

§ 4. Power operations in periodic ring spectra

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Let  $A$  be a finite abelian  $p$ -group, acting on itself by translation,  
so it acts on  $X^{1A}$  ( $= X^{1\#A}$ ).

Form orbit spectrum

$$X^{1A}/A \simeq EA \times_A X^{1A} = D_A X$$

Comes with maps  $X^{1A} \rightarrow D_A X$

and for space  $X$ , a diagonal map  $BA^{+1} X \rightarrow D_A X$ .

If  $R$  is an E<sub>0</sub> ring spectrum, it comes with maps

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D_A R & \xrightarrow{\theta_A} & R \\ \uparrow & \nearrow & \\ R^{1A} & & \end{array}$$

A-fold product

(for us, " $\theta_A$ " is actually good enough)

Get external power operation

$$P^A : R^0(X) = [X, R] \xrightarrow{D_A} [D_A X, D_A R] \xrightarrow{\theta_A^*} [D_A X, R]$$

Now suppose  $R$  is periodic with formal group  $G_R$ ,

$\pi_0 R$  is complete local ring with residue characteristic  $p > 0$ .

height  $(G/\text{residue field}) = n < \infty$ .

Landweber:  $R^0(BA)$  is free of rank  $|A|^n$  over  $\pi_0 R$ .

Thus

$$R^0(BA^{+1} X) \xleftarrow{\cong} R^0(BA^+) \otimes_{R^0} R^0(X)$$

If  $X$  is a space, then

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \uparrow & \\ & \text{diagonal}^* & \\ R^0(D_A X) & & \end{array}$$

$\mathcal{C} =$  category of pairs  $(S, J)$  where  $S$  is commutative ring and

$$S = \varprojlim S/J^n.$$

Example:  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathfrak{m})$

$$\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{R}} = (\mathbb{R}, \mathfrak{m}) / \mathcal{C}$$

$$R^0(BA) \supseteq \mathfrak{I} = \ker(R^0(BA) \xrightarrow{\epsilon} \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}/\mathfrak{m})$$

For  $(S, J) \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{R}}$ , we get the ~~group~~ group

$$G_{\mathbb{R}}(J) = J \text{ with } +_{G_{\mathbb{R}}} \quad (\text{works since } S \text{ is complete wrt } J)$$

Then  $R^0(BA)$  is characterized by

$$\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{R}}(R^0(BA), (S, J)) = \text{Hom}(A^*, G_{\mathbb{R}}(J))$$

where  $A^* = \text{Hom}(A, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$  is dual group.

Universal example:  $\iota: A^* \rightarrow G(\mathfrak{I})$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\chi: A \rightarrow S^1) & \mapsto & R^0(BA) \leftarrow R^0(BS^1) = R^0(\mathbb{C}P^1) \\ & & \downarrow \cup \\ & & \mathbb{C} \leftarrow \mathbb{C} \end{array}$$

Now switch notation; the previous  $A$  is now  $A^*$ .

Given  $(S, J) \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{R}}$  and an inclusion  $A \hookrightarrow G_{\mathbb{R}}(J)$

$$R^0(X) \xrightarrow{\rho_{A^*}} R^0(D_A X) \longrightarrow R^0(BA) \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} R^0(X)$$

$$\downarrow \psi^A \text{ (Ring homomorphism)} \quad \downarrow$$

$$S \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} R^0(X)$$

Example: Take  $X = *$  to get  $\psi^A: R \rightarrow S$  ring map

Take  $X = \mathbb{C}P^\infty$  to get  $\psi^A: R^0(\mathbb{C}P^\infty) \rightarrow S \otimes_R R^0(\mathbb{C}P^\infty)$   
 $t \mapsto \psi^A(t) \in S \otimes \mathbb{Z} \langle t \rangle$

Proposition:  $\psi^A(t): G_{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow \psi^A G_{\mathbb{R}}$  is a homomorphism of formal groups

Proposition:  $\ker(G_{\mathbb{R}}(J) \xrightarrow{\psi^A(t)} \psi^A G_{\mathbb{R}}(J))$   
 $\cup$   
 $A$

The composite is an embedding, sometimes an iso  
( $\rightarrow$  level structures)

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P.S.: (to last lecture)

Thm (Laudweber, Hovey-Strickland)

$\mathcal{E}$ : (regular formal groups)  $\xrightarrow{\text{Laudweber}} \text{Ho}(\text{Laurent spectra})$

Hovey-Strickland solve the problem of phantom maps.

such that  $\pi_0 \mathcal{E}_{F/R} = R$  and  $G_{\mathcal{E}_{F/R}} = F$ ,  $\pi_2 \mathcal{E}_{F/G} = \omega_{G/F}$ .

P.S.:  $\chi_A: R^0(D_A X) \rightarrow S \otimes_R R^0(X)$  is called the  
Hopkins-Kuhn-Ravenel character.

## §5: Deformation theory

Consider formal grp law  $\sum a_{ij} x^i y^j$  over  $K$ .

How can we vary/deform the coefficients  $a_{ij}$  and retain associativity?

We assume throughout that  $K$  is a perfect ring ~~of char  $p > 0$~~  of characteristic  $p > 0$ ,  
i.e.  $\mathbb{F}: K \rightarrow K, x \mapsto x^p$  is bijective.

Definition A  $p$ -adic ring is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -ring  $R$  which is  $(p)$ -adically complete  
and such that

- ①  $R/p$  is perfect
- ②  $p$  is not a zero divisor in  $R$ .

Thm (Witt)

( $p$ -adic rings)  $\xrightarrow{\cong \text{red.}}$  (perfect rings) is an equivalence of  
categories.  
 $\nwarrow$   
p-typical  
Witt vectors

Example:  $\mathbb{Z}_p[\omega], \omega^{\#-2} = 1 \iff \mathbb{F}_q$

Lubin, Tate:

Def: A ~~formal group~~ universal deformation  $\mathbb{F}$  is

- ①  $(R, I \text{ ideal})$  such that  $R$  is  $I$ -adically complete  
and  $R/I$  is perfect.
- ②  $\mathbb{F}$  is a formal grp over  $R$  whose height scale is regular and finite,  
with  $\mathbb{F}_{p^m+2} = R$  and  $I = \mathbb{F}_{p^m}$ .

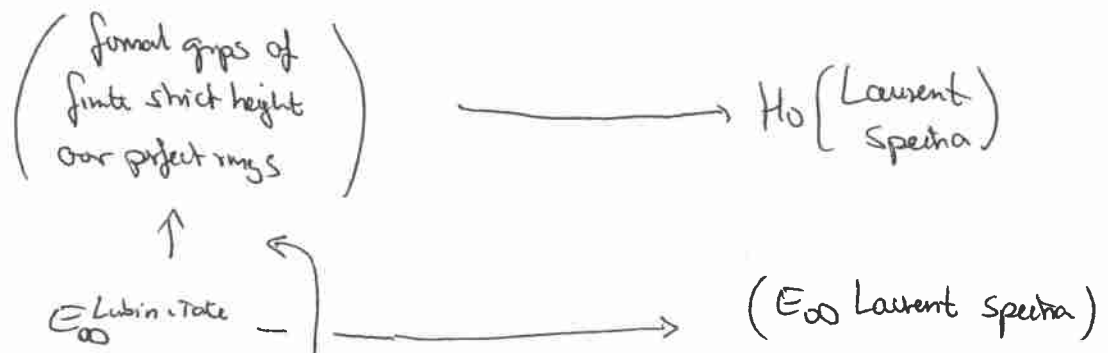
In this situation,  $\mathbb{F}$  reduces to a formal grp of strict height  $n$ .

Thm (Lubin, Tate)

(universal deformations)  $\xrightarrow[\text{reduce}]{\cong}$  (formal grps of  
finite strict height  
over perfect rings)

Example:  $W(\mathbb{F}_q) \llbracket u_1, \dots, u_{n-2} \rrbracket$   $\longleftrightarrow$  Fht n over  $\mathbb{F}_q$   
 Lubin-Tate ring

By Landweber's theorem this gives a functor



Thm (Hopkins-Kalish) This forgetful functor is an equivalence.

In particular, the mapping spaces are homotopically discrete.

The proof uses the obstruction theory developed in Paul Goerss' talks. We'll show why the obstruction groups vanish.

§6 Cooperation algebras and étaleness

Let  $\underline{R}, \underline{S}$  be Laurent spectra (in the homotopy category)

Then  $\text{Ring}(\underline{R}, \underline{S}) \xrightarrow{\cong} S_0\text{-alg}(S_0\underline{R}, S_0)$  is an iso.  
 $(f: \underline{R} \rightarrow \underline{S}) \mapsto (S_0\underline{R} \xrightarrow{\text{soft}} S_0\underline{S} \xrightarrow{\text{mult}} S_0)$

Assume also that  $\underline{R}$  and  $\underline{S}$  are Landweber exact. Then

$$S_0\underline{R} = S \otimes_{MP_0} MP_0(\underline{R}) = S \otimes_{MP_0} MP_0 MP \otimes_{MP_0} \underline{R}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{change notation}}{=} S \otimes_L W \otimes_L \underline{R}$$

So  $S_0\text{-alg}(S_0\underline{R}, S_0) = S_0\text{-alg}(S \otimes_L W \otimes_L \underline{R}, S) \cong$  morphism of formal groups  
 $(= (f: \underline{R} \rightarrow \underline{S}, \theta: \mathbb{F}_q \otimes G_c))$

Next up is the cohomology  $H_{\text{Ass}}^*(S_0 R, S)$  and  $H_{\text{Ass}}^*(S_0 R, S)$ .

Key Lemma: Let  $\bar{R}$  and  $\bar{S}$  be perfect rings. Consider formal groups  $F_0/\bar{R}$  and  $G_0/\bar{S}$  or strict height  $n$ .

Then  $\bar{R} \otimes_L W \otimes_L \bar{S}$  is a perfect ring.

Proof:

$$\bar{R} \otimes_L W \otimes_L \bar{S} \xrightarrow{\Phi} \bar{R} \otimes_L W \otimes_L \bar{S}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \text{?} \\ & \searrow & \swarrow \\ & T & \text{tot ring} \end{array}$$

$\Phi$  corresponds to  $(f: \bar{R} \rightarrow T, g: \bar{S} \rightarrow T, \theta: f F_0 \xrightarrow{\cong} g G_0)$

$$\Phi(\bar{f}: \bar{R} \xrightarrow{\Phi^{-1}} \bar{R} \xrightarrow{f} T) = f$$

$$\Phi(\bar{g}: \bar{S} \xrightarrow{\Phi^{-1}} \bar{S} \xrightarrow{g} T) = g$$

We proved earlier that  $\Phi$  is fully faithful on  $\mathcal{F}_n$ .

So there exists unique  $\bar{\theta}$  such that  $\Phi \bar{\theta} = \theta$ .  $\square$

Corollary:  $\text{Der}(\bar{R} \otimes_L W \otimes_L \bar{S}, M) = 0$  for any module  $M$   
since  $dy = d(x^p) = 0$ , so  $\mathcal{R}_{\bar{R} \otimes_L W \otimes_L \bar{S}} = 0$ .

This implies that  $H_{\text{com}}^*(\bar{R} \otimes_L W \otimes_L \bar{S}/\bar{S}, -) = 0$ .

With some tricks, this means all the obstruction groups vanish.

If  $R, S$  are universal deformations, then  $\gamma_R: L \rightarrow S \otimes W$  is flat,  
thus  $\gamma_R: L \rightarrow W \otimes S$  is also flat. Thus

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R & \rightarrow & R \otimes_L W \otimes_L S \text{ is flat} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \bar{R} & \rightarrow & \bar{R} \otimes_L W \otimes_L S = \bar{R} \otimes_L W \otimes_L \bar{S} \end{array}$$

By flat base change  $H^i(C^* \otimes_{L \otimes W} \mathcal{E}/R) = 0$

$$H^i(C^* \otimes_{L \otimes W} \mathcal{E}/R, M) = 0 \text{ for } M \text{ any module over } \bar{R} \otimes_{L \otimes W} \bar{S}.$$

This can be promoted to vanish for all  $R \otimes_{L \otimes W} S$  modules by completeness.

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Question session.

Genus : (manifolds with structure)  $\longrightarrow$  (number)

Cobordism invariant, multiplicative

Todd genus :  $td : MU_{2n} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

$\iff$  multiplicative formal group

$\Gamma$  of complex structure on  $\mathbb{C} \ni (M^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2d+2n})$

exponential for multiplicative formal group

$$\exp: \mathbb{G}_a \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_m$$

$$\exp(x) = 1 - e^{-x}$$

$$\frac{x}{1-e^{-x}} = \frac{\exp(\text{add } \mathbb{G}_a)}{\exp(\mathbb{G}_m)} = \kappa(x)$$

Then  $\prod_{i=1}^d \frac{x_i}{1-e^{-x_i}}$  is symmetric function in  $x_i$ 's so it can

be expanded as  $\prod \mathbb{F}(c_1, \dots, c_d)$  in elementary symmetric functions  $c_i$ .

Then  $td(M) = \langle \mathbb{F}(c_1(M), \dots, c_d(M)), [M] \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $\uparrow$  Chern classes.

Geometric/analytic expression for  $td(M)$  if  $M$  is a complex manifold (Debeault complex)

$$0 \rightarrow C^\infty(M) \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}} C^\infty(\bar{T}_{\mathbb{C}}^* M) \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}} \dots$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^d (-1)^i H^i(-) = \text{arithmetic genus} = td(M).$$

Hirzebruch?



Given a family of complex manifolds / fibration

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M^{2d} & \rightarrow & E \\ & & \downarrow \pi \\ & & B \end{array}$$

Then  $\sum (-1)^i H^i(\text{fibers})$  is a virtual vector bundle, so it defines a class in  $K(B)$ .

This can be twisted with vector bundles on  $E$ , and then gives a map  $K(E) \rightarrow K(B)$ .

This map coincides with the homotopically defined pushforward:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & \xrightarrow{i} & B \times \mathbb{R}^{2d+2n} \\ \pi \downarrow & \swarrow \text{proj} & \\ B & & \end{array}$$

The complex structure on  $M^{2d}$  determines a complex structure on the normal bundle  $\nu(i)$

Thom-Pontryagin construction gives

$$\Sigma^{2d+2n} B_+ = (B \times \mathbb{R}^{2d+2n})_+ \rightarrow \text{Th}(\nu(i))$$

$$K^0(\Sigma^{2d+2n} B_+) \leftarrow K^0(\text{Th}(\nu(i)))$$

Both periodicity IS

IS Thom-isomorphism

$$\tilde{K}^0(B) \leftarrow \tilde{K}^0(E)$$

Index theorem: pushforward coincides with above map.

The my spectrum map  $\text{MU} \rightarrow K$  is the topologist's version of the geometry behind families of complex manifolds.

n=0  
 $G_a$   
 $MV \rightarrow HQ$

n=1  
 $G_m$   
 $MV \xrightleftharpoons[\text{cd}]{\text{cd}} K$   
 symmetry  $\pm 1$   
 $\downarrow$  equalize symmetry opp  
 $MSpin \xrightarrow{\hat{A}} KO$   
 $w_1 = w_2 = 0$   
 +  $7/2$  invariants in dim = 1, 2 (8)

n=2  
 Elliptic curve  
 $MV \xrightarrow{t} E_{CIR}$   
 Symmetries:  $M_{ell}$   
 $\downarrow$  equalize symmetries  
 $MString \rightarrow E_{mf}$   
 $w_2 = w_3 = \frac{P_1}{2} = 0$   
 + 2, 3-torsion invariants

$MISO \xrightarrow{\#} HQ$   
 $w_1 = 0$

BString  
 $\downarrow$   
 BSpin  
 $\downarrow$   
 BSO  
 $\downarrow$   
 BO

Mathew: two orientations  $\Rightarrow$  two Thom isomorphisms  
 $\Rightarrow$  the ratios of the isos in a well defined unit in the cohomology of the Base  
 (Since  $E^*(Thom)$  is free module of rank 1 over  $E^*(Base)$ )  
 $\Rightarrow$  ratios of two orientations lies in  $E^0(BU)^\times \Rightarrow bu \rightarrow gl_1(E)$

Neil Strickland: elliptic curve  $C \rightleftarrows S$   
 paper, flat, relative dimension 1 over  $S$ ,  
 all geometric fibres of genus 1.