

Generators of $\pi_* BP^{(C_2)}$

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Compute $\pi_* MU^{G}$ and $\pi_* BP^{G}$ for $G = C_2$.

$$C_2 \in G. \quad MU^{G} := N_{C_2}^G MU_{\mathbb{R}} \quad BP^{G} := N_{C_2}^G BP_{\mathbb{R}}$$

• choice of $MU_{\mathbb{R}}$ or $BP_{\mathbb{R}}$.

$MU_{\mathbb{R}}$: Real bordism \leftarrow cplx bordism MU with cplx conjugate action.

★ $\Phi^{C_2}(MU_{\mathbb{R}}) \simeq MO$ Φ^{C_2} : Geometric fixed points.

$$\uparrow \\ \text{Gal}(\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}) \cong C_2 \quad (\mathbb{C})^{C_2} \cong \mathbb{R}.$$

The only geometric input in HHR.



(Should) give ALL differentials in the slice spectral sequence.

Computation:
e.g. Adams SS.
Input: algebraic.
Diff/Ext: geometric.

Classically: $MU(p) \simeq V\mathbb{E}^? BP$ BP : Brown-Peterson spectrum at p .

$MO \simeq V\mathbb{E}^? H\mathbb{F}_2$ $H\mathbb{F}_2$: E-M spectrum of \mathbb{F}_2

Put some rep. here.

C_2 -equivariantly: $MU_{\mathbb{R}(2)} \simeq V\mathbb{E}^? BP_{\mathbb{R}}$ Real Brown-Peterson spectrum at 2.

$$\Phi^{C_2}(MU_{\mathbb{R}(2)}) \simeq V\mathbb{E}^? \Phi^{C_2}(BP_{\mathbb{R}})$$

$$\underset{SI}{MO} \simeq V\mathbb{E}^? H\mathbb{F}_2$$

Thm (Araki)

• $\mathbb{Z}^{C_2}(BP_{\mathbb{R}}) \cong HF_2$

• The splitting of $MU_{\mathbb{R}(2)}$ is compatible with the splitting of MO under \mathbb{Z}^{C_2} .

Working over $MU_{\mathbb{R}}$ and $BP_{\mathbb{R}}$ is equivalent.

Problem: $MU_{\mathbb{R}}$ is a C_2 -commutative ring spectrum.



We can use norms. R ring

$C_2 \hookrightarrow \text{Aut}(R)$ Transfer

$x \in R \quad x + \gamma x \in R^{C_2}$

$x \cdot \gamma x \in R^{C_2}$

norm.

$BP_{\mathbb{R}}$ is **NOT** a C_2 -commutative ring spectrum.

[BP is not a commutative ring spectrum]

[Lawson]



We might not be able to use norm.

We work with $BP_{\mathbb{R}}$ from now on.

Goal: $\pi_*^M BP^{(G)}$ for $G = C_2^n$. [with G -action]

• Why?

• How?

$X \in Sp^G$. Questions to ask:

① What is X as a non-eq. spectrum?

② $G \curvearrowright \pi_* X$. what is this action?



computes the homotopy fixed points $SS - E_2$

• Try to understand X^{hG} .

③ What is X as an H-spectrum for $H \in G$?

⋮

Reason 1: It is the first thing we try to understand.

Reason 2: It is the foundation of the slice tower
of $BP^{(G)} / MU^{(G)}$.



Postnikov tower.

Reason 3: It will help in understanding the detection thm.



How things are coming together.

Thm. For $G = C_{2^n}$ $\pi_*^M BP^{(G)} \cong \mathbb{Z}_{(2)}[G \cdot t_1^G, G \cdot t_2^G, \dots]$

$$|t_i^G| = 2(2^i - 1) \quad G = \langle \gamma \rangle.$$

$$G \cdot x := \{x, \gamma x, \gamma^2 x, \dots, \gamma^{2^{n-1}-1} x\} \quad \left. \vphantom{G \cdot x} \right\} \text{ a } G\text{-set.}$$

$$\gamma^{2^{n-1}} \cdot x = -x.$$

Example: $G = C_2$.

$$\pi_*^M BP_{\mathbb{R}} \cong \mathbb{Z}_{(2)}[t_1^{C_2}, t_2^{C_2}, \dots]$$

$$\gamma t_i = -t_i$$

$k_{\mathbb{R}}$: connective Real K-theory

$$\text{Fact: } k_{\mathbb{R}} \cong BP_{\mathbb{R}} / (t_2^{C_2}, t_3^{C_2}, \dots)$$

• $G = C_4$.

$$\pi_*^M BP^{(C_4)} \cong \mathbb{Z}_{(2)}[C_4 \cdot t_1^{C_4}, C_4 \cdot t_2^{C_4}, \dots]$$

$$\gamma(\gamma t_i) = -t_i$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} t_i & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & \gamma t_i \\ \uparrow \gamma & C_4\text{-action} & \downarrow \gamma \\ -\gamma t_i & \xleftarrow{\gamma} & -t_i \end{array}$$

How to prove it?

Start with easy examples:

$$G = \mathbb{C}_2.$$

History: • How to compute $\pi \cdot BP$? Steenrod algebra.

Milnor: compute $H^*(BP; \mathbb{F}_p)$ as A -module
then compute its Adams spectral sequence.
collapse at E_2 .

Ref: On the cobordism ring Ω^* and a cplx analogue.

Thm (Milnor)

I. • $\pi \cdot BP$ is a polynomial ring with one generator
in each degree of the form $2(p^i - 1)$

$$\bullet H_* (BP; \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}) := \pi_* H\mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \wedge BP$$

$$\cong \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} [m_1, m_2, \dots]$$

$$|m_i| = 2(p^i - 1)$$

• Given $\{v_i\} \in \pi \cdot BP$ $|v_i| = 2(p^i - 1)$.

then $\{v_i\}$ is a set of poly. gen. of $\pi \cdot BP$

iff for each i

$$\pi_{2(p^i-1)}BP \longrightarrow H_{2(p^i-1)}(BP; \mathbb{Z}_{(p)})$$



indecomposable
quotient.



$$Q_{2(p^i-1)}H_*BP \cong \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}\langle m_i \rangle$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\mathbb{Z}/p$$

$$\begin{array}{c} m_i \\ \downarrow \\ 1 \end{array}$$

image of u_i in $Q_{2(p^i-1)}$ generates

$$\text{Ker}(Q_{2(p^i-1)} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p) \cong \langle pm_i \rangle$$

II. Consider $\overset{\ell}{\wedge}BP$

$$\bullet H_*(\overset{\ell}{\wedge}BP; \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}) \cong \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} [m_{1,1}, m_{1,2}, \dots, m_{1,\ell}, m_{2,1}, m_{2,2}, \dots, m_{2,\ell}, \dots]$$

$$|m_{ij}| = 2(p^i-1)$$

[Künneth formula: compute $H_*(X \wedge Y)$ from $H_*(X)$ and $H_*(Y)$]

$$\pi_* \overset{\ell}{\wedge}BP \longleftrightarrow H_*(\overset{\ell}{\wedge}BP; \mathbb{Z}_{(p)})$$

• Given $\{v_{ij}\}$ a set of elements in $\pi_* \hat{\Lambda}BP$.

$$i=1, 2, 3, \dots \quad 1 \leq j \leq \ell.$$

$\{v_{ij}\}$ is a set of poly. gen. of $\pi_* \hat{\Lambda}BP$
iff for each fixed i .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_{2(p^i-1)} \hat{\Lambda}BP & \hookrightarrow & H_*(\hat{\Lambda}BP; \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}) \xrightarrow{m_{ij}} Q_{\mathbb{Z}_{(p^i-1)}} \\ & & \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ & & 1 \quad \mathbb{Z}/p \end{array}$$

$\{v_{ij}\}$ generates $\text{Ker}(Q_{\mathbb{Z}_{(p^i-1)}} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p)$

Cor:

① As a C_2 -module $H_*(BP_{\mathbb{R}}; \mathbb{Z}_{(2)}) \cong \mathbb{Z}_{(2)}[m_1, m_2, \dots]$

with $\gamma(m_i) = -m_i$.

[logarithm of a FGL].

② As a C_{2^n} -module.

$$H_*(BP^{(C_{2^n})}; \mathbb{Z}_{(2)}) \cong \mathbb{Z}_{(2)}[C_{2^n} \cdot m_1, C_{2^n} \cdot m_2, \dots]$$

③ Given $\{t_i^G\} \in \pi_* BP^{(G)}$

$$\pi_* BP^{(G)} \cong \mathbb{Z}_{(2)} \langle G \cdot t_1^G, G \cdot t_2^G, \dots \rangle$$

if for each i .

$$\pi_{2(2^i-1)} BP^{(G)} \longrightarrow Q_{2(2^i-1)} \cong \mathbb{Z}_{(2)} \langle C_2 \cdot m_i \rangle$$

$$t_i \longmapsto m_i - \gamma m_i$$

why?

$$Q_{2(2^i-1)} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p$$

$$m_i \longmapsto 1$$

$$\gamma m_i \longmapsto 1$$

Ker is gen. by $m_i - \gamma m_i$
equivariantly.

What we need: • How the above works?

• How to find such $\{t_i^G\}$.

Q: Can $BP_{\mathbb{R}} / BP^{(G)}$ be N_{∞} -alg. for some N_{∞} -operad?

A: No. $N_{\infty} \xrightarrow{i} E_{\infty}$.

Q: • What is the "best" equivariant operadic structure
on $BP_{\mathbb{R}} / BP^{(G)}$?

A: I don't know.

Ref. Hill: Equivariant little disk operads.

upshot: Define "E_V-operad" for representations V.

E_G-operad. algebra over it:

- doesn't have multiplication
- Talk about "norm" in some sense.

Q: For which V, is BP^{"G"} on E_V-algebra?

Construction of BP_R: Lift the Quillen idempotent on MU to MU_R.

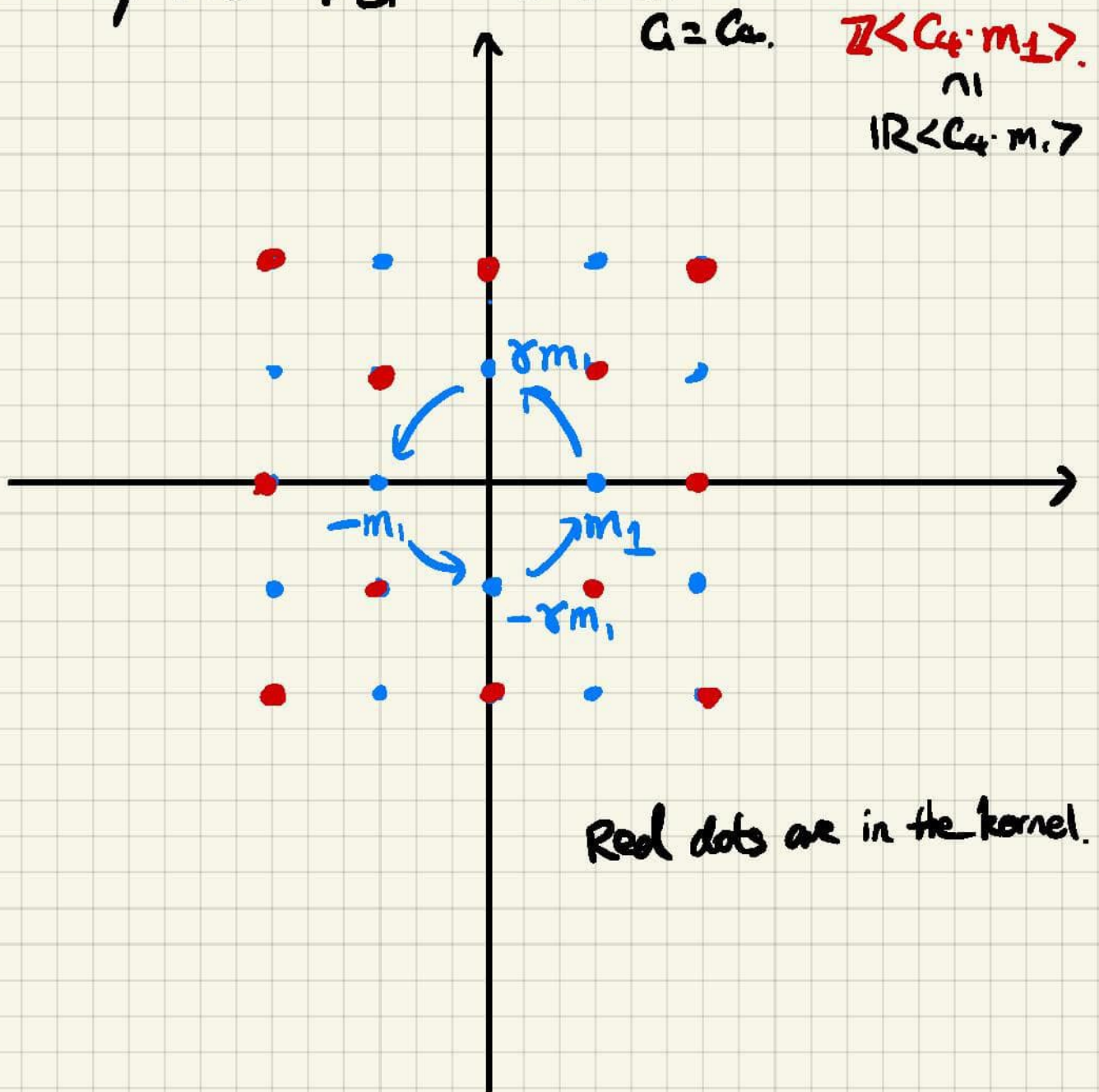
Ref: Araki. Orientations in τ -cohomology theories.

Hu-Kriz. Real-oriented homotopy theory and an analogue of the Adams-Novikov spectral sequence.

Question: In understanding $BP^{(G_1)} / MU^{(G_1)}$.

where do we use $G = C_{2^n}$?

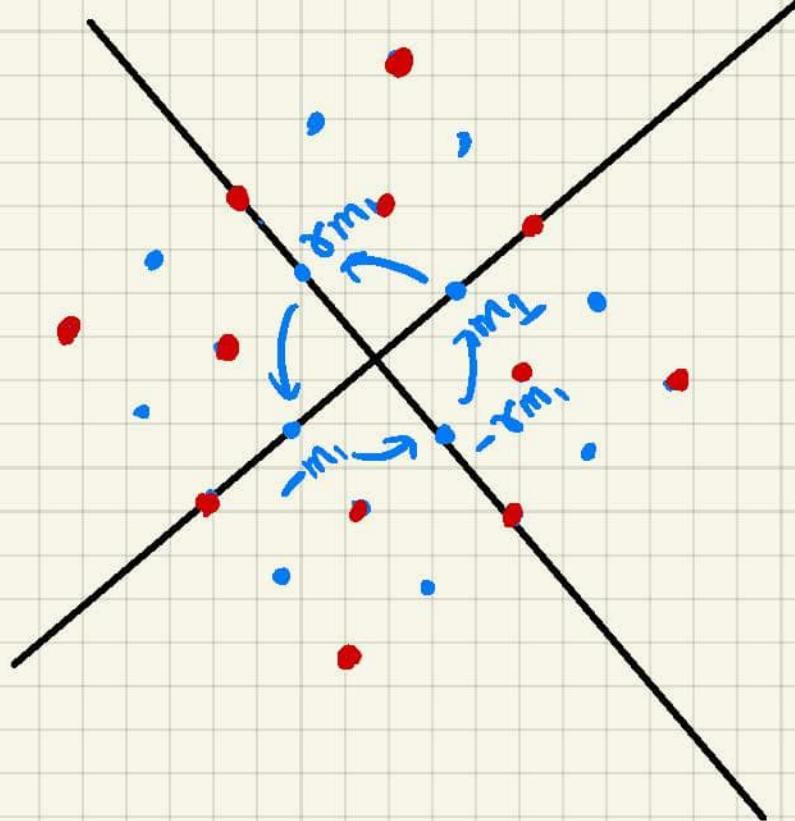
• Why $MU^{(G_2)} / BP^{(G_2)}$ is much harder?



$$\mathbb{Z}\langle C_4 \cdot m_1 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Q}_2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2$$

$$m_1 \longmapsto 1$$

$$\gamma m_1 \longmapsto 1$$



$$\text{Ker}(\mathbb{Z}\langle C_4 \cdot m_i \rangle \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2) \cong \mathbb{Z}\langle C_4 \cdot m_i \rangle.$$

How to find these red dots in $\pi_*^U BP^{(G)}$?

i.e. how to find $G \cdot t_i^q$ s.t. $t_i^q \mapsto m_i - \gamma m_i$
in $\mathbb{Q}_2(z_i-1)$?

• Formal Group Laws.

Ref. Ravenel Green book

[Complex cobordism and the stable homotopy groups of spheres]

Def. R comm. ring. A formal group law (FGL) over R .

is $F(x,y) \in R[[x,y]]$ s.t.

(1) $F(x,0) = F(0,x) = x$

(2) $F(x,y) = F(y,x)$

(3) $F(x, F(y,z)) = F(F(x,y), z)$.

Exercise: If F is a FGL/R, $\exists Z(x) \in R[[x]]$
 s.t. $F(x, Z(x)) = 0$ $Z(x)$: inverse of F .

Ex: $R = \mathbb{Z}$ $F(x, y) = x + y$ additive FGL.
 $F(x, y) = x + y + xy = (x+1)(y+1) - 1$ multiplicative FGL.

Topological K-theory.

Def. F, G FGLs/R $f(x) \in R[[x]]$.
 f is a homomorphism $f: F \rightarrow G$ if
 $f(F(x, y)) = G(f(x), f(y))$. f is an iso
 if f is invertible. i.e. $f'(0) \in R^\times$.

f is a strict iso. if $f'(0) = 1$
 $f(x) = a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots$, $f'(0) = a_1$

Def. F FGL/R. a logarithm of F is a strict iso
 $f: F \rightarrow x + y$.

Thm. If $R \cong R \otimes Q$, then every $F \in L/R$ has a logarithm.

$$f(x) := \int_0^x \frac{dt}{F_2(t,0)} \quad F_2(t,0) := \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}(x,y)$$

Thm. I. There is a ring L (Lazard's ring)
and a $FG \perp FM$ s.t.

$$\forall FG \perp G/R \exists \varphi: L \rightarrow R \text{ s.t. } G = \varphi_* F.$$

II. (Lazard) $L \cong \mathbb{Z}[x_1, x_2, \dots]$ $|x_i| = 2^i$

assumeⁱⁿ $F(x,y)$ $|x| = |y| = -2$

ask F is homogeneous of deg -2 .

Pf of I: $F(x,y) = \sum a_{ij} x^i y^j$

$$L := \mathbb{Z}[a_{ij}] \quad \begin{array}{l} a_{10} = a_{01} = 1 \\ \text{relations given by } F(0,0) = F(0,x) : a_{0j} = a_{j0} \\ \text{and} \\ F(x, F(y,z)) = F(F(x,y), z) \dots \end{array}$$

Def. A FGL over a \mathbb{Z}_p -alg. is p -typical if its logarithm has the form

$$\sum_{i \geq 0} l_i \pi^{p^i} \quad l_0 = 1.$$

Thm (Cartier) Every FGL over a \mathbb{Z}_p -alg. is canonically iso. to a p -typical one.

Construction: F FGL/R

$$f(x) \in R[[x]] \quad f'(0) = 1.$$

$$M(\mathbb{Z}_p) \cong VE^?BP$$

Cartier's thm is the algebra behind it.

DEFINE:

$$G(x, y) := f(F(f^{-1}(x), f^{-1}(y)))$$

then $f: F \xrightarrow{\cong} G$ • iso. of FGL = source F + a power series f .

* If F is p -typical then $G(x, y)$ above might NOT be p -typical.

Lemma. $G(x, y)$ is p -typical iff

$$f^{-1}(x) = \sum_{i \geq 0}^F t_i x^{p^i} \quad \sum^F: \text{use } F(x, y) \text{ instead of } x, y \text{ to add.}$$

Thm There is a ring V and a p -typical FGL V .

making V the universal p -typical FGL.

$$V \cong \mathbb{Z}_p [v_1, v_2, \dots] \quad |v_i| = 2(p^i - 1)$$

Cartier: F FGL/ R R torsion-free \mathbb{Z}_p -alg.

$$\log_F(x) = \sum_{i \geq 0} l_i x^i$$

$$\widetilde{\log}_F(x) = \sum_{j \geq 0} l_{p^j} x^{p^j}$$

$$f(x) := \widetilde{\log}_F^{-1}(\log_F(x))$$

$$G(x, y) := f(F(f^{-1}(x), f^{-1}(y)))$$

G is p -typical, defined over $R \otimes \mathbb{Q}$

- Check coef. of G is in $R \otimes \mathbb{Q}$

Topology:

Def. A homotopy comm. ring spectrum R is complex orientable if $\exists \kappa \in R^2(\mathbb{C}P^\infty) \stackrel{\sim}{\sim} \text{cplx orientation}$ s.t.

$\kappa|_{\mathbb{C}P^1 \cong S^2} \in R^2(S^2) \cong R^0(S^0)$ is a unit.

Prop. I. If R is complex orientable

then $R^*(\mathbb{C}P^\infty) \cong R^*[\kappa]$.

$$R^*(\mathbb{C}P^\infty \times \mathbb{C}P^\infty) \cong R^*[\kappa, \gamma]$$

Consider $\mathbb{C}P^\infty \times \mathbb{C}P^\infty \xrightarrow{\otimes} \mathbb{C}P^\infty$
 $\uparrow \otimes$ of cplx line bundles.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R^*[\kappa] & \xrightarrow{\otimes^*} & R^*[\kappa, \gamma] \\ \times & \longmapsto & F(\kappa, \gamma) \end{array} \quad \checkmark \text{ is a FGL.}$$

II. the set of cplx orientations of R

is

the set of htpy ring maps $MU \rightarrow R$.

Thm (Quillen) $MU^* \cong \mathbb{Z}$ the universal FGL

$BP^* \cong \mathbb{Z}$ the universal p -typical FGL.

Ref. Lurie. Lecture notes on chromatic homotopy theory

Prop. Let R_1, R_2 be two ring spectrum and

$$MU \xrightarrow{\pi_1} R_1 \quad MU \xrightarrow{\pi_2} R_2 \text{ cpld orientations.}$$

then there is a unique power series.

$$f \in (R_1 \wedge R_2)^* (\mathbb{C}P^\infty)$$

f is an iso. of FGLs defined by π_1 , and π_2 .

Where are those t_i^G in $\pi_*^{H\mathbb{Z}/p} BP^{(G)}$?

$$\textcircled{1} \pi_* (H\mathbb{Z}/p \wedge BP) \cong \mathbb{Z}/p [m_1, m_2, \dots]$$

additive FGL

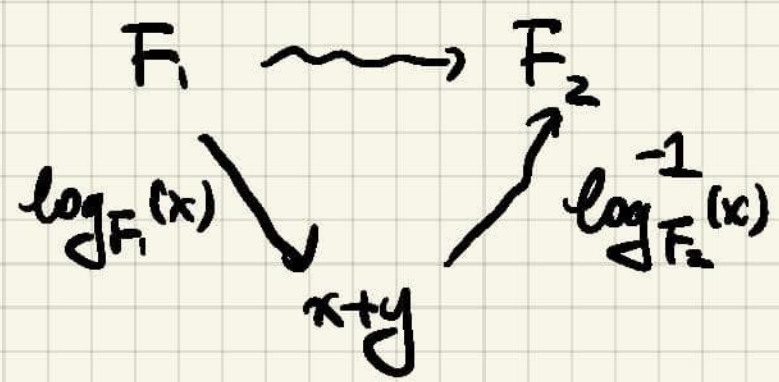
universal p -typical FGL.

$\sum m_i x^{p^i}$ is the logarithm of the universal p -typical FGL.

Def. In $BP^{(G)}$ t_i^G is defined as: $(G = C_{2^n})$
 $\sum_{F_2} t_i^G x^{2^i}$ 2^{n-1} copies.

$$\underbrace{BP}_{F_2} \wedge \underbrace{BP}_{F_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \underbrace{BP}_{F_{2^{n-1}}}$$

t_i^G : coe. of iso. from F_2 to F_2 .



C_{2^n} -action.

$$\log_{F_1}(x) = \sum m_i x^{2^i} \quad \log_{F_2}(x) = \sum \delta m_i x^{2^i}$$

$$\sum_{F_2} t_i x^{2^i} = (\sum \delta m_i x^{2^i})^{-1} \circ (\sum m_i x^{2^i})$$



$t_i = m_i - \delta m_i$: modulo decomposables. \square

We show: $\pi_* BP^{(G)} \cong \mathbb{Z}_{(2)}[G \cdot t_1^G, G \cdot t_2^G, \dots]$

Warning: t_i^G depends on G . $H \in G$

$$BP^{(H)} \longrightarrow i_H^* BP^{(G)} \quad \text{unit map}$$

$t_i^H \longmapsto$ complicated polynomials of t_i^G .

Prop. There are elements $\bar{t}_i^G \in \pi_{(2^i-1)p_{c_2}}^{c_2} \text{BP}^{(G)}$

s.t. $i_!^G(\bar{t}_i^G) = t_i^G$. $i_!^G(\sigma \bar{t}_i^G) = \sigma t_i^G$.

It turns out: $\pi_{\neq 2}^{c_2} \text{BP}^{(G)} \xrightarrow{\cong} \pi_{2^+}^M \text{BP}^{(G)}$.

- v_i are not canonically chosen.

t_i seems to be. How?

In $\text{BP}_{\mathbb{R}}$: $t_i^{c_2}$ are coe. of $[L-1]_F$.

- It only works for $p=2$.

- It is NOT Hazewinkel nor Araki generators.

Hazewinkel: v_i are coe. of $[p]_F$.