

Note on the Right Unit Map and Some Elements of the Brown-Peterson Homology

Katsumi SHIMOMURA*

(Received August 31, 1989)

§1. Introduction

In their paper [3], Miller, Ravenel, Wilson defined elements $x_{n,k}$ to determine the E_2 -term $E_2^{s,t}(n)$ ($n \geq -1$) of the chromatic spectral sequence which converges to the E_2 -term of the Adams-Novikov spectral sequence converging to the stable homotopy of the Smith-Toda spectrum $V(n)$ at a prime p . Here $V(-1)$ denotes the sphere spectrum localized at p . They gave $E_2^{s,t}(-1)$ for $s+t \leq 2$ and $p > 2$, and $E_2^{s,t}(n)$ for $(s,t) = (0,1)$ and all primes p . We need to investigate the elements $x_{n,k}$ to proceed the computation according to the way they gave. In this paper we redefine the elements and gave similar but deeper results than theirs (see Propositions 3.1 and 4.1). The results of §3 will be used to compute the E_2 -term $E_2^{1,1}(1)$ of the chromatic spectral sequence for $V(1)$ in a forthcoming paper. In this way we shall also use the results of §4 to determine the other E_2 -terms of the chromatic spectral sequences.

Let BP denote the Brown-Peterson ring spectrum at a prime number p . The unit map of the ring spectrum induces the right and the left units of BP_*BP . We regard the left unit as the inclusion $BP_* \subset BP_*BP$. Quillen [5] gave the formula for the right unit in $BP_*BP \otimes \mathcal{Q}$, and Ravenel simplified it modulo some ideal in BP_*BP in [6] and translated it explicitly in BP_*BP in [8; §4]. In §2, we rewrite the Ravenel's formula (Proposition 2.1) and use it to compute the image of the right unit map for the Moreira's elements $u_{n,k}$ which is defined only for $k \leq n$ in [2] and for $k > n$ in (2.8) here (Proposition 2.2). We define the elements X_k in §3, which is congruent to $x_{3,k}$ of [1] modulo some ideal, by using the Moreira's elements, and compute their differentials in a cobar complex. The manner to define X_k gives the similar elements for $x_{n,k}$ with $n > 3$ and we compute their differential similarly to the case $n = 3$ in §4.

§2. On the right unit of BP_*BP

Let BP denote the Brown-Peterson spectrum at a fixed prime p . Then it gives us the Hopf algebroid (BP_*, BP_*BP) (cf. [8]) and

$$BP_* = Z_{(p)}[v_1, v_2, \dots], BP_* \otimes \mathcal{Q} = \mathcal{Q}[l_1, l_2, \dots] \text{ and } BP_*BP = BP_*[t_1, t_2, \dots],$$

where $|v_i| = |l_i| = |t_i| = 2p^i - 2$, $l_i = [CP^{p^i}/p^i]$ and v_i are Hazewinkel's generators given by the equality:

$$v_n = pl_n - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} v_{n-i}^{p^i} l_i.$$

* Department of Mathematics, Faculty of Education, Tottori University, Tottori, 680, Japan

A summation \sum^F of the formal group law F associated with BP is given by

$$\sum^F a_i = \exp(\sum \log a_i)$$

where

$$\log x = \sum_{i \geq 0} l_i x^{p^i} \quad (l_0 = 1) \quad \text{and} \quad \exp(\log x) = x.$$

The right unit $\eta: BP_* \rightarrow BP_*BP$ satisfies the following congruence:

$$(2.1) [6; \text{Th. 1}] \quad \sum_{i, j \geq 0}^F t_i \eta v_j^{p^i} \equiv \sum_{i, j \geq 0}^F v_i t_j^{p^i} \pmod{(p)} \quad (v_0 = p).$$

In order to study this, we recall [8; §4.3] the following: For a set S , we inductively define a polynomial $w_k(S)$ in the polynomial ring $\mathbf{Z}[S]$ by the equality

$$\sum_{s \in S} s^{p^n} = \sum_k p^k w_k(S)^{p^{n-k}}$$

Note here that $w_0(S) = \sum_{s \in S} s$ and $w_1(S) = (\sum_{s \in S} s^p - w_0(S)^p)/p$.

Let $J = (j_1, j_2, \dots, j_m)$ ($m \geq 0$, including $J = \phi$) be a sequence of positive integers. Then we use the following notation:

$$|J| = m, \quad \|J\| = \sum_k j_k; \quad w_J(S) = w_{|J|}(S)^{p^{\|J\| - |J|}}; \quad \text{and} \quad v_J = v_{\phi}(v_J)^{p^J} \in BP_* \quad \text{for } J = (j, J).$$

For a subset $A = \{a_{i,j}\}$ of BP_*BP , we set the subset

$$(2.2) \quad A_n = \{a_{i,j} \mid i + j = n\} \cup_{|J| > 0} \{v_J w_J(A_{n - \|J\|})\} \quad \text{for } n \geq 0$$

of BP_*BP and obtain

$$(2.3) [8; \text{Lemma 4.3.11}] \quad \sum_{i,j}^F a^{i,j} \equiv \sum_{n > 0}^F w_0(A_n) \pmod{(p)} \quad \text{in } BP_*BP.$$

Considering the homogeneous part of a formal sum, we find the following:

$$(2.4) \quad \text{If } \sum_{n > 0}^F a_n \equiv \sum_{n > 0}^F b_n \pmod{(p)} \quad \text{and} \quad |a_n| = |b_n| = 2p^n - 2 \quad \text{for each } n, \quad \text{then} \\ a_n \equiv b_n \pmod{(p)}.$$

We now define the element

$$T_0 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad T_i = t_i^p + \sum_I v_I^p \{w_{|I|+1}(S_{i - \|I\|}) - w_{|I|+1}(R_{i - \|I\|})\}^{p^{\|I\| - |I|}} \quad (i \geq 1)$$

for the subsets $S = \{v_i t_j^{p^i}\}$ and $R = \{t_i \eta t_j^{p^i}\}$ of BP_*BP (cf. (2.2)). Note that it satisfies the following congruence:

$$(2.5) \quad T_i \equiv t_i^p \pmod{(p, v_1, \dots, v_{i-1})} \quad \text{for } i \geq 1.$$

PROPOSITION 2.1. For $n \geq 1$, we have the congruence

$$\sum_{i=0}^n t_i \eta v_n^{p^i} \equiv \sum_{i=0}^n v_i T_{n-i}^{p^i} \pmod{(p)} \quad (v_0 = p, t_0 = 1).$$

PROOF. It follows immediately from (2.1-3) that

$$\sum_{n > 0}^F w_0(R_n) \equiv \sum_{i,j}^F t_i \eta v_j^{p^i} \equiv \sum_{i,j}^F v_i t_j^{p^i} \equiv \sum_{n > 0}^F w_0(S_n) \pmod{(p)}.$$

Since $|R_n| = |S_n| = 2p^n - 2$, we apply (2.4) to obtain

$$(2.6) \quad w_0(R_n) \equiv w_0(S_n) \pmod{(p)}.$$

On the other hand consider a sequence J with $|J| > 0$, and we have $J = (j, I)$ for some integer $j > 0$ and sequence I , and

$$|J| = |I| + 1, \|J\| = \|I\| + j, \text{ and } v_J = v_j(v_I)^{p^j}.$$

These equalities imply

$$w_0(\cup_{|J|>0} v_J w_J(A)) \equiv \sum_{j>0, I} v_j \{v_I^p w_{|I|+1}(A)^{p^{\|I\| - \|I\|}}\}^{p^j-1} \pmod{(p)}$$

for a set A , since $w_0(A \cup B) = w_0(A) + w_0(B)$. Applying this congruence to (2.6), we have the lemma by (2.2). q. e. d.

By way of example, we have the well known formulae (cf. [6]):

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{aligned} \eta v_n &\equiv v_n + v_{n-1} t_1^{p^{n-1}} - v_{n-1}^p t_1 \pmod{(p, v_1, \dots, v_{n-2})}, \text{ and} \\ \eta v_4 &\equiv v_4 + v_3 t_1^{p^3} + v_2 t_2^{p^2} - t_1 \eta v_3^p - v_2^{p^2} t_2 \pmod{(p, v_1)}. \end{aligned}$$

We now study the elements $u_{n,i}$ of $v_n^{-1}BP_*$ for each $n \geq 2$ and $i \geq 0$ defined by:

$$(2.8) \text{ (cf. [2; p. 1263-4]) } \quad u_{n,0} = v_n^{-1}, \text{ and } \sum_{i+j=r} v_{n+i} u_{n,j}^{p^i} = 0 \text{ for } r \geq 1, \text{ which also satisfy the congruence}$$

$$\sum_{i+j=r} u_{n,i} v_{n+j}^{p^i} \equiv 0 \pmod{(p)} \text{ for } r \geq 1.$$

Consider the algebra

$$C(n) = \mathbf{Z}/p[v_n, v_n^{-1}, v_{n+1}, v_{n+2}, \dots; t_1, t_2, \dots].$$

Then we have the algebra

$$B = B(n, r) = C(n) \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} \mathbf{Z}/p[F]/(F^{r+1}) \text{ for } n \geq 2 \text{ and } r \geq 1.$$

used in [2] whose multiplication is given by

$$(c_1 \otimes F^i)(c_2 \otimes f) = c_1 c_2^{p^i} \otimes F^i f$$

for $c_1, c_2 \in C(n)$ and $f \in \mathbf{Z}/p[F]/(F^{r+1})$. We make use of the following notation:

(2.9) For an element $x \in v_n^{-1}BP_*$, $e_n(x)$ denotes an element of $C(n)$ such that

$$\eta x \equiv e_n(x) \pmod{I_n}.$$

Define elements

$$(2.10) \quad w_{n,0} = 0, \text{ and } w_{n,r} = \sum_{j=1}^r e_n(u_{n,r-j}^{p^{j-1}}) T_j^{p^{n-2}} \text{ (} n \geq 2, r \geq 1 \text{) in } v_n^{-1}BP_*,$$

and we obtain the following

PROPOSITION 2.2. Let n and r be non-negative integers with $n \geq 2$. Then we have

$$\eta u_{n,r} \equiv \sum_{i+j=r} u_{n,i} t_j^{p^i} - w_{n,r}^p - v_{n-1} w_{n,r+1} \eta v_n^{-1} \pmod{I_{n-1} + (v_{n-1}^p)}$$

in $v_n^{-1}BP_*BP$, where $I_k = (p, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{k-1})$.

PROOF. Let J denote the ideal $I_{n-1} + (v_{n-1}^p)$. In case $r = 0$, it follows immediately from (2.7), since we have

$$(2.11) \quad v_n \eta v_n^{-1} \equiv 1 - v_{n-1} t_1^{p^{n-1}} \eta v_n^{-1} \pmod{J}.$$

The congruence $\eta u_{n,i} \equiv e_n(u_{n,i}) \pmod{I_n}$ implies $\eta u_{n,r-i}^{p^i} \equiv e_n(u_{n,r-i}^{p^i}) \pmod{J}$ for $i \geq 1$. Besides we have the congruences

$$\eta v_{n+i} \equiv e_n(v_{n+i}) + v_{n-1} T_{i+1}^{p^{n-2}} \pmod{J} \quad \text{for } i \geq 0$$

by Proposition 2.1, and the equality

$$\eta u_{n,r} = -\eta v_n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^r \eta v_{n+i} \eta u_{n,r-i}^{p^i}$$

given by (2.8). Then we obtain $\eta u_{n,r} \equiv e_n(u_{n,r}) - v_{n-1} w_{n,r+1} \eta v_n^{-1} \pmod{J}$ by using (2.11).

Now we study $e_n(u_{n,r})$ in a same way as that of [2:(7)]. Consider the elements

$$L = \sum_{i=0}^r t_i F^i, \quad M = \sum_{i=0}^r v_{n+i} F^i, \quad N = \sum_{i=0}^r \eta v_{n+i} F^i, \quad \text{and} \quad L' = \sum_{i=0}^r T_i^{p^{n-1}} F^i$$

of $B^*(t_0 = 1)$. By (2.8), we have

$$M^{-1} = \sum_{i=0}^r u_{n,i} F^i, \quad N^{-1} = \sum_{i=0}^r \eta u_{n,i} F^i.$$

Proposition 2.1 shows that $LN = ML'$ in B , and so

$$M^{-1}L = L'N^{-1},$$

which gives $\sum_{i+j=r} u_{n,i} t_j^{p^i} \equiv \eta u_{n,r} + w_{n,r}^p \pmod{I_n}$ by comparing the coefficient of F^r .
q. e. d.

The following is a corollary of Proposition 2.2.

PROPOSITION 2.3. *Let n and r be positive integers with $n \geq 2$. Then we have*

$$d_1 w_{n,r} \equiv -\sum_{0 < i < r} w_{n,i} \otimes t_{r-i}^{p^{i-1}} + C_{n,r} \pmod{I_n},$$

where $v_{n-1} C_{n,r} \equiv \Delta_n t_{r-1} - \Delta t_{r-1} \pmod{I_{n-1}}$ ($\Delta_n t_k \in C(n) \otimes_{BP_*BP_*} BP_*BP$: $\Delta_n t_k \equiv \Delta t_k \pmod{I_n}$), especially $C_{n,r} = 0$ if $r \leq n$, and $C_{n,n+1} = b_{n-2}$ (by [8; Corollary 4.3.15]). (See (3.1.2) for the definition of d_i).

PROOF. First we notice that

(2.12) *If $d_0 x \equiv y + v_{n-1} z \pmod{J}$ and $d_1 y \equiv w + v_{n-1} u \pmod{J}$ with $w \in C(n)$, then $w = 0$ and $d_1 z \equiv -u \pmod{I_n}$, where $J = I_{n-1} + (v_{n-1}^2)$.*

In fact, we have $w + v_{n-1} u + v_{n-1} d_1 z \equiv 0 \pmod{J}$ by applying d_1 , which implies $w \equiv 0 \pmod{I_n}$, and hence $w = 0$ since $w \in C(n)$. Let $d_{n,i} x \in C(n) \otimes_{BP_*BP_*} BP_*BP$ if $i = 1$ be an element satisfying $d_{n,i} x \equiv d_i x \pmod{I_n}$ for $i = 0$ or 1 . Then, $d_0 u_{n,i} \equiv d_{n,0} u_{n,i} - v_{n-1} v_n^{-1} w_{n,i+1}$ and $d_1 t_{r-1} \equiv d_{n,1} t_{r-1} + v_{n-1} C_{n,n+1}$ by definition. Therefore, the

hypothesis of (4.4) holds by Proposition 2.2 for

$$\begin{aligned} x &= u_{n,r-1}, \quad y = d_{n,0}u_{n,r-1}, \quad z = -v_n^{-1}w_{n,r}, \\ w &= \sum_{0 < i < r} (d_{n,0}u_{n,i} \otimes t_{r-1-i}^{p^i} + u_{n,i}d_1t_{r-1-i}^{p^i}) + u_{n,0}d_{n,1}t_{r-1} - d_1w_{n,r-1} \\ &\quad \text{and } v_n u = -\sum_{0 < i < r} w_{n,i} \otimes t_{r-i}^{p^{i-1}} + C_{n,r}, \end{aligned}$$

and we have the proposition.

q. e. d.

§3. Some elements of $v_3^{-1}BP_*$ and their differentials

In this section we assume that the prime p is odd.

For a BP_*BP -comodule M with coaction ψ , the cobar complex (Ω^*M, d_*) is

$$(3.1.1) \quad \Omega^t M = M \otimes_{BP_*} BP_*BP \otimes_{BP_*} \cdots \otimes_{BP_*} BP_*BP \quad (t \text{ copies of } BP_*BP)$$

and differential $d_t: \Omega^t M \rightarrow \Omega^{t+1} M$ given by

$$(3.1.2) \quad \begin{aligned} d_0 m &= \psi m - m \otimes 1, \quad d_1 m \otimes x = d_0 m \otimes x + m \otimes d_1 x, \\ d_1 x &= 1 \otimes x - \Delta x + x \otimes 1 \quad \text{and} \\ d_1 m \otimes x \otimes y &= (d_1 m \otimes x) \otimes y - m \otimes x \otimes d_{1-1} y \end{aligned}$$

for $m \in M$, $x \in \Omega^1 BP_*$ and $y \in \Omega^{t-1} BP_*$. The homology of the complex (Ω^*M, d_*) is denoted by

$$(3.1.3) \quad H^*M = \text{Ext}_{BP_*BP}^*(BP_*, M).$$

From here on we use the following notation:

$$(3.2) \quad M = v_3^{-1}BP_*, \text{ the } BP_*BP\text{-comodule with coaction } \eta, \text{ and}$$

$$M\Gamma = v_3^{-1}BP_*BP = \Omega^1 M;$$

$J(k) = (p, v_1, v_2^k)$, the invariant ideal of M or $M\Gamma$ generated by the every entry; and

$$u_i = u_{2,i}, \quad U_i = u_{3,i}, \quad w_i = w_{2,i}, \quad \text{and } W_i = w_{3,i}.$$

Now define elements X_i of M by

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{aligned} X_0 &= v_3, \quad X_1 = v_3^p + z(1), \quad X_2 = X_1^p - z(2), \\ X_3 &= X_2^p + y(3) + z(3), \quad X_4 = X_3^p - u(4) + z(4), \\ X_i &= X_{i-1}^p + y(i) - u(i) + z(i) \text{ for odd } i \geq 5, \text{ and} \\ X_i &= X_{i-1}^p - 2u(i) + z(i) \text{ for even } i \geq 6. \end{aligned}$$

Here,

$$(3.3.1) \quad \begin{aligned} z(1) &= v_2^p v_3^p U_1, \quad z(2) = v_2^{p^2+p} v_3^{p^2-p} U_2, \quad \text{and } z(i) = v_2^{b(i)} v_3^{c(i)} U_3 \quad (i \geq 3); \\ y(i) &= v_2^{a(i)+1} X_{i-1}^{p-1} u_1 \quad (i \geq 3); \quad \text{and } u(i) = v_2^{b(i)} X_{i-2}^{c(2)} u_2 \quad (i \geq 4), \end{aligned}$$

for the integers

$$(3.3.2) \quad \begin{aligned} a(i) &= p^i + (p-1)(p^{i-1}-1)/(p^2-1) \text{ (odd } i \geq 1), \text{ and} \\ & a(i) = pa(i-1) \text{ (even } i \geq 2); \\ b(i) &= p^{i-2}(p^2+p+1) \text{ (} i \geq 2); \text{ and } c(i) = p^{i-2}(p^2-p-1) \text{ (} i \geq 2). \end{aligned}$$

Note that $a(i) = a_{3,i}$ and $X_i \equiv x_{3,i} \pmod{J(a(i)+1)}$ for $a_{3,i}$ and $x_{3,i}$ of [1], and that $b(i) = a(i) + a(i-1) + 1$ for $i \geq 2$.

Consider the Hopf conjugation $c: BP_*BP \rightarrow BP_*BP$, and we have

$$(3.4.1) \quad \begin{aligned} ct_1 &= -t_1, \quad ct_2 = -t_2 + t_1^{p+1}, \text{ and } ct_3 \equiv -t_3 - t_2ct_1^{p^2} - t_1ct_2^p \pmod{(p, v_1)} \\ \text{(cf. [1:(1.4)])}. \text{ In [2; Def. 6.2.1] the cycle } \zeta_3 (= T_3 \text{ in [2]) of } M\Gamma \text{ is defined by} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(3.4.2) \quad A = U_2t_1^{p^2} + U_1t_2^p + U_0t_3, \quad B = U_1ct_2^p + U_0^pct_3^p, \text{ and } C = U_0(t_2ct_1^{p^2} + t_3).$$

It satisfies

$$(3.4.3) \text{ [2; Th. 6.2.1.1]} \quad d_0U_3 \equiv \zeta_3 - \zeta_3^p \pmod{J(1)}.$$

On the other hand we have $d_0U_3 \equiv A - W_3^p \pmod{J(1)}$ by Proposition 2.2. Then these imply

$$(3.4.4) \quad \zeta_3^p \equiv -B^p + C^p + W_3^p \pmod{J(1)},$$

and so $\zeta_3 \equiv -B + C + W_3 \pmod{J(1)}$, which gives

$$(3.4.5) \quad W_3 \equiv D - B^p + (U_2 + U_0t_2)t_1^{p^2} \pmod{J(1)} \text{ for } D = U_1t_1^{p^2+p} - U_0^p t_1^p ct_2^{p^2},$$

since $D = U_1(t_2^p + ct_2^p) + (U_0^p ct_3^p + C^p)$. We also use the cycle

$$(3.4.6) \quad \zeta_2 = u_0t_2 - u_0^p ct_2^p + u_1t_1^p (= T_2 \text{ in [2]) of } v_2^{-1}BP_*BP,$$

which satisfies

$$(3.4.7) \quad d_0u_2 \equiv \zeta_2 - \zeta_2^p \text{ and } \zeta_2 \equiv -u_0ct_2 + w_2 \pmod{I_2}.$$

PROPOSITION 3.1 (cf. [1; Prop. 5.17]). $\text{Mod } J(1+b(i))$,

$$\begin{aligned} d_0X_i &\equiv v_2t_1^{p^2} \equiv v_2v_3W_1 & i = 0, \\ &\equiv v_2^p v_3^{p-1} t_1 - v_2^{p+1} v_3^{p-1} W_2 & i = 1, \\ &\equiv v_2^{a(2)} X_1^{p-1} t_1^p - v_2^{b(2)} v_3^{c(2)} (u_0t_2 - W_3) & i = 2, \\ &\equiv v_2^{a(3)} X_2^{p-1} t_1 - v_2^{b(3)} X_1^{c(2)} (w_2 + u_0t_2 - C - W_3) & i = 3, \\ &\equiv v_2^{a(i)} X_{i-1}^{p-1} t_1^p - v_2^{b(i)} v_3^{c(i)} (\zeta_2 - \zeta_3 + u_0t_2) & \text{even } i \geq 4, \end{aligned}$$

$$\equiv v_2^{a(i)} X_{i-1}^{p-1} t_1 - v_2^{b(i)} v_3^{c(i)} (\zeta_2 - \zeta_3 + w_2) \quad \text{odd } i \geq 5.$$

Here $b(0) = 1$ and $b(1) = p + 1$.

PROOF. We prove this in a same manner as [1; Prop. 5.4] using

(3.5)(cf. [1; Observation 5.8]) Let $x \in M$, $y \in M\Gamma$, and $I \subset M$ be an ideal. If $dx \equiv y \pmod{(p, I)M\Gamma}$, then $dx^p \equiv y^p \pmod{(p, I^p)M\Gamma}$.

Computation of the differential is based on (3.1.2).

For the case $i = 0$, it follows from (2.7) for $n = 3$. Inductively we see the cases for $i = 1, 2$ by (3.5) and Proposition 2.2. For $i \geq 3$, we use the equalities:

$$(3.6) \quad a(i) - p + 1 = pa(i - 1) \text{ for odd } i, \quad X_{i-2}^{p^2-p} \equiv X_{i-1}^{p-1} \pmod{J(a(i-1) - p)} \text{ and} \\ u_0^p t_2^p + e_2(u_1) t_1^p = w_2,$$

given by (3.3) and (2.8–10).

We compute

$$d_0 y(3) \equiv v_2^{a(3)} X_2^{p-1} t_1 - v_2^{pa(2)} X_2^{p-1} t_1^{p^2} - v_2^{b(3)} X_1^{c(2)} e(u_1) t_1^p \\ - v_2^{b(3)} v_3^{c(3)} u_0 t_2 + v_2^{b(3)} v_3^{c(3)} U_0 t_2 c t_1^{p^2} + v_2^{b(3)} v_3^{c(3)} W_3 \pmod{J(1 + b(3))}$$

by Proposition 2.2 and the case for $i = 2$. Proposition 2.2 also gives

$$d_0 z(3) \equiv v_2^{b(3)} v_3^{c(3)} (U_2 t_1^{p^2} + U_1 t_2^p + U_0 t_3 - W_3) \pmod{J(1 + b(3))}.$$

Now we have the case for $i = 3$, noticing the congruences

$$v_2^{pa(2)} (X_1^{p^2-p} - X_2^{p-1}) t_1^{p^2} \equiv -v_2^{b(3)} v_3^{c(3)} U_2 t_1^{p^2} \text{ and} \\ v_2^{b(3)} v_3^{c(3)} (U_1 - u_0^p) t_2^p \equiv -v_2^{b(3)} X_1^{c(2)} u_0^p t_2^p \pmod{J(1 + b(3))}.$$

Notice also

$$v_2^{b(4)} X_2^{c(2)} w_2^p \equiv v_2^{b(4)} (X_1^{c(3)} w_2^p - v_3^{c(4)} U_2 t_1^{p^2}) \pmod{J(1 + b(4))}, \quad v_2^{a(2)} u_2 = -u_1 X_1, \\ v_2^{p^2+p} w_2^p t_1^p \equiv -X_1 t_1^{p^2+p} + v_2^p v_3^p D \pmod{J(p^2)}, \quad u_1 t_1^p - u_0^p t_1^{p^2+p} + u_0 t_2 = \zeta_2 - u_0^p t_2^p, \\ W_3 + v_2^{b(2)} U_0^{p+1} u_0 t_2 w_2^p \equiv D - B^p + U_2 t_1^{p^2} \pmod{J(1)}, \text{ and } X_1^p \equiv v_3^{p^2} \pmod{J(p^2)},$$

which follow from (2.8–10), (3.3) and (3.4.5–6). Then we obtain

$$d_0 u(4) \equiv v_2^{a(4)} X_2^{(p-2)p} y(3) t_1^p + v_2^{b(4)} (-X_1^{c(3)} w_2^p + v_3^{c(4)} (\zeta_2 - u_0^p t_2^p + u_0 t_2 + B^p))$$

$\pmod{J(1 + b(4))}$ by the case for $i = 2$, Proposition 2.2 and (3.3). Now the case $i = 4$ follows from (3.4.4), (3.5) and the congruence

$$(3.7) \quad d_0 z(i) \equiv v_2^{b(i)} v_3^{c(i)} (\zeta_3 - \zeta_3^p) \pmod{J(1 + b(i))} \quad (i \geq 4)$$

shown by (3.4.3).

For $i \geq 5$, we use the congruence

$$(3.8) \quad d_0 u(i) \equiv v_2^{b(i)} v_3^{c(i)} (\zeta_2 - \zeta_2^p) \pmod{J(1 + b(i))} \quad (i \geq 4)$$

shown by (3.4.7). If i is odd ≥ 5 , then we see the proposition by the congruences (3.7–8) and

$$d_0 y(i) \equiv v_2^{a(i)+1} X_{i-1}^{p-1} (u_0 t_1 - u_0^p t_1^p) - v_2^{b(i)} v_3^{c(i)} e(u_1) t_1^p$$

mod $J(1 + b(i))$ obtained by Proposition 2.2. For even $i \geq 6$, use

$$d_0 u(i) \equiv v_2^{a(i)} X_{i-1}^{p-2} y(i-1) t_1^p + v_2^{b(i)} v_3^{c(i)} (u_0 t_2 - w_2^p) \pmod{J(1 + b(i))} \quad (i \geq 6)$$

given by Proposition 2.2 and (3.3), in place of $d_0 y(i)$ of odd case. Thus we complete the induction. q. e. d.

§4. Some elements of $v_n^{-1} BP_*$ for $n \geq 4$ and their differentials

In this section we give a similar result to Proposition 3.1 for $n \geq 4$, and so we fix an integer $n \geq 4$. Then we use the following notation as §3:

(4.1) $M = v_n^{-1} BP_*$, the $BP_* BP$ -comodule with coaction η , and

$$M\Gamma = v_n^{-1} BP_* BP = \Omega^1 M;$$

$J(k) = (p, v_1, \dots, v_{n-2}, v_{n-1}^k)$ and $L(k) = J(p^k + p^{k-1} + \dots + p^{k-n+1} + 1)$ the invariant ideals of M or $M\Gamma$; and

$$u_i = u_{n,i}, \quad U_i = u_{n,i}, \quad w_i = w_{n-1,i}, \quad W_i = w_{n,i}, \quad \text{and} \quad e(x) = e_{n-1}(x).$$

We begin with the definition of the elements X_i :

$$(4.2) \quad X_0 = v_n, \quad X_i = X_{i-1}^p + z(i) \quad \text{for} \quad 1 \leq i \leq n-1,$$

$$X_i = X_{i-1}^p + y(i) \quad \text{for} \quad i = n-1+j \quad \text{with} \quad 1 \leq j \leq n-1, \quad \text{and}$$

$$X_i = X_{i-1}^p + y(i) + (-1)^i u(i) \quad \text{for} \quad i = k(n-1) + j \quad \text{with} \quad 1 \leq j \leq n-1 \quad \text{and} \quad k \geq 2.$$

Here the elements $z(i)$, $y(i)$ and $u(i)$ are given by:

$$(4.2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} z(i) &= (-1)^{i-1} v_{n-1}^{a(i,i)} v_n^{p^i - a(i-1, i-1)} U_i, \\ y(i) &= (-1)^{j-1} v_{n-1}^{a(i,j)+1} u_j X_{i-j}^{p^j - a(j-1, j)}, \quad \text{and} \\ u(i) &= (-1)^i v_{n-1}^{b(i)} u_{i-n+1} X_{n-1}^{p^i - n+1 - a(i-n, i-n+1)}, \end{aligned}$$

and the integers $a(i, k)$ and $b(i)$ are:

$$(4.2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} a(i, k) &= 0 && \text{if } i < k-1 \quad \text{or} \quad k = 0, \\ a(i, k) &= p^i + p^{i-1} + \dots + p^{i-k+1} && \text{for } 0 \leq i - k + 1 \leq n-1, \\ a(i, k) &= pa(i-1, k) && \text{for } 0 < i - k + 1 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{n-1}, \\ a(i, k) &= pa(i-1, k) + p^k - 1 && \text{for } 1 < i - k + 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{n-1}, \quad \text{and} \end{aligned}$$

$$(4.2.3) \quad b(2n-1) = p^{2n-1} + p^{2n-2} + \cdots + p^{n+1} + 2p^n, \quad \text{and} \\ b(i) = p(b(i-1) + p^{n-1}) \quad \text{for } i \geq 2n.$$

An easy calculation brings the equalities on these integers

$$(4.2.4) \quad a(i, j) = p^i + p^{i-1} + \cdots + p^{i-j+1} + (p^j - 1)(p^{i-j} - 1)/(p^{n-1} - 1), \quad \text{and} \\ b(i, j) = p^i + p^{i-1} + \cdots + p^{i-n+2} + 2p^{i-n+1} + p^{i-n} + \cdots + p^n.$$

Here the integer j for given integer i satisfies the following:

$$(4.3) \quad i = k(n-1) + j \quad \text{with } 1 \leq j \leq n-1,$$

for an integer k . We have some relations between the integers defined in (4.2.2-3):

$$(4.4) \quad a(i, j) = a(i, r) + a(i-r, j-r) \quad \text{for } 0 \leq r \leq j, \\ p^r a(i-j, r) + p^r = a(i-j+r, r) + 1, \quad \text{and} \\ b(i) + a(n-1, r) = p^{-r} b(i+r).$$

Using the Hopf conjugation c , Moreira defined the cycle ζ by:

$$(4.5)[2; \text{Def. 6.2.1}] \quad \zeta = \sum_{1 \leq r \leq s \leq n} U_{n-s}^{p^s-r} (\sum_{q=r}^s t_q c t_{s-q}^{p^q})^{p^{n-r}},$$

and showed

$$(4.6)[2; \text{Th. 6.2.1.1}] \quad d_0 U_n \equiv \zeta - \zeta^p \pmod{J(1)}.$$

On the other hand, Proposition 2.2 says

$$d_0 U_n \equiv \sum_{r=1}^n U_{n-r} t_r^{p^{n-r}} - W_n^p \pmod{J(1)}.$$

Therefore we obtain

$$(4.7) \quad W_n^p = \zeta^p - \zeta + \sum_{r=1}^n U_{n-r} t_r^{p^{n-r}}, \quad \text{and} \\ W_n = \zeta - \zeta^*,$$

where,

$$(4.8) \quad \zeta^* = \sum_{1 \leq r < s \leq n} U_{n-s}^{p^s-r-1} (\sum_{q=r}^s t_q c t_{s-q}^{p^q})^{p^{n-r-1}}.$$

In fact we have the following by comparing with (4.4):

$$(4.9) \quad \zeta^{*p} = \zeta - \sum_{r=1}^n U_{n-r} t_r^{p^{n-r}}$$

To state our results, we define the following elements for the integers i and j in (4.3):

$$(4.10) \quad A(i, r) = (-1)^{r+1} v_{n-1}^{a(i,r)} X_{i-r}^{p^r-a(r-1,r)} t_r^{p^{j-r}}, \\ Az(i, r) = (-1)^{i+1} v_{n-1}^{a(i,i)} v_n^{p^i-a(i-1,i-1)} U_{i-r} t_r^{p^{i-r}} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1, \\ Ay(i, r) = (-1)^{j+1} v_{n-1}^{a(i,j)+1} u_{j-r} X_{i-j}^{p^j-a(j-1,j)} t_r^{p^{j-r}} \quad \text{for } i \geq n. \\ B(i, r, s) = (-1)^{j+r-s} v_{n-1}^{a(i,j+1-s)+p^{s-1}a(i-j,r)+p^{s-1}} e(u_{j-s+1}^{p^{s-1}}) X_{i-j-r}^{p^{j+r}-a(j+r-1,j+1+r-s)} t_r^{p^{n-2-r+s}},$$

$$\begin{aligned}
By(i) &= v_{n-1}^{a(i,j)+1} X_{i-j}^{p^j - a(j-1,j)} W_j^p, \\
Bu(i) &= v_{n-1}^{b(i)} X_{n-1}^{p^{i-n+1} - a(i-n, i-n+1)} W_{i-n+1}^p, \\
C(i, r, s) &= (-1)^{i-n+1+r-s} v_{n-1}^{p^{s-r}-1} b(i+1+r-s) e(u_{i-n+2-s}^{p^s-1}) X_{i-j-r}^{p^{i-n+1+r} - a(i-n+r, i-n+2+r-s)} t_r^{p^{n-r+s}}, \\
D(i) &= DZ(i) + \sum_{s=2}^n \sum_{r=s}^n DU(i, r, s), \\
DZ(i) &= (-1)^{n-1} v_{n-1}^{p(i)} v_n^{q(i)} (\zeta^{p^{i-n+1}} - \zeta^*), \\
DU(i, r, s) &= (-1)^{n-1} v_{n-1}^{p(i)} v_n^{q(i)} U_{n-r}^{p^{s-2}} t_r^{p^{n-2-r+s}}, \\
E(i) &= (-1)^i v_{n-1}^{a(i, i+1)} v_n^{p^{i-a(i-1, i)}} W_{i+1} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1, \\
E &= E(n-1) = (-1)^{n-1} v_{n-1}^{a(n-1, n)} v_n^{p^{n-1} - a(n-2, n-1)} (\zeta - \zeta^*),
\end{aligned}$$

Here

$$(4.12) \quad p(i) = p^i + \cdots + p^{i-n+1} \quad \text{and} \quad q(i) = p^i - \cdots - p^{i-n+1}.$$

Before stating our results we give some relations about these elements. The definition give rise to the following relations:

$$(4.13) \quad A(i, r) \equiv A(i-1, r)^p + Az(i, r) \pmod{J(1+a(i, i+1))} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq r < i \leq n-1,$$

$$A(i, r) \equiv A(i-1, r)^p + Ay(i, r) \pmod{L(i)} \quad \text{for } i \geq n \text{ if } i-r \not\equiv 0 \pmod{n-1},$$

$$A(i, i) \equiv Az(i, i) \pmod{J(1+a(i, i+1))} \quad \text{for } i \leq n-1, \quad \text{and}$$

$$A(i, j) \equiv Ay(i, j) \pmod{L(i)} \quad \text{for } i \geq n \text{ with } i-j \equiv 0 \pmod{n-1}.$$

$$(4.14) \quad A(i, r)^p \equiv (-1)^{j+1} B(i+1, r, 2) \pmod{L(i+1)} \quad \text{for } r \geq 1 \text{ and } i \equiv 0 \pmod{n-1}.$$

$$(4.15) \quad B(i, r, s)^p \equiv B(i+1, r, s+1) \pmod{L(i+1)} \quad \text{if } i \not\equiv 0 \pmod{n-1}.$$

$$(4.16) \quad B(i, r, s)^p \equiv C(i+1, r, s+1) \pmod{L(i+1)} \quad \text{if } i \equiv 0 \pmod{n-1}.$$

$$(4.17) \quad C(i, r, s)^p \equiv C(i+1, r, s+1) \pmod{L(i+1)}.$$

$$(4.18) \quad DU(i, r, s)^p \equiv DU(i+1, r, s+1) \pmod{L(i+1)}.$$

$$(4.19) \quad v_{n-1}^{a(i,j)+1} e(u_j) X_{i-j}^{p^j - a(j-1,j)-1} A(i-j, r) \equiv (-1)^j B(i, r, 1) \pmod{L(i)}.$$

$$(4.20) \quad v_{n-1}^{b(i)} e(u_{i-n+1}) X_{n-1}^{p^{i-n+1} - a(i-n, i-n+1)-1} A(n-1, r) \equiv (-1)^j C(i, r, 1) \pmod{L(i)}.$$

By (2.9-10), we see that

$$By(i) \equiv \sum_{r=1}^j v_{n-1}^{a(i,j)+1} X_{i-j}^{p^j - a(j-1,j)} e(u_{j-r}^{p^r}) t_r^{p^{n-1}} \pmod{(p, v_1, \dots, v_{n-2})},$$

and so we get

$$(4.21) \quad By(i) \equiv - \sum_{r=1}^j (-1)^j B(i, r, r+1) \pmod{L(i)} \quad \text{for } i \geq 2n-1, \text{ and}$$

$$By(i) \equiv - \sum_{r=1}^j (-1)^j (B(i, r, r+1) + DU(i, r, r+1)) \pmod{L(i)} \quad \text{for } n \leq i \leq 2n-2,$$

from the definition (4.2) and the relations (4.14-7). In a similar way, we have

$$(4.22) \quad Bu(i) \equiv \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} C(i, r, r+1) - \sum_{r=1}^n (-1)^i DU(i, r, r+1) \pmod{L(i)}.$$

PROPOSITION 4.1 (cf. [1]). a) $d_0 X_0 \equiv v_{n-1} t_1^{p^{n-1}} \pmod{J(p)}$.

b) $d_0 X_i \equiv \sum_{r=1}^i A(i, r) + E(i) \pmod{J(1 + a(i, i+1))}$ for $1 \leq i \leq n-1$.

b)' $d_0 X_{n-1} \equiv \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} A(n-1, r) + E \pmod{J(1 + a(n-1, n))}$.

c) $d_0 X_i \equiv \sum_{r=1}^j A(i, r) + \sum_{s=1}^{j+1} \sum_{r=s}^{n-1} B(i, r, s) + DZ(i) + \sum_{s=2}^{j+1} \sum_{r=s}^n DU(n, r, s) \pmod{L(i)}$ for $n \leq i \leq 2n-2$, and

d) $d_0 X_i \equiv \sum_{r=1}^j A(i, r) + \sum_{s=1}^{j+1} \sum_{r=s}^{n-1} B(i, r, s) + \sum_{s=1}^{n-1} \sum_{r=s}^{n-1} C(i, r, s) + D(i) \pmod{L(i)}$ for $i \geq 2n-1$.

PROOF. a) is Landweber's formula (2.7).

b) We have $t_1^{p^n} \equiv v_n^p W_1^p \pmod{J(p+2)}$ by (2.8) and (2.10), and so a) turns into

$$d_0 X_0^p \equiv v_{n-1}^p v_n^p W_1^p \equiv E(0)^p \pmod{J(p+2)}.$$

By Proposition 2.2, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} d_0 z(1) &\equiv v_{n-1}^p v_n^p (U_0 t_1 - W_1^p - v_{n-1} v_n^{-1} W_2) \\ &\equiv Az(1) - E(0)^p + E(1) \pmod{J(p+2)}. \end{aligned}$$

Add these to obtain b) for $i=1$. To proceed by induction, we note that (3.5) is also valid for n . Since $p(1 + a(i-1, i)) > 1 + a(i, i+1)$, (3.5) and the case $i-1$ yield

$$d_0 X_{i-1}^p \equiv \sum_{r=1}^{i-1} A(i-1, r)^p + E(i-1)^p \pmod{J(1 + a(i, i+1))}.$$

Proposition 2.2 also implies

$$d_0 z(i) \equiv \sum_{r=1}^i Az(i, r) - E(i-1)^p + E(i) \pmod{J(1 + a(i, i+1))}.$$

Now the definition of the element implies the case i , which shows b). Then b)' follows from (4.6).

c) By b), (3.5) and (4.14), we obtain

$$d_0 X_{n-1}^p \equiv \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} A(n-1, r)^p + E^p \equiv \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} B(n, r, 2) + E^p \pmod{L(i)}.$$

Here we note that the definition of the differential shows

$$(4.23) \quad d_0 xy \equiv (d_0 x)y + e(x)d_0 y \pmod{(p, v_1, \dots, v_{n-2})}.$$

Apply this to $d_0 y(n)$, and we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_0 y(n) &\equiv v_{n-1}^{a(n,1)+1} (u_0 t_1 - w_1^p) X_{n-1}^{p-1} - v_{n-1}^{a(n,1)+1} e(u_1) (\sum_{r=1}^{n-1} A(n-1, r) + E) X_{n-1}^{p-2} \\ &\equiv A(n, 1) - B(n, 1, 2) + DU(n, 1, 2) + \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} B(n, r, 1) + v_{n-1}^{p^n} v_n^{p^n - 2p^{n-1}} E \end{aligned}$$

$\pmod{L(n)}$, by b)', (4.10), (4.19) and (4.21). Since we see that

$$E^p + v_{n-1}^{p^n} v_n^{p^n - 2p^{n-1}} E \equiv DZ(n) + \sum_{r=1}^n DU(n, r, 2)$$

mod $L(n)$, by b)', (4.10), (4.19) and (4.21). Since we see that

$$E^p + v_{n-1}^{p^n} v_n^{p^n - 2p^{n-1}} E \equiv DZ(n) + \sum_{r=1}^n DU(n, r, 2)$$

by (4.8), we have c) for n . Similarly we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_0 X_{i-1}^p &\equiv \sum_{r=1}^{j-1} A(i-1, r)^p + \sum_{s=1}^j \sum_{r=s}^{n-1} B(i, r, s+1) + DZ(i-1)^p \\ &\quad + \sum_{s=2}^j \sum_{r=s}^n DU(i, r, s+1) \end{aligned}$$

by the inductive hypothesis, (4.15) and (4.18), and

$$\begin{aligned} d_0 y(i) &\equiv (-1)^{j-1} v_{n-1}^{a(i,j)+1} (\sum_{r=1}^j u_{j-r} t_r^{p^j-r} - w_j^p) X_{n-1}^{p^j - a(j-1, j)} \\ &\quad + (-1)^j v_{n-1}^{a(i,j)+1} e(u_j) (\sum_{r=1}^{n-1} A(n-1, r) + E) X_{n-1}^{p^j - a(j-1, j) - 1} \\ &\equiv \sum_{r=1}^j (Ay(i, r) - B(i, r, r+1) - DU(i, r, r+1)) \\ &\quad + \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} B(i, r, 1) + (-1)^{n-1} v_{n-1}^{p(i)} v_n^{q(i)} (\zeta - \zeta^*) \end{aligned}$$

by b)', Proposition 2.2, (4.23), (4.10), (4.21) and (4.19). These congruences with (4.8) show c) for i , and c) is completed by induction.

d) For $2n-1$, we compute

$$d_0 X_{2n-2}^p \equiv \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} B(2n-1, r, 2) + \sum_{s=1}^{n-1} \sum_{r=s}^{n-1} C(2n-1, r, s+1) + D(2n-2)^p$$

by (4.14) and (4.16),

$$d_0 y(2n-1) \equiv A(2n-1, 1) - B(2n-1, 1, 2) + \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} B(2n-1, r, 1)$$

by (4.10), (4.21) and (4.19), and

$$\begin{aligned} d_0 u(2n-1) &\equiv - \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} C(2n-1, r, r+1) - \sum_{r=1}^n (-1)^i DU(2n-1, r, r+1) \\ &\quad + \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} C(2n-1, r, 1) + (-1)^{n-1} v_{n-1}^{p(2n-1)} v_n^{q(2n-1)} (\zeta - \zeta^*) \end{aligned}$$

by (4.10), (4.22) and (4.20). Collect terms to get d) for $2n-1$. In a similar way we can verify d) for i with $i \equiv 1(n-1)$ under the inductive hypothesis.

Suppose $i \not\equiv 1(n-1)$. By the case $i-1$ with (4.15) and (4.17),

$$d_0 X_{i-1}^p \equiv \sum_{r=1}^{j-1} A(i, r)^p + \sum_{s=1}^j \sum_{r=s}^{n-1} B(i, r, s+1) + \sum_{s=1}^{n-1} \sum_{r=s}^{n-1} C(i, r, s+1) + D(i-1)^p.$$

We also obtain

$$d_0 y(i) = \sum_{r=1}^j Ay(i, r) - \sum_{r=1}^i B(i, r, r+1) + \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} B(i, r, 1)$$

by (4.10), (4.21) and (4.19), and

$$\begin{aligned} d_0 u(i) &\equiv - \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} C(i, r, r+1) - \sum_{r=1}^n (-1)^i DU(i, r, r+1) \\ &\quad + \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} C(i, r, 1) + (-1)^{n-1} v_{n-1}^{p(i)} v_n^{q(i)} (\zeta - \zeta^*) \end{aligned}$$

by (4.10), (4.22) and (4.20). Therefore d) is proved by induction.

q. e. d.

Reference

- [1] H. R. Miller, D. C. Ravenel, and W. S. Wilson, Periodic phenomena in Adams-Novikov spectral sequence, *Ann. of Math.* **106** (1977), 469–516.
- [2] M. R. F. Moreira, Primitives of BP_*BP modulo an invariant prime ideal, *Amer. J. Math.* **100** (1975), 1247–1273.
- [3] S. Oka, Multiplicative structure of finite ring spectra and stable homotopy of spheres, *Lecture Notes in Math.* **1051** (1984), 418–441.
- [4] S. Oka and K. Shimomura, On products of β -elements in the stable homotopy of spheres, *Hiroshima Math. J.* **12** (1982), 611–626.
- [5] D. Quillen, On the formal group laws of unoriented and complex cobordism theory, *Bull. Amer. Math. Soc.* **75** (1969), 1293–1298.
- [6] D. C. Ravenel, The structure of BP_*BP modulo an invariant prime ideal, *Topology* **15** (1976), 149–153.
- [7] D. C. Ravenel, The cohomology of the Morava stabilizer algebras, *Math. Z.* **152** (1977), 287–297.
- [8] D. C. Ravenel, *Complex cobordism and stable homotopy group of spheres*, Academic press, 1986.
- [9] K. Shimomura and H. Tamura, Non-triviality of some compositions of β -elements in the stable homotopy of the Moore spaces, *Hiroshima Math. J.* **16** (1986), 121–133.
- [10] L. Smith, On realizing complex cobordism modules, *Amer. J. Math.* **92** (1970), 793–856.
- [11] H. Toda, On spectra realizing exterior part of the Steenrod algebra, *Topology* **10** (1971), 53–65.