

## On products of some $\beta$ -elements in the homotopy of the mod 3 Moore spectrum

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**ABSTRACT.** By  $\beta$ -elements, we mean the  $v_2$ -periodic maps on the sphere spectrum  $S^0$  or on the mod 3 Moore spectrum  $M$ . For the prime number  $p > 3$ , we can tell many examples of non-trivial products of  $\beta$ -elements, since  $\pi_*(L_2S^0)$  is determined in [23], where  $L_2$  denotes the Bousfield-Ravenel localization functor. On the other hand we have no idea about  $\pi_*(L_2S^0)$  at the prime 3, and so the situation is different from the case  $p > 3$ . Here we study products related to  $\beta$ -elements in the homotopy groups  $\pi_*(M)$  of the mod 3 Moore spectrum  $M$ , using our results [1] on  $H^1M_1^1$  which relates to the  $E_2$ -term of the Adams-Novikov spectral sequence for computing  $\pi_*(M)$ .

### 1. Introduction

Let  $BP$  denote the Brown-Peterson spectrum at a prime number  $p$ . Then the coefficient ring  $BP_*$  of the  $BP_*$ -homology theory is the polynomial algebra  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}[v_1, v_2, \dots]$ . The Morava  $K$ -theory  $K(n)_*(-)$  is characterized by the coefficient ring  $K(n)_* = \mathbb{Z}/p[v_n, v_n^{-1}]$ . A spectrum  $X$  is of type  $n$  if  $K(n)_*(X) \neq 0$  and  $K(n-1)_*(X) = 0$ , and a self-map  $f: X \rightarrow X$  of a type  $n$  spectrum  $X$  is said to be a  $v_n$ -map if  $K(n)_*(f) \neq 0$ . By the name  $\beta$ -element, we mean an element of the homotopy groups of the mod  $p$  Moore spectrum  $M$  or the sphere spectrum defined by using a  $v_2$ -map on a type 2 spectrum  $V$ . For  $p > 3$ , we take  $V$  to be Toda-Smith spectrum  $V(1)$  and  $v_2$ -map is  $\beta$  with  $K(2)_*(\beta) = v_2$  constructed by [24] (cf. [25]). The homotopy  $\beta$ -elements are given by [5], [6], [7], [8], [9], [15], [26]. The non-triviality of  $\beta$ -elements itself is shown by Miller, Ravenel and Wilson [4]. The non-triviality of products of  $\beta$ -elements at the prime  $> 3$  is studied in [2], [3] and [22] for the mod  $p$  Moore spectrum and [10], [11], [16], [17], [18], [19], [20] for the sphere spectrum. In [23], the homotopy groups  $\pi_*(L_2S^0)$  are determined and render the non-triviality of the products of two  $\beta$ -elements for  $p > 3$ .

At the prime 3, S. Pemmaraju [12] shows the existence of  $\beta_s \in \pi_{4(3s+s-1)-2}(S^0)$  for  $s \equiv 0, 1, 2, 5, 6 \pmod{9}$ , while  $\beta_s \in \pi_{(sp+s-1)q-2}(S^0)$  at the prime  $p > 3$  exists for any  $s > 0$ . In this paper, we assume his results

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including that  $\beta'_s \in \pi_{4(3s+s-1)-1}(M)$  also exists if  $s \equiv 0, 1, 2, 5, 6 \pmod 9$ . Here  $M$  denotes the mod 3 Moore spectrum. Note that the second author shows that  $\beta_s$  does not exist in  $\pi_*(S^0)$  if  $s \equiv 4, 7, 8 \pmod 9$ , and further shows the existence of  $\beta_t \in \pi_*(L_2S^0)$  and  $\beta'_t \in \pi_*(L_2M)$  if  $t \equiv 0, 1, 5 \pmod 9$  [21], where  $L_2$  denotes the Bousfield-Ravenel localization functor with respect to  $v_2^{-1}BP$ . As is seen in his book [14], Ravenel shows the existence of another type of  $\beta$ -elements  $\beta_{6/3} \in \pi_{82}(S^0)$ . This result also indicates the existence of another  $\beta$ -element  $\beta'_{6/3} \in \pi_{83}(M)$ . As  $v_1$ -periodic maps, we have the  $\alpha$ -elements. The  $\alpha$ -elements  $\alpha_s$ 's are all seen to be non-trivial elements of  $\pi_{4s-1}(S^0)$  by the existence of the Adams map  $\alpha: \Sigma^4M \rightarrow M$  such that  $BP_*(\alpha) = v_1$ . In this paper we show the following theorems under the assumption of Pemmariaju's results. The first one is on the products with  $\alpha$ -elements:

**THEOREM A.** *In the homotopy groups  $\pi_*(M)$  of the mod 3 Moore spectrum  $M$ ,*

$$\alpha_s \beta'_t \neq 0 \quad \text{if } 3 \nmid st.$$

We next consider products of  $\beta'$ -elements:

**THEOREM B.** *In the homotopy groups  $\pi_*(M)$  of the mod 3 Moore spectrum  $M$ ,*

$$\beta'_s \beta'_t \neq 0 \quad \text{if } 3 \nmid st,$$

and

$$\beta'_s \beta'_{6/3} \neq 0 \quad \text{if } 3 \nmid s.$$

Since  $\beta'_t$  exists unless  $t \equiv 3, 4, 7, 8 \pmod 9$ , these theorems are restated as:

**THEOREM A'.** *The element  $\alpha_s \beta'_t$  for  $s, t > 0$  is essential in  $\pi_*(M)$  if  $s \not\equiv 0 \pmod 3$  and  $t \equiv 1, 2, 5 \pmod 9$ .*

**THEOREM B'.** *The element  $\beta'_s \beta'_t$  for  $s, t > 0$  is essential in  $\pi_*(M)$  if  $s, t \equiv 1, 2, 5 \pmod 9$ . If  $s \equiv 1, 2, 5 \pmod 9$ , then  $\beta'_s \beta'_{6/3}$  is an essential element of  $\pi_*(M)$ .*

These follow from Theorem 3.3, which are the 2nd line phenomena. Now turn to the 3rd line phenomena.

**THEOREM C.** *In the homotopy groups  $\pi_*(M)$  of the mod 3 Moore spectrum  $M$ ,*

$$\beta'_s \beta'_t \neq 0$$

if  $3|(s+t)$  and  $3 \nmid s$ , or if  $3|(s-t)$  and  $3|(s-1)$ , and

$$\beta'_s \beta_{6/3} \neq 0 \quad \text{if } 3 \nmid s.$$

This is also restated as:

**THEOREM C'.** *The element  $\beta'_s \beta_t$  is essential in  $\pi_*(M)$  if  $s \equiv 1 \pmod 3$  and  $t \equiv 1, 2, 5 \pmod 9$ , or if  $s \equiv 2 \pmod 3$  and  $t \equiv 1 \pmod 9$ . If  $s \equiv 1, 2, 5 \pmod 9$ , then  $\beta'_s \beta_{6/3}$  is an essential element of  $\pi_*(M)$ .*

This result follows from Theorem D below. In fact, Pemmaraju shows in [12] that  $\beta_i$  in the  $E_2$ -term of the Adams-Novikov spectral sequence is a permanent cycle if  $i \equiv 0, 1, 2, 5, 6^* \pmod 9$ . Therefore the result of the  $E_2$ -term implies the result of the homotopy, since nothing kills the products in the spectral sequence by degree reason.

**THEOREM D.** *In the  $E_2$ -term of the Adams-Novikov spectral sequence for computing  $\pi_*(M)$ ,*

$$\beta'_s \beta_t \neq 0$$

if  $3|(s+t)$  and  $3 \nmid s$ , or if  $3|(s-t)$  and  $3|(s-1)$ ,

$$\beta'_s \beta_{3t/3} \neq 0$$

if  $3 \nmid st$ , and

$$\beta'_s \beta_{3^{n_t}/a_n} \neq 0$$

if  $3|(m+2)$  or  $27|(m-8)(m+1)$ , where  $s = 3^{k-1}m - 3^{n-1}(3t-1)$  for  $k > 0$  with  $3 \nmid m$ .

Here the integer  $a_k$  is  $4 \cdot 3^{k-1} - 1$ , and  $\beta$ -elements of the  $E_2$ -term are defined in the next section. This follows from the main result of [1] immediately.

## 2. $\beta$ -elements in the $E_2$ -term

Let  $BP$  denote the Brown-Peterson spectrum at the prime 3 whose homotopy groups  $\pi_*(BP) = BP_*$  consist of a polynomial algebra  $\mathbf{Z}_{(3)}[v_1, v_2, \dots]$  over the Hazewinkel generators  $v_i$  with  $|v_i| = 2(3^i - 1)$ . Then  $BP_*(-) = \pi_*(BP \wedge -)$  is a homology theory over the category of spectra. Moreover, the

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\*There is a conjecture due to Ravenel that  $\beta_i$  exists if and only if  $i \equiv 0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 \pmod 9$ . The 'only if' part is shown in [21]. In [12, Cor. 1.2], Pemmaraju claimed that the 'if' part is shown, but  $\beta_i$  with  $i \equiv 3 \pmod 9$  stays still undetermined.

pair  $(BP_*, BP_*(BP))$  is a Hopf algebroid with structure maps  $\eta_R = (i \wedge BP)_*$ ,  $\eta_L = (BP \wedge i)_*$  and  $\Delta = (BP \wedge i \wedge BP)_*$ , where  $i: S^0 \rightarrow BP$  denotes the unit map of the ring spectrum  $BP$ . The unit map also defines the exact couple which yields the Adams-Novikov spectral sequence

$$E_2^s(X) = \text{Ext}_{BP_*(BP)}^s(BP_*, BP_*(X)) \Rightarrow \pi_*(X \wedge SZ_{(3)})$$

for a spectrum  $X$  and the Moore spectrum  $SZ_{(3)}$  with  $\pi_0(SZ_{(3)}) = \mathbb{Z}_{(3)}$ . Here the  $E_2$ -term is defined as a cohomology of the cobar complex  $(\Omega_{BP_*(BP)}^s(X), d_s) = (\Omega_{BP_*(BP)}^s BP_*(X), d_s)$ , which is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega^s(X) &= BP_*(X) \otimes_{BP_*} BP_*(BP) \otimes_{BP_*} \cdots \otimes_{BP_*} BP_*(BP), \\ &\quad (s \text{ copies of } BP_*(BP)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d_s(x \otimes \gamma_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \gamma_s) &= \eta_R(x) \otimes \gamma_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \gamma_s \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^s (-1)^k x \otimes \gamma_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \gamma_{k-1} \otimes \Delta(\gamma_k) \otimes \gamma_{k+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \gamma_s \\ &\quad + (-1)^{s+1} x \otimes \gamma_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \gamma_s \otimes 1, \end{aligned}$$

for  $x \in BP_*(X)$  and  $\gamma_i \in BP_*(BP)$ .

First we define the  $\beta$ -elements in the  $E_2$ -terms  $E_2^1(M)$  and  $E_2^2(S^0)$  at the prime 3 in the same way as those at the prime  $p > 3$ . Here  $M$  denotes the mod 3 Moore spectrum. Recall [4] the elements  $x_i$  of  $v_2^{-1}BP_*$ :

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 &= v_2, & x_1 &= v_2^3 - v_1^3 v_2^{-1} v_3, & x_2 &= x_1^3 - v_1^8 v_2^7 - v_1^{11} v_2^3 v_3 & \text{and} \\ x_n &= x_{n-1}^3 + v_1^{a_n-3} v_2^{3^n-3^{n-1}+1} & & \text{for } n > 2, \end{aligned}$$

for the integer  $a_n$  with  $a_0 = 1$  and

$$a_n = 4 \cdot 3^{n-1} - 1.$$

Now consider the differential  $d_0 = \eta_R - \eta_L: v_2^{-1}BP_* \rightarrow v_2^{-1}BP_*(BP)$ , and it is shown [4] that

$$\begin{aligned} d_0(x_n) &\equiv v_1 t_1^3 & n &= 0, \\ (2.1) \quad &\equiv v_1^3 v_2^2 (t_1 + v_1 (v_2^{-1} (t_2 - t_1^4) - \zeta_2)) & n &= 1, \\ &\equiv -v_1^{a_n} v_2^{2 \cdot 3^{n-1}} (t_1 + v_1 \zeta_2^{3^{n-1}}) & n &> 1. \end{aligned}$$

Here

(2.2) ([4])  $\zeta_2$  represents a cocycle  $v_2^{-1}t_2 + v_2^{-3}(t_2^3 - t_1^{12}) - v_2^{-4}v_3 t_1^3$ , which is homologous to  $\zeta_2^{3^i}$  for  $i \geq 0$  in  $\Omega_{\mathbb{F}_3}^1 E(2)_*/(3, v_1)$ .

Consider the comodules

$$\begin{aligned} N_0^0 &= BP_*, \\ N_1^0 &= BP_*/(3), \\ N_0^1 &= BP_*/(3^\infty), \\ N_2^0 &= BP_*/(3, v_1), \\ N_1^1 &= BP_*/(3, v_1^\infty), \\ N_0^2 &= BP_*/(3^\infty, v_1^\infty), \end{aligned}$$

and  $M_l^k = v_{k+l}^{-1} N_l^k$ , whose comodule structures are induced from the right unit  $\eta_R$ . Then we have the short exact sequences

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \longrightarrow N_0^0 &\xrightarrow{\subset} M_0^0 \longrightarrow N_0^1 \longrightarrow 0, \\ 0 \longrightarrow N_0^1 &\xrightarrow{\subset} M_0^1 \longrightarrow N_0^2 \longrightarrow 0, \quad \text{and} \\ 0 \longrightarrow N_1^0 &\xrightarrow{\subset} M_1^0 \longrightarrow N_1^1 \longrightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

with the associated connecting homomorphisms

$$\begin{aligned} \delta : H^s N_0^1 &\rightarrow H^{s+1} N_0^0, \\ \delta' : H^s N_0^2 &\rightarrow H^{s+1} N_0^1, \\ \delta_1 : H^s N_1^1 &\rightarrow H^{s+1} N_1^0. \end{aligned}$$

Here we use the abbreviation

$$H^s L = \text{Ext}_{BP_*(BP)}^s(BP_*, L)$$

for a comodule  $L$ . Note that  $H^s N_0^0 = E_2^s(S^0)$  and  $H^s N_1^0 = E_2^s(M)$ . Since we compute

$$(2.3) \quad d_0(v_1^{3^ns}) \equiv 3^{n+1} s v_1^{3^ns-1} t_1 \pmod{(3^{n+2})}$$

in  $\Omega^1(S^0)$  by the formula  $\eta_R(v_1) = v_1 + p t_1$  (cf. [14]), we see that

$$v_1^{3^ns}/3^k \in H^0 N_0^1$$

for  $n \geq 0$ ,  $s \geq 0$  and  $0 < k \leq n+1$ . Besides, we see by (2.1) that

$$x_n^s/v_1^j \in H^0 N_1^1 \quad \text{and} \quad x_n^s/3v_1^j \in H^0 N_0^2$$

for  $n \geq 0$ ,  $s > 0$  and  $0 < j \leq a_n$ . Now we can define the  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -elements:

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_{3^n s/k} &= \delta(v_1^{3^n s}/3^k) \in H^1 N_0^0 = E_2^1(S^0). \\ \beta'_{3^n s/j} &= \delta_1(x_n^s/v_1^j) \in H^1 N_1^0 = E_2^1(M). \\ \beta_{3^n s/j} &= \delta\delta'(x_n^s/3v_1^j) \in H^2 N_0^0 = E_2^2(S^0).\end{aligned}$$

We abbreviate  $\alpha_{s/1}$ ,  $\beta_{s/1}$  and  $\beta'_{s/1}$  by  $\alpha_s$ ,  $\beta_s$  and  $\beta'_s$ , respectively. Then the formula (2.3) yields immediately

$$(2.4) \quad \alpha_{3^n s/k} \equiv 3^{n-k+1} s v_1^{3^n s-1} h_{10} \pmod{(3^{n-k+2})}$$

in  $E_2^1(S^0)$ , since  $h_{10}$  is represented by  $t_1$ . Moreover, by definition together with (2.1), a  $\beta'$ -element is expressed by

$$\begin{aligned}(2.5) \quad \beta'_s &\equiv s v_2^{s-1} h_{11} \pmod{(3, v_1)}, \\ \beta'_{3s/j} &\equiv s v_1^{3-j} v_2^{3s-1} h_{10} \pmod{(3, v_1^{4-j})}, \quad \text{and} \\ \beta'_{3^k s/j} &\equiv -s v_1^{a_k-j} v_2^{3^{k-1}(3s-1)} h_{10} \pmod{(3, v_1^{a_k-j+1})} \quad \text{for } k > 1\end{aligned}$$

in  $E_2^1(M)$  by [4, Prop. 5.4] and  $\beta$ -elements are represented by the cocycles as follows (cf. [10]):

$$\begin{aligned}(2.6) \quad \beta_s &\equiv \binom{s}{2} v_2^{s-1} \zeta_2 h_{11} + \binom{s+1}{2} v_2^{s-1} b_0 \pmod{(3, v_1)}, \\ \beta_{3s/3} &\equiv s v_2^{3s-3} b_1 \pmod{(3, v_1)}, \quad \text{and} \\ \beta_{3^k s/a_k} &\equiv -s v_2^{3^{k-1}(3s-1)} h_{10} \zeta \pmod{(3, v_1)} \quad \text{for } k > 1\end{aligned}$$

in  $E_2^2(S^0)$ . Here  $h_{11}$  and  $b_i$  are represented by  $t_1^3$  and  $-(t_1^{2 \cdot 3^i} \otimes t_1^{3^i} + t_1^{3^i} \otimes t_1^{2 \cdot 3^i})$ , respectively. Moreover,  $\zeta$  denotes the homology class which is represented by an element whose leading term is  $\zeta_2$ .

We end this section with explaining about the homotopy elements  $\beta'_t \in \pi_{4(3t+3-1)-1}(L_2 M)$ . In [21], the existence is shown of  $B_j : S^{16j} \rightarrow L_2 V(1)$  for  $j \equiv 0, 1, 5 \pmod{9}$  such that  $BP_*(B_j) = v_2^j$ . Here  $V(1)$  denotes the Toda-Smith spectrum, which is a cofiber of the Adams map  $\alpha : \Sigma^4 M \rightarrow M$ . Now define

$$\beta'_j = \pi(B_j) \in \pi_*(L_2 M),$$

where  $\pi : V(1) \rightarrow \Sigma^5 M$  is the canonical projection. Then the Geometric Boundary Theorem (cf. [14]) shows that the  $\beta$ -elements of the  $E_2$ -term converge to the same named homotopy elements in the Adams-Novikov spectral sequence.

### 3. The non-triviality of products in $H^2BP_*/3$

We have the exact sequence

$$H^1M_1^0 \rightarrow H^1N_1^1 \xrightarrow{\delta_1} H^2BP_*/3,$$

in which  $H^{1,t}M_1^0 = 0$  unless  $t = 0$  by [4]. Therefore,  $\delta_1$  is monomorphic at  $t > 0$ . Moreover, (2.4) and (2.5) show the equations:

$$\begin{aligned} (3.1) \quad \alpha_{3^n s/n+1} \beta'_{3^m t/j} &= \delta_1(x'_m \alpha_{3^n s/n+1}/v_1^j) \\ &= s\delta_1(v_2^{3^m t} h_{10}/v_1^{j-3^n s+1}) \\ \beta'_{3^n s/k} \beta'_{3^m t/j} &= \delta_1(x'_m \beta'_{3^n s/k}/v_1^j) \\ &= \begin{cases} s\delta_1(v_2^{3^m t+s-1} h_{11}/v_1^j + \dots) & n = 0, \\ s\delta_1(v_2^{3^m t+3s-1} h_{10}/v_1^{j-3+k} + \dots) & n = 1, \\ -s\delta_1(v_2^{3^m t+3^{n-1}(3s-1)} h_{10}/v_1^{j-a_n+k} + \dots) & n > 1. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Recall [1, Th. 6.1] the structure of  $H^1M_1^1$ :

(3.2)  $H^1M_1^1 = A \oplus B$ . Here  $B$  is the direct sum of cyclic  $k(1)_*$ -modules generated by the elements represented by the cocycles whose leading terms are:

$$v_2^{3^k(3t+1)} h_{10}/v_1^{a(k)}, \quad v_2^{3^k(9t-1)} h_{10}/v_1^{a'(k)}, \quad v_2^{3t-1} h_{11}/v_1^2 \quad \text{and} \quad v_2^{3^k u} \zeta/v_1^{a_k}$$

for  $k \geq 0$  and  $t, u \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $3 \nmid u$ . Here  $k(1)_* = \mathbb{Z}/3[v_1]$  and the integers  $a(k)$ ,  $a'(k)$  and  $a_k$  are given by  $a(0) = 2$ ,  $a'(0) = 10$ ,  $a_0 = 1$ ,  $a(k) = 6 \cdot 3^{k-1} + 1$ ,  $a'(k) = 28 \cdot 3^{k-1}$  and  $a_k = 4 \cdot 3^{k-1} - 1$  for  $k > 0$ .

These facts show the following

**THEOREM 3.3.** *In the  $E_2$ -term of the Adams-Novikov spectral sequence for computing  $\pi_*(M)$ ,*

$$\alpha_{3^n s/n+1} \beta'_{3^m t/j} \neq 0 \quad \text{if} \quad 3 \nmid st \quad \text{and} \quad 3 \nmid t+1 \quad \text{or} \quad 9 \mid t+1.$$

$$\beta'_s \beta'_{3^m t/j} \neq 0 \quad \text{if} \quad 3 \nmid s \quad \text{for} \quad m > 0, \quad \text{or if} \quad 3 \nmid st \quad \text{for} \quad m = 0.$$

Suppose that  $m > 0$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \beta'_{3s/k} \beta'_{3^m t/j} &\quad \text{if } j+k > 3, \quad 3 \nmid su \quad \text{and} \quad 3 \nmid u+1 \quad \text{or} \\ &\quad 9 \mid u+1 \quad \text{for} \quad 3^l u = 3^m t + 3s - 1. \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that  $m \geq n$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \beta'_{3^n s/k} \beta'_{3^m t/j} &\quad \text{if } j+k > a_n, \quad 3 \nmid su \quad \text{and} \quad 3 \nmid u+1 \quad \text{or} \\ &\quad 9 \mid u+1 \quad \text{for} \quad 3^l u = 3^m t + 3^{n-1}(3s - 1). \end{aligned}$$

PROOF. Consider the localization map  $\lambda : H^1 N_1^1 \rightarrow H^1 M_1^1$  induced from the canonical localization map  $N_1^1 \rightarrow M_1^1$ . Let  $x$  denote the element found in  $\delta_1(x)$  on the right hand side of (3.1). If we show that  $\lambda(x) \neq 0$ , then  $x \neq 0$ , and so is the product of the left hand side of (3.1). The non-triviality of  $\lambda(x)$  follows from (3.2), immediately. q.e.d.

#### 4. The non-triviality of products in $H^3 BP_*/3$

Consider the short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow M_2^0 \xrightarrow{\varphi} M_1^1 \xrightarrow{v_1} M_1^1 \longrightarrow 0$$

of comodules, and denote the connecting homomorphism by  $\partial : H^s M_1^1 \rightarrow H^{s+1} M_2^0$ . Here  $\varphi$  is defined by  $\varphi(x) = x/v_1$ .

LEMMA 4.1. *If  $v_2^s \beta_{t/j}$  is not in  $\text{Im}\{\partial : H^s M_1^1 \rightarrow H^{s+1} M_2^0\}$ , then*

$$\beta'_s \beta_{t/j} \neq 0 \in E_2^3(M).$$

PROOF. Consider the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H^2 M_1^0 & \longrightarrow & H^2 N_1^1 \xrightarrow{\delta_1} H^3 N_1^0 = E_2^3(M) \\ & & \downarrow \lambda \\ H^1 M_1^1 & \xrightarrow{\partial} & H^2 M_2^0 \xrightarrow{\varphi_*} H^2 M_1^1 \end{array}$$

in which both sequences are exact, and  $\lambda$  denotes the localization map used in the proof of Proposition 3.3. It is shown that  $H^2 M_1^0 = 0$  in [13] (cf. [14]), and so the map  $\delta_1$  in the diagram is a monomorphism. Since  $H^* N_0^0$  acts on  $H^* L$  for a comodule  $L$  naturally,

$$\beta'_s \beta_{t/j} = \delta_1(v_2^s/v_1) \beta_{t/j} = \delta_1(v_2^s \beta_{t/j}/v_1).$$

Therefore, the non-triviality of the element  $v_2^s \beta_{t/j}/v_1$  implies the desired non-triviality of the product of the  $\beta$ -elements.

Note that  $\lambda(v_2^s \beta_{t/j}/v_1) = v_2^s \beta_{t/j}/v_1$  in  $H^2 M_1^1$ . Furthermore,  $v_2^s \beta_{t/j}/v_1 = \varphi_*(v_2^s \beta_{t/j})$ . Thus, if  $v_2^s \beta_{t/j}$  is not in  $\text{Im } \partial$ , then  $\varphi_*(v_2^s \beta_{t/j}) \neq 0$  and so  $v_2^s \beta_{t/j}/v_1 \neq 0$ . q.e.d.

PROOF OF THEOREM D. By the result of [1], we see that  $\text{Im } \partial$  is generated by the following elements:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{( I ) } & v_2^{3t} b_0 \quad (t \in \mathbb{Z}), \\ & v_2^{9t-4} b_0 + v_2^{9t-4} h_{11} \zeta \quad (t \in \mathbb{Z}), \end{array}$$



- (II)  $v_2^{3^{n+1}t+i(n)}\zeta$   $(n > 0, t \in \mathbf{Z}),$   
 (III)  $v_2^{i'(t;n)}h_{10}\zeta$   $(n > 0, t \in \mathbf{Z}),$   
 $v_2^{3^{n-1}(3u-1)}h_{10}\zeta$   $(n > 0, u \in \mathbf{Z} - 3\mathbf{Z}),$   
 (IV)  $v_2^{3t-3}b_1$   $(t \in \mathbf{Z}),$   
 (V)  $v_2^u h_{11}\zeta$   $(u \in \mathbf{Z} - 3\mathbf{Z}).$

Here, integers  $i(n) = \frac{1}{2}(3^n - 1)$  for  $n \geq 0$ , and  $i'(t; 0) = 9t - 4$  and  $i'(t; n) = 3^{n-1}(9(3t - 1) - 1)$ . Now Theorem D follows from (2.6) and Lemma 4.1. q.e.d.

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