

A homotopy n -sphere is an oriented smooth manifold homeomorphic to S^n . (by Generalized Poincaré conjecture) For $n \geq 5$, (the h-cobordism class) of these form an abelian group Θ_n (up to diffeomorphism) with operation $\#$ (connected sum).

Theorem 1. *Kervaire-Milnor: Θ_n is finite.*

Question 1: How does $|\Theta_n|$ grows as n grows?

For some prime p , consider:

Theorem 2. *(Burklund) Whem $M \rightarrow \infty$,*

$$\sum_{n=5}^M \frac{\dim_{\mathbb{F}_p}(\Theta_n \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{F}_p)}{M} \rightarrow \infty$$

Theorem 3. *$\pi_{n+k}(S^k)$ is independent of k for sufficiently large k .*

Denote π_n^{st} to be the n -th stable homotopy group of sphere.

Theorem 4. *(Kervaire-Milnor) There exists exact sequence*

$$P_{n+1} \rightarrow \Theta_n \rightarrow \pi_n^{st}/J_n \rightarrow P_n$$

(Where P_{n+1} is a subgroup of Θ_n , defined by any homotopy n -sphere bounds a parallelizable manifold, J_n is the image of n -th J -homomorphism)

Remark 1. $\pi_n^{st}(X) := \varinjlim_k \pi_{k+n}(\Sigma^k X)$. is a homology theory, satisfy excision, MV sequence, etc. Indeed, $\pi_n^{st}(\text{pt}) = \pi_n^{st}$.

Theorem 5. *If X is a finite CW complex, then either:*

1. $\pi_n^{st}(X) \otimes \mathbb{F}_p = 0$
2. $\lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=5}^M \frac{\dim_{\mathbb{F}_p}(\pi_n^{st}(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{F}_p)}{M} \rightarrow \infty$ holds.

(for simplicity we only discuss $p > 5$)

There is another homology theory $(\pi^{st}/p)_*$ sitting in the long exact sequence below:

$$\pi_n^{st}(X) \xrightarrow{\times p} \pi_n^{st}(X) \rightarrow (\pi^{st}/p)_n(X) \rightarrow \pi_{n-1}^{st}(X)$$

Construction 1. *(Adams/Toda) There's a natural transformation:*

$$(\pi^{st}/p)_*(X) \xrightarrow{v_1} (\pi^{st}/p)_{*+2p-2}(X)$$

making $(\pi^{st}/p)_*(X)$ an $\mathbb{F}_p[v_1]$ -modules.

Theorem 6. *(Miller) $v_1^{-1}(\pi^{st}/p)_*(pt)$ is a 2-dimensional $\mathbb{F}_p[v_1, v_1^{-1}]$ -vector space.*

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$$\rightarrow (\pi^{st}/p)_*(X) \xrightarrow{\times v_1} (\pi^{st}/p)_{*+2p-2}(X) \rightarrow (\pi^{st}/p, v_1)_{*+2p-2}(X) \rightarrow$$

There's a natural transformation:

$$(\pi^{st}/p, v_1)_*(X) \xrightarrow{v_2} (\pi^{st}/p, v_1)_{*+2p^2-2}(X)$$

making $(\pi^{st}/p, v_1)_*(X)$ a $\mathbb{F}_p[v_2]$ -module.

Conjecture 1. $v_2^{-1}(\pi^{st}/p, v_1)_*(pt)$ is a 12-dimensional $\mathbb{F}_p[v_2, v_2^{-1}]$ -vector space.

Theorem 7. *(Burklund-H-Levy-Schlank) The conjecture above is wrong. The dimension is infinite.*

Consequence: after invert v_2 by v_2^{-1} have infinite dimension $\implies$ there are more things before inverting v_2 .

Remark 2. *The conjecture comes from telescope conjecture, that indicate things about homology theory...*

Miller's theorem also prove the theory $(\pi^{st}/p)_$ satisfy Galois descent, so ["Telescope conjecture says $(\pi^{st}/p, v_1)_*$ should behave similarly."]*

Question: How to prove theorem BHLS?

Look at $v_2^{-1}(\pi^{st}/p, v_1)_*(pt) \rightarrow v_2^{-1}(\pi^{st}/p, v_1)_*(K(J_k))$, where J_k is some K-theory object.
($k \gg 0$)

There's action of ψ^m on $KU_p^\wedge$, where m is a topological generator of $\mathbb{Z}_p^\times$.

Define J_k to be the homotopy fixed points of