MIGUEL XICOTENCATL, Mathematics Department, CINVESTAV, Ave. IPN 2508, Mexico City, 07360 *The loop orbifold of the symmetric product*

By using the loop orbifold of the symmetric product, we give a formula for the Poincaré polynomial of the free loop space of the Borel construction of the symmetric product. We also show that the Chas–Sullivan product in the homology of the free loop space of the Borel construction induces a ring structure in the homology of the inertia orbifold of the symmetric product. This ring structure is compared to the one in cohomology through Poincaré duality.