

Hopf classes

The mod 2 Steenrod algebra:

$$A_2 \cong \mathbb{F}_2 \langle Sq^1, Sq^2, Sq^3, \dots \rangle / \text{Adem relations}$$

$$|Sq^i| = i$$

$$S^3 \xrightarrow{\eta} S^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}P^2 \longrightarrow \Sigma S^3$$

$$0 \longleftarrow H^* S^2 \longleftarrow H^* \mathbb{C}P^2 \longleftarrow H^* \Sigma S^3 \longleftarrow 0$$

\parallel
 $\mathbb{F}_2[x]/x^3 \quad |x|=2$

$Sq^2 x = x^2$ so η is stably essential,

we say that Sq^2 detects η .

$$S^1 \xrightarrow{2} S^1 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}P^2 \quad H^* \mathbb{R}P^2 = \mathbb{F}_2[w]/w^3 \quad |w|=1 \quad Sq^1 \text{ detects } 2$$

$$S^7 \xrightarrow{\nu} S^4 \longrightarrow \mathbb{H}P^2 \quad H^* \mathbb{H}P^2 = \mathbb{F}_2[y]/y^3 \quad |y|=4 \quad Sq^4 \text{ detects } \nu$$

$$S^{15} \xrightarrow{\sigma} S^8 \longrightarrow \mathbb{O}P^2 \quad H^* \mathbb{O}P^2 = \mathbb{F}_2[z]/z^3 \quad |z|=8 \quad Sq^8 \text{ detects } \sigma$$

$$S^1 \xrightarrow{2} S^1 \longrightarrow M(2) \longrightarrow S^2$$

\downarrow
 the mod 2 Moore space

apply $-\wedge M(2)$:

$$\Sigma M(2) \xrightarrow{2} \Sigma M(2) \longrightarrow M(2) \wedge M(2) \longrightarrow \Sigma^2 M(2)$$

Künneth Theorem: $\tilde{H}^*(M(2) \wedge M(2)) \cong \tilde{H}^* M(2) \otimes \tilde{H}^* M(2)$

Cartan Formula: $Sq^m(xy) = \sum_{i+j=m} Sq^i x \cdot Sq^j y$

$$4 \quad w^2 \otimes w^2$$

$$3 \quad w \otimes w^2 \quad w^2 \otimes w$$

$$2 \quad w \otimes w$$

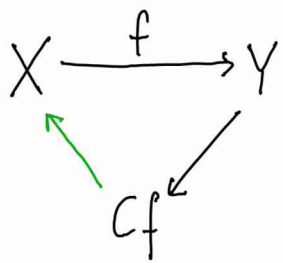
$$\begin{aligned} Sq^2(w \otimes w) &= Sq^2 w \otimes Sq^0 w + Sq^1 w \otimes Sq^1 w + Sq^0 w \otimes Sq^2 w \\ &= w^2 \otimes w^2 \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$Sq^2 \text{ detects } \Sigma M(2) \xrightarrow{2} \Sigma M(2)$$

Similarly: Sq^4 detects $S^3 \wedge C\eta \xrightarrow{\eta \wedge id_{C\eta}} S^2 \wedge C\eta$.

Triangulated structure of SMC

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & B & & & & \\ & \swarrow & \downarrow & \searrow^0 & & & \\ \Sigma^4 Y & \longrightarrow & \Sigma^{-1} Cf & \longrightarrow & X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \longrightarrow Cf \longrightarrow \Sigma X \xrightarrow{-\Sigma f} \Sigma Y \longrightarrow \Sigma Cf \dots \\ & & & & \searrow^0 & \downarrow & \swarrow^0 \\ & & & & & A & \end{array}$$

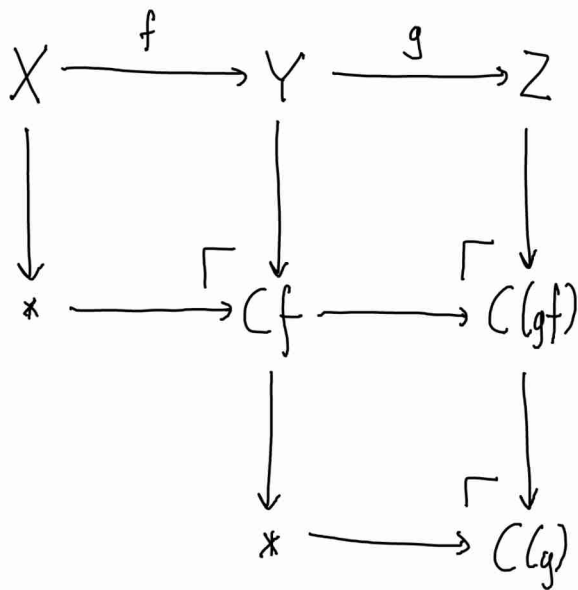
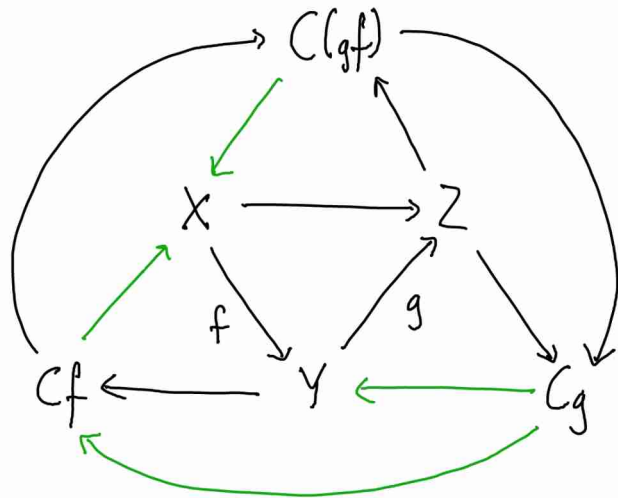


$$A \longrightarrow B$$

means

$$A \longrightarrow \Sigma B$$

Verdier's octahedron:



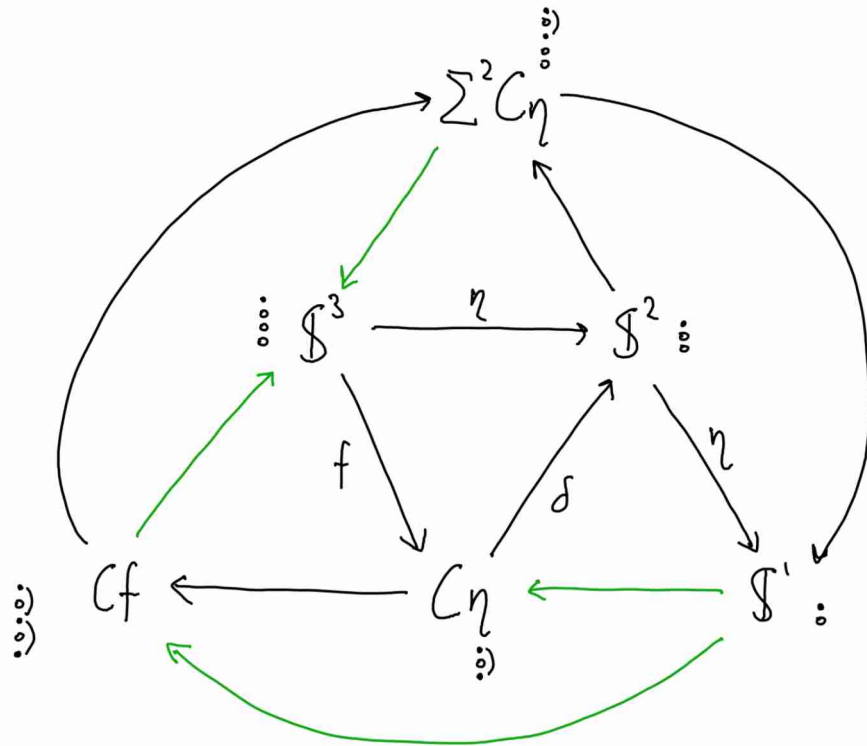
Composites of Hopf maps

Lemma η^2 is essential.

Proof Assume that $\eta^2 = 0$

$$\mathcal{S}^1 \xrightarrow{\eta} \mathcal{S} \longrightarrow C\eta \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{S}^2 \xrightarrow{\eta} \mathcal{S}'$$

$\mathcal{S}^3 \downarrow \eta$
 $\swarrow f$



$$Sq^2 Sq^2 = Sq^3 Sq^1 - \text{contradiction} \quad \square$$

Similarly:

$$Sq^4 Sq^4 = Sq^7 Sq^1 + Sq^6 Sq^2 \Rightarrow v^2 \neq 0$$

$$Sq^8 Sq^8 = Sq^{15} Sq^1 + Sq^{14} Sq^2 + Sq^{12} Sq^4 \Rightarrow \sigma^2 \neq 0$$

$$Sq^1 Sq^4 = Sq^4 Sq^1 + Sq^2 Sq^3 \Rightarrow 2v \neq 0$$

$$Sq^1 Sq^8 = Sq^8 Sq^1 + Sq^2 Sq^7 \Rightarrow 2\sigma \neq 0$$

$$Sq^2 Sq^8 = Sq^9 Sq^1 + Sq^8 Sq^2 + Sq^4 Sq^6 \Rightarrow \eta\sigma \neq 0$$

$$2\eta = \eta\nu = \nu\sigma = 0$$

Let $k > 0$ and $S^k \xrightarrow{f} S$

and Φ a (higher) cohomology operation
(of degree $k+1$).

We say that Φ detects f if it acts non-trivially
on the generator of $H^0 Cf$.

Lemma 2 If $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$ is null in cohomology, Θ is a
primary cohomology operation of degree q and $y \in H^n Y$
such that $\Theta y = 0$. TFAE:

- Θ acts non-trivially on all lifts of y to Cf
- $\Theta_f(y) = \langle \Theta, y, f \rangle$ is non-trivial

Proof

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y & \longrightarrow & Cf & \longrightarrow & \Sigma X \\
 & & \searrow^y & & \downarrow \hat{y} & & \downarrow \hat{y} \in \langle \Theta, y, f \rangle \\
 & & & & \Sigma^n H & \xrightarrow{\Theta} & \Sigma^{n+q} H
 \end{array}$$

$f^* = 0 \Rightarrow Cf \longrightarrow \Sigma X$ is injective on cohomology

$\Rightarrow \Theta \hat{y} = 0$ iff $\hat{y} = 0$ □

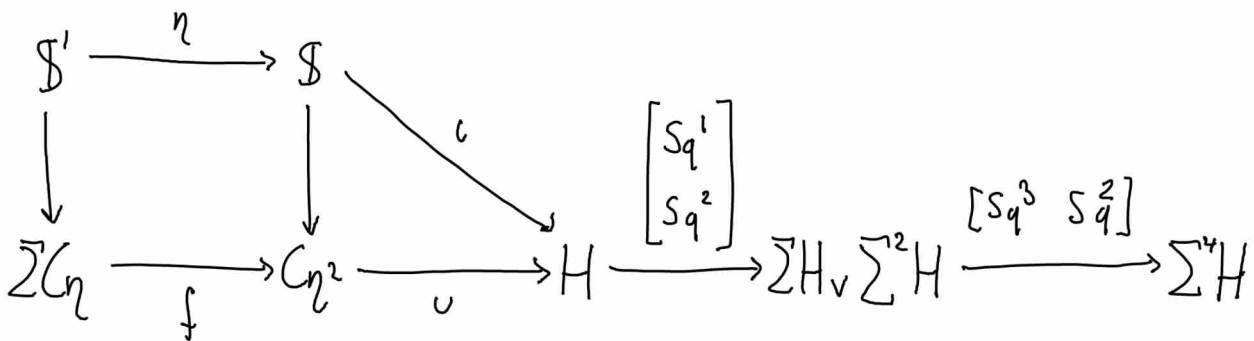
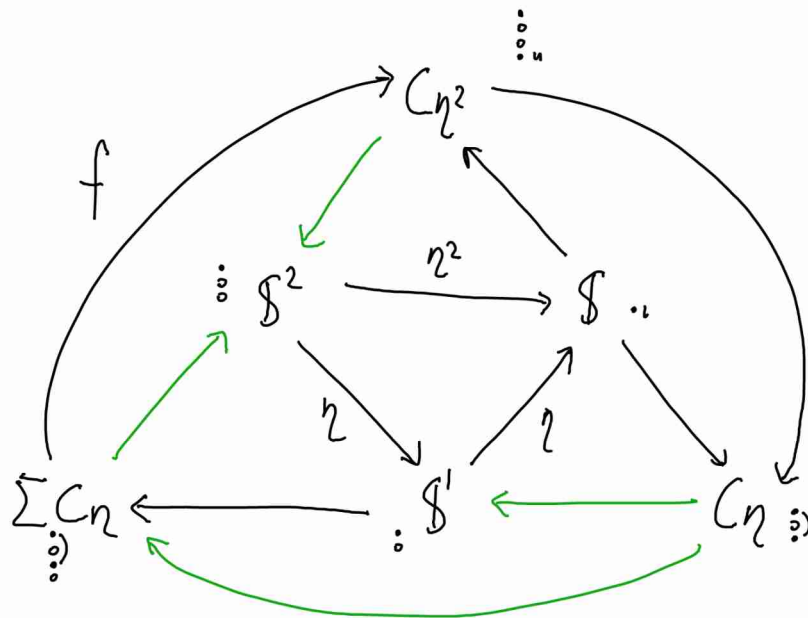
E.g.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 S^1 & \xrightarrow{\eta} & S & \longrightarrow & C\eta & \longrightarrow & S^2 \\
 & & \searrow^c & & \downarrow x & & \downarrow \langle S^2, c, \eta \rangle \neq 0 \\
 & & & & H & \xrightarrow{S^2} & \Sigma^2 H
 \end{array}$$

Lemma 3 The secondary operation associated to the relation

$$Sq^2 Sq^2 + Sq^3 Sq^1 = 0 \text{ detects } \eta^2.$$

Proof



$$\langle Sq^2, \iota, \eta \rangle \neq 0 \text{ in } H^2 S^2 \quad (\text{Lemma 2})$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle Sq^2, \nu, f \rangle \neq 0 \text{ in } H^1 \Sigma C_{\eta} \quad (\text{naturality})$$

$$\Rightarrow Sq^2 \langle Sq^2, \nu, f \rangle \neq 0 \text{ in } H^3 \Sigma C_{\eta} \quad (Sq^2 \text{ detects } \eta)$$

$$Sq^3 \langle Sq^1, \nu, f \rangle = 0 \text{ in } H^3 \Sigma C_{\eta} \quad (\text{degrees})$$

$$[Sq^3 Sq^2] \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} Sq^1 \\ Sq^2 \end{bmatrix}, \nu, f \right\rangle \neq 0 \text{ in } H^3 \Sigma C\eta$$

$$\Rightarrow f^* \left\langle [Sq^3 Sq^2], \begin{bmatrix} Sq^1 \\ Sq^2 \end{bmatrix}, \nu \right\rangle \neq 0 \text{ in } H^3 \Sigma C\eta \text{ (PS Formula)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\langle [Sq^3 Sq^2], \begin{bmatrix} Sq^1 \\ Sq^2 \end{bmatrix}, \nu \right\rangle \neq 0 \text{ in } H^3 C\eta^2 \text{ (} f^* \text{ injective in degree 3) } \square$$

The Adams Spectral Sequence

Convention: all spectra are 2-complete

Theorem For spectra X and Y of finite type there is a spectral sequence

$$E_2^{s,t} = \text{Ext}_A^{s,t}(H^*Y, H^*X) \Rightarrow [X, Y]_{t-s}$$

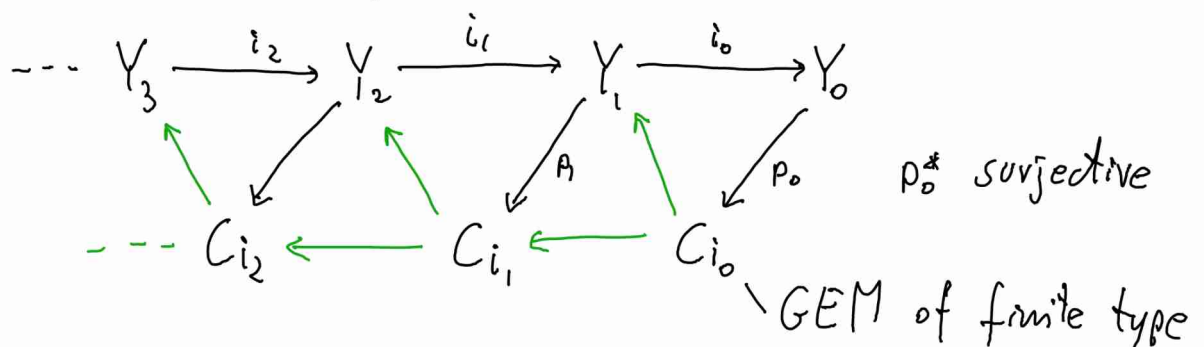
t - cohomological degree

s - Ext degree, filtration

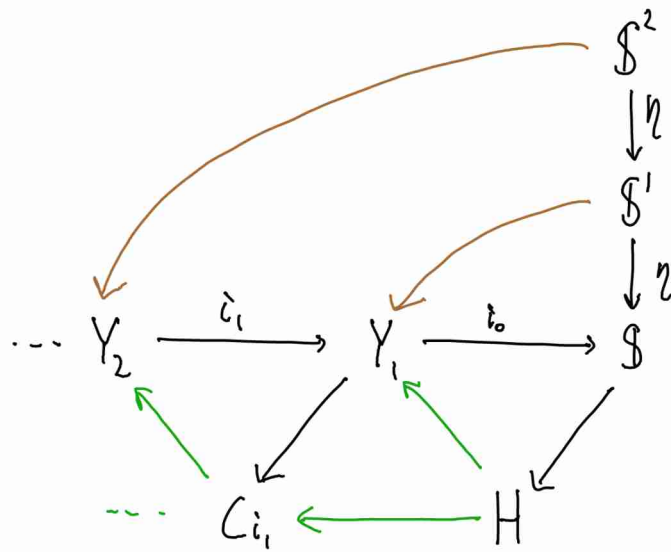
$t-s$ - total degree

$$d_r: E_r^{s,t} \longrightarrow E_r^{s+r, t+r-1}$$

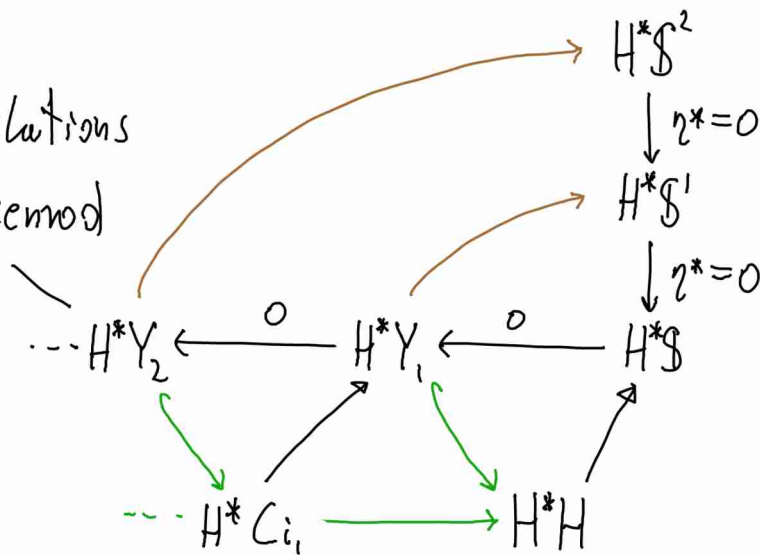
Adams resolution of $Y = Y_0$



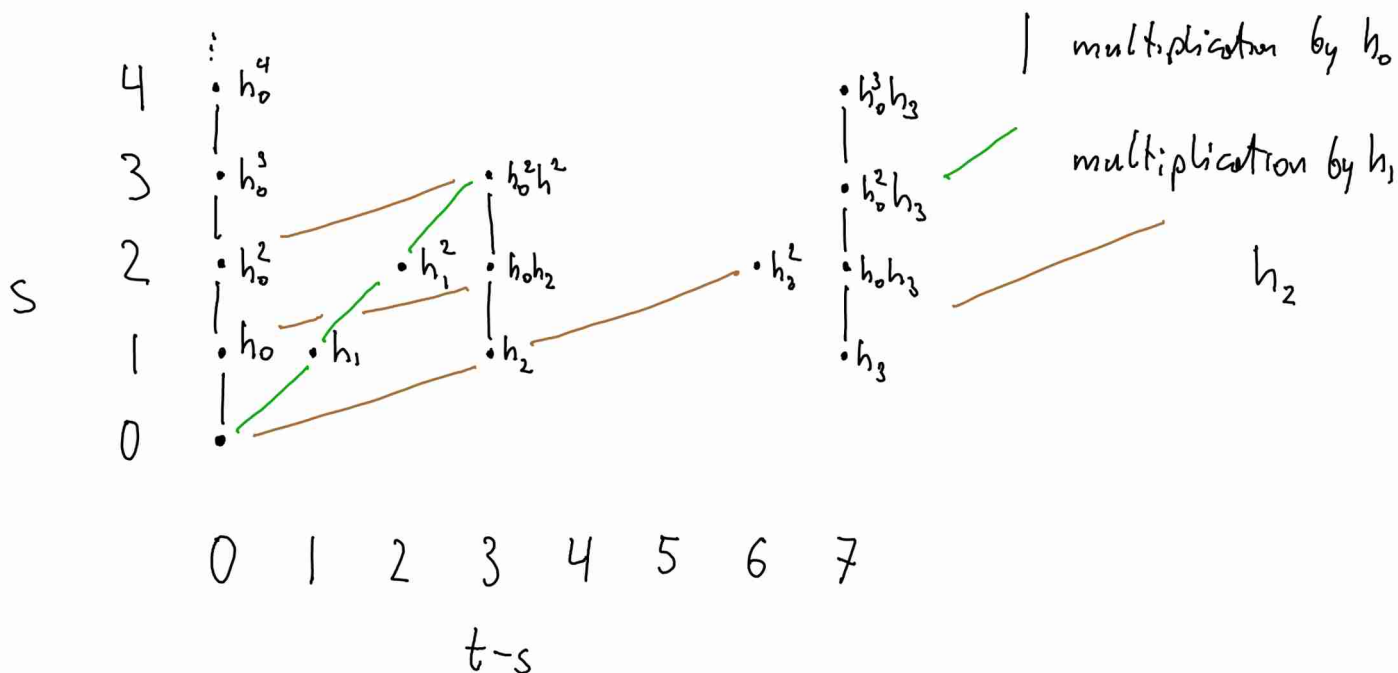
$\dots H^*Y_2 \xleftarrow{0} H^*Y_1 \xleftarrow{0} H^*Y_0$
 $\dots H^*C_{i_2} \xrightarrow{\quad} H^*C_{i_1} \xrightarrow{\quad} H^*C_{i_0}$ - A -free resolution
of H^*Y_0 , it computes
 $\text{Ext}_A^{*+i}(H^*Y, -)$



module of relations
between Steenrod
squares



$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^{s,t}(\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2)$$



Theorem (Adams)

• $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^{1,1+k}(\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2)$ has a basis $\{h_i \mid i \geq 0\}$ $h_i \in \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^{1,2^i-2}$.

• $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^{2,2+k}(\mathbb{F}_2, \mathbb{F}_2)$ has a basis $\{h_i h_j \mid i, j \geq 0 \text{ and } |i-j| \neq 1\}$

(in particular $2\eta = \eta\nu = \nu\sigma = 0$).

n	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$\pi_n \mathbb{S}_2^{\wedge}$	\mathbb{Z}_2	$\mathbb{Z}/2$	$\mathbb{Z}/2$	$\mathbb{Z}/8$	0	0	$\mathbb{Z}/2$	$\mathbb{Z}/16$
generators	1	η	η^2	ν			ν^2	σ
relations				$\nu = 4\eta^3$				
$\pi_n \mathbb{S}$	\mathbb{Z}	$\mathbb{Z}/2$	$\mathbb{Z}/2$	$\mathbb{Z}/24$	0	0	$\mathbb{Z}/2$	$\mathbb{Z}/240$
generators	1	η	η^2	ν			ν^2	σ
relations				$\nu = 12\eta^3$				