

The power operation structure on Morava E -theory of height 2 at the prime 3

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We give explicit calculations of the algebraic theory of power operations for a specific Morava E -theory spectrum and its $K(1)$ -localization. These power operations arise from the universal degree-3 isogeny of elliptic curves associated to the E -theory.

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1 Introduction

Suppose E is a commutative S -algebra, in the sense of Elmendorf, Kriz, Mandell and May [6], and A is a commutative E -algebra. We want to capture the properties and underlying structure of the homotopy groups $\pi_* A = A_*$ of A by studying operations associated to the cohomology theory that E represents.

An important family of cohomology operations, called *power operations*, is constructed via the extended powers. Specifically, consider the m^{th} extended power functor

$$\mathbb{P}_E^m(-) := (-)^{\wedge E^m} / \Sigma_m: \text{Mod}_E \rightarrow \text{Mod}_E$$

on the category of E -modules, which sends an E -module to its m -fold smash product over E modulo the action by the symmetric group on m letters. The $\mathbb{P}_E^m(-)$ assemble together to give the *free commutative E -algebra* functor

$$\mathbb{P}_E(-) := \bigvee_{m \geq 0} \mathbb{P}_E^m(-): \text{Mod}_E \rightarrow \text{Alg}_E$$

from the category of E -modules to the category of commutative E -algebras. These functors descend to homotopy categories. In particular, for any integers d and i , each $\alpha \in \pi_{d+i} \mathbb{P}_E^m(\Sigma^d E)$ gives rise to a power operation

$$Q_\alpha: A_d \rightarrow A_{d+i}$$

(cf Bruner, May, McClure and Steinberger [5, Sections I.2 and IX.1], and Rezk [16, Section 3]).

Under the action of power operations, A_* is an algebra over some operad in E_* -modules involving the structure of $E_*B\Sigma_m$ for all m . This operad is traditionally called a *Dyer–Lashof algebra*, or more precisely, a *Dyer–Lashof theory* as the *algebraic theory* of power operations acting on the homotopy groups of commutative E -algebras (cf [5, Chapters III, VIII and IX] and Rezk [14, Section 9]).

A specific case is when E represents a Morava E -theory of height n and A is $K(n)$ -local. Morava E -theory spectra play a crucial role in modern stable homotopy theory, particularly in the work of Ando, Hopkins and Strickland on the topological approach to elliptic genera (see [2]). As recalled in Rezk [16, 1.5], the $K(n)$ -local E -Dyer–Lashof theory is largely understood based on work of those authors. In [16], Rezk maps out the foundations of this theory. He gives a congruence criterion for an algebra over the Dyer–Lashof theory [16, Theorem A]. This enables one to study the Dyer–Lashof theory, which models all the algebraic structure naturally adhering to A_* , by working with a certain associative ring Γ as the Dyer–Lashof algebra. Moreover, Rezk provides a geometric description of this congruence criterion, in terms of sheaves on the moduli problem of deformations of formal groups and Frobenius isogenies (see [16, Theorem B]). This connects the structure of Γ to the geometry underlying E , moving one step forward from a workable object Γ to things that are computable. In a companion paper [15], Rezk gives explicit calculations of the Dyer–Lashof theory for a specific Morava E -theory of height $n = 2$ at the prime 2.

The purpose of this paper is to make available calculations analogous to some of the results in [15], at the prime 3, together with calculations of the corresponding power operations on the $K(1)$ -localization of the Morava E -theory spectrum.

1.1 Outline of the paper

As in Rezk [15], the computation of power operations in this paper follows the approach of Steenrod [18]: one first defines a total power operation, and then uses the computation of the cohomology of the classifying space $B\Sigma_m$ for the symmetric group to obtain individual power operations. These two steps are carried out respectively in Section 2 and Section 3.

In Section 2, by doing calculations with elliptic curves associated to our Morava E -theory E , we give formulas for the total power operation ψ^3 on E_0 and the ring S_3 that represents the corresponding moduli problem.

In Section 3, based on calculations of $E^*B\Sigma_m$ in Strickland [19] as reflected in the formula for S_3 , we define individual power operations, and derive the relations they satisfy. In view of the general structure studied in Rezk [16], we then get an explicit description of the Dyer–Lashof algebra Γ for $K(2)$ -local commutative E -algebras.

In [Section 4](#), we describe the relationship between the total power operation ψ^3 , at height 2, and the corresponding $K(1)$ -local power operations. We then derive formulas for the latter from the calculations in [Section 2](#).

Remark 1.1 In [Section 2](#), we do calculations with a universal elliptic curve over *all* of the moduli stack which is an affine open subscheme of a weighted projective space (cf [Proposition 2.1](#)). At the prime 3, the supersingular locus consists of a single closed point, and the corresponding Morava E -theory arises *locally* in an affine coordinate chart of this weighted projective space containing the supersingular locus. In this paper we choose a particular affine coordinate chart for computing the homotopy groups of the E -theory spectrum and the power operations; we hope that the generality of the calculations in [Section 2](#) makes it easier to work with other coordinate charts as well.

Some of the formulas involved in our calculations with this universal elliptic curve are in fact valid only fiber by fiber over the base scheme (for example, the polynomial ψ_3 in the proof of [Proposition 2.2](#), and the group law algorithm in the proof of [Proposition 2.3](#)). As the base scheme is connected, the statements for the universal elliptic curve follow by rigidity (see Katz and Mazur [[11](#), Section 2.4]). We write those formulas formally to streamline the proofs.

Remark 1.2 The ring S_3 turns out to be an algebra with one generator over the base ring where our elliptic curve is defined (cf [Proposition 2.3\(i\)](#) and [\(21\)](#)). This generator appears as a parameter in the formulas for the total power operation ψ^3 , and is responsible for how the individual power operations are defined and how their formulas look. Different choices of this parameter result in different bases of the Dyer–Lashof algebra Γ . The parameter in this paper comes from the relative cotangent space of the elliptic curve at the identity (see [Proposition 2.3\(iv\)](#), [Corollary 3.2](#) and [Remark 3.4](#)). This choice is convenient for deriving Adem relations in [Proposition 3.6\(iv\)](#), and it fits into the treatment of gradings in Rezk [[16](#), Section 2] (see [Definition 3.8\(ii\)](#) and [Theorem 3.10](#)). We should point out that our choice is by no means canonical. We do not know yet, as part of the structure of the Dyer–Lashof algebra, if there is a canonical basis that is both geometrically interesting and computationally convenient. Somewhat surprisingly, although it appears to come from different considerations, our choice has an analog at the prime 2 that coincides with the parameter used in Rezk [[15](#)] (see [Remark 2.5](#) and [Remark 3.3](#)). The calculations follow a recipe in hope of generalizing to other Morava E -theories of height 2; we hope to address these matters and recognize more of the general patterns based on further computational evidence.

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1.2 Conventions

Let p be a prime, q a power of p , and n a positive integer. We use the symbols

$$\mathbb{F}_q, \quad \mathbb{Z}_q \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{Z}/n$$

to denote a field with q elements, the ring of p -typical Witt vectors over \mathbb{F}_q , and the additive group of integers modulo n , respectively.

If R is a ring, then $R[[x]]$ and $R((x))$ denote the rings of formal power series and formal Laurent series over R in the variable x , respectively. If $I \subset R$ is an ideal, then R_I^\wedge denotes the completion of R with respect to I .

If E is an elliptic curve and m is an integer, then $[m]$ denotes the multiplication-by- m map on E , and $E[m]$ denotes the m -torsion subgroup scheme of E .

All formal groups mentioned in this paper are commutative and one-dimensional.

The terminology for the structure of a Dyer–Lashof theory follows Rezk [\[16; 15\]](#); some of the notions there are taken in turn from Borger and Wieland [\[4\]](#), and Voevodsky [\[20\]](#).

2 Total power operations

2.1 A universal elliptic curve and a Morava E -theory spectrum

A Morava E -theory of height 2 at the prime 3 has its formal group as the universal deformation of a height-2 formal group over a perfect field of characteristic 3. Given a supersingular elliptic curve over such a field, its formal completion at the identity produces a formal group of height 2. To study power operations for the corresponding E -theory, we do calculations with a universal deformation of that supersingular elliptic curve, which is a family of elliptic curves with a $\Gamma_1(N)$ -structure (see Katz and Mazur [\[11, Section 3.2\]](#)), where N is prime to 3. Here is a specific model for such a universal family (cf Husemöller [\[10, 4\(4.6a\)\]](#)).

Proposition 2.1 *Over $\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{4}]$, the moduli problem of smooth elliptic curves with a choice of a point of exact order 4 and a nowhere-vanishing invariant 1-form is represented by*

$$(1) \quad C: y^2 + axy + aby = x^3 + bx^2$$

with chosen point $(0, 0)$ and 1-form $-dx/(2y + ax + ab) = dy/(ay - 3x^2 - 2bx)$ over the graded ring

$$S^\bullet := \mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{4}][a, b, \Delta^{-1}],$$

where $|a| = 1$, $|b| = 2$ and $\Delta = a^2b^4(a^2 - 16b)$.

Proof Let P be the chosen point of exact order 4. Since $2P$ is 2-torsion, the tangent line of the elliptic curve at P passes through $2P$, and the tangent line at $2P$ passes through the identity at infinity. With this observation, the rest of the proof is analogous to that of Mahowald and Rezk [12, Proposition 3.2]. \square

Over a finite field of characteristic 3, C is supersingular precisely when the quantity

$$(2) \quad H := a^2 + b$$

vanishes (cf Silverman [17, V.4.1a]). As $(3, H)$ is a homogeneous maximal ideal of S^\bullet corresponding to the closed subscheme $\text{Spec } \mathbb{F}_3$, the supersingular locus consists of a single closed point, and C restricts to \mathbb{F}_3 as

$$C_0: y^2 + xy - y = x^3 - x^2.$$

From the above universal deformation C of C_0 , we next produce a Morava E -theory spectrum which is 2-periodic. We follow the convention that elements in algebraic degree n lie in topological degree $2n$, and work in an affine étale coordinate chart of the weighted projective space $\text{Proj } \mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{4}][a, b]$ (see Remark 1.1). Define elements u and c such that

$$(3) \quad a = uc \quad \text{and} \quad b = u^2.$$

Consider the graded ring $S^\bullet[u^{-1}] \cong \mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{4}][a, \Delta^{-1}][u^{\pm 1}]$, where $|u| = 1$, and denote by S its subring of elements in degree 0 so that

$$(4) \quad S \cong \mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{4}][c, \delta^{-1}],$$

where $\delta = u^{-12}\Delta = c^2(c^2 - 16)$. Write $\widehat{S} := \mathbb{Z}_9[[h]]$, where

$$(5) \quad h := u^{-2}H = c^2 + 1.$$

Let i be an element generating \mathbb{Z}_9 over \mathbb{Z}_3 with $i^2 = -1$. We may choose the congruence $c \equiv i \pmod{(3, h)}$, and we have $\delta \equiv -1 \pmod{(3, h)}$, where $(3, h)$ is the maximal ideal of the complete local ring \widehat{S} . Then by Hensel's Lemma, both c and δ lie in \widehat{S} , and both are invertible. Thus $\widehat{S} \cong S_{(3, h)}^\wedge$. Now C restricts to S as

$$(6) \quad y^2 + cxy + cy = x^3 + x^2.$$

Let \widehat{C} be the formal completion of C over S at the identity. It is a formal group over \widehat{S} , and its reduction to $\widehat{S}/(3, h) \cong \mathbb{F}_9$ is a formal group \mathbb{G} of height 2 in view of (5) and (2). By the Serre–Tate theorem (see Katz and Mazur [11, Theorem 2.9.1]), 3–adically the deformation theory of an elliptic curve is equivalent to the deformation theory of its 3–divisible group, and thus \widehat{C} is the universal deformation of \mathbb{G} in view of Proposition 2.1. Let E be the E_∞ –ring spectrum that represents the Morava E –theory associated to \mathbb{G} (see Goerss and Hopkins [7, Corollary 7.6]). Then

$$(7) \quad E_* \cong \mathbb{Z}_9[[h]][u^{\pm 1}],$$

where u is in topological degree 2.

2.2 Points of exact order 3

To study C in a formal neighborhood of the identity, it is convenient to make a change of variables. Let

$$u = \frac{x}{y} \quad \text{and} \quad v = \frac{1}{y}, \quad \text{so} \quad x = \frac{u}{v} \quad \text{and} \quad y = \frac{1}{v}.$$

The identity of C is then $(u, v) = (0, 0)$, with u a local uniformizer. This coordinate u corresponds to the element u in (7) via a chosen isomorphism $\widehat{C} \cong \text{Spf } E^0(\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^\infty)$ of formal groups over $\widehat{S} \cong E^0$ (see Ando, Hopkins and Strickland [2, Definition 1.2]). It is different from the element u in (3); here $|u| = -1$. We will use this abuse of notation and remind the reader when confusion may arise. In uv –coordinates, the equation (1) of C becomes

$$(8) \quad v + auv + abv^2 = u^3 + bu^2v.$$

Proposition 2.2 *On the elliptic curve C over S^\bullet , the uv –coordinates (d, e) of any point of exact order 3 satisfy the identities*

$$(9) \quad f(d) = 0,$$

$$(10) \quad e = g(d),$$

where $f, g \in S^\bullet[u]$ are given by

$$f(u) = b^4u^8 + 3ab^3u^7 + 3a^2b^2u^6 + (a^3b + 7ab^2)u^5 + (6a^2b - 6b^2)u^4 + 9abu^3 + (-a^2 + 8b)u^2 - 3au - 3,$$

$$g(u) = -\frac{1}{a(a^2 - 16b)}(ab^3u^7 + (3a^2b^2 - 2b^3)u^6 + (3a^3b - 6ab^2)u^5 + (a^4 + a^2b + 2b^2)u^4 + (4a^3 - 15ab)u^3 + 18bu^2 - 12au - 18).$$

Proof ¹Given the elliptic curve C with equation (1), a point Q is of exact order 3 if and only if the polynomial

$$\psi_3(x) := 3x^4 + (a^2 + 4b)x^3 + 3a^2bx^2 + 3a^2b^2x + a^2b^3$$

vanishes at Q (cf Silverman [17, Exercise 3.7f]). Substituting $x = u/v$ and clearing the denominators, we get a polynomial

$$\tilde{\psi}_3(u, v) := 3u^4 + (a^2 + 4b)u^3v + 3a^2bu^2v^2 + 3a^2b^2uv^3 + a^2b^3v^4.$$

As $Q = (d, e)$ in uv -coordinates, we then have

$$(11) \quad \tilde{\psi}_3(d, e) = 0.$$

To get the polynomial f , we take v as variable and rewrite (8) as a quadratic equation

$$(12) \quad abv^2 + (-bu^2 + au + 1)v - u^3 = 0,$$

where the leading coefficient ab is invertible in $S^\bullet = \mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{4}][a, b, \Delta^{-1}]$ as $\Delta = a^2b^4(a^2 - 16b)$. Define

$$(13) \quad \tilde{f}(u) := \tilde{\psi}_3(u, v)\tilde{\psi}_3(u, \bar{v}),$$

where v and \bar{v} are formally the conjugate roots of (12) so that we compute \tilde{f} in terms of u by substituting

$$v + \bar{v} = \frac{bu^2 - au - 1}{ab} \quad \text{and} \quad v\bar{v} = -\frac{u^3}{ab}.$$

We then factor \tilde{f} over S^\bullet as

$$(14) \quad \tilde{f}(u) = -\frac{u^4 f(u)}{a^2b}$$

with f the stated polynomial of order 8. We check that f is irreducible by applying Eisenstein's criterion to the homogeneous prime ideal $(3, H)$ of S^\bullet .

We have $\tilde{f}(d) = 0$ by (13) and (11). To see $f(d) = 0$, consider the closed subscheme $D \subset C[3]$ of points of exact order 3. By Katz and Mazur [11, Theorem 2.3.1] it is finite locally free of rank 8 over S^\bullet . By the Cayley–Hamilton theorem, as a global section of D , u locally satisfies a homogeneous monic equation of order 8, and this equation locally defines the rank-8 scheme D . Since D is affine, it is then globally defined by such an equation. In view of $\tilde{f}(d) = 0$ and (14), we determine this equation, and (up to a unit in S^\bullet) get the first stated identity (9).

¹See Appendix A for explicit formulas for the polynomials \tilde{f} , Q_1 , R_1 , Q_2 , R_2 , K , L , M and N that appear in the proof.

To get the polynomial g , we note that both the quartic polynomial $A(v) := \tilde{\psi}_3(d, v)$ and the quadratic polynomial $B(v) := abv^2 + (-bd^2 + ad + 1)v - d^3$ defined from (12) vanish at e , and thus so does their greatest common divisor (gcd). Applying the Euclidean algorithm (see Appendix A for explicit expressions), we have

$$A(v) = Q_1(v)B(v) + R_1(v), \quad B(v) = Q_2(v)R_1(v) + R_2,$$

where $R_1(v) = K(d)v + L(d)$ for some polynomials K and L , and $R_2 = 0$ in view of (9). Thus $R_1(v)$ is the gcd of $A(v)$ and $B(v)$, and hence

$$K(d)e + L(d) = R_1(e) = 0.$$

To write e in terms of d from the above identity, we apply the Euclidean algorithm to f and K . Their gcd turns out to be 1, and thus there are polynomials M and N with

$$M(u)f(u) + N(u)K(u) = 1.$$

By (9) we then have $N(d)K(d) = 1$, and thus $e = -N(d)L(d) = g(d)$, where g is as stated. □

2.3 A universal isogeny and a total power operation

Proposition 2.3 (i) *The universal degree-3 isogeny ψ with source C is defined over the graded ring $S_3^\bullet := S^\bullet[\kappa]/(W(\kappa))$, where $|\kappa| = -2$ and*

$$(15) \quad W(\kappa) = \kappa^4 - \frac{6}{b^2} \kappa^2 + \frac{a^2 - 8b}{b^4} \kappa - \frac{3}{b^4},$$

and has target the elliptic curve $C': v + a'uv + a'b'v^2 = u^3 + b'u^2v$, where

$$a' = \frac{1}{a}((a^2b^4 - 4b^5)\kappa^3 + 4b^4\kappa^2 + (-6a^2b^2 + 20b^3)\kappa + a^4 - 12a^2b + 12b^2), \quad b' = b^3.$$

(ii) *The kernel of ψ is generated by a point Q of exact order 3 with coordinates (d, e) satisfying*

$$(16) \quad \begin{aligned} \kappa &= -\frac{1}{a^2 - 16b} (ab^3d^7 + (3a^2b^2 - 2b^3)d^6 + (3a^3b - 6ab^2)d^5 \\ &\quad + (a^4 + a^2b + 2b^2)d^4 + (4a^3 - 15ab)d^3 + (a^2 + 2b)d^2 - 12ad - 18) \\ &= ae - d^2. \end{aligned}$$

(iii) *The restriction of ψ to the supersingular locus at the prime 3 is the 3-power Frobenius endomorphism.*

(iv) *The induced map ψ^* on the relative cotangent space of C' at the identity sends du to κdu .*

Proof ² Let $P = (u, v)$ be a point on C , and $Q = (d, e)$ be a point of exact order 3. Rewriting (8) as

$$v = u^3 + bu^2v - auv - abv^2,$$

we express v as a power series in u by substituting this equation into itself recursively. For the purpose of our calculations, we take this power series up to u^{12} as an expression for v , and write $e = g(d)$ as in (10).

Define functions u' and v' by

$$(17) \quad \begin{aligned} u' &:= u(P) \cdot u(P - Q) \cdot u(P + Q), \\ v' &:= v(P) \cdot v(P - Q) \cdot v(P + Q), \end{aligned}$$

where $u(-)$ and $v(-)$ denote the u -coordinate and v -coordinate of a point respectively. By computing the group law on C , we express u' and v' as power series in u :

$$(18) \quad \begin{aligned} u' &= \kappa u + (\text{higher-order terms}), \\ v' &= \lambda u^3 + (\text{higher-order terms}), \end{aligned}$$

where the coefficients $(\kappa, \lambda, \text{etc})$ involve a, b and d . In particular, in view of (9), we compute that κ satisfies $W(\kappa) = 0$ with $|\kappa| = -2$ as stated in (i).

Now define the isogeny $\psi: C \rightarrow C'$ by

$$(19) \quad u(\psi(P)) := u' \quad \text{and} \quad v(\psi(P)) := \frac{\kappa^3}{\lambda} \cdot v',$$

where we introduce the factor κ^3/λ so that the equation of C' will be in the Weierstrass form. Using (18) (see Appendix B for explicit expressions), we then determine the coefficients in a Weierstrass equation and get the stated equation of C' .

We next check the statement of (ii). In view of (19) and (17), the kernel of ψ is the order-3 subgroup generated by Q . In (16), the first identity is computed in (18); we then compare it with (10) and get the second identity.

For (iii), recall from Section 2.1 that the supersingular locus at the prime 3 is $\text{Spec } \mathbb{F}_3$. Over \mathbb{F}_3 , since the group $C[3](\mathbb{F}_3) = 0$ by Silverman [17, V.3.1a], Q coincides with the identity, and thus

$$u(\psi(P)) = u(P) \cdot u(P - Q) \cdot u(P + Q) = (u(P))^3.$$

As the u -coordinate is a local uniformizer at the identity, ψ then restricts to \mathbb{F}_3 as the 3-power Frobenius endomorphism.

²See Appendix B for the power series expansion of v and details of the calculations involving the group law on C that appear in the proof.

The statement of (iv) follows by definition of κ in (18). □

Remark 2.4 In view of Proposition 2.3(iii), the formal completion of $\psi: C \rightarrow C'$ at the identity of C is a *deformation of Frobenius* in the sense of Rezk [16, 11.3]. When it is clear from the context, we will simply call ψ itself a deformation of Frobenius.

Remark 2.5 From (17) and (18) we have

$$(20) \quad u(P - Q) \cdot u(P + Q) = \kappa + u \cdot (\text{higher-order terms}).$$

In particular $u(-Q) \cdot u(Q) = \kappa$ (cf Katz and Mazur [11, Proposition 7.5.2 and Section 7.7]). The analog of κ at the prime 2 coincides with the parameter d studied in Rezk [15, Section 3].

Recall from Section 2.1 that $E^0 \cong \mathbb{Z}_9[[h]] = \widehat{S} \cong S_{(3,h)}^\wedge$ in which c and i are elements with $c^2 + 1 = h$ and $i^2 = -1$. Given the graded ring S_3^\bullet in Proposition 2.3(i), define

$$(21) \quad S_3 := S[\alpha]/(w(\alpha)),$$

where $w(\alpha) = \alpha^4 - 6\alpha^2 + (c^2 - 8)\alpha - 3$ (cf the definition of S from S^\bullet in (4); in particular $\kappa = u^{-2}\alpha$, where u is defined in (3)). By Strickland’s Theorem [19, Theorem 1.1] and the Serre–Tate theorem [11, Theorem 2.9.1] we have $E^0 B\Sigma_3/I \cong (S_3)_{(3,h)}^\wedge$, where

$$(22) \quad I := \bigoplus_{0 < i < 3} \text{image}(E^0 B(\Sigma_i \times \Sigma_{3-i}) \xrightarrow{\text{transfer}} E^0 B\Sigma_3)$$

is the *transfer ideal*. In view of this and the construction of *total power operations* for Morava E -theories in Rezk [16, 3.23], we have the following corollary.

Corollary 2.6 *The total power operation $\psi^3: E^0 \rightarrow E^0 B\Sigma_3/I \cong E^0[\alpha]/(w(\alpha))$ is given by*

$$\psi^3(h) = h^3 - 27h^2 + 201h - 342 + (-6h^2 + 108h - 334)\alpha + (3h - 27)\alpha^2 + (h^2 - 18h + 57)\alpha^3,$$

$$\psi^3(c) = c^3 - 12c + 12c^{-1} + (-6c + 20c^{-1})\alpha + 4c^{-1}\alpha^2 + (c - 4c^{-1})\alpha^3,$$

$$\psi^3(i) = -i.$$

Proof By Proposition 2.3(i), in xy -coordinates, C' restricts to S_3 as

$$y^2 + c'xy + c'y = x^3 + x^2,$$

where $c' = c^{-1}((c^2 - 4)\alpha^3 + 4\alpha^2 + (-6c^2 + 20)\alpha + c^4 - 12c^2 + 12)$. By Rezk [16, Theorem B], since the above equation is in the form of (6), there is a correspondence

between the restriction to S_3 of the universal isogeny ψ , which is a deformation of Frobenius, and the total power operation ψ^3 . In particular $\psi^3(c)$ is given by c' . As ψ^3 is a ring homomorphism, we then get the formula for $\psi^3(h) = \psi^3(c^2 + 1)$. We also have

$$(\psi^3(i))^2 = \psi^3(-1) = -1,$$

and thus $\psi^3(i) = i$ or $-i$. By Rezk [16, Propositions 3.25 and 10.5] the value of $\psi^3(i) \in E^0[\alpha]/(w(\alpha))$, viewed as a cubic polynomial in α , has constant term congruent to i^3 modulo 3. Hence $\psi^3(i) = -i$. \square

3 Individual power operations

3.1 A composite of deformations of Frobenius

Recall from Proposition 2.3 that over S_3^\bullet we have the universal degree-3 isogeny $\psi: C \rightarrow C' = C/G$, where G is an order-3 subgroup of C ; in particular, ψ is a deformation of the 3-power Frobenius endomorphism over the supersingular locus. We want to construct a similar isogeny ψ' with source C' so that the composite $\psi' \circ \psi$ will correspond to a composite of total power operations via Rezk [16, Theorem B] (cf Katz and Mazur [11, 11.3.1]).

Let $G' := C[3]/G$, which is an order-3 subgroup of C' . Recall from Section 2.1 that C is a universal deformation of a supersingular elliptic curve C_0 . Since the 3-divisible group of C_0 is formal, $C_0[3]$ is connected. Thus over a formal neighborhood of the supersingular locus, if G is the unique connected order-3 subgroup of C , G' is then the unique connected order-3 subgroup of C' . As in the proof of Proposition 2.3, we define $\psi': C' \rightarrow C'/G'$ using a point of exact order 3 in G' (see (17) and (19)), and ψ' is then a deformation of Frobenius. Over the supersingular locus, the pair (ψ, ψ') is cyclic in standard order in the sense of Katz and Mazur [11, 6.7.7]. We describe it more precisely as below.

Proposition 3.1 *The following diagram of elliptic curves over S_3^\bullet commutes:*

$$(23) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} C & \xrightarrow{\psi} & C/G = C' \\ & \searrow [-3] & \downarrow \psi' \\ & & C/C[3] \cong \frac{C/G}{C[3]/G} = \frac{C'}{G'} \end{array}$$

Proof By Katz and Mazur [11, Theorem 2.4.2], since $\text{Proj } S_3^\bullet$ is connected, we need only show that the locus over which $\psi' \circ \psi = [-3]$ is not empty, where by abuse of notation $[-3]$ denotes the map $[-3]$ on C composed with the canonical isomorphism from $C/C[3]$ to C'/G' .

Recall from Section 2.1 that C restricts to the supersingular locus \mathbb{F}_3 as

$$C_0: y^2 + xy - y = x^3 - x^2.$$

By Proposition 2.3(iii) both ψ and ψ' restrict as the 3–power Frobenius endomorphism ψ_0 on C_0 . By [11, Theorem 2.6.3], in the endomorphism ring of C_0 , ψ_0 is a root of the polynomial

$$(24) \quad X^2 - \text{trace}(\psi_0) \cdot X + 3$$

with $\text{trace}(\psi_0)$ an integer satisfying $(\text{trace}(\psi_0))^2 \leq 12$. Moreover by Silverman [17, Exercise 5.10a], since C_0 is supersingular, we have $\text{trace}(\psi_0) \equiv 0 \pmod 3$. Thus $\text{trace}(\psi_0) = 0, 3$ or -3 . We exclude the latter two possibilities by checking the action of ψ_0 at the 2–torsion point $(1, 0)$. It then follows from (24) that $\psi_0 \circ \psi_0$ agrees with $[-3]$ on C_0 over \mathbb{F}_3 . \square

Analogous to Proposition 2.3(iv), let κ' be the element in S_3^\bullet such that $(\psi')^*$ sends du to $\kappa' du$. Note that $|\kappa'| = -6$.

Corollary 3.2 *The following relations hold in S_3^\bullet :*

$$b^4 \kappa \kappa' + 3 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \kappa' = -\kappa^3 + \frac{6}{b^2} \kappa - \frac{a^2 - 8b}{b^4}.$$

Proof The isogenies in (23) induce maps on relative cotangent spaces at the identity. For the first stated relation, by Proposition 2.3(iv) we need only show that $[3]^*$ sends du to $3 du/b^4$, where by abuse of notation $[3]$ denotes the map $[3]$ on C composed with the canonical isomorphism from $C/C[3]$ to C'/G' .

For $i = 1, 2, 3$ and 4, let Q_i be a generator for each of the four order-3 subgroups of C . Each Q_i can be chosen as Q in (17), and we denote the corresponding quantity κ in (18) by κ_i . Let $P = (u, v)$ be a point on C . Define an isogeny Ψ with source C by

$$u(\Psi(P)) := u(P) \prod_{i=1}^4 (u(P - Q_i) \cdot u(P + Q_i)),$$

$$v(\Psi(P)) := v(P) \prod_{i=1}^4 (v(P - Q_i) \cdot v(P + Q_i)).$$

In view of (20), since [3] has the same kernel as Ψ , we have

$$(25) \quad [3]^*(du) = s \cdot \kappa_1 \kappa_2 \kappa_3 \kappa_4 \cdot du,$$

where s is a degree-0 unit in S^\bullet coming from an automorphism of C over S^\bullet . In view of (15) we have $\kappa_1 \kappa_2 \kappa_3 \kappa_4 = -3/b^4$. We compute that $s = -1$ by comparing the restrictions of the two sides of (25) to the ordinary point corresponding to the homogeneous maximal ideal $(5, H)$ of S^\bullet , and then comparing the restrictions to the point corresponding to $(7, H)$: over both points, $[3]^*$ becomes the multiplication-by-3 map, and $-3/b^4$ becomes -3 as $b = 1$ in (6). Thus $[3]^*$ sends du to $3 du/b^4$.

The second stated relation follows by a computation from the first relation and the relation $W(\kappa) = 0$ in Proposition 2.3(i). □

Remark 3.3 As noted in Remark 2.5, the (local) analog of κ at the prime 2 coincides with the parameter d in Rezk [15, Section 3]. In particular, with the notation in [15, Section 3] and Mahowald and Rezk [12, Proposition 3.2], d and d' satisfy an analogous relation $A_3 d d' + 2 = 0$, which locally reduces to $d d' + 2 = 0$ (the analog of the factor s in the proof of Corollary 3.2 equals 1; cf Ando [1, Theorem 2.6.4]). These arise as examples for the statement in Baker, González-Jiménez, González and Poonen [3, Lemma 3.21].

Remark 3.4 In view of (23), $-\psi'$ (composed with the canonical isomorphism on the target) turns out to be the dual isogeny of ψ (cf the proof of Katz and Mazur [11, Theorem 2.9.4]). By Corollary 3.2 and (2) we have

$$-\kappa' = \kappa^3 - \frac{6}{b^2} \kappa + \frac{a^2 - 8b}{b^4} \equiv \frac{H}{b^4} \pmod{(3, \kappa)}.$$

This congruence agrees with the interpretation of H as defined by the tangent map of the Verschiebung isogeny over \mathbb{F}_3 (see [11, 12.4.1]).

3.2 Individual power operations

Let A be a $K(2)$ -local commutative E -algebra. By Rezk [16, 3.23] and Corollary 2.6, we have a total power operation

$$\psi^3: A_0 \rightarrow A_0 \otimes_{E_0} (E^0 B \Sigma_3 / I) \cong A_0[\alpha]/(w(\alpha)).$$

We also have a composite of total power operations

$$(26) \quad A_0 \xrightarrow{\psi^3} A_0 \otimes_{E_0} (E^0 B \Sigma_3 / I) \xrightarrow{\psi^3} (A_0 \otimes_{E_0} (E^0 B \Sigma_3 / I))^{\psi^3} \otimes_{E_0[\alpha]} (E^0 B \Sigma_3 / I) \\ \cong (A_0[\alpha]/(w(\alpha)))^{\psi^3} \otimes_{E_0[\alpha]} (E^0[\alpha]/(w(\alpha))),$$

where the elements in the target $M^{\psi^3} \otimes_R N$ are subject to the equivalence relation

$$m \otimes (r \cdot n) \sim (m \cdot \psi^3(r)) \otimes n$$

for $m \in M, n \in N$ and $r \in R$, with $\psi^3(\alpha) = -\alpha^3 + 6\alpha - h + 9$ in view of [Corollary 3.2](#), as well as other relations in a usual tensor product.

Definition 3.5 Define *individual power operations* $Q_k: A_0 \rightarrow A_0$ for $k = 0, 1, 2$ and 3 by

$$\psi^3(x) = Q_0(x) + Q_1(x)\alpha + Q_2(x)\alpha^2 + Q_3(x)\alpha^3.$$

Proposition 3.6 *The following relations hold among the individual power operations Q_0, Q_1, Q_2 and Q_3 :*

- (i) $Q_0(1) = 1, \quad Q_1(1) = Q_2(1) = Q_3(1) = 0$
- (ii) $Q_k(x + y) = Q_k(x) + Q_k(y) \quad \text{for all } k$
- (iii) *Commutation relations:*

$$Q_0(hx) = (h^3 - 27h^2 + 201h - 342)Q_0(x) + (3h^2 - 54h + 171)Q_1(x) + (9h - 81)Q_2(x) + 24Q_3(x)$$

$$Q_1(hx) = (-6h^2 + 108h - 334)Q_0(x) + (-18h + 171)Q_1(x) + (-72)Q_2(x) + (h - 9)Q_3(x)$$

$$Q_2(hx) = (3h - 27)Q_0(x) + 8Q_1(x) + 9Q_2(x) + (-24)Q_3(x)$$

$$Q_3(hx) = (h^2 - 18h + 57)Q_0(x) + (3h - 27)Q_1(x) + 8Q_2(x) + 9Q_3(x)$$

$$Q_0(cx) = (c^3 - 12c + 12c^{-1})Q_0(x) + (3c - 12c^{-1})Q_1(x) + (12c^{-1})Q_2(x) + (-12c^{-1})Q_3(x)$$

$$Q_1(cx) = (-6c + 20c^{-1})Q_0(x) + (-20c^{-1})Q_1(x) + (-c + 20c^{-1})Q_2(x) + (4c - 20c^{-1})Q_3(x)$$

$$Q_2(cx) = (4c^{-1})Q_0(x) + (-4c^{-1})Q_1(x) + (4c^{-1})Q_2(x) + (-c - 4c^{-1})Q_3(x)$$

$$Q_3(cx) = (c - 4c^{-1})Q_0(x) + (4c^{-1})Q_1(x) + (-4c^{-1})Q_2(x) + (4c^{-1})Q_3(x)$$

$$Q_k(ix) = (-i)Q_k(x) \quad \text{for all } k$$

- (iv) *Adem relations:*

$$Q_1Q_0(x) = (-6)Q_0Q_1(x) + 3Q_2Q_1(x) + (6h - 54)Q_0Q_2(x) + 18Q_1Q_2(x) + (-9)Q_3Q_2(x) + (-6h^2 + 108h - 369)Q_0Q_3(x) + (-18h + 162)Q_1Q_3(x) + (-54)Q_2Q_3(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q_2 Q_0(x) &= 3Q_3 Q_1(x) + (-3)Q_0 Q_2(x) + (3h - 27)Q_0 Q_3(x) + 9Q_1 Q_3(x) \\ Q_3 Q_0(x) &= Q_0 Q_1(x) + (-h + 9)Q_0 Q_2(x) + (-3)Q_1 Q_2(x) \\ &\quad + (h^2 - 18h + 63)Q_0 Q_3(x) + (3h - 27)Q_1 Q_3(x) + 9Q_2 Q_3(x) \end{aligned}$$

(v) *Cartan formulas:*

$$\begin{aligned} Q_0(xy) &= Q_0(x)Q_0(y) + 3(Q_3(x)Q_1(y) + Q_2(x)Q_2(y) + Q_1(x)Q_3(y)) \\ &\quad + 18Q_3(x)Q_3(y) \\ Q_1(xy) &= (Q_1(x)Q_0(y) + Q_0(x)Q_1(y)) \\ &\quad + (-h + 9)(Q_3(x)Q_1(y) + Q_2(x)Q_2(y) + Q_1(x)Q_3(y)) \\ &\quad + 3(Q_3(x)Q_2(y) + Q_2(x)Q_3(y)) + (-6h + 54)Q_3(x)Q_3(y) \\ Q_2(xy) &= (Q_2(x)Q_0(y) + Q_1(x)Q_1(y) + Q_0(x)Q_2(y)) \\ &\quad + 6(Q_3(x)Q_1(y) + Q_2(x)Q_2(y) + Q_1(x)Q_3(y)) \\ &\quad + (-h + 9)(Q_3(x)Q_2(y) + Q_2(x)Q_3(y)) + 39Q_3(x)Q_3(y) \\ Q_3(xy) &= (Q_3(x)Q_0(y) + Q_2(x)Q_1(y) + Q_1(x)Q_2(y) + Q_0(x)Q_3(y)) \\ &\quad + 6(Q_3(x)Q_2(y) + Q_2(x)Q_3(y)) + (-h + 9)Q_3(x)Q_3(y) \end{aligned}$$

(vi) *The Frobenius congruence:* $Q_0(x) \equiv x^3 \pmod{3}$

Proof The relations in (i), (ii), (iii) and (v) follow computationally from the formulas in Corollary 2.6 together with the fact that ψ^3 is a ring homomorphism.

For (iv), there is a canonical isomorphism $C/C[3] \cong C$ of elliptic curves over $S^\bullet \subset S_3^\bullet$. Given the correspondence between deformations of Frobenius and power operations in Rezk [16, Theorem B], the commutativity of (23) then implies that the composite (26) lands in A_0 . In terms of formulas, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi^3(\psi^3(x)) &= \psi^3(Q_0(x) + Q_1(x)\alpha + Q_2(x)\alpha^2 + Q_3(x)\alpha^3) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^3 \psi^3(Q_k(x))(\psi^3(\alpha))^k \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^3 \sum_{j=0}^3 Q_j Q_k(x)\alpha^j (-\alpha^3 + 6\alpha - h + 9)^k \\ &\equiv \Psi_0(x) + \Psi_1(x)\alpha + \Psi_2(x)\alpha^2 + \Psi_3(x)\alpha^3 \pmod{(w(\alpha))}, \end{aligned}$$

where each Ψ_i is an E_0 -linear combination of the $Q_j Q_k$. The vanishing of $\Psi_1(x)$, $\Psi_2(x)$ and $\Psi_3(x)$ gives the three relations in (iv).

For (vi), we note that Q_0 is a representative of the *Frobenius class* in the sense of Rezk [16, 10.3]. Since A is a $K(2)$ -local commutative E -algebra, the congruence then follows from [16, Theorem A]. \square

Example 3.7 We have $E^0 S^2 \cong \mathbb{Z}_9[[h]][u]/(u^2)$. Via the isomorphism

$$\mathrm{Spf} E^0(\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^\infty) \cong \widehat{C}$$

and in view of the definition of κ in (18), the Q_k act canonically on $u \in E^0 S^2$:

$$Q_k(u) = \begin{cases} u & \text{if } k = 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } k \neq 1. \end{cases}$$

We then get the values of the Q_k on elements in $E^0 S^2$ from Proposition 3.6(i)–(iii).

3.3 The Dyer–Lashof algebra

Definition 3.8 (i) Let i be an element generating \mathbb{Z}_9 over \mathbb{Z}_3 with $i^2 = -1$. Define γ to be the associative ring generated over $\mathbb{Z}_9[[h]]$ by elements q_0, q_1, q_2 and q_3 subject to the following relations: the q_k commute with elements in $\mathbb{Z}_3 \subset \mathbb{Z}_9[[h]]$, and satisfy *commutation relations*

$$\begin{aligned} q_0 h &= (h^3 - 27h^2 + 201h - 342)q_0 + (3h^2 - 54h + 171)q_1 + (9h - 81)q_2 + 24q_3, \\ q_1 h &= (-6h^2 + 108h - 334)q_0 + (-18h + 171)q_1 + (-72)q_2 + (h - 9)q_3, \\ q_2 h &= (3h - 27)q_0 + 8q_1 + 9q_2 + (-24)q_3, \\ q_3 h &= (h^2 - 18h + 57)q_0 + (3h - 27)q_1 + 8q_2 + 9q_3, \\ q_k i &= (-i)q_k \text{ for all } k, \end{aligned}$$

and *Adem relations*

$$\begin{aligned} q_1 q_0 &= (-6)q_0 q_1 + 3q_2 q_1 + (6h - 54)q_0 q_2 + 18q_1 q_2 + (-9)q_3 q_2 \\ &\quad + (-6h^2 + 108h - 369)q_0 q_3 + (-18h + 162)q_1 q_3 + (-54)q_2 q_3, \\ q_2 q_0 &= 3q_3 q_1 + (-3)q_0 q_2 + (3h - 27)q_0 q_3 + 9q_1 q_3, \\ q_3 q_0 &= q_0 q_1 + (-h + 9)q_0 q_2 + (-3)q_1 q_2 + (h^2 - 18h + 63)q_0 q_3 \\ &\quad + (3h - 27)q_1 q_3 + 9q_2 q_3. \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Write $\omega := \pi_2 E$, viewed as a free module with one generator u over $E_0 \cong \mathbb{Z}_9[[h]]$. Define ω as a left γ -module, compatible with its E_0 -module structure, by

$$q_k \cdot u := \begin{cases} u & \text{if } k = 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } k \neq 1. \end{cases}$$

Remark 3.9 In Definition 3.8(i), an element $r \in \mathbb{Z}_9[[h]] \cong E_0$ corresponds to the multiplication-by- r operation (see Rezk, discussion following [16, Proposition 6.3]), and each q_k corresponds to the individual power operation Q_k in Definition 3.5 (also compare Definition 3.8(ii) and Example 3.7). Under this correspondence, the relations in Proposition 3.6(ii)–(v) describe explicitly the structure of γ as that of a *graded twisted bialgebra over E_0* in the sense of [16, Section 5]. The grading of γ comes from the number of the q_k in a monomial. For example, commutation relations are in degree 1, and Adem relations are in degree 2. Under these relations, γ has an *admissible basis*: it is free as a left E_0 -module on the elements of the form

$$q_0^m q_{k_1} \cdots q_{k_n},$$

where $m, n \geq 0$ ($n = 0$ gives q_0^m), and $k_i = 1, 2$ or 3 . If we write $\gamma[r]$ for the degree- r part of γ , then $\gamma[r]$ is of rank $1 + 3 + \cdots + 3^r$.

We now identify γ with the Dyer–Lashof algebra of power operations on $K(2)$ -local commutative E -algebras.

Theorem 3.10 *Let A be a $K(2)$ -local commutative E -algebra. Let γ be the graded twisted bialgebra over E_0 in Definition 3.8(i), and ω be the γ -module in Definition 3.8(ii). Then A_* has the structure of an ω -twisted $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -graded amplified γ -ring in the sense of Rezk [16, Section 2; 15, 2.5 and 2.6]. In particular,*

$$\pi_* L_{K(2)} \mathbb{P}_E(\Sigma^d E) \cong (F_d)_{(3,h)}^\wedge,$$

where F_d is the free graded amplified γ -ring with one generator in dimension d .

Formulas for γ aside, this result is due to Rezk [16; 15].

Proof Let Γ be the graded twisted bialgebra of power operations on E_0 in Rezk [16, Section 6]. We need only identify Γ with γ .

There is a direct sum decomposition $\Gamma = \bigoplus_{r \geq 0} \Gamma[r]$ where the summands come from the completed E -homology of $B\Sigma_{3^r}$ (see [16, 6.2]). As in Remark 3.9, we have a degree-preserving ring homomorphism $\phi: \gamma \rightarrow \Gamma$, $q_k \mapsto Q_k$, which is an isomorphism in degrees 0 and 1. We need to show that ϕ is both surjective and injective in all degrees.

For the surjectivity of ϕ , we use a transfer argument. We have

$$\nu_3(|\Sigma_3^{3^r}|) = \nu_3(|\Sigma_{3^r}|) = (3^r - 1)/2,$$

where $v_3(-)$ is the 3–adic valuation, and $(-)^{\wr r}$ is the r –fold wreath product. Thus following the proof of [16, Proposition 3.17], we see that Γ is generated in degree 1, and hence ϕ is surjective.

By Remark 3.9 and Strickland [19, Theorem 1.1], $\gamma[r]$ and $\Gamma[r]$ are of the same rank $1 + 3 + \dots + 3^r$ as free modules over E_0 . Hence ϕ is also injective. \square

4 $K(1)$ –local power operations

Let $F := L_{K(1)}E$ be the $K(1)$ –localization of E . The following diagram describes the relationship between $K(1)$ –local power operations on F^0 (cf Hopkins [8, Section 3] and Bruner, May, McClure and Steinberger [5, Section IX.3]) and the power operation on E^0 in Corollary 2.6:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 E^0 & \xrightarrow{\psi^3} & E^0 B\Sigma_3/I \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 F^0 & \xrightarrow{\psi_F^3} & F^0 B\Sigma_3/J \cong F^0
 \end{array}$$

Here ψ_F^3 is the $K(1)$ –local power operation induced by ψ^3 , and $J \cong F^0 \otimes_{E^0} I$ is the transfer ideal (cf (22)). Recall from Proposition 2.3(i), (21) and Corollary 2.6 that ψ^3 arises from the universal degree-3 isogeny which is parametrized by the ring S_3^\bullet with

$$(S_3)_{(3,h)}^\wedge \cong E^0 B\Sigma_3/I.$$

The vertical maps are induced by the $K(1)$ –localization $E \rightarrow F$. In terms of homotopy groups, this is obtained by inverting the generator h and completing at the prime 3 (see Hovey [9, Corollary 1.5.5]):

$$E_* = \mathbb{Z}_9[[h]][u^{\pm 1}] \quad \text{and} \quad F_* = \mathbb{Z}_9[[h]][h^{-1}]_3^\wedge[u^{\pm 1}]$$

with

$$F_0 = \mathbb{Z}_9((h))_3^\wedge = \left\{ \sum_{n=-\infty}^\infty k_n h^n \mid k_n \in \mathbb{Z}_9, \lim_{n \rightarrow -\infty} k_n = 0 \right\}.$$

The formal group \widehat{C} over E^0 has a unique order-3 subgroup after being pulled back to F^0 , and the map

$$E^0 B\Sigma_3/I \rightarrow F^0 B\Sigma_3/J \cong F^0$$

classifies this subgroup via the Serre–Tate theorem (see Katz and Mazur [11, Theorem 2.9.1]).³ Along the base change

$$E^0 B\Sigma_3/I \rightarrow F^0 \otimes_{E^0} (E^0 B\Sigma_3/I) \cong (F^0 \otimes_{E^0} E^0 B\Sigma_3)/J \cong F^0 B\Sigma_3/J,$$

the special fiber of the 3-divisible group of \widehat{C} , which consists solely of a formal component, may split into formal and étale components. We want to take the formal component so as to keep track of the unique order-3 subgroup of the formal group over F^0 . This subgroup gives rise to the $K(1)$ -local power operation ψ_F^3 .

Recall from (21) that $S_3 = S[\alpha]/(w(\alpha))$. Since

$$w(\alpha) = \alpha^4 - 6\alpha^2 + (h - 9)\alpha - 3 \equiv \alpha(\alpha^3 + h) \pmod{3},$$

the equation $w(\alpha) = 0$ has a unique root $\alpha = 0$ in $\mathbb{F}_9((h))$. By Hensel’s Lemma this unique root lifts to a root in $\mathbb{Z}_9((h))^\wedge_3$; it corresponds to the unique order-3 subgroup of \widehat{C} over F^0 . Plugging this specific value of α into the formulas for ψ^3 in Corollary 2.6, we then get an endomorphism of the ring F^0 . This endomorphism is the $K(1)$ -local power operation ψ_F^3 .

Explicitly, with h invertible in F^0 , we solve for α from $w(\alpha) = 0$ by first writing

$$\alpha = (3 + 6\alpha^2 - \alpha^4)/(h - 9) = (3 + 6\alpha^2 - \alpha^4) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 9^{n-1} h^{-n}$$

and then substituting this equation into itself recursively. We plug the power series expansion for α into $\psi^3(h)$ and get

$$\psi_F^3(h) = h^3 - 27h^2 + 183h - 180 + 186h^{-1} + 1674h^{-2} + (\text{lower-order terms}).$$

Similarly, writing h as $c^2 + 1$ in $w(\alpha) = 0$, we solve for α in terms of c and get

$$\psi_F^3(c) = c^3 - 12c - 6c^{-1} - 84c^{-3} - 933c^{-5} - 10956c^{-7} + (\text{lower-order terms}).$$

Appendices

Here we list long formulas whose appearance in the main body might affect readability. The calculations involve power series expansions and manipulations of long polynomials with large coefficients (division, factorization and finding greatest common divisors). They are done using the software *Wolfram Mathematica 8*. The commands `Reduce` and `Solve` are used to extract relations out of given identities.

³Strickland’s Theorem [19, Theorem 1.1] does not apply here, as this map is not a local homomorphism; cf Mazel-Gee, Peterson and Stapleton [13].

Appendix A: Formulas in the proof of Proposition 2.2

$$\tilde{f}(u) = -\frac{u^4}{a^2b}(b^4u^8 + 3ab^3u^7 + 3a^2b^2u^6 + (a^3b + 7ab^2)u^5 + (6a^2b - 6b^2)u^4 + 9abu^3 + (-a^2 + 8b)u^2 - 3au - 3)$$

$$Q_1(v) = ab^2v^2 + (b^2d^2 + 2abd - b)v + \frac{b^2d^4}{a} + 2bd^3 + ad^2 - \frac{2bd^2}{a} - d + \frac{1}{a}$$

$$R_1(v) = \left(\frac{b^3d^6}{a} + 2b^2d^5 + abd^4 - \frac{3b^2d^4}{a} + 2bd^3 + \frac{3bd^2}{a} - \frac{1}{a}\right)v + \frac{b^2d^7}{a} + 2bd^6 + ad^5 - \frac{2bd^5}{a} + 2d^4 + \frac{d^3}{a}$$

$$Q_2(v) = \frac{(b^3d^6 + 2ab^2d^5 + a^2bd^4 - 3b^2d^4 + 2abd^3 + 3bd^2 - 1)^2}{((ab^4d^6 + 2a^2b^3d^5 + a^3b^2d^4 - 3ab^3d^4 + 2a^2b^2d^3 + 3ab^2d^2 - ab)v - b^4d^8 - 2ab^3d^7 - a^2b^2d^6 + 4b^3d^6 - ab^2d^5 + a^2bd^4 - 6b^2d^4 + 4abd^3 + 4bd^2 - ad - 1)}$$

$$R_2 = -\frac{ad^4}{(b^3d^6 + 2ab^2d^5 + a^2bd^4 - 3b^2d^4 + 2abd^3 + 3bd^2 - 1)^2 (b^4d^8 + 3ab^3d^7 + 3a^2b^2d^6 + a^3bd^5 + 7ab^2d^5 + 6a^2bd^4 - 6b^2d^4 + 9abd^3 - a^2d^2 + 8bd^2 - 3ad - 3)}$$

$$K(u) = \frac{b^3u^6}{a} + 2b^2u^5 + \left(ab - \frac{3b^2}{a}\right)u^4 + 2bu^3 + \frac{3bu^2}{a} - \frac{1}{a}$$

$$L(u) = \frac{b^2u^7}{a} + 2bu^6 + \left(a - \frac{2b}{a}\right)u^5 + 2u^4 + \frac{u^3}{a}$$

$$M(u) = \frac{b}{a^2(a^2 - 16b)^2} ((10a^3b^3 - 112ab^4)u^5 + (19a^4b^2 - 217a^2b^3 - 16b^4)u^4 + (8a^5b - 126a^3b^2 + 304ab^3)u^3 + (-a^6 + 34a^4b - 266a^2b^2 + 32b^3)u^2 + (28a^3b - 384ab^2)u - 4a^4 + 51a^2b - 16b^2)$$

$$N(u) = -\frac{1}{a(a^2 - 16b)^2} ((10a^3b^5 - 112ab^6)u^7 + (29a^4b^4 - 329a^2b^5 - 16b^6)u^6 + (27a^5b^3 - 313a^3b^4 - 48ab^5)u^5 + (7a^6b^2 - 15a^4b^3 - 837a^2b^4 - 16b^5)u^4 + (-a^7b + 66a^5b^2 - 714a^3b^3 + 528ab^4)u^3 + (-4a^6b + 137a^4b^2 - 1147a^2b^3 + 80b^4)u^2 + (-12a^5b + 237a^3b^2 - 1200ab^3)u + a^6 - 44a^4b + 409a^2b^2 - 48b^3)$$

Appendix B: Formulas in the proof of Proposition 2.3

The power series expansion of v in terms of u (up to u^{12}) is

$$\begin{aligned} v = & u^3 - au^4 + (a^2 + b)u^5 + (-a^3 - 3ab)u^6 + (a^4 + 6a^2b + b^2)u^7 \\ & + (-a^5 - 10a^3b - 6ab^2)u^8 + (a^6 + 15a^4b + 20a^2b^2 + b^3)u^9 \\ & + (-a^7 - 21a^5b - 50a^3b^2 - 10ab^3)u^{10} \\ & + (a^8 + 28a^6b + 105a^4b^2 + 50a^2b^3 + b^4)u^{11} \\ & + (-a^9 - 36a^7b - 196a^5b^2 - 175a^3b^3 - 15ab^4)u^{12}. \end{aligned}$$

The group law on C satisfies:

- Given $P(u, v)$, the coordinates of $-P$ are

$$\left(-\frac{v}{u(u+bv)}, -\frac{v^2}{u^2(u+bv)} \right).$$

- Given $P_1(u_1, v_1)$ and $P_2(u_2, v_2)$, the coordinates of $-(P_1 + P_2)$ are

$$u_3 := ak - \frac{bm}{1+bk} - u_1 - u_2 \quad \text{and} \quad v_3 := ku_3 + m,$$

where

$$k = \frac{v_1 - v_2}{u_1 - u_2} \quad \text{and} \quad m = \frac{u_1v_2 - u_2v_1}{u_1 - u_2}.$$

Given $P(u, v)$ and $Q(d, e)$, with the above notation and formulas, we have:

- Set

$$(u_1, v_1) = \left(-\frac{v}{u(u+bv)}, -\frac{v^2}{u^2(u+bv)} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad (u_2, v_2) = (d, e),$$

so that $P - Q = (u_3, v_3)$.

- Set $(u_1, v_1) = (u, v)$ and $(u_2, v_2) = (d, e)$ so that

$$P + Q = \left(-\frac{v_3}{u_3(u_3 + bv_3)}, -\frac{v_3^2}{u_3^2(u_3 + bv_3)} \right).$$

Plugging the coordinates of $P - Q$ and $P + Q$ into (17), in view of (9), we have in (18):

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa = & -\frac{1}{a^2 - 16b} (ab^3d^7 + (3a^2b^2 - 2b^3)d^6 + (3a^3b - 6ab^2)d^5 \\ & + (a^4 + a^2b + 2b^2)d^4 + (4a^3 - 15ab)d^3 + (a^2 + 2b)d^2 - 12ad - 18), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda = & -\frac{1}{a^2b^2(a^2-16b)}((a^3b^3-11ab^4)d^7+(3a^4b^2-33a^2b^3-4b^4)d^6 \\ & +(3a^5b-33a^3b^2-15ab^3)d^5+(a^6-4a^4b-96a^2b^2-4b^3)d^4 \\ & +(6a^5-80a^3b+31ab^2)d^3+(10a^4-153a^2b+20b^2)d^2 \\ & +(3a^3-117ab)d-6a^2-12b). \end{aligned}$$

More extended power series expansions in u for u' (up to u^6) and v' (up to u^9) are needed in (18) to determine the coefficients in the equation of C' :

$$\begin{aligned} u' = & -\frac{1}{a^2-16b}((ab^3d^7+3a^2b^2d^6-2b^3d^6+3a^3bd^5-6ab^2d^5+a^4d^4 \\ & +a^2bd^4+2b^2d^4+4a^3d^3-15abd^3+a^2d^2+2bd^2-12ad-18)u \\ & +(-a^2b^3d^7+12b^4d^7-3a^3b^2d^6+36ab^3d^6-3a^4bd^5+36a^2b^2d^5 \\ & +4b^3d^5-a^5d^4+5a^3bd^4+94ab^2d^4-6a^4d^3+85a^2bd^3-76b^2d^3 \\ & -9a^3d^2+136abd^2+60bd+6a)u^2+(a^3b^3d^7-17ab^4d^7+3a^4b^2d^6 \\ & -50a^2b^3d^6-8b^4d^6+3a^5bd^5-48a^3b^2d^5-27ab^3d^5+a^6d^4-7a^4bd^4 \\ & -150a^2b^2d^4-16b^3d^4+7a^5d^3-113a^3bd^3+9ab^2d^3+16a^4d^2 \\ & -258a^2bd^2+56b^2d^2+15a^3d-237abd+2a^2-32b)u^3+(-a^4b^3d^7 \\ & +16a^2b^4d^7+12b^5d^7-3a^5b^2d^6+46a^3b^3d^6+64ab^4d^6-3a^6bd^5 \\ & +42a^4b^2d^5+121a^2b^3d^5+4b^4d^5-a^7d^4+3a^5bd^4+209a^3b^2d^4 \\ & +122ab^3d^4-8a^6d^3+114a^4bd^3+248a^2b^2d^3-76b^3d^3-24a^5d^2 \\ & +384a^3bd^2-4ab^2d^2-33a^4d+519a^2bd+60b^2d-18a^3+282ab)u^4 \\ & +(a^5b^3d^7-9a^3b^4d^7-117ab^5d^7+3a^6b^2d^6-24a^4b^3d^6-396a^2b^4d^6 \\ & -24b^5d^6+3a^7bd^5-18a^5b^2d^5-484a^3b^3d^5-111ab^4d^5+a^8d^4+7a^6bd^4 \\ & -307a^4b^2d^4-1038a^2b^3d^4+9a^7d^3-73a^5bd^3-1181a^3b^2d^3+573ab^3d^3 \\ & +33a^6d^2-451a^4bd^2-1236a^2b^2d^2+72b^3d^2+54a^5d-807a^3bd \\ & -873ab^2d+36a^4-570a^2b-48b^2)u^5+(-a^6b^3d^7-5a^4b^4d^7+337a^2b^5d^7 \\ & +12b^6d^7-3a^7b^2d^6-19a^5b^3d^6+1064a^3b^4d^6+204ab^5d^6-3a^8bd^5 \\ & -27a^6b^2d^5+1164a^4b^3d^5+638a^2b^4d^5+4b^5d^5-a^9d^4-24a^7bd^4 \\ & +441a^5b^2d^4+3195a^3b^3d^4+182ab^4d^4-10a^8d^3-22a^6bd^3+2956a^4b^2d^3 \\ & -645a^2b^3d^3-76b^4d^3-43a^7d^2+403a^5bd^2+4594a^3b^2d^2-544ab^3d^2 \\ & -78a^6d+996a^4bd+4014a^2b^2d+60b^3d-57a^5+852a^3b+942ab^2)u^6), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 v' = & -\frac{1}{a^2b^2(a^2-16b)}((a^3b^3d^7 - 11ab^4d^7 + 3a^4b^2d^6 - 33a^2b^3d^6 - 4b^4d^6 \\
 & + 3a^5bd^5 - 33a^3b^2d^5 - 15ab^3d^5 + a^6d^4 - 4a^4bd^4 - 96a^2b^2d^4 - 4b^3d^4 \\
 & + 6a^5d^3 - 80a^3bd^3 + 31ab^2d^3 + 10a^4d^2 - 153a^2bd^2 + 20b^2d^2 + 3a^3d \\
 & - 117abd - 6a^2 - 12b)u^3 + (-2a^4b^3d^7 + 28a^2b^4d^7 - 6a^5b^2d^6 + 82a^3b^3d^6 \\
 & + 28ab^4d^6 - 6a^6bd^5 + 78a^4b^2d^5 + 90a^2b^3d^5 - 2a^7d^4 + 8a^5bd^4 \\
 & + 294a^3b^2d^4 + 20ab^3d^4 - 14a^6d^3 + 202a^4bd^3 + 72a^2b^2d^3 - 32a^5d^2 \\
 & + 510a^3bd^2 - 124ab^2d^2 - 30a^4d + 546a^2bd - 6a^3 + 204ab)u^4 + (3a^5b^3d^7 \\
 & - 38a^3b^4d^7 - 107ab^5d^7 + 9a^6b^2d^6 - 108a^4b^3d^6 - 409a^2b^4d^6 - 4b^5d^6 \\
 & + 9a^7bd^5 - 96a^5b^2d^5 - 590a^3b^3d^5 - 47ab^4d^5 + 3a^8d^4 + a^6bd^4 \\
 & - 646a^4b^2d^4 - 912a^2b^3d^4 - 4b^4d^4 + 24a^7d^3 - 292a^5bd^3 - 1249a^3b^2d^3 \\
 & + 639ab^3d^3 + 70a^6d^2 - 1057a^4bd^2 - 849a^2b^2d^2 + 20b^3d^2 + 93a^5d \\
 & - 1512a^3bd - 597ab^2d + 48a^4 - 870a^2b - 12b^2)u^5 + (-4a^6b^3d^7 \\
 & + 24a^4b^4d^7 + 583a^2b^5d^7 - 12a^7b^2d^6 + 60a^5b^3d^6 + 1923a^3b^4d^6 \\
 & + 156ab^5d^6 - 12a^8bd^5 + 36a^6b^2d^5 + 2268a^4b^3d^5 + 639a^2b^4d^5 - 4a^9d^4 \\
 & - 40a^7bd^4 + 1256a^5b^2d^4 + 5128a^3b^3d^4 + 140ab^4d^4 - 36a^8d^3 + 229a^6bd^3 \\
 & + 5409a^4b^2d^3 - 2227a^2b^3d^3 - 127a^7d^2 + 1597a^5bd^2 + 6835a^3b^2d^2 \\
 & - 748ab^3d^2 - 201a^6d + 2952a^4bd + 5277a^2b^2d - 129a^5 + 2130a^3b \\
 & + 708ab^2)u^6 + (5a^7b^3d^7 + 35a^5b^4d^7 - 1754a^3b^5d^7 - 275ab^6d^7 \\
 & + 15a^8b^2d^6 + 125a^6b^3d^6 - 5511a^4b^4d^6 - 1833a^2b^5d^6 - 4b^6d^6 + 15a^9bd^5 \\
 & + 165a^7b^2d^5 - 5988a^5b^3d^5 - 4312a^3b^4d^5 - 103ab^5d^5 + 5a^{10}d^4 \\
 & + 130a^8bd^4 - 2183a^6b^2d^4 - 17022a^4b^3d^4 - 2940a^2b^4d^4 - 4b^5d^4 + 50a^9d^3 \\
 & + 159a^7bd^3 - 15035a^5b^2d^3 + 179a^3b^3d^3 + 1703ab^4d^3 + 206a^8d^2 \\
 & - 1708a^6bd^2 - 25304a^4b^2d^2 + 1431a^2b^3d^2 + 20b^4d^2 + 363a^7d \\
 & - 4398a^5bd - 23694a^3b^2d - 1437ab^3d + 258a^6 - 3816a^4b - 7026a^2b^2 \\
 & - 12b^3)u^7 + (-6a^8b^3d^7 - 164a^6b^4d^7 + 3864a^4b^5d^7 + 3365a^2b^6d^7 \\
 & - 18a^9b^2d^6 - 522a^7b^3d^6 + 11837a^5b^4d^6 + 13701a^3b^5d^6 + 448ab^6d^6 \\
 & - 18a^{10}bd^5 - 582a^8b^2d^5 + 12275a^6b^3d^5 + 21828a^4b^4d^5 + 2395a^2b^5d^5 \\
 & - 6a^{11}d^4 - 296a^9bd^4 + 3283a^7b^2d^4 + 43960a^5b^3d^4 + 30290a^3b^4d^4 \\
 & + 424ab^5d^4 - 66a^{10}d^3 - 1099a^8bd^3 + 32246a^6b^2d^3 + 30529a^4b^3d^3
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -17045a^2b^4d^3 - 310a^9d^2 + 679a^7bd^2 + 66726a^5b^2d^2 + 24833a^3b^3d^2 \\
& - 2192ab^4d^2 - 588a^8d + 4809a^6bd + 73578a^4b^2d + 23685a^2b^3d - 444a^7 \\
& + 5316a^5b + 30936a^3b^2 + 1704ab^3)u^8 + (7a^9b^3d^7 + 392a^7b^4d^7 \\
& - 6863a^5b^5d^7 - 17458a^3b^6d^7 - 515ab^7d^7 + 21a^{10}b^2d^6 + 1218a^8b^3d^6 \\
& - 20647a^6b^4d^6 - 61745a^4b^5d^6 - 6709a^2b^6d^6 - 4b^7d^6 + 21a^{11}bd^5 \\
& + 1302a^9b^2d^5 - 20664a^7b^3d^5 - 81924a^5b^4d^5 - 22146a^3b^5d^5 - 183ab^6d^5 \\
& + 7a^{12}d^4 + 567a^{10}bd^4 - 3982a^8b^2d^4 - 97733a^6b^3d^4 - 158644a^4b^4d^4 \\
& - 8392a^2b^5d^4 - 4b^6d^4 + 84a^{11}d^3 + 2878a^9bd^3 - 57242a^7b^2d^3 \\
& - 160981a^5b^3d^3 + 59447a^3b^4d^3 + 3223ab^5d^3 + 442a^{10}d^2 + 2563a^8bd^2 \\
& - 142138a^6b^2d^2 - 189134a^4b^3d^2 + 18323a^2b^4d^2 + 20b^5d^2 + 885a^9d \\
& - 2382a^7bd - 179958a^5b^2d - 164688a^3b^3d - 2637ab^4d + 696a^8 - 5400a^6b \\
& - 92938a^4b^2 - 29078a^2b^3 - 12b^4)u^9).
\end{aligned}$$

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