

# Hochschild cohomology ring of an order of a quaternion algebra

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## Introduction

The cohomology theory of associative algebras was initiated by Hochschild [6], Cartan and Eilenberg [1] and MacLane [7]. Let  $R$  be a commutative ring and  $\Lambda$  an  $R$ -algebra which is a finitely generated projective  $R$ -module. If  $M$  is a  $\Lambda$ -bimodule (i.e., a  $\Lambda^e = \Lambda \otimes_R \Lambda^{\text{op}}$ -module), then the  $n$ th Hochschild cohomology of  $\Lambda$  with coefficients in  $M$  is defined by  $H^n(\Lambda, M) := \text{Ext}_{\Lambda^e}^n(\Lambda, M)$ . We set  $HH^n(\Lambda) = H^n(\Lambda, \Lambda)$ . The cup product gives  $HH^*(\Lambda) := \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} HH^n(\Lambda)$  a graded ring structure with  $1 \in Z\Lambda \simeq HH^0(\Lambda)$  where  $Z\Lambda$  denotes the center of  $\Lambda$ .  $HH^*(\Lambda)$  is called the Hochschild cohomology ring of  $\Lambda$ . It is known that the cup product coincides with the Yoneda product on the Ext-algebra. Note that the Hochschild cohomology ring  $HH^*(\Lambda)$  is graded-commutative, that is, for  $\alpha \in HH^p(\Lambda)$  and  $\beta \in HH^q(\Lambda)$  we have  $\alpha\beta = (-1)^{pq}\beta\alpha$ . The Hochschild cohomology is an important invariant of algebras, however the Hochschild cohomology ring is difficult to compute in general.

Let  $G$  denote the generalized quaternion 2-group of order  $2^{r+2}$  for  $r \geq 1$ :

$$Q_{2^r} = \langle x, y \mid x^{2^{r+1}} = 1, x^{2^r} = y^2, yxy^{-1} = x^{-1} \rangle.$$

We set  $e = (1 - x^{2^r})/2 \in \mathbb{Q}G$  and denote  $xe$  by  $\zeta$ , a primitive  $2^{r+1}$ -th root of  $e$ . Then  $e$  is a centrally primitive idempotent of  $\mathbb{Q}G$ . The simple component  $\mathbb{Q}Ge$  is just the ordinary quaternion algebra over the field  $K := \mathbb{Q}(\zeta + \zeta^{-1})$  with identity  $e$ , that is,  $\mathbb{Q}Ge = K \oplus Ki \oplus Kj \oplus Kij$  where we set  $i = x^{2^{r-1}}e$  and  $j = ye$  (see [2, (7.40)]). Note that  $\zeta^k j = j\zeta^{-k}$  and  $\zeta^{2^r} = -e$  hold. In the following we set  $R = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta + \zeta^{-1}]$ , the ring of integers of  $K$ , and we set  $\Gamma = \mathbb{Z}Ge = R \oplus R\zeta \oplus Rj \oplus R\zeta j$ . Note that  $R$  is a commuting parameter ring, because  $y$  commutes with  $x + x^{-1}$ . Then  $\Gamma$  is an  $R$ -order of  $\mathbb{Q}Ge$ . In particular if  $r = 1$ ,  $\Gamma = \mathbb{Z}e \oplus \mathbb{Z}i \oplus \mathbb{Z}j \oplus \mathbb{Z}ij$  is just the ordinary quaternion algebra over  $\mathbb{Z}$  with identity  $e$ .

We will give an efficient bimodule projective resolution of  $\Gamma$ , and we will determine the ring structure of the Hochschild cohomology  $HH^*(\Gamma)$  by calculating the Yoneda products using this bimodule projective resolution. This paper is a summary of [3].

## 1 A bimodule projective resolution of $\Gamma$

In this section, we state a  $\Gamma^e$ -projective resolution of  $\Gamma$ .

In general,  $\Gamma \otimes \Gamma$  is a left  $\Gamma^e$ -module (i.e., a  $\Gamma$ -bimodule) by putting

$$(a \otimes b^\circ) \cdot (\gamma_1 \otimes \gamma_2) := a\gamma_1 \otimes \gamma_2 b$$

for all  $a, b, \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \Gamma$ . For each  $q \geq 0$ , let  $Y_q$  be a direct sum of  $q + 1$  copies of  $\Gamma \otimes \Gamma$ . As elements of  $Y_q$ , we set

$$c_q^s = \begin{cases} (0, \dots, 0, \underbrace{e \otimes e}_s, 0, \dots, 0) & (\text{if } 1 \leq s \leq q + 1), \\ 0 & (\text{otherwise}). \end{cases}$$

Then we have  $Y_q = \bigoplus_{k=1}^{q+1} \Gamma c_q^k \Gamma$ . Let  $t = 2^r$ . Define left  $\Gamma^e$ -homomorphisms  $\pi : Y_0 \rightarrow \Gamma$ ;  $c_0^1 \mapsto e$  and  $\delta_q : Y_q \rightarrow Y_{q-1}$  ( $q > 0$ ) given by

$$\delta_q(c_q^s) = \begin{cases} -\zeta c_{q-1}^s + c_{q-1}^s \zeta + (-1)^{(q-s)/2} \zeta j c_{q-1}^{s-1} j \zeta - c_{q-1}^{s-1} & \text{for } q \text{ even, } s \text{ even,} \\ \sum_{l=0}^{t-1} \zeta^{t-1-l} c_{q-1}^s \zeta^l + (-1)^{(q-s-1)/2} j c_{q-1}^{s-1} j + c_{q-1}^{s-1} & \text{for } q \text{ even, } s \text{ odd,} \\ -\sum_{l=0}^{t-1} \zeta^{t-1-l} c_{q-1}^s \zeta^l + (-1)^{(q-s-1)/2} j c_{q-1}^{s-1} j - c_{q-1}^{s-1} & \text{for } q \text{ odd, } s \text{ even,} \\ \zeta c_{q-1}^s - c_{q-1}^s \zeta + (-1)^{(q-s)/2} \zeta j c_{q-1}^{s-1} j \zeta + c_{q-1}^{s-1} & \text{for } q \text{ odd, } s \text{ odd.} \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 1.** *The above  $(Y, \pi, \delta)$  is a  $\Gamma^e$ -projective resolution of  $\Gamma$ .*

*Proof.* By the direct calculations, we have  $\pi \cdot \delta_1 = 0$  and  $\delta_q \cdot \delta_{q+1} = 0$  ( $q \geq 1$ ).

To see that the complex  $(Y, \pi, \delta)$  is acyclic, we state a contracting homotopy. In general, it suffices to define the homotopy as an abelian group homomorphism. However, we can see that there exists a homotopy as a right  $\Gamma$ -module, which permits us to cut down the number of cases. We define right  $\Gamma$ -homomorphisms  $T_{-1} : \Gamma \rightarrow Y_0$  and  $T_q : Y_q \rightarrow Y_{q+1}$  ( $q \geq 0$ ) as follows:

$$T_{-1}(\gamma) = c_0^1 \gamma \quad (\text{for } \gamma \in \Gamma).$$

If  $q(\geq 0)$  is even, then

$$T_q(\zeta^k c_q^s) = \begin{cases} 0 & (k = 0, s = 1), \\ \sum_{l=0}^{k-1} \zeta^{k-1-l} c_{q+1}^1 \zeta^l & (1 \leq k < t, s = 1), \\ 0 & (s(\geq 2) \text{ even}), \\ -\zeta^k c_{q+1}^{s+1} & (s(\geq 3) \text{ odd}), \end{cases}$$

$$T_q(\zeta^k j c_q^s) = \begin{cases} (-1)^{q/2} c_{q+1}^2 j & (k = 0, s = 1), \\ (-1)^{q/2} \left( \sum_{l=0}^{k-1} \zeta^{k-1-l} c_{q+1}^1 \zeta^l j + \zeta^k c_{q+1}^2 j \right) & (1 \leq k < t, s = 1), \\ \zeta^k j c_{q+1}^{s+1} & (s(\geq 2) \text{ even}), \\ 0 & (s(\geq 3) \text{ odd}). \end{cases}$$

If  $q(\geq 1)$  is odd, then

$$T_q(\zeta^k c_q^s) = \begin{cases} 0 & (0 \leq k \leq t-2, s=1), \\ c_{q+1}^1 & (k=t-1, s=1), \\ 0 & (s(\geq 2) \text{ even}), \\ -\zeta^k c_{q+1}^{s+1} & (s(\geq 3) \text{ odd}), \end{cases}$$

$$T_q(\zeta^k j c_q^s) = \begin{cases} (-1)^{(q-1)/2} (c_{q+1}^1 j \zeta + \zeta^{t-1} c_{q+1}^2 j \zeta) & (k=0, s=1), \\ (-1)^{(q+1)/2} \zeta^{k-1} c_{q+1}^2 j \zeta & (1 \leq k < t, s=1), \\ \zeta^k j c_{q+1}^{s+1} & (s(\geq 2) \text{ even}), \\ 0 & (s(\geq 3) \text{ odd}). \end{cases}$$

Then by the direct calculations, we have

$$\delta_{q+1} T_q + T_{q-1} \delta_q = \text{id}_{Y_q}$$

for  $q \geq 0$ . Hence  $(Y, \pi, \delta)$  is a  $\Gamma^e$ -projective resolution of  $\Gamma$ .  $\square$

## 2 Hochschild cohomology $HH^*(\Gamma)$

### 2.1 Module structure

In this section, we give the module structure of  $HH^*(\Gamma)$ . This is obtained by using the  $\Gamma^e$ -projective resolution  $(Y, \pi, \delta)$  of  $\Gamma$  stated in Theorem 1. In the following we denote a direct sum of  $q$  copies of a module  $M$  by  $M^q$ .

First, we state the following lemma:

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $\zeta$  be a primitive  $2^{r+1}$ -th root of 1 for any positive integer  $r \geq 2$  and  $K$  the maximal real subfield  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta + \zeta^{-1})$  of  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta)$ . Then  $(\zeta + \zeta^{-1})^2$  divides 2 in  $R$ , where  $R$  denotes  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta + \zeta^{-1}]$ , the ring of integers of  $K$ .*

*Proof.* See [4, Lemma 1]. Note that  $\zeta^{2^k} + \zeta^{-2^k}$  divides 2 in  $R$  for  $0 \leq k \leq r-2$ .  $\square$

If  $r \geq 2$ , we set  $\eta_k = 2e/(\zeta^{2^k} + \zeta^{-2^k})$  for  $0 \leq k \leq r-2$  in the following. Let  $\eta = \eta_0$ .

In the following, we show that  $e - \eta^2$  is a unit in  $R$ . If  $r = 2$ , then we have  $e - \eta^2 = -e$ . If  $r \geq 3$ , then we have

$$-(e - \eta^2) \prod_{k=1}^{r-2} (e + \eta_k)^2 = -(e - \eta_{r-2}^2) = e,$$

because the equation  $(e - \eta_{k-1}^2)(e + \eta_k)^2 = e - \eta_k^2$  holds for  $1 \leq k \leq r-2$ . Therefore  $e - \eta^2$  is a unit in  $R$ .

As elements of  $\Gamma^{q+1}$ , we set

$$\iota_q^s = \begin{cases} (0, \dots, 0, \overset{s}{e}, 0, \dots, 0) & (\text{if } 1 \leq s \leq q+1), \\ 0 & (\text{otherwise}). \end{cases}$$

Then we have  $\Gamma^{q+1} = \bigoplus_{k=1}^{q+1} \Gamma \iota_q^k$ .

Applying the functor  $\text{Hom}_{\Gamma^e}(-, \Gamma)$  to the resolution  $(Y, \pi, \delta)$ , we have the following complex, where we identify  $\text{Hom}_{\Gamma^e}(Y_q, \Gamma)$  with  $\Gamma^{q+1}$  using an isomorphism  $\text{Hom}_{\Gamma^e}(Y_q, \Gamma) \rightarrow \Gamma^{q+1}; f \mapsto \sum_{k=1}^{q+1} f(c_q^k) \iota_q^k$ :

$$(\text{Hom}_{\Gamma^e}(Y, \Gamma), \delta^\#) : 0 \rightarrow \Gamma \xrightarrow{\delta_1^\#} \Gamma^2 \xrightarrow{\delta_2^\#} \Gamma^3 \xrightarrow{\delta_3^\#} \Gamma^4 \xrightarrow{\delta_4^\#} \Gamma^5 \rightarrow \dots,$$

$$\delta_{q+1}^\#(\gamma \iota_q^s) = \begin{cases} -\sum_{l=0}^{t-1} \zeta^{t-1-l} \gamma \zeta^l \iota_{q+1}^s + ((-1)^{(q-s)/2} \zeta j \gamma j \zeta + \gamma) \iota_{q+1}^{s+1} & \text{for } q \text{ even, } s \text{ even,} \\ (\zeta \gamma - \gamma \zeta) \iota_{q+1}^s + ((-1)^{(q-s-1)/2} j \gamma j - \gamma) \iota_{q+1}^{s+1} & \text{for } q \text{ even, } s \text{ odd,} \\ -(\zeta \gamma - \gamma \zeta) \iota_{q+1}^s + ((-1)^{(q-s-1)/2} j \gamma j + \gamma) \iota_{q+1}^{s+1} & \text{for } q \text{ odd, } s \text{ even,} \\ \sum_{l=0}^{t-1} \zeta^{t-1-l} \gamma \zeta^l \iota_{q+1}^s + ((-1)^{(q-s)/2} \zeta j \gamma j \zeta - \gamma) \iota_{q+1}^{s+1} & \text{for } q \text{ odd, } s \text{ odd.} \end{cases}$$

In the above, note that

$$\gamma \iota_q^s = \begin{cases} (0, \dots, 0, \overset{s}{\gamma}, 0, \dots, 0) & (\text{if } 1 \leq s \leq q+1), \\ 0 & (\text{otherwise}), \end{cases}$$

for  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ , and so on.

**Theorem 2.** (1) *If  $r = 1$ , the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module structure of  $HH^n(\Gamma)$  is given as follows:*

- (i) *If  $n = 0$ , then  $HH^0(\Gamma) = \mathbb{Z}$ .*
- (ii) *If  $n = 1$ , then  $HH^1(\Gamma) = (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^3$  with generators  $\zeta j \iota_1^1, j \iota_1^1 + \zeta j \iota_1^2, \zeta \iota_1^2$ .*
- (iii) *If  $n = 2$ , then  $HH^2(\Gamma) = (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^5$  with generators  $\zeta \iota_2^1, \iota_2^1 + \zeta \iota_2^2, j \iota_2^2, \zeta j \iota_2^2 - j \iota_2^3, \iota_2^3$ .*
- (iv) *If  $n = 3$ , then  $HH^3(\Gamma) = (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^7$  with generators  $j \iota_3^1, \zeta j \iota_3^1 - j \iota_3^2, \iota_3^2, \zeta \iota_3^2 - \iota_3^3, \zeta j \iota_3^3, j \iota_3^3 + \zeta j \iota_3^4, \zeta \iota_3^4$ .*
- (v) *If  $n = 4k$  ( $k \neq 0$ ), then  $HH^n(\Gamma) = (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^{2n+1}$  with generators*

$$\begin{aligned} & \iota_n^{4l+1}, \zeta \iota_n^{4l+1} - \iota_n^{4l+2}, \zeta j \iota_n^{4l+2}, j \iota_n^{4l+2} + \zeta j \iota_n^{4l+3}, \zeta \iota_n^{4l+3}, \iota_n^{4l+3} + \zeta \iota_n^{4l+4}, \\ & j \iota_n^{4l+4}, \zeta j \iota_n^{4l+4} - j \iota_n^{4l+5}, \iota_n^{4k+1}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k-1$ .

- (vi) *If  $n = 4k+1$  ( $k \neq 0$ ), then  $HH^n(\Gamma) = (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^{2n+1}$  with generators*

$$\begin{aligned} & \zeta j \iota_n^{4l+1}, j \iota_n^{4l+1} + \zeta j \iota_n^{4l+2}, \zeta \iota_n^{4l+2}, \iota_n^{4m+2} + \zeta \iota_n^{4m+3}, j \iota_n^{4m+3}, \\ & \zeta j \iota_n^{4m+3} - j \iota_n^{4m+4}, \iota_n^{4m+4}, \zeta \iota_n^{4m+4} - \iota_n^{4m+5}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k$  and  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k-1$ .

(vii) If  $n = 4k + 2$  ( $k \neq 0$ ), then  $HH^n(\Gamma) = (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^{2n+1}$  with generators

$$\zeta \iota_n^{4l+1}, \iota_n^{4l+1} + \zeta \iota_n^{4l+2}, j \iota_n^{4l+2}, \zeta j \iota_n^{4l+2} - j \iota_n^{4l+3}, \iota_n^{4l+3}, \\ \zeta \iota_n^{4m+3} - \iota_n^{4m+4}, \zeta j \iota_n^{4m+4}, j \iota_n^{4m+4} + \zeta j \iota_n^{4m+5},$$

where  $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k$  and  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k-1$ .

(viii) If  $n = 4k + 3$  ( $k \neq 0$ ), then  $HH^n(\Gamma) = (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^{2n+1}$  with generators

$$j \iota_n^{4l+1}, \zeta j \iota_n^{4l+1} - j \iota_n^{4l+2}, \iota_n^{4l+2}, \zeta \iota_n^{4l+2} - \iota_n^{4l+3}, \zeta j \iota_n^{4l+3}, \\ j \iota_n^{4l+3} + \zeta j \iota_n^{4l+4}, \zeta \iota_n^{4l+4}, \iota_n^{4m+4} + \zeta \iota_n^{4m+5},$$

where  $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k$  and  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k-1$ .

(2) If  $r \geq 2$ , the  $R$ -module structure of  $HH^n(\Gamma)$  is as follows:

(i) If  $n = 0$ , then  $HH^0(\Gamma) = R$ .

(ii) If  $n = 1$ , then  $HH^1(\Gamma) = (R/(\zeta + \zeta^{-1})R)^3$  with generators  $(j - \eta\zeta j)\iota_1^1$ ,  $(\zeta j - \eta j)\iota_1^1 + (j - \eta\zeta j)\iota_1^2$ ,  $(e - \eta\zeta)\iota_1^2$ .

(iii) If  $n = 2$ , then  $HH^2(\Gamma) = R/2^r R \oplus (R/(\zeta + \zeta^{-1})R)^4$ , where the  $R/2^r R$  summand is generated by  $(e - \eta\zeta)\iota_2^1$  and the  $(R/(\zeta + \zeta^{-1})R)^4$  summands are generated by  $2^{r-1}\eta\zeta\iota_2^1 + \zeta\iota_2^2$ ,  $j\iota_2^2$ ,  $\zeta j\iota_2^2 - j\iota_2^3$ ,  $\iota_2^3$ .

(iv) If  $n = 3$ , then  $HH^3(\Gamma) = (R/(\zeta + \zeta^{-1})R)^7$  with generators  $j\iota_3^1$ ,  $\zeta j\iota_3^1 - j\iota_3^2$ ,  $\iota_3^2$ ,  $2^{r-1}\eta\zeta\iota_3^2 + (\zeta - \eta)\iota_3^3$ ,  $(j - \eta\zeta j)\iota_3^3$ ,  $(\zeta j - \eta j)\iota_3^3 + (j - \eta\zeta j)\iota_3^4$ ,  $(e - \eta\zeta)\iota_3^4$ .

(v) If  $n = 4k$  ( $k \neq 0$ ), then  $HH^n(\Gamma) = R/2^r R \oplus (R/(\zeta + \zeta^{-1})R)^{2n}$ , where the  $R/2^r R$  summand is generated by  $\iota_n^1$  and the  $(R/(\zeta + \zeta^{-1})R)^{2n}$  summands are generated by

$$2^{r-1}\eta\zeta\iota_n^{4l+1} + (\zeta - \eta)\iota_n^{4l+2}, (j - \eta\zeta j)\iota_n^{4l+2}, (\zeta j - \eta j)\iota_n^{4l+2} + (j - \eta\zeta j)\iota_n^{4l+3}, \\ (e - \eta\zeta)\iota_n^{4l+3}, 2^{r-1}\eta\zeta\iota_n^{4l+3} + \zeta\iota_n^{4l+4}, j\iota_n^{4l+4}, \zeta j\iota_n^{4l+4} - j\iota_n^{4l+5}, \iota_n^{4l+5},$$

where  $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k-1$ .

(vi) If  $n = 4k + 1$  ( $k \neq 0$ ), then  $HH^n(\Gamma) = (R/(\zeta + \zeta^{-1})R)^{2n+1}$  with generators

$$(j - \eta\zeta j)\iota_n^{4l+1}, (\zeta j - \eta j)\iota_n^{4l+1} + (j - \eta\zeta j)\iota_n^{4l+2}, (e - \eta\zeta)\iota_n^{4l+2}, \\ 2^{r-1}\eta\zeta\iota_n^{4m+2} + \zeta\iota_n^{4m+3}, j\iota_n^{4m+3}, \zeta j\iota_n^{4m+3} - j\iota_n^{4m+4}, \iota_n^{4m+4}, \\ 2^{r-1}\eta\zeta\iota_n^{4m+4} + (\zeta - \eta)\iota_n^{4m+5},$$

where  $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k$  and  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k-1$ .

(vii) If  $n = 4k + 2$  ( $k \neq 0$ ), then  $HH^n(\Gamma) = R/2^r R \oplus (R/(\zeta + \zeta^{-1})R)^{2n}$ , where the  $R/2^r R$  summand is generated by  $(e - \eta\zeta)\iota_n^1$  and the  $(R/(\zeta + \zeta^{-1})R)^{2n}$  summands are generated by

$$2^{r-1}\eta\zeta\iota_n^{4l+1} + \zeta\iota_n^{4l+2}, j\iota_n^{4l+2}, \zeta j\iota_n^{4l+2} - j\iota_n^{4l+3}, \iota_n^{4l+3}, 2^{r-1}\eta\zeta\iota_n^{4m+3} + (\zeta - \eta)\iota_n^{4m+4}, \\ (j - \eta\zeta j)\iota_n^{4m+4}, (\zeta j - \eta j)\iota_n^{4m+4} + (j - \eta\zeta j)\iota_n^{4m+5}, (e - \eta\zeta)\iota_n^{4m+5},$$

where  $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k$  and  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k-1$ .

(viii) If  $n = 4k + 3$  ( $k \neq 0$ ), then  $HH^n(\Gamma) = (R/(\zeta + \zeta^{-1})R)^{2n+1}$  with generators

$$j\iota_n^{4l+1}, \zeta j\iota_n^{4l+1} - j\iota_n^{4l+2}, \iota_n^{4l+2}, 2^{r-1}\eta\zeta\iota_n^{4l+2} + (\zeta - \eta)\iota_n^{4l+3}, (j - \eta\zeta j)\iota_n^{4l+3}, \\ (\zeta j - \eta j)\iota_n^{4l+3} + (j - \eta\zeta j)\iota_n^{4l+4}, (e - \eta\zeta)\iota_n^{4l+4}, 2^{r-1}\eta\zeta\iota_n^{4m+4} + \zeta\iota_n^{4m+5},$$

where  $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k$  and  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k - 1$ .

*Proof.* The proof is straightforward. However it is complicated.  $\square$

## 2.2 Ring structure

In this subsection, we will determine the ring structure of the Hochschild cohomology ring  $HH^*(\Gamma)$ .

Recall the Yoneda product in  $HH^*(\Gamma)$ . Let  $\alpha \in HH^n(\Gamma)$  and  $\beta \in HH^m(\Gamma)$ , where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are represented by cocycles  $f_\alpha : Y_n \rightarrow \Gamma$  and  $f_\beta : Y_m \rightarrow \Gamma$ , respectively. There exists the commutative diagram of  $\Gamma^e$ -modules:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccc} \dots & \xrightarrow{\delta_{n+m+1}} & Y_{n+m} & \xrightarrow{\delta_{n+m}} & \dots & \xrightarrow{\delta_{m+2}} & Y_{m+1} & \xrightarrow{\delta_{m+1}} & Y_m & \xrightarrow{f_\beta} & \Gamma \\ & & \mu_n \downarrow & & & & \mu_1 \downarrow & & \mu_0 \downarrow & & \parallel \\ \dots & \xrightarrow{\delta_{n+1}} & Y_n & \xrightarrow{\delta_n} & \dots & \xrightarrow{\delta_2} & Y_1 & \xrightarrow{\delta_1} & Y_0 & \xrightarrow{\pi} & \Gamma \longrightarrow 0, \end{array}$$

where  $\mu_l$  ( $0 \leq l \leq n$ ) are liftings of  $f_\beta$ . We define the product  $\alpha \cdot \beta \in HH^{n+m}(\Gamma)$  by the cohomology class of  $f_\alpha \mu_n$ . This product is independent of the choice of representatives  $f_\alpha$  and  $f_\beta$ , and liftings  $\mu_l$  ( $0 \leq l \leq n$ ).

First, we consider the case  $r = 1$ . Note the Hochschild cohomology ring  $HH^*(\Gamma)$  is graded-commutative. From Theorem 2 (1),  $HH^*(\Gamma)$  is a commutative ring in this case. We take generators of  $HH^1(\Gamma)$  as follows:

$$A = \zeta\iota_1^2, B = \zeta j\iota_1^1, C = j\iota_1^1 + \zeta j\iota_1^2.$$

Then we have  $2A = 2B = 2C = 0$ . We calculate the Yoneda products. Then  $HH^n(\Gamma)$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) is multiplicatively generated by  $A, B$  and  $C$ , and the equation  $A^2 + B^2 + C^2 = 0$  holds. Moreover the relations are enough. Thus we can determine the ring structure of  $HH^*(\Gamma)$  in the case  $r = 1$  (see [3, Section 3.1] for details).

Next, we consider the case  $r \geq 2$ . The computation is similar to the case where  $r = 1$ , however it is more complicated. By Theorem 2 (2), we take generators of  $HH^1(\Gamma)$  as follows:

$$A = (e - \eta\zeta)\iota_1^2, B = (j - \eta\zeta j)\iota_1^1, C = (\zeta j - \eta j)\iota_1^1 + (j - \eta\zeta j)\iota_1^2.$$

Then we have  $(\zeta + \zeta^{-1})A = (\zeta + \zeta^{-1})B = (\zeta + \zeta^{-1})C = 0$ . Note that products of  $A, B, C$  and  $X \in HH^n(\Gamma)$  ( $n \geq 0$ ) are commutative, because  $HH^*(\Gamma)$  is graded-commutative and the equations  $2A = 2B = 2C = 0$  hold. By calculating the Yoneda products we have the following proposition.

**Proposition 2.** *If  $r \geq 2$ , then the following equations hold in  $HH^2(\Gamma)$ :*

$$A^2 = \iota_2^3, \quad AB = j\iota_2^2, \quad AC = \zeta j\iota_2^2 - j\iota_2^3, \quad B^2 = 2^{r-1}\eta\zeta\iota_2^1 + \zeta\iota_2^2, \\ BC = 2^{r-1}\eta(e - \eta\zeta)\iota_2^1, \quad C^2 = 2^{r-1}\eta\zeta\iota_2^1 + \zeta\iota_2^2 + \iota_2^3.$$

*In particular, generators of  $HH^2(\Gamma)$  except  $(e - \eta\zeta)\iota_2^1$  are generated by the products of  $A, B$  and  $C$ , and the equation  $A^2 + B^2 + C^2 = 0$  holds.*

In the following, we put  $D = (e - \eta\zeta)\iota_2^1$  which is a generator of  $HH^2(\Gamma)$ , and then we have  $2^r D = 0$  and  $BC = 2^{r-1}\eta D$ . Similarly, we calculate the Yoneda products. Then  $HH^n(\Gamma)$  ( $n \geq 3$ ) is multiplicatively generated by  $A, B, C$  and  $D$ , and the relations are enough. Thus we can determine the ring structure of  $HH^*(\Gamma)$  in the case  $r \geq 2$  (see [3, Section 3.2] for details).

We state the ring structure of the Hochschild cohomology ring  $HH^*(\Gamma)$  by summarizing these computations.

**Theorem 3.** (1) *If  $r = 1$ , then the Hochschild cohomology ring  $HH^*(\Gamma)$  is isomorphic to*

$$\mathbb{Z}[A, B, C]/(2A, 2B, 2C, A^2 + B^2 + C^2),$$

where  $\deg A = \deg B = \deg C = 1$ .

(2) *If  $r \geq 2$ , then the Hochschild cohomology ring  $HH^*(\Gamma)$  is isomorphic to*

$$R[A, B, C, D]/((\zeta + \zeta^{-1})A, (\zeta + \zeta^{-1})B, (\zeta + \zeta^{-1})C, 2^r D, \\ A^2 + B^2 + C^2, BC - 2^{r-1}\eta D),$$

where  $R = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta + \zeta^{-1}]$ ,  $\deg A = \deg B = \deg C = 1$  and  $\deg D = 2$ .

*Remark.* In the case  $r = 1$ , this cohomology ring is already known by Sanada [8, Section 3.4]. In [8], he treats the Hochschild cohomology of crossed products over a commutative ring and its product structure using a spectral sequence of a double complex. As a special case, he determines the Hochschild cohomology ring of the quaternion algebra over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

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