

J. Morava II - Exotic spheres, spectral sequences of Adams / Leray / Descent type, etc...

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1. Concrete statements on homotopy groups

Bott: $\pi_* BU = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & * = \text{even} \\ 0 & * = \text{odd} \end{cases}$

$\Leftrightarrow \pi_* V = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & * = \text{odd} \\ \neq 0 & * = \text{even} \end{cases}$ $V = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} V(n)$

$\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{2}] \otimes \pi_* SO = \mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{2}] * \in 4\mathbb{Z} - 1$
 $= 0$ else

(ignore 2-torsion!)
 "Super" world

"first picoseconds all force were united"
 after big bang

\Leftrightarrow first few primes all entangled together, this set better for higher primes

Whitehead X space "free" ∞ loop space on X
 is $\Omega^\infty S^\infty X = \mathcal{Q}X$

$\pi_* \mathcal{Q}X = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \pi_{i+n}(S^n \wedge X) = \pi_*^S(X)$ \rightarrow this is a cohomology theory

"infinite symmetric product on X , rationally

\exists $\text{map } SO(n) \rightarrow \Omega^\infty S^\infty \Rightarrow J: \pi_* SO \rightarrow \pi_*^S(\text{pt})$

$J: \pi_* SO \rightarrow \pi_*^S(\text{pt})$ J homomorphism

" $\mathbb{Z} * = 4k-1$ image in dim $4k-1$ is cyclic, ~~at order~~ generated by $b_{2k}/2k \in \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$

$b_{2k} \leftrightarrow \zeta(1-2k)$ Betti number.

$S^0 \rightarrow E$ unital ring spectrum \Rightarrow Hurewicz map
 $\pi_* S \rightarrow E_*$

e.g. $F = K_*^{alg}(\mathbb{Z})$: get composition
 $\pi_* SO \rightarrow \pi_* S(pt) \xrightarrow{\text{Hurewicz}} K_*(\mathbb{Z})$

composition more or less detects $\{(-2k)\}$,
 [not $K_{4k+1}(\mathbb{Z})$, related to $f(2k)$]

$\text{im } J \hookrightarrow K_*(\mathbb{Z})$ in these degrees

\downarrow
 $K_*(\mathbb{F}_p)$ computed by Quillen $(0, p) = 1$

[Note: Spectra are additive category, $\text{Hom} S \in \text{Ab}$,
 $\text{Spectra}_{(p)}$ has Hom in $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ -mod]

Work p-locally

Classical fact write $k = 2p^v(p-1) \cdot \dots$
 Then $f(1-2k) = p^{-v} \in \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}(p)$ (von Staudt-Clausen)

So p-component of Bernoulli numbers have logic,
 can understand p-part of J-homomorphism

2. Adams SSg, in particular for K-theory

$(\text{Spectra})_{(p)}$ is a triangulated symmetric monoidal category
 with duals for finite objects.

$H_*(-, \mathbb{F}_p) : (\text{Spectra})_{(p)} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_p\text{-Vect}$ (really super graded)

1. \exists Künneth theorem: $H_*(X \wedge Y) = H_*(X) \otimes H_*(Y)$
 \Rightarrow monoidal functor

... homology of a spectrum: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} H_{i+k}(X_n) = H_i(X)$

= primitives in $H^*(\Omega^{\infty} X) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$

2. Not faithful, BUT does reflect isomorphisms:

... conservative: If $H_*(f)$ is iso, then f is a homotopy equivalence.

Consider multiplicative automorphisms of such a functor
 $\alpha: H_*(-) \rightarrow$ preserving Künneth isomorphism.

$\Rightarrow \text{Aut}(H\mathbb{F}_p)$ is a pro-algebraic group,
representing a Hopf algebra, dual to classical
Steinberg algebra of reduced powers
(well also have super part:
 $A_* = \text{poly} \otimes \text{exterior}$, were describing polynomial...
... have super part)

So can regard $H\mathbb{F}_p: (\text{Spectra})_{(p)} \rightarrow \text{Reps of this proalg. group}$

(Classically $[H\mathbb{F}_p, H\mathbb{F}_p]_* = \text{End}(H\mathbb{F}_p)_* = A^*$)

Adams SSeq:

$E_2 = \text{Ext}_{\text{Aut H-Reps}}(H_*(X), H_*(Y))$

\Downarrow
 $[X, Y]_{(p)}$

(convergence comes from conservativity of $H\mathbb{F}_p$.)

To get SSeq: build resolution of S^0 by $H\mathbb{F}_p$ -free objects