

# $\mathcal{A}(2)$ Modules and their Cohomology

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# Preview

- To learn to use the Adams spectral sequence, I strongly recommend

$$\mathrm{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}(1)}(H^*X, \mathbb{F}_2) \Longrightarrow ko_*X$$

and

$$\mathrm{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}(1)}(\mathbb{F}_2, H^*X) \Longrightarrow ko^*X$$

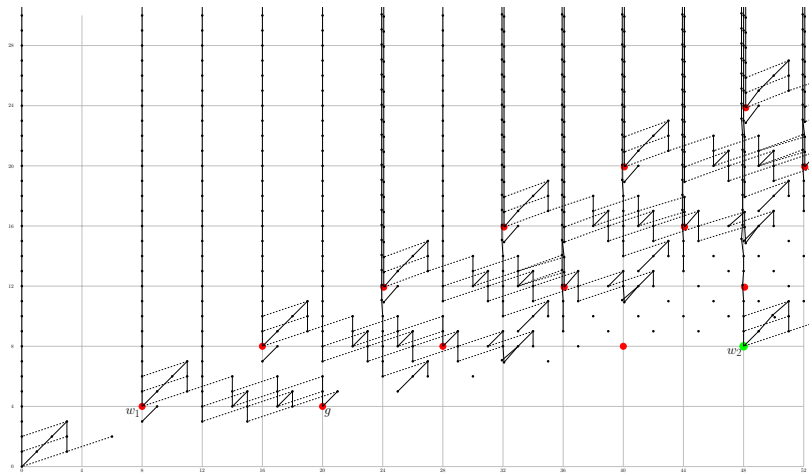
Here  $\mathcal{A}(1) = \langle Sq^1, Sq^2 \rangle$ .

- Exercise: Use this method to compute  $ko^*RP^n$  for all  $n$ ;  $H^*RP^n$  determines differentials, and you recover  $KO^0(RP^n) = \mathbb{Z}/2^{\phi(n)}$  quite easily. Here

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(n) &= |\{k \mid 0 < k \leq n, k \equiv 0, 1, 2, 4 \pmod{8}\}| \\ &= |\{k \mid 0 < k \leq n, \pi_k BO \neq 0\}| \end{aligned}$$

- $\mathcal{A}(2) = \langle Sq^1, Sq^2, Sq^4 \rangle$  is harder to work with by drawing the sort of diagrams useful for  $\mathcal{A}(1)$ . See [▶ Aof2](#)
- $R = \mathbb{F}_2[w_1, g, w_2] \subset \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}(2)}(\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2)$ ,
- $w_1 = v_1^4$ ,  $g = Sq^0(w_1)$  and  $w_2 = v_2^8$ ,
- As an  $R$ -module,  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}(2)}(\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2)$ , is a direct sum of cyclic modules  $R$ ,  $R/(g)$ , and  $R/(g^2)$ , finitely generated over  $R[h_0]$ .
- Free over  $\mathbb{F}_2[w_1, w_2]$ .
- $w_1$ ,  $g$ , and  $w_2$  arise from the Steenrod operations
  - ▶  $Q_1 = Sq^1 Sq^2 + Sq^2 Sq^1$ ,
  - ▶  $P_2^1 = Sq^2 Sq^4 + Sq^4 Sq^2$ , and
  - ▶  $Q_2 = Q_1 Sq^4 + Sq^4 Q_1$ , respectively,
- just as  $h_0$  and  $h_1 = Sq^0(h_0)$  arise from  $Sq^1$  and  $Sq^2$ .

# Ext $\mathcal{A}(2)$

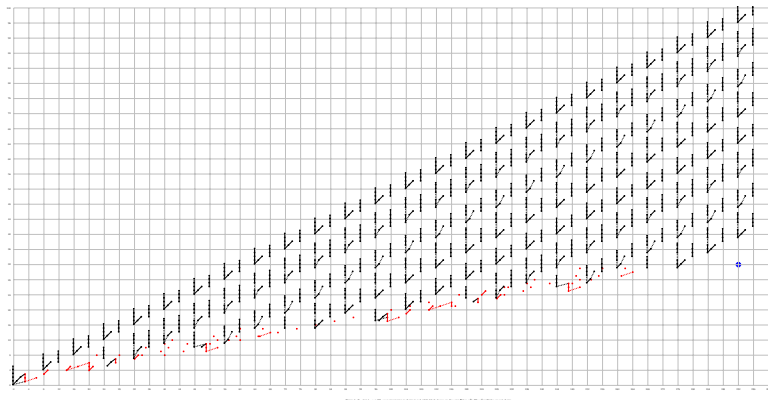
Figure 1: Ext $\mathcal{A}(2)$ ,  $0 \leq s \leq 24$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 30$

In the Adams spectral sequence

$$\mathrm{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}(2)}(\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2) \implies \pi_* tmf$$

- $E_2$  is a f.g.  $R[h_0]$ -module and  $d_2$  is  $R_1 = \mathbb{F}_2[w_1, g, w_2^2]$  linear.
- $E_3$  is a f.g.  $R_1[h_0]$ -module and  $d_3$  is  $R_2 = \mathbb{F}_2[w_1, g, w_2^4]$  linear.
- $E_4$  is a f.g.  $R_2[h_0]$ -module and  $d_4$  is  $R_2 = \mathbb{F}_2[w_1, g, w_2^4]$  linear.
- $E_5 = E_\infty$  is a f.g.  $R_2[h_0]$ -module.

$E_\infty = E^0(tmf_*)$ , basic block



Joint with John Rognes.

$p=2$  throughout.

Long term goal: understand  $\pi_* S$ , stable homotopy of spheres, with its multiplicative structure (products, Toda brackets, cup- $i$  products, ...).

Roughly equivalent to understanding the category of finite complexes.

Example: Let  $\eta : S^3 \rightarrow S^2$  be the Hopf map, with cofiber  $\mathbb{C}P^2$ .

Then  $\eta^2 \neq 0$ , even stably, because, if it were zero, we could form the complex  $S^0 \cup_{\eta} e^2 \cup_{\eta} e^4$  with mod 2 cohomology

$$\begin{array}{c} 4 \circ \\ \left. \vphantom{4 \circ} \right\} Sq^2 \\ 2 \circ \\ \left. \vphantom{2 \circ} \right\} Sq^2 \\ 0 \circ \end{array}$$

But the Adem relation  $Sq^2 Sq^2 = Sq^1 Sq^2 Sq^1$  shows that no such complex exists.



Similarly, though you can form the complexes

$$\begin{array}{c} 3 \circ \\ | \\ 1 \circ \\ | \\ 0 \circ \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{array}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} Sq^2 \\ Sq^1 \end{array}$$

and

$$\begin{array}{c} 4 \circ \\ | \\ 3 \circ \\ | \\ 1 \circ \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{array}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} Sq^1 \\ Sq^2 \end{array}$$

you cannot form the complex

$$\begin{array}{c} 4 \circ \\ | \\ 3 \circ \\ | \\ 1 \circ \\ | \\ 0 \circ \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{array}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} Sq^1 \\ Sq^2 \\ Sq^1 \end{array}$$

The fact that you cannot add the top cell

$$\iff \pi_2(S^0 \cup_2 e^1) = \mathbb{Z}/4 \text{ rather than } \mathbb{Z}/2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2$$

$$\iff 0 \notin \langle 2, \eta, 2 \rangle = \{\eta^2\} \text{ in } \pi_* S.$$

Moral: the structure of modules over (even small subalgebras of) the Steenrod algebra can tell us a lot about  $\pi_* S$  and the category of finite complexes.

- Immediate goal: Study the  $v_2$  and  $v_3$ -periodic homotopy in

$$S \longrightarrow K(tmf) \longrightarrow THH(tmf)^{tS^1}$$

- Tool: Adams spectral sequence

$$\mathrm{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}(H^*(tmf \wedge X), \mathbb{F}_2) \Longrightarrow tmf_*(X)$$

for relevant complexes  $X$ .

# The Steenrod algebra $\mathcal{A}$ and its dual

- $\mathcal{A} = H\mathbb{F}_2^*H\mathbb{F}_2$ , generated by  $Sq^1, Sq^2, \dots$  modulo the Adem relations.
- Sub-Hopf algebras are most easily described in terms of the dual, which has a beautiful description in terms of automorphisms of the additive group  $G_a$ .
- $G_a(R) = (R, +) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_2\text{-alg}}(\mathbb{F}_2[x], R)$
- Thus,  $a \in \text{Aut}(G_a)$  is given by  $a \in \mathbb{F}_2[x]$  such that

$$a(x + y) = a(x) + a(y), \quad \text{so } a = \sum_{i \geq 0} a_i x^{2^i}.$$

- Hence, if  $\zeta_i : \text{Aut}(G_a) \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2$  is  $\zeta_i(a) = a_i$ , then the coordinate ring of  $\text{Aut}(G_a)$  is

$$\mathbb{F}_2[\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3, \dots]$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} a \circ b &= \sum_{i \geq 0} a_i \left( \sum_{j \geq 0} b_j x^{2^j} \right)^{2^i} \\ &= \sum_{n \geq 0} \left( \sum_{i+j=n} a_i b_j^{2^i} \right) x^{2^n} \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\zeta_n(a \circ b) = \sum_{i+j=n} \zeta_i(a) \zeta_j(b)^{2^i}.$$

Coproduct inducing composition:

$$\psi(\zeta_n) = \sum_{i+j=n} \zeta_i \otimes \zeta_j^{2^i}.$$

- $\mathcal{A}_* = \text{Hom}(\mathcal{A}, F_2) \cong \mathbb{F}_2[\zeta_n \mid n \geq 1]$  with this coproduct.
- More commonly written using conjugate generators  $\xi_i = \chi(\zeta_i)$ . The coproduct becomes

$$\psi(\xi_n) = \sum_{i+j=n} \xi_i^{2^j} \otimes \xi_j.$$

- Milnor:
  - ▶  $\xi_{n+1}$  is dual to  $Q_n$ , where  $Q_0 = Sq^1$  and  $Q_n = [Sq^{2^n}, Q_{n-1}]$  if  $n > 0$ .
  - ▶  $Sq^n$  is dual to  $\xi_1^n$

## Sub-Hopf algebras of $\mathcal{A}$

- Sub-Hopf algebras of  $\mathcal{A}$  are dual to quotient Hopf algebras of  $\mathcal{A}_*$ , which have the form

$$\mathbb{F}_2[\xi_n \mid n \geq 1]/(\xi_1^{2^{r_1}}, \xi_2^{2^{r_2}}, \dots)$$

or equivalently

$$\mathbb{F}_2[\zeta_n \mid n \geq 1]/(\zeta_1^{2^{r_1}}, \zeta_2^{2^{r_2}}, \dots).$$

- The *profile function* is  $(r_1, r_2, \dots)$
- It satisfies restrictions which ensure that quotient is a coalgebra.
- Profile function  $(n+1, n, \dots, 1)$  defines  $\mathcal{A}(n) = \langle Sq^1, Sq^2, \dots, Sq^{2^n} \rangle$ .
- Profile function  $(1, 1, \dots, 1)$ , with  $n+1$  ones, defines  $E(n) = E[Q_0, Q_1, \dots, Q_n] \subset \mathcal{A}(n)$ .

## tmf and $\mathcal{A}(2)$

- $H^*tmf = \mathcal{A} // \mathcal{A}(2) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{A} \otimes_{\mathcal{A}(2)} \mathbb{F}_2$ ,
- the Künneth theorem and untwisting isomorphism gives

$$H^*(tmf \wedge X) \cong (\mathcal{A} \otimes_{\mathcal{A}(2)} \mathbb{F}_2) \otimes H^*X \cong \mathcal{A} \otimes_{\mathcal{A}(2)} H^*X.$$

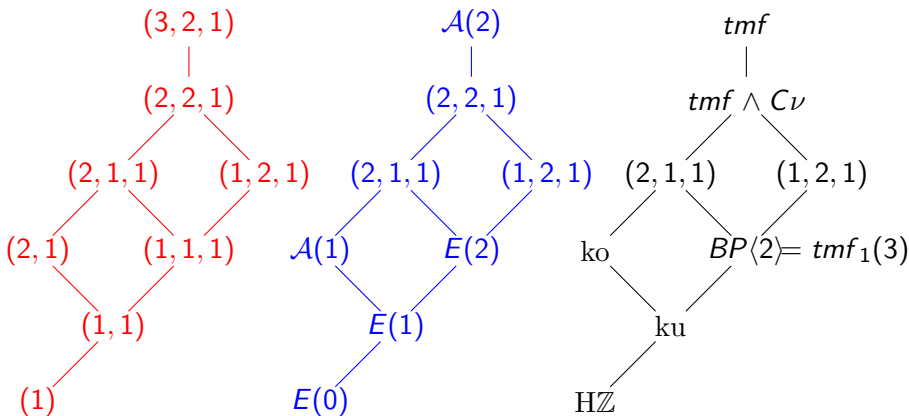
- the Adams spectral sequence

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}(H^*(tmf \wedge X), \mathbb{F}_2) \Longrightarrow tmf_*(X)$$

then takes the simpler form

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}(2)}(H^*(X), \mathbb{F}_2) \Longrightarrow tmf_*(X)$$

# Sub-Hopf algebras of $\mathcal{A}(2)$





$E(0)$ 

We shall work our way up to  $\mathcal{A}(2)$  from its sub-Hopf algebras.

- $E(0) = E[Q_0]$  has *finite* representation type. There are only two indecomposable  $E(0)$ -modules:
  - ▶ the simple module  $\mathbb{F}_2$ , and
  - ▶ the free module  $E(0)$ .
- All other  $E(0)$ -modules are direct sums of these.

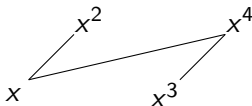
# $E(1)$

$E(1) = E[Q_0, Q_1]$  and  $\mathcal{A}(1) = \langle Sq^1, Sq^2 \rangle$  have *tame* representation type: their bounded below indecomposable modules of finite-type fall into a small number of families of simply parameterized modules.

- Over  $E(1)$ , they are  $E(1)$  and the lightning flashes, parameterized by substrings of the bi-infinite string

$$\dots Q_1 Q_0^{-1} Q_1 Q_0^{-1} \dots$$

- For example,  $H^*RP^4$  corresponds to the string  $Q_0^{-1} Q_1 Q_0^{-1}$ :



$\mathcal{A}(1)$ 

- Over  $\mathcal{A}(1)$  the classification has been carried out for ungraded modules over  $GF(4)$  by William Crawley-Boevey.
- To describe the modules topologists care about:
  - ▶ Discard those which cannot be graded appropriately.
  - ▶ Do the Galois descent from  $GF(4)$  to  $GF(2)$ .
- Crawley-Boevey's classification uses *admissible* words in the alphabet

$$\{a_2, a_1, a_0, a_{-1}, a_{-2}\} \cup \{b_1, b_{-1}\},$$

where  $c_{-i} = c_i^{-1}$  and

- ▶  $b_1 = Sq^1$ ,
- ▶  $a_1 = Sq^2$ ,
- ▶  $a_2 = Sq^2 Sq^1 Sq^2$ , and
- ▶  $a_0 = Sq^2 Sq^2 = Sq^1 Sq^2 Sq^1$ .

## $E(2)$ and larger algebras

- Unfortunately,  $E(2)$  has *wild* representation type: classifying even the finite modules over it would require solving the (unsolvable) word problem.
- This then also applies to all the algebras containing  $E(2)$ .
- However, we are not interested in all modules, but only in certain special ones. For these, some progress may be possible. For example, see Benson, “Representations of Elementary Abelian  $p$ -Groups and Vector Bundles”.

# The stable module category

A finite dimensional cocommutative Hopf algebra  $B$  is a Frobenius algebra, so that

$$\text{projective} \iff \text{free} \iff \text{injective}.$$

We then define the *stable module category*  $\text{St}(B\text{-Mod})$ :

- objects are  $B$ -modules,
- morphisms are *stable equivalence classes* of homomorphisms

$$[M, N] = \text{Hom}_B(M, N) / \sim$$

where  $f \sim g$  iff  $f - g$  factors through a free module.

Then

- Every  $B$ -module can be written (non-uniquely) as  $F \oplus \overline{M}$ , where
  - ▶  $F$  is free
  - ▶  $\overline{M}$  is *reduced* (has no free sub-modules or quotient modules).
- $M$  is stably isomorphic to  $N$  iff  $\overline{M}$  is isomorphic to  $\overline{N}$ .
- For  $s > 0$ ,  $\text{Ext}_B^s(M, N)$  depends only on  $\overline{M}$  and  $\overline{N}$
- $\text{St}(B\text{-Mod})$  is tensor triangulated with a triangle

$$\Omega Z \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow Y \longrightarrow Z$$

for each exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow Y \longrightarrow Z \longrightarrow 0$$

Here,  $\Omega Z$  is stably the kernel of an epimorphism  $\text{Free} \longrightarrow Z$ .

# Margolis homology

$P_t^s = (\xi_t^{2^s})^*$  for  $s < t$  satisfies  $(P_t^s)^2 = 0$ .

$(P_t^0 = Q_{t-1})$

Define the *Margolis homology*

$$H(-, P_t^s) = \ker(P_t^s)/\text{im}(P_t^s).$$

For a sub-Hopf algebra  $B$  of the Steenrod algebra,

## Theorem (Adams-Margolis)

If  $M$  and  $N$  are bounded below  $B$ -modules of finite type, then

- $M \xrightarrow{f} N$  is a stable isomorphism  $\iff$
- $H(f, P_t^s)$  is an isomorphism for each  $P_t^s \in B$ .

The  $P_t^s$ 's in  $B$  are *totally ordered* by degree.

Let  $I_B$  be the (totally ordered) set of  $P_t^s \in B$ .

### Definition

For any subset  $J \subset I_B$ , we say that  $M \in B\text{-Mod}$  is *J-local* if

$$H(M, P_t^s) = 0$$

for  $P_t^s \in I_B \setminus J$ .



## Theorem (Margolis)

Suppose  $I_B = J_0 \amalg J_1$ , with  $J_0$  an initial segment and  $J_1$  a final segment of  $I_B$ . For a bounded-below  $B$ -module of finite type, there exists a unique triangle

$$L_{J_1}(M) \xleftarrow{\epsilon} M \xleftarrow{\iota} L_{J_0}(M)$$

in which

- $L_{J_i}(M)$  is  $J_i$ -local,  $i = 0, 1$
- $\epsilon$  is an isomorphism in  $P_t^s$  homology for  $P_t^s \in J_1$
- $\iota$  is an isomorphism in  $P_t^s$  homology for  $P_t^s \in J_0$
- $L_{J_i}M$  is bounded-below of finite type.

- The case  $M = \mathbb{F}_2$  is sufficient since the  $L_J$  are smashing.
- The functors  $L_{J_i}$  are called *Margolis localizations*, though  $L_{J_0}$  is really a colocalization.
- By composition, we can define  $L_J(M)$  for any subinterval  $J$  of  $I_B$ .
- For  $B = E(1)$  or  $\mathcal{A}(1)$ ,  $I_B = \{Q_0 < Q_1\}$  so this reduces to a single exact triangle

$$L_1(M) \xleftarrow{\epsilon} M \xleftarrow{\iota} L_0(M)$$

in which  $L_i(M)$  is  $Q_i$ -local.

## $v_0$ periodicity

Let  $B$  be any sub-Hopf algebra of  $\mathcal{A}$  containing  $Q_0$ .

### Theorem

If  $M$  is a  $Q_0$ -local  $B$ -module, then  $\Omega M \simeq \Sigma M$ .

### Proof.

Tensor  $M$  with  $0 \longleftarrow \mathbb{F}_2 \longleftarrow E(0) \longleftarrow \Sigma \mathbb{F}_2 \longleftarrow 0$ , where  $E(0)$  has its unique  $B$ -module structure. Since  $M$  has only  $Q_0$  homology and  $E(0)$  has no  $Q_0$  homology,  $M \otimes E(0)$  is free.  $\square$

### Remark

If  $M$  is  $Q_0$ -local and reduced,  $\text{Ext}_B(M, \mathbb{F}_2) \cong \mathbb{F}_2[h_0] \otimes \text{Ext}_B^0(M, \mathbb{F}_2)$ .

## $v_1$ periodicity

### Theorem

If  $M$  is a  $Q_1$ -local  $E(1)$ -module then  $\Omega M \simeq \Sigma^3 M$ .

### Proof.

The same argument works, using

$$0 \longleftarrow \mathbb{F}_2 \longleftarrow E[Q_1] \longleftarrow \Sigma^3 \mathbb{F}_2 \longleftarrow 0.$$



### Remark

If  $M$  is  $Q_1$ -local and reduced then

- $\text{Ext}_{E(1)}(M, \mathbb{F}_2) \cong \mathbb{F}_2[v_1] \otimes \text{Ext}_{E(1)}^0(M, \mathbb{F}_2)$ .

# $v_1^4$ periodicity

## Theorem

If  $M$  is a  $Q_1$ -local  $\mathcal{A}(1)$ -module then  $\Omega^4 M \simeq \Sigma^{12} M$ .

## Proof.

Use the exact sequence

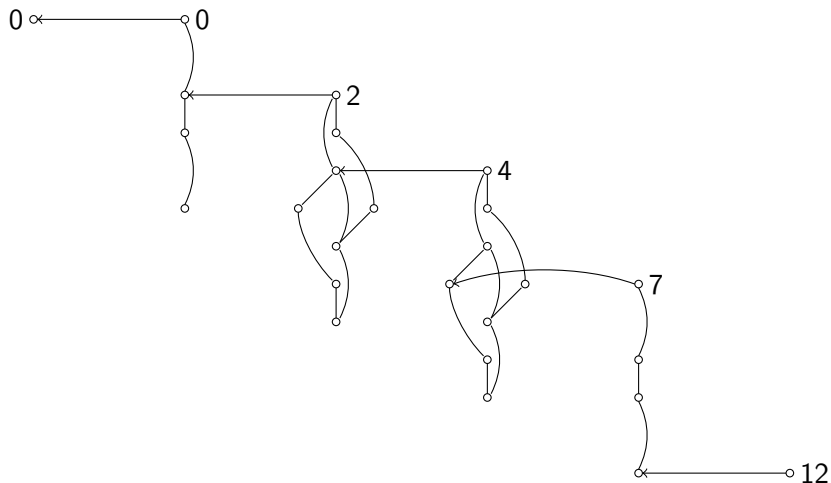
$$0 \longleftarrow \mathbb{F}_2 \longleftarrow \mathcal{A}(1) // \mathcal{A}(0) \longleftarrow \Sigma^2 \mathcal{A}(1) \longleftarrow$$

$$\Sigma^4 \mathcal{A}(1) \longleftarrow \Sigma^7 \mathcal{A}(1) // \mathcal{A}(0) \longleftarrow \Sigma^{12} \mathbb{F}_2 \longleftarrow 0$$

as above. Note that  $\mathcal{A}(1)$  and  $\mathcal{A}(1) // \mathcal{A}(0)$  are  $Q_1$ -acyclic  $\mathcal{A}(1)$ -modules, so that they become free after tensoring them with a  $Q_1$ -local module.  $\square$

## Remark

This arises from the first four stages of the Postnikov tower of  $ko$ .

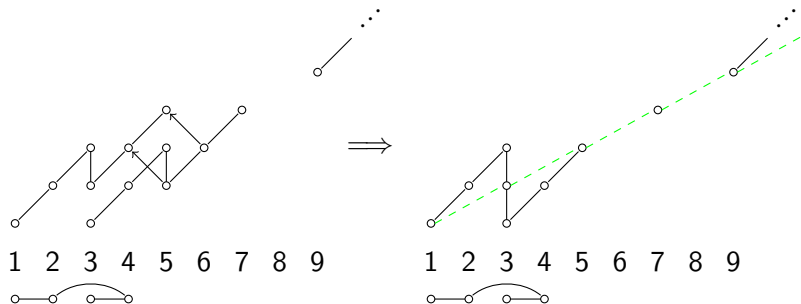
$v_1^4$  periodicity

For general  $M$ , the sequence tensored with  $M$  and spliced gives a 4-periodic complex from which we get a spectral sequence converging to  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}(1)}(M, \mathbb{F}_2)$ .

At  $E_1$ ,

- the terms  $s \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{4}$  are suspensions of  $M$  concentrated in homological degree  $s$ , while
- the terms  $s \equiv 0, 3 \pmod{4}$  are  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}(0)}^*(M, \mathbb{F}_2)$ , in homological degrees  $\geq s$ .

For example, consider  $M = H^*RP^4$ : (Consider also  $M = \mathbb{F}_2$ ?)

$ko_* RP^4$ 



Alternatively, since

- any  $M$  sits in a triangle

$$L_1M \longleftarrow M \longleftarrow L_0M$$

- $\Omega L_0M \simeq \Sigma L_0M$
- $\Omega^4 L_1M \simeq \Sigma^{12} L_0M$

we need only compute  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}(1)}^0(L_0M, \mathbb{F}_2)$  and  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}(1)}^i(L_1M, \mathbb{F}_2)$  for  $0 \leq i \leq 3$ .

These give  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}(1)}(L_0M, \mathbb{F}_2)$  and  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}(1)}(L_1M, \mathbb{F}_2)$ , and we can then compute  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}(1)}(M, \mathbb{F}_2)$  from the long exact sequence.

## $v_2$ periodicity

### Theorem

If  $M$  is a  $Q_2$  local  $E(2)$ -module then  $\Omega M \simeq \Sigma^7 M$ .

### Proof.

This is a general fact. If  $A = B \otimes E[Q]$  and  $M$  is an  $A$ -module which is free over  $B$ , then tensoring  $M$  with

$$0 \longleftarrow \mathbb{F}_2 \longleftarrow E[Q] \longleftarrow \Sigma^{|Q|} \mathbb{F}_2 \longleftarrow 0$$

shows that  $\Omega M \simeq \Sigma^{|Q|} M$ . □

### Remark

In this context, it is easy to construct a  $Q$ -localization  $M \rightarrow L_Q M$ , a  $Q$ -colocalization  $C_Q \rightarrow M$ , and a Tate module  $T_Q M$  which sits in a triangle  $C_Q \rightarrow T_Q M \rightarrow L_Q M$ .

$\mathcal{A}(2)$ 

In  $\mathcal{A}(2)$  the homologies which determine stable isomorphism are

$$I_{\mathcal{A}(2)} = [q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3] = [Q_0 < Q_1 < P_2^1 < Q_2].$$

The Margolis localizations and colocalizations they determine are

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 M & \longleftarrow & M[0-3] & \longleftarrow & M[0-2] & \longleftarrow & M[0-1] & \longleftarrow & M[0] \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 & & M[1-3] & \longleftarrow & M[1-2] & \longleftarrow & M[1] & & \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & & \\
 & & M[2-3] & \longleftarrow & M[2] & & & & \\
 & & \downarrow & & & & & & \\
 & & M[3] & & & & & & 
 \end{array}$$

## $v_2^8$ periodicity

### Theorem

If  $M$  is a  $Q_2$ -local  $\mathcal{A}(2)$ -module then  $\Omega^8 M \simeq \Sigma^{56} M$ .

### Proof.

There is an exact complex of  $\mathcal{A}(2)$ -modules

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \longleftarrow \mathbb{F}_2 \longleftarrow P_0 \longleftarrow P_1 \longleftarrow P_2 \longleftarrow P_3 \\ \longleftarrow P_4 \longleftarrow P_5 \longleftarrow P_6 \longleftarrow P_7 \longleftarrow \Sigma^{56} \mathbb{F}_2 \longleftarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

in which each of the  $P_i$  is  $Q_2$ -acyclic.



Let us write  $\mathcal{A}(2)$  as  $\mathcal{A}$  for brevity.

- $P_0 = \mathcal{A}/(Sq^1, Sq^2)$  so that

$$\mathrm{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}(P_0, \mathbb{F}_2) = \mathrm{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}(1)}(\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2) \Rightarrow \mathrm{ko}_*$$

- $P_1 = \Sigma^4 \mathcal{A}/(Sq^1, Sq^2 Sq^3)$  giving

$$\mathrm{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}(P_1, \mathbb{F}_2) = \mathrm{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}(1)}(\Sigma^4 \mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2) \Rightarrow \Sigma^4 \mathrm{ksp}_*$$

- $P_2 = \Sigma^8 \mathcal{A}/(Sq^1)$  giving

$$\mathrm{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}(P_2, \mathbb{F}_2) = \mathrm{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}(0)}(\Sigma^8 \mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2) \Rightarrow \Sigma^8 \mathrm{HZ}_*$$

- $P_3 = \Sigma^{15} \mathcal{A} \oplus \Sigma^{18} \mathcal{A}/(Sq^1, 0), (Sq^3, 0), (Sq^4, Sq^1), (Sq^4 Sq^2, Sq^3)$  so that

$$0 \longleftarrow \Sigma^{18} \mathcal{A} // E(1) \longleftarrow P_3 \longleftarrow \Sigma^{15} \mathcal{A} // E(1) \longleftarrow 0$$

Thus,  $\mathrm{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}(P_3, \mathbb{F}_2)$  can be calculated as an extension of two copies of the Adams spectral sequence converging to  $\mathrm{ku}_*$ .

- $P_4 = (\Sigma^{22}\mathcal{A} \oplus \Sigma^{24}\mathcal{A}) / \langle (Sq^1, 0), (Q_1, Sq^1), (0, Q_1) \rangle$ , giving the first Adams cover of  $ku$ .
- $P_5 = \Sigma^{26}\mathcal{A}/(Sq^1) \oplus \Sigma^{24}\mathcal{A}/(Sq^2)$ , giving an  $H\mathbb{Z}$  and the first Postnikov cover of  $ko$ .
- $P_6 = \Sigma^{33}\mathcal{A}/(Sq^1, Q_1) \oplus \Sigma^{36}\mathcal{A}/(Sq^{(0,2)})$ , giving a  $ku$  and the bottom edge of a wedge: Ext of the second summand is  $\mathbb{F}_2[\sqrt[4]{g}]$ , polynomial on a class in  $(t-s, s) = (5, 1)$  whose fourth power is  $g$ .
- $P_7 = (\Sigma^{39}\mathcal{A} \oplus \Sigma^{39}\mathcal{A}) / \langle (Sq^1, Sq^1), (Q_1, 0), (Sq^{(0,2)}, 0), (0, Sq^2) \rangle$ ,

$$0 \longleftarrow \Sigma^{39}\mathcal{A} // \mathcal{A}(1) \longleftarrow P_7 \longleftarrow \Sigma^{39}\mathcal{A} // E[Sq^{(0,1)}, Sq^{(0,2)}] \longleftarrow 0$$

Thus,  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}(P_7, \mathbb{F}_2)$  can be calculated as an extension of the Adams spectral sequence converging to  $ko_*$  and the 'wedge', which has  $\text{Ext} = \mathbb{F}_2[v_1, \sqrt[4]{g}]$ .

## Advertisement - FPMods

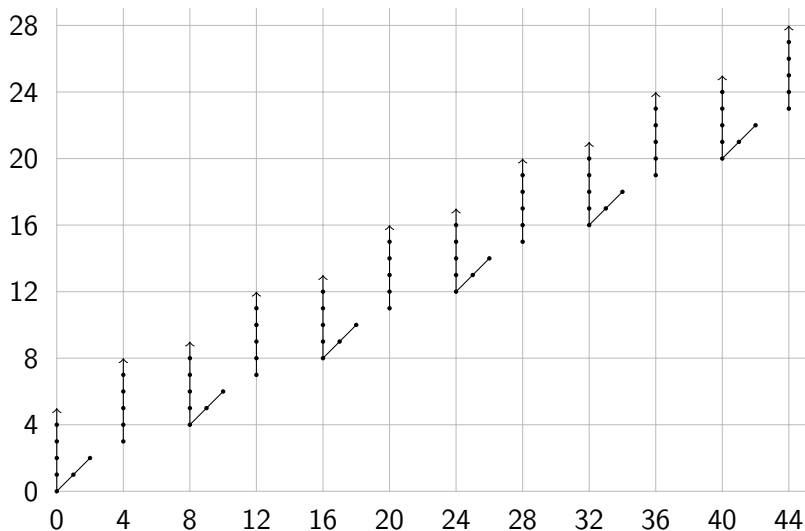
- A sage package for doing calculations with finitely presented  $\mathcal{A}$ -modules.
- Written by Mike Catanzaro as his master's thesis.
- Allowed to become moribund, as new versions of sage broke some things.
- Recently resuscitated by Sverre Lunøe-Nielsen.
- Here is the sage code that verifies my claim about  $P_7$ :

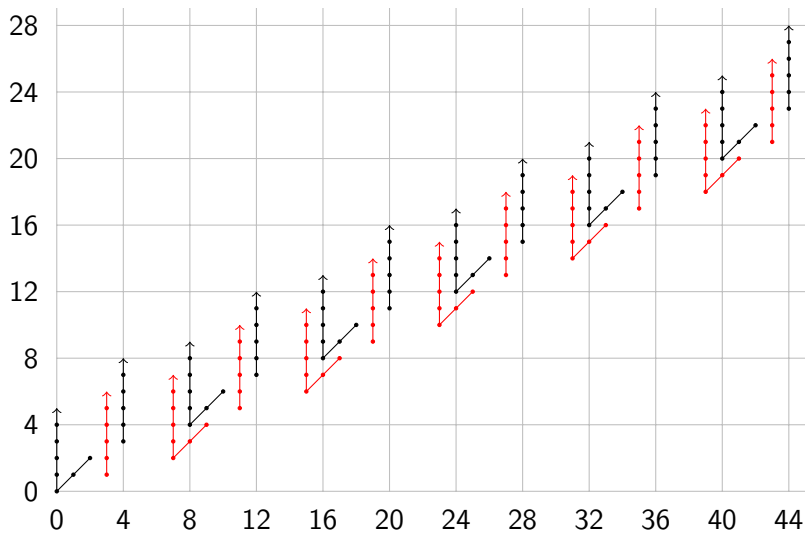
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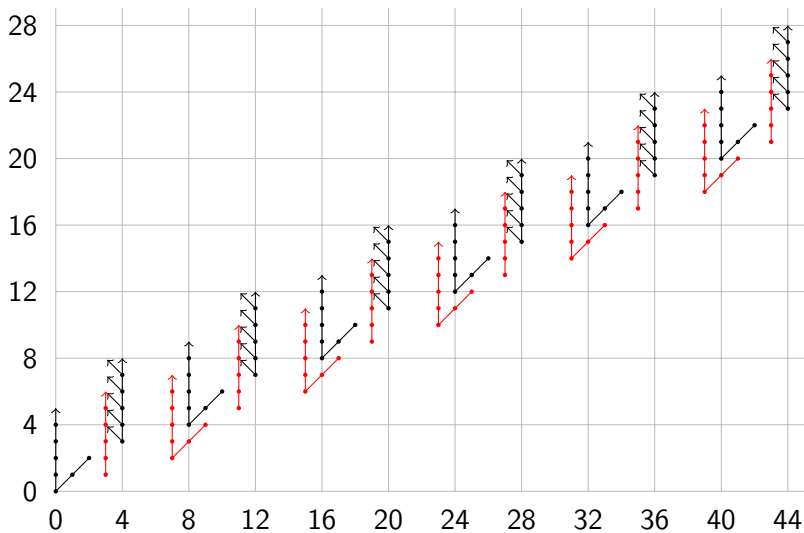
sage: A2 = SteenrodAlgebra(p=2,profile=(3,2,1))
sage: load('fpmods.py')
sage: P7 = FP_Module([0,0],
                    [[Sq(1),Sq(1)], [Sq(0,1),0], [Sq(0,2),0], [0,Sq(2)]]
                    algebra=A2)
sage: ko = FP_Module([0], [[Sq(1)], [Sq(2)]], algebra=A2)
sage: p = FP_Hom(P7,ko, [[0], [1]])
sage: K,j = p.kernel()
sage: K.degs
[0]
sage: K.rels
[[Sq(0,1)], [Sq(0,2)]]

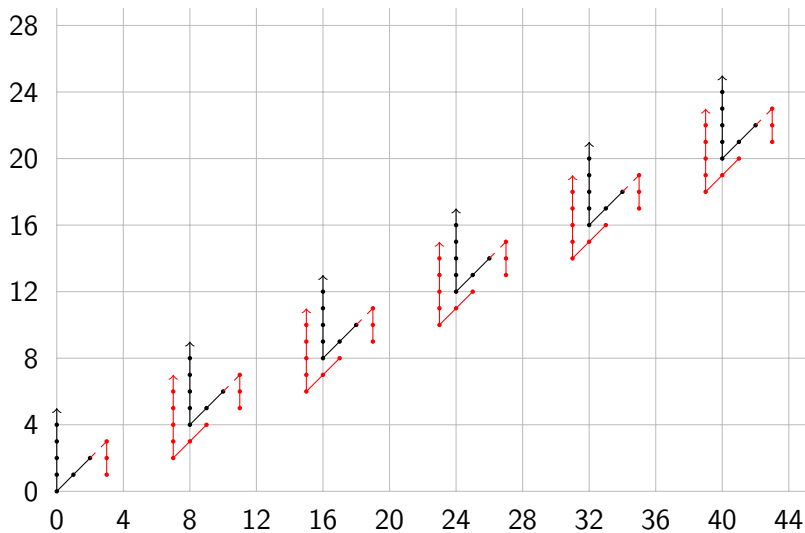
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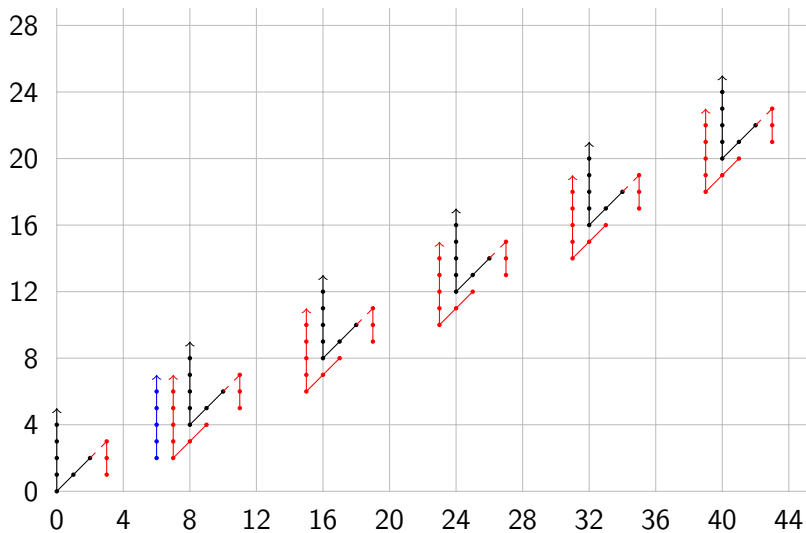


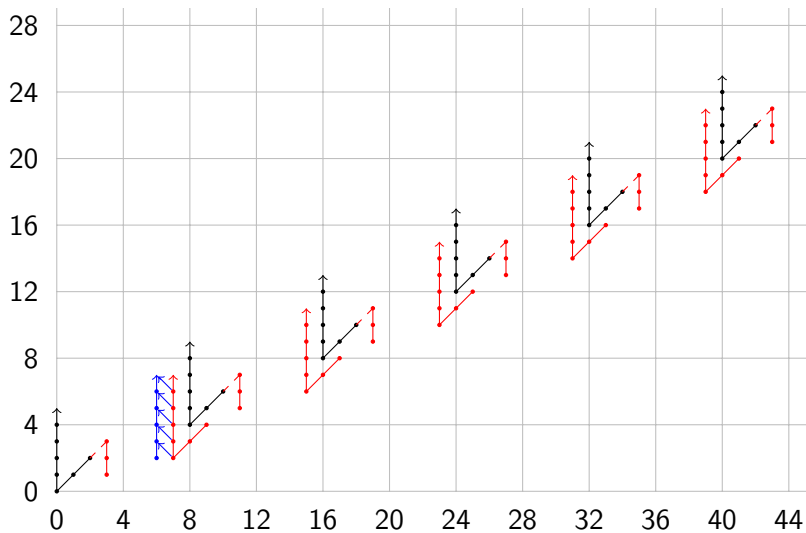
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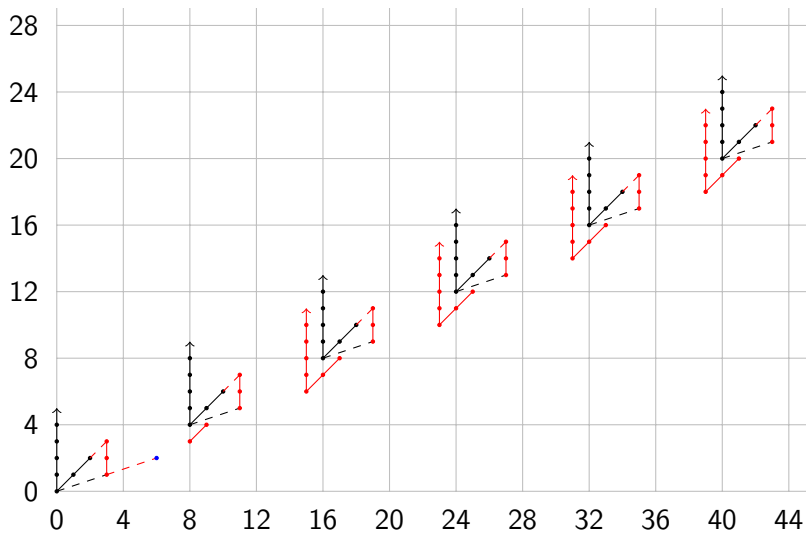
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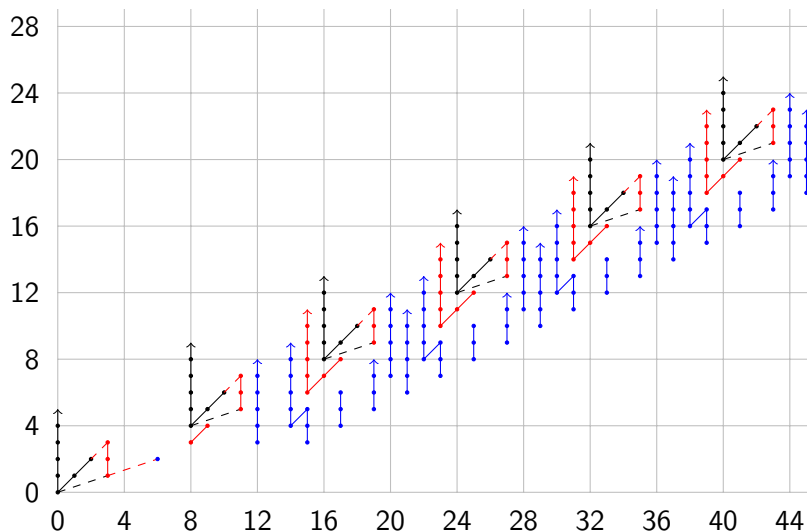
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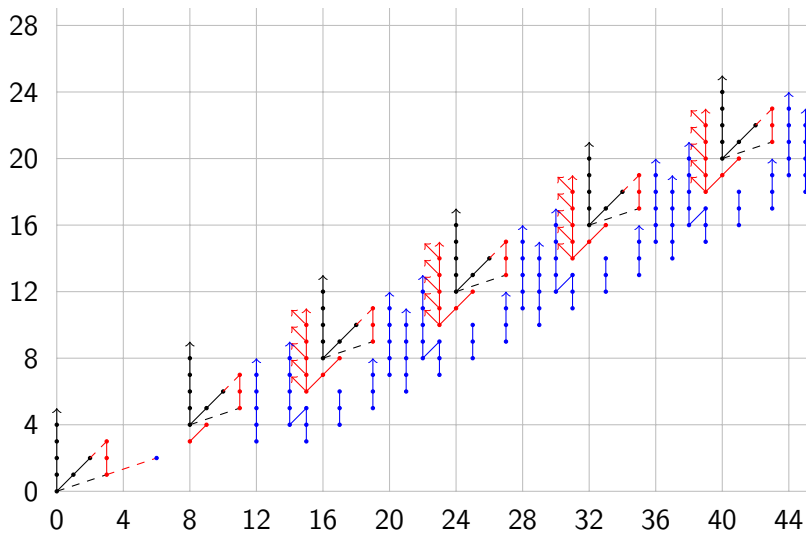
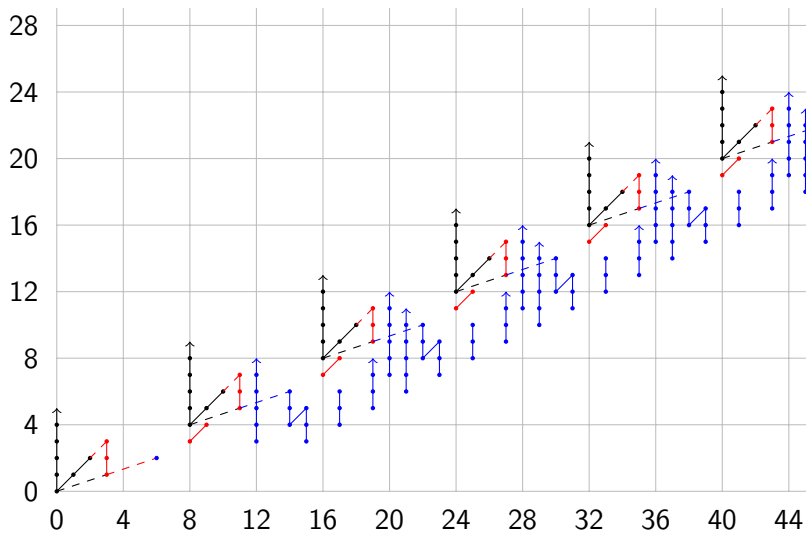
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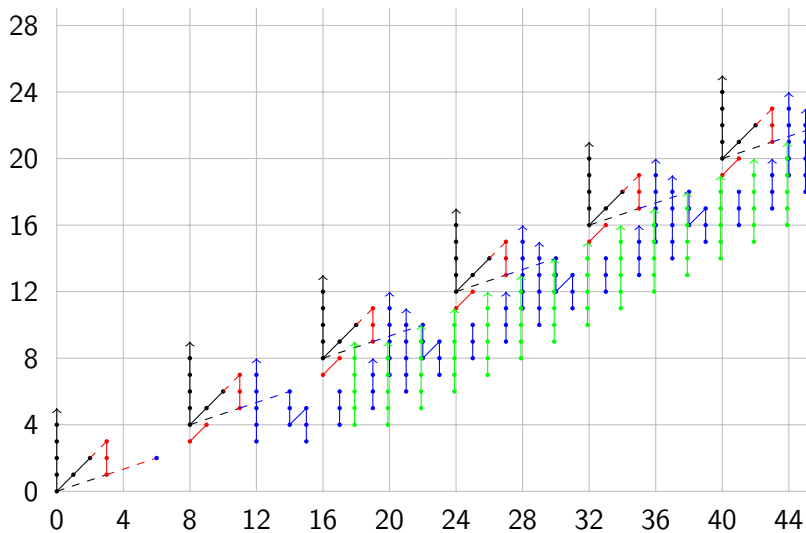
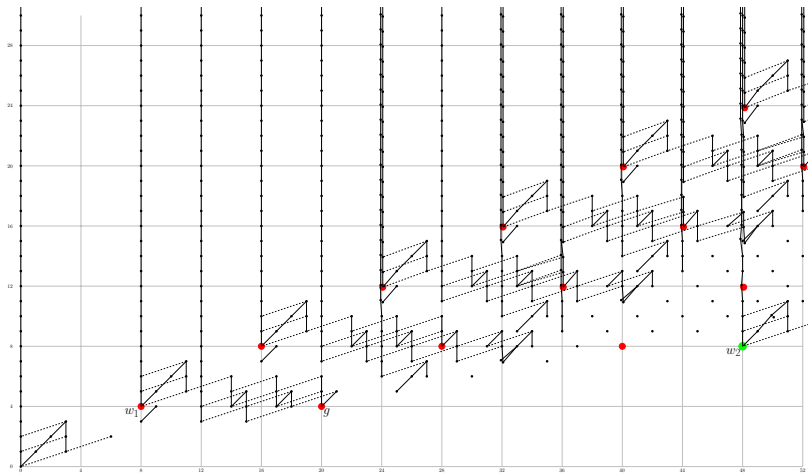
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Figure:  $H(P_0 \xrightarrow{d_1} P_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} P_2 \xrightarrow{d_2} P_3), P_4$

$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}(2)}$ 
Figure 1:  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}(2)}$ ,  $0 \leq s \leq 24$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 30$

## Similar calculations

- There is a  $v_2^4$  sequence for  $H^*(C(\nu))$  giving a simple calculation of  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}(2)}(H^*C\nu, \mathbb{F}_2)$ .
- $v_2^8$  sequences with small, well understood terms, exist for the cofibers of 2 and  $\eta$ , as well as other complexes useful in computing  $THH_*(tmf)$ .

# Ext $_{\mathcal{A}(2)}$ again

## Theorem (Iwai and Shimada)

The cohomology of  $A(2)$  is

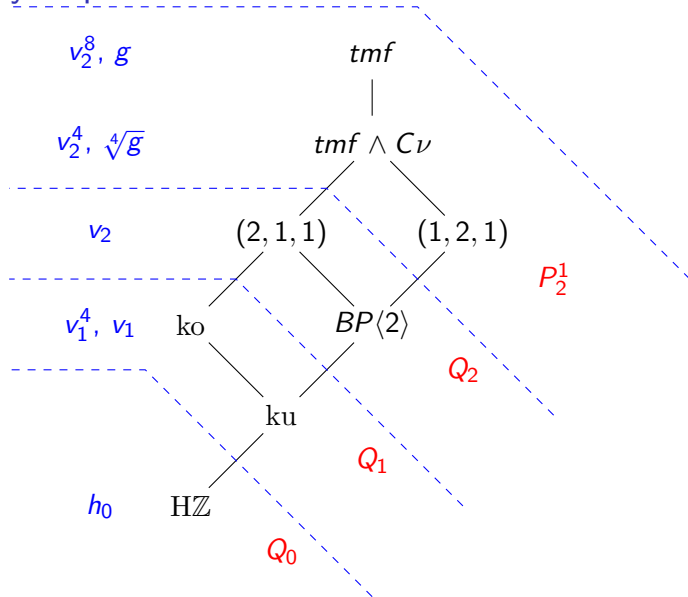
$$\text{Ext}_{A(2)}(\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2) = \mathbb{F}_2[h_0, h_1, h_2, c_0, d_0, e_0, g, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, w_1, w_2]/I.$$

The ideal  $I$  has 56 generators:

- $h_0h_1, h_1h_2, h_0^2h_2 - h_1^3, h_0h_2^2, h_2^3$
- ...
- $c_0\gamma - h_1\delta, \beta\gamma - g^2, d_0^2 - gw_1, \gamma\delta - h_1c_0w_2,$
- $\gamma^2 - h_1^2w_2 - g\beta^2, \alpha^4 - h_0^4w_2 - w_1g^2$

- Free over  $\mathbb{F}_2[w_1, w_2]$ ; here  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  restrict to  $v_1^4$  and  $v_2^8$ , resp.
- A sum of cyclic  $R = \mathbb{F}_2[g, w_1, w_2]$ -modules isomorphic to  $R$ ,  $R/(g)$  and  $R/(g^2)$ .
- Four infinite families,  $h_0^i \alpha^j$ ,  $i \geq 0$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq 3$ .
- Thirty-two other summands.
- $E_3$ ,  $E_4$  and  $E_5 = E_\infty$  are then modules over  $R_1 = \mathbb{F}_2[g, w_1, w_2^2]$  and  $R_2 = \mathbb{F}_2[g, w_1, w_2^4]$  resp. Mostly cyclic.

## Summary of periodicities





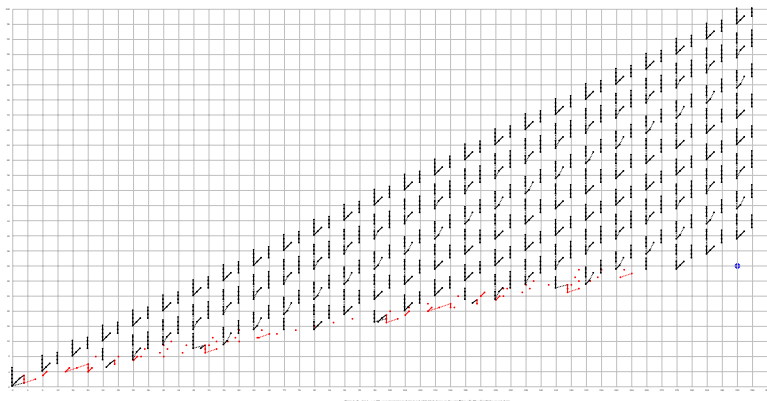
$E_\infty$ 

Figure:  $E_\infty$ ,  $0 \leq t - s < 192$ .  $w_1$ -power torsion is shown in red, while black classes are free over  $\mathbf{F}_2[w_1, w_2^4]$ . The  $w_2^4$  multiples are not shown.

Muchas gracias