

SPLITTING $B(\mathbb{Z}/p)_+^n$ FROM THE MULTIPLICATIVE GROUP OF THE SUBFIELDS OF FINITE FIELDS*

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Abstract. *Let p be a prime number, F_{p^n} the field of p^n elements, K a subfield of F_{p^n} and $K^* = K \setminus \{0\}$ the multiplicative group of K . By using representation theory and explicit idempotents in the group ring $F_p[K^*]$, we give a splitting of $B(\mathbb{Z}/p)_+^n$ into stable wedge summands and a condition so that each of these summands does not contain indecomposable summands*

I. INTRODUCTION

The current tendency of algebraic topology is to survey the stable splittings of topological spaces, especially classifying spaces. That is exactly one of the causes giving an impulse stronger to the research on cohomology and representation of groups. Since 1984, with Carlsson's solution of the Segal Conjecture [1], the most significant recent development in homotopy theory, the algebraic topologists have been interested more and more in the problem of finding a stable splitting

$$BP_+ \simeq X_1 \vee X_2 \vee \dots \vee X_N$$

into wedge summands, completed at p , where p is a fixed prime number, P is an abelian p -group and BP_+ is its classifying space with a disjoint basepoint. A decomposition of the identity in $\mathbb{Z}/p[\text{Aut}(P)]$ into orthogonal idempotents induces a stable splitting of BP_+ [6]. Harris and Kuh have shown that splitting questions about an arbitrary abelian p -group can be reduced to special case of an elementary abelian p -group [8].

Let F_{p^n} be the field of p^n elements, K a subfield of F_{p^n} and $K^* = K \setminus \{0\}$ the multiplicative group of K . By some way, we can consider K^* as a subgroup of $GL_n(\mathbb{Z}/p)$ ($=\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}/p)^n$). Stable splitting of a G -topology space X depends mainly partially on the action of group G . In this paper we give a stable splitting of $B(\mathbb{Z}/p)_+^n$ from K^* when $B(\mathbb{Z}/p)_+^n$ is considered as a space on which the action of K^* is the restriction of the action of $F_{p^n}^*$. Here, $F_{p^n}^*$ acts naturally on $(\mathbb{Z}/p)^n$ by identifying F_{p^n} with $(\mathbb{Z}/p)^n$ as a vector space. Moreover, we also give a condition so that each of the wedge summands of this splitting does not contain indecomposable summands.

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II. MAIN RESULTS

Proposition 2.1. *If K is a subfield of the field F_{p^n} , then K^* can be considered as a subgroup of $GL_n(Z/p)$.*

Proof. In F_{p^n} , choose an element ω so that ω generates the cyclic group $F_{p^n}^*$ and $\{\omega, \phi(\omega), \dots, \omega^{n-1}\}$ forms a basis for F_{p^n} over F_p ([4]), where $\phi(a) = a^p$ is the Frobenius. Let $p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + x^n$ be the minimal polynomial for ω . Let

$$\theta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & -a_0 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & -a_1 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & -a_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & -a_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

be the $n \times n$ matrix over F_p representing multiplication by ω in the basis $\{1, \omega, \dots, \omega^{n-1}\}$. Since ω is a generator of $F_{p^n}^*$, we see that θ has order $p^n - 1$ in $GL_n(Z/p)$. Therefore, we can consider

$$F_{p^n}^* = \langle \theta \rangle \subseteq GL_n(Z/p).$$

Given a subfield K of the field F_{p^n} . Then $K = F_{p^m}$ with $m \mid n$ and $(p^m - 1) \mid (p^n - 1)$. If $F_{p^n} = F_p(\omega)$ and $F_{p^n}^* = \langle \theta \rangle$, we have

$$K = F_p(\omega^{n/m}) \text{ and } K^* = \langle \theta^r \rangle,$$

where $r = \frac{p^n - 1}{p^m - 1}$.

Notation 2.2 We let $C_m = \langle c \rangle$ act on $Z/(p^n - 1)$ by $c(u) = up^{n/m} \pmod{p^n - 1}$. Let $[u]$ be the orbit containing u under the action of C_m . On the set $(Z/(p^n - 1))/C_m$, the action $C_r = \langle a \rangle \cong (Z/(p^n - 1))/(Z/(p^m - 1))$ is given by $a([u]) = [u + p^m - 1]$. Let $V_u(m) = \cup_{h=0}^{r-1} a^h([u])$. For each $V_u(m)$, we choose u to be the smallest element of $V_u(m)$. Then $V_u(m)$ is exactly the set consisting of the elements of $Z/(p^n - 1)$ in form $up^l + h(p^m - 1)$ with $0 \leq l \leq m-1$, $0 \leq h \leq r-1$ and the set consisting of such representatives u is $I(m)$. Here, $I(m)$, $J_u(m)$ and $z_u(m)$ are determined as follows: We let $C_m = \langle \phi \rangle$ act on $Z/(p^m - 1)$ by $\phi(u) = up$. Let $J_u(m)$ be the orbit containing u , and let $I(m)$ be a set consisting of one element from each orbit. The cardinality of $J_u(m)$ is $p^m / z_u(m)$, where $z_u(m)$ is the smallest positive exponent k with $up^k \equiv u \pmod{p^m - 1}$.

Harris has proved the elements ([7], 3.5, 4.4)

$$f_u(m) = \sum_{v \in J_u(m)} e_v(m), \quad u \in I(m), \quad \text{where } e_v(m) = - \sum_{k=0}^{p^m - 2} \omega^{-kvr} \theta^{kr}$$

form a primitive orthogonal set of idempotents with $\sum f_u(m) = 1$ in $F_p[K^*]$. In order to give a splitting of $B(Z/p)_+^n$ from K^* , each $f_u(m)$ have to be expressed as a sum of primitive orthogonal idempotents

$$e_j = - \sum_{k=0}^{p^n - 2} \omega^{-kj} \theta^k, \quad j \in Z/(p^n - 1),$$

in $F_{p^n}[F_{p^n}^*]$ (see [4]). We have the following main lemma:

lemma 2.3. For $m \mid n$ and $u \in I(m)$, we have

$$f_u(m) = \sum_{j \in V_u(m)} e_j = \sum_{l=0}^{z_u(m)-1} \sum_{j \equiv up^l \pmod{p^m-1}} e_j.$$

roof. We have

$$\sum_{j \in V_u(m)} e_j = - \sum_{l=0}^{z_u(m)-1} \sum_{v=0}^{p^n-2} \sum_{h=0}^{r-1} \omega^{-v(up^l+h(p^m-1))} \theta^v,$$

where $r = \frac{p^n-1}{p^m-1}$, $r \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$, and

$$\sum_{h=0}^{r-1} \omega^{-v(up^l+h(p^m-1))} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } r \nmid v, \\ r\omega^{-vup^l} & \text{if } r \mid v. \end{cases}$$

hence

$$\sum_{j \in V_u(m)} e_j = \sum_{l=0}^{z_u(m)-1} \left(- \sum_{k=0}^{p^m-2} \omega^{-kup^l} \theta^{kr} \right) = \sum_{l=0}^{z_u(m)-1} e_{up^l}(m) = f_u(m).$$

theorem 2.4. For $m \mid n$, let $\widehat{Z}_{n,m}(u) = f_u(m)B(\mathbb{Z}/p)_+^n$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} B(\mathbb{Z}/p)_+^n &\simeq \bigvee_{u \in I(m)} \widehat{Z}_{n,m}(u), \\ \widehat{Z}_{n,m}(u) &\simeq \bigvee_{i \in I \cap V_u(m)} \widehat{Y}_n(i) \simeq \bigvee_{j \in V_u(m)} Y_n(j), \end{aligned}$$

where $\widehat{Y}_n(i) = f_i(n)B(\mathbb{Z}/p)_+^n$ and $Y_n(j)$ is the Campbell-Selick.

The Campbell-Selick summands are described in details in [2] and [7].)

roof. From Lemma 2.3, we have

$$f_u(m) = \sum_{i \in I \cap V_u(m)} f_i.$$

ere the $f_u(m)$'s ($u \in I(m)$) form an orthogonal set of idempotents with $\sum f_u(m) = 1$ in ${}_p[GL_n(\mathbb{Z}/p)]$. Hence, the proof of the Theorem is completed. \diamond

In [8], Harris and Kuhn follow the constructions of the irreducible representations S_λ (resp. λ) for $\lambda \in \Lambda$ (resp. $\lambda \in \Lambda'$) of $F_p[M_n(\mathbb{Z}/p)]$ (resp. $F_p[GL_n(\mathbb{Z}/p)]$) as given by James and Kerber [9] chapter 8 - in particular, exercise 8.4 of their book, where

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda &= \{(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \mid 0 \leq \lambda_k \leq p-1, 1 \leq k \leq n\}, \\ \Lambda' &= \{(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \mid 0 \leq \lambda_k \leq p-1, 1 \leq k \leq n-1, 0 \leq \lambda_n \leq p-2\}. \end{aligned}$$

Denote the stable summand of $B(Z/p)_+^n$ corresponding to $S_{(\lambda)}$ (resp. $S'_{(\lambda)}$) by $X_{(\lambda)}$ (resp. $X'_{(\lambda)}$). The X_{λ} 's are the indecomposable summands of $B(Z/p)_+^n$ and the X'_{λ} 's are splitted over the X_{λ} 's

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{aligned} X'_{(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)} &\simeq X_{(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)}, \text{ if } 0 < \lambda_n < p-1 \text{ and} \\ X'_{(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{n-1}, 0)} &\simeq X_{(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{n-1}, 0)} \vee X_{(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{n-1}, p-1)}. \end{aligned}$$

For each $\lambda \in \Lambda'$, $i \in I$, let a'_{λ_i} be the number of times the representation $F_p[F_{p^*}^*]f_i(n)$ occur in a composition series for $\text{Res}_{F_{p^*}^*}^{\text{GL}_n(Z/p)} S'_{\lambda}$. Then for $j \in J_i$, Harris has proved that ([7], 4.6):

$$(2.6) \quad Y_n(j) \simeq \bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda'} a'_{\lambda_i} X'_{\lambda}.$$

One of the fundamental problems that has been being interested in at present in the problem finding a stable splitting of $B(Z/p)_+^n$ is to determine a'_{λ_i} .

Lemma 2.7 ([5]). *The eigenvalues for the action of θ on the Weyl module W^{α} are $\omega^{\beta(T)}$ where T is a semistandard α -tableau of content $(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n)$ and $\beta(T) \equiv (\sum_{k=1}^n p^{k-1} \beta_k) \pmod{p^n - 1}$.*

Here, the notions of Weyl module and semistandard α -tableau of content $(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n)$ can be found in [8].

Lemma 2.8 ([5]). *The eigenvalues for the action of θ on $S_{(\lambda)}$ are ω^j with $j \equiv m_{\lambda} \pmod{p-1}$ where $m_{\lambda} = \lambda_1 + 2\lambda_2 + \dots + n\lambda_n$ with $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$.*

From Theorem 2.4, (2.5), (2.6), Lemma 2.7 and Lemma 2.8, we have the following theorem

Theorem 2.9. *If $m_{\lambda} \not\equiv u \pmod{p-1}$ then X_{λ} is not a summand of $\widehat{Z}_{n,m}(u)$, so it is not a summand of $Y_n(j)$ for each $j \in V_u(m)$.*

For $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ where $\lambda_i = 0$ or $p-1$, $m_{\lambda} \equiv 0 \pmod{p-1}$ and we have the following corollary:

Corollary 2.10. *$X_{(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)}$ for $\lambda_i = 0$ or $p-1$, for example $X_{(p-1, \dots, p-1, p-1)}$ and $X_{(p-1, \dots, p-1)}$ are the summands of $\bigvee_{j \equiv 0 \pmod{p-1}} Y_n(j)$.*

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PHÂN RÃ $B(\mathbb{Z}/P)_+^N$ TỪ NHÓM NHÂN TÍNH
CỦA CÁC TRƯỜNG CON TRONG CÁC TRƯỜNG HỮU HẠN

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Giả sử p là một số nguyên tố, F_{p^n} là trường của p^n các phần tử, K là trường con của F_{p^n} và $K^* = K \setminus \{0\}$ nhóm nhân tính của K . Bằng cách sử dụng lý thuyết biểu diễn và các lũy đẳng trên vành nhóm $F_p[K^*]$, chúng ta đưa ra sự phân hoạch của $B(\mathbb{Z}/p)_+^n$ thành các hạng tử có số ổn định và điều kiện để mỗi trong các hạng tử này không chứa các hạng tử không khai triển được.