

Overview:

1. Hopf invariants and Adams spectral sequences (25 mins)

- Adams spectral sequences.
- Pontryagin-Thom construction
- The geometry of \overline{MO}

3. Arf-Kervaire invariants & Adams spectral sequences (30 mins)

- Browder's formulation
- Lane's reformulations via secondary operations.
- h_i^2 in Adams spectral sequences.

§. Hopf invariants

Definition 3.1. Let $f: S^n \rightarrow S^0$ be a map in the stable stem. Then the cofiber C_f is a two-cell complex with the cohomology

$$H^0(C_f) = \mathbb{F}_2\{\alpha\}$$

$$H^{n+1}(C_f) = \mathbb{F}_2\{\beta\}$$

The **Hopf invariant** $H(f)$ is a value in \mathbb{F}_2 such that $Sq^{n+1}\alpha = H(f) \cdot \beta$. Equivalently, if we let $[C_f] \in H_{n+1}C_f$ to be the class of the top cell, then we have

$$H(f) = \langle Sq^{n+1}\alpha, [C_f] \rangle$$

Question: When the Hopf invariant is 1?

Answer: using Adams spectral sequence.

Consider $\mathcal{B} \xrightarrow{e} H \longrightarrow \bar{H}$, and the Adams tower

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Sigma^{-3}\bar{H}^{\wedge 3} & \longrightarrow & H \wedge \Sigma^{-3}\bar{H}^{\wedge 3} \\ \downarrow & \swarrow \theta & \\ \Sigma^{-2}\bar{H}^{\wedge 2} & \longrightarrow & H \wedge \Sigma^{-2}\bar{H}^{\wedge 2} \\ \downarrow & \swarrow \theta & \\ \Sigma^{-1}\bar{H} & \longrightarrow & H \wedge \Sigma^{-1}\bar{H} \\ \downarrow & \swarrow & \\ S^0 & \longrightarrow & H \end{array}$$

$$0 \leftarrow \mathbb{F}_2 \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^* \leftarrow I(\mathcal{A}) \leftarrow 0$$

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_* \rightarrow \bar{\mathcal{A}}_* \rightarrow 0$$

$$E_1^{s,t} \cong \pi_{t-s}(H \wedge (\Sigma^{-1}\bar{H})^{\wedge s})$$

Proposition 3.10. There exists $f \in \pi_n(S^0)$ with Hopf invariant one if and only if there exists $[h] \in E_1^{1,n+1}$ in the (homological) \mathbb{F}_2 -Adams spectral sequence such that $h(Sq^{n+1}) = 1$ and survives to E_∞ -page.

\Rightarrow

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bar{f} \nearrow & \Sigma^{-1}\bar{H} & \longrightarrow H \wedge \Sigma^{-1}\bar{H} \\ & \downarrow & \\ S^n \xrightarrow{f} & S^0 & \longrightarrow H \end{array} \rightsquigarrow$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} S^n & \longrightarrow & S^0 & \longrightarrow & G_f & \longrightarrow & S^{n+1} \\ \bar{f} \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \Sigma \bar{f} \\ \Sigma^{-1}\bar{H} & \longrightarrow & S^0 & \longrightarrow & H & \longrightarrow & \bar{H} \end{array}$$

} pass to cohomology

$$\text{claim: } \Sigma \bar{f}^*(Sq^{n+1}) = 1$$

Then by the pairing property,
 $S^n \xrightarrow{\bar{f}} H \wedge \Sigma^{-1}\bar{H} \in \mathcal{A}$ is the claim one.

\Leftarrow

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathbb{F}_2 & \leftarrow & H^*G_f & \leftarrow & \mathbb{F}_2[n+1] \\ \parallel & \text{structure map} & \uparrow & & \uparrow \Sigma \bar{f}^* \\ \mathbb{F}_2 & \leftarrow & \mathcal{A}^* & \leftarrow & I(\mathcal{A}^*) \end{array}$$

§. The geometric meaning.

The key tool to understanding the geometry of the Adams spectral sequence is the Pontryagin-Thom construction:

$$\text{Thm: } \Omega_e^{\text{fr}} \cong \pi_n$$

$$[M^n, \nu, t]$$

framed cobordism class

$$M^n \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathbb{R}^{n+p}, \quad \nu \text{ the normal bundle}$$

$$\downarrow \nu(\nu)$$

, t the trivialization.

\downarrow collapse map $+$ -

$$\mathbb{S}^{n+p} \rightarrow \text{Th}(\nu) \xrightarrow{t} M_+ \wedge \mathbb{S}^p \xrightarrow{c} \mathbb{S}^p \in \pi_n$$

In this case, let $[M^n, \nu, t]$ be the framed cobordism class $\sim f: \mathbb{S}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$

Question: What $H(f)$ means for $[M^n, \nu, t]$?

Answer: Consider the map $\mathbb{S} \rightarrow MO \rightsquigarrow \Omega_e^{\text{fr}} \rightarrow \Omega_e^0$

Since M^n is stably parallelizable \rightsquigarrow its Stiefel-Whitney numbers vanish \rightarrow it is null-cobordant i.e. we can find N^{n+1} with normal bundle ν_N s.t. $\partial N^{n+1} = M$ and

$$\nu_N|_M = \nu_M.$$

$$\text{Let } N^{n+1} \xrightarrow{\nu_N} BO_r \quad \left. \vphantom{N^{n+1}} \right\} \text{assume } p \gg n+1.$$

$$\downarrow \quad \nearrow \nu_N^t$$

$$C_n N$$

$$W_{n+1}^t(\nu_N) = (\nu_N^t)^n W_{n+1}$$

\hookleftarrow Stiefel-Whitney class

Claim that $H(f) = \langle W_{n+1}^t(\nu_N), [N, M] \rangle$.

First, $MO = \bigvee_i \Sigma^i H$, $i \neq 2^l - 1$ and the Thom class $MO \xrightarrow{u} H$ is

one of the summand. Then $H^* MO$ is a free A^* -module and thus the MO -tower is equivalent to the H. Adams tower.

For $n > 0$: } Explain it in Adams towers

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 [N, M, t] \nearrow & \Sigma^{-1} \overline{MO} & \longrightarrow & \Sigma^{-1} \overline{H} & \\
 \mathbb{S}^n \xrightarrow[0]{[M, t]} & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
 \mathbb{S} & \xrightarrow{\text{Hurewicz}} & \mathbb{S} & \xrightarrow{\text{Hurewicz}} & \mathbb{S}
 \end{array}$$

induced "quasi-isomorphism" between the Adams tower Thom class.

$MO \xrightarrow{u} H \leftarrow$

$MO \wedge \Sigma^{-1} \overline{MO} \longrightarrow H \wedge \Sigma^{-1} \overline{H}$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 S^{n+r} & \xrightarrow{\cong} & (D^{n+r}, S^{n+r}) & \xrightarrow{\bar{f}} & (MO_r, S^r) & \xrightarrow{Sq^{n+r} u} & \Sigma^{n+r} \mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}_2 \\
 & & \downarrow P_N \downarrow P_M & & \parallel & & \parallel \\
 & & (\text{Th}_N(\nu), \text{Th}_M(\nu_M)) & \xrightarrow{\text{Th}(\nu)} & (MO_r, S^r) & \longrightarrow & \Sigma^{n+r} \mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}_2 \\
 & & \uparrow \Theta & & \uparrow \Theta & & \uparrow \Theta \\
 & & (N, M) & \xrightarrow{\nu} & (BO_r, *) & \xrightarrow[W_\omega]{W_{n+1}} & \Sigma^n \mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}_2 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \uparrow m \\
 S^n & \xrightarrow{[N, M]} & \mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}_2 \wedge (N, M) & \xrightarrow{\text{id} \wedge \nu} & \mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}_2 \wedge (BO_r, *) & \xrightarrow{\text{id} \wedge W_\omega} & \mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}_w \wedge \Sigma^n \mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}_2
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 [N, M, t] & & & & & & \\
 [(\mathbb{D}^{n+1}, \mathbb{S}^n), (MO, \mathbb{S})] & \xrightarrow{\text{Hurewicz}} & H_{n+1}(\mathbb{D}^{n+1}, \mathbb{S}^n) & & & & \\
 \parallel \sim & & \downarrow [N, M, t] & & & & \\
 \pi_{n+1}(\overline{MO}) \longrightarrow MO_{n+1}(\overline{MO}) \longrightarrow H_{n+1}(\overline{MO}) & \xrightarrow[Sq^{n+1} u]{Sq^{n+1} u} & \mathbb{F}_2 & & & & \\
 \downarrow u & & \downarrow u & & & & \parallel \\
 \pi_{n+1}(\overline{H}) \longrightarrow H_{n+1}(\overline{H}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}_2 & & & & & & \\
 \downarrow & & \uparrow & & & & \\
 \pi_n(\mathbb{S}) & & \text{classical Hopf map} & & & & \text{this is equivalent to} \\
 & & & & & & \\
 F' \pi_n(\mathbb{S}) \longrightarrow E_\infty^{1, n} \longrightarrow E_1^{1, n} = \text{Hom}^{n+1}(I(\mathcal{A}^*), \mathbb{F}_2) & \xrightarrow[Sq^{n+1}]{Sq^{n+1}} & 1 & & & & \\
 & & \parallel & & & & \\
 & & \pi_n(H \wedge \Sigma^{-1} \overline{H}) & & & &
 \end{array}$$

§. Browder's Arf-Kervaire invariants:

$[M^{2n}, t]$ a framed manifold, $\nu: M^{2n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n+p}$

$x \in H^n(M)$ classified by $\psi_x: M_+ \rightarrow \Sigma^n H$

$$\mathbb{S}^{2n+p} \xrightarrow{t \cdot p_M} M_+ \wedge \mathbb{S}^p \xrightarrow{\psi_x \wedge \text{id}} \Sigma^{n+p} H \xrightarrow{Sq^{n+1}} \Sigma^{2n+p+1} H$$

$\}$ forms a Toda bracket $\}$ functional

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \mathbb{S}^{2n+p+1} \\ \uparrow \\ q_t(x) \end{array} \rightarrow \Sigma^{2n+p+1} \right\} \in \langle t \cdot p_M, \psi_x \wedge \text{id}, Sq^{n+1} \rangle$$

Steenrod operation.

claim 1: There is no indeterminance in this Toda bracket
i.e. $q_t(x)$ is well-defined.

claim 2: $q_t: H^n(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2$ is an \mathbb{F}_2 -quadratic form on $H^n(M)$

claim 3: $WQ(\mathbb{F}_2) \xrightarrow{\text{Arf}} \mathbb{F}_2$ the Witt group of the quadratic space (induced by Arf-invariants).

{symplectic basis, $\{e_1, f_1, \dots, e_m, f_m\} \sim \langle e_i, f_j \rangle = \begin{cases} 1, & i=j \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
 $\langle e_i, e_i \rangle = \langle f_j, f_j \rangle = 0$

$$\text{Arf}(q) := \sum_{i=1}^m q(e_i) q(f_i)$$

Define: Kervaire $(M^{2n}, t) := [H^n(M), q_t]$

Let (N^{2n+1}, M^{2n}, ν) be the null-cobordism.

§. Lannes' reformulation:

Lemma: $\exists u \in H^n(M)$ s.t. $\text{Arf}(q_t) = q_t(u)$.

Recall: Wu class for vector bundles: $v_i(\xi) = \Phi_\xi^{-1} \chi \text{Sq}^i u_\xi$

Let N^{2n+1} s.t. $\partial N^{2n+1} = M$ and $v_n|_M = v_n$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{BO}_p \langle v_{n+1} \rangle & \longrightarrow & EK(n+1) \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\ \text{BO}_p & \xrightarrow{v_{n+1}(\gamma_p)} & K(n+1) \end{array}$$

$\leftarrow \checkmark$ Wu orientation.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \xrightarrow{S} & K(n) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ N & \longrightarrow & \text{BO}_p \langle v_{n+1} \rangle \end{array}$$

Then we let $u = S^* l_n$.

Let $f: S^{2n+p} \longrightarrow S^p$ be the map corresponds to

Lannes compute that the Toda bracket

$$\text{Cf } \text{pt} \xrightarrow{\psi} MO(p) \xrightarrow{\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \Theta(v_{n+1} v_{n+1-i})} \bigvee_{i=1}^{n+1} K(\mathbb{F}_2, 2n+2+p-i) \xrightarrow{\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \text{Sq}^i} K(\mathbb{F}_2, 2n+2+p)$$

$$S^{2n+p+1} \xrightarrow{\sum v_u} \sum^{p+1} K(n) \xrightarrow{\sum l_n} K(n+p+1) \xrightarrow{\text{Sq}^{n+1}} K(\mathbb{F}_2, 2n+p+2).$$

Remark: $\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \text{Sq}^i \otimes v_{n+1} v_{n+1-i} u \in I(A^*) \otimes H^* MO$ is a cycle the the A^* -resolution of $H^* MO$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & MO(p) & \\ \nearrow & \downarrow h & \\ & K(\mathbb{F}_2, p) \times L & \\ \searrow & \uparrow k & \\ & K(\mathbb{F}_2, p) & \end{array} \quad a_i = k^*(h^*)^{-1}(\Theta v_{n+1} v_{n+1-i})$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 X \xrightarrow{\psi} MO(p) \xrightarrow{\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \Theta(v_{n+1}v_{n+1-i})} \bigvee_{i=1}^{n+1} K(\mathbb{F}_2, 2n+2+p-i) \xrightarrow{\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} Sq^i} K(\mathbb{F}_2, 2n+2+p) \\
 \parallel \\
 X \xrightarrow{\alpha} K(\mathbb{F}_2, p) \xrightarrow{(a_1, \dots, a_m)} \bigvee_{i=1}^{n+1} K(\mathbb{F}_2, 2n+2+p-i) \xrightarrow{\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} Sq^i} K(\mathbb{F}_2, 2n+2+p)
 \end{array}$$

and the Toda bracket of the bottom row gives

$$\text{Kervaire}(M, t) = \langle \Phi\alpha, [X] \rangle$$

$$Sq^{n+1}(\chi Sq^{n+1}) + \sum_{i=1}^n Sq^i a_i = 0 \quad \xrightarrow{\text{yields a secondary operation } \Phi!}$$

$$\text{Claim: } \langle h_k h_\ell, Sq^{n+1} \otimes \chi Sq^{n+1} + \sum_{i=1}^n Sq^i \otimes a_i \rangle = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 2^k = 2^\ell = n+1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

[Note $\langle h_k, \chi Sq^{2^k} \rangle = 1$ since $\chi Sq^{2^k} \equiv Sq^{2^k} \pmod{I(A)^2}$]. then
the number is
given by $\sum_{i=1}^n \chi Sq^i \cdot Sq^{n-i} = 0$ if $n > 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & h_k(Sq^{n+1}) \cdot h_\ell(\chi Sq^{n+1}) + \sum_{i=1}^n h_k(Sq^{n+1}) \otimes h_\ell(a_i) \\
 & h_k(Sq^{2^k}) \cdot h_k(Sq^{2^k}) = 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \sum^{-2} \overline{MO}^{\wedge 2} \longrightarrow MO \wedge \sum^{-2} \overline{MO}^{\wedge 2} \\
 \downarrow \\
 [N, M, t] \quad \sum^{-1} \overline{MO} \longrightarrow MO \wedge \sum^{-1} \overline{MO} \\
 \downarrow \\
 \mathbb{S}^{2n} \xrightarrow{[M, t]} \mathbb{S} \longrightarrow MO
 \end{array}$$

$$\pi_{2n}(\Sigma^{-2} \overline{MO}^{\wedge 2}) \rightarrow MO_{2n+2}(\overline{MO}^{\wedge 2}) \rightarrow H_{2n+2}(\overline{MO}^{\wedge 2})$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$H_{2n+2}(\overline{H} \wedge \overline{MO})$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$(H_* \overline{H} \otimes H_* \overline{MO}) \xrightarrow{\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} Sq^i \otimes u_{n+1} u_{n+1-i} u} \mathbb{F}_2$$

Lannes

$$\downarrow$$

$$\pi_{2n} \Sigma^{-2} \overline{H}^{\wedge 2} \rightarrow H_{2n+2} \overline{H}^{\wedge 2} \cong (H_* \overline{H} \otimes H_* \overline{H})_{2n+2} \xrightarrow{Sq^i \otimes \chi + \sum_{i=1}^n Sq^i \otimes a_i} \mathbb{F}_2$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\pi_{2n}(\mathbb{S})$$