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The purpose of this paper is to generalize Bousfield's calculation in [B79b], (4.3) of the K -localization of the sphere spectrum to the equivariant case.

This is done as follows: We select an odd prime p , and then consider two different cases:

- I: G is a p -group, and
- II: G is a finite group with order prime to p .

In both cases we work p -locally.

In section I we describe the G Spaces $Q_G S^0$ and $K(\mathbb{F}_q, G)$. In section 2 we consider the two different cases above and define the relevant infinite G -loop space, $J(G, p)$, which is to give the K_G -localization of the G -sphere spectrum S_G . We also define the infinite G -loop map $e(G, p): Q_G S^0 \rightarrow J(G, p)$, and the G -space $\text{Cok } J(G, p)$ as the homotopy fibre of $e(G, p)$.

In section 3 we show that in case II we have a splitting

$$SF_G \simeq J(G, p)_0 \times \text{Cok } J(G, p)_0,$$

where SF_G , $J(G, p)_0$ and $\text{Cok } J(G, p)_0$ denote the G -connected covers of $Q_G S^0$, $J(G, p)$ and $\text{Cok } J(G, p)$, respectively. At the moment it doesn't seem to be possible to prove an analogous statement in case I.

In section 4 we study the K_G -theory of S_G and of $J(G, p)$.

In section 5 we briefly describe the properties of equivariant Bousfield-localization with respect to a G -spectrum, and we define the \mathcal{K}_G -localization, which in a certain sense is the correct localization to use. A G -spectrum X is \mathcal{K}_G -local, if and only if for every subgroup H of G the fixed point spectrum X^H is K -local.

Finally, in section 6 we calculate the \mathcal{K}_G -localization of S_G .

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1. Preparations

In this section we collect results to be used in the following. We start by defining the spaces $Q_G S^0$, SF_G and $K(\mathbb{F}_q, G)$:

Definition 1.1

Let $Q_G S^0$ be the G -loop-space $\varinjlim \Omega^V S^V$, where the limit is over all G -modules in a fixed G -universe \mathcal{U} , cf. [LMS], p.11 ff. we demand that \mathcal{U} is a complete G -universe, i.e. that \mathcal{U} contains countably many copies of the regular representation $\mathbb{R}[G]$.

Let SF_G be the G -connected cover of $Q_G S^0$, cf [El], p.277. We here let the basepoint of $Q_G S^0$ be the identity map between G -spheres.

Proposition 1.2 ([S70], p.62)

$$(Q_G S^0)^G \simeq \prod_{(H)} Q(BW_G H_+) \text{ and } (S F_G)^G \simeq \prod_{(H)} Q_0(BW_G H_+),$$

where the product is over all conjugacy classes (H) of subgroups of G , and $W_G H$ is the Weyl-group $N_G(H)/H$. $Q_0(BW_G H_+)$ is the basepoint component of $Q(BW_G H_+)$.

Remark 1.3

It is well known, [Sh], p.242, that the infinite G -loop-space $Q_G S^0$ can alternatively be obtained as follows:

Let \mathcal{E}_G be the category, whose objects are pairs (n, ρ) , where n is a non-negative integer, and $\rho: G \rightarrow \Sigma_n$ is a homomorphism. The set of morphisms $(m, \rho) \rightarrow (n, \tau)$ is empty if $m \neq n$, and the set of all bijections $\{1, \dots, m\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\}$ if $m = n$.

G acts on \mathcal{E}_G as follows: G acts trivially on objects, and if $f: (m, \rho) \rightarrow (n, \tau)$ is a morphism, and $g \in G$, then gf is the morphism sending $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ to $\tau(g)(f((\rho^{-1}(g)(i))))$.

\mathcal{E}_G has a composition given by the disjoint union \amalg , $(m, \rho) \amalg (n, \tau) = (m+n, \rho \amalg \tau)$, where $\rho \amalg \tau: G \rightarrow \Sigma_{m+n}$ is the composite $G \xrightarrow{\rho \times \tau} \Sigma_m \times \Sigma_n \longrightarrow \Sigma_{m+n}$.

This makes \mathcal{E}_G into a permutative G -category, and according to [Sh], thm. A', p. 255, the group completion $\Omega B(B\mathcal{E}_G)$ of \mathcal{E}_G is an infinite G -loop-space. It follows from [Sh], p.242, that $\Omega B(B\mathcal{E}_G)$ is G -homotopy equivalent to $Q_G S^0$ as an infinite G -loop-space.

Definition 1.4 ([FHM], (2.1))

Let q be a prime power. Let $\mathcal{GL}_G(\mathbb{F}_q)$ be the category, whose objects are pairs (n, ρ) , where n is a non negative integer, and $\rho: G \rightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{F}_q)$ is a homomorphism. The set of morphisms $(m, \rho) \rightarrow (n, \tau)$ is empty if $m \neq n$, and is the set of all \mathbb{F}_q -isomorphisms $\mathbb{F}_q^m \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q^n$ when $m = n$.

G acts on $\mathcal{GL}_G(\mathbb{F}_q)$ like the G -action on \mathcal{E}_G , and direct sum of \mathbb{F}_q -modules makes $\mathcal{GL}_G(\mathbb{F}_q)$ into a permutative G -category.

The corresponding infinite G -loop-space $\Omega B(B\mathcal{GL}_G(\mathbb{F}_q))$ is denoted $K(\mathbb{F}_q, G)$ – see e.g. [Sh], p.242, or [FHM], (0.2).

Proposition 1.5 ([FHM], (3.1))

Assume $(q, |G|) = 1$. Let V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n be the irreducible $\mathbb{F}_q G$ -modules, and let $D_i = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_q G}(V_i, V_i)$ be the corresponding finite field. Then

$$(K(\mathbb{F}_q, G))^G \simeq \prod_{i=1}^n K(D_i) \simeq \prod_{i=1}^n K(\mathbb{F}_q[G])$$

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Definition 1.6

The functor $P : \mathcal{E}_G \rightarrow \mathcal{GL}_G(\mathbb{F}_q)$ is defined as follows. P maps the object $(n, \rho : G \rightarrow \Sigma_n)$ of \mathcal{E}_G to $(n, \rho : G \rightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{F}_q))$, where Σ_n is embedded in $GL_n(\mathbb{F}_q)$ as the subgroup permitting the standard basis. On morphisms we let $P(f : (m, \rho) \rightarrow (n, \tau))$ the map $P(f) : \mathbb{F}_q^m \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q^n$ mapping the i 'th standard basis vector e_i to $e_{f(i)}$.

P is seen to preserve the G action and the permutative structure.

Definition 1.7

The infinite G -loop-map $e_G : Q_G S^0 \rightarrow K(\mathbb{F}_q, G)$ is defined to be

$$e_G = \Omega B(B(P)) : Q_G S^0 = \Omega B(B\mathcal{E}_G) \rightarrow \Omega B(B\mathcal{GL}_n(\mathbb{F}_q)) = K(\mathbb{F}_q, G)$$

We use the notation of [El] and let \mathcal{O}_G denote the category of G -orbits, i.e. the objects of \mathcal{O}_G are the transitive G -sets G/H , where H ranges over all the subgroups of G . The morphisms are all G -maps.

For a G -space X , we let ΦX denote the functor $\mathcal{O}_G \rightarrow \{\text{pointed topological spaces}\}$ given by

$$(\Phi X)(G/H) = X^H.$$

(In general, a functor $\mathcal{O}_G \rightarrow \{\text{pointed topological spaces}\}$ is denoted an \mathcal{O}_G -space). Φ is seen to be a functor from $\{G\text{-spaces}\}$ to $\{\mathcal{O}_G\text{-spaces}\}$.

We furthermore have the functor $C : \{\mathcal{O}_G\text{-spaces}\} \rightarrow \{G\text{-spaces}\}$, which is the right adjoint to Φ in the corresponding homotopy categories, i.e. we have the natural bijection

$$(1.8) \quad [X, CT]^G \cong [\Phi X, T]_{\mathcal{O}_G} \quad [X, CT]_{\text{IG N}}(\emptyset X, T)_{\text{loc}}$$

of [El], thm. 2, where X is a G -space and T an \mathcal{O}_G -space.

We describe in detail the \mathcal{O}_G -space $\Phi(Q_G S^0)$:

By considering the category \mathcal{E}_G of (1.3), we see that $(\mathcal{E}_G)^H$ is equivalent to the category \mathcal{S}_H consisting of all finite H -sets and H -equivalences. \mathcal{S}_H splits as a category into factors $\mathcal{T}_{H/K}$, where H/K is the typical irreducible H -set, and where the product ranges over all the H -conjugacy classes $(K)_H$ of subgroups K of H . $\mathcal{T}_{H/K}$ is the full subcategory of \mathcal{S}_H consisting of the objects $n(H/K)$, $n \geq 0$.

From (1.2) we have that

$$(Q_G S^0)^H \simeq (Q_H S^0)^H \simeq \prod_{(K)_H} Q(BW_H K_+)$$

where the product runs over all H -conjugacy classes of subgroups K of H . In view of the discussion above, we see that the factor $Q(BW_H K_+)$ originates as

$$Q(BAut_H(H/K)_+) - \text{recall that } Aut_H(H/K) = W_H K.$$

Let $K \leq H \leq G$ be subgroups. The projection map $G/K \rightarrow G/H$, which is a morphism of \mathcal{O}_G , induces the inclusion $(Q_G S^0)^H \rightarrow (Q_G S^0)^K$. This map is described as follows:

Let $S_1 = H/A_1, S_2 = H/A_2, \dots, S_n = H/A_n$, and $T_1 = K/B_1, T_2 = K/B_2, \dots, T_m = K/B_m$ be a complete list of the inequivalent, irreducible H -sets and K -sets, respectively. The integers $a_{ij}, 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n$, are defined by

$$Res_K^H(S_j) \cong \prod_{i=1}^m a_{ij} T_i$$

Furthermore, we have the group homomorphism

$$r_{ij} = W_H A_j = Aut_H(S_j) \rightarrow Aut_K(a_{ij} T_i) = \Sigma_{a_{ij}} \wr W_K B_i$$

well defined up to inner automorphisms. r_{ij} gives a functor $\mathcal{T}_{H/A_j} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_{K/B_i}$, and we obtain an infinite loop map $R_{ij} : Q(BW_H A_j) \rightarrow Q(BW_K B_i)$.

The map $S : (Q_G S^0)^H = \prod_{j=1}^m Q(BW_H A_j) \rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^n Q(BW_K B_i) = (Q_G S^0)^K$ is now given

by the $m \times n$ matrix:

$$(1.9) \quad A_K^H = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} R_{11} & a_{12} R_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} R_{1n} \\ a_{21} R_{21} & a_{22} R_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} R_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} R_{m1} & a_{m2} R_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} R_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

This is seen as follows: As both S and A_K^H are infinite loop maps, they are determined up to homotopy by their restrictions to $\prod_{j=1}^m BW_H A_j$. These restrictions coincide, and we conclude that S and A_K^H are homotopic maps.

A general morphism $f : G/K \rightarrow G/H$ in \mathcal{O}_G is of the form $f(gH) = gaK$, where $a \in G$ is given by $f(H) = aK$. It is seen that $a^{-1}Ka \leq H$, and as there is a one to one correspondance between $a^{-1}Ka$ -sets and K -sets, the induced map $\Phi(Q_G S^0)(f)$ is given by $I_K^{a^{-1}Ka} \circ A_{a^{-1}Ka}^H$, where $I_K^{a^{-1}Ka}$ is the $m \times m$ -matrix given as follows: Let the irreducible K sets be $\{T_1, T_2, \dots, T_m\}$, and let the irreducible $a^{-1}Ka$ -sets be $\{U_1, \dots, U_m\}$. Then the (i, j) 'th entry of $I_K^{a^{-1}Ka}$ is 1 if T_i corresponds to U_j under the 1-1 correspondance above, and is zero otherwise.

2. Equivariant J -theory

In this section we define equivariant J -theory. We fix an odd prime p , and we define the p -local, equivariant space $J(G, p)$ in two cases:

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- I: when G is a p -group, and
 II: when G is a finite group with order $|G|$ relatively prime to p .

In both cases we select a prime q , such that $q + p^2\mathbb{Z}$ generates the unit group $(\mathbb{Z}/p^2)^\times$, and such that $(q, |G|) = 1$. Such an integer q exists according to Dirichlet's theorem, cf. [Ap], (7.9).

The next key definition is inspired of [MR89], thm. C:

Definition 2.1

- I: Let G be a p -group. Define the functor
 $F : \{G\text{-CW-complexes}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Abelian groups}\}$
 by

$$F(X) = [X^G; K(\mathbb{F}_q)] \times \prod_{\substack{(H) \\ H \neq G}} [X^H; K(\mathbb{F}_q) \times K(\mathbb{F}_q, W_G H)]^{W_G H}$$

where the product is over all conjugacy classes (H) of proper subgroups H of G , where we recall that X^H is canonically a $W_G H$ -space, and where $W_G H$ acts trivially on $K(\mathbb{F}_q)$.

For the sake of simplicity we denote by $L(H)$ the $W_G H$ -space $K(\mathbb{F}_q) \times K(\mathbb{F}_q, W_G H)$, when $H < G$, and the G -space $K(\mathbb{F}_q)$, when $H = G$.

Thus,

$$F(X) = \prod_{(H)} [X^H; L(H)]^{W_G H}$$

(This notation will normally only be used in proofs.)

- II: Let G be a finite group of order prime to p . Define the functor
 $F : \{G\text{-CW-complexes}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Abelian groups}\}$
 by

$$F(X) = \prod_{(H)} [X^H; K(\mathbb{F}_q)]^{W_G H}$$

where the product is over all conjugacy classes (H) of subgroups H of G , and where $W_G H$ acts trivially on $K(\mathbb{F}_q)$.

Definition 2.2

F satisfies the requirements of the equivariant Brown representation theorem, [LMS], (1.5.11), in both case I and II. We thus get a G -space $J(G, p)$ representing F , i.e.

$$(2.3) \quad F(X) \cong [X, J(G, p)]^G,$$

for every finite, based G -CW-complex X . (See also [B65], thm. (2.8), the proof of which carries over to the equivariant case without complications.)

Proposition 2.4

Let H be a subgroup of G . Then

$$J(G, p)^H \simeq K(\mathbb{F}_q) \times \prod_{\substack{(K)_H \\ K \neq H}} K(\mathbb{F}_q) \times K(\mathbb{F}_q[W_H K]),$$

if we are in case I (i.e. if G is a p -group), and

$$J(G, p)^H \simeq \prod_{(K)_H} K(\mathbb{F}_q)$$

in case II. In both cases the product runs over H -conjugacy classes $(K)_H$ of subgroups K of H .

Proof:

We only prove the statement in case I, as the proof in case II is virtually unchanged.

As $[X, Y^H] \cong [X \wedge (G/H_+), Y]^G$ for a (non-equivariant) space X , a G -space Y and a subgroup H of G , we get the following calculations:

$$[X, J(G, p)^H] \cong [X \wedge (G/H_+), J(G, p)]^G \cong \prod_{(K)_G} [X \wedge (G/H_+), L(K)]^{W_G K}$$

$(G/H)^K = \emptyset$, if K is not conjugate to a subgroup of H , while

$$(2.5) \quad (G/H)^K = \coprod_{i=1}^n N_G(K_i)/(N_G(K_i) \cap H)$$

as a $W_G H$ -set, if K is conjugate to a subgroup of H :

It suffices to consider the case where K is a subgroup of H . Let K_1, K_2, \dots, K_n be a full collection of H -conjugacy classes of subgroups of H , such that K_i is G -conjugate to K . As $(G/H)^K = \{gH \in G/H \mid gKg^{-1} \leq H\}$, we study the set

$G_* = \{g \in G \mid gKg^{-1} \leq H\}$. $G_* = G_*^1 \amalg G_*^2 \amalg \dots \amalg G_*^n$, where

$G_*^i = \{g \in G \mid gKg^{-1} \text{ is } H\text{-conjugate to } K_i\}$. It is easily seen that the $W_G H$ -set G_*^i/H is isomorphic to $N_G(K_i)/(N_G(K_i) \cap H)$, thus proving (2.5).

We now see that

$$\begin{aligned} [X, J(G, p)^H] &\cong \prod_{(K)_H} [X \wedge (H_G(K)/(N_G(K) \cap H)_+): L(K)]^{W_G K} \cong \\ &\prod_{(K)_H} [X \wedge ((H_G(K)/K)/(N_H(K)/K)_+): L(K)]^{W_G K} \cong \\ &\prod_{(K)_H} [X; L(K)^{W_H K}] \cong [X; K(\mathbb{F}_q)] \times \prod_{\substack{(K)_H \\ K \neq H}} [X; K(\mathbb{F}_q) \times K(\mathbb{F}_q[W_H K])] \end{aligned}$$

as it follows from (1.5). This proves the theorem.

QED

Remark 2.6

If $K \leq H \leq G$, and we are in case II, the inclusion

$$\prod_{j=1}^m K(\mathbb{F}_q) \simeq J(G, p)^H \rightarrow J(G, p)^K \simeq \prod_{j=1}^n K(\mathbb{F}_q)$$

is given by the matrix

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$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

Here the a_{ij} 's are defined as in (1.9).

This follows from the proof of (2.4): Let $\pi : G/K \rightarrow G/H$ be the projection, and let $i : J(G, p)^H \rightarrow J(G, p)^K$ be the inclusion.

For a CW -complex X we now see that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} [X, J(G, p)^H] & \xrightarrow{\sim} & [X \wedge (G/H_+); J(G, p)]^G \\ \downarrow i_* & & \downarrow (Id_X \wedge \pi)^* \\ [X, J(G, p)^K] & \xrightarrow{\sim} & [X \wedge (G/K_+); J(G, p)]^G \end{array}$$

commutes. By using the fact that the splittings of $J(G, p)^H$ and $J(G, p)^K$ come from the various irreducible H - and K -sets, we get the result.

Proposition 2.7

$J(G, p)$ is an infinite G -loop-space, both in case I and in case II.

Proof:

Again we only prove the statement in case I.

From (1.4) it follows that $L(H)$ is an infinite $W_G H$ -loop space. Thus, for every $W_G H$ -representation U_H we have an U_H 'th delooping $L(H)_{U_H}$, such that $\Omega^{U_H}(L(H)_{U_H})$ and $L(H)$ are G -homotopy equivalent G -spaces.

Let V be a G -module. Then the V 'th delooping of $J(G, p)$ is the representing space for the functor

$$F_V : X \rightarrow \prod_{(H)} [X^H; L(H)_{V^H}]^{W_G H}$$

where the fixed point representation V^H is considered as a $W_G H$ -module: Let BF_V denote the representing G -space for F_V . Then

$$\begin{aligned} [X, \Omega^V BF_V]^G &= [S^V \wedge X, BF_V]^G = \prod_{(H)} [(S^V \wedge X)^H, L(H)_{V^H}]^{W_G H} = \\ &= \prod_{(H)} [(S^{V^H} \wedge X^H), L(H)_{V^H}]^{W_G H} = \prod_{(H)} [X^H, \Omega^{V^H} L(H)_{V^H}]^{W_G H} = \\ &= \prod_{(H)} [X^H, L(H)]^{W_G H} = [X, J(G, p)]^G \end{aligned}$$

proving that $\Omega^V BF_V \simeq J(G, p)$.

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Definition 2.8

Let H be a subgroup of G . We then have the functor $I_H : \mathcal{E}_G^H \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{W_G H}$, where an object of \mathcal{E}_G^H is considered as an $W_G H$ -set.

i_H induces the infinite $W_G H$ -loop map

$$i_H = \Omega B(Bi_H) : (Q_G S^0)^H = \Omega B(B\mathcal{E}_G^H) \rightarrow \Omega B(B\mathcal{E}_{W_G H}) = Q_{W_G H} S^0$$

Another description of i_H is as follows: If V is a $\mathbb{R}G$ -module, then we have the $W_G H$ -map

$$m_V : \text{Map}(S^V, S^V)^H \cong \text{Map}_H(S^V, S^V) \rightarrow \text{Map}(S^{V^H}, S^{V^H}),$$

which sends the H -map $f : S^V \rightarrow S^V$ to the map $f^H : S^{V^H} \rightarrow S^{V^H}$. By taking the limit over all $\mathbb{R}G$ -modules V , we get a $W_G H$ -map $m : (Q_G S^0)^H \rightarrow Q_{W_G H} S^0$. This map m and the map i_H from above are $W_G H$ -homotopic maps.

Definition 2.9

The map $e(G, p) : Q_G S^0 \rightarrow J(G, p)$ is defined as follows: In case I (the p -group case), we let the H 'th component of

$$e(G, p) \in [Q_G S^0, J(G, p)] = \prod_{(H)} [(Q_G S^0)^H, L(H)]^{W_G H}$$

be the composite

$$\begin{aligned} (Q_G S^0)^H &\xrightarrow{i_H} W_{W_G H} S^0 \xrightarrow{e_{W_G H}} K(\mathbb{F}_q, W_G H) \\ &\xrightarrow{j \times Id} K(\mathbb{F}_q) \times K(\mathbb{F}_q, W_G H) = L(H) \end{aligned}$$

when $H \neq G$, and the composite

$$(Q_G S^0)^H \xrightarrow{i_G} Q_1 S^0 \xrightarrow{e_1} K(\mathbb{F}_q; 1) = K(\mathbb{F}_q) = L(G)$$

when $H = G$. In case II we let the H 'th component of

$$e(G, p) \in [Q_G S^0, J(G, p)] = \prod_{(H)} [(Q_G S^0)^H, K(\mathbb{F}_q)]^{W_G H}$$

be the composite

$$(Q_G S^0)^H \xrightarrow{i_H} W_{W_G H} S^0 \xrightarrow{e_{W_G H}} K(\mathbb{F}_q, W_G H) \xrightarrow{j} K(\mathbb{F}_q, 1) = K(\mathbb{F}_q)$$

Here $j : K(\mathbb{F}_q, W_G H) \rightarrow K(\mathbb{F}_q, 1) = K(\mathbb{F}_q)$ is induced by the group homomorphism $W_H G \rightarrow 1$, and 1 denotes the trivial group.

Definition 2.10

The G -space $\text{Cok } J(G, p)$ is defined as the G -homotopy fibre of the map

$$e(G, p) : Q_G S^0 \rightarrow J(G, p)$$

Proposition 2.11

The map $e(G, p) : Q_G S^0 \rightarrow J(G, p)$ is an infinite G -loop map, both in case I and in case II.

Proof:

We have that the H 'th component of $e(G, p)$ in both cases is an infinite $W_G H$ -loop map, as it is composed of infinite $W_G H$ -loop maps. We now proceed as in the proof of (2.7).

QED

For later use we calculate the map $e(G, p) : (Q_G S^0)^G \rightarrow J(G, p)^G$, when G is a cyclic p -group. (In the next section we will describe $\Phi e(G, p) : \Phi Q_G S^0 \rightarrow \Phi J(G, p)$ in the case II, where $(|G|, p) = 1$)

Recall from [H91], (4.5), that we have a map $e : Q(BG_+) \rightarrow K(\mathbb{F}_q[G])$ defined as follows: Consider the categories \mathcal{T}_G and $\mathcal{GL}(\mathbb{F}_q[G])$ of G -sets of the form $n(G/1)$, $n \geq 0$, and projective $\mathbb{F}_q[G]$ -modules, respectively. These categories have classifying spaces $\Omega B(B\mathcal{T}_G) = Q(BG_+)$ and $\Omega B(B\mathcal{GL}(\mathbb{F}_q[G])) = K(\mathbb{F}_q[G])$.

The functor $P : \mathcal{T}_G \rightarrow \mathcal{GL}(\mathbb{F}_q[G])$, sending a G -set to its permutation representation: $P(n(G/1)) = \mathbb{F}_q[G]^n$, gives the infinite loop map

$$e = \Omega B(BP) : Q(BG_+) = \Omega B(B\mathcal{T}_G) \rightarrow \Omega B(B\mathcal{GL}(\mathbb{F}_q[G])) = K(\mathbb{F}_q[G]).$$

Proposition 2.12

Let G be a cyclic p -group; $G = \mathbb{Z}/p^n$. Let $1 = G_0 \subset G_1 \subset \dots \subset G_n = G$ be a complete list of the subgroups of G . Then the matrix of the map

$$e(G, p)^G : (Q_G S^0)^G = \prod_{t=0}^n Q(B(G/G_t)_+) \rightarrow \prod_{s=0}^n L(G_s) = J(G, p)^G$$

has the (s, t) 'th entry e_{st} given by

$$e_{st} = \begin{cases} p^{s-t} (j \circ e) \times e & n > s \geq t \\ p^{s-t} e & n = s \geq t \\ 0 & s < t \end{cases}$$

The map j is described in (2.9).

Proof:

Let $K \leq H \leq G$ be subgroups. Consider the composite

$$Q(B/G/K)_+ \xrightarrow{a} (Q_G S^0)^G = ((Q_G S^0)^H)^{G/H} \xrightarrow{(i_H)^{G/H}} (Q_{G/H} S^0)^{G/H}$$

where a is the inclusion of the factor, cf. (1.2), and i_H is the map from (2.8). By considering this composite as the realization of the functor, which restricts a G -set of

the form $m(G/K)$ to a G/H -set, we see that $m(G/K)$ is mapped to $mp^{s-t}(G/H)$, where $|K| = p^t$ and $|H| = p^s$.

As $e(G, p)$ on the fixed point sets is composition of the map above with $(j \times Id) \circ e$, we get the result.

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3. The Sullivan splitting

In this section we only consider case II, i.e. we assume that $(|G|, p) = 1$. p is, as usual, an odd prime. We show that we have a p -local splitting

$$(SF_G)_{(p)} \simeq (J(G, p)_0)_{(p)} \times (\text{Cok } J(G, p)_0)_{(p)},$$

where $J(G, p)_0$ and $\text{Cok } J(G, p)_0$ denote the G -connected covers of $J(G, p)$ and $\text{Cok } J(G, p)$, respectively, cf. [E1], p.277.

Proposition 3.1

Let p be a prime not dividing the order of the group G . Let X be a G -space, and let Y be a p -local infinite G -loop space. Then the map

$$\text{Fix}: ([X, Y]^G)_{(p)} \rightarrow ([\Phi X, \Phi Y]_{\mathcal{O}_G})_{(p)}$$

sending the G -map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ to the \mathcal{O}_G -map

$$\text{Fix}(f): G/H \mapsto (f^H: X^H \rightarrow Y^H)$$

is a bijection.

Proof:

This is essentially [LMS], (V.6.8) and (V.6.9): If $(|G|, p) = 1$, then

$$[X, Y]^G_{(p)} \cong \prod_{(H)} [X^H, Y^H]_{(p)}^{INV},$$

where the superscript INV indicates that we are considering homotopy classes of 'invariant maps', [LMS] (V.6.5). But such an invariant homotopy class corresponds to a \mathcal{O}_G -homotopy class of \mathcal{O}_G -maps $\Phi X \rightarrow \Phi Y$.

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Proposition 3.2

For a subgroup H of G the fixed point map

$$e(G, p)^H: (Q_G S^0_{(p)})^H = \prod_{(K)_H} QS^0_{(p)} \rightarrow \prod_{(K)_H} K(\mathbb{F}_q)_{(p)} \rightarrow J(G, p)^H_{(p)}$$

is given by the product of maps $e_{(p)}: QS^0_{(p)} \rightarrow K(\mathbb{F}_q)_{(p)}$.

Proof:

Let $K \leq H \leq G$ be subgroups, and denote $W_G H$ by W . The composite

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$$Q(BW_H K_+)_{(p)} \xrightarrow{a} (Q_G S^0_{(p)})^H \xrightarrow{i_H} Q_W S^0_{(p)} \xrightarrow{e_W} K(\mathbb{F}_q, W)_{(p)} \xrightarrow{j} K(\mathbb{F}_q)_{(p)}$$

is zero, if $K < H$, and equal to $e_{(p)} : Q_S^0_{(p)} \rightarrow K(\mathbb{F}_q)_{(p)}$, if $K = H = H$. This is seen by using discrete models: The H -set $n(H/K)$ is mapped via $e_W \circ i_H \circ a$ to the $\mathbb{F}_q[W]$ -module $\mathbb{F}_q[W/K]^n$. But the categorical analogue of j maps a $\mathbb{F}_q[W]$ -module V to its fixed point module V^W .

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We briefly review the non equivariant case, see [M77] p. 112 ff.: We have p -local infinite loop maps

$$(3.3) \quad \alpha : J_p \rightarrow SF \quad \text{and} \quad e : SF \rightarrow J_p,$$

such that $e \circ \alpha : J_p \rightarrow J_p$ is a homotopy equivalence. This gives a splitting

$$(3.4) \quad SF \simeq J_p \times \text{Cok } J_p$$

where $\text{Cok } J_p$ is the homotopy fibre of $e : SF \rightarrow J_p$. The work of Quillen in [Q], thm.7, p.585, shows that J_p can be identified with the connected cover of $K(\mathbb{F}_q)$ – algebraic K -theory of the finite field \mathbb{F}_q . Finally, the map $e : SF \rightarrow J_p$ is actually the connected cover of the map $e : Q(BG_+) \rightarrow K(\mathbb{F}_q[G])$ of (1.7), with G being the trivial group.

Definition 3.5

Define $\alpha(G, p) : J(G, p)_0 \rightarrow SF_G$ as follows: The \mathcal{O}_G -map

$$\Phi\alpha(G, p) : \Phi J(G, p)_0 \rightarrow \Phi SF_G$$

is defined to be

$$\Phi\alpha(G, p)(G/H) = \prod_{(K)_H} \alpha : J(G, p)_0^H = \prod_{(K)_H} K(\mathbb{F}_q)_0 \rightarrow \prod_{(K)_H} SF = SF_G^H$$

By using (3.1), we let $\alpha(G, p) : J(G, p)_0 \rightarrow SF_G$ correspond to $\Phi\alpha(G, p) \in [\Phi J(G, p)_0, \Phi SF_G]_{\mathcal{O}_G}$.

Theorem 3.6

$e(G, p)$ and $\alpha(G, p)$ induces a p -local splitting

$$SF_G \simeq J(G, p)_0 \times \text{Cok } J(G, p)_0$$

Proof:

This follows immediately from the fact that the composite $e(G, p) \circ \alpha(G, p)$ is a G -homotopy equivalence: For each subgroup H of G the fixed point map $(e(G, p) \circ \alpha(G, p))^H$ is simply $\prod_{(K)_H} e \circ \alpha$, and from (3.4) we conclude that this is a homotopy equivalence.

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4. K_G – theory of $\text{Cok } J(G, p)$

In this section we show that K_G -theory of $\text{Cok } J(G, p)$ vanishes. To this purpose we prove some results linking K_G -theory of a G -Space to the K -theory of the fixed point sets. These results will be applied later on.

In order to avoid finiteness assumptions, we agree to work with K -theory with coefficients in \mathbb{Z}/p for an odd prime p . We remark that the results (4.1) and (4.2) holds for K -theory with integral coefficients, provided that X is a finite G -CW-complex.

Lemma 4.1

Let G be a cyclic group, X a G -CW-complex with $\bar{K}^*(X^H) = 0$ for every subgroup H of G . Then $\bar{K}_G^*(X) = 0$.

(Here $\bar{K}_G^*(-)$ is *reduced K_G -theory* – for a finite G -CW-complex X , $\bar{K}_G^*(X)$ is generated by differences of G -bundles $E - F$ satisfying the following condition: For every $x \in X$, the fibres E_x and F_x are equivalent G_x -modules.)

Proof:

We show this using induction over the subgroups of G . Let H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n be an ordering of these subgroups, such that if $H_i \subseteq H_j$, then $i \geq j$. Since G is cyclic, every H_i is normal in G , and we let W_i denote the factor group G/H_i .

Define a filtration $X_1 \subseteq X_2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq X_n$ of X by

$$X_i = \bigcup_{j=1}^i X^{H_j}$$

Since all subgroups H_j are normal in G , each X^{H_j} is a G -space, and thus X_i is a G -space. We show inductively that $\bar{K}_G^*(X_i) = 0$.

For $i = 1$ we have that $H_1 = G$, and thus

$$\bar{K}_G^*(X_1) = \bar{K}_G^*(X^G) = \bar{K}^*(X^G) \otimes R(G) = 0.$$

Assume now that $\bar{K}_G^*(X_{i-1}) = 0$. By considering the long exact sequence

$$\rightarrow \bar{K}_G^{*-1}(X_{i-1}) \rightarrow \bar{K}_G^*(X_i, X_{i-1}) \rightarrow \bar{K}_G^*(X_i) \rightarrow \bar{K}_G^*(X_{i-1}) \rightarrow$$

coming from the pair (X_i, X_{i-1}) , we see that $\bar{K}_G^*(X_i) \cong \bar{K}_G^*(X_i, X_{i-1})$.

Since we have the canonical group homomorphism $G \rightarrow W_i$, we get a G -action on the space EW_i . We have that $(EW_i)^H$ is either contractible or the empty set \emptyset , depending on whether H is contained in H_i or not.

The projection map between the pairs $(EW_i \times X_i, EW_i \times X_{i-1})$ and (X_i, X_{i-1}) is a G -homotopy equivalence, since it is an homotopy equivalence on all fixed point sets: For every subgroup H_j one of the following three conditions is satisfied:

- a) $j < i$, or
- b) $j \geq i$ and $H_j \subseteq H_i$, or
- c) $j \geq i$ and $H_j \not\subseteq H_i$.

If condition a) is satisfied, then $(X_i)^{H_j} = (X_{i-1})^{H_j}$, and $(X_i / X_{i-1})^{H_j}$ is contractible. Whether $EW_i^{H_j}$ is the zero set or contractible, the set $(EW_i \times X_i / EW_i \times X_{i-1})^{H_j}$ is contractible.

If condition b) is satisfied, then $(EW_i)^{H_j}$ is contractible, and the claim is trivial.

If condition c) is satisfied, then $(EW_i)^{H_j} = \emptyset$, and $(EW_i \times X_i / EW_i \times X_{i-1})^{H_j}$ is contractible. But $(X_i)^{H_j} = (X_{i-1})^{H_j} \cup (X^{H_i})^{H_j}$, and the set $(X^{H_i})^{H_j} = X^{H_k}$ is contained in $(X_{i-1})^{H_j}$; here H_k is the smallest subgroup of G -containing the subgroups H_i and H_j , and since $H_k \supset H_i$, we know that $k < i$, and $X^{H_k} \subseteq X_{i-1}$.

We thus have $\bar{K}_G^*(X_i) \cong \bar{K}_G^*(X_i, X_{i-1}) \cong \bar{K}_G^*(EW_i \times X_i, EW_i \times X_{i-1})$

We note that H acts trivially on the spaces EW_i and X_i / X_{i-1} . [MR84], (1.3.12), stating that if G is an Abelian group, Γ a subgroup of G , then there is an isomorphism

$$K_G(X^\Gamma) \cong K_{G/\Gamma}(X^\Gamma) \otimes R(\Gamma),$$

reduces the problem to showing that $\bar{K}_{W_i}^*(EW_i \times X_i, EW_i \times X_{i-1})$ is zero. By using the long exact sequence on the pair $(EW_i \times X_i, EW_i \times X_{i-1})$, we see that it suffices to show that the restriction map $\bar{K}_{W_i}^*(EW_i \times X_i) \rightarrow \bar{K}_{W_i}^*(EW_i \times X_{i-1})$ is an isomorphism.

W_i acts freely on EW_i , and by using [S68c] (2.1) it suffices show that the map $\bar{K}^*(EW_i \times_{W_i} X_i) \rightarrow \bar{K}^*(EW_i \times_{W_i} X_{i-1})$ is an isomorphism.

We have the homotopy commutative diagram of fibrations

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_i & \rightarrow & X_{i-1} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ EW_i \times_{W_i} X_i & \rightarrow & EW_i \times_{W_i} X_{i-1} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ BW_i & = & BW_i \end{array}$$

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Using a Mayer-Vietoris argument, we conclude that $\bar{K}^*(X_i) = \bar{K}^*(X_{i-1}) = 0$. The Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence and the comparison theorem for spectral sequences show that $\bar{K}^*(EW_i \times_{W_i} X_i) \rightarrow \bar{K}^*(EW_i \times_{W_i} X_{i-1})$ is an isomorphism.

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Lemma 4.2 ([MC], cor. C.)

Let G be a finite group, p an odd prime. Let X be a G -CW-complex, such that $\bar{K}_C^*(X) = 0$ for every cyclic subgroup of G . Then $\bar{K}_G^*(X) = 0$.

Proposition 4.3

Let $\text{Cok } J(G, p)$ be the space from (2.10). Then $\bar{K}_G^*(\text{Cok } J(G, p); \mathbb{Z}/p)$ vanishes.

Proof:

According to (4.1) and (4.2) it suffices to show that $e(G, p)^K : (Q_G S^0)^K \rightarrow J(G, p)^K$ is an $K^*(-; \mathbb{Z}/p)$ -equivalence, when G is a cyclic group, and K is a subgroup of G .

In case I, the p -group case, we use (2.12) and the fact, that

$$(j \times Id) \circ e : Q(B\Gamma_+) \rightarrow K(\mathbb{F}_q) \times K(\mathbb{F}_q, \Gamma)$$

is a $K^*(-; \mathbb{Z}/p)$ -equivalence, when Γ is a cyclic p -group, cf. (1191), (4.18).

In the case where $|G|$ is invertible in \mathbb{Z}/p , we use the definition (3.2) and the fact that $e : QS^0 \rightarrow K(\mathbb{F}_q)$ is a $K^*(-; \mathbb{Z}/p)$ -equivalence, cf. [MM], (5.22).

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From (2.11) we know that $\text{Cok } J(G, p)$ is an infinite G -loop space. We want to show that K_G -theory of the corresponding G -spectrum vanishes.

Lemma 4.4

Let X be an infinite G -loop space with $\bar{K}^*(X^H) = 0$ for every subgroup H of G . Let V be an $\mathbb{R}G$ -module. Then the V th delooping X_V of X satisfies $\bar{K}^*(X_V^H) = 0$ for every subgroup H . Especially, $\bar{K}_G^*(X) = 0$.

Proof:

This follows from (the dual) of the K -theoretical Rothenberg-Steenrod spectral sequence, cf. [Ho], p.5 (the dualization is carried through in [McC], p.242 ff):

$$E^2 = \text{Tor}_{K_*(X)}(\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}, \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p) \Rightarrow K_*(BX) = E^\infty$$

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Corollary 4.5

The K_G -theory with coefficients in \mathbb{Z}/p of the spectra $\text{Cok } J(G, p)$ vanishes.

Corollary 4.6

The map of G -spectra $e(G, p): S_G \rightarrow J(G, p)$ of (2.9) is an $K_G(-; \mathbb{Z}/p)$ -equivalence.

We here denote the G -sphere spectrum with S_G , and we denote the G -spectra corresponding to the infinite G -loop spaces $J(G, p)$ and $\text{Cok } J(G, p)$ by the same symbols, i.e. by $J(G, p)$ and $\text{Cok } J(G, p)$

5. Equivariant Bousfield localization

In this section we briefly describe the properties of equivariant Bousfield-localization. The formal development of the theory will not be done here, as the nonequivariant results of [B79a] and [B79b] immediately can be generalized to the equivariant case:

We work in the category Ho_G^S of G -CW-spectra as described in [LMS], p.27 ff. This is the homotopy category of spectra indexed over the complete G -universe \mathcal{U} consisting of countably many copies of the regular representation $\mathbb{R}[G]$. Every object in Ho_G^S is assumed to be a G -cell spectrum, i.e. it has a decomposition into stable G -cells of the form $\Sigma^n(S_G \wedge (G/H)_+)$, where n ranges over the integers, and H over the subgroups of G .

Definition 5.1

Let A be a G -spectrum. A G -spectrum X is A -acyclic, if $A^*(X) = 0$. A map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ in Ho_G^S is an A -equivalence, if the map $A^*(f): A^*(X) \rightarrow A^*(Y)$ is an isomorphism. The G -spectrum B is A -local if, for every A -equivalence $f: X \rightarrow Y$, the map $f^*: [Y, B]_* \rightarrow [X, B]_*$ is an isomorphism. Finally, the map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is an A -localization of X , if f is an A -equivalence, and Y is A -local.

Analogous to [B79b] (1.1), we have

Theorem 5.2

Every G -spectrum X in Ho_G^S has an A -localization, denoted by X_A or $L_A X$. This A -localization is unique up to equivalence.

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The most obvious examples of equivariant Bousfield localizations are localization with respect to Eilenberg-MacLane spectra, cf. [LMM9]. Especially, if $X = H_G(\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}, 0)$, where $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ denotes the constant coefficient system $G/H \mapsto \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$, then L_X is the localization at the prime p of [MMT]. Similarly, localization with respect to $H_G(\mathbb{F}_q, 0)$ gives the p -adic completion of [M81].

Both these localization functors have the property that they preserve the formation of fixed point sets:

Proposition 5.3

Let X be one of the spectra $H_G(\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}, 0)$ or $H_G(\mathbb{F}_q, 0)$. Let A be any G -spectrum, and let M be a subgroup of G . Then

$$L_{X^M}(A^M) \simeq (L_X A)^M$$

Proof:

This is thm. 10 of [MMT] and thm, 14 of [M81].

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For general spectra X , the statement of (5.3) does probably not hold. We therefore introduce a variant of K_G -theory, which in the equivariant case is more manageable:

Definition 5.4

Let \mathcal{K}_G be the G -spectrum defined by $\mathcal{K}_G = \bigvee_{(H)} K \wedge (G/H_+)$, where the wedge is over all conjugacy classes of subgroups of G , K is the spectrum representing ordinary K -theory, and G/H_+ is the usual G -space.

Proposition 5.5

- 1) X is \mathcal{K}_G -acyclic if and only if $K_*(X^H) = 0$ for every subgroup H of G .
- 2) Every \mathcal{K}_G -local G -spectrum is K_G -local.

Proof:

1) is obvious. In order to prove 2), let X be a \mathcal{K}_G -acyclic G -spectrum. This implies that for every subgroup H of G we have that $[K \wedge (G/H_+), X]^G = [K, X^H] = 0$. Thus X^H is K -local, and $K^*(X^H) = 0$. (3.2) now implies that $K_G(X) = 0$.

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It follows immediately from the definition (5.4) that

Proposition 5.6

Let X be a G -spectrum, M a subgroup of G . Then

$$(L_{\mathcal{K}_G}(X))^M \simeq L_K(X^M).$$

6. The equivariant K -localization of the G -sphere spectrum

In this section we calculate the \mathcal{K}_G -localization of the equivariant sphere-spectrum S_G . Again, all spectra are assumed to be p -local, and we work with the two cases:

- I: G is a p -group, and
- II: G is a finite group with $(p, |G|) = 1$.

Our starting point is (4.6), which we immediately generalize to p -adic coefficients:

Proposition 6.1

The map of G -spectra $e(G, p): S_G \rightarrow J(G, p)$ of (2.9) is an $\mathcal{K}_G(-; \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p)$ -equivalence.

Proof:

By using the Bockstein sequences coming from the coefficient sequences

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p^n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p \rightarrow 0,$$

we see inductively that $e(G, p)$ is a $\mathcal{K}_G(-; \mathbb{Z}/p^n)$ equivalence, i.e. for every subgroup H of G the map $e(G, p)^H: S_G^H \rightarrow J(G, p)^H$ is a $K(-; \mathbb{Z}/p^n)$ -equivalence.

Let X be a spectrum, and let S^0A be the Moore spectrum for the Abelian group A , see [A74], p.200. We have that $S^0\hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p \cong \varinjlim S^0\mathbb{Z}/p^n$, and thus

$$K^*(X; \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p) \cong [X; K \wedge S^0\hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p]_* \cong [X \wedge DS^0\hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p; K]_* \cong [X \wedge \varinjlim DS^0\mathbb{Z}/p^n; K]_*,$$

where DZ is the Spanier-Whitehead dual of the spectrum Z .

The Milnor sequence applied on the space $X \wedge \varinjlim DS^0\mathbb{Z}/p^n$ now gives the natural exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \varinjlim^1 K^{*-1}(X; \mathbb{Z}/p^n) \rightarrow K^*(X; \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p) \rightarrow \varinjlim K^*(X; \mathbb{Z}/p^n) \rightarrow 0$$

By applying this sequence on the map $e(G, p)^H: S_G^H \rightarrow J(G, p)^H$, we obtain the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 \rightarrow & \varinjlim^1 K^{*-1}(S_G^H; \mathbb{Z}/p^n) & \rightarrow & K^*(S_G^H; \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p) & \rightarrow & \varinjlim K^*(S_G^H; \mathbb{Z}/p^n) & \rightarrow 0 \\ & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\ 0 \rightarrow & \varinjlim^1 K^{*-1}(J(G, p)^H; \mathbb{Z}/p^n) & \rightarrow & K^*(J(G, p)^H; \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p) & \rightarrow & \varinjlim K^*(J(G, p)^H; \mathbb{Z}/p^n) & \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

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As the first and last vertical arrows are isomorphisms, we conclude that the middle arrow is an isomorphism, too, and the result now follows from (5.5).

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This almost calculates the \mathcal{K}_G -localization of S_G . But there are two difficulties: $J(G, p)$ is not \mathcal{K}_G -local G -spectrum, and $e(G, p)$ is not a $\mathcal{K}_G(-; \mathbb{Q})$ -equivalence. We remedy this:

Recall from [FHM], (0.5), that we have a cofiber sequence

$$(6.2) \quad K(\mathbb{F}_q, G) \rightarrow K_G \langle 0, \infty \rangle \xrightarrow{\psi^q - 1} K_G \langle 2, \infty \rangle$$

where $K_G \langle n, \infty \rangle$ is the n -connected cover of the G -spectrum K_G . Define $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q, G)$ as the homotopy fibre of $\psi^q - 1: K_G \rightarrow K_G$.

We remark that $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q, G)$ is a K_G -local G -spectrum, as K_G is K_G -local. Furthermore, $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q, G)$ is \mathcal{K}_G -local: For a subgroup H of G we have the cofiber sequence

$$\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q, G)^H \rightarrow K_G^H \xrightarrow{\psi^q - 1} K_G^H$$

It follows from [FHM], (3.1), that K_G^H is equivalent to $\bigvee_{Irr(H)} K$, where the wedge is over all inequivalent, irreducible $\mathbb{C}H$ -modules. (K is the (non-equivariant) spectrum representing ordinary complex K -theory). As K_G^H is K -local, $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q, G)^H$ is K -local, and it follows that $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q, G)$ is \mathcal{K}_G -local.

Proposition 6.3

The map $a: K(\mathbb{F}_q, G) \rightarrow \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q, G)$ coming from the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} K(\mathbb{F}_q, G) & \rightarrow & K_G \langle 0, \infty \rangle & \xrightarrow{\psi^q - 1} & K_G \langle 2, \infty \rangle \\ a \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q, G) & \rightarrow & K_G & \xrightarrow{\psi^q - 1} & \end{array}$$

is a $\mathcal{K}_G(-; \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p)$ -equivalence.

Proof:

We show that for every subgroup H of G the map $a^H: K(\mathbb{F}_q, G)^H \rightarrow \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q, G)^H$ is a $K_*(-; \mathbb{Z}/p)$ -equivalence.

Let F denote the fibre of a^H . It then suffices to show that $K_*(F; \mathbb{Z}/p)$ vanishes. Let F_m denote the m -connected cover of F . We have the sequence of maps

$$0 = F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow F_{-1} \rightarrow F_{-2} \rightarrow \dots$$

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and $F = \varinjlim F_{-n}$. As $K_*(F; \mathbb{Z}/p) = \varinjlim K_*(F_{-n}; \mathbb{Z}/p)$, it suffices to show that $K_*(F_{-n}; \mathbb{Z}/p) = 0$.

This is done inductively: For $n < 0$, F_{-n} is the zero spectrum. We obtain F_{-n} from F_{-n+1} via the cofiber sequence

$$F_{-n+1} \rightarrow F_{-n} \rightarrow H(\pi_{-n}(F); -n)$$

where $H(\pi_{-n}(F); -n)$ is the Eilenberg-MacLane spectrum with the sole non-zero homotopy group

$$\pi_{-n}(H(\pi_{-n}(F); -n)) = \pi_{-n}(F)$$

Now, $K_*(H(\pi_{-n}(F); -n); \mathbb{Z}/p) = K_*(H(\pi_{-n}(F)) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}/p; -n) = 0$, as it follows from [AH], thm. 1, and inductively we see that $K_*(F_{-n}; \mathbb{Z}/p) = 0$.

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Definition 6.4

Assume we are in case 1, i.e. that G is a p -group. Let $\mathcal{J}(G, p)$ be the G -spectrum representing the functor F from Ho_G^S to Abelian groups given by

$$\mathcal{F}(X) = \prod_{(H)} [X^H, \mathcal{L}(H)]_*^{W_G H}$$

Here $\mathcal{L}(H)$ is the $W_G H$ -spectrum $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q) \times \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q, W_G H)$ in case $G \neq H$, and $\mathcal{L}(G)$ is $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q)$.

Let $b: J(G, p) \rightarrow \mathcal{J}(G, p)$ be the map representing the natural transformation

$$F(X) = \prod_{(H)} [X^H, L(H)]^{W_G H} \xrightarrow{\Pi \bar{a}} \prod_{(H)} [X^H, \mathcal{L}(H)]^{W_G H} = \mathcal{F}(X)$$

where \bar{a} is the map $L(H) = K(\mathbb{F}_q) \times K(\mathbb{F}_q, W_G H) \xrightarrow{a \times a} \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q) \times \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q, W_G H) = \mathcal{L}(H)$ when $G \neq H$ and $\bar{a}: L(G) = K(\mathbb{F}_q) \rightarrow \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q) = \mathcal{L}(G)$ is simply a itself.

In case II, where $(|G|, p) = 1$, we let $\mathcal{J}(G, p)$ be the G -spectrum representing the functor \mathcal{F} from Ho_G^S to Abelian groups given by

$$\mathcal{F}(X) = \prod_{(H)} [X^H, \mathcal{K}(H)]_*^{W_G H}$$

and where $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q) = K(\mathbb{F}_q, 1)$. In this case, the map $b: J(G, p) \rightarrow \mathcal{J}(G, p)$ is representing the natural transformation

$$F(X) = \prod_{(H)} [X^H, K(H)]^{W_G H} \xrightarrow{\Pi \bar{a}} \prod_{(H)} [X^H, \mathcal{K}(H)]^{W_G H} = \mathcal{F}(X)$$

Proposition 6.5

- 1) $b: J(G, p) \rightarrow \mathcal{J}(G, p)$ is a $\mathcal{K}_G(-; \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p)$ -equivalence, and
- 2) $\mathcal{J}(G, p)$ is \mathcal{K}_G -local.

Proof:

1) follows immediately from (6.3) by calculating the action of b at the fixed point

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spectra – cf. (2.4).

In order to show 2), let X be a \mathcal{K}_G -acyclic G -spectrum. Then we have for every subgroup H of G and every subgroup V of $W_G H$ that $(X^H)^V$ is K -acyclic. It follows from (4.1) that X^H is $K_{W_G H}$ -acyclic, and $[X^H, \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q) \times \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q, W_G H)]_*^{W_G H} = 0$, as both $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q)$ and $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q, W_G H)$ are $K_{W_G H}$ -local. Thus $[X, \mathcal{J}(G, p)]_*^G = 0$.

The proof in case II is similar.

QED

We now study the rational type of S_G . We recall from (1.2) that the sole non-zero rational homotopy group of S_G is in dimension 0, and that $\pi_0(S_G; \mathbb{Q}) = \underline{A} \otimes \mathbb{Q}$, where the \mathcal{O}_G -group $\underline{A} \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ is given by $\underline{A} \otimes \mathbb{Q}(G/H) = A(H) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$. $A(H)$ here denotes the Burnside ring of the finite group H .

In the p -group case (case I) we have that the G -spectrum $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{F}_q, G)$ has two non-zero rational homotopy groups, as it follows from (6.2). Both $\pi_0(\mathcal{J}(\mathbb{F}_q, G); \mathbb{Q})$ and $\pi_{-1}(\mathcal{J}(\mathbb{F}_q, G); \mathbb{Q})$ equal $(\underline{A} \oplus \underline{R}'_{\mathbb{F}_q}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$, where the \mathcal{O}_G -group $(\underline{A} \oplus \underline{R}'_{\mathbb{F}_q}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ is given by

$$(\underline{A} \oplus \underline{R}'_{\mathbb{F}_q})(G/H) = \begin{cases} A(H) \oplus R'_{\mathbb{F}_q}(H) & H \neq G \\ A(G) & H = G \end{cases}$$

$R'_{\mathbb{F}_q}(H)$ is the Grothendieck group of $\mathbb{F}_q[H]$ -modules. It follows that for a subgroup H of G the spectrum $(\mathcal{J}(G, p))^H = \prod_{(K)_H} \mathcal{L}(H)^{W_H K}$ only has non-zero rational homotopy in dimensions -1 and 0 .

Similarly, in case II $\mathcal{J}(G, p)$ has non-zero rational homotopy only in dimensions -1 and 0 , and both are given by $\underline{A} \otimes \mathbb{Q}$.

Definition 6.6

Let $\mathcal{J}'(G, p)$ be the homotopy fibre of the map

$$I : \mathcal{J}(G, p) \rightarrow H_G(\pi_{-1}(\mathcal{J}(G, p)); \mathbb{Q}; -1),$$

which induces the identity map at $\pi_{-1}(\mathcal{J}(G, p); \mathbb{Q}) = \underline{H}_{-1}(\mathcal{J}(G, p); \mathbb{Q})$. (The Hurewicz map $H : \pi_{-1}(\mathcal{J}(G, p); \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow \underline{H}_{-1}(\mathcal{J}(G, p); \mathbb{Q})$ is an isomorphism, as it follows from [Sp], (9.6.15) – Hurewicz' theorem modulo the Serre class consisting of finite, Abelian groups.)

Let $e'(G, p)$ denote the lift of $b \circ e(G, p) : S_G \rightarrow \mathcal{J}(G, p)$ to $\mathcal{J}'(G, p)$ – $I \circ b \circ e(G, p) = 0$ as $\pi_{-1}(S_G) = 0$ and thus $b \circ e(G, p)$ lifts.

Proposition 6.7

$\mathcal{J}'(G, p)$ is a \mathcal{K}_G -local G -spectrum. $e'(G, p): S_G \rightarrow \mathcal{J}'(G, p)$ is a $\mathcal{K}_G(-; \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p)$ -equivalence.

Proof:

$H_G(\pi_{-1}(\mathcal{J}(G, p); \mathbb{Q}); -1)$ is a \mathcal{K}_G -local spectrum, as every rational spectrum is K -local, see [Mi], p.207. From (6.5.2) it now follows that $\mathcal{J}'(G, p)$ is \mathcal{K}_G -local.

Furthermore, as $H_G(\pi_{-1}(\mathcal{J}(G, p); \mathbb{Q}); -1)$ vanishes p -adically, we conclude that the map $\mathcal{J}'(G, p) \rightarrow \mathcal{J}(G, p)$, and hence the lifted map $e'(G, p): S_G \rightarrow \mathcal{J}'(G, p)$ are $\mathcal{K}_G(-; \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p)$ -equivalences.

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Definition 6.8

Let G be a p -group. Define the \mathcal{O}_G -map $\underline{P}: \pi_0(\mathcal{J}'(G, p)) \rightarrow \underline{R}_{\mathbb{F}_q}(G) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ as follows:

For a proper subgroup H of G , $\underline{P}(G/H)$ is the composite

$$\pi_0(\mathcal{J}'(G, p)) = A(H) \oplus R_{\mathbb{F}_q}(H) \xrightarrow{\pi} R_{\mathbb{F}_q}(H) \xrightarrow{r} R_{\mathbb{F}_q}(H) \otimes \mathbb{Q},$$

where π is the projection onto the second factor, while r is the 'rationalization map'. For $H = G$ we let $\underline{P}(G/G)$ be the zero map.

Definition 6.9

Assume G is a p -group. The \mathcal{O}_G -map $\underline{P}(G)$ of (6.8) corresponds to a G -map

$$\mathcal{P}: \mathcal{J}'(G, p) \rightarrow H_G(\underline{R}_{\mathbb{F}_q}(G) \otimes \mathbb{Q}; 0)$$

Define the G -spectrum $\bar{\mathcal{J}}(G, p)$ as the homotopy fibre of \mathcal{P} .

In case II, where $(|G|, p) = 1$, we define $\bar{\mathcal{J}}(G, p)$ to be the G -spectrum $\mathcal{J}'(G, p)$ of (6.6).

Theorem 6.10

The $\mathcal{K}_G(-; \mathbb{Z}_{(p)})$ -localization of S_G is $\bar{\mathcal{J}}(G, p)$.

Proof:

It follows from the definition of $\bar{\mathcal{J}}(G, p)$ that $e'(G, p)$ factors through $\bar{\mathcal{J}}(G, p)$, and that this factored map is a $\mathcal{K}_G(-; \mathbb{Z}/p)$ -equivalence. A direct inspection reveals that this factored map is a $\mathcal{K}_G(-; \mathbb{Q})$ -equivalence.

QED

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