## Frobenius homomorphisms in higher algebra

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Question：Is $C^{*}(-, \mathbb{Z})$ an equivalence between spaces and $\mathbb{E}_{\infty}$－rings？

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