

## Last time

- Proof of Serre
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Lemma 4 The following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E'_{p,q} & \xlongequal{\sim} & C_p^{CW}(B; H_q(F)) \\ d' \downarrow & & \downarrow d^{CW} \\ E'_{p-1,q} & \xlongequal{\sim} & C_{p-1}^{CW}(B; H_q(F)) \end{array}$$

# Proof from the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & \xrightarrow{\text{dia}} & & \\
 & & \curvearrowright & & \\
 H_{p+q}(E_p, E_{p-1}) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & H_{p+q-1}(E_{p-1}) & \xrightarrow{j_*} & H_{p+q-1}(E_{p-1}, E_{p-2}) \\
 \cong \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \downarrow \cong \\
 \bigoplus_{\alpha} H_{p+q}(e_{\alpha}^* E, \partial e_{\alpha}^* E) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & \bigoplus_{\alpha} H_{p+q-1}(\partial e_{\alpha}^* E) & \cong & \tilde{H}_{p+q-1}\left(\bigvee_{\beta} e_{\beta}^* E / \partial e_{\beta}^* E\right) \\
 \cong \uparrow & & \uparrow \cong & & \downarrow \cong \\
 \bigoplus_{\alpha} H_{p+q}(D^p \times F, S^{p-1} \times F) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & \bigoplus_{\alpha} H_{p+q-1}(S^{p-1} \times F) & \cong & \bigoplus_{\beta} \tilde{H}_{p+q-1}\left(\frac{D^{p-1} \times F}{S^{p-1} \times F}\right) \\
 \cong \uparrow & & \uparrow \cong & & \downarrow \cong \\
 \bigoplus_{\alpha} H_q(F) & \xlongequal{\quad} & \bigoplus_{\alpha} H_q(F) & \xrightarrow{(\star)} & \bigoplus_{\beta} H_q(F),
 \end{array}$$

it suffices to determine the map  $(*)$ . Taking the attaching map for  $e_2$  to be standard with respect to  $e_\beta$  by Lemma 5,  $(*)$  is determined by

$$H_{p+q-1}(S^{p-1} \times F) \rightarrow H_{p+q-1}(S^{p-1} \times F, S^{p-1} \setminus \cup D_i \times F)$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\downarrow (**)$$

$$H_{p+q-1}(E_{p-1}, E_{p-2}) \rightarrow H_{p+q-1}(E_{p-1}, E_{p-1} \setminus e_\beta^* E)$$

which becomes

$$\bigoplus_i H_{p+q-1}(D_i \times F, \partial D_i \times F) \rightarrow H_{p+q-1}(e_\beta^* E, \partial e_\beta^* E).$$

By Lemma 6 and method of local degrees, it suffices to show that the induced map on  $H_*(F)$  is the identity. By construction, this map is the composite

$$F = F_b \xrightarrow{\cong} F_\alpha \xrightarrow{\cong} F_x = F_{g(x)} \xrightarrow{\cong} F_\beta \xrightarrow{\cong} F_b = F$$

of homotopy equivalences of the form

$L_\alpha$  for various paths  $\alpha$ . The composite

is homotopic to the homotopy automorphism induced by the loop at  $b$  obtained by concatenating these paths, and  $\pi_1(B, b)$  acts trivially on homology.  $\square$

There is also a Serre Spectral Sequence in cohomology. Surprisingly, it is often much more useful.

Thm (Serre 3.0) Let  $\pi: E \rightarrow B$  be a fibration with fiber  $F$  over a connected CW complex. If  $\pi_1(B)$  acts trivially on  $H_*(F)$ , then there is a spectral sequence

$$E_2^{p,q} \cong H^p(B; H^q(F)) \Rightarrow H^{p+q}(E)$$

such that

$$(1) d_r^{p,q} : E_r^{p,q} \longrightarrow E^{p+r, q-r+1}$$



(2)  $(E_r, d_r)$  is a bigraded differential algebra,

and

(3) the isomorphisms  $E_{r+1} \cong H^*(E_r)$ ,  
 $E_\infty \cong g H^*(E)$ , and  $E_2 \cong H^*(B; H^*(F))$   
are ring isomorphisms.

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Recall that (2) means that we have

associative and unital maps

$$E_r^{p_1, q_1} \otimes E_r^{p_2, q_2} \longrightarrow E_r^{p_1+p_2, q_1+q_2}$$

$$\alpha \otimes \beta \longmapsto \alpha\beta$$

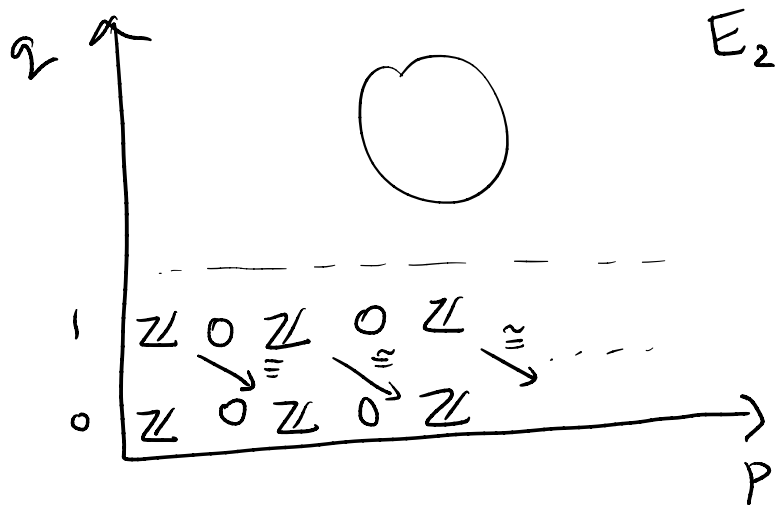
such that  $\alpha\beta = (-1)^{\binom{p_1+q_1}{p_2+q_2}} \beta\alpha$ , and the Leibniz rule holds:

$$d_r(\alpha\beta) = (d_r\alpha)\beta + (-1)^{p_1+q_1} \alpha d_r\beta.$$

Ex Let us return to the example

$$S^1 \longrightarrow S^\infty \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}P^\infty.$$

As before, we must have the  $E_2$ -page



Writing  $E_2^{0,1} = \langle a \rangle$  and  $x := d_2 a$ , we have  $E_2^{2,0} = \langle x \rangle$ , so  $E_2^{2,1} = \langle xa \rangle$  under the isomorphism

$$H_p(\mathbb{C}P^\infty; H_2(S^1)) \cong H_p(\mathbb{C}P^\infty) \otimes H_2(S^1).$$

Thus, we have



$$d_2(xa) = d_2x \cdot a + (-1)^{2+0} x \cdot d_2a$$

$$= x^2$$

$$\implies E_2^{4,0} = \langle x^2 \rangle.$$

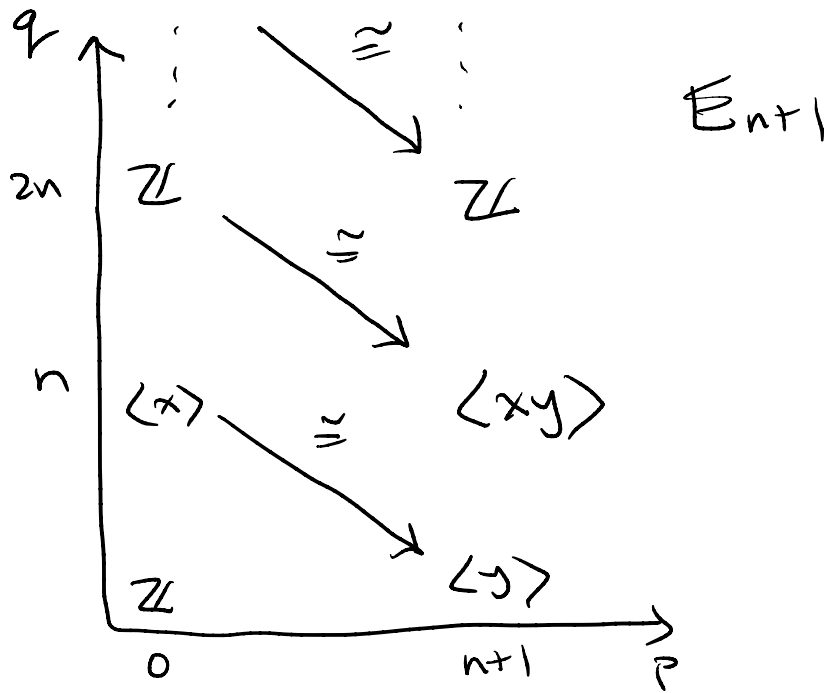
Continuing in this way, we find that

$$H^*(\mathbb{C}P^\infty) \cong \mathbb{Z}[x].$$

Ex Let us return to the example

$$\Omega S^{n+1} \rightarrow PS^{n+1} \rightarrow S^{n+1}.$$

As before, we have the  $E_{n+1}$ -page



Writing  $E_{n+1}^{0,n} = \langle x \rangle$  and  $y = d_{n+1}x$ , we must ask: does  $x^2$  generate  $E_{n+1}^{0,2n}$ ? From the Leibniz rule, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
d_{n+1}x^2 &= d_{n+1}x \cdot x + (-1)^n x \cdot d_{n+1}x \\
&= yx + (-1)^n xy \\
&= (-1)^{n(n+1)} xy + (-1)^n xy \\
&= (1 + (-1)^n) xy \\
&= \begin{cases} 2xy & n \text{ even} \\ 0 & n \text{ odd} \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

Setting  $x = x_1$  and  $x_2 = d_{n+1}^{-1}(xy)$ , it follows that  $x_1^2 = \begin{cases} 2x_2 & n \text{ even} \\ 0 & n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$

Continuing in this way (exercise), we find that, for  $n$  even,  $H^{kn}(\Omega S^{n+1})$  is infinite cyclic generated by  $x_k$ , and the ring structure is determined by the relations

$$x_k x_l = \binom{k+l}{k} x_{k+l}.$$

This ring is called the divided power algebra on one generator, written  $\Gamma[x]$ . For  $n$  odd,

$$H^*(\Omega S^{n+1}) \cong \Lambda[x] \otimes \Gamma[z], \quad |x|=n, |z|=2n.$$

We now accomplish our long sought after goal.

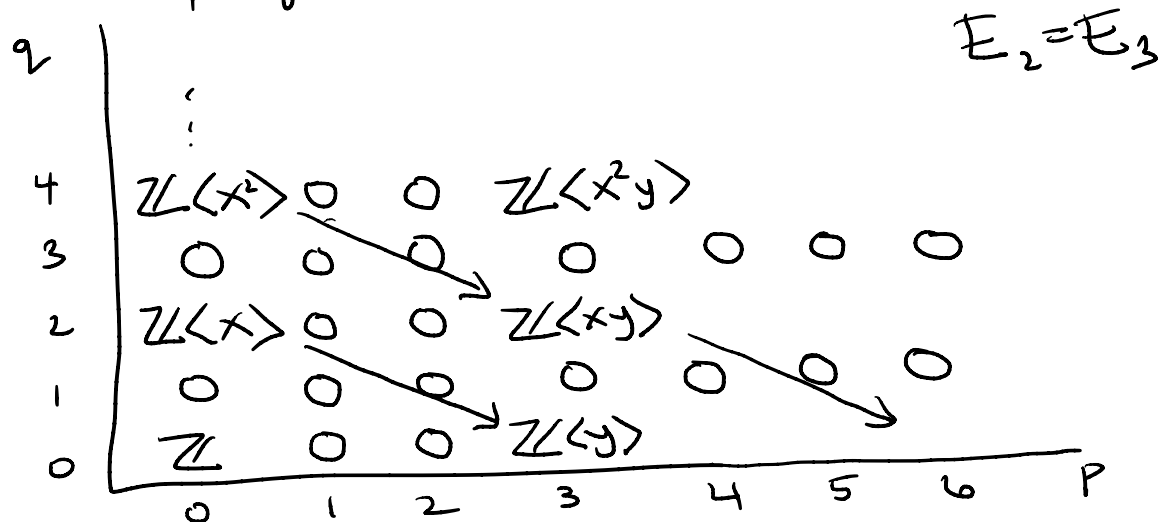
$$\underline{\text{Thm}} \quad \pi_4(S^3) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$$

Lemma For  $i \leq 6$ , we have

$$H^i(K(\mathbb{Z}, 3)) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & i=0, 3 \\ \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} & i=6 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Proof Consider the SSS in cohomology for  $\mathbb{C}P^\infty \simeq \Omega K(\mathbb{Z}, 3) \xrightarrow{\text{pt}} PK(\mathbb{Z}, 3) \rightarrow K(\mathbb{Z}, 3)$ .

Then  $E_{\infty}^{pq} = 0$  for  $(p,q) \neq (0,0)$ , and therefore  
 and our knowledge of  $CP^{\infty}$  populate  
 the  $E_2$  page as follows:



For degree reasons,  $d_2 \equiv 0$ . To avoid  
 contradiction at  $E_{\infty}$ , we must have  
 $H^4(K(\mathbb{Z}, 3)) = H^5(K(\mathbb{Z}, 3)) = 0$  and  $d_3(x) = y$ .

Then  $d_3(x^2) = 2xy$  as before, so

$$y^2 = d_3(xy) \neq 0.$$

Since no further differentials enter or exit bidegree  $(6,0)$ , we have

$$H^6(K(\mathbb{Z}, 3)) \cong E_{\infty}^{6,0} \cong E_4^{6,0} \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}.$$

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Proof of thm Consider the SSS in  
cohomology for the fiber sequence

$$X \longrightarrow S^3 \xrightarrow{f} K(\mathbb{Z}, 3),$$

where  $[f]$  generates  $\pi_3 K(\mathbb{Z}, 3)$  and

$X = \text{hofib}(f)$ . The lemma and theorem 7 allow us to populate some of  $E_2$ :

5	$H^5(X)$	0	0		0	0	
4	$H^4(X)$	0	0		0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	$\mathbb{Z}$	0	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	0	0	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$
		0	1	2	3	4	5

For degree reasons,  $d_2 \equiv d_3 \equiv d_4 \equiv d_5 \equiv 0$ .  
 To avoid contradictions at  $E_\infty$ , we must have  $H^4(X) = 0$  and  $d_6: H^5(X) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ . Thus,



$$H_4(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}^{\beta_4} \oplus \mathbb{Z}^{i+1} \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}.$$

Hence  $\pi_4(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  by Hurewicz, and the claim follows from the LES in homotopy.  $\square$

Corollary  $\pi_{n+1} S^n \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  for  $n > 2$ . In particular,  $\pi_1^S = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ .