

## CHARACTERIZATION OF THE MOD 3 COHOMOLOGY OF $E_7$

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ABSTRACT. It is shown that the mod 3 cohomology of a homotopy associative mod 3  $H$ -space which is rationally equivalent to the Lie group  $E_7$  and which has integral 3-torsion is isomorphic to that of  $E_7$  as a Hopf algebra over the mod 3 Steenrod algebra.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this paper is to show the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.** *If a homotopy associative mod 3  $H$ -space  $X$  is rationally equivalent to  $E_7$  and has integral 3-torsion, then  $H^*(X; \mathbb{F}_3)$  is isomorphic to  $H^*(E_7; \mathbb{F}_3)$  as a Hopf algebra over the mod 3 Steenrod algebra.*

For the detail of  $H^*(E_7; \mathbb{F}_3)$ , see Araki[2] and Kono-Mimura [11]. This theorem is known to be true if one replaces  $E_7$  with  $F_4$  or  $E_8$  (see [14] and Kane [8], [9]).

The starting point of our proof of Theorem 1 is the loop space theorem for odd primes [14]. We recall some results and then we claim that  $\varphi^3 \varphi^1 H^3(X; \mathbb{F}_3) \neq 0$ . Its proof, which is given in Section 3, is a combination of applications of an obstruction theory about lifting  $a_n$ -maps to  $a_{n-1}$ -maps in 2-stage Postnikov systems ([15]) with analyses of the  $H_*(X; \mathbb{F}_3)$ -module Hopf algebra structures of  $H_*(X; \mathbb{F}_3)$  and  $H_*(\Omega X; \mathbb{F}_3)$  which are given by the adjoint actions  $\text{ad}: X \times X \rightarrow X$  and  $\text{Ad}: X \times \Omega X \rightarrow \Omega X$ , respectively. (For a Hopf algebra  $A$ , we say  $B$  has an  $A$ -module Hopf algebra structure if  $B$  has an  $A$ -module structure as well as a Hopf algebra structure such that the four structure maps of the Hopf algebra  $B$ , that is, the multiplication, the unit, the comultiplication, and the counit, are maps of  $A$ -modules where  $A$ -module structures of the ground ring and  $B \otimes B$  are given as in Milnor-Moore [17]. See Kono-Kozima [10] and Hamanaka-Hara [5].) Then, we prove Theorem 1 by further analyses of the adjoint actions and by a factorization of  $\varphi^3$  through secondary operations ([16], [19]).

The most difficult part in determining the coalgebra structure of the mod 3 cohomology of  $E_7$  is to determine the coproduct of  $x_{35}$ , the generator of degree 35. (See [11].) Indeed, Mimura and the first-named author used the inclusion  $E_7 \hookrightarrow E_8$  to determine it, but no methods for determining it without using  $E_8$  were known. Our proof of Theorem 1 gives such a method.

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2. PROOF

We use the following notation. Given a vector space  $V$  and its subset  $S$ , let  $\langle S \rangle$  denote the subspace generated by  $S$ . The subscript of an element of a graded algebra designates the degree. Given a Hopf algebra  $A$ , let  $PA$  and  $QA$  denote the primitives and the indecomposables respectively, and let  $\bar{x} \in QA$  denote the class of an element  $x$  of  $A$ . The coefficient for homology and cohomology is  $\mathbb{F}_3$ .

Let  $X$  satisfy the hypothesis of Theorem 1. By [14], we have

$$H^*(X) = \mathbb{F}_3[x_8]/(x_8^3) \otimes \bigwedge (x_3, x_7, x_{11}, x_{15}, x_{19}, x_{27}, x_{35})$$

as an algebra and we have  $x_7 = \varphi^1 x_3$  and  $x_8 = \beta x_7$ . Let  $B = \mathbb{F}_3[x_8]/(x_8^3)$  and  $R = \langle 1 \rangle \oplus \{x \in H^*(X) \mid \bar{\Delta}x \in B \otimes H^*(X), |x| > 0\}$  where  $\bar{\Delta}$  is the reduced coproduct of  $H^*(X)$ . By Baum-Browder [3] and Kane [9],  $R$  is a coalgebra over  $\mathcal{A}(3)$ , the mod 3 Steenrod algebra. Further  $R = B$  in even degrees and  $R$  is (naturally) isomorphic to  $QH^*(X)$  in odd degrees. Hence we can choose  $x_j$  for  $j = 11, 15, 19, 27, 35$  so that  $R = \langle x_j \mid j \text{ is odd} \rangle$  in odd degrees. Let  $a_j \in PH_*(X)$  be the dual element of  $\bar{x}_j \in QH^*(X)$ . By Kane [8], we may assume that  $a_{11} = a_8 * a_3 = a_{15}\varphi^1$  and that  $a_{15} = a_8 * a_7$  where  $*$  indicates the adjoint action. (Note that  $a * b = [a, b]$  if  $a$  is primitive. See Kono-Kozima [10] and Hamanaka-Hara [5].) Moreover, we can choose  $x_{19}$  to satisfy

**Proposition 2.**  $x_{19} = \varphi^3 x_7$ .

The proof is given in Section 3. By Proposition 2, we have  $(a_8 * a_{19})\varphi^3 = a_8 * a_7 = a_{15}$  and hence we may assume that  $a_{27} = a_8 * a_{19}$  and that  $a_{27}\varphi^3 = a_{15}$ .

Let  $\sigma: H_*(\Omega X) \rightarrow PH_*(X)$  be the homology suspension. By Clark [4], Kane [7], and Kraines [13], we have

$$(2.1) \quad H_*(\Omega X) = \mathbb{F}_3[t_2, t_6, t_{10}, t_{14}, t_{18}, t_{22}, t_{26}, t_{34}]/(t_2^3)$$

as an algebra where  $\sigma(t_j) = a_{j+1}$  for  $j \neq 22$ . Since  $H_*(\Omega X)$  is bicommutative, we may assume that  $t_j \in PH_*(\Omega X)$  for  $j \neq 6, 18$ . Moreover, we can easily see that  $\bar{\phi}(t_6) = -t_2^2 \otimes t_2 - t_2 \otimes t_2^2$  where  $\bar{\phi}$  is the reduced coproduct of  $H_*(\Omega X)$ .

The relations  $a_8 * a_3 = a_{11}$  and  $a_8 * a_7 = a_{15}$  are converted into  $a_8 * t_2 = t_{10}$  and  $a_8 * t_6 = t_{14} - t_{10}t_2^2$ , respectively. (See Hamanaka-Hara [5].) Put  $v = a_8 * t_{10} \in PH_*(\Omega X)$ . Since  $a_8^3 = 0$ , we have  $a_8 * v = a_8^2 * t_{10} = a_8^3 * t_2 = 0$  and

$$0 = a_8^3 * t_6 = a_8^2 * (t_{14} - t_{10}t_2^2) = \dots = a_8^2 * t_{14} + t_{10}^3.$$

Hence we have  $a_8^2 * t_{14} = -t_{10}^3 \neq 0$ .

The relation  $a_{27}\varphi^3 = a_{15}$  is converted into  $t_{26}\varphi^3 = t_{14}$ . Then, we have

$$(a_8^2 * t_{26})\varphi^3 = a_8^2 * t_{14} \neq 0$$

and hence we have  $a_8 * t_{26} \neq 0$ . Thus we may assume that  $t_{34} = a_8 * t_{26}$ . This is converted into  $a_{35} = a_8 * a_{27}$ . Then, we can easily see that  $H^*(X)$  is isomorphic to  $H^*(E_7)$  as a Hopf algebra over  $\mathbb{F}_3$ . (Recall that  $H_*(X)$  is the universal enveloping Hopf algebra of the restricted Lie algebra  $PH_*(X)$  over  $\mathcal{A}(3)$ . See Milnor-Moore [17] and Kane [9].)

For the Steenrod module structure, we are left to show that  $a_{19}\varphi^1 = \pm a_{15}$ . Note that  $\varphi^3 x_{15} = x_{27}$ . Let  $X\langle 3 \rangle$  be the 3-connective cover of  $X$  and  $g: X\langle 3 \rangle \rightarrow X$

the covering projection. By the Serre spectral sequence, we have  $H^*(X\langle 3 \rangle) = \bigwedge(\hat{x}_{11}, \hat{x}_{15}, \hat{x}_{27}, \hat{y}_{19}, \hat{y}_{23})$  for  $* < 35$  where  $\hat{x}_j = g^*(x_j)$  and  $\hat{y}_j \notin \text{Im } g^*$ . Note that  $\beta\hat{x}_{15} = \varphi^1\hat{x}_{15} = 0$  and that  $\varphi^3\hat{x}_{15} = \hat{x}_{27}$ . According to Liulevicius [16] or Shimada-Yamanoshita [19], the primary operation  $\varphi^3\hat{x}_{15} = \hat{x}_{27}$  decomposes into  $\Phi\hat{x}_{15} = \hat{y}_{23}$  and  $\varphi^1\hat{y}_{23} = \pm\hat{x}_{27}$  where  $\Phi$  is a secondary operation. Then, we can easily show that  $t_{26}\varphi^1 = \pm t_{22}$  by the homotopy fiberings  $\Omega(X\langle 3 \rangle) \rightarrow * \rightarrow X\langle 3 \rangle$  and  $S^1 \rightarrow \Omega(X\langle 3 \rangle) \xrightarrow{\Omega g} \Omega X$ .

The relation  $a_8 * a_{19} = a_{27}$  is converted into  $a_8 * \bar{t}_{18} = \bar{t}_{26}$ . (Note that  $QH_*(\Omega X)$  has an  $H_*(X)$ -module structure which is induced from the  $H_*(X)$ -module Hopf algebra structure of  $H_*(\Omega X)$  which is defined by the adjoint action. We also use the symbol  $*$  to denote this structure.) Hence we have

$$a_8 * (\bar{t}_{18}\varphi^1) = (a_8 * \bar{t}_{18})\varphi^1 = \bar{t}_{26}\varphi^1 = \pm\bar{t}_{22} \neq 0.$$

Thus we have  $\bar{t}_{18}\varphi^1 \neq 0$  and hence  $\bar{t}_{18}\varphi^1 = \pm\bar{t}_{14}$ . This is converted into  $a_{19}\varphi^1 = \pm a_{15}$ .

### 3. PROOF OF PROPOSITION 2

Note that  $\varphi^1x_{15} \in R^{19} = \langle x_{19} \rangle$ .

**3.1. Case (i).** First, assume that  $\varphi^3x_7 = 0$  and that  $\varphi^1x_{15} \neq 0$ . We will show a contradiction. We may assume that  $\varphi^1x_{15} = x_{19}$  and then we have  $a_{19}\varphi^1 = a_{15}$ .

By the same argument as that in Section 2, we know that  $H_*(\Omega X)$  is as in (2.1) where  $\sigma(t_j) = a_{j+1}$  for  $j \neq 22$ ,  $t_j \in PH_*(\Omega X)$  for  $j \neq 6, 18$ , and  $\bar{\phi}(t_6) = -t_2^2 \otimes t_2 - t_2 \otimes t_2^2$ . Also we have  $a_8 * t_2 = t_{10}$ ,  $a_8 * t_6 = t_{14} - t_{10}t_2^2$ , and  $a_8^2 * t_{14} = -t_{10}^3 \neq 0$ . Thus we have  $0 \neq a_8 * t_{14} \in PH_{22}(\Omega X)$  and we may assume that  $a_8 * t_{14} = t_{22}$ .

The relation  $a_{19}\varphi^1 = a_{15}$  is converted into  $\bar{t}_{18}\varphi^1 = \bar{t}_{14}$ . It follows that

$$(3.1) \quad (a_8 * \bar{t}_{18})\varphi^1 = a_8 * (\bar{t}_{18}\varphi^1) = a_8 * \bar{t}_{14} = \bar{t}_{22}.$$

Thus, we have  $a_8 * \bar{t}_{18} \neq 0$  and hence we may assume that  $\bar{t}_{26} = a_8 * \bar{t}_{18}$ .

Here we again consider  $g: X\langle 3 \rangle \rightarrow X$ . The Serre spectral sequence implies that

$$(3.2) \quad H^*(X\langle 3 \rangle) = \bigwedge(\hat{x}_{11}, \hat{x}_{15}, \hat{x}_{19}, \hat{x}_{27}, \hat{x}_{35}) \otimes \mathbb{F}_3[\hat{y}_{18}] \otimes \bigwedge(\hat{y}_{19}, \hat{y}_{23})$$

where  $\hat{x}_i = g^*(x_i)$ . Further, by the Serre spectral sequence for the homotopy fibering  $X\langle 3 \rangle \xrightarrow{g} X \rightarrow K(\mathbb{Z}, 3)$ , we may assume that  $\beta\hat{y}_{18} = \hat{y}_{19}$  and that  $\varphi^1\hat{y}_{19} = \hat{y}_{23}$ . By the homotopy fiberings  $\Omega(X\langle 3 \rangle) \rightarrow * \rightarrow X\langle 3 \rangle$  and  $S^1 \rightarrow \Omega(X\langle 3 \rangle) \xrightarrow{\Omega g} \Omega X$ , we can easily show that (3.1) implies  $\varphi^1\hat{y}_{23} = \pm\hat{x}_{27}$ . It follows that

$$\pm\hat{x}_{27} = \varphi^1\varphi^1\beta\hat{y}_{18} = (-\beta\varphi^1\varphi^1 - \varphi^1\beta\varphi^1)\hat{y}_{18}$$

by the Adem relation. Since  $\varphi^1\hat{y}_{18} \in H^{22}(X\langle 3 \rangle) = 0$ , this is a contradiction.

**3.2. Case (ii).** Now, assume that  $\varphi^3x_7 = 0$  and that  $\varphi^1x_{15} = 0$ . We can show a contradiction and thus, we have Proposition 2.

First, note that we have  $\bar{\Delta}x_{11} = x_8 \otimes x_3$ ,  $\bar{\Delta}x_{15} = x_8 \otimes x_7$ , and  $\varphi^1x_{11} = x_{15}$ . Moreover, since  $R^{23} = R^{31} = 0$ , we have  $\varphi^1x_{19} = \varphi^3x_{19} = 0$ . We may put

$$\bar{\Delta}x_{19} = ax_8^2 \otimes x_3 + bx_8 \otimes x_{11} \quad a, b \in \mathbb{F}_3.$$

Applying  $\varphi^1$ , we have

$$0 = \bar{\Delta}\varphi^1x_{19} = ax_8^2 \otimes x_7 + bx_8 \otimes x_{15}.$$

Hence  $a = b = 0$ . So  $x_{19}$  is primitive. Similarly, we have  $\wp^1 x_{27} = 0$  and we can show that  $\bar{\Delta} x_{27} \in \langle x_8 \otimes x_{19} \rangle$ .

Let  $i_k$  denote the fundamental class of  $K(\mathbb{F}_3, k)$  and put  $K(\mathbb{F}_3, k, l) = K(\mathbb{F}_3, k) \times K(\mathbb{F}_3, l)$ . Let  $w: K(\mathbb{F}_3, 19) \rightarrow K(\mathbb{F}_3, 23, 31)$  be defined by  $w^*(i_{23}) = \wp^1 i_{19}$  and  $w^*(i_{31}) = \wp^3 i_{19}$ . Let  $\alpha: K(\mathbb{F}_3, 23, 31) \rightarrow K(\mathbb{F}_3, 23, 47)$  be defined by  $\alpha^*(i_{23}) = i_{23}$  and  $\alpha^*(i_{47}) = \wp^4 i_{31}$  and put  $w_1 = \alpha \circ w$ . Let  $E$  and  $E_1$  be the fibres of  $w$  and  $w_1$ , respectively. Then we have a homotopy commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & & K(\mathbb{F}_3, 22, 30) & \xrightarrow{\Omega\alpha} & K(\mathbb{F}_3, 22, 46) \\
 & & & & \downarrow j & & \downarrow j_1 \\
 & & & & E & \xrightarrow{h} & E_1 \xrightarrow{v_1} K(\mathbb{F}_3, 58) \\
 & & \nearrow \tilde{f} & & \downarrow q & & \downarrow q_1 \\
 X\langle 3 \rangle \xrightarrow{g} X & \xrightarrow{f} & K(\mathbb{F}_3, 19) & \xlongequal{\quad} & K(\mathbb{F}_3, 19) & & \\
 & & \downarrow w & & \downarrow w_1 & & \\
 & & K(\mathbb{F}_3, 23, 31) & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & K(\mathbb{F}_3, 23, 47) & & 
 \end{array}$$

where the vertical sequences are homotopy fibre sequences,  $f^*(i_{19}) = x_{19}$ , and  $\tilde{f}$  is a lift of  $f$ . There is an Adem relation

$$\wp^{10} = \wp^9 \wp^1 + \wp^3 \wp^4 \wp^3.$$

Hence there is an  $H$ -map  $v_1: E_1 \rightarrow K(\mathbb{F}_3, 58)$  with  $(v_1 \circ j_1)^*(i_{58}) = \wp^9 i_{22} + \wp^3 i_{46}$ . By Hemmi [6], we have  $[a_3(v_1)] = u_1 \otimes u_1 \otimes u_1 \in H^{57}(E_1 \wedge E_1 \wedge E_1)$  where  $a_3(v_1)$  is the  $a_3$ -deviation of  $v_1$  and  $u_1 = q_1^*(i_{19})$ .

**Step 1.** We will prove that  $f \circ g$  is an  $a_3$ -map and that  $\tilde{f}$  can be chosen so that  $h \circ \tilde{f} \circ g$  is an  $H$ -map. Note that  $[a_3(f)] \in H^{18}(X \wedge X \wedge X)$  must be a sum of terms involving  $x_3, x_7, x_8$ . Put  $A = \langle x_3, x_7, x_8 \rangle$ , which is a subspace of  $H^*(X)$ . Note that  $A$  is invariant under  $\mathcal{A}(3)$  and that  $g^*(A) = 0$ . So  $a_3(f \circ g) \simeq a_3(f) \circ (g \wedge g \wedge g) \simeq *$  and thus  $f \circ g$  is an  $a_3$ -map.

Let  $\gamma: X \wedge X \rightarrow K(\mathbb{F}_3, 22, 30)$  be a lift of  $D_{\tilde{f}}: X \wedge X \rightarrow E$  where  $D_{\tilde{f}}$  is the  $H$ -deviation of  $\tilde{f}$ . By Zabrodsky [20],  $a_3(w \circ f) \simeq (\Omega w) \circ a_3(f)$  represents  $(\bar{\Delta} \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes \bar{\Delta})[\gamma]$  under identifications

$$[X \wedge X, K(\mathbb{F}_3, 22, 30)] = H^{22}(X \wedge X) \oplus H^{30}(X \wedge X)$$

and

$$[X \wedge X \wedge X, \Omega K(\mathbb{F}_3, 23, 31)] = H^{22}(X \wedge X \wedge X) \oplus H^{30}(X \wedge X \wedge X).$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 \wp^1[a_3(f)] &= (\bar{\Delta} \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes \bar{\Delta})\gamma^*(i_{22}), \\
 \wp^3[a_3(f)] &= (\bar{\Delta} \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes \bar{\Delta})\gamma^*(i_{30}).
 \end{aligned}$$

We can check that  $\wp^1[a_3(f)]$  must be a sum of terms involving  $x_7, x_7, x_8$  and that  $\wp^3[a_3(f)] = 0$ . We can find an element

$$\xi \in \langle x_7 \otimes x_7x_8, x_7x_8 \otimes x_7, x_7 \otimes x_{15}, x_{15} \otimes x_7 \rangle$$

such that  $(\bar{\Delta} \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes \bar{\Delta})(\xi) = \wp^1[a_3(f)]$ . Thus  $\gamma^*(i_{22}) - \xi$  and  $\gamma^*(i_{30})$  lie in  $\text{Ker}(\bar{\Delta} \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes \bar{\Delta})$ .

Here we think about  $\text{Cotor}_{H^*(X)}^{2,j}(\mathbb{F}_3, \mathbb{F}_3)$  for  $j = 22, 30$ . Recall that  $\bar{\Delta}x_{27} \in \langle x_8 \otimes x_{19} \rangle$ .

If  $x_{27}$  is primitive, we have  $H^*(X) \cong C \otimes C' \otimes C''$  for  $* < 35$  as a Hopf algebra over  $\mathbb{F}_3$  where  $C, C'$ , and  $C''$  are Hopf algebras over  $\mathbb{F}_3$  which are isomorphic to  $H^*(F_4), H^*(S^{19})$ , and  $H^*(S^{27})$ , respectively. We know the module structure of  $\text{Cotor}_{C^*}^{*,*}(\mathbb{F}_3, \mathbb{F}_3)$  by Kono-Mimura-Shimada [12]. Then we can easily show that

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \text{Cotor}_{H^*(X)}^{2,22}(\mathbb{F}_3, \mathbb{F}_3) &= \langle \{x_3 \otimes x_{19}\} \rangle, \\ \text{Cotor}_{H^*(X)}^{2,30}(\mathbb{F}_3, \mathbb{F}_3) &= \langle \{x_3 \otimes x_{27}\} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

If  $x_{27}$  is not primitive, then we have  $H^*(X) \cong H^*(E_7)$  for  $* < 35$  as a Hopf algebra over  $\mathbb{F}_3$ . We know the module structure of  $\text{Cotor}_{H^*(E_7)}^{*,*}(\mathbb{F}_3, \mathbb{F}_3)$  by Mimura-Sambe [18]. Then we can easily show that  $\text{Cotor}_{H^*(X)}^{2,22}(\mathbb{F}_3, \mathbb{F}_3)$  is as in (3.3) and  $\text{Cotor}_{H^*(X)}^{2,30}(\mathbb{F}_3, \mathbb{F}_3) = \langle \{\eta\} \rangle$  where

$$\eta = x_3 \otimes x_{27} - x_{19} \otimes x_{11} + x_3x_8 \otimes x_{19} + x_8 \otimes x_3x_{19} - x_8x_{19} \otimes x_3.$$

Thus we may put  $\gamma^*(i_{22})$  as  $\gamma^*(i_{22}) = \xi + \varepsilon x_3 \otimes x_{19} + l$  and  $\gamma^*(i_{30})$  either as  $\gamma^*(i_{30}) = \varepsilon' x_3 \otimes x_{27} + l'$  or as  $\gamma^*(i_{30}) = \varepsilon' \eta + l'$  where  $\varepsilon, \varepsilon' \in \mathbb{F}_3$  and  $l, l' \in \text{Im}\bar{\Delta}$ . As explained in [15], we can alter  $\gamma$  so that  $l = l' = 0$ . Note that  $\wp^4(x_{19} \otimes x_{11}) = \wp^4(x_3x_8 \otimes x_{19}) = 0$  and hence  $\wp^4\eta \in A \otimes H^*(X) + H^*(X) \otimes A$ . (In fact,  $\wp^4\eta = 0$ . Recall that  $R$  is invariant under  $\mathcal{A}(3)$ .) It follows that  $((\Omega\alpha) \circ \gamma)^*(i_{22}) = \gamma^*(i_{22})$  and  $((\Omega\alpha) \circ \gamma)^*(i_{46}) = \wp^4\gamma^*(i_{30})$  lie in  $A \otimes H^*(X) + H^*(X) \otimes A$ . Hence  $D_{h \circ \tilde{f} \circ g} \simeq h \circ D_{\tilde{f}} \circ (g \wedge g) \simeq h \circ j \circ \gamma \circ (g \wedge g) \simeq j_1 \circ (\Omega\alpha) \circ \gamma \circ (g \wedge g) \simeq *$  and thus  $h \circ \tilde{f} \circ g$  is an  $H$ -map. This proves Step 1.

**Step 2.** We will show a contradiction. We know that  $H^*(X\langle 3 \rangle)$  is as in (3.2). By Step 1,  $h \circ \tilde{f} \circ g$  is an  $H$ -map, so  $(v_1 \circ h \circ \tilde{f} \circ g)^*(i_{58}) \in \text{PH}^{58}(X\langle 3 \rangle) = 0$ . It follows that

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} [a_3(v_1 \circ h \circ \tilde{f} \circ g)] &= [a_3(v_1) \circ ((h \circ \tilde{f} \circ g) \wedge (h \circ \tilde{f} \circ g) \wedge (h \circ \tilde{f} \circ g))] \\ &\quad + [(\Omega v_1) \circ a_3(h \circ \tilde{f} \circ g)] \\ &= \hat{x}_{19} \otimes \hat{x}_{19} \otimes \hat{x}_{19} + \wp^9 y + \wp^3 y' \\ &= (\bar{\Delta} \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes \bar{\Delta})(z) \\ &\in H^{57}(X\langle 3 \rangle \wedge X\langle 3 \rangle \wedge X\langle 3 \rangle) \end{aligned}$$

for some  $y, y' \in H^*(X\langle 3 \rangle \wedge X\langle 3 \rangle \wedge X\langle 3 \rangle)$  and  $z \in H^*(X\langle 3 \rangle \wedge X\langle 3 \rangle)$  since  $f \circ g$  is an  $a_3$ -map. Checking degrees, we have  $y = 0$ . Since we assume that  $\wp^1 x_{15} = 0$ , we have  $\wp^1 \hat{x}_{15} = 0$ . Let  $H^{19,19,19}$  be the summand of  $H^{57}(X\langle 3 \rangle \wedge X\langle 3 \rangle \wedge X\langle 3 \rangle)$  which corresponds to  $H^{19}(X\langle 3 \rangle) \otimes H^{19}(X\langle 3 \rangle) \otimes H^{19}(X\langle 3 \rangle)$ , and let  $\pi: H^{57}(X\langle 3 \rangle \wedge X\langle 3 \rangle \wedge X\langle 3 \rangle) \rightarrow H^{19,19,19}$  be the natural projection. Then, we can easily check that  $\pi(\wp^3 H^{45}(X\langle 3 \rangle \wedge X\langle 3 \rangle \wedge X\langle 3 \rangle)) = 0$ . Accordingly, (3.4) implies that

$$\hat{x}_{19} \otimes \hat{x}_{19} \otimes \hat{x}_{19} = \pi(\bar{\Delta} \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes \bar{\Delta})(z).$$

If  $t \in PH_{19}(X\langle 3 \rangle)$  with  $\langle t, \hat{x}_{19} \rangle \neq 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\neq \langle t \otimes t \otimes t, \hat{x}_{19} \otimes \hat{x}_{19} \otimes \hat{x}_{19} \rangle \\ &= \langle t \otimes t \otimes t, \pi(\bar{\Delta} \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes \bar{\Delta})(z) \rangle \\ &= \langle t \otimes t \otimes t, (\bar{\Delta} \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes \bar{\Delta})(z) \rangle \\ &= \langle t^2 \otimes t - t \otimes t^2, z \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

So  $t^2 \in PH_{38}(X\langle 3 \rangle)$  is nonzero. This is a contradiction.

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