

## TORSION IN THE COHOMOLOGY OF FINITE $H$ -SPACES

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ABSTRACT. We study torsion phenomena in the integral cohomology of finite  $H$ -spaces  $X$  through the Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence converging to  $H^*(\Omega X; Z_p)$ . We also investigate how the difference between the  $Z_p$ -filtration length  $f_p(X)$  and the  $Z_p$ -cup length  $c_p(X)$  on a simply connected finite  $H$ -space  $X$  is reflected in the Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence converging to  $H^*(\Omega X; Z_p)$ . Finally we get the following result: Let  $p$  be an odd prime and  $X$  an  $n$ -connected finite  $H$ -space with  $\dim QH^*(X; Z_p) \leq m$ . Then  $H^*(X; Z)$  is  $p$ -torsion free if  $p \geq \frac{m-1}{n}$ .

### 0. Introduction

In this paper we study the behavior of the Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence for a path–loop fibration converging to  $H^*(\Omega X; Z_p)$  to get the information about  $p$ -torsion in the integral cohomology of a simply connected finite  $H$ -space  $X$ . First, we investigate how the difference between the  $Z_p$ -filtration length and the  $Z_p$ -cup length,  $f_p(X) - c_p(X)$ , is reflected in the Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence converging to  $H^*(\Omega X; Z_p)$ . We show that  $f_p(X)$  is equal to  $c_p(X)$  if and only if the Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence converging to  $H^*(\Omega X; Z_p)$  collapses at the  $E_2$ -term. We obtain that  $f_2(Y)$  and  $c_2(Y)$  are equal for any simply connected finite  $H$ -space  $Y$  with associative mod 2 homology ring. Hence the Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence converging to  $H^*(\Omega Y; Z_2)$  collapses at the  $E_2$ -term.

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We also show that for an odd prime  $p$ ,  $H^*(X; Z)$  is  $p$ -torsion free if and only if  $f_p(X)$  is equal to  $c_p(X)$  if and only if the Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence converging to  $H^*(\Omega X; Z_p)$  collapses at the  $E_2$ -term.

We study the suspension map and find the condition under which the suspension map is injective. Finally exploiting the suspension map, we get the following theorem.

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $p$  be an odd prime and  $X$  an  $n$ -connected finite  $H$ -space with  $\dim QH^*(X; Z_p) \leq m$ . Then  $H^*(X; Z)$  is  $p$ -torsion free if  $p \geq \frac{m-1}{n}$ .*

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### 1. Preliminaries

Let  $X$  be a simply connected finite  $H$ -space and  $R$  a commutative ring with unity. Given a path-loop fibration,  $\Omega X \rightarrow PX \rightarrow X$ , there is a Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence of  $C_*(\Omega X; R)$ , that is, a first quadrant spectral sequence of bicommutative and biassociative Hopf algebras  $\{E^r, d^r\}$  converging to  $H_*(X; R)$ , where

$$E^2 = \text{Tor}^{H_*(\Omega X; R)}(R, R).$$

In this Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence, the  $R$ -filtration length of  $X$  is defined in [14] as follows:

**DEFINITION.** The  $R$ -filtration length of  $X$ ,  $f_R(X)$ , is at most  $k$  if  $E_{p,*}^\infty = 0$  for  $p \geq k + 1$ . The  $R$ -filtration length of  $X$  is equal to  $k$  if  $f_R(X) \leq k$  but  $f_R(X) \leq k - 1$  is false.

That is,  $f_R(X)$  is the smallest integer  $k$  such that  $E_{p,*}^\infty = 0$  for all  $p \geq k + 1$ . The  $R$ -cup length of  $X$  is defined as follows:

**DEFINITION.** The  $R$ -cup length of  $X$ ,  $c_R(X)$ , is defined as the largest integer  $k$  such that there exist  $x_i \in H^*(X; R)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$  with a nontrivial cup product  $x_1 \cdots x_k$ .

When  $R = Z_p$ , we will use the notation  $f_p(X)$  and  $c_p(X)$  for  $f_{Z_p}(X)$  and  $c_{Z_p}(X)$ , respectively.

Given a path-loop fibration,  $\Omega X \rightarrow PX \rightarrow X$ , there also exists a second quadrant Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence  $\{E_r, d_r\}$  of bicommutative and biassociative Hopf algebras, where

(1)  $E_2 = \text{Tor}_{H^*(X; R)}(R, R)$  as Hopf algebras,

- (2)  $E_\infty = E_0(H^*(\Omega X; R))$  as Hopf algebras,
- (3)  $d_r$  has bidegree  $(r, -r + 1)$ .

It is shown in [5, 9] that the primitives of  $E_0(H^*(\Omega X; R))$  have external degree  $-1$  or  $-2$  and  $E_\infty = H^*(\Omega X; R)$  as coalgebras. Hence the primitives of  $E_\infty$  corresponds to the primitives of  $H^*(\Omega X; R)$ .

We denote the primitives and the indecomposables of  $H^*(X; Z_p)$  by  $PH^*(X; Z_p)$  and  $QH^*(X; Z_p)$ , respectively. In the Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence, we have a suspension map

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma : QH^*(X; Z_p) &\cong Tor_{H^*(X; Z_p)}^{-1,*}(Z_p, Z_p) \\ &= E_2^{-1,*} \rightarrow E_\infty^{-1,*} \subset H^{*-1}(\Omega X; Z_p). \end{aligned}$$

Since the elements of  $Tor_{H^*(X; Z_p)}^{-1,*}(Z_p, Z_p)$  are primitive and permanent cycles in the Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence, the above map induces the suspension homomorphism  $\sigma : QH^*(X; Z_p) \rightarrow PH^{*-1}(\Omega X; Z_p)$ .

**THEOREM 1.1.** [8] *Let  $X$  be a simply connected  $H$ -space. Then the following is true.*

- (a) *The suspension  $\sigma : QH^{odd}(X; Z_p) \rightarrow PH^{even}(\Omega X; Z_p)$  is injective.*
- (b) *The suspension  $\sigma : QH^{even}(X; Z_p) \rightarrow PH^{odd}(\Omega X; Z_p)$  is surjective.*
- (c) *The quotient  $PH^{even}(\Omega X; Z_p)/\sigma(QH^{odd}(X; Z_p))$  is obtained by transpotence.*
- (d) *The elements in  $\ker \sigma$  are dual to elements in the image of the homology transpotence.*

The filtration length  $f_p(X)$  is defined in terms of homology and the cup length  $c_p(X)$  is defined in terms of cohomology. But  $f_p(X)$  can be compared with  $c_p(X)$  by duality between homology and cohomology.

First, we interpret  $f_p(X)$  in terms of the cohomology spectral sequence. Let  $\{E_r\}$  be the spectral sequence dual to the Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence  $\{E^r\}$  converging to  $H_*(X; Z_p)$ , that is,  $E_r^{s,t} = (E_{s,t}^r)^*$ . Then  $\{E_r\}$  is a spectral sequence of bicommutative biassociative Hopf algebras converging to  $H^*(X; Z_p)$ ,  $E_\infty = E_0(H^*(X; Z_p))$ , and the product in  $E_\infty$  corresponds to the cup product in  $H^*(X; Z_p)$ . If  $E_{s,*}^\infty = 0$  for all  $s > s_0$ , then  $E_\infty^{s,*} = 0$  for all  $s > s_0$ . Hence  $f_p(X)$  is the same as the smallest number  $s_0$  such that  $E_\infty^{s,t} = 0$  for all  $s > s_0$ .

Next, we can define the filtration degree of an element  $x$  of  $H^*(X; Z_p)$  as follows. Each  $x \in H^*(X; Z_p)$  can be considered as an element of  $E_\infty^{s,t}$  since  $E_\infty = E_0(H^*(X; Z_p))$ . The number  $s$  is called the filtration degree of  $x$ . The filtration degree of an element  $x \in H_*(X; Z_p)$  can be defined in the same way.

The difference  $f_p(X) - c_p(X)$  comes from the generator of  $H^*(X; Z_p)$  of filtration degree greater than 1, which corresponds to a primitive element in  $H_*(X; Z_p)$  through dualizing process. Since the primitives of  $H_*(X; Z_p)$  is of filtration degree either 1 or 2, the difference  $f_p(X) - c_p(X)$  comes only from those primitives in  $H_*(X; Z_p)$  of even filtration degree, which are transpotence elements. So in terms of cohomology, the difference comes from the elements in  $\ker \sigma$  by Theorem 1.1 (d).

**THEOREM 1.2.** [14] *Let  $X$  be a finite  $H$ -space. If  $\ker \sigma$  is generated by  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ , which have heights  $p^{h_1}, \dots, p^{h_n}$  in  $H^*(X; Z_p)$ , then*

$$f_p(X) - c_p(X) = \sum_{i=1}^n (p^{h_i} - 1).$$

The above theorem is originally expressed in terms of  $\sigma^*$  where it is induced by the canonical map  $\Sigma\Omega X \rightarrow X$  which is the adjoint of the identity on  $\Omega X$ . Then we have the following commutative diagram,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H^*(X; Z_p) & \xrightarrow{\sigma^*} & H^{*-1}(\Omega X; Z_p) \\ q \downarrow & & \uparrow \text{inclusion} \\ QH^*(X; Z_p) & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & PH^{*-1}(\Omega X; Z_p), \end{array}$$

where  $q$  is the quotient map. From the diagram, we may identify the elements of  $QH^*(X; Z_p)$  with generators of  $H^*(X; Z_p)$  by the abuse of language.

**2. Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence and  $f_p(X) - c_p(X)$**

From now on, unless stated otherwise, the Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence converging to  $H^*(\Omega X; Z_p)$  is the Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence for a path–loop fibration converging to  $H^*(\Omega X; Z_p)$  with

$$E_2 = \text{Tor}_{H^*(X; Z_p)}(Z_p, Z_p).$$

Similarly, the Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence converging to  $H_*(\Omega X; Z_p)$  is the Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence with

$$E^2 = \text{Cotor}^{H^*(X; Z_p)}(Z_p, Z_p).$$

THEOREM 2.1. *Let  $X$  be a simply connected finite  $H$ -space. Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (1)  $f_p(X) - c_p(X) = 0$ ;
- (2)  $\ker \sigma = 0$ ;
- (3) *The Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence converging to  $H^*(\Omega X; Z_p)$  collapses at the  $E_2$ -term;*
- (4) *The Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence converging to  $H_*(\Omega X; Z_p)$  collapses at the  $E^2$ -term.*

*Proof.* (3) is equivalent to (4) by duality.

(1) implies (2). It follows from Theorem 1.2.

(2) implies (3). Consider the Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence converging to  $H^*(\Omega X; Z_p)$ . In the spectral sequence of Hopf algebras, the source of first nontrivial differential is an indecomposable element and its target is a primitive element. Moreover, every primitive element has either  $-1$  or  $-2$  external degree. Hence the spectral sequence collapses at the  $E_2$ -term if and only if every primitive element of  $-1$  or  $-2$  external degree survives permanently. Since  $\ker \sigma = 0$ , any generator of the external degree  $-1$  can not be a target of first nontrivial differential. The primitive elements of the external degree  $-2$  are transpotence elements of even dimension. The generators of external degree less than  $-2$  is of the form,  $\gamma_{p^r}(\cdot)$ ,  $r \geq 2$ , which is also even dimensional. Therefore a primitive element of external degree  $-2$  can not be a target of the first nontrivial differential, either. Hence the Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence collapses from the  $E_2$ -term.

(3) implies (1). Assume that  $E_2 = E_\infty$ . Then there exist only trivial differentials in the Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence. Hence every suspension element survives permanently. Since  $H^*(\Omega X; Z_p)$  is evenly generated for any finite  $H$ -space  $X$  [10,11], there does not exist any even dimensional generator in  $H^*(X; Z_p)$ . Since  $QH^{even}(X; Z_p) = PH_{even}(X; Z_p)$  by duality, there is no even dimensional primitive element in  $H_*(X; Z_p)$ . This implies that there is no transpotence element. Since the difference between the filtration length and the cup length comes only from transpotence elements in  $H_*(X; Z_p)$ , we obtain that  $f_p(X) - c_p(X) = 0$ .  $\square$

First we consider the case of an even prime.

THEOREM 2.2. [12] *In any simply connected finite  $H$ -space with associative mod 2 homology ring, any generator in a degree of the form*

$2^r + 2^{r+1}k - 1$  for  $k > 0$  lies in the image of the Steenrod operation  $Sq^{2^r k}$ .

When  $r = 0$ , any  $2k$  dimensional generator lie in the image of  $Sq^k$  and  $Sq^k(x_k) = x_k^2$ . Hence there is no even dimensional generator in mod 2 cohomology. Hence we can get the following.

**COROLLARY 2.3.** *In any simply connected finite  $H$ -space  $X$  with associative mod 2 homology ring, we have  $f_2(X) - c_2(X) = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Since the suspension on  $QH^{odd}(X; Z_2)$  is injective and there is no even dimensional generator by Theorem 2.2,  $\ker \sigma = 0$ . Hence  $f_2(X) - c_2(X) = 0$  by Theorem 2.1. □

The above is a generalization of the result in [14] that  $f_2(X) - c_2(X) = 0$  in every compact, simply connected, simple Lie group. From Theorem 2.1, we get the following corollary.

**COROLLARY 2.4.** *The followings hold for every simply connected finite  $H$ -space with associative mod 2 homology ring.*

- (1)  $f_2(X) - c_2(X) = 0$ ;
- (2)  $\ker \sigma = 0$ ;
- (3) *The Eilenberg– Moore spectral sequence converging to  $H^*(\Omega X; Z_2)$  collapses from the  $E_2$ -term;*
- (4) *The Eilenberg– Moore spectral sequence converging to  $H_*(\Omega X; Z_2)$  collapses from the  $E^2$ -term.*

Hence we have that  $H^*(\Omega G; Z_2) = \text{Tor}_{H^*(G; Z_2)}(Z_2, Z_2)$  as a coalgebra for every Lie group  $G$ .

Now we turn to the case of odd primes  $p$ .

**THEOREM 2.5.** *Let  $X$  be a simply connected finite  $H$ -space and  $p$  an odd prime. Then  $H^*(X; Z)$  is  $p$ -torsion free if and only if  $f_p(X) - c_p(X) = 0$*

*Proof.* Assume that  $H^*(X; Z)$  is  $p$ -torsion free for an odd prime  $p$ . For a finite  $H$ -space  $X$ ,  $H^*(X; Z)$  is  $p$ -torsion free if and only if  $H^*(X; Z_p)$  is an exterior algebra on odd dimensional generators [1]. Hence  $\ker \sigma = 0$  by Theorem 1.1 (a). Therefore we have  $f_p(X) - c_p(X) = 0$  by Theorem 2.1.

Assume that the cohomology of  $X$  has  $p$ -torsion. Then by the universal coefficient theorem, there should exist an even element in  $H^*(X; Z_p)$ . Since  $x^2=0$  for any odd dimensional generator  $x$ , the even element must

be an indecomposable element, say  $y$ . Since  $H^*(\Omega X; Z_p)$  is even dimensional for any finite  $H$ -space  $X$ , we have that  $\sigma(y) = 0$  in  $H^*(\Omega X; Z_p)$ . Hence  $\ker \sigma \neq 0$ , so that  $f_p(X) - c_p(X) \neq 0$  by Theorem 2.1.  $\square$

**COROLLARY 2.6.** *Let  $p$  be an odd prime and  $X$  a simply connected finite  $H$ -space. If  $H^*(X; Z)$  has  $p$ -torsion, then  $cat(X)$  is strictly greater than  $c_p(X)$ .*

*Proof.* If  $H^*(X; Z)$  has  $p$ -torsion for an odd prime  $p$ , then  $f_p(X) - c_p(X) \neq 0$ . So  $c_p(X) \leq f_p(X)$ . Since  $f_p(X) \leq cat(X)$  [14], we have that  $c_p(X) \leq cat(X)$ .  $\square$

From Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 2.5, we get the following result, which may be also derived from the results of [9,12].

**COROLLARY 2.7.** *Let  $X$  be a simply connected finite  $H$ -space and  $p$  an odd prime. Then  $H^*(X; Z)$  is  $p$ -torsion free if and only if the Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence converging to  $H^*(\Omega X; Z_p)$  collapses at the  $E_2$ -term.*

From above results, we can detect the behavior of the Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence converging to the loop space of compact, simply connected, simple Lie groups. For odd primes  $p$ , the only following compact, simply connected, simple Lie groups have  $p$ -torsions in their integral cohomology [13]:

$$\begin{aligned} p = 3 : & \quad G = F_4, E_6, E_7, E_8 \\ p = 5 : & \quad G = E_8. \end{aligned}$$

Hence for each of the above pairs  $(G, p)$ , the Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence converging to  $H^*(\Omega G; Z_p)$  does not collapse at the  $E_2$ -term and  $f_p(G) - c_p(G) \neq 0$  by Theorem 2.5 and Corollary 2.7. But for the other pairs  $(G, p)$  including every classical Lie group, the Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence to  $H^*(\Omega G; Z_p)$  collapses at the  $E_2$ -term and  $f_p(G) - c_p(G) = 0$ .

For even prime, compact, simply connected, simple Lie groups have 2-torsions in their integral cohomology only for the following cases [13]:

$$G = Spin(n), n \geq 7, G_2, F_4, E_6, E_7, E_8.$$

But the Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence converging to  $H^*(\Omega G; Z_2)$  collapses at the  $E_2$ -term by Corollary 2.4.

EXAMPLE 2.8. For each odd prime  $p$ , there exist a simply connected finite complex  $X$  whose localization  $X(p)$  at  $p$  is an  $H$ -space [7] with

$$H^*(X(p); Z_p) = Z_p[\beta\mathcal{P}^1x_3]/((\beta\mathcal{P}^1x_3)^p) \otimes E(x_3, \mathcal{P}^1x_3).$$

Since the action of  $\beta$  on  $\mathcal{P}^1x_3$  is non trivial, the cohomology of  $X(p)$  has  $p$ -torsion. So by Corollary 2.7, the Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence converging to  $H^*(\Omega X(p); Z_p)$  does not collapse at the  $E_2$ -term. In fact,  $\sigma(\beta\mathcal{P}^1x_3) \neq 0$ ,  $f_p(X(p)) - c_p(X(p)) = p - 1$ , and there is the differential from  $[x_3|\cdots|x_3]$  ( $p$  factors) to  $[\beta\mathcal{P}^1x_3]$  in the  $E_{p-1}$  term of the Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence.

But the above results do not hold if the finiteness condition is omitted.

EXAMPLE 2.9. If  $X$  is torsion free for a prime  $p$ , then  $H^*(\Omega^2\Sigma^2X; Z)$  has  $p$ -torsion of order  $p$  [6]. But the Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence converging to  $H^*(\Omega^3\Sigma^2X; Z_p)$  collapses at the  $E_2$ -term.

By considering Theorem 2.5 for a finite complex with certain property, we get the following result.

THEOREM 2.10. *Let  $X$  be a finite complex such that  $H^*(X; Q)$  is generated by odd degree generators. If  $H^*(X; Z)$  is  $p$ -torsion free for an odd prime  $p$ , then  $f_p(X) - c_p(X) = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $f_p(X) - c_p(X) \neq 0$ . Since the difference between the filtration length and the cup length comes only from transpotence elements, there is an even dimensional generator in  $H^*(X; Z_p)$ . Consider the Bockstein spectral sequence converging to

$$(H^*(X; Z)/\text{torsion}) \otimes Z_p \text{ with } E_0^* = H^*(X; Z_p).$$

In this Bockstein spectral sequence, the differential can be interpreted in terms of the higher Bockstein operators. Since  $H^*(X; Q)$  is generated by odd degree generators, even dimensional transpotence can not survive permanently. Hence it should be target of some differential in the Bockstein spectral sequence. This implies that  $H^*(X; Z)$  has a  $p$ -torsion, which is a contradiction. Therefore  $f_p(X) - c_p(X) = 0$ .  $\square$

The real Stiefel manifolds of type  $SO(m)/SO(2n+1)$ ,  $m > 2n+1$ , all complex Stiefel manifolds  $SU(m)/SU(n)$ ,  $m > n$ , and all quaternionic Stiefel manifolds  $Sp(m)/Sp(n)$ ,  $m > n$  satisfy the hypothesis of above theorem, so the  $Z_p$ -filtration lengths are equal to the  $Z_p$ -cup lengths for these spaces for any odd prime  $p$ . In fact, we have that  $f_p(X) - c_p(X) = 0$



for all real, complex, quaternionic Stiefel manifolds  $X$  for all primes  $p$  and the Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence converging to  $H^*(\Omega X; Z_p)$  collapses at the  $E_2$ -term. Hence  $H^*(\Omega X; Z_p) = \text{Tor}_{H^*(X; Z_p)}(Z_p, Z_p)$  as a graded vector space.

### 3. Torsion in finite $H$ -space

Now we study the suspension map to get the main result.

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $X$  be an  $n$ -connected  $H$ -space. Then*

$$\sigma : QH^i(X; Z_p) \rightarrow PH^{i-1}(\Omega X; Z_p)$$

is injective when  $i \leq 4n + 1$  for  $p = 2$ , and when  $i \leq pn + 1$  for any odd prime  $p$ .

*Proof.* We consider the Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence converging to  $H^*(\Omega X; Z_p)$ . Since  $H^i(X; Z_p) = 0$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n$  and  $QH^*(X; Z_p) \cong \text{Tor}_{H^*(X; Z_p)}^{-1,*}(Z_p, Z_p)$ , we have that  $E_2^{-1,t} = 0$  for  $0 \leq t \leq n$ . So from the bar construction, we have

$$E_2^{-s,t} = \text{Tor}_{H^*(X; Z_p)}^{-s,t}(Z_p, Z_p) = 0 \text{ for } t \leq ns.$$

Since this spectral sequence is a spectral sequence of a Hopf algebra, the source of the first non zero differential is a generator and the target is a primitive element.

This Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence is a second quadrant spectral sequence and  $d_r : E_r^{-s,t} \rightarrow E_r^{-s+r,t-r+1}$  for  $r \geq 2$ , so that generators of the external degree  $-1$  or  $-2$  can not be the source of non zero differentials. From the Borel decomposition,  $H^*(X; Z_p) = \otimes_i A_i$  as an algebra where each  $A_i$  is a Hopf algebra on a single generator, that is, an exterior algebra, a polynomial algebra, or a truncated polynomial algebra on a single generator. Hence  $\text{Tor}_{H^*(X; Z_p)}(Z_p, Z_p) = \otimes_i B_i$  where each  $B_i$  is an exterior algebra or a divided power algebra on a single generator. Moreover, the divided power algebra  $\Gamma(x)$  on a generator  $x$  is

$$\Gamma(x) = \otimes_{k \geq 0} \gamma_{2^k}(x) \quad \text{as an algebra,}$$

where  $\gamma_{2^k}(x) = [x] \cdots [x]$  ( $2^k$  times) on the level of the bar resolution. The external degree of  $\gamma_{2^k}(x)$  is  $-2^k$  and only  $\gamma_{2^k}(x)$ ,  $k \geq 1$  are generators of external degree less than  $-1$  in  $\text{Tor}_{H^*(X; Z_p)}(Z_p, Z_p)$ .

Therefore the source of first non zero differential is a generator of the external degree less than or equal to  $-4$  for  $p = 2$ , and less than or equal to  $-p$  for any odd prime  $p$ . So the possible first non zero differential is

$$\begin{aligned} d_3 &: E_3^{-4,4n+4} \rightarrow E_3^{-1,4n+2} \text{ for } p = 2, \\ d_{p-1} &: E_{p-1}^{-p,pn+p} \rightarrow E_{p-1}^{-1,pn+2} \text{ for odd primes } p. \end{aligned}$$

Hence when  $t \leq 4n + 1$  for  $p = 2$ , no element of  $E_2^{-1,t}$  is in the image of any non trivial differential. Similarly when  $t \leq pn + 1$  for any odd prime  $p$ , no element of  $E_2^{-1,t}$  is in the image of any non trivial differential. Since the suspension map is defined by  $\sigma : QH^i(X; Z_p) \cong \text{Tor}_{H^*(X; Z_p)}^{-1,i}(Z_p, Z_p) = E_2^{-1,i} \rightarrow E_\infty^{-1,i}$ ,  $\sigma$  is injective if  $i \leq 4n + 1$  for  $p = 2$ , and if  $i \leq pn + 1$  for any odd prime  $p$ .  $\square$

Using above theorem, we prove the following main result of this paper.

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $p$  be an odd prime and  $X$  an  $n$ -connected finite  $H$ -space with  $\dim QH^*(X; Z_p) \leq m$ . Then  $H^*(X; Z)$  is  $p$ -torsion free if  $p \geq \frac{m-1}{n}$ .*

*Proof.* Consider the Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence converging to  $H^*(\Omega X; Z_p)$ . By Theorem 3.1,  $\sigma : QH^i(X; Z_p) \rightarrow PH^{i-1}(\Omega X; Z_p)$  is injective if  $i \leq pn + 1$  for any odd prime  $p$ . So if  $m \leq pn + 1$ , then  $\sigma$  is an injective map, that is,  $\ker \sigma = 0$ . By Theorem 2.1, the Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence converging to  $H^*(\Omega X; Z_p)$  collapses at the  $E_2$ -term. Hence by Corollary 2.7,  $H^*(X; Z)$  is  $p$ -torsion free.  $\square$

We conclude this paper with the following question about any simply connected  $H$ -space without the finiteness condition.

**QUESTION.** Let  $p$  be a prime and  $Y$  a simply connected  $H$ -space such that  $H^*(Y; Z)$  is  $p$ -torsion free. Then does the Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence converging to  $H^*(\Omega Y; Z_p)$  collapse at the  $E_2$ -term?

For each prime  $p$ ,  $H^*(\Omega X; Z)$  is  $p$ -torsion free for any simply connected finite  $H$ -space  $X$  [10, 11]. If the question is positive, the Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence converging to  $H^*(\Omega^2 X; Z_p)$  collapses at the  $E_2$ -term. In fact, for any compact, simply connected, simple Lie group  $G$ , the Eilenberg–Moore spectral sequence converging to  $H^*(\Omega^2 G; Z_p)$  collapses at the  $E_2$ -term [2, 3, 4, 15] unlike one converging to the cohomology of single loop space.

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