

Chromatic E_1 -terms—up to April 1995

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§1. Introduction

Throughout this note, everything is localized at a prime number p . For each p , in their paper [9], Miller, Ravenel and Wilson introduced the chromatic spectral sequence to compute an E_2 -term of the Adams-Novikov spectral sequence for computing the homotopy groups $\pi_*(V(n))$ of the Toda-Smith spectrum $V(n)$ for each n . The intention of this note is to show in which paper an E_1 -term of a chromatic spectral sequence is computed, not to claim any original result. The chromatic spectral sequence was invented to compute an E_2 -term of the Adams-Novikov spectral sequence. Its E_1 -term is also an E_2 -term of the Adams-Novikov spectral sequence for computing homotopy groups of a localized spectrum. Besides, it is the homotopy groups under some condition. In this sense, these E_1 -terms reflect some properties of homotopy groups, and the structures of E_1 -terms would have more value than the way how to compute them. Unfortunately, most of the E_1 -terms are too complicated to be written down explicitly. So this will show you where the E_1 -terms are as well as how much they have been known by April 1995. Many of them are done in an unfamiliar journal like this.

In the next section, which is devoted for a novice, I will explain the chromatic world. Then I introduce notations in the section 3. You find the locations of E_1 -terms in §4. In the last section, I will explain some additional results.

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§2. The chromatic world

This section is designed for a novice to this field.

Working in the homotopy category \mathcal{S} of spectra, an E -based Adams spectral sequence

$$E_1^{s,t} = \pi_t(E \wedge \bar{E}^s \wedge X) \implies \pi_{t-s}(E \wedge X).$$

plays an important role for a suitable ring spectrum E . Here $E \wedge X$ denotes the E -nilpotent completion of a spectrum X (cf. [15]). The pair $(E_*, E_*(E))$ is a Hopf

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algebroid. In particular, if $E_*(E)$ is flat over E_* , then the category of $E_*(E)$ -comodules has enough injectives and then the E_* -term is computed to be $\text{Ext}_{E_*(E)}^*(E_*, E_*(X))$ (cf. [16]).

One of the typical examples for E is the Brown-Peterson spectrum BP . This is defined in the homotopy category $\mathcal{S}_{(p)}$ of spectra localized at each prime number p to have the coefficient ring $BP_* = \mathbf{Z}_{(p)}[v_1, v_2, \dots]$. So we work in the category $\mathcal{S}_{(p)}$. We call the BP -based Adams special sequence the *Adams-Novikov spectral sequence*. In their paper [9], Miller, Ravenel and Wilson introduces the chromatic spectral sequence to compute the E_2 -terms of the Adams-Novikov spectral sequences:

$$E_1^{s,t,*} = \text{Ext}_{BP_*BP}^{t,s}(BP_*, M_n^s) \implies E_2^{s,t,*} = \text{Ext}_{BP_*BP}^{s+t,*}(BP_*, BP_*/I_n).$$

Here the abutment is the E_2 -term of the Adams-Novikov spectral sequence computing the homotopy groups $\pi_*(V(n-1))$ for the Toda-Smith spectrum $V(n-1)$. Furthermore, in the above, $BP_*BP = BP_*[t_1, t_2, \dots]$ is the Hopf algebroid, I_n the ideal of BP_* generated by $p, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}$ ($p = v_0, I_0 = 0$), and M_n^s is a comodule denoted by $v_{n+s}^{-1}BP_*/(p, v^1, \dots, v_{n-1}, v_n^\infty, \dots, v_{n+s-1}^\infty)$ (see [9] for explicit definition, see also §3).

Their theory contains more than that. For a spectrum E , let $L_E: \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$ denote the Bousfield localization functor and $\langle E \rangle$ the Bousfield class ([2], [3], cf. [15]). By $E(n)$ and $K(n)$, we denote the n -th Johnson-Wilson and the n -th Morava spectrum, respectively, whose coefficient groups are $E(n)_* = \mathbf{Z}_{(p)}[v_1, \dots, v_n, v_n^{-1}]$ and $K(n)_* = \mathbf{Z}/p[v_n, v_n^{-1}]$. Following to [15], we write L_n for $L_{E(n)}$. Since $L_n L_m = L_n$ for $n \leq m$, we have $L_n X \rightarrow L_m X$ and the chromatic tower

$$L_0 \mathcal{S}_{(p)} \longleftarrow L_1 \mathcal{S}_{(p)} \longleftarrow \dots \longleftarrow L_n \mathcal{S}_{(p)} \longleftarrow \dots \longleftarrow \mathcal{S}_{(p)}$$

of functors. Every category $L_n \mathcal{S}_{(p)}$ is classified by the homotopy functor π_* . The homotopy groups $\pi_*(X)$ is computed by the $E(n)$ -based Adams spectral sequence. For a large prime p , say $p > n^2 + n$ or so, the E_2 -term for a finite spectrum agrees with the homotopy groups, since the spectral sequence collapses from the E_2 -term. This is the key point. In fact, the E_2 -terms are computable algebraically. Besides, some algebraic theory can be applied to understand some phenomena behind the homotopy theory.

For the relation between $L_{n-1} \mathcal{S}_{(p)}$ and $L_n \mathcal{S}_{(p)}$, $\langle E(n) \rangle = \bigvee_{k=0}^n \langle K(k) \rangle$ implies that the difference of $L_n \mathcal{S}_{(p)} \rightarrow L_{n-1} \mathcal{S}_{(p)}$ is evaluated by $L_{K(n)} \mathcal{S}_{(p)}$. For $X = V(n)$ and a large prime number p , the E_1 -term of a chromatic spectral sequence is the E_2 -term of the Adams-Novikov spectral sequence for computing the homotopy groups $\pi_*(L_{K(n)} X)$ of $L_{K(n)} X$, which will be collapse to give the homotopy groups. For instance, the homotopy groups $\pi_*(L_n V(n-1))$ is isomorphic to $\text{Ext}_{BP_*BP}^*(BP_*, M_n^0)$ that is the chromatic E_1 -term.

§3. Notation (the chromatic SS)

In this note we state how much we know about the E_1 -terms of the chromatic

spectral sequences.

First we would like to set up notations:

$$BP_* = E(\infty)_*, \Gamma = \Gamma(\infty) = BP_*(BP) \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma(n) = E(n)_*(E(n)).$$

and denote

$$H^{s,t}(M) = H(\infty)^{s,t}(M) = \text{Ext}_{\Gamma}^{s,t}(BP_*, M)$$

for a Γ -comodule M and

$$H(n)^{s,t}(M) = \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(n)}^{s,t}(E(n)_*, M)$$

for an $\Gamma(n)$ -comodule M .

Comodules $N(n)_j^i$ for $n \geq 0$:

First set

$$N(n)_j^0 = E(n)_*/I_j$$

for the ideal $I_j = (p, v_1, \dots, v_{j-1})$. Suppose the comodule $N(n)_j^i$ is defined. Then we define the comodules by

$$M(n)_j^i = v_{i+j}^{-1} N(n)_j^i$$

and $N(n)_j^{i+1}$ to fit in the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow N(n)_j^i \longrightarrow M(n)_j^i \longrightarrow N(n)_j^{i+1} \longrightarrow 0.$$

Then the chromatic spectral sequence is set up by the exact couple induced from the above short exact sequences:

$$E_1^{s,t} = H(n)^t M(n)_j^i \implies H(n)^{s+t} N(n)_j^0.$$

The target of the spectral sequence is the E_2 -term of the $E(n)$ -based Adams spectral sequence converging to the homotopy groups $\pi_*(L_n V(j-1))$ of a spectrum $L_n V(j-1)$ whose existence is studied in [27]. Note that

$$M(n)_j^i = N(n)_j^i \text{ if } i+j = n, \text{ and } = 0 \text{ if } i+j > n.$$

Furthermore,

$$H(n)^s M(m)_j^i = H(n)^s M(n)_j^i$$

if $m \geq n$. We will denote this simply by

$$H(n)^s M_j^i = H(n)^s M(m)_j^i.$$

§4. E_1 -terms (the Bockstein SS)

The chromatic E_1 -terms are computed inductively by the v_j -Bockstein spectral sequences

$$E_1^{s,t} = H(n)*M_{j+1}^{i-1} \implies H(n)*M_j^i$$

obtained from the short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow M_{j+1}^{i-1} \xrightarrow{1/v_j} M_j^i \xrightarrow{v_j} M_j^i \longrightarrow 0.$$

Here the first step of the induction is given as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} H(n)^s M_n^0 &= 0 \text{ if } s > n^2 \text{ and } p-1 \nmid n \text{ by Morava [11],} \\ H(n)^s M_n^0 &\text{ is known if } n \leq 3 \text{ by Ravenel [14],} \\ H(2)^* M_2^0 &\text{ at the prime 3 is given by Henn [5],} \\ &\text{Gorbounov, Siegel and Symonds [4],} \\ &\text{Yagita [28], and Shimomura [23], independently} \\ H(n)^0 M_n^0 &= K(n)_* \text{ by Ravenel [14], and Moreira [12], and} \\ H(n)^i M_n^0 &\text{ is known if } i = 1 \text{ and } = 2 \text{ by Ravenel [14].} \end{aligned}$$

These are found also in Ravenel's first book [16]. Note that if $p-1 \nmid n$, then $H(n)*M_n^0 = \pi_*(L_n V(n-1))$ by Morava's results. In [23], $\pi_*(L_2 V(1))$ at the prime 3 is also determined while $3-1 \mid 2$.

Using the following Lemma due to [9], we obtain $H(n)*M_j^i$ from $H(n)*M_{j+1}^{i-1}$:

LEMMA *Consider the commutative diagram*

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} H(n)^s M_{j+1}^{i-1} & \longrightarrow & H(n)^s M_j^i & \xrightarrow{v_j} & H(n)^s M_j^i & \xrightarrow{\delta} & H(n)^{s+1} M_j^i \\ & \searrow & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \nearrow \\ & & B & \xrightarrow{v_j} & B & & \end{array}$$

in which the upper sequence is the exact one associated to the above short exact sequence. If the lower sequence is also exact, then

$$H(n)^s M_j^i = B.$$

By this, we know the followings:

$$\begin{aligned} H(0)*M_0^0 &= \mathcal{Q} \\ H(1)*M_0^1 &\text{ by Miller, Ravenel and Wilson [9]} \\ H(2)^s M_1^1 &\text{ by Miller, Ravenel and Wilson [9] (} s = 0 \text{),} \\ &\text{Shimomura and Tamura [24] (} s = 1, p > 3 \text{),} \\ &\text{Arita and Shimomura [1] (} s = 1, p = 3 \text{) and} \\ &\text{Shimomura [18] (} s > 1, p > 3 \text{)} \\ H(2)^0 M_0^2 &\text{ by Miller, Ravenel and Wilson [9] (} p > 2 \text{), and} \\ &\text{Shimomura [17] (} p = 2 \text{)} \\ H(2)^s M_0^2 &\text{ by Shimomura and Yabe [25], [26] (} s > 0, p > 3 \text{)} \\ H(3)^0 M_2^1 &\text{ by Miller, Ravenel and Wilson [9]} \\ H(3)^1 M_2^1 &\text{ by Shimomura [19] ([21]) (} p > 3 \text{)} \end{aligned}$$

$H(3)^0 M_1^2$	by Kodama and Shimomura [7] ($p > 3$)
$H(n)^0 M_{n-1}^1$	by Miller, Ravenel and Wilson [9]
$H(n)^0 M_{n-2}^2$	by Shimomura [20] ($p > 2$ and $n \geq 4$).

Using the chromatic spectral sequence, we know the structures of

$\pi_*(L_0 S^0) = Q$	
$\pi_*(L_1 S^0)$	by Ravenel [15]
$\pi_*(L_2 S^0)$	by Shimomura and Yabe [26] ($p > 3$).

§5. More with $T(k)$

Let $T(k)$ denote Ravenel's spectrum with

$$BP_*(T(k)) = BP_*[t_1, t_2, \dots, t_k] \subset BP_*(BP), \text{ and}$$

put

$$M[k]_j^i = M_j^i \otimes_{BP_*} BP_*(T(k)).$$

Now we know the structure of

$H(n)^* M[k]_n^0$	by Ravenel [16]	$(n < 2(p-1)(k+1)/p)$
$H(1)^* M[k]_0^1$	by Kodama and Shimomura [6]	$(k > 0 \text{ and } k > 1 \text{ if } p = 2)$
$H(2)^0 M[k]_1^1$	by Kodama and Shimomura [6]	$k > 3 \text{ and } p > 2$
$H(2)^* M[1]_2^0$	by Mahowald and Shimomura [8]	$p = 2$
$H(2)^* M[1]_1^1$	by Shimomura [22]	$p = 2$
$H(2)^* M[1]_1^0$	by Shimomura [22]	$p = 2$
$H(3)^0 M[1]_2^1$	by Mitsui and Shimomura [10]	$p > 3$

Relating to $H(2)^* M[1]_2^0$, we have the structure

$$H(2)^*(E(2)_*(V(1) \wedge X)) \text{ and } H(2)^*(E(2)_*(V(0) \wedge X))$$

for $X = S^0 \cup_{\alpha_1} e^4 \cup_{\alpha_1} e^8$ at the prime $p = 3$ by Shimomura [23] and by Nakazawa and Shimomura [13], respectively. Since X is a $2p^2 - 2$ skeleton of the Ravenel's spectrum $T(1)$, we may consider $H(2)^*(E(2)_*(V(1) \wedge X))$ and $H(2)^*(E(2)_*(V(0) \wedge X))$ for any prime p , and the structure of them for $p > 3$ is found in Ravenel's green book [16].

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