

In ??, we showed that given a monoid object  $(E, \mu, e)$  in  $\mathcal{SH}$ , that  $E_*(E)$  is canonically an  $A$ -graded bimodule over the ring  $\pi_*(E)$ . In this subsection, we will outline some additional structure carried by the pair  $(E_*(E), \pi_*(E))$ . In particular, we will show that if  $(E, \mu, e)$  is a flat (Definition 0.5) commutative monoid object, then this pair, called the *dual  $E$ -Steenrod algebra*, is canonically an  *$A$ -graded anticommutative Hopf algebroid* over the stable homotopy ring  $\pi_*(S)$  (?). To start with, we outline some structure maps relating  $E_*(E)$  and  $\pi_*(E)$ .

First, recall that given a monoid object  $(E, \mu, e)$  in  $\mathcal{SH}$ ,  $\pi_*(E)$  is canonically an  $A$ -graded ring by ??, and so is  $E_*(E) = \pi_*(E \otimes E)$  and  $E_*(E \otimes E) = \pi_*(E \otimes E \otimes E)$ , since the tensor product of monoid objects in a symmetric monoidal category is again a monoid object (?).

**Proposition 0.1.** *Let  $(E, \mu, e)$  be a commutative monoid object in  $\mathcal{SH}$ . Then the maps*

- (1)  $E \xrightarrow{\cong} E \otimes S \xrightarrow{E \otimes e} E \otimes E$ ,
- (2)  $E \xrightarrow{\cong} S \otimes E \xrightarrow{e \otimes E} E \otimes E$ ,
- (3)  $E \otimes E \xrightarrow{\cong} E \otimes S \otimes E \xrightarrow{E \otimes e \otimes E} E \otimes E \otimes E$ ,
- (4)  $E \otimes E \xrightarrow{\mu} E$ , and
- (5)  $E \otimes E \xrightarrow{\tau_{E,E}} E \otimes E$

are homomorphisms of monoid objects in  $\mathcal{SH}$  (where here  $E \otimes E$  and  $E \otimes E \otimes E$  are considered as monoid objects in  $\mathcal{SH}$  by ?? and ??, respectively), so that by ??, under  $\pi_*$  they induce morphisms in  $\pi_*(S)$ -GCA<sup>A</sup>:

- (1)  $\eta_L : \pi_*(E) \rightarrow E_*(E)$ ,
- (2)  $\eta_R : \pi_*(E) \rightarrow E_*(E)$ ,
- (3)  $h : E_*(E) \rightarrow E_*(E \otimes E)$ ,
- (4)  $\epsilon : E_*(E) \rightarrow \pi_*(E)$ , and
- (5)  $c : E_*(E) \rightarrow E_*(E)$ .

*Proof.* It is a general fact that the unit and multiplication maps  $e : S \rightarrow E$  and  $\mu : E \otimes E \rightarrow E$  for a monoid are monoid homomorphisms (?), so that furthermore the maps  $E \otimes e$ , and  $e \otimes E$  from  $E$  to  $E \otimes E$  are monoid homomorphisms, by ??. Similarly,  $E \otimes e \otimes E : E \otimes E \rightarrow E \otimes E \otimes E$  is a monoid homomorphism. Thus, it remains to show that  $\tau_{E,E} : E \otimes E \rightarrow E \otimes E$  is a monoid homomorphism. First, consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
E_1 \otimes E_2 \otimes E_3 \otimes E_4 & \xrightarrow{\tau \otimes \tau} & E_2 \otimes E_1 \otimes E_4 \otimes E_3 \\
\downarrow E \otimes \tau \otimes E & & \downarrow E \otimes \tau \otimes E \\
E_1 \otimes E_3 \otimes E_2 \otimes E_4 & \xrightarrow{\tau_{E \otimes E, E} \otimes E} & E_2 \otimes E_4 \otimes E_1 \otimes E_3 \\
\downarrow \mu \otimes \mu & & \downarrow \mu \otimes \mu \\
E_{1,3} \otimes E_{2,4} & \xrightarrow{\tau} & E_{2,4} \otimes E_{1,3}
\end{array}$$

(Here we've labelled the  $E$ 's to make the action of the braidings clearer). The top region commutes by coherence for the symmetries in a symmetric monoidal category, while the bottom region

commutes by naturality of  $\tau$ . Now, consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & S & & \\
 & \swarrow \cong & & \searrow \cong & \\
 & S \otimes S & \xrightarrow{\tau} & S \otimes S & \\
 \swarrow e \otimes e & & & & \searrow e \otimes e \\
 E \otimes E & \xrightarrow{\tau} & E \otimes E & & 
 \end{array}$$

The top triangle commutes by coherence for a symmetric monoidal category, while the bottom region commutes by naturality of  $\tau$ . Thus, we have shown  $\tau_{E,E}$  is a homomorphism of monoid objects, as desired.  $\square$

Recall that given a homomorphism of rings  $f : R \rightarrow R'$ ,  $R'$  canonically becomes an  $R$ -bimodule with left action  $r \cdot x := f(r)x$  and right action  $x \cdot r := xf(r)$ . In particular, the ring homomorphisms  $\eta_L : \pi_*(E) \rightarrow E_*(E)$  and  $\eta_R : \pi_*(E) \rightarrow E_*(E)$  endow  $E_*(E)$  with the structure of a bimodule over  $\pi_*(E)$ . Naturally, one may ask in what sense these bimodule structures coincide with the canonical one (from ??). The following lemma tells us that the canonical  $\pi_*(E)$ -bimodule structure on  $E_*(E)$  is that with left action induced by  $\eta_L$  and right action induced by  $\eta_R$ :

**Lemma 0.2.** *Let  $(E, \mu, e)$  be a commutative monoid object in  $\mathcal{SH}$ . Then the left (resp. right)  $\pi_*(E)$ -module structure induced on  $E_*(E)$  by the ring homomorphism  $\eta_L$  (resp.  $\eta_R$ ) coincides with the canonical left (resp. right)  $\pi_*(E)$ -module structure on  $E_*(E)$  given in ??.*

*Proof.* What's going on here is a bit subtle, so we're going to be really explicit. In ??, it was shown that  $E_*(E)$  is a left  $\pi_*(E)$ -module via the assignment

$$\pi_*(E) \times E_*(E) \rightarrow E_*(E)$$

which sends homogeneous elements  $r : S^a \rightarrow E$  and  $x : S^b \rightarrow E \otimes E$  to the composition

$$S^{a+b} \xrightarrow{\cong} S^a \otimes S^b \xrightarrow{r \otimes x} E \otimes E \otimes E \xrightarrow{\mu \otimes E} E \otimes E.$$

We'd like to show that this is the same thing as the assignment  $\pi_*(E) \times E_*(E) \rightarrow E_*(E)$  sending  $(r, x) \mapsto \eta_L(r)x$ , where  $\eta_L(r)x$  denotes the product of  $\eta_L(r)$  and  $x$  taken in the ring  $E_*(E)$ . Explicitly, the product structure on  $E_*(E) = \pi_*(E \otimes E)$  is that induced by the fact that  $E \otimes E$  is a monoid object in  $\mathcal{SH}$  (by ??), with product

$$E \otimes E \otimes E \otimes E \xrightarrow{E \otimes \tau \otimes E} E \otimes E \otimes E \otimes E \xrightarrow{\mu \otimes \mu} E \otimes E$$

(note the middle two factors are swapped). By linearity of module actions, in order to show the canonical left  $\pi_*(E)$ -module structure on  $E_*(E)$  agrees with that induced by  $\eta_L$ , it suffices to show the module actions agree on homogeneous elements. Now, suppose we have homogeneous elements  $r : S^a \rightarrow E$  in  $\pi_*(E)$  and  $x : S^b \rightarrow E \otimes E$  in  $E_*(E)$ , and consider the following diagram,

where we've passed to a symmetric strict monoidal category:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
S^{a+b} & & \\
\downarrow \phi_{a,b} & & \\
S^a \otimes S^b & & \\
\downarrow r \otimes x & & \\
E_1 \otimes E_2 \otimes E_3 & \xrightarrow{\mu \otimes E} & E_{1,2} \otimes E_3 \\
\downarrow E \otimes e \otimes E & \searrow & \parallel \\
& E_1 \otimes E_2 \otimes E_3 \xrightarrow{E \otimes \mu \otimes E} E_1 \otimes E_2 \otimes E_3 \xrightarrow{E \otimes \mu \otimes E} E_1 \otimes E_2 \otimes E_3 & \\
& \downarrow E \otimes E \otimes e \otimes E & \\
& E_1 \otimes E_2 \otimes E \otimes E_3 & \\
& \downarrow E \otimes \tau \otimes E & \\
E_1 \otimes E \otimes E_2 \otimes E_3 & \xrightarrow{E \otimes \tau \otimes E} & E_1 \otimes E_2 \otimes E \otimes E_3 \xrightarrow{\mu \otimes \mu} E_{1,2} \otimes E_3
\end{array}$$

Here we've numbered the  $E$ 's to make it clear what's going on. The bottom composition is  $\eta_L(r)x$ , while the top composition is the canonical left action of  $r$  on  $x$  given in ???. The leftmost triangle commutes by unitality of  $\mu$ . The triangle to the right of that commutes by commutativity of  $\mu$ . The triangle to the right of that commutes by unitality of  $\mu$ , as does the next triangle. The remaining triangle on the right commutes by functoriality of  $- \otimes -$ . Finally, the top region commutes by definition. Thus, we've shown that the left  $\pi_*(E)$ -module structure induced on  $E_*(E)$  by  $\eta_L$  is in fact the canonical one. On the other hand, showing that the right  $\pi_*(E)$ -module structure induced on  $E_*(E)$  by  $\eta_R$  is the canonical one is entirely analagous, and we leave it as an exercise for the reader.  $\square$

Recall (??) that the pushout of two morphisms  $f : B \rightarrow C$  and  $g : B \rightarrow D$  in  $R\text{-}\mathbf{GCA}^A$  is obtained by taking the tensor product of  $B$ -modules  $C \otimes_B D$ , where  $C$  has right  $B$ -module action induced by  $f$ , and  $D$  has left  $B$ -module action induced by  $g$ , and giving it an anticommutative product which makes  $C \otimes_B D$  a ring. Thus, by the above lemma, we may view the tensor product of bimodules  $E_*(E) \otimes_{\pi_*(E)} E_*(E)$  (where  $E_*(E)$  is considered with its canonical  $\pi_*(E)$ -bimodule structure from ??) as not just an  $A$ -graded abelian group or a  $\pi_*(E)$ -bimodule, but as an  $A$ -graded anticommutative  $\pi_*(S)$ -algebra:

**Corollary 0.3.** *Given a commutative monoid object  $(E, \mu, e)$  in  $S\mathcal{H}$ , the domain of the homomorphism*

$$\Phi_{E,E} : E_*(E) \otimes_{\pi_*(E)} E_*(E) \rightarrow E_*(E \otimes E)$$

*constructed in ?? is canonically an  $A$ -graded  $\pi_*(S)$ -ring, and sits in the following pushout diagram in  $\pi_*(S)\text{-}\mathbf{GCA}^A$ :*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\pi_*(E) & \xrightarrow{\eta_L} & E_*(E) \\
\eta_R \downarrow & & \downarrow x \mapsto 1 \otimes x \\
E_*(E) & \xrightarrow{x \mapsto x \otimes 1} & E_*(E) \otimes_{\pi_*(E)} E_*(E)
\end{array}$$

Furthermore, with respect to this ring structure,  $\Phi_{E,E}$  is a homomorphism of rings:

**Lemma 0.4.** *Let  $(E, \mu, e)$  be a commutative monoid object in  $S\mathcal{H}$ . Then the homomorphism*

$$\Phi_{E,E} : E_*(E) \otimes_{\pi_*(E)} E_*(E) \rightarrow E_*(E \otimes E)$$

*constructed in ?? is a homomorphism of  $A$ -graded anticommutative  $\pi_*(S)$ -algebras.*

*Proof.* Consider the maps

$$f : E \otimes E \xrightarrow{e \otimes E \otimes E} E \otimes E \otimes E$$

and

$$g : E \otimes E \xrightarrow{E \otimes E \otimes e} E \otimes E \otimes E.$$

We know that the maps

$$E \xrightarrow{e \otimes E} E \otimes E \quad \text{and} \quad E \xrightarrow{E \otimes e} E \otimes E$$

are monoid homomorphisms by [Proposition 0.1](#), so that  $f$  and  $g$  are monoid homomorphisms by [??](#). Furthermore, by [??](#), they are monoid homomorphisms between the same monoid objects in  $\mathcal{SH}$  (up to associativity). Finally, note that we have the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & \xrightarrow{E \otimes e} & E \otimes E \\ e \otimes E \downarrow & \searrow e \otimes E \otimes e & \downarrow e \otimes E \otimes E \\ E \otimes E & \xrightarrow{E \otimes E \otimes e} & E \otimes E \otimes E \end{array}$$

where the outer arrows are monoid object homomorphisms, thus, we may apply  $\pi_*$ , which yields the following commutative diagram in  $\pi_*(S)\text{-}\mathbf{GCA}^A$  ([??](#)):

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_*(E) & \xrightarrow{\eta_L} & E_*(E) \\ \eta_R \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi_*(f) \\ E_*(E) & \xrightarrow{\pi_*(g)} & E_*(E \otimes E) \end{array}$$

Hence by [Lemma 0.4](#) and the universal property of the pushout, there exists some unique morphism  $\ell : E_*(E) \otimes_{\pi_*(E)} E_*(E) \rightarrow E_*(E \otimes E)$  in  $\pi_*(S)\text{-}\mathbf{GCA}^A$  which makes the following diagram commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_*(E) & \xrightarrow{\eta_L} & E_*(E) \\ \eta_R \downarrow & \searrow x \mapsto 1 \otimes x & \downarrow \\ E_*(E) & \xrightarrow{x \mapsto x \otimes 1} & E_*(E) \otimes_{\pi_*(E)} E_*(E) \\ & \searrow \pi_*(g) & \downarrow \ell \\ & & E_*(E \otimes E) \end{array}$$

$\pi_*(f)$  (curved arrow from  $E_*(E)$  to  $E_*(E \otimes E)$ )

Thus in order to show  $\Phi_E$  is a morphism in  $\pi_*(S)\text{-}\mathbf{GCA}^A$ , it suffices to show that  $\Phi_E$  and  $\ell$  are the same map, since we know  $\ell$  is a homomorphism of  $A$ -graded  $\pi_*(S)$ -commutative rings. Since  $\Phi_E$  and  $\ell$  are both abelian group homomorphisms, it further suffices to show they agree on homogeneous pure tensors, which generate  $E_*(E) \otimes_{\pi_*(E)} E_*(E)$  as an abelian group. Given homogeneous elements  $x : S^a \rightarrow E \otimes E$  and  $y : S^b \rightarrow E \otimes E$  in  $E_*(E)$ , unravelling how pushouts in  $\pi_*(S)\text{-}\mathbf{GCA}^A$  are defined ([??](#)),  $\ell$  sends the pure homogeneous tensor  $x \otimes y$  to the element  $\pi_*(g)(x) \cdot \pi_*(f)(y)$ , where here  $\cdot$  denotes the product taken in  $E_*(E \otimes E) = \pi_*(E \otimes E \otimes E)$ . Now,

consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{c}
S^{a+b} \\
\downarrow \phi_{a,b} \\
S^a \otimes S^b \\
\downarrow x \otimes y \\
E_1 \otimes E_2 \otimes E_3 \otimes E_4 \xrightarrow{g \otimes f = E \otimes E \otimes e \otimes e \otimes E \otimes E} E_1 \otimes E_2 \otimes E_a \otimes E_b \otimes E_3 \otimes E_4 \\
\downarrow E \otimes \mu \otimes E \quad \searrow E \otimes e \otimes E \otimes e \otimes E \otimes E \quad \downarrow E \otimes \tau_{E \otimes E, E} \otimes E \otimes E \\
E_1 \otimes E_2 \otimes E_3 \otimes E_4 \xrightarrow{E \otimes e \otimes E \otimes e \otimes E \otimes E} E_1 \otimes E_b \otimes E_2 \otimes E_a \otimes E_3 \otimes E_4 \\
\downarrow E \otimes \mu \otimes E \quad \searrow E \otimes e \otimes E \otimes e \otimes E \otimes E \quad \downarrow \mu \otimes E \otimes \tau \otimes E \\
E_1 \otimes E_2 \otimes E_3 \otimes E_4 \xrightarrow{E \otimes e \otimes E \otimes e \otimes E \otimes E} E_1 \otimes E_2 \otimes E_3 \otimes E_a \otimes E_4 \\
\downarrow E \otimes \mu \otimes E \quad \searrow E \otimes \mu \otimes E \quad \downarrow E \otimes \mu \otimes \mu \\
E_1 \otimes E_{2,3} \otimes E_4 \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} E_1 \otimes E_{2,3} \otimes E_4
\end{array}$$

Here we have labelled the  $E$ 's to make things clearer. The left outside composition is  $\Phi_E(x \otimes y)$ , while the right composition is  $\pi_*(g)(x) \cdot \pi_*(f)(y)$ . The top right triangle commutes by coherence for a symmetric monoidal category. The middle tright triangle commutes by unitality of  $\mu$  and coherence for a symmetric monoidal category. The bottom trapezoid commutes by unitality of  $\mu$ . The rest of the diagram commutes by definition. Thus we have  $\Phi_E(x \otimes y) = \pi_*(g)(x) \cdot \pi_*(f)(y)$ , so that  $\Phi_E = \ell$  is not just an isomorphism of left  $\pi_*(E)$ -modules, but an isomorphism of  $A$ -graded anticommutative  $\pi_*(S)$ -algebras, as desired.  $\square$

For the sake of conciseness, we make the following definition:

**Definition 0.5.** We say that a monoid object  $(E, \mu, e)$  in  $\mathcal{SH}$  is *flat* if the canonical right  $\pi_*(E)$ -module structure on  $E_*(E)$  from ?? is that of a flat module, or equivalently by [Lemma 0.2](#), if the map  $\eta_R : \pi_*(E) \rightarrow E_*(E)$  constructed in [Proposition 0.1](#) is a flat ring homomorphism.

Finally, we can package all of this information into an object called the *dual  $E$ -Steenrod algebra*:

**Definition 0.6.** Let  $(E, \mu, e)$  be a *commutative* monoid object in  $\mathcal{SH}$  which is flat ([Definition 0.5](#)) and cellular (??). Then the *dual  $E$ -Steenrod algebra* is the pair of  $A$ -graded abelian groups  $(E_*(E), \pi_*(E))$  equipped with the following structure:

1. The  $A$ -graded  $\pi_*(S)$ -commutative ring structure on  $\pi_*(E)$  induced from  $E$  being a commutative monoid object in  $\mathcal{SH}$  (??).
2. The  $A$ -graded  $\pi_*(S)$ -commutative ring structure on  $E_*(E)$  induced from the fact that  $E \otimes E$  is canonically a commutative monoid object in  $\mathcal{SH}$  (??), so that also  $E_*(E) = \pi_*(E \otimes E)$  is an  $A$ -graded  $\pi_*(S)$ -commutative ring (??).
3. The homomorphisms of  $A$ -graded  $\pi_*(S)$ -commutative rings

$$\eta_L : \pi_*(E) \rightarrow E_*(E)$$

and

$$\eta_R : \pi_*(E) \rightarrow E_*(E)$$

induced under  $\pi_*$  by the monoid object homomorphisms

$$E \xrightarrow{\cong} E \otimes S \xrightarrow{E \otimes e} E \otimes E$$

and

$$E \xrightarrow{\cong} S \otimes E \xrightarrow{e \otimes E} E \otimes E.$$

4. The homomorphism of  $A$ -graded  $\pi_*(S)$ -commutative rings

$$\Psi_E : E_*(E) \rightarrow E_*(E) \otimes_{\pi_*(E)} E_*(E)$$

given by the composition

$$E_*(E) \xrightarrow{h} E_*(E \otimes E) \xrightarrow{\Phi_{E,E}^{-1}} E_*(E) \otimes_{\pi_*(E)} E_*(E),$$

where  $h$  is a homomorphism of  $A$ -graded  $\pi_*(S)$ -commutative rings induced under  $\pi_*$  by the monoid object homomorphism

$$E \otimes E \xrightarrow{\cong} E \otimes S \otimes E \xrightarrow{E \otimes e \otimes E} E \otimes E \otimes E,$$

and  $\Phi_{E,E}$  is morphism constructed in ??, which is proven to be an isomorphism in ??, and furthermore an isomorphism in  $\pi_*(S)$ - $\mathbf{GCA}^A$  by ??.

5. The homomorphism of  $A$ -graded  $\pi_*(S)$ -commutative rings

$$\epsilon : E_*(E) \rightarrow \pi_*(E)$$

induced under  $\pi_*$  by the monoid object homomorphism

$$E \otimes E \xrightarrow{\mu} E.$$

6. The homomorphism of  $A$ -graded  $\pi_*(S)$ -commutative rings

$$c : E_*(E) \rightarrow E_*(E)$$

induced under  $\pi_*$  from the monoid object homomorphism

$$E \otimes E \xrightarrow{\tau} E \otimes E.$$

The curious reader may wonder why we call  $(E_*(E), \pi_*(E))$  the *dual*  $E$ -Steenrod algebra. The “dual” is there because the  $E$ -Steenrod algebra refers instead to the  $E$ -self cohomology  $E^*(E) \cong [E, E]_{-*}$ . Classically, the Adams spectral sequence was originally constructed in such a way that the  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  pages could be characterized in terms of cohomology and the  $E$ -Steenrod algebra, but it turns out that our approach using homology and the dual  $E$ -Steenrod algebra is somewhat better behaved, at least when  $E$  is flat in the sense of [Definition 0.5](#).

**0.1. The dual  $E$ -Steenrod algebra is a Hopf algebroid.** Above, given a flat and cellular commutative monoid object  $(E, \mu, e)$  in  $\mathcal{SH}$ , we constructed an algebraic gadget  $(E_*(E), \pi_*(E))$  in the category  $\pi_*(S)$ - $\mathbf{GCA}^A$  of  $A$ -graded anticommutative  $\pi_*(S)$ -algebras called the *dual  $E$ -Steenrod algebra*. In this subsection, we will show this object is an example of the general notion of an  *$A$ -graded anticommutative Hopf algebroid*:

**Proposition 0.7.** *Let  $(E, \mu, e)$  be a commutative monoid object in  $\mathcal{SH}$  which is flat ([Definition 0.5](#)) and cellular (?). Then the dual  $E$ -Steenrod algebra  $(E_*(E), \pi_*(E))$  with the structure maps  $(\eta_L, \eta_R, \Psi, \epsilon, c)$  from [Definition 0.6](#) is an  $A$ -graded anticommutative Hopf algebroid over  $\pi_*(S)$  (?), i.e., a co-groupoid object in the category  $\pi_*(S)$ - $\mathbf{GCA}^A$ .*

*Proof.* We need to show all the diagrams in ?? commute. Since we are dealing with  $A$ -graded homomorphisms, when showing these diagrams commute, it always suffices to chase homogeneous elements around. To that end, we fix homogeneous elements  $x : S^a \rightarrow E$  in  $\pi_*(E)$  and  $y : S^b \rightarrow E \otimes E$  in  $E_*(E \otimes E)$  now.

First, we wish to show the outside of the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \pi_*(E) & \xrightarrow{\eta_R} & E_*(E) \\
 \eta_R \downarrow & \swarrow \pi_*(E \otimes e \otimes E) & \downarrow \Psi \\
 E_*(E) & \xrightarrow{x \mapsto 1 \otimes x} & E_*(E) \otimes_{\pi_*(E)} E_*(E)
 \end{array}$$

$E_*(E \otimes E)$ 
  
 $\nwarrow \Phi_{E,E}$

The right region commutes by how  $\Psi$  is defined (??), and  $\Phi_{E,E}$  is an isomorphism, so it suffices to show the left region commutes. To that end, consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 S^a & \xrightarrow{x} & E & \xrightarrow{e \otimes E} & E \otimes E \\
 \phi_{0,a} = \lambda_{S^a}^{-1} \parallel & \searrow & & & \downarrow E \otimes e \otimes E \\
 S \otimes S^a & & & & \\
 e \otimes e \otimes x \downarrow & & e \otimes e \otimes x \searrow & & \\
 E \otimes E \otimes E & & & & \\
 E \otimes E \otimes e \otimes E \downarrow & & & & \\
 E \otimes E \otimes E \otimes E & \xrightarrow{E \otimes \mu \otimes E} & E \otimes E \otimes E & & 
 \end{array}$$

The top composition is  $\pi_*(E \otimes e \otimes E)(\eta_R(x))$ , while the bottom composition is  $\Phi_{E,E}(1 \otimes \eta_R(x))$ . The top right region commutes by functoriality of  $- \otimes -$ . The bottom left triangle commutes by unitality of  $\mu$ . Finally, the middle triangle commutes by definition.

Now, we wish to show the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 E_*(E) & \xleftarrow{\eta_L} & \pi_*(E) & \xrightarrow{\eta_R} & E_*(E) \\
 & \searrow \epsilon & \parallel & \swarrow \epsilon & \\
 & & \pi_*(E) & & 
 \end{array}$$

Unravelling how  $\eta_L$ ,  $\eta_R$ , and  $\epsilon$  are defined, this is the diagram obtained by applying  $\pi_*$  to the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 E \otimes E & \xleftarrow{E \otimes e} & E & \xrightarrow{e \otimes E} & E \otimes E \\
 & \searrow \mu & \parallel & \swarrow \mu & \\
 & & E & & 
 \end{array}$$

This commutes by unitality of  $\mu$ .

Showing that the third diagram in item (1) in ?? is entirely analogous to how we showed the first diagram commutes.

Now, we'd like to show the following diagram commutes:

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Adams book

## 0.2. Comodules over the dual $E$ -Steenrod algebra.

**Proposition 0.8.** *Let  $(E, \mu, e)$  be a flat (Definition 0.5) and cellular (??) commutative monoid object in  $\mathcal{SH}$ . Then  $E_*(-)$  is a functor from  $\mathcal{SH}$  to the category  $E_*(E)\text{-CoMod}$  of left  $A$ -graded comodules (??) over the dual  $E$ -Steenrod algebra, which is an  $A$ -graded commutative Hopf algebroid over  $\pi_*(S)$ , by Proposition 0.7.*

In particular, given an object  $X$  in  $\mathcal{SH}$ , we are viewing  $E_*(X)$  with its canonical left  $\pi_*(E)$ -module structure (??), and the action map

$$\Psi_X : E_*(X) \rightarrow E_*(E) \otimes_{\pi_*(E)} E_*(X)$$

is given by the composition

$$\Psi_X : E_*(X) \xrightarrow{E_*(e \otimes X)} E_*(E \otimes X) \xrightarrow{\Phi_{E,X}^{-1}} E_*(E) \otimes_{\pi_*(E)} E_*(X).$$

**TODO** Proof. □

**Proposition 0.9.** Let  $(E, \mu, e)$  be a flat (*Definition 0.5*) and cellular (??) commutative monoid object in  $\mathcal{SH}$ . Then given an object  $X$  in  $\mathcal{SH}$ , the map

$$\Phi_{E,X} : E_*(E) \otimes_{\pi_*(E)} E_*(X) \rightarrow E_*(E \otimes X)$$

constructed in ?? is a homomorphism of  $A$ -graded left  $\Gamma$ -comodules, where here by ?? we are viewing  $E_*(E) \otimes_{\pi_*(E)} E_*(X)$  as the co-free  $E_*(E)$ -comodule on  $E_*(X)$  with its canonical  $A$ -graded left  $\pi_*(E)$ -module structure (from ??).

**TODO** Proof. □