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# Questions and conjectures about the modular representation theory of the general linear group $\mathbb{G} \mathbb{L}_{n}\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}\right)$ and the Poincaré series of unstable modules 

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#### Abstract

This note is devoted to some questions about the representation theory over the finite field $\mathbb{F}_{2}$ of the general linear groups $\mathbb{G L}_{n}\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}\right)$ and Poincaré series of unstable modules. The first draft was describing two conjectures. They were presented during talks made at VIASM in summer 2013. Since then one conjecture has been disproved, the other one has been proved. These results naturally lead to new questions which are going to be discussed. In winter 2013, Nguyen Dang Ho Hai proved the second conjecture, he disproved the first one in spring 2014. Up to now, the proof of the second one depends on a major topological result: the Segal conjecture. This discussion could be extended to an odd prime, but we will not do it here, just a small number of remarks will be made.


## 1 Introduction

Over the finite field $\mathbb{F}_{2}$, the general linear group group $\mathbb{G L}_{n}\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}\right)$ has, up to isomorphism, $2^{n-1}$ distinct simple representations. They are indexed by strictly decreasing partitions $\lambda$ starting with the integer $n$ JK81. These partitions are said to be 2-regular. As the indexing set for simple representations of the the general linear group depends on the reference, we will recall the different equivalent choices of indexation in "topological references".

Let $p$ be a prime number. A partition $\lambda$ is said to be $p$-regular if and only if it does not contain $p$ non zero successive parts which are equal. At the prime 2 these are the strictly decreasing partitions. Let $\lambda$ be a partition, the associated partition $\lambda^{\prime}$ is defined by $\lambda_{j}^{\prime}=\#\left\{i, \mid \lambda_{i} \geq j\right\}$. The preceding condition on $\lambda$ translates for $\lambda^{\prime}$ into: for each $i$, we have $\lambda_{i}^{\prime}-\lambda_{i+1}^{\prime} \leq p-1$ (a partition sharing this property is said to be column $p$-regular). Finally, in HS92 the representations are indexed by the differences $\left(\lambda_{1}^{\prime}-\lambda_{2}^{\prime}, \ldots, \lambda_{h-1}^{\prime}-\lambda_{h}^{\prime}, \lambda_{h}^{\prime}\right)$.

For example, the trivial representation of $\mathbb{G}_{n}\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}\right)$ is, in our setting, indexed by $(n)$, the associated partition is $(\underbrace{1, \ldots, 1}_{n \text { times }})$. The trivial representation is indexed by $(\underbrace{0, \ldots, 0}_{n-1 \text { times }}, 1)$ in Harris and Shank's paper. The Steinberg representation is indexed by $(n, n-1, \ldots, 1)$ which is equal to its associated partition while in Harris and Shank's paper the representation is indexed by $(\underbrace{1, \ldots, 1}_{n \text { times }})$.

There is in JK81 a theoretical description, of combinatorial nature, for the simple representations. This is done using row and column stabilizers of the associated Young diagrams. For a partition $\lambda$ of the integer $n$ denote by $C_{\lambda}$, resp. by $R_{\lambda}$, the column, resp. row, stabilizer of the associated Young diagram. Denote by $\bar{C}_{\lambda}$, resp. $\bar{R}_{\lambda}$, the sum of their elements in the group algebra over $\mathbb{F}_{2}$ of the symmetric group $\mathcal{S}_{n}$. Let $V=(\mathbb{Z} / 2)^{n}$, the simple representation $S_{\lambda}$ is isomorphic to $V^{\otimes n} \bar{C}_{\lambda} \bar{R}_{\lambda} \bar{C}_{\lambda}$ (see JK81 chapter 7 and 8, and PS98). At an odd prime the definition of $\bar{C}_{\lambda}$ is $\sum_{q]} \operatorname{sgn}(\sigma)[\sigma]$.

However, the modular character of these representations, as well as their projective covers and the Cartan matrices, are unknown. If $\varrho$ is a simple representation, indexed by $\lambda$, it will be denoted $S_{\lambda}$; its projective cover will be denoted by $P_{\varrho}$ or $P_{\lambda}$.

Let us give more examples. Let $n=2, V=(\mathbb{Z} / 2)^{2}$, the simple representations are indexed by $(2),(2,1)$. They are the trivial representation $\mathbb{F}_{2}$ and the standard one $V$. The second one is projective; the first one has, as projective cover, a non-trivial extension by itself. Next, let $n=3$ and $V \cong(\mathbb{Z} / 2)^{3}$, the simple representations are indexed

[^0]by $(3),(3,1),(3,2)$ and $(3,2,1)$. They are the trivial representation $\mathbb{F}_{2}$, the standard one $V$, the contragredient of the standard one $\Lambda^{2}(V)=\left(V^{-1}\right)^{*}$ and the Steinberg representation. The Steinberg representation is the kernel of $\Lambda^{2}(V) \otimes V \longrightarrow \Lambda^{3}(V) \cong \mathbb{F}_{2} ;$ it is projective.

The $p$-regular partitions serve also as indexing set for the simple objects of the category $\mathcal{F}$ of functors from the category of finite dimensional $\mathbb{F}_{2}$-vector spaces to the category of all $\mathbb{F}_{2}$-vector spaces. Note that in [PS98] the simple objects of $\mathcal{F}$ are indexed using the associated partitions. It is often better to use the "functorial" framework which is done implicitly below.

Let $\lambda=\left(\lambda_{1}, \ldots, \lambda_{h}\right), \lambda_{h}>0$, be a strictly decreasing partition starting with $\lambda_{1}=n ; h$ is the length of the partition and is denoted by $\ell(\lambda)$. Here is a general proposition that can be found in the last chapter of JK81:

Proposition 1.1 Let $V$ be the vector space $(\mathbb{Z} / 2)^{n}$. The simple representation $S_{\lambda}$ associated with $\lambda$ occurs one time in $\Lambda^{\lambda}(V):=\Lambda^{\lambda_{1}}(V) \otimes \ldots \otimes \Lambda^{\lambda_{h}}(V)$. All other simple representations occurring in the Jordan-Hölder decomposition are indexed by partitions lower than $\lambda$ in the dominance order.

The dominance order $\precsim$ on partitions is the following one. Let $\lambda$ and $\mu$ be partitions. If $\sum_{i} \lambda_{i}<\sum_{i} \mu_{i}$ then $\lambda \precsim \mu$. Next if $\lambda$ and $\mu$ are partitions of the same integer $\left(\sum_{i} \lambda_{i}=\sum_{i} \mu_{i}\right)$, then $\lambda \precsim \mu$ if $\sum_{i<h} \lambda_{i}=\sum_{i<h} \mu_{i}$ for all $h$. With this definition the partition ( $n$ ) is the smallest one (see also JK81 page 23) among partitions of $n$.

Corollary 1.2 The representations $\Lambda^{\lambda_{1}}(V) \otimes \ldots \otimes \Lambda^{\lambda_{h}}(V), \lambda$ strictly decreasing partition starting with $n$, form $a$ basis of the Grothendieck representation ring $R_{\mathbb{F}_{2}}\left(\mathbb{G L}_{n}\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}\right)\right)$.

What follows provides a link between modular representation theory of the general linear groups and topology. The group $\mathbb{G L}_{n}\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}\right)$ acts naturally on $B(\mathbb{Z} / 2)^{n}$ and thus on the $\bmod 2$ singular cohomology $H^{*} B(\mathbb{Z} / 2)^{n}$. S. Mitchell and S. Priddy MP83] used this action to prove the following theorem:

Theorem 1.3 The space $B(\mathbb{Z} / 2)^{n}$ splits up, as a spectrum, as the following wedge:

$$
\bigvee_{\varrho \in \operatorname{Irr}_{\mathbb{F}_{2}}\left(G_{\mathbb{L}_{n}}\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}\right)\right)} M(\varrho)^{\vee \operatorname{dim}(\varrho)}
$$

The proof depends on the following observation: an element in the group algebra of $\mathbb{G} \mathbb{L}_{n}\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}\right)$ induces a map on the suspension spectrum of $B(\mathbb{Z} / 2)^{n}$. As an example of element in the group algebra we can take an idempotent associated to the projective cover of a simple representation $\varrho$. The spectrum $M(\varrho)$ is the telescope of the associated map.

A major issue is to understand the Poincare series of the cohomology $H^{*} M(\varrho)$.
A second link between representation theory and topology is provided by Lannes'v $T_{V}$-functor. The functor $T_{V}$ is left adjoint to $M \mapsto M \otimes H^{*} V$ from the category $\mathcal{U}$ of unstable modules over the Steenrod algebra to itself. It is exact and commutes with tensor products Lan92, also $T_{V} \cong T^{n}$. Moreover [LS89] shows that each indecomposable reduced injective unstable module is a direct summand in some $H^{*} V$. Here "reduced" means that the module does not contain a non-trivial suspension Sch94]. It is known (Adams-Gunawardena-Miller, Lannes-Zarati) that $T\left(H^{*} V\right) \cong \mathbb{F}_{2}\left[V^{*}\right] \otimes H^{*} V$.

Definition 1.4 Denote by $K^{r e d}(\mathcal{U})$ the Grothendieck group of reduced injective unstable modules which are finite direct sums of indecomposable ones.

It follows from [Z86] that this is a ring and from LS89] that a basis is indexed by simple representations of all $\mathbb{G}^{L_{n}}\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}\right)$, thus by strictly decreasing partitions.

Finally the above result of Lan92] shows that $T$ acts as a ring homomorphism. It is of interest to understand this homomorphism.

## 2 Linear (in)dependance of the Poincare series of the indecomposable summands of $B(\mathbb{Z} / 2)^{n}$

Recall from the introduction that there is a stable decomposition:

$$
B(\mathbb{Z} / 2)^{n} \simeq \bigvee_{\varrho \in \operatorname{Irr}_{\mathbb{P}_{2}}\left(G_{L_{n}}\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}\right)\right.} M(\varrho)^{\vee \operatorname{dim}(\varrho)}
$$

We will denote the spectrum $M(\varrho)$ by $M(\lambda)$, using the indexing partition $\lambda$ of $\varrho$. Given a partition $\lambda=\left(\lambda_{1}, \ldots, \lambda_{h}\right)$ denote by $\bar{\lambda}$ the partition $\left(\lambda_{2}, \ldots, \lambda_{h}\right)$. The above decomposition is refined by (see also HK88):

Theorem 2.1 The spectrum $M(\lambda)$ splits up as the wedge of two indecomposable spectra. One spectrum, denoted by $L(\lambda)$ occurs as a summand of $B(\mathbb{Z} / 2)^{n}$, but not of $B(\mathbb{Z} / 2)^{h}$, $h<n$. We have:

$$
M(\lambda) \simeq L(\lambda) \bigvee L(\bar{\lambda})
$$

We will denote by $L_{\lambda}\left(\right.$ resp. $M_{\lambda}$ ) the cohomology $H^{*} L(\lambda)$ (resp. $H^{*} M(\lambda)$ ), the modules $L_{\lambda}$ are a list of representatives of reduced injective unstable modules LS89.

The cohomology $H^{*} B V$ is isomorphic to $S^{*}\left(V^{*}\right)$, the symmetric algebra over $V^{*}$. It follows from the telescope construction that the Poincaré series, $P_{\lambda}(q)$, of $M(\lambda)$ is given by the following formula:

$$
P_{\lambda}(q)=\sum_{k \geq 0} a_{\lambda, k} \cdot q^{k}
$$

where $a_{\lambda, k}=\operatorname{dim}_{\mathbb{F}_{2}} \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{G L}_{n}\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}\right)}\left(P_{\varrho}, S^{k}(V)\right)$ is the multiplicity of the representation $\varrho=S_{\lambda}$ in $S^{k}(V)$.
Mitchell and Priddy showed in MP83 the following:
Proposition 2.2 We have:

$$
P_{\lambda}(q)=\frac{\Pi_{\lambda}(q)}{\left(1-q^{2^{n}-2^{n-1}}\right)\left(1-q^{2^{n}-2^{n-2}}\right) \ldots\left(1-q^{2^{n}-1}\right)}
$$

for a certain polynomial $\Pi_{\lambda}$ with non-negative coefficients. This series has a pole of order $n$ at 1 .
This is because $H^{*} B(\mathbb{Z} / 2)^{n}$ is a free, finitely generated, module over the Dickson algebra $\left(H^{*} B(\mathbb{Z} / 2)^{n}\right)^{\mathbb{G} \mathbb{L}_{n}}$, which is a polynomial algebra on generators in degrees $2^{n}-1,2^{n}-2, \ldots, 2^{n}-2^{n-1}$.

Carlisle and Walker [W89] established another form with better denominator for the Poincaré series. We have

$$
P_{\lambda}(q)=\frac{\Gamma_{\lambda}(q)}{(1-q)\left(1-q^{3}\right) \ldots\left(1-q^{2^{n}-1}\right)}
$$

for a certain polynomial $\Gamma_{\lambda}$.
The polynomials $\Pi_{\lambda}$ and $\Gamma_{\lambda}$ are unknown in general. They can be computed in special cases, in particular the series of the Steinberg summand $L_{n}:=L_{(n, n-1, \ldots, 1)}$ of Mitchell and Priddy is given by:

$$
\frac{\left.q^{1+\left(2^{2}-1\right)+\ldots+\left(2^{n}-1\right.}\right)}{(1-q)\left(1-q^{3}\right) \ldots\left(1-q^{2^{n}-1}\right)}
$$

The connectivity of $L_{\lambda}$ is known, FS90;
Proposition 2.3 The value of the first non zero coefficient of $\Pi_{\lambda}$ is 1 and in degree $\lambda_{1}+2 \lambda_{2}+\ldots+2^{h-1} \lambda_{h}$.
As said above $\Pi_{\lambda}$ and $\Gamma_{\lambda}$ are not known in general. Outside of the Steinberg representation the other known examples are, in some sense, close to the Steinberg representation CW89. For an odd prime $p$ the situation is worse, the analogous result of Proposition 2.3 is not even known outside of particular cases MW02.

It is natural to ask whether or not the Poincare series of $L_{\lambda}$ determines $\lambda$. The first observation is that the order of the pole at 1 of the series is $\lambda_{1}$. Next up to $n=4$ the first non zero term of the series allows to distinguish representations. This is no longer true if $n>4$, because the Poincaré series of the representations associated to $(5,4)$ and $(5,2,1)$ have the same connectivity. But the preceding results suggest the following:

Conjecture 2.4 The Poincaré series $P_{\lambda}$ are linearly independent.
From a topological point of view this looks reasonable. However, based on work of D. Carlisle Car85 and of S. Mitchell Mit85, the second author has given a counterexample. Indeed, the following virtual module (with some classical notation):

$$
X=\left[M_{(3)}\right]-\left[M_{(3,2,1)}\right]-\left[M_{(4)}\right]-\left[M_{(4,1)}\right]-\left[M_{(4,3)}\right]+\left[M_{(4,2,1)}\right]+\left[M_{(4,3,2)}\right]+\left[M_{(4,3,1)}\right]+2\left[M_{(4,3,2,1)}\right]
$$

has trivial Poincaré series. There is also an important observation here: the Poincaré series of $T(X)$ is non trivial (this is proved by direct computation). This is, from a topological point of view, a curious phenomenon and suggests that an intricate phenomenon occurs. The only hint is the existence of the following non-split short exact sequence JJP94:

$$
\{0\} \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow L_{(1)}^{\otimes 4} \longrightarrow L_{(2,1)} \longrightarrow\{0\} .
$$

## 3 Eigenvalues and eigenspaces of Lannes' $T$ functor

Let us consider now the Grothendieck ring, $K^{\text {red }}(\mathcal{U})$, of injective, reduced unstable modules which are finite direct sums of indecomposable ones. This ring is filtered by subgroups $K_{n}^{\text {red }}(\mathcal{U})$ generated by the classes of the $L_{\lambda}$ such that $\lambda_{1} \leq n$. Recall that Lannes' $T$-functor, Lan92, is left adjoint to $M \mapsto H^{*} \mathbb{Z} / 2 \otimes M$; it is exact and preserves tensor products. Thus it acts as a ring homomorphism on $K^{\text {red }}(\mathcal{U})$. Because of the Adams-Gunawardena-Miller theorem it preserves the filtration. Suppose given a basis of $K^{r e d}(\mathcal{U})$ which is the union of basis of the $K_{n}^{r e d}$. Harris and Shank HS92 have proved that:
Proposition 3.1 The $\left(2^{n}, 2^{n}\right)$ matrix $_{n}$ of the restriction of $T$ to $K_{n}^{\text {red }}$ writes as

$$
\left(\begin{array}{cc}
t_{n-1} & \delta_{n-1} \\
0 & \tau_{n}
\end{array}\right)
$$

with $\tau_{n}=t_{n-1}+\delta_{n-1}$.
The $2^{n-1}$ first columns of the above matrix correspond to the action of $T$ on $K_{n-1}^{\text {red }}$.

## Conjecture 3.2

1. The eigenvalues of $T$ on $K_{n}^{\text {red }}$ are all powers of 2 , more precisely they are $(1)^{2^{n-1}},(2)^{2^{n-2}}, \ldots,\left(2^{n-1}\right)^{1},\left(2^{n}\right)^{1}$ (multiplicity is shown as exponent);
2. $T$ is diagonalisable on $K_{n}^{\text {red }}$.

The analogous conjecture can be made at any prime $p$. The conjecture has been checked up to $n=9$ by the first author for $p=2$, and finally proved by the second one using the Segal conjecture Hail3.

## 4 The Poincaré series and the image of the homomorphism $M \mapsto P_{M}(q)$

This section discusses questions about the image of the map which sends an unstable module to its Poincaré series: to which extent it determines the original object. First we assume this can be defined and that any module we consider are of finite dimension in any degree. There is a first necessary restriction, to restrict to unstable modules which have as injective hull a finite direct sum of indecomposable injective unstable modules. Otherwise we could consider infinite direct sums $\bigoplus_{N} \Sigma^{n} \mathbb{F}_{2}^{\oplus \alpha_{n}}$ to represent any formal power series.

The first thing to discuss is what should be the source of this map, it is reasonable to conjecture the following:
Conjecture 4.1 The full subcategory of $\mathcal{U}$ whose objects are unstable modules whose injective hull is a finite direct sum of indecomposable injective unstable modules is thick. In particular quotients of such objects have the same property.

This is supported by Steven Sam's proof of the artinian conjecture and by [CS14]. If this is true we could form the associated Grothendieck ring which we denote by $G^{f i h}(\mathcal{U})$. The map $M \mapsto P_{M}(q)$ induces a ring homomorphism

$$
\pi: G^{f i h}(\mathcal{U}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}[[q]] .
$$

It has been said above that this homomorphism is not injective by restriction to the subring $K^{\text {red }}(\mathcal{U})$. However it is injective by restriction to the Grothendieck subring, $G(\mathcal{U})$, of finitely generated unstable modules Sch06.

Two other Grothendieck rings are useful. The first one is the ring $K(\mathcal{U})$ which has the same definition as $G^{f i h}(\mathcal{U})$, but the finiteness condition on the injective hull is removed. Next it is natural to introduce a topology on this ring and to consider its completion $\widehat{K}(\mathcal{U})$.

There are no obvious conjectures about the kernel of $\pi$, on the other hand the image looks to be easier to understand. Below is a list of questions.

Question 4.2 The first question is to describe $\operatorname{Im}(\pi) \otimes \mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{Q}[[q]]$. It looks reasonable to conjecture it is a polynomial algebra: $\mathbb{Q}[q] \otimes \mathbb{Q}\left[\chi_{2 k+1, k \geq 0}\right] \otimes \mathbb{Q}\left[P_{\lambda}\right.$, $\lambda$ regular $] /($ relations $)$, where $\chi_{2 k+1}=\sum_{h \geq 0} q^{(2 k+1) 2^{h}}$ and $P_{\lambda}$ is as above.

This question contains in fact two. The first one, may be the most interesting and new, is that whether or not the image is generated by $q$ the $\chi_{2 k+1} \mathrm{~s}$ and the $P_{\lambda} \mathrm{s}$. The second one is to understand the last factor, that is to explicit the relations, information about this can be found in Carlisle-Kuhn [CK89] and Harris-Shank HS92.

The last question will be formulated as a conjecture. It concerns the explicit form of the Poincaré series $P_{\lambda}$, more precisely it concerns the form of the Poincaré series of the virtual modules in $K^{\text {red }}(\mathcal{U})$ who are eigenvectors for $T$ associated to the eigenvalue 1. Numerical evidences support:

Conjecture 4.3 The Poincaré series of each eigenvector for $T$ associated to the eigenvalue 1 has no pole at 1 .
If true, using work of Carlisle and Walker CW89, the Poincaré series of an eigenvector associated to 1 in $K_{n}^{\text {red }}$ could be chosen in such a way that the Poincaré series is of the form:

$$
\frac{P(q)}{\prod_{1 \leq i \leq n}\left(1+q+q^{2}+q^{3}+\ldots+q^{2^{i}-2}\right)}
$$

where $P(q)$ is a polynomial.

## 5 How to write algorithms and numerical results

The first point is that we will work in $R_{\mathbb{F}_{2}}\left(\mathbb{G L}_{n}\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}\right)\right)$ with the basis given by $\Lambda^{\lambda}\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}^{n}\right), \lambda$ strictly decreasing partitions starting with $n$ (see Proposition 1.1). We will also work with $R_{\mathbb{F}_{2}}\left(\mathbb{M}_{n}\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}\right)\right.$ ), in this case a basis is given by the $\Lambda^{\lambda}\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}^{n}\right)$, $\lambda 2$-regular and $\lambda_{1} \leq n$.

Conjectures 2.4 and 3.2 can be tested using computer. For the first one as the answer turns out to be negative we will not make long comments. Let us just say that it is enough to understand the span of the symmetric powers $S^{k}\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}^{n}\right)$ in the Grothendieck ring $R_{\mathbb{F}_{2}}\left(\mathbb{M}_{n}\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}\right)\right)$. To do this write the decomposition of the symmetric powers on the basis, and use Gauss' method to compute the rank. However as the system is infinite it only yields an answer if the answer is positive. In order to write the decomposition there are two possible ways. The first one is to use Koszul complex. It expresses $S^{k}$ (in the representation ring) as an alternating sum of tensor products $S^{h} \otimes \Lambda^{k-h}, h<k$, and do an iterative process. The other possibility is to use the Taylor series of $S^{k}$ [Tro05]. It gives a decomposition of the symmetric powers in terms of tensor products of exterior powers in the Grothendieck group.

Concerning the Conjecture 3.2, in order to write down an algorithm, we need the following ([HS92] Theorem 3.8):
Theorem 5.1 The transpose of the matrix of $T$ on $K_{n}^{\text {red }}(\mathcal{U}) \subset K^{\text {red }}(\mathcal{U})$ is equivalent to the matrix of the following $\operatorname{map} R_{\mathbb{F}_{2}}\left(\mathbb{M}_{n}\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}\right)\right) \longrightarrow R_{\mathbb{F}_{2}}\left(\mathbb{M}_{n}\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}\right)\right)$ :

$$
[\varrho] \mapsto \sum_{0 \leq i \leq n}\left[\varrho \otimes \Lambda^{i}\right] .
$$

We have a similar result for the matrix of $T$ on the quotient $K_{n}^{\text {red }} / K_{n-1}^{\text {red }}$ by replacing the Grothendieck ring $R_{\mathbb{F}_{2}}\left(\mathbb{M}_{n}\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}\right)\right)$ by $R_{\mathbb{F}_{2}}\left(\mathbb{G L}_{n}\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}\right)\right)$.

In both cases we need another ingredient. In the obvious iterative process we have to decompose tensor products $\left(\Lambda^{\lambda_{1}} \otimes \ldots \otimes \Lambda^{\lambda_{h}}\right) \otimes \Lambda^{k}$ in the basis. Either $k$ is different from all $\lambda_{i}$ and there is nothing to do, but to reorder. If $k=\lambda_{i}$ for some $i$ the tensor product is not a basis element. We have to write its decomposition in the basis. For this we use the following formula:

$$
\left[\Lambda^{k} \otimes \Lambda^{k}\right]=\left[\Lambda^{k}\right]+2\left[\Lambda^{k+1} \otimes \Lambda^{k-1}\right]-2\left[\Lambda^{k+2} \otimes \Lambda^{k-2}\right]+\ldots+(-1)^{i-1} 2\left[\Lambda^{k+i} \otimes \Lambda^{k-i}\right]+\ldots
$$

This comes from the complex

$$
\{0\} \longrightarrow \Lambda^{2 k} \longrightarrow \Lambda^{2 k-1} \otimes \Lambda^{1} \longrightarrow \ldots \longrightarrow \Lambda^{k} \otimes \Lambda^{k} \longrightarrow \ldots \longrightarrow \Lambda^{1} \otimes \Lambda^{2 k-1} \longrightarrow \Lambda^{2 k} \longrightarrow\{0\}
$$

which is exact except at the middle, where the homology is $\Lambda^{k}$.
We iterate this process, a moment of reflexion shows that it has to stop sometimes.

### 5.1 Some relations in $R_{\mathbb{F}_{2}}\left(\mathbb{M}_{4}\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}\right)\right)$

Without $\bmod 2$ reduction, we have the following relations in $R_{\mathbb{F}_{2}}\left(\mathbb{M}_{4}\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}\right)\right)$, with obvious notations:

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= 1(0)
= (1)
= (1) + (2)
=(1)+2(2)+(3)
=}(1)+(2)+(2,1)+(4
=(1)+2(2)+(2,1)+(3,1)
=(1)+3(2)+(2,1)+(3)+2(3,1)-2(4)+(4, 1)
=(1)+2(2)+2(2,1)+2(3,1)+(2,3)
= ( 1 ) + 3 ( 2 ) + 2 ( 2 , 1 ) + 4 ( 3 , 1 ) + ( 2 , 3 ) - 3 ( 4 ) + ( 4 , 1 ) + ( 4 , 2 )
= ( 1 ) + 4 ( 2 ) + 2 ( 2 , 1 ) + ( 3 ) + 5 ( 3 , 1 ) + 2 ( 3 , 2 ) - 4 ( 4 ) + ( 4 , 1 ) + 2 ( 4 , 2 )
=(1)+3(2)+3(2,1)+5(3,1)+4(3,2)-2(4)-1(4,1)+3(4, 2)+(4,3)
=(1)+4(2)+3(2,1)+6(3,1)+3(3,2)+(3,2,1)-4(4)+(4,3)
=(1) +5(2)+3(2,1) +(3)+8(3,1)+4(3,2)+(3,2,1)-5(4)+(4, 2)+(4, 2, 1)
= ( 1 ) + 4 ( 2 ) + 4 ( 2 , 1 ) + 9 ( 3 , 1 ) + 6 ( 3 , 2 ) + ( 3 , 2 , 1 ) - 4 ( 4 ) - 1 ( 4 , 1 ) + 2 ( 4 , 2 ) + 2 ( 4 , 2 , 1 )
=(1) +5(2)+4(2, 1) +10(3,1) +6(3,2)+2(3,2,1)-6(4)-1(4,1)+2(4, 2, 1)+(4,3,1)
=(1) +6(2)+4(2,1)+(3)+13(3,1)+7(3,2)+2(3,2,1)-8(4)+2(4,2)+4(4,2,1)-2(4,3)+(4,3,1)
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=(1) +6(2)+5(2,1)+15(3,1)+11(3,2)+3(3,2,1)-12(4)-2(4,1)+4(4,2)+5(4, 2, 1) +4(4,3,1)
= ( 1 ) + 7 ( 2 ) + 5 ( 2 , 1 ) + ( 3 ) + 1 7 ( 3 , 1 ) + 1 1 ( 3 , 2 ) + 4 ( 3 , 2 , 1 ) - 1 2 ( 4 ) - 2 ( 4 , 1 ) + 2 ( 4 , 2 ) + 7 ( 4 , 2 , 1 ) - 2 ( 4 , 3 ) + 4 ( 4 , 3 , 1 ) + ( 4 , 3 , 2 )
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= ( 1 ) + 8 ( 2 ) + 6 ( 2 , 1 ) + ( 3 ) + 2 3 ( 3 , 1 ) + 1 6 ( 3 , 2 ) + 6 ( 3 , 2 , 1 ) - 2 0 ( 4 ) - 3 ( 4 , 1 ) + 4 ( 4 , ~ 2 ) ~ + ~ 1 3 ( 4 , ~ 2 , ~ 1 ) - 4 ( 4 , 3 ) + 1 0 ( 4 , 3 , 1 ) + 2 ( 4 , 3 , 2 )
= ( 1 ) + 7 ( 2 ) + 7 ( 2 , 1 ) + 2 6 ( 3 , 1 ) + 1 9 ( 3 , 2 ) + 6 ( 3 , 2 , 1 ) - 2 0 ( 4 ) - 4 ( 4 , 1 ) + 7 ( 4 , ~ 2 ) + 1 7 ( 4 , 2 , 1 ) - 6 ( 4 , 3 ) + 1 1 ( 4 , 3 , 1 ) + 3 ( 4 , 3 , 2 )
=(1)+8(2)+7(2,1)+28(3,1)+21(3,2)+7(3,2,1)-28(4)-4(4,1)+10(4,2)+18(4, 2, 1)-5(4,3)+16(4,3,1)+3(4,3,2)
=(1)+9(2)+7(2,1)+(3)+30(3,1)+23(3,2)+8(3,2,1)-31(4)-6(4,1)+11(4, 2) + 20(4, 2, 1)-5(4,3)+19(4,3,1)+5(4,3,2)
= ( 1 ) + 8 ( 2 ) + 8 ( 2 , 1 ) + 3 2 ( 3 , 1 ) + 2 5 ( 3 , 2 ) + 9 ( 3 , 2 , 1 ) - 2 8 ( 4 ) - 9 ( 4 , 1 ) + 1 0 ( 4 , 2 ) + 2 4 ( 4 , ~ 2 , ~ 1 ) - 7 ( 4 , 3 ) + 2 0 ( 4 , 3 , 1 ) + 8 ( 4 , 3 , 2 )
=(1) +9(2)+8(2,1)+35(3,1)+27(3,2)+10(3,2,1)-36(4)-8(4,1)+10(4,2)+26(4,2,1)-7(4,3)+24(4,3,1)+7(4,3,2)+(4,3,2,1)
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With mod 2 reduction (the vectors are denoted by $s q_{i}$ ):

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\(s q_{0}=1(0)\)
\(s q_{1}=(1)\)
\(s q_{2}=(1)+(2)\)
\(s q_{3}=(1)+(3)\)
\(s q_{4}=(1)+(2)+(2,1)+(4)\)
\(s q_{5}=(1)+(2,1)+(3,1)\)
\(s q_{6}=(1)+(2)+(2,1)+(3)+(4,1)\)
\(s q_{7}=(1)+(3,2)\)
\(s q_{8}=(1)+(2)+(3,2)+(4)+(4,1)+(4,2)\)
\(s q_{9}=(1)+(3)+(3,1)+(4,1)\)
\(s q_{10}=(1)+(2)+(2,1)+(3,1)+(4,1)+(4,2)+(4,3)\)
\(s q_{11}=(1)+(2,1)+(3,2)+(3,2,1)+(4,3)\)
\(s q_{12}=(1)+(2)+(2,1)+(3)+(3,2,1)+(4)+(4,2)+(4,2,1)\)
\(s q_{13}=(1)+(3,1)+(3,2,1)+(4,1)\)
\(s q_{14}=(1)+(2)+(4,1)+(4,3,1)\)
\(s q_{15}=(1)+(3)+(3,1)+(3,2)+(4,3,1)\)
\(s q_{16}=(1)+(2)+(2,1)+(4)+(4,1)+(4,2,1)+(4,3)\)
\(s q_{17}=(1)+(2,1)+(3,1)+(3,2)+(3,2,1)+(4,2,1)\)
\(s q_{18}=(1)+(2)+(2,1)+(3)+(3,1)+(3,2)+(4,2,1)+(4,3,2)\)
\(s q_{19}=(1)+(3,1)+(4,1)+(4,3)+(4,3,1)+(4,3,2)\)
\(s q_{20}=(1)+(2)+(3,1)+(3,2)+(3,2,1)+(4)+(4,1)+(4,2)+(4,2,1)+(4,3)+(4,3,2)\)
\(s q_{21}=(1)+(3)+(3,1)+(4,1)+(4,2,1)\)
\(s q_{22}=(1)+(2)+(2,1)+(3,2)+(4,2)+(4,2,1)+(4,3,1)+(4,3,2)\)
\(s q_{23}=(1)+(2,1)+(3,2)+(3,2,1)+(4,3)+(4,3,2)\)
\(s q_{24}=(1)+(2)+(2,1)+(3)+(3,2)+(4)+(4,2)+(4,3)+(4,3,1)+(4,3,2)\)
\(s q_{25}=(1)+(3,2)+(3,2,1)+(4,1)+(4,3)\)
\(s q_{26}=(1)+(2)+(3,1)+(3,2)+(4,3)+(4,3,2)+(4,3,2,1)\)
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### 5.2 Transposed matrices of the endomorphism $[\varrho] \mapsto \sum_{0 \leq i \leq n}\left[\varrho \otimes \Lambda^{i}\right]$ of $R_{\mathbb{F}_{2}}\left(\mathbb{G} \mathbb{L}_{n}\left(\mathbb{F}_{2}\right)\right)$

For $n=0$, the basis being $\{(0)\}$,

$$
\tau_{0}=(1)
$$

For $n=1$, the basis being $\{(1)\}$,

$$
\tau_{1}=(2)
$$

For $n=2$, the basis being $\{(2),(2,1)\}$,

$$
\tau_{2}=\left(\begin{array}{ll}
2 & 2 \\
1 & 3
\end{array}\right)
$$

For $n=3$, the basis being $\{(3),(3,1),(3,2),(3,2,1)\}$,

$$
\tau_{3}=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
1 & 3 & 2 & 6 \\
1 & 2 & 3 & 6 \\
0 & 1 & 1 & 4
\end{array}\right)
$$

For $n=4$, the basis being $\{(4),(4,1),(4,2),(4,2,1),(4,3),(4,3,1),(4,3,2),(4,3,2,1)\}$,

$$
\tau_{4}=\left(\begin{array}{rrrrrrrr}
2 & 0 & -2 & -4 & 0 & 0 & -4 & -16 \\
1 & 3 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 \\
1 & 2 & 3 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 8 \\
0 & 1 & 1 & 4 & 0 & 2 & 4 & 14 \\
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & -2 & -4 \\
0 & 1 & 2 & 6 & 1 & 4 & 6 & 24 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 14 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 5
\end{array}\right)
$$

For $n=5$, the basis being $\{(5),(5,1),(5,2),(5,2,1),(5,3),(5,3,1),(5,3,2),(5,3,2,1),(5,4),(5,4,1),(5,4,2)$, $(5,4,2,1),(5,4,3),(5,4,3,1),(5,4,3,2),(5,4,3,2,1)\}$,

$$
\tau_{5}=\left(\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr}
2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & -2 & -2 & -4 & -12 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & -4 & -8 & -56 \\
1 & 2 & 3 & 2 & 0 & -4 & -8 & -28 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -8 & -32 & -152 \\
0 & 1 & 1 & 4 & 0 & 0 & -2 & -10 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & -36 \\
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & -8 & -32 & 2 & 0 & -4 & -8 & 2 & 0 & -28 & -152 \\
0 & 1 & 2 & 6 & 1 & 4 & 2 & -10 & 0 & 2 & 0 & -4 & 0 & 2 & 8 & -4 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 6 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 6 & 32 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 4 & 8 & 30 \\
1 & 0 & -2 & -4 & 0 & 0 & -4 & -8 & 3 & 0 & -2 & -4 & 0 & 0 & -12 & -56 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 1 & 4 & 0 & -2 & -2 & -2 & -4 & -24 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 8 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 6 & -4 & -10 & -4 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 4 & 14 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 5 & 0 & 6 & 18 & 80 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & -4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 & -10 & -36 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 18 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 6 & 1 & 5 & 14 & 80 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 8 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 5 & 30 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 6
\end{array}\right)
$$

For $n=6$, the basis being generated in the same way:

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