Localization of epimorphisms and monomorphisms in Homotopy theory II

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Abstract:

In this note, we prove that localization of spaces preserves epimorphisms and monomorphisms in homotopy theory in some conditions.

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1. Introduction

Recall that $f : X \to Y \in HCW^*$, the homotopy category of pointed path-connected CW-spaces, is a homotopy epimorphism (monomorphism) if given $u, v : Y \to Z \in HCW^*$ ($u, v : Z \to X \in HCW^*$), $u \circ f = v \circ f$ implies u = v ($f \circ u = f \circ v$ implies u = v).

In [4], we proved the following theorem, answering a guestion posed by Hilton and Roitberg in [3] whether localization of nilpotent spaces preserves homotopy epimorphisms and homotopy monomorphisms.

Theorem 1. If $f: X \to Y$ is a homotopy epimorphism (monomorphism) of nilpotent spaces, then the p-localized map $f_p: X_p \to Y_p$ is also a homotopy epimorphism (monomorphism). Here p is a prime or 0.

In this note, we shall show that Theorem1 is true for some non-nilpotent spaces. It is interesting and difficult to study whether localization of spaces in Casacuberta-Peschke's sence preserves epimorphisms and monomorphisms in homotopy theory. The main result of the note is the followings.

Theorem 2. Let $f: X \to Y$ be a homotopy epimorphism such that $f_*: \pi_1(X) \to \pi_1(Y)$ is an isomorphism. If it satisfies one of the following conditions,

- (1) $\pi_1(\mathbf{X})$ is a finite group,
- (2) $\pi_1(X)$ is a nilpotent torsion group,
- (3) $\pi_1(X)$ is a p- torsion group,

then the p-localized map $f_p: \mathbf{X}_p \to \mathbf{Y}_p$ is also a homotopy epimorphism.

Theorem 3. Let $f: X \to Y$ be a homotopy monomorphism such that $f_*: \pi_1(X) \to \pi_1(Y)$ is an isomorphism. If $\pi_1(X)$ is a p- torsion group, then the p-localized map $f_p: X_p \to Y_p$ is also a homotopy monomorphism.

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2. Lemmas

Lemma 1[4]. (1) Let

be a homotopy pushout. Then $f: X \to Y$ is a homotopy epimorphism if and only if $j_1=j_2$.

(2) Let

 $E \xrightarrow{i_2} X$ $\downarrow_{i_1} \qquad \downarrow_f \qquad \dots \qquad 2.2$ $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$

be a homotopy pullback. Then $f: X \to Y$ is a homotopy monomorphism if and only if $i_1 = i_2$.

Lemma 2. Let $f: X \to Y$ be a map such that $f_*: \pi_1(X) \to \pi_1(Y)$ is an isomorphism. If X_p and Y_p are 1-connected, then the p-localization of the square (2.1)

$$\begin{array}{cccc} X \xrightarrow{f_p} & Y_p \\ \downarrow_{f_p} & \downarrow_{j_{1p}} & & & \\ Y_p \xrightarrow{j_{2p}} & C_p & & & & \\ \end{array}$$

is also a homotopy pushout.

Proof. Recall that if $l: W \to W_p$ is the p-localization of space W, then $l_*: H_n(W) \to H_n(W_p)$ is a p-equivalent, and $l_*: \pi_1(W) \to \pi_1(W_p)$ is the p-localization of $\pi_1(W)$ (see[1]). If W_p is 1-connected, then $H_n(W_p)$ is p-local for all $n \ge 1$ (see[1]). Hence $l_*: H_n(W) \to H_n(W_p)$ is the p-localization of $H_n(W)$, i.e., $H_n(W_p) \cong H_n(W) \otimes Z_p$, where Z_p is the p-localization of interger abelian group.

Suppose $f: X \to Y$ is a map such that $f_*: \pi_1(X) \to \pi_1(Y)$ is an isomorphism. since $f_*: \pi_1(X) \to \pi_1(Y)$ is an isomorphism, and the square (2.1) is a homotopy pushout, then $j_{1p} = j_{2p}: \pi_1(Y) \to \pi_1(C)$ is also an isomorphism. This implies that $j_{1p^*} = j_{2p^*}: \pi_1(Y_p) \to \pi_1(C_p)$ is also an isomorphism. Thus, if X_p and Y_p are 1-connected, then C_p is also 1-connected.

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be a homotopy pushout. Then C' is 1-connected, and there is a map $\varphi : C' \to C_p$ yielding a homotopy commutative diagram



and hence a map of the Mayer-Vietoris sequence of the square (2.4) to the p-localization of Mayer-Vietoris sequence of the square (2.1), Since $H_n(X) \otimes Z_p \cong H_n(X_p)$, $H_n(Y) \otimes Z_p \cong H_n(X_p)$, $H_n(C) \otimes Z_p \cong H_n(C_p)$. In this map of Mayer-Vietor sequences all groups except $H_n(C')$ are mapped by the identity. This φ induces an isomorphism of homology groups. Since C' and C_p is 1-connected, this follows that φ is a homotopy equivalence. Then the square (2.3) is a homotopy pushout.

Lemma 3[4]. If X and Y are nilpotent, then the p-localization of the square (2.2)



is also a homotopy pullback.

Lemma 4[2]. Let $F \to E \to K(G, 1)$ be the fibration sequene. If *G* is a p-torsion group, then $F_p \to E_p \to K(G, 1)$ is also a fibration sequence.

Lemma 5. Let



be homotopy commutative diagram of fibration sequences. If φ is a homotopy equivalence, then its left square is a homotopy pullback.

Proof. Consider the following homotopy commutative diagram



where the front and back faces are homotopy pullbacks. If ϕ is a homotopy equivalence, then the bottom face is homotopy pullback. This follows that the top face is a homotopy pullback.

Lemma 6[5]. Suppose that we have a homotopy commutative cube



in which all vertical faces are homotopy pullbacks. If one of the top or bottom faces is a homotopy pushout, then so is the other.

3. Proofs

Theorem 4. Let $f: X \to Y$ be a homotopy epimorphism and $f_*: \pi_1(X) \to \pi_1(Y)$ be an isomorphism. If there is a normal subgroup N of $\pi_1(X)$, such that $\pi_1(X)/N$ is a p-torsion group and N_p is trivial, then the p-localized map $f_p: X_p \to Y_p$ is also a homotopy epimorphism.

Proof. Let $f: X \to Y$ be a homotopy epimorphisms such that $f_*: \pi_1(X) \to \pi_1(Y)$ is an isomorphism. Denote X and Y are the covering spaces of X, Y, respectively, for the subgroup N of $\pi_1(X) \cong \pi_1(Y)$. Then we have the following homotopy commutative diagram of covering fibration sequences:

If $\pi_1(X)/N \cong \pi_1(Y)/N$ is the p-torsion group, by Lemma 4 and the diagram (2.5), then the following the fibration sequences diagram is homotopy commutative:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} X_{p} & \xrightarrow{} & X_{p} \longrightarrow & \mathsf{K}(\pi_{1}(X)/\mathsf{N}, 1) \\ \downarrow_{f_{p}} & \downarrow_{f_{p}} & \downarrow_{f_{p}} & \downarrow_{f_{*}} & & \dots & 2.6 \\ Y_{p} & \longrightarrow & Y_{p} \longrightarrow & \mathsf{K}(\pi_{1}(Y)/\mathsf{N}, 1) \end{array}$$

Let

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ \downarrow f & & \downarrow i \\ Y & \xrightarrow{j_2} & C \end{array}$$

be a homotopy pushout. Then $j_1=j_2$ by Lemma 1(1). Note that $j_{1*}=j_{2*}: \pi_1(Y) \to \pi_1(C)$ is an isomorphism. Denote C is the covering space of C for subgroup $N \subset \pi_1(C)$. Consider the following homotopy commutative cube:



in which all vertical faces are homotopy pullbacks by Lemma 5 and the diagram (2.5). Hence, the top face is a homotopy pushout by Lemma 6.

Consider the p-localization of the diagram (2.7), that is, the following homotopy commutative cube:



in which all vertices faces are homotopy pullbacks by Lemma 5 and the diagram (2.6). Since $\pi_1(X) \cong \pi_1(Y) = N$, so $\pi_1(X_p) \cong \pi_1(Y_p) = N_p$, but N_p is trivial, then X_p and Y_p is 1-connected. By Lemma 2, the top face of the diagram (2.8) is a homotopy pushout. This follows from Lemma 6 that the bottom face of the diagram (2.8) is a homotopy pushout. Since $j_1=j_2$ implies $j_{1p}=j_{2p}$, then $f_p: X_p \to Y_p$ is a homotopy epimorphism by Lemma 1(1).

Proof of Theorem 2. Obvious, if $\pi_1(X)$ satisfies one of the conditions of Theorem 2, then there must be a normal subgroup N of $\pi_1(X)$, such that $\pi_1(X)/N$ is a p-torsion group and N_p is trivial. Hence, Theorem 4 follows from Theorem 2.

Proof of Theorem 3. Let $f : X \to Y$ be a homotopy monomorphism such that f_* : $\pi_1(X) \to \pi_1(Y)$ is an isomorphism. Suppose $\pi_1(X)$ is a p-torsion group. In the proof of Theorem 4, let N = 0, and then \hat{X} and \hat{Y} are the universal covering spaces of X, Y, respectively. Hence, we have the following homotopy commutative diagram of fibration sequences:

Note that $\pi_1(X)$ is a p- torsion group , by lemma 4, the following the fibration

sequences diagram is homotopy commutative:

be a homotopy pullback. Then $i_1=i_2$ by Lemma 1(2). Denote $H = \text{Ker} \{i_{1*}=i_{2*}: \pi_1(E) \rightarrow \pi_1(X)\}$, and \hat{E} is the covering space of E for the subgroup H of $\pi_1(E)$. Thus we have the following homotopy commutative cube, in which all vertical faces of the diagram (2.11) are homotopy pullbacks by Lemma 5 and the diagram (2.9)



Consider the p-localization of the diagram (2.11), that is, the following homotopy commutative cube:



in which all vertical faces are homotopy pullbacks by Lemma 5 and the diagram (2.10). Note that \hat{X} and \hat{Y} are 1-connected. By lemma 3, the top face of the diagram (2.12) is a homotopy pullbck. This implies that the bottom face of the diagram (2.12) is a homotopy pullbck. Since $i_1=i_2$ implies $i_{1p}=i_{2p}$, then $f_p: X_p \to Y_p$ is a homotopy monomorphism by Lemma 1(2).

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