

On the homology theory of fiber spaces

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In this paper the homology theory of fibre spaces is studied by introducing additional algebraic structure in homology and cohomology.

All modules are assumed to be over an arbitrary associative ring Λ with unit; by a differential algebra, coalgebra, module, or comodule we mean these objects graded by non-negative integers; \hat{a} denotes $(-1)^{\text{deg } a}$.

The category $A(\infty)$. An $A(\infty)$ -algebra in the sense of Stasheff [1] is defined to be a graded Λ -module M , endowed with a set of operations $\{m_i : \otimes^i M \rightarrow M, i = 1, 2, \dots\}$ satisfying the conditions $m_i((\otimes^i M)q) \subset M_{q+i-2}$ and

$$\sum_{k=0}^{i-1} \sum_{j=1}^{i-k} (-1)^k m_{i-j+1}(\hat{a}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \hat{a}_k \otimes m_j(a_{k+1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_{k+j}) \otimes a_{k+j+1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_i) = 0$$

for any $a_i \in M$ and $i \geq 1$. A morphism of $A(\infty)$ -algebras $(M, \{m_i\}) \rightarrow (M', \{m'_i\})$ is a set of homomorphisms $\{f_i : \otimes^i M \rightarrow M', i = 1, 2, \dots\}$ satisfying the conditions $f_i((\otimes^i M)q) \subset M'_{q+i-1}$ and

$$\sum_{k=0}^{i-1} \sum_{j=1}^{i-k} (-1)^k f_{i-j+1}(\hat{a}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \hat{a}_k \otimes m_j(a_{k+1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_{k+j}) \otimes \dots \otimes a_i) = \sum_{t=1}^i \sum_{S(t,i)} m'_t(f_{k_1}(a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_{k_1}) \otimes \dots \otimes f_{k_t}(a_{i-k_t+1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_i))$$

where $S(t, i) = \{k_1, \dots, k_t \in N, \sum k_p = i\}$. The $A(\infty)$ -algebras together with these morphisms form a category, which we denote by $A(\infty)$.

The specification on M of an $A(\infty)$ -algebra structure $(M, \{m_i\})$ is equivalent to the specification on the tensor coalgebra $T^c(M) = \Lambda + M + M \otimes M + \dots$ with the grading $\dim(a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_n) = \sum \dim a_i + n$ and comultiplication

$$\Delta(a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_n) = \sum_{i=0}^n (a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_i) \otimes (a_{i+1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_n)$$

of a differential $d_m : T^c(M) \rightarrow T^c(M)$ that turns $T^c(M)$ into a differential coalgebra; this set $\{m_i\}$ determines the differential d_m by

$$d_m(a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_n) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^{n-k} (-1)^k \hat{a}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \hat{a}_k \otimes m_j(a_{k+1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_{k+j}) \otimes \dots \otimes a_n,$$

and the differential coalgebra $(T^c(M), d_m)$ is called the \tilde{B} -construction of the $A(\infty)$ -algebra $(M, \{m_i\})$ (Stasheff [1]) and is denoted by $\tilde{B}(M, \{m_i\})$. The specification of an $A(\infty)$ -algebra morphism $\{f_i\} : (M, \{m_i\}) \rightarrow (M', \{m'_i\})$ is equivalent to that of a differential coalgebra mapping $f : \tilde{B}(M, \{m_i\}) \rightarrow \tilde{B}(M', \{m'_i\})$; the morphism $\{f_i\}$ determines the mapping f by

$$f(a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_n) = \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{S(t,n)} f_{k_1}(a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_{k_1}) \otimes \dots \otimes f_{k_t}(a_{n-k_t+1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_i).$$

Thus the category $A(\infty)$ can be identified with a full subcategory of the category of differential coalgebras.

An arbitrary object in $A(\infty)$ of the form $(M, \{m_1, m_2, 0, 0, \dots\})$ is identified with the differential algebra (M, ∂, \cdot) where $\partial = m_1$ and $a_1 \cdot a_2 = -m_2(\tilde{a}_1 \otimes a_2)$. For such an object the \tilde{B} -construction coincides with the usual B -construction, any morphism of such objects of the form $\{f_1, 0, 0, \dots\}$ is identified with the differential algebra mapping $f_1 : (M, \partial, \cdot) \rightarrow (M, \partial, \cdot)$. Thus the category of differential algebras is a subcategory of $A(\infty)$, while the category $DASH$ (see [2]) is the full subcategory of $A(\infty)$ generated by differential algebras, and the functor \tilde{B} is an extension of B from this subcategory to $A(\infty)$.

Theorem 1 *For any differential algebra C with free $H_i(C), i \geq 0$ it is possible to introduce on $H(C)$ an $A(\infty)$ -algebra structure*

$$(H(C), \{X_i\}), \quad X_i : \otimes^i H(C) \rightarrow H(C), \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

such that $X_1 = 0$, $X_2(a_1 \otimes a_2) = -\tilde{a}_1 \cdot a_2$ and there exists an $A(\infty)$ -morphism

$$\{f_i\} : (H(C), \{X_i\}) \rightarrow (C, \{m_1, m_2, 0, 0, \dots\})$$

for which $f_1 : H(C) \rightarrow C$ induces an identical isomorphism in homology.

Proof. We need to construct two sets of homomorphisms

$$\{X_i : \otimes^i H(C) \rightarrow H(C), \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}, \quad \{f_i : \otimes^i H(C) \rightarrow C\}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \dots\},$$

satisfying the conditions in the definition of the category $A(\infty)$:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{i-1} \sum_{j=1}^{i-k} (-1)^k X_{i-j+1}(\hat{a}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \hat{a}_k \otimes X_j(a_{k+1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_{k+j}) \otimes a_{k+j+1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_i) = 0, \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{k=0}^{i-1} \sum_{j=1}^{i-k} (-1)^k f_{i-j+1}(\hat{a}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \hat{a}_k \otimes X_j(a_{k+1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_{k+j}) \otimes \dots \otimes a_i) = \\
& m_1 f_i(a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_i) + \\
& \sum_{s=1}^{i-1} m_2(f_s(a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_s) \otimes f_{i-s}(a_{s+1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_i))
\end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

for arbitrary $a_k \in H(C)$ and $i \geq 1$. For $i = 1$ we take $X_1 = 0$, and, using the fact that $H_i(C)$ is free, we define $f_1 : H(C) \rightarrow C$ to be a cycle-choosing homomorphism; the conditions (1) and (2), as well as the initial condition on f_1 are thereby satisfied. Suppose now that X_i and f_i have been constructed for $i < n$ in such a way that the conditions (1) and (2) hold. Let

$$\begin{aligned}
U_n(a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_n) &= \sum_{s=1}^{n-1} m_2(f_s(a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_s) \otimes f_{n-s}(a_{s+1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_n)) + \\
& \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} \sum_{j=2}^{n-1} (-1)^{k+1} f_{n-j+1}(\hat{a}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \hat{a}_k \otimes X_j(a_{k+1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_{k+j}) \otimes \dots \otimes a_n)
\end{aligned}$$

(here the X_i and f_i already defined are involved). Then the condition (2) takes the form

$$m_1 f_n(a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_n) = (f_1 X_n - U_n)(a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_n). \tag{3}$$

Direct calculations show that $\partial U_n = 0$, that is, $U_n(a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_n)$ is a cycle in C for arbitrary $a_i \in H(C)$, and we define $X_n(a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_n)$ to be the class of this cycle, that is, $X_n = \{U_n\}$. Since f_1 is a cycle-choosing homomorphism, the difference $f_1 X_n - U_n$ is homological to zero. Assuming that $a_i \in H(C)$ are free generators we define $f_n(a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_n)$ as an element of C bounding this difference and extend by linearity. For the X_n and f_n thus defined the condition (3) is automatically satisfied. The remaining condition (1) can be proved by a straightforward check.

We remark that the theorem is true also when an arbitrary $A(\infty)$ -algebra is taken instead of C , and $H(M)$ is understood to be the homology of M with respect to the differential m_1 .

The $A(\infty)$ -algebra $(H(C), \{X_i\})$ we call the *homology $A(\infty)$ -algebra of the differential algebra C* . As is clear from the proof, this structure is not uniquely determined on $H(C)$ (there is an arbitrariness in the choice of the f_i). We show later that the structure of the homology $A(\infty)$ -algebra on $H(C)$ is unique up to isomorphism in $A(\infty)$.

We mention that if $a_1 \cdot a_2 = a_2 \cdot a_3 = 0$ for $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in H(C)$, then $X_3(a_1 \otimes a_2 \otimes a_3)$ is an element of the Massey product $\langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$, and this fact provides us with examples in which the operation X_3 is non-trivial. The next result follows from the Theorem 1.

Corollary 1 *The mapping of differential coalgebras*

$$f : \tilde{B}(H(C), \{X_i\}) \rightarrow B(C)$$

induces an isomorphism in homology.

The category $M(\infty)$. An $A(\infty)$ -module over an $A(\infty)$ -algebra $(M, \{m_i\})$ we define to be a graded Λ -module P , endowed with a set of operations $\{p_i :$

$(\otimes^{i-1}M) \otimes P \rightarrow P$, $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ satisfying the conditions $p_i(((\otimes^{i-1}M) \otimes P)_q) \subset M_{q+i-2}$ and

$$\sum_{k=0}^{i-2} \sum_{j=1}^{i-k-1} (-1)^k p_{i-j+1}(\hat{a}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \hat{a}_k \otimes m_j(a_{k+1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_{k+j}) \otimes \dots \otimes a_{i-1} \otimes b) + \sum_{k=0}^{i-1} (-1)^k p_{k+1}(\hat{a}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \hat{a}_k \otimes p_{i-k}(a_{k+1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_{i-1} \otimes b)) = 0.$$

The specification on P of an $A(\infty)$ -module structure over $(M, \{m_i\})$ is equivalent to the specification on $\tilde{B}(M, \{m_i\}) \otimes P$ of a differential that turns it into a differential comodule over $\tilde{B}(M, \{m_i\})$. The objects of the category $M(\infty)$ are defined to be the pairs $((M, \{m_i\}), (P, \{p_i\}))$, where $(M, \{m_i\})$ is an $A(\infty)$ -algebra, and $(P, \{p_i\})$ is an $A(\infty)$ -module over it. A morphism is defined to be a pair of sets of homomorphisms $\{f_i\}, \{g_i\}$ where $\{f_i\} : (M, \{m_i\}) \rightarrow (M', \{m'_i\})$ is a morphism of $A(\infty)$ -algebras and

$$\{g_i : (\otimes^{i-1}M) \otimes P \rightarrow P', i = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

is a set satisfying the conditions $g_i(((\otimes^{i-1}M) \otimes P)_q) \subset P'_{q+i-1}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^{i-2} \sum_{j=1}^{i-k-1} (-1)^k \\ & g_{i-j+1}(\hat{a}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \hat{a}_k \otimes m_j(a_{k+1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_{k+j}) \otimes \dots \otimes a_{i-1} \otimes b) = \\ & \sum_{t=1}^i \sum_{S(t,i)} p_t(f_{k_1}(a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_{k_1}) \otimes f_{k_2}(a_{k_1+1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_{k_1+k_2}) \otimes \dots \otimes \\ & f_{k_{t-1}}(a_{k_1+\dots+k_{t-2}+1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_{k_1+\dots+k_{t-1}}) \otimes g_{k_t}(a_{i-k_t+1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_{i-1} \otimes b)); \end{aligned}$$

These conditions ensure that the mapping

$$g : \tilde{B}(M, \{m_i\}) \otimes P \rightarrow \tilde{B}(M', \{m'_i\}) \otimes P'$$

given by

$$\begin{aligned} g(a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_{i-1} \otimes b) &= \sum_{t=1}^i \sum_{S(t,i)} f_{k_1}(a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_{k_1}) \otimes \dots \otimes \\ & f_{k_{t-1}}(a_{k_1+\dots+k_{t-2}+1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_{k_1+\dots+k_{t-1}}) \otimes g_{k_t}(a_{i-k_t+1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_{i-1} \otimes b) \end{aligned}$$

is a differential comodule mapping compatible with f . With the obvious morphisms the category of pairs (C, D) , where C is a differential algebra and D is a differential module over it, forms a subcategory of $M(\infty)$.

Theorem 2 *If C is a differential algebra and D is a differential module over it such that $H_i(C)$ and $H_i(D)$ are free, then on $H(D)$ it is possible to introduce the structure of an $A(\infty)$ -module $(H(D), \{Y_i\})$, $Y_i : (\otimes^{i-1}H(C)) \otimes H(D) \rightarrow H(D)$, $p = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ over the homology $A(\infty)$ -algebra $(H(C), \{X_i\})$ such that $Y_1 = 0$, $Y_2(a \otimes b) = -\tilde{a} \cdot b$ and there exists a morphism $(\{f_i\}, \{g_i\}) : ((H(C), \{X_i\}), (H(D), \{Y_i\})) \rightarrow (C, D)$ of $M(\infty)$ for which $f_1 : H(C) \rightarrow C$ and $g_1 : H(D) \rightarrow D$ induce identical isomorphisms in homology.*

Proof. The sets $\{g_i\}$ and $\{Y_i\}$ are constructed by induction on i just as in the proof of Theorem 1. Using the fact that $H_i(D)$ is free, we define g_1 to be a

cycle-choosing homomorphism, while $Y_1 = 0$, and the conditions of the category $M(\infty)$ are satisfied for $i = 1$. Let

$$\begin{aligned} V_n(a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_{n-1} \otimes b) = & \\ & \sum_{s=1}^{n-1} p_2(f_s(a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_s) \otimes g_{n-s}(a_{s+1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_{n-1} \otimes b)) + \\ & \sum_{k=0}^{n-3} \sum_{j=2}^{n-1} (-1)^{k+1} g_{i-j+1}(\hat{a}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \hat{a}_k \otimes X_j(a_{k+1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_{k+j}) \otimes \dots \otimes \\ & a_{n-1} \otimes b) + \sum_{k=1}^{n-2} (-1)^k g_{k+1}(\hat{a}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \hat{a}_k \otimes Y_{n-k}(a_{k+1} \otimes \dots \otimes a_{n-1} \otimes b)), \end{aligned}$$

then $\partial V_n = 0$, therefore, we define $Y_n = \{V_n\}$. Since g_1 is a cycle-choosing homomorphism, $g_1 Y_n - V_n$ is a cycle in D homologous to zero. Using the fact that $H_i(D)$ is free, we define $g_n : (\otimes^{n-1}) \otimes H(D) \rightarrow H(D)$ to be a homomorphism for which $\partial g_n = g_1 V_n - V_n$. The conditions of the category $M(\infty)$ are satisfied for the Y_n and g_n thus defined.

Twisted tensor products. The twisted tensor products of Brown [3] can be generalized from the case of differential algebras and modules to the case of $A(\infty)$ -algebras and $A(\infty)$ -modules: for an arbitrary differential coalgebra (K, d) and an $A(\infty)$ -algebra $(M, \{m_i\})$ a \sim -twisting cochain we define to be a homomorphism $\phi : K \rightarrow M$ of degree -1 that satisfies the condition

$$\phi d = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} m_i(\phi \otimes \phi \otimes \dots \otimes \phi) \Delta^i,$$

where $\Delta^i : K \rightarrow K \otimes K$ is the homomorphism defined by $\Delta^1 = id_K$, $\Delta^2 = \Delta : K \rightarrow K \otimes K$, $\Delta^i = (id_K \otimes \Delta^{i-1}) \Delta$. The specification of a \sim -twisting cochain $\phi : K \rightarrow M$ is equivalent to that of a mapping of differential coalgebra $f_\phi : (K, d) \rightarrow \tilde{B}(M, \{m_i\})$. For any (K, d) and $((M, \{m_i\}), (P, \{p_i\})) \in M(\infty)$ any \sim -twisting cochain $\phi : K \rightarrow M$ on the tensor product $K \otimes P$ determines by

$$\partial_\phi = d \otimes id_P + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\hat{id} \otimes p_i)(id_K \otimes \phi \otimes \dots \otimes \phi \otimes id_P)(\Delta^i \otimes id_P)$$

a differential, turning $(K \otimes P, \partial_\phi)$ into a differential comodule over (K, d) ; this differential comodule is called the \sim -twisted tensor product $K \otimes_\phi P$. If M is an $A(\infty)$ -algebra of the form $(M, \{m_1, m_2, 0, 0, \dots\})$, and P is an $A(\infty)$ -module of the form $(P, \{p_1, p_2, 0, 0, \dots\})$, then ϕ is the usual twisting cochain, and $K \otimes_\phi P$ coincides with the usual twisted tensor product $K \otimes_\phi P$.

We need the concept of equivalence of twisting cochains (see [4], [5], [6]). We say that $\phi, \psi : K \rightarrow C$ are *equivalent* if there is a homomorphism $c : K \rightarrow C$ of degree 0 for which $c_0 = c|_{C_0} = 0$ and $\psi = (1 + c) \star \phi$ where

$$(1 + c) \star \phi = (1 + \hat{c}) \cdot \phi \cdot (1 + c)^{-1} - (cd + \partial c) \cdot (1 + c)^{-1};$$

$\phi \sim \psi$ if and only if $f_\phi, f_\psi : K \rightarrow B$ are homotopic in the sense of [2] (coderivation homotopy): $f_\phi - f_\psi = \partial D + D\partial$ with $(D \otimes f_\psi + \hat{f}_\phi \otimes D)\Delta = \Delta D$.

Theorem 3 *If (K, d) is a differential coalgebra with free K_i , and $\phi : K \rightarrow C$ is an arbitrary twisting cochain, then there exists a \sim -twisting cochain $\phi^* : K \rightarrow H(C)$ such that ϕ and $f^* \phi^* = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} f_i(\phi * \dots \otimes \phi^*) \Delta^i$ are equivalent.*

Proof. To construct ϕ^* we prove the following inductive assertion: for any $i > 0$ there exists a twisting cochain $\phi^{(i)} : K \rightarrow C$ and a homomorphism $\phi_i^* : K_i \rightarrow H_{i-1}(C)$ and $c_i : K_i \rightarrow C_i$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad & \phi_i^* d = \sum_{t=2}^i \sum_{S(t,i)} X_t(\phi_{k_1}^* \otimes \dots \otimes \phi_{k_t}^*) \Delta^t; \\ (b) \quad & \phi^{(i)} = (1 + c_i) \star \phi^{(i-1)}; \\ (c) \quad & \phi_i^{(i)} = \sum_{t=1}^i \sum_{S(t,i)} f_t(\phi_{k_1}^* \otimes \dots \otimes \phi_{k_t}^*) \Delta^t. \end{aligned}$$

For $i = 1$ we take $\phi_1^* = \{\phi_1\}$. Since the difference $(\phi_1 - f_1\phi_1^*)(k)$ is homologous to zero for each $k \in K_1$ and K_1 is free, we obtain a homomorphism $c_1 : K_1 \rightarrow C_1$ for which $-\partial c_1 = \phi_1 - f_1\phi_1^*$. We define $\phi^{(1)} = (1 + c_1) \star \phi$, so $\phi_1^{(1)} = \phi_1 + \partial c_1 = f_1\phi_1^*$. Suppose now that $\phi^{(i)}$, ϕ_i^* , and c_i have already been constructed in such a way that (a), (b), and (c) hold for $i < n$. Let

$$W_n = \phi_n^{(n-1)} - \sum_{t=2}^n \sum_{S(t,n)} f_t(\phi_{k_1}^* \otimes \dots \otimes \phi_{k_t}^*) \Delta^t;$$

A direct check shows that $\partial W_n = 0$; we define $\phi_n^* = \{W_n\}$. Since the difference $W_n - f_1\phi_n^*$ is homological to zero and K_n is free, we can construct a $c_n : K_n \rightarrow C_n$ such that $-\partial c_n = W_n - f_1\phi_n^*$; let $\phi^{(n)} = (1 + c_n) \star \phi^{(n-1)}$. Then

$$\phi_n^{(n)} = \phi_n^{(n-1)} + \partial c_n = f_1\phi_n^* - W_n = \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{S(t,n)} f_t(\phi_{k_1}^* \otimes \dots \otimes \phi_{k_t}^*) \Delta^t,$$

consequently, (b) and (c) hold for $\phi^{(n)}$, ϕ_n^* , and c_n , and the validity of (a) can be checked directly. From (a) we see that $\phi^* = \sum_i \phi_i^*$ is a \sim -twisting cochain, and from (b) and (c) we deduce that $f^*\phi^* = \phi^\infty$, where $\phi^\infty = \prod_i (1 + c_i) \star \phi \sim \phi$.

It follows from Theorem 3 that for any differential coalgebra mapping $g : K \rightarrow B$ there exists a $G^* : K \rightarrow \tilde{B}(H(C), \{X_i\})$ for which g and fG^* are homotopic in the sense of [2]. This assertion implies uniqueness mentioned above for the structure of homology $A(\infty)$ -algebra: if $(H(C), \{X_i\})$ and $(H(C), \{X_i\})$ are two structures of homology $A(\infty)$ -algebra on $H(C)$, then by taking $K = \tilde{B}(H(C), \{X_i\})$ and $g = f : \tilde{B}(H(C), \{X_i\}) \rightarrow B(C)$, we obtain a

$$g^* : \tilde{B}(H(C), \{X_i\}) \rightarrow \tilde{B}(H(C), \{X_i\})$$

for which $fG^* \sim g$. Then the first component of the $A(\infty)$ algebra morphism $\{g_i^*\} : (H(C), \{X_i\}) \rightarrow (H(C), \{X_i\})$ induced by g^* is $g_1^* = id_{H(C)}$, and this implies that $\{g_i^*\}$ is an isomorphism in $A(\infty)$.

The next result follows from Theorems 1, 2 and 3.

Corollary 2 $K \otimes_\phi D$ and $K \otimes_{\phi^*} H(D)$ have isomorphic homology under the conditions of Theorems 1, 2 and 3.

The results obtained have the following applications.

The first proposition is obtained from Corollary 1 by taking $C = \bar{C}_*(G)$, where G is a connected topological group such that the $H_i(G)$ are free, bearing in mind that $H(B(C)) = H_*(B_G)$.

Proposition 1 *The homology of the \tilde{B} -construction $\tilde{B}(\bar{H}_*(G), \{X_i\})$ are isomorphic to that of classifying space B_G .*

The next proposition is obtained from Corollary 1 by taking $C = C^*(B, b_0)$, where B is a simply connected space with free groups $H^i(B, b_0)$, and bearing in mind that $H(B(C)) = H^*(\Omega C)$.

Proposition 2 *The homology of the \tilde{B} -construction $\tilde{B}(\bar{H}^*(B, b_0), \{X_i\})$ are isomorphic to the cohomology of the loop space ΩB .*

Let $\xi = (X, p, B, G)$ be a principal G -fibration with paracompact base and connected G , let F be a G -space, and $\xi[F] = (E, p, B, F, G)$ the associated fiber bundle, with the $H_i(G)$ and $H_i(F)$ free. The final proposition is obtained from Corollary 2 by taking $C = C_*(G)$, $D = C_*(F)$, and ϕ a twisting cochain of the fibration ξ ([3]).

Proposition 3 *The homology of the \sim -twisted tensor product $C_*(B) \otimes_{\phi^*} H_*(F)$ is isomorphic to that of E .*

This proposition generalize a result of Shih [7]: if G is $(n - 1)$ -connected, then the components $\phi_i^* \in C^i(B, H_{i-1}(G))$ vanish for $0 < i < n + 1$, therefore, the differentials d^i of the spectral sequence of $\xi[F]$ are trivial for $1 < i < n + 1$, and the components are cocycles for $n < i < 2n + 1$, consequently, d^j can be expressed for $n < i < 2n + 1$ in terms of certain characteristic classes of ξ and the operation $Y_2 : H_*(G) \otimes H_*(F) \rightarrow H_*(F)$; we remark that higher operations Y_i are needed for computing d^j , $j > 2n$, in terms of ϕ^* .

Theorems 1, 2 and Proposition 3 were announced in [8] and Proposition 2 in [9].

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