

# Dieudonné module theory, part II: the classical theory

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Pick a prime  $p > 2$ .

Recall: it is unreasonable to think that every finite abelian Hopf algebra  $H$  of  $p$ -power rank over an  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -algebra  $R$  can be classified with Dieudonné modules.

Last time, we focused on Hopf algebras with a nice coalgebra structure.

This time, we will make assumptions on both  $R$  and  $H$ .

The assumptions on  $R$  are very restrictive, and the ones on  $H$  are more palatable.

# The situation du jour (et demain)

Throughout this talk, let  $R = k$  be a perfect field of characteristic  $p$ .

Any finite  $k$ -Hopf algebra  $H$  can be written as

$$H \cong H_{r,r} \otimes H_{r,\ell} \otimes H_{\ell,r} \otimes H_{\ell,\ell}$$

where

- $H_{r,r}$  and  $H_{r,r}^*$  are both reduced  $k$ -algebras.
- $H_{r,\ell}$  is a reduced and  $H_{r,\ell}^*$  is a local  $k$ -algebra.
- $H_{\ell,r}$  is a local and  $H_{\ell,r}^*$  is a reduced  $k$ -algebra.
- $H_{\ell,\ell}$  and  $H_{\ell,\ell}^*$  are both local  $k$ -algebras.

If  $p \nmid \dim_k H$  then  $H = H_{r,r}$ .

$$H \cong H_{r,r} \otimes H_{r,\ell} \otimes H_{\ell,r} \otimes H_{\ell,\ell}$$

Reduced  $k$ -Hopf algebras are “classified”: they correspond to finite groups upon which  $\text{Gal}(\bar{k}/k)$  acts continuously.

Then  $H_{r,r}$  and  $H_{r,\ell}$  are classified, and by duality so is  $H_{\ell,r}$ .

Thus, the most mysterious Hopf algebras are the ones of the form  $H_{\ell,\ell}$ .

We will call these “local-local” and assume that all Hopf algebras in this talk are finite, abelian, and local-local over the perfect field  $k$ .

If  $H$  is local-local, then a result of Waterhouse is that  $H$  is a “truncated polynomial algebra”, i.e.,

$$H \cong k[t_1, \dots, t_r] / (t_1^{p^{n_1}}, \dots, t_r^{p^{n_r}}),$$

so the algebra structure isn't terrible.

# Suggested readings

- M. Demazure and P. Gabriel, Groupes Algébriques - Tome 1. Good news: partially translated into English as Introduction to Algebraic Geometry and Algebraic Groups. Bad news: not the part you need (chapter 5).
- A. Grothendieck, Groupes de Barsotti-Tate et Cristaux de Dieudonné. Explicit connection between Dieudonné modules and Hopf algebras.
- T. Oda, The first de Rham cohomology group and Dieudonné modules. The section on Dieudonné modules gave me my first explicit examples.
- R. Pink, Finite group schemes, <https://people.math.ethz.ch/~pink/ftp/FGS/CompleteNotes.pdf>. Good intro to Dieudonné modules with proofs (group scheme point of view).

## What is a $k$ -Hopf algebra?

It is a  $k$ -algebra and a  $k$ -coalgebra with compatible structures.

A Dieudonné module is a single module (over a ring TBD) which encodes both structures.

In Monday's talk, the coalgebra structure was assumed, and the algebra structure was encoded by the action of  $F$  on  $D_*(H)$ .

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# Witt polynomials

For each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}$ , define  $\Phi_n \in \mathbb{Z}[Z_0, \dots, Z_n]$  by

$$\Phi_n(Z_0, \dots, Z_n) = Z_0^{p^n} + pZ_1^{p^{n-1}} + \dots + p^n Z_n.$$

Note:  $\Phi_n$  depends on the choice of prime  $p$ , which we assume to be “our”  $p$ .

Define polynomials  $S_n, P_n \in \mathbb{Z}[X_0, \dots, X_n; Y_0, \dots, Y_n]$  implicitly by

$$\Phi_n(S_0, \dots, S_n) = \Phi_n(X_0, \dots, X_n) + \Phi_n(Y_0, \dots, Y_n)$$

$$\Phi_n(P_0, \dots, P_n) = \Phi_n(X_0, \dots, X_n)\Phi_n(Y_0, \dots, Y_n)$$

**Fact.** Yes, the coefficients are all integers.

$$\Phi_n(Z_0, \dots, Z_n) = Z_0^{p^n} + pZ_1^{p^{n-1}} + \dots + p^n Z_n$$

$$\Phi_n(S_0, \dots, S_n) = \Phi_n(X_0, \dots, X_n) + \Phi_n(Y_0, \dots, Y_n)$$

$$\Phi_n(P_0, \dots, P_n) = \Phi_n(X_0, \dots, X_n)\Phi_n(Y_0, \dots, Y_n)$$

## Example (low hanging fruit)

$$\Phi_0(Z_0) = Z_0$$

$$S_0(X_0; Y_0) = X_0 + Y_0$$

$$P_0(X_0, Y_0) = X_0 Y_0$$

**Exercise 1.** Prove:

$$S_1((X_0, X_1); (Y_0, Y_1)) = X_1 + Y_1 - \frac{1}{p} \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \binom{p}{i} X_0^i Y_0^{p-i}$$

$$P_1((X_0, X_1); (Y_0, Y_1)) = X_0^p Y_1 + X_1^p Y_0 + pX_1 Y_1.$$

Let  $W(\mathbb{Z}) = (w_0, w_1, w_2, \dots)$ ,  $w_i \in \mathbb{Z}$  for all  $i$ . Define addition and multiplication on  $W(\mathbb{Z})$  by

$$\begin{aligned}(w_0, w_1, \dots) +_W (x_0, x_1, \dots) &= (S_0(w_0; x_0), S_1((w_0, w_1); (x_0, x_1)), \dots) \\ (w_0, w_1, \dots) \cdot_W (x_0, x_1, \dots) &= (P_0(w_0; x_0), P_1((w_0, x_1); (w_0, x_1)), \dots)\end{aligned}$$

These operations make  $W(\mathbb{Z})$  into a commutative ring.

Actually,  $W(-)$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -ring scheme, meaning that for all  $\mathbb{Z}$ -algebras  $A$ ,  $W(A)$  is a ring.

In particular, set  $W = W(k)$  and call this the ring of Witt vectors with coefficients in  $k$  (or “Witt vectors” for short).

Properties of Witt vectors. Show each of the following:

**Exercise 2.**  $W$  is a ring of characteristic zero.

**Exercise 3.**  $W$  is an integral domain.

**Exercise 4.**  $(1, 0, 0, \dots)$  is the multiplicative identity of  $W$ .

**Exercise 5.**  $W(\mathbb{F}_p) \cong \mathbb{Z}_p$ .

**Exercise 6.**  $W(\mathbb{F}_{p^n})$  is the unramified extension of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  of degree  $n$ .

**Exercise 7.** The element  $(0, 1, 0, 0, \dots) \in W$  acts as mult. by  $p$ .

**Exercise 8.**  $p^n W$  is an ideal of  $W$ .

**Exercise 9.** Let  $W_n = (w_0, w_1, \dots, w_{n-1})$ . Then  $W_n$  is a ring with operations induced from  $W$ .

**Exercise 10.**  $W/p^n W \cong W_n$ . In particular,  $W_0 \cong k$ .

Of particular importance will be two operators  $F, V$  on  $W$  given by

$$F(w_0, w_1, w_2, \dots) = (w_0^p, w_1^p, w_2^p, \dots)$$

$$V(w_0, w_1, w_2, \dots) = (0, w_0, w_1, \dots)$$

$F$  is called the *Frobenius* and  $V$  is called the *Verschiebung*.

Show each of the following:

**Exercise 11.**  $FV = VF = p$  (multiplication by  $p$ ).

**Exercise 12.**  $F, V$  both act freely on  $W$ , only  $F$  acts transitively.

**Exercise 13.** If  $w \in p^n W$  then  $Fw, Vw \in p^n W$ . Thus,  $F$  and  $V$  make sense on  $W_n$  as well.

**Exercise 14.**  $W_n$  is annihilated by  $V^{n+1}$ .

**Exercise 15.** Any  $w = (w_0, w_1, w_2, \dots) \in W$  decomposes as

$$(w_0, w_1, w_2, \dots) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} p^i (w_i^{p^{-i}}, 0, 0, \dots).$$

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# The Dieudonné ring

Now let  $w^\sigma$  be the Frobenius on  $w \in W$  (invertible since  $k$  is perfect).

Let  $E = W[F, V]$  be the ring of polynomials with

$$FV = VF = p, Fw = w^\sigma F, wV = Vw^\sigma; w \in W$$

We call  $E$  the *Dieudonné ring*.

Note that  $E$  is commutative if and only if  $k = \mathbb{F}_p$ .

# One more construction

Let us view  $W_n$  as a group scheme (as opposed to the ring  $W_n(k)$ ).

Let  $W_n^m$  be the  $m^{\text{th}}$  Frobenius kernel of the group scheme  $W_n$ , i.e. for any  $k$ -algebra  $A$ ,

$$W_n^m(A) = \{(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}) : a_i \in A, a_i^{p^m} = 0 \text{ for all } 0 \leq i \leq n-1\}.$$

Some properties of  $W_n^m$ :

- Clearly,  $F : W_n \rightarrow W_n$  restricts to  $F : W_n^m \rightarrow W_n^m$ .
- Also,  $V : W_n \rightarrow W_n$  restricts to  $V : W_n^m \rightarrow W_n^m$ .
- For each  $k$ -algebra  $A$ ,  $W(k)$  acts on  $W(A)$  through the algebra structure map  $k \hookrightarrow A$ .
- Every local-local Hopf algebra represents a subgroup scheme of some  $(W_n^m)^r$ .



There are maps  $\iota : W_n^m \hookrightarrow W_n^{m+1}$  (inclusion) and  $\nu : W_n^m \hookrightarrow W_{n+1}^m$  (induced by  $V$ ) such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} W_n^m & \xrightarrow{\iota} & W_n^{m+1} \\ \downarrow \nu & & \downarrow \nu \\ W_{n+1}^m & \xrightarrow{\iota} & W_{n+1}^{m+1} \end{array}$$

Then  $\{W_n^m\}$  is a direct system (where the partial ordering  $(n, m) \leq (n', m')$  is given by the conditions  $n \leq n'$ ,  $m \leq m'$ ).

Let

$$\widehat{W} = \varinjlim_{m,n} W_n^m.$$

(Not standard notation.)

Let  $H$  be a local-local Hopf algebra. Define

$$D_*(H) = \text{Hom}_{k\text{-gr}}(\widehat{W}, \text{Spec}(H)).$$

The actions of  $F$  and  $V$  on  $\widehat{W}$  induces actions on  $D_*(H)$ , as does the action of  $W(k)$ .

Thus,  $D_*(H)$  is an  $E$ -module.

Furthermore,  $D_*(-)$  is a covariant functor, despite the fact this is referred to as “contravariant Dieudonné module theory”.

$$D_*(H) = \text{Hom}_{k\text{-gr}}(\widehat{W}, \text{Spec}(H)).$$

Properties of  $D_*$ :

- $D_*(H)$  is killed by some power of  $F$  and  $V$ .
- $D_*(H)$  is finite length as a  $W$ -module.
- $\text{length}_W D_*(H) = \log_p \dim_k H$ .
- $D_*(H_1 \otimes H_2) \cong D_*(H_1) \times D_*(H_2)$ .  
Note  $\text{Spec}(H_1 \otimes H_2) \cong \text{Spec}(H_1) \times \text{Spec}(H_2)$ .

### Theorem (Main result in Dieudonné module theory)

$D_*$  induces a categorical equivalence

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} p\text{-power rank} \\ \text{local-local} \\ k\text{-Hopf algebras} \end{array} \right\} \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} E\text{-modules} \\ \text{of finite length over } W(k) \\ \text{killed by a power of } F \text{ and } V \end{array} \right\}.$$

We call  $E$ -modules satisfying the above *Dieudonné modules*.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} E\text{-modules} \\ \text{of finite length over } W(k) \\ \text{killed by a power of } F \text{ and } V \end{array} \right\} = \{\text{“Dieudonné modules”}\}$$

This is not everyone's definition.

Dieudonné modules can also be used to describe

- $p$ -power rank Hopf algebras (local, separable).
- $p$ -divisible groups
- graded Hopf algebras
- primitively generated Hopf algebras
- a slew of other things

## Another legal disclaimer

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Some literature will describe a Dieudonné module as a triple  $(M, F, V)$  where

- $M$  is a finite length  $W(k)$ -module
- $F : M \rightarrow M$  is a nilpotent  $\sigma$ -semilinear map
- $V : M \rightarrow M$  is a nilpotent  $\sigma^{-1}$ -semilinear map.

This is just a different way to describe the same thing.

# A Hopf algebra interpretation?

$$D_*(H) = \text{Hom}_{k\text{-gr}}(\widehat{W}, \text{Spec}(H)).$$

Each  $W_n^m$  is an affine group scheme, represented by

$$H_{m,n} = k[t_0, \dots, t_{n-1}] / (t_1^{p^m}, t_2^{p^m}, \dots, t_{n-1}^{p^m})$$

with comultiplications induced from Witt vector addition:

$$\Delta(t_i) = S_i((t_0 \otimes 1, \dots, t_i \otimes 1); (1 \otimes t_0, \dots, 1 \otimes t_i)).$$

In theory we could possibly write something like

$$D_*(H) = \text{Hom}_{k\text{-Hopf}}(H, \varprojlim_{m,n} H_{m,n}).$$

However, I have never found this to be helpful.

# No wait, come back

Suppose we are given a Dieudonné module. What is the corresponding Hopf algebra?

Suppose  $V^{N+1}M = 0$ . Let  $H = k[\{T_m : m \in M\}]$  subject to the relations

$$\begin{aligned}T_{Fm} &= (T_m)^p \\T_{m_1+m_2} &= S_N((T_{V^N m_1}, \dots, T_{V m_1}, T_{m_1}); (T_{V^N m_2}, \dots, T_{V m_2}, T_{m_2})) \\T_{(w_0, w_1, \dots)_m} &= P_N((w_0^{p^{-N}}, \dots, w_N^{p^{-N}}); (T_{V^N m}, \dots, T_{V m}, T_m)), \\m, m_1, m_2 &\in M, (w_0, w_1, \dots) \in W.\end{aligned}$$

Define  $\Delta : H \rightarrow H \otimes H$  by

$$\Delta(T_m) = S_N((T_{V^N m} \otimes 1, T_{V^{N-1} m} \otimes 1, \dots, T_m \otimes 1); (1 \otimes T_{V^N m}, \dots, 1 \otimes T_m)).$$

Then  $H$  is a local-local  $k$ -Hopf algebra.

## The gist, part 2

$$T_{Fm} = (T_m)^p$$

$$T_{m_1+m_2} = S_N((T_{V^N m_1}, \dots, T_{V m_1}, T_{m_1}); (T_{V^N m_2}, \dots, T_{V m_2}, T_{m_2}))$$

$$T_{wm} = P_N((w_0^{p-N}, \dots, w_N^{p-N}); (T_{V^N m}, \dots, T_{V m}, T_m))$$

$$\Delta(T_m) = S_N((T_{V^N m} \otimes 1, \dots, T_m \otimes 1); (1 \otimes T_{V^N m}, \dots, 1 \otimes T_m)).$$

The action of  $F$  describes the (interesting) algebra structure.

The action of  $V$  describes the coalgebra structure.

**Exercise 16.** Show that the  $N$  above need not be minimal.

**Exercise 17.** Let  $M$  be a Dieudonné module. Show that  $T_0 = 0$ .



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$$T_{wm} = P_N((w_0^{p-N}, \dots, w_N^{p-N}); (T_{V^N m}, \dots, T_{V m}, T_m))$$

$$\Delta(T_m) = S_N((T_{V^N m} \otimes 1, \dots, T_m \otimes 1); (1 \otimes T_{V^N m}, \dots, 1 \otimes T_m)).$$

## Example

The simplest possible (nontrivial)  $E$ -module is a  $k$ -vector space  $M$  of dimension 1 with  $F$  and  $V$  acting trivially.

In other words,  $M = E/E(F, V)$ . In particular,  $N = 1$ . Let  $M$  have  $k$ -basis  $\{x\}$ , and let  $H$  be the Hopf algebra with  $D_*(H) = M$ .

**Exercise 18.** Prove  $H$  is generated as a  $k$ -algebra by  $t$ , where  $t = T_x$ .

Since

$$t^p = (T_x)^p = T_{Fx} = T_0 = 0,$$

we have  $H = k[t]/(t^p)$ . Also, by the formulas above,  $t$  is primitive.

# Primitively generated flashback

Suppose  $H$  is primitively generated (and local-local), and let  $M = D_*(H)$ .

Since

$$\Delta(T_m) = S_N((T_{V^N m} \otimes 1, \dots, T_m \otimes 1); (1 \otimes T_{V^N m}, \dots, 1 \otimes T_m))$$

it follows that we may take  $N = 0$ .

Thus  $VM = 0$ , hence  $M$  can be viewed as a module over  $k[F]$  with

$$\begin{aligned} T_{Fm} &= (T_m)^p \\ T_{m_1+m_2} &= T_{m_1} + T_{m_2} \\ T_{wm} &= w_0 T_m. \end{aligned}$$

In this case, it's the same module as yesterday.

## Example

Let  $M = E/(F^m, V^n) = D_*(H)$ .

**Exercise 19.** What is  $pM$ ?

**Exercise 20.** Exhibit a  $k$ -basis for  $M$ .

**Exercise 21.** Prove that

$$H = k[t_1, \dots, t_n]/(t_1^{p^m}, \dots, t_n^{p^m})$$

**Exercise 22.** Write out the comultiplication (in terms of Witt vector addition).

**Exercise 23.** Show that  $\text{Spec}(H) = W_n^m$ .

Let  $H = k[t]/(t^{\rho^5})$  with

$$\Delta(t) = t \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes t + \sum_{i=1}^{\rho-1} \frac{1}{i!(\rho-i)!} t^{\rho^3 i} \otimes t_1^{\rho^3(\rho-i)}.$$

What is  $D_*(H)$ ?

Let  $M = D_*(H)$ , and suppose there is an  $x \in M$  such that  $t = T_x$ . Then

$$0 = t^{\rho^5} = (T_x)^{\rho^5} = T_{F^5 x}$$

so  $F^5 x = 0$ , from which it follows that  $F^5 M = 0$  but  $F^4 M \neq 0$ . Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(t) &= S_1(((T_x)^{\rho^3} \otimes 1, T_x \otimes 1); (1 \otimes (T_x)^{\rho^3}, 1 \otimes T_x)) \\ &= S_1(T_{F^3 x} \otimes 1, T_x \otimes 1); (1 \otimes T_{F^3 x}, 1 \otimes T_x) \end{aligned}$$

Then  $N = 1$  (i.e.,  $V^2 M = 0$ ) and  $Vm = F^3 m$ . Thus,

$$M \cong E/E(F^5, F^3 - V, V^2) = E/E(F^5, F^3 - V).$$

This can be confirmed by working backwards.

Let  $H = k[t_1, t_2]/(t_1^{\rho^2}, t_2^{\rho^2})$  with

$$\Delta(t_1) = t_1 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes t_1$$

$$\Delta(t_1) = t_2 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes t_2 + \sum_{i=1}^{\rho-1} \frac{1}{i!(\rho-i)!} t_1^{\rho i} \otimes t_1^{\rho(\rho-i)}.$$

What is  $D_*(H)$ ?

Let  $M = D_*(H)$ , and suppose  $x, y \in M$  satisfy  $t_1 = T_x$ ,  $t_2 = T_y$ .  
Clearly,  $F^2x = F^2y = 0$  and

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta(t_1) &= S_0(T_x \otimes 1; 1 \otimes T_x) \\ &= S_1((0 \otimes 1, T_x \otimes 1); (1 \otimes 0, 1 \otimes T_x)) \\ \Delta(t_2) &= S_1(((T_x)^\rho \otimes 1, T_y \otimes 1); (1 \otimes (T_x)^\rho, 1 \otimes T_y)) \\ &= S_1((T_{Fx} \otimes 1, T_y \otimes 1); (1 \otimes T_{Fx}, 1 \otimes T_y)).\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $Vx = 0$  and  $Vy = Fx$ . So,

$$M = Ex + Ey, \quad F^2M = V^2M = 0, \quad Vx = 0, \quad Fx = Vy.$$

# Exercises!

Write out the Hopf algebra for each of the following. Be as explicit as you can.

**Exercise 24.**  $M = E/(F^2, F - V)$

**Exercise 25.**  $M = E/E(F^2, V^2)$

**Exercise 26.**  $M = E/E(F^2, p, V^2)$

**Exercise 27.**

$$M = Ex + Ey, F^4x = 0, F^3y = 0, Vx = F^2y, V^2x = 0, Vy = 0.$$

# More exercises!

Find the Dieudonné module for each of the following.

**Exercise 28.**  $H = k[t]/(t^{p^4})$ ,  $t$  primitive.

**Exercise 29.**  $H = k[t_1, t_2]/(t_1^{p^3}, t_2^{p^2})$ ,  $t_1$  primitive and

$$\Delta(t_2) = t_2 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes t_2 + \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{i!(p-i)!} t_1^{pi} \otimes t_1^{p(p-i)}.$$

**Exercise 30.**  $H = k[t_1, t_2]/(t_1^{p^3}, t_2^{p^2})$ ,  $t_1$  primitive and

$$\Delta(t_2) = t_2 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes t_2 + \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{i!(p-i)!} t_1^{p^2 i} \otimes t_1^{p^2(p-i)}.$$



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# How does duality work?

Very nicely, with the proper definitions.

For an  $E$ -module  $M$  we define its dual  $M^*$  to be

$$M^* = \text{Hom}_W(M, W[\rho^{-1}]/W)$$

This is an  $E$ -module, where  $F$  and  $V$  act on  $\phi : M \rightarrow W[\rho^{-1}]/W$  as follows:

$$(F\phi)(m) = (\phi(Vm))^\sigma$$

$$(V\phi)(m) = (\phi(Fm))^{\sigma^{-1}}$$

**Note.** The  $\sigma, \sigma^{-1}$  make  $F\phi, V\phi$  into maps which are  $W$ -linear.

$$M^* = \text{Hom}_W(M, W[p^{-1}]/W)$$

## Properties

- If  $M$  is a Dieudonné module, so is  $M^*$ .
- $(E/E(F^n, V^m))^* = E/E(F^m, V^n)$ .  
“Duality interchanges the roles of  $F$  and  $V$ .”
- $D_*(H^*) = (D_*(H))^*$ .

# An example

Let  $H = \mathbb{F}_p[t]/(t^{p^3})$  with

$$\Delta(t) = t \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes t + \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{i!(p-i)!} t^{p^2 i} \otimes t^{p^2(p-i)}.$$

The choice of  $k = \mathbb{F}_p$  is only for ease of notation.

Then  $M = E/E(F^3, F^2 - V) = kx \oplus kFx \oplus kF^2x$  as  $W$ -modules.

We wish to compute  $\text{Hom}_W(M, W[p^{-1}]/W) = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(M, \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p)$ .

# $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(E/E(F^3, F^2 - V), \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p)$

Note that any  $\phi : kx \oplus kFx \oplus kF^2x \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p$  is determined by the images of  $x$ ,  $Fx$ , and  $F^2x$ .

Note also that  $V(Fx) = V(F^2x) = 0$ , which will be useful later.

Since  $px = FVx = F(F^2x) = F^3x = 0$ ,

$$M^* \cong \{(w, y, z) \in (\mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p)^3 : pw, py, pz \in \mathbb{Z}_p\}$$

where  $\phi \in M^*$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(x) &= w \\ \phi(Fx) &= y \\ \phi(F^2x) &= z\end{aligned}$$

$$\phi(x) = w, \phi(Fx) = y, \phi(F^2x) = z$$

$$M^* \cong \{(w, y, z) \in (\mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p)^3 : pw, py, pz \in \mathbb{Z}_p\}$$

Now  $F$  acts on  $\phi$  by

$$(F\phi)(x) = (\phi(Vx))^\sigma = (\phi(F^2x))^\sigma = z^\sigma = z, (F\phi)(y) = (F\phi(z)) = 0$$

and  $V$  acts on  $\phi$  by

$$\begin{aligned}(V\phi)(x) &= (\phi(Fx))^{\sigma^{-1}} = y^{\sigma^{-1}} = y \\(V\phi)(Fx) &= (\phi(F^2x))^{\sigma^{-1}} = z^{\sigma^{-1}} = z \\(V\phi)(z) &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $F(w, y, z) = (z, 0, 0)$ ,  $V(w, y, z) = (y, z, 0)$ .

Clearly, for all  $u = (w, y, z)$  we have  $V^3u = 0$  and  $V^2u = Fu$ .

It follows that  $M^* = E/E(V^3, V^2 - F)$ .

$$H = \mathbb{F}_p[t]/(t^{p^3}), \quad M^* = E/E(V^3, V^2 - F)$$

**Exercise 31.** Using  $M^*$ , give the algebra structure for  $H^*$ . (**Hint.** It requires two generators.)

**Exercise 32.** Using  $M^*$ , give the coalgebra structure for  $H^*$ .

**Exercise 33.** What changes if  $k \neq \mathbb{F}_p$ ?

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More is coming tomorrow.

Thank you.