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THE COMPLEX BORDISM OF CYCLIC GROUPS

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Introduction. In their book, *Differentiable Periodic Maps* [2], P.E. Conner and E.E. Floyd initiated the study of cobordism groups of periodic maps and succeeded in determining the additive structure of the cobordism groups of free orientation-preserving $\boldsymbol{Z}_p$-actions on manifolds for odd primes p and of free $\boldsymbol{Z}_p$-actions preserving a stably almost-complex structure for arbitrary primes by calculating $MSO_*(B\boldsymbol{Z}_p)$ and $MU_*(B\boldsymbol{Z}_p)$ respectively. Kamata [5] obtained the same results for $MU_*(B\boldsymbol{Z}_p)$ using slightly different methods. We extend these results to a determination of $MU_*(BG)$ where G is an arbitrary cyclic group. The main result is Proposition 16:

$$MU_{2n+1}(B\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s}) \cong \sum_{a=1}^{s} \sum_{b=p^{a-1}-1}^{n} \frac{\Gamma_{2(n-b)}(p^a)}{p^{\left[\frac{b-p^{a-1}+1}{p^{a-1}(p-1)}\right]+s-a+1}\Gamma_{2(n-b)}(p^a)}$$

where $\Gamma_*(p^a) \simeq MU_*/\langle CP(p-1)^{p^{a-1}}\rangle$ and the square brackets indicate the greatest integer function. We show this by constructing an explicit set of generators coming from the K-theory of the generalized lens spaces $L^n(p^s)$ and computing the order of the group they generate.

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Results. We will have need of several homology and cohomology theories. Following J.F. Adams, let H be the Eilenberg-MacLane spectrum for the integers, K the BU spectrum, and MU the Thom spectrum for the unitary group. The resulting homology theories are denoted by $H_*(\ \ )$, $K_*(\ \ )$, and $MU_*(\ \ )$, and similarly in the case of cohomology theories. When we have need of unreduced theories, we write X^+ for the disjoint union of X and a basepoint, so that $H_*(X^+)$, for example, is ordinary, unreduced, integral homology. In dealing with K-theory, we will be exclusively concerned with $K^0(X)$ which we agree to write as $K(X)$, remembering that this is the reduced group, i.e., what is usually written

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as $\tilde{K}(X)$.

The following description of $MU_*(X)$ will be very convenient. Consider the set of all continuous maps f: $M^m \to X$ where M is a stably almost-complex manifold. Two such maps f_1 and f_2 are said to be equivalent if there is a stably almost-complex $(m+1)$-manifold W^{m+1} and a map f: $W^{m+1} \to X$ such that the boundary of W is the disjoint union of M_1 and M_2 and f restricted to the boundary of W is the disjoint union of $-f_1$ and f_2. Impose an addition on the set of resulting equivalence classes by the disjoint union of maps. It is a standard result that the resulting graded group is isomorphic to $MU_*(X^+)$.

Recall that the ring of coefficients MU_* is a polynomial ring over the integers on countably many generators, one in each positive, even dimension. There are many ways of choosing such generators, but it is convenient to have a standard set to work with. Following M. Hazewinkel [4] we proceed as follows:

Suppose S is a natural number. An ordered factorization of S is an ordered set $(q_1, \cdots, q_t, d)$ of natural numbers where each q_i is a positive power of a prime and d is not a power of a prime and $S = q_1 \cdots q_t d$. For example, the ordered factorizations of 12 are: (12), (2, 6), (4, 3, 1), (3, 4, 1), (2, 2, 3, 1), (2, 3, 2, 1), and (3, 2, 2, 1).

Associate to each ordered factorization $(q_1, \cdots, q_t, d)$ a positive integer $b(q_1, \cdots, q_t, d)$ as follows:

1) $b(q_1, \cdots, q_t, d) = b(q_1, \cdots, q_t)$
2) If $q_i = p_i^{k_i}$, then $b(q_1, \cdots, q_t) = b(p_1, \cdots, p_t)$
3) $b(p) = 1$ and $b(d) = 1$
4) If $S = (p_1, \cdots, p_t)$, then

$$b(p_1, \cdots, p_t) = \{\prod_{p \in S} c(p, p_t)\} b(p_1, \cdots, p_{t-1})$$

$$\text{where } c(p,q) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p = q \\ q^{p-1} & \text{if } p \neq q\,. \end{cases}$$

This suffices to give an inductive definition of $b(q_1, \cdots, q_t, d)$. For example: $b(2, 3, 2, 1) = b(2, 3, 2) = 12$.

Proposition 1 (Hazewinkel): *There exist elements $v_i \in MU_{2i}$ such that*

1) $MU_* = \boldsymbol{Z}[v_1, v_2, \cdots]$
2) *If we set $V_i = v_{i-1}$, then, in $MU_* \otimes Q$,*

$$\frac{[CP(s-1)]}{s} = \sum_{\{(q_1, \cdots, q_t, d)\}} \frac{b(q_1, \cdots, q_t)}{p_1 \cdots p_t} V_{q_1} V_{q_2}^{r_1} \cdots V_{q_t}^{r_{t-1}} V_d^{r_t}$$

where q_i is a power of p_i, $r_i = q_1 \cdots q_i$, and the sum is taken over all ordered factorizations of s.

Notation. For a fixed prime p, let

$$d(s) = p^{s-1} + \cdots + 1 .$$

DEFINITION. By $\Gamma_*(p^s)$ we mean $MU_*/\langle v_{r-1}^{d(s)-d(s-1)}\rangle$. This definition bears a few words of explanation. $\Gamma_*(p^s)$ as defined is a graded ring. We are interested, however, only in its structure as a graded abelian group. With this in mind, we will often write $\Gamma_*(p) \subseteq \Gamma_*(p^2) \subseteq \cdots \subseteq MU_*$ even though the inclusion is not true for the rings in question, only the groups. Each $\Gamma_*(p^s)$ is, of course, a graded, free abelian group with a rather complicated number of generators in each dimension.

Proposition 2. *$MU_{2n}(B\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s})=0$ and $MU_{2n+1}(B\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s})$ is a finite abelian group of order $p^{s(n)}$, where $s(n)=s\sum_{j=0}^{n}\pi(j)$ and $\pi(n)$ is the number of partitions of n.*

Proof. Consider the Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequence, henceforth denoted AHSS.

$$E^2_{r,q} = H_r(BZ_{p^s}; MU_q) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } q \text{ is odd or } r \text{ is even} \\ (\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s})^{\pi(q/2)} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

For purely dimensional reasons there can be no non-zero differentials, so the spectral sequence collapses and $E^2 = E^\infty$. There is a filtration $MU_t(B\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s}) = F_t \supseteq \cdots \supseteq F_0 \supseteq F_{-1} = 0$ such that $F_q/F_{q-1} = E^\infty_{q,t-q}$. If t is even, then $E^\infty_{q,t-q} = 0$ $\forall q$. Therefore $MU_t(B\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s}) = 0$. If t is odd, $E^\infty_{t-q,q}$ is zero for q odd and has order $p^{s\pi(q/2)}$ for q even. Q.E.D.

In order to get the precise structure of the odd dimensional groups, we need some information from K-theory.

There is a natural inclusion $\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s} \to S^1$ given by $1 \mapsto \exp(2\pi i/p^s)$ so that the standard free action of S^1 on S^{2n+1} induces a free action of $\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s}$ on S^{2n+1}. Denote the resulting $(2n+1)$-dimensional quotient manifold by $L^n(p^s)$, the $(2n+1)$-dimensional lens space. We then have the tower of fibrations.

$$\begin{tikzcd} & \boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s} \arrow[r] & S^{2n+1} \arrow[d] \\ S^1 = S^1/\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s} \arrow[rr] & & L^n(p^s) \arrow[d, "\pi"] \\ & & CP(n) \end{tikzcd}$$

Let ξ_n be the canonical line bundle over $CP(n)$, $\eta_n = \pi^*(\xi_n)$ and $(\eta_n - [1]) = x \in K(L^n(p^s))$.

Proposition 3: $K(L^n(p^s)) = \dfrac{\boldsymbol{Z}[x]}{((1+x)p^s - 1,\ x^{n+1})}$.

For the proof, see Atiyah [1], p. 105.

DEFINITION. For a given prime p, let $m(j, s)=p^{\left[\frac{j}{p^{s-1}(p-1)}\right]+1}$, where the square brackets indicate the greatest integer function.

Proposition 4. *Consider $K(L^n(p^s))$. For every $j\geq p^{s-1}$, there is a sequence of integers $\{b_i\}$ such that*

$$m(n-j, s)x^j = pm(n-j, s)\{\sum_{i<j} b_i x^i\}$$

Proof. The proof is by induction on n and j for a fixed s.

The theorem is trivial for $n<p^{s-1}$, since in this case $x^j=0$. Assume the theorem is true for $n-1\geq p^{s-1}-1$ and write

$$K(L^{n-1}(p^s)) = \frac{\boldsymbol{Z}[y]}{((1+y)^{p^s}-1, y^n)}\,.$$

Mapping $y^i\mapsto x^{i+1}$ induces a group homomorphism $g\colon K(L^{n-1}(p^s))\to K(L^n(p^s))$. By induction, $m(n-1-j, s)y^j=pm(n-1-j, s)\sum_{i<j} b_i y_i, j\geq p^{s-1}$. Applying g to this equality, we obtain $m(n-(j+1), s)x^{j+1}=pm(n-(j+1), s)$ $\sum b_i x^{i+1}$. Thus the theorem is true for n as long as $j<p^{s-1}$.

Suppose then that $j=p^{s-1}$. We know that $\sum_{i=1}^{p^s}\binom{p^s}{i}x^i=0$. For $1\leq j\leq p^s-1$, $\binom{p^s}{j}$ is divisible by p and for $p<j<p^{s-1}$, $\binom{p^s}{j}$ is divisible by p^2. Therefore $m(n-p^s, s)\binom{p^s}{j}=km(n-p^{s-1}, s)=\bar{k}\; m(n-i, s)$, for $i\geq p^{s-1}$. Multiply the above sum by $m(n-p^s, s)$. Then

$$0 = pm(n-p^{s-1}, s)\sum_{i=1}^{p^{s-1}-1} k_i x^i+km(n-p^{s-1}, s)x^{p^{s-1}}+\sum_{i=p^{s-1}+1}^{p^s} k_i m(n-i, s)x^i$$

where $k\not\equiv 0 \pmod p$.

Now $\sum_{i=p^{s-1}+1}^{p^s} k_i m(n-i, s)x^i =$

$$= p\sum_{i<p^{s-1}}\bar{k}_i m(n-p^{s-1}, s)x^i+p\bar{k}m(n-p^{s-1}, s)x^{p^{s-1}}+p\sum_{i=p^{s-1}+1}^{p^s-1}\bar{k}_i m(n-i, s)x^i$$

Therefore

$$0 = pm(n-p^{s-1}, s)\sum_{i<p^{s-1}} h_i x^i+(k+p\bar{k})m(n-p^{s-1}, s)x^{p^{s-1}}+\cdots$$
$$\cdots+\sum_{i=p^{s-1}+1}^{p^s-1} h_i m(n-i, s)x^i$$

Repeating this process as long as there are terms x^i for which $i>p^{s-1}$, we obtain

$$m(n-p^{s-1}, s)(k+pb)x^{p^{s-1}} = pm(n-p^{s-1}, s)\sum_{i<p^{s-1}}\bar{k}_i x^i\,.$$

Since $(k+pb)$ is a unit mod p, this implies that

$$m(n-p^{s-1}, s)x^{p^{s-1}} = pm(n-p^{s-1}, s) \sum_{i<p^{s-1}} b_i x^i \quad \text{as claimed.} \qquad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

Corollary. *In $K(L^n(p^s))$ the order of the element $x^{p^{s-1}}-p \sum_{i<p^{s-1}} b_i x^i$ is less than or equal to $m(n-p^{s-1}, s)$.*

Suppose $\mathfrak{H}$ is any complex, n-plane bundle over a space X. The map cf_1: $K(X) \to MU^2(X)$ which associates to $[\mathfrak{H}]$-n the first cobordism chern class of $\mathfrak{H}$ is clearly an homomorphism and was shown by Conner and Floyd [3] to be the injection of a direct summand.

If the space X is an n-dimensional manifold which is MU-orientable and, in particular, if X is a U-manifold such as $L^n(p^s)$, then there is a Poincaré duality isomorphism

$$D\colon MU^k(X) \to MU_{n-k}(X)\,.$$

DEFINITION. By $X(k, s) \in MU_{2k+1}(B\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s})$ we mean the bordism element represented by the inclusion $i\colon L^k(p^s) \to B\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s}$ of the $(2k+1)$-skeleton. When the context is clear, we will write $X(k)$ for $X(k, s)$.

Proposition 5. $i_*(D(cf_1(x)^k)) = X(n-k)$.

Proof. This is Proposition 1.3 of [5].

In order to use the above information, it is necessary to understand some elementary results from the theory of formal groups which we now review.

DEFINITION. Suppose R is a commutative ring with unit. By a formal group over R, we mean a formal power series $F(X_1, X_2) = \sum_{i,j\geqq 0} a_{ij} X_1^i X_2^j$, $a_{ij} \in R$ which satisfies

1) $F(X_1, 0) = X_1$ and $F(0, X_2) = X_2$
2) $F(X_1, F(X_2, X_3)) = F(F(X_1, X_2), X_3)$

We are interested in the following formal group over MU^*. Recall that $MU^*(BS^1) \simeq MU^*[[X]]$ and $MU^*(BS^1 \times BS^1) \simeq MU^*[[X_1, X_2]]$, the rings of formal power series in one and two variables respectively. The multiplication $m\colon S^1 \times S^1 \to S^1$ in the group S^1 induces a map $Bm\colon BS^1 \times BS^1 \to BS^1$ which classifies the tensor product of line bundles. That is, if $\pi_1, \pi_2\colon BS^1 \times BS^1 \to BS^1$ are the projections and ξ_1 and ξ_2, the respective pullbacks of the universal line bundle ξ over BS^1, then $Bm^*(\xi) = \xi_1 \otimes \xi_2$. The standard result is that $Bm^*(X)$ is a formal group over MU^*, being, in fact, a universal object for formal groups over an arbitrary (commutative) ring. We define elements $a_{ik} \in MU^*$ by setting $Bm^*(X) = X_1 + X_2 + \sum a_{ij} X_1^i X_2^j = F(X_1, X_2)$.

If $\mathfrak{H}$ is a line bundle, write $\mathfrak{H}^2$ for the tensor product of $\mathfrak{H}$ with itself. then

$\mathfrak{H}^2$ is classified by the map $Bm\cdot\Delta\colon BS^1\to BS^1\times BS^1\to BS^1$, where Δ is the diagonal map. Since $X=cf_1(\xi)$, $cf_1(\xi^2)=F(X, X)$ by naturality.

DEFINITION. Let $[k]X\in MU^*(BS^1)$ be defined inductively as follows:

1) $[1]X=X$
2) $[k]X=F(X, [k-1]X)$.

This definition is rigged, of course, to give us the result we really want, namely, $cf_1(\xi^k)=[k]X$.

Notation. We will write

$$[k]X=a(0, k)X+a(1, k)X^2+\cdots+a(m, k)X^{m+1}+\cdots$$

with $a(m, k)\in MU^*=MU_{-*}$.

In general, it is somewhat difficult to give an explicit description of the $a(m,k)$ as bordism classes of familiar manifolds. There is, however, the following result.

Proposition 6. *Given a prime p, the ideal in MU_* generated by $\{a(m,p)\}$ is the ideal of all manifolds whose chern numbers are all divisible by p. This ideal is in fact generated by $\{a(p^i-1, p)\}$ $i=0, 1, \cdots$*

Proof. See [2], Proposition 41.1.

Proposition 7. *$a(p^s-1, p^s)=cv_{p-1}^{a(s)}+py$ where $c\not\equiv 0 \pmod p$ and $y\in MU_*$. If $j<p^s-1$, $a(j, p^s)$ is divisible by p.*

Proof. The proof is by induction on s. The case $s=1$ is the above mentioned result of Conner and Floyd.

Assume by induction that $a(p^{s-1}-1, p^{s-1})=c_1v_{p-1}^{a(s-1)}+py_1$ and that for $j<p^{s-1}-1$, $a(j, p^{s-1})$ is divisible by p. Now,

$$[p^s]X=[p]([p^{s-1}]X)=\sum_{k\geq 0}a(k, p)\{[p^{s-1}]X\}^{k+1}.$$

Therefore

$$a(p^s-1, p^s)=\sum_{k\geq 0}\sum_{(i_0,\cdots,i_k)}a(k, p)a(i_0, p^{s-1})\cdots a(i_k, p^{s-1}).$$
$$\text{where}\qquad i_0+\cdots+i_j=p^s-1-k.$$

Suppose $k<p-1$. Then $a(k, p)$ is divisible by p. Similarly, if $i_j<p^{s-1}-1$, then $a(i_j, p^{s-1})$ is divisible by p.

If $k\geq p-1$ and $i_j\geq p^{s-1}-1$ for all j, then, since $k+i_0+\cdots+i_k=p^s-1$, $k=p-1$ and $i_j=p^{s-1}-1$ for all j. But $a(p-1, p)a(p^{s-1}-1, p^{s-1})^p=$ $=(c_0v_{p-1}+py_0)(c_1v_{p-1}^{a(s-1)}+py_1)^p=c_0c_1v_{p-1}^{a(s)}+py$ and $c_0c_1\not\equiv 0 \pmod p$. Q.E.D.

Proposition 8. *For each integer $n \geq p^{s-1}-1$, there is an element $Y(n, s) \in MU_{2n+1}(BZ_{p^s})$ which satisfies*

1) $Y(n, s) = v_{p-1}^{a(s-1)} X(n-p^{s-1}+1) + \sum_k w_{k_s, s} X(n-k)$
where $w_{k,s} \in MU_*/\langle v_{p-1}^{a(s-1)} \rangle = N_*$
2) $m(n-p^{s-1}+1, s) Y(n, s) = 0$.

Proof. Induction on n. We showed that in $K(L^n(p^s))$,

$$m(n-p^{s-1}, s) x^{p^{s-1}} = pm(n-p^{s-1}, s) \sum_{j<p^{s-1}} b_j x^j .$$

Recall that $x = \eta_n - 1$ and $x^k = \sum_{i=0}^{k} (-1)^i \binom{k}{i} \eta_n^i$.
Apply the map cf_1, yielding

$$m(n-p^{s-1}, s) \sum_{i=1}^{p^{s-1}} (-1)^i \binom{p^{s-1}}{i} [i](cf_1(x))$$
$$= pm(n-p^{s-1}, s) \sum_{j<p^{s-1}} b_j \left\{ \sum_{i'=1}^{j} (-1)^{i'} \binom{j}{i'} [i'](cf_1(x)) \right\} .$$

Equivalently, applying $i_* \circ D$,

$$m(n-p^{s-1}, s) \sum_{i=1}^{p^{s-1}} (-1)^i \binom{p^{s-1}}{i} \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a(k, i) X(n-k-1) \right\}$$
$$= pm(n-p^{s-1}, s) \sum_{j<p^{s-1}} b_j \left\{ \sum_{i'=1}^{j} (-1)^{i'} \binom{j}{i'} \left\{ \sum_{k'=0}^{n-1} a(k', i') X(n-k'-1) \right\} \right\} .$$

Note that for $* < 2(p^{s-1}-1)$ $MU_* = N_*$ and we see that

$$m(n-p^{s-1}, s) \sum_{i=1}^{p^{s-1}} (-1)^i \binom{p^{s-1}}{i} \left\{ \sum_{k \geq p^{s-1}-1}^{n-1} a(k, i) X(n-k-1) \right\}$$
$$-pm(n-p^{s-1}, s) \sum_{j<p^{s-1}} b_j \left\{ \sum_{i'=1}^{j} (-1)^{i'} \binom{j}{i'} \right\} \left\{ \sum_{k' \geq p^{s-1}-1}^{n-1} a(k', i') X(n-k'-1) \right\}$$

has the form $m(n-p^{s-1}, s) \sum w_{k,s} X(n-k)$, $w_{k,s} \in N_*$.

Now suppose that $k \geq p^{t-1}$. If we expand the $a(k, i)$ in terms of our chosen basis, we will get sums of monomials in the v_i. If a monomial contains no factor $v_{p-1}^{a(s-1)}$, then the product of that monomial and $X(n-k-1)$ has the required form. Suppose that the monomial has the form $\beta\, v_{p-1}^{a(s-1)} X(n-k-1)$. Since $k \geq p^{q-1}$, the degree of $X(n-k-1)$ is strictly less than that of $X(n-p^{s-1})$. Therefore, by induction,

$$m(n-p^{s-1}, s) \beta v_{p-1}^{a(s-1)} X(n-k-1) = m(n-p^{s-1}, s) \beta \sum_k w_{k,s} X(n-k)$$

with $w_{k,s} \in N_*$.
Repeating the induction if necessary, we have that

$$m(n-p^{s-1}, s) \sum_{i=1}^{p^{s-1}} (-1)^i \binom{p^{s-1}}{i} \left\{a(p^{s-1}-1, i) X(n-p^{s-1})\right\}$$
$$-pm(n-p^{s-1}, s) \sum_{j<p^{s-1}} b_j \left\{\sum_{i'=1}^{j} (-1)^{i'} \binom{j}{i'} a(p^{s-1}-1, i') X(n-p^{s-1})\right\}$$

has the form $m(n-p^{s-1}, s) \sum w_{k,s} X(n-k)$, $w_{k,s} \in N_*$. Utilizing Proposition 7, since for $i<p^{s-1}$, $\binom{p^{s-1}}{i}$ is divisible by p, we have that

$$m(n-p^{s-1}, s)\{(c+pd)v_{p-1}^{a(s-1)}+w\}X(n-p^{s-1})$$
$$-pm(n-p^{s-1}, s) \sum_{j<p^{s-1}} \bar{b}_j a(p^{s-1}-1, j) X(n-p^{s-1}),\ c \not\equiv 0 \bmod p\,,$$

has the same form. Expanding the $\bar{b}_j a(p^{s-1}-1, j)$ in terms of our chosen basis as $\bar{b}_j a(p^{s-1}-1, j) = -c_j v_{p-1}^{a(s-1)} + \cdots$, we see that

$$m(n-p^{s-1}, s)(c+pd+p \sum_{j<p^{s-1}} c_i) v_{p-1}^{a(s-1)} X(n-p^{s-1})$$

has the same form. But $c+p(d+\sum_{i<p^{s-1}} c_i)$ is a unit mod p, so

$$m(n-p^{s-1}, s) v_{p-1}^{a(s-1)} X(n-p^{s-1}) = m(n-p^{s-1}, s) \sum_k w_{k,s} X(n-k)\,,$$
$$w_{k,s} \in N_*\,.$$

Set $Y(n-1, s) = v_{p-1}^{a(s-1)} X(n-p^{s-1}) - \sum_k w_{k,s} X(n-k)$. This clearly satisfies 1) and 2). Q.E.D.

Proposition 9. *For each integer $a \leq s$ and each integer $n \geq p^{a-1}-1$, there is an element $Y(n, a) \in MU_{2n+1}(B\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s})$ which satisfies:*

1) $Y(n, a) = v_{p-1}^{a(a-1)} X(n-p^{a-1}+1) + \sum_k w_k X(n-k)$ *with* $w_k \in MU_*/\langle v_{p-1}^{a(a-1)} \rangle$.
2) $p^{s-a} m(n-p^{a-1}+1, a) Y(n, a) = 0$.

Proof. Induction on s. The case $s=1$ follows immediately from Proposition 8. Suppose we have defined such elements for $s-1$. For each $a<s$, let

$$Y(n, a) = v_{p-1}^{a(a-1)} X(n-p^{a-1}+1, s) + \sum_k w_{k,a} X(n-k, s)\,.$$

According to [2], page 101, if $i\colon B\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^{s-1}} \to BZ_{p^s}$, then

$pi_*(X(n, s-1)) = p^2 X(n, s)$. Therefore, since $p^{s-a}\, m(n-p^{a-1}+1, a)$ is divisible by p^2, $p^{s-a} m(n-p^{a-1}+1, a)\{v_{p-1}^{a(a-1)} X(n-p^{a-1}+1, s) + \sum_k w_{k,s} X(n-k, s)\} = i_*(p^{s-1-a} m(n-p^{a-1}+1, a)\{v_{p-1}^{a(a-1)} X(n-p^{a-1}+1, s-1) + \sum_k w_{k,s} X(n-k, s-1)\} = 0$.

Clearly the elements $Y(n, a)$ have the form prescribed by 1).

The case $a=s$ is precisely the substance of Proposition 8. Q.E.D.

Proposition 10. *In $MU_{2p^{s+1}-1}(BZ_{p^s})$, the element $v_{p-1}^{a(s)}X(0)$ is divisible by p.*

Proof. Notice that $\eta_n p^s=1$. Therefore $cf_1(\eta_n p^s)=0$ or, equivalently, $\sum_j a(j-1, p^s)X(n-j)=0$.
By Proposition 7, $a(j-1, p^s)$ is divisible by p for $j<p^s$. Therefore $a(p^s-1, p^s)$ $X(0)$ is divisible by p. But again by Proposition 7, $a(p^s-1, p^s)=cv_{p-1}^{a(s)}+pW$, where c is a unit mod p. Therefore $v_{p-1}^{a(s)}X(0)$ is divisible by p. Q.E.D.

We are now in a position to set up the result we wish to prove. Fix an integer n.

DEFINITION. By $T(a, b)$ we mean

$$\frac{\Gamma_{2(n-b)}(p^a)}{p^{s-a}m(b-p^{a-1}+1, a)\Gamma_{2(n-b)}(p^a)}$$

By T we mean $\sum_{a=1}^{s} \sum_{b=p^{a-1}-1}^{n} T(a, b)$.

Construct a map $f(a, b)\colon T(a, b)\to MU_{2n+1}(BZ_{p^s})$, $f(a, b)\colon w_{n-b}\mapsto w_{n-b}Y(b, a)$ for every $w_{n-b}\in\Gamma_{2(n-b)}(p^a)$. By Proposition 9, this map is a well-difined homomorphism. Let $f=\sum_{a,b}f(a, b)\colon T\to MU_{2n+1}(BZ_{p^s})$. Our aim is to show that f is an isomorphism. To accomplish this, we will first show that f is an epimorphism and then that the orders of T and $MU_{2n+1}(BZ_{p^s})$ are equal.

In order to show that f is an epimorphism, we will consider the groups $MUZ_{p*}(BZ_{p^s})$, that is, complex bordism with Z_p coefficients. For this purpose, let R be a Z_p Moore spectrum and define $MUR_*(X)=S_*(MU\wedge R\wedge X^+)=MU_*(R\wedge X^+)$. The result is a generalized homology theory.

Proposition 11. $MUR_{2n+1}(BZ_{p^s})\cong MU_{2n+1}(BZ_{p^s})\otimes Z_p$.

Proof. There is a Künneth short exact sequence in complex bordism.

$$\begin{aligned}0 \to MU_m(BZ_{p^s})\otimes Z_p \to MUR_m(BZ_{p^s}) \to \\ \to \mathrm{Tor}_Z^1(MU_{m-1}(BZ_{p^s}), Z_p) \to 0\,.\end{aligned}$$

Since $MU_{2n}(BZ_{p^s})=0$, the result follows.

For further calculations, we need the existence of cap products in the AHSS. The following proposition may be garnered from a paper of R. Kultze [6].

Proposition 12. *Suppose $h^*\otimes k_*\to k_*$ is a pairing of coefficient groups of theories $h^*(\ )$ and $k_*(\ )$. The cap product $H^*(X; h^*)\otimes H_*(X; k_*)\to H_*(X; k_*)$ induces a cap product $\cap_2$ on the E^2 terms of the corresponding Atiyah-Hirzebruch spectral sequences which satisfies:*

1) $\cap_2$ induces cap products $\cap_r$: $E^r \otimes E_r \rightarrow E_r$
2) Each differential d^r is a (graded) derivation with respect to $\cap_r$; *i.e.* $d^r(a \cap_r b) = d_r(a) \cap_r b \pm a \cap_r d^r(b)$.

We will generally write $\cap$ for $\cap_r$.

We will apply this proposition to the module pairing arising from $MU \wedge MUR \rightarrow MUR$.

REMARK. The more natural thing to do would be to use a ring spectrum pairing $MUR \wedge MUR \rightarrow MUR$ here. Unfortunately, the general perversity of the universe demands that $MU\boldsymbol{Z}_2$ not be a ring spectrum. Such is life.

The map of spectra $MU \rightarrow MUR$ induces a map t: $MU_*(B\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s}) \rightarrow MUR_*(B\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s})$. Let $t(X(n)) = Z(2n+1)$.

Proposition 13. *$MUR_{2n+1}(B\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s})$ is additively generated by elements of the form $w_j Z(2(n-j)+1)$ where $w_j \in MU_*/\langle v_{p-1}^{a(s)} \rangle$.*

Proof. Consider the AHSS for $MUR_*(B\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s})$ in which

$$E^2_{i,q} = H_i(B\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s}; MUR_q) = \begin{cases} 0 & q \text{ odd} \\ (\boldsymbol{Z}_p)^{\pi(q/2)} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let $r \geq 2$ be the smallest integer such that $E^r \neq E^{r+1}$. Since $E^2_{p,q} = 0$ for q odd and d^r has bidegree $(r, r-1)$, r must be odd.

Let $\bar{E}$ be the AHSS for $MU_*(B\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s})$. The map t is induced on the E^2 level by the reduction $\bar{t}$: $H_*(B\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s}; MU_*) \rightarrow H_*(B\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s}; MUR_*)$. Since $H_{2n}(B\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s}; \boldsymbol{Z}) = 0$, the universal coefficient theorem says that $\bar{t}$ is an epimorphism in odd dimensions. Therefore $MUR_{2n+1}(B\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s})$ is at least generated by the elements $b_j Z(2(n-j)+1)$, as b_j ranges over MU_*.

1) Claim $d^r(Z(2j+1) \otimes b_k) = 0$ $\forall j \geq 0$ and $b_k \in MU_*$. In fact we have already noticed that the spectral sequence $\bar{E}$ is trivial for dimensional reasons. Therefore
$$d^r(Z(2j+1) \otimes b_k) = d^r(\bar{t}(X(j) \otimes b_k)) = \bar{t}(\bar{d}^r(X(j) \otimes b_k)) = 0\,.$$
2) Claim d^r: $E^r_{r+1,0} \rightarrow E^r_{1,r-1}$ is non-zero. For there is an integer j and a $b_k \in MU_*$ such that
$0 \neq d^r(Z(2j) \otimes b_k) = d^r(Z(2j)) \otimes b_k$. Then $d^r(Z(2j)) \neq 0$. There is a class $u \in H^2(B\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s}; \boldsymbol{Z})$ which gives the periodicity of $H_*(B\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s}; \boldsymbol{Z}_p)$ via cap products, i.e. $H_m(B\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s}; \boldsymbol{Z}_p) = \boldsymbol{Z}_p$ on a generator w_m and $w_m = u \cap w_{m+2}$. A similar periodicity holds for $H_*(B\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s}; \boldsymbol{Z})$ with respect to the same u. Denote also by u the corresponding generator in $\bar{E}_2^{2,0}$ of the AHSS for $MU^*(B\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s})$. Then
$$\begin{aligned} d^r(Z(2j-2)) &= d^r(u \cap Z(2j)) = d_r(u) \cap Z(2j) \pm u \cap d^r(Z(2j)) = \\ &= \pm u \cap d^r(Z(2j))\,. \end{aligned}$$

But, for $2j\geq r+3$, $u\cap_r=u\cap_2$ is an isomorphism. Therefore, in this range $d^r(Z(2j-2))\neq 0$. By induction $d^r(Z(r+1))\neq 0$ as claimed.

3) Claim $d^r(Z(r+1))=Z(1)\otimes v_{p-1}^{(r-1)/2(p-1)}$. For, since $d^r(Z(r+1))\neq 0$, there is a $b_k\in MU_*$, $b_k\neq 0$, such that $d^r(Z(r+1))=Z(1)\otimes b_k$. Then, for any $b_j\in MU_*$, $b_j\neq 0$, $d^r(Z(r+1)\otimes b_j)=Z(1)\otimes b_jb_k\neq 0$. In $Z(1)\otimes b_k=d^r(Z(r+1))=d^r(u\cap(Z(r+3)))=u\cap d^r(Z(r+3))$. But $u\cap(Z(3)\otimes b_k)=Z(1)\otimes b_k$ and $u\cap$ is an isomorphism. Therefore $d^r(Z(r+3))=Z(3)\otimes b_k$. Arguing inductively $d^r(Z(r+2j+1)\otimes b_j)=Z(2j+1)\otimes b_jb_k$.

This has two consequences. First, $d^r_{2j,*}$ is a monomorphism for $2j\geq r+1$, so that $E^{r+1}_{2j,*}=0$ and $d^i_{2j,*}=0$ for all $i\geq r+1$. Therefore $E^{r+1}_{2j+1,*}=E^\infty_{2j-1,*}$. Secondly, for $j\geq 0$, $Z(2j+1)\otimes b=0$ in E^∞ if and only if b is in the ideal $\langle b_k\rangle$ generated by b_k. For suppose $b=b_ka\in MU_*$. Then $Z(2j+1)\otimes b=d^r(Z(2j+r+1)\otimes a)$, so that $Z(2j+1)\otimes b=0$ in $E^{r+1}_{2j+1,*}=E^\infty_{2j+1,*}$. On the other hand, if $b\neq b_ka$, then $Z(2j+1)\otimes b$ cannot be the image of any d^r and we have shown that $d^i_{2i,*}=0$ for all $i\geq r+1$. Therefore, in this case $Z(2j+1)\otimes b\neq 0$.

Now $v_{p-1}^{a(s)}X(0)$ is divisible by p by Proposition 10. Therefore $t(v_{p-1}^{a(s)}X(0))=v_{p-1}^{a(s)}Z(1)=0$ in $MUR_{2p^s-1}(B\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s})=MU_{2p^s-1}(B\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s})\otimes\boldsymbol{Z}_p$, so that $Z(1)\otimes v_{p-1}^{a(s)}=0$ in E^∞. Thus $v_{p-1}^{a(s)}\in\langle b_k\rangle$, i.e. b_k is a power of v_{p-1}. For dimensional reasons

$$b_k=v_{p-1}^{\frac{r-1}{2(p-1)}}.$$

REMARK. It turns out that $r=2p^s-1$ and $b_k=v_{p-1}^{a(s)}$, but this is not necessary for the proof.

Now, the only non-zero groups appearing in the associated graded of $MUR_{2n+1}(B\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s})$ are of the form $E^\infty_{2j+1,2(n-j)}$. But we have just shown these groups to be generated by the elements $Z(2j+1)\otimes b$ with $b\in MU_*-\langle b_k\rangle\subseteq MU_*-\langle v_{p-1}^{a(s)}\rangle$. Q.E.D.

Proposition 14. *The map f: $T\to MU_{2n+1}(B\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s})$ is an epimorphism.*

Proof. Consider the commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
T & \longrightarrow & T\otimes\boldsymbol{Z}_p \\
{\scriptstyle f}\downarrow & & \downarrow{\scriptstyle f\otimes\boldsymbol{Z}_p} \\
MU_{2n+1}(B\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s}) & \xrightarrow[t]{} & MUR_{2n+1}(B\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s}),
\end{array}$$

and suppose that $t\circ f$ were an epimorphism. Then $f\otimes\boldsymbol{Z}_p$ would be an epimorphism. Since both T and $MU_{2n+1}(B\boldsymbol{Z}_{p^s})$ are finite abelian p-groups, f would also be an epimorphism.

We must show, therefore, that $t\circ f$ is an epimorphism. This is equivalent to showing that image $f\supseteq\{b_kX(n-k)\colon b_k\in MU_*-\langle v_{p-1}^{a(s)}\rangle\}$. Consider the increasing sequence of groups $MU_*-\langle v_{p-1}^{d(1)}\rangle\subseteq MU_*-\langle v_{p-1}^{d(2)}\rangle\subseteq\cdots\subseteq MU_*-\langle v_{p-1}^{d(s)}\rangle$ and suppose that $a\in MU_*-\langle v_{p-1}^{d(i+1)}\rangle$, $a\notin MU_*-\langle v_{p-1}^{d(i)}\rangle$. Then $a=v_{p-1}^{d(i)}\cdot v_{p-1}^{c}\cdot b_j$ where $c<d(i+1)-d(i)$ and $b_j\in\Gamma_{2j}(p)$. In other words $v_{p-1}^{c}\cdot b_j\in\Gamma_*(p^{i+1})$. Recall that

$$Y(n-j-c(p-1),\, i) = v_{p-1}^{t(i)}X(n-j-c(p-1)-p^i+1)+\sum a_k X(n-j-c(p-1)-k)$$

where $a_k\in MU_*/\langle v_{p-1}^{d(i)}\rangle$.

Since we may assume by induction on the power of v_{p-1} appearing in a given monomial that $v_{p-1}^{c}\cdot b_j\cdot a_k X(n-j-c(p-1)-k)$ is in the image of f, it follows that $aX(n-|a|/2)=v_{p-1}^{c}\cdot b_j\cdot Y(n-j-c(p-1))$ modulo the image of f. Therefore $aX(n-|a|/2)$ is in the image of f. Q.E.D.

DEFINITION. By $\pi(n;\, m,\, r)$ we mean the number of partitions of n which contain no more than m terms equal to r.

EXAMPLE. Let $m=1$, $r=2$. Then (3,2) is an allowable partition of 5, but (2,2,1) is not. $\pi(5;\, 1,\, 2)=6$ and $\pi(5;\, 2,\, 1)=5$.

Proposition 15. $\sum_{k=0}^{n}\pi(k) = \sum_{j=0}^{n}\left(\left[\frac{n-j}{(m+1)r}\right]+1\right)\pi(j;\, m,\, r)$

Proof. First notice that the number of partitions of n containing exactly m terms equal to r is equal to the number of unrestricted partitions of $n-mr$. Furthermore, $\pi(k)$ is equal to the sum of the number of partitions of k containing no terms equal to r, those with exactly one r, and so forth. Therefore

$$\pi(k) = \pi(k;\, 0,\, r)+\pi(k-r;\, 0,\, r)+\pi(k-2r;\, 0,\, r)+\cdots .$$

Similarly,

$$\pi(k;\, m,\, r) = \pi(k;\, 0,\, r)+\pi(k-r;\, 0,\, r)+\cdots+\pi(k-mr;\, 0,\, r)\,.$$

Therefore

$$\pi(k;\, m,\, r) = \pi(k)-\pi(k-(m+1)r) \quad\text{and}$$
$$\pi(k) = \pi(k;\, m,\, r)+\pi(k-(m+1)r;\, m,\, r)+\pi(k-2(m+1)r;\, m,\, r)+\cdots .$$

Summing over k,

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k=0}^{n}\pi(k) &= \sum_{k=0}^{n}\sum_{a}\pi(k-a(m+1)r;\, m,\, r)\\ &= \sum_{j}(max\{a\colon j = k-a(m+1)r\}+1)\pi(j;\, m,\, r)\\ &= \sum_{j}\left(\left[\frac{n-j}{(m+1)r}\right]+1\right)\pi(j;\, m,\, r)\end{aligned}$$

Q.E.D.

Proposition 16.

$$MU_{2n+1}(BZ_{p^s}) \cong \sum_{a=1}^{s} \sum_{b=p^{a-1}-1}^{n} \frac{\Gamma_{2(n-b)}(p^a)}{p^{\left[\frac{b-p^{a-1}+1}{p^{a-1}(p-1)}\right]+s-a-1}\Gamma_{2(n-b)}(p^a)}$$

Proof. The proposition states that the map $f\colon T \to MU_{2n+1}(BZ_{p^s})$ is an isomorphism. Since we have already shown it to be an epimorphism, it suffices to verify that the two groups involved have the same order.

According to Proposition 2, the order of $MU_{2n+1}(BZ_{p^s})$ is $p^{A(s)}$ where $A(s) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} s\pi(k)$. The order of T on the other hand is clearly $p^{B(s)}$ where

$$B(s) = \sum_{a=1}^{s} \sum_{b=p^{a-1}-1}^{n} \left\{\left[\frac{b-p^{a-1}+1}{p^{a-1}(p-1)}\right]+s-a+1\right\}\pi(n-b;\, p^{a-1}-1,\, p-1)\,.$$

We must show $A(as)=B(s)$.

Proceed by induction on s. The case $s=1$ is an example of Proposition 15. Write $\pi(n;\, m)$ for $\pi(n;\, m,\, p-1)$. Now

$$B(s) = B(s-1) + \sum_{a=1}^{s-1} \sum_{b=p^{a-1}-1}^{n} \pi(n-b;\, p^{a-1}-1) + \cdots$$

$$\cdots + \sum_{b=p^{s-1}-1}^{n} \left\{\left[\frac{b-p^{s-1}+1}{p^{s-1}(p-1)}\right]+1\right\}\pi(n-b;\, p^{s-1}-1)\,.$$

By Proposition 15,

$$\sum_{b=p^{s-1}-1}^{n} \left\{\left[\frac{b-p^{s-1}+1}{p^{s-1}(p-1)}\right]+1\right\}\pi(n-b;\, p^{s-1}-1) =$$

$$= \sum_{b=0}^{n-p^{s-1}+1} \left\{\left[\frac{b}{p^{s-1}(p-1)}\right]+1\right\}\pi(n-b-p^{s-1}+1;\, p^{s-1}-1)$$

$$= \sum_{b=0}^{n-p^{s-1}+1} \pi(b)\,.$$

Remember from the proof of Proposition 15 that

$$\pi(k) = \sum_{a\geq 0} \pi(k-ap^{a-1}(p-1);\, p^{a-1}-1)\,.$$

Therefore

$$\sum_{b=p^{a-1}-1}^{n} \pi(n-b;\, p^{a-1}-1) = \sum_{b=n-p^{a}+2}^{n-p^{a-1}+1} \pi(b)$$

and so

$$B(s)-B(s-1) = \sum_{b=0}^{n-p^{s-1}+1} \pi(b) + \sum_{a=1}^{s-1} \sum_{b=n-p^{a}+2}^{n+p^{a-1}+1} \pi(b) = \sum_{b=0}^{n} \pi(b) = A(s)-A(s-1)\,.$$

Since $A(1)=B(1)$, induction shows that $A(s)=B(s)$ for all s. Q.E.D.

Proposition 17. *Suppose r and s are relatively prime.*

Then $MU_*(BZ_{rs}^+) \simeq MU_*(B\boldsymbol{Z}_r^+) \otimes_{MU_*} MU_*(B\boldsymbol{Z}_s^+)$.

Proof. This proposition follows almost immediately from a theorem of Landweber [8] to the effect that if X and Y are CW-complexes such that the AHSS for $MU_*(X)$ is trivial, then there is a natural short exact sequence

$$0 \to MU_*(X^+) \otimes MU_*(Y^+) \to MU_*(X^+ \wedge Y^+) \to$$
$$\to \mathrm{Tor}_1^{MU_*}(MU_*(X^+), MU_*(Y^+)) \to 0 .$$

Since the AHSS for $MU_*(B\boldsymbol{Z}_r)$ collapses for dimensional reasons and the torsion of $MU_*(B\boldsymbol{Z}_r)$ and $MU_*(B\boldsymbol{Z}_s)$ are of relatively prime order, $\mathrm{Tor}_1^{MU_*}(MU_*(B\boldsymbol{Z}_r^+), MU_*(B\boldsymbol{Z}_s^+))=0$. Q.E.D.

Corollary. *If r and s are relatively prime, then*

$$MU_{2n+1}(B\boldsymbol{Z}_{rs}) = MU_{2n+1}(B\boldsymbol{Z}_r) \oplus MU_{2n+1}(B\boldsymbol{Z}_s) .$$

Taken in conjunction, these last two propositions clearly suffice to give the complex bordism of any (finite) cyclic group.

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