

Weiss Calculus & Derivative of the Identity Functor

§0. History + Motivation

Last time: [Gray 85]

$C(n) = \text{hofib}(S^{n-1} \xrightarrow{\bar{E}} \Omega^2 S^{n+1})$ is a loop space.

Mahowald's program ($p=2$)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \textcircled{1} & S^1 & \xrightarrow{\bar{E}} & \Omega^2 S^3 & \xrightarrow{\bar{E}} & \Omega^4 S^5 & \xrightarrow{\bar{E}} \dots \rightarrow QS^1 \\ \uparrow & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & & \\ C(1) & \Omega^2 C(2) & & \Omega^4 C(3) & & & \end{array} \quad \rightsquigarrow E_{k,m}^{k,m} = \pi_{k+2m}(C(n)) \Rightarrow \pi^S(S^1)$$

[Serre] Rationally $\textcircled{1}$ is the constant filtration

[Mahowald 82] $p=2$, Y finite w/ self-map $v_1: \Sigma^2 Y \rightarrow Y$.

$$v_1^{-1} \pi_* (C(n); Y) \cong v_1^{-1} \pi_*^S(A_0; Y)$$

$\hat{=}$ Mod 2 Moore space, $H^*(A_0) \cong A_0$

So $v_1^{-1} \textcircled{1}$ coincides with the sseq. obtained by applying

$v_1^{-1} \pi_* (-; Y)$ to the filtration

$$\Sigma^\infty \mathbb{R}P^2 \subset \Sigma^\infty \mathbb{R}P^4 \subset \dots \subset \Sigma^\infty \mathbb{R}P^\infty$$

[Thompson §0] $p > 2$

[Mahmoud-Thompson 96] "Iterate E^2 " $\mapsto v_2$ -periodic analogue.

$C(n) \rightarrow \Omega^2 C(n+1)$ is null. Instead:

$$C^{(2)}(n) := \text{hofib}(C(n) \rightarrow \Omega^4 C(n+1)).$$

$\mapsto$ Filtration of the stable Moore space

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} C(1) & \rightarrow & \Omega^4 C(2) & \rightarrow & \Omega^8 C(3) & \rightarrow & \dots \rightarrow Q(A_0) \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \\ C^{(2)}(1) & & \Omega^4 C^{(2)}(2) & & \Omega^8 C^{(2)}(3) & & \end{array} \quad (2)$$

Observation: the first 8-cells of $C^{(2)}(n)$, $n \geq 2$

form a cplx A_1 , $h^*(A_1) \cong A(1)$ as $A(1)$ -modules.

Thm $v_2^{-1} \pi_*(C^{(2)}(n), M) \cong v_2^{-1} \pi_*^s(A_1, M)$, $n \geq 2$
for some type 2 M .

The filtration $v_2^{-1} (2)$ modulo $W(1)$:

$$(\Omega^4 W(2), W(1)) \rightarrow (\Omega^8 W(3), W(1)) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow (Q(A_0), W(1))$$

coincides with filtration of $\Sigma(\mathbb{R}P_3^+ \cup \mathbb{C}P_2^+)$ by stunted projective spaces.

Δ Hard to generalize to higher chromatic level
without more tools.

[Arone - Mahowald 98]

Apply Goodwillie calculus to $\text{id} : \text{Top}_* \rightarrow \text{Top}_*$

- Thm $\forall$ prime p , X odd sphere,
 - $D_n(X) \simeq *$, $n \neq p^k$ for some k .
 - $H^*(D_{p^k}(X); \mathbb{F}_p)$ is free over $A(k-1)$
 - $\Rightarrow V_{k-1}^{-1} \pi_*(D_{p^j}(X)) = 0$, $j > k$
 - Goodwillie tower of id converges in V_{k-1} -periodic homotopy at X .

$\Rightarrow X \rightarrow P_{p^k}(X)$ is a V_j -periodic equiv for $0 \leq j \leq k$, $\forall k$.

[Arone 98] Use Weiss calculus to produce

$$\begin{cases} S F_1(X) \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{w_1} \Omega^2 S^2 X \\ F_2(X) \rightarrow F_1(X) \xrightarrow{w_2} \Omega^4 F_1(S^2 X) \quad \text{and compute } D_n F_m(X) \\ \vdots \\ F_m(X) \rightarrow F_{m-1}(X) \xrightarrow{w_m} \Omega^{2m} F_{m-1}(S^2 X) \end{cases}$$

- Thm X odd sphere, p -local, $j \leq k$

$F_m(X) \rightarrow P_{p^k} F_m(X)$ is a V_j -periodic equiv.

When $m = p^k - 1$, $F_m(X) \simeq D_{p^k} F_m(X)$ is the infinite loop space of a type k spectrum (Mitchell spectrum).

§1. Calculus

Goodwillie

$$S^*F: J \xrightarrow{V \mapsto S^V} \text{Top}_* \xrightarrow{F} \text{Top}_*$$

Weiss [k = ℝ, Weiss; k = ℂ, Taggart]

$F: \text{Top}_* \rightarrow \text{Top}_*$, "nice"
homotopy functor

$F: J_0 \rightarrow \text{Top}_*$

e.g. $V \mapsto BU(V)$

$V \mapsto \Omega^V F(S^V X)$

$J = \text{Top}_*$ -enriched cat. of finite dim.

inner product subspaces of k^∞

$J_0 \subset U(V) = J(U, V)_+$

$J(U, V) = \text{Stiefel mfd of linear isometries}$

F is **n-excisive**

Strongly ω -Cartesian n-cubes

$\downarrow F$

Cartesian n-cubes

e.g. $n=0$, htpy constant.

$n=1$

(1)
 $\downarrow$
(2) $\rightarrow (1, 2)$

pushout $\rightarrow$ pullback

F is **n-polynomial**

$$F(U) \xrightarrow{\simeq} T_n F(U) := \text{hocolim}_{0 \neq U \subseteq k^{n+1}} F(U \oplus V), \forall V$$

$n=0$, htpy constant. $F(U) \simeq F(U \oplus k) \simeq \dots \simeq F(k^\infty)$

$n=1$, hocolim is indexed by the topological poset $\{0 \neq U \subseteq k^1\}$, which has $k\mathbb{P}^1$ worth of 1-dim subspaces

n-excisive approx.

$$P_n F = \text{hocolim}_m P_n^m F$$

$$n=1, P_1 F = \Omega^\infty F \Sigma^\infty$$

$$\dots \rightarrow P_2 F \rightarrow P_1 F \rightarrow P_0 F$$

$\uparrow$

$D_2 F$

$\uparrow$

$D_1 F$

n-polynomial approx.

$$T_n F = \text{hocolim}_m T_n^m F \quad (\text{Universal property})$$

$$T_0 F(U) = \text{hocolim}_m T_0^m F(U) = \text{hocolim}_m F(U \oplus k^m) = F(k^\infty)$$

$$\dots \rightarrow T_2 F \rightarrow T_1 F \rightarrow T_0 F$$

$\uparrow$

$D_2^w F$

$\uparrow$

$D_1^w F$

$\leftarrow$ n th layer

n-homogeneous functors

$$X \mapsto \Omega^{\sim}(\theta_F \otimes X^{\otimes n})_{h\Sigma_n}$$

$$V \mapsto \Omega^{\sim}(\Psi_F \otimes S^{\mathbb{P}^1 \otimes V})_{hO(n)}$$

$$V \mapsto \Omega^{\sim}(\Psi_F \otimes S^{\mathbb{C}^1 \otimes V})_{hU(n)}$$

$D_n F, D_n^w F$ are n -homogeneous respectively.

We will construct the n th derivatives $F^{(n)}$ of F , s.t.

$$\textcircled{1} \text{ Structure maps } F^{(n)}(V) \xrightarrow{\sigma^{\text{ad}}} \Omega^{nU} F^{(n)}(V \oplus U) \\ \searrow \downarrow \text{ev}_0 \\ F^{(n)}(V \oplus U)$$

$$\textcircled{2} F^{(n+1)}(V) = \text{hofib}(F^{(n)}(V) \rightarrow \Omega^{2n} F^{(n)}(V \oplus \mathbb{1}))$$

If we take $F(V) = \Omega^V S^V X$ for fixed $X \in \text{Top}_*$,

$$\bullet F^{(1)}(\mathbb{1}^0) = \text{hofib}(X \rightarrow \Omega^2 S^2 X) =: F_1(X)$$

$$F^{(1)}(\mathbb{1}) = \text{hofib}(\Omega^2 S^2 X \rightarrow \Omega^6 S^4 X) = \Omega^2 F_1(S^2 X)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma^{\text{ad}}: F_1(X) \rightarrow \Omega^4 F_1(S^2 X)$$

$$\bullet F^{(2)}(\mathbb{1}^0) = \text{hofib}(F^{(1)}(\mathbb{1}^0) \rightarrow \Omega^2 F^{(1)}(\mathbb{1})) =: F_2(X) \\ = \text{hofib}(F_1(X) \rightarrow \Omega^4 F_1(S^2 X))$$

$$F^{(2)}(\mathbb{1}) = \text{hofib}(F^{(1)}(\mathbb{1}) \rightarrow \Omega^4 F^{(1)}(\mathbb{1} \oplus \mathbb{1}))$$

$$= \text{hofib}(\Omega^2 F_1(S^2 X) \rightarrow \Omega^6 F_1(S^4 X))$$

$$= \Omega^2 \text{hofib}(F_1(S^2 X) \rightarrow \Omega^4 F_1(S^4 X)) = \Omega^2 F_2(S^2 X)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma^{\text{ad}}: F_2(X) \rightarrow \Omega^6 F_2(S^2 X)$$

$$\bullet \text{ Inductively, } F_m(X) = F^{(m)}(\mathbb{1}^0),$$

$$\sigma^{\text{ad}}: F_m(X) \rightarrow \Omega^{2m+2} F_m(S^2 X)$$

• Def The n th jet category J_n has

- objects = $\text{Ob } J = \{ \text{fin. dim inner product subspaces of } \mathbb{C}^\infty \}$

- $J_n(U, V) = \text{Th}(\pi_n(U, V))$, where $\pi_n(U, V)$ is a vector bundle over $J(U, V)$ with total space

$$\pi_n(U, V) = \{ (f, x) : f \in J(U, V), x \in \mathbb{C}^n \otimes f(U)^\perp \}$$

w/ Composition induced by

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \pi_n(V, W) \times \pi_n(U, V) & \rightarrow & \pi_n(U, W) \\ (f, x) & \downarrow & (g, y) & \downarrow & (fg, x + fg y) \\ J(V, W) \times J(U, V) & \rightarrow & J(U, W) \end{array}$$

• In particular, there is a restricted composition map

$$J_n(\mathbb{C} \oplus V, W) \wedge (\mathbb{C}^n)^\circ \xrightarrow{\Gamma} J_n(V, W),$$

where $(\mathbb{C}^n)^\circ$ is identified with the closure of the subspace of $J_n(V, \mathbb{C} \oplus V)$ consisting of $(i: V \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \oplus V, x)$.

Let $E_n = \text{Cat. of } \text{Top}_x\text{-enriched functors } J_m \rightarrow \text{Top}_x$

The inclusion $\mathbb{C}^m \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ of the first m coordinates induces a functor $i_m^n: J_m \rightarrow J_n$

- Precomposition $\leadsto$ restriction $\text{res}_m^n: E_n \rightarrow E_m$

- Right kan extension $\leadsto$ induction $\text{ind}_m^n: E_m \rightarrow E_n$

$$\Rightarrow \text{ind}_m^n F(U) \subseteq E_m(J_n(U, -), F)$$

- Def For $F \in \mathcal{E}_0$, it's n -th-derivative is $F^{(n)} := \text{ind}_0^n F$.

This can be computed inductively: $\text{ind}_0^n = \text{ind}_{n-1}^n \circ \text{ind}_{n-2}^{n-1} \circ \dots \circ \text{ind}_0^1$

- Prop $\text{res}_n^{n+1} \text{ind}_n^{n+1} F(V) \rightarrow F(V) \rightarrow \Omega^{2n} F(V \oplus \mathbb{C})$ is a fiber seq

Pf There is a cofiber seq. $\forall F \in \mathcal{E}_n$

$$J_n(\mathbb{C} \otimes V, -) \wedge (\mathbb{C}^n)^c \xrightarrow{\Gamma} J_n(V, -) \rightarrow J_{n+1}(V, -)$$

(J -linear alg., see Weiss 95 Prop 1.2)

Apply the corepresentable functor $\mathcal{E}_n(-, F)$, get fiber seq

$$\mathcal{E}_n(J_{n+1}(V, -), F) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_n(J_n(V, -), F) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_n(J_n(V \oplus \mathbb{C}, -) \wedge S^{2n}, F)$$

$$\text{res}_n^{n+1} \text{ind}_n^{n+1} F(V) \quad F(V) \quad \Omega^{2n} F(V \oplus \mathbb{C}) \quad \square$$

Thus we can inductively compute $F^{(n)} \in \mathcal{E}_n$.

$$\hookrightarrow F^{(n)} \rightarrow F^{(n-1)} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow F^{(1)} \rightarrow F$$

- Prop $F \in \mathcal{E}_m$ is determined by

- It's restriction to a functor $J_0 \rightarrow \text{Top}_*$
 - A natural transformation of functors $J_0 \times J_0 \rightarrow \text{Top}_*$
- $$\sigma: (\mathbb{C}^n \otimes V)^c \wedge F(W) \rightarrow F(V \oplus W)$$

- Prop There is a fiber seq $F^{(n+1)} \rightarrow F \rightarrow \Sigma_n F$, $\forall F \in \mathcal{E}_0$

$\Rightarrow$ If F is n -poly, then $F^{(n+1)}$ is trivial.

- Example $F = BU(-)$. $BU^{(1)}(V) \simeq \Sigma S^V \rightarrow BU(W) \rightarrow BU(V \oplus \mathbb{C})$

$$F(V) = \Omega^V G(S^V X), \quad F^{(1)}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow G(X) \rightarrow \Omega^2 G(\mathbb{C}^X)$$

§ 2. Applying Weiss calculus to $D_*(id)$

[Johnson, Arone - Mahowald]

$$D_n(id) = \Omega^\infty \operatorname{Map}_*(k_n, \Sigma^\infty X^{\wedge n})_{h\Sigma_n}$$

- k_n : n th partition complex modeled by $\frac{N \cdot (P_n)}{N \cdot (P_n - \hat{0}) \cup N \cdot (P_n - \hat{1})}$

where P_n is the poset of partitions of $[n] = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ordered by refinement, with $\hat{1} = \{[n]\}$ and $\hat{0}$ the discrete partition.

- Nonequivariantly, $k_n \simeq V S^{(n-1)!}$, and $\Sigma_1 \times \Sigma_{n-1} \subset \Sigma_n$ acts freely on k_n .

Then $[AAI]$ $\times$ odd sphere, $n > 1$

$$\text{Then } D_n \simeq *, \quad n \neq p^k \quad |df| = 2p^k - 2p^j$$

$$H^*(CD_{p^k}; \mathbb{F}_p) \cong A_{k-1} \otimes \mathbb{F}_p[ds, \dots, dk-1]$$

$A[k-1]$ is the sub Hopf-algebra of the Steenrod algebra generated by $Sz^1, \dots, Sz^{2^{k-1}}$, $p=2$ ($\beta, p^1, \dots, p^{p^k-1}$, $p>2$).

Idea: Use Weiss calculus to further subdivide D_{p^k} .

- Prop: Θ : spectrum with $U(n)$ -action. Then

$$F(U) = \Omega^\infty (S^{C^{\otimes U}} \oplus \Theta)_{hU(n)} \text{ is } n\text{-polynomial with}$$

$$F^{(i)}(U) = \Omega^\infty (S^{C^{\otimes U}} \oplus \Theta)_{hU(n-i)}, \quad i \leq n$$

where $U(n-i) \subset U(n)$ fixes the first i coordinates.

Pf Sketch: $F[i](U) = \Omega^\infty(S^{\text{Con}} \otimes \theta)_{hU(n-i)} \in \mathcal{E}_i$,

i.e. $\exists$ structure maps

$$\sigma: S^{iU} \wedge F[i](U) = S^{iU} \wedge \Omega^\infty(S^{nV} \otimes \theta)_{hU(n-i)}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \Omega^\infty(S^{iU} \otimes S^{nV} \otimes \theta)_{hU(n-i)} \hookrightarrow \Omega^\infty(S^{nu} \otimes S^{nV} \otimes \theta)_{hU(n-i)}$$

$$\rightarrow \Omega^\infty(S^{n(u \oplus v)} \otimes \theta)_{hU(n-i)} = F[i](U \oplus V).$$

• Straightforward to check that $F[i+1] \simeq F[i]^{(1)}$. $\square$

Now take $\theta = \text{Ind}_{\Sigma_n}^{U(n-1)} \text{Map}_*(k_n, \Sigma^\infty X^{\wedge n})$ where Σ_n is considered as a subgp of $U(n-1)$ via the reduced standard rep.

$$F_m(X) := F^{(m)}(\mathbb{C}^0), \quad F(U) = \Omega^V \Sigma^V X$$

• Cor $F_m D_n(X) \simeq$

$$\begin{cases} \Omega^\infty \left(\text{Map}_*(k_n, \Sigma^\infty X^{\wedge n}) \otimes_{h\Sigma_n} U(n-1)/U(n-m-1)_+ \right), & m < n \\ *, & m \geq n. \end{cases}$$

• Claim: $F_m D_n(X) \simeq D_n F_m(X)$.

$$\begin{cases} D_n F_1(X) \rightarrow D_n(X) \rightarrow D_n(\Omega^2 S^2 X) \\ F_1 D_n(X) \rightarrow D_n(X) \rightarrow \Omega^2 D_n(S^2 X) \simeq D_n(\Omega^2 S^2 X) \end{cases} \Rightarrow D_n F_1(X) \simeq F_1 D_n(X)$$

$$\begin{cases} D_n F_2(X) \rightarrow D_n F_1(X) \rightarrow D_n \Omega^V F_1(S^2 X) \\ F_2 D_n(X) \xrightarrow{SI} F_1 D_n(X) \xrightarrow{SI} F_1(\Omega^V D_n(S^2 X)) \end{cases} \Rightarrow D_n F_2(X) \simeq F_2 D_n(X)$$

Induct. $\square$

• Cor $D_m \omega_m : D_m F_{m-1}(-) \xrightarrow{\sim} D_m \Omega^{2m} F_{m-1}(S^2-)$

$\Rightarrow$ mapping telescopes generalizing Mahowald-Thompson

$$\begin{cases} X \xrightarrow{\omega_1} \Omega^2 S^2 X \xrightarrow{\omega_1} \Omega^4 S^4 X \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \Omega^\infty D_1 F_0(X) \\ F_1(X) \xrightarrow{\omega_2} \Omega^2 F_1(S^2 X) \xrightarrow{\omega_2} \Omega^4 F_1(S^4 X) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \Omega^\infty D_2 F_1(X) \\ \vdots \\ F_{m-1}(X) \xrightarrow{\omega_m} \Omega^{2m} F_{m-1}(S^2 X) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \Omega^\infty D_m F_{m-1}(X) \end{cases}$$

(b/c connectivity of $D_n \Omega^{2k} F_{m-1}(S^2 X)$ increases with k when $n > m$)

• Thm (Arone). Let $n = p^k$, X^d odd sphere. Then

$$H^*(D_n F_m(X)) \cong H^*(\text{Map}_*(K_n, \Sigma^\infty X^{\wedge n}) \bigwedge_{h\mathbb{Z}_n} U(n-1)/U(n-m-1) +) \\ \cong A[k-1] \otimes E \otimes P \text{ as free } A[k-1]\text{-modules.}$$

P is rank one over $\mathbb{F}_p[d_j = C p^k - p^j, m < p^j < p^k]$, E is rank one over $\bigwedge^{\mathbb{Z}} \bar{c}_i | p^k - m \leq i \leq p^k - 1 \text{ and } i \neq p^k - p^j \text{ for some } j$

(idea: [Arone-Dwyer])

$$\begin{matrix} \Sigma_k \\ \cup \end{matrix}$$

Acts trivially
 $\downarrow$

$$T_k : \Sigma^2 \left[\text{cot of proper subspace of } (\mathbb{F}_p)^k \right] \hookrightarrow \text{Aff}_k(\mathbb{F}_p) = \text{GL}_k(\mathbb{F}_p) \times (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^k$$

$$\text{Map}_*(K_n, \Sigma^\infty X^{\wedge n})_{h\mathbb{Z}_n} \xrightarrow{\cong_P} \text{Map}_*(T_k, \Sigma^\infty X^{\wedge n})_{h\text{Aff}_k(\mathbb{F}_p)}$$

$$\cong \text{Map}_*(T_k, (\Sigma^\infty X^{\wedge n})_{h(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^k})_{h\text{GL}_k(\mathbb{F}_p)}$$

⊗ $X^{\wedge n}_{h(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^k}$ is the Thom space over

$$\otimes \cong \text{Map}_*(T_k, \Sigma^\infty (B(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^k)^{\otimes \sigma})_{h\text{GL}_k(\mathbb{F}_p)}$$

$B(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^k$ assoc. to σ

with cohom. $E^{\text{st}} H^*(B(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^k)^{\otimes \sigma}$

σ : regular rep. of $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^k$

[Mitchell-Priddy] $\Rightarrow$ free over $A[k-1]$.

The generators $c_{p^k - p^j}$ of P are Chern classes of the reduced regular rep. of $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^k$, or Dickson polynomials evaluated at the poly. generators of $H^*(B(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^k; \mathbb{F}_p)$. — generators of $\mathbb{F}_p[y_1, \dots, y_k]^{GL_k(\mathbb{F}_p)}$.

So $\bar{c}_i \in E$ are the Chern classes in $H^*(B(U_{n-1}/U_{n-m-1}))$ that are not Dickson classes, and $d_j \in P$ are Dickson classes in $H^*(BU_{n-m-1})$.

Cor. When $m = n-1 = p^k - 1$, $H^*(D_n F_m(X)) \cong A[k-1] \otimes E$.

This is essentially Mitchell's construction of finite cplx with $A[k-1]$ -free cohomology.

{3. V_i -periodic homotopy

X : odd sphere, $p=2$ for simplicity, $n=p^k$ $k>0$.

Thm [AM]. $X \rightarrow P_n(X)$ is a V_i -periodic equiv, $\forall i \leq k$.

pf. 1). $H^*(D_n(X))$ is free over $A[k-1] \Rightarrow D_{2^{k+l}}$ is V_k -trivial if $l>0$.

[Anderson-Davis] If M is an d -module and $P_{t_0}^{s_0}$ is the $P_t^s \leftarrow$
of lowest degree s.t. $s+t$ and $H(M, P_t^s) \neq 0$ dual to $\xi_t^{P^s} \in A_*$

Then $\text{Ext}_A^{i,j}(M, \mathbb{F}_2) = 0$ for $di > j+c$, where $d = \deg(P_{t_0}^{s_0})$

and $\frac{c}{d-1} \approx t-2$.

Since $P_t^s \in A[k-1]$ if $s+t \leq k$, $\begin{cases} s_0 = \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor \\ t_0 = \lceil \frac{k}{2} \rceil + 1 \end{cases}$

$\Rightarrow |P_{t_0}^{s_0}| = 2^{s_0}(2^{t_0}-1) = 2^{k+1} - 2^{s_0} > 2^k - 1$.

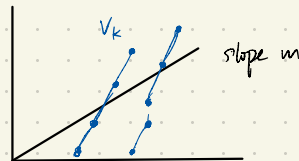
⊛ Hence the Adams sseq of $D_{2^{k+l}}$ has a vanishing line of slope
 $m < \frac{1}{2^{k+l}-2} = \frac{1}{|V_{k+l}-1|}$ and intercept $< k+l$. Since V_k acts on ASS

as multiplication by an element of slope $\frac{1}{|V_k|}$,

$D_{2^{k+l}}$ is V_k -trivial for $l>0$.

Upshot: in V_k -periodic homotopy, the

Goodwillie tower has only $k+1$ nontrivial layers $D_0, \dots, D_k$.



2). Need to show that the Goodwillie tower for V_k -periodic homotopy of X converges.

Fix finite space V with V_k -self map and write $\pi_* = \pi_*(-; V)$

WTS: $V_k^{-1} \pi_*(X) = V_k^{-1} \pi_*(\text{holim } P_j) \cong V_k^{-1} \left(\varprojlim \pi_*(P_j) \right)$

Set $Q_j = \text{fib}(P_{p^{k+j}} \rightarrow P_{p^k})$, then suffices to show that $V_k^{-1} \pi_*(\text{holim } Q_j) \cong V_k^{-1} \varprojlim \pi_*(Q_j) = 0$.

Take any $\alpha = (\dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_1) \in \varprojlim \pi_*(Q_j)$ w/ $|\alpha| = d$, so $\alpha_j \in \pi_*(Q_j)$. Can assume that $\alpha_1 = 0$ by applying V_k

k_1 times. Set $d_2 = |V_k^{k_1}(\alpha_1)| = d + k_1(2^{k_1} - 1)$.

Now induct on j . If $\alpha_1 = 0$, then α_j can be identified with an element in $\pi_{d_j}(D_{p^{k+j}})$ thought of as an E_∞ -term of the ASS. with bidegree $(0, d_j)$. Let k_j be the smallest integer s.t. $V_k^{k_j}(\alpha_j) = 0$. Then $(*)$ implies that

$$d_{j+1} = |V_k^{k_j}(\alpha_j)| = d_j + k_j(2^{k_j} - 1) < 2^{k_{j+1}}(k_{j+1} + 1) + \frac{3}{2} d_j.$$

Hence the sequence $\{d_j\}$ has growth rate $\leq \frac{3}{2}$.

Whereas the connectivity of $D_{p^{k+j}}$ has growth rate 2. $\square$

Cor. $F_m(X) \rightarrow P_{p^k} F_m(X)$ is an V_i -equiv. for $i \leq k$.

Let k be the smallest s.t. $m \leq p^k - 1$, then

$F_m(X) \rightarrow P_{p^k} F_m(X) \hookleftarrow D_{p^k} F_m(X)$ is a V_k -equiv.

$$\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \downarrow \\ Q_j \leftarrow D_{p^{k+j}} \\ \downarrow \\ Q_{j-1} \leftarrow D_{p^{k+j-1}} \\ \vdots \\ \downarrow \\ Q_1 = D_{p^k} \end{array}$$