

# On the chromatic $\text{Ext}^0(M_{n-1}^1)$ on $\Gamma(m+1)$ for an odd prime

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ABSTRACT. Let  $M_{n-1}^1$  denote the cokernel of the localization map  $BP_*/I \rightarrow v_{n-1}^{-1}BP_*/I$ , where  $I$  denotes the ideal of  $BP_*$  generated by  $v_i$ 's for  $0 \leq i \leq n-2$ . The chromatic  $\text{Ext}^0(M_{n-1}^1)$  on  $\Gamma(m+1)$ , which we denote  $\text{Ex}^0(m, n)$ , is isomorphic to the 0-th line of the  $E_2$ -term of the Adams-Novikov spectral sequence for computing the homotopy groups of a spectrum, whose  $BP_*$ -homology is  $M_{n-1}^1 \otimes_{BP_*} BP_*[t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m]$  for the generators  $t_i$  of  $BP_*BP$ . In [9], the homotopy groups of such a spectrum are determined for  $m+1 \geq n(n-1)$  by computing  $\text{Ex}^*(m, n)$ . The 0-th line  $\text{Ex}^0(m, 3)$  is determined by Ichigi, Nakai and Ravenel [1]. Here, we determine the 0-th line  $\text{Ex}^0(m, n)$  under the condition:  $(n-1)^2 \leq m+1 < n(n-1)$  and  $n \geq 4$ .

## 1. Introduction

Let  $BP$  be the Brown-Peterson spectrum at an odd prime  $p$ , and the pair  $(BP_*, BP_*BP) = (\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}[v_1, v_2, \dots], BP_*[t_1, t_2, \dots])$  the associated Hopf algebroid. Ravenel [5] constructed the spectra  $T(m)$  for  $m \geq 0$  as well as a map  $T(m) \rightarrow BP$  that induces the inclusion  $BP_*(T(m)) = BP_*[t_1, \dots, t_m] \subset BP_*BP$  of  $BP_*BP$ -comodules. The Smith-Toda spectrum  $V(k)$  is characterized by the  $BP_*$ -homology:  $BP_*(V(k)) = BP_*/(p, v_1, \dots, v_k)$ . We consider a spectrum  $V_m(k)$  such that  $BP_*(V_m(k)) = BP_*/(p, v_1, \dots, v_k)[t_1, \dots, t_m]$ . Furthermore, we consider the Bousfield localization functor  $L_n: \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$  with respect to  $v_n^{-1}BP$  on the stable homotopy category  $\mathcal{S}$  of  $p$ -local spectra (see [4]). If  $L_nV(k)$  exists, then  $L_nV_m(k) = T(m) \wedge L_nV(k)$ . We notice that  $L_nV(n-1)$  exists if  $n^2 + n < 2p$  (see [10]). We are interested in the homotopy groups of  $L_nT(m)$ . The homotopy groups are determined from those of  $L_nV_m(k)$  by virtue of the Bockstein spectral sequences. We study the homotopy groups by the Adams-Novikov spectral sequence converging to the homotopy groups  $\pi_*(X)$  of a spectrum  $X$  with  $E_2$ -term  $E_2^*(X) = \text{Ext}_{BP_*BP}^*(BP_*, BP_*(X))$ . Our input is a result of Ravenel's:

(1.1) (cf. [5, Cor. 6.5.6]) *If  $n < m+2$  and  $n < 2(p-1)(m+1)/p$ , then*

$$E_2^*(L_nV_m(n-1)) = E_m(n)_* \otimes E(h_{k,j} : m+1 \leq k \leq m+n, j \in \mathbb{Z}/n),$$

where

$$E_m(n)_* = v_n^{-1}\mathbb{Z}/p[v_n, v_{n+1}, \dots, v_{n+m}].$$

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In order to study the Adams-Novikov  $E_2$ -term  $E_2^*(L_n V_m(n-2))$ , we consider a spectrum  $V_m(n-2)_\infty$  defined as a cofiber of the localization map  $V_m(n-2) \xrightarrow{\eta} L_{n-1} V_m(n-2)$ . Put

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{Ex}^*(m, n) &= \mathrm{Ext}_{BP_*BP}^*(BP_*, BP_*(V_m(n-2)_\infty)) \\ &= \mathrm{Ext}_{BP_*BP}^*(BP_*, M_{n-1}^1 \otimes_{BP_*} BP_*[t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m]), \end{aligned}$$

for

$$M_{n-1}^1 = v_n^{-1} BP_*/(p, v_1, \dots, v_{n-2}, v_{n-1}^{p^\infty}).$$

Then the Adams-Novikov  $E_2$ -term  $E_2^*(L_n V_m(n-2))$  is obtained from  $\mathrm{Ex}^*(m, n)$  and  $E_2^*(L_{n-1} V_m(n-2))$ . Note that for  $n = 1$ ,  $\mathrm{Ex}^*(0, 1)$  is the Adams-Novikov  $E_2$ -term for  $\pi_*(L_1 S^0)$ , whose structure is found in [4, Th.8.10] (see also [3]).  $\mathrm{Ex}^*(0, 2)$  is the  $E_2$ -term for  $\pi_*(L_2 V(0))$ , which is determined by the second author ([6],[7],[8]), and  $\mathrm{Ex}^*(m, 2)$  is determined by Kamiya and the second author in [2]. For  $m+1 \geq n(n-1)$ , the second author also determined  $\mathrm{Ex}^*(m, n)$  in [9]. In [1], Ichigi, Nakai and Ravenel determined  $\mathrm{Ex}^0(m, 3)$  for  $m > 1$ . In this paper, we determine the Ext group  $\mathrm{Ex}^0(m, n)$  for  $(m, n)$  with  $(n-1)^2 \leq m+1 < n(n-1)$  and  $n \geq 4$ .

One of our tool is the change of rings theorem (*cf.* [5]):

$$\mathrm{Ex}^*(m, n) = \mathrm{Ext}_{\Gamma(m+1)}^*(BP_*, v_n^{-1} BP_*/(p, v_1, \dots, v_{n-2}, v_{n-1}^{p^\infty}))$$

for the associated Hopf algebroid

$$(BP_*, \Gamma(m+1)) = (BP_*, BP_*BP/(t_1, \dots, t_m)) = (BP_*, BP_*[t_{m+1}, t_{m+2}, \dots]).$$

Let  $D_m(n)_*$  denote the algebra

$$(1.2) \quad D_m(n)_* = E_{m-1}(n)_*[v_{n-1}] = v_n^{-1} \mathbb{Z}/p[v_{n-1}, v_n, \dots, v_{m+n-1}].$$

Then, our main theorem is obtained from the following proposition which is proved in the next section.

PROPOSITION 1.3. *Suppose that*

- 1) *For each integer  $k \geq 0$ , there is an element  $x_k \in v_n^{-1} BP_*$  such that  $x_k \equiv v_{m+n}^{p^k} \pmod{I(1)}$  and*

$$d(x_k) \equiv v_{n-1}^{a_k} v_n^{a'_k} v_{m+n}^{a''_k} g_k \pmod{I(a_k + 1)}$$

*for nonnegative integers  $a_k, a'_k$  and  $a''_k$  and  $g_k \in \{t_{m+i}^{p^j} : 0 < i \leq n, j \in \mathbb{Z}/n\}$ . Here  $d(x) = \eta_R(x) - x \in v_n^{-1} \Gamma(m+1)$ , and  $I(k)$  denotes the ideal of  $v_n^{-1} BP_*$  generated by  $p, v_1, \dots, v_{n-2}$  and  $v_{n-1}^k$ .*

- 2) *The elements  $v_{m+n}^{(s-1)p^k + a''_k} g_k$  for nonnegative integers  $s$  and  $k$  represent linearly independent generators over  $E_{m-1}(n)_*$  in  $E_2^1(L_n V_m(n-1))$ .*

*Then,  $\mathrm{Ex}^0(m, n)$  is the direct sum of  $(v_{n-1}^{-1} D_m(n)_*)/D_m(n)_*$  and  $D_m(n)_*$ -modules generated by  $x_k^s/v_{n-1}^{a_k}$  isomorphic to  $D_m(n)_*/(v_{n-1}^{a_k})$  for each integers  $k, s$  with  $k \geq 0$  and  $p \nmid s > 0$ .*

Consider the integers

$$a_{kn+j} = \begin{cases} p^{k(n-1)+j} \frac{p^{k+1} - 1}{p - 1} & k < n \\ p^j \left( \frac{p^{n(k+2-n)} - 1}{p^{2n} - 1} A + a_{n^2-2n} \right) & k - n \text{ is even } \geq 0 \\ p^j \left( \frac{p^n p^{n(k+1-n)} - 1}{p^{2n} - 1} A + a_{n^2-n} \right) & k - n \text{ is odd } \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

for  $A = p^n a_{n^2-n} + p^{m+1} - p^{(n-1)^2}$ . Then, there exist elements  $x_k$  satisfying the assumptions of Proposition 1.3 for the integers  $a_k$ , which we show in section three for  $(n-1)^2 \leq m+1 < n(n-1)$  and  $n \geq 3$ . Thus, we obtain our main theorem:

**THEOREM 1.4.** *Let  $(n-1)^2 \leq m+1 \leq n(n-1)$  and  $n \geq 3$ . Then,*

$$E_2^0(m, n) = (v_{n-1}^{-1} D_m(n)_* / D_m(n)_* \oplus \bigoplus_{\substack{k \geq 0 \\ p \nmid s > 0}} (D_m(n)_* / (v_{n-1}^{a_k})) \langle x_k^s / v_{n-1}^{a_k} \rangle).$$

Note that if  $n = 3$ , then the result is the same as that in [1].

**REMARK.** The computation on section three shows that the structure of  $\text{Ex}^0(m, n)$  depends on  $k$  such that  $k(n-1) \leq m+1 < (k+1)(n-1)$ . In [9], it is shown that  $\text{Ex}^*(m, n)$  has the same structure for  $k \geq n$ . In this paper, we consider the case  $k = n-1$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout the paper, we fix the positive integers  $m$  and  $n \geq 4$  satisfying the condition

$$(n-1)^2 \leq m+1 < n(n-1).$$

**2.1. The structure map  $\eta_R$ .** In  $\Gamma(m+1) = BP_*[t_{m+1}, t_{m+2}, \dots]$ , we compute the action of  $\eta_R$  on  $v_i$ 's. We have the formulas of Hazewinkel's and Quillen's:

$$\begin{aligned} v_n &= p\ell_n - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \ell_i v_{n-i}^{p^i} \in BP_* \otimes \mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{Q}[\ell_1, \ell_2, \dots], \\ \eta_R(\ell_n) &= \ell_n + \sum_{i=1}^{n-m} \ell_{n-m-i} t_{m+i}^{p^{n-m-i}} \in \Gamma(m+1) \otimes \mathbb{Q}. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, mod  $(\ell_1, \ell_2, \dots, \ell_{n-2})$ ,

$$v_i \equiv p\ell_i \quad (i < 2n-2) \quad \text{and} \quad v_k = p\ell_k - \sum_{i=n-1}^{k-n+1} \ell_i v_{k-i}^{p^i} \quad (k > 2n-2).$$

**LEMMA 2.1.** *The right unit  $\eta_R: BP_* \rightarrow \Gamma(m+1)$  acts on generators  $v_i$  as follows :*

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_R(v_i) &= v_i \in \Gamma(m+1) & \text{for } i \leq m, \\ \eta_R(v_{m+k}) &= v_{m+k} + pt_{m+k} & (0 < k < n) \end{aligned}$$

$$\eta_R(v_{m+n+k}) \equiv v_{m+n+k} + \sum_{j=0}^k \left( v_{n-1+j} t_{m+1+k-j}^{p^{n-1+j}} - v_{n-1+j}^{p^{m+1+k-j}} t_{m+1+k-j} \right) - \omega_k \pmod{I_{n-1}} \quad (0 \leq k \leq n)$$

where  $I_k$  denotes the ideal generated by  $p, v_1, \dots, v_{k-1}$ , and

$$(2.2) \quad \omega_k = \begin{cases} 0 & k < n-1, \\ v_{n-1} w_{m+n, n-2} & k = n-1, \\ v_{n-1} w_{m+n+1, n-2} + v_n w_{m+n, n-1} & k = n \end{cases}$$

for the elements  $w_{m+n, i}$  and  $w_{m+n+1, i}$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} d(v_{m+n}^{p^{i+1}}) &\equiv v_{n-1}^{p^{i+1}} t_{m+1}^{p^{n+i}} - t_{m+1}^{p^{i+1}} v_{n-1}^{p^{m+i+2}} + p w_{m+n, i} \\ &\pmod{(p^2, v_1, \dots, v_{n-2})}, \quad \text{and} \\ d(v_{m+n+1}^{p^{i+1}}) &\equiv v_{n-1}^{p^{i+1}} t_{m+2}^{p^{n+i}} + v_n^{p^{i+1}} t_{m+1}^{p^{n+i+1}} - t_{m+1}^{p^{i+1}} v_n^{p^{m+i+2}} - t_{m+2}^{p^{i+1}} v_{n-1}^{p^{m+i+3}} \\ &\quad + p w_{m+n+1, i} \pmod{(p^2, v_1, \dots, v_{n-2})}. \end{aligned}$$

PROOF. This follows from routine computation:

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_R(v_{m+k}) &= p(\ell_{m+k} + t_{m+k}) - \sum_{i=n-1}^{m+k-n+1} \ell_i v_{m+k-i}^{p^i} \\ &= v_{m+k} + p t_{m+k} \quad (0 < k < n) \\ \eta_R(v_{m+n+k}) &\equiv p(\ell_{m+n+k} + \sum_{j=0}^k \ell_{n-1+j} t_{m+1+k-j}^{p^{n-1+j}} + t_{m+n+k}) \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=n-1}^m \ell_i v_{m+n+k-i}^{p^i} - \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} (\ell_{m+i} + t_{m+i}) v_{n+k-i}^{p^{m+i}} \\ &\equiv v_{m+n+k} + \sum_{j=0}^k v_{n-1+j} t_{m+1+k-j}^{p^{n-1+j}} - \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} t_{m+i} v_{n+k-i}^{p^{m+i}} \\ &\quad \pmod{I_{n-1}} \quad (0 \leq k < n-1) \\ \eta_R(v_{m+2n-1}) &\equiv p(\ell_{m+2n-1} + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \ell_{n-1+j} t_{m+n-j}^{p^{n-1+j}} + t_{m+2n-1}) \\ &\quad - \ell_{n-1} (v_{m+n}^{p^{n-1}} + v_{n-1}^{p^{2n-2}} t_{m+1}^{p^{n-1}} - v_{n-1}^{p^{m+n}} t_{m+1}^{p^{n-1}} + p w_{m+n, n-2}) \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=n}^m \ell_i v_{m+2n-1-i}^{p^i} - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (\ell_{m+i} + t_{m+i}) v_{2n-1-i}^{p^{m+i}} \\ &\quad - (\ell_{m+n} + \ell_{n-1} t_{m+1}^{p^{n-1}} + t_{m+n}) v_{n-1}^{p^{m+n}} \\ &\equiv v_{m+2n-1} + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} v_{n-1+j} t_{m+n-j}^{p^{n-1+j}} - \sum_{i=1}^n t_{m+i} v_{2n-1-i}^{p^{m+i}} \\ &\quad - v_{n-1} w_{m+n, n-2} \pmod{I_{n-1}} \\ \eta_R(v_{m+2n}) &\equiv p(m_{m+2n} + \sum_{j=0}^n \ell_{n-1+j} t_{m+1+n-j}^{p^{n-1+j}} + t_{m+2n-1}) \\ &\quad - \ell_{n-1} (v_{m+n+1}^{p^{n-1}} + v_{n-1}^{p^{2n-2}} t_{m+2}^{p^{n-1}} + v_n^{p^{n-1}} t_{m+1}^{p^{2n-1}} - v_{n-1}^{p^{m+n+1}} t_{m+2}^{p^{n-1}} \\ &\quad - v_n^{p^{m+n}} t_{m+1}^{p^{n-1}} + p w_{m+n+1, n-2}) \\ &\quad - \ell_n (v_{m+n}^{p^n} + v_{n-1}^{p^{2n-1}} t_{m+1}^{p^n} - v_{n-1}^{p^{m+n+1}} t_{m+1}^{p^n} + p w_{m+n, n-1}) \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=n}^m \ell_i v_{m+2n-1-i}^{p^i} - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (\ell_{m+i} + t_{m+i}) v_{2n-i}^{p^{m+i}} \\ &\quad - (\ell_{m+n} + \ell_{n-1} t_{m+1}^{p^{n-1}} + t_{m+n}) v_n^{p^{m+n}} \\ &\quad - (\ell_{m+n+1} + \ell_{n-1} t_{m+2}^{p^{n-1}} + \ell_n t_{m+1}^{p^n} + t_{m+n+1}) v_{n-1}^{p^{m+n+1}} \\ &\equiv v_{m+2n} + \sum_{j=0}^n v_{n-1+j} t_{m+1+n-j}^{p^{n-1+j}} - \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} t_{m+i} v_{2n-i}^{p^{m+i}} \\ &\quad - v_{n-1} w_{m+n+1, n-2} - v_n w_{m+n, n-1} \pmod{I_{n-1}} \end{aligned}$$

□

**2.2. Proof of Proposition 1.3.** The proof is based on [3, Remark 3.11], which states, in our case, that if the commutative diagram of two exact sequences

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & E^0 & \xrightarrow{1/u} & D^0 & \xrightarrow{u} & D^0 & \xrightarrow{\delta} & E^1 \\ & & \parallel & & \downarrow f & & \downarrow f & & \parallel \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & E^0 & \xrightarrow{1/u} & \text{Ex}^0(m, n) & \xrightarrow{u} & \text{Ex}^0(m, n) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & E^1 \end{array}$$

commutes, then  $f$  is an isomorphism. Hereafter, we set  $u = v_{n-1}$ .

Let  $D^0$  be the module of the proposition, that is, the  $D_m(n)_*$ -modules generated by  $1/u^j$  for  $j > 0$  and  $x_k^s/u^{a_k}$  for each integers  $k, s$  with  $k \geq 0$  and  $p \nmid s > 0$ . Then,  $D^0 \subset M_{n-1}^1 = v_n^{-1}BP_*/(p, v_1, \dots, v_{n-2}, v_{n-1}^\infty)$ . Note that  $\text{Ex}^0(m, n)$  is the kernel of the map  $d: M_{n-1}^1 \rightarrow M_{n-1}^1 \otimes_{BP_*} \Gamma(m+1)$  given by  $d(x/u^j) = (\eta_R(x) - x)/u^j$ . Thus, the first supposition shows that the every element  $x_k^s/u^{a_k}$  belongs to  $\text{Ex}^0(m, n)$ . We also see that  $1/u^j \in \text{Ex}^0(m, n)$  by Lemma 2.1. Now we define the map  $f$  to be the inclusion. Then, the map  $1/u: \text{Ex}^0 \rightarrow D^0$  is well defined, since the elements  $v_{m+n}^s/u$  belong to  $D^0$ . Since  $D^0$  is a  $D_m(n)_*$ -module,  $D^0$  admits the self map  $u$ . The map  $\delta: D^0 \rightarrow E^0$  is defined by the composite  $\delta f$ . These show the existence of the commutative diagram.

We will show that the upper sequence is exact. Since the diagram commutes and the lower sequence is exact, the sequence  $0 \rightarrow E^0 \xrightarrow{1/u} D^0 \xrightarrow{u} D^0$  is exact and the composite  $\delta u$  is trivial. Suppose that  $\delta(x) = 0$  for  $x = \sum_{k \geq 0, p \nmid s > 0} a_{k,s} x_k^s/u^{a_k} + \sum_j a_j/u^j$  for  $a_{k,s}, a_j \in D_m(n)_*$ . Then, by the first supposition,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = \delta(x) &= \sum_{k \geq 0, p \nmid s > 0} a_{k,s} \delta(x_k^s/u^{a_k}) \\ &= \sum_{k \geq 0, p \nmid s > 0} s\varphi(a_{k,s}) v_n^{a_k'} v_{m+n}^{(s-1)p^k + a_k''} g_k. \end{aligned}$$

for the map  $\varphi$  in the exact sequence  $D_m(n)_* \xrightarrow{u} D_m(n)_* \xrightarrow{\varphi} E_{m-1}(n)_*$ . Then the second assumption shows that  $s\varphi(a_{k,s}) = 0 \in E_{m-1}(n)_*$  for every  $k, s$ , and hence  $a_{k,s} = ub_{k,s}$  for an element  $b_{k,s} \in D_m(n)_*$ . It follows that  $x = uy$  for  $y = \sum_{k \geq 0, p \nmid s > 0} b_{k,s} x_k^s/u^{a_k} + \sum_j a_j/u^{j+1}$ , as desired.

### 3. The elements $x_n$

In the sequel, we put  $v_n = 1$ , and use the notation

$$u = v_{n-1}, \quad w_k = v_{m+n+k}, \quad s_k = t_{m+k}, \\ I = I_{n-1} = (p, v_1, \dots, v_{n-2}) \quad \text{and} \quad I(k) = (p, v_1, \dots, v_{n-2}, v_{n-1}^k)$$

for the sake of simplicity. We also introduce integers:

$$\begin{aligned} P &= p^{n-1}, \quad Q = p^{m+1} \\ e_P(k) &= \frac{P^k - 1}{P - 1}, \quad e(k) = \frac{p^k - 1}{p - 1}, \quad \text{and} \\ A_k &= P^k e(k+1) \end{aligned}$$

Now we introduce elements  $X_k$  and  $X'_k$  for  $k \leq n$ , which correspond to the elements  $x_{kn}$  and  $x_{kn+1}$ .

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{aligned} X_k &= \begin{cases} w_0 & k = 0 \\ (X'_{k-1})^P - u^{(pP-1)A_{k-1}} X_{k-1} \\ \quad - u^{p(P-1)A_{k-1}+Q-P^{k-1}} X'_{k-1} & 0 < k \leq n \end{cases} \\ X'_k &= X_k^P - (-1)^k W_{k+1} \\ W_k &= u^{pA_{k-1}} \left( w_k^{P^{k-1}} + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (-1)^{k+i} \left( u^{-p^{i+1}P^i A_{k-1-i}} v_{n+i}^{P^{k-1}} X_{k-1-i}^{p^{i+1}P^i} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - u^{-P^{i-1}A_{k-1-i}} v_{n+i}^{p^{k-i-1}P^{k-1}Q} X_{k-1-i}^{P^{i-1}} \right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

The element  $\omega_k$  of (2.2) is a multiple of  $u$ , and we put:

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \sigma_k &\equiv u^{-P^{k-1}} \omega_k^{P^{k-1}} \quad \text{and} \\ \sigma &= \sigma_{n-1} = w_{m+n, n-2}^{P^{n-2}} \\ &\equiv u^{(pP)^{n-2}} X_{n-2}^{p-1} s_1^{(pP)^{n-2}P} \pmod{I(2(pP)^{n-2})}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\sigma_k = 0$  if  $k < n-1$ , and  $= \sigma$  if  $k = n-1$ .

LEMMA 3.3. *The differential  $d: v_n^{-1}BP_* \rightarrow v_n^{-1}\Gamma(m+1)$  acts on  $X_k$  and  $X'_k$  for  $k \geq 0$  as follows:*

$$\begin{aligned} d(X_k) &\equiv (-1)^k u^{A_k} \left( \left( s_{k+1}^{P^{k+1}} - \sigma_k^P \right) - u^{Q-P^k} \left( s_{k+1}^{P^k} - \sigma_k \right) \right), \\ &\quad \pmod{I(2Q + A_k - e_P(k+1))} \text{ for } k \leq n-1, \\ d(X'_k) &\equiv (-1)^k u^{pA_k} \left( s_{k+1}^{P^k} - u^{P^k} \left( s_{k+2}^{P^{k+1}} - \sigma_{k+1} \right) \right) \\ &\quad \pmod{I(Q + pA_k - P^{k-1})} \text{ for } k \leq n-2, \\ d(X'_{n-1}) &\equiv (-1)^{n+1} u^{pA_{n-1}} s_n^{P^{n-1}} \pmod{I(pA_{n-1} + P^{n-1})}, \quad \text{and} \\ d(X_n) &\equiv (-1)^n u^{pA_{n-1}+Q-P^{n-1}} \sigma \pmod{I(Q + pA_{n-1})}. \end{aligned}$$

Here, we set  $P^{-1} = 0$ .

REMARK. In the case  $m+1 \geq n(n-1)$ ,  $d(X_n) \equiv (-1)^{n+1} u^{pA_{n-1}} \sigma_{n-1}^P \pmod{I(pA_{n-1} + Q - P^{n-1})}$  in our notation.

PROOF. Since

$$d(X_0) = d(w_0) \equiv us_1^{p^{n-1}} - u^{p^{m+1}} s_1 = us_1^P - u^Q s_1 \pmod{I}$$

by Lemma 2.1, we have the first step of the induction.

Suppose that we have the congruences on  $d(X_i)$  for  $i \leq k < n-1$ . Since  $n \geq 3$ , we see that  $k < m$  and  $d(v_{n+i}) \equiv 0 \pmod{I_{n-1}}$  for  $i \leq k$ . Then we compute

by Lemma 2.1 as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
d(X_k^P) &\equiv (-1)^k u^{pA_k} \left( s_{k+1}^{pP^{k+1}} - u^{pQ-pP^k} s_{k+1}^{pP^k} \right) \\
&\quad \text{mod } I(2pQ + pA_k - pe_P(k+1)) \\
d(W_{k+1}) &\equiv u^{pA_k} \left( d(w_{k+1}^{P^k}) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^{k+i+1} d \left( u^{-p^{i+1}P^i A_{k-i}} v_{n+i}^{P^k} X_{k-i}^{p^{i+1}P^i} \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. - u^{-P^{i-1}A_{k-i}} v_{n+i}^{p^{k-i}P^k Q} X_{k-i}^{P^{i-1}} \right) \right) \\
&\equiv u^{pA_k} \left( u^{P^k} s_{k+2}^{P^{k+1}} + s_{k+1}^{pP^{k+1}} - s_{k+1}^{P^k} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \sum_{i=1}^k \left( v_{n+i}^{P^k} s_{k+1-i}^{p^{i+1}P^{k+1}} - v_{n+i}^{p^{k-i}P^k Q} s_{k+1-i}^{P^k} \right) - \omega_{k+1}^{P^k} \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \sum_{i=1}^k \left( v_{n+i}^{P^k} s_{k+1-i}^{p^{i+1}P^{k+1}} - v_{n+i}^{p^{k-i}P^k Q} s_{k+1-i}^{P^k} \right) \right) \\
&\equiv u^{pA_k} \left( u^{P^k} s_{k+2}^{P^{k+1}} + s_{k+1}^{pP^{k+1}} - s_{k+1}^{P^k} - u^{P^k} \sigma_{k+1} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

mod  $I(pA_k + Q - P^{k-1})$ , which yields the congruence on  $d(X'_k)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
d((X'_k)^P) &\equiv (-1)^k u^{pPA_k} \left( s_{k+1}^{P^{k+1}} - u^{P^{k+1}} \left( s_{k+2}^{P^{k+2}} - \sigma_{k+1}^P \right) \right) \\
&\quad \text{mod } I(PQ + pPA_k - P^k) \\
d(-u^{(pP-1)A_k} X'_k) &\equiv (-1)^{k+1} u^{pPA_k} \left( s_{k+1}^{P^{k+1}} - u^{Q-P^k} s_{k+1}^{P^k} \right) \\
&\quad \text{mod } I(2Q + pPA_k - e_P(k+1)) \\
d\left(-u^{p(P-1)A_k+Q-P^k} X'_k\right) &\equiv (-1)^{k+1} u^{pPA_k+Q-P^k} \left( s_{k+1}^{P^k} - u^{P^k} \left( s_{k+2}^{P^{k+1}} - \sigma_{k+1} \right) \right) \\
&\quad \text{mod } I(2Q + pPA_k - P^k - P^{k-1}),
\end{aligned}$$

and we have

$$d(X_{k+1}) \equiv (-1)^{k+1} u^{pPA_k} \left( u^{P^{k+1}} \left( s_{k+2}^{P^{k+2}} - \sigma_{k+1}^P \right) - u^Q \left( s_{k+2}^{P^{k+1}} - \sigma_{k+1} \right) \right)$$

mod  $I(2Q + pPA_k - e_P(k+1))$ . Since  $A_{k+1} = pPA_k + P^{k+1}$  and

$$pPA_k - e_P(k+1) = A_{k+1} - P^{k+1} - e_P(k+1) = A_{k+1} - e_P(k+2),$$

we obtain  $d(X_{k+1})$ . This completes the induction to obtain the congruences on  $d(X'_{n-2})$  and  $d(X_{n-1})$ .

A similar computation as above shows the congruence on  $d(X'_{n-1})$ , where we take the ideal in the congruence so that  $\omega_n^{P^{n-1}}$  is annihilated. For  $d(X_n)$ , using the congruences on  $d(X_{n-1})$  and  $d(X'_{n-1})$ , we compute

$$\begin{aligned}
d\left((X'_{n-1})^P\right) &\equiv (-1)^{n+1}u^{pPA_{n-1}}s_n^{P^n} \pmod{I(pPA_{n-1} + P^n)} \\
d\left(-u^{(pP-1)A_{n-1}}X_{n-1}\right) &\equiv (-1)^n u^{pPA_{n-1}} \left( (s_n^{P^n} - \sigma^P) - u^{Q-P^{n-1}} (s_n^{P^{n-1}} - \sigma) \right) \\
&\pmod{I(2Q + pPA_{n-1} - e_P(n))} \\
d\left(-u^{p(P-1)A_{n-1}+Q-P^{n-1}}X'_{n-1}\right) &\equiv (-1)^n u^{pPA_{n-1}+Q-P^{n-1}} s_n^{P^{n-1}} \pmod{I(pPA_{n-1} + Q)}
\end{aligned}$$

to obtain  $d(X_n)$ .  $\square$

Consider an element  $Y = X_0^{(pP)^{n-2}} - X_{n-2}$ , and we see that it is congruent to zero modulo  $I((pP-1)(pP)^{n-3})$ , and

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.4) \quad d(X_{n-2}^{p-1}Y) &\equiv X_{n-2}^{p-1} \left( u^{(pP)^{n-2}} s_1^{(pP)^{n-2}P} - d(X_{n-2}) \right) \\
&\equiv \sigma - X_{n-2}^{p-1} d(X_{n-2}) \pmod{I(2(pP)^{n-2} - (pP)^{n-3})}.
\end{aligned}$$

We introduce integers  $e_2(k)$ ,  $A$ ,  $A_k$ ,  $c_k$  and  $C_k$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
e_2(2k) &= \frac{(pP)^{2k} - 1}{(pP)^2 - 1}, \\
A &= pPA_{n-1} + Q - P^{n-1}, \\
A_k &= \begin{cases} P^k e(k+1) & k < n \\ e_2(k+2-n)A + A_{n-2} & k-n \text{ is even } \geq 0 \\ (pP)e_2(k+1-n)A + A_{n-1} & k-n \text{ is odd } \geq 1 \end{cases} \\
c_k &= \begin{cases} (pP)e_2(k-1)A + (pP-1)A_{n-2} & k \text{ is odd } \geq 1, \\ (pP)^2 e_2(k-2)A + (pP-1)A_{n-1} & k \text{ is even } \geq 2, \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

We replace  $X_n$  by

$$X_n - (-1)^n u^A X_{n-2}^{p-1} Y,$$

and define inductively the elements  $X_{n+k}$  for  $k > 0$  by

$$(3.5) \quad X_{n+k} = X_{n+k-1}^{pP} - (-1)^n u^{(pP)^k A} X_{n+k-3}^{(p-1)pP} Y_k.$$

for

$$Y_k = X_{n+k-3}^{pP} - X_{n+k-2}$$

Here we notice that  $pP = p^n$ .

LEMMA 3.6. *The element  $Y_k$  is a multiple of  $u^{c_k}$  for  $k > 0$ .*

PROOF. By the definition (3.1), we see that  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are divisible by  $u^{(pP-1)A_{n-2}}$  and  $u^{(pP-1)A_{n-1}}$ , respectively. For  $k > 2$ , we see that  $c_k = (pP)^{k-2} A + c_{k-2}$  by (3.5), and verify the lemma by induction.  $\square$



We further introduce integers  $A''_k$  and elements  $G_k$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} A''_k &= \begin{cases} 0 & k < n \\ (pP)^{k-2}(p-1) + A''_{k-2} & k \geq n \end{cases} \\ G_k &= \begin{cases} s_{k+1}^{p^{k+1}} & k < n \\ G_{k-2} & k \geq n \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Then, we have

LEMMA 3.7. For  $i \geq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} d(X_{n+i}) &\equiv (-1)^n u^{(pP)^i A} X_{n+i-2}^{p-1} d(X_{n+i-2}) \pmod{I(A_{n+i} + P^{n-\varepsilon(i)})} \\ &\equiv (-1)^n u^{A_{n+i}} w_0^{A''_{n+i}} G_{n+i} \pmod{I(A_{n+i} + 1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\varepsilon(i) = \max\{0, 1-i\}$ .

PROOF. We show the first congruence by induction. The congruence for  $i = 0$  follows from Lemma 3.3 and (3.4). Inductively suppose that the congruence holds for  $i$ . Then, we compute

$$\begin{aligned} d(X_{n+i}^{pP}) &\equiv (-1)^n u^{(pP)^{i+1} A} X_{n+i-2}^{(p-1)pP} d(X_{n+i-2}^{pP}) \pmod{I(pPA_{n+i} + pP^{n-\varepsilon(i)})} \\ d((-1)^{n+1} u^{(pP)^{i+1} A} X_{n+i-2}^{(p-1)pP} Y_{i+1}) & \\ &\equiv (-1)^{n+1} u^{(pP)^{i+1} A} X_{n+i-2}^{(p-1)pP} (d(X_{n+i-2}^{pP}) - d(X_{n+i-1})) \end{aligned}$$

$\pmod{I((pP)^{i+1} A + c_{i+1} + pPA_{n+i-2})}$ . Since  $(pP)^{i+1} A + pPA_{n+i-2} = pPA_{n+i}$ ,  $c_{i+1} > pP^{n-\varepsilon(i)}$  and  $pPA_{n+i} + pP^{n-\varepsilon(i)} > A_{n+i+1} + P^{n-1}$ , we obtain the congruence for  $i+1$ . Thus, the induction completes.  $\square$

Now we define integers  $a_k$  and  $a''_k$ , and elements  $x_k$ ,  $g'_k$  and  $g_k$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} a_{in+j} &= p^j A_i \\ a''_{in+j} &= p^j A''_i \\ x_{in+j} &= X_i^{p^j} \\ g_{in+j} &= G_i^{p^j} \end{aligned}$$

for  $i \geq 0$  and  $0 \leq j < n$ . We notice that the integer  $a_k$  is the same as the one in the introduction.

LEMMA 3.8. These elements and integers satisfy the assumption of Proposition 1.3.

PROOF. The first part of the assumption follows from the definition of elements and Lemmas 3.3 and 3.7.

We prove the second part by showing the following assertion on  $\ell \geq 0$ .

$$(3.9)_{(\ell)} \quad \text{The elements } v_{m+n}^{(s-1)p^k + a''_k} g_k \text{ for non-negative integers } s, k \text{ with } p \nmid s \text{ and } k < \ell \text{ are linearly independent over } E_{m-1}(n)_*.$$

For  $\ell < n^2$ , it is trivial, since  $g_k \neq g_{k'}$  if  $k \neq k'$ . Suppose that it holds for  $\ell$ , and  $v_{m+n}^{(s-1)p^\ell + a''_\ell} g_\ell = \sum_{k=0}^{\ell-1} \lambda_k v_{m+n}^{(s_k-1)p^k + a''_k} g_k$  for  $\lambda_k \in E_{m-1}(n)_*$ , where  $s_k$  is a nonnegative integer prime to  $p$  such that  $(s-1)p^\ell + a''_\ell = (s_k-1)p^k + a''_k$ . Then, since  $g_i$ 's are generators,  $\ell \equiv k \pmod{n}$ , and  $(s-1)p^\ell + a''_\ell = (s_k-1)p^k + a''_k$ . Then,  $a''_\ell \equiv (s_k-1)p^k + a''_k \pmod{p^\ell}$ . If  $k = in + j$ , then  $A''_{\ell'} \equiv (s_k-1)p^{in} + A''_n \pmod{p^{\ell-j}}$  for  $\ell'$  such that  $\ell = \ell'n + j$ . The definition of integers  $A''_i$  implies that  $p$  divides  $s_k$ , and there is no integers  $s_k$  satisfying the congruence. Hence, (3.7) $_{(\ell+1)}$  holds, and the induction completes.  $\square$

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