Adam spectral sequence

Motivation: Studying stable htpy classes $[X,Y]$

$d: [X,Y] \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_A(H^*(X), H^*(Y))$ $A = $ Steenrod algebra $(\text{mod } p)$

$\text{Ext}^1_A = $ measures whether short exact seq. split

$f: S^{2n-1} \to S^n$ $\Rightarrow$ $0 \to H^*(S^{2n}) \to H^*(C_f) \to H^*(S^n) \to 0$

Q: Does A acts trivially on $H^*(C_f)$

Thm (Adams '60): Sq^n is nontrivial iff $n = 1, 2, 4, 8$.

(b) Serre's method of computing htpy gyps

$G = \pi_n X$, X $(n-1)$-connected

$X' \to X \to K(G, n)$ + Serre SS

Adams' idea: let's kill all the htpy gyps detected by mod p cohomology.

Thm (Adams): Let X, Y be connective spectra of finite type. There exists a SS

w/ $E_2^{s,t} = \text{Ext}_A^{s,t}(H^*(X), H^*(Y))$ converging to $[Y, X_p^{\wedge}]$.

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① Construction of the ASS

$H = H\mathbb{F}_p$ ring spectrum

Prop: $A \simeq H^* H\mathbb{F}_p = [H\mathbb{F}_p, H\mathbb{F}_p]_{-*}$

Pf. Computation w/ SSS. □

Def: A generalized Eilenberg-Maclane spectrum is a finite wedge of suspensions of $H\mathbb{F}_p$.

For any finite type spectrum Y $d: [Y, K] \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}_A(H^*Y, H^*K)$

if K is a gen EM space.

$\forall \quad Y \xrightarrow{f} X \xrightarrow{j} K \qquad K$ gen. EM w/ onto j^* $\qquad jf = 0 \Longleftrightarrow f^* = 0$

Adams resolution

__Def__: Let X be a spectrum. An __Adams resolution__ of X is

$$X \xleftarrow{} X^1 \xleftarrow{} X^2 \xleftarrow{} \cdots$$
$$\downarrow j_0 \quad \nearrow \quad \downarrow j_1 \quad \nearrow \quad \downarrow j_2$$
$$K^0 \xrightarrow{} K^1 \xrightarrow{} K^2 \xrightarrow{}$$

such that
- $X^{s+1} \to X^s \to K^s$ are cofiber sequences
- K^s are gen. EM spectra
- $j_s^* : H^* K^s \to H^* X^s$ is onto.

__Lemma__: Adams resolution exist and can be chosen functorially in X. $\quad X^s = X^s$

__Pf__: Suppose we've up to X^s, let $K^s = H \wedge X^s$, $j^s : S \wedge X^s \to H \wedge S$

and let X^{s+1} be the fiber j^s. of

By Künneth formula $H^* K^s = A^* \otimes_{\pi_p} H^* X^s$, so it is free. $\square$

__Prp__: $P^s = H^*(\Sigma^s K^s)$ $\qquad \delta^s = (\Sigma^{s-1} \delta_{s-1})^* \circ (\Sigma^s j^s)^*$

Then

$$\cdots \to P^3 \to P^2 \to P^1 \to P^0 \to H^*(X) \to 0$$

is a free resolution of $H^*(X)$ as graded A_*-modules.

__Pf__: Look at the diagram. $\square$

Exact couples & E_1-page

Applying $[\Sigma^* Y, -]$ to the Adams resolution we get

$$[\Sigma^* Y, X] \xleftarrow{} [\Sigma^* Y, X^1] \xleftarrow{} \cdots$$
$$[\Sigma^* Y, K^0] \quad \nearrow \qquad [\Sigma^* Y, K^1] \quad \nearrow$$

This is an exact couple giving a spectral sequence w/ E_1 page

$$E_1^{s,t} = [\Sigma^t Y, K^s]$$

__Prop__: $E_2^{s,t} = \mathrm{Ext}_A^{s,t}(H^*(X), H^*(Y))$

   __Pf__: $[\Sigma^t Y, K^s] = \mathrm{Hom}_A(H^* K^s, H^{*+t} Y)$

    & the first differential does what you expect. □

Adams filtration & convergence

__Def__: Given an Adams resolution the Adams filtration is
$$F^s = \mathrm{Im}\left([Y, X^s]_* \to [Y, X]_*\right) \subseteq [Y, X]_* .$$

__Lemma__: The Adams filtration does not depend on the Adams resolution.

   In fact $f \in F^s \iff f$ factors as composition of $(s-1)$ maps which are 0 in cohomology.

   __Pf__: $\Rightarrow$) $X^s \to X^{s-1}$ is 0 in cohomology.

      $\Leftarrow$) $\Sigma^t Y \to U_s \to X^{s-1}$

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\begin{array}{ccc}
& & \downarrow & \\
& & U_{s-1} \to X^{s-1} & \\
& & \downarrow & \\
& & \vdots & \vdots \\
& & \downarrow & \downarrow \\
& & U_0 = X \to K_0 &
\end{array}
$$

   And I can inductively lift □

The spectral sequence convergence depends on $\mathrm{holim}\, X^s$ which is 0 after p-completion, □

Multiplicative structure

__Def__: A pairing of SS is $\{\phi_r : E_r' \otimes E_r'' \to E_r\}_{r \geq 0}$ r.t.
$$d^2(\phi_2(x \otimes y)) = \phi_2(d^? x \otimes y) + (-1)^{|x|} \phi_2(x \otimes d^? y)$$

The ASS has <u>two pairings</u>
- one $\otimes$ $\rightsquigarrow$ smash product
- composition (Yoneda product)

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2. Examples

(a) $\operatorname{Ext}_A^{s,t}(\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2)$ Minimal resolution

Take $P_0 = A \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}_2$

$P_0 : \quad | g_{0,0} | Sq^1 g_{0,0} | Sq^2 g_{0,0} \quad Sq^3 g_{0,0}$

$P_1 : \qquad | g_{0,1} | Sq^1 g_{0,1}$

Etc ... (complicated)   In the first line there's an element $h_i = g_{1,2^i}$

Thm (Adams '66): $\operatorname{Ext}_A^{s,t}(\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2) = 0$ for $0 < t - s < 2s - \varepsilon$

for $\varepsilon = \begin{cases} 1 & s \equiv 0, 1 \ (4) \\ 2 & s \equiv 2 \ (4) \\ 3 & s \equiv 3 \ (4) \end{cases}$

$\Rightarrow E_2^{s,t} = E_\infty^{s,t} \qquad t \leq 11$

Thm: $\pi_i \mathbb{S}_2^\wedge = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/2 & i = 1, 2, 6 \\ \mathbb{Z}/8 & i = 3 \\ 0 & i = 4, 5 \\ \mathbb{Z}/16 & i = 7 \end{cases}$

The Adams-Novikov SS

IDEA: Nothing here was special about H. We can use any flat spectrum E