

# 1 Chapter 1

## 2 Chapter 2

### 2.1 Definitions

Spaces:

$\mathbb{R}^n$	Euclidean space
$D^n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \ x\  \leq 1\}$	$n$ -disk
$S^{n-1} = \{x \in \mathbb{D}^n \mid \ x\  = 1\}$	$n - 1$ -sphere
$E^n = D^n - S^{n-1}$	$n$ -cell
$I^n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid 0 \leq x_i \leq 1\}$	$n$ -cube
$\partial I^n = \{x \in \mathbb{I}^n \mid \exists i, x_i = 0, 1\}$	boundary of $I^n$
$\Delta^n = \Delta[n] = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid x_i \geq 0, \sum_i x_i = 1\}$	$n$ -simplex
$\partial \Delta^n = \{x \in \Delta^n \mid \exists i, x_i = 0\}$	Boundary of $n$ -simplex

Path:  $u : [a, b] \rightarrow X$  from  $x = u(a)$  to  $y = u(b)$  (usually reparametrized to  $[0, 1] \rightarrow X$ )

Inverse path:  $u^- : t \rightarrow u(1 - t)$  from  $y$  to  $x$

Product path:  $u * v : t \rightarrow \begin{cases} u(2t) & t \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ v(2t - 1) & \frac{1}{2} \leq t \end{cases}$

Constant path:  $k_x : t \rightarrow x$

$\pi_0 : \text{TOP} \rightarrow \text{SET}$

- $\pi_0(X)$ : Set of path connected components of  $X$
- $\pi_0(f)([x]) = [f(x)]$

$W : \text{TOP} \rightarrow \text{CAT}$

- $W(X)$ : Paths  $u : [0, a] \rightarrow X$  and composition is defined on  $[0, a + b]$  for associativity
- $W(f)(x) = f(x), W(f)(u) = f \circ u$

### 2.2 Homotopy notions

Homotopy:  $H_t : X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow Y$  from  $f = H_0 : X \rightarrow Y$  to  $g = H_1 : X \rightarrow Y$ ;  $H : f \simeq g$  (composition/inverse immediate)

Homotopy  $H_t : X \rightarrow Y$  relative to  $A \subset X$  if  $H_t : A \rightarrow Y$  is independent of  $t$

Homotopy between  $f$  and a constant map is a null homotopy

Null homotopy of  $\text{id}_X : X \rightarrow X$  is a contraction

Path category  $W(X, Y)$

- Objects:  $f : X \rightarrow Y$
- Morphisms: Homotopy  $H_t : [0, a] \times X \rightarrow Y$  between  $f$  and  $g$

hTOP is TOP quotiented by the homotopy relation.

hTOP	TOP
Isomorphic	Homotopy equivalent/Same homotopy type
Isomorphic to $\{*\}$	Contractible
Isomorphism	h-equivalence
Constant map	Null homotopic

Hom functors in hTOP of  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ :

$$f_* : [Z, X] \rightarrow [Z, Y], g \mapsto fg \quad f^* : [Y, Z] \rightarrow [X, Z], h \mapsto hf$$

**Remark.** Generally lower index for covariant and upper index for contravariant

TOP<sup>0</sup>: Category of pointed spaces

hTOP<sup>0</sup>: Quotient of TOP<sup>0</sup> by homotopy

Forgetful functor TOP<sup>0</sup>  $\rightarrow$  TOP has a left adjoint,  $X \rightarrow (X + \{*\}, *)$

**Remark.** The smash product  $A \wedge B = \frac{A \times B}{A \vee B}$  is always compatible with homotopies and is a tensor product in some appropriate subcategory, i.e. compactly generated spaces

TOP(2): Pairs of topological spaces  $A \subset X$

Note that the product we use here is not the categorical product, instead it is defined as

$$(X, A) \times (Y, B) = (X \times Y, X \times B \cup A \times Y)$$

so that  $(I^m, \partial I^m) \times (I^n, \partial I^n) = (I^{m+n}, \partial I^{m+n})$

TOP(3): Pairs of topological spaces  $A \subset B \subset X$

TOP<sub>B</sub>: Slice category, objects are morphisms  $x : X \rightarrow B$  and morphisms are  $f : X \rightarrow Y$

such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ & \searrow x \quad \swarrow y & \\ & B & \end{array}$$

- A morphism from  $\text{id}_B : B \rightarrow B$  to  $p : E \rightarrow B$  is a section of  $p$
- If  $p \cong \text{id}_B$  in hTOP<sub>B</sub>, then it is shrinkable

TOP<sup>K</sup>: Coslice category, objects are morphisms  $a : K \rightarrow A$  and morphisms are  $f : A \rightarrow B$

such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & K & \\ a \swarrow & & \searrow b \\ A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \end{array}$$

- A morphism from  $i : K \rightarrow X$  to  $\text{id}_K : K \rightarrow K$  is a retraction of  $i$  and  $i$  is an embedding
- $i : K \subset X$ , then  $K$  is a retract of  $X$
- If  $i \cong \text{id}_K$  in hTOP<sup>K</sup>, then it is a deformation retract

Note that TOP<sub>{\*}</sub>  $\cong$  TOP and TOP<sup>{\*}</sup>  $\cong$  TOP<sup>0</sup>

$H_t : A \rightarrow B$  is a homotopy in the (co)slice category if each  $H_t, t \in [0, 1]$  is a morphism in the (co)slice category, hence we get the quotient categories hTOP<sup>K</sup>, hTOP<sub>B</sub>.

## 2.3 Internal hom objects

Let  $Y^X$  or  $F(X, Y)$  be the set of continuous maps from  $X$  to  $Y$  with the compact open topology. Suppose that  $X$  is locally compact, then  $Y^X$  is the exponential object, i.e.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \times Y & & \\ \downarrow f^\wedge \times \text{id}_Y & \searrow f & \\ Z^Y \times Y & \xrightarrow{e_{Y,Z}} & Z \end{array}$$

$f$  induces  $f^\wedge$  and  $f^\wedge$  induces  $f$ , alternatively

$$\text{Hom}(- \times Y, Z) \cong \text{Hom}(-, Z^Y)$$

which also tells us the functors  $-^Y$  is a right adjoint to  $- \times Y$ .

Unfortunately in categories with zero objects, i.e.  $\text{TOP}^0$ , then exponential objects generally don't exist unless the category is trivial as if  $Y^X$  exists, we have

$$\text{Hom}(X, Y) \cong \text{Hom}(0 \times X, Y) \cong \text{Hom}(0, Y^X) \cong \{*\}$$

However, we may have some form of tensor-hom adjunction.

In the category  $\text{TOP}^0$ , we define  $F^0(X, Y)$  as the subspace of pointed maps of  $F(X, Y)$  and the constant map is the basepoint. Any pointed map  $X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  induces a pointed map  $X \rightarrow F^0(X, Y)$  if it sends  $X \times y \cup x \times Y$  to  $z$ , hence it corresponds to maps from  $X \wedge Y \rightarrow Z$ . The adjunction in this case reduces to

$$F^0(X \wedge Y, Z) \cong F^0(X, F^0(Y, Z))$$

when  $X, Y$  are locally compact. This gives us our tensor-hom adjunction.

If we quotient by homotopy and assume  $X$  is locally compact and  $e_{X,Y}^0$  is continuous, then we get

$$[X \wedge Y, Z]^0 \cong [X, F^0(X, Y)]^0$$

## 2.4 Fundamental groupoid

$\Pi : \text{TOP} \rightarrow \text{GRPd}$

- $\Pi(X)$ : Quotient of  $W(X)$  by homotopy

Somewhat cleaner way to state van-Kampen theorem:

**Theorem** (Seifert–Van Kampen [May, Thm 2.7]). *Suppose that  $\mathcal{U}$  is a covering of  $X$  such that if  $U_1, U_2 \in \mathcal{U}$ , then  $U_1 \cap U_2 \in \mathcal{U}$ . This turns  $\mathcal{U}$  into a category where morphisms are inclusions, then*

$$\Pi(X) \cong \text{colim}_{U \in \mathcal{U}} \Pi(U)$$

Choosing a base point, we get the functor  $\pi_1 : \text{TOP}^0 \rightarrow \text{GRP}$ .

**Remark.** *Proposition 2.7.3 of tom Dieck that the fundamental group of a monoid in  $\text{TOP}^0$  is commutative and agrees with the monoid operation comes from a more general theorem, the Eckmann–Hilton argument*

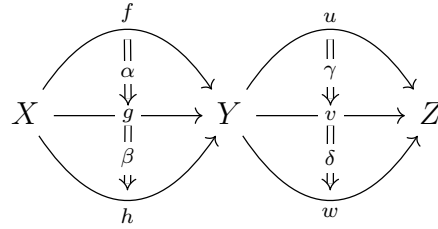
**Theorem** (Eckmann-Hilton argument). *If  $\cdot, *$  are unital binary operations on  $X$  with units  $1_\cdot$  and  $1_*$  such that*

$$(a \cdot b) * (c \cdot d) = (a * b) \cdot (c * d)$$

*Then  $\cdot, *$  coincide, are associative and commutative*

## 2.5 Enriching TOP

We give a groupoid structure,  $\Pi(X, Y)$  to each hom set  $\text{Hom}_{\text{TOP}}(X, Y)$  with homotopy as morphisms. This provides us with a 2-category, i.e.



such that all the compositions makes sense, i.e.

$$(\delta\gamma)(\beta\alpha) = (\delta\beta)(\gamma\alpha)$$

We can enrich similar categories like  $\text{TOP}^0$

## 3 Chapter 3

### 3.1 Definitions

Suppose  $p : E \rightarrow B$  is surjective and  $U \subset B$  is open

- **Trivialization** of  $p$  over  $U$  is a homeomorphism  $p^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U \times F$
- $p$  is **locally trivial** if a open covering  $\mathcal{U}$  exists where a trivialization of  $p$  over  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  exists for all  $U$
- $\mathcal{U}$  is a **bundle chart**
- $F$  is the **typical fibre**
- $p$  is **trivial over  $U$**  if a bundle chart over  $U$  exists

- **Bundles/Fibre bundles** are locally trivial maps

**Covering space/Covering** of  $B$  is a locally trivial map  $p : E \rightarrow B$  with discrete fibres

- If  $\phi_U : p^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U \times F$  is a trivialization, then  $\phi_U^{-1}(U \times \{*\})$  are the **sheets** over  $U$
- If  $|F| = n$ , then  $p$  is a  $n$ -fold covering
- A **trivial covering** is the covering  $p : B \times F \rightarrow B$
- $U$  is **admissible** or **evenly covered** if a trivialization exists
- $E$  is the **total space** and  $B$  is the **base space**

### 3.2 Coverings with group actions

A **left  $G$ -principal covering** is a covering  $p : E \rightarrow B$  and a properly discontinuous group action  $G$  on  $E$  such that  $p(gx) = p(x)$  and the action on fibres are transitive.  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(p)$  if  $\alpha : p \rightarrow p$  is a morphism in  $\text{TOP}_B$ . These are **deck transformations**. The map  $x \rightarrow gx$  gives a map  $G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(p)$

**Theorem** (Galois correspondence). *Let  $p : E \rightarrow B$  be a covering, then*

- *If  $E$  is connected,  $\text{Aut}(p)$  is a properly discontinuous action on  $E$*
- *If  $B$  is locally path connected,  $H$  subgroup of  $\text{Aut}(p)$ , then  $E/H \rightarrow B$  is a covering*

A **right  $G$ -principal covering** is a covering  $p : E \rightarrow B$  and a properly discontinuous group action  $G$  on  $E$  such that  $p(xg) = p(x)$  and the action on fibres are transitive.

Let  $F$  be a set with a left  $G$  action, then the space  $E \times_G F$  constructed by quotienting  $E \times F$  by  $(xg, f) = (x, gf)$  is an **associated covering**.

**Remark.** *Seems like for this part we need to assume that  $G$  is a free action of the fibres as well and  $F$  is given the discrete topology*

**Theorem.** *The map  $p_F : E \times_G F \rightarrow B, (x, f) \rightarrow p(f)$  is a covering with typical fibre  $F$*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\mathcal{F}$  is the typical fibre of  $p$ .

First we show the typical fibre of  $p_F$  is  $F$ . It's immediate that the typical fibre is given by  $\frac{F \times F}{\sim}$  immediately showing discreteness. Next, notice that  $\{(\mathfrak{f}, f) \mid f \in F\}$  are the representatives of  $\frac{F \times F}{\sim}$  for some arbitrary  $\mathfrak{f}$  as suppose  $\mathfrak{f}' = \mathfrak{f}g$ , then  $(\mathfrak{f}', f) = (\mathfrak{f}, gf)$  and  $(\mathfrak{f}, f) = (\mathfrak{f}, f')$  implies that either  $\mathfrak{f}$  has a nontrivial stabilizer or  $f = f'$ , hence we need to assume the action is free on  $\mathcal{F}$ .

Next we show that this is indeed a covering. Suppose  $U$  has a trivialization, i.e.  $p^{-1}(U) \cong U \times \mathcal{F}$ . Then  $\frac{p^{-1}(U) \times F}{\sim} \cong \frac{U \times \mathcal{F} \times F}{\sim} \cong U \times F$ . Hence  $p_F$  is a covering with typical fibre  $F$ .  $\square$

This gives us the functor

$$A(p) : G\text{-SET} \rightarrow \text{COV}_B$$

from the category of sets with a left  $G$  action to the category of covering spaces over  $B$  (a subcategory of  $\text{TOP}_B$ ).

If  $A(p)$  is an equivalence of categories, then  $p$  is the universal cover

### 3.3 Lifting

$F : X \rightarrow E$  is a **lifting** of  $f : X \rightarrow B$  along  $p : E \rightarrow B$  if  $pF = f$ , i.e. a morphism in  $\text{TOP}_B$ . If  $X$  is connected and  $p$  is a covering, liftings that agree somewhere are unique.

A map  $p : E \rightarrow B$  has **homotopy lifting property** (HLP) for a space  $X$  if for each homotopy  $h_t$  and initial condition  $H_0$ , we can extend  $H_0$  to the homotopy  $H_t$  such that the diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{H_t} & E \\ & \searrow h_t & \swarrow p \\ & B & \end{array}$$

$H$  is a lifting of  $h$  with initial conditions  $a$ .  $p$  is a **fibration** if it has HLP for all spaces

**Theorem.** *Coverings  $p : E \rightarrow B$  are fibrations*

*Proof.* First show that projection maps  $U \times F \rightarrow U$  are fibrations, then glue these projection maps and use uniqueness of liftings  $\square$

As liftings along coverings are unique, the diagram below is a pullback:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E^I & \xrightarrow{p^I} & B^I \\ e_E^0 \downarrow & & \downarrow e_B^0 \\ E & \xrightarrow{p} & B \end{array}$$

Let  $p : E \rightarrow B$  be a map with HLP for  $I$  and  $F_b = p^{-1}(b)$ .

For every map  $[v] \in \Pi(B)$ , we obtain a well defined map  $v_\# : \pi_0(F_b) \rightarrow \pi_0(F_c)$ . Suppose  $V : I \rightarrow E$  is a lifting of  $v$  with  $V(0) = x$ , then  $v_\#[x] = [V(1)]$ .

With this we obtain the **transport functor**  $T_p : \Pi(B) \rightarrow \text{SET}$

- $b \rightarrow \pi_0(B)$
- $[v] \rightarrow v_\#$

Let  $p(x) = b$  and let  $\partial_x : \pi_1(B, b) \rightarrow \pi_0(F_b, x)$ ,  $[v] \rightarrow v_\#(x)$  and  $i : F_b \subset E$ , then we have the exact sequence

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
\pi_1(F_b, x) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & \pi_1(E, x) & \xrightarrow{p_*} & \pi_1(B, b) & \searrow \\
& & \partial_x & & & \\
\pi_0(F_b, x) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & \pi_0(E, x) & \xrightarrow{p_*} & \pi_0(B, b) & \swarrow
\end{array}$$

as well as the isomorphisms of sets  $\partial_x : \frac{\pi_1(B, b)}{p_*\pi_1(E, x)} \cong \pi_0(F_b, x)$ ,  $i_* : \frac{\pi_0(F_b, x)}{\pi_1(B, b)} \cong \pi_0(E, x)$ . For a covering  $p : E \rightarrow B$  with  $B$  path connected, the exact sequence simplifies to

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
1 & \longrightarrow & \pi_1(E, x) & \xrightarrow{p_*} & \pi_1(B, b) & \searrow \\
& & \partial_x & & & \\
\pi_0(F_b, x) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & \pi_0(E, x) & \longrightarrow & \{*\} & \swarrow
\end{array}$$

Furthermore suppose that  $p : E \rightarrow B$  is a right  $G$ -principal covering with  $E$  path connected, then we get the exact sequence

$$1 \longrightarrow \pi_1(E, x) \xrightarrow{p_*} \pi_1(B, b) \xrightarrow{\delta_x} G \longrightarrow 1$$

and the image of  $p_*$  is normal.

### 3.4 Coverings

Outline:

1. Construct the inverse  $X$  of  $T : \text{TRA}_B \rightarrow \text{COV}_B$  that exists and is an equivalence of categories for sufficiently nice  $B$
2. Construct the functor  $\epsilon_B : \text{TRA}_B \rightarrow \pi_b\text{-SET}$  and the inverse  $\eta_b$
3. Hence  $A(p) : G\text{-SET} \rightarrow \text{COV}_B$  is an equivalence of categories iff the total space of  $p$  is simply connected

Let  $\text{TRA}_B = [\Pi(B), \text{SET}]$ , the transport functor in the previous section yields the functor  $T : \text{COV}_B \rightarrow \text{TRA}_B$ .

If  $B$  is path connected and  $T$  is an equivalence of categories, then  $B$  is a **transport space**. A set  $U \in B$  is **transport simple** if any paths in  $U$  between identical points are homotopic in  $B$ .

$B$  is **semi-locally simply connected** if it has an open covering with transport simple sets.

$B$  is **transport local** if it is path connected, locally path connected and semi-locally simply connected.

**Theorem.** *If  $B$  is then  $B$  is a transport space*

*Proof.* We need to construct the inverse of  $T$ ,  $X : \text{TRA}_B \rightarrow \text{COV}_B$ . Let  $\Phi : \Pi(B) \rightarrow \text{SET}$  be some functor, we will construct a covering  $p : X(\Phi) \rightarrow B$ . As a set  $X(\Phi) = \coprod_{b \in B} \Phi(b)$ . To get a reasonable topology on it, we consider a covering  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $B$  by transport simple path connected open sets. For every  $b \in U \in \mathcal{U}$ , we define  $\phi_{U,b} : U \times \Phi(b) \rightarrow p^{-1}(U)$  and by gluing these maps together, we obtain a topology on  $X(\Phi)$  and a covering  $p$ .

Verification of functoriality and inverse are somewhat direct from definition.  $\square$

With this, consider the hom functor  $\text{Hom}_{\Pi(B)}(b, -) \in \text{TRA}_B$  and let  $p^b : E^b \rightarrow B$  be its associated covering. Then  $E^b$  is simply connected right  $\text{Hom}_{\Pi(B)}(b, b)$ -principal covering. Suppose that  $B$  is path connected, then  $\Pi = \Pi(B)$  is a connected groupoid. Let  $\Pi(x, y) = \text{Hom}_{\Pi(B)}(x, y)$  and  $\pi_b = \Pi(b, b)$

For a functor  $F : \Pi \rightarrow \text{SET}$ , we have the left  $\pi_B$ -set  $F(b)$  giving us the functor  $\epsilon_b : \text{TRA}_B \rightarrow \pi_b\text{-SET}$ .

For a left  $\pi_B$ -set  $A$ , we define the functor  $\Pi(b, -) \times_{\pi_B} A : \Pi \rightarrow \text{SET}$  where  $A \times_G B$  is the set  $A \times B$  quotiented by  $(ag, b) = (a, gb)$ . This gives us the functor  $\eta_b : \pi_b\text{-SET} \rightarrow \text{TRA}_B$ , the inverse of  $\epsilon_b$ .

Finally we have the following categories and functors:

$$G\text{-SET} \xrightarrow{A(p)} \text{COV}_B \xrightleftharpoons[\underset{X}{\simeq}]{\underset{T}{\simeq}} \text{TRA}_B \xrightleftharpoons[\underset{\eta_b}{\simeq}]{\underset{\epsilon_b}{\simeq}} \pi_b\text{-SET}$$

where  $X$  exists if  $B$  is transport-local and  $\epsilon_b, \eta_b$  require  $B$  to be path connected to exist. Finally we have

**Theorem.** *The following are equivalent:*

- $B$  is a transport space, i.e.  $T$  is an equivalence of categories
- $B$  has a universal right  $G$ -principal covering  $p : E \rightarrow B$ , i.e.  $A(p)$  is an equivalence of categories

Note that the exact sequences above imply that  $E$  is simply connected.

Define the **orbit category**  $\text{Or}(G)$  consisting of homogenous  $G$ -sets  $(\frac{G}{H})$  for any subgroup  $H$  and  $G$ -maps. This category is a strict subcategory of  $G\text{-SET}$ , consisting only the transitive sets.

For a covering  $p : E \rightarrow B$ , we obtain the injective map  $p_* : \pi_1(E, x) \rightarrow \pi_1(B, p(x))$  and the image is called the **characteristic subgroup** of  $p$  wrt  $x$ .

Let  $p : E \rightarrow B$  be a simply connected covering, then the subcategory  $A(p)(\text{Or}(\pi_b))$  of  $\text{COV}_B$  is equivalent to the subcategory consisting of connected coverings. This tells us that the connected coverings of a transport space is determined by subgroups of the fundamental group.

**Theorem.** *Let  $B$  be a transport space and  $p : E \rightarrow B$  a covering.*

- *The action of  $\text{Aut}(p)$  on  $E$  makes it a left- $\text{Aut}(p)$  principal covering*



- A simply connected covering is a universal covering
- Universal coverings are unique up to isomorphism
- The automorphism group of a universal cover is isomorphic to  $\pi_1(B, b)$
- $E^b$  is simply connected
- We have a Galois correspondence between isomorphism classes of connected coverings and subgroups of  $\pi_1(B, b)$

If  $B$  is not a transport space but is path connected and locally path connected, then we have a similar result where coverings by path connected total spaces are isomorphic iff the characteristic subgroups are conjugate in  $\pi_1(B, b)$ .

Suppose we have coverings  $p : E \rightarrow B$  and  $f : Z \rightarrow B$ , then a covering  $\Phi : Z \rightarrow E$  such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Z & \xrightarrow{\quad \Phi \quad} & E \\ f \searrow & & \swarrow p \\ & B & \end{array} \quad \text{exists iff } f_*\pi_1(Z, z) \subset p_*\pi_1(E, x) \text{ for some } f(z) = p(x).$$

If  $X$  is a topological group with identity  $x$  and  $p : E \rightarrow X$  is a covering with  $E$  path connected and locally path connected, then for each  $e \in p^{-1}(b)$ , there exists a unique group structure on  $E$  such that  $e$  is the identity and  $p$  a homomorphism.

## 4 Chapter 4

### 4.1 Mapping cylinders

For a map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  **mapping cylinder**  $Z(f)$  is constructed by the pushout

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X + X & \xrightarrow{\text{id} + f} & X + Y & & \\ \langle i_0, i_1 \rangle \downarrow & & \downarrow \langle j, J \rangle & \searrow \langle f, \text{id} \rangle & \\ X \times I & \xrightarrow{\quad a \quad} & Z(f) & \xrightarrow{\quad q \quad} & Y \\ & \searrow f & & & \end{array}$$

We also have  $Jq \cong \text{id}$  as  $X \times I \cong X$  and  $f = qj$ ,  $j$  a closed immersion and  $q$  a homotopy equivalence. We see that  $Z$  has nice functorial properties. Suppose we have the homotopy commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\
\alpha \downarrow & & \downarrow \beta \\
X' & \xrightarrow{f'} & Y' \\
\alpha' \downarrow & & \downarrow \beta' \\
X'' & \xrightarrow{f''} & Y''
\end{array}$$

and let the homotopy equivalences be  $\Phi : f'\alpha \cong \beta f, \Phi' : f''\alpha' \cong \beta' f'$   
This induces the following homotopy commutative diagram

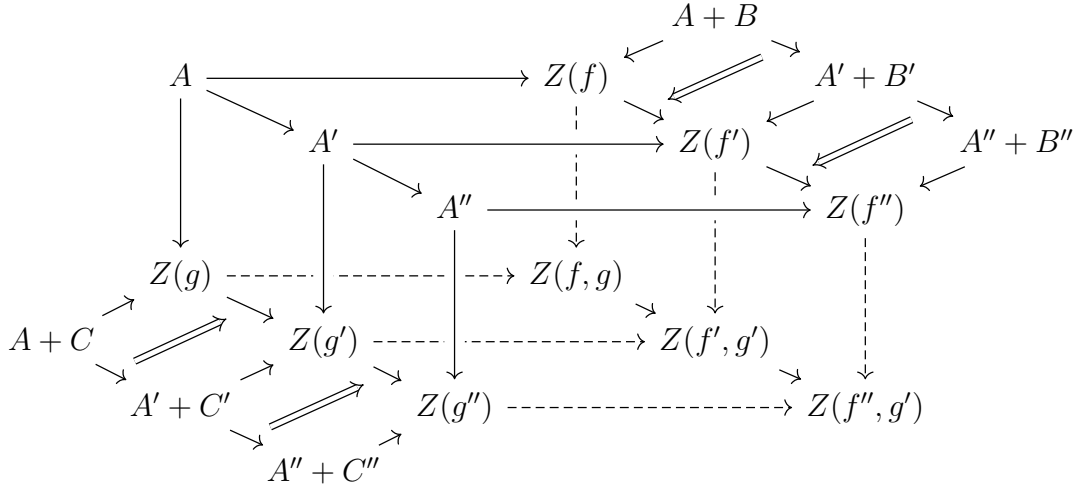
$$\begin{array}{ccc}
X + Y & \longrightarrow & Z(f) \\
\alpha + \beta \downarrow & & \downarrow Z(\alpha, \beta, \Phi) \\
X' + Y' & \longrightarrow & Z(f') \\
\alpha' + \beta' \downarrow & & \downarrow Z(\alpha', \beta', \Phi') \\
X'' + Y'' & \longrightarrow & Z(f'')
\end{array}$$

where each small square commutes in TOP and the whole diagram commutes in hTOP.  
Given maps  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : A \rightarrow C$ , we can construct the double mapping cylinder by either of the two pushouts:

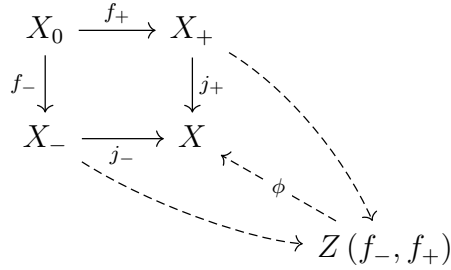
$$\begin{array}{ccc}
A + A & \xrightarrow{f+g} & B + C \\
\langle i_0, i_1 \rangle \downarrow & & \downarrow \langle j_0, j_1 \rangle \\
A \times I & \dashrightarrow & Z(f, g)
\end{array}$$
  

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
A & \xrightarrow{j^B} & Z(f) \\
j^C \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
Z(g) & \dashrightarrow & Z(f, g)
\end{array}$$

The functoriality of the double mapping cylinder can be seen from the following commutative homotopy diagram:



Suppose we have the homotopy commutative diagram



The square is called a **homotopy pushout** or **homotopy cocartesian** if  $\phi$  is a homotopy equivalence (i.e. a pushout in the category  $\mathbf{hTOP}$ )

Let  $f_{\pm}, j_{\pm}$  be inclusions and  $X = X_+ \cup X_-$ , then the diagram is a pushout in  $\mathbf{TOP}$ .

Let  $N(X_-, X_+) = X_- \times 0 \cup X_0 \times I \times X_+ \times 1$  be a subspace of  $X \times I$  and let  $p_N : N(X_-, X_+) \rightarrow X$  be the projection map.

The covering  $X_{\pm}$  is **numerable** if  $p_N$  has a section. With this, we have the following condition to determine if the diagram above is a pushout in  $\mathbf{hTOP}$ :

**Theorem 4.1.**  $Z(f_-, f_+) \cong X$  if the covering  $X_{\pm}$  is numerable

Given the projection maps  $X \xleftarrow{f} X \times Y \xrightarrow{g} Y$ , the double mapping cylinder  $Z(f, g) = X \star Y$  is known as the **join** of  $X$  and  $Y$

## 4.2 Suspensions and loops

Here we work in pointed categories

The **suspension** functor  $\Sigma : \mathbf{TOP}^0 \rightarrow \mathbf{TOP}^0$  is given by

- $\Sigma X = S^1 \wedge X = \frac{X \times I}{X \times \partial I \cup \{x\} \times I}$
- $S\Sigma_* [X, Y]^0 = [\Sigma X, \Sigma Y]^0$

Note that  $\Sigma_*$  is a homomorphism if  $X = \Sigma A$  and any pointed homotopy  $H_t : X \rightarrow Y$  corresponds uniquely to a pointed map  $\bar{K} : \Sigma X \rightarrow Y$

The set  $[\Sigma X, Y]^0$  has a natural group structure by composition of homotopies. Furthermore as  $[\Sigma^n X, Y]^0$  has  $n$  natural composition laws by composing the homotopies at the  $i$ th coordinate and these satisfies the assumptions of Eckmann-Hilton argument, they are equivalent. This also tells us that the higher homotopy groups,  $\pi_n(X) = [S^n, X]^0$ , are commutative groups.

We can dualize everything above:

The **loop** space of  $X$  is  $\Omega X = F^0(S^1, X)$ . This consists of loops in  $X$  with basepoint  $x$ . This is naturally a topological group with the product of loops.

There is a natural group structure on  $\text{Hom}_{\text{TOP}^0}(X, \Omega Y)$  given by  $[f] +_m [g] = [f][g]$ .

As  $S^1$  is locally compact, we have the tensor-hom adjunction

$$[\Sigma X, Y]^0 \cong [X, \Omega Y]^0$$

and this commutes with the group operation.

In the set  $[\Sigma X, \Omega Y]^0$ , by the Eckmann-Hilton argument, the group operations on these two sets coincide and are commutative.

### 4.3 Group objects

Perhaps a nicer way of looking at group/any objects is via Yoneda's lemma, see [Wat] for more details:

**Theorem 4.2** (Yoneda). *For any category  $C$ , we have a full and faithful functor, the Yoneda embedding  $y_C : C \rightarrow [C^{\text{op}}, \text{SET}]$ , given by  $y_C(c) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_C(-, c)$*

An object  $g \in C$  is a **group object** if the functor  $y_C(g)$  factors through GRP, i.e. the following diagram commutes where  $\text{GRP} \rightarrow \text{SET}$  is the forgetful functor

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \text{GRP} & \\ \begin{array}{c} \nearrow G \\ \text{dashed} \end{array} & & \nwarrow \\ C^{\text{op}} & \xrightarrow{y_C(g)} & \text{SET} \end{array}$$

To give an explicit construction, recall that for a group  $G$ , we need to have a unit element, an inverse operation and a group operation, given by

$$\begin{aligned}
e_G &: 1 \rightarrow G \\
\text{inv}_G &: G \rightarrow G^{\text{op}} \\
\cdot_G &: G \times G \rightarrow G
\end{aligned}$$

such that the following diagrams commute to ensure associativity, unit and inverse holds:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
G \times G \times G & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_G \times \cdot_G} & G \times G \\
\cdot_G \times \text{id}_G \downarrow & & \downarrow \cdot_G \\
G \times G & \xrightarrow{\cdot_G} & G
\end{array}
\quad
\begin{array}{ccc}
G & \xrightarrow{(e, \text{id}_G)} & G \times G \\
(\text{id}_G, e) \downarrow & \searrow & \downarrow \cdot_G \\
G \times G & \xrightarrow{\cdot_G} & G
\end{array}
\quad
\begin{array}{ccc}
G & \xrightarrow{(\text{inv}_G, \text{id}_G)} & G \times G \\
(\text{id}_G, \text{inv}_G) \downarrow & \searrow e & \downarrow \cdot_G \\
G \times G & \xrightarrow{\cdot_G} & G
\end{array}$$

where  $e : G \rightarrow G$  is the composite morphism  $G \rightarrow 1 \xrightarrow{e_G} G$

The maps can immediately be constructed by Yoneda's lemma, take for instance the product map. If  $g$  is a group object with  $G : C^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{GRP}$  as the functor to group and  $f : c \rightarrow d$  is a morphism in  $C$ , then the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
G(c) \times G(c) & \xrightarrow{\cdot_{G(c)}} & G(c) \\
G(f) \times G(f) \uparrow & & \uparrow G(f) \\
G(d) \times G(d) & \xrightarrow{\cdot_{G(d)}} & G(d)
\end{array}$$

telling us we have a natural transformation  $\cdot_G : G \times G \rightarrow G$ . This gives us the morphism  $\cdot_g : g \times g \rightarrow g$  by Yoneda's lemma and as the Yoneda embedding is full and faithful, the commutativity of the diagrams above defining a group is immediate.

Similarly one defines cogroups as group objects in the opposite category. With this view, it is immediate that if  $c \in C$  is a cogroup, then  $\text{Hom}_C(c, -)$  is a functor to  $\text{GRP}$ .

As examples in  $\text{hTOP}^0$ ,  $\Sigma X$  is a cogroup as  $[\Sigma X, Y]^0$  is a group and  $\Omega Y$  is a group as  $[X, \Omega Y]^0$  is a group.

## 4.4 Fibre sequence

Again here we work in pointed spaces. A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  induces a map  $f^* : [Y, B]^0 \rightarrow [X, B]^0$ . The kernels of  $f$  is any element that gets sent to the basepoint of  $Y$  and the kernel of  $f^*$  is any element that gets sent to a nullhomotopic element. This allows us to define exact sequences of topological spaces.

A sequence of spaces  $U \xrightarrow{f} V \xrightarrow{g} W$  is **h-coexact** if for all spaces  $B$ , the sequence

$$[U, B]^0 \xleftarrow{f^*} [V, B]^0 \xleftarrow{g^*} [W, B]^0$$

is exact.

The **cylinder**  $XI = \frac{X \times I}{* \times I}$  describes homotopies in  $\text{TOP}^0$  (morphisms  $XI \rightarrow Y$  are homotopies).

The **cone**  $CX = \frac{X \times I}{X \times 0 \cup * \times I} = X \wedge I$  describes homotopies starting from constant maps in  $\text{TOP}^0$ .

Define  $C(f)$  as the pushout

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ i_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow f_1 \\ CX & \xrightarrow{j} & C(f) \end{array}$$

and by its universal property, we have the h-coexact sequence  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{f_1} C(f)$  which can be iterated to create a long h-coexact sequence

$$X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{f_1} C(f) \xrightarrow{f_2} C(f_1) \xrightarrow{f_3} \dots$$

Furthermore we have the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X & \xrightarrow{i_1} & CX & \xrightarrow{p} & Y/i_1X & = \Sigma X \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow j & & \downarrow & \\ Y & \xrightarrow{f_1} & C(f) & \xrightarrow{p(f)} & C(f)/f_1Y & = \Sigma X \\ i_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow f_2 & & \downarrow & \\ CY & \xrightarrow{j_1} & C(f_1) & \xrightarrow{q(f)} & C(f_1)/j_1Y & = \Sigma X \end{array}$$

Applying this to itself, we obtain

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X & \longrightarrow & CX & & \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ Y & \xrightarrow{f_1} & C(f) & \longrightarrow & \Sigma X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow f_2 & \nearrow q(f) & \downarrow \Sigma f \circ \iota \\ CY & \longrightarrow & C(f_1) & & \\ & & \downarrow f_3 & \searrow p(f_1) & \\ & & C(f_2) & \xrightarrow{q(f_1)} & \Sigma Y \end{array}$$

where  $\iota : (x, t) \rightarrow (x, 1 - t)$  to ensure commutativity.

As  $q(f), q(f_1)$  are homotopy equivalences and a sequence remains h-coexact if we replace elements with h-equivalent ones, we obtain the h-coexact sequence

$$X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow C(f) \rightarrow \Sigma X \rightarrow \Sigma Y$$

And we can apply this sequence to itself iteratively and noting that  $\Sigma$  and  $C$  commutes to obtain the **Puppe-sequence** or the **cofibre sequence** of  $f$ :

$$X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow C(f) \rightarrow \Sigma X \rightarrow \Sigma Y \rightarrow \Sigma C(f) \rightarrow \Sigma C(f) \rightarrow \Sigma^2 X \rightarrow \Sigma^2 Y \dots$$

as  $\Sigma f : \Sigma X \rightarrow \Sigma Y$

Applying the functor  $[-, B]^0$ , we see that from the 4th place onwards these are groups and from the 7th place onwards these are abelian groups.

For any map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ , let  $\mu : C(f) \rightarrow \Sigma X \vee C(f)$  be defined as

$$\mu(x, t) = \begin{cases} ((x, 2t), *) & 2t \leq 1 \\ (*, (x, 2t - 1)) & 2t \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

and  $\mu(y) = y$ . This map is a **h-coaction** of the h-cogroup  $\Sigma X$  on  $C(f)$  as we have

$$[\Sigma X, B]^0 \times [C(f), B]^0 \cong [\Sigma X \vee C(f), B]^0 \rightarrow [C(f), B]$$

where the last map is induced by  $\mu$ .

With the map  $Y \xrightarrow{f_1} C(f) \xrightarrow{p(f)} \Sigma X$  and any maps  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 : \Sigma X \rightarrow B$ , this group action satisfies  $(\alpha_1)(p(f)^* \alpha_2) = p(f)^*(\alpha_1 \alpha_2)$  and  $f_1^*$  is an injective map on orbits of this action.

We can dualize everything as always.

A sequence of spaces  $U \xrightarrow{f} V \xrightarrow{g} W$  is **h-exact** if for all spaces  $B$ , the sequence

$$[B, U]^0 \xrightarrow{f^*} [B, V]^0 \xrightarrow{g^*} [B, W]^0$$

is exact.

To dualize the cone, we use the exponential object adjunction  $[X \wedge I, Y]^0 \cong [X, F^0(Y, I)]^0$  and define  $FY = F^0(Y, I)$ . We then define  $F(f)$  as the pullback

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F(f) & \overset{q}{\dashrightarrow} & FY \\ f^1 \downarrow & & \downarrow e^1 \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \end{array}$$

and by its universal property, we have the h-exact sequence  $F(f) \xrightarrow{f_1} X \xrightarrow{f} Y$  which can be iterated to create a long h-exact sequence

$$\dots \xrightarrow{f^4} F(f^2) \xrightarrow{f^3} F(f^1) \xrightarrow{f^2} F(f) \xrightarrow{f^1} X \xrightarrow{f} Y$$

We can dualize the diagrams above to obtain

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
Y & \xleftarrow{e^1} & FY & \xleftarrow{i} & \Omega Y \\
f \uparrow & & \uparrow q & & \uparrow \\
X & \xleftarrow{f^1} & F(f) & \xleftarrow{i(f)} & \Omega Y \\
e^1 \uparrow & & \uparrow f^2 & & \uparrow \\
FX & \xleftarrow{q^1} & F(f^1) & \xleftarrow{j(f)} & \Omega Y
\end{array}$$

where  $j(f)$  is a h-equivalence and using this on itself, we obtain

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
Y & \xleftarrow{\quad} & FY & & \\
f \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \\
X & \xleftarrow{f^1} & F(f) & \xleftarrow{i(f)} & \Omega Y \\
\uparrow & & \uparrow f^2 & \swarrow j(f) & \uparrow \iota \circ \Omega f \\
FX & \xleftarrow{\quad} & F(f^1) & & \\
& & \uparrow f^3 & \swarrow i(f^1) & \\
& & F(f^2) & \xleftarrow{j(f^1)} & \Omega X
\end{array}$$

and finally we obtain the dual long h-exact sequence

$$\Omega X \rightarrow \Omega Y \rightarrow F(f) \rightarrow X \rightarrow Y$$

and repeating this on the map  $\Omega f : \Omega X \rightarrow \Omega Y$ , we obtain the long h-exact sequence

$$\dots \Omega^2 X \rightarrow \Omega^2 Y \rightarrow \Omega F(f) \rightarrow \Omega X \rightarrow \Omega Y \rightarrow F(f) \rightarrow X \rightarrow Y$$

known as the **fibre sequence** of  $f$ . Similarly applying the functor  $[B, -]^0$ , we see that from the 4th place onwards these are groups and from the 7th place onwards these are abelian groups.

Finally to dualize the group action, again let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be any map. We have the h-action  $m : \Omega Y \times F(f) \rightarrow F(f)$  defined as

$$m([f(t), (x, g(t))]) = \begin{cases} (x, f(2t)) & 2t \leq 1 \\ (x, g(2t-1)) & 2t \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

This map induces the map

$$[B, \Omega Y]^0 \times [B, F(f)]^0 \cong [B, \Omega Y \times F(f)]^0 \rightarrow [B, F(f)]^0$$

Furthermore with the maps  $\Omega Y \xrightarrow{i(f)} F(f) \xrightarrow{f^1} X$  and any maps  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 : B \rightarrow \Omega Y$ , this group action satisfies  $(i(f)_* \alpha_1)(\alpha_2) = i(f)_*(\alpha_1 \alpha_2)$  and  $f_*^1$  is an injective map on the orbits of the action.



## 5 Chapter 5

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