A remark on the cohomology group and the dimension of product spaces

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1. In §4 of the paper [4] several theorems concerning the dimension of product spaces were given. Proofs of all theorems except Theorem 5 depend heavily on Künneth formula which was proved by R.C. O'Neil [7]. However this formula is false. It is known by a counter example given by G. Bredon (see 2). The purpose of this paper is devoted to correct some of theorems in §4 of [4] and to prove the related results. However it is not known whether Theorems 6-9 hold or not though they are proved partly in this paper.

Throughout this paper all spaces are Hausdorff and have finite covering dimension and we mean by H^* the unrestricted Čech cohomology group.

- 2. R.C. O'Neil [7] gave the following theorems.
- A. Let G be an abelian group. If $X \times Y$ is paracompact, then

$$H^n(X \times Y : G) \cong \sum_{q=0}^n H^q(X : H^{n-q}(Y : G)).$$

B. Let L be a principal ideal domain. If X is compact and Y is paracompact, then there is an exact sequence

$$0 \to \sum_{q=0}^{n} H^{q}(X:L) \bigotimes_{L} H^{n-q}(Y:L) \to H^{n}(X \times Y:L)$$
$$\to \sum_{q=0}^{n} H^{q+1}(X:L) *_{L} H^{n-q}(Y:L) \to 0.$$

The following example was given by G. Bredon. Let X be a solenoid, so X is a 1-dimensional compact metric space and $H^1(X) \cong R$ (=the group of all rational numbers). For $n = 2, 3, \cdots$, let Y_n be a 2-dimensional finite simplicial polytope such that $H^2(Y_n) \cong Z_n$ (=the cyclic group of order n). Let Y be a disjoint union of Y_n , $n = 2, 3, \cdots$. Then Y is a 2-dimensional locally finite polytope and $H^2(Y) \cong \prod_{n=2}^{\infty} Z_n$. Since X is compact, by Peterson [8: Appendix], we have $H^3(X \times Y) \cong \prod_{n=2}^{\infty} H^3(X \times Y_n) \cong \prod_{n=2}^{\infty} H^1(X) \otimes H^2(Y_n) = 0$ and $H^1(X: H^2(Y)) \cong H^1(X) \otimes H^2(Y) \neq 0$. Thus, both theorems A and B are false.