

TABLE SPLITTING OF CLASSIFYING SPACES OF ELEMENTARY ABELIAN p -GROUPS

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t. By using representation theory and explicit sets of orthogonal idempotents which sum to the 1 in the group ring $F_p[GL_n(Z/p)]$, we give certain splitting of the classifying space of the elementary abelian p -group $(Z/p)^n$.

1. INTRODUCTION.

In the recent years, one of the most significant problems in homotopy theory has been the problem of finding a stable splitting of the classifying space of a finite abelian group. This can be reduced to the special case of an elementary abelian p -group $(Z/p)^n$. $B(Z/p)_+^n$ be the classifying space of the elementary abelian p -group $(Z/p)^n$, together with a disjoint base point. Harris and Kuhn have given a splitting of $B(Z/p)_+^n$ into a countable sum of composable stable wedge summands, this is equivalent to a splitting of the 1 into a sum of orthogonal idempotents in $F_p[M_n(Z/p)]$ ([5]). This splitting is finest but in general most of the idempotents have not yet been known explicitly.

The object of this paper is to describe some stable splitting of $B(Z/p)_+^n$ into stable wedge summands, completed at p . In a previous method to construct stable summands of $B(Z/p)_+^n$, the representation theory of the automorphism group of $(Z/p)^n$ is used [6]. A splitting of the identity in $F_p[GL_n(Z/p)]$ into orthogonal idempotents is shown to induce a splitting of $B(Z/p)_+^n$. Let $F_{p^n}^*$ denote the cyclic multiplicative group of units in F_{p^n} , it can be considered as a subgroup of $GL_n(Z/p)$. We construct explicitly a set of primitive orthogonal idempotents which sum to the 1 in $F_p[F_{p^n}^*]$ for each divisor m of n .

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2. MAIN RESULT.

In F_{p^n} , choose an element ω so that ω generates the cyclic group of units in F_{p^n} and $\{1, \omega, \dots, \omega^{n-1}\}$ forms a basis for F_{p^n} over F_p ([2]), where $\phi(a) = a^p$ is the Frobenius. Let $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + x^n$ be the minimal polynomial for ω . Let

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

an $n \times n$ 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 consider

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

for each divisor m of n , we have $p^m - 1$ to be a divisor of $p^n - 1$ and

$$F_{p^m}^* = \langle \theta^{\frac{p^n-1}{p^m-1}} \rangle \subseteq F_{p^n}^*$$

Since $F_{p^n}^*$ is abelian and p does not divide the order of $F_{p^n}^*$, there are $p^n - 1$ distinct one dimensional representations of $F_{p^n}^*$ defined over F_{p^n} . Label them by $j \in Z/(p^n - 1)$, with $R_j(\theta) = \omega^j$. Explicit idempotents in $F_{p^n}[F_{p^n}^*]$ associated to them are $e_j = \frac{1}{p^n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{p^n-2} \omega^{-kj} \theta^k$ ([1], 33.8).

We let $Z/m = \langle \phi_m \rangle$ act on $Z/(p^m - 1)$ by $\phi_m(i) = ip$. Let $J_i(m)$ be the orbit containing i , and let $I(m)$ be a set consisting of one element from each orbit. The cardinality of $J_i(m)$ is $z_i(m)$, where $z_i(m)$ is the smallest positive exponent k with $ip^k \equiv i \pmod{p^m-1}$. For $m = n$, $J_i(m)$, $I(m)$, and $z_i(m)$ are exactly J_i , I , and z_i in [4].

Definition 2.1. For $i \in I(m)$, let

$$g_i(m) = \sum_{u=0}^{z_i(m)-1} \sum_{j \equiv ip^u \pmod{p^m-1}} e_j$$

Theorem 2.2. (i) $g_i(m) \in F_p[F_{p^m}^*]$, and (ii) the $g_i(m)$ are primitive orthogonal idempotents which sum to the 1 in $F_p[F_{p^m}^*]$, i.e., $\{F_p[F_{p^m}^*]g_i(m) \mid i \in I(m)\}$ is a full set of irreducible representations of $F_{p^m}^*$ over F_p . *Proof:* (i) We have

$$g_i(m) = - \sum_{u=0}^{z_i(m)-1} \sum_{k=0}^{p^n-2} \sum_{l=0}^{q-1} \omega^{-k(ip^u + l(p^m-1))} \theta^k,$$

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

$$\sum_{l=0}^{q-1} \omega^{-k(ip^u + l(p^m-1))} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } q \nmid k. \\ q\omega^{-kip^u} & \text{if } q \mid k. \end{cases}$$

Hence $g_i(m) = - \sum_{j=0}^{p^n-2} x_{ijm} \theta^j$, where $x_{ijm} = \sum_{u=0}^{z_i(m)-1} \omega^{-qjip^u}$. We have $x_{ijm} \in F_p$, $\phi(x_{ijm}) = x_{ijm}$ and $\theta^q \in F_{p^m}^*$, therefore $g_i(m) \in F_p[F_{p^m}^*]$.

(ii). Let $E_i(m) = \{e_j \mid e_j \text{ occurs in } g_i(m)\}$. Then $\cup_{i \in I(m)} E_i(m) = \{e_j \mid 0 \leq j \leq p^n - 1\}$ and $E_i(m) \cap E_{i'}(m) = \emptyset$ for any $i, i' \in I(m)$, $i \neq i'$. Hence the $g_i(m)$ are orthogonal idempotents which sum to the 1. From ([4], 3.5), the idempotents $g_i(m)$ are primitive in $F_p[F_{p^m}^*]$.

Remarks 2.3: (i) $g_i(n)$ and $g_i(1)$ are exactly f_i in [4] and g_i in [3].

(ii) Since $F_p[F_{p^m}^*]$ is semi simple and commutative, it must be equal to a direct sum of fields. $F_p[F_{p^m}^*] \cong \bigoplus_{i \in I(m)} F_p[F_{p^m}^*]g_i(m)$ realizes this decomposition.

Denote the stable summand of $B(Z/p)_+^n$ corresponding to the irreducible $F_p[GL_n]$ -module $S'_{(\lambda)}$ by $X'_{(\lambda)}$ ([5], [6], § 6). Let

$$Z_{n,m}(i) = g_i(m)B(Z/p)_+^n.$$

Corollary 2.4.

$$B(Z/p)_+^n \simeq \bigvee_{i \in I(m)} Z_{n,m}(i),$$

$$Z_{n,m}(i) \simeq \bigvee_{(\lambda)} (\sum_{\substack{v \in I \\ v \pmod{p^m-1} \in J_i(m)}} z_v a'_{\lambda v}) X'_{(\lambda)},$$

$a'_{\lambda\nu}$ is the number of times the representation $F_p[F_p^*]f_i$ occurs in a composition for $\text{Res}_{F_p^*}^{GL_n(Z/p)}(S'_{(\lambda)})$ and the indexing set is given in ([4], 1.5).

Proof. This follows from 2.1, 2.2 and ([4], 3.4, 4.6).

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PHÂN RÃ ỔN ĐỊNH CỦA KHÔNG GIAN PHÂN LOẠI CỦA P - NHÓM ABEN SƠ CẤP

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Một trong những vấn đề có ý nghĩa nhất trong lý thuyết đồng luân là bài toán tìm phân rã ổn định của không gian phân loại của một nhóm hữu hạn, Điều này có thể về trường hợp đặc biệt của một p - nhóm Aben sơ cấp.

Trong bài báo này, bằng cách sử dụng lý thuyết biểu diễn của nhóm hữu hạn và xây dựng một hệ tường minh các phần tử lũy đẳng trực giao có tổng bằng 1 trong nhóm $L_n(Z/p)$, chúng tôi đưa ra một phân rã ổn định của không gian phân loại của p - nhóm aben sơ cấp $(Z/p)^m$.