

22. On the Acyclicity of Free Cobar Constructions. II

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Example 1. Let M be a connected simplicial complex and x_0 be a base point of M . Let N be a maximal tree in M containing x_0 . We denote by $C_*(M/N) = \bigoplus_{p=0}^{\infty} C_p(M/N)$ the CW-complex with the only one vertex x_0 . Let G be the edge path group of M/N with the base point x_0 . The set of all reduced closed pathes in M/N with the base point x_0 forms a free group F . Let L be the two-sided ideal of $Z[F]$, generated by the elements of the form

$$(1.1) \quad \delta_1 T \langle v_0, v_1, v_2 \rangle = \widetilde{T} \langle v_0, v_1 \rangle \cdot \widetilde{T} \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle - \widetilde{T} \langle v_0, v_2 \rangle$$

for any reduced 2-simplex T of $M/N: \langle v_0, v_1, v_2 \rangle \rightarrow M/N$, where $\widetilde{T} \langle v_i, v_j \rangle \in F$. We define X^f as $Z[F] \otimes C_*(M/N)$. For a reduced n -simplex T regarded as an element of X_n^f or A_{n-1} the formulae for ∂_n^f or δ_{n-1} are given as follows respectively:

$$(1.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \partial_n^f T \langle v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n \rangle &= \widetilde{T} \langle v_0, v_1 \rangle \cdot T \langle v_1, \dots, v_n \rangle \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i \cdot T \langle v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_n \rangle, \quad n \geq 2 \quad \text{and} \\ \partial_1^f T \langle v_0, v_1 \rangle &= \widetilde{T} \langle v_0, v_1 \rangle - 1 \in Z[F]^+, \quad n=1, \end{aligned}$$

where $\widetilde{T} \langle v_0, v_1 \rangle$ lies in F , and

$$(1.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \delta_{n-1} T \langle v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n \rangle &= \widetilde{T} \langle v_0, v_1 \rangle \cdot T \langle v_1, \dots, v_n \rangle \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (-1)^i \cdot T \langle v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_n \rangle \\ &+ (-1)^n \cdot T \langle v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{n-1} \rangle \cdot \widetilde{T} \langle v_{n-1}, v_n \rangle \\ &+ \sum_{i=2}^{n-2} (-1)^{i-1} \cdot T \langle v_0, v_1, \dots, v_i \rangle \cdot T \langle v_i, \dots, v_n \rangle, \quad n \geq 3, \end{aligned}$$

where $\widetilde{T} \langle v_0, v_1 \rangle$ and $\widetilde{T} \langle v_{n-1}, v_n \rangle$, $n \geq 3$, $\widetilde{T} \langle v_0, v_1 \rangle$, $\widetilde{T} \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle$ and $\widetilde{T} \langle v_0, v_2 \rangle$, $n=2$ are in F . The free cobar construction (A, δ) thus defined satisfies Assumptions 1 and 2 in [3]. This is nothing but a modification of Adams cobar construction. So by [3]

Theorem 1. $H_p(A) \cong (0)$, $p \geq 1$ and $H_0(A) \cong Z[G]$ if and only if M is a $K(H, 1)$ space.

This is also related with Pfeiffer-Smith-Whitehead identity relations [4].

Example 2. Let \mathfrak{G} be a Lie algebra over Z and $\mathcal{E}(\mathfrak{G})$ or $T(\mathfrak{G})$ be its envelopping algebra or tensor algebra respectively. We consider the normalized standard complex (X, ∂) on $\mathcal{E}(\mathfrak{G})$, $X = \mathcal{E}(\mathfrak{G}) \otimes A^* \mathfrak{G}$, where $A^*(\mathfrak{G})$ denotes the exterior algebra of \mathfrak{G} . We put $X^f = T(\mathfrak{G}) \otimes A^* \mathfrak{G}$ and define for a $x_1 \wedge x_2 \wedge \dots \wedge x_n \in X_n^f$, $x_j \in \mathfrak{G}$, $1 \leq j \leq n$,

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} & \partial_n^j(x_1 \wedge x_2 \wedge \cdots \wedge x_n) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i \cdot x_i \otimes (x_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge x_{i-1} \wedge x_{i+1} \wedge \cdots \wedge x_n) \\ & \quad + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (-1)^{i+j} [x_i, x_j] \wedge x_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge x_{i-1} \wedge x_{i+1} \wedge \cdots \\ & \quad \quad \quad \wedge x_{j-1} \wedge x_{j+1} \cdots \wedge x_n. \end{aligned}$$

As an element of A_{n-1} we define

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} & \delta_{n-1}(x_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge x_n) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i x_i \cdot (x_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge x_{i-1} \wedge x_{i+1} \wedge \cdots \wedge x_n) \\ & \quad + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (-1)^{i+j} ([x_i, x_j] \wedge x_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge x_{i-1} \wedge x_{i+1} \wedge \cdots \\ & \quad \quad \quad \wedge x_{j-1} \wedge x_{j+1} \wedge \cdots \wedge x_n) \\ & \quad + \sum_{\nu=2}^{n-2} \sum_{\substack{i_1 < \cdots < i_\nu \\ i_{\nu+1} < \cdots < i_n}} (-1)^{\nu-1} \text{sgn} \binom{1 \ 2 \ \cdots \ n}{i_1 \ i_2 \ \cdots \ i_n} (x_{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge x_{i_\nu}) (x_{i_{\nu+1}} \\ & \quad \quad \quad \wedge \cdots \wedge x_{i_n}) \\ & \quad + \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i (x_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge x_{i-1} \wedge x_{i+1} \wedge \cdots \wedge x_n) \cdot x_i, \quad n \geq 3 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\delta_1(x_1 \wedge x_2) = x_1 \cdot x_2 - x_2 \cdot x_1 - [x_1, x_2], \quad n=2.$$

Then (A, δ) satisfies Assumptions 1 and 2 in [3]. Consequently

Theorem 2. $H_p(A) \cong (0)$, $p \geq 1$ and $H_0(A) \cong \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{G})$, $p=0$.

Example 3. Let M be the complement $P^n - S$ of the union of hyperplanes $S_j : f_j = 0$, $S = \bigcup_{j=1}^{m+1} S_j$ in the complex projective space P^n , where we put S_{m+1} to be the hyperplane at infinity. The holonomy Lie algebra $\mathbb{G}(S)$ attached to the configuration S is defined to be the Lie algebra generated by the symbols x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m with the defining relations (see [1])

$$(3.1) \quad \left(\sum_{j=1}^m x_j \cdot df_j / f_j \right) \wedge \left(\sum_{j=1}^m x_j \cdot df_j / f_j \right) = 0.$$

Let $\mathcal{D}'(P^n, \log S)$ be the space of logarithmic forms along S which is known to be generated by $\mathcal{D}'(P^n, \log S)$ (see for example [2] p. 292). Let X be $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{G})}(\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{G}) \otimes \mathcal{D}'(P^n, \log S), \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{G}))$, then X becomes a complex defined by

$$(3.2) \quad \partial \lambda(\varphi) = \lambda \left(\sum_{j=1}^m x_j (df_j / f_j) \wedge \varphi \right) = \sum_{j=1}^m x_j \cdot \lambda((df_j / f_j) \wedge \varphi)$$

for $\lambda \in X$, $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}'(P^n, \log S)$. Let $B(\mathcal{D}'(P^n, \log S))$ be the reduced bar construction on $\mathcal{D}'(P^n, \log S)$, i.e. the Chen complex consisting of iterated integrals of $\mathcal{D}'(P^n, \log S)$. \mathbb{G} being a graded Lie algebra, we have from [3]

Theorem 3. (X, ∂) is acyclic if and only if $H^p(B(\mathcal{D}'(P^n, \log S)))$ vanishes for $p \geq 1$. In this case $H^0(B(\mathcal{D}'(P^n, \log S)))$, the space of hyperlogarithmic functions, is isomorphic as graded algebra, to the dual of $\widetilde{\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{G})}$, the completion of $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{G})$ with respect to the augmentation ideal $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{G})^+$.

It is conjectured that the complex (X, ∂) is acyclic if and only if M is a $K(\mathbb{Z}, 1)$ space. In particular let S consist of 5 lines $z_1=0, 1$, $z_2=0, 1$ and $z_1=z_2$ in the 2-dimensional complex affine space C^2 . Then $C^2 - S$ is $K(\mathbb{Z}, 1)$ and (X, ∂) is acyclic. We take $\omega_{01} = dz_1/z_1$, $\omega_{02} = dz_2/z_2$, $\omega_{12} = d(z_1 - z_2)/(z_1 - z_2)$, $\omega_{13} = dz_1/(z_1 - 1)$, $\omega_{23} = dz_2/(z_2 - 1)$ and $\omega_{03} = 0$, with

$\omega_{ij} = \omega_{ji}$. Then the iterated integral

$$(3.3) \quad \Phi[ijk] = \int \omega_{ij}\omega_{jk} + \omega_{jk}\omega_{ki} + \omega_{ki}\omega_{ij} - \omega_{jk}\omega_{ij} - \omega_{ki}\omega_{jk} - \omega_{ij}\omega_{ki}$$

is closed in $B^0(\mathcal{D}(P^2, \log S))$ which defines a *bilogarithmic function*.

The function $\sum_{\nu=1}^4 (-1)^\nu \cdot \Phi[1 \cdot \overset{\vee}{\cdot} \cdot 4]$ was used in the combinatorial formula for the 1st Pontrajagin class in [5].

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