Modular equations for Lubin-Tate formal groups at chromatic level 2

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Example (complex K-theory)

Adams operations $\psi^i \colon K(-) \to K(-)$

Power operation $\psi^p(x) \equiv x^p \mod p$

$$\psi^i \psi^j = \psi^{ij} \qquad \qquad \psi^i(xy) = \psi^i(x) \psi^j(y)$$

J. F. Adams, Vector fields on spheres, Ann. of Math. (2) 75 (1962)



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<u>Future directions</u> How much (local) structure of the moduli carries on to formal groups of higher height (or higher-dimensional abelian varieties)?



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