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## MULTIPLICATIVE OPERATIONS IN $BP$ COHOMOLOGY

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**Introduction.** In the present work we study multiplicative operations in  $BP$  cohomology. In § 1 we show that all multiplicative operations in  $BP^*$  are automorphisms (Theorem 1.3). Thus they form the group  $\text{Aut}(BP)$ . In § 2 we define Adams operations in  $BP^*$  by the formal group  $\mu_{BP}$  of  $BP$  cohomology and study the basic properties of them. These operations are primarily defined for units in  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  and then extended to  $p$ -adic units. Thereby we discuss  $BP^*$  by extending the ground ring  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  to the ring of  $p$ -adic integers  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . To achieve this extension simply by tensoring with  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  we restrict our cohomologies to the category of finite  $CW$ -complexes. Correspondingly we consider all multiplicative operations in  $BP^*(\ ) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_p$  whenever it becomes necessary to do so. Adams operations could be defined also for non-units, but we are not interested in such a case in this paper. In § 3 we prove that the center of  $\text{Aut}(BP)$  consists of all Adams operations (Theorem 3.1).

We regard the lecture note [2] as our basic reference and use the results contained there rather freely.

### 1. Multiplicative operations in $BP^*$ .

Let  $BP^*$  denote the Brown-Peterson cohomology for a specified prime  $p$ . By a *multiplicative* operation in  $BP^*$  we understand a stable, linear and degree-preserving cohomology operation

$$(1.1) \quad \Theta_a: BP^*(\ ) \rightarrow BP^*(\ )$$

which is multiplicative and  $\Theta_a(1)=1$ . The set of all multiplicative operations in  $BP^*$  forms a semi-group by composition, which will be denoted by  $\text{Mult}(BP)$ .

With respect to the standard complex orientation of  $BP^*$  [1], [2], [7], we denote by  $e^{BP}(L)$  the Euler class of a complex line bundle  $L$  and by  $\mu_{BP}$  the associated formal group. Let  $\Theta_a \in \text{Mult}(BP)$ . Putting

$$\Theta_a(e^{BP}(L)) = \sum_{i \geq 0} \theta_i(e^{BP}(L))^i$$

for an arbitrary line bundle  $L$ , by naturality we obtain a well-determined power

series

$$\theta_a(T) = \sum_{i \geq 0} \theta_i T^i, \quad \theta_i \in BP^{2-2i}(T).$$

By naturality  $\theta_0=0$  and by stability  $\theta_1=1$ . In particular  $\theta_a$  is invertible.

Put

$$\phi_a(T) = \theta_a^{-1}(T).$$

Then

$$(1.2) \quad \Theta_a(pt) * \mu_{BP} = \mu_a, \quad \mu_a = \mu_{BP}^{\phi_a}.$$

Recall that  $\mu_{BP}$  is typical. Hence  $\mu_a$  is a typical formal group and  $\phi_a$  is a typical curve over  $\mu_{BP}$ .

Conversely, given a typical curve  $\phi_a$  over  $\mu_{BP}$ , by the universality of  $BP^*$ , [2], Theorem 7.2,  $\phi_a$  determines uniquely a multiplicative operation  $\Theta_a$  in  $BP^*$  satisfying

$$(1.3) \quad \Theta_a(e^{BP}(L)) = \phi_a^{-1}(e^{BP}(L)).$$

Thus, via (1.3) multiplicative operations  $\Theta_a$  in  $BP^*$  correspond bijectively with typical curves  $\phi_a$  over  $\mu_{BP}$  such that

$$(1.4) \quad \phi_a(T) \equiv T \pmod{\deg 2} \quad \text{and} \quad \dim \phi_a^{-1}(e^{BP}(L)) = 2$$

for complex line bundles  $L$ .

Recall that a typical curve  $\phi_a$  satisfying (1.4) can be expressed uniquely as a Cauchy series

$$(1.5) \quad \phi_a(T) = \sum_{k \geq 0} a_k T^{p^k}, \quad a_0 = 1, \quad a_k \in BP^{2(1-p^k)}(pt),$$

where  $\mu = \mu_{BP}$  (cf., [2], [3]). Thus multiplicative operations  $\Theta_a$  correspond bijectively with sequences

$$(1.6) \quad a = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, \dots), \quad a_n \in BP^{2(1-p^n)}(pt),$$

via (1.3) and (1.5). The identity operation corresponds to the zero sequence  $0 = (0, 0, \dots)$ .

First we remark

**Proposition 1.1.** *Let  $\Theta_a$  and  $\Theta_b$  be multiplicative operations in  $BP^*$  such that*

$$\Theta_a(pt) = \Theta_b(pt).$$

*Then  $a=b$  as sequences (1.6). Hence  $\Theta_a = \Theta_b$ .*

*Proof.* By (1.2) we see that

$$\mu_a = \mu_b.$$

Then, by the uniqueness of logarithm we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \log_{\mu_a} &= \log_{\mu_b}, \\ \text{or} \quad \log_{BP} \circ \phi_a &= \log_{BP} \circ \phi_b. \end{aligned}$$

thus  $\phi_a = \phi_b$ . q.e.d.

Let  $\Theta_a \in \text{Mult}(BP)$ . We have

$$\Theta_a(pt) * \log_{BP}(T) = \log_{BP} \circ \phi_a(T)$$

over  $BP^*(pt) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ . Putting

$$\log_{BP}(T) = \sum_{k \geq 0} n_k T^{p^k}, \quad n_k = [CP_{p^k-1}]/p^k,$$

expanding both sides of the above formula as power series of  $T$  and comparing coefficients of  $T^{p^k}$  we get

$$(1.7) \quad \in \quad \prod_{j=0}^k n_j a_{k-j}^{p^j}, \quad k \geq 0.$$

This is a recursive formula to describe  $\Theta_a(n_k)$ , hence determines  $\Theta_a(pt)$ . We discuss another formula to describe  $\Theta_a(pt)$ .

Denote by  $f_p$  and  $f_p^a$  the Frobenius operators for the prime  $p$  on curves over  $\mu_{BP}$  and  $\mu_a$  respectively. Recall that, if we put

$$(1.8) \quad (f_p \gamma_0)(T) = f_p^* T^* \gamma_0(T) = T, \quad \mu = \mu_{BP}, \quad \gamma_0(T) = T,$$

then  $v_k \in BP^{2(1-p^k)}(pt)$  and the sequence  $(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, \dots)$  forms a polynomial basis of  $BP^*(pt)$ , [2].

Since  $\Theta_a(pt) * \mu_{BP} = \mu_a$ , we have

$$(f_p^a \gamma_0)(T) = (\Theta_a(pt) * f_p \gamma_0)(T) = \sum_{k \geq 1} \mu_a \Theta_a(v_k) T^{p^{k-1}}.$$

Using the fact that  $\phi_a: \mu_a \cong \mu_{BP}$ , a strict isomorphism, we compute  $(\phi_a * f_p^a \gamma_0)(T)$  in two ways as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} (\phi_a * f_p^a \gamma_0)(T) &= (f_p \phi_a \gamma_0)(T) \\ &= (f_p \phi_a)(T) = \sum_{k \geq 0} f_p(a_k T^{p^k}) \\ &= (f_p \gamma_0)(T) + \sum_{k \geq 1} [p]_{BP}(a_k T^{p^{k-1}}) \\ &= \sum_{k \geq 1} v_k T^{p^{k-1}} + \sum_{l \geq 0} \sum_{k \geq 1} w_l a_k^{p^l} T^{p^{k+l-1}} \end{aligned}$$

by [2], Propositions 2.4, 2.5 and 2.9, on one hand, where

$$[p]_{BP}(T) = \sum_{l \geq 0} w_l T^{p^l}, \quad w_0 = p, \quad w_k \in BP^{2(1-p^k)}(pt);$$

on the other hand

$$\begin{aligned}
(\phi_{a*} f_p^a \gamma_0)(T) &= \phi_{a*} \sum_{k \geq 1}^{\mu_a} \Theta_a(v_k) T^{p^{k-1}} \\
&= \sum_{k \geq 1}^{\mu} \phi_a(\Theta_a(v_k) T^{p^{k-1}}) = \sum_{k \geq 1} \sum_{l \geq 0}^{\mu} a_l \Theta_a(v_k)^{p^l} T^{p^{k+l-1}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
(1.9) \quad & \sum_{k \geq 1} \sum_{l \geq 0}^{\mu} a_l \Theta_a(v_k)^{p^l} T^{p^{k+l-1}} \\
&= \sum_{k \geq 1}^{\mu} v_k T^{p^{k-1}} + \sum_{l \geq 0}^{\mu} \sum_{k \geq 1}^{\mu} w_l a_k^{p^l} T^{p^{k+l-1}}.
\end{aligned}$$

This is a recursive formula to describe  $\Theta_a(v_k)$ .

Let  $I = \overline{BP^*}(pt)$ , the kernel of the augmentation  $\varepsilon: BP^*(pt) \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_{(p)}$ . By [2], §10, we see that

"the left hand side of (1.9)"

$$\begin{aligned}
&\equiv \sum_{k \geq 1}^{\mu} \Theta_a(v_k) T^{p^{k-1}} \pmod{I^2} \\
&= \Theta_a(v_1) T + \Theta_a(v_2) T^p + \dots \pmod{I^2},
\end{aligned}$$

and

"the right hand side of (1.9)"

$$\begin{aligned}
&\equiv \sum_{k \geq 1}^{\mu} v_k T^{p^{k-1}} + \sum_{k \geq 1}^{\mu} p a_k T^{p^{k-1}} \pmod{I^2} \\
&\equiv (v_1 + p a_1) T + (v_2 + p a_2) T^p + \dots \pmod{I^2}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence (1.9) implies

$$(1.10) \quad \Theta_a(v_k) = v_k + p a_k \pmod{I^2}$$

for all  $k \geq 1$ . In particular

$$\Theta_a(v_k) \equiv v_k \pmod{(p) + I^2}$$

for  $k \geq 1$ . This shows that  $\{\Theta_a(v_k), k \geq 1\}$  forms a polynomial basis of  $BP^*(pt)$ . Thus we obtain

**Proposition 1.2.** *For any  $\Theta_a \in \text{Mult}(BP)$*

$$\Theta_a(pt): BP^*(pt) \cong BP^*(pt), \text{ an isomorphism.}$$

Let  $\Theta_a$  and  $\Theta_b$  be two multiplicative operations in  $BP^*$  with corresponding sequences  $a = (a_1, a_2, \dots)$  and  $b = (b_1, b_2, \dots)$ . Putting

$$\Theta_c = \Theta_a \circ \Theta_b, \quad c = (c_1, c_2, \dots),$$

we shall discuss the sequence  $c$ . Put

$$\tilde{\phi}_b(T) = \Theta_a(pt) * \phi_b(T) = \sum_{k \geq 0}^{\mu_a} \Theta_a(b_k) T^{p^k}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\Theta_a(pt) * \mu_b &= \Theta_a(pt) * (\phi_b^{-1} \circ \mu \circ \phi_b \times \phi_b) \\ &= \tilde{\phi}_b^{-1} \circ \mu_a \circ \tilde{\phi}_b \times \tilde{\phi}_b = \mu_{BP}^{\phi_b \circ \tilde{\phi}_b}.\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand

$$\Theta_a(pt) * \mu_b = \Theta_a(pt) * \Theta_b(pt) * \mu_{BP} = \Theta_c(pt) * \mu_{BP} = \mu_c.$$

Thus, likewise in the proof of Proposition 1.1, we have

$$(1.11) \quad \phi_c = \phi_a \circ \tilde{\phi}_b,$$

or equivalently

$$\begin{aligned}(1.12) \quad \sum_{k \geq 0} \mu c_k T^{p^k} &= \phi_a * \left( \sum_{k \geq 0} \mu \Theta_a(b_k) T^{p^k} \right) \\ &= \sum_{fe \circ 0} \sum_{l \geq 0} \mu a_l \Theta_a(b_k)^{p^l} T^{p^{k+l}}.\end{aligned}$$

This is a recursive formula to describe  $c_k$ .

A multiplicative operation  $\Theta_a$  in  $BP^*$  is called an *automorphism* of  $BP^*$  if

$$\Theta_a(X, A): BP^*(X, A) \cong BP^*(X, A), \quad \text{isomorphic}$$

for all finite  $CW$ -pair  $(X, A)$ . Clearly a multiplicative operation  $\Theta_a$  is an automorphism of  $BP^*$  iff it has an inverse. The set of all automorphisms of  $BP^*$  forms a group, which will be denoted by  $\text{Aut}(BP)$ .

**Theorem 1.3.**  $\text{Aut}(BP) = \text{Mult}(BP)$ .

**Proof.** It is sufficient to prove that every multiplicative operation  $\Theta_a$  has a right inverse.

Let  $t = (t_1, t_2, \dots)$  and  $s = (s_1, s_2, \dots)$  be sequences of indeterminates with  $\dim t_k = \dim s_k = 2(1 - p^k)$ . Put

$$(*1) \quad \sum_{k \geq 0} \mu u_k T^{p^k} = \sum_{k \geq 0} \sum_{l \geq 0} \mu t_l s_k^{p^l} T^{p^{k+l}},$$

where  $s_0 = t_0 = u_0 = 1$ . Then over  $BP^*(pt)[t, s]$  we have

$$\sum_{k \geq 0} \mu u_k T^{p^k} \equiv T + u_1 T^p + u_2 T^{p^2} + \dots \pmod{\tilde{I}^2},$$

and

$$\sum_{k \geq 0} \sum_{l \geq 0} \mu t_l s_k^{p^l} T^{p^{k+l}} \equiv T + (s_1 + t_1) T^p + (s_2 + t_2) T^{p^2} + \dots \pmod{\tilde{I}^2},$$

where  $\tilde{I} = (s, t)$ , the ideal of  $BP^*(pt)[s, t]$  generated by  $s_1, s_2, \dots, t_1, t_2, \dots$ . Thus we can put

$$(*2) \quad u_k = t_k + s_k + P_k(t_1, \dots, t_{k-1}, s_1, \dots, s_{k-1}), \quad k \geq 1.$$

Here  $P_k$  is a polynomial of  $t_1, \dots, t_{k-1}, s_1, \dots, s_{k-1}$  with  $\dim P_k = 2(1 - p^k)$  and

$$P_k \equiv 0 \pmod{\mathcal{I}^2}.$$

We want to find a right inverse of  $\Theta_a$ . Putting

$$(*3) \quad \Theta_a \circ \Theta_b = id$$

with undecided sequence  $b = (b_1, b_2, \dots)$ , we shall decide the sequence  $b$ . By (1.12), (\*1) and (\*2), we get

$$(*4) \quad a_k + \Theta_a(b_k) + P_k(a_1, \dots, a_{k-1}, \Theta_a(b_1), \dots, \Theta_a(b_{k-1})) = 0$$

for all  $k \geq 1$ . Since the coefficients of  $P_k$  depend neither on  $(a_1, a_2, \dots)$  nor on  $(\Theta_a(b_1), \Theta_a(b_2), \dots)$  we may use (\*4) as a recursive formula to obtain  $\Theta_a(b_k)$ , so we get  $\Theta_a(b_k)$  as polynomials of  $a_1, \dots, a_k$  successively for  $k \geq 1$ . By Proposition 1.2  $\Theta_a(pt)$  is an isomorphism. Thus we get a sequence  $(b_1, b_2, \dots)$  so that it satisfies (\*4). Thereby  $\Theta_b$  is obtained to satisfy (\*3). q.e.d.

## 2. Adams operations in $BP^*$ .

Let  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  be the ring of integers localized at the prime  $p$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  its completion, i.e., the ring of  $p$ -adic integers. As is well known the endomorphism

$$[\alpha]_{BP} \in \text{End}(\mu_{BP})$$

is defined for each  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  so that

$$[\alpha]_{BP}(T) = \alpha T + \text{higher terms}.$$

It is convenient for us to extend these endomorphisms  $[\alpha]_{BP}$  to  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ . For this purpose we extend the ground ring  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  of  $BP^*$  to  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  by tensoring, i.e., we consider  $BP^*(\ ) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_p$  whenever it is necessary to talk of  $p$ -adic integers.

Let  $A = BP^*(pt) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_p$ . Let  $F$  and  $G$  be formal groups over  $A$ . Let

$$c: \text{Hom}_A(F, G) \rightarrow A$$

be the homomorphism sending  $f$  to  $a_1$  when  $f(T) = a_1 T + \text{higher terms}$ . Since  $A$  is an integral domain of characteristic zero,  $c$  is injective as is well known (cf., [4], [5]).

Since  $A$  is a direct sum of copies of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  (corresponding to each monomials of  $v_k$ 's) we give a direct limit topology to  $A$ . (Each direct summand is given the topology of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ ). Then, using the argument of Lubin [5], Lemma 2.1.1, we see that  $c$  is an isomorphism onto a closed subgroup of  $A$ .

In case  $F = G = \mu_{BP}$ ,

$$\text{Im } c \supset \mathbb{Z}_{(p)},$$

because  $c([\alpha]_{BP}) = \alpha$  for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ . Hence

$$\text{Im } c \supset \bar{\mathbb{Z}}_{(p)} = \mathbb{Z}_p.$$

Since  $c$  is injective, for each  $\alpha \in \mathbf{Z}_p$  there exists a unique

$$[\alpha]_{BP} \in \text{End}_A(\mu_{BP})$$

such that  $c([\alpha]_{BP}) = \alpha$ . Thus the definition of  $[\alpha]_{BP}$  is extended to  $\mathbf{Z}_p$ .

Since  $c: \text{End}_A(\mu_{BP}) \rightarrow A$  is a ring homomorphism, for any  $p$ -adic integers  $a$  and  $\beta$  we have the following relations:

$$(2.1) \quad [\alpha]_{BP}(T) = \alpha T + \text{higher terms},$$

$$(2.2) \quad [\alpha]_{BP} + {}^\mu[\beta]_{BP} = [\alpha + \beta]_{BP}, \quad \mu = \mu_{BP},$$

$$(2.3) \quad [\alpha]_{BP} \circ [\beta]_{BP} = [\alpha\beta]_{BP}.$$

Let  $\alpha \in \mathbf{Z}_{(p)}$  (or  $\in \mathbf{Z}_p$ ) be a unit. Put

$$\psi_\alpha(T) = [\alpha^{-1}]_{BP}(\alpha T).$$

Since

$$(f_q \psi_\alpha)(T) = f_q([\alpha^{-1}]_{BP}(\alpha T)) = [\alpha^{-1}]_{BP}([f_q] f_q \gamma_0(T)) = 0$$

for every  $q > 1$  such that  $(p, q) = 1$  by [2], Propositions 2.3 and 2.9, where  $\gamma_0(T) = T$ , we see that  $\psi_\alpha$  is a typical curve over  $\mu_{BP}$ . Moreover  $\psi_\alpha$  satisfies (1.4) as is easily seen. Thus there corresponds a multiplicative operation in  $BP^*$  to  $\psi_\alpha$ . We denote this multiplicative operation by  $\Psi^\alpha$  and call *Adams operations* in  $BP^*$ .

REMARK 1. Even for non-units  $a$  Adams operations can be defined on the same way as above. But these operations are defined in  $BP^*(\ ) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$  or  $BP^*(\ ) \otimes \mathbf{Q}_p$ . And these cohomology theories are essentially ordinary cohomologies (corresponding to generalized Eilenberg-MacLane spectra), so we are not interested in these operations in the present work.

REMARK 2. Adams operations in complex cobordism are defined by Novikov [6]. When we regard  $BP^*$  as a direct summand of  $U^*(\ )_{(p)}$ , our Adams operations will be the restrictions of Novikov's Adams operations to  $BP^*$ .

Let  $a$  be a unit of  $\mathbf{Z}_{(p)}$  (or of  $\mathbf{Z}_p$ ). Since

$$\Psi_\alpha(\alpha^{-1}[\alpha]_{BP}(T)) = [\alpha^{-1}]_{BP} \circ [\alpha]_{BP}(T) = T,$$

we see that

$$(2.4) \quad \Psi^\alpha(e^{BP}(L)) = \alpha^{-1}[\alpha]_{BP}(e^{BP}(L))$$

for any complex line bundle  $L$ .

Since  $\Psi^\alpha(pt)_* \mu_{BP} = \mu_{BP}^{\psi_\alpha}$  we see that



$$\Psi^a(pt)_* \log_{BP} = \log_{BP} \circ \psi_a.$$

Here

$$\begin{aligned} (\log_{BP} \circ \psi_a)(T) &= \log_{BP}[\alpha^{-1}]_{BP}(\alpha T) \\ &= \alpha^{-1} \cdot \log_{BP}(\alpha T) = \sum_{k \geq 0} \alpha^{p^k-1} n_k T^{p^k}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\sum_{fc \equiv g 0} \Psi(n_k) T^{p^k} = \sum_{fc > 0} \alpha^{p^k-1} n_k T^{p^k},$$

or

$$(2.5) \quad \Psi f_O = \alpha^{p^k-1} n_k, \quad k \geq 1,$$

after extending  $\Psi^a(pt)$  to  $\Psi^a(pt) \otimes 1_Q$ .

**Proposition 2.1.**  $\Psi^a(pt) BP^{-2s}(pt) = \alpha^s id.$

Proof.  $(n_1, n_2, \dots)$  is a polynomial basis of  $BP^*(pt) \otimes Q$ . Since  $\Psi^a$  is linear and multiplicative, for every polynomials  $x_s$  of  $n_k$ 's with  $\dim x_s = -2s$  by (2.5) we see easily that

$$\Psi^a(x_s) = \alpha^s x_s. \quad \text{q.e.d.}$$

**Corollary 2.2.** *If we put*

$$\mu_{BP}(X, Y) = \sum_{i,j} a_{ij} X^i Y^j,$$

them

$$\mu_{BP}^{\psi a}(X, Y) = \sum_{i,j} \alpha^{i+j-1} a_{ij} X^i Y^j.$$

Next we prove

**Proposition 2.3.**  $\Psi^a \Psi^b = \Psi^{ab} = \Psi^b \Psi^a.$

Proof. Put

$$[\alpha]_{BP}(T) = \sum_{s \geq 0} \alpha_s T^{(p-1)s+1}, \quad \alpha_s \in BP^{-2(p-1)s}(pt).$$

For any complex line bundle  $L$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi^b(\Psi^a(e^{BP}(L))) &= \Psi^b(\alpha^{-1}[\alpha]_{BP}(e^{BP}(L))) \\ &= \alpha^{-1} \cdot \Psi^b\left(\sum_{s \geq 0} \alpha_s (e^{BP}(L))^{(p-1)s+1}\right) \\ &= \alpha^{-1} \sum_{s \geq 0} \beta^{(p-1)s} \alpha_s (\Psi^b(e^{BP}(L)))^{(p-1)s+1} \quad \text{by Proposition 2.1} \\ &= \alpha^{-1} \beta^{-1} \sum_{s \geq 0} \alpha_s (\beta \Psi^b(e^{BP}(L)))^{(p-1)s+1} \\ &= \alpha^{-1} \beta^{-1} \cdot [\alpha]_{BP}([\beta]_{BP}(e^{BP}(L))) \quad \text{by (2.4)} \\ &= (\alpha\beta)^{-1} [\alpha\beta]_{BP}(e^{BP}(L)) \quad \text{by (2.3)} \\ &= \Psi^{ab}(e^{BP}(L)). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by the universality of  $BP^*$ , [2], Theorem 7.2, we conclude the Proposition.

Let  $a$  and  $\beta$  be  $p$ -adic units. By Propositions 1.1 and 2.1 we see that

$$(2.6) \quad \Psi^\alpha = \Psi^\beta \quad \text{iff} \quad \alpha^{p^{-1}} = \beta^{p^{-1}}.$$

Let  $U(\mathbb{Z}_p)$  be the multiplicative group of  $p$ -adic units and  $U_1(\mathbb{Z}_p)$  be its subgroup consisting of  $p$ -adic integers  $a$  such that

$$\alpha \equiv 1 \pmod{p}.$$

As is well known

$$U_1(\mathbb{Z}_p) = \{\alpha^{p^{-1}}; \alpha \in U(\mathbb{Z}_p)\}.$$

By Proposition 2.3 all Adams operations (for  $p$ -adic units) form a multiplicative subgroup of  $\text{Aut}(BP)$ . We denote this subgroup by  $\text{Ad}(BP)$ . Then, (2.6) implies that

**Proposition 2.4.**  $\text{Ad}(BP) \cong U_1(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ .

And also

**Proposition 2.5.**  $\Psi^\lambda = 1$  iff  $\lambda^{p^{-1}} = 1$ .

Next we discuss the relations of Adams operations with Quillen operations (of Landweber-Novikov type). We recall the definition of Quillen operations, [2], [7]. Let  $t = (t_1, t_2, \dots)$  be a sequence of indeterminates such that  $\dim t_k = 2(1 - p^k)$  and

$$\phi_t(T) = \sum_{i \geq 0} t_i T^{p^i}, \quad t_0 = 1,$$

a typical curve over  $\mu_{BP}$  by extending the ground ring of  $\mu_{BP}$  to  $BP^*(pt)[t]$ . Then

$$r_t: BP^*(\ ) \rightarrow BP^*(\ ) [t]$$

is the multiplicative operation such that

$$r_t(e^{BP}(L)) = \phi_t^{-1}(e^{BP}(L))$$

for any complex line bundle  $L$ . Putting

$$r_t(x) = \sum_E r_E(x) t^E, \quad x \in BP^*(X, A),$$

where  $E = (e_1, e_2, \dots)$  runs over all sequences of non-negative integers such that all  $e_k$  but a finite are zero, we get linear stable operations

$$r_E: BP^*(\ ) \rightarrow BP^{*+2|E|}(\ )$$

of degree  $2|E|$ , where  $|E| = \sum_i e_i(p^i - 1)$ .

Now for a  $p$ -adic unit  $\alpha$  we have

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{aligned} r_i \circ \Psi(e^{BP}(L)) &= r_i(\psi_\alpha^{-1}(e^{BP}(L))) \\ &= (r_i(pt) * \psi_\alpha)^{-1}(r_i(e^{BP}(L))) \\ &= (\phi_i \circ r_i(pt) * \psi_\alpha)^{-1}(e^{BP}(L)). \end{aligned}$$

And

$$(r_i(pt) * \psi_\alpha)(T) = r_i(pt) * ([\alpha^{-1}]_{BP}(\alpha T)) = [\alpha^{-1}]_{\mu'}(\alpha T),$$

where  $\mu' = \mu_{BP}^{\phi_i}$ . Thus

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{aligned} (\phi_i \circ r_i(pt) * \psi_\alpha)(T) &= \phi_i([\alpha^{-1}]_{\mu'}(\alpha T)) \\ &= [\alpha^{-1}]_{BP}(\phi_i(\alpha T)) = [\alpha^{-1}]_{BP}(\sum_{k \geq 0}^{\mu} \alpha^{p^k} t_k T^{p^k}). \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\sigma_\alpha: \mathbf{Z}_{(p)}[t] \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_{(p)}[t]$$

be an algebra homomorphism such that

$$\sigma_\alpha(t_k) = \alpha^{p^k-1} t_k, \quad k \geq 1,$$

and define an operation

$$\bar{\Psi}^\alpha: BP^*(\ ) [i] \rightarrow BP^*(\ ) [i]$$

by  $\bar{\Psi}^\alpha = \Psi^\alpha \otimes \sigma_\alpha$ . Then

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} (\bar{\Psi}^\alpha \circ r_i)(e^{BP}(L)) &= \bar{\Psi}^\alpha(\phi_i^{-1}(e^{BP}(L))) \\ &= (\bar{\Psi}^\alpha(pt) * \phi_i)^{-1}(\bar{\Psi}^\alpha(e^{BP}(L))) \\ &= (\Psi_\alpha \circ \bar{\Psi}^\alpha(pt) * \phi_i)^{-1}(e^{BP}(L)). \end{aligned}$$

Remark that

$$\bar{\Psi}^\alpha(pt) * \mu_{BP} = \mu_{BP}^{\psi_\alpha}.$$

Thus

$$(\bar{\Psi}^\alpha(pt) * \phi_i)(T) = \sum_{k \geq 0}^{\mu''} \alpha^{p^k-1} t_k T^{p^k},$$

where  $\mu'' = \mu_{BP}^{\psi_\alpha}$ . And

$$(2.10) \quad \begin{aligned} (\psi_\alpha \circ \bar{\Psi}^\alpha(pt) * \phi_i)(T) &= \psi_\alpha(\sum_{k \geq 0}^{\mu''} \alpha^{p^k-1} t_k T^{p^k}) \\ &= \sum_{k \geq 0}^{\mu} \psi_\alpha(\alpha^{p^k-1} t_k T^{p^k}) \\ &= \sum_{k \geq 0}^{\mu} [\alpha^{-1}]_{BP}(\alpha^{p^k} t_k T^{p^k}) \\ &= [\alpha^{-1}]_{BP}(\sum_{k \geq 0}^{\mu} \alpha^{p^k} t_k T^{p^k}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus by (2.8) and (2.10) we see that

$$\phi_i \circ r_i(pt) * \psi_a = \psi_a \circ \bar{\Psi}^a(pt) * \phi_i,$$

then, by (2.7) (2.9) and the universality of  $BP^*$  we obtain

**Proposition 2.6.** *For any unit of  $\mathbf{Z}_p$  there holds the commutativity*

$$r_i \circ \Psi^a = \bar{\Psi}^a \circ r_i.$$

**Corollary 2.7.** *Let  $E = (e_1, e_2, \dots)$  be a sequence of non negative integers of which all but a finite terms are zero. There holds the commutativity*

$$r_E \circ \Psi^a = \alpha^{|E|} \Psi^a \circ r_E.$$

**Corollary 2.8.** *For any linear stable cohomology operation*

$$\Xi_s: BP^*(\ ) \rightarrow BP^{*+2s}(\ )$$

*of degree  $2s$  there holds the commutativity*

$$\Xi_s \circ \Psi^a = \alpha^s \Psi^a \circ \Xi_s.$$

Remark that every stable cohomology operation in  $BP^*$  can be expressed as linear combinations of Quillen operations  $r_E$  over  $BP^*(pt)$ . Then Corollary 2.8 follows from Proposition 2.1 and Corollary 2.7.

**Corollary 2.9.** *Adams operations in  $BP^*$  commute with all multiplicative operations.*

REMARK. Properties of Adams operations in complex cobordism which correspond to Propositions 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.7 and 2.8 are obtained in Novikov [7] by different arguments.

### 3. The center of $\text{Aut}(BP)$ .

For any  $b \in BP^{2(1-p^k)}(pt)$  we define a sequence

$$(b, k) = (0, \dots, 0, b, 0, \dots)$$

with  $b$  as the  $k$ -th term and with all other terms zero. By (1.9) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{l \geq 1}^{\mu} \Theta_{(b, k)}(v_l) T^{p^{l-1}} + \sum_{l \geq 1}^{\mu} b \cdot \Theta_{(b, k)}(v_l) p^k T^{p^{k+l-1}} \\ &= \sum_{l \geq 1}^{\mu} v_l T^{p^{l-1}} + \sum_{l \geq 0}^{\mu} v_l b p^l T^{p^{k+l-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

In particular

$$\sum_{l=1}^k \mu \Theta_{(b, k)}(v_l) T^{p^{l-1}} \equiv \sum_{l=1}^k \mu v_l T^{p^{l-1}} + \mu p b T^{p^{k-1}} \pmod{\deg p^{k-1} + 1}.$$

Recursively on  $/$ ,  $1 \leq l < k$ , and deleting the same terms successively we see that

$$(3.1) \quad \Theta_{(b,k)}(v_l) = v_l, \quad 1 \leq l < k,$$

and

$$(3.2) \quad \Theta_{(b,k)}(v_k) = v_k + pb.$$

These imply that

$$(3.3) \quad \Theta_{(b,k)}(x) = x \quad \text{for any } x \in BP^{-2s}(pt), s < p^k - 1,$$

and

$$(3.4) \quad \Theta_{(b,k)}(y) = y + pcb \quad \text{for } y \in BP^{2(1-p^k)}(pt)$$

when  $y = cv_k \bmod$  decomposables,  $c \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ .

Let  $\Theta_a$  be in the center of  $\text{Aut}(BP)$ . Then

$$\Theta_{(v_k,k)} \circ \Theta_a = \Theta_a \circ \Theta_{(v_k,k)}$$

for all  $k \geq 1$ . And by (1.12) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{l \geq 0}^{\mu} \Theta_{(v_k,k)}(a_l) T^{p^l} + \sum_{l \geq 0}^{\mu} v_k \cdot \Theta_{(v_k,k)}(a_l) T^{p^k + l} \\ &= \sum_{l \geq 0}^{\mu} a_l T^{p^l} + \sum_{l \geq 0}^{\mu} a_l \cdot \Theta_a(v_k)^{p^l} T^{p^k + l}. \end{aligned}$$

In particular

$$\begin{aligned} & \Theta_{(v_k,k)}(a_k) T^{p^k} + v_k T^{p^k} \\ & \equiv a_k T^{p^k} + \Theta_a(v_k) T^{p^k} \quad \bmod \deg p^k + 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$(3.5) \quad \Theta_{(v_k,k)}(a_k) + v_k = a_k + \Theta_a(v_k).$$

Put

$$(3.6) \quad a_k \equiv \lambda_k v_k \quad \bmod \text{decomposables}, \lambda_k \in \mathbb{Z}_p.$$

Then by (3.4) and (3.5) we obtain

$$(3.7) \quad \Theta_a(v_k) = (1 + p\lambda_k) v_k, \quad k \geq 1.$$

Next, putting

$$v_k' = v_k + v_1^{(p^k-1)/(p-1)}$$

for  $k > 1$ , by commutativity

$$\Theta_{(v_k',k)} \circ \Theta_a = \Theta_a \circ \Theta_{(v_k',k)}$$

and by the same argument as (3.5) we obtain

$$(3.8) \quad \Theta_{(v_k', k)}(a_k) + v_k' = a_k + \Theta_a(v_k').$$

Applying (3.4) and (3.7) to (3.8) we obtain

$$(1 + p\lambda_k)v_1^{(p^k-1)/(p-1)} = ((1 + p\lambda_1)v_1)^{(p^k-1)/(p-1)}.$$

thus

$$(3.9) \quad 1 + p\lambda_k = (1 + p\lambda_1)^{(p^k-1)/(p-1)}.$$

Let  $\lambda$  be a  $p$ -adic unit such that

$$\lambda^{p-1} = 1 + p\lambda_1.$$

Then (3.9) implies that

$$(3.10) \quad 1 + p\lambda_k = \lambda^{p^k-1}$$

for all  $k \geq 1$ . Thus, by (3.7), (3.10) and Proposition 2.1 we see that

$$\Theta_a \text{IBP}^*(pt) = \Psi^\lambda \text{IBP}^*(pt).$$

Then by Proposition 1.1

$$\Theta_a = \Psi^\lambda.$$

In other words every multiplicative operation which is in the center of  $\text{Aut}(BP)$  is a suitable Adams operation. Let  $Z(\text{Aut}(BP))$  denote the center of  $\text{Aut}(BP)$ . The above result and Corollary 2.9 imply

**Theorem 3.1.**  $\text{Ad}(BP) = Z(\text{Aut}(BP)).$

**Corollary 3.2.**  $Z(\text{Aut}(BP)) \cong U_1(\mathbb{Z}_p).$

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