

GAUS Junior AG: Maps between spherical group rings

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In this GAUS Junior AG, we want to learn about the recent development on spherical group rings by Carmeli-Nikolaus-Yuan [CNY24].

The schedule is planned as follows:

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The content of the talks should be roughly the following:

Talk 1: δ -rings I

9:30 - 10:30

This section covers [CNY24, Section 2.1].

- Define δ -rings [CNY24, Definition 2.1].
- Define rank-1-units in a δ -ring [CNY24, Definition 2.4].
- Explain the short exact sequences of [CNY24, Proposition 2.10 and 2.15]. Give sketches of the proofs if time permits.
- Define animated δ -rings [CNY24, Definition 2.2].
- Explain as much as possible about the Artin-Schreier sequence for Frobenius lifts [CNY24, Proposition 2.23].

Talk 2: δ -rings II

10:45 - 11:45

This section covers [CNY24, Section 2.2 - 2.4].

- Define reduced units [CNY24, Definition 2.25].
- State [CNY24, Theorem 2.26], give a sketch of the torsion case, i.e. (quickly!) cover (parts of) [CNY24, Section 2.2.1].
- Define global δ rings [CNY24, Definition 2.31].
- Prove the baby case of the main Theorem, i.e. prove [CNY24, Theorem 2.34].
- If time permits, sketch [CNY24, Proposition 2.41].

Lunch Break

11:45 - 13:00

Talk 3: Staticity for reduced units

13:00 - 14:00

This section covers [CNY24, Section 3].

- Define strict and reduced units of a(n augmented) ring spectrum [CNY24, Definitions 3.2 and 3.3]. Explain the associated adjunction of the free augmented R -algebra with the reduced units [CNY24, Remark 3.4].

- Explain the construction of the tautological units [CNY24, Construction 3.11 and before].
- Define M -rigid and p -rigid ring spectra [CNY24, Definition 3.12], state [CNY24, Proposition 3.15].
- Define F -static ring spectra [CNY24, Definition 3.16].
- Sketch the proof of staticity away from the characteristic [CNY24, Proposition 3.20].
- Sketch the proof of staticity for reduced units [CNY24, Proposition 3.21 and 3.22].

The focus of this talk should be the last bullet point, so if time is short, shorten the sketch of the proof of staticity away from the characteristic.

Talk 4: Rigidity for finite p -groups

14:15 - 15:15

This talk covers [CNY24, Section 4]. The first part of this talk should recall concepts from chromatic homotopy theory.

- Recall the notion of $T(n)$ -local spectra, as e.g. in the quick rundown of [LMMT24, Section 2.1].
- Recall the chromatic Fourier transformation [CNY24, Section 4.1.1]. In particular, state [CNY24, Theorems 4.3 and 4.4].
- Sketch the proof of [CNY24, Theorem 4.11].
- If time permits, cover the material of [CNY24, Section 4.2].

Coffee Break

15:15 - 15:45

Talk 5: Rigidity for Free Abelian Groups

15:45 - 16:45

This talk covers [CNY24, Sections 5].

- Sketch the proof of [CNY24, Proposition 5.5].
- Explain how to deduce [CNY24, Proposition 5.13] out of this.
- Introduce the spherical Witt Vectors of [Lur18, Example 5.2.7].
- Prove in more detail [CNY24, Propositions 5.16, 5.17, 5.18 and 5.19].

Talk 6: Assembling the proof

17:00 - 18:00

This talk covers [CNY24, Section 6] and the proof of the main Theorem.

- Try to prove as much as possible about [CNY24, Section 6]. In particular, cover the main result, Corollary 6.6.

Subsequent dinner

18:00 - open end

References

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