

# Cohomology of classifying spaces of certain associative $H$ -spaces

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## § 1. Introduction

Let  $p$  be a prime and  $\mathcal{A}_p$  be the Steenrod algebra mod  $p$ . Let  $G$  be a compact, connected Lie group.

We define a set  $\{G: p\}$  by

$$\{G: p\} = \{X; \text{compactly generated, associative } H\text{-space such that } H^*(X; \mathbf{Z}_p) \cong H^*(G; \mathbf{Z}_p) \text{ as algebra over } \mathcal{A}_p\}.$$

Remark that in the above definition we do not require existence of a map  $f: G \rightarrow X$  inducing the isomorphism of cohomology mod  $p$ .

According to Dold-Lashof [6] or Milgram [10] an associative  $H$ -space  $X$  has a classifying space  $BX$  which is constructed by making use of the multiplication on  $X$ .

When  $H_*(G; \mathbf{Z})$  is  $p$ -torsion free, the Borel's theorem states that the ring structure of  $H^*(BX; \mathbf{Z}_p)$  and the Hopf algebra structure of  $H^*(X; \mathbf{Z}_p)$  are isomorphic to those of  $G$  for all  $X \in \{G: p\}$ .

However this does not hold in general. Actually, as Baum-Browder have shown in [2], there exist compact Lie groups which are homeomorphic and which have different diagonal maps in cohomology. Meanwhile, Theorem 9.3 of [2] says that if both  $X$  and  $Y$  are compact, simple Lie groups and if  $X$  is homotopy equivalent to  $Y$ , then  $X$  is isomorphic to  $Y$  as Lie groups. Thus it is natural to ask if the following is true:

**Statement:** *Let  $G$  be a compact, connected, simple Lie group*

such that  $H_*(G; \mathbf{Z})$  has  $p$ -torsion. For any  $X, Y \in \{G: p\}$ ,

- (1)  $H(X; \mathbf{Z}_p) \cong H(Y; \mathbf{Z}_p)$  as Hopf algebra,
- (2)  $H^*(BX; \mathbf{Z}_p) \cong H^*(BY; \mathbf{Z}_p)$ .

Let  $F_4$  be the compact, 1-connected, simple, exceptional Lie group of rank 4. Let  $PU(3) = SU(3)/\Gamma_3$  the quotient of  $SU(3)$  by the center  $\Gamma_3$ . As is well known, the integral homology groups of both groups have 3-torsion.

In this paper we show that for  $G = F_4$  and  $PU(3)$  the above statement is true. In fact (1) is easily checked to be true for these cases. This will be observed in § 2. In § 3 we calculated  $\text{Cotor}^A(\mathbf{Z}_3, \mathbf{Z}_3)$  with  $A = H^*(X; \mathbf{Z}_3)$  for  $X \in \{F_4: 3\}$  and  $\{PU(3): 3\}$ . The section 4 will be used to show the Eilenberg-Moore spectral sequence with  $\mathbf{Z}_3$ -coefficient collapses for  $X$ . Our main results are

**Theorem A.** For any  $X \in \{F_4: 3\}$ , we have as module:

$$H^*(BX; \mathbf{Z}_3) \cong \mathbf{Z}_3[y_4, y_8, y_9, y_{20}, y_{21}, y_{25}, y_{26}, y_{36}, y_{48}]/R.$$

For  $R$  see Theorem 4.7 of § 4.

**Theorem B.** For any  $Y \in \{PU(3): 3\}$ , we have as algebra:

$$H^*(BY; \mathbf{Z}_3) \cong \mathbf{Z}_3[y_2, y_3, y_7, y_8, y_{12}]/R,$$

where  $R$  is an ideal generated by  $y_2y_3, y_3^2, y_2y_7, y_7^2, y_2y_8 + y_3y_7$ .

**§ 2. Non-primitivity.**

Let  $X \in \{F_4: 3\}$ . By definition and by [3] we have

$$(2.1) \quad H^*(X; \mathbf{Z}_3) \cong \mathbf{Z}_3[x_8]/(x_8^3) \otimes A(x_3, x_7, x_{11}, x_{15})$$

with  $\deg x_i = i$ ,

where  $x_7 = \mathcal{L}^1 x_3$ ,  $x_8 = \beta x_7$  and  $x_{15} = \mathcal{P}^1 x_{11}$ .

Let  $\phi$  be the diagonal map in  $H^*(X; \mathbf{Z}_3)$  induced from the multiplication of  $X$  and let  $\bar{\phi}$  be the reduced one.

**Proposition 2.2.** In (2.1),

$$\bar{\phi}(x_i) \text{ for } i=3, 7, 8,$$

$$\bar{\phi}(x_j) = x_8 \otimes x_{j-8} \text{ for } j=11, 15.$$

*Proof.* Clearly  $x_3, x_7$  and  $x_8$  are primitive. Suppose  $x_{11}$  primitive. Then  $x_{15}$  would also be primitive by naturality. Hence  $H^*(X; \mathbf{Z}_3)$  would be primitively generated. This contradicts to Theorem 1 of [4] (cf. the footnote in p. 319). Therefore  $x_{11}$  is not primitive. The only possible form is:

$$\bar{\phi}(x_{11}) = x_8 \otimes x_3.$$

Applying  $\mathcal{L}^1$  we obtain

$$\bar{\phi}(x_{15}) = x_8 \otimes x_7. \qquad \text{q.e.d.}$$

Let  $Y \in \{PU(3):3\}$ . Then by definition and by [3] we have

$$(2.3) \quad H^*(Y; \mathbf{Z}_3) \cong \mathbf{Z}_3[x_2]/(x_2^2) \otimes A(x_1, x_3) \text{ with } \deg x_i = i,$$

where  $x_2 = \beta x_1$ .

Similarly one obtains

**Proposition 2.4.** *In (2.3)*

$$\bar{\phi}(x_i) = 0 \text{ for } i=1, 2; \bar{\phi}(x_3) = x_2 \otimes x_1.$$

### § 3. The twisted tensor product.

In this section all algebras are graded [11]. We recall a construction of the twisted tensor product due to Brown (see [5], [7] or [15]).

Let  $A$  be an augmented coalgebra over a commutative field  $K$  with an augmentation  $\eta: K \rightarrow A$  and the diagonal map  $\phi$ . So we may consider  $A = K \otimes J(A)$ , where  $J(A) \cong \text{Coker } \eta$ . Let  $L$  be a  $K$ -submodule of  $J(A)$  and  $\iota: L \rightarrow A$  be the inclusion and  $\theta: A \rightarrow L$  a map such that  $\theta \circ \iota = 1_L$ .

Let  $s: L \rightarrow sL$  be a suspension. Define  $\bar{\theta}: A \rightarrow sL$  by  $\bar{\theta} = s \circ \theta$  and  $\bar{\iota}: sL \rightarrow A$  by  $\bar{\iota} = \iota \circ s^{-1}$ . Construct the tensor algebra  $T(sL)$  and denote by  $\psi$  the product in  $T(sL)$ . Let  $I$  be the ideal of  $T(sL)$  generat-

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 L & \xrightarrow{\iota} & A & \xrightarrow{\theta} & L \\
 & \searrow s^{-1} & \uparrow \bar{\iota} \downarrow \bar{\theta} & \swarrow s & \\
 & & sL & & 
 \end{array}$$

ed by  $\text{Im}(\psi \circ (\bar{\theta} \otimes \bar{\theta}) \circ \phi) \circ (\text{Ker } \bar{\theta})$ . Put  $\bar{X} = T(sL)/I$ . Then the map  $\bar{\theta}: A \rightarrow sL$  induces a map  $A \rightarrow \bar{X}$  which is again denoted by  $\bar{\theta}$ .

We define a map

$$d = -\psi \circ (\bar{\theta} \otimes \bar{\theta}) \circ \phi \circ \bar{\iota}: sL \rightarrow T(sL)$$

and extend it naturally over  $T(sL)$ . Since  $d \circ \phi = \psi \circ (d \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes d)$  holds, we deduce  $d(I) \subset I$ . So  $d$  induces a map  $\bar{X} \rightarrow \bar{X}$ , which is again denoted by  $d: \bar{X} \rightarrow \bar{X}$ . Then it is easy to see  $d \circ d = 0$ . This shows that  $\bar{X}$  is a differential algebra over  $K$ .

Since the relation

$$d \circ \bar{\theta} + \psi \circ (\bar{\theta} \otimes \bar{\theta}) \circ \phi = 0$$

holds, we now can construct the twisted tensor product  $W = A \otimes \bar{X}$  with respect to  $\bar{\theta}$ . That is,  $W = A \otimes \bar{X}$  is an  $A$ -comodule with the differential operator

$$\bar{d} = 1 \otimes d + (1 \otimes \psi) \circ \bar{\theta} \otimes 1 \circ (\phi \otimes 1).$$

We now apply this to calculate  $\text{Cotor}^A(\mathbf{Z}_3, \mathbf{Z}_3)$ , where  $A = H^*(X; \mathbf{Z}_3)$  for  $X \in \{F_4; 3\}$  or  $\{PU(3); 3\}$ .

Let  $X \in \{F_4; 3\}$ . Then by (2.1) and Proposition 2.2

$$(3.1) \quad H^*(X; \mathbf{Z}_3) = \mathbf{Z}_3[x_8]/(x_8^3) \otimes \Lambda(x_3, x_7, x_{11}, x_{15}),$$

where  $\bar{\phi}(x_i) = 0$  for  $i = 3, 7, 8$  and  $\bar{\phi}(x_j) = x_8 \otimes x_{j-8}$  for  $j = 11, 15$ .

Put  $A = H^*(X; \mathbf{Z}_3)$ . Take  $L$  to be a  $\mathbf{Z}_3$ -submodule of  $A$  generated by  $\{x_3, x_7, x_8, x_8^2, x_{11}, x_{15}\}$  and  $\theta$  to be the projection  $A \rightarrow L$ . We name the corresponding elements under the suspension  $s$  as  $sL = \{a_4, a_8, a_9, c_{17}, b_{12}, b_{16}\}$  respectively. Then

$$\bar{X} = \mathbf{Z}_3 \{a_4, a_8, a_9, b_{12}, b_{16}, c_{17}\} / I,$$

which is a quotient of  $T(sL)$  by the ideal  $I$  generated by

$$(3.2) \quad [a_4, a_8], [a_4, a_9], [a_4, c_{17}], [a_4, b_{12}], [a_4, b_{16}]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [a_8, a_9], [a_8, c_{17}], [a_8, b_{12}], [a_8, b_{16}] \\
 & [a_9, b_{12}] + c_{17}a_4, [a_9, b_{16}] + c_{17}a_8, \\
 & [b_{12}, b_{16}], [c_{17}, b_{12}], [c_{17}, b_{16}],
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $[x, y] = xy - (-1)^{*}yx$  with  $* = \deg x \cdot \deg y$ .

We define weight in  $W = A \otimes \bar{X}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.3) \quad A: & \quad x_3 \ x_7 \ x_8 \ x_8^2 \ x_{11} \ x_{15} \\
 \bar{X}: & \quad a_4 \ a_8 \ a_9 \ c_{17} \ b_{12} \ b_{16} \\
 \text{weight:} & \quad 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 2 \ 2
 \end{aligned}$$

The weight of a monomial is a sum of the weight of each element. Define filtration  $F_r = \{x \mid \text{weight } x \leq r\}$ .

The differential operator  $\bar{d}$  on  $A$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.4) \quad \bar{d}x_i &= a_{i+1} \quad \text{for } i=3, 7, 8 \\
 \bar{d}x_8^2 &= c_{17} - x_8a_9 \\
 \bar{d}x_j &= b_{j+1} + x_8a_{j-7} \quad \text{for } j=11, 15.
 \end{aligned}$$

Put  $E_0W = \sum_i F_i/F_{i-1}$ . Then

$$E_0W \cong A(x_3, x_7, x_{11}, x_{15}) \otimes \mathbf{Z}_3[a_4, a_8, b_{12}, b_{16}] \otimes C(Q(x_8)),$$

where  $C(Q(x_8))$  is the cobar construction of  $\mathbf{Z}_3[x_8]/(x_8^3)$ . It follows from (3.4) that  $E_0W$  is acyclic and hence  $W$  is acyclic. Thus  $W$  is an injective resolution of  $\mathbf{Z}_3$  over  $H^*(X; \mathbf{Z}_3)$ . Therefore by definition

$$H(\bar{X}; d) = \text{Ker } d / \text{Im } d = \text{Cotor}^A(\mathbf{Z}_3, \mathbf{Z}_3).$$

Remark that the differential operator  $d$  on  $\bar{X}$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.5) \quad da_i &= 0 \quad \text{for } i=4, 8, 9; \\
 dc_{17} &= a_9^2; \\
 db_j &= -a_9a_{j-8} \quad \text{for } j=12, 16.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then it is easy to see that the following set is a system of generators of  $\text{Cotor}^A(\mathbf{Z}_3, \mathbf{Z}_3)$ :

$$(3.6) \quad \{y_4, y_8, y_9, y_{20}, y_{21}, y_{25}, y_{26}, y_{36}, y_{48}\},$$

where  $y_i = \{a_i\}$  for  $i = 4, 8, 9$ ,  $y_{20} = \{a_8b_{12} - a_4b_{16}\}$ ,  $y_{26} = \{[a_9, c_{17}]\}$ ,  $y_{21} = \{a_9b_{12} - c_{17}a_4\}$ ,  $y_{25} = \{a_9b_{16} - c_{17}a_8\}$ ,  $y_{36} = \{b_{12}^3\}$  and  $y_{48} = \{b_{16}^3\}$ .

**Remark 3.7.**  $y_i$  for  $i = 20, 21, 25, 26$  are represented by Massey products  $\langle a_4, a_9, a_8 \rangle$ ,  $\langle a_9, a_9, a_4 \rangle$ ,  $\langle a_9, a_9, a_8 \rangle$  and  $\langle a_9, a_9, a_9 \rangle$  respectively ([9]).

By a routine calculation we obtain

**Theorem 3.8.** For any  $X \in \{F_4 3\}$  we have as module

$$\text{Cotor}^{H^*(X; \mathbf{Z}_3)}(\mathbf{Z}_3, \mathbf{Z}_3) \cong \mathbf{Z}_3[y_4, y_8, y_9, y_{20}, y_{21}, y_{25}, y_{26}, y_{36}, y_{48}]/R,$$

where  $R$  is an ideal generated by

$$\begin{aligned} & y_4y_9, y_8y_9, y_9^2, y_4y_{21}, y_8y_{25}, y_4y_{25} + y_8y_{21}, \\ & y_{20}y_{21}, y_{20}y_{25}, y_{21}^2, y_{25}^2, y_9y_{20} - y_4y_{25} + y_8y_{21}, \\ & y_{20}^3 - y_4^3y_{48} + y_8^3y_{36}, y_{26}y_4 + y_{21}y_9, y_{26}y_8 + y_{25}y_9, \\ & y_{26}y_{20} - y_{21}y_{25}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $Y \in \{PU(3) : 3\}$ . Then by (2.3) and Proposition 2.4

$$(3.9) \quad H^*(Y; \mathbf{Z}_3) \cong \mathbf{Z}_3[x_2]/(x_2^3) \otimes A(x_1, x_2),$$

where  $\bar{\phi}(x_1) = \bar{\phi}(x_2) = 0$  and  $\bar{\phi}(x_3) = x_2 \otimes x_1$ . For simplicity we put  $A = H^*(Y; \mathbf{Z}_3)$ . Take a  $\mathbf{Z}_3$ -subspace  $L = \{x_1, x_2, x_2^2, x_3\}$  and name the corresponding elements in  $sL$  as  $sL = \{a_2, a_3, c_5, b_4\}$  respectively. Then  $\bar{X} = \mathbf{Z}_3\{a_2, a_3, c_5, b_4\}/I$ , where  $I$  is generated by

$$(3.10) \quad [a_2, a_3], [a_2, c_5], [a_2, b_4], [c_5, b_4] \quad \text{and} \quad [a_3, b_4] + c_5a_2.$$

Similarly as before we can prove that  $W = A \otimes \bar{X}$  is acyclic. So by definition

$$H(\bar{X}; d) = \text{Cotor}^A(\mathbf{Z}_3, \mathbf{Z}_3) \quad \text{with} \quad A = H^*(Y; \mathbf{Z}_3)$$

where the differential  $d$  on  $\bar{X}$  is explicitly given as follows:

$$(3.11) \quad da_2 = da_3 = 0, \quad db_4 = -a_2a_3 \quad \text{and} \quad dc_5 = a_3^2.$$

Easy calculation yields

**Theorem 3.12.** For any  $Y \in \{PU(3) : 3\}$  we have as module,

$$\text{Cotor}^{H^*(X; \mathbf{Z}_3)}(\mathbf{Z}_3, \mathbf{Z}_3) \cong \mathbf{Z}_3[y_2, y_3, y_7, y_8, y_{12}]/R,$$

where  $R$  is an ideal generated by

$$(3.13) \quad y_2y_3, y_2y_7, y_3^2, y_7^2, y_2y_8 + y_3y_7$$

**Remark 3.14.** In the above theorem the generators are:  
 $y_i = \{a_i\}$  for  $i=2, 3$ ,  $y_7 = \{a_3b_4 - a_2c_5\}$ ,  $y_8 = \{[a_3, c_5]\}$  and  $y_{12} = \{b_4^3\}$ .

**§ 4. The Eilenberg-Moore spectral sequence**

In this section we use the Eilenberg-Moore spectral sequence with  $\mathbf{Z}_3$ -coefficient  $\{E_r(X), d_r\}$  for an associative  $H$ -space  $X$  such that  $E_2(X) = \text{Cotor}^{H^*(X; \mathbf{Z}_3)}(\mathbf{Z}_3, \mathbf{Z}_3)$  and  $E_\infty(X) \cong \text{Gr}H^*(BX; \mathbf{Z}_3)$ . (For construction and properties see [12] and [13]).

Let  $X \in \{F_4 : 4\}$ . Put  $A = H^*(X; \mathbf{Z}_3)$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** There are no elements in  $\text{Cotor}^A(\mathbf{Z}_3, \mathbf{Z}_3)$  of degree 37 or 49.

*Proof.* (1) Because of relations in Theorem 3.8 the element of degree 37 is of the form:

$$y_9f(y_{20}, y_{26}) + y_{21}g(y_8, y_{26}) + y_{25}h(y_4, y_{26})$$

with polynomials  $f, g$  and  $h$ . Here  $f$  cannot have degree 28. The possible form of  $g$  of degree 16 is a scalar multiple of  $y_8^2$ . Similarly  $h = \alpha y_4^3$  with  $\alpha \in \mathbf{Z}_3$ . However by relations in Theorem 3.8 we have:  $y_{21}y_8^2 = -y_{20}y_9y_8 = 0$  and  $y_{25}y_4^3 = -y_{20}y_9y_4^2 = 0$ . So there are no elements of degree 37.

(2) The element of degree 49 is of the form:

$$y_9\bar{f}(y_{36}, y_{20}, y_{26}) + y_{21}\bar{g}(y_8, y_{26}) + y_{25}\bar{h}(y_4, y_{26}).$$

Here  $\bar{f}$  is a scalar multiple of  $y_{20}^2$ .  $\bar{g} = 0$  because of dimensional reason and  $\bar{h}$  is a scalar multiple of  $y_4^8$ . Since  $y_9y_{20}^2 = -y_{25}y_4y_{20} = 0$

and since  $y_{25}y_4^6 = -y_{20}y_9y_4^5 = 0$ , there are no elements of degree 49. q.e.d.

Now we will show that the Eilenberg-Moore spectral sequence with  $\mathbf{Z}_3$ -coefficient collapses for  $X$ , where the  $E_2$ -term is given by Theorem 3.8.

For dimensional reason,  $x_3$  and hence  $x_7$  and  $x_8$  of  $H(X; \mathbf{Z}_3)$  are universally transgressive in the universal spectral sequence for  $X$  with  $\mathbf{Z}_3$ -coefficient. Then it is easy to see that the elements  $y_4, y_8$  and  $y_9$  of the  $E_2$ -term survive in the  $E_\infty$ -term and represent the transgressive image of  $x_3, x_7$  and  $x_8$  respectively. Thus we obtain an isomorphism as algebras:

$$(4.2) \quad H^*(BX; \mathbf{Z}_3) \cong \mathbf{Z}_3[y_4, y_8, y_9] / (y_4y_9, y_8y_9, y_9^2) \quad \text{for } * < 20.$$

**Lemma 4.3.** *In  $H^*(BX; \mathbf{Z}_3)$   $\mathcal{L}^3y_8$  is not decomposable.*

*Proof.* In the universal spectral sequence of  $X$  the element  $y_9 \otimes x_8^2$  is not coboundary and  $d_{17}(y_9 \otimes x_8^2) = \beta \mathcal{P}^4 y_9 \otimes 1$  by the Kudo transgression theorem [8]. Then by the Adem relation  $\beta \mathcal{P}^4 y_9 = \beta \mathcal{P}^4 \beta y_8 = \beta \mathcal{P}^1 \beta \mathcal{L}^3 y_8$ , which is non-trivial. If  $\mathcal{L}^3 y_8$  is decomposable, say  $\mathcal{L}^3 y_8 = f(y_4, y_8)$ , then  $\beta \mathcal{L}^3 x_8 = y_9 h(y_4, y_8) = 0$ . This is a contradiction. q.e.d.

**Lemma 4.4.** *The elements  $y_i$  for  $i = 20, 21, 25, 26$  are permanent cycles.*

*Proof.* The generators in  $E_2(X)$  of degree 21, 25, 26 are unique, respectively. On the other hand there are non-trivial elements  $\beta \mathcal{L}^3 y_8, \mathcal{P}^1 \beta \mathcal{L}^3 y_8, \beta \mathcal{P}^1 \beta \mathcal{L}^3 y_8$  in  $H^*(BX; \mathbf{Z}_3)$  of degree 21, 25, 26 respectively. So  $y_{21}, y_{25}, y_{26}$  are permanent cycles and represent these elements respectively. Similarly for  $y_{20}$ , which survives to  $\mathcal{L}^3 y_8$ . q.e.d.

**Lemma 4.5.** *The elements  $y_{36}$  and  $y_{48}$  are permanent cycles.*

*Proof.* This follows from Lemma 4.1, since  $d_7 y_{36}$  and  $d_7 y_{48}$  are in degree 37 and 49 respectively. q.e.d.



Thus we have shown

**Theorem 4.6.** *For any  $X \in \{F_4:3\}$ , the Eilenberg-Moore spectral sequence with  $\mathbf{Z}_3$ -coefficient collapses.*

As an immediate corollary

**Theorem 4.7.** *For any  $X \in \{F_4:3\}$  we have as module*

$$H^*(BX; \mathbf{Z}_3) \cong \mathbf{Z}_3[y_4, y_8, y_9, y_{20}, y_{21}, y_{25}, y_{26}, y_{36}, y_{48}]/R,$$

where  $R$  is an ideal generated by  $y_4y_9, y_8y_9, y_9^2, y_4y_{21}, y_8y_{25}, y_4y_{25} + y_8y_{21}, y_{20}y_{21}, y_{20}y_{25}, y_{21}^2, y_{25}^2, y_9y_{20} - y_4y_{25} + y_8y_{21}, y_{20}^3 - y_4^3y_{48} + y_8^3y_{36}, y_{26}y_4 + y_{21}y_9, y_{26}y_8 + y_{25}y_9, y_{26}y_{20} - y_{21}y_{25}$ . Furthermore, up to non-zero multiple,  $y_8 = \mathcal{P}^1y_4, y_9 = \beta y_8, y_{20} = \mathcal{P}^3y_8, y_{21} = \beta y_{20}, y_{25} = \mathcal{P}^1y_{21}$  and  $y_{26} = \beta y_{25}$ .

**Remark 4.8.** This theorem gives the module structure of  $H(BF_4; \mathbf{Z}_3)$ . The algebra structure of  $H^*(BF_4; \mathbf{Z}_3)$  was already obtained in [16], in which Toda used the fibering  $\mathbb{II} \rightarrow B\text{Spin}(9) \rightarrow BF_4$  and made elaborate calculations of invariant forms under the Weyl group of  $F_4$ .

Now we turn to the case  $\{PU(3):3\}$ .

Take  $Y \in \{PU(3):3\}$ . Put  $A = H^*(Y; \mathbf{Z}_3)$ . Then it is easy to obtain an isomorphism as algebras:

$$(4.9) \quad H^*(BY; \mathbf{Z}_3) \cong \mathbf{Z}_3[y_2, y_3]/(y_2y_3, y_3^2) \quad \text{for } * < 7.$$

We show

**Theorem 4.10.** *For any  $Y \in \{PU(3):3\}$  the Eilenberg-Moore spectral sequence with  $\mathbf{Z}_3$ -coefficient collapses.*

*Proof.* (1) The elements  $y_2, y_3$  of  $\text{Cotor}^A(\mathbf{Z}_3, \mathbf{Z}_3)$  are permanent cycles by (4.9).

(2) In the universal spectral sequence for  $Y$  we use the Kudo theorem [8] and obtain a non-trivial element  $\beta \mathcal{P}^1y_3 \in H^8(BY; \mathbf{Z}_3)$ . Hence  $H^7(BY; \mathbf{Z}_3) \neq 0$ . There is only one element  $y_7$  in  $\text{Cotor}^A(\mathbf{Z}_3, \mathbf{Z}_3)$  of degree 7. So  $y_7$  is a permanent cycle and represent  $\mathcal{P}^1y_3$ .

(3) By easy observation one can see that there are no elements in  $\text{Cotor}^A(\mathbf{Z}_3, \mathbf{Z}_3)$  of degree 9 or 13. So  $y_8$  and  $y_{12}$  of  $\text{Cotor}^A(\mathbf{Z}_3, \mathbf{Z}_3)$  are permanent cycles, since  $d_r y_8$  and  $d_r y_{12}$  are of degree 9 and 13 respectively. q.e.d.

Remark that  $y_2 y_3 = 0$  is a relation as algebra. By applying  $\mathcal{L}^1$  we have  $y_2 y_7 = \mathcal{L}^1(y_2 y_3) = 0$ . Further applying  $\beta$  on  $y_2 y_7 = 0$  we obtain  $y_3 y_7 + y_2 y_8 = 0$ . Since  $y_3^2 = y_7^2 = 0$  are relations as algebra, we therefore have proved:

**Theorem 4.11.** For any  $Y \in \{PU(3) : 3\}$ , we have as algebra

$$H^*(BY; \mathbf{Z}_3) \cong \mathbf{Z}_3[y_2, y_3, y_7, y_8, y_{12}]/R,$$

where  $R$  is an ideal generated by  $y_2 y_3, y_3^2, y_2 y_7, y_7^2, y_2 y_8 + y_3 y_7$ . Further,  $y_3 = \beta y_2, y_7 = \mathcal{L}^1 y_3, y_8 = \beta y_7$ .

**Remark 4.12.** In particular, this theorem gives the algebra structure of  $H^*(BPU(3); \mathbf{Z}_3)$ .

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