

# Discussion section 5

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## Abstract

The following questions develop some ideas . Use them as jumping off points to explore ideas you find exciting or would like to understand better. They are in no particular order; feel free to jump around at your leisure.

**Question 1.** Recall that  $\pi_i(X; \mathbb{Z}/q) := \pi_0 \text{Map}_{\text{Sp}}(\mathbb{S}^{i-1}/q, X)$ , where  $\mathbb{S}^n/q$  is the cofiber of the multiplication by  $q$  map on  $\mathbb{S}^n$ . Show by example that

- i) Show by example that  $\pi_i(-; \mathbb{Z}/q) \neq \pi_i(-) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}/q$ .
- ii) Show that  $\pi_i \text{Map}_{\text{Sp}}(-, \mathbb{S}^n/q \otimes H\mathbb{Z})$  computes  $H\mathbb{Z}/q^i$ .

**Question 2.** Read remark 3.4 of [FGV20] and understand the relationship between the Hodge/Betti maps as defined in section 3 and the classical Hodge bundle/Betti realization related to PPAVs.

**Question 3.** Deduce Corollary 3.6 from Theorem 3.5 [FGV20].

**Question 4.** Assuming  $\text{KSp}_i(\mathbb{Z}; \mathbb{Z}/q) \xrightarrow{\sim} K_i(\mathbb{Z}; \mathbb{Z}/q)^+ \oplus \pi_i(ku; \mathbb{Z}/q)^{(-)}$ , deduce that  $\text{KSp}_{4k-2}(\mathbb{Z}; \mathbb{Z}/q) \simeq H^2\left(\text{Spec}\left(\mathbb{Z}\left[\frac{1}{q}\right]\right); \mu_q^{\otimes 2k}\right) \otimes \mathbb{Z}/q$ .

**Question 5.** Example 3.9 of [FGV20] claims that the definition of the Hermitian K-theory as  $\varepsilon$ -quadratic forms implies that  $KH(\mathbb{Z}, -1) = B^\infty(Q(\mathbb{Z}, -1))$  where  $Q(\mathbb{Z}, -1)$  is the groupoid consisting of

- objects: a triple  $(L, \omega, q)$  where  $L$  is a finitely-generated free  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module,  $\omega : L \times L \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is a skew-symmetric form, and  $q$  is a quadratic refinement of  $\omega$ , i.e.  $q : L/2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2$  such that  $\omega(x, y) = q(x + y) - q(x) - q(y)$ .
- a morphism  $(L, \omega, q) \rightarrow (M, \eta, p)$  is an isomorphism of  $\mathbb{Z}$ -modules  $f : L \xrightarrow{\sim} M$  such that  $f^*(\eta) = \omega$ .

Work this out in detail from the definition of  $Q(A, \varepsilon)$ .

**Question 6.** Show that the hyperbolization of a projective  $A$ -module has perfect symmetrization.

**Question 7.** Show that the factorization

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 K_i(A; \mathbb{Z}/q) & \xrightarrow{\text{hyp}} & KH_i((A, \varepsilon); \mathbb{Z}/q) & \xrightarrow{\text{forget}} & K_i(A; \mathbb{Z}/q) \\
 \searrow & & \nearrow \exists & & \nearrow \\
 & & K_i(A; \mathbb{Z}/q)^{h\psi^{-1}} & & K_i(A; \mathbb{Z}/q)^{h\psi^{-1}} \\
 & & \nwarrow \exists & & \nwarrow
 \end{array}$$

combined with the definition of the Witt groups/spectrum implies that there is a splitting

$$KH_i((A, \varepsilon); \mathbb{Z}/q) \simeq K_i(A; \mathbb{Z}/q)^+ \oplus W_i((A, \varepsilon); \mathbb{Z}/q).$$

**Question 8.** Feng-Galatius-Venkatesh use the formalism of  $\Gamma$ -spaces to construct spectra from groupoids with a symmetric monoidal structure

- i) Read through Appendix A.3 to see how this works.
- ii) Explain how a Top-enriched groupoid with a symmetric monoidal structure gives rise to a  $\Gamma$ -space.
- iii) Explain why  $\Omega^\infty B^\infty M$  is the group completion of a monoid  $M$  in groupoids.

## REFERENCES

- [FGV20] Tony Feng, Soren Galatius, and Akshay Venkatesh. The galois action on symplectic  $k$ -theory, 2020.