 8.3, and

$$2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-2+\varepsilon(k_0)+2i} \alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+2k_s+2-i} = \pm 2^{\mathfrak{m}-s+2k_{s-1}+2^2k_s+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha\beta(s-1) \text{ if } i \geq 1$$

by Lemma 8.2. Therefore, we have

$$2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-2+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+2} \beta(s)^{k_s} = \pm 2^{\mathfrak{m}-s+2k_{s-1}+2^2k_s+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha\beta(s-1).$$

On the other hand, by (16)<sub>0</sub> in Lemma 8.10

$$2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-1+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1} \beta(s)^{k_s} = \pm 2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-1+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1} \beta(s)^{k_{s-1}}.$$

Hence, we have (17) by (12)<sub>1</sub> in Lemma 8.9. In the same manner as the proof of (17), we have (18) by making use of (13)<sub>1</sub> in Lemma 8.9, (16)<sub>0</sub> in Lemma 8.10 and Lemma 8.1. The last statement follows from Lemma 8.1. q.e.d.

**LEMMA 8.12.** *Let  $2 \leq s \leq m-2$ ,  $l \geq 2$  and  $l \geq h = h(k_0, \dots, k_s)$ . Then*

$$(19)_h \quad 2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-1+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1} \beta(s)^{k_{s-1}} \\ = 2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-2+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}} \beta(s)^{k_s} \quad \text{if } k_{s-1} \geq 0, k_s \geq 2,$$

$$(20)_h \quad 2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-1+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}-1} \beta(s)^{k_s} \\ = -2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-2+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}} \beta(s)^{k_s} \quad \text{if } k_{s-1} > 0, k_s > 0.$$

**PROOF.** Consider the right hand side of (12)<sub>h</sub> in Lemma 8.9. Then, we have

$$2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-2+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1} \beta(s)^{k_s} = \pm 2^{\mathfrak{m}-s+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1} \beta(s)^{k_{s-1}}$$

by (16)<sub>h-1</sub> in Lemma 8.10, and

$$2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-3+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+2} \beta(s)^{k_s} = \pm 2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-1+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+2} \beta(s)^{k_{s-1}}$$

by (16)<sub>h-2</sub> in Lemma 8.10. On the other hand,

$$2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-2+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+2} \beta(s)^{k_{s-1}} \\ = 2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-2+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}} \beta(s)^{k_s} - 2^{\mathfrak{m}-s+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}+1} \beta(s)^{k_{s-1}}$$

by (3.13). Thus, (19)<sub>h</sub> follows from (12)<sub>h</sub>. Consider (13)<sub>h</sub> in Lemma 8.9. Then, we have

$$2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-2+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}-1} \beta(s)^{k_{s+1}} = \pm 2^{\mathfrak{m}-s+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}-1} \beta(s)^{k_s}$$

by (16)<sub>h-1</sub>, and

$$2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-3+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}} \beta(s)^{k_{s+1}} = \pm 2^{\mathfrak{m}-s-1+l+\varepsilon(k_0)} \alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}} \beta(s)^{k_s}$$

by (16)<sub>h-2</sub>. Thus (20)<sub>h</sub> follows from (13)<sub>h</sub>.

q.e.d.

The following lemma is obtained from Lemmas 8.6–12.

LEMMA 8.13. (i) Let  $m \geq 3$ ,  $k_0 \geq 0$  and  $k_1 \geq 2$ . Then

$$(21) \quad 2^{m-2}\beta(0)^{k_0}\beta(1)^{k_1} = 2^m\beta(0)^{k_0}\beta(1)^{k_1-1} \quad \text{if } h(k_0, k_1) = 1,$$

$$(22) \quad 2^{m-1}\beta(0)^{k_0}\beta(1)^{k_1} = 2^{m+1}\beta(0)^{k_0}\beta(1)^{k_1-1} \pm 2^{m-2+2n}\beta(0) \quad \text{if } h(k_0, k_1) = 2,$$

$$(23)_h \quad 2^{m-3+l}\beta(0)^{k_0}\beta(1)^{k_1} = -2^{m-1+l}\beta(0)^{k_0}\beta(1)^{k_1-1} \quad \text{if } l \geq 3 \text{ and } l \geq h(k_0, k_1).$$

(ii) Let  $2 \leq s \leq m-2$ ,  $k_{s-1} \geq 0$  and  $k_s \geq 2$ . Then

$$(24) \quad 2^{m-s-1+\varepsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}}\beta(s)^{k_s} = \pm 2^{m-s+1+\varepsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}}\beta(s)^{k_s-1} \quad \text{if } 0 \geq h(k_0, \dots, k_s),$$

$$(25) \quad 2^{m-s-1+\varepsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}}\beta(s)^{k_s} \\ = 2^{m-s+1+\varepsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}}\beta(s)^{k_s-1} \pm 2^{m-s+2k_{s-1}+2^2k_s+\varepsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s-1) \quad \text{if } h(k_0, \dots, k_s) = 1,$$

$$(26)_h \quad 2^{m-s-2+l+\varepsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}}\beta(s)^{k_s} \\ = -2^{m-s+l+\varepsilon(k_0)}\alpha\beta(s-1)^{k_{s-1}}\beta(s)^{k_s-1} \quad \text{if } l \geq 2 \text{ and } l \geq h(k_0, \dots, k_s),$$

where  $\alpha = \prod_{t=0}^{s-2}\beta(t)^{k_t}$ . Moreover, the last term of (25) vanishes if  $s = 2$  or  $0 \leq n - \sum_{t=0}^s 2^t k_t < 2^{s-2}$ .

LEMMA 8.14. Let  $m \geq 3$  and  $1 \leq h \leq n-2$ . Then

$$2^{m-2+h}\beta(0)^{n+1-h} = (-1)^{h+1}\{(2^{n-h} - 1)2^{m-3+n}\beta(0)^2 + (2^{n-h-1} - 1)2^{m-1+n}\beta(0)\}.$$

PROOF. Consider (4)<sub>h</sub> for  $l = h = h(k_0, k_1)$  and  $k_0 > 0$ ,  $k_1 = 1$ . Then

$$(*) \quad 2^{m-2+h}\beta(0)^{n+1-h} + 3 \cdot 2^{m-1+h}\beta(0)^{n-h} + 2^{m+1+h}\beta(0)^{n-1-h} = 0$$

by (3.13), where we notice that

$$1 \leq h = h(k_0, 1) = n - k_0 - 1 \leq n - 2.$$

The desired result is obtained by the induction on  $h$  by making use of (\*). q.e.d.

### §9. Basic relations concerned with an additive base of

#### $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$ ( $r = 2^{m-1}$ ) for even $n$

In this section, we prove some basic relations concerned with an additive base of  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  ( $r = 2^{m-1}$ ) for even  $n$  by making use of the relations given in §8.

Let  $s$ ,  $k$  and  $d$  be the integers which satisfy

$$0 \leq s \leq m-2, \quad 2^s(k-1) \leq n-d < 2^s k, \quad k \geq 2 \text{ and } d \geq 0 \text{ (cf. (6.1)).}$$

Then, we have the following lemmas.

LEMMA 9.1. Suppose  $1 \leq s \leq m-2$ ,  $k$  and  $d$  are even under the assumption (6.1). Then

$$2^{m-s-2}\beta^d(\beta(s+2-t)^{2^{t-1}k} - \beta(s+1-t)^{2^{t-1}k}) = 2^{m-s-4+2^t k}\beta^d\beta(s+1-t)$$

for any  $t$  with  $1 \leq t \leq s+1$ .

PROOF. Let  $u = s+1-t$ . Then, by (3.13)

$$2^{m-s-2}\beta_1^\alpha(\beta(u+1)^{2^{t-2}k} - \beta(u)^{2^{t-1}k}) = \sum_{i=1}^{2^{t-2}k} \binom{2^{t-2}k}{i} 2^{m-s-2+2i}\beta_1^\alpha\beta(u)^{2^{t-1}k-i}.$$

The  $i$ -th term is equal to

$$(-1)^{i-1} \binom{2^{t-2}k}{i} 2^{m-s-4+2i} \beta_1^\alpha\beta(u) \quad (1 \leq i \leq 2^{t-2}k)$$

by Lemma 8.2. Therefore, we have the desired result. q.e.d.

LEMMA 9.2. *Under the same assumption as in Lemma 9.1, we have*

$$\sum_{i=0}^{s+1} 2^{m-s-4+2i} \beta_1^\alpha\beta(s+1-i) = 0.$$

PROOF. By summarizing the relations of Lemma 9.1 over  $t$ , we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{s+1} 2^{m-s-4+2i} \beta_1^\alpha\beta(s+1-i) = 2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^\alpha\beta(s+1)^{k/2} - 2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^{\alpha+2^2k}.$$

By Lemma 8.1,  $2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^{\alpha+2^2k} = 0$ , and

$$2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^\alpha\beta(s+1)^{k/2} = \pm 2^{m-s-4+k} \beta_1^\alpha\beta(s+1)$$

by Lemmas 8.1-2. Therefore, we have the desired result. q.e.d.

LEMMA 9.3. *Suppose  $1 \leq s \leq m-2$ ,  $k = 2k' + 1 \geq 3$  and  $d$  is even under the assumption (6.1). Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^\alpha(\beta(s+2-t)^{2^{t-1}k} - \beta(s+1-t)^{2^{t-1}k}) \\ = & \begin{cases} 2^{m-s-4+2i} \beta_1^\alpha\beta(s-1) \pm 2^{m-s-3+2k} \beta_1^\alpha\beta(s) & \text{if } 2 = t \leq s+1, \\ 2^{m-s-4+2i} \beta_1^\alpha\beta(s+1-t) & \text{if } 3 \leq t \leq s+1. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

PROOF. Let  $2 \leq t \leq s+1$  and  $u = s+1-t$ . Then, by (3.13)

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^\alpha\beta(u+1)^{2^{t-2}k} &= 2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^\alpha(\beta(u)^2 + 2^2\beta(u))^{2^{t-1}k} \beta(u+1)^{2^{t-2}k} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{2^{t-1}k} \binom{2^{t-1}k}{i} 2^{m-s-2+2i} \beta_1^\alpha\beta(u)^{2^{t-1}k-i} \beta(u+1)^{2^{t-2}k-i}. \end{aligned}$$

Since the  $i$ -th term for  $1 \leq i \leq 2^{t-1}k'$  vanishes by Lemma 8.1,

$$2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^\alpha\beta(u+1)^{2^{t-2}k} = 2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^\alpha\beta(u)^{2^{t-1}k'} \beta(u+1)^{2^{t-2}k'}.$$

Thus,

$$(*) \quad 2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^\alpha(\beta(u+1)^{2^{t-2}k} - \beta(u)^{2^{t-1}k}) = \sum_{i=1}^{2^{t-2}k} \binom{2^{t-2}k}{i} 2^{m-s-2+2i} \beta_1^\alpha\beta(u)^{2^{t-1}k-i}.$$

The  $i$ -th term for  $i \neq 1$ ,  $2$  ( $3 \leq t \leq s+1$ ) in (\*) is equal to

$$(-1)^{i-1} \binom{2^{t-2}k}{i} 2^{m-s-4+2i} \beta_1^\alpha\beta(u) \quad (\text{by Lemma 8.2}).$$

The  $i$ -th term for  $i = 2^v$  ( $v = 0, 1$ , and  $v = 0$  if  $t = 2$ ) in (\*) is equal to

$$\binom{2^{t-2}k}{i} 2^{m-s-2+2i} \beta_1^\alpha\beta(u)^{2-i} (\beta(u+1) - 2^2\beta(u))^{2^{t-1}k-1} \quad (\text{by (3.13)})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \binom{2^{t-2}}{i} \{ 2^{m-s-2+2i} \beta_1^d \beta(u)^{2-i} \beta(u+1)^{2^{t-2}k-1} + \\
&\quad \sum_{j=1}^{2^{t-2}k-1} (-1)^j \binom{2^{t-2}k-1}{j} 2^{m-s-2+2i+2j} \beta_1^d \beta(u)^{2-i+j} \beta(u+1)^{2^{t-2}k-1-j} \} \\
&= \pm 2^{m-u-3-v+2i} \beta_1^d \beta(u)^{2-i} \beta(u+1)^{2^{t-2}k-1} + \\
&\quad (-1)^{2^{t-2}k-1} \binom{2^{t-2}}{i} 2^{m-s-4+2i+2^{t-1}k} \beta_1^d \beta(u)^{2^{t-2}k+1-i} \quad (\text{by Lemma 8.1}) \\
&= \pm 2^{m-u-7-v+2i+2^{t-1}k} \beta_1^d \beta(u)^{2-i} \beta(u+1) + (-1)^{i-1} \binom{2^{t-2}}{i} 2^{m-s-4+2^{t-1}k} \beta_1^d \beta(u) \quad (\text{by Lemma 8.2}).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d (\beta(u+1)^{2^{t-2}k} - \beta(u)^{2^{t-1}k}) \\
&= \begin{cases} 2^{m-s-4+2^t k} \beta_1^d \beta(u) \pm 2^{m-s-4+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(u) \beta(u+1) & \text{if } 2 = t \leq s+1, \\ 2^{m-s-4+2^t k} \beta_1^d \beta(u) \pm 2^{m-u-5+2^{t-1}k} \beta_1^d (2+\beta(u)) \beta(u+1) & \text{if } 3 \leq t \leq s+1. \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$2^{m-u-5+2^{t-1}k} \beta_1^d (2+\beta(u)) \beta(u+1) = 0$$

by Lemmas 8.5 and 8.10. Thus, we have the desired result. q.e.d.

LEMMA 9.4. *Under the same assumption as in Lemma 9.3, we have*

$$\sum_{t=0}^{s+1} 2^{m-s-4+2^t k} \beta_1^d \beta(s+1-t) = 0.$$

PROOF. By summarizing the relations in Lemma 9.3 over  $t$  ( $2 \leq t \leq s+1$ ), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{t=1}^{s+1} 2^{m-s-4+2^t k} \beta_1^d \beta(s+1-t) \\
&= 2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d \beta(s)^k - 2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^{d+2^s k} - 2^{m-s-4+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s) \\
&= 2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d \beta(s)^k - 2^{m-s-4+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s) \quad (\text{by Lemma 8.1}).
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned}
&2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d \beta(s)^k \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^{k'} \binom{k'}{i} (-1)^i 2^{m-s-2+2i} \beta_1^d \beta(s)^{i+1} \beta(s+1)^{k'-i} \quad (\text{by (3.13)}) \\
&= 2^{m-s-2} \beta_1^d \beta(s) \beta(s+1)^{k'} + (-1)^k 2^{m-s-3+k} \beta_1^d \beta(s)^{k'+1} \quad (\text{by Lemma 8.1}) \\
&= \pm 2^{m-s-5+k} \beta_1^d \beta(s) \beta(s+1) + 2^{m-s-4+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s) \quad (\text{by Lemmas 8.1-2}) \\
&= \pm 2^{m-s-4+k} \beta_1^d \beta(s+1) + 2^{m-s-4+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s) \quad (\text{by Lemmas 8.5, 8.10}).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have the desired result. q.e.d.

LEMMA 9.5. *Suppose  $2 \leq s \leq m-2$  and  $d > 0$  is even under the assumption (6.1). Then*

$$2^{m-s-3+k-l} \beta_1^{d-1} \beta(1) \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^l = -2^{m-s-4+k-l} \beta_1^{d-1} \beta(1) \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^{l+1}$$

for  $0 \leq l \leq k-2$ .

PROOF. By Lemma 3.14,  $2^{k-t-2}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(s)^t P_{m,1} = 0$ , and so

$$2^{m-s-3+k-t}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(1)\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^t \\ + \sum_{I_s} 2^{m-s-3+k-t-j}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(1)\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^t\beta(i_1)\cdots\beta(i_j) = 0,$$

where  $I_s = \{(i_1, \dots, i_j) : 1 \leq j \leq m-s-1, s \leq i_1 < \dots < i_j \leq m-2\}$ .

The terms for  $(i_1, \dots, i_j) \in I_s$  vanish except for  $(s) \in I_s$  by Lemma 8.1 in the similar way to the proof of Lemma 6.15. Thus, the desired result follows. q. e. d.

LEMMA 9.6. *Under the same assumption as in Lemma 9.5, we have*

$$2^{m-s-3+k}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(1)\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t)) = (-1)^{k-1}2^{m-s-2}\beta_1^{d+1}\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-1}.$$

PROOF. By Lemma 9.5, we have

$$2^{m-s-3+k}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(1)\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t)) = (-1)^{k-1}2^{m-s-2}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(1)\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-1}.$$

On the other hand,

$$2^{m-s-2}\beta_1^{d-1}\beta(1)\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-1} \\ = 2^{m-s-2}\beta_1^{d+1}\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-1} + 2^{m-s}\beta_1^d\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-1} \quad (\text{by (3.13)}) \\ = 2^{m-s-2}\beta_1^{d+1}\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-1} \quad (\text{by Lemma 8.1}).$$

Thus, we have the desired result. q. e. d.

LEMMA 9.7. *Under the same assumption as in Lemma 9.5, we have*

$$2^{m-s-1}\beta_1^d\beta(s-1)\beta(s)^{k-1} = (-1)^k 2^{m-s-4+2k}\beta_1^d\beta(s) - 2^{m-s-2}\beta_1^d\beta(s-1)\beta(s)^k.$$

PROOF. By Lemma 3.14,  $\beta_1^d\beta(s)^{k-2}P_{m,s} = 0$ , and so

$$2^{m-s-1}\beta_1^d\beta(s-1)\beta(s)^{k-1} \\ = -2^{m-s}\beta_1^d\beta(s)^{k-1} - \sum_{I_s} 2^{m-s-1-j}(2+\beta(s-1))\beta_1^d\beta(s)^{k-1}\beta(i_1)\cdots\beta(i_j).$$

The terms for  $(i_1, \dots, i_j) \in I_s$  vanish except for  $(s) \in I_s$  by Lemma 8.1, and

$$2^{m-s}\beta_1^d\beta(s)^{k-1} = (-1)^k 2^{m-s-4+2k}\beta_1^d\beta(s) \quad (\text{by Lemma 8.2}).$$

The term for  $(s) \in I_s$  is equal to

$$-(2+\beta(s-1))2^{m-s-2}\beta_1^d\beta(s)^k = \pm 2^{m-s-3+2k}\beta_1^d\beta(s) - 2^{m-s-2}\beta_1^d\beta(s-1)\beta(s)^k \\ (\text{by Lemmas 8.1-2}).$$

Thus, we complete the proof. q. e. d.

LEMMA 9.8. *Under the same assumption as in Lemma 9.5, we have*

$$2^{m-s-2}\beta_1^d\beta(s)^k \\ = 2^{m-s-2}\beta_1^{d+1}\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-1} + (-1)^k 2^{m-s-4+2k}\beta_1^d\beta(s) \\ - 2^{m-s-2}\beta_1^d\beta(s-1)\beta(s)^k + \sum_{u=0}^{s-2} 2^{m-s-1}\beta_1^d\beta(u)\prod_{t=u+1}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-1}.$$

**PROOF.** In the same manner as the proof of Lemma 6.20, we can prove the lemma by making use of Lemmas 3.14(i) and 9.7. q.e.d.

**LEMMA 9.9.** *Suppose  $2 \leq s \leq m-2$  and  $d$  is even under the assumption (6.1). Then*

$$2^{m-s-2}\beta_1^d\beta(s)^k = \sum_{t=0}^s 2^{m-s-4+2^{t+1}k}\beta_1^d\beta(s-t) + (-1)^{k-1}2^{m-s-4+2k}\beta_1^d\beta(s).$$

**PROOF.** In the case  $k$  is even.

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^{m-s-2}\beta_1^d\beta(s)^k \\ &= 2^{m-s-2}\beta_1^d\beta(s+1)^{k/2} - 2^{m-s-4+2k}\beta_1^d\beta(s) \quad (\text{by Lemma 9.1}) \\ &= \pm 2^{m-s-4+k}\beta_1^d\beta(s+1) - 2^{m-s-4+2k}\beta_1^d\beta(s) \quad (\text{by Lemmas 8.1-2}). \end{aligned}$$

In the case  $k$  is odd, by the last part of the proof of Lemma 9.4,

$$2^{m-s-2}\beta_1^d\beta(s)^k = \pm 2^{m-s-4+k}\beta_1^d\beta(s+1) + 2^{m-s-4+2k}\beta_1^d\beta(s).$$

Therefore, we have the desired result by Lemmas 9.2 and 9.4. q.e.d.

**LEMMA 9.10.** *Under the same assumption as in Lemma 9.9, we have*

$$2^{m-s-2}\beta_1^d\beta(s-1)\beta(s)^k = \pm 2^{m-s-2+2^2k}\beta_1^d\beta(s-1).$$

**PROOF.** By Lemma 9.9, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^{m-s-2}\beta_1^d\beta(s-1)\beta(s)^k = (1 + (-1)^{k-1})2^{m-s-4+2k}\beta_1^d\beta(s-1)\beta(s) \\ & + \sum_{t=2}^s 2^{m-s-4+2^{t+1}k}\beta_1^d\beta(s-t)\beta(s-1) + 2^{m-s-4+2^2k}\beta_1^d\beta(s-1)^2 \\ &= 2^{m-s-4+2^2k}\beta_1^d\beta(s-1)^2 \quad (\text{by Lemma 8.1}) \\ &= 2^{m-s-4+2^2k}\beta_1^d\beta(s) - 2^{m-s-2+2^2k}\beta_1^d\beta(s-1) \quad (\text{by (3.13)}) \\ &= \pm 2^{m-s-2+2^2k}\beta_1^d\beta(s-1) \quad (\text{by Lemma 8.1}). \end{aligned}$$

These complete the proof. q.e.d.

**LEMMA 9.11.** *Under the same assumption as in Lemma 9.5, we have*

$$2^{m-s-1}\beta_1^{d+1}\prod_{t=1}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-1} = (-1)^{k-1}2^{m-s-2+k}\beta_1^{d-2}\beta(1)\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t)).$$

**PROOF.** By (3.13), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^{m-s-1}\beta_1^{d+1}\prod_{t=1}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-1} = 2^{m-s-1}\beta_1^{d-2}\beta(1)\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-1} \\ & - 2^{m-s-1}\beta_1^{d-1}\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-1} - 2^{m-s}\beta_1^d\prod_{t=1}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-1} \\ &= 2^{m-s-1}\beta_1^{d-2}\beta(1)\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-1} \quad (\text{by Lemma 8.10}). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$2^{k-l-1}\beta_1^{d-2}\beta(s)^l P_{m,1} = 0 \quad (0 \leq l \leq k-2)$$

by Lemma 3.14, and so we have

$$2^{m-s+k-l-2}\beta_1^{d-2}\beta(1)\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^l \\ + \sum_{I_s} 2^{m-s+k-l-2j}\beta_1^{d-2}\beta(1)\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^l\beta(i_1)\cdots\beta(i_j) = 0.$$

The terms for  $(i_1, \dots, i_j) \in I_s$  vanish except for  $(s) \in I_s$  by Lemma 8.1. Thus

$$2^{m-s+k-l-2}\beta_1^{d-2}\beta(1)\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^l = -2^{m-s+k-l-3}\beta_1^{d-2}\beta(1)\prod_{t=0}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{l+1}$$

for any  $l$  with  $0 \leq l \leq k-2$ . Therefore, we have the desired result. q.e.d.

LEMMA 9.12. *Suppose  $3 \leq s \leq m-2$  and  $d > 0$  is even under the assumption (6.1). Then*

$$2^{m-s-1}\beta_1^d\beta(u)\prod_{t=u+1}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-1} \\ = \pm \sum_{l=1}^s (-1)^{2^{l-1}} 2^{m-s-3+2^{l+1}k}\beta_1^d\beta(u)\prod_{t=u+1}^{s-2}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s-l)$$

for any  $u$  with  $1 \leq u \leq s-2$ .

PROOF. By Lemma 3.14,

$$\beta_1^d\beta(u)\prod_{t=u+1}^{s-2}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-2}P_{m,s} = 0,$$

and so

$$2^{m-s-1}\beta_1^d\beta(u)\prod_{t=u+1}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-1} \\ = -\sum_{I_s} 2^{m-s-1-j}\beta_1^d\beta(u)\prod_{t=u+1}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-1}\beta(i_1)\cdots\beta(i_j).$$

The terms for  $(i_1, \dots, i_j) \in I_s$  vanish except for  $(s) \in I_s$  by Lemma 8.1. Thus, we have

$$2^{m-s-1}\beta_1^d\beta(u)\prod_{t=u+1}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^{k-1} \\ = \pm 2^{m-s-2}\beta_1^d\beta(u)\prod_{t=u+1}^{s-1}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s)^k \quad (\text{by Lemma 8.1}) \\ = \pm \sum_{l=0}^s 2^{m-s-3+2^{l+1}k}\beta_1^d\beta(u)\prod_{t=u+1}^{s-2}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s-l) \pm 2^{m-s-3+2k}\beta_1^d\beta(u)\prod_{t=u+1}^{s-2}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s) \\ \pm 2^{m-s-2+2^2k}\beta_1^d\beta(u)\prod_{t=u+1}^{s-2}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s-1) \quad (\text{by Lemmas 8.1, 9.9-10}) \\ = \pm \sum_{l=1}^s (-1)^{2^{l-1}} 2^{m-s-3+2^{l+1}k}\beta_1^d\beta(u)\prod_{t=u+1}^{s-2}(2+\beta(t))\beta(s-l).$$

Therefore, we have the desired result. q.e.d.

LEMMA 9.13. *Under the same assumption as in Lemma 9.12, we have*

$$\sum_{l=1}^s \sum_{u=1}^{s-2} (-1)^{2^{l-1}} 2^{m-s-3+2^{l+1}k}\beta_1^d\beta(u)\beta(s-l)\prod_{t=u+1}^{s-2}(2+\beta(t)) = \pm 2^{m-s-2+2^2k}\beta_1^d\beta(s-1).$$

PROOF. We can prove that the left hand side of the desired relation is equal to

$$\pm 2^{m-s-2+2^2k}\beta_1^d\beta(s-1) \pm 2^{m-4+2^2k}\beta_1^d\beta(1)$$

by making use of Lemmas 8.1 and 8.12 instead of Lemmas 5.1 and 5.9 respectively in the proof of Lemma 6.28. While

$$2^{m-4+2^2k}\beta_1^d\beta(1) = 0 \quad (\text{by Lemma 8.1}).$$

Therefore, we have the desired relation. q.e.d.

The following lemma is the immediate consequence of Lemmas 9.11–13.

LEMMA 9.14. *Under the same assumption as in Lemma 9.5, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^{m-s-1} \beta_1^d \sum_{u=0}^{s-2} \beta(u) \prod_{t=u+1}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \beta(s)^{k-1} \\ &= (-1)^{k-1} 2^{m-s-2+k} \beta_1^{d-2} \beta(1) \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) \pm 2^{m-s-2+2k} \beta_1^d \beta(s-1). \end{aligned}$$

### §10. The group $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$ ( $r=2^{m-1}$ ) for even $n$

In this section, we shall determine the additive structure of  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  ( $r=2^{m-1}$ ) with  $m \geq 2$  for even  $n$  by giving an additive base. In case  $m=1$ ,  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_1) = \widetilde{KO}(L^{2n+1}(4))$  and its additive structure is given in [12, Th.B]. The result in case  $m=2$  is given in [7, Th.1.3].

Let  $m \geq 2$ . Then, we have the relations in  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  given by the following propositions.

PROPOSITION 10.1. *Suppose  $2 \leq s \leq m-2$  and  $d > 0$  is even under the assumption (6.1). Then*

$$2^{m-s-3+k} \beta_1^{d-2} \beta(2) \prod_{t=1}^{s-1} (2+\beta(t)) + (-1)^k \sum_{t=0}^s (-1)^{2t} 2^{m-s-4+2t+k} \beta_1^d \beta(s-t) = 0.$$

PROOF. The desired relation is the immediate consequence of Lemmas 9.6, 9.8–10 and 9.14. q. e. d.

PROPOSITION 10.2.  $2^{n+2} \alpha_0 = 0$  and  $2^{n+2} \alpha_1 = 0$ .

PROOF. We see easily that  $2^{n+2} \alpha_0 = 2\alpha_0 \beta_1^{n+1}$  in  $\widetilde{KO}(Q_r)$  by Propositions 2.5 and 2.7, and  $2\alpha_0 \beta_1^{n+1} \in \text{Ker } \xi$  by Lemma 3.10. Therefore,  $2^{n+2} \alpha_0 = 0$  in  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  by (3.9) and the definitions of  $\alpha_0$ ,  $2\beta_1$  and  $\beta_1^2 \in \widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  in (3.3) (see also Propositions 2.5 and 2.7). In the similar way to the proof of Proposition 7.4(ii), we have

$$0 = 2\alpha_1 \beta_1^{n+1} = (-1)^n 2^{n+2} \sum_{u=1}^{m-2} \beta(u) \prod_{t=u+1}^{m-2} (2+\beta(t)) + (-1)^{n+1} 2^{n+2} \alpha_1$$

in  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$ . From this relation,  $2^{n+2} \alpha_1 = 0$  if  $m=2$ . Let  $m \geq 3$ . Then, by Lemma 8.1,

$$2^{n+i} \beta(m-i) = 0 \quad (2 \leq i \leq m-1).$$

Therefore, we have

$$2^{n+2} \sum_{u=1}^{m-2} \beta(u) \prod_{t=u+1}^{m-2} (2+\beta(t)) = 0,$$

and so  $2^{n+2} \alpha_1 = 0$ . q. e. d.

Now, we are ready to prove Theorem 1.6 for even  $n$ .

PROOF OF THEOREM 1.6 FOR EVEN  $n$ . The group  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  ( $r=2^{m-1}$ ) for even  $n$  is additively generated by  $\alpha_0$ ,  $\alpha_1$  and  $\bar{\delta}_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq N'$ ) by Propositions 2.5, 2.7, (3.9), (3.13) and the fact that  $2P_{m,1} = \beta_1 P_{m,1} = 0$  in Lemma 3.14(ii). On the other

hand,  $2^{n+2} \times 2^{n+2} \times \prod_{i=1}^{N'} \bar{u}(i) = 2^{(m+3)n+4} = \# \widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  by Proposition 4.13 (ii), 7.3, Lemmas 9.2, 9.4, Propositions 10.1–2, Lemma 8.1 and the definitions of  $\bar{a}_i$ ,  $\bar{u}(i)$  and  $\bar{\delta}_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq N'$ ) in (1.5). Therefore, we complete the proof of Theorem 1.6 for even  $n$ .  
q.e.d.

**COROLLARY 10.3** (cf. [13, Cor.1.7]). *The order of  $\bar{\delta}_i$  in  $\widetilde{KO}(S^{4n+3}/Q_r)$  is equal to  $2^{m+2n-2}$  if  $n$  is an even integer.*

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