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Quillen's algebraic K-theory of fields $K(F)$

G_F acts on $K(F)$ $(*) K(F) \xrightarrow{?} K(F)^{hG_F}$ (Quillen-Lichtenbaum)

Suslin: $K(F)_d^{\wedge} \simeq ku_d^{\wedge}$ (d prime, away from...)

Spectral sequence $H^*(G_F; M_d^{\otimes n}) \Rightarrow K(F)^{hG_F}$

$G_F = \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_d$ $\mathbb{Z}_d \times \mathbb{Z}_d$

← already problems here

(*) is false on the nose statement

Bott periodic theory version: $K^{per}(F)^{hG_F} \cong K^{per}(F)$

- For this talk, all fields contain alg closed subfields \rightarrow Bott elt exists completed at d
- Proved by Thomason.

Wanted to get non-periodic statement.

- Bloch-Lichtenbaum construct $SS \Rightarrow K_* F$
- Bloch-Kato conjecture, Beilinson-Lichtenbaum conjecture

Upshot: There is a spectral sequence with E_2 depending only on G_F , converging to completed K-theory (at some d)

• Complete calculation of $(K(F)_d^{\wedge})_*$

Question: Is there a model for $K(F)$ built entirely out of G_F ?

(together with $ku, \dots, K\bar{F}, \dots$)

How might such a model look?

- Completions can give interesting models
- Noetherian rings - completion mostly boring (alg. completion)

Non Noetherian rings

There is a derived notion of completion of commutative ring spectra.

$f: A \rightarrow B$ homomorph. of comm ring spectra, M A -module

$M_B^{\wedge} := \text{Tot cosimplicial spectrum of the monad for } B \otimes_A M$

(Amitsur completion)

Consider $R[\mathbb{Z}_p]$ a repr. ring.

$R[\mathbb{Z}_p] = \bigcup_n R[\mathbb{Z}/p^n] = \mathbb{Z}[\chi(\mathbb{Z}_p)]$ ← ^{cts.} character group

$R[\mathbb{Z}_p] \xrightarrow{\text{sur}} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\text{inj}} \mathbb{F}_p$ $\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}]$

What is $R[\mathbb{Z}_p]_{\hat{p}}$?

Homotopy SS has a simple form:

- Tensor prod. of E_2 term for $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow F_p$ with the mod-p homology Eilenberg-Moore SS for $BX(\mathbb{Z}_p) \xleftarrow{i} BS'$
- $H_*(i, F_p)$ is iso
- Same as Eilenberg-Moore SS for CP^∞ completed at p
- Hence: $\pi_*(R[\mathbb{Z}_p]_{\hat{p}}) \cong \mathbb{Z}_p$ for $*=0,1$; 0 otherwise.

$X(\mathbb{Z}_p) \rightarrow X(\mathbb{Z})$

$Z[X(\mathbb{Z}_p)] \rightarrow Z[X(\mathbb{Z})]$ is iso after completion at mod p augmentation

Tyler's thesis: Consider N fin. gen. nilpotent grp.

Form completion at p N_p^{\wedge}

$N \rightarrow N_p^{\wedge}$

$R[N_p^{\wedge}] \rightarrow R[N]$

topological ring

Tyler shows: $R[N_p^{\wedge}]_{\hat{p}} \rightarrow R[N]_{\hat{p}}$

is an equivalence.

has stable info. about rep'n varieties.

Representational Assembly

Descent data

\bar{F} (V, α) , where V is an \bar{F} -vector space

$G_F | F$ α is an action of G_F on V

$\alpha(g)(\bar{F}v) = \bar{F}^g \alpha(v)$ (\bar{F} "semilinear")

Serre-Hilbert 90: Category of descent data \cong cat of Vect_F

Call cat. of descent data \mathcal{DD}_F .

Thus $K\mathcal{DD}_F \cong KF$.

$F > k$ alg. closed. (k char. not dividing thing in G_F)

Consider k -linear rep'ns of G_F . $\text{Rep}_k[G_F]$ (cont. rep'n)

$k_0(\text{Rep}_k[G_F]) = \text{Rep}[G_F]$

$\text{Rep}_k[G_F] \rightarrow \mathcal{DD}_F$

W with G_F -action $\rightsquigarrow \bar{F} \otimes_P W$ w/ diagonal action

$K\text{Rep}_k[G_F] \rightarrow K\mathcal{DD}_F \cong KF$



complete: $K\text{Rep}_K[G_F]_p \xrightarrow{A_p^{rep}} KF_p^{\wedge}$ Rep'nl assembly, \checkmark p-adic completion.

Q: Is there a chance that A_p^{rep} is \simeq ?
 (Clark Barwick has thought about this.)

Universal Example: $K[t^{\pm 1}] \rightsquigarrow K[t^{\pm 1/p^\infty}]$ K alg. closed.

$A_{K[t^{\pm 1}]}^{rep}$ exists

Claim: $A_{K[t^{\pm 1}]}^{rep}$ is \simeq

localization seq:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} t\text{-Tor}_n & \longrightarrow & K[t^{1/p^n}] & \longrightarrow & K[t^{\pm 1/p^n}] \\ K(t\text{-Tor}_n) & \longrightarrow & K(K[t^{1/p^n}]) & \longrightarrow & K(K[t^{\pm 1/p^n}]) \end{array}$$

modules over $K\text{Rep}_K[G_K]$

\downarrow htpy property
 $K\text{Rep}_K[G_K]$

$\bigcup_n K(K[t^{1/p^n}])$ completes to $K\text{Rep}_K[G_F]_p$ domain of assembly.

Aside: $A \xrightarrow{f} B$ $M \xrightarrow{\theta} N$ map of A modules.

When is $M_B^{\wedge} \xrightarrow{\theta_B^{\wedge}} N_B^{\wedge}$ iso? Suffices that $B \wedge_A M \xrightarrow{B \wedge \theta} B \wedge_A N$ is \simeq

Apply smash prod. to fiber sequence. (preserves fiber seq.)

Need to show $\bigcup_n K(t\text{-Tor}_n) \wedge_{K\text{Rep}_K[G_K]} HF_p \simeq *$

homotopy of $K(t\text{-Tor}_n)$ is a flat $K_*\text{Rep}_K[\mathbb{Z}_p]$ -module. $F_p \xrightarrow{p} F_p \xrightarrow{p} F_p$
 Proves that assembly is \simeq in this universal example.

$KF, u \in F^* = K, F$. Adjoin all p-power roots of u . $E = F(\sqrt[p^\infty]{u})$.

$K[t^{\pm 1/p^n}] \rightarrow$

$t \mapsto u \quad t^{1/p^n} \mapsto u^{1/p^n}$

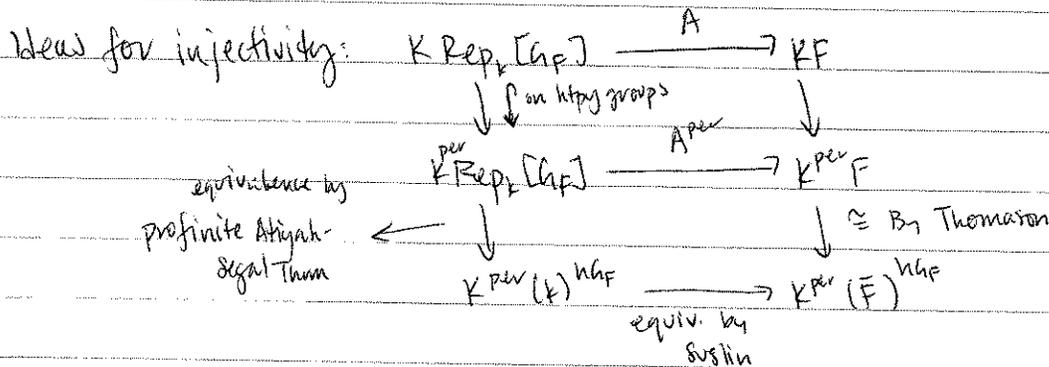
$G_p^E = \text{Galois group is } \mathbb{Z}_p, \text{ quotient } G_F$.

$$K\text{Rep}_K[G_p^E] \rightarrow K\text{Rep}_K[G_F] \xrightarrow{A_p^{rep}} KF$$

onto part. ctt) from univ. example - absolute.

Use this result to prove that A_p^{rep} iso for abelian n -Galois grps.
 (Key ingred: explicitly compute $\pi_*(\text{Rep}_K[\text{Ab profinite grp}])$)

Allows one to show that A_F^{rep} is surjective in general.
 (Block-Kato: K-theory gen. in degrees 1+2; abelianization...)



Alg to geometric SS: $A \rightarrow B$

$\pi_*(M^*_p)$. each $\pi_i(M)$ is an A -module. (can be completed at $\pi_0 A \rightarrow \pi_0 B$)

$\pi_*(R[G_F])$

no differentials, so collapses + gives injection into periodic form.

NB: there is a condition that for iso which preserved by colimits.