

BRACKETS IN THE FREE LOOP SPACE HOMOLOGY OF SOME HOMOGENEOUS SPACES.

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Abstract

Let X be a simply connected homogeneous space of which $\pi_*(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ is finite dimensional. We consider the homology of the free loop space $\text{map}(S^1, X)$ with the bracket defined by Chas and Sullivan. We show that the Lie algebra $s\mathbb{H}_*(\text{map}(S^1, X), \mathbb{Q})$ is not nilpotent.

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1 Introduction

In this paper we study the Lie bracket in the homology of the free loop space of a homogeneous space. We make extensive use of the theory of Sullivan algebras of which details can be found in [2, 12, 13].

Let (A, d) be a commutative cochain algebra over a field \mathbb{k} . A derivation θ of degree i is a linear mapping $A^n \rightarrow A^{n-i}$ such that $\theta(ab) = \theta(a)b + (-1)^{i|a|}a\theta(b)$. Denote by $\text{Der}_i A$ the vector space of all derivations of degree i and let $\text{Der} A = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{Der}_i A$. With the commutator bracket $\text{Der} A$ becomes a graded Lie algebra. There is a differential $\delta : \text{Der}_i A \rightarrow \text{Der}_{i-1} A$ defined by $\delta\theta = [d, \theta]$. Hence $(\text{Der} A, \delta)$ is a differential graded Lie algebra. Using the grading convention $A^n = A_{-n}$, we may view a derivation of degree i as increasing the lower degree by i .

Moreover $\text{Der} A$ is a differential graded A -module with the action $(a\theta)(x) = a\theta(x)$. If $A = (\wedge V, d)$ is a Sullivan algebra of which V is finite dimensional, we show that $\text{Der} A \cong A \otimes V^\#$, where $V^\#$ is the graded dual of V (Lemma 4.1). With the above grading convention $V^\# = \bigoplus_{i \geq 1} (V^\#)_i$ is positively graded.

On $s^{-1}\text{Der} A$, we define a bracket of degree 1 by $\{\alpha, \beta\} = s^{-1}[s\alpha, s\beta]$ and a differential $\delta'(\alpha) = -s^{-1}\delta(s\alpha) = -\{d', \alpha\}$, where $d' = s^{-1}d$ is of degree -2 . Let \bar{A} be the kernel of the augmentation $\epsilon : A \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$. We denote by $C^*(A; A) = \text{Hom}(T(s\bar{A}), A)$

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(resp. $HH^*(A;A)$) the Hochschild complex (resp. cohomology) of the cochain algebra A with coefficients in A [9]. Moreover

$$HH^*(A;A) \cong \text{Ext}_{A \otimes A}(A, A),$$

where A is considered as an $A \otimes A$ -module by the action $(a \otimes b)c = abc$. Therefore, in order to compute the Hochschild cohomology of a commutative differential graded algebra A , it is sufficient to find a free resolution of A as an $A \otimes A$ -module. In particular, for the minimal Sullivan algebra $(\wedge V, d)$, one can consider a relative Sullivan model of the multiplication $m : \wedge V \otimes \wedge V \rightarrow \wedge V$. Such a model is given by

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\wedge V, d) \otimes (\wedge V, d) & \xrightarrow{m} & (\wedge V, d) \\ \downarrow & & \parallel \\ (\wedge V \otimes \wedge V \otimes \wedge \bar{V}, D) & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & (\wedge V, d), \end{array}$$

where $\bar{V}^n = V^{n+1}$, $D(1 \otimes 1 \otimes \bar{v}) = v \otimes 1 \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes v \otimes 1 + \alpha$ with $\alpha \in (\wedge V \otimes \wedge V)^{>0} \otimes \bar{V}$ [2]. Therefore

$$HH(\wedge V; \wedge V) \cong H_*(\text{Hom}_{\wedge V \otimes \wedge V}(\wedge V \otimes \wedge V \otimes \wedge \bar{V}, \wedge V), D)$$

Define

$$\psi : (s^{-1} \text{Der } \wedge V, \delta') \rightarrow (\text{Hom}_{\wedge V \otimes \wedge V}(\wedge V \otimes \wedge V \otimes \wedge \bar{V}, \wedge V), D)$$

by

$$\psi(s^{-1}\theta)(\bar{v}) = (-1)^{|\theta|}\theta(v), \quad \psi(s^{-1}\theta)(\wedge^{\geq 2}\bar{V}) = \psi(s^{-1}\theta)(1 \otimes 1 \otimes 1) = 0. \quad (1.1)$$

Then $\psi(s^{-1}\theta)$ is extended to $\wedge V \otimes \wedge V \otimes \wedge \bar{V}$ as a morphism of $\wedge V \otimes \wedge V$ -modules. Moreover ψ commutes with differentials.

Our main result states.

Theorem 1.1. *The inclusion*

$$\psi : (s^{-1} \text{Der } \wedge V, \delta') \hookrightarrow (\text{Hom}_{\wedge V \otimes \wedge V}(\wedge V \otimes \wedge V \otimes \wedge \bar{V}, \wedge V), D)$$

induces an injective graded Lie algebra morphism

$$H_*(s^{-1} \text{Der } \wedge V, \delta') \hookrightarrow HH(\wedge V; \wedge V).$$

We do not know if the result holds for any graded commutative differential algebra (A, d) as stated [8, Theorem 1] as some gaps in the proof were later found.

Let X be a closed oriented manifold of dimension m and $LX = \text{map}(S^1, X)$ the space of free loops on X . The loop homology of X is the homology of LX with a shift of degrees, that is, $\mathbb{H}_*(LX) = H_{*+m}(LX)$. In [1], Chas and Sullivan define a product, called loop product and a Lie bracket (called loop bracket) on $\mathbb{H}_*(LX)$ turning $\mathbb{H}_*(LX)$ into a Gerstenhaber algebra. We use the above result to show that the free loop space homology of a homogeneous space contains Gerstenhaber brackets of arbitrary length.

Theorem 1.2. *Let X be a 1-connected homogeneous space of which $\pi_*(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ is finite dimensional, then the graded Lie algebra $s\mathbb{H}_*(LX, \mathbb{Q})$ is not nilpotent.*

2 Hochschild cohomology

We define here the Hochschild cohomology through the bar construction of an augmented differential graded algebra (A, d) , not necessarily commutative. The bar construction $\mathbb{B}(A; A; A)$ provides a free resolution of A as an $A \otimes A^{op}$ -module. It is defined by

$$\mathbb{B}_k(A; A; A) = A \otimes T^k(s\bar{A}) \otimes A.$$

An element $a[a_1|a_2|\cdots|a_k]b \in A \otimes T^k(s\bar{A}) \otimes A$ is of degree $|a| + |b| + \sum_{i=1}^k |sa_i|$. The differential $d = d_0 + d_1$ is defined as follows (see for instance [3]).

$$d_0 : \mathbb{B}_k(A; A; A) \rightarrow \mathbb{B}_k(A; A; A), \quad d_1 : \mathbb{B}_k(A; A; A) \rightarrow \mathbb{B}_{k-1}(A; A; A),$$

$$\begin{aligned} d_0(a[a_1|a_2|\cdots|a_k]b) &= (da)[a_1|a_2|\cdots|a_k]b - \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^{\epsilon(i)} a[a_1|\cdots|da_i|\cdots|a_k]b \\ &\quad + (-1)^{\epsilon(k+1)} a[a_1|a_2|\cdots|a_k](db), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d_1(a[a_1|a_2|\cdots|a_k]b) &= (aa_1)[a_2|\cdots|a_k]b - \sum_{i=2}^k (-1)^{\epsilon(i)} a[a_1|\cdots|a_{i-1}a_i|\cdots|a_k]b \\ &\quad - (-1)^{\epsilon(k)} a[a_1|a_2|\cdots|a_{k-1}](a_k b), \end{aligned}$$

where $\epsilon(i) = |a| + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} |sa_j|$. Therefore the Hochschild cochain complex is given by

$$(C^*(A; A), D) = \text{Hom}_{A \otimes A^{op}}(\mathbb{B}(A; A; A), A) \cong (\text{Hom}(T(s\bar{A}), A), D_0 + D_1),$$

where the differential is expressed as follows [7].

$$\begin{aligned} (D_0 f)([a_1|a_2|\cdots|a_k]) &= d(f([a_1|a_2|\cdots|a_k])) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^{\bar{\epsilon}(i)} f([a_1|\cdots|da_i|\cdots|a_k]) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (D_1 f)([a_1|a_2|\cdots|a_k]) &= -(-1)^{|sa_1||f|} a_1 f([a_2|\cdots|a_k]) \\ &\quad + (-1)^{\bar{\epsilon}(k)} f([a_1|\cdots|a_{k-1}]) a_k \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=2}^k (-1)^{\bar{\epsilon}(i)} f([a_1|\cdots|a_{i-1}a_i|\cdots|a_k]), \end{aligned}$$

where $\bar{\epsilon}(i) = |f| + |sa_1| + \cdots + |sa_{i-1}|$.

Moreover, there is a bracket on $C^*(A; A)$, inducing a Gerstenhaber algebra structure on $HH^*(A, A)$ [9]. The Lie bracket is defined by the formula

$$\{f, g\} = f \bar{\circ} g - (-1)^{(|f|+1)(|g|+1)} g \bar{\circ} f, \quad (2.1)$$

where

$$(f \bar{\circ} g)([a_1|a_2|\cdots|a_k]) = \sum_{0 \leq i \leq j \leq k} (-1)^{\eta(i)} f([a_1|\cdots|a_i]g([a_{i+1}|\cdots|a_j])|a_{j+1}|\cdots|a_k),$$

and $\eta(i) = |g|(|sa_1| + \cdots + |sa_i|)$. If $f \in C^p(A; A)$ and $g \in C^q(A; A)$, then $\{f, g\} \in C^{p+q-1}(A; A)$. As $C^1(A; A)$ is closed under this bracket, $sHH^1(A; A)$ is a sub Lie algebra of $sHH^*(A; A)$.

The differential $d : A \rightarrow A$ corresponds to an element $\tilde{d} \in C^1(A; A)$ of total degree -2 defined

by $\tilde{d}([a]) = -da$. It is easily verified that $D_0f = -\{\tilde{d}, f\}$. Moreover, if $\mu \in C^2(A; A)$ is defined by $\mu([a|b]) = ab$, then $D_1f = -\{\mu, f\}$ [11].

Define

$$F_1C^1(A; A) = \{f \in C^*(A; A) | f(T^{>1}(sA)) = 0\}.$$

Consider the composition mapping

$$\varphi : s^{-1}\text{Der}A \hookrightarrow F_1C^1(A; A) \xrightarrow{p} C^1(A; A) \subset C^*(A; A),$$

where p is the canonical projection.

Lemma 2.1. *The inclusion $\varphi : s^{-1}\text{Der}A \rightarrow C^*(A; A)$ respects the brackets.*

Proof. Note that if $\theta \in \text{Der}A$, then $(\varphi(s^{-1}\theta))([a]) = (-1)^{|\theta|}\theta(a)$. Given $\theta_1, \theta_2 \in \text{Der}A$, it is easily checked that

$$\varphi(\{s^{-1}\theta_1, s^{-1}\theta_2\})([a]) = \{\varphi(s^{-1}\theta_1), \varphi(s^{-1}\theta_2)\}([a]). \quad \square$$

Lemma 2.2. *The inclusion $\varphi : (s^{-1}\text{Der}A, \delta') \rightarrow (C^*(A; A), D_0 + D_1)$ commutes with differentials.*

Proof. As $\delta'(\theta) = -\{d', \theta\}$, $D_0f = -\{\tilde{d}, f\} = -\{\varphi(d'), f\}$, therefore

$$\varphi(\{-d', \theta\}) = -\{\varphi(d'), \varphi(\theta)\} = -\{\tilde{d}, \varphi(\theta)\} = D_0(\varphi(\theta)) = (D_0 + D_1)(\varphi(\theta)),$$

as $D_1(\varphi(\theta)) = 0$, since $s\theta$ is a derivation. □

3 Proof of Theorem 1.1

We recall that

$$\psi : (s^{-1}\text{Der} \wedge V, \delta') \rightarrow (\text{Hom}_{\wedge V \otimes \wedge V}(\wedge V \otimes \wedge V \otimes \wedge \bar{V}, \wedge V), D)$$

is defined

$$\psi(s^{-1}\theta)(\bar{v}) = (-1)^{|\theta|}\theta(v), \quad \psi(s^{-1}\theta)(\wedge^{\geq 2}\bar{V}) = \psi(s^{-1}\theta)(1 \otimes 1 \otimes 1) = 0.$$

Clearly ψ is injective and its range is isomorphic to $\text{Hom}_{\wedge V \otimes \wedge V}(\wedge V \otimes \wedge V \otimes \bar{V}, \wedge V)$. To show that ψ commutes with differentials, we first observe that

$$(\text{Hom}_{\wedge V \otimes \wedge V}(\wedge V \otimes \wedge V \otimes \wedge \bar{V}, \wedge V), D) \cong (\text{Hom}_{\wedge V}(\wedge V \otimes \wedge \bar{V}, \wedge V), D'),$$

where the differential on $\wedge V \otimes \wedge \bar{V}$ is defined by $d\bar{v} = v - s(dv)$ and s is the derivation of $\wedge V \otimes \wedge \bar{V}$ which satisfies $s(v) = \bar{v}$ and $s(\bar{v}) = 0$ [2]. Hence we can view ψ as a map

$$\psi : (s^{-1}\text{Der} \wedge V, \delta') \rightarrow (\text{Hom}_{\wedge V}(\wedge V \otimes \wedge \bar{V}, \wedge V), D').$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(\delta'(s^{-1}\theta))(\bar{v}) &= \psi(-s^{-1}[d, \theta])(\bar{v}) = (-1)^{|\theta|}[d, \theta](v) \\ &= (-1)^{|\theta|}(d\theta(v) - (-1)^{|\theta|}\theta(dv)). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover

$$\begin{aligned}
(D'(\psi(s^{-1}\theta)))(\bar{v}) &= d(\psi(s^{-1}\theta)(\bar{v}) - (-1)^{|\theta|+1}(\psi(s^{-1}\theta))(d\bar{v})) \\
&= (-1)^{|\theta|}d\theta(v) - (-1)^{|\theta|+1}\psi(s^{-1}\theta)(v \otimes 1 - sdv) \\
&= (-1)^{|\theta|}d\theta(v) - (-1)^{|\theta|}\psi(s^{-1}\theta)(sdv) \\
&= (-1)^{|\theta|}(d\theta(v) - (-1)^{|\theta|}\theta(dv)).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence ψ commutes with differentials.

Moreover $(\wedge V \otimes \wedge^n \bar{V}, d)$ is a sub complex of $(\wedge V \otimes \wedge \bar{V}, d)$. Hence there is a decomposition (see also [4])

$$H_*(\text{Hom}_{\wedge V}(\wedge V \otimes \wedge^n \bar{V}, \wedge V), D') = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} H_*(\text{Hom}_{\wedge V}(\wedge V \otimes \wedge^n \bar{V}, \wedge V), D').$$

Therefore ψ restricts to a differential isomorphism

$$(s^{-1} \text{Der } \wedge V, \delta') \xrightarrow{\cong} (\text{Hom}_{\wedge V}(\wedge V \otimes \bar{V}, \wedge V), D').$$

Hence

$$H_*(\psi) : H_*(s^{-1} \text{Der } \wedge V, \delta') \rightarrow HH(\wedge V; \wedge V)$$

is injective.

As $(\wedge V \otimes \wedge V \otimes \wedge \bar{V}, D)$ and $\mathbb{B}(\wedge V; \wedge V; \wedge V)$ are free resolutions of $\wedge V$ as $\wedge V \otimes \wedge V$ -modules, then there is a quasi-isomorphism

$$(\wedge V \otimes \wedge V \otimes \wedge \bar{V}, D) \rightarrow \mathbb{B}(\wedge V; \wedge V; \wedge V).$$

An explicit quasi-isomorphism $J : (\wedge V \otimes \wedge V \otimes \wedge \bar{V}, D) \rightarrow \mathbb{B}(\wedge V; \wedge V; \wedge V)$ is defined as follows. If $dv = 0$ then $J(\bar{v}) = 1 \otimes [v] \otimes 1$. Otherwise $J(\bar{v}) = 1 \otimes [v] \otimes 1 + \alpha$, $\alpha \in 1 \otimes T^{\geq 2}(s(\wedge^+ V)) \otimes 1$. One extends J to $\wedge^{\geq 2} \bar{V}$ by

$$J(\bar{v}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \bar{v}_n) = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \epsilon(\sigma) [J(v_{\sigma(1)}) | \dots | J(v_{\sigma(n)})],$$

where $v_i \in V$. As the following diagram commutes,

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
(\wedge V \otimes \wedge V \otimes \wedge \bar{V}, D) & \xrightarrow{J} & \mathbb{B}(\wedge V; \wedge V; \wedge V) \\
\downarrow \simeq & & \simeq \downarrow \\
(\wedge V, d) & \xlongequal{\quad} & (\wedge V, d)
\end{array}$$

we deduce that J is quasi-isomorphism.

We consider the following commutative diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
(s^{-1} \text{Der } \wedge V, \delta') & \xrightarrow{\psi} & \text{Hom}_{\wedge V \otimes \wedge V}(\wedge V \otimes \wedge V \otimes \wedge \bar{V}, \wedge V) \\
\downarrow \varphi & & \simeq \uparrow \text{Hom}(j) \\
C^*(\wedge V; \wedge V) & \xlongequal{\quad} & C^*(\wedge V; \wedge V)
\end{array}$$

As $H_*(\psi)$ is injective and $H_*(\text{Hom}(j))$ is an isomorphism, we conclude that $H_*(\varphi)$ is injective.

4 Spectral sequence for an n -stage Postnikov tower

We first show the following Lemma.

Lemma 4.1. *Let $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ be a homogeneous linear basis of V and, for $1 \leq i \leq n$, let θ_i be the derivation of $\wedge V$ uniquely determined by*

$$\theta_i(v_j) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i \neq j, \\ 1 & \text{if } i = j. \end{cases}$$

The graded $\wedge V$ -module $\text{Der } \wedge V$ is freely generated by the derivations θ_i ($1 \leq i \leq n$).

Proof. We denote by $V^\#$ the graded dual of V . By restriction to V , we have isomorphisms of graded $\wedge V$ -modules

$$\text{Der } \wedge V \cong \text{Hom}(V, \wedge V) \cong (\wedge V) \otimes V^\#. \quad \square$$

If X is an n -stage Postnikov tower, then X admits a Sullivan algebra of the form $(\wedge(V_1 \oplus \dots \oplus V_n), d)$, where $dV_1 = 0$ and $dV_i \subset \wedge(V_1 \oplus \dots \oplus V_{i-1})$. We will assume that each V_i is finite dimensional. Define a filtration on the Lie algebra of derivations $L = \text{Der } \wedge(V_1 \oplus \dots \oplus V_n)$ as follows.

$$F_p L = \{\theta \in \text{Der } \wedge V : \theta(V_1 \oplus \dots \oplus V_{n-p-1}) = 0\}.$$

We get a filtration $0 \subset F_0 L \subset F_1 L \subset \dots \subset F_{n-1} L = L$. Moreover $F_0 L = (\wedge V) \otimes Z^0$ where $Z^0 = V_n^\#$. In general, $F_k L / F_{k-1} L = (\wedge V) \otimes Z^k$ where $Z^k = V_{n-k}^\#$ and $\delta Z^k \subset (\wedge V) \otimes (Z^0 \oplus \dots \oplus Z^{k-1})$. This defines a semifree filtration of L , hence (L, δ) is a semifree differential module over $(\wedge V, d)$.

It comes from the definition that $[F_p L, F_q L] \subset F_r L$, where $r = \max\{p, q\}$. Hence $[F_p L, F_q L] \subset F_{p+q} L$. The filtration induces a spectral sequence of differential graded Lie algebras such that $E_{k,*}^0 = F_k L / F_{k-1} L \cong A \otimes Z^{k,*}$ and $d_0 = d \otimes 1$. Hence $E_{k,*}^1 \cong H(A) \otimes Z^k$. The E^1 -term, together with differentials, yields

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} E_{n-1,*}^1 & \xrightarrow{d_1} & E_{n-2,*}^1 & \xrightarrow{d_1} & \dots & \xrightarrow{d_1} & E_{0,*}^1 \\ \parallel & & \parallel & & & & \parallel \\ H(A) \otimes Z_*^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{d_1} & H(A) \otimes Z_*^{n-2} & \xrightarrow{d_1} & \dots & \xrightarrow{d_1} & H(A) \otimes Z_*^0. \end{array}$$

In particular if X is a homogeneous space, then its minimal Sullivan model is of the form $(\wedge V, d) = (\wedge(V_1 \oplus V_2), d)$ with $dV_1 = 0$ and $dV_2 \subset \wedge V_1$, then the above spectral sequence collapses at E^2 -level.

5 Computations for homogeneous spaces

Let X be a closed oriented manifold of dimension m . The loop homology $\mathbb{H}_*(LX) = H_{*+m}(LX)$ is endowed with a loop product and a loop bracket turning it into a graded Gerstenhaber algebra [1]. When coefficients are taken in a field there is an isomorphism of graded vector spaces [10]

$$HH_*(C^* X; C^* X) \cong H^*(LX)$$

which dualizes in

$$HH^*(C^*X; C_*X) \cong H_*(LX).$$

If \mathbb{k} is of characteristic 0 and X is simply connected, there is an isomorphism of Gerstenhaber algebras [6, 7, 5]

$$\mathbb{H}_*(LX) \cong HH^*(C^*X; C_*X).$$

Moreover if X is simply connected and $A = (\wedge V, d)$ is a Sullivan model of X , one has an isomorphism of Gerstenhaber algebras [3, Proposition 3.3]

$$HH^*(A; A) \cong HH^*(C^*X; C_*X).$$

Therefore $H_*(s^{-1} \text{Der } \wedge V, \delta')$ is a sub Lie algebra of $\mathbb{H}_*(LX)$. We note that if $\theta, \theta' \in \text{Der } \wedge V$, where $|\theta| = k$ and $a \in (\wedge V)^i$, then $a\theta \in (\text{Der } \wedge V)_{k-i}$. Moreover

$$\begin{aligned} [\theta, a\theta'](x) &= \theta(a\theta'(x)) + (-1)^{|\theta||a\theta'|} (a\theta')(\theta(x)) \\ &= \theta(a)\theta'(x) + (-1)^{|\theta||a|} a(\theta\theta')(x) + (-1)^{|\theta||a\theta'|} a(\theta'\theta)(x) \\ &= \theta(a)\theta'(x) + (-1)^{|\theta||a|} a[\theta, \theta'](x). \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$[\theta, a\theta'] = \theta(a)\theta' + (-1)^{|\theta||a|} a[\theta, \theta']. \quad (5.1)$$

We can now compute brackets in the E^2 -term of the spectral sequence of $s^{-1} \text{Der } \wedge V$, when $(\wedge V, d)$ is the minimal Sullivan model of a homogeneous space. We simply denote by d the differential d_1 of the E^1 -term of the spectral sequence.

Example 5.1. Consider $X = \mathbb{C}P(n)$ of which the minimal Sullivan model is $(\wedge(x, y), d)$, $|x| = 2, |y| = 2n + 1, dx = 0, dy = x^{n+1}$. The E^1 -term is given by $(\wedge x/(x^{n+1}) \otimes \mathbb{Q} \langle z_1, z_{2n} \rangle, d)$, where $z_1 = s^{-1}x^\#$ and $z_{2n} = s^{-1}y^\#$. The differential is given by $dz_{2n} = 0, dz_1 = (n+1)x^n z_{2n}$. Here subscripts indicate degrees. Non zero homology classes are $\{x^j z_{2n}, x^i z_1, 0 \leq j \leq n-1, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$. In particular $\{x z_1, x^j z_{2n}\} = j x^j z_{2n}$, hence $\text{ad}^k(x z_1) \neq 0$, for $k \geq 1$.

Example 5.2. We consider the minimal Sullivan model of $X = Sp(5)/SU(5)$ which is given by $(\wedge(x_6, x_{10}, y_{11}, y_{15}, y_{19}), d)$ with $dx_i = 0, dy_{11} = x_6^2, dy_{15} = x_6 x_{10}, dy_{19} = x_{10}^2$, where subscripts indicate degrees. The rational cohomology $H^*(X, \mathbb{Q})$ is given by classes of $\{1, x_6, x_{10}, x_6 y_{15} - x_{10} y_{11}, x_{10} y_{15} - x_6 y_{19}, x_6(x_{10} y_{15} - x_6 y_{19})\}$. Hence the E^1 -term is $(H^*(X, \mathbb{Q}) \otimes Z, d)$, where Z is spanned by $\{z_{10}, z_{14}, z_{18}, w_5, w_9\}$, $z_i = s^{-1}y_{i+1}^\#, w_i = s^{-1}x_{i+1}^\#$ and $dz_i = 0, dw_5 = 2x_6 z_{10} + x_{10} z_{14}, dw_9 = x_6 z_{14} + 2x_{10} z_{18}$. It is easily checked that $x_6 w_5, x_6 z_i^k, x_6 w_9, x_{10} z_i^k$ are non zero homology classes. Moreover $\{x_6 w_5, x_6 z_i^k\} = x_6 z_i^k, \{x_{10} w_9, x_{10} z_i^k\} = x_{10} z_i^k$. Hence for $\alpha = x_6 w_5, \text{ad}^k \alpha \neq 0, k \geq 1$. It is the same for $\beta = x_{10} w_9$.

We have the more general result.

Theorem 5.3. *Let X be a homogeneous space of which the minimal Sullivan model is $(A, d) = (\wedge(x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_m), d)$, where $|x_i|$ is even, $|y_i|$ is odd and $dx_i = 0, f_i = dy_i \in \wedge(x_1, \dots, x_n)$. Then the graded Lie algebra $s\mathbb{H}_*(LX, \mathbb{Q})$ is not nilpotent.*

Proof. It is sufficient to show that $H_*(s^{-1} \text{Der } A, \delta') \subset HH_*(A; A)$ is not nilpotent. Like in the previous examples, we consider the spectral sequence for $s^{-1} \text{Der } A$. The E^1 -term is given by

$$(H^*(A, d) \otimes \mathbb{Q} \langle z_1, \dots, z_m, w_1, \dots, w_n \rangle, d),$$

where $z_j = s^{-1}y_j^\#$, $w_i = s^{-1}x_i^\#$, $dz_j = 0$ and $dw_i = \sum_j \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_i} z_j$. We are looking for coefficients $q_i \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $\alpha = \sum_i q_i x_i w_i$ is a d -cocycle.

$$\begin{aligned} d(\sum_i q_i x_i w_i) &= \sum_i \sum_j q_i x_i \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_i} z_j \\ &= \sum_j (\sum_i q_i x_i \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_i}) z_j. \end{aligned}$$

In particular $d\alpha = 0$ if $\sum_i q_i x_i \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_i} = c_j f_j$, for $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ and the c_j 's are rational numbers. It is the case if one takes $q_i = |x_i|$ and $c_j = |f_j|$. This is the Euler Theorem for homogeneous functions in the graded case.

If we denote by Z^0 and Z^1 the respective spans of $\{z_j\}$ and $\{w_i\}$ and $H = H^*(X, \mathbb{Q})$, then $dZ^0 = 0$ and $dZ^1 \subset H \otimes Z^0$. As $\alpha \in H \otimes Z^1$, then α cannot be a d -boundary. Moreover $\langle \alpha, x_i z_i \rangle = |x_i| x_i z_i$, hence $s\mathbb{H}_*(LX, \mathbb{Q})$ is not nilpotent. \square

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