

The Convergence of $\tilde{\gamma}_s(b_0h_n - h_1b_{n-1})^{**}$

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Abstract This paper computes the Thom map on γ_2 and proves that it is represented by $2b_{2,0}h_{1,2}$ in the ASS. The authors also compute the higher May differential of $b_{2,0}$, from which it is proved that $\tilde{\gamma}_s(b_0h_n - h_1b_{n-1})$ for $2 \leq s < p-1$ are permanent cycles in the ASS.

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1 Introduction

Let p be a prime and let S be the sphere spectrum localized at p . To determine the stable homotopy groups π_*S is one of the central problems in stable homotopy. One of the main tools to reach it is the Adams spectral sequence (ASS) with E_2 -term $E_2^{s,t} = \text{Ext}_A^{s,t}(Z/p, Z/p) \Rightarrow \pi_{t-s}S$, where $\text{Ext}_A^{s,t}(Z/p, Z/p)$ denotes the cohomology of the Steenrod algebra A .

From [5] we know that for odd prime p , $\text{Ext}_A^{1,*}(Z/p, Z/p)$ is the Z/p -module generated by a_0 and h_i for $i \geq 0$. $\text{Ext}_A^{2,*}(Z/p, Z/p)$ is the Z/p -module generated by a_1h_0 , a_0^2 , a_0h_i ($i > 0$), g_i ($i \geq 0$), k_i ($i \geq 0$), b_i ($i \geq 0$) and h_ih_j ($j \geq i+2 \geq 2$). The Ext groups $\text{Ext}_A^{3,*}(Z/p, Z/p)$ were detected in [2].

If a family of homology elements x_i in $E_2^{s,*}$ converges nontrivially in the ASS, then we get a family of homotopy elements f_i in π_*S . In this case we say that the homotopy element f_i is represented by x_i in the ASS. So far, not so many families of homotopy elements were detected. For example, a family $\zeta_n \in \pi_*S$ for $n \geq 1$ was detected in [3] which is represented by $h_0b_n \in \text{Ext}_A^{3,*}(Z/p, Z/p)$ in the ASS. In this paper, we detect a family of homotopy elements which has filtration $s+3$.

Let M denote the mod p Moore spectrum and $v_1 : \Sigma^q M \rightarrow M$ denote the Adams map which is known to exist for $p > 2$ (cf. [9]). Then we have the cofibre sequence

$$\Sigma^q M \xrightarrow{v_1} M \longrightarrow V(1),$$

where $q = 2(p-1)$ and $V(1)$ is known to be the Smith-Toda spectrum. For $p > 3$, there exists the Smith-Toda map $v_2 : \Sigma^{(p+1)q}V(1) \rightarrow V(1)$, and its cofibre is denoted by $V(2)$. For $p \geq 7$, there exists the Smith-Toda map $v_3 : \Sigma^{(p^2+p+1)q}V(2) \rightarrow V(2)$ (cf. [9]). From [10] we know that

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the following composition of maps denoted by γ_s in π_*S ,

$$S^{s \cdot (p^2+p+1)q} \xrightarrow{i} \Sigma^{s \cdot (p^2+p+1)q} V(2) \xrightarrow{v_3^s} V(2) \xrightarrow{j} S^{(p+2)q+3},$$

is represented in the ASS by $\tilde{\gamma}_s = \frac{s!}{(s-3)!} a_3^{s-3} h_{3,0} h_{2,1} h_{1,2}$ for $s \geq 3$ and $s \not\equiv 0, 1, 2 \pmod{p}$.

In [4], Lin detected a new family in the stable homotopy groups of spheres and proved the following theorem:

Theorem 1.1 (See [4, Theorem A]) *Let $p \geq 5$, $n \geq 3$. Then*

(1) *$i_*(h_1 h_n) \in \text{Ext}_A^{2, (p+p^n)q}(H^*M, Z/p)$ is a permanent cycle in the ASS and converges to a nontrivial element $\xi_n \in \pi_{(p+p^n)q-2}M$.*

(2) *For $\xi_n \in \pi_{(p+p^n)q-2}M$ obtained in (1), $j\xi_n \in \pi_{(p+p^n)q-3}S$ is a nontrivial element of order p represented (up to nonzero scalar) by $(b_0 h_n - h_1 b_{n-1}) \in \text{Ext}_A^{3, (p+p^n)q}(Z/p, Z/p)$ in the ASS.*

In this paper we will prove that γ_2 is represented by $\tilde{\gamma}_2 = 2b_{2,0}h_{1,2} \in \text{Ext}_A^{3,*}(Z/p, Z/p)$ in the ASS and from which we prove

Theorem A *Let $p \geq 7$ be an odd prime and $n \geq 4$. Then for $3 \leq s < p-1$,*

$$\tilde{\gamma}_s(b_0 h_n - h_1 b_{n-1}) \in \text{Ext}_A^{s+3, q((s-2)+sp+sp^2+p^n)+(s-3)}(Z/p, Z/p)$$

and

$$\tilde{\gamma}_2(b_0 h_n - h_1 b_{n-1}) \in \text{Ext}_A^{6, q(2p+2p^2+p^n)}(Z/p, Z/p)$$

are permanent cycles in the ASS, and then they converge to nontrivial elements in π_*S , where $q = 2(p-1)$.

2 The Representation of γ_2 in the ASS

In this section we will consider some of the Thom maps

$$\Phi : \text{Ext}_{BP_*BP}^{s,*}(BP_*, BP_*K) \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_{A^*}^{s,*}(Z/p, H_*K) = \text{Ext}_A^{s,*}(H^*K, Z/p)$$

for the spectrum $K = V(1)$, M and S , from which we get the representation of γ_2 in the classical ASS. The result might be known to many people, but we had not seen it appearing. Here we give a brief proof of the result.

Consider the Brown-Peterson ring spectrum BP at a prime p with $BP_* = \pi_*BP = Z_{(p)}[v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, \dots]$ (cf. [7, Chapters 4, 5]). There is the Thom map $\Phi : BP \rightarrow KZ/p$ which induces

$$\Phi : \pi_*(BP) = BP_* \longrightarrow \pi_*(KZ/p) = Z/p$$

and

$$\Phi : \pi_*(BP \wedge BP) = BP_*BP \longrightarrow \pi_*(KZ/p \wedge KZ/p) = A^*,$$

where $BP_*BP = BP_*[t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n, \dots]$, A^* is the dual of the Steenrod algebra A ,

$$A^* = Z/p[\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n, \dots] \otimes E[\tau_0, \tau_1, \dots, \tau_n, \dots].$$

The Thom map sends v_i to 0 and t_n to $\tilde{t}_n$, where $\tilde{t}_n$ is the Hopf conjugate of Milnor's ξ_n . Applying the cobar construction, we get the Thom map

$$\Phi : \text{Ext}_{BP_*BP}^{s,*}(BP_*, BP_*K) \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_{A_*}^{s,*}(Z/p, H_*K).$$

To compute the Ext groups $\text{Ext}_A^{s,t}(Z/p, Z/p)$, we have the May spectral sequence (MSS) (cf. [6] and [7, Chapter 3]) whose $E_0^{s,t,*}$ -term is the filtrated cobar complex and the E_1 -term is the cohomology of $E_0^{s,t,*}$,

$$E_1^{s,t,*} = E[h_{i,j} \mid i > 0, j \geq 0] \otimes P[b_{i,j} \mid i > 0, j \geq 0] \otimes P[a_i \mid i \geq 0],$$

where $h_{i,j}$ is the cohomology class represented by $\xi_i^{p^j}$, $b_{i,j}$ is the cohomology class represented by $\sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \binom{p}{k} / p (\xi_i^{kp^j} \otimes \xi_i^{(p-k)p^j})$ and a_i is the cohomology class represented by τ_i . Thus the homological dimensions of a_i , $h_{i,j}$ and $b_{i,j}$ are 1, 1 and 2 respectively. The inner degrees are

$$\begin{aligned} \deg(a_i) &= 2(p-1)(1+p+\dots+p^{i-1})+1, \\ \deg(h_{i,j}) &= 2(p-1)(p^j+p^{j+1}+\dots+p^{i+j-1}), \\ \deg(b_{i,j}) &= 2(p-1)(p^{j+1}+p^{j+2}+\dots+p^{i+j}). \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

The May filtration M 's are $M(a_i) = 2i+1$, $M(h_{i,j}) = 2i-1$ and $M(b_{i,j}) = p(2i-1)$. For the May differentials, we have $d_r : E_r^{s,t,M} \rightarrow E_r^{s+1,t,M-r}$, where M denotes the May filtration. If $x \in E_r^{s,t,*}$, $y \in E_r^{s',t',*}$, then $x \cdot y = (-1)^{(s+t)(s'+t')} y \cdot x$ and $d_r(x \cdot y) = d_r(x) \cdot y + (-1)^{s+t} x \cdot d_r(y)$. For the first May differential, we have

$$d_1(h_{i,j}) = \sum_{0 < k < i} h_{i-k,j+k} h_{k,j}, \quad d_1(a_i) = \sum_{0 \leq k < i} h_{i-k,k} a_k, \quad d_1(b_{i,j}) = 0.$$

To compute the Ext groups $\text{Ext}_{BP_*BP}^{s,t}(BP_*, BP_*K)$, we have the chromatic spectral sequence (cf. [7]), induced by the short exact sequences

$$0 \longrightarrow N_n^s \xrightarrow{j} M_n^s \xrightarrow{k} N_n^{s+1} \longrightarrow 0, \tag{2.2}$$

where $N_n^0 = BP_*/I_n$, I_n is the ideal of BP_* generated by $\{p, v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$ with $I_0 = 0$. M_n^s is inductively defined by $M_n^s = v_{n+s}^{-1} N_n^s$.

From [7], we jot down some of the structure maps $\eta_R : BP_* \rightarrow BP_*BP$ and $\Delta : BP_*BP \rightarrow BP_*BP \otimes_{BP_*} BP_*BP$,

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_R(v_1) &= v_1 + pt_1, \\ \eta_R(v_2) &= v_2 + v_1t_1^p - v_1^p t_1 \quad \text{mod } (p), \\ \eta_R(v_3) &= v_3 + v_2t_1^{p^2} + v_1t_2^p - t_1\eta_R(v_2^p) + v_1^2V \quad \text{mod } (p, v_1^{p^2}), \\ \Delta(t_1) &= t_1 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes t_1, \\ \Delta(t_2) &= t_2 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes t_2 + t_1 \otimes t_1^p - v_1\bar{b}_{1,0} \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} pv_1V &= v_2^p + v_1^p t_1^{p^2} - v_1^{p^2} t_1^p - (v_2 + v_1 t_1^p - v_1^p t_1)^p, \\ p\bar{b}_{1,0} &= (t_1 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes t_1)^p - (t_1^p \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes t_1^p). \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$d(v_3^s) = \eta_R(v_3^s) - v_3^s \equiv 0 \pmod{(p, v_1, v_2)},$$

and in the Ext groups we have

$$\begin{aligned} v_3^s/v_2 &\in \text{Ext}_{BP_*BP}^{0,*}(BP_*, N_2^1), & \gamma_s'' &= \delta_1''(v_3^s/v_2) \in \text{Ext}_{BP_*BP}^{1,*}(BP_*, BP_*V(1)), \\ v_3^s/v_1v_2 &\in \text{Ext}_{BP_*BP}^{0,*}(BP_*, N_1^2), & \gamma_s' &= \delta_1'\delta_2'(v_3^s/v_1v_2) \in \text{Ext}_{BP_*BP}^{2,*}(BP_*, BP_*M), \\ v_3^s/pv_1v_2 &\in \text{Ext}_{BP_*BP}^{0,*}(BP_*, N_0^3), & \gamma_s &= \delta_1\delta_2\delta_3(v_3^s/pv_1v_2) \in \text{Ext}_{BP_*BP}^{3,*}(BP_*, BP_*), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_1'' &: \text{Ext}_{BP_*BP}^{*,*}(BP_*, N_2^1) \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_{BP_*BP}^{*+1,*}(BP_*, BP_*V(1)), \\ \delta_s' &: \text{Ext}_{BP_*BP}^{*,*}(BP_*, N_1^s) \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_{BP_*BP}^{*+1,*}(BP_*, N_1^{s-1}), \\ \delta_s &: \text{Ext}_{BP_*BP}^{*,*}(BP_*, N_0^s) \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_{BP_*BP}^{*+1,*}(BP_*, N_0^{s-1}) \end{aligned}$$

are the connecting homomorphisms induced by (2.2).

Theorem 2.1 *For the Thom map $\Phi : \text{Ext}_{BP_*BP}^{s,*}(BP_*K, BP_*) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{s,*}(H_*K, Z/p)$ we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(\gamma_1'') &= i_*''(-h_2) \in \text{Ext}_{A^*}^{1,*}(Z/p, H_*V(1)), \\ \Phi(\gamma_2') &= i_*'(2h_{2,1}h_{1,2}) \in \text{Ext}_{A^*}^{2,*}(Z/p, H_*M), \\ \Phi(\gamma_2) &= 2b_{2,0}h_{1,2} \in \text{Ext}_{A^*}^{3,*}(Z/p, Z/p), \end{aligned}$$

where $h_{2,1}h_{1,2}$ represents the generator $k_1 \in \text{Ext}_A^{2,*}(Z/p, Z/p)$ (cf. [5]), and i_*'', i_*' are the maps induced by $i'' : S \rightarrow V(1)$ and $i' : S \rightarrow M$ respectively.

Proof From (2.3) we see that

$$\begin{aligned} d(v_3) &\equiv v_2(t_1^{p^2} - v_2^{p-1}t_1) \pmod{(p, v_1)}, \\ d(v_3^2) &\equiv 2v_2v_3(t_1^{p^2} - v_2^{p-1}t_1) + v_2^2(t_1^{p^2} - v_2^{p-1}t_1)^2 \pmod{(p, v_1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_1'' &= \delta_1''(v_3/v_2) = (t_1^{p^2} - v_2^{p-1}t_1), \\ \delta_2'(v_3^2/v_1v_2) &= (2v_3(t_1^{p^2} - v_2^{p-1}t_1) + v_2(t_1^{p^2} - v_2^{p-1}t_1)^2)/v_1, \\ \delta_3(v_3^2/pv_1v_2) &= (2v_3(t_1^{p^2} - v_2^{p-1}t_1) + v_2(t_1^{p^2} - v_2^{p-1}t_1)^2)/pv_1. \end{aligned}$$

By the Thom map, we see that $\Phi(\gamma_1'') = \tilde{t}_1^{p^2}$ which represents $i_*''(-h_2) \in \text{Ext}_{A^*}^{1,*}(Z/p, H_*V(1))$.

The first follows.

Similarly from (2.3), we see that $\text{mod } (p, v_1^3, v_1^2v_2, v_1v_2^2)$,

$$d(2v_3(t_1^{p^2} - v_2^{p-1}t_1) + v_2(t_1^{p^2} - v_2^{p-1}t_1)^2) \equiv 2v_1t_2^p \otimes t_1^{p^2} + v_1t_1^p \otimes t_1^{2p^2}.$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma'_2 &= \delta'_1\delta'_2(v_3^2/v_1v_2) = 2t_2^p \otimes t_1^{p^2} + t_1^p \otimes t_1^{2p^2} + v_1^2x + v_1v_2y + v_2^2z, \\ \delta_2\delta_3(v_3^2/pv_1v_2) &= (2t_2^p \otimes t_1^{p^2} + t_1^p \otimes t_1^{2p^2} + v_1^2x + v_1v_2y + v_2^2z)/p,\end{aligned}$$

and the Thom map sends γ'_2 to $2\tilde{t}_2^p \otimes \tilde{t}_1^{p^2} + \tilde{t}_1^p \otimes \tilde{t}_1^{2p^2}$, which represents $i'_*(h_{2,1}h_{1,2})$. The second follows.

From $d(v_1^2) \equiv d(v_1v_2) \equiv d(v_2^2) \equiv 0 \pmod{(p^2, v_1, v_2)}$ we see that

$$\begin{aligned}& d(2t_2^p \otimes t_1^{p^2} + t_1^p \otimes t_1^{2p^2} + v_1^2x + v_1v_2y + v_2^2z) \\ & \equiv -2p(\bar{b}_{2,0} \otimes t_1^{p^2} - t_2^p \otimes \bar{b}_{1,1} + \bar{b}_{1,0} \otimes t_1^{2p^2} + \cdots) + p(v_1\tilde{x} + v_2\tilde{y}) \pmod{(p^2)},\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}p\bar{b}_{2,0} &= (t_2 \otimes 1 + t_1 \otimes t_1^p + 1 \otimes t_2)^p - t_2^p \otimes 1 - t_1^p \otimes t_1^{p^2} - 1 \otimes t_2^p, \\ p\bar{b}_{1,1} &= (t_1 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes t_1)^{p^2} - t_1^{p^2} \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes t_1^{p^2}, \\ p\bar{b}_{1,0} &= (t_1 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes t_1)^p - t_1^p \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes t_1^p.\end{aligned}\tag{2.4}$$

Thus

$$\gamma_2 = \delta_1\delta_2\delta_3(v_3^2/pv_1v_2) = -2\bar{b}_{2,0} \otimes t_1^{p^2} + 2t_2^p \otimes \bar{b}_{1,1} + \cdots$$

and the Thom map sends it to $-2\bar{b}_{2,0} \otimes \tilde{t}_1^{p^2} + 2\tilde{t}_2^p \otimes \bar{b}_{1,1} + \cdots$ which represents $2b_{2,0}h_{1,2}$ in the MSS. The third follows.

Corollary 2.1 *For $p \geq 7$, the homotopy class γ_2 is represented by $\tilde{\gamma}_2 \in \text{Ext}_A^{3,*}(Z/p, Z/p)$ in the classical ASS and $\tilde{\gamma}_2$ is represented by $2b_{2,0}h_{1,2}$ in the MSS.*

3 The $E_1^{s,t,M}$ -Term of the MSS with Specialized s and t

Consider the MSS $E_1^{s,t,M} \Rightarrow \text{Ext}_A^{s,t}(Z/p, Z/p)$, whose E_1 -term is

$$E_1^{s,t,*} = E[h_{i,j} \mid i > 0, j \geq 0] \otimes P[b_{i,j} \mid i > 0, j \geq 0] \otimes P[a_i \mid i \geq 0].$$

The generators of $E_1^{s,t,*}$ are denoted by monomials

$$g = (x_1 \cdots x_b) \cdot (y_1 \cdots y_l) \cdot (z_1 \cdots z_m),\tag{3.1}$$

where x_i is of the elements a_i , y_i is of the elements $h_{i,j}$ and z_i is of $b_{i,j}$. In this section, we will compute some $E_1^{s,t,*}$ with specialized s and t , from which we will prove the Theorem A in the next section.

To compute $E_1^{s,t,*}$ with specialized s and t , denote t by $\bar{t} + b$ where $\bar{t} = 2(p-1)(\bar{c}_0 + \bar{c}_1p + \cdots + \bar{c}_np^n)$ with $0 \leq \bar{c}_i < p$ and $0 < \bar{c}_n < p$. Thus $b \equiv t \pmod{2(p-1)}$. If a monomial $x_1 \cdots x_b \cdot y_1 \cdots y_l \cdot z_1 \cdots z_m$ of the form (3.1) is a generator of $E_1^{s,t,*}$, then $b + l + 2m = s$.

Notice from (2.1), the inner degrees of x_i , y_i and z_i could be uniquely expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \deg(x_i) &= 2(p-1)(x_{i,0} + x_{i,1}p + \cdots + x_{i,n}p^n) + 1, \\ \deg(y_i) &= 2(p-1)(y_{i,0} + y_{i,1}p + \cdots + y_{i,n}p^n), \\ \deg(z_i) &= 2(p-1)(0 + z_{i,1}p + \cdots + z_{i,n}p^n), \end{aligned}$$

where the number sequence $(x_{1,0}, x_{1,1}, \dots, x_{1,n})$ is the form of $(1, \dots, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$, the sequences $(y_{i,0}, y_{i,1}, \dots, y_{i,n})$ and $(0, z_{i,1}, \dots, z_{i,n})$ are the form of $(0, \dots, 0, 1, \dots, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$. Thus a generator of the form (3.1) determines a matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_{1,0} & \cdots & x_{b,0} & y_{1,0} & \cdots & y_{l,0} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ x_{1,1} & \cdots & x_{b,1} & y_{1,1} & \cdots & y_{l,1} & z_{1,1} & \cdots & z_{m,1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_{1,n} & \cdots & x_{b,n} & y_{1,n} & \cdots & y_{l,n} & z_{1,n} & \cdots & z_{m,n} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.2)$$

And from the property of the p -adic number, we have

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{1 \leq i \leq b} x_{i,0} + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq l} y_{i,0} &= \bar{c}_0 + k_1p = c_0, \\ \sum_{1 \leq i \leq b} x_{i,1} + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq l} y_{i,1} + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq m} z_{i,1} &= \bar{c}_1 + k_2p - k_1 = c_1, \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \sum_{1 \leq i \leq b} x_{i,n-1} + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq l} y_{i,n-1} + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq m} z_{i,n-1} &= \bar{c}_{n-1} + k_np - k_{n-1} = c_{n-1}, \\ \sum_{1 \leq i \leq b} x_{i,n} + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq l} y_{i,n} + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq m} z_{i,n} &= \bar{c}_n - k_n = c_n. \end{cases} \quad (3.3)$$

From the commutativity of $E_1^{s,t,*}$, the monomial of the form (3.1) is arranged in the following way:

- (a) If $i > j$, we put a_i on the left side of a_j ;
- (b) We put $h_{i,j}$ on the left side of $h_{m,k}$ if $j < k$;
- (c) If $i > k$, we put $h_{i,j}$ on the left side of $h_{k,j}$;
- (d) Apply the same rules (b) and (c) to $b_{i,j}$.

Thus the entries of matrix (3.2) are 0 or 1, and satisfy

$$\begin{cases} (1) x_{1,j} \geq x_{2,j} \geq \cdots \geq x_{b,j}, x_{i,0} \geq x_{i,1} \geq \cdots \geq x_{i,n} \text{ for } i \leq b, j \leq n; \\ (2) \text{ if } y_{i,j} \neq 0 \text{ and } y_{i,j-1} = 0 \text{ then for all } k < j, y_{i,k} = 0; \\ (3) \text{ if } y_{i,j} \neq 0 \text{ and } y_{i,j+1} = 0 \text{ then for all } k > j, y_{i,k} = 0; \\ (4) y_{1,0} \geq y_{2,0} \geq \cdots \geq y_{l,0}; \\ (5) \text{ if } y_{i,0} = y_{i+1,0}, y_{i,1} = y_{i+1,1}, \cdots y_{i,j} = y_{i+1,j}, \text{ then } y_{i,j+1} \geq y_{i+1,j+1}; \\ (6) \text{ Apply the same rules (2)–(5) to } z_{i,j}. \end{cases} \quad (3.4)$$

It is easy to see that a matrix solution of (3.3) satisfying (3.4) determines a unique generator of the form $g = (x_1 \cdots x_b) \cdot (y_1 \cdots y_l) \cdot (z_1 \cdots z_m) \in F_1^{b+l+2m, \bar{t}+b, *}$, where

$$F_1^{s, \bar{t}+b, *} = P[h_{i,j} \mid i > 0, j \geq 0] \otimes P[b_{i,j} \mid i > 0, j \geq 0] \otimes P[a_i \mid i \geq 0].$$

The E_1 -term of the MSS is $F_1^{s, \bar{t}+b, *} / \{h_{i,j}^2\}$.

Remark 3.1 The matrix solution of (3.3) does not always induce a generator of $E_1^{s, t, *}$.

(1) If two columns in the $y_{i,j}$ part are the same, it deduces $h_{i,j}^2$ in the monomial.

(2) If all the entries of a column are 0 in the $y_{i,j}$ or $z_{i,j}$ parts, it deduces none. But it deduces a_0 while in the $x_{i,j}$ part.

Proposition 3.1 Let $p > 5$ be an odd prime and $t = 2(p-1)(2p+2p^2+p^n)$ with $n \geq 4$. Then the E_1 -terms of the MSS $E_1^{6-r, t-r+1, M}$ are zero except for $r = 1$, which are the $\mathbb{Z}/p$ modules generated by

$$\begin{aligned} b_{2,0}^2 h_{1,n} & \text{ with } M = 6p + 1; \\ b_{2,0} h_{2,1} b_{1,n-1} & \text{ with } M = 4p + 3; \\ b_{2,0} h_{1,2} h_{1,1} h_{1,n} & \text{ with } M = 3p + 3; \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{cc} h_{2,1} h_{1,2} h_{1,1} b_{1,n-1} & h_{2,1} h_{1,2} h_{1,n} b_{1,0} \\ h_{2,1} h_{1,1} h_{1,n} b_{1,1} & \end{array} \right\} & \text{ with } M = p + 5. \end{aligned}$$

Proof Suppose we have a generator of the form (3.1) $g = (x_1 \cdots x_b) \cdot (y_1 \cdots y_l) \cdot (z_1 \cdots z_m)$ in $E_1^{6-r, t-r+1, M}$. Then from $b + l + 2m = 6 - r$ and $b \equiv -r + 1 \pmod{2(p-1)}$ we would have that $b = 2(p-1) - r + 1 \geq p$ for $r > 1$. Thus $E_1^{6-r, 2(p-1)(2p+2p^2+p^n)-r+1, M} = 0$ for $r > 1$.

For $r = 1$, we see that $b = 0$ from $6 - r = 5$, $t - r + 1 = 2(p-1)(2p+2p^2+p^n)$ and $b \equiv t - r + 1 \pmod{2(p-1)}$. Suppose we have a generator of the form (3.1) $g = (y_1 \cdots y_l) \cdot (z_1 \cdots z_m)$ in $E_1^{5, 2(p-1)(2p+2p^2+p^n), *}$. Then we see from $l + 2m = 5$ that $(0, l, m)$ could be $(0, 1, 2)$, $(0, 3, 1)$ or $(0, 5, 0)$.

For $(0, l, m) = (0, 1, 2)$, the corresponding equation (3.3) becomes

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{llll} y_{1,0} & & & = 0 + k_1 p & = c_0, \\ y_{1,1} & + z_{1,1} & + z_{2,1} & = 2 + k_2 p - k_1 & = c_1, \\ y_{1,2} & + z_{1,2} & + z_{2,2} & = 2 + k_3 p - k_2 & = c_2, \\ y_{1,3} & + z_{1,3} & + z_{2,3} & = 0 + k_4 p - k_3 & = c_3, \\ & \vdots & & \vdots & \\ y_{1,n-1} & + z_{1,n-1} & + z_{2,n-1} & = 0 + k_n p - k_{n-1} & = c_{n-1}, \\ y_{1,n} & + z_{1,n} & + z_{2,n} & = 1 - k_n & = c_n. \end{array} \right.$$

To solve it, we firstly determine that the carrying numbers $k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n$ are 0 from all of $y_{1,j}$ and $z_{i,j}$ being 0 or 1. Then applying the rule (3.4), list the matrix entries row by row so that the sum of rows are $c_0 = 0$, $c_1 = 2$, $c_2 = 2$, $c_3 = 0$, $\dots$, $c_{n-1} = 0$ and $c_n = 1$ respectively.

Indeed, from $c_0 = c_3 = \dots = c_{n-1} = 0$ we could determine that all the entries in the 1st and the 4th $\sim (n-1)$ th rows are 0. Then from $c_n = 1$ we see that the last row is one of $(0|0 \ 1)$,

(0|1 0) or (1|0 0), here we use $(*|* *)$ to distinguish the $y_{i,j}$ part from $z_{i,j}$ part. Yet we see that the last row could not be (0|1 0). If so, then from $z_{1,n} = 1, z_{1,n-1} = 0$ and rule (3.4) (2), we see that $z_{1,1} = 0$. Now $z_{1,0} = z_{2,0} = 0, z_{1,1} = 0$, applying rule (3.4) (5) we see that $0 = z_{1,1} \geq z_{1,2}$, this contradicts $y_{1,1} + z_{1,1} + z_{1,2} = 2$. From the analysis above, we get two matrix solutions

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{matrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{matrix}$$

which induce respectively the generators

$$h_{2,1}b_{2,0}b_{1,n-1} \quad \text{and} \quad h_{1,n}b_{2,0}^2.$$

Similarly solving the corresponding equation (3.3) for $(0, l, m) = (0, 3, 1)$, we get the generators

$$h_{1,2}h_{1,1}h_{1,n}b_{2,0}, \quad h_{2,1}h_{1,1}h_{1,n}b_{1,1}, \quad h_{2,1}h_{1,2}h_{1,n}b_{1,0}, \quad h_{2,1}h_{1,2}h_{1,1}b_{1,n-1}$$

in $E_1^{5,t,*}$. Solving the corresponding equation (3.3) for $(0, l, m) = (0, 5, 0)$, we get the generator $h_{1,1}^2h_{1,2}^2h_{1,n} \in F_1^{5,t,*}$. But it is sent to 0 in $E_1^{5,t,*}$.

Compute the May filtrations of the generators given above, we get the proposition.

Proposition 3.2 *Let $3 \leq s < p-1$ be a positive integer, $t_s = 2(p-1)((s-2) + sp + sp^2 + p^n) + s - 3$ with $n \geq 4$. Then the E_1 -term of the MSS $E_1^{s-r+3, t_s-r+1, *}$ is zero except for $r = 1$. $E_1^{s+2, 2(p-1)((s-2)+sp+sp^2+p^n)+s-3, M}$ are the $\mathbb{Z}/p$ -modules generated by*

$$\begin{aligned} a_3^{s-3}h_{3,0}h_{2,1}h_{1,n}b_{2,0} & \quad \text{with } M = 7s + 3p - 12, \\ a_3^{s-3}h_{3,0}h_{2,1}h_{1,2}h_{1,1}h_{1,n} & \quad \text{with } M = 7s - 10. \end{aligned}$$

Proof For $r = 1$, $t_s - r + 1 = 2(p-1)((s-2) + sp + sp^2 + p^n) + s - 3$, suppose we have a generator $g = (x_1 \cdots x_b) \cdot (y_1 \cdots y_l) \cdot (z_1 \cdots z_m)$ of the form (3.1) in $E_1^{s+2, t_s, *}$. Then from $b + l + 2m = s + 2 < p + 1$ and $b \equiv t_s \pmod{2(p-1)}$, we see that $b = s - 3$ and then (b, l, m) is one of $(s - 3, 5, 0)$, $(s - 3, 3, 1)$ and $(s - 3, 1, 2)$.

For $(b, l, m) = (s - 3, 5, 0)$, the corresponding equation (3.3) becomes

$$\begin{cases} x_{1,0} + \cdots + x_{s-3,0} + y_{1,0} + \cdots + y_{5,0} = s - 2 + k_1p = c_0, \\ x_{1,1} + \cdots + x_{s-3,1} + y_{1,1} + \cdots + y_{5,1} = s + k_2p - k_1 = c_1, \\ x_{1,2} + \cdots + x_{s-3,2} + y_{1,2} + \cdots + y_{5,2} = s + k_3p - k_2 = c_3, \\ x_{1,3} + \cdots + x_{s-3,3} + y_{1,3} + \cdots + y_{5,3} = 0 + k_4p - k_3 = c_3, \\ \vdots \\ x_{1,n-1} + \cdots + x_{s-3,n-1} + y_{1,n-1} + \cdots + y_{5,n-1} = 0 + k_np - k_{n-1} = c_{n-1}, \\ x_{1,n} + \cdots + x_{s-3,n} + y_{1,n} + \cdots + y_{5,n} = 1 - k_n = c_n. \end{cases} \quad (3.5)$$

To solve the equation (3.5), noticing that each row has $s + 2$ entries, we firstly determine that $k_1 = k_2 = \dots = k_n = 0$ for $s < p - 2$. In the case $s = p - 2$, notice that each row has p entries which may cause carry on the fourth row. Thus the carrying numbers $k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n$ have another possibility $k_1 = k_2 = k_3 = 0, k_4 = \dots = k_n = 1$.

For $k_1 = k_2 = \dots = k_n = 0$, similarly to the proof of Proposition 3.1, we see that all the entries in the $4^{\text{th}} \sim (n - 1)^{\text{th}}$ rows are 0, and then the last row is $(0 \ \dots \ 0 \mid 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1)$ or $(0 \ \dots \ 0 \mid 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0)$.

(1) The last row is $(0 \ \dots \ 0 \mid 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0)$. In this case the equation (3.5) has a solution, but it deduces none by Remark 3.1(2).

(2) The last row is $(0 \ \dots \ 0 \mid 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1)$. In this case the equation (3.5) has 6 solutions, and they deduce the following generators in $F_1^{s+2, t_s, *}$:

$$\begin{array}{lll} a_3^{s-4} a_0 h_{3,0}^2 h_{2,1}^2 h_{1,n}, & a_3^{s-3} h_{1,0} h_{2,1}^3 h_{1,n}, & a_3^{s-4} a_1 h_{3,0} h_{2,1}^3 h_{1,n}, \\ a_3^{s-3} h_{3,0} h_{2,1} h_{1,1} h_{1,2} h_{1,n}, & a_3^{s-3} h_{2,0} h_{2,1}^2 h_{1,2} h_{1,n}, & a_3^{s-4} a_2 h_{3,0} h_{2,1}^2 h_{1,2} h_{1,n}. \end{array}$$

But only the generator $a_3^{s-3} h_{3,0} h_{2,1} h_{1,1} h_{1,2} h_{1,n}$ is sent to a nonzero generator of $E_1^{s+2, t_s, *}$.

In the case $k_1 = k_2 = k_3 = 0, k_4 = \dots = k_n = 1$, notice that the fourth equation is

$$x_{1,3} + \dots + x_{p-5,3} + y_{1,3} + \dots + y_{5,3} = 0 + p = p.$$

Thus the fourth row must be $(1 \ \dots \ 1 \mid 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1)$, from which we see that the beginning four rows are

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccccc} 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} p-4 \\ p-2 \\ p-2 \\ p. \end{array}$$

Then since the sum of the fifth row is $0 + p - 1$, we get 4 solutions, which deduce the following generators of $F_1^{p, t_{p-2}, *}$:

$$\begin{array}{ll} a_n^{p-5} h_{n,0} h_{n-1,1}^2 h_{n-3,3} h_{1,3}, & a_n^{p-5} h_{n,0} h_{n-1,1} h_{3,1} h_{n-3,3}^2, \\ a_n^{p-5} h_{4,0} h_{n-1,1}^2 h_{n-3,3}^2, & a_n^{p-6} a_4 h_{n,0} h_{n-1,1}^2 h_{n-3,3}^2. \end{array}$$

But they are all sent to zero in $E_1^{p, t_{p-2}, *}$.

For $(b, l, m) = (s - 3, 3, 1)$, the corresponding equation (3.3) becomes

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{llllll} \sum_{1 \leq i \leq s-3} x_{i,0} & + y_{1,0} & + y_{2,0} & + y_{3,0} & & = s - 2 + k_1 p & = c_0, \\ \sum_{1 \leq i \leq s-3} x_{i,1} & + y_{1,1} & + y_{2,1} & + y_{3,1} & + z_{1,1} & = s + k_2 p - k_1 & = c_1, \\ \sum_{1 \leq i \leq s-3} x_{i,2} & + y_{1,2} & + y_{2,2} & + y_{3,2} & + z_{1,2} & = s + k_3 p - k_2 & = c_3, \\ \sum_{1 \leq i \leq s-3} x_{i,3} & + y_{1,3} & + y_{2,3} & + y_{3,3} & + z_{1,3} & = 0 + k_2 p - k_1 & = c_3, \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \sum_{1 \leq i \leq s-3} x_{i,n-1} & + y_{1,n-1} & + y_{2,n-1} & + y_{3,n-1} & + z_{1,n-1} & = 0 + k_n p - k_{n-1} & = c_{n-1}, \\ \sum_{1 \leq i \leq s-3} x_{i,n} & + y_{1,n} & + y_{2,n} & + y_{3,n} & + z_{1,n} & = 1 - k_n & = c_n. \end{array} \right.$$

Similarly we determine that $k_1 = k_2 = \cdots = k_n = 0$. Then all the entries in the $4^{\text{th}} \sim (n-1)^{\text{th}}$ rows are 0, and the last row is $(0 \cdots 0 \mid 0 \ 0 \ 0 \mid 1)$ or $(0 \cdots 0 \mid 0 \ 0 \ 1 \mid 0)$, from which we get the following two solutions

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc|c} 1 & \cdots & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & \cdots & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & \cdots & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} s-2 \\ s \\ s \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{array} \quad \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc|c} 1 & \cdots & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & \cdots & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & \cdots & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} s-2 \\ s \\ s \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{array}$$

and they deduce the generators $a_3^{s-3}h_{3,0}h_{2,1}^2b_{1,n-1}$ and $a_3^{s-3}h_{3,0}h_{2,1}h_{1,n}b_{2,0}$ of $F_1^{s+2,t_s,*}$ respectively. But the former one is sent to zero in $E_1^{s+2,t_s,*}$.

For $(b, l, m) = (s-3, 1, 2)$, the corresponding equation (3.3) has no solution.

For $r > 1$, $t_s - r + 1 = 2(p-1)((s-2) + sp + sp^2 + p^n) + s - r - 2$, suppose we have a generator $g = (x_1 \cdots x_b) \cdot (y_1 \cdots y_l) \cdot (z_1 \cdots z_m)$ of the form (3.1) in $E_1^{s-r+3,t_s-r+1,*}$. Similarly we see that $b = s - r - 2$, and (b, l, m) is the one in $(s-r-2, 1, 2)$, $(s-r-2, 3, 1)$ and $(s-r-2, 5, 0)$. Considering the corresponding equations (3.3), we see that they all have no solution except for $r = 2$ and $(b, l, m) = (s-r-2, 5, 0) = (s-4, 5, 0)$. In this case, the corresponding equation (3.5) has one solution which induces the generator $a_3^{s-4}h_{3,0}^2h_{2,1}^2h_{1,n}$ of $F_1^{s+1,t_s-1,*}$.

Computing the May filtrations of the generators above we get the proposition.

4 The Proof of Theorem A

From [4, 10] and Corollary 2.1, we see that the homotopy elements γ_2, γ_s for $3 \leq s < p$ and $j\xi_n$ are represented by $2b_{2,0}h_{1,2}$, $\tilde{\gamma}_s$ and $b_0h_n - h_1b_{n-1}$ respectively. Thus $\tilde{\gamma}_s(b_0h_n - h_1b_{n-1})$ and $2b_{2,0}h_{1,2}(b_0h_n - h_1b_{n-1})$ are permanent cycles if:

(1) $\tilde{\gamma}_s(b_0h_n - h_1b_{n-1})$ and $2b_{2,0}h_{1,2}(b_0h_n - h_1b_{n-1})$ are not zero in the Ext groups. This could be proved by showing that no May differentials hit $\tilde{\gamma}_s(b_0h_n - h_1b_{n-1})$ and $2b_{2,0}h_{1,2}(b_0h_n - h_1b_{n-1})$ in the MSS.

(2) No Adams differentials hit $\tilde{\gamma}_s(b_0h_n - h_1b_{n-1})$ and $2b_{2,0}h_{1,2}(b_0h_n - h_1b_{n-1})$. This could be proved by showing that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ext}_A^{s-r+3, \bar{t}_s+s-r-2}(Z/p, Z/p) &= 0 \quad \text{for } r \geq 2, \\ \text{Ext}_A^{6-r, 2(p-1)(2p+2p^2+p^n)-r+1}(Z/p, Z/p) &= 0 \quad \text{for } r \geq 2. \end{aligned}$$

This was done in Proposition 3.1 and Proposition 3.2 by showing that the corresponding E_1 -terms of the MSS are zero.

Lemma 4.1 *In the cobar complex $\Omega^2(A)$ we have the cochain $\tilde{b}_{2,0}$ such that*

$$d(\tilde{b}_{2,0}) = -\tilde{b}_{1,1} \otimes \xi_1^p + \xi_1^{p^2} \otimes \tilde{b}_{1,0},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} p\tilde{b}_{2,0} &= (\xi_2 \otimes 1 + \xi_1^p \otimes \xi_1 + 1 \otimes \xi_2)^p - \xi_2^p \otimes 1 - \xi_1^{p^2} \otimes \xi_1^p - 1 \otimes \xi_2^p, \\ p\tilde{b}_{1,0} &= (\xi_1 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \xi_1)^p - \xi_1^p \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes \xi_1^p, \\ p\tilde{b}_{1,1} &= (\xi_1 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \xi_1)^{p^2} - \xi_1^{p^2} \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes \xi_1^{p^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus in the MSS we have $d_{2p-1}(b_{2,0}) = -b_{1,1}h_{1,1} + h_{1,2}b_{1,0}$.

Proof In the cobar complex for BP_*BP , consider the differential $d(c(t_2^p))$, where $c : BP_*BP \rightarrow BP_*BP$ is the conjugation of BP_*BP . Then from the commutativity of the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} BP_*BP & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & BP_*BP \otimes_{BP_*} BP_*BP \\ \downarrow c & & \downarrow (c \otimes c) \cdot T \\ BP_*BP & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & BP_*BP \otimes_{BP_*} BP_*BP \end{array}$$

and (2.3), we see that

$$\begin{aligned} d(c(t_2^p)) &\equiv -p\tilde{b}_{2,0} - c(t_1^p) \otimes c(t_1^p) \pmod{(p^2, pv_1, v_1^p)}, \\ d(d(c(t_2^p))) &\equiv -pd(\tilde{b}_{2,0}) - d(c(t_1^p)) \otimes c(t_1^p) \equiv 0 \pmod{(p^2, pv_1, v_1^p)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have $d(\tilde{b}_{2,0}) = \tilde{b}_{1,1} \otimes c(t_1^p) - c(t_1^{p^2}) \otimes \tilde{b}_{1,0} \pmod{(p, v_1)}$, where

$$\begin{aligned} p\tilde{b}_{2,0} &= (c(t_2) \otimes 1 + c(t_1^p) \otimes c(t_1) + 1 \otimes c(t_2))^p - c(t_2^p) \otimes 1 - c(t_1^{p^2}) \otimes c(t_1^p) - 1 \otimes c(t_2^p), \\ p\tilde{b}_{1,1} &= (c(t_1) \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes c(t_1))^{p^2} - c(t_1^{p^2}) \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes c(t_1^{p^2}), \\ p\tilde{b}_{1,0} &= (c(t_1) \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes c(t_1))^p - c(t_1^p) \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes c(t_1^p). \end{aligned}$$

Applying the Thom map, we get the lemma from $\Phi \cdot d = -d \cdot \Phi$.

Proposition 4.1 For $n \geq 4$, no May differentials hit $2b_{2,0}h_{1,2}(b_0h_n - h_1b_{n-1})$ in the MSS, and then $\tilde{\gamma}_2(b_0h_n - h_1b_{n-1})$ is a permanent cycle in the ASS.

Proof Consider the May differential $d_r : E_r^{5,*,M+r} \rightarrow E_r^{6,*,M}$, we see that $\tilde{\gamma}_2(b_0h_n - h_1b_{n-1})$ is represented by $2b_{2,0}h_{1,2}(b_{1,0}h_{1,n} - h_{1,1}b_{1,n-1})$ in $E_r^{6,*,M}$ with May filtration $M = 4p+2$. From Proposition 3.1, we see that only the generators $b_{2,0}^2h_{1,n}$ and $b_{2,0}h_{2,1}b_{1,n-1}$ have May filtration $> 4p+2$. From Lemma 4.1, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} d_{2p-1}(b_{2,0}^2h_{1,n}) &= 2b_{2,0}(-b_{1,1}h_{1,1} + h_{1,2}b_{1,0})h_{1,n}, \\ d_1(b_{2,0}h_{2,1}b_{1,n-1}) &= b_{2,0}h_{1,2}h_{1,1}b_{1,n-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$d_{2p-1}(b_{2,0}^2h_{1,n} - 2b_{2,0}h_{2,1}b_{1,n-1}) = 2b_{2,0}h_{1,2}(b_{1,0}h_{1,n} - h_{1,1}b_{1,n-1}) - 2b_{2,0}b_{1,1}h_{1,1}h_{1,n}.$$

The proposition follows.

Proposition 4.2 For $n \geq 4$ and $3 \leq s < p - 1$, no May differentials hit $a_3^{s-3}h_{3,0}h_{2,1}h_{1,2}(b_0h_n - h_1b_{n-1})$ in the MSS, and then $\tilde{\gamma}_s(b_0h_n - h_1b_{n-1})$ is a permanent cycle in the ASS.

Proof It is easy to see that $a_3^{s-3}h_{3,0}h_{2,1}h_{1,2}(b_0h_n - h_1b_{n-1}) \in E_r^{s+3,*,M}$ has May filtration $M = 7s + p - 11$. From Proposition 3.2, we see that in $E_1^{s+2,*,M+r}$, only the generator $a_3^{s-3}h_{3,0}h_{2,1}h_{1,n}b_{2,0}$ has May filtration

$$M + r = 7s + 3p - 12 > 7s + p - 11.$$

Notice that

$$d_1(a_3^{s-3}h_{3,0}h_{2,1}h_{1,n}b_{2,0}) = -a_3^{s-3}h_{3,0}h_{1,2}h_{1,1}h_{1,n}b_{2,0} + \cdots \neq 0.$$

Thus the corresponding $E_2^{s+2,*,M+r} = 0$ and no May differentials hit $a_3^{s-3}h_{3,0}h_{2,1}h_{1,2}(b_0h_n - h_1b_{n-1})$. The proposition follows.

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