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## ON THE GENERALIZED NOVIKOV FIRST EXT GROUP MODULO A PRIME

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $BP$  be the Brown-Peterson spectrum for a fixed prime  $p$ , whose homotopy is  $BP_* \cong \mathbf{Z}_{(p)}[v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, \dots]$ . In [6] §6.5, the second author has introduced the spectrum  $T(m)$ , whose  $BP$ -homology is

$$BP_*(T(m)) \cong BP_*[t_1, \dots, t_m].$$

This is homotopy equivalent to  $BP$  below dimension  $2p^{m+1} - 3$ .

The Adams-Novikov  $E_2$ -term converging to the homotopy groups of  $T(m)$

$$E_2^{*,*}(T(m)) = \text{Ext}_{BP_*(BP)}(BP_*, BP_*(T(m)))$$

is isomorphic by [6, Corollary 7.1.3] to

$$\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}(BP_*, BP_*),$$

where

$$\Gamma(m+1) = BP_*(BP)/(t_1, \dots, t_m) \cong BP_*[t_{m+1}, t_{m+2}, \dots].$$

In particular  $\Gamma(1) = BP_*(BP)$  by definition. To get the structure of  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}(BP_*, BP_*)$ , we will use the chromatic method introduced in [3].

Denote an ideal  $(p, v_1, \dots, v_{n-1})$  of  $BP_*$  by  $I_n$ , and a comodule

$$v_{n+s}^{-1}BP_*/(p, v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}, v_n^\infty, \dots, v_{n+s-1}^\infty).$$

by  $M_n^s$ . Then we can consider the chromatic spectral sequence converging to

$$\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}(BP_*, BP_*/I_n)$$

with

$$E_1^{s,t} = \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^t(BP_*, M_n^s).$$

Shimomura calls this Ext group the *general chromatic  $E_1$ -term*.

The limiting case as  $m$  approaches infinity is discussed by the second author in [7]. In this paper we will determine the module structure (over an appropriate generalization of  $k(1)_*$ ) of

$$\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^0(BP_*, M_1^1)$$

in Theorem 6.1, which is closely related to the group

$$\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^1(BP_*, BP_*/(p)).$$

The structure of these two groups are described below in Theorems 6.1 and 7.1. Notice that our target  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^1(BP_*, BP_*/(p))$  is different from the localized object, which is determined in Kamiya-Shimomura [2]. Hereafter we will often abbreviate  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}(BP_*, M)$  by  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}(M)$  for a  $\Gamma(m+1)$ -comodule  $M$ .

We begin by recalling the analogous result for  $m = 0$ , which was obtained long ago by Miller-Wilson in [4] (and reformulated in [6] as Theorems 5.2.13, Corollary 5.2.14, and Theorem 5.2.17). Recall that we have the 4-term exact sequence

$$(1.1) \quad 0 \rightarrow BP_*/(p) \rightarrow M_1^0 \rightarrow M_1^1 \rightarrow N_1^2 \rightarrow 0$$

obtained by splicing the two short exact sequences

$$0 \longrightarrow BP_*/(p) \longrightarrow M_1^0 \longrightarrow N_1^1 \longrightarrow 0,$$

and

$$0 \longrightarrow N_1^1 \longrightarrow M_1^1 \longrightarrow N_1^2 \longrightarrow 0.$$

From (1.1) we see that  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(1)}^1(BP_*/(p))$  is a certain subquotient of

$$(1.2) \quad \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(1)}^1(M_1^0) \oplus \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(1)}^0(M_1^1).$$

For the first summand, we have (for  $p$  odd)

$$\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(1)}(M_1^0) = \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(1)}(v_1^{-1}BP_*/(p)) \cong K(1)_* \otimes E(h_{1,0}).$$

In particular we have

$$\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(1)}^1(M_1^0) \cong K(1)_*\{h_{1,0}\}.$$

It turns out that the image of  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(1)}^1(BP_*/(p))$  into this group is  $k(1)_*\{h_{1,0}\}$ , which is the  $v_1$ -torsion free component of  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(1)}^1(BP_*/(p))$ .

To describe  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(1)}^0(M_1^1)$ , we recall the elements  $x_k \in v_2^{-1}BP_*/(p)$  defined by

$$x_0 = v_2,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_1 &= v_2^p - v_1^p v_2^{-1} v_3, \\
 x_2 &= x_1^p - v_1^{p^2-1} v_2^{p^2-p+1} - v_1^{p^2+p-1} v_2^{p^2-2p} v_3, \\
 \text{and } x_k &= \begin{cases} x_{k-1}^2 & (p = 2) \\ x_{k-1}^p - 2v_1^{(p+1)(p^{k-1}-1)} v_2^{(p-1)p^{k-1}+1} & (p > 2) \end{cases} \quad \text{for } k \geq 3,
 \end{aligned}$$

and integers  $a(k)$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
 a(0) &= 1, \\
 a(1) &= p, \\
 a(k) &= \begin{cases} 3 \cdot 2^{k-1} & (p = 2) \\ p^k + p^{k-1} - 1 & (p > 2) \end{cases} \quad \text{for } k \geq 2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

**Theorem 1.3** ([4]). *As a  $k(1)_*$ -module,  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(1)}^0(M_1^1)$  is the direct sum of*

- (a) *the cyclic submodules generated by  $x_k^s/v_1^{a(k)}$  for  $k \geq 0$  and  $p \nmid s \in \mathbf{Z}$ ; and*
- (b)  *$K(1)_*/k(1)_*$ , generated by  $1/v_1^j$  for  $j \geq 1$ .*

The odd prime case follows from the next proposition ([3, Proposition 5.4]). We refer the reader to the original sources for the case  $p = 2$ .

**Proposition 1.4.** *Let  $p$  be odd. Modulo  $(p, v_1^{1+a(k)})$ , the differential*

$$d = \eta_R - \eta_L: v_2^{-1}BP_*/(p) \rightarrow v_2^{-1}BP_*/(p) \otimes_{BP_*} BP_*(BP)$$

on  $x_k$  is

$$d(x_k) \equiv \begin{cases} v_1 t_1^p & \text{for } k = 0, \\ v_1^p v_2^{p-1} t_1 & \text{for } k = 1, \\ 2v_1^{a(k)} v_2^{(p-1)p^{j-1}} t_1 & \text{for } k \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

Before Theorem 1.3 was proved, the naive conjecture about  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(1)}^1(BP_*/(p))$  would have had the exponents  $a(k)$  being  $p^k$  for all  $k \geq 0$ . It was clear that

$$\frac{v_2^{sp^k}}{v_1^{p^k}} \in \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(1)}^0(M_1^1),$$

but the existence of “deeper” elements such as

$$\frac{x_2}{v_1^{a(2)}} = \frac{v_2^{p^2} - v_1^{p^2-1} v_2^{p^2-p+1} - v_1^{p^2} v_2^{-p} v_3^p}{v_1^{p^2+p-1}}$$

and

$$\frac{x_3}{v_1^{a(3)}} = \frac{v_2^{p^3} - v_1^{p^3-p} v_2^{p^3-p^2+p} - v_1^{p^3} v_2^{-p^2} v_3^{p^2} - 2v_1^{p^3+p^2-p-1} v_2^{p^3-p^2+1}}{v_1^{p^3+p^2-1}}$$

(and that of  $\beta_{sp^2/a(2)}$  and  $\beta_{sp^3/a(3)}$  in  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(1)}^1(BP_*/(p))$  for  $s > 1$ ) came as a surprise, as did the fact that the limiting value (as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ ) of  $a(k)/p^k$  is  $(p + 1)/p$  (this limit is attained for  $p = 2$  but not for odd primes) instead of 1.

Using these results one can deduce

**Theorem 1.5.** *For odd prime  $p$ , the group  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(1)}^1(BP_*/(p))$  is isomorphic to*

$$k(1)_* \{ \beta_{sp^k/j} : s \geq 0, p \nmid s, k \geq 0 \text{ and } 0 < j \leq a_s(k) \} \oplus k(1)_* \{ h_{1,0} \},$$

where  $\beta_{sp^k/j}$  is the image of  $x_k^s/v_1^j$  under the connecting homomorphism

$$\delta : \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(1)}^0(N_1^1) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(1)}^1(N_1^0).$$

and  $a_s(k) = \begin{cases} p^k & (s = 1) \\ a(k) & (s > 1) \end{cases}.$

Our results (Theorems 6.1 and 7.1 below) have the same form as Theorems 1.3 and 1.5, but with  $x_k$  and  $a(k)$  replaced by  $\widehat{x}_k$  and  $\widehat{a}(k)$  defined in (4.1) and (4.3), and with  $k(1)_*$  replaced by a bigger ring  $v_2^{-1}\widehat{k}(1)_*$  defined in (2.1). The  $\widehat{a}(k)$  are the same for all  $m > 0$  (except when  $m = 1$  and  $p = 2$ ) although the  $\widehat{x}_k$  show a slight difference between the cases  $m = 1$  and  $m > 1$ . The case  $m = 1$  and  $p = 2$  is different and has to be treated separately. For  $m > 1$  there are no special conditions for the prime 2. The asymptotic behavior of the exponents is given by

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\widehat{a}(k)}{p^k} = \frac{p^3 + p^2}{p^3 - 1},$$

a slightly larger value than for the case  $m = 0$ . However for  $m > 0$  there are no deeper elements in  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^1(BP_*/(p))$ , i.e., no elements of the form  $\widehat{\beta}_{sp^k/j}$  with  $p \nmid s$  and  $j > p^k$ .

We found a new form of periodicity in our statement with no precedent in Theorem 1.3. For example, (except for  $p = 2$  and  $m = 1$ ) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{x}_k - \widehat{x}_{k-1}^p &= -v_1^{p^{k-1}(p+1)} v_2^{p^{k-2}(p^{m+2}-p-1)} \widehat{x}_{k-3}^{p-1} (\widehat{x}_{k-3} - \widehat{x}_{k-4}^p) && \text{for } k \geq 5, \\ \text{and } \widehat{a}(k) &= p^k + p^{k-1} + \widehat{a}(k-3) && \text{for } k \geq 4. \end{aligned}$$

A similar result for the chromatic module  $M_2^1$  is obtained in a joint work with Ippei Ichigi [1]. There we get a similar periodicity with period 4 instead of 3 when  $m \geq 5$ .

We obtained our result in the summer of 1999. On the other hand, Kamiya-Shimomura [2] told us that they have determined all the structure of  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^*(M_1^1)$  in the fall of 1999 independently.

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### 2. Preliminaries

For a  $\Gamma(m+1)$ -comodule  $M$ , consider the cobar complex

$$\left\{ C_{\Gamma(m+1)}^n(M), d_n \right\}_{n \geq 0},$$

which is determined by

$$C_{\Gamma(m+1)}^n(M) = \underbrace{\Gamma(m+1) \otimes_{BP_*} \cdots \otimes_{BP_*} \Gamma(m+1)}_{n\text{-factors}} \otimes_{BP_*} M,$$

and

$$d_n : C_{\Gamma(m+1)}^n(M) \rightarrow C_{\Gamma(m+1)}^{n+1}(M).$$

Then  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}(M)$  is the cohomology of this cobar complex. By the change-of-rings isomorphism (cf. [6, Theorem 6.1.1]), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}(M_n^0) &\cong \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(1)}(M_n^0 \otimes_{BP_*} BP_*(T(m))) \\ &\cong \text{Ext}_{\Sigma(n)}(K(n)_*, K(n)_*(T(m))), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Sigma(n) = K(n)_* \otimes_{BP_*} BP_*(BP) \otimes_{BP_*} K(n)_*$ . This object is already known by [6, Corollary 6.5.6].

In order to avoid the excessive appearance of the index  $m$ , we will hereafter use the following notations.

$$(2.1) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \omega = p^m, \\ \widehat{v}_i = v_{m+i}, \\ \widehat{t}_i = t_{m+i}, \\ \widehat{h}_{i,j} = h_{m+i,j}, \\ \widehat{K}(n)_* = K(n)_*[v_{n+1}, \dots, v_{n+m}], \\ \text{and } \widehat{k}(n)_* = k(n)_*[v_{n+1}, \dots, v_{n+m}], \end{array} \right.$$

where  $h_{m+i,j}$  is the cocycle represented by  $t_{m+i}^{p^j}$ .

**Theorem 2.2** ([6, Corollary 6.5.6]). *If  $n < 2(p-1)(m+1)/p$  and  $n < m+2$ , then*

$$\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}(M_n^0) \cong \widehat{K}(n)_* \otimes E(\widehat{h}_{i,j} : 1 \leq i \leq n, 0 \leq j \leq n-1).$$

In this paper we will need this result only for  $n = 2$ , for which it covers the cases  $m > 0$  for odd  $p$  and  $m > 1$  for  $p = 2$ . For the case  $p = 2$  and  $m = 1$ , we need

**Theorem 2.3** ([5]). *If  $p = 2$  and  $m = 1$ , then*

$$\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(2)}(M_2^0) \cong \widehat{K}(2)_* \otimes P(\widehat{h}_{1,0}, \widehat{h}_{1,1}) / (\widehat{h}_{1,1}^2 + v_2^2 \widehat{h}_{1,0}^2) \otimes E(\widehat{h}_{2,0}, \widehat{h}_{2,1}, \rho),$$

where  $\rho = \widehat{h}_{3,1} + v_2^5 \widehat{h}_{3,0}$ .

This information allow us to determine the structure of  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}(M_1^1)$  using the Bockstein spectral sequence. In fact, we use the following convenient lemma.

**Lemma 2.4** (cf. [3, Remark 3.11]). *Assume that there exists a  $\widehat{k}(1)_*$ -submodule  $B^t$  of  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^t(M_1^1)$  for each  $t < N$ , such that the following sequence is exact:*

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\longrightarrow \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^0(M_2^0) \xrightarrow{1/v_1} B^0 \xrightarrow{v_1} B^0 \xrightarrow{\delta} \cdots \\ \cdots &\xrightarrow{\delta} \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^t(M_2^0) \xrightarrow{1/v_1} B^t \xrightarrow{v_1} B^t \xrightarrow{\delta} \cdots \end{aligned}$$

where  $\delta$  is a restriction of the coboundary map

$$\delta: \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^t(M_1^1) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^{t+1}(M_2^0).$$

Then the inclusion  $i_t: B^t \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^t(M_1^1)$  is an isomorphism between  $\widehat{k}(1)_*$ -modules for each  $t < N$ .

Proof. Because  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^t(M_1^1)$  is a  $v_1$ -torsion module, we can filter  $B^t$  by

$$B^t(i) = \{x \in B^t : v_1^i x = 0\}$$

and  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^t(M_1^1)$  by

$$E^t(i) = \{x \in \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^t(M_1^1) : v_1^i x = 0\}.$$

Assume that the inclusion  $i_k$  is an isomorphism for  $k \leq t - 1$  (the  $t = 0$  case is obvious), and consider the following commutative ladder diagram where we abbreviate

$\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^s(M_i^j)$  by  $H^s(M_i^j)$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 B^{t-1} & \xrightarrow{\delta} & H^t(M_2^0) & \xrightarrow{1/v_1} & B^t(i) & \xrightarrow{v_1} & B^t(i-1) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & H^t(M_2^0) \\
 i_{t-1} \downarrow \cong & & \parallel & & i_t \downarrow & & i_t \downarrow & & \parallel \\
 H^{t-1}(M_1^1) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & H^t(M_2^0) & \xrightarrow{1/v_1} & E^t(i) & \xrightarrow{v_1} & E^t(i-1) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & H^t(M_2^0)
 \end{array}$$

Using the Five Lemma, we obtain the desired isomorphism  $B^t(i) \cong E^t(i)$  ( $i \geq 1$ ) by induction on  $i$ . □

In §3 and §4, we will define elements  $\widehat{x}_k \in v_2^{-1}BP_*$  for  $k \geq 0$  (see (4.1)) satisfying

$$\widehat{x}_k^s \equiv \widehat{v}_2^{sp^k} \pmod{(p, v_1)},$$

and integers  $\widehat{a}(k)$  such that each  $\widehat{x}_k^s/v_1^l$  is a cocycle of for all  $1 \leq l \leq \widehat{a}(k)$ .

Using these notations, we can describe the structure of  $B^0$  fitting into the long exact sequence of Lemma 2.4. We have

**Lemma 2.5.** For  $m > 0$ ,

$$B^0 = v_2^{-1}\widehat{k}(1)_* \left\{ \frac{\widehat{x}_k^s}{v_1^{\widehat{a}(k)}} : k \geq 0, s > 0 \text{ and } p \nmid s \right\} \oplus v_2^{-1}\widehat{K}(1)_*/\widehat{k}(1)_*$$

is isomorphic as a  $\widehat{k}(1)_*$ -module to  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^0(M_1^1)$ , if the set

$$\left\{ \delta \left( \frac{\widehat{x}_k^s}{v_1^{\widehat{a}(k)}} \right) : k \geq 0, s > 0 \text{ and } p \nmid s \right\} \subset \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^1(M_2^0)$$

is linearly independent over

$$R = \mathbf{Z}/(p)[v_2, v_2^{-1}, v_3, \dots, v_m, v_{m+1}],$$

where  $\delta$  is the coboundary map in Lemma 2.4.

**Proof.** All exactness of the sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^0(M_2^0) \xrightarrow{1/v_1} B^0 \xrightarrow{v_1} B^0 \xrightarrow{\delta} \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^1(M_2^0)$$

is obvious, except  $\text{Ker } \delta \subset \text{Im } v_1$ . So we need to show only this inclusion. Separate



the  $R$ -basis of  $B^0$  into two parts,

$$A = \left\{ \frac{\widehat{x}_k^s}{v_1^{\widehat{a}(k)}} : k \geq 0 \text{ and } p \nmid s > 0 \right\}$$

and

$$B = \left\{ \frac{\widehat{x}_k^l}{v_1^l} : k \geq 0, p \nmid s > 0, \text{ and } 1 \leq l < \widehat{a}(k) \right\} \cup \left\{ \frac{1}{v_1^i} : i > 0 \right\}.$$

Then it is obvious that  $\delta(\widehat{x}_\lambda) \neq 0 \in \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^1(M_2^0)$  for  $\widehat{x}_\lambda \in A$ , but that  $\delta(y_\mu) = 0 \in \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^1(M_2^0)$  for  $y_\mu \in B$ . Thus for any element  $z = \sum_\lambda a_\lambda \widehat{x}_\lambda + \sum_\mu b_\mu y_\mu$  of  $B^0$  ( $a_\lambda, b_\mu \in R$ ), we have  $\delta(z) = \sum_\lambda a_\lambda \delta(\widehat{x}_\lambda)$ . The condition implies that all  $a_\lambda$  are zero when  $\delta(z) = 0$ , and so  $v_1 \sum_\mu b_\mu y_\mu / v_1 = z$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

### 3. Definition of the elements $\widehat{w}_3$ and $\widehat{w}_4$

In this section we will introduce elements  $\widehat{w}_3$  and  $\widehat{w}_4$  in (3.2) to change the bases  $\widehat{h}_{i,j}$  ( $i = 1, 2$  and  $j = 0, 1$ ) of  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}(M_2^0)$  given in Theorems 2.2 and 2.3. First we recall the right unit  $\eta_R$  on  $\widehat{v}_j$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** *For any prime  $p$  and  $m \geq 1$ , the right unit*

$$\eta_R: BP_* \rightarrow \Gamma(m+1)/(p)$$

on the Hazewinkel generators are

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \eta_R(\widehat{v}_2) = \widehat{v}_2 + v_1 \widehat{t}_1^p - v_1^{p\omega} \widehat{t}_1, \\ \eta_R(\widehat{v}_3) = \widehat{v}_3 + v_2 \widehat{t}_1^{p^2} - v_2^{p\omega} \widehat{t}_1 + v_1 \widehat{t}_2^p - v_1^{p^2\omega} \widehat{t}_2 \\ \quad + v_1 w_1(\widehat{v}_2, v_1 \widehat{t}_1^p, -v_1^{p\omega} \widehat{t}_1) \\ \quad \text{(add } v_1^{4\omega+1} \widehat{t}_1^2 \text{ for } p = 2) \\ \equiv \widehat{v}_3 + v_2 \widehat{t}_1^{p^2} - v_2^{p\omega} \widehat{t}_1 + v_1 \widehat{t}_2^p - v_1^2 \widehat{v}_2^{p-1} \widehat{t}_1^p \pmod{(v_1^3)}, \\ \eta_R(\widehat{v}_4) \equiv \widehat{v}_4 + v_3 \widehat{t}_1^{p^3} - v_3^{p\omega} \widehat{t}_1 + v_2 \widehat{t}_2^{p^2} - v_2^{p^2\omega} \widehat{t}_2 \pmod{(v_1)}. \end{array} \right.$$

where  $w_1(-)$  is the first Witt polynomial satisfying

$$w_1(y_1, \dots, y_t, \dots) = \frac{(\sum_t y_t^p) - (\sum_t y_t)^p}{p}.$$

Now let

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{cases} \widehat{w}_3 = v_2^{-1} \widehat{v}_3, \\ \widehat{w}_4 = v_2^{-1} (\widehat{v}_4 - v_3 \widehat{w}_3^p). \end{cases}$$

Using Lemma 3.1, it is easily shown that

**Lemma 3.3.** *The differentials*

$$d = \eta_R - \eta_L : v_2^{-1}BP_*/(p) \rightarrow v_2^{-1}BP_*/(p) \otimes_{BP_*} \Gamma(m+1)$$

on the above  $\widehat{w}_k$ 's are

$$d(\widehat{w}_3) \equiv \widehat{t}_1^{p^2} - v_2^{p\omega-1}\widehat{t}_1 + v_1 v_2^{-1}\widehat{t}_2^p - v_1^2 v_2^{-1} v_2^{p-1} \widehat{t}_1^p \pmod{v_1^3},$$

and 
$$d(\widehat{w}_4) \equiv \widehat{t}_2^{p^2} - v_2^{-1} v_3^{p\omega}\widehat{t}_1 + v_2^{p^2\omega-p-1} v_3 \widehat{t}_1^p - v_2^{p^2\omega-1} \widehat{t}_2 \pmod{v_1}.$$

Then we can change the  $\widehat{K}(n)_*$ -module basis of Theorems 2.2 and 2.3 using Lemma 3.3. In particular, we have

**Corollary 3.4.**

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^1(M_2^0) \\ & \cong \begin{cases} \widehat{K}(2)_* \{ \widehat{h}_{1,1}, \widehat{h}_{1,2}, \widehat{h}_{2,2}, \widehat{h}_{2,3} \} & \text{for } p > 2, \text{ or } p = 2 \text{ and } m > 1, \\ \widehat{K}(2)_* \{ \widehat{h}_{1,1}, \widehat{h}_{1,2}, \widehat{h}_{2,2}, \widehat{h}_{2,3}, \rho \} & \text{for } p = 2 \text{ and } m = 1. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

When we compute the connecting homomorphism  $\delta$  of Lemma 2.5, this base-changing method actually works well to determine the structure of  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^0(M_n^1)$  for a general  $n$ . In fact, Kamiya-Shimomura [2] and Shimomura [9] recently determined the structure of  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^0(M_n^1)$  under some conditions on  $m$  and  $n$  in a similar way.

**4. The elements  $\widehat{x}_k$**

In this section, we will define elements  $\widehat{x}_k \in v_2^{-1}BP_*$  ( $k \geq 0$ ) to be used in Lemma 2.5 except for  $p = 2$  and  $m = 1$ . The case  $p = 2$  and  $m = 1$  will be treated in the next section.

Define elements  $\widehat{x}_k \in v_2^{-1}BP_*$  ( $k \geq 0$ ) inductively on  $k$  by

$$(4.1) \quad \begin{cases} \widehat{x}_0 = \widehat{v}_2, \\ \widehat{x}_1 = \widehat{x}_0^p, \\ \widehat{x}_2 = \widehat{x}_1^p - v_1^{p^2-1} v_2^{\beta+1} \widehat{x}_0 - v_1^{p^2} \widehat{w}_3^p, \\ \widehat{x}_3 = \widehat{x}_2^p, \\ \widehat{x}_4 = \begin{cases} \widehat{x}_3^p + \widehat{y}_1 + \widehat{y}_2 & (m > 1) \\ \widehat{x}_3^p + \widehat{y}_1 + \frac{1}{2} \widehat{y}_3 & (m = 1 \text{ and } p > 2) \end{cases}, \\ \widehat{x}_k = \widehat{x}_{k-1}^p - v_1^{p^{k-1}\alpha} v_2^{p^{k-2}\beta} \widehat{x}_{k-3}^{p-1} (\widehat{x}_{k-3} - \widehat{x}_{k-4}^p) & \text{for } k \geq 5, \end{cases}$$

where  $\alpha = p + 1$  and  $\beta = p^2\omega - p - 1$ , and  $\widehat{y}_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) are given by

$$(4.2) \quad \begin{cases} \widehat{y}_1 = -v_1^{p^4+p^3-p^2-p} v_2^{p^2\beta+p} \widehat{x}_2 + v_1^{p^4+p^3-p} v_2^{-p^3-p^2} v_3^{p^3\omega} \widehat{x}_1 \\ \quad - v_1^{p^4+p^3-1} v_2^{(p^2+1)\beta-p^3+1} v_3^{p^2} \widehat{x}_0 + v_1^{p^4+p^3} v_2^{-p^3} \widehat{w}_4^{p^2} \\ \quad - v_1^{p^4+p^3} v_2^{(\beta-p)p^2} v_3^{p^2} \widehat{w}_3^p, \\ \widehat{y}_2 = -v_1^{p^4+p^3-p^2} v_2^{(\beta-p)p^2} v_3^{p^2} \widehat{x}_2, \\ \widehat{y}_3 = \widehat{y}_2 + v_1^{p^4+p^3-1} v_2^{(p^2+1)\beta-p^3+1} \widehat{x}_2 \widehat{x}_0 + v_1^{p^4+p^3} v_2^{(\beta-p)p^2} \widehat{x}_2 \widehat{w}_3^p. \end{cases}$$

Define integers  $\widehat{a}(k)$  by

$$(4.3) \quad \widehat{a}(k) = \begin{cases} p^k & \text{for } 0 \leq k \leq 1, \\ p^{k-1}\alpha & \text{for } 2 \leq k \leq 3, \\ p^{k-1}\alpha + \widehat{a}(k-3) & \text{for } k \geq 4. \end{cases}$$

Notice that the integers  $\widehat{a}(k)$  are equivalently defined inductively on  $k$  by

$$(4.4) \quad \widehat{a}(k) = \begin{cases} p\widehat{a}(k-1) & \text{for } 2 < k \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, \\ p\widehat{a}(k-1) + p & \text{for } 2 \leq k \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

**Lemma 4.5.** *Unless  $p = 2$  and  $m = 1$ , the differentials*

$$d = \eta_R - \eta_L: v_2^{-1}BP_*/(p) \rightarrow v_2^{-1}BP_*/(p) \otimes_{BP_*} \Gamma(m+1)$$

on the above  $\widehat{x}_k$ 's are

$$\begin{aligned} d(\widehat{x}_0) &\equiv v_1 \widehat{t}_1^p && \text{mod } (v_1^2), \\ d(\widehat{x}_1) &\equiv v_1^{\widehat{a}(1)} \widehat{t}_1^{p^2} && \text{mod } (v_1^{1+\widehat{a}(1)}), \\ d(\widehat{x}_2) &\equiv -v_1^{\widehat{a}(2)} v_2^{-p} \widehat{t}_2^{p^2} && \text{mod } (v_1^{1+\widehat{a}(2)}), \\ d(\widehat{x}_3) &\equiv -v_1^{\widehat{a}(3)} v_2^{-p^2} \widehat{t}_2^{p^3} && \text{mod } (v_1^{1+\widehat{a}(3)}), \\ d(\widehat{x}_k) &\equiv -v_1^{p^{k-1}\alpha} v_2^{p^{k-2}\beta} \widehat{v}_2^{(p-1)p^{k-3}} d(\widehat{x}_{k-3}) && \text{mod } (v_1^{1+\widehat{a}(k)}) \quad \text{for } k \geq 4. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. By Lemma 3.1 we have

$$(4.6) \quad \begin{aligned} d(\widehat{x}_0) &\equiv v_1 \widehat{t}_1^p && \text{mod } (v_1^{p\omega}), \\ d(\widehat{x}_1) &\equiv v_1^p \widehat{t}_1^{p^2} && \text{mod } (v_1^{p^2\omega}). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} d(\widehat{x}_1^p) &\equiv v_1^{p^2} \widehat{t}_1^{p^3} && \text{mod } (v_1^{p^3\omega}), \\ d(-v_1^{p^2} \widehat{w}_3^p) &\equiv -v_1^{p^2} (\widehat{t}_1^{p^3} - v_2^{\beta+1} \widehat{t}_1^p - v_1^{2p} v_2^{-p} \widehat{v}_2^{(p-1)p} \widehat{t}_1^{p^2} + v_1^p v_2^{-p} \widehat{t}_2^{p^2}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{mod } (v_1^{p^2+3p}), \\
 \text{and } d(-v_1^{p^2-1}v_2^{\beta+1}\widehat{x}_0) & \equiv -v_1^{p^2}v_2^{\beta+1}\widehat{t}_1^p \text{ mod } (v_1^{p^{\omega+p^2-1}}).
 \end{aligned}$$

Summing the above three congruences we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(\widehat{x}_2) & \equiv -v_1^{p^2+p}v_2^{-p}(\widehat{t}_2^{p^2} - v_1^p\widehat{v}_2^{(p-1)p}\widehat{t}_1^{p^2}) \text{ mod } (v_1^{p^2+2p+2}) \\
 & \equiv -v_1^{\widehat{a}(2)}v_2^{-p}\widehat{t}_2^{p^2} \text{ mod } (v_1^{p^2+2p}), \\
 \text{and } d(\widehat{x}_3) & \equiv -v_1^{\widehat{a}(3)}v_2^{-p^2}\widehat{t}_2^{p^3} \text{ mod } (v_1^{p^3+2p^2}).
 \end{aligned}$$

(4.4) suggests that we should calculate  $d(\widehat{x}_k)$  modulo  $(v_1^{2+\widehat{a}(k)})$  rather than modulo  $(v_1^{1+\widehat{a}(k)})$  when we apply induction on  $k \geq 4$ . For  $k = 4$ , we find that modulo  $(v_1^{2+\widehat{a}(4)})$

$$(4.7) \quad \left\{ \begin{aligned}
 & d(v_1^{\widehat{a}(4)-p}v_2^{-p^3}\widehat{w}_4^{p^2}) \\
 & \quad \equiv v_1^{\widehat{a}(4)-p}v_2^{-p^3}(\widehat{t}_2^{p^4} - v_2^{-p^2}v_3^{p^3}\omega\widehat{t}_1^{p^2} + v_2^{p^2\beta}v_3^{p^2}\widehat{t}_1^{p^3} - v_2^{(\beta+p)p^2}\widehat{t}_2^{p^2}) \\
 & d(v_1^{\widehat{a}(4)-2p}v_2^{-p^3-p^2}v_3^{p^3}\omega\widehat{x}_1) \\
 & \quad \equiv v_1^{\widehat{a}(4)-p}v_2^{-p^3-p^2}v_3^{p^3}\omega\widehat{t}_1^{p^2} \\
 & d(-v_1^{\widehat{a}(4)-\widehat{a}(2)-p}v_2^{p^2\beta+p}\widehat{x}_2) \\
 & \quad \equiv v_1^{\widehat{a}(4)-p}v_2^{p^2\beta}(\widehat{t}_2^{p^2} - v_1^p\widehat{v}_2^{p^2-p}\widehat{t}_1^{p^2}) \\
 & d(-v_1^{\widehat{a}(4)-p}v_2^{(\beta-p)p^2}v_3^{p^2}\widehat{w}_3^p) \\
 & \quad \equiv -v_1^{\widehat{a}(4)-p}v_2^{(\beta-p)p^2}v_3^{p^2}(\widehat{t}_1^{p^3} - v_2^{\beta+1}\widehat{t}_1^p + v_1^p v_2^{-p}\widehat{t}_2^{p^2}) \\
 & d(-v_1^{\widehat{a}(4)-p-1}v_2^{(p^2+1)\beta-p^3+1}v_3^{p^2}\widehat{x}_0) \\
 & \quad \equiv -v_1^{\widehat{a}(4)-p}v_2^{(p^2+1)\beta-p^3+1}v_3^{p^2}\widehat{t}_1^p.
 \end{aligned} \right.$$

Summing these congruences we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(\widehat{y}_1) & \equiv v_1^{\widehat{a}(4)-p}v_2^{-p^3}\widehat{t}_2^{p^4} - v_1^{\widehat{a}(4)}v_2^{p^2\beta}(v_2^{-p^3-p}v_3^{p^2}\widehat{t}_2^{p^2} + \widehat{v}_2^{p^2-p}\widehat{t}_1^{p^2}) \\
 & \text{mod } (v_1^{2+\widehat{a}(4)}).
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we find that modulo  $(v_1^{2+\widehat{a}(4)})$

$$d(\widehat{y}_2) \equiv \begin{cases} v_1^{\widehat{a}(4)}v_2^{p^2\beta-p^3-p}v_3^{p^2}\widehat{t}_2^{p^2} & (m \geq 2), \\ -v_1^{p^3\alpha}v_2^{(\beta-p)p^2}v_3^{p^2}(\widehat{t}_1^{p^3} - v_1^p v_2^{-p}\widehat{t}_2^{p^2}) & (m = 1). \end{cases}$$

In the  $m \geq 2$  case, we see that

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(\widehat{x}_4) & \equiv -v_1^{\widehat{a}(4)}v_2^{p^2\beta}\widehat{v}_2^{(p-1)p}\widehat{t}_1^{p^2} \\
 & \equiv -v_1^{p^3\alpha}v_2^{p^2\beta}\widehat{v}_2^{(p-1)p}d(\widehat{x}_1) \text{ mod } (v_1^{2+\widehat{a}(4)}).
 \end{aligned}$$



as desired. □

**5. The case  $p = 2$  and  $m = 1$**

In this section we recover some results of Shimomura [8] using the basis obtained in Corollary 3.4.

Define the elements  $\widehat{x}_k \in v_2^{-1}BP_*$  in the same fashion as those in (4.1) for  $0 \leq k \leq 3$ , and

$$(5.1) \quad \begin{cases} \widehat{x}_4 = \widehat{x}_3^2 + \widehat{y}_1 + \widehat{y}_4, \\ \widehat{x}_k = \widehat{x}_{k-1}^2 + v_1^{5 \cdot 2^{k-2}} v_2^{3 \cdot 2^{k-2}} \widehat{x}_{k-2} (\widehat{x}_{k-2} + \widehat{x}_{k-3}^2) \end{cases} \quad \text{for } k \geq 5,$$

where  $\widehat{y}_4$  is

$$\widehat{y}_4 = v_1^{14} v_2^{14} \widehat{x}_3 + v_1^{23} v_2^{25} \widehat{x}_1 + v_1^{25} v_2^8 v_3^8 \widehat{x}_0 + v_1^{25} v_2^{25} \widehat{w}_3 + v_1^{26} v_2^{10} \widehat{w}_4^2.$$

Note that the construction of  $\widehat{x}_k$  ( $k \geq 4$ ) in this case is 2-periodic, although it is 3-periodic for the other cases. We are surprised at this difference.

Define integers  $\widehat{a}(k)$  by

$$(5.2) \quad \widehat{a}(k) = \begin{cases} 2^k & \text{for } 0 \leq k \leq 1, \\ 3 \cdot 2^{k-1} & \text{for } 2 \leq k \leq 3, \\ 5 \cdot 2^{k-2} + \widehat{a}(k-2) & \text{for } k \geq 4. \end{cases}$$

This gives  $\widehat{a}(0) = 1$ ,  $\widehat{a}(1) = 2$ ,  $\widehat{a}(2) = 6$ ,  $\widehat{a}(3) = 12$ ,  $\widehat{a}(4) = 26$ , and so on. Notice that the integers  $\widehat{a}(k)$  are equivalently defined inductively on  $k$  by

$$(5.3) \quad \widehat{a}(k) = \begin{cases} 2\widehat{a}(k-1) & \text{for odd } k, \\ 2\widehat{a}(k-1) + 2 & \text{for even } k. \end{cases}$$

Then we have

**Lemma 5.4.** *For  $p = 2$  and  $m = 1$ , the differentials*

$$d = \eta_R - \eta_L : v_2^{-1}BP_*/(2) \rightarrow v_2^{-1}BP_*/(2) \otimes_{BP_*} \Gamma(m+1)$$

on the above  $\widehat{x}_k$ 's are

$$\begin{aligned} d(\widehat{x}_0) &\equiv v_1 \widehat{t}_1^2 && \text{mod } (v_1^2), \\ d(\widehat{x}_1) &\equiv v_1^{\widehat{a}(2)} \widehat{t}_1^4 && \text{mod } (v_1^{1+\widehat{a}(1)}), \\ d(\widehat{x}_2) &\equiv v_1^{\widehat{a}(2)} v_2^{-2} \widehat{t}_2^4 && \text{mod } (v_1^{1+\widehat{a}(2)}), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(\widehat{x}_3) &\equiv v_1^{\widehat{a}(3)} v_2^{-4} \widehat{t}_2^8 && \text{mod } (v_1^{1+\widehat{a}(3)}), \\
 d(\widehat{x}_k) &\equiv v_1^{5 \cdot 2^{k-2}} v_2^{3 \cdot 2^{k-2}} \widehat{v}_2^{k-2} d(\widehat{x}_{k-2}) && \text{mod } (v_1^{1+\widehat{a}(k)}) \quad \text{for } k \geq 4.
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof. The  $k = 0$  and  $k = 1$  cases follow directly from Lemma 3.1 (cf. (4.6)). For  $k = 2$  case, we find that

$$\begin{cases}
 d(\widehat{x}_1^2) \equiv v_1^4 \widehat{t}_1^8 & \text{mod } (v_1^{16}), \\
 d(v_1^4 \widehat{w}_3^2) \equiv v_1^4 (\widehat{t}_1^8 + v_2^6 \widehat{t}_1^2 + v_1^2 v_2^{-2} \widehat{t}_2^4 + v_1^4 v_2^{-2} \widehat{v}_2^2 \widehat{t}_1^4) & \text{mod } (v_1^{10}), \\
 d(v_1^3 v_2^6 \widehat{x}_0) \equiv v_1^4 v_2^6 \widehat{t}_1^2 + v_1^7 v_2^6 \widehat{t}_1 & \text{mod } (v_1^9).
 \end{cases}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(\widehat{x}_2) &\equiv v_1^6 v_2^{-2} \widehat{t}_2^4 + v_1^7 v_2^6 \widehat{t}_1 + v_1^8 v_2^{-2} v_3^2 \widehat{t}_1^4 && \text{mod } (v_1^9) \\
 &\equiv v_1^6 v_2^{-2} \widehat{t}_2^4 && \text{mod } (v_1^7), \\
 d(\widehat{x}_3) &\equiv v_1^{12} v_2^{-4} \widehat{t}_2^8 && \text{mod } (v_1^{14}).
 \end{aligned}$$

For  $k = 4$  case, we obtain the same consequences as in (4.7), but with the third one replaced by

$$d(v_1^{18} v_2^{22} \widehat{x}_2) \equiv v_1^{24} v_2^{20} \widehat{t}_2^4 + v_1^{25} v_2^{28} \widehat{t}_1 + v_1^{26} v_2^{20} v_3^2 \widehat{t}_1^4 \quad \text{mod } (v_1^{27}),$$

and so

$$d(\widehat{y}_1) \equiv v_1^{24} v_2^{-8} \widehat{t}_2^{16} + v_1^{25} v_2^{28} \widehat{t}_1 + v_1^{26} v_2^{10} v_3^4 \widehat{t}_2^4 + v_1^{26} v_2^{20} v_3^2 \widehat{t}_1^4 \quad \text{mod } (v_1^{27}).$$

On the other hand, we find that

$$\begin{cases}
 d(v_1^{25} v_2^{25} \widehat{w}_3) \equiv v_1^{25} (v_2^{25} \widehat{t}_1^4 + v_2^{28} \widehat{t}_1) + v_1^{26} v_2^{24} \widehat{t}_2^2, \\
 d(v_1^{23} v_2^{25} \widehat{x}_1) \equiv v_1^{25} v_2^{25} \widehat{t}_1^4, \\
 d(v_1^{26} v_2^{10} \widehat{w}_4^2) \equiv v_1^{26} (v_2^8 v_3^8 \widehat{t}_1^2 + v_2^{10} \widehat{t}_2^8 + v_2^{20} v_3^2 \widehat{t}_1^4 + v_2^{24} \widehat{t}_2^2), \\
 d(v_1^{14} v_2^{14} \widehat{x}_3) \equiv v_1^{26} v_2^{10} \widehat{t}_2^8, \\
 d(v_1^{25} v_2^8 v_3^8 \widehat{x}_0) \equiv v_1^{26} v_2^8 v_3^8 \widehat{t}_1^2
 \end{cases}$$

modulo  $(v_1^{27})$ , so we have

$$d(\widehat{y}_4) \equiv v_1^{25} v_2^{28} \widehat{t}_1 + v_1^{26} v_2^{20} v_3^2 \widehat{t}_1^4 \quad \text{mod } (v_1^{27}).$$

Using the above congruences, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(\widehat{x}_4) &\equiv v_1^{26} v_2^{10} v_3^4 \widehat{t}_2^4 \\
 &\equiv v_1^{20} v_2^{12} v_3^4 d(\widehat{x}_2) && \text{mod } (v_1^{1+\widehat{a}(4)}).
 \end{aligned}$$

(5.3) suggests that we should calculate  $d(\widehat{x}_k)$  modulo  $(v_1^{2+\widehat{a}(k)})$  rather than modulo  $(v_1^{1+\widehat{a}(k)})$  for  $k \geq 5$  when we apply induction on  $k$ . Denote  $\widehat{x}_k + \widehat{x}_{k-1}^2$  by  $\widehat{z}_k$ . By definition (5.1) we note that  $\widehat{z}_k = 0$  for odd  $k$ . In case that  $k$  is even, we have

$$\widehat{z}_k = v_1^{5 \cdot 2^{k-2}} v_2^{3 \cdot 2^{k-2}} \widehat{x}_{k-2} \widehat{z}_{k-2} \quad \text{for } k \geq 5.$$

Notice that  $\widehat{z}_{k-2}$  is divisible by  $v_1^4$  for  $k = 6$  and by  $v_1^{5 \cdot 2^{k-4}}$  for  $k \geq 8$ . On the other hand, by inductive hypothesis  $d(\widehat{x}_{k-2})$  is divisible by  $v_1^{\widehat{a}(k-2)}$ . So we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(\widehat{x}_{k-2} \widehat{z}_{k-2}) &= d(\widehat{x}_{k-2}) \eta_R(\widehat{z}_{k-2}) + \widehat{x}_{k-2} d(\widehat{z}_{k-2}) \\ &\equiv \widehat{x}_{k-2} d(\widehat{z}_{k-2}) \quad \text{mod } \left( v_1^{2+\widehat{a}(k-2)} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the differential on  $\widehat{z}_k$  is

$$\begin{aligned} d(\widehat{z}_k) &\equiv v_1^{5 \cdot 2^{k-2}} v_2^{3 \cdot 2^{k-2}} d(\widehat{x}_{k-2} \widehat{z}_{k-2}) \\ &\equiv v_1^{5 \cdot 2^{k-2}} v_2^{3 \cdot 2^{k-2}} \widehat{x}_{k-2} d(\widehat{z}_{k-2}) \quad \text{mod } \left( v_1^{2+\widehat{a}(k)} \right). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, by inductive hypothesis we have

$$d(\widehat{x}_{k-1}^2) \equiv v_1^{5 \cdot 2^{k-2}} v_2^{3 \cdot 2^{k-2}} v_2^{2^{k-2}} d(\widehat{x}_{k-3}^2) \quad \text{mod } \left( v_1^{2+\widehat{a}(k)} \right)$$

because  $2(1 + \widehat{a}(4)) = 2 + \widehat{a}(5)$  and  $2(2 + \widehat{a}(k - 1)) \geq 2 + \widehat{a}(k)$  for  $k \geq 6$ . Summing the above two congruences, we obtain

$$d(\widehat{x}_k) \equiv v_1^{5 \cdot 2^{k-2}} v_2^{3 \cdot 2^{k-2}} \widehat{x}_{k-2} d(\widehat{x}_{k-2}) \quad \text{mod } \left( v_1^{2+\widehat{a}(k)} \right).$$

as desired. □

### 6. The structure of $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^0(M_1^1)$

**Theorem 6.1.** *As a  $v_2^{-1}\widehat{k}(1)_*$ -module,  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^0(M_1^1)$  for  $m \geq 1$  is the direct sum of*

- (a) *the cyclic submodules generated by  $\widehat{x}_k^s/v_1^{\widehat{a}(k)}$  for  $k \geq 0, s > 0$  and  $p \nmid s$ ; and*
  - (b)  *$v_2^{-1}\widehat{K}(1)_*/\widehat{k}(1)_*$ , generated by  $1/v_1^j$  for  $j \geq 1$ ,*
- where  $\widehat{x}_k$ 's are the elements defined in (4.1) and (5.1).

*Proof.* First we prove the theorem except for the  $p = 2$  and  $m = 1$  case. By Lemma 2.5 it suffices to show that the set

$$D = \left\{ \delta \left( \widehat{x}_k^s/v_1^{\widehat{a}(k)} \right) : k \geq 0, s > 0 \text{ and } p \nmid s \right\} \subset \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^1(M_2^0)$$



is linearly independent over

$$R = \mathbf{Z}/(p)[v_2, v_2^{-1}, v_3, \dots, v_m, v_{m+1}].$$

It follows from Corollary 3.4 that  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^1(M_2^0)$  is the free  $\widehat{K}(2)_*$ -module on the four classes represented by

$$\{\widehat{t}_1^p, \widehat{t}_1^{p^2}, \widehat{t}_2^{p^2}, \widehat{t}_2^{p^3}\},$$

so its basis over  $R$  is

$$\{\widehat{v}_2^t \widehat{t}_1^p, \widehat{v}_2^t \widehat{t}_1^{p^2}, \widehat{v}_2^t \widehat{t}_2^{p^2}, \widehat{v}_2^t \widehat{t}_2^{p^3} : t \geq 0\}.$$

Now define integers  $\widehat{b}(k)$  and  $\widehat{c}(k)$  for  $k \geq 0$  by

$$\widehat{b}(k) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } 0 \leq k \leq 1, \\ -p^{k-1} & \text{for } 2 \leq k \leq 3, \\ p^{k-2}\beta + \widehat{b}(k-3) & \text{for } k \geq 4, \end{cases}$$

where  $\beta = p^2\omega - p - 1$  as before, and

$$\widehat{c}(k) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } 0 \leq k \leq 3, \\ (p-1)p^{k-3} + \widehat{c}(k-3) & \text{for } k \geq 4. \end{cases}$$

Then Lemma 4.5 implies that

$$d(\widehat{x}_k) \equiv \pm v_1^{\widehat{a}(k)} v_2^{\widehat{b}(k)} \widehat{v}_2^{\widehat{c}(k)} \begin{cases} \widehat{t}_1^p & \text{for } k = 0, \\ \widehat{t}_1^{p^2} & \text{for } k > 0 \text{ and } k \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, \\ \widehat{t}_2^{p^2} & \text{for } k > 0 \text{ and } k \equiv 2 \pmod{3}, \\ \widehat{t}_2^{p^3} & \text{for } k > 0 \text{ and } k \equiv 3 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

modulo  $(v_1^{1+\widehat{a}(k)})$ , where  $\widehat{a}(k)$  is defined in (4.3). Since

$$d(\widehat{x}_k^s) \equiv s\widehat{x}_k^{s-1} d(\widehat{x}_k) \equiv s\widehat{v}_2^{(s-1)p^k} d(\widehat{x}_k) \pmod{(v_1^{1+\widehat{a}(k)})},$$

it follows that

$$(6.2) \quad \delta \left( \frac{\widehat{x}_k^s}{v_1^{\widehat{a}(k)}} \right) = \pm s v_2^{\widehat{b}(k)} \widehat{v}_2^{(s-1)p^k + \widehat{c}(k)} \begin{cases} \widehat{t}_1^p & \text{for } k = 0, \\ \widehat{t}_1^{p^2} & \text{for } k > 0 & \text{and } k \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, \\ \widehat{t}_2^{p^2} & \text{for } k > 0 & \text{and } k \equiv 2 \pmod{3}, \\ \widehat{t}_2^{p^3} & \text{for } k > 0 & \text{and } k \equiv 3 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

In order to show that these elements  $\delta \left( \widehat{x}_k^s / v_1^{\widehat{a}(k)} \right)$  (with  $k \geq 0$  and  $s > 0$  not divisible by  $p$ ) are linearly independent over  $R$ , it suffices to observe the exponents of  $\widehat{v}_2$  in the right hand side of (6.2).

So we consider the sets  $D_0 = \{ \widehat{v}_2^{s-1} : s > 0 \text{ and } p \nmid s \}$  for  $k = 0$ , and  $D_{k_0} = \{ \widehat{v}_2^{(s-1)p^k + \widehat{c}(k)} : k = k_0 + 3k_1, s > 0 \text{ and } p \nmid s \}$  for a fixed  $k_0$  ( $1 \leq k_0 \leq 3$ ). Since the integer  $\widehat{c}(k)$  is

$$\widehat{c}(k) = (p - 1)p^{k_0}(1 + p^3 + \dots + p^{3k_1 - 3})$$

for  $k = k_0 + 3k_1 \geq 4$  with  $1 \leq k_0 \leq 3$ , we see

$$(s - 1)p^k + \widehat{c}(k) \equiv sp^k - \frac{p^{k_0}}{1 + p + p^2} \pmod{p^{k+1}}.$$

If  $(s - 1)p^k + \widehat{c}(k) = (t - 1)p^l + \widehat{c}(l)$  with  $k \equiv l \equiv k_0$  modulo 3, then it follows that  $k = l$  and hence  $s = t$ . Thus all the entries in the sets  $D_0$  and  $D_{k_0}$  ( $1 \leq k_0 \leq 3$ ) are disparate, respectively.

In the  $p = 2$  and  $m = 1$  case our argument is the same subject to the following changes. The integers  $\widehat{b}(k)$  and  $\widehat{c}(k)$  are defined by

$$\widehat{b}(k) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } 0 \leq k \leq 1, \\ -2^{k-1} & \text{for } 2 \leq k \leq 3, \\ 3 \cdot 2^{k-2} + \widehat{b}(k - 2) & \text{for } k \geq 4, \end{cases}$$

and

$$\widehat{c}(k) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } 0 \leq k \leq 3, \\ 2^{k-2} + \widehat{c}(k - 2) & \text{for } k \geq 4, \end{cases}$$

which is

$$\widehat{c}(k) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } 0 \leq k \leq 3, \\ \frac{4}{3}(2^{k-2} - 1) & \text{for even } k \geq 4, \\ \frac{8}{3}(2^{k-3} - 1) & \text{for odd } k \geq 5. \end{cases}$$

Then (6.2) gets replaced by

$$\delta \left( \frac{\widehat{x}_k^s}{v_1^{\widehat{a}(k)}} \right) = v_2^{\widehat{b}(k)} \widehat{v}_2^{(s-1)p^k + \widehat{c}(k)} \begin{cases} \widehat{t}_1^2 & \text{for } k = 0, \\ \widehat{t}_1^4 & \text{for } k = 1, \\ \widehat{t}_2^4 & \text{for } k > 0 \text{ and } k \equiv 0 \pmod{2}, \\ \widehat{t}_2^8 & \text{for } k > 1 \text{ and } k \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, \end{cases}$$

and we can argue for linear independence as before. □

**7. The group  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^1(BP_*/(p))$**

In this section we will use the structure of  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^0(M_1^1)$  given in Theorem 6.1 to determine the group  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^1(BP_*/(p))$ . As in the case  $m = 0$ , this group is the direct sum of subquotients of  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^1(M_1^0)$  and  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^0(M_1^1)$ .

In Lemma 7.2 we will show that the former subquotient has the same form as in the case  $m = 0$ , i.e., it is  $\widehat{k}(1)_*\{\widehat{h}_{1,0}\}$ . We will also see that unlike in the classical case, the element  $v_1^{-1}\widehat{h}_{1,0}$  supports a nontrivial  $d_2$  in the chromatic spectral sequence.

The summand  $v_2^{-1}\widehat{K}(1)_*/\widehat{k}(1)_*$  of  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^0(M_1^1)$  is the image of

$$d_1 : E_1^{0,0} = \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^0(M_1^0) \longrightarrow E_1^{1,0} = \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^0(M_1^1),$$

so it maps trivially to  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^1(BP_*/(p))$ . The kernel of the map

$$d_1 : E_1^{1,0} = \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^0(M_1^1) \longrightarrow E_1^{2,0} = \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^0(M_1^2),$$

consists of all elements, each of which does not have any monomial with negative  $v_2$ -exponent. We will see in Corollary 7.7 that these are the elements

$$\frac{\widehat{x}_k^s}{v_1^j} \in \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^0(M_1^1) \quad \text{with } k \geq 0, s > 0, p \nmid s, \text{ and } 0 < j \leq p^k.$$

Combining these results we get

**Theorem 7.1.** *For any prime  $p$  and  $m \geq 1$ , the group*

$$\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^1(BP_*/(p))$$

*is isomorphic to*

$$\widehat{k}(1)_* \left\{ \widehat{\beta}_{sp^k/j} : s \geq 0, p \nmid s, k \geq 0 \text{ and } 0 < j \leq p^k \right\} \bigoplus \widehat{k}(1)_*\{\widehat{h}_{1,0}\},$$

where  $\widehat{\beta}_{sp^k/j}$  is the image of  $\widehat{x}_k^s/v_1^j$  under the connecting homomorphism

$$\delta : \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^0(N_1^1) \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^1(N_1^0).$$

First we consider the subquotient of  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^1(M_1^0)$ .

**Lemma 7.2.** *For any prime  $p$  and  $m \geq 1$ , the group  $E_\infty^{0,1}$  in the chromatic spectral sequence is  $\widehat{k}(1)_*\{\widehat{h}_{1,0}\}$ . Moreover there is a nontrivial differential in the chromatic spectral sequence,*

$$d_2 \left( v_1^{-1}\widehat{h}_{1,0} \right) = \frac{z}{v_1^{p+1}v_2^{p\omega-1}},$$

where  $z = \widehat{v}_2^p - v_1^p v_2^{-1} \widehat{v}_3$ .

Proof. We use the chromatic cobar complex

$$\{CC_{\Gamma(m+1)}^n(BP_*/(p)), d_c\}_{n \geq 0}$$

given by

$$CC_{\Gamma(m+1)}^n(BP_*/(p)) = \bigoplus_{s+t=n} C^s(M_1^t),$$

$$d_c = d_e + (-1)^t d_i : C^s(M_1^t) \rightarrow C^s(M_1^{t+1}) \oplus C^{s+1}(M_1^t),$$

where  $d_e : C^s(M_1^t) \rightarrow C^s(M_1^{t+1})$  is induced by the composite map  $M_1^t \rightarrow N_1^{t+1} \rightarrow M_1^{t+1}$  and  $d_i : C^s(M_1^t) \rightarrow C^{s+1}(M_1^t)$  is the differential in the cobar complex (see [6, Definition 5.1.10] ).

By Theorem 2.2, we have

$$E_1^{0,1} = \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^1(M_1^0) \cong \widehat{K}(1)_* \{ \widehat{h}_{1,0} \}.$$

The element  $\widehat{h}_{1,0}$  is represented by  $\widehat{t}_1$  in the cobar complex and is clearly a permanent cycle in the chromatic spectral sequence. We need to show that  $v_1^{-1} \widehat{h}_{1,0}$  does not survive to  $E_\infty^{0,1}$ . If it does, then the element  $\widehat{h}_{1,0} \in \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^1(BP_*/(p))$  is divisible by  $v_1$  and therefore has trivial image under the composite

$$\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^1(BP_*/(p)) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^1(BP_*/I_2) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^1(v_2^{-1}BP_*/I_2).$$

The target group was computed in [5], and the element in question is one of its generators.

For the chromatic differential  $d_2$ , we have

$$d(z) \equiv v_1^p v_2^{p\omega-1} \widehat{t}_1 \pmod{(v_1^{p+1})}.$$

It follows that in the chromatic cobar complex  $CC_{\Gamma(m+1)}(BP_*/(p))$  the differential

$$d_c : C^1(M_1^0) \oplus C^0(M_1^1) \rightarrow C^2(M_1^0) \oplus C^1(M_1^1) \oplus C^0(M_1^2)$$

satisfies

$$d_c(v_1^{-1} \widehat{t}_1) = \frac{\widehat{t}_1}{v_1} \in C^1(M_1^1),$$

$$d_c\left(\frac{v_2^{1-p\omega} z}{v_1^{p+1}}\right) = -\frac{\widehat{t}_1}{v_1} + \frac{z}{v_1^{p+1} v_2^{p\omega-1}} \in C^1(M_1^1) \oplus C^0(M_1^2),$$

so 
$$d_c \left( v_1^{-1} \widehat{t}_1 + \frac{v_2^{1-p\omega} z}{v_1^{p+1}} \right) = \frac{z}{v_1^{p+1} v_2^{p\omega-1}}.$$

In terms of the double complex associated with the chromatic resolution, we have the following picture:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 s = 1 : & v_1^{-1} \widehat{t}_1 & \xrightarrow{d_e} & \frac{\widehat{t}_1}{v_1} & \\
 & & & \uparrow d_i & \\
 s = 0 : & & & \frac{v_2^{1-p\omega} z}{v_1^{p+1}} & \xrightarrow{d_e} \frac{z}{v_1^{p+1} v_2^{p\omega-1}} \\
 & t = 0 & & t = 1 & & t = 2
 \end{array}$$

This means that in the chromatic spectral sequence we have the indicated  $d_2$ . Its target must be nontrivial in  $E_2$ , i.e., it is not in the image under

$$d_1 : E_1^{1,0} = \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^0(M_1^1) \longrightarrow E_1^{2,0} = \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^0(M_1^2).$$

because otherwise  $v_1^{-1} \widehat{h}_{1,0}$  would survive to  $E_\infty^{0,1}$ , contradicting the nondivisibility result above. □

Now we turn to the  $v_1$ -torsion in  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^1(BP_*/(p))$ . Let  $\widehat{d}(k)$  be the maximum exponent of  $v_1$  satisfying

$$\widehat{x}_k \equiv \widehat{x}_{k-1}^p \pmod{(p, v_1^{\widehat{d}(k)})}.$$

(if  $\widehat{x}_k = \widehat{x}_{k-1}^p$ , then we set  $\widehat{d}(k) = \infty$ .) Thus the integers  $\widehat{d}(k)$  ( $k \geq 5$ ) are given inductively by

$$(7.3) \quad \widehat{d}(k) = p^{k-1} \alpha + \widehat{d}(k-3)$$

with  $\widehat{d}(2) = p^2 - 1$ ,  $\widehat{d}(3) = \infty$ ,  $\widehat{d}(4) = p^4 + p^3 - p^2 - p$  unless  $p = 2$  and  $m = 1$ , but

$$(7.4) \quad \widehat{d}(k) = 5 \cdot 2^{k-2} + \widehat{d}(k-2)$$

with  $\widehat{d}(3) = \infty$ ,  $\widehat{d}(4) = 14$  in the case  $p = 2$  and  $m = 1$ .

**Lemma 7.5.** *For any prime  $p$  and  $m \geq 1$ ,*

$$\widehat{x}_k \equiv \widehat{x}_2^{p^{k-2}} \pmod{(p, v_1^{p^{k-4} \widehat{d}(4)})}.$$

Furthermore,  $\widehat{x}_k \equiv \widehat{x}_4^{2^{k-4}}$  modulo  $(2, v_1^{2^{k-6}\widehat{d}(6)})$  in the case  $p = 2$  and  $m = 1$ .

Proof. From (7.3) and (7.4) it follows that  $\widehat{d}(k) > p^{k-4}\widehat{d}(4)$  for  $k \geq 5$  unless  $p = 2$  and  $m = 1$ , and that  $\widehat{d}(k) > 2^{k-6}\widehat{d}(6)$  for  $k \geq 7$  in the case  $p = 2$  and  $m = 1$ . Therefore it is obvious that

$$\begin{aligned} \min \{ & \widehat{d}(k), p\widehat{d}(k-1), \dots, p^{k-4}\widehat{d}(4), p^{k-3}\widehat{d}(3) \} \\ & = p^{k-4}\widehat{d}(4) = p^k + p^{k-1} - p^{k-2} - p^{k-3} \end{aligned}$$

unless  $p = 2$  and  $m = 1$ , and

$$\min \{ \widehat{d}(k), 2\widehat{d}(k-1), \dots, 2^{k-6}\widehat{d}(6), 2^{k-5}\widehat{d}(5) \} = 2^{k-6}\widehat{d}(6) = 94 \cdot 2^{k-6}$$

when  $p = 2$  and  $m = 1$ . This completes the proof. □

**Lemma 7.6.** *Let  $\widehat{x}_k^s/v_1^j$  ( $j \leq \widehat{a}(k)$ ) be one of the generators of  $\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^0(M_1^1)$ . Then the image of this element by the map*

$$\text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^0(M_1^1) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^0(N_1^2)$$

is non-trivial if and only if  $k \geq 2$  and  $p^k < j \leq \widehat{a}(k)$ .

Proof. We may assume that  $k \geq 2$ . From definition of  $\widehat{x}_2$ , it follows that

$$\widehat{x}_2^{p^{k-2}} \equiv \widehat{v}_2^{p^k} - v_1^{p^k - p^{k-2}} v_2^{\beta p^{k-2}} \widehat{v}_3^{p^{k-2}} + v_1^{p^k} v_2^{-p^{k-1}} \widehat{v}_3^{p^{k-1}} \pmod{(p)}.$$

Then, using the fact that

$$\begin{aligned} 2(p^k - p^{k-2}) & \geq \widehat{a}(k) & \text{for } k = 2 \text{ or } 3 \\ 2(p^k - p^{k-2}) & > p^k \widehat{d}(4) & \text{for } k \geq 4 \end{aligned}$$

and Lemma 7.5 we have

$$\widehat{x}_k^s \equiv \widehat{v}_2^{sp^k} - s\widehat{v}_2^{(s-1)p^k} \left( v_1^{p^k - p^{k-2}} v_2^{\beta p^{k-2}} \widehat{v}_3^{p^{k-2}} - v_1^{p^k} v_2^{-p^{k-1}} \widehat{v}_3^{p^{k-1}} \right)$$

modulo  $(p, v_1^j)$  for  $k = 2$  and  $3$ , and modulo  $(p, v_1^{p^{k-4}\widehat{d}(4)})$  for  $k \geq 4$ .

In the right hand side the first and the second terms do not have a negative  $v_2$ -exponent, but the third term in  $\widehat{x}_k^s/v_1^j$  is

$$\frac{sv_1^{p^k} v_2^{-p^{k-1}} \widehat{v}_2^{(s-1)p^k} \widehat{v}_3^{p^{k-1}}}{v_1^j}.$$

which may be mapped non-trivially to  $N_1^2$ . Unless  $p = 2$  and  $m = 1$ , we notice that  $p^{k-4}\widehat{d}(4) > p^k$ . Then we observe that  $\widehat{x}_k^s/v_1^j$  is mapped non-trivially to  $N_1^2$  if and only if  $j > p^k$  except when  $p = 2, m = 1$  and  $k \geq 4$ .

On the other hand, in the  $p = 2$  and  $m = 1$  case we find that  $\widehat{x}_k \equiv \widehat{x}_4^{2^{k-4}}$  modulo  $(v_1^{2^{k-6}\widehat{d}(6)})$  ( $k \geq 6$ ) and

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{x}_4 &\equiv \widehat{x}_3^2 + v_1^{14}v_2^{14}\widehat{x}_3 \\ &\equiv \widehat{v}_2^{16} + v_1^{12}v_2^{24}\widehat{v}_2^4 + v_1^{14}v_2^{14}\widehat{v}_2^8 + v_1^{16}v_2^{-8}\widehat{v}_3^8 \pmod{(2, v_1^{18})}, \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\widehat{x}_4^{2^{k-4}} \equiv \widehat{v}_2^{2^k} + v_1^{2^k}v_2^{-2^{k-1}}\widehat{v}_3^{2^{k-1}} + v_1^{3 \cdot 2^{k-2}}v_2^{3 \cdot 2^{k-1}}\widehat{v}_2^{2^{k-2}} + v_1^{7 \cdot 2^{k-3}}v_2^{7 \cdot 2^{k-3}}\widehat{v}_2^{2^{k-1}}$$

modulo  $(2, v_1^{9 \cdot 2^{k-3}})$ . Notice that  $2^{k-6}\widehat{d}(6) > 9 \cdot 2^{k-3} > 2^k$  and that we may ignore the terms except the second one, because the other terms don't have a negative  $v_2$ -exponent. Then we can complete the proof in similar way as the above.  $\square$

**Corollary 7.7.** *The only elements of  $E_1^{1,0}$  which survive to  $E_\infty^{1,0}$  are*

$$\frac{\widehat{x}_k^s}{v_1^j} \text{ for } s \geq 0, p \nmid s, k \geq 0 \text{ and } 0 < j \leq p^k.$$

Proof. The summand  $v_2^{-1}\widehat{K}(1)_*/\widehat{k}(1)_*$  of  $E_1^{1,0}$  is killed by the chromatic differential

$$d_1 : \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^0(M_1^0) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^0(M_1^1).$$

Joining this result with Lemma 7.6, we have the desired result.  $\square$

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