

# INHABITANTS OF INTERESTING SUBSETS OF THE BOUSFIELD LATTICE

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ABSTRACT. The set of Bousfield classes has some important subsets such as the distributive lattice **DL** of all classes  $\langle E \rangle$  which are smash idempotent and the complete Boolean algebra **cBA** of closed classes. We provide examples of spectra that are in **DL**, but not in **cBA**; in particular, for every prime  $p$ , the Bousfield class of the Eilenberg-MacLane spectrum  $\langle H\mathbb{F}_p \rangle$  is in  $\mathbf{DL} \setminus \mathbf{cBA}$ .

## 1. INTRODUCTION & DEFINITIONS

In the original paper [1] introducing the Bousfield lattice **B**, Bousfield also introduces its subsets **BA** and **DL** and identifies the location of many explicit Bousfield classes. In [4, Definition 6.3], Hovey and Palmieri add a third interesting subset, denoted by **cBA**. (We shall give definitions below.) It is easy to see that

$$\mathbf{BA} \subseteq \mathbf{cBA} \subseteq \mathbf{DL} \subseteq \mathbf{B}.$$

In this paper, we deal with the question of which and how many spectra live in the various parts of **B** defined by this chain of inclusions. The main cardinality results of this paper (lower bounds) are graphically represented as in Figure 1 and concern the dark grey parts.

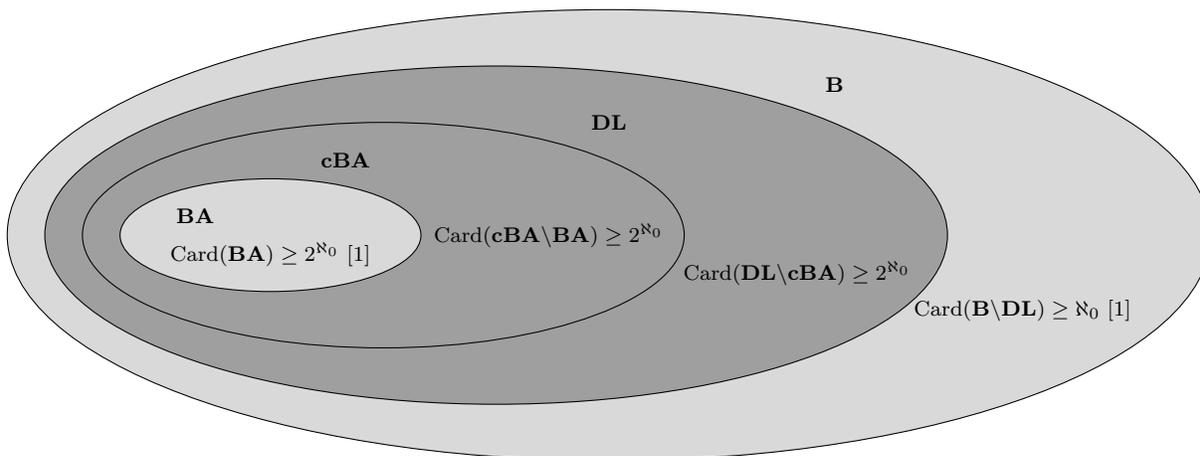


FIGURE 1. Lower bounds for the sizes of the four differences of subsets of **B**.

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## 2. DEFINITIONS

In order to fix notation, we give the relevant definitions, following closely the exposition in [4]. We consider the Bousfield equivalence of spectra [1]: two spectra  $X$  and  $Y$  are equivalent if for all spectra  $E$ ,  $X_*(E) = 0$  if and only if  $Y_*(E) = 0$  (alternatively put:  $X \wedge E \simeq *$  if and only if  $Y \wedge E \simeq *$ ). For a spectrum  $X$ , we write  $\langle X \rangle$  for the class of all spectra  $E$  with  $X_*(E) = 0$ . The class of all Bousfield classes is denoted by  $\mathbf{B}$ . By a theorem of Ohkawa [5, 2], it is known that  $\mathbf{B}$  is a set and

$$2^{\aleph_0} \leq \text{Card}(\mathbf{B}) \leq 2^{2^{\aleph_0}}.$$

This set is a poset with respect to reverse inclusion:  $\langle X \rangle \leq \langle Y \rangle$  if and only if for all spectra  $Z$ ,  $Y_*Z = 0$  implies  $X_*Z = 0$ . The poset  $(\mathbf{B}, \leq)$  has a largest element  $\mathbf{1} := \langle S \rangle$  where  $S$  is the sphere spectrum and we denote by  $\mathbf{0}$  the minimal element which is the Bousfield class of the trivial spectrum. We work at a fixed but arbitrary prime  $p$ , *i.e.*, we consider  $p$ -local spectra.

For every prime  $p$ ,  $K(n)$  denotes the  $n$ th Morava  $K$ -theory spectrum with coefficients  $\pi_*(K(n)) = \mathbb{F}_p[v_n^{\pm 1}]$  where the degree of  $v_n$  is  $2p^n - 2$ . We use the convention that  $K(\infty)$  is the mod  $p$  Eilenberg-MacLane spectrum,  $H\mathbb{F}_p$ . For any subset  $S \subseteq \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$ , we denote by  $K(S)$  the spectrum  $\bigvee_{n \in S} K(n)$ .

The topological operations  $\wedge$  and  $\vee$  of taking smash products and wedges, respectively, are well-defined on  $\mathbf{B}$ ; the class  $\langle \bigvee_{i \in I} X_i \rangle$  is the least upper bound (“join”) in the structure  $(\mathbf{B}, \leq)$  of the classes  $\langle X_i \rangle$  [1, (2.2)], but in general,  $\wedge$  does not produce the greatest lower bound. We can define the greatest lower bound (“meet”) by

$$\bigwedge \mathcal{X} := \bigvee \{Z; \forall X \in \mathcal{X} (Z \leq X)\},$$

and observe that  $\wedge$  and  $\bigwedge$  can differ quite a bit: the Brown-Comenetz dual  $I$  of the  $p$ -local sphere spectrum satisfies  $\langle I \rangle \wedge \langle I \rangle = \mathbf{0} \neq \langle I \rangle = \langle I \rangle \bigwedge \langle I \rangle$  [1, Lemma 2.5].

The complete lattice  $(\mathbf{B}, \bigwedge, \bigvee)$  is endowed with a pseudo-complementation function

$$aX := \bigvee \{Z; Z \wedge X = 0\}$$

which is well-defined on Bousfield classes, *i.e.*,  $a\langle X \rangle := \langle aX \rangle$  is independent of the choice of representative  $X$  of  $\langle X \rangle$ . The function  $a$  is not in general a complement. While  $a^2 = \text{id}$  and  $a\langle X \rangle \wedge \langle X \rangle = \mathbf{0}$ , we may not have  $a\langle X \rangle \vee \langle X \rangle = \mathbf{1}$  [1, Lemma 2.7]. Bousfield defined two subclasses of  $\mathbf{B}$  as follows:

$$\mathbf{BA} := \{\langle X \rangle; \langle X \rangle \vee a\langle X \rangle = \mathbf{1}\}, \text{ and}$$

$$\mathbf{DL} := \{\langle X \rangle; \langle X \rangle \wedge \langle X \rangle = \langle X \rangle\}.$$

Many examples for classes in  $\mathbf{BA}$  or  $\mathbf{DL}$  are known. Bousfield showed in [1] that every Moore spectrum of an abelian group is in  $\mathbf{BA}$  and so are the periodic topological  $K$ -theory spectra  $\langle KO \rangle = \langle KU \rangle$ ; furthermore, he shows that (arbitrary joins of) finite CW spectra also give classes in  $\mathbf{BA}$ . Every class of a ring spectrum is in  $\mathbf{DL}$  but not necessarily in  $\mathbf{BA}$  [1, § 2.6]; in particular, all Eilenberg-MacLane spectra of rings are in  $\mathbf{DL}$ , but, *e.g.*, the class of the Eilenberg-MacLane spectrum of the integers,  $\langle H\mathbb{Z} \rangle$ , is in  $\mathbf{DL} \setminus \mathbf{BA}$  [1, Lemma 2.7]. However, the Brown-Comenetz duals of ( $p$ -local) spheres are not in  $\mathbf{DL}$  [1, Lemma 2.5].

We have that  $\mathbf{BA} \subseteq \mathbf{DL}$ ; on  $\mathbf{DL}$ ,  $\wedge$  and  $\bigwedge$  coincide, and  $(\mathbf{DL}, \wedge, \bigvee)$  is a distributive lattice. Furthermore, on  $\mathbf{BA}$ ,  $a$  is a true complement, so  $(\mathbf{BA}, \wedge, \bigvee, \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}, a)$  is a Boolean algebra, but not complete.

There is a retraction from  $\mathbf{B}$  to  $\mathbf{DL}$  defined by

$$r\langle X \rangle := \bigvee \{\langle Z \rangle; \langle Z \rangle \in \mathbf{DL} \text{ and } \langle Z \rangle \leq \langle X \rangle\}.$$

The pseudo-complementation function  $a$  may not respect  $\mathbf{DL}$ , *i.e.*, it could be that  $\langle X \rangle \in \mathbf{DL}$ , but  $a\langle X \rangle \notin \mathbf{DL}$ . On  $\mathbf{DL}$ , we therefore define a new pseudo-complement by

$$A\langle X \rangle := ra\langle X \rangle.$$

While  $A^3 = A$  and  $\langle X \rangle \leq A^2\langle X \rangle$ , it is not in general the case that  $A^2 = \text{id}$ . It is known [4, Lemma 6.2(d)] that  $A$  converts joins to meets, *i.e.*,

$$A\left(\bigvee \mathcal{X}\right) = \bigwedge \{A\langle X \rangle; X \in \mathcal{X}\}.$$

Following [4, Definition 6.3], we define

$$\mathbf{cBA} := \{\langle X \rangle \in \mathbf{DL}; A^2\langle X \rangle = \langle X \rangle\}.$$

The set  $\mathbf{cBA}$  carries a complete Boolean algebra structure [4, Theorem 6.4]; however, it is not  $(\mathbf{cBA}, \wedge, \vee, \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}, A)$ , but instead  $(\mathbf{cBA}, \wedge, \Upsilon, \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}, A)$  with  $\Upsilon$  defined by

$$\Upsilon \mathcal{X} := A^2 \bigvee \mathcal{X}.$$

### 3. RESULTS

We start with an observation on joins of elements in  $\mathbf{BA}$  and use this to derive lower bounds for the size of  $\mathbf{DL} \setminus \mathbf{cBA}$  and  $\mathbf{cBA} \setminus \mathbf{BA}$ .

**Lemma 1.** *If  $\mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathbf{BA}$ , then  $\Upsilon \mathcal{X} = \bigvee \mathcal{X}$ . In particular,  $\bigvee \mathcal{X} \in \mathbf{cBA}$ .*

*Proof.* We have that

$$\Upsilon \mathcal{X} = A^2 \bigvee \mathcal{X} = r a r a \bigvee \mathcal{X},$$

and as  $a$  converts joins to meets, the latter is equal to

$$r a r \bigwedge \{a \langle X \rangle; \langle X \rangle \in \mathcal{X}\}.$$

Since every  $a \langle X \rangle$  is in  $\mathbf{BA}$ , it is also in  $\mathbf{DL}$ , and as  $\mathbf{DL}$  is complete,

$$\Xi := \bigwedge \{a \langle X \rangle; \langle X \rangle \in \mathcal{X}\} \in \mathbf{DL}$$

and hence  $r \Xi = \Xi$ . Therefore, as  $a$  sends meets to joins,

$$\begin{aligned} r a r \Xi &= r a \Xi \\ &= r \bigvee \{a^2 \langle X \rangle; \langle X \rangle \in \mathcal{X}\} \\ &= r \bigvee \{\langle X \rangle; \langle X \rangle \in \mathcal{X}\} \\ &= \bigvee \mathcal{X}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Proposition 2.** *If  $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  is infinite, then  $\langle K(S) \rangle = \bigvee_{i \in S} \langle K(i) \rangle \in \mathbf{cBA} \setminus \mathbf{BA}$  and  $\langle K(S) \rangle \geq \langle I \rangle$ .*

*Proof.* By Lemma 1,  $\langle K(S) \rangle$  is in  $\mathbf{cBA}$ . Hovey showed [3, Proof of Theorem 3.6] that the mod- $p$  Moore spectrum,  $M(p)$  is  $K(S)$ -local, so in particular  $K(S)$  has a finite local and [4, Proposition 7.2] gives that  $\langle K(S) \rangle \geq \langle I \rangle$ . If  $K(S)$  were in  $\mathbf{BA}$ , having a finite local implies [4, Lemma 7.9] that  $\langle K(S) \wedge I \rangle \neq \mathbf{0}$ . But we know that  $\langle K(n) \wedge I \rangle = \mathbf{0}$  and hence using distributivity we get that  $\langle K(S) \wedge I \rangle = \mathbf{0}$ . □

**Corollary 3.** *We have a proper inclusion  $\mathbf{BA} \subsetneq \mathbf{cBA}$ ; in fact, the set  $\mathbf{cBA} \setminus \mathbf{BA}$  has size continuum.*

*Proof.* Because  $\mathbf{BA}$  is a Boolean algebra,  $a \langle X \rangle \in \mathbf{BA}$  for elements  $\langle X \rangle \in \mathbf{BA} \subseteq \mathbf{DL}$ . Therefore,  $A \langle X \rangle = r a \langle X \rangle = a \langle X \rangle$ . But  $a^2 = \text{id}$ , so “ $\subseteq$ ” holds. For the non-equality, if  $S \neq S'$  are infinite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ , then Dwyer and Palmieri showed that  $\langle K(S) \rangle \neq \langle K(S') \rangle$  [2, Lemma 3.4], so there are continuum many elements in the complement. □

To sum up, we have

$$\mathbf{BA} \subsetneq \mathbf{cBA} \subseteq \mathbf{DL} \subsetneq \mathbf{B}.$$

Hovey and Palmieri argue that the middle inclusion is also proper:

This argument also implies that  $A^2$  is not the identity—indeed, if  $A^2$  were the identity, one can check that  $A$  would have to convert meets to joins. However, we do not know a specific spectrum  $X$  in  $\mathbf{DL}$  for which  $A^2 \langle X \rangle \neq \langle X \rangle$ . [4, p. 185]

We analyse the argument sketched in the above quote:

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $\mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathbf{DL}$  be any set such that  $A^2$  is the identity for each  $\langle X \rangle \in \mathcal{X}$  and for  $\bigvee \{A \langle X \rangle; \langle X \rangle \in \mathcal{X}\}$ . Then*

$$A \left( \bigwedge \mathcal{X} \right) = \bigvee \{A \langle X \rangle; \langle X \rangle \in \mathcal{X}\}.$$

*Proof.* Since  $A$  converts joins to meets, under the assumption of the lemma, we have

$$\begin{aligned} A(\bigwedge \mathcal{X}) &= A \bigwedge \{A^2\langle X \rangle; \langle X \rangle \in \mathcal{X}\} \\ &= A^2 \bigvee \{A\langle X \rangle; \langle X \rangle \in \mathcal{X}\} \\ &= \bigvee \{A\langle X \rangle; \langle X \rangle \in \mathcal{X}\}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Corollary 5** (Hovey-Palmieri). *The operation  $A^2$  is not the identity on  $\mathbf{DL}$ ; i.e.,  $\mathbf{cBA} \subsetneq \mathbf{DL}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $X := K(\mathbb{N})$ ,  $Y := H\mathbb{F}_p = K(\infty)$ , and  $\mathcal{X} := \{X, Y\} \subseteq \mathbf{DL}$ . We assume towards a contradiction that  $A^2$  is the identity on  $\mathbf{DL}$ , so in particular, the assumptions of Lemma 4 are satisfied for  $\mathcal{X}$ . But  $\langle X \rangle \wedge \langle Y \rangle = \langle X \rangle \wedge \langle Y \rangle = \mathbf{0}$ , hence  $A(\langle X \rangle \wedge \langle Y \rangle) = \mathbf{1}$ . On the other hand,  $A\langle X \rangle \vee A\langle Y \rangle \leq a\langle I \rangle < \mathbf{1}$ , in contradiction to Lemma 4. □

The proof of Corollary 5 due to Hovey and Palmieri yields a trichotomy result: at least one of  $\langle K(\mathbb{N}) \rangle$ ,  $\langle H\mathbb{F}_p \rangle$ , and  $A\langle K(\mathbb{N}) \rangle \vee A\langle H\mathbb{F}_p \rangle$  is not in  $\mathbf{cBA}$ . We improve this in our Dichotomy Lemma 7 to a dichotomy which will allow us to identify concrete elements in  $\mathbf{DL} \setminus \mathbf{cBA}$ .

**Lemma 6.** *For any spectrum, the condition  $A\langle E \rangle < \mathbf{1}$  is equivalent to  $\langle E \rangle \neq \mathbf{0}$ .*

*Proof.* If  $\langle E \rangle = \mathbf{0}$ , then clearly  $A\langle E \rangle = \mathbf{1}$ . Conversely, if  $A\langle E \rangle = \mathbf{1}$ , then  $a\langle E \rangle \geq A\langle E \rangle = \mathbf{1}$ , and so

$$\langle E \rangle = \mathbf{1} \wedge \langle E \rangle = a\langle E \rangle \wedge \langle E \rangle = \mathbf{0}.$$

□

**Lemma 7** (Dichotomy Lemma). *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be spectra, and let  $E$  be a spectrum such that  $\langle E \rangle \neq \mathbf{0}$ . Suppose that the following conditions hold:*

- (1)  $\langle X \rangle \in \mathbf{DL}$ ,
- (2)  $\langle Y \rangle \in \mathbf{DL}$ ,
- (3)  $\langle X \rangle \wedge \langle Y \rangle = \mathbf{0}$ ,
- (4)  $\langle E \rangle \leq \langle X \rangle$ , and
- (5)  $\langle E \rangle \leq \langle Y \rangle$ .

*Then  $\langle X \rangle$  or  $\langle Y \rangle$  is not in  $\mathbf{cBA}$ .*

Note that conditions (4) and (5) are equivalent to saying that  $\langle X \rangle \wedge \langle Y \rangle \neq \mathbf{0}$ , and thus the Dichotomy Lemma extracts the failure of  $A^2 = \text{id}$  from the discrepancy between  $\wedge$  and  $\wedge$  in  $\mathbf{B}$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $A^2\langle X \rangle = \langle X \rangle$  and  $A^2\langle Y \rangle = \langle Y \rangle$ . Since  $A$  converts joins to meets, we get by our assumption on  $X$  and  $Y$

$$\mathbf{1} = A\mathbf{0} = A(\langle X \rangle \wedge \langle Y \rangle) = A(A^2\langle X \rangle \wedge A^2\langle Y \rangle) = A^2(A\langle X \rangle \vee A\langle Y \rangle)$$

and the latter is  $A\langle X \rangle \vee A\langle Y \rangle$  by definition of  $\vee$ . As  $A$  is order-reversing we get  $A\langle X \rangle \leq A\langle E \rangle$  and  $A\langle Y \rangle \leq A\langle E \rangle$  and hence (using Lemma 6)

$$\mathbf{1} = A^2(A\langle X \rangle \vee A\langle Y \rangle) = A\langle X \rangle \vee A\langle Y \rangle \leq A\langle E \rangle \vee A\langle E \rangle = A\langle E \rangle < \mathbf{1},$$

a contradiction, showing that our assumption that both  $\langle X \rangle$  and  $\langle Y \rangle$  are in  $\mathbf{cBA}$  cannot hold. □

As usual, we call a set  $S \subseteq \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$  *coinfinite*, if its complement  $(\mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}) \setminus S$  is infinite.

**Theorem 8.** *For any coinfinite set  $S \subseteq \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$  with  $\infty \in S$ , we have that  $\langle K(S) \rangle$  is not in  $\mathbf{cBA}$ .*

*Proof.* In Lemma 7, choose  $E$  to be the Brown-Comenetz dual of the  $p$ -local sphere spectrum,  $I$ . We know by [4, Lemma 7.1(c)] that  $\langle H\mathbb{F}_p \rangle \geq \langle I \rangle$ , and hence  $\langle K(S) \rangle \geq \langle I \rangle$ . As the complement  $\bar{S} := (\mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}) \setminus S$  is infinite, we get by Proposition 2 that  $\langle K(\bar{S}) \rangle \geq \langle I \rangle$ . Both,  $\langle K(S) \rangle$  and  $\langle K(\bar{S}) \rangle$  are in  $\mathbf{DL}$  and  $\langle K(S) \rangle \wedge \langle K(\bar{S}) \rangle = \mathbf{0}$ . Thus all conditions of the Dichotomy Lemma are satisfied, and we get that one of  $\langle K(S) \rangle$  and  $\langle K(\bar{S}) \rangle$  is not in  $\mathbf{cBA}$ . However, by Corollary 3,  $\langle K(\bar{S}) \rangle \in \mathbf{cBA}$ , so  $\langle K(S) \rangle \in \mathbf{DL} \setminus \mathbf{cBA}$ . □

**Corollary 9.** *There are at least  $2^{\aleph_0}$  Bousfield classes in  $\mathbf{DL} \setminus \mathbf{cBA}$ .*

*Proof.* This follows directly from Theorem 8 and [2, Lemma 3.4], as there are  $2^{\aleph_0}$  many coinfinite subsets of  $\mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$ .  $\square$

#### 4. APPLICATIONS

Several conjectures made by Hovey and Palmieri in [4] suggest that  $\langle H\mathbb{F}_p \rangle$  is not in  $\mathbf{cBA}$  [4, Proposition 6.14]. This follows directly from our Theorem 8:

**Corollary 10.** *For every prime  $p$ , we have that  $\langle H\mathbb{F}_p \rangle \in \mathbf{DL} \setminus \mathbf{cBA}$ .*

*Proof.* This is clear from Theorem 8, as  $\langle H\mathbb{F}_p \rangle = \langle K(\infty) \rangle = \langle K(\{\infty\}) \rangle$  where  $\{\infty\}$  is coinfinite in  $\mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$ .  $\square$

Our method also identifies several other explicit Bousfield classes in  $\mathbf{DL} \setminus \mathbf{cBA}$ . The following examples exploit the fact that for any self-map of a spectrum  $X$ ,  $f: \Sigma^{|f|}X \rightarrow X$  one gets by [6, Lemma 1.34] that

$$\langle X \rangle = \langle C_f \rangle \vee \langle X[f^{-1}] \rangle.$$

Here,  $C_f$  denotes the cofiber of  $f$  and  $X[f^{-1}]$  is the telescope. Then the Bousfield class of the Eilenberg-MacLane spectrum of the  $p$ -local integers,  $H\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ , is  $\langle K(\{0, \infty\}) \rangle$ . This is a special case of a truncated Brown-Peterson spectrum  $BP\langle n \rangle$  with  $\pi_*(BP\langle n \rangle) = \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}[v_1, \dots, v_n]$  ( $|v_i| = 2p^i - 2$ ). Multiplication by  $v_n$  is a self-map on  $BP\langle n \rangle$  with cofiber  $BP\langle n-1 \rangle$  and  $BP\langle n \rangle[v_n^{-1}] = E(n)$ . An iteration then gives (cf. [6, Theorem 2.1])  $\langle BP\langle n \rangle \rangle = \langle E(n) \rangle \vee \langle H\mathbb{F}_p \rangle$ . As the Bousfield class of  $E(n)$  is  $\langle K(0) \rangle \vee \dots \vee \langle K(n) \rangle$  we obtain  $\langle BP\langle n \rangle \rangle = \langle K(\{0, \dots, n, \infty\}) \rangle$ .

**Corollary 11.** *For every prime  $p$  and every natural number  $n$ , we have that  $\langle H\mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \rangle$  and  $\langle BP\langle n \rangle \rangle$  are in  $\mathbf{DL} \setminus \mathbf{cBA}$ .*

*Proof.* The subsets  $\{0, \infty\}$  and  $\{0, \dots, n, \infty\}$  are coinfinite in  $\mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$ .  $\square$

For the connective Morava  $K$ -theory  $k(n)$  (with  $\pi_*k(n) = \mathbb{F}_p[v_n]$ ) we get  $\langle k(n) \rangle = \langle K(n) \rangle \vee \langle H\mathbb{F}_p \rangle = \langle K(\{n, \infty\}) \rangle$ .

**Corollary 12.** *For every natural number  $n$ ,  $\langle k(n) \rangle \in \mathbf{DL} \setminus \mathbf{cBA}$ .*

*Proof.* This follows from Theorem 8, as  $\{n, \infty\}$  is coinfinite in  $\mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$ .  $\square$

Similar to the Morava  $K$ -theory spectra  $K(n)$  we can consider the telescopes  $T(n)$  of  $v_n$ -maps. (Cf. [4, §5] for details.) It is known that

$$\langle T(n) \rangle = \langle K(n) \rangle \vee \langle A(n) \rangle$$

where  $A(n)$  is the spectrum describing the failure of the telescope conjecture. We set  $\langle T(\infty) \rangle = \langle H\mathbb{F}_p \rangle$ . The classes  $\langle T(n) \rangle$  and  $\langle A(n) \rangle$  are in  $\mathbf{BA}$  but  $\bigvee_{\mathbb{N}} \langle T(n) \rangle \notin \mathbf{BA}$  by [4, Corollary 7.10]. By Lemma 1, we know that for any  $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ , we have that  $\bigvee_{n \in S} \langle T(n) \rangle \in \mathbf{cBA}$ . An argument similar to the proof of Proposition 2 yields Proposition 13.

**Proposition 13.** *If  $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  is infinite, then  $\langle T(S) \rangle = \bigvee_{i \in S} \langle T(i) \rangle \in \mathbf{cBA} \setminus \mathbf{BA}$  and  $\langle T(S) \rangle \geq \langle I \rangle$ .*

**Theorem 14.** *Let  $S \subseteq \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$  be a coinfinite subset with  $\infty \in S$ . Then  $\langle T(S) \rangle$  is not in  $\mathbf{cBA}$ .*

*Proof.* Again, we use the Brown-Comenetz dual of the  $p$ -local sphere as  $E$  in the Dichotomy Lemma. Let  $\bar{S}$  be the complement of  $S$ . As  $\langle T(n) \rangle \geq \langle K(n) \rangle$  and as  $\infty \in S$  we have that

$$\bigvee_{n \in S} \langle T(n) \rangle \geq \bigvee_{n \in S} \langle K(n) \rangle \geq \langle I \rangle$$

and  $\bigvee_{n \in \bar{S}} \langle T(n) \rangle \geq \langle I \rangle$ . The telescopes satisfy  $\langle T(n) \rangle \wedge \langle T(m) \rangle = \mathbf{0}$  for  $m \neq n$ : cf. [4, §5] for the cases  $n \neq \infty \neq m$  and cf. the proof of [4, Proposition 6.14] for  $\langle H\mathbb{F}_p \rangle \wedge \bigvee_{\mathbb{N}} \langle T(n) \rangle = \mathbf{0}$ . Therefore we obtain that one of  $\bigvee_{n \in S} \langle T(n) \rangle$  or  $\bigvee_{n \in \bar{S}} \langle T(n) \rangle$  cannot be an element of  $\mathbf{cBA}$ , but  $\bigvee_{n \in \bar{S}} \langle T(n) \rangle$  is in  $\mathbf{cBA}$  by Proposition 13.  $\square$

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