Higher homotopy associativity of power maps on p-regular H-spaces

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All spaces are assumed to be pointed, arcwise connected and of the homotopy type of CW-complexes.

Let (X, μ) be a homotopy associative *H*-space. From the above assumption, (X, μ) is a group-like space. The power maps $\{\Phi_{\lambda}^X \colon X \to X\}_{\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}}$ are defined as follows:

$$\begin{split} \bullet \ & \varPhi_0^X(x) = x_0 \\ \bullet \ & \varPhi_\lambda^X(x) = \mu(\varPhi_{\lambda-1}^X(x), x) \quad \text{ for } \lambda > 0 \\ \bullet \ & \varPhi_\lambda^X(x) = \iota(\varPhi_{-\lambda}^X(x)) \quad \text{ for } \lambda < 0, \end{split}$$

where $x_0 \in X$ and $\iota \colon X \to X$ denote the homotopy unit and the homotopy inverse on (X, μ) , respectively.

- (X, μ) is homotopy commutative $\stackrel{\mathsf{iff}}{\iff} \{ \Phi_{\lambda}^X \}_{\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}}$ are H-maps
- If X is a double loop space, then $\{\Phi_{\lambda}^X\}_{\lambda\in\mathbb{Z}}$ are loop maps

Theorem. [Sullivan 1974]

Let p be an odd prime and $t \ge 1$. Then $S_{(p)}^{2t-1}$ is a loop space $\stackrel{\text{iff}}{\iff} t|(p-1).$

We denote the loop space $S_{(p)}^{2t-1}$ by W_t .

Theorem 1. [Arkowitz-Ewing-Schiffman 1975]

Let p be an odd prime. The power map $\Phi_{\lambda}^{W_{p-1}}$ on W_{p-1} is an H-map $\stackrel{\text{iff}}{\iff} \lambda(\lambda - 1) \equiv 0 \mod p.$

<u>Remark</u>.

- When $t \neq p-1$, all the power maps $\{\Phi_{\lambda}^{W_t}\}_{\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}}$ on W_t are H-maps since the multiplication on W_t is homotopy commutative.
- Theorem 1 is generalized to the case of several *p*-localized finite loop spaces by [McGibbon 1980] and [Theriault 2013].

<u>Theorem 2</u>. [Lin 2012]

Let p be an odd prime and $t \ge 1$ with t|(p-1). The power map $\Phi_{\lambda}^{W_t}$ on W_t is a loop map $\iff^{\text{iff}} \lambda = \alpha^t$ for some p-adic integer $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{\wedge}$.

Remark 3.

- When $\lambda \not\equiv 0 \mod p$, Theorem 2 is proved by [Rector 1971] and [Arkowitz-Ewing-Schiffman 1975].
- Theorem 2 can also be derived from [Adams-Wojtkowiak 1989] and [Wo-jtkowiak 1990].

Corollary 4.

Let p and t be as in Theorem 2. Put m = (p-1)/t. Assume $\lambda \neq 0$ and write $\lambda = p^a b$ with $a \ge 0$ and $b \not\equiv 0 \mod p$. The power map $\Phi_{\lambda}^{W_t}$ on W_t is a loop map $\stackrel{\text{iff}}{\longleftrightarrow} t | a \text{ and } b^m \equiv 1 \mod p$.

Definition. [Sugawara 1957], [Stasheff 1963]

A space X is an
$$A_n$$
-space $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\Longrightarrow}$
 $\exists \{\mu_i \colon K_i \times X^i \to X\}_{1 \le i \le n}$

with some relations, where $\{K_i\}_{i\geq 1}$ denote the associahedra constructed by [Stasheff 1963].





$$x(y(zw))$$

 $\mu_{3}(t, x, y, (zw))$ $x\mu_{3}(t, y, z, w)$
 $(xy)(zw)$ $\mu_{4}(a, x, y, z)$ $x((yz)w)$
 $\mu_{3}(t, (xy), z, w)$ $\mu_{3}(t, x, (yz), w)$
 $((xy)z)w$ $(x(yz))w$
 $\mu_{3}(t, x, y, z)w$

- X is an A_2 -space $\stackrel{\text{iff}}{\iff} X$ is an H-space
- X is an A_3 -space $\stackrel{\text{iff}}{\iff} X$ is a homotopy associative H-space
- X is an A_{∞} -space $\stackrel{\text{iff}}{\iff} X \simeq \Omega(BX)$ for some space BX by [Sugawara 1957] and [Stasheff 1963]

<u>Definition</u>. [Sugawara 1960], [Stasheff 1970], [Iwase-Mimura 1989] Let X, Y be A_n -spaces. A map $f: X \to Y$ is an A_n -map $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff}$

$$\exists \{\eta_i \colon J_i \times X^i \to Y\}_{1 \le i \le n}$$

with some relations, where $\{J_i\}_{i\geq 1}$ denote the multiplihedra constructed by [lwase-Mimura 1989].



$$f(x)f(y)$$
 $\eta_2(t,x,y)$
 $f(xy)$



$$\begin{array}{cccc} \mu_{3}^{Y}(t,f(x),f(y),f(z)) \\ (f(x)f(y))f(z) & f(x)(f(y)f(z)) \\ \eta_{2}(t,x,y)f(z) & \eta_{3}(a,x,y,z) & f(x)\eta_{2}(t,y,z) \\ \eta_{2}(t,(xy),z) & \eta_{3}(a,x,y,z) & f(x)f(yz) \\ \eta_{2}(t,(xy),z) & f(x)yz) & f(x)yz) \\ f((xy)z) & f(x(yz)) \\ f(\mu_{3}^{X}(t,x,y,z)) \end{array}$$

- $f: X \to Y$ is an A_2 -map $\stackrel{\text{iff}}{\iff} f$ is an H-map
- $f: X \to Y$ is an A_3 -map $\stackrel{\text{iff}}{\iff} f$ is an H-map preserving homotopy associativity homotopically

• $f: X \to Y$ is an A_{∞} -map $\stackrel{\text{iff}}{\iff} f \simeq \Omega(Bf)$ for some map $Bf: BX \to BY$ by [Sugawara 1960], [Stasheff 1970] and [Iwase-Mimura 1989]

In this talk, we study the condition for the power map on an A_n -space to be an A_n -map. The higher homotopy associativity of the power maps $\{\Phi_{\lambda}^X\}_{\lambda\in\mathbb{Z}}$ measures a lack of higher homotopy commutativity of (X, μ) .

<u>Theorem A</u>.

Let p be an odd prime and $t \ge 1$ with t|(p-1). Put m = (p-1)/t. The power maps $\{\Phi_{\lambda}^{W_t}\}_{\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}}$ on W_t satisfy the following: (1) $\Phi_{\lambda}^{W_t}$ is an A_m -map for any $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}$. (2) $\Phi_{\lambda}^{W_t}$ is an A_{m+1} -map $\stackrel{\text{iff}}{\longleftrightarrow} \lambda(\lambda^m - 1) \equiv 0 \mod p$.

Remark 5.

- If t = p 1, then Theorem A (2) is the same as Theorem 1.
- When t = (p-1)/2, Theorem A (2) is proved by [McGibbon 1982].
- When $\lambda \not\equiv 0 \mod p$, $\Phi_{\lambda}^{W_t}$ is an A_{m+1} -map $\iff \Phi_{\lambda}^{W_t}$ is a loop map by Theorem A (2) and Corollary 4.

<u>Theorem B</u>.

Let p, t and m be as in Theorem A. Assume that $\lambda \equiv 0 \mod p$ and $2 \leq j \leq t$. The power maps $\{\Phi_{\lambda}^{W_t}\}_{\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}}$ on W_t satisfy the following:

(1) If
$$\Phi_{\lambda}^{W_t}$$
 is an $A_{(j-1)m+1}$ -map, then it is also an A_{jm} -map.

(2)
$$\Phi_{\lambda}^{W_t}$$
 is an A_{jm+1} -map $\iff \lambda \equiv 0 \mod p^j$.

From Theorems A (2) and B (2) and Corollary 4, we have the following corollary:

Corollary 6.

Let p, t and m be as in Theorem A. The power map $\Phi_{\lambda}^{W_t}$ on W_t is an A_p -map $\stackrel{\text{iff}}{\longleftrightarrow} \lambda \equiv 0 \mod p^t$ or $\lambda^m \equiv 1 \mod p$.

Definition.

- A space X is \mathbb{F}_p -finite $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} H^*(X; \mathbb{F}_p)$ is finite-dimensional as a vector space over \mathbb{F}_p .
- A space X is \mathbb{F}_p -acyclic $\stackrel{\mathsf{def}}{\iff} \widetilde{H}^*(X; \mathbb{F}_p) = 0.$

Theorem C.

Let p be an odd prime. Assume that X is a simply connected \mathbb{F}_p -finite A_p -space and λ is a primitive (p-1)-st root of unity mod p. If the reduced power operations $\{\mathscr{P}^i\}_{i\geq 1}$ act trivially on the indecomposable module $QH^*(X; \mathbb{F}_p)$ and the power map Φ_{λ}^X on X is an A_n -map with n > (p-1)/2, then X is \mathbb{F}_p -acyclic.

Remark 7.

• The condition for λ cannot be removed. In fact:

(1) If $\lambda \equiv 0 \mod p$, then the power map $\Phi_{\lambda}^{W_2}$ on W_2 is an $A_{(p+1)/2}$ -map by Theorem A (2)

(2) Assume that $\lambda^k \equiv 1 \mod p$ for some k with $1 \le k < p-1$ and k|(p-1). Put t = (p-1)/k > 1. Then the power map $\Phi_{\lambda}^{W_t}$ on W_t is a loop map by Corollary 4.

• Since the power maps $\{\Phi_{\lambda}^{W_2}\}_{\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}}$ on W_2 are $A_{(p-1)/2}$ -maps by Theorem A (1), the assumption "n > (p-1)/2" cannot be relaxed in Theorem C.

Definition.

An *H*-space is *p*-regular $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\Longrightarrow}$ $X_{(p)} \simeq S_{(p)}^{2t_1-1} \times \cdots \times S_{(p)}^{2t_\ell-1} \quad (1 \le t_1 \le \cdots \le t_\ell) \qquad \cdots (*)$

Theorem. [Hubbuck-Mimura 1987], [Iwase 1989]

Let p be an odd prime. If X is a connected p-regular A_p -space with (*), then $t_{\ell} \leq p$.

<u>Theorem D</u>.

Let p and λ be as in Theorem C. Assume that X is a simply connected p-regular A_p -space with (*). If the power map Φ_{λ}^X on X is an A_n -map with $n > [p/t_{\ell}]$, then X is \mathbb{F}_p -acyclic.

Remark 8.

Since the power maps $\{\Phi_{\lambda}^{W_t}\}_{\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}}$ on W_t are A_m -maps by Theorem A (1) and [p/t] = m, the assumption " $n > [p/t_\ell]$ " cannot be relaxed in Theorem D.

Proof of Theorem A (1).

By induction on i, we construct an A_m -form $\{\eta_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq m}$ on $\Phi_{\lambda}^{W_t}$. Put $\eta_1 = \Phi_{\lambda}^{W_t}$. Assume inductively that $\{\eta_j\}_{1 \leq j < i}$ is constructed for some $i \leq m$. Let $\Gamma_i(W_t) = \partial J_i \times (W_t)^i \cup J_i \times (W_t)^{[i]}$, where $X^{[i]}$ denotes the *i*-fold fat wedge of a space X defined as

$$\begin{split} X^{[i]} &= \{(x_1, \dots, x_i) \in X^i \mid x_j = * \text{ for some } j \text{ with } 1 \leq j \leq i\}.\\ \text{Then } (J_i \times (W_t)^i) / \Gamma_i(W_t) \simeq S^{2ti-1}_{(p)}. \end{split}$$

We define $\widetilde{\eta}_i \colon \Gamma_i(W_t) \to W_t$ using $\{\eta_j\}_{1 \leq j < i}$. The obstructions to obtain $\eta_i \colon J_i \times (W_t)^i \to W_t$ with $\eta_i|_{\Gamma_i(W_t)} = \widetilde{\eta}_i$ appear in the cohomology groups

$$H^{k+1}(J_i \times (W_t)^i, \Gamma_i(W_t); \pi_k(W_t)) \cong \widetilde{H}^k(S^{2ti-2}_{(p)}; \pi_k(W_t)) \quad \text{for } k \ge 1.$$

The above is non-trivial only if k is an even integer with k < 2p - 2 since $ti \leq tm = p - 1$. On the other hand, $\pi_k(W_t) = 0$ for any even integer k with k < 2p - 2 by [Toda 1962]. Then we have a map η_i . This completes the induction, and we have an A_m -form $\{\eta_i\}_{1\leq i\leq m}$ on $\Phi_{\lambda}^{W_t}$.

Let X be an A_n -space. According to [Stasheff 1963], we have the projective spaces $\{P_i(X)\}_{0 \le i \le n}$ with the following properties:

• There is a fibration

$$X \to \Sigma^{i-1} X^{\wedge i} \xrightarrow{\gamma_{i-1}} P_{i-1}(X) \quad \text{for } 1 \le i \le n$$

• There is a long cofibration sequence:

$$\Sigma^{i-1}X^{\wedge i} \xrightarrow{\gamma_{i-1}} P_{i-1}(X) \xrightarrow{\iota_{i-1}} P_i(X) \xrightarrow{\rho_i} \Sigma^i X^{\wedge i} \xrightarrow{\Sigma\gamma_{i-1}} \cdots$$
for $1 \le i \le n$,

where $X^{\wedge i}$ denotes the *i*-fold smash product of X.

- $P_0(X) = \{*\}$ and $P_1(X) = \Sigma X$.
- When X is an A_{∞} -space, $P_{\infty}(X) = BX$.

Theorem. [Stasheff 1970], [Iwase-Mimura 1989], [Hemmi 2007]

Let X, Y be A_n -spaces.

(1) If
$$f: X \to Y$$
 is an A_n -map, then
 $\exists \{P_i(f): P_i(X) \to P_i(Y)\}_{1 \le i \le n}$

with $P_1(f) = \Sigma f$ and $P_i(f)\iota_{i-1} = P_{i-1}(f)\iota_{i-1}$ for $2 \le i \le n$.

(2) If Y is an A_{n+1} -space, then the converse of (1) also holds.

Put
$$\varepsilon_{i-1} = \iota_{i-1} \cdots \iota_1 \colon \Sigma X = P_1(X) \to P_i(X)$$
 for $i \ge 2$.

Proof of the "only if " part of Theorem A (2).

It is known that

$$\begin{split} H^*(P_{m+1}(W_t);\mathbb{F}_p) &\cong \mathbb{F}_p[\boldsymbol{u}]/(\boldsymbol{u}^{m+2}) \quad \text{with } \deg \boldsymbol{u} = 2t \\ \text{and} \\ \mathscr{P}^1(\boldsymbol{u}) &= \xi \boldsymbol{u}^{m+1} \quad \text{with } \xi \not\equiv 0 \mod p. \\ \text{If } \varPhi^{W_t}_\lambda \text{ is an } A_{m+1}\text{-map, then} \\ & \exists P_{m+1}(\varPhi^{W_t}_\lambda) \colon P_{m+1}(W_t) \to P_{m+1}(W_t) \\ \text{with } P_{m+1}(\varPhi^{W_t}_\lambda) \varepsilon_m \simeq \varepsilon_m(\varSigma \varPhi^{W_t}_\lambda). \text{ This implies} \\ & P_{m+1}(\varPhi^{W_t}_\lambda)^*(\boldsymbol{u}) = \lambda \boldsymbol{u}. \end{split}$$

Since

$$\mathscr{P}^1 P_{m+1}(\varPhi_{\lambda}^{W_t})^*(\boldsymbol{u}) = \xi \lambda \boldsymbol{u}^{m+1}$$

and

$$P_{m+1}(\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{\lambda}^{W_t})^* \mathscr{P}^1(\boldsymbol{u}) = \xi \lambda^{m+1} \boldsymbol{u}^{m+1},$$

we have $\lambda(\lambda^m - 1) \equiv 0 \mod p$.

Proof of the "if" part of Theorem A (2).

According to [Toda 1962], we have

$$\pi_{2t+2(p-1)-2}(W_t) \cong \mathbb{Z}/p\{\alpha\}.$$

Let $C(\varphi)$ be the cofiber of $\varphi = \Sigma \alpha \colon S_{(p)}^{2t+2(p-1)-1} \to \Sigma W_t$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} H^*(C(\varphi);\mathbb{F}_p) &= \mathbb{F}_p\{\boldsymbol{z},\boldsymbol{w}\} \quad \text{as an } \mathbb{F}_p\text{-algebra} \\ & \text{with } \deg \boldsymbol{z} = 2t \text{ and } \deg \boldsymbol{w} = 2t + 2(p-1) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\mathscr{P}^1(\boldsymbol{z}) = \zeta \boldsymbol{w} \quad \text{with } \zeta \not\equiv 0 \mod p.$$

Since $\varphi = \Sigma \alpha$ is a suspension map, we have a map $\Lambda \colon C(\varphi) \to C(\varphi)$ with the following commutative diagram:

where $[\lambda]$ denote the self-maps of degree λ .

Since
$$\Phi_{\lambda}^{W_t}$$
 is an A_m -map,
 $\exists P_m(\Phi_{\lambda}^{W_t}) \colon P_m(W_t) \to P_m(W_t)$
with $P_m(\Phi_{\lambda}^{W_t}) \varepsilon_{m-1} \simeq \varepsilon_{m-1}(\varSigma \Phi_{\lambda}^{W_t})$.
Let $\widetilde{\varphi} = \varepsilon_{m-1} \varphi \colon S_{(p)}^{2t+2(p-1)-1} \to P_m(W_t)$. Since there is a fibration
 $W_t \to S_{(p)}^{2t+2(p-1)-1} \xrightarrow{\gamma_m} P_m(W_t)$,

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{2t+2(p-1)-1}(P_m(W_t)) &\cong \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}\{\gamma_m\} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/p\{\widetilde{\varphi}\}. \\ \text{Put } X &= C(\widehat{\varphi}), \text{ where } \widehat{\varphi} = \iota_m \widetilde{\varphi} = \varepsilon_m \varphi \colon S_{(p)}^{2t+2(p-1)-1} \to P_{m+1}(W_t). \\ \text{Then } C(\varphi) \subset X \text{ and } \pi_{2t+2(p-1)-1}(X) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since $P_{m+1}(W_t) = C(\gamma_m)$, we have a map $\widetilde{\Psi} \colon P_{m+1}(W_t) \to X$ with the following commutative diagram:

where $\widetilde{\iota}_m$ denotes the composition of ι_m and the inclusion $P_{m+1}(W_t) \subset X$. Define a self-map $\Psi \colon X \to X$ by $\Psi|_{P_{m+1}(W_t)} = \widetilde{\Psi}$ and $\Psi|_{C(\varphi)} = \Lambda$.

From the definition,

$$\begin{split} H^*(X;\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}) &= \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}[x]/(x^{m+2}) \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}\{y\} \quad \text{as a } \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}\text{-algebra} \\ & \text{with } \deg x = 2t \text{ and } \deg y = 2t + 2(p-1). \end{split}$$

Since $\Psi|_{C(\varphi)} = \Lambda$, the induced homomorphism $\Psi^* \colon H^*(X; \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}) \to H^*(X; \mathbb{Z}_{(p)})$ is given by $\Psi^*(x) = \lambda x$ and $\Psi^*(y) = \lambda y + \eta x^{m+1}$ for some $\eta \in \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$. Lemma.

If
$$\lambda(\lambda^m - 1) \equiv 0 \mod p$$
, then $\eta \equiv 0 \mod p$.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} H^*(P_{m+1}(W_t);\mathbb{F}_p) &\leftarrow H^*(X;\mathbb{F}_p) \to H^*(C(\varphi);\mathbb{F}_p) \\ \text{Write } \mathscr{P}^1(\boldsymbol{x}) &= \xi \boldsymbol{x}^{m+1} + \zeta \boldsymbol{y} \text{ with } \xi, \zeta \not\equiv 0 \mod p. \text{ Since} \\ \mathscr{P}^1 \Psi^*(x) &= \lambda \xi \boldsymbol{x}^{m+1} + \lambda \zeta \boldsymbol{y} \end{aligned}$$

 $\quad \text{and} \quad$

$$\Psi^*\mathscr{P}^1(x) = \lambda^{m+1} \xi \boldsymbol{x}^{m+1} + \lambda \zeta \boldsymbol{y} + \eta \zeta \boldsymbol{x}^{m+1},$$

we have $\xi\lambda(\lambda^m - 1) + \eta\zeta \equiv 0 \mod p$. Then $\eta \equiv 0 \mod p$.

Let $a, b \in H_{2t+2(p-1)}(X; \mathbb{Z}_{(p)})$ denote the Kronecker duals of $x^{m+1}, y \in H^{2t+2(p-1)}(X; \mathbb{Z}_{(p)})$, respectively. Using the duality, we can show that

$$\Psi_*(\boldsymbol{a}) = \lambda^{m+1}\boldsymbol{a} + \eta\boldsymbol{b}$$

and

$$\Psi_*(\boldsymbol{b}) = \lambda \boldsymbol{b}.$$

Consider the homomorphism

$$\mathscr{E}: H_{2t+2(p-1)}(X; \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}) \to \pi_{2t+2(p-1)-1}(P_m(W_t))$$

defined by the following composition:

$$\begin{aligned} H_{2t+2(p-1)}(X;\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}) &\to H_{2t+2(p-1)}(X,P_m(W_t);\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}) \\ & \xrightarrow{\mathscr{H}^{-1}} \xrightarrow{\pi_{2t+2(p-1)}(X,P_m(W_t))} \xrightarrow{\partial} \pi_{2t+2(p-1)-1}(P_m(W_t)), \end{aligned}$$

where \mathscr{H} denotes the Hurewicz isomorphism. Then $P_m(\Phi_{\lambda}^{W_t})_{\#}\mathscr{E} = \mathscr{E}\Psi_*$.

Since $\mathscr{E}(\boldsymbol{a}) = \gamma_m$ and $\mathscr{E}(\boldsymbol{b}) = \widetilde{\varphi}$, we have that $P_m(\Phi_{\lambda}^{W_t})_{\#}(\gamma_m) = \lambda^{m+1}\gamma_m + \eta\widetilde{\varphi} = \lambda^{m+1}\gamma_m$ by Lemma. This implies that $\iota_m P_m(\Phi_{\lambda}^{W_t})\gamma_m$ is null-homotopic, and so there is a selfmap $\psi \colon P_{m+1}(W_t) \to P_{m+1}(W_t)$ with $\psi\iota_m \simeq \iota_m P_m(\Phi_{\lambda}^{W_t})$. Then $\Phi_{\lambda}^{W_t}$ is an A_{m+1} -map.

<u>Remark</u>.

Theorem B is proved in a similar way to the proof of Theorem A. In the proof, we use the Brown-Peterson cohomology instead of the $\mod p$ cohomology.