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Frequently used notation

$\mathcal{A}$ — is the mod p Steenrod algebra

$\mathcal{A}_*$ — is the dual of the mod p Steenrod algebra

$\mathcal{A}lg$ — is the category of unital, commutative, $\mathbb{N}$-graded $\mathbb{F}_p$-algebras

$\mathcal{A}lg_a$ — is the category of augmented objects in $\mathcal{A}lg$

$\mathcal{E}$ — is the category of $\mathbb{F}_p$-vector spaces

$\mathcal{E}_{\mathrm{gr}}$ — is the category of graded $\mathbb{F}_p$-vector spaces

H^*X — is the mod p cohomology of the space X

$\widetilde{H}^*X$ — is the reduced mod p cohomology of the space X

$H^*V \cong H^*BV$ — is the mod p cohomology of V

$\widetilde{H}^*V$ — is the reduced mod p cohomology of V

$\mathcal{K}$ — is the category of unstable $\mathcal{A}$-algebras

$\mathcal{K}_a$ — is the category of augmented objects in $\mathcal{K}$

$M^{\oplus a}$, $a \in \mathbb{N}$ (or more generally a cardinal) — denotes the direct sum of a copies of the object M of $\mathcal{E}$, or of $\mathcal{E}_{\mathrm{gr}}$, or of $\mathcal{U}$ etc.

$\mathcal{O}$ — denotes always "a" forgetful functor

$\mathcal{U}$ — is the category of unstable $\mathcal{A}$-modules

$\mathcal{U}'$ — is the category of evenly graded unstable $\mathcal{A}$-modules

V, W, ... — denote finite dimensional $\mathbb{F}_p$-vector spaces

$\alpha(n)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ — is the sum of the coefficients in the p-adic expansion of the integer n

$\twoheadrightarrow$ — always denotes an epimorphism

$\hookrightarrow$ — always denotes a monomorphism