# FINITE COMPLEXES AND INTEGRAL REPRESENTATIONS II 

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#### Abstract

In the paper "Finite complexes and integral representations" [Illinois Journal of Math, 26, (1982), p 442] an exact sequence relating homotopy types of $(G, d)$-complexes with objects of integral representation theory together with some known calculations seemed to imply that the group of homotopy types of $(G, d)$ complexes was always a subquotient of $(\mathbb{Z} /|g|)^{*}$. This paper gives a new characterization of one of the terms of the above sequence that allows one to conclude that this is not generally true.


0 . Introduction. If one attempts to classify connected, finite, $m$-dimensional $C W$ complexes with fundamental group $G$ and $m$-connected universal covering, one is quickly led, via the work of MacLane-Whitehead [3] and Wall [11], to the study of chain homotopy types of truncated finitely generated $\mathbb{Z} G$-free resolutions of the trivial $G$-module $\mathbb{Z}$.

In his thesis, W. Browning [1] defined finite abelian groups $h^{d+1}(G, l)$ (respectively $\mathrm{cl}^{d+1}(G, l)$ ) which classify up to chain homotopy equivalence truncated finitely generated free (resp. projective) resolutions of $\mathbb{Z}$ of length $d$ and Euler characteristic $l$ provided there exists one such resolution $\mathbb{P}_{*}$ with $H_{d}\left(\mathbb{P}_{*}\right)$ an Eichler module [5]. In [6] these groups were related to objects of integral representation theory. More precisely, if

$$
\mathbb{P}: 0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow P_{d} \rightarrow P_{d-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P_{0} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0
$$

is a truncated finitely generated projective resolution of length $d$ and Euler characteristic $l$, there exists an exact sequence

$$
\begin{equation*}
K_{1}\left(\operatorname{End}_{\mathbb{Z} G} M\right) \xrightarrow{\text { det }}(\mathbb{Z} /|G|)^{*} \xrightarrow{g} \mathrm{cl}^{d+1}(G, l) \rightarrow \widetilde{\mathscr{S}}(M) \rightarrow 0 . \tag{*}
\end{equation*}
$$

(f) $(M)$ is the reduced genus group of $M$ consisting of all formal differences $\left\{[M]-[N], M_{p} \simeq N_{p}\right.$ for all primes $\left.p\right\}$. For $\alpha \in G L\left(n, \operatorname{End}_{\mathbb{Z} G} M\right)=\operatorname{Aut}_{\mathbb{Z} G} M^{n}$, $\operatorname{det}[\alpha]$ is the determinant of the automorphism $\alpha^{*}$ of $\left(\mathbb{Z}||G|)^{n}\right.$, where $\alpha^{*}=$ $k_{\mathrm{p}}^{-n} \operatorname{Ext}_{\mathbb{Z} G}^{d+1}(1, \alpha) k_{\mathrm{p}}^{n}$ and $k_{\mathrm{p}}: \mathbb{Z}| | G \mid \rightarrow \operatorname{Ext}_{\mathbb{Z} G}^{d+1}(\mathbb{Z}, M)$ is the canonical isomorphism. Moreover there exists a homorphism $t: \mathrm{cl}^{d+1}(G, l) \rightarrow \tilde{K}_{0}(\mathbb{Z} G)$ such that


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commutes, where $S W_{G}:(\mathbb{Z} \| G \mid)^{*} \rightarrow \tilde{K}(\mathbb{Z} G)$ is the map which associates to each integer $r$ relatively prime to $|G|$ the projective ideal $(r, \Sigma)$ of $\mathbb{Z} G$ generated by $r$ and the norm element $\Sigma$. [9].

Furthermore if there exists a truncated finitely generated free resolution of length $d$ and Euler characteristic $l$, then ker $t \simeq h^{d+1}(G, l)$. Hence if $T G$ (resp. $S W(G))$ denotes the image (resp. kernel) of the map $S W_{G}$, it follows one has a commutative diagram


Since in all the known calculations $h^{d+1}(G, l)$ was a quotient of a sub-group of $(\mathbb{Z} /|G|)^{*}$, this seemed to indicate ker $\bar{t}$ was always equal to zero. In this paper we give the following interpretation of ker $\bar{t}$. Suppose $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow F_{d} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow$ $F_{0} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$ is an truncated finitely generated free resolution of $\mathbb{Z}$ of length $d$ and Euler characteristic $l$. Let $F_{M}=\{[M]-[N] \in \widetilde{\mathscr{G}}(M) \mid M \oplus \mathbb{Z} G \simeq N \oplus \mathbb{Z} G\}$ and let $\Gamma_{M}=\{[M]-[N] \in \widetilde{G}(M) \mid$ there exists a truncated finitely generated free resolution $\mathbb{F}_{*}$ of $\mathbb{Z}$ of length $d$ and Euler characteristic $l$ with $H_{d}\left(\mathbb{F}_{*}\right) \simeq N$.\}.

Theorem. ker $\bar{t}=F_{M}=\Gamma_{M}$.
This allows us to use a result of Sieradski-Dyer [8] to show ker $\bar{t}$ must in general be different from zero. A result of Ullam [12] can be used to show the same for $S W(G) /$ det.

1. Notation and terminology. Let $G$ be a finite group and $\Lambda=\mathbb{Z} G$ its integral group ring. We will refer to a truncated finitely generated projective (free) resolution $\mathbb{P}_{*}\left(\mathbb{F}_{*}\right)$ of the trivial $G$ module $\mathbb{Z}$ as a syzygy (free syzygy). When no confusion is possible we will write $H_{d}\left(\mathbb{P}_{*}\right)$ as $M$. We will work with syzygies of a fixed length $d \geq 1$. The Euler characteristic $\chi\left(\mathbb{P}_{*}\right)$ is

$$
\frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{j=0}^{d}(-1)^{i} r k_{\mathbb{Z}} P_{d-j} \in \mathbb{Z}
$$

and the Euler class

$$
e\left(\mathbb{P}_{*}\right)=\sum_{j=0}^{d}(-1)^{i}\left[P_{d-j}\right] \in \tilde{K}_{0}(\Lambda) .
$$

Each syzygy $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{*} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$ determines a canonical isomorphism $k_{\mathbb{P}}: \mathbb{Z} \| G \mid \rightarrow \operatorname{Ext}_{\Lambda}^{d+1}(\mathbb{Z}, M)$ where $\operatorname{Ext}_{\Lambda}^{d+1}(\mathbb{Z}, M)$ is computed with respect to the
resolution $P_{*} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$, and the image of $[1] \in \mathbb{Z} \| G \mid$ is also denoted $k_{P_{*}}$ and is the $k$-invariant of $\mathbb{P}_{*}$. It is shown in [6] that the map $\bar{t}: \widetilde{(f}(M) \rightarrow \tilde{K}(\mathbb{Z} G) / T(G)$ in $\left(^{* *}\right)$ is given as follows: Let $[M]-[N] \in \widetilde{\mathfrak{G}}(M)$. By Roiter's lemma we may embed $N \hookrightarrow M$ with cokernel $X$ finite and of $\mathbb{Z}$-annihilator relatively prime to $|G|$. If we projectively resolve $X$, i.e., if $0 \rightarrow Q \rightarrow P \rightarrow X \rightarrow 0$ is exact with $P$ (and hence $Q$ ) finitely generated $\Lambda$-projective, then $\bar{t}([M]-[N])=([P]-$ $[Q])+T G \in \tilde{K}_{0}(\mathbb{Z} G) / T G$. Note also that since $\operatorname{ann}_{\mathbb{Z}} X$ is of order relatively prime to $|G|$ and $N, M$ are $\Lambda$-lattices, we have by the generalized Schanuel's lemma [13, V2.6; VII3.5] that $M \oplus Q \simeq N \oplus P$. Two syzygies $P_{*}, P_{\mathscr{B}}^{\prime}$ are equivalent, i.e., equal in $\mathrm{cl}^{d+1}(G, l)$ if and only if they are chain homotopy equivalent (as complexes with two non zero homology groups) by a chain map inducing the identity on $\mathbb{Z}=H_{0}\left(\mathbb{P}_{*}\right)=H_{*}\left(\mathbb{P}_{*}^{\prime}\right)$. It is obvious by making elementary changes that $\mathbb{P}_{*}$ is equivalent to a free syzygy if and only if $e\left(\mathbb{Z}_{*}\right)=0$.
2. The results. The equality of $\operatorname{ker} \bar{t}$ and $\Gamma_{M}$ is a consequence of the following proposition.

Proposition 1. Suppose $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{*} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$ is a syzygy. For all $s$ with $(s,|G|)=1$, there exists a syzygy $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{*}^{\prime} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$ such that
(i) $k_{\mathbb{P}_{*}}=s k_{\mathbb{P}_{*}} \in \operatorname{Ext}_{\Lambda}^{d+1}(\mathbb{Z}, M)$.
(ii) $e\left(\mathbb{P}_{*}^{\prime}\right)=e\left(\mathbb{P}_{*}\right)+(-1)^{d+1}[(s, \Sigma)]$
(iii) $\chi\left(\mathbb{P}_{*}^{\prime}\right)=\chi\left(\mathbb{P}_{*}\right)$.

Proof. Let $\mathbb{P}_{*}^{\prime \prime}$ be the pushout of $\mathbb{P}_{*}$ by the map $s: M \rightarrow M$. In [6] it is shown that one obtains $(-1)^{d+1}[(s, \Sigma)] \in \tilde{K}(\mathbb{Z} G)$ by projectively resolving $M / s M$. On the other hand from the above pushout and Schanuel's lemma this is $\left[P_{d}^{\prime \prime}\right]-\left[P_{d}\right]$ and hence $P_{d}^{\prime \prime} \oplus \Lambda \simeq P_{d} \oplus\left(s^{(-1) d+1}, \Sigma\right)$ by the Bass cancellation theorem. In $\mathbb{P}_{*}^{\prime \prime}$ add $\Lambda$ to $P_{d}^{\prime \prime}$ and $P_{d-1}^{\prime \prime}$ and then replace $P_{d}^{\prime \prime} \oplus \Lambda$ by $P_{d} \oplus\left(s^{(-1) d+1}, \Sigma\right)$ to obtain a syzygy $P_{*}^{\prime}$ and a map


Since $s: M \rightarrow M$ induces multiplication by $s$ on $\operatorname{Ext}^{d+1}(\mathbb{Z}, M), k_{\mathbb{P}_{*}^{\prime}}=s k_{\mathbb{P}_{*}}$. Clearly $e\left(\mathbb{P}_{*}^{\prime}\right)=e\left(\mathbb{P}_{*}\right)+(-1)^{d+1}(s, \Sigma)$ and $\chi\left(\mathbb{P}_{*}^{\prime}\right)=\chi\left(\mathbb{P}_{*}^{\prime}\right) . \quad \|$.

Theorem. Suppose $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{*} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$ is a free syzygy, then ker $\bar{t}=\Gamma_{M}$.
Proof. Let $[M]-[N] \in \operatorname{ker} \bar{t}$. Embed $h: M \hookrightarrow N$ by Roiter's lemma with cokernel $h$ finite and annihilator relatively prime to $|G|$. Then $h_{*} \mathbb{P}_{*}: 0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow$ $P_{d}^{\prime} \rightarrow F_{d-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow F_{0} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$ has Euler class $\left[P_{d}^{\prime}\right]=[(r, \Sigma)]$ for some $r$ with $(r,|G|)=1$ by the generalized Schanuel lemma [13] since $\bar{t}([M]-[N])=0$. By

Proposition 1, there exists a syzygy $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{*}^{\prime \prime} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$ with Euler class $e\left[\mathbb{P}_{*}^{\prime}\right]-[(r, \Sigma)]=0$. Hence there exists a free syzygy $\mathbb{F}_{*}^{\prime}$ with $H_{*}\left(\mathbb{F}_{*}^{\prime}\right)=N$.

Let $[M]-[N] \in \Gamma_{M}$. i.e., suppose there exists a free syzygy $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{*}^{\prime} \rightarrow$ $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$. Let $k^{\prime}=k_{\mathbb{F}_{*}^{\prime}}$ be the $k$-invariant. Embed $h: M \hookrightarrow N$ by Roiter's lemma and let $\mathbb{P}_{*}^{\prime \prime}=h_{*} \mathbb{F}_{*}$. As we have seen $\bar{t}([N]-[M])=\left[P_{d}^{\prime \prime}\right]+T G$. Let $k^{\prime \prime}=k_{\mathbb{P}_{*}}$ be the $k$-invariant. Then $k^{\prime \prime}=s k^{\prime}$ for some $s$ with $(s,|G|)=1$. By Proposition 1 there exists a syzygy $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{*}^{\prime} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$ with $k_{\mathbb{P}_{*}^{\prime}}=s k^{\prime}$ and $e\left(\mathbb{P}_{*}^{\prime}\right)=$ $(-1)^{d+1}[(s, \Sigma)]$. Since $\mathbb{P}_{*}^{\prime}$ and $\mathbb{P}_{*}^{\prime \prime}$ have the same $k$-invariant, there exists a chain map from $\mathbb{P}_{*}^{\prime}$ to $\mathbb{P}_{*}^{\prime \prime}$ inducing the identity on $H_{0}$ and $H_{d}$. Hence $\left[P_{d}^{\prime \prime}\right]=e\left(\mathbb{P}_{*}^{\prime \prime}\right)=$ $e\left(\mathbb{P}_{*}^{\prime}\right)=(-1)^{d+1}[(s, \Sigma)]$, i.e. $\bar{t}([M]-[N])=0 . \|$

The equality of $\Gamma_{M}$ and $F_{M}$ depends on the following result.
Proposition 2. Suppose $0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{\rho} D \xrightarrow{\boldsymbol{G}} E \rightarrow 0$ is an exact sequence of $\Lambda$ lattices and $M \oplus X_{\widetilde{\beta}} N \oplus Y$ for some $\Lambda$-lattice $N$ and some finitely generated $\Lambda$-projective $Y$. Then there exists an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow D \oplus X \rightarrow$ $E \oplus Y \rightarrow 0$ and a map

for some map g:D $\oplus X \rightarrow Y$.
Proof. Consider $0 \rightarrow M \oplus X \xrightarrow{\rho \oplus 1} D \oplus X \xrightarrow{(\partial, 0)} E \rightarrow 0$. Replacing $M \oplus X$ by $N \oplus Y$ via $\beta$ gives the following.


Consider the diagram


Since $Y$ is $\Lambda$-projective, and all are $\Lambda$-lattices, the middle vertical sequence splits [9] with splitting maps $h: W \rightarrow D \oplus X$ and $g: D \oplus X \rightarrow Y$.

From the sequence $0 \rightarrow N \xrightarrow{(1,0)} W \oplus Y \xrightarrow{k \oplus 1} E \oplus Y \rightarrow 0$ and the isomorphism $\left(h, u l_{2}\right): W \oplus Y \cong D \oplus X$, one obtains the desired sequence $0 \rightarrow N \xrightarrow{h 1} D \oplus$ $X \xrightarrow{(\partial, \mathrm{~g})} E \oplus Y \rightarrow 0$. Moreover it is clear there are maps


Corollary 1. If $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{*} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$ is a syzygy and $\beta: M \oplus P \simeq N \oplus Q$ is an isomorphism with $P, Q \Lambda$-projective; then there exists a syzygy $\mathbb{Q}: 0 \rightarrow$ $N \rightarrow P_{d} \oplus P \rightarrow P_{d-1} \oplus Q \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P_{0} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$ and a chain map $f: \mathbb{P}_{*} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_{*}$ inducing Id on $H_{0}$ and $p_{1} \beta \iota_{1}$ on $H_{d}$.

Remark. It is obvious that $e\left(\mathbb{Q}_{*}\right)=e\left(\mathbb{P}_{*}\right)+[P]-[Q]$ and that if $M$ and $N$ have the same $\mathbb{Z}$-rank, for example are in the same genus, then $\chi\left(\mathbb{P}_{*}\right)=\chi\left(\mathbb{Q}_{*}\right)$.

Corollary 2. If $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{*} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$ is a free syzygy, then $\Gamma_{M}=F_{m}$.
Proof. From Schanuel's lemma and the Bass cancellation theorem it is obvious that $\Gamma_{M} \subseteq F_{M}^{\prime}$. The converse is an immediate consequence of Corollary 1 and the remarks following. ||

In [8] Sieradaki and Dyer prove the following theorem. Let $G$ be a finite abelian group with torsion coefficients $t_{1}|\cdots| t_{n}$.

Theorem. If $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow F_{2} \rightarrow F_{1} \rightarrow F_{0} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$ is a free syzygy of length 2 . and minimal Euler characteristic $=1+\binom{n}{2}$, then there exists an epimorphism $\left.B: \Gamma_{M} \rightarrow\left(\mathbb{Z} / t_{1}\right)^{*} / \pm\left(\mathbb{Z} / t_{1}\right)^{*}\right)^{\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)}=\sum_{t_{1}}^{\left(n_{1}\right)}$.

It is easily seen that this group is in general non-zero. For example if $t_{1}=p$ prime then it is easy to see $\sum_{p}^{s}$ is cyclic of order $s$ if $p \equiv 1 \bmod 2 s$. W. Browning [1], based on work of Metzler [4] and Sieradski [7], has shown that for $G$ finite abelian with torsion coefficients $t_{1}|\cdots| t_{n}, h^{3}\left(G, 1+\binom{n}{2}\right) \approx\left(\mathbb{Z} / t_{1}\right)^{*} /( \pm 1)$. Hence if we consider the elementary abelian group $\mathbb{Z} / 7 \times \mathbb{Z} / 7 \times \mathbb{Z} / 7$ it follows from the above considerations of $\sum_{\mathrm{p}}^{s}$ that the map det : $K_{1}($ End $M) \rightarrow S W(G)$ in $(* *)$ must be onto.

Ullam [12], see also Taylor [10], has shown that for an elementary abelian
group of rank $k$ the map $S W_{G}:\left(\mathbb{Z} / p^{k}\right)^{*} \rightarrow T G$ restricted to the subgroup generated by $(1+p)$ is an isomorphism, hence $S W(G) \cap(1+p)=1$. However the following result shows that for only two torsion coefficients the image of the determinant map is equal to $(-1) \subset S W(G)$.

Proposition 3. Let $G=\mathbb{Z} / t_{1} \times \mathbb{Z} / t_{2}, t_{1} \mid t_{2}$ and suppose $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{*} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$ is the free syzygy of length 2 based on the standard presentation of $G$. If $h: M^{k} \rightarrow M^{k}$ is an automorphism, then $\operatorname{det} h \equiv \pm 1 \bmod t_{1}$.

Proof. It is easy to see there exists an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow M \rightarrow I G^{2} \rightarrow 0$ where $\mathbb{Z} \approx M^{G}$ and $I G$ is the augmentation ideal of $G$. Since $H^{2}(G, I G)=0$, $H^{3}(G, I G) \approx H^{2}(G, \mathbb{Z}) \approx G, \quad H^{3}(G, \mathbb{Z}) \approx \mathbb{Z} / t_{1}, \quad H^{3}(G, M) \approx \mathbb{Z} /|G|, \quad$ and $H^{4}(G, M)=0$ the exact cohomology sequence reduces to

$$
0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} / t_{1} \xrightarrow{i} \mathbb{Z} /|G| \rightarrow H^{2}(G, \mathbb{Z})^{2} \rightarrow H^{4}(G, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow 0
$$

We may choose generators $u$ of $\mathbb{Z} / t_{1}$ and $v$ of $\mathbb{Z} /|G|$ so that $j(u)=t_{2} v$ since there is only one subgroup of $\mathbb{Z}|G|$ of order $t_{1}$. If $g: M^{k} \rightarrow M^{k}$ is an automorphism then $h$ induces an automorphism $h^{G}:\left(M^{G}\right)^{k} \rightarrow\left(M^{G}\right)^{k}$ and hence a commutative diagram

Since $M^{G} \approx \mathbb{Z}$, $\operatorname{det} h^{G}= \pm 1$ and hence $\operatorname{det} h_{*}^{G} \equiv \pm 1\left(\bmod t_{1}\right)$. If $\left(b_{i j}\right)$ is the matrix representing $h_{*}^{G}$ with respect to the basis $u_{1}, \ldots, u_{k}$ of $\left(\mathbb{Z} / t_{1}\right)^{k}$ in $G L_{k}\left(\mathbb{Z} / t_{1}\right)$ and $\left(a_{i j}\right)$ that representing $h_{*}$ with respect to the basis $v_{1}, \ldots, v_{k}$ of $(\mathbb{Z} /|G|)^{k}$ in $G L_{k}(\mathbb{Z} /|G|)$ then since $j\left(u_{i}\right)=t_{2} v_{i}$ it is easy to see from the above diagram that $t_{2} a_{i j} \equiv t_{2} b_{i j} \bmod \left(t_{1} t_{2}\right)$, i.e. $a_{i j} \equiv b_{i j} \bmod t_{1}$. But this surely 'implies $\operatorname{det} h_{*} \equiv \pm 1\left(\bmod t_{1}\right) . \|$

Let $G=\mathbb{Z} / P \times \mathbb{Z} / P$. From the above result we have im $(\operatorname{det})= \pm 1$. The work of Ullam and Taylor shows $(1+p) \cap S W(G)=1$ and hence reduction $\bmod p$ defines an isomorphism of $S W(G)$ with $(\mathbb{Z} / p)^{*}$ since $(1+p)$ is the kernel of the reduction map. Therefore $S W(G) / \operatorname{det}\left(K_{1}\right) \simeq(\mathbb{Z} / p)^{*} / \pm 1$. Since Browning's result says $h^{3}(G, 2) \simeq(\mathbb{Z} / p)^{*} / \pm 1$ we must have $\Gamma_{M}=0$. Hence for an elementary $p$ group of rank 2, all of $h^{3}(G, l)$ arises from the Swan subgroup of $(\mathbb{Z} \| G \mid)^{*}$, while for rank 3 (at least for $p=7$ ) it arises entirely from $\Gamma_{M}$. This discussion shows that even in the finite abelian case where $h^{3}\left(G, 1+\binom{n}{2}\right)$ is known, the image of the determinant map is somewhat of a mystery.

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