

Topology Seminar

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Orientations and p -adic analysis

on November 30 at 4:30 in
MIT Room 2-131

Ando constructed power operations for the Lubin-Tate cohomology theories using the theory of finite subgroups of a formal group. Moreover, he was able to produce a necessary and sufficient condition for a complex orientation of these cohomology theories to be compatible with the power operations. This result concerns the stable homotopy category of spectra. However, the Lubin-Tate spectra of Morava are very rigid objects. Using ideas of Ando, Hopkins and Rezk, we can classify those orientations of complex K-Theory that are compatible with Ando's power operations, but on the point set level. In this talk, we will show the equivalence of these two descriptions for complex p -adic K-Theory. To achieve this goal, we use the language of Bernoulli numbers attached to a formal group law and their relationship with distributions on a p -adic Lie group. Many of these tools were developed by N. Katz and J. Tate.