

# Spaces of primitive elements in dual modules over Steenrod algebra 2

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I present a way to generate all primitive elements  $PB(n)$  in  $B(n) = (A(n-1)/A(n))^*$  modules over  $A^*$  dual Steenrod algebra, where  $A(n)$  are annihilator modules over Steenrod algebra  $A$ . This work began in [7]. For useful notions see also [1, 2, 3, 4] and references summarized in [8, 5, 6, 7]. The filtration described in [6] Theorem 1 property 2 and 3 yields  $PB(n) = \bigcup_t PB(n)_t$  and  $PB(n)_t = \bigoplus_s PB(n)_t^s$ , where  $s$  is the number of  $\tau$  operations and  $t$  is the biggest index of such operations. From Theorem 1 [7] property 5 and 1 it is known  $\dim PB(n)_t^{s,deg} \leq 1$  and the following diagram is exact

$$0 \rightarrow PC(n)_{k-1} \xrightarrow{\iota_k} PC(n)_k \xrightarrow{\lambda_k} PC(n-1)_{k-1}$$

For given  $\alpha \in PB(n-1)_{t-1}$  how to find a primitive  $\alpha' \in PB(n)_t$  such that  $\pi_t(\alpha') = \alpha$ ? Properties 2 and 6 state for even  $n$  that  $PB(n)_{-1} = PB(n)_0 = \langle \xi_1^{n/2} \rangle$ ; and for odd  $n$ :  $PB(n)_0 = \langle \xi_1^{(n-1)/2} \tau_0 \rangle$  and for  $s \geq 1$  that  $\alpha\tau_0$  is also a primitive. And we can generate new primitives taking products of primitives. Do all primitives in  $PB(n)_k^1 \setminus PB(n)_0^1$  also have form  $\alpha\tau_0$ ? So  $\alpha\tau_1 \in B(n)$  yields coproduct  $\phi^*(\alpha\tau_1) = \phi^*(\alpha)(\xi_1 \otimes \tau_0 + 1 \otimes \tau_1)$  and hence  $\alpha\tau_1$  is primitive if and only if  $\alpha = \alpha'\tau_0 \in PB(n-1)$ . If  $\alpha \in PB(n)_{-1}$  then  $\alpha\tau_1 = \xi_1^{n/2} \tau_1$  is not primitive. But for example product of not primitive  $\alpha = \xi_1^{(n-1)/2} + \tau_0 \xi_2^{(n-1)/2} \in B(n)_0^1$  with primitive  $\tau_0$  is primitive. The primitivity condition in  $B(n)$  leads to the following inductive definition of transformations  $R_i$  generating primitives, preserving primitivity.

**Означення 1.**

$$R_k(\alpha) = \xi^{p^{k-1}-1} \tau_k \alpha - \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \xi^{p^{k-1}-p^i} \xi_{k+1-i}^{p^{i-1}} R_i(\alpha)$$

for  $k > 1$  and  $R_0(\alpha) = \alpha\tau_0$ ,  $R_1(\alpha) = \alpha\tau_1$

These maps have the following properties.

**Теорема 2.** (1)  $\forall i, k \in N, \forall \alpha \in B: R_i(\alpha\tau_k) = -R_i(\alpha)\tau_k$

(2)  $\forall i, k \in N, \forall \alpha \in B: R_i(\alpha\xi_k) = R_i(\alpha)\xi_k$

(3)  $\forall i, j \in N, \forall \alpha \in B: R_i R_j(\alpha) = -R_j R_i(\alpha)$

(4)  $\forall \alpha \in PB(n) \cap Im R_0: R_i(\alpha) \in PB(n+1+2^{p^{i-1}-1})$

**Зауваження 3.** From the definition 1:  $R_i(\alpha) = \alpha R_i(1)$ . Therefore by induction  $R_{i_1} R_{i_2} \cdots R_{i_k}(\alpha) = \alpha R_{i_1} R_{i_2} \cdots R_{i_k}(1)$ . And for example  $R_2(1), R_3(1)$  e.t.c. are primitives in  $B(n)^1$ .

Therefore all primitives have form  $\alpha\tau_0$  except  $PB(n)_k^1 \setminus PB(n)_0^1$ . Induction arguments based on Theorem 1 [7] lead to the general form of primitive elements.

**Означення 4.**  $\alpha_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k} = \xi_1^l \tau_{i_1} \tau_{i_2} \cdots \tau_{i_k} + \beta$  is a primitive in  $PB(n)_{i_k}^k$  associated with  $(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_t)$ ,  $i_k > i_{k-1} > \dots > i_1 = 0$  if it has projection on  $J(n)^{k,deg} = B(n)^{k,deg} / (I \cap B(n)^{k,deg})$  equal  $a \xi_1^l \tau_{i_1} \tau_{i_2} \cdots \tau_{i_k}$ ,  $l = \frac{n-k}{2}$ ,  $a \in Z/p$ .

**Наслідок 5.** There exists the primitive  $\alpha_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k}$  associated with  $(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k)$ ,  $i_k > i_{k-1} > \dots > i_1 = 0$  and it is satisfied  $\alpha_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k} \xi_1^l = R_{i_1} R_{i_2} \cdots R_{i_k}(1)$ .

**Зауваження 6.** Corollary 5 also presents a way to calculate all associated primitives.

The following theorem is a result of construction of all primitive elements in  $B(n)$ .

**Теорема 7.** All  $PB(n)^{s,deg}$  in  $PB(n) = \cup_k PB(n)_k$  where  $PB(n)_k = \oplus PB(n)_k^s$  are zero or one dimensional spaces.  $PB(n)^{s,deg}$  has dimension one if and only if there is a sequence  $(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_t)$ ,  $i_s > i_{s-1} > \dots > i_1 = 0$  with conditions

(1)  $n - s$  is even,

(2) degree of  $PB(n)^{s,deg}$  is  $deg = (p - 1)(n - s) + \sum_{j=1}^s dim(\tau_{i_j})$ ,

(3)  $\frac{n-s}{2} \geq l$ , where  $l$  is calculated below:

(4)  $l = \sum_{j=2}^s \frac{p^{i_j-1} - 1}{p-1} - \sum_{j=2}^{s-1} \frac{p^{i_j-1}}{p-1}$ ,

When  $\frac{n-s}{2} = l$

$$PB(n)^{s,deg} = \langle \alpha_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_s} \rangle$$

When  $\frac{n-s}{2} > l$

$$PB(n)^{s,deg} = \langle \xi_1^{\frac{n-s}{2}-l} \alpha_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_s} \rangle$$

where  $\alpha_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_s} = \xi_1^l \tau_{i_1} \tau_{i_2} \dots \tau_{i_s} + \beta$  is the primitive in  $B(n)_{i_s}^s$  associated with the sequence  $(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_t)$ ,  $i_s > i_{s-1} > \dots > i_1 = 0$  with conditions 1,2,4 mentioned above and  $\frac{n-s}{2} = l$ .

Knowledge of primitive elements on  $B(n) = (A(n-1)/A(n))^*$  make a feasible to find all indecomposable elements of  $(A(n-1)/A(n))$  [8, sec 4] .

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