

Introduction to Stable Homotopy Theory

Exercise Sheet 8

1. Let X be a spectrum and n be an integer. Show that every class in $\pi_*(X/n)$ is killed by n^2 .
2. Show that every connective spectrum is $H\mathbb{Z}$ -local.
3. Let A be an abelian group. Show that there exists a connective spectrum $\mathbb{S}A$ such that

$$H\mathbb{Z}_*\mathbb{S}A = \begin{cases} A & \text{if } * = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} .$$

Show that if X is a spectrum there is a short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}(A, \pi_{*+1}X) \rightarrow \pi_* \text{map}(\mathbb{S}A, X) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(A, \pi_*X) \rightarrow 0 ,$$

where the second map sends $f : \mathbb{S}A \rightarrow \Sigma^n A$ to the induced map in π_0 . Deduce from this that any two choices of $\mathbb{S}A$ are equivalent, but give an example of an A and an automorphism $f : \mathbb{S}A \rightarrow \mathbb{S}A$ that is not homotopic to the identity but induces the identity in integral homology.