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p -Johnson homomorphisms and pro- p groups



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ABSTRACT

We propose an approach to study non-Abelian Iwasawa theory, using the idea of Johnson homomorphisms in low dimensional topology. We introduce arithmetic analogues of Johnson homomorphisms/maps, called the p -Johnson homomorphisms/maps, associated to the Zassenhaus filtration of a pro- p Galois group over a \mathbb{Z}_p -extension of a number field. We give their cohomological interpretation in terms of Massey products in Galois cohomology.

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1. Introduction

Let p be an odd prime number, and let μ_{p^n} denote the group of p^n -th roots of unity for a positive integer n and we set $\mu_{p^\infty} := \bigcup_{n \geq 1} \mu_{p^n}$. We let $k_\infty := \mathbb{Q}(\mu_{p^\infty})$ and \tilde{k} the maximal pro- p extension of k_∞ which is unramified outside p . We let $\Gamma_p := \text{Gal}(k_\infty/\mathbb{Q})$ and $F_p := \text{Gal}(\tilde{k}/k_\infty)$, the Galois groups of the extensions k_∞/\mathbb{Q} and \tilde{k}/k_∞ , respectively. Classical Iwasawa theory then deals with the action of Γ_p on the Abelianization $H_1(F_p, \mathbb{Z}_p)$ of F_p ([12]). A basic problem of non-Abelian Iwasawa theory, with which we are concerned in this paper, is to study the conjugate action of Γ_p on F_p itself. In terms of schemes, one has the tower of étale pro-finite covers

$$\tilde{X}_p := \text{Spec}(\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{k}}[1/p]) \rightarrow X_p^\infty := \text{Spec}(\mathcal{O}_{k_\infty}[1/p]) \rightarrow X_p := \text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}[1/p]), \quad (1.1)$$

where \mathcal{O}_{k_∞} and $\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{k}}$ denote the rings of integers of k_∞ and \tilde{k} , respectively, and the Galois groups

$$\Gamma_p = \text{Gal}(X_p^\infty/X_p), \quad F_p = \text{Gal}(\tilde{X}_p/X_p^\infty) = \pi_1^{\text{pro-}p}(X_p^\infty), \quad (1.2)$$

where $\pi_1^{\text{pro-}p}$ stands for the maximal pro- p quotient of the étale fundamental group. So the problem is to study the monodromy action of Γ_p on the arithmetic pro- p fundamental group F_p .

Now let us recall the analogy between a prime and a knot

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> prime $\text{Spec}(\mathbb{F}_p) = K(\hat{\mathbb{Z}}, 1) \hookrightarrow \overline{\text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z})}$ </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> knot $S^1 = K(\mathbb{Z}, 1) \hookrightarrow S^3$ </div> </div>	(1.3)
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Here $K(*, 1)$ stands for the Eilenberg–MacLane space and $\overline{\text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z})} := \text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}) \cup \{\infty\}$, ∞ being the infinite prime of \mathbb{Q} which may be seen as an analogue of the end of \mathbb{R}^3 ([5]). This analogy (1.3) opens a research area, called *arithmetic topology*, which studies systematically further analogies between number theory and 3-dimensional topology ([23]). In particular, there are known intimate analogies between Iwasawa theory and Alexander–Fox theory ([19], [23, Chap. 9 ~ 12]).

Arithmetic topology suggests that topological counterparts of (1.1) and (1.2) may be the tower of covers

$$\tilde{X}_{\mathcal{K}} \rightarrow X_{\mathcal{K}}^\infty \rightarrow X_{\mathcal{K}} := S^3 \setminus \mathcal{K},$$

for a knot \mathcal{K} in S^3 , where $X_{\mathcal{K}}^\infty$ and $\tilde{X}_{\mathcal{K}}$ denote the infinite cyclic cover and the universal cover of the knot complement $X_{\mathcal{K}}$, respectively, and the Galois groups

$$\Gamma_{\mathcal{K}} := \text{Gal}(X_{\mathcal{K}}^\infty/X_{\mathcal{K}}), \quad F_{\mathcal{K}} := \text{Gal}(\tilde{X}_{\mathcal{K}}/X_{\mathcal{K}}^\infty) = \pi_1(X_{\mathcal{K}}^\infty),$$

and we have the conjugate action of $\Gamma_{\mathcal{K}}$ on $F_{\mathcal{K}}$.

To push our idea further, suppose that \mathcal{K} is a fibered knot so that $X_{\mathcal{K}}$ is a mapping torus of the monodromy $\phi : S \rightarrow S$, S being the Seifert surface of \mathcal{K} . Then $F_{\mathcal{K}} = \pi_1(S)$ and the conjugate action of $\Gamma_{\mathcal{K}}$ on $F_{\mathcal{K}}$ is nothing but the monodromy action induced by ϕ on $F_{\mathcal{K}}$

$$\phi_* : \Gamma_{\mathcal{K}} \longrightarrow \text{Aut}(F_{\mathcal{K}}). \quad (1.4)$$

Note here that the monodromy ϕ may be regarded as a mapping class of the surface S . Thus the action (1.4) can be studied by means of the Johnson homomorphisms/maps, associated to the lower central series of $F_{\mathcal{K}}$, defined on a certain filtration of the mapping class group for the surface S ([15], [17], [24]) or, more generally, on the automorphism group $\text{Aut}(F_{\mathcal{K}})$ ([16], [26]).

In this paper, we regard the action of Γ_p on F_p as an arithmetic analogue of the monodromy action (1.4) and propose an approach to study non-Abelian Iwasawa theory by introducing arithmetic analogues of the Johnson homomorphisms/maps, called the p -Johnson homomorphisms/maps, associated to the Zassenhaus filtration of F_p , defined on a certain filtration of the automorphism group $\text{Aut}(F_p)$. For this, we lay a foundation of a general theory of p -Johnson homomorphisms/maps in the context of pro- p group.

We note that our viewpoint and approach differs from what is called “non-commutative Iwasawa theory” (cf. [3], [14, 3]). The works by M. Ozaki ([25]) and R. Sharifi ([28]) are related to ours (see Remark 3.2.7), however, our approach is different from theirs and closer to geometric topology.

Here is the content of this paper. In Section 2, we give a general theory of p -Johnson homomorphisms in the context of pro- p groups. We use the Zassenhaus filtration of a finitely generated pro- p group G in order to introduce the p -Johnson homomorphisms, defined on a certain filtration of the automorphism group of G . In Section 3, we give a framework to study non-Abelian Iwasawa theory by means of the p -Johnson homomorphisms. In Section 4, we give a theory of Johnson maps for a free pro- p group F by extending the p -Johnson homomorphisms in Section 2 to maps, called the p -Johnson maps, defined on the automorphism group $\text{Aut}(F)$ itself. In Section 5, we give a cohomological interpretation of the p -Johnson homomorphisms in terms of Massey products in Galois cohomology.

Notation. For subgroup A, B of a group G , $[A, B]$ stands for the subgroup of G generated by $[a, b] := aba^{-1}b^{-1}$ for all $a \in A, b \in B$.

2. Zassenhaus filtration and p -Johnson homomorphisms for a pro- p group

In this section, we give a general theory of p -Johnson homomorphisms for pro- p groups. We associate to the Zassenhaus filtration of a finitely generated pro- p group G a certain filtration on the automorphism group $\text{Aut}(G)$ of G , and introduce the p -Johnson homomorphisms defined on each term of the filtration of $\text{Aut}(G)$.

Throughout this section, let p be a fixed prime number and G a finitely generated pro- p group. For general properties of pro- p groups, we consult [18] and [6].

2.1. Zassenhaus filtration and the associated Lie algebra

Let $\mathbb{F}_p[[G]]$ be the complete group algebra of G over $\mathbb{F}_p = \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ with the augmentation ideal $I_G := \text{Ker}(\epsilon_{\mathbb{F}_p[[G]]})$, where $\epsilon_{\mathbb{F}_p[[G]]} : \mathbb{F}_p[[G]] \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_p$ is the augmentation homomorphism ([18, 7.1]). For each positive integer n , we define the normal subgroup G_n of G by

$$G_n := \{g \in G \mid g - 1 \in I_G^n\}. \quad (2.1.1)$$

The descending series $\{G_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ is called the *Zassenhaus filtration* of G ([18, 7.4]). The family $\{G_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ forms a full system of neighborhoods of the identity 1 in G and satisfies the following properties

$$(G_i)^p \subset G_{pi} \quad (i \geq 1). \quad (2.1.2)$$

$$[G_i, G_j] \subset G_{i+j} \quad (i, j \geq 1). \quad (2.1.3)$$

We recall the fact that the abstract commutator subgroup of a finitely generated pro- p group is closed ([6, 1.19]).

The Zassenhaus filtration is in fact the fastest descending series of G having the properties (2.1.2) and (2.1.3). Namely, it is shown by Jennings' theorem and an inverse limit argument that we have the following inductive description of G_n :

$$G_n = (G_{[n/p]})^p \prod_{i+j=n} [G_i, G_j] \quad (n \geq 2), \quad (2.1.4)$$

where $[n/p]$ stands for the least integer m such that $mp \geq n$ ([6, 12.9]).

We note by (2.1.3) that elements of G_i/G_{i+j} and G_j/G_{i+j} commute, in particular, G_n/G_{n+1} is central in G/G_{n+1} . The 2nd term G_2 is the Frattini subgroup $G^p[G, G]$ of G and we denote by H the Frattini quotient

$$H := G/G_2 = G/G^p[G, G] = H_1(G, \mathbb{F}_p). \quad (2.1.5)$$

For $g \in G$, we write $[g]$ for the image of g in H : $[g] := g \bmod G_2$. We note that each G_n is a finitely generated pro- p group ([6, 1.7, 1.14]).

For each $n \geq 1$, we let

$$\text{gr}_n(G) := G_n/G_{n+1},$$

which is a finite dimensional \mathbb{F}_p -vector space. The graded \mathbb{F}_p -vector space

$$\mathrm{gr}(G) := \bigoplus_{n \geq 1} \mathrm{gr}_n(G) \quad (2.1.6)$$

has a natural structure of a graded Lie algebra over \mathbb{F}_p by (2.1.3). Here, for $a = g \bmod G_{i+1}, b = h \bmod G_{j+1}$ ($g \in G_i, h \in G_j$), the Lie bracket is defined by

$$[a, b]_{\mathrm{gr}(G)} := [g, h] \bmod G_{i+j+1}.$$

Further, by (2.1.2) again, $\mathrm{gr}(G)$ has the operation $[p]$ defined by, for $a = g \bmod G_{n+1} \in \mathrm{gr}_n(G)$,

$$[p](a) := g^p \bmod G_{pn+1},$$

which makes $\mathrm{gr}(G)$ a restricted Lie algebra over \mathbb{F}_p ([6, 12.1]).

The *restricted universal enveloping algebra* (abbreviated to *universal envelope*) $U(\mathrm{gr}(G))$ of $\mathrm{gr}(G)$ is given as follows. For each $m \geq 0$, we let

$$\mathrm{gr}_m(\mathbb{F}_p[[G]]) := I_G^m / I_G^{m+1},$$

and consider the graded associative algebra over \mathbb{F}_p :

$$\mathrm{gr}(\mathbb{F}_p[[G]]) := \bigoplus_{m \geq 0} \mathrm{gr}_m(\mathbb{F}_p[[G]]).$$

For each $m \geq 1$, we have an injective \mathbb{F}_p -linear map

$$\theta_m : \mathrm{gr}_m(G) \longrightarrow \mathrm{gr}_m(\mathbb{F}_p[[G]])$$

defined by

$$\theta_m(g \bmod G_{m+1}) := g - 1 \bmod I_G^{m+1} \quad \text{for } g \in G_m.$$

Putting all θ_m together over $m \geq 1$, we have an injective graded Lie algebra homomorphism over \mathbb{F}_p

$$\mathrm{gr}(\theta) := \bigoplus_{m \geq 1} \theta_m : \mathrm{gr}(G) \longrightarrow \mathrm{gr}(\mathbb{F}_p[[G]]).$$

Then $(\mathrm{gr}(\mathbb{F}_p[[G]]), \mathrm{gr}(\theta))$ is the universal envelope of $\mathrm{gr}(G)$ ([6, 12.8]):

$$U\mathrm{gr}(G) = \mathrm{gr}(\mathbb{F}_p[[G]]). \quad (2.1.7)$$

2.2. The automorphism group and p -Johnson homomorphisms

Let $\text{Aut}(G)$ denote the group of continuous automorphisms of a finitely generated pro- p group G . We note that any abstract group homomorphism between finitely generated pro- p groups is always continuous and so $\text{Aut}(G)$ is same as the group of automorphisms of G (as an abstract group) ([6, 1.21]). We also note that every term G_n of the Zassenhaus filtration of G is a characteristic subgroup of G , namely, invariant under the action of $\text{Aut}(G)$.

Since any automorphism ϕ of G induces an automorphism $[\phi]_m$ of G/G_{m+1} for each integer $m \geq 0$, we have the group homomorphism

$$[\]_m : \text{Aut}(G) \longrightarrow \text{Aut}(G/G_{m+1}). \quad (2.2.1)$$

We then define the normal subgroup $A_G(m)$ of $\text{Aut}(G)$ by

$$\begin{aligned} A_G(m) &:= \text{Ker}([\]_m) \\ &= \{ \phi \in \text{Aut}(G) \mid \phi(g)g^{-1} \in G_{m+1} \} \quad (m \geq 0). \end{aligned} \quad (2.2.2)$$

We call the resulting descending series $\{A_G(m)\}_{m \geq 0}$ the *Andreadakis–Johnson filtration* of $\text{Aut}(G)$ associated to the Zassenhaus filtration of G (cf. [1, 26]). In particular, we set simply $[\phi] := [\phi]_1$ for $\phi \in \text{Aut}(G)$ and the 1st term $A_G(1)$ is called the *induced automorphism group* of G and denoted by $\text{IA}(G)$:

$$\text{IA}(G) := \text{Ker}([\] : \text{Aut}(G) \longrightarrow \text{GL}(H)), \quad (2.2.3)$$

where $\text{GL}(H)$ denotes the group of \mathbb{F}_p -linear automorphisms of $H = G/G_2$.

The family $\{A_G(m)\}_{m \geq 0}$ forms a full system of neighborhood of the identity id_G in $\text{Aut}(G)$ and it can be shown that $\text{Aut}(G)$ is a pro-finite group and $\text{IA}(G)$ is a pro- p group ([6, 5.3, 5.5]). So $\text{Aut}(G)$ is virtually a pro- p group.

The next Lemma will play a basic role to introduce the p -Johnson homomorphisms.

Lemma 2.2.4. *For $\phi \in A_G(m)$ ($m \geq 0$) and $g \in G_n$ ($n \geq 1$), we have*

$$\phi(g)g^{-1} \in G_{m+n}.$$

Proof. We fix m and prove the assertion by induction on n . For $n = 1$, the assertion $\phi(g)g^{-1} \in G_{m+1}$ is true by definition (2.2.2) of $A_G(m)$. Assume that

$$\phi(g)g^{-1} \in G_{m+i} \text{ if } g \in G_i \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq n. \quad (2.2.4.1)$$

By (2.1.4), we have

$$G_{n+1} = (G_{[(n+1)/p]})^p \prod_{i+j=n+1} [G_i, G_j].$$

Since $G_{n+1}/(\prod_{i+j=n+1}[G_i, G_j])$ is Abelian, we have

$$G_{n+1} = \{a^p \mid a \in G_{[(n+1)/p]}\} \prod_{i+j=n+1} [G_i, G_j]$$

and so any element g of G_{n+1} can be written in the form

$$g = a^p [b_1, c_1]^{e_1} \cdots [b_q, c_q]^{e_q},$$

where $a \in G_{[(n+1)/p]}$ and for each s ($1 \leq s \leq q$) there are i, j ($i + j = n + 1$) such that $b_s \in G_i, c_s \in G_j$. Since we have

$$\phi(g)g^{-1} = \phi(a)^p \phi([b_1, c_1])^{e_1} \cdots \phi([b_q, c_q])^{e_q} [b_q, c_q]^{-e_q} \cdots [b_1, c_1]^{-e_1} a^{-p},$$

it suffices to show that

$$\phi([b, c])[b, c]^{-1} \in G_{m+n+1} \text{ if } b \in G_i, c \in G_j \text{ and } i + j = n + 1, \quad (2.2.4.2)$$

$$\phi(a)^p a^{-p} \in G_{m+n+1} \text{ if } a \in G_{[(n+1)/p]}. \quad (2.2.4.3)$$

(2.2.4.2). For simplicity, we shall use the notation: $[\psi, x] := \psi(x)x^{-1}$ and $[x, \psi] := x\psi(x)^{-1}$ for $x \in G$ and $\psi \in \text{Aut}(G)$. By the “three subgroup lemma” and the induction hypothesis (2.2.4.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi([b, c])[b, c]^{-1} &= [\phi, [b, c]] \\ &\in [\phi, [G_i, G_j]] \\ &\subset [[\phi, G_i], G_j][[G_j, \phi], G_i] \\ &\subset [G_{m+i}, G_j][G_{m+j}, G_i] \\ &= G_{m+i+j} = G_{m+n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

(2.2.4.3). Let $t := [(n+1)/p]$ so that $pt \geq n+1$. By (2.1.1) and the induction hypothesis (2.2.4.1), we have

$$\phi(a) - a = (\phi(a)a^{-1} - 1)a \in I_G^{t+m}.$$

Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(a)^p a^{-p} - 1 &= (\phi(a)^p - a^p)a^{-p} \\ &= (\phi(a) - a)^p a^{-p} \\ &\in I^{p(t+m)} \subset I^{m+n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\phi(a)^p a^{-p} \in G_{m+n+1}$ by (2.1.1). \square

Lemma 2.2.4 yields the following properties of the Andreadakis–Johnson filtration $\{A_G(m)\}_{m \geq 0}$.

Proposition 2.2.5. *We have*

- (1) $[A_G(i), A_G(j)] \subset A_G(i+j)$ for $i, j \geq 0$.
- (2) $A_G(m)^p \subset A_G(m+1)$ if $m \geq 1$.

Proof. (1) We use the same notation as in the proof of (2.2.4.2). By Lemma 2.2.4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} [[A_G(j), G], A_G(i)] &\subset [G_{j+1}, A_G(i)] \subset G_{i+j+1}, \\ [[G, A_G(i)], A_G(j)] &\subset [G_{i+1}, A_G(j)] \subset G_{i+j+1}. \end{aligned}$$

By the three subgroup lemma, we have

$$[[A_G(i), A_G(j)], G] \subset [A_G(j), G], A_G(i) \subset [[G, A_G(i)], A_G(j)] \subset G_{i+j+1}.$$

By definition (2.2.2), we obtain

$$[A_G(i), A_G(j)] \subset A_G(i+j).$$

(2) Let $g \in G$ and $\phi \in A_G(m)$. We shall show that for any integer $d \geq 1$,

$$\phi^d(g)g^{-1} \equiv (\phi(g)g^{-1})^d \pmod{G_{2m+1}}, \quad (2.2.5.1)$$

from which the assertion follows. In fact, let $d = p$ in (2.2.5.1). Then $(\phi(g)g^{-1})^p \in G_{p(m+1)}$ by (2.1.2), and $G_{2m+1} \subset G_{m+2}$ because $m \geq 1$. So $\phi^p(g)g^{-1} \in G_{m+2}$ and hence $\phi^p \in A_G(m+1)$.

We prove (2.2.5.1) by induction on d . For $d = 1$, it is obviously true. Suppose $\phi^d(g)g^{-1} \equiv (\phi(g)g^{-1})^d \pmod{G_{2m+1}}$. Note that $\phi^d(g)g^{-1} \in G_{m+1}$, since $(\phi(g)g^{-1})^d \in G_{m+1}$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^{d+1}(g)g^{-1}(\phi(g)g^{-1})^{-(d+1)} &= \phi^{d+1}(g)\phi(g)^{-1}\phi(g)g^{-1}(\phi(g)g^{-1})^{-(d+1)} \\ &= \phi(\phi^d(g)g^{-1})(\phi(g)g^{-1})^{-d} \\ &\equiv \phi(\phi^d(g)g^{-1})(\phi^d(g)g^{-1})^{-1} \pmod{G_{2m+1}}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\phi(\phi^d(g)g^{-1})(\phi^d(g)g^{-1})^{-1} \in G_{2m+1}$ by Lemma 2.2.4, $\phi^{d+1}(g)g^{-1} \equiv (\phi(g)g^{-1})^{d+1} \pmod{G_{2m+1}}$ and hence the induction holds. \square

Now we are going to introduce the p -Johnson homomorphisms. Let $\phi \in A_G(m)$ ($m \geq 0$). For $g \in G$, we have $\phi(g)g^{-1} \in G_{m+1}$. Then we see that $\phi(g)g^{-1} \pmod{G_{m+1}}$

$G_{m+2} \in \text{gr}_{m+1}(G)$ depends only on the class $[g] \in H$. In fact, for $g' = gg_2$ with $g_2 \in G_2$, we have

$$\phi(g')g'^{-1} = \phi(g)\phi(g_2)g_2^{-1}g^{-1} \equiv \phi(g)g^{-1} \pmod{G_{m+2}},$$

since $\phi(g_2)g_2^{-1} \in G_{m+2}$ by Lemma 2.2.4. Thus we have a map

$$\tau_m(\phi) : H \longrightarrow \text{gr}_{m+1}(G)$$

defined by

$$\tau_m(\phi)(h) := \phi(g)g^{-1} \pmod{G_{m+2}} \quad (h = [g]). \quad (2.2.6)$$

Lemma 2.2.7. *For $\phi \in A_G(m)$ ($m \geq 0$), the map $\tau_m(\phi)$ is \mathbb{F}_p -linear.*

Proof. Let $h = [g]$, $h' = [g']$ and $c \in \mathbb{F}_p$. Using the property that G_{m+1}/G_{m+2} is central in G/G_{m+2} , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_m(\phi)(h + h') &= \tau_m(\phi)([gg']) \\ &= \phi(gg')(gg')^{-1} \pmod{G_{m+2}} \\ &= \phi(g)\phi(g')g'^{-1}g^{-1} \pmod{G_{m+2}} \\ &= (\phi(g)g^{-1})(\phi(g')g'^{-1}) \pmod{G_{m+2}} \\ &= \tau_m(\phi)(h) + \tau_m(\phi)(h'), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_m(\phi)(ch) &= \tau_m(\phi)([g^c]) \\ &= \phi(g^c)g^{-c} \pmod{G_{m+2}} \\ &= (\phi(g)g^{-1})^c \pmod{G_{m+2}} \\ &= c\tau_m(\phi)(h). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Let $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p}(H, \text{gr}_{m+1}(G))$ denote the group of \mathbb{F}_p -linear maps $H \rightarrow \text{gr}_{m+1}(G)$. By Lemma 2.2.7, we have the map

$$\tau_m : A_G(m) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p}(H, \text{gr}_{m+1}(G)).$$

For $m = 0$, we easily see by (2.2.6) that $\tau_0(\phi) = [\phi] - \text{id}_H$ for $\phi \in \text{Aut}(G)$.

Theorem 2.2.8. *For $m \geq 1$, the map τ_m is a group homomorphism and its kernel is $A_G(m+1)$.*

Proof. Let $\phi_1, \phi_2 \in A_G(m)$. For any $g \in G$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_m(\phi_1\phi_2)([g]) &= \phi_1(\phi_2(g))g^{-1} \bmod G_{m+2} \\ &= \phi_1(\phi_2(g)g^{-1}) \cdot \phi_1(g)g^{-1} \bmod G_{m+2}.\end{aligned}$$

Since $\phi_2(g)g^{-1} \in G_{m+1}$, $\phi_1(\phi_2(g)g^{-1}) \equiv \phi_2(g)g^{-1} \bmod G_{2m+1}$ by Lemma 2.2.4. Since $G_{2m+1} \subset G_{m+2}$ by $m \geq 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_m(\phi_1\phi_2)([g]) &= \phi_1(g)g^{-1} \cdot \phi_2(g)g^{-1} \bmod G_{m+2} \\ &= (\tau_m(\phi_1) + \tau_m(\phi_2))([g])\end{aligned}$$

for any $g \in G$. Hence the former assertion is proved. The latter assertion on $\text{Ker}(\tau_m)$ is obvious by definition (2.2.6). \square

The homomorphism $\tau_m : A_G(m) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p}(H, \text{gr}_{m+1}(G))$ ($m \geq 1$) or the induced injective homomorphism

$$\bar{\tau}_m : \text{gr}_m(A_G) := A_G(m)/A_G(m+1) \hookrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p}(H, \text{gr}_{m+1}(G)) \quad (m \geq 1)$$

is called the m -th p -Johnson homomorphism.

We give some properties of the p -Johnson homomorphisms. Firstly, we note that the group $\text{Aut}(G)$ acts on both $A_G(m)$ and $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p}(H, \text{gr}_{m+1}(G))$ by the following rules, respectively:

$$\begin{cases} \psi \cdot \phi := \psi \circ \phi \circ \psi^{-1} \quad (\psi \in \text{Aut}(G), \phi \in A_G(m)), \\ (\psi \cdot \eta)(h) := \psi(\eta([\psi]^{-1}(h))) \quad (\psi \in \text{Aut}(G), \eta \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p}(H, \text{gr}_{m+1}(G)), h \in H). \end{cases}$$

Then we have the following

Proposition 2.2.9. *The p -Johnson homomorphism τ_m (resp. $\bar{\tau}_m$) is $\text{Aut}(G)$ -equivariant (resp. $\text{Aut}(G)/\text{IA}(G)$ -equivariant).*

Proof. Let $\psi \in \text{Aut}(G)$ and $\phi \in A_G(m)$. Then we have, for any $g \in G$,

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_m(\psi \cdot \phi)([g]) &= \tau_m(\psi \circ \phi \circ \psi^{-1})([g]) \\ &= (\psi \circ \phi \circ \psi^{-1})(g)g^{-1} \bmod G_{m+2}.\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we have, for any $g \in G$,

$$\begin{aligned}(\psi \cdot \tau_m(\phi))([g]) &= \psi(\tau_m(\phi)([\psi]^{-1}([g]))) \\ &= \psi(\tau_m(\phi)([\psi^{-1}(g)])) \\ &= \psi(\phi(\psi^{-1}(g))(\psi^{-1}(g))^{-1}) \bmod G_{m+2} \\ &= (\psi \circ \phi \circ \psi^{-1})(g)g^{-1} \bmod G_{m+2}.\end{aligned}$$

Hence τ_m is $\text{Aut}(G)$ -equivariant. As for $\bar{\tau}_m$, it suffices to note that $\text{IA}(G)$ acts trivially on $\text{gr}_m(A_G) = A_G(m)/A_G(m+1)$ by [Proposition 2.2.5](#) (1) and on $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p}(H, \text{gr}_{m+1}(G))$ by [\(2.2.3\)](#) and [Lemma 2.2.4](#). \square

Next we compute the p -Johnson homomorphism on inner automorphisms. Let $\text{Inn} : G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(G)$ be the homomorphism defined by

$$\text{Inn}(x)(g) := xgx^{-1} \quad (x, g \in G).$$

The image $\text{Inn}(G)$ is a normal subgroup of $\text{Aut}(G)$ and called the group of *inner automorphisms* of G .

Proposition 2.2.10. *Let $m \geq 1$ and $x \in G_m$. Then we have*

$$\text{Inn}(x) \in A_G(m)$$

and

$$\tau_m(\text{Inn}(x))([g]) = [x, g] \bmod G_{m+2} \quad (g \in G).$$

Proof. For $x \in G_m$ and $g \in G$, we have

$$\text{Inn}(x)(g)g^{-1} = [x, g] \in G_{m+1},$$

from which the assertions follow. \square

Finally we compute the p -Johnson homomorphisms on commutators of automorphisms.

Lemma 2.2.11. *For $\psi \in A_G(i), \phi \in A_G(j)$ ($k, m \geq 0$) and $g \in G$, we have, in $\text{gr}_{i+j+1}(G)$,*

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{i+j}([\psi, \phi])([g]) \\ = \psi(\phi(g)g^{-1})(\phi(g)g^{-1})^{-1} - \phi(\psi(g)g^{-1})(\psi(g)g^{-1})^{-1} \bmod G_{i+j+2}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. By a straightforward computation, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} [\psi, \phi](g)g^{-1} \\ = [\psi, \phi]((\phi(g)g^{-1})^{-1}) \cdot (\psi\phi\psi^{-1})((\psi(g)g^{-1})^{-1}) \cdot \psi(\phi(g)g^{-1}) \cdot \psi(g)g^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $[\psi, \phi] \in A_G(i+j)$ by [Proposition 2.2.5](#) (1) and $\phi(g)g^{-1} \in G_{j+1}$ by [Lemma 2.2.4](#), we have

$$[\psi, \phi]((\phi(g)g^{-1})^{-1}) \equiv (\phi(g)g^{-1})^{-1} \bmod G_{i+2j+1}.$$

Similarly, we have

$$(\psi\phi\psi^{-1})((\psi(g)g^{-1})^{-1}) \equiv \phi((\psi(g)g^{-1})^{-1}) \pmod{G_{2i+j+1}}.$$

By these three equations together, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & [\psi, \phi](g)g^{-1} \\ & \equiv (\phi(g)g^{-1})^{-1} \cdot \phi((\psi(g)g^{-1})^{-1}) \cdot \psi(\phi(g)g^{-1}) \cdot \psi(g)g^{-1} \pmod{G_{i+j+2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\psi(g)g^{-1} \in G_{i+1}$, $\phi(g)g^{-1} \in G_{j+1}$ and $[G_{i+1}, G_{j+1}] \subset G_{i+j+2}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & [\psi, \phi](g)g^{-1} \\ & \equiv (\phi(g)g^{-1})^{-1} \cdot \psi(\phi(g)g^{-1}) \cdot \phi((\psi(g)g^{-1})^{-1}) \cdot \psi(g)g^{-1} \pmod{G_{i+j+2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Since we easily see that

$$\begin{cases} (\phi(g)g^{-1})^{-1}\psi(\phi(g)g^{-1}) \equiv \psi(\phi(g)g^{-1})(\phi(g)g^{-1})^{-1} \pmod{G_{i+j+2}}, \\ \phi((\psi(g)g^{-1})^{-1}) \cdot \psi(g)g^{-1} \equiv (\phi(\psi(g)g^{-1}) \cdot (\psi(g)g^{-1})^{-1})^{-1} \pmod{G_{i+j+2}}, \end{cases}$$

we obtain the assertion. \square

By [Proposition 2.2.5](#), we can form the graded Lie algebra over \mathbb{F}_p associated to the Andreadakis–Johnson filtration:

$$\mathrm{gr}(\mathrm{A}_G) := \bigoplus_{m \geq 0} \mathrm{gr}_m(\mathrm{A}_G), \quad \mathrm{gr}_m(\mathrm{A}_G) := \mathrm{A}_G(m)/\mathrm{A}_G(m+1),$$

where the Lie bracket is given by the commutator on the group $\mathrm{Aut}(G)$.

Then by [Lemma 2.2.11](#), the direct sum of Johnson homomorphisms τ_m over all $m \geq 1$ defines a Lie algebra homomorphism from $\mathrm{gr}(\mathrm{A}_G)$ to the derivation algebra of $\mathrm{gr}(G)$ as follows. Recall that an \mathbb{F}_p -linear endomorphism of $\mathrm{gr}(G)$ is called a *derivation* on $\mathrm{gr}(G)$ if it satisfies

$$\delta([x, y]) = [\delta(x), y] + [x, \delta(y)] \quad (x, y \in \mathrm{gr}(G)).$$

Let $\mathrm{Der}(\mathrm{gr}(G))$ denote the associative \mathbb{F}_p -algebra of all derivations on $\mathrm{gr}(G)$ which has a Lie algebra structure over \mathbb{F}_p with the Lie bracket defined by $[\delta, \delta'] := \delta \circ \delta' - \delta' \circ \delta$ for $\delta, \delta' \in \mathrm{Der}(\mathrm{gr}(G))$. For $m \geq 0$, we define the subspace $\mathrm{Der}_m(\mathrm{gr}(G))$ of $\mathrm{Der}(\mathrm{gr}(G))$, the degree m part, by

$$\mathrm{Der}_m(\mathrm{gr}(G)) := \{\delta \in \mathrm{Der}(\mathrm{gr}(G)) \mid \delta(\mathrm{gr}_n(G)) \subset \mathrm{gr}_{m+n}(G) \text{ for } n \geq 1\}$$

so that we have

$$\mathrm{Der}(\mathrm{gr}(G)) = \bigoplus_{m \geq 0} \mathrm{Der}_m(\mathrm{gr}(G)).$$

Since a derivation on $\mathrm{gr}(G)$ is determined by its restriction on $H = \mathrm{gr}_1(G)$, we have a natural inclusion

$$\mathrm{Der}_m(\mathrm{gr}(G)) \subset \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p}(H, \mathrm{gr}_{m+1}(G)); \quad \delta \mapsto \delta|_H$$

for each $m \geq 1$ and hence we have the inclusion

$$\mathrm{Der}_+(\mathrm{gr}(G)) \subset \bigoplus_{m \geq 1} \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p}(H, \mathrm{gr}_{m+1}(G)),$$

where $\mathrm{Der}_+(\mathrm{gr}(G))$ is the Lie subalgebra of $\mathrm{Der}(\mathrm{gr}(G))$ consisting of positive degree parts.

Proposition 2.2.12. *The direct sum of τ_m over $m \geq 1$ defines the Lie algebra homomorphism*

$$\mathrm{gr}(\tau) := \bigoplus_{m \geq 1} \tau_m : \mathrm{gr}(A_G) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Der}_+(\mathrm{gr}(G)).$$

Proof. (cf. [4, Proposition 3.18]) By Lemma 2.2.11, it suffices to show that for $\phi \in A_G(m)$, the map $g \mapsto \phi(g)g^{-1}$ is indeed a derivation on $\mathrm{gr}(G)$. Let $\phi \in A_G(m)$ ($m \geq 1$) and $g \in G_i, h \in G_j$. By using the commutator formulas

$$[ab, c] = a[b, c]a^{-1} \cdot [a, c], \quad [a, bc] = [a, b] \cdot b[a, c]b^{-1} \quad (a, b, c \in G),$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi([g, h])[g, h]^{-1} \\ &= [\phi(g), \phi(h)][g, h]^{-1} \\ &= [gg^{-1}\phi(g), \phi(h)h^{-1}h][g, h]^{-1} \\ &= g([g^{-1}\phi(g), \phi(h)h^{-1}] \cdot (\phi(h)h^{-1})[g^{-1}\phi(g), h](\phi(h)h^{-1})^{-1})g^{-1} \\ & \quad \cdot [g, \phi(h)h^{-1}](\phi(h)h^{-1})[g, h](\phi(h)h^{-1})^{-1}[g, h]^{-1} \\ &= g([g^{-1}\phi(g), \phi(h)h^{-1}] \cdot (\phi(h)h^{-1})[g^{-1}\phi(g), h](\phi(h)h^{-1})^{-1})g^{-1} \\ & \quad \cdot [g, \phi(h)h^{-1}][\phi(h)h^{-1}, [g, h]]. \end{aligned}$$

Since $g^{-1}\phi(g) \in G_{i+m}, \phi(h)h^{-1} \in G_{j+m}$ by Lemma 2.2.4, we have

$$[g^{-1}\phi(g), \phi(h)h^{-1}] \in G_{i+j+2m}.$$

Similarly, we have

$$[\phi(h)h^{-1}, [g, h]] \in G_{i+2j+m}.$$

By these three claims together, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi([g, h])[g, h]^{-1} \\ & \equiv g\phi(h)h^{-1}[g^{-1}\phi(g), h](g\phi(h)h^{-1})^{-1}[g, \phi(h)h^{-1}] \pmod{G_{i+j+m+1}}. \end{aligned}$$

Noting $x[g^{-1}\phi(g), h]x^{-1} \equiv [g^{-1}\phi(g), h] \pmod{G_{i+j+m+1}}$ for $x \in G$, our claim is proved. \square

3. Non-Abelian Iwasawa theory

In this section, we propose an approach to study non-Abelian Iwasawa theory by means of the Johnson homomorphisms. In the course, we introduce some invariants from a dynamical viewpoint.

Throughout this section, a fixed prime number p is assumed to be odd.

3.1. Classical Iwasawa theory

Let k be a number field of finite degree over \mathbb{Q} and let k_∞ be a \mathbb{Z}_p -extension of k , namely, k_∞/k is a Galois extension whose Galois group is isomorphic to the additive group of p -adic integers \mathbb{Z}_p . We call k_∞ the *cyclotomic* \mathbb{Z}_p -extension of k if k_∞ is the unique \mathbb{Z}_p -extension of k contained in $k(\mu_{p^\infty})$. Let S_p denote the set of primes of k lying over p and S a finite set of primes of k containing S_p . Note that the extension k_∞/k is unramified outside S_p . Let \tilde{k}_S be the maximal pro- p extension of k which is unramified outside S , and let M be a subextension of \tilde{k}_S/k such that M/k is a Galois extension. We set

$$\Gamma := \text{Gal}(k_\infty/k), \mathcal{G} := \text{Gal}(M/k) \text{ and } G := \text{Gal}(M/k_\infty) \quad (3.1.1)$$

so that we have the exact sequence

$$1 \longrightarrow G \longrightarrow \mathcal{G} \longrightarrow \Gamma \longrightarrow 1. \quad (3.1.2)$$

We assume that G is a finitely generated pro- p group, in other words, the μ -invariant is zero.

We fix a topological generator γ of Γ and its lift $\tilde{\gamma} \in \mathcal{G}$. We then define the automorphism $\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}$ of G by $\text{Inn}(\tilde{\gamma})$

$$\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}(g) = \tilde{\gamma}g\tilde{\gamma}^{-1} \quad (g \in G). \quad (3.1.3)$$

We note that if we choose a different lift $\tilde{\gamma}'$ of γ , $\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}'}$ differs from $\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}$ by an inner automorphism of G :

$$\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}'} = \text{Inn}(x) \circ \phi_{\tilde{\gamma}} \quad (x := \tilde{\gamma}'\tilde{\gamma}^{-1} \in G). \quad (3.1.4)$$

Let H be the Frattini quotient of G , $H = G/G^p[G, G]$, as in (2.1.5). The \mathbb{F}_p -linear automorphism $[\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}]$ of H induced by $\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}$ is independent of the choice of a lift $\tilde{\gamma}$ and so is denoted by $[\phi_{\gamma}]$. Similarly, we let H_{∞} be the Abelianization of G , $H_{\infty} = G/[G, G]$, and $[\phi_{\gamma}]_{\infty}$ the \mathbb{Z}_p -module automorphism of H_{∞} induced by $\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}$, which is independent of the choice of a lift $\tilde{\gamma}$ of γ . The reason that we use the Zassenhaus filtration instead of the lower central series throughout this paper is that any p -power of $\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}$ acts non-trivially on $G/[G, G]$ in general.

By the Magnus correspondence $\gamma \mapsto 1 + X$, we identify the complete group algebra $\mathbb{F}_p[[\Gamma]]$ (resp. $\mathbb{Z}_p[[\Gamma]]$) with the power series algebra $\mathbb{F}_p[[X]]$ (resp. $\mathbb{Z}_p[[X]]$). We set simply $\Lambda := \mathbb{Z}_p[[X]]$ (Iwasawa algebra) and $\overline{\Lambda} := \mathbb{F}_p[[X]]$. Classical Iwasawa theory studies the Λ -module structure of H_{∞} , in other words, the p -power iterated action of $[\phi_{\gamma}]_{\infty}$ on H_{∞} . A fundamental theorem of Iwasawa ([12]), under our assumption on G , tells us that there is a Λ -module homomorphism, called a *pseudo-isomorphism*,

$$H_{\infty} \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^s \Lambda/(f_i(X)) \quad (3.1.5)$$

with finite kernel and cokernel, where $f_i(X)$ is a power of an irreducible distinguished polynomial. Recall that a nonconstant polynomial $f(X) \in \mathbb{Z}_p[X]$ is called *distinguished* if $f(X)$ has the form $X^d + a_1X^{d-1} + \cdots + a_d$ with all $a_i \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$. The *Iwasawa polynomial* (p -adic zeta function) associated to H_{∞} is defined by $\prod_{i=1}^s f_i(X)$. The set of degrees of f_i , $\{\deg(f_1), \dots, \deg(f_s)\}$, is also an invariant of the Λ -module H_{∞} . The Iwasawa λ -invariant $\lambda(H_{\infty})$ is defined by their sum $\sum_{i=1}^s \deg(f_i)$.

In some cases, the pseudo-isomorphism in (3.1.5) turns out to be an isomorphism. Then we can describe the p -power iterated action of $[\phi_{\gamma}]$ on H in terms of $\deg(f_i)$'s. Since H is finite, there is an integer $d \geq 0$ such that $[\phi_{\gamma}]^{p^d} = [\phi_{\gamma^{p^d}}] = \text{id}_H$, namely, $[\phi_{\gamma}]^{p^d} \in \text{IA}(G)$. We call such smallest integer d the *p-period* of $[\phi_{\gamma}]$ on H .

Proposition 3.1.6. *Suppose that we have a Λ -module isomorphism*

$$H_{\infty} \simeq \bigoplus_{i=1}^s \Lambda/(f_i(X)),$$

where f_i is a distinguished polynomial of degree $\deg(f_i)$. Let $d(H_{\infty})$ denote the maximum of $\deg(f_1), \dots, \deg(f_s)$. Then we have

$$[\phi_{\gamma}]^{p^d} = [\phi_{\gamma^{p^d}}] = \text{id}_H, \text{ namely, } [\phi_{\gamma}]^{p^d} \in \text{IA}(G)$$

if and only if

$$p^d \geq d(H_\infty).$$

Hence the p -period of $[\phi_\gamma]$ is given by the smallest integer $\geq \log_p d(H_\infty)$.

Proof. By the assumption, we have a $\overline{\Lambda}$ -module isomorphism

$$H \simeq \bigoplus_{i=1}^s \overline{\Lambda} / (X^{\deg(f_i)}).$$

Since the action of $[\phi_\gamma]^{p^d} - \text{id}_H$ on H corresponds the multiplication by $(1+X)^{p^d} - 1 = X^{p^d}$, $[\phi_\gamma]^{p^d} = \text{id}_H$ if and only if $X^{p^d} \in (X^{\deg(f_i)})$ for all i . From this the assertion follows. \square

Example 3.1.7.¹ Let $k := \mathbb{Q}(\mu_p)$, $k_\infty := \mathbb{Q}(\mu_{p^\infty})$ and M the maximal unramified pro- p extension of k_∞ . The assumption of Proposition 3.1.6 is then satisfied if the Vandiver conjecture is true, namely, p does not divide the class number of the maximal real subfield of k ([29, Theorem 10.16]). The Vandiver conjecture is known to be true for $p < 163577856$ ([2]). For instance, we have $H_\infty = \Lambda/(f)$ for $p = 37$ and $H_\infty = \Lambda/(f_1) \oplus \Lambda/(f_2)$ for $p = 157$, where f, f_1 and f_2 are all distinguished polynomials of degree one ([11]). So, the p -period of $[\phi_\gamma]$ is zero, namely, $[\phi_\gamma]$ acts trivially on H . Mizusawa made a program to compute the Iwasawa polynomial when k is an imaginary quadratic field $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-D})$, k_∞ is the cyclotomic \mathbb{Z}_p -extension and M is the maximal unramified pro- p extension of k_∞ . For example, when $p = 3$ and $D = 186, 211, 231, 249$, $H_\infty = \Lambda/(f)$ with $\deg(f) = 2$ and so the 3-period of $[\phi_\gamma]$ is one, and when $p = 3$ and $D = 214, 274$, $H_\infty = \Lambda/(f)$ with $\deg(f) = 4$ and so the 3-period of $[\phi_\gamma]$ is two.

3.2. Non-Abelian Iwasawa theory via Johnson homomorphisms

A basic problem in non-Abelian Iwasawa theory is to understand the p -power iterated action of $\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}$ on G , while classical Iwasawa theory deals with that of $[\phi_\gamma]$ on H_∞ as shown in 3.1. Let $\{G_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ be the Zassenhaus filtration of G so that $H = G/G_2$, and let $[\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}]_m$ be the automorphism of G/G_{m+1} induced by $\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}$ as defined in (2.2.1). We aim to study the p -power iterated action of $[\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}]_m$ on G/G_{m+1} for all $m \geq 1$ by means of the p -Johnson homomorphisms introduced in 2.2.

First, let us see how a different choice of a lift of γ affects the action of a power of $[\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}]_m$ on G/G_{m+1} .

Lemma 3.2.1. *Let $\tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{\gamma}'$ be lifts of γ in \mathcal{G} and set $x = \tilde{\gamma}'\tilde{\gamma}^{-1} \in G$ as in (3.1.4). Suppose $x \in G_m$. Then, for each integer $e \geq 1$, we have*

¹ We thank Y. Mizusawa for informing us of this example.

$$\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}'}^e \in A_G(m) \iff \phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^e \in A_G(m).$$

Proof. By (3.1.4), we have

$$\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}'}^e(g) = y\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^e(g)y^{-1}, \quad y := x\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}(x) \cdots \phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^{e-1}(x) \in G_m,$$

for any $g \in G$. Since elements of G/G_{m+1} and G_m/G_{m+1} commute, the assertion is shown as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{\tilde{\gamma}'}^e \in A_G(m) &\Leftrightarrow \phi_{\tilde{\gamma}'}^e(g)g^{-1} \in G_{m+1} \text{ for any } g \in G \\ &\Leftrightarrow y\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^e(g)y^{-1}g^{-1} \in G_{m+1} \text{ for any } g \in G \\ &\Leftrightarrow \phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^e(g)g^{-1} \in G_{m+1} \text{ for any } g \in G \\ &\Leftrightarrow \phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^e \in A_G(m) \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Let $\text{gr}(G) = \bigoplus_{n \geq 1} \text{gr}_n(G)$, $\text{gr}_n(G) = G_n/G_{n+1}$, be the graded Lie algebra over \mathbb{F}_p associated to the Zassenhaus filtration of G as in (2.1.6), and let $\{A_G(m)\}_{m \geq 0}$ be the Andreadakis–Johnson filtration of $\text{Aut}(G)$. For $m \geq 1$, let

$$\tau_m : A_G(m) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p}(H, \text{gr}_{m+1}(G))$$

be the p -Johnson homomorphism. The next Corollary follows immediately from Lemma 3.2.1.

Corollary 3.2.2. *Let $\tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{\gamma}'$ be lifts of γ in \mathcal{G} and set $x = \tilde{\gamma}'\tilde{\gamma}^{-1} \in G$. Suppose $x \in G_{m+1}$ and $\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^e \in A_G(m)$ ($e \geq 1$). Then we have*

$$\tau_m(\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}'}^e) = \tau_m(\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^e).$$

Proof. By Lemma 3.2.1, $\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}'}^e \in A_G(m)$. Since $\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}'}^e = \text{Inn}(y) \circ \phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^e$ with

$$y = x\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}(x) \cdots \phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^{e-1}(x) \in G_{m+1},$$

the assertion follows from Theorem 2.2.8 and Proposition 2.2.10. \square

We fix a lift $\tilde{\gamma} \in \mathcal{G}$ of γ . Generalizing the p -period of $[\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}]$ on $H = G/G_m$, we define the p -period $d(m)$ of $\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}$ acting on G/G_{m+1} for each $m \geq 1$ by the smallest integer $d \geq 0$ such that

$$\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^{p^d} \in A_G(m). \tag{3.2.3}$$

Thus we have non-decreasing sequence $\{d(m)\}_{m \geq 1}$ of integers.

Lemma 3.2.4. *For each integer $m \geq 1$, we have*

$$d(m+1) = d(m) \text{ or } d(m) + 1.$$

Proof. By definition of $d(m)$, we have $d(m+1) \geq d(m)$. Suppose $\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^{p^d} \in A_G(m)$. Then by Proposition 2.2.5 (2), we have $\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^{p^{d+1}} \in A_G(m+1)$. Hence $d(m+1) \leq d(m) + 1$. \square

Now we introduce another sequence of integers $\{m(d)\}_{d \geq 0}$ as follows. For each integer $d \geq 0$, we define the integer $m(d) \geq 1$ by

$$\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^{p^d} \in A_G(m(d)), \quad \phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^{p^d} \notin A_G(m(d) + 1). \quad (3.2.5)$$

It is a strictly increasing sequence. In fact, we have

Lemma 3.2.6. *For each integer $d \geq 0$, we have*

$$m(d+1) \geq m(d) + 1.$$

Proof. Since $\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^{p^d} \in A_G(m(d))$ for each $d \geq 0$, by Proposition 2.2.5 (2), we have $\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^{p^{d+1}} \in A_G(m(d) + 1)$. Hence, by definition (3.2.5), we have $m(d+1) \geq m(d) + 1$. \square

Then the sequence $\{\tau_{m(d)}(\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^{p^d})\}_{d \geq 0}$ in $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p}(H, \text{gr}_{m(d)+1}(G))$ describes the action of $\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^{p^d}$ on $G/G_{m(d)+1}$ for all $d \geq 0$. In Section 5, we give a cohomological interpretation of $\tau_{m(d)}(\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^{p^d})$ in terms of Massey products in Galois cohomology.

Remark 3.2.7. Let M the maximal unramified pro- p extension of k_∞ . Ozaki ([25]) studied the Γ -action on the graded pieces associated to the lower central series of $G = \text{Gal}(M/k_\infty)$ and obtained arithmetic results. We also refer to Sharifi's paper [28] for a related work. Our approach is different from theirs.

4. p -Johnson maps for a free pro- p group

In this section, following Kawazumi ([16]), we extend the p -Johnson homomorphisms in Section 2 to maps defined on the whole group of automorphisms when G is a free pro- p group.

Throughout this section, let F denote a free pro- p group on x_1, \dots, x_r . A fixed prime number p is arbitrary in 4.1 and assumed to be odd in 4.2.

4.1. p -Johnson maps

We keep the same notations as in 2.1, only replacing G by F . Let $\mathbb{F}_p[[F]]$ be the complete group algebra of F over \mathbb{F}_p with augmentation ideal I_F . Let $\{F_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ be the

Zassenhaus filtration defined by $F_n = F \cap (1 + I_F^n)$ and let $H := F/F_2 = F/F^p[F, F]$ be the Frattini quotient of F . We write $[f]$ for the image of $f \in F$ in H : $[f] := f \bmod F_2$. We denote $[x_j]$ by X_j ($1 \leq j \leq r$) simply so that H is a vector space over \mathbb{F}_p with basis X_1, \dots, X_r

$$H = \mathbb{F}_p X_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{F}_p X_r.$$

As in 2.1, let $\text{gr}(F)$ be the graded restricted Lie algebra over \mathbb{F}_p associated to the Zassenhaus filtration $\{F_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ of F

$$\text{gr}(F) := \bigoplus_{n \geq 1} \text{gr}_n(F), \quad \text{gr}_n(F) := F_n/F_{n+1}.$$

It is the free Lie algebra over \mathbb{F}_p on X_1, \dots, X_r . Its restricted universal enveloping algebra $U\text{gr}(F)$ is given by the graded associative algebra $\text{gr}(\mathbb{F}_p[[F]])$ (cf. (2.1.7))

$$U\text{gr}(G) = \text{gr}(\mathbb{F}_p[[F]]) := \bigoplus_{m \geq 0} \text{gr}_m(\mathbb{F}_p[[F]]), \quad \text{gr}_m(\mathbb{F}_p[[F]]) := I_F^m/I_F^{m+1}$$

together with the injective restricted Lie algebra homomorphism

$$\text{gr}(\theta) = \bigoplus_{m \geq 1} \theta_m : \text{gr}(F) \longrightarrow \text{gr}(\mathbb{F}_p[[F]]),$$

where $\theta_m : \text{gr}_m(F) \rightarrow \text{gr}_m(\mathbb{F}_p[[F]])$ is given by

$$\theta_m(f \bmod F_{m+1}) := f - 1 \bmod I_F^{m+1}.$$

By the correspondence $x_j - 1 \bmod I_F^2 \in \text{gr}_1(\mathbb{F}_p[[F]]) \mapsto X_j \in H$, the universal envelope $\text{gr}(\mathbb{F}_p[[F]])$ is identified with the tensor algebra on H over \mathbb{F}_p or the non-commutative polynomial algebra $\mathbb{F}_p\langle X_1, \dots, X_r \rangle$ of variables X_1, \dots, X_r over \mathbb{F}_p

$$\begin{aligned} U\text{gr}(G) = \text{gr}(\mathbb{F}_p[[F]]) &= \bigoplus_{m \geq 0} H^{\otimes m} \\ &= \mathbb{F}_p\langle X_1, \dots, X_r \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Here the graded piece $\text{gr}_m(\mathbb{F}_p[[F]])$ corresponds to $H^{\otimes m}$, the vector space over \mathbb{F}_p with basis $X_{i_1} \cdots X_{i_m}$ ($1 \leq i_1, \dots, i_m \leq r$), monomials of degree m , and so θ_m may be regarded as the injective \mathbb{F}_p -linear map

$$\theta_m : \text{gr}_m(F) \hookrightarrow H^{\otimes m} \tag{4.1.1}$$

In order to extend the Johnson homomorphisms in 2.2 to the maps defined on the whole automorphism group $\text{Aut}(F)$, we work with the completion \widehat{U} of the universal

envelope $U\text{gr}(F) = \text{gr}(\mathbb{F}_p[[F]])$ with respect to I_F -adic topology. So \widehat{U} is the complete tensor algebra on H over \mathbb{F}_p which is identified with the \mathbb{F}_p -algebra $\mathbb{F}_p\langle\langle X_1, \dots, X_r \rangle\rangle$ of non-commutative formal power series of variables X_1, \dots, X_r over \mathbb{F}_p (In [16] Kawazumi wrote \widehat{T} for \widehat{U})

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{U} &:= \prod_{m \geq 0} H^{\otimes m} \\ &= \mathbb{F}_p\langle\langle X_1, \dots, X_r \rangle\rangle.\end{aligned}$$

Then the composite of θ_m in (4.1.1) with the natural inclusion $H^{\otimes m} \hookrightarrow \widehat{U}$ is nothing but the restriction to F_m of the *Magnus embedding*

$$\theta : F \hookrightarrow \widehat{U}^\times \quad (4.1.2)$$

defined by $\theta(x_j) := 1 + X_j$ ($1 \leq j \leq r$).

For $n \geq 1$, we let

$$\widehat{U}_n := \prod_{m \geq n} H^{\otimes m}$$

be the two-sided ideal of \widehat{U} corresponding to formal power series of degree $\geq n$. An \mathbb{F}_p -algebra automorphism φ of \widehat{U} is then called *filtration-preserving* if $\varphi(\widehat{U}_n) = \widehat{U}_n$ for all $n \geq 0$ and we denote by $\text{Aut}^{\text{fil}}(\widehat{U})$ the group of filtration-preserving \mathbb{F}_p -algebra automorphisms of \widehat{U} . The following useful Lemma, which we call *Kawazumi's lemma*, gives a criterion for a \mathbb{F}_p -algebra endomorphism of \widehat{U} to be a filtration-preserving automorphism.

Lemma 4.1.3 (*Kawazumi's lemma*). *A \mathbb{F}_p -algebra endomorphism φ of \widehat{U} is a filtration-preserving automorphism of \widehat{U} , $\varphi \in \text{Aut}^{\text{fil}}(\widehat{U})$, if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:*

- (1) $\varphi(\widehat{U}_n) \subset \widehat{U}_n$ for all $n \geq 0$.
- (2) the induced \mathbb{F}_p -linear map $[\varphi]$ on $\widehat{U}_1/\widehat{U}_2 = H$ defined by $[\varphi](h) := \varphi(h) \bmod \widehat{U}_2$ ($h \in H$) is an isomorphism.

Proof. Suppose $\varphi \in \text{Aut}^{\text{fil}}(\widehat{U})$. Since φ is filtration-preserving, the condition (1) holds. To show the condition (2), consider the following commutative diagram for vector spaces over \mathbb{F}_p with exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \widehat{U}_2 & \longrightarrow & \widehat{U}_1 & \longrightarrow & H & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow \varphi|_{\widehat{U}_2} & & \downarrow \varphi|_{\widehat{U}_1} & & \downarrow [\varphi] & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \widehat{U}_2 & \longrightarrow & \widehat{U}_1 & \longrightarrow & H & \longrightarrow & 0. \end{array}$$

Since $\varphi(\widehat{U}_n) = \widehat{U}_n$ for all $n \geq 0$, we have $\text{Coker}(\varphi|_{\widehat{U}_i}) = 0$ for $i = 1, 2$, in particular. Since φ is an automorphism, we have $\text{Ker}(\varphi) = 0$, in particular, $\text{Ker}(\varphi|_{\widehat{U}_i}) = 0$ for $i = 1, 2$. By snake lemma applied to the above diagram, we obtain $\text{Ker}([\varphi]) = 0$ and $\text{Coker}([\varphi]) = 0$, hence the condition (2).

Suppose that an \mathbb{F}_p -algebra endomorphism φ of \widehat{U} satisfies the conditions (1) and (2). Let $z = (z_m)$ be any element of \widehat{U} with $z_m \in H^{\otimes m}$ for $m \geq 0$. To show that φ is an automorphism, we have only to prove that there exists uniquely $y = (y_m) \in \widehat{U}$ such that

$$z = \varphi(y). \quad (4.1.3.1)$$

Note by the condition (1) and (2) that φ induces an \mathbb{F}_p -linear automorphism of $\widehat{U}_m/\widehat{U}_{m+1} = H^{\otimes m}$, which is nothing but $[\varphi]^{\otimes m}$. Then, writing $\varphi(y_i)_j$ for the component of $\varphi(y_i)$ in $H^{\otimes j}$ for $i < j$, the equation (4.1.3.1) is equivalent to the following system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} z_0 = \varphi(y_0) = y_0, \\ z_1 = [\varphi](y_1), \\ z_2 = [\varphi]^{\otimes 2}(y_2) + \varphi(y_1)_2, \\ \dots \\ z_m = [\varphi]^{\otimes m}(y_m) + \varphi(y_1)_m + \dots + \varphi(y_{m-1})_m, \\ \dots \end{cases} \quad (4.1.3.2)$$

Since $[\varphi]^{\otimes m}$ is an automorphism, we can find the unique solution $y = (y_m)$ of (4.1.3.2) from the lower degree. Therefore φ is an \mathbb{F}_p -algebra automorphism. Furthermore, we can see easily that if $z_0 = \dots = z_{n-1} = 0$, then $y_0 = \dots = y_{n-1} = 0$ for $n \geq 1$. This means that $\varphi^{-1}(\widehat{U}_n) \subset \widehat{U}_n$ and so φ is filtration-preserving. \square

By Lemma 4.1.3, each $\varphi \in \text{Aut}^{\text{fil}}(\widehat{U})$ induces an \mathbb{F}_p -linear automorphism $[\varphi]$ of $H = \widehat{U}_1/\widehat{U}_2$ and so we have a group homomorphism

$$[\] : \text{Aut}^{\text{fil}}(\widehat{U}) \longrightarrow \text{GL}(H).$$

We define the *induced automorphism group* of \widehat{U} by

$$\text{IA}(\widehat{U}) := \text{Ker}([\]).$$

We note that there is a natural splitting $s : \text{GL}(H) \rightarrow \text{Aut}^{\text{fil}}(\widehat{U})$ of $[\]$, which is defined by

$$s(P)((z_m)) := (P^{\otimes m}(z_m)) \text{ for } P \in \text{GL}(H).$$

In the following, we also regard $[P] \in \text{GL}(H)$ as an element of $\text{Aut}^{\text{fil}}(\widehat{U})$ through the splitting s and write simply $[P]$ for $s([P])$. Thus we have the following

Lemma 4.1.4. *We have a semi-direct decomposition*

$$\mathrm{Aut}^{\mathrm{fl}}(\widehat{U}) = \mathrm{IA}(\widehat{U}) \rtimes \mathrm{GL}(H)$$

given by $\varphi = (\varphi \circ [\varphi]^{-1}, [\varphi])$.

Let $\varphi \in \mathrm{IA}(\widehat{U})$. Since φ acts on $\widehat{U}_1/\widehat{U}_2 = H$ trivially, we have

$$\varphi(h) - h \in \widehat{U}_2 \text{ for any } h \in H,$$

and so we have a map

$$E : \mathrm{IA}(\widehat{U}) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p}(H, \widehat{U}_2); \varphi \mapsto \varphi|_H - \mathrm{id}_H,$$

where $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p}(H, \widehat{U}_2)$ denotes the group of \mathbb{F}_p -linear maps $H \rightarrow \widehat{U}_2$. The following Proposition will play a key role in our discussion.

Proposition 4.1.5. *The map E is bijective.*

Proof. Injectivity: Suppose $E(\varphi) = E(\varphi')$ for $\varphi, \varphi' \in \mathrm{IA}(\widehat{U})$. Then we have $\varphi|_H = \varphi'|_H$. Since an \mathbb{F}_p -algebra endomorphism of \widehat{U} is determined by its restriction on H , we have $\varphi = \varphi'$.

Surjectivity: Take any $\eta \in \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p}(H, \widehat{U}_2)$. We can extend $\eta + \mathrm{id}_H : H \rightarrow \widehat{U}_2$ uniquely to a \mathbb{F}_p -algebra endomorphism φ of \widehat{U} . Then we have obviously $\varphi(\widehat{U}_n) \subset \widehat{U}_n$ for all $n \geq 0$. Since $\widehat{U}_1/\widehat{U}_2 = H$ and we see that

$$[\varphi](h \bmod \widehat{U}_2) = \varphi(h) \bmod \widehat{U}_2 = h + \eta(h) \bmod \widehat{U}_2 = h \bmod \widehat{U}_2,$$

we have $[\varphi] = \mathrm{id}_H$. By Kawazumi's Lemma 2.1, we have $\varphi \in \mathrm{IA}(\widehat{U})$ and $E(\varphi) = \eta$. \square

By Lemma 4.1.4 and Proposition 4.1.5, we have the following

Corollary 4.1.6. *We have a bijection*

$$\widehat{E} : \mathrm{Aut}^{\mathrm{fl}}(\widehat{U}) \simeq \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p}(H, \widehat{U}_2) \times \mathrm{GL}(H)$$

given by $\widehat{E}(\varphi) = (E(\varphi \circ [\varphi]^{-1}), [\varphi])$.

The Magnus embedding $\theta : F \hookrightarrow \widehat{U}^\times$ in (4.1.2) is extended to an \mathbb{F}_p -algebra isomorphism, denoted by the same θ ,

$$\theta : \mathbb{F}_p[[F]] \xrightarrow{\sim} \widehat{U}, \quad (4.1.7)$$

which satisfies

$$\theta(I_F^n) = \widehat{U}_n \text{ for } m \geq 1. \quad (4.1.8)$$

For $m \geq 0$, let θ_m denote the component of θ in $H^{\otimes m}$ as in (4.1.1):

$$\theta(\alpha) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \theta_m(\alpha), \quad \theta_m(\alpha) \in H^{\otimes m} \quad (\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_p[[F]]).$$

Note that $\theta_0(f) = 1$ and $\theta_1(f) = [f]$ for $f \in F$. Further we can write $\theta_m(\alpha)$ as

$$\theta_m(\alpha) = \sum_{1 \leq i_1, \dots, i_m \leq r} \epsilon(i_1 \cdots i_m; \alpha) X_{i_1} \cdots X_{i_m}, \quad (4.1.9)$$

where the coefficient $\epsilon(i_1 \cdots i_m; \alpha)$ is given in terms of the pro- p Fox free derivative $\partial/\partial x_j : \mathbb{Z}_p[[F]] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p[[F]]$ ([10], [23, 8.3])

$$\epsilon(i_1 \cdots i_m; \alpha) = \epsilon_{\mathbb{Z}_p[[F]]} \left(\frac{\partial^m \tilde{\alpha}}{\partial x_{i_1} \cdots \partial x_{i_m}} \right) \pmod{p},$$

where $\epsilon_{\mathbb{Z}_p[[F]]} : \mathbb{Z}_p[[F]] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ is the augmentation map and $\tilde{\alpha} \in \mathbb{Z}_p[[F]]$ such that $\tilde{\alpha} \pmod{p} = \alpha$.

An \mathbb{F}_p -algebra automorphism φ of $\mathbb{F}_p[[F]]$ is said to be *filtration-preserving* if $\varphi(I_F^n) = I_F^n$ for all $n \geq 0$ and we denote by $\text{Aut}^{\text{fil}}(\mathbb{F}_p[[F]])$ the group of filtration-preserving automorphisms of $\mathbb{F}_p[[F]]$. By (4.1.7) and (4.1.8), we have an isomorphism

$$\text{Aut}^{\text{fil}}(\mathbb{F}_p[[F]]) \simeq \text{Aut}^{\text{fil}}(\widehat{U}); \quad \varphi \mapsto \theta \circ \varphi \circ \theta^{-1}. \quad (4.1.10)$$

Now, let $\phi \in \text{Aut}(F)$. Then ϕ induces a filtration-preserving \mathbb{F}_p -algebra automorphism $\hat{\phi}$ of $\mathbb{F}_p[[F]]$. In fact, ϕ induces an automorphism $[\phi]_n$ of a finite p -group F/F_n and hence an \mathbb{F}_p -algebra automorphism, denoted by the same $[\phi]_n$, of a finite group ring $\mathbb{F}_p[F/F_n]$

$$[\phi]_n : \mathbb{F}_p[F/F_n] \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{F}_p[F/F_n]$$

for each $n \geq 1$, which sends the augmentation ideal of $\mathbb{F}_p[F/F_p]$ onto itself. Taking the inverse limit with respect to n , we obtain an \mathbb{F}_p -algebra automorphism

$$\hat{\phi} := \varprojlim_n [\phi]_n : \mathbb{F}_p[[F]] \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{F}_p[[F]]$$

such that $\hat{\phi}(I_F) = I_F$. Thus we have an injective homomorphism

$$\text{Aut}(F) \longrightarrow \text{Aut}^{\text{fil}}(\mathbb{F}_p[[F]]); \quad \phi \mapsto \hat{\phi}.$$

By composing with the isomorphism (4.1.10), we obtain an injective homomorphism

$$\widehat{\kappa}^{\theta} : \text{Aut}(F) \longrightarrow \text{Aut}^{\text{fil}}(\widehat{U}); \quad \phi \mapsto \theta \circ \hat{\phi} \circ \theta^{-1}.$$

Lemma 4.1.11. *Let $[\phi]$ denote the \mathbb{F}_p -linear automorphism of H induced by $\phi \in \text{Aut}(F)$. Then we have*

$$[\widehat{\kappa}^\theta(\phi)] = [\phi] \text{ in } \text{GL}(H).$$

Proof. We have, for $X_j \in H$ ($1 \leq j \leq r$),

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\kappa}^\theta(\phi) &= (\theta \circ \widehat{\phi} \circ \theta^{-1})(X_j) \\ &= (\theta \circ \widehat{\phi} \circ \theta^{-1})(\theta(x_j) - 1) \\ &= (\theta \circ \widehat{\phi})(x_j - 1) \\ &= \theta(\phi(x_j)) - 1 \\ &\equiv [\phi(x_j)] \pmod{\widehat{U}_2} \\ &= [\phi](X_j) \pmod{\widehat{U}_2}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have $[\widehat{\kappa}^\theta(\phi)] = [\phi]$. \square

By Lemma 4.1.11, we have, for $\phi \in \text{Aut}(F)$,

$$\widehat{\kappa}^\theta(\phi) = (\widehat{\kappa}^\theta(\phi) \circ [\phi]^{-1}, [\phi])$$

under the semi-direct decomposition $\text{Aut}^{\text{fil}}(\widehat{U}) = \text{IA}(\widehat{U}) \rtimes \text{GL}(H)$ of Lemma 4.1.4. We set

$$\kappa^\theta(\phi) := \widehat{\kappa}^\theta(\phi) \circ [\phi]^{-1} = \theta \circ \widehat{\phi} \circ \theta^{-1} \circ [\phi]^{-1} \quad (\phi \in \text{Aut}(F)). \quad (4.1.12)$$

Now, we define the *extended p -Johnson map*

$$\widehat{\tau}^\theta : \text{Aut}(F) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p}(H, \widehat{U}_2) \rtimes \text{GL}(H)$$

by composing $\widehat{\kappa}^\theta$ with \widehat{E} of Corollary 4.1.6, and we define the *p -Johnson map*

$$\tau^\theta : \text{Aut}(F) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p}(H, \widehat{U}_2)$$

by the composing $\widehat{\tau}^\theta$ with the projection on $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p}(H, \widehat{U}_2)$, namely, for $\phi \in \text{Aut}(F)$,

$$\tau^\theta(\phi) := E(\kappa^\theta(\phi)) = \kappa^\theta(\phi)|_H - \text{id}_H. \quad (4.1.13)$$

For $m \geq 1$, we define the *m -th p -Johnson map*

$$\tau_m^\theta : \text{Aut}(F) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p}(H, H^{\otimes(m+1)})$$

by the m -th component of τ^K :

$$\tau^\theta(\phi) := \sum_{m \geq 1} \tau_m^\theta(\phi) \quad (\phi \in \text{Aut}(G)). \quad (4.1.14)$$

Unlike the p -Johnson homomorphisms (Theorem 2.2.8), the p -Johnson map $\tau^\theta = E \circ \kappa^\theta : \text{Aut}(F) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(H, \widehat{U}_2)$ is no longer a homomorphism. In fact, we have the following

Proposition 4.1.15. *We have*

$$\kappa^\theta(\phi_1 \circ \phi_2) = \kappa^\theta(\phi_1) \circ [\phi_1] \circ \kappa^\theta(\phi_2) \circ [\phi_1]^{-1}.$$

Proof. By (4.1.12), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa^\theta(\phi_1 \phi_2) &= \theta \circ (\widehat{\phi_1 \phi_2}) \circ \theta^{-1} \circ [\phi_1 \phi_2]^{-1} \\ &= \theta \circ \widehat{\phi_1} \circ \widehat{\phi_2} \circ \theta^{-1} \circ [\phi_2]^{-1} \circ [\phi_1]^{-1} \\ &= \theta \circ \widehat{\phi_1} \circ \theta^{-1} \circ [\phi_1]^{-1} \circ [\phi_1] \circ \theta \circ \widehat{\phi_2} \circ \theta^{-1} \circ [\phi_2]^{-1} \circ [\phi_1]^{-1} \\ &= \kappa^\theta(\phi_1) \circ [\phi_1] \circ \kappa^\theta(\phi_2) \circ [\phi_1]^{-1}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 4.1.15 yields an infinite sequence coboundary relations which Johnson maps τ_m^θ satisfies. Here we give the formulas for τ_1^θ and τ_2^θ .

Proposition 4.1.16. *We have*

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_1^\theta(\phi_1 \phi_2) &= \tau_1^\theta(\phi_1) + [\phi_1]^{\otimes 2} \circ \tau_1^\theta(\phi_2) \circ [\phi_1]^{-1}, \\ \tau_2^\theta(\phi_1 \phi_2) &= \tau_2^\theta(\phi_1) + (\tau_1^\theta(\phi_1) \otimes \text{id}_H + \text{id}_H \otimes \tau_1^\theta(\phi_1)) \circ [\phi_1]^{\otimes 2} \circ \tau_1^\theta(\phi_2) \circ [\phi_1]^{-1} \\ &\quad + [\phi_1]^{\otimes 3} \circ \tau_2^\theta(\phi_2) \circ [\phi_1]^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. By definition (4.1.14), we have

$$\tau^\theta(\phi_1 \phi_2) = \sum_{m \geq 1} \tau_m^\theta(\phi_1 \phi_2). \quad (4.1.16.1)$$

On the other hand, by Proposition 4.1.15 and (4.1.13), we have, for $h \in H$,

$$\begin{aligned} \tau^\theta(\phi_1 \phi_2) &= -h + \kappa^\theta(\phi_1 \phi_2)(h) \\ &= -h + (\kappa^\theta(\phi_1) \circ [\phi_1] \circ \kappa^\theta(\phi_2) \circ [\phi_1]^{-1})(h) \\ &= -h + (\kappa^\theta(\phi_1) \circ [\phi_1] \circ (\text{id}_H + \tau^\theta(\phi_2)))([\phi_1]^{-1}(h)) \\ &= -h + (\kappa^\theta(\phi_1) \circ [\phi_1]) \left([\phi_1]^{-1}(h) + \sum_{m \geq 1} (\tau_m^\theta(\phi_2) \circ [\phi_1]^{-1})(h) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -h + \kappa^\theta(\phi_1) \left(h + \sum_{m \geq 1} ([\phi_1]^{\otimes m} \circ \tau_m^\theta(\phi_2) \circ [\phi_1]^{-1})(h) \right) \\
 &= -h + \kappa^\theta(\phi_1)(h) \\
 &\quad + \kappa^\theta(\phi_1)(([\phi_1]^{\otimes 2} \circ \tau_1^\theta(\phi_2) \circ [\phi_1]^{-1})(h)) \\
 &\quad + \kappa^\theta(\phi_1)(([\phi_1]^{\otimes 3} \circ \tau_2^\theta(\phi_2) \circ [\phi_1]^{-1})(h)) \pmod{\widehat{U}_4}.
 \end{aligned}$$

We note that

$$\kappa^\theta(\phi)|_{H^{\otimes m}} = (\text{id}_H + \tau^\theta(\phi))^{\otimes m} : H^{\otimes m} \longrightarrow H \times \widehat{U}_{2m}$$

for any $\phi \in \text{Aut}(F)$ and so we have the following congruences mod \widehat{U}_4 :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \kappa^\theta(\phi_1)(h) &\equiv h + \tau_1^\theta(\phi_1)(h) + \tau_2^\theta(\phi_1)(h), \\
 \kappa^\theta(\phi_1)(([\phi_1]^{\otimes 2} \circ \tau_1^\theta(\phi_2) \circ [\phi_1]^{-1})(h)) \\
 &\equiv ([\phi_1]^{\otimes 2} \circ \tau_1^\theta(\phi_2) \circ [\phi_1]^{-1})(h) \\
 &\quad + ((\tau_1^\theta(\phi_1) \otimes \text{id}_H + \text{id}_H \otimes \tau_1^\theta(\phi_1)) \circ [\phi_1]^{\otimes 2} \circ \tau_1^\theta(\phi_2) \circ [\phi_1]^{-1})(h), \\
 \kappa^\theta(\phi_1)(([\phi_1]^{\otimes 3} \circ \tau_1^\theta(\phi_2) \circ [\phi_1]^{-1})(h)) &\equiv ([\phi_1]^{\otimes 3} \circ \tau_2^\theta(\phi_2) \circ [\phi_1]^{-1})(h).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\tau^\theta(\phi_1\phi_2)(h) \\
 &\equiv \tau_1^\theta(\phi_1)(h) + \tau_2^\theta(\phi_1)(h) \\
 &\quad + ([\phi_1]^{\otimes 2} \circ \tau_1^\theta(\phi_2) \circ [\phi_1]^{-1})(h) \\
 &\quad + ((\tau_1^\theta(\phi_1) \otimes \text{id}_H + \text{id}_H \otimes \tau_1^\theta(\phi_1)) \circ [\phi_1]^{\otimes 2} \circ \tau_1^\theta(\phi_2) \circ [\phi_1]^{-1})(h) \\
 &\quad + ([\phi_1]^{\otimes 3} \circ \tau_2^\theta(\phi_2) \circ [\phi_1]^{-1})(h) \pmod{\widehat{U}_4}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.1.16.2}$$

Comparing (4.1.16.1) and (4.1.16.2), we obtain the assertions. \square

Next, we compute the p -Johnson maps for inner automorphisms of F .

Proposition 4.1.17. *Let $f \in F$ and $h \in H$. For $m \geq 1$, we have*

$$\tau_m^\theta(\text{Inn}(f))(h) = \theta_m(f)h + \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{\substack{q_0 + \dots + q_j = m \\ q_0 \geq 0, q_1, \dots, q_j \geq 1}} (-1)^j \theta_{q_0}(f)h\theta_{q_1}(f) \cdots \theta_{q_j}(f).$$

In particular, we have, for $m = 1, 2$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tau_1^\theta(\text{Inn}(f))(h) &= [f]h - h[f], \\
 \tau_2^\theta(\text{Inn}(f))(h) &= \theta_2(f)h - h\theta_2(f) + h[f][f] - [f]h[f].
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Since $[\text{Im}(f)] = \text{id}_H$, by (4.1.12), we have

$$\begin{aligned}\kappa^\theta(\text{Inn}(f))(z) &= (\theta \circ \widehat{\text{Inn}(f)} \circ \theta^{-1})(z) \\ &= \theta(f)z\theta(f^{-1}) \\ &= \left(1 + \sum_{m \geq 1} \theta_m(f)\right) z \left(1 + \sum_{j \geq 1} (-1)^j \left(\sum_{q \geq 1} \theta_q(f)\right)^j\right)\end{aligned}$$

for $z \in \widehat{U}$. Therefore, by (4.1.13), we have

$$\begin{aligned}\tau^\theta(\text{Inn}(f))(h) &= \kappa^\theta(\text{Im}(f))(h) - h \\ &= \sum_{m \geq 1} \theta_m(f)h + \sum_{j \geq 1} \sum_{\substack{q_0 \geq 0, \\ q_1, \dots, q_j \geq 1}} (-1)^j \theta_{q_0}(f)h\theta_{q_1}(f) \cdots \theta_{q_j}(f)\end{aligned}$$

for $h \in H$. Taking the component in $H^{\otimes(m+1)}$, we obtain the assertion. \square

Finally we give the relation between the p -Johnson maps and the p -Johnson homomorphisms in Section 2.

Proposition 4.1.18. *The restriction of τ_m^θ to $A_F(m)$ coincides with $\theta_{m+1} \circ \tau_m$ for each $m \geq 1$:*

$$\tau_m^\theta|_{A_F(m)} = \theta_{m+1} \circ \tau_m : A_F(m) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(H, H^{\otimes(m+1)}),$$

where θ_{m+1} is the injection $\text{gr}_{m+1}(F) \hookrightarrow H^{\otimes(m+1)}$ in (4.1.1).

Proof. It suffices to show that for $\phi \in A_F(m)$,

$$\tau_m^\theta(\phi)(X_j) = \theta_{m+1}(\tau_m(\phi)(X_j)) \quad 1 \leq j \leq r.$$

By (4.1.13) and $[\phi] = \text{id}_H$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\tau^\theta(\phi)(X_j) &= (\kappa^\theta(\phi)|_H - \text{id}_H)(X_j) \\ &= (\theta \circ \widehat{\phi} \circ \theta^{-1})(\theta(x_j) - 1) - (\theta(x_j) - 1) \\ &= \theta(\phi(x_j)) - \theta(x_j).\end{aligned}$$

Therefore we see that

$$\tau_m^\theta(\phi)(X_j) = \text{the component in } H^{\otimes(m+1)} \text{ of } \theta(\phi(x_j)) - \theta(x_j). \quad (4.1.18.1)$$

On the other hand, since $\phi(x_j)x_j^{-1} \in F_{m+1}$, we have

$$\theta(\phi(x_j)x_j^{-1}) \equiv 1 + \theta_{m+1}(\phi(x_j)x_j^{-1}) = 1 + \theta_{m+1}(\tau_m(\phi)(X_j)) \pmod{\widehat{U}_{m+2}}.$$

Multiplying the above equation by $\theta(x_j)$ from right, we have

$$\theta(\phi(x_j)) \equiv \theta(x_j) + \theta_{m+1}(\tau_m(\phi)(X_j)) \pmod{\widehat{U}_{m+2}}. \quad (4.1.18.2)$$

By (4.1.18.1) and (4.1.18.2), we obtain the assertion. \square

4.2. Examples in non-Abelian Iwasawa theory

Let us come back to the arithmetic situation set up in 3.1 and keep the same notations. So, as in (3.1.1) and (3.1.2), we have an exact sequence of pro- p Galois groups

$$1 \longrightarrow G \longrightarrow \mathcal{G} \longrightarrow \Gamma \longrightarrow 1,$$

where

$$G = \text{Gal}(M/k_\infty), \mathcal{G} = \text{Gal}(M/k) \text{ and } \Gamma = \text{Gal}(k_\infty/k).$$

In order to apply the materials in 4.1, we assume that

$$(F) \quad G = \text{Gal}(M/k_\infty) \text{ is a free pro-} p \text{ group } F \text{ on } x_1, \dots, x_r.$$

This condition (F) is satisfied for the following cases.

Example 4.2.1 ([13], [30]). Suppose that

- (1) k is totally real,
- (2) $M := \tilde{k}_S$,
- (3) the Iwasawa μ -invariant of $H_\infty = G/[G, G]$ is zero.

Then the condition (F) is satisfied where the generator rank r is equal to the Iwasawa λ -invariant of H_∞ .

To give the following example, we introduce the notation. For a field K , $K(p)$ denotes the maximal pro- p extension of K .

Example 4.2.2 ([27], [31]). Suppose that

- (1) k is a CM-field containing μ_p i.e., $k = k^+(\mu_p)$ where k^+ is the maximal totally real subfield of k ,
- (2) the completions $k_{\mathfrak{p}}^+$ of k^+ with respect to any prime \mathfrak{p} lying over p do not contain μ_p ,
- (3) k_∞ is the cyclotomic \mathbb{Z}_p -extension of k , and

- (4) the Iwasawa μ -invariant of the maximal Abelian unramified pro- p Galois group over k_∞ is zero.

The condition (4) is known to be true if k is Abelian over \mathbb{Q} ([8]). So, the above four conditions are satisfied for the p -th cyclotomic field $k = \mathbb{Q}(\mu_p)$, for instance.

A finite p -extension L/k is called *positively ramified* over S_p if $L_{\mathfrak{p}} \subset k_{\mathfrak{p}}^+(p)(\mu_p)$ for any prime \mathfrak{p} over p . Since the composite of positively ramified p -extensions is positively ramified again, the maximal positively ramified pro- p extension of k exists, and it contains the cyclotomic \mathbb{Z}_p -extension k_∞ . We then let

$M :=$ the maximal pro- p extension of k which is unramified outside S
and positively ramified over S_p .

Then the condition (F) is satisfied with

$$r = 2\lambda^- + \#(S(k_\infty) \setminus S_p(k_\infty)) - 1,$$

where λ^- denotes the Iwasawa λ^- -invariant of k , and $S(k_\infty)$ (resp. $S_p(k_\infty)$) denotes the set of primes of k_∞ lying over S (resp. S_p). The pro- p Galois group $F = G = \text{Gal}(M/k_\infty)$ has the following presentation

$$F = \langle a_1, b_1, \dots, a_{\lambda^-}, b_{\lambda^-}, c_v (v \in S(k_\infty) \setminus S_p(k_\infty)) \mid \\ \prod_{v \in S(k_\infty) \setminus S_p(k_\infty)} c_v \prod_{i=1}^{2\lambda^-} [a_i, b_i] = 1 \rangle.$$

We may take S to be $S_p \cup \{\mathfrak{q}\}$ such that there is only one prime of k_∞ lying over \mathfrak{q} (there are infinitely many such \mathfrak{q}). Then F and \mathcal{G} may be seen as arithmetic analogues of the fundamental groups of a one-boundary surface and a surface bundle over a circle (a fibered knot complement), respectively.

We fix a lift $\tilde{\gamma} \in \mathcal{G}$ of a topological generator γ of Γ and consider the automorphism $\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}} := \text{Inn}(\tilde{\gamma}) \in \text{Aut}(F)$ as in (3.1.3). The p -power iterated action of $[\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}]_m$ on F/F_{m+1} is described by the m -th p -Johnson map

$$\tau_m^\theta : \text{Aut}(F) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p}(H, H^{\otimes(m+1)}) \quad (m \geq 1).$$

For an integer $d \geq 0$, we can write

$$\tau_m^\theta(\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^{p^d})([f]) = \sum_{1 \leq i_1, \dots, i_{m+1} \leq r} \tau^\theta(\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^{p^d})(i_1 \cdots i_{m+1}; [f]) X_{i_1} \cdots X_{i_{m+1}}.$$

Suppose that $\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^{p^d} \in \mathbf{A}_F(m)$. Then we can also write

$$\theta_{m+1} \circ \tau_m(\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^{p^d})([f]) = \sum_{1 \leq i_1, \dots, i_{m+1} \leq r} \tau(\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^{p^d})(i_1 \cdots i_{m+1}; [f]) X_{i_1} \cdots X_{i_{m+1}} \quad (4.2.3)$$

and, by Proposition 4.1.18, we have

$$\tau^\theta(\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^{p^d})(i_1 \cdots i_{m+1}; X_j) = \tau(\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^{p^d})(i_1 \cdots i_{m+1}; X_j) \in \mathbb{F}_p.$$

These coefficients are numerical datum encoded in the Johnson maps/homomorphisms. In Section 5, we express these coefficients in terms of Massey products in Galois cohomology.

5. Massey products

In this section, we give a cohomological interpretation of p -Johnson homomorphisms in terms of Massey products in Galois cohomology.

A fixed prime number p is arbitrary in 5.1 and assumed to be odd in 5.2.

5.1. Massey products and the Magnus expansion

Firstly, we recall some general materials on Massey products. For the sign convention, we follow [7]. Let \mathcal{G} be a pro- p group and let $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \in H^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathbb{F}_p)$. A Massey products $\langle \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \rangle$ is said to be *defined* if there is an array

$$A = \{a_{ij} \in C^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathbb{F}_p) \mid 1 \leq i \leq m+1, (i, j) \neq (1, m+1)\}$$

such that

$$\begin{cases} [a_{i,i+1}] = \alpha_i \quad (1 \leq i \leq m), \\ da_{ij} = \sum_{l=1}^{j-1} a_{1l} \cup a_{lj} \quad (j \neq i+1), \end{cases}$$

where d denotes the differential on cochains and \cup denotes the cup product. An array A is called a *defining system* for $\langle \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \rangle$. Then we define $\langle \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \rangle_A$ by the cohomology class represented by the 2-cocycle

$$\sum_{l=2}^m a_{1l} \cup a_{l,m+1}.$$

A Massey product of $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m$ is then defined by

$$\langle \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \rangle := \{ \langle \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \rangle_A \in H^2(\mathcal{G}, \mathbb{F}_p) \mid A \text{ ranges over defining systems} \}.$$

We recall some basic properties of Massey products, which will be used in 5.2.

5.1.1. One has $\langle \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \rangle = \alpha_1 \cup \alpha_2$. For $m \geq 3$, $\langle \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \rangle$ is defined and consists of a single element if $\langle \alpha_{i_1}, \dots, \alpha_{i_l} \rangle = 0$ for all proper subsets $\{i_1, \dots, i_l\}$ of $\{1, \dots, m\}$.

5.1.2. Let $\Psi : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}'$ be a continuous homomorphism of pro- p groups. Then if $\langle \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \rangle$ is defined for $\alpha_i \in H^1(\mathcal{G}', \mathbb{F}_p)$ with defining system $A = (a_{ij})$, then so is $\langle \Psi^*(\alpha_1), \dots, \Psi^*(\alpha_m) \rangle$ with defining system $A^* = (\Psi^*(a_{ij}))$ and we have $\Psi^*(\langle \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \rangle) \subset \langle \Psi^*(\alpha_1), \dots, \Psi^*(\alpha_m) \rangle$.

Next, we recall a relation between Massey products and the Magnus expansion. Let \mathcal{G} be a finitely generated pro- p group with a minimal presentation

$$1 \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow \mathcal{F} \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathcal{G} \longrightarrow 1,$$

where \mathcal{F} is a free pro- p group on x_1, \dots, x_s with $s = \dim_{\mathbb{F}_p} H^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathbb{F}_p)$. We set $g_i := \pi(x_i)$ ($1 \leq i \leq s$). Note that π induces the isomorphism $H^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathbb{F}_p) \simeq H^1(\mathcal{F}, \mathbb{F}_p)$. We let $\text{tg} : H^1(N, \mathbb{F}_p)^{\mathcal{G}} \rightarrow H^2(\mathcal{G}, \mathbb{F}_p)$ be the transgression map defined as follows. For $a \in H^1(N, \mathbb{F}_p)^{\mathcal{G}}$, choose a 1-cochain $b \in C^1(\mathcal{F}, \mathbb{F}_p)$ such that $b|_N = a$. Since the value $db(f_1, f_2)$, $f_i \in \mathcal{F}$, depends only on the cosets $f_i \bmod N$, there is a 2-cocycle $c \in Z^2(\mathcal{G}, \mathbb{F}_p)$ such that $\pi^*(c) = db$. Then we define $\text{tg}(a)$ by the class of c . By Hochschild–Serre spectral sequence, tg is an isomorphism and so we have the dual isomorphism, called the Hopf isomorphism,

$$\text{tg}^\vee : H_2(\mathcal{G}, \mathbb{F}_p) \xrightarrow{\sim} H_1(N, \mathbb{F}_p)_{\mathcal{G}} = N/N^p[N, \mathcal{F}]. \quad (5.1.3)$$

Then we have the following Proposition. The proof goes in the same manner as in [22, Theorem 2.2.2].

Proposition 5.1.4. *Notations being as above, let $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \in H^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathbb{F}_p)$ and $A = (a_{ij})$ a defining system for the Massey product $\langle \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \rangle$. Let $f \in N$ and set $\beta := (\text{tg}^\vee)^{-1}(f \bmod N^p[N, \mathcal{F}])$. Then we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \rangle_A(\beta) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m (-1)^{j+1} \sum_{c_1 + \dots + c_j = m} \sum_{1 \leq i_1, \dots, i_j \leq s} a_{1,1+c_1}(g_{i_1}) \cdots a_{m+1-c_j, m+1}(g_{i_j}) \epsilon(i_1 \cdots i_j; f), \end{aligned}$$

where c_1, \dots, c_j run over positive integers satisfying $c_1 + \dots + c_j = m$ and $g_i := \pi(x_i)$ ($1 \leq i \leq s$) and $\epsilon(i_1 \cdots i_j; f)$ is the Magnus coefficient defined in (4.1.9).

5.2. Massey products and p -Johnson homomorphisms

We come back to the arithmetic situation in 4.2 and keep the same notations. So we have an exact sequence of pro- p Galois groups

$$1 \longrightarrow F \longrightarrow \mathcal{G} \longrightarrow \Gamma \longrightarrow 1,$$

where

$$F = \text{Gal}(M/k_\infty), \mathcal{G} = \text{Gal}(M/k) \text{ and } \Gamma = \text{Gal}(k_\infty/k),$$

and F is a free pro- p group on x_1, \dots, x_r . We fix a lift $\tilde{\gamma} \in \mathcal{G}$ of a topological generator γ of Γ and let $\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}} := \text{Inn}(\tilde{\gamma}) \in \text{Aut}(F)$.

Let $d(1)$ be the p -period of $[\phi_\gamma]$ on H as in (3.2.3) so that $\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^{p^{d(1)}} \in \text{IA}(F)$. If necessary, we replace the base field k by the subextension $k_{d(1)}$ of k_∞ with degree $[k_{d(1)} : k] = p^{d(1)}$ and $\gamma^{p^{d(1)}}$ with γ so that we may suppose that

$$\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}} \in \text{IA}(F),$$

namely, $\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}$ acts trivially on H .

For each integer $d \geq 0$, let k_d be the subextension of k_∞ with $[k_d : k] = p^d$ and let

$$\mathcal{G}_d := \text{Gal}(M/k_d).$$

Then the pro- p group \mathcal{G}_d has the presentation

$$1 \longrightarrow N_d \longrightarrow \mathcal{F} \xrightarrow{\pi_d} \mathcal{G}_d \longrightarrow 1$$

where \mathcal{F} is the free pro- p group on x_1, \dots, x_r, x_{r+1} with $\pi_d(x_{r+1}) = \gamma^{p^d}$ and N_d is the closed subgroup of \mathcal{F} generated normally by

$$R_{j,d} := \phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^{p^d}(x_j)(x_{r+1}x_jx_{r+1}^{-1})^{-1} \quad (1 \leq j \leq r).$$

Lemma 5.2.1. *For each integer $d \geq 0$, the homomorphism $\pi_d : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_d$ induces the isomorphism of cohomology groups*

$$H^1(\mathcal{G}_d, \mathbb{F}_p) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^1(\mathcal{F}, \mathbb{F}_p).$$

Proof. Since $\mathcal{G}_d = \mathcal{F}/N_d$, we have

$$H^1(\mathcal{G}_d, \mathbb{F}_p) = \text{Hom}_c(\mathcal{G}_d/\mathcal{G}_d^p[\mathcal{G}_d, \mathcal{G}_d], \mathbb{F}_p) \simeq \text{Hom}_c(\mathcal{F}/N_d\mathcal{F}^p[\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}], \mathbb{F}_p), \quad (5.2.1.1)$$

where Hom_c stands for the group of continuous homomorphisms. Since $\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^{p^d}$ acts trivially on $H = F/F^p[F, F]$, $\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^{p^d}(x_j)x_j^{-1} \in F^p[F, F]$ and so $R_{j,d} = \phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^{p^d}(x_j)x_j^{-1}[x_j, x_{r+1}] \in \mathcal{F}^p[\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}]$ ($1 \leq j \leq r$). Therefore we have

$$N_d \subset \mathcal{F}^p[\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}]. \quad (5.2.1.2)$$

By (5.2.1.1) and (5.2.1.2), we have

$$H^1(\mathcal{G}_d, \mathbb{F}_p) \simeq \text{Hom}_c(\mathcal{F}/\mathcal{F}^p[\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}], \mathbb{F}_p) = H^1(\mathcal{F}, \mathbb{F}_p). \quad \square$$

By Lemma 5.2.1, Hochschild–Serre spectral sequence yields the Hopf isomorphism as in (5.1.3)

$$\text{tg}^\vee : H_2(\mathcal{G}_d, \mathbb{F}_p) \xrightarrow{\sim} H_1(N_d, \mathbb{F}_p)_{\mathcal{G}_d} = N_d/N_d^p[N_d, \mathcal{F}],$$

and we define $\xi_{j,d} \in H_2(\mathcal{G}_d, \mathbb{F}_p)$ by

$$\xi_{j,d} := (\text{tg}^\vee)^{-1}(R_{j,d} \bmod N_d^p[N_d, \mathcal{F}]) \quad (1 \leq j \leq r).$$

We set $g_j := \pi_d(x_i)$ ($1 \leq j \leq r+1$) and let $g_i^* \in H^1(\mathcal{G}_d, \mathbb{F}_p)$ denote the Kronecker dual to g_j , namely $g_i^*(g_j) = \delta_{ij}$.

For $d \geq 0$, let $m(d)$ be the integer defined in (3.2.5). Since $\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}} \in \text{IA}(F)$, $m(d) \geq 1$. Let $\tau_{m(d)}(\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^{p^d})(i_1 \cdots i_{m(d)}; X_j)$ be the coefficients of the $m(d)$ -th p -Johnson homomorphism defined in (4.2.3). The following theorem gives an interpretation of $\tau_{m(d)}(\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^{p^d})(i_1 \cdots i_{m(d)}; X_j)$ in terms of the Massey product in the cohomology of \mathcal{G}_d .

Theorem 5.2.2. *Notations being as above, let $i_1, \dots, i_{m(d)+1} \in \{1, \dots, r\}$. Then the Massey product $\langle g_{i_1}^*, \dots, g_{i_{m(d)+1}}^* \rangle$ is uniquely defined and we have, for each $d \geq 0$,*

$$\tau_{m(d)}(\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^{p^d})(i_1 \cdots i_{m(d)+1}; X_j) = (-1)^{m(d)+1} \langle g_{i_1}^*, \dots, g_{i_{m(d)+1}}^* \rangle(\xi_{j,d}).$$

Proof. Let \mathcal{G}'_d be the pro- p group given by the presentation

$$1 \longrightarrow N'_d \longrightarrow F \xrightarrow{\pi'_d} \mathcal{G}'_d \longrightarrow 1,$$

where N' is the closed subgroup of F generated normally by

$$R'_{j,d} := \phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^{p^d}(x_j)x_j^{-1} \quad (1 \leq j \leq r).$$

We set $g'_j := \pi'_d(x_j)$ ($1 \leq j \leq r$) and let $g_i'^*$ be the Kronecker dual to g'_j . As in Lemma 5.2.1, π'_d induces the isomorphism $\text{tg} : H^1(\mathcal{G}'_d, \mathbb{F}_p) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^1(N'_d, \mathbb{F}_p)_{\mathcal{G}'_d}$ and so we have the Hopf isomorphism $\text{tg}^\vee : H_2(\mathcal{G}'_d, \mathbb{F}_p) \xrightarrow{\sim} H_1(N'_d, \mathbb{F}_p)$. We define $\xi'_{j,d} \in H_2(\mathcal{G}'_d, \mathbb{F}_p)$ by $(\text{tg}^\vee)^{-1}(R'_{j,d} \bmod N_d'^p[N'_d, F])$. Since $\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^{p^d} \in \text{A}_F(m(d))$, we note $R'_{j,d} \in F_{m(d)+1}$ ($1 \leq j \leq r$).

Suppose $m(d) \geq 2$. By Proposition 5.1.4, if $l \leq m(d)$, we have

$$\langle g_{i_1}'^*, \dots, g_{i_l}'^* \rangle_{A'}(\xi'_{j,d}) = 0$$

for any $i_1, \dots, i_l \in \{1, \dots, r\}$, $1 \leq j \leq r$, and any defining system A' , because we have $\epsilon(i_1 \cdots i_l; R'_{j,d}) = 0$. Since $R'_{j,d}$'s generate $H_1(N'_d, \mathbb{F}_p)_{\mathcal{G}'_d}$, $\langle g'^*_{i_1}, \dots, g'^*_{i_l} \rangle = 0$ for any $i_1, \dots, i_l \in \{1, \dots, r\}$. Therefore, by 5.1.1, the Massey product $\langle g'^*_{i_1}, \dots, g'^*_{i_{m(d)+1}} \rangle$ is uniquely defined and, by Proposition 5.1.4 again, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle g'^*_{i_1}, \dots, g'^*_{i_{m(d)+1}} \rangle(\xi'_{j,d}) &= (-1)^{m(d)+1} \epsilon(i_1 \cdots i_{m(d)+1}; R'_{j,d}) \\ &= (-1)^{m(d)+1} \tau_{m(d)}(\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^{p^d})(i_1 \cdots i_{m(d)+1}; X_j). \end{aligned} \quad (5.2.2.1)$$

We define the homomorphism

$$\Psi : \mathcal{G}_d \longrightarrow \mathcal{G}'_d$$

by

$$\Psi(g_j) := g'_j \quad (1 \leq j \leq r), \quad \Psi(g_{r+1}) := 1.$$

so that we have

$$\xi'_{j,d} = \Psi_*(\xi_{j,d}) \quad g'^*_i = \Psi^*(g^*_i) \quad (1 \leq i, j \leq r).$$

Then our assertion follows from (5.2.2.1) and the naturality 5.1.2 of Massey products as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle g'^*_{i_1}, \dots, g'^*_{i_{m(d)+1}} \rangle(\xi'_{j,d}) &= \langle \Psi^*(g^*_{i_1}), \dots, \Psi^*(g^*_{i_{m(d)+1}}) \rangle(\Psi_*(\xi'_{j,d})) \\ &= \Psi^*(\langle g'^*_{i_1}, \dots, g'^*_{i_{m(d)+1}} \rangle)(\Psi_*(\xi'_{j,d})) \\ &= \langle g'^*_{i_1}, \dots, g'^*_{i_{m(d)+1}} \rangle(\xi'_{j,d}) \\ &= (-1)^{m(d)+1} \tau_{m(d)}(\phi_{\tilde{\gamma}}^{p^d})(i_1 \cdots i_{m(d)+1}; X_j). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Remark 5.2.3. (1) Theorem 5.2.2 may be regarded as an arithmetic analogue in non-Abelian Iwasawa theory of Kitano's result ([17, Theorem 4.1]).

(2) For Massey products in cohomology of a pro- p group, we also refer to [9], [20] and [21].

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