

CW complexes

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0 Basic Definitions and Lemmas

Definition 0.1. A **CW-complex** is a space constructed by successively attaching cells:
 For $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 0$, there are maps $\{\varphi_i : S^{n-1} \rightarrow X^{n-1}\}_{i \in I_n}$ (called characteristic maps). The way to construct X^n (called n -skeleton of X) is :
 (starting from $X^{-1} = \emptyset$, if we start from $X^{-1} = A$, we say (X, A) is a **relative CW-complex**)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \coprod_{i \in I_n} S^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{\coprod_{i \in I_n} \varphi_i} & X^{n-1} \\ \downarrow & \searrow \tau & \downarrow \\ \coprod_{i \in I_n} D^n & \longrightarrow & X^n \end{array} \quad (\text{pushout})$$

and the resulting CW-complex X is $\varinjlim \{X^0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow X^n \rightarrow X^{n+1} \rightarrow \dots\}$. The images of $\overset{\circ}{D}_i^n$ in X is called open cell e_i^n of X .

Definition 0.2. A is a subcomplex of CW-complex X iff for any open cell e_i^n of X , A satisfy:
 $A \cap e_i^n \neq \emptyset \implies e_i^n \subseteq A$.
 Pair of X and subcomplex A : (X, A) is called a CW-pair.

Definition 0.3. The Infinite Symmetric Product of a pointed space (X, x_0) is colimit of its n -th Symmetric Products ($\text{SP}^n X := (\prod_{\{0,1,\dots,n-1\}} X)/S_n$) :

$$\begin{array}{c} \varinjlim \{ \dots \hookrightarrow \text{SP}^n X \hookrightarrow \text{SP}^{n+1} X \hookrightarrow \dots \} \\ \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \mapsto \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\} \end{array}$$

Definition 0.4. For $n \geq 1$, a map between pairs $f : (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$ is an n -equivalence if:

- $f_*^{-1}(\text{Im}(\pi_0 B \rightarrow \pi_0 Y)) = \text{Im}(\pi_0 A \rightarrow \pi_0 X)$
- For all choices of basepoint a in A ,

$$f_* : \pi_q(X, A, a) \rightarrow \pi_q(Y, B, f(a))$$

is isomorphism for $1 \leq q \leq n-1$ and epimorphism for $q = n$.

Definition 0.5. A pair (X, A) of topological spaces is **n -connected** if $\pi_0(A) \rightarrow \pi_0(X)$ is surjection and $\pi_q(X, A) = 0$ for $1 \leq q \leq n$.

Definition 0.6. For topological spaces $A \hookrightarrow X$, A is a **strong deformation retract** of a neighborhood V in X if:

$\exists h : V \times I \rightarrow X$ such that

$$\forall x \in V, h(x, 0) = x$$

$$h(V, 1) \subseteq A$$

$$\forall (a, t) \in A \times I, h(a, t) = a$$

Definition 0.7. For topological spaces $i : A \hookrightarrow X$, A is a **deformation retract** of X if:

$\exists h : X \times I \rightarrow X$ such that

$$\forall x \in X, h(x, 0) = x$$

$$h(X, 1) = A$$

$$\forall (a, t) \in A \times I, h(a, t) = a$$

(That is, there are retraction $r : X \rightarrow A$ and homotopy $h : \text{id}_X \simeq i \circ r \text{ rel } A$)

And $r := h(-, 1)$ is called a **deformation retraction**.

Definition 0.8. For topological spaces $A \hookrightarrow X$, a neighborhood V of A is **deformable** to A if:

$\exists h : X \times I \rightarrow X$ such that

$$\forall x \in X, h(x, 0) = x$$

$$h(A \times I) \subseteq A, h(V \times I) \subseteq V.$$

$$h(V, 1) \subseteq A$$

Definition 0.9. For a topological group G , a **relative G -(equivariant) CW-complex** (X, A) is a space constructed by successively attaching **G -equivariant cells** $G/H \times D^n$ on a G -space A : For $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 0$, there are maps $\{\varphi_i : G/H_i \times S^{n-1} \rightarrow X^{n-1}\}_{i \in I_n}$ (called characteristic maps) where each H_i is closed subgroup of G and G acts trivially on D^n, S^{n-1} . The way to construct X^n (called n -skeleton of X) is:
(starting from $X^{-1} = A$ where A is an G -space)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \coprod_{i \in I_n} (G/H_i \times S^{n-1}) & \xrightarrow{\coprod_{i \in I_n} \varphi_i} & X^{n-1} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \coprod_{i \in I_n} (G/H_i \times D^n) & \xrightarrow{\coprod_{i \in I_n} \phi_i} & X^n \end{array} \quad (\text{pushout in category of } G\text{-spaces})$$

The resulting X is $\varinjlim \{X^{-1} \rightarrow X^0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow X^n \rightarrow X^{n+1} \rightarrow \dots\}$. The images of $G/H_i \times \overset{\circ}{D}_i^n$ in X is called open n -cell of type G/H_i . ϕ_i is called the attaching map and $\varphi_i(G/H_i \times S^{n-1})$ is called the boundary of $\phi_i(G/H_i \times D^n)$. If $A = \emptyset$, then X is called a **G -(equivariant) CW-complex**.

A criterion of weak homotopy equivalence:

Lemma 0.1. *The following on a map $e : Y \rightarrow Z$ and any fixed $n \in \mathbb{N}$ are equivalent:*

1. For any $y \in Y$, $e_* : \pi_q(Y, y) \rightarrow \pi_q(Z, e(y))$ is monomorphism for $q = n$ and is epimorphism for $q = n + 1$.
2. (HELP of (D^{n+1}, S^n)) Given maps $f : D^{n+1} \rightarrow Z, g : S^n \rightarrow Y$ and homotopy $h : f \circ i \simeq e \circ g$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^n & \xhookrightarrow{i} & D^{n+1} \\ g \downarrow & \swarrow h & \downarrow f \\ Y & \xrightarrow{e} & Z \end{array}$$

then we have extension $g^+ : D^{n+1} \rightarrow Y$ of g and $h^+ : f \simeq e \circ g^+$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^n & \xhookrightarrow{\quad} & D^{n+1} \\ g \downarrow & \swarrow g^+ & \downarrow f \\ Y & \xrightarrow{e} & Z \end{array}$$

h^+

3. Conclusion above holds when the given h is $id_{f \circ i}$.

Proof. Trivially 2. implies 3.

Our first goal : 3. implies 1.

Fix $n \in \mathbb{N}$. $\pi_n(e)$ is monomorphism:

For $n = 0$, 3. says if we have path $e(y) \simeq e(y')$ then we have path $y \simeq y'$. That is to say e can not map two path-connected component to one.

For $n > 0$, 3. says if $e \circ g$ is nullhomotopic, then $g : S^n \rightarrow Y$ could be extend to $g^+ : D^{n+1} \rightarrow Y$, which can be used to construct nullhomotopy of g .

Fix $n \in \mathbb{N}$. $\pi_{n+1}(e)$ is epimorphism:

For $[f] \in \pi_{n+1}(Z, e(y)) \cong [D^{n+1}, S^n; Z, e(y)]$, let $g := s \mapsto y$, the extension g^+ satisfy $e_*([g^+]) = [f]$, that proves e_* is epimorphism.

Second goal : 1. implies 2.

Fix g, f, h in the condition of 2. first. And observe that $\pi_n(Y, y) = [S^n, *, Y, y]$, $\pi_{n+1}(Y, y) = [D^{n+1}, S^n, Y, y]$.

There is a map $f' : (D^{n+1}, S^n) \rightarrow Z$ homotopic to f defined by $f' = f \circ b(-, 1)$ where

$$b : CS^n \times I \rightarrow CS^n$$

$$((x, t), s) \mapsto \begin{cases} \overline{(x, 1 - 2t)} & t \leq \frac{s}{2} \\ \overline{(x, \frac{t-s/2}{1-s/2})} & t \geq \frac{s}{2} \end{cases}$$

(recall that $D^{n+1} \simeq CS^n$) Therefore we can replace f with f' . Using the epimorphism leads to $h' : e \circ g^{+'} \simeq f'$, using the monomorphism leads to $r : g^{+'} \circ i \simeq g$. Construct $g^+ := a(-, 1)$ using

$$a : CS^n \times I \rightarrow Z$$

$$((x, t), s) \mapsto \begin{cases} r(x, s - 2t) & t \leq \frac{s}{2} \\ g^{+'}(x, \frac{t-s/2}{1-s/2}) & t \geq \frac{s}{2} \end{cases}$$

And that is the end of the proof:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^n & \xrightarrow{\quad} & D^{n+1} \\ \downarrow & \searrow b \quad \swarrow f' & \downarrow f \\ Y & \xrightarrow{\quad} & Z \end{array}$$

$\swarrow h' \quad \nwarrow$

□

1 Right Notion For Spaces

Theorem 1.1. *Homotopy Extension and Lifting property:*

A : a topological space

X : result of successively attaching cells on A of dimensions $0, 1, \dots, k$ ($k \leq n$)

$e : Y \rightarrow Z$: n -equivalence

$g : A \rightarrow Y, f : X \rightarrow Z$

$h : f|_A \simeq e \circ g$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \hookrightarrow & X \\ g \downarrow & \swarrow h & \downarrow f \\ Y & \xrightarrow{e} & Z \end{array}$$

Then there exists $g^+ : X \rightarrow Y$ extends g ($g^+|_A = g$)

and $h^+ : X \times I \rightarrow Z$ extends h , $h^+ : f \simeq e \circ g^+$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \hookrightarrow & X \\ g \downarrow & \swarrow g^+ & \downarrow f \\ Y & \xrightarrow{e} & Z \end{array}$$

$\swarrow h^+ \quad \nwarrow$

Proof. It suffices to prove the case $A = S^{k-1}, X = D^k$, e is inclusion. (replace Z by M_e) Apply HEP of (D^k, S^{k-1}) :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
S^{k-1} & \longrightarrow & D^k \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
S^{k-1} \times I & \longrightarrow & D^k \times I \\
& \searrow h & \nearrow \hat{h} \\
& & Z
\end{array}
\quad \begin{array}{l} f \\ \end{array}$$

$f' := \hat{h}(-, 1)$, replace f with f' the diagram would be strictly commute. Therefore, f' is map of pairs $(D^k, S^{k-1}) \rightarrow (Z, Y)$, $k \leq n$ implies f' is nullhomotopic, suppose $h^+ : D^k \times I \rightarrow Z$ is the nullhomotopy, then $g^+ := h^+(-, 1)$ satisfy $g^+(D^k) \subseteq Y$.

□

Note. In HELP, at condition $Y = Z$ and $e = \text{id}$, HELP says (X, A) have HEP

Corollary 1.2. *If*

A : a topological space

X : result of successively attaching cells on A of any dimensions

Then, (X, A) have HEP.

Theorem 1.3. *If X is an CW-complex, $e : Y \rightarrow Z$ is an n -equivalence, Then $e_* : [X, Y] \rightarrow [X, Z]$ is a bijection if $\dim X < n$, and a surjection if $\dim X = n$. (Also valid for pointed case)*

Proof. Surjectivity:

Apply HELP of (X, \emptyset) ((X, x_0) for pointed case) to obtain $e_*[g^+] \simeq [f]$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\emptyset & \longrightarrow & X \\
\downarrow & \nearrow g^+ & \downarrow f \\
Y & \xrightarrow{e} & Z
\end{array}$$

Injectivity ($\dim X < n$):

Suppose $[g_0], [g_1] \in [X, Y]$, $e_*[g_0] = e_*[g_1]$.

Let $f : e \circ g_0 \simeq e \circ g_1$ Apply HELP to $(X \times I, X \times \partial I)$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
X \times \partial I & \longrightarrow & X \times I \\
\downarrow g & \nearrow g^+ & \downarrow f \\
Y & \xrightarrow{e} & Z
\end{array}$$

□

Corollary 1.4. *If X is a CW-complex, $e : Y \rightarrow Z$ is weak homotopy equivalence, then $e_* : [X, Y] \rightarrow [X, Z]$ is bijection.*

1.1 CW-approximation

This subsection shows that CW-complexes encode all weak-homotopy types of **TOP**.

Definition 1.1. A **CW-approximation** of $(X, A) \in \mathbf{Top}(2)$ is a CW-pair (\tilde{X}, \tilde{A}) and a weak homotopy equivalence of pairs $\varphi : (\tilde{X}, \tilde{A}) \rightarrow (X, A)$.

Theorem 1.5. (*Existence of CW-approximation*) *If X is path-connected pointed space (0-connected), then there is a CW-approximation $(\tilde{X}, *) \xrightarrow{\phi} (X, *)$. If X is n -connected then \tilde{X} could be chosen to satisfy $\tilde{X}^n = *$. (Moreover, each characteristic map of X is pointed)*

Proof. If X is n -connected, then $\phi_n : Y^n := * \rightarrow X$ is n -equivariance. Assume inductively that we already have m -equivalence $Y^m \xrightarrow{\phi_m} X$ ($m \geq n$). Our goal is construct Y^{m+1} and $\phi_{m+1} : Y^{m+1} \rightarrow X$.

Let

$$f_m^+ : \bigoplus_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z}_a \rightarrow \ker(\phi_{m*}) \subseteq \pi_m(Y^m)$$

be a free resolution of $\ker(\phi_{m*})$ ($\prod_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z}_a$ if $m = 1$), and obtain a (unique up to homotopy) map $f_m : \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^m \rightarrow Y^m$ defined by $f_m|_{S_a^m} := k_a$ where $[k_a] = f_m^+(1_a) \in [S^m, Y^m]_*$. We have: (since $[\phi_m \circ f_m] = 0$)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^m & \xrightarrow{f_m} & Y^m & \longrightarrow & C_{f_m} \\ & & \searrow \phi_m & & \downarrow \varphi_{m+1} \\ & & & & X \end{array}$$

C_{f_m} is a CW-complex with $\dim = n + 1$ with m -skeleton Y^m . $\varphi_{m+1*} : \pi_m(C_{f_m}) \rightarrow \pi_m(X)$ is isomorphism, but $\varphi_{m+1*} : \pi_{m+1}(C_{f_m}) \rightarrow \pi_{m+1}(X)$ is not necessarily an epimorphism.

Define the set $B := \pi_{m+1}(X) - \varphi_{m+1*}(\pi_{m+1}(C_{f_m}))$ and $Y^{m+1} := C_{f_m} \vee (\bigvee_{b \in B} S_b^{m+1})$.

Define ϕ^{m+1} by $\phi^{m+1}|_{C_{f_m}} := \varphi_{m+1}$ and $\phi^{m+1}|_{S_b^{m+1}} := r_b$ where $[r_b] = b \in [S^{m+1}, X]_*$.

$\tilde{X} := \varinjlim_m \{Y^0 \hookrightarrow \dots \hookrightarrow Y^m \hookrightarrow Y^{m+1} \hookrightarrow \dots\}$, and $\phi = \varinjlim_m \phi_m$

If X is not path-connected, construct CW-approximation for each path-connected component. \square

Note. The proof of existence of CW-approximation uses homotopy excision theorem (CW-triad version). Proof of CW-triad version does not need CW-approximation. There is no circular argument.

Proposition 1.6. For any pair (X, A) , there exists CW-approximation $\phi : (\tilde{X}, \tilde{A}) \rightarrow (X, A)$.

Proof. Construct $\phi_A : \tilde{A} \rightarrow A$ first and use analogue method in proof of theorem 1.5 with $Y^0 := \tilde{A}$. \square

Lemma 1.7. φ, ψ are CW-approximations of X, Y , $f : X \rightarrow Y$, then

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{X} & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & X \\ \exists \tilde{f} \downarrow \text{dashed} & & \downarrow f \\ \tilde{Y} & \xrightarrow{\psi} & Y \end{array}$$

commutes up to homotopy, and \tilde{f} is unique up to homotopy.

Proof. Directly from $\psi_* : [\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}] \rightarrow [\tilde{X}, Y]$ is bijection. \square

Theorem 1.8. φ, ψ are CW-approximations of $(X, A), (Y, B)$, $f : (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$, then

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\tilde{X}, \tilde{A}) & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & (X, A) \\ \exists \tilde{f} \downarrow \text{dashed} & & \downarrow f \\ (\tilde{Y}, \tilde{B}) & \xrightarrow{\psi} & (Y, B) \end{array}$$

commutes up to homotopy, and \tilde{f} is unique up to homotopy.

Proof. Apply Lemma 1.7 to obtain map $\tilde{f}_A : \tilde{A} \rightarrow \tilde{B}$ and homotopy $h : \psi|_{\tilde{B}} \circ \tilde{f}_A \simeq f \circ \varphi|_{\tilde{A}}$. Use HELP of (\tilde{X}, \tilde{A}) to extend it:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \tilde{A} & \hookrightarrow & \tilde{X} \\
 \tilde{f}_A \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \tilde{B} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}} & X \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \tilde{Y} & \longrightarrow & Y
 \end{array}$$

ψ_* is bijection implies the uniqueness up to homotopy of \tilde{f} . \square

Theorem 1.9. (*Whitehead's Theorem*)

Every n -equivalence between CW-complexes whose dimension is lower than n , is homotopy equivalence. Every weak homotopy equivalence between CW-complexes is homotopy equivalence.

Proof. $e : Y \rightarrow Z$ induce bijections $[Y, Y] \rightarrow [Y, Z]$ and $[Z, Y] \rightarrow [Z, Z]$, $[f] = e_*^{-1}[\text{id}_Z]$ implies $[e \circ f] = [\text{id}_Z]$ and $[e \circ f \circ e] = [e]$ ($[f \circ e] = e_*^{-1}[e] = [\text{id}_Y]$). \square

Corollary 1.10. *CW-approximation is unique up to homotopy.*

Example 1.1. Polish circle (Warsaw circle) : closed topologist's sine curve. It is n -connected for all n but not contractible.

Definition 1.2. A cellular map between CW-pairs is $g : (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$ such that $g(A \cup X^n) \subseteq B \cup Y^n$.

Theorem 1.11. *For any map between CW-pairs $f : (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$ there exists a cellular map g such that $g \simeq f \text{ rel } A$*

Proof. Construct g inductively:

Start from $A \cup X^0$:

take paths $\gamma_i : f(x_i) \simeq y_i$, where y_i is any point in Y^0 and $x_i \in X^0 - A$.

Construct $h_0 : (X^0 \cup A) \times I \rightarrow Y : h_0|_A(a, t) := f(a)$, $h_0|_{X^0-A}(x_i, t) := \gamma_i(t)$. This is a homotopy from f to $g_0 := h_0(-, 1) : A \cup X^0 \rightarrow B \cup Y^0$

Inductive step:

Assume $g_n : A \cup X^n \rightarrow B \cup Y^n$ and homotopy $h_n : f|_{A \cup X^n} \simeq g_n$ is given, try to construct g_{n+1} : For each characteristic map $\varphi_i : S^n \rightarrow X^n$, take the resulting cell map $\varphi_i^+ : D^{n+1} \rightarrow X^{n+1}$ and use HELP of (D^{n+1}, S^n) :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 S^n & \hookrightarrow & D^{n+1} \\
 \varphi_i \downarrow & & \downarrow \varphi_i^+ \\
 X^n & \xrightarrow{g_{n+1,i}} & X^{n+1} \\
 g_n \downarrow & \swarrow h_{n+1,i} & \downarrow f \\
 B \cup Y^{n+1} & \hookrightarrow & Y
 \end{array}$$

Glue all $g_{n+1,i}$ and $h_{n+1,i}$ to produce g_{n+1} and $h_{n+1} : f|_{A \cup X^{n+1}} \simeq g_{n+1}$.

Final stage:

Maps g_n determine a cellular map $g : X \rightarrow Y$ since X has the final topology determined by skeletons. \square

Corollary 1.12. *If X is a pointed CW-complex, then the inclusions $X^{n+1} \hookrightarrow X^{n+2} \hookrightarrow \dots \hookrightarrow X$ induce $\pi_n(X^{n+1}) \cong \pi_n(X^{n+2}) \cong \dots \cong \pi_n(X)$.*

Proof. For $k \geq 1$, $X^{n+k} \hookrightarrow X^{n+k+1}$ induces epimorphism $\pi_n(X^{n+k}) \twoheadrightarrow \pi_n(X^{n+k+1})$ since every $f : (S^n, *) \rightarrow (X^{n+k+1}, *)$ is homotopic (rel $*$) to an $g : (S^n, *) \rightarrow (X^n, *) \hookrightarrow (X^{n+k}, *)$. Now we want to prove it is monomorphism, that is, $i_*[f] = 0 \implies [f] = 0$. If $h : (S^n, *) \times I \rightarrow X^{n+k+1}$ is a nullhomotopy in X^{n+k+1} of a map $f : (S^n, *) \rightarrow (X^{n+k}, *) \hookrightarrow (X^{n+k+1}, *)$, then $h : (CS^n, S^n) \rightarrow (X^{n+k+1}, X^{n+k})$ is homotopic (rel S^n) to an $h' : (CS^n, S^n) \rightarrow (X^{n+k}, X^{n+k})$, which is equivalent to $h' : S^n \times I \rightarrow X^{n+k}$ with $h(S^n, 1) = *$, $h(*, t) = *$, $h|_{S^n \times \{0\}} = f$. \square

Lemma 1.13. *If (X, A) is CW-pair and all cells of $X - A$ have $\dim > n$, then (X, A) is n -connected.*

Proof. For each $q \leq n$, and each $[f] \in \pi_q(X, A)$, $f \simeq g \text{ rel } S^{q-1}$ where g is a cellular map. (use theorem 1.11) $\pi_q(X, A) \ni [g] = 0$ since $g(S^{n-1} \cup e^n) = g(D^n) \subseteq A \cup X^n = A$. \square

1.2 Operation of CW-complexes

We show that Product, Smash Product of CW-complexes and Quotient of CW-pairs (with compact-open topology) are CW-complexes. (Compact-open topology is the right topology on CW-complexes)

Product of CW-complexes:

Example 1.2. Product topology of two CW-complexes does not coincide with the final topology (union topology):

X (star of countably many edges) : $X = X^1 = \bigvee_{n \in \omega} I_n$

Y (star of ω^ω many edges) : $Y = Y^1 = \bigvee_{f \in \omega^\omega} I_f$ ($(I_n, 0) \cong (I_f, 0) \cong (I, 0)$)

Consider subset H of $X \times Y$: $H := \{(\frac{1}{f(n)+1}, \frac{1}{f(n)+1}) \in I_n \times I_f \mid n \in \omega, f \in \omega^\omega\}$.

H is closed under the final topology since every cell of $X \times Y$ contains at most one point of H . But closure of H contains $(0, 0)$ at product topology:

Let $U \times V$ be an open neighborhood (at product topology) of $(0, 0)$, let $g : \omega \rightarrow \omega - 0$ be an increasing function such that for all $n \in \omega$, $[0, \frac{1}{g(n)}) \subseteq U \cap I_n$, let $k \in \omega$ be sufficiently large that $\frac{1}{g(k)+1} \subseteq V \cap I_g$, then $(\frac{1}{g(k)+1}, \frac{1}{g(k)+1}) \in U \times V \cap H$.

Proposition 1.14. *X and Y are CW-complexes, $X \times Y$ is CW-complex if X or Y is locally compact*

or

both X and Y have countably many cells.

Another way to realize $X \times Y$ as CW-complex is to change its topology to the compactly generated topology $k(X \times Y)$:

Definition 1.3. For subspace A of X , A is compactly closed if

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall \text{ compact space } K \\ &\forall \text{ continuous } g : K \rightarrow X \\ &g^{-1}(A) \text{ is closed in } K \end{aligned}$$

Definition 1.4. X is k -space if any compactly closed subset is closed.

Definition 1.5. X is weak Hausdorff if

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall \text{ compact space } K \\ &\forall \text{ continuous } g : K \rightarrow X \\ &g(K) \text{ is closed in } X \end{aligned}$$

Definition 1.6. The k -ification of a space X is defined by: $k(X) := (X, \tau)$ where $\tau = \{X - A \mid A \text{ is compactly closed set}\}$

Definition 1.7. X is compactly generated space if it is k -space and weak Hausdorff.

Note. If X is weak Hausdorff, then $A \subseteq X$ is compactly closed iff

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall \text{ compact subspace } K \subseteq X \\ &A \cap K \text{ is closed in } X \end{aligned}$$

If X is a CW-complex, then the topology defined on $k(X)$ automatically coincide with the final topology induced by its CW-complex structure. We have CW-complex structure of $k(X \times Y)$ is given by:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \partial I^n \times I^m \cup I^n \times \partial I^m & \longrightarrow & X^{n-1} \times Y^m \cup X^n \times Y^{m-1} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ I^n \times I^m & \longrightarrow & X^n \times Y^m \end{array}$$

Furthermore, the k -ification is right adjoint of the inclusion functor i :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \xrightarrow{i} & \\ \mathbf{TOP}_{\text{CptGen}} & \perp & \mathbf{TOP}_{\text{weakHaus}} \\ & \xleftarrow{k(-)} & \end{array}$$

This allows us to define the CW-complex structure on any limit of CW-complexes: $\varprojlim_i X_i \approx \varprojlim_i k(X_i) \approx k(\varprojlim_i X_i)$ ($X \approx k(X)$ and right adjoint preserve limits).

Note. Category of CW-complexes is not cartesian closed, but category of compactly generated spaces \mathbf{TOP}_{CG} is. And its pointed version $\mathbf{TOP}_{\text{CG}}^*$ have based exponential law: $\text{Hom}(X \wedge Y, Z) \approx \text{Hom}(X, \text{Hom}(Y, Z))$.

Quotient of CW-pair:

Proposition 1.15. For CW-complex X and subcomplex A , the Quotient space X/A have a CW-complex structure induced by X and A .

Proof. Suppose the characteristic maps of X are indexed by $\{I_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and of A are indexed by $\{I'_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ ($I'_n \subseteq I_n$). Then the characteristic maps of X/A are indexed by $\{K_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, which defined below:

$$K_0 := (I_0 - I'_0) \cup \{i_0\} \text{ where } i_0 \text{ is an arbitrary element in } I'_0$$

$$K_n := I_n - I'_n \text{ for } n > 0.$$

Verify the maps determine the CW-complex structure:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} S^{n-1} & \longrightarrow & X^{n-1} & \longrightarrow & X^{n-1}/A^{n-1} & & \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \nearrow & \\ D^n & \longrightarrow & X^n & \longrightarrow & X^n/A^{n-1} & \longleftarrow & A^n \\ & & \lrcorner & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & & & & X^n/A^n & \longleftarrow & * \\ & & & & \downarrow & & \\ & & & & Z & & \end{array}$$

□

Smash product of CW-complexes:

Proposition 1.16. If (X, x_0) , (Y, y_0) are pointed CW-complexes with both countably many cell, and $X^{r-1} = \{x_0\}$, $Y^{s-1} = \{y_0\}$, then $X \wedge Y := X \times Y / X \vee Y$ is an $(r + s - 1)$ -connected CW-complex.

Proof. $X \times Y$ is CW-complex with cells of the form $e_{i,X}^n \times \{y_0\}$, $\{x_0\} \times e_{j,Y}^m$ or $e_{i,X}^n \times e_{j,Y}^m$ for $n \geq r$, $m \geq s$. Cells of the first two forms are contained in $X \vee Y$, therefore $(X \wedge Y)^{r+s-1} = *$. □

Corollary 1.17. If X is a pointed CW-complex, then $\Sigma^n X$ is an $(n - 1)$ -connected CW-complex.

1.3 Properties of Infinite Symmetric Product

Functoriality:

Pointed map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ induces

$$\begin{aligned} f_n : \mathrm{SP}^n X &\rightarrow \mathrm{SP}^n Y \\ \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} &\mapsto \{f(x_1), \dots, f(x_n)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \longrightarrow & \mathrm{SP}^n X & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{SP}^{n+1} X & \longrightarrow \\ & \downarrow f_n & & \downarrow f_{n+1} & \\ \longrightarrow & \mathrm{SP}^n Y & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{SP}^{n+1} Y & \longrightarrow \end{array}$$

Which induces map $\mathrm{SP} f : \mathrm{SP} X \rightarrow \mathrm{SP} Y$. And Functorial properties are directly from the constructions above.

$\mathrm{SP}(X_1 \vee X_2) \approx \mathrm{SP}(X_1) \times \mathrm{SP}(X_2)$, the homeomorphism is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{SP}(X_1) \times \mathrm{SP}(X_2) &\cong \mathrm{SP}(X_1 \vee X_2) \\ (\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\}, \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m\}) &\mapsto \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m\} \end{aligned}$$

Commute with directed colimit:

Suppose P is a directed poset (that is $\forall x, y \in P, \exists z \in P, x \leq z, y \leq z$) and X_i are pointed spaces indexed by P satisfying $i \leq j \implies X_i \subseteq X_j$.

Then $\mathrm{SP}^n(\varinjlim_i X_i) \approx \varinjlim_i (\mathrm{SP}^n X_i)$

(Proof is obtained by showing that $\mathrm{SP}^n f$ is continuous iff f is, which implies final topology on $\varinjlim_i (\mathrm{SP}^n X_i)$ agree on $\mathrm{SP}^n(\varinjlim_i X_i)$)

Suppose $i : A \hookrightarrow X$ is an pointed inclusion, then $\mathrm{SP} i : \mathrm{SP} A \hookrightarrow \mathrm{SP} X$ is also inclusion. Furthermore, if A is open (or closed) in X , then $\mathrm{SP} A$ is open (or closed) in $\mathrm{SP} X$.

CW-complex structure of SP :

We can have natural CW-complex structure on $\prod_n X$ by applying $k(-)$. following theorems allows us to prove that $\mathrm{SP}^n X = \prod_n X/S_n$ have a CW-complex structure.

Definition 1.8. G acts cellularly on a CW-complex X if:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall g \in G, e_i^n &\text{ is open } n\text{-cell (of } X) \\ g(e_i^n) = e_j^n &\text{ is open } n\text{-cell (of } X) \end{aligned}$$

and $g(e_i^n) = e_i^n$ implies $g|_{e_i^n} = \mathrm{id}_{e_i^n}$.

Lemma 1.18. *If G is a discrete group, X is CW-complex with G cellularly act on X . Then X is a G -CW-complex with n -skeleton X^n .*

Proof. The goal is to show X^n is obtained from X^{n-1} by attaching G -equivariant cells. Since $\coprod_{i \in I_n} Y = I_n \times Y$ (I_n with discrete topology). We have:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} I_n \times S^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & X^{n-1} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ I_n \times D^n & \xrightarrow[\phi]{\quad \quad} & X^n \end{array}$$

G acts cellularly on open n -cells implies G acts on I_n . Decomposite I_n into disjoint unions of orbits $\coprod_{\alpha \in A} I_\alpha$ choose G -isomorphisms

$$\begin{aligned} G/H_\alpha &\cong I_\alpha \\ gH_\alpha &\mapsto gi_\alpha \end{aligned}$$

$\phi^*(Y)$ uniquely determine a map $\phi(H) \times_H X \rightarrow Y$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
(G \times_H X \xrightarrow{f} Y) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & (X = \phi(H) \times_H X \xrightarrow{f|_{H \times_H X}} Y) \\
\downarrow \Psi & & \downarrow \Psi \\
(g\phi(h), x) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & g\phi(h)f(x)
\end{array}
\quad
\begin{array}{ccc}
(\phi(h), x) = (e, hx) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \phi(h)x \\
\downarrow \Psi & & \downarrow \Psi
\end{array}$$

$$X \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}} \phi^*(Y)$$

Naturality:

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
(G \times_H X' \xrightarrow{\text{id}_G \times_H f'} G \times_H X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{f''} Y') \\
\downarrow \Psi \quad \quad \downarrow \Psi \quad \quad \downarrow \Psi \quad \quad \downarrow \Psi \\
(g, hx') \xrightarrow{\quad} (g, hf'(x)) \xrightarrow{\quad} g\phi(h)f(f'(x)) \xrightarrow{\quad} g\phi(h)f''(f(f'(x)))
\end{array}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
(X' \xrightarrow{f'} X = \phi(H) \times_H X \xrightarrow{f|_{H \times_H X}} \phi^*(Y) \xrightarrow{\phi^*(f'')} \phi^*(Y')) \\
\downarrow \Psi \quad \quad \downarrow \Psi \quad \quad \downarrow \Psi \quad \quad \downarrow \Psi \\
(hx') \xrightarrow{\quad} (\phi(h), f'(x')) = (e, hf'(x')) \xrightarrow{\quad} \phi(h)f(f'(x)) \xrightarrow{\quad} \phi(h)f''(f(f'(x)))
\end{array}$$

□

Proposition 1.20. *If (X, A) is relative G -equivariant CW-complex, then $(X/G, A/G)$ is relative CW-complex with n -skeleton X^n/G .*

Proof.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\coprod_{i \in I_n} S^{n-1} & \longrightarrow & X^{n-1}/G \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
\coprod_{i \in I_n} D^n & \longrightarrow & X^n/G
\end{array}$$

Is still pushout since $-/G = 1 \times_G -$, and left adjoint preserves colimits.

□

Since $k(\prod_n X)$ have CW-complex structure, and S_n (as a discrete group) acts cellularly on it, $k(\prod_n X)$ is an S_n -equivariant CW-complex. Therefore $\text{SP}^n X = k(\prod_n X)/S^n$ is CW-complex. Since $\text{SP} X = \varinjlim \{\text{SP}^1 X \hookrightarrow \dots \hookrightarrow \text{SP}^n X \hookrightarrow \text{SP}^{n+1} X \hookrightarrow \dots\}$, $\text{SP} X$ is also a CW-complex.

Pointed homotopy $h : X \times I \rightarrow Y$ induces

$$\begin{aligned}
h_n : \text{SP}^n X \times I &\rightarrow \text{SP}^n Y \\
(\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}, t) &\mapsto \{h(x_1, t), \dots, h(x_n, t)\}
\end{aligned}$$

which induces $\text{SP } h : \text{SP } X \times I \rightarrow \text{SP } Y$.

Then we observe:

$f \simeq g$ implies $\text{SP } f \simeq \text{SP } g$,

$e : X \rightarrow Y$ is homotopy equivalence implies $\text{SP } e : \text{SP } X \rightarrow \text{SP } Y$ is,

X is contractible implies $\text{SP}^n X$ and then $\text{SP } X$ is.

Theorem 1.21. (*Dold-Thom Theorem*)

If X is T_2 space and A is closed path-connected subspace of X , and there is neighborhood V deformable to A in X .

Then the quotient map $q : X \rightarrow X/A$ induces quasi-fibration $\text{SP } q : \text{SP } X \rightarrow \text{SP}(X/A)$, which satisfy $\forall x \in \text{SP}(X/A)$, $(\text{SP } q)^{-1}\{x\} \simeq \text{SP } A$.

Proof. See here.

Corollary 1.22. If X, Y are T_2 spaces and Y is connected, $f : X \rightarrow Y$. Then consider $X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow C_f \rightarrow \Sigma X$, the map $p : C_f \rightarrow \Sigma X$ induces quasi-fibration $\text{SP } p : \text{SP } C_f \rightarrow \text{SP}(\Sigma X)$ with fiber $\text{SP } Y$.

Corollary 1.23. If X is T_2 and path-connected, then for any $q \geq 0$, there is $\pi_{q+1}(\text{SP}(\Sigma X)) \cong \pi_q(\text{SP } X)$.

Proof. CX is contractible implies $\text{SP } CX$ is contractible, use the exact homotopy sequence of quasi-fibration to see:

$$\longrightarrow \pi_{q+1}(\text{SP } CX) \longrightarrow \pi_{q+1}(\text{SP } \Sigma X) \xrightarrow[\partial]{\cong} \pi_q(\text{SP } X) \longrightarrow \pi_q(\text{SP } CX) \longrightarrow$$

□

Note. The inverse of the isomorphism ∂ above is given by

$$[S^q, \text{SP } X] \ni [g] \mapsto [\Sigma g] \in [S^{q+1}, \Sigma \text{SP } X]$$

$(\Sigma \text{SP } X \cong \text{SP } \Sigma X)$. Because ∂ is given by:

$$\pi_q(\text{SP } \Sigma X) \longrightarrow \pi_q(\text{SP } CX, \text{SP } X) \longrightarrow \pi_{q-1}(\text{SP } X)$$

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$$[f] \longmapsto [\hat{f}] \longmapsto [\hat{f}|_{S^{q-1}}]$$

$$[p \circ Cg] = [\Sigma g] \longleftarrow [Cg] \longleftarrow [g]$$

.

□

Corollary 1.24. If X is T_2 space and A is path-connected subspace of X , then the canonical map $\text{SP}(X \cup (A \times I)) \rightarrow \text{SP}(X \cup CA)$ is a quasi-fibration with fiber $\text{SP } A$.

Theorem 1.25. If X is T_2 space and A is path-connected subspace of X , and $A \hookrightarrow X$ is a cofibration.

Then the quotient map $q : X \rightarrow X/A$ induces quasi-fibration $\text{SP } q : \text{SP } X \rightarrow \text{SP}(X/A)$, which satisfy $\forall x \in \text{SP}(X/A)$, $(\text{SP } q)^{-1}\{x\} \simeq \text{SP } A$.

Proof. If $A \hookrightarrow X$ is cofibration, then $X \cup CA \simeq X/A$ and $X \cup (A \times I) \simeq X$. □

Proposition 1.26. The inclusion $S^1 \rightarrow \text{SP } S^1$ is homotopy equivalence, therefore $\pi_q(S^1) \cong \pi_q(\text{SP } S^1)$.

Proof. $S^1 \simeq S^2 - \{0, \infty\}$

$\text{SP}^n S^2 = \{\{a_1, \dots, a_n\} \mid a_i \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}\} = \{\prod_{\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}} (z - a_i) \mid a_i \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}\}$ where $(z - \infty) := 1$
 $\text{SP}^n S^2 = \{f \in \mathbb{C}[z] - \{0\} \mid \deg(f) \leq n\} = \mathbb{CP}^n$

$\text{SP}^n (S^2 - \{0, \infty\}) = \{f \in \mathbb{C}[z] - \{0\} \mid \deg(f) \leq n, f_n \neq 0, f_0 \neq 0\} = \mathbb{C}^n - \mathbb{C}^{n-1} \times 0 = \mathbb{C}^{n-1} \times (\mathbb{C} - 0)$

it have the same homotopy type of S^1

Corollary 1.27. $\pi_q(\text{SP } S^n) = \mathbb{Z}$ if $q = n$, otherwise $\pi_q(\text{SP } S^n) = 0$. (use corollary of 1.21 to see $\pi_{q+1}(\text{SP } \Sigma X) \cong \pi_q(\text{SP } X)$)

2 Homology Groups

2.1 Reduced Homology Groups

Definition 2.1. For a path-connected pointed CW-complex X , define its n -th **reduced homology group** for $n \geq 0$:

$$\tilde{H}_n(X) := \pi_n(\text{SP } X)$$

Note. All reduced homology groups are abelian since $\tilde{H}_n(X) \cong \tilde{H}_{n+1}(\Sigma X)$. Thus, we can extend the definition above to those X which does not necessarily be path-connected.

As SP , \tilde{H}_n also satisfy functoriality. Furthermore, \tilde{H}_n maps homotopic maps $f \simeq g$ to identical maps $f_* = g_*$. (SP maps homotopic maps to homotopic maps)

Exact Property:

Proposition 2.1. For any pointed map between CW-complexes $f : X \rightarrow Y$, we have an exact sequence:

$$\tilde{H}_n(X) \xrightarrow{f_*} \tilde{H}_n(Y) \xrightarrow{i_*} \tilde{H}_n(C_f)$$

where C_f is the mapping cone of f , $i : Y \hookrightarrow C_f$.

Proof. $Z_f := Y \cup_f (X \times I) / \{x_0\} \times I$ is the **reduced mapping cylinder** of f .
 $q : Z_f \rightarrow C_f$ is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} y &\mapsto y \\ \overline{(x, t)}^{Z_f} &\mapsto \overline{(x, t)}^{C_f} \end{aligned}$$

By Dold-Thom theorem, the induced map $\text{SP } q$ is quasi-fibration $\text{SP } Z_f \rightarrow \text{SP } C_f$ with fiber $\text{SP } X$. By definition of quasi-fibration, we have

$$\pi_n(\text{SP } X) \cong \tilde{H}_n(X) \xrightarrow{f_*} \pi_n(\text{SP } Z_f) \cong \tilde{H}_n(Y) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_n(\text{SP } C_f) = \tilde{H}_n(C_f)$$

□

Proposition 2.2. There does not exist retraction $r : \mathbb{D}^n \rightarrow S^{n-1}$.

Proof. $id = r \circ i : \mathbb{S}^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$ induces

$$id_* = r_* \circ i_* : \mathbb{Z} \cong \tilde{H}_{n-1} \mathbb{S}^{n-1} \rightarrow \tilde{H}_{n-1} \mathbb{D}^n \cong 0 \rightarrow \tilde{H}_{n-1} \mathbb{S}^{n-1} \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

which lead to contradiction.

□

Theorem 2.3. Fix-point theorem:

If $f : \mathbb{D}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{D}^n$ is continuous, then exist $x_0 \in \mathbb{D}^n$ such that $x_0 = f(x_0)$.

Proof. (non-constructive) No such x_0 implies $\forall x \in \mathbb{D}^n, f(x) \neq x$ therefore, we can construct continuous retraction $r : \mathbb{D}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$ by

$r(x) :=$ the intersection of “ray starting from $f(x)$ to x ” and \mathbb{S}^{n-1} . Contradict to 2.2.

Definition 2.2. Let (X, A) be an CW-pair, define the **n -th homology group** for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ of (X, A) be:

$$H_n(X, A) := \tilde{H}_n(X \cup CA)$$

And for single space:

$$H_n(X) := H_n(X, \emptyset) = \tilde{H}(X + 1)$$

where $X + 1 := X \sqcup *$.

Note. Map between CW-pair $f : (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$, induces map $\bar{f} : X \cup CA \rightarrow Y \cup CB$ defined by $(x, t) \mapsto (f(x), t)$, which induces $f_* : \tilde{H}_n(X \cup CA) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_n(Y \cup CB)$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

2.2 Axioms for Homology

Definition 2.3. A (Ordinary) Homology Theory (on **TOP** with coefficient $G \in \mathbf{Ab}$) is functors $\{H_n(-, -; G) : \mathbf{TOP}(\mathbf{2}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$, with natural transformations $\partial_{n, (X, A)} : H_n(X, A; G) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(A, \emptyset; G)$ (called connecting homomorphism) satisfying following axioms:

- **Dimension:**

$$H_0(*, \emptyset; G) = G, \text{ for any } n \neq 0, H_n(*, \emptyset; G) = 0.$$

- **Weak Equivalence:**

Weak equivalence $f : (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$ induces isomorphism

$$f_* : H_*(X, A; G) \rightarrow H_*(Y, B; G)$$

- **Long Exact Sequence:**

For any $(X, A) \in \mathbf{TOP}(\mathbf{2})$, maps $A \hookrightarrow X$ and $(X, \emptyset) \rightarrow (X, A)$ induce a long exact sequence together with ∂ :

$$\cdots \rightarrow H_{q+1}(A; G) \rightarrow H_{q+1}(X; G) \rightarrow H_{q+1}(X, A; G) \rightarrow H_q(A; G) \rightarrow \cdots$$

where $H_n(X; G) := H_n(X, \emptyset; G)$.

- **Additivity:**

If $(X, A) = \coprod_{\lambda} (X_{\lambda}, A_{\lambda})$ in **TOP**(**2**), then inclusions $i_{\lambda} : (X_{\lambda}, A_{\lambda}) \rightarrow (X, A)$ induces isomorphism

$$\left(\bigoplus i_{*, \lambda}\right) : \bigoplus_{\lambda} H_*(X_{\lambda}, A_{\lambda}; G) \cong H_*(X, A; G)$$

- **Excision:**

If $(X; A, B)$ is an **excisive triad** (that is, $X = \overset{\circ}{A} \cup \overset{\circ}{B}$), then inclusion $(A, A \cap B) \hookrightarrow (X, B)$ induces isomorphism

$$H_*(A, A \cap B; G) \cong H_*(X, B; G)$$

Note. An equivalent form of Excision Axiom:

If $(X, A) \in \mathbf{TOP}(\mathbf{2})$, U is subspace of A and $\overline{U} \subseteq \overset{\circ}{A}$, then inclusion $i : (X - U, A - U) \hookrightarrow (X, A)$ induces isomorphism

$$i_* : H_*(X - U, A - U; G) \rightarrow H_*(X, A; G)$$

There is a critical criterion about weak homotopy equivalence between excisive triads, we prove lemmas first:

Lemma 2.4. For

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Z & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ \downarrow i & & \downarrow i_* \\ X & \xrightarrow{f_*} & X \cup_Z Y \end{array}$$

if D is deformation retract of X and $Z \subseteq D \subseteq X$, then $D \cup_Z Y$ is deformation retract of $X \cup_Z Y$.

Proof. Let $h : \text{id}_X \simeq r \circ i$ where r is the deformation retraction $X \rightarrow D$. Define $h_* : \text{id}_{X \cup_Z Y} \simeq (i \cup_Z \text{id}_Y) \circ (r \cup_Z \text{id}_Y)$

$$\begin{aligned} h_* : (X \cup_Z Y) \times I &\rightarrow X \cup_Z Y \\ (x, t) &\mapsto f_*(h(x, t)) \\ (y, t) &\mapsto i_*(y) \end{aligned}$$

Observe that $(X \cup_Z Y) \times I = (X \times I) \cup_{Z \times I} (Y \times I)$, check that h^* is continuous:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} Z \times I & \xrightarrow{\quad} & Y \times I & & \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & \searrow \text{id}_{\text{id}_Y} & \\ X \times I & \xrightarrow{\quad} & (X \cup_Z Y) \times I & & Y \\ & \searrow h & \searrow h_* & \searrow i_* & \\ & & X & \xrightarrow{f_*} & X \cup_Z Y \end{array}$$

□

Lemma 2.5. For maps $i : C \rightarrow A$, $j : C \rightarrow B$ define the double mapping cylinder $M(i, j) := A \cup_{C \times \{0\}} C \times I \cup_{C \times \{1\}} B$. If i is closed cofibration, then the quotient map

$$\begin{aligned} q : M(i, j) &\rightarrow A \cup_C B \\ a &\mapsto a \\ b &\mapsto b \\ (c, t) &\mapsto c \end{aligned}$$

is a homotopy equivalence.

Proof.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C & \xrightarrow{\quad} & B \\ \downarrow i & & \downarrow \\ A & \xrightarrow{i_A} & A \cup_C B \end{array}$$

The canonical quotient $r : M_{i_A} \rightarrow A \cup_C B$ is a deformation retraction with homotopy:

$$\begin{aligned} h : (B \cup_{C \times 0} (A \times I)) \times I &\rightarrow B \cup_{C \times 0} (A \times I) = M_{i_A} \\ (a, t, s) &\mapsto (a, (1-s)t) \\ (b, s) &\mapsto b \end{aligned}$$

Observe that $C \times I \cup_C A \times \{1\}$ is a deformation retract of $A \times I$, since $i : C \rightarrow A$ is closed cofibration.

Then we have $M(i, j) = B \cup_{C \times \{0\}} (C \times I \cup_{C \times \{1\}} A \times \{1\})$ is a deformation retract of $B \cup_{C \times \{0\}} A \times I = M_{i_A}$. (use lemma 2.4)

Finally, an easy check shows that $M(i, j) \rightarrow M_{i_A} \xrightarrow{r} A \cup_C B$ is identical to q .

□

Theorem 2.6. For excisive triads $(X; X_1, X_2)$, $(X'; X'_1, X'_2)$ and map $e : X \rightarrow X'$, if

$$\begin{aligned} e|_{X_1} : X_1 &\rightarrow X'_1 \\ e|_{X_2} : X_2 &\rightarrow X'_2 \\ e|_{X_3} : X_3 &\rightarrow X'_3 \end{aligned}$$

are weak equivalences, (where $X_3 := X_1 \cap X_2$, $X'_3 := X'_1 \cap X'_2$) then e is.

Proof. Use an important criterion of weak homotopy equivalence, it suffices to show for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, any commutative diagram below:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^n & \xhookrightarrow{i} & D^{n+1} \\ g \downarrow & & \downarrow f \\ X & \xrightarrow{e} & X' \end{array}$$

can be filled like:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^n & \xhookrightarrow{i} & D^{n+1} \\ g \downarrow & \swarrow g^+ & \downarrow f \\ X & \xrightarrow{e} & X' \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \nearrow h \\ \nearrow h \end{array}$$

whose upper triangle commutes.

Let

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &:= g^{-1}(X - \mathring{X}_1) \cup f^{-1}(X' - \mathring{X}'_1) \\ A_2 &:= g^{-1}(X - \mathring{X}_2) \cup f^{-1}(X' - \mathring{X}'_2) \end{aligned}$$

which are disjoint closed subsets of D^{n+1} . Choose CW-complex structure on D^{n+1} such that for each n -cell σ_i , $\bar{\sigma}_i \cap (A_1 \cup A_2) = \bar{\sigma}_i \cap A_1$ or $\bar{\sigma}_i \cap A_2$. Now define

$$\begin{aligned} K_1 &:= \bigcup \{ \bar{\sigma}_i \mid g(\bar{\sigma}_i \cap S^n) \subseteq \mathring{X}_1 \text{ and } f(\bar{\sigma}_i) \subseteq \mathring{X}'_1 \} = \bigcup \{ \bar{\sigma}_i \mid \bar{\sigma}_i \cap A_1 = \emptyset \} \\ K_2 &:= \bigcup \{ \bar{\sigma}_i \mid g(\bar{\sigma}_i \cap S^n) \subseteq \mathring{X}_2 \text{ and } f(\bar{\sigma}_i) \subseteq \mathring{X}'_2 \} = \bigcup \{ \bar{\sigma}_i \mid \bar{\sigma}_i \cap A_2 = \emptyset \} \end{aligned}$$

which are subcomplexes of D^{n+1} and satisfy $K_1 \cup K_2 = D^{n+1}$. By HELP, we have:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^n \cap K_1 \cap K_2 & \xhookrightarrow{i} & K_1 \cap K_2 \\ g|_{K_1 \cap K_2} \downarrow & \swarrow g_0 & \downarrow f|_{K_1 \cap K_2} \\ X_1 \cap X_2 & \xrightarrow{e|_{X_1 \cap X_2}} & X'_1 \cap X'_2 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \nearrow h_0 \\ \nearrow h_0 \end{array}$$

such that h_0 is $f|_{K_1 \cap K_2} \simeq e \circ g_0 \text{ rel } (S^n \cap K_1 \cap K_2)$. Apply HELP to:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (S^n \cup K_1) \cap K_2 & \xrightarrow{i_2} & K_2 \\ g_{K_2} \downarrow & \swarrow h_{K_2} & \downarrow f|_{K_2} \\ X_2 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X'_2 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} (S^n \cup K_2) \cap K_1 & \xrightarrow{i_1} & K_1 \\ g_{K_1} \downarrow & \swarrow h_{K_1} & \downarrow f|_{K_1} \\ X_1 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X'_1 \end{array}$$

where

g_{K_i} are defined by $g_{K_i}|_{S^n \cap K_i} := g|_{S^n \cap K_i}$ and $g_{K_i}|_{K_1 \cap K_2} := g_0$,
 h_{K_2} are defined by (h_{K_1} is similar):

$$\begin{aligned} h_{K_2} : ((S^n \cup K_1) \cap K_2) \times I &\rightarrow X'_2 \\ (x, t) &\mapsto \begin{cases} e(g(x)) & x \in S^n \cap K_2 \\ h_0(x, t) & x \in K_1 \cap K_2 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

We get:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
(S^n \cup K_1) \cap K_2 & \longrightarrow & K_2 \\
g_{K_2} \downarrow & \nearrow g_2 & \downarrow f|_{K_2} \\
X_2 & \xleftarrow{h_2} & X'_2 \\
& \searrow e|_{X_2} & \\
& &
\end{array}
\qquad
\begin{array}{ccc}
(S^n \cup K_2) \cap K_1 & \longrightarrow & K_1 \\
g_{K_1} \downarrow & \nearrow g_1 & \downarrow \\
X_1 & \xleftarrow{h_1} & X'_1 \\
& \searrow e|_{X_1} & \\
& &
\end{array}$$

Define g^+ and $h : f \simeq g \text{ rel } S^n$ by $g^+|_{K_i} := g_i$ and $h|_{K_i \times I} := h_i$.
 $h|_{S^n \times I} = (e \circ g) \times \text{id}_I$ (h is $\text{rel } S^n$) since $h_i(-, t)|_{S^n \cap K_i} = h_{K_i}(-, t)|_{S^n \cap K_i} = e \circ g|_{S^n \cap K_i}$. \square

Note. The proof above can be easily modified to case each weak equivalence appear in the statement is an n -equivalence.

Following theorem allow us to use CW-triads to approximate excisive triads:

Theorem 2.7. *For any excisive triad $(X; A, B)$, there is a CW-triad $(\tilde{X}; \tilde{A}, \tilde{B})$ (A CW-triad $(X; A, B)$ is X and its subcomplex A, B such that $A \cup B = X$) and a map $r : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ such that*

$$\begin{aligned}
r|_{\tilde{A}} : \tilde{A} &\rightarrow A \\
r|_{\tilde{B}} : \tilde{B} &\rightarrow B \\
r|_{\tilde{C}} : \tilde{C} &\rightarrow C \\
r : \tilde{X} &\rightarrow X
\end{aligned}$$

are all weak homotopy equivalences (where $\tilde{C} := \tilde{A} \cap \tilde{B}$, $C := A \cap B$). Furthermore, such r is natural up to homotopy.

Proof. Choose a CW-approximation $r_C : \tilde{C} \rightarrow C$ and extend it to $r_A : \tilde{A} \rightarrow A$, $r_B : \tilde{B} \rightarrow B$. $\tilde{X} := \tilde{A} \cup_{\tilde{C}} \tilde{B}$. $i : \tilde{C} \rightarrow \tilde{A}$ and $j : \tilde{C} \rightarrow \tilde{B}$ are closed cofibrations, by lemma 2.5 we have homotopy equivalence $q : M(i, j) \rightarrow \tilde{X}$, which induces homotopy equivalence of triads:

$$\begin{aligned}
q : M(i, j) &\rightarrow \tilde{X} \\
q| : \tilde{A} \cup (\tilde{C} \times [0, \frac{2}{3})) &\rightarrow \tilde{A} \\
q| : \tilde{B} \cup (\tilde{C} \times (\frac{1}{3}, 1]) &\rightarrow \tilde{B}
\end{aligned}$$

then we can deduce that $r \circ q$ is a weak homotopy equivalence by theorem 2.6. Consequently, r is weak homotopy equivalence. r is natural up to homotopy since each CW-approximation r_C, r_A, r_B is. \square

Then we have:

Definition 2.4. A (Ordinary) Homology Theory on CW-complexes with coefficient $G \in \mathbf{Ab}$ is functors $\{H_n(-, -; G) : \mathbf{CW}\text{-pairs} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$, with natural transformations $\partial_{n, (X, A)} : H_n(X, A; G) \rightarrow H_n(A, \emptyset; G)$ (called connecting homomorphism)

satisfying axioms with the excision axiom changed to:

- **Excision:**

If $(X; A, B)$ is an **CW-triad** (that is $X = A \cup B$ for subcomplexes A and B) then the inclusion $(A, A \cap B) \hookrightarrow (X, B)$ induces isomorphism

$$H_*(A, A \cap B; G) \cong H_*(X, B; G)$$

Proposition 2.8. *The homology groups defined in definition 2.2 with $H_{-n}(X) := 0$ is a ordinary homology theory on CW-complexes with coefficient \mathbb{Z} .*

Proof.

- Dimension: by a corollary, $H_q(*, \emptyset) = \pi_q(\text{SP } S^0) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & q = 0 \\ 0 & q \geq 1 \end{cases}$.
- Weak Equivalence: SP preserves weak equivalence.
- Long Exact Sequence: use a corollary of Dold-Thom theorem.
- Additivity: For index set Λ , $P := \{S \mid S \subseteq \Lambda\}$.
Then define $Y_S := \bigvee_{\lambda \in S} X_\lambda \cup CA_\lambda = (\coprod_{\lambda \in S} X_\lambda) \cup C(\coprod_{\lambda \in S} A_\lambda)$,
and use fact that SP commutes with directed colimit, we have
 $\bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \text{SP}(X_\lambda \cup CA_\lambda) = \varinjlim_{S \in P} \text{SP } Y_S \approx \text{SP}(\varinjlim_{S \in P} Y_S) = \text{SP}((\coprod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} X_\lambda) \cup C(\coprod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} A_\lambda)) = \text{SP}(X \cup CA)$.
Which induces $\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \tilde{H}_n(X_\lambda \cup CA_\lambda) \cong \pi_n(\bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \text{SP}(X_\lambda \cup CA_\lambda)) \cong \pi_n(\text{SP}(X \cup CA)) = \tilde{H}_n(X \cup CA)$.
- Excision: For CW-triad $(X; A, B)$, $A/(A \cap B) \approx X/B$. Apply theorem 1.25 to $(Y \cup CZ, CZ)$ to show that $H_n(Y, Z) \cong \tilde{H}_n(Y/Z)$.

□

2.3 Cellular Homology

Lemma 2.9. *For an ordinary homology theory $H_*(-, -; G)$, if X is a CW-complex, then for any $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ $H_n(X) \cong \tilde{H}_{n+1}(\Sigma X)$.*

Proof. Apply long exact sequence axiom on (CX, X) : ($H_*(CX) = 0$ due to weak equivalence axiom):

$$0 \cong H_{n+1}(CX) \rightarrow H_{n+1}(CX, X) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(CX) \cong 0$$

Use excision axiom and weak equivalence axiom, we have:

$$H_*(CX, X) \cong H_*(CX \cup CX, CX) \cong H_*(\Sigma X, *)$$

□

Proposition 2.10. *For an ordinary homology theory $H_*(-, -; G)$, if X is a pointed CW-complex with $X^{-1} := *$, then for any $n \geq 0$*

$$H_q(X^n, X^{n-1}) \cong \tilde{H}_q(X^n/X^{n-1}) \cong \begin{cases} \bigoplus_{i \in I_n} G & q = n \\ 0 & q \neq n \end{cases}$$

where I_n is set of all q -cells.

Proof. Use additivity axiom and lemma 2.9 to see that $H_n(\bigvee S^n) \cong \bigoplus G$ and $H_q(\bigvee S^n) = 0$ for $q \neq n$. Use excision axiom and weak equivalence axiom to see

$$H_q(X^n, X^{n-1}) \cong H_q(X^n \cup CX^{n-1}, CX^{n-1}) \cong H_q(X^n/X^{n-1}, *) \cong \tilde{H}_q(\bigvee_{i \in I_n} S^n)$$

□

Corollary 2.11. *If $H_*(-, -)$ is an ordinary homology theory, then for a pointed CW-complex X with $X^{-1} := *$, we have:*

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{H}_q(X^n) &= 0 & \text{for } q > n \\ H_q(X^n) &\cong H_q(X^{n+1}) \cong H_q(X) & \text{for } q < n \\ H_n(X^n) &\xrightarrow{i_*} H_n(X^{n+1}) & \text{is epimorphism} \end{aligned}$$

for any $n \geq -1$.

Proof. Use long exact sequence of (X^{n+1}, X^n) :

$$\begin{aligned} \cdots \rightarrow H_{q+1}(X^{n+1}, X^n) &\xrightarrow{\partial_{q+1}} H_q(X^n) \xrightarrow{i_*} H_q(X^{n+1}) \rightarrow H_q(X^{n+1}, X^n) \xrightarrow{\partial_q} H_{q-1}(X^n) \rightarrow \cdots \\ \cdots \rightarrow H_1(X^{n+1}, X^n) &\xrightarrow{\partial_1} H_0(X^n) \xrightarrow{i_*} H_0(X^{n+1}) \rightarrow H_0(X^{n+1}, X^n) \end{aligned}$$

For $q < n$, $H_q(X^n) \cong H_q(X^{n+1}) \cong \cdots \cong \varinjlim_{i \in \mathbb{N}} H_q(X^i)$.

For $q > n$, if $n > -1$, $H_q(X^n) \cong H_q(X^{n-1}) \cong \cdots \cong H_q(X^{-1}) \cong 0$,

if $n = -1$, $\tilde{H}_0(X^{-1}) \cong 0 \cong \tilde{H}_q(X^{-1})$.

For $q = n$, we have following exact:

$$\rightarrow H_{n+1}(X^{n+1}, X^n) \xrightarrow{\partial_{n+1}} H_n(X^n) \xrightarrow{i_*} H_n(X^{n+1}) \rightarrow H_n(X^{n+1}, X^n) \cong 0$$

□

Definition 2.5. For pointed CW-complex X with $X^{-1} := *$ and a ordinary homology theory $H_*(-, -)$ the (reduced) **cellular chain complex** $\{\tilde{C}_n(X), d_n\}$ of X is defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{C}_n(X) &:= H_n(X^n, X^{n-1}) \\ d_n : H_n(X^n, X^{n-1}) &\xrightarrow{\partial_n} H_{n-1}(X^{n-1}) \xrightarrow{i_*} H_{n-1}(X^{n-1}, X^{n-2}) \end{aligned}$$

Note. Use cellular approximation, we can see that the construction $\tilde{C}_*(-)$ is a functor.

Theorem 2.12. For any ordinary homology theory $H_*(-, -)$ and any pointed CW-complex X , (with $X^{-1} := *$) the n -th homology of cellular chain complex is isomorphic to $\tilde{H}_n(X)$:

$$H_n(\tilde{C}_*(X)) \cong H_n(X, *)$$

if we set $X^{-1} := \emptyset$ in our $\tilde{C}_*(X)$, then $H_n(\tilde{C}_*(X)) \cong H_n(X, \emptyset)$.

Proof. Notice that we have commutative diagram with each straight line exact: (use long exact sequence of pairs, $n > 0$)

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & H_{n-1}(X^{n-2}) \cong 0 & & \\ & & \searrow & & \\ & & & H_{n-1}(X^{n-1}) & \\ & \nearrow \partial_n & & \searrow & \\ H_{n+1}(X^{n+1}, X^n) & \xrightarrow{d_{n+1}} & H_n(X^n, X^{n-1}) & \xrightarrow{d_n} & H_{n-1}(X^{n-1}, X^{n-2}) \\ & \searrow \partial_{n+1} & \nearrow & & \\ & & H_n(X^n) = \ker(\partial_n) = \ker(d_n) & & \\ & \nearrow & \searrow & & \\ H_n(X^{n-1}) \cong 0 & & H_n(X^{n+1}) = \operatorname{coker}(\partial_{n+1}) & & \\ & & \searrow & & \\ & & & H_{n-1}(X^{n+1}, X^n) \cong 0 & \end{array}$$

For $n = 0$:

$$H_1(X^1, X^0) \xrightarrow{d_1} H_0(X^0, X^{-1}) \twoheadrightarrow \operatorname{coker}(d_1) \cong H_0(X^1, X^{-1}) \longrightarrow H_0(X^1, X^0) \cong 0$$

□

Note. If the ordinary homology theory has coefficient \mathbb{Z} , then the $d_n : \tilde{C}_n(X) \rightarrow \tilde{C}_{n-1}(X)$ is given by:

$$\mathbb{Z}i \ni 1_i = e_i^n \mapsto \sum_{j \in I_{n-1}} \alpha_i^j e_j^{n-1}$$

where α_i^j is degree of map

$$\beta_i^j : S^n \approx \partial e_i^n \xrightarrow{\varphi_i} X^{n-1} \rightarrow X^{n-1}/X^{n-2} \rightarrow \bigvee_{j' \in I_{n-1}} S^{n-1} \xrightarrow{p_j} S^{n-1}$$

where φ_i is the characteristic map, p_j maps every point not in S_j^{n-1} to $*$.

Corollary 2.13. *For any ordinary homology theory $H_*(-, -)$ and any relative CW-complex (X, A) , the cellular chain of X with is $X^{-1} := A$ noted $C_*(X, A)$, we have:*

$$H_n(C_*(X, A)) \cong H_n(X/A, *) \cong H_n(X, A)$$

Proposition 2.14. *If (X, A) is a (pointed) CW-pair, (with $X^{-1} := * =: A^{-1}$) use the natural relative CW-complex (X, A) to obtain $C_*(X, A)$, then $\tilde{C}_*(X)/\tilde{C}_*(A) \cong C_*(X, A)$ naturally.*

Proof. $H_n(X^n, X^{n-1})/H_n(A^n, A^{n-1}) \cong H_n((X/A)^n, (X/A)^{n-1})$
and $H_0(X^0, X^{-1})/H_0(A^0, A^{-1}) \cong H_n((X/A)^0, (X/A)^{-1})$. Naturality:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \frac{\bigoplus_{I_X^n} \mathbb{Z}}{\bigoplus_{I_A^n} \mathbb{Z}} & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \bigoplus_{I_X^n - I_A^n} \mathbb{Z} \\ f_* \downarrow & & \downarrow f_* \\ \frac{\bigoplus_{I_Y^n} \mathbb{Z}}{\bigoplus_{I_B^n} \mathbb{Z}} & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \bigoplus_{I_Y^n - I_B^n} \mathbb{Z} \end{array}$$

where I_Z^n is the index set of n -cells of Z , $f : (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$ is a cellular map. □

3 Homotopy and Eilenberg-Mac Lane Spaces

3.1 Homotopy Excision Theorem and its Corollary

Theorem 3.1. (Blakers–Massey) *Homotopy Excision Theorem:*

For pointed CW-triad $(X; A, B)$ such that $C := A \cap B \neq \emptyset$, if (A, C) is $(m-1)$ -connected and (B, C) is $(n-1)$ -connected where $m \geq 2$, $n \geq 1$. Then $i : (A, C) \rightarrow (X, B)$ is an $(m+n-2)$ -equivalence for pairs.

Note. We can replace the "CW-triad" with "excisive triad" in condition by theorem 2.7.

Proof. See here.

Corollary 3.2. *Suppose that $Y_0 \hookrightarrow Y$ is cofibration, (Y, Y_0) is $(r-1)$ -connected and Y_0 is $(s-1)$ -connected, then $(Y, Y_0) \rightarrow (Y/Y_0, *)$ is $(r+s-1)$ -equivalence. ($r \geq 2$, $s \geq 1$)*

Proof. $Y_0 \hookrightarrow CY_0$ is cofibration and (CY_0, Y_0) is s -connected. Use homotopy excision theorem (with $X = Y \cup CY_0$, $A = Y$, $B = CY_0$, $C = Y_0$) to see $(Y, Y_0) \rightarrow (Y \cup CY_0, CY_0)$ is $(r+s-1)$ -equivalence. And $(Y \cup CY_0, CY_0) \rightarrow (Y/Y_0, *)$ is homotopy equivalence since $Y_0 \hookrightarrow Y$ is cofibration. □

Corollary 3.3. *For $n \geq 2$, $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is $(n-1)$ -equivalence between $(s-1)$ -connected spaces, then $(M_f, X) \rightarrow (C_f^+, *)$ is $(n+s-1)$ -equivalence. Where $C_f^+ := Y \cup_f C^+X$, $C^+X := (X \times I)/(X \times \{1\})$. is the unreduced mapping cone and the unreduced cone.*

Proof. f is $(n-1)$ -equivalence implies (M_f, X) is $(n-1)$ -connected. Use corollary above. □

Corollary 3.4. For $n \geq 2$, if $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is pointed map between $(n-1)$ -connected well-pointed spaces (that is, pointed space whose inclusion of the base point is (closed) cofibration). Then C_f is $(n-1)$ -connected and $\pi_n(M_f, X) \rightarrow \pi_n(C_f, *)$ is isomorphism.

Proof. Use homotopy extension property to extend to unreduced case. f is map between $(n-1)$ -connected space implies f is at least a $(n-1)$ -equivalence. Therefore $(M_f, X) \rightarrow (C_f, *)$ is $(2n-1)$ -equivalence, Since we have $n < 2n-1$ for any $n \geq 2$, $\pi_n(M_f, X) \rightarrow \pi_n(C_f, *)$ is isomorphism. \square

Theorem 3.5. (Freudenthal Suspension Theorem) If X is well-pointed and $(n-1)$ -connected ($n \geq 1$), then the map:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma : \pi_q(X) &\rightarrow \pi_{q+1}(\Sigma X) \cong \pi_q(\Omega \Sigma X) \\ f &\mapsto \Sigma f \end{aligned}$$

is isomorphism if $q < 2n-1$ and epimorphism if $q = 2n-1$.

Proof. If we have $f : (I^q, \partial I^q) \rightarrow (X, *)$ then $f \times \text{id}_I : I^{q+1} \rightarrow X \times I$ will give a map $\overline{f \times \text{id}_I} : (I^{q+1}, \partial I^{q+1}, \partial I^q \times I \cup \partial I \times \{1\}) \rightarrow (CX, X, *)$ since $J^q = \partial I^q \times I \cup \partial I \times \{0\}$, it does not give a map in $\pi_{q+1}(CX, X)$. we should change $\overline{f \times \text{id}_I}$ into $\overline{f \times -\text{id}_I}$. we have commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_{q+1}(CX, X) & \xrightarrow{p_*} & \pi_{q+1}(CX/X, *) & \quad & \overline{[f \times -\text{id}_I]} & \longmapsto & [p \circ \overline{f \times -\text{id}_I}] \\ \partial \left(\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} \right) i & & \parallel & & \left(\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} \right) & & \parallel \\ \pi_q(X) & \xrightarrow{-\sigma} & \pi_{q+1}(\Sigma X) & & [f] & \longmapsto & [-\Sigma f] \end{array}$$

Where $p : (CX, X) \rightarrow (CX/X, *)$ is the canonical quotient map and $i : [f] \rightarrow \overline{[f \times -\text{id}_I]}$ makes $\pi_{q+1}(CX) \rightarrow \pi_{q+1}(CX, X) \rightarrow \pi_q(X) \rightarrow \pi_q(CX)$ split in middle (that is, i is inverse of the connecting homomorphism ∂). We verify the commutativity:

$$\begin{aligned} -\Sigma f : (I^{q+1}, \partial I^{q+1}) &\rightarrow (CX/X, *) \\ (s, t) &\mapsto f(s) \wedge (1-t) \\ p \circ \overline{f \times -\text{id}_I} : (I^{q+1}, \partial I^{q+1}) &\rightarrow (CX/X, *) \\ (s, t) &\mapsto f(s) \wedge (1-t) \end{aligned}$$

Since $X \hookrightarrow CX$ is cofibration and n -equivalence between $(n-1)$ -connected spaces, p is an $2n$ -equivalence. Therefore, $q+1 < 2n$ implies $-\sigma$ is isomorphism, $q+1 = 2n$ implies $-\sigma$ is epimorphism, and we have $-\sigma$ is iff σ is. \square

Corollary 3.6. If Y is well pointed $(n-1)$ -connected space then $Y \rightarrow \Omega \Sigma Y$ is $(2n-1)$ -equivalence. By theorem 1.3, for any CW-complex X with $\dim X < 2n-1$, $\Sigma : [X, Y]_* \rightarrow [\Sigma X, \Sigma Y]_* \cong [X, \Omega \Sigma Y]_*$ is bijection.

Definition 3.1. We now define the q -th stable homotopy group:

$$\pi_k^s(X) := \varinjlim_r \pi_{k+r}(\Sigma^r X) \cong \pi_{2k+2}(\Sigma^{k+2} X) \cong \pi_{k+n}(\Sigma^n X) \quad (n-1 > k)$$

(Since $\Sigma^n X$ is $(n-1)$ -connected)

And stable homotopy class:

$$[X, Y]_*^s := \varinjlim_r [\Sigma^r X, \Sigma^r Y]$$

Note. We'll see later that $\{\pi_n^s\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ defines a generalized homology theory.

3.2 Hurewicz Theorem

First, we use homotopy excision theorem to prove following lemmas:

Lemma 3.7. (every $S_a^n \approx S^n$) We have canonical $i_a : S_a^n \hookrightarrow \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n$ and for $n > 1$:

$$\pi_n(\bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n) \cong \bigoplus_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z}_a$$

where $[i_a] = 1 \in \mathbb{Z}_a \subseteq \bigoplus_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z}_a$ and every $\mathbb{Z}_a \cong \mathbb{Z}$.

For $n = 1$:

$$\pi_n(\bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^1) \cong \coprod_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z}_a$$

where \coprod is taken in category **Grp**, $[i_a] = 1 \in \mathbb{Z}_a \subseteq \coprod_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z}_a$ and every $\mathbb{Z}_a \cong \mathbb{Z}$.

Proof.

Case $n = 1$:

Apply the Seifert-van Kampen theorem.

Case $n > 1$:

Suppose each S_a^n have CW-complex structure with one 0-cell and one n -cell. Consider finite product $\prod_{1 \leq i \leq k} S_i^n$ and its subcomplex, finite wedge product $\bigvee_{1 \leq i \leq k} S_i^n$.

The inclusion

$$\bigvee_{1 \leq i \leq k} S_i^n \hookrightarrow \prod_{1 \leq i \leq k} S_i^n$$

is $(2n-1)$ -equivalence since $\prod_{1 \leq i \leq k} S_i^n - \bigvee_{1 \leq i \leq k} S_i^n$ only have cells of $\dim \geq 2n$. (use lemma 1.13) Use exact homotopy sequence of pair, we deduce that $\pi_q(\bigvee_{1 \leq i \leq k} S_i^n) \rightarrow \pi_q(\prod_{1 \leq i \leq k} S_i^n) \cong \bigoplus_{1 \leq i \leq k} \mathbb{Z}$ is an isomorphism for $q \leq 2n-2$. And $S_i^n \hookrightarrow \bigvee_{1 \leq i \leq k} S_i^n \hookrightarrow \prod_{1 \leq i \leq k} S_i^n$ is just the i -th inclusion $S_i^n \hookrightarrow \prod_{1 \leq i \leq k} S_i^n$ which represents $1 \in \mathbb{Z}_i \hookrightarrow \bigoplus_{1 \leq i \leq k} \mathbb{Z}_i$. Infinite wedge case:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bigoplus_{1 \leq i \leq k} \pi_q(S_i^n) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \pi_q(\bigvee_{1 \leq i \leq k} S_i^n) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \bigoplus_{a \in A} \pi_q(S_a^n) & \xrightarrow{\bigoplus_{a \in A} i_{a*}} & \pi_q(\bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n) \end{array}$$

$\bigoplus_{a \in A} i_{a*}$ is monomorphism since every homotopy $S^n \times I \rightarrow \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n$ has a compact image, and $\bigoplus_{a \in A} i_{a*}$ is epimorphism since every map $S^n \times I \rightarrow \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n$ has a compact image. \square

Lemma 3.8. For $n \geq 1$, if we have a map $f : \prod_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z}_a \rightarrow \prod_{b \in B} \mathbb{Z}_b$ (case $n = 1$)

or a map $f : \bigoplus_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z}_a \rightarrow \bigoplus_{b \in B} \mathbb{Z}_b$ (case $n > 1$).

Then there exists a map $\phi : \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n \rightarrow \bigvee_{b \in B} S_b^n$ unique up to homotopy and satisfy $\pi_n(\phi) = f$.

Proof. Suppose $f(1_a) = [\phi_a] \in [S^n, \bigvee_{b \in B} S_b^n]_*$, then ϕ_a is indeed a map $S_a^n \rightarrow \bigvee_{b \in B} S_b^n$. Now we define $\phi := \bigvee_a \phi_a : \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n \rightarrow \bigvee_{b \in B} S_b^n$. For any $a \in A$, $\phi|_{S_a^n} = \phi_a$, we have

$$\pi_n(\phi)(1_a) = [\phi|_{S_a^n} \circ \text{id}_{S_a^n}] = [\phi_a] = f(1_a)$$

which implies $\pi_n(\phi) = f$ since they are group homomorphisms.

Uniqueness up to homotopy: $\pi_n(\phi)[1_a] = \pi_n(\phi')[1_a]$ implies $\phi|_{S_a^n} \simeq \phi'|_{S_a^n} \text{ rel } *$. Therefore $\phi \simeq \phi' \text{ rel } *$. \square

Definition 3.2. If H_n is a ordinary homology theory with coefficient \mathbb{Z} , then the map

$$\begin{aligned} h_X : \pi_n(X) &\rightarrow \tilde{H}_n(X) := H_n(X, *) \\ [f] &\mapsto f_*(1) \end{aligned} \quad (f_* : \tilde{H}_n(S^n) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_n(X))$$

is called **Hurewicz Homomorphism**.

Note. $h_{(-)}$ is natural transformation since we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_n(X) & \xrightarrow{h_X} & \tilde{H}_n(X) \\ g_* \downarrow & & \downarrow g_* \\ \pi_n(Y) & \xrightarrow{h_Y} & \tilde{H}_n(Y) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} [f] & \xrightarrow{\quad} & f_*(1) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ [g \circ f] & \xrightarrow{\quad} & (g \circ f)_*(1) = (g_* \circ f_*)(1) \end{array}$$

commutes. Moreover, it commutes with connecting homomorphism.

Lemma 3.9. *If $X = \bigvee_{a \in A} S^n$, $h_X : \pi_n(X) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_n(X)$ is abelianization if $n = 1$, isomorphism if $n \geq 2$.*

Proof. Directly from lemma 3.8. (we used homotopic properties of spheres only in proving is lemma) \square

Theorem 3.10. (Hurewicz) *If X is $(n-1)$ -connected, then $h_X : \pi_n(X) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_n(X)$ is abelianization if $n = 1$, isomorphism if $n \geq 2$.*

Proof. We can assume X is CW-complex with $X^{n-1} = *$ and each characteristic map is pointed. (since we have theorem 1.5)

For CW-complex X , $\pi_n(X^{n+1}) \cong \pi_n(X)$ and $H_n(X^{n+1}) \cong H_n(X)$, Since we have cellularity of homotopy group and cellularity of homology.

Then we have $X^n = \bigvee_{b \in B} S_b^n$, $X^{n+1} = C_\phi$ where $\phi : \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n \rightarrow X^n$ are the characteristic maps. Use naturality of $h_{(-)}$, we have maps between exact sequence:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \pi_n(\bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n) & \xrightarrow{\phi_*} & \pi_n(X^n) & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(C_\phi) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ \downarrow h_{\bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n} & & \downarrow h_{X^n} & & \downarrow h_{C_\phi} & & \\ \tilde{H}_n(\bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n) & \xrightarrow{\phi_*} & \tilde{H}_n(X^n) & \longrightarrow & \tilde{H}_n(C_\phi) & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

If $n > 1$, exactness of top row is directly from lemma 3.2. $((M_\phi, \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n)$ is $(n-1)$ -connected since we have lemma 1.13) 5-lemma shows that h_{C_ϕ} is isomorphism.

If $n = 1$, Seifert-van Kampen theorem shows that $\pi_1(C_\phi) = \pi_1(X^n) / \langle \text{Im } \phi_* \rangle_{nor}$. (where for $A \subseteq$ a group G , $\langle A \rangle_{nor} := \{gAg^{-1} \mid g \in G\}$). The top row is not exact, but top row's abelianization is exact since $\langle \text{Im } f \rangle_{nor} / [B, B] = \text{Im } f / [B, B]$ for any group morphism $f : A \rightarrow B$. Therefore we have diagram below with the middle row and the bottom row exact:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B & \xrightarrow{q} & G = B / \langle \text{Im } f \rangle_{nor} & \longrightarrow & 0 \longrightarrow 0 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ A^{ab} & \xrightarrow{f^{ab}} & B^{ab} & \xrightarrow{q^{ab}} & G^{ab} & \longrightarrow & 0 \longrightarrow 0 \\ \cong \downarrow & & \cong \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \cong \downarrow \\ A' & \longrightarrow & B' & \longrightarrow & G' & \longrightarrow & 0 \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

Finally apply 5-lemma on the middle row and the bottom row. \square

Corollary 3.11. (Relative version of Hurewicz theorem) *If (X, A) is $(n-1)$ -connected CW-pair, A is 1-connected subcomplex and $n \geq 2$, then the Hurewicz morphism $h_{(X,A)} : \pi_n(X, A) \rightarrow H_n(X, A)$ (defined analogue to h_X) is isomorphism.*

Proof. Use theorem 3.2 and Hurewicz theorem of $h_{X/A}$. \square

Uniqueness of Ordinary Homology Theory:

Theorem 3.12. *If $H_*(-, -)$ is ordinary homology theory with coefficient \mathbb{Z} on CW-complexes, then $H_*(-, -)$ is unique up to natural isomorphism.*

Proof. Since $H_n(C_*(X)) \cong H_n(X)$ naturally (in X), our goal is to prove the complex defined by

$$\begin{aligned} C'_n(X) &:= \pi_n(X^n, X^{n-1})_{ab} \\ d'_n &:= \pi_n(X^n, X^{n-1})_{ab} \xrightarrow{\partial} \pi_{n-1}(X^{n-1})_{ab} \rightarrow \pi_{n-1}(X^{n-1}, X^{n-2})_{ab} \end{aligned}$$

is isomorphic to $C_*(X)$ naturally. Isomorphic:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \pi_n(X^n, X^{n-1})_{ab} & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \pi_{n-1}(X^{n-1})_{ab} & \longrightarrow & \pi_{n-1}(X^{n-1}, X^{n-2})_{ab} \\ \downarrow \cong & \nearrow & \downarrow & \searrow & \downarrow \cong \\ \pi_n(X^n/X^{n-1})_{ab} & & & & \pi_{n-1}(X^{n-1}/X^{n-2})_{ab} \\ \downarrow \cong & & & & \downarrow \cong \\ H_n(X^n/X^{n-1}) & \longrightarrow & H_{n-1}(X^{n-1}) & \longrightarrow & H_{n-1}(X^{n-1}/X^{n-2}) \end{array}$$

Naturality directly follows from naturality of Hurewicz morphism. □

Note. Similarly uniqueness of ordinary homology theory with coefficient G .

3.3 Moore Spaces

Definition 3.3. A space X is **Eilenberg-Mac Lane space of type $K(G, n)$** (where G is group and is abelian for $n \geq 2$) if

$$\pi_q(X) \cong \begin{cases} G & n = q \\ 0 & n \neq q \end{cases}$$

We see that $SP S^n$ is a $K(\mathbb{Z}, n)$. Now we use this to construct other $K(G, n)$.

Note. In order to construct $K(G, n)$, we construct a space $M(G, n)$ which have $\pi_n(M(G, n)) = G$, $\pi_q(M(G, n)) = 0$ for $q < n$ and we can apply SP on it to kill all $\dim > n$ homotopy group.

Proposition 3.13. *For any $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, there is a map $a_k : S^1 \rightarrow S^1$ with a_k , and $C_{a_k} = S^1 \cup_{a_k} e^2$ is the desired $M(\mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}, 1)$ (that is $SP(S^1 \cup_{a_k} e^2)$ is a $K(\mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}, 1)$).*

Proof. Consider sequence $S^1 \xrightarrow{a_k} S^1 \hookrightarrow C_{a_k} \rightarrow \Sigma S^1 = C_{a_k}/S^1$, we apply an usual form of Dold-Thom Theorem to see that $SP(C_{a_k}) \rightarrow SP(S^2)$ is a quasi-fibration with fiber $SP(S^1)$. Then we have exact sequence:

$$\begin{aligned} \cdots \rightarrow \pi_q(SP S^1) &\rightarrow \pi_q(SP C_{a_k}) \rightarrow \pi_q(SP S^2) \rightarrow \pi_{q-1}(SP S^1) \rightarrow \\ \cdots \rightarrow \pi_2(SP S^1) &\rightarrow \pi_2(SP C_{a_k}) \rightarrow \pi_2(SP S^2) \\ &\rightarrow \pi_1(SP S^1) \rightarrow \pi_1(SP C_{a_k}) \rightarrow \pi_1(SP S^2) \end{aligned}$$

We can conclude that $\pi_q(SP C_{a_k}) = 0$ for any $q \neq 0, 1$ and:

$$0 \rightarrow \pi_2(SP C_{a_k}) \rightarrow \pi_2(SP S^2) = \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\partial} \pi_1(SP S^1) = \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \pi_1(SP C_{a_k}) \rightarrow 0$$

exact. Where ∂ is defined by:

$$\pi_2(SP S^2) \cong [D^2, S^1, *; SP C_{a_k}, SP S^1, *] \ni f \mapsto f|_{S^1} \in [S^1, S^1]_*$$

(Now we want to show that ∂ is multiplication by k)

The $1 \in \mathbb{Z} \cong \pi_2(SP S^2)$ is represented by $[i_2 : S^2 \hookrightarrow SP S^2]$.

Since $[D^2, S^1, *; SP C_{a_k}, SP S^1, *] \xrightarrow{p_*} [D^2, S^1; SP S^2, *]$ is isomorphism,

and the map $\varphi : (D^2, S^1) \xrightarrow{\text{id}_{e^2} \cup a_k} (C_{a_k}, S^1) \hookrightarrow (\text{SP } C_{a_k}, \text{SP } S^1)$ satisfy $p \circ \varphi = i_2$, the $1 \in \mathbb{Z} \cong \pi_2(\text{SP } C_{a_k}, \text{SP } S^1)$ is represented by φ . Then we have $\partial(1)$ is represented by $\varphi|_{S^1} = i_1 \circ a_k$ where $i_1 : S^1 \hookrightarrow \text{SP } S^1$.

The map ∂ is $\mathbb{Z} \ni n \mapsto kn \in \mathbb{Z}$ since $[i_1 \circ a_k] = k$.

Therefore $\pi_2(\text{SP } C_{a_k}) = 0$ and $\pi_1(\text{SP } C_{a_k}) = \mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}$.

□

Proposition 3.14. *For each $n \geq 1$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\text{SP}(S^n \cup_{\Sigma^{n-1}a_k} e^{n+1})$ is a $K(\mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}, n)$.*

Proof. For $q \geq 1$, $\Sigma(S^q \cup_{\Sigma^{q-1}a_k} e^{q+1}) \approx \Sigma S^q \cup_{\Sigma^q a_k} \Sigma e^{q+1} = S^{q+1} \cup_{\Sigma^q a_k} e^{q+2}$ since Σ is left adjoint of Ω in \mathbf{TOP}_* and the pushout is took in \mathbf{TOP}_* . Observe that $\pi_q(\text{SP } X) \cong \pi_{q+1}(\text{SP } \Sigma X)$, now we have done.

□

Since $\tilde{H}_n(X) \cong \tilde{H}_n(X \cup C*) \cong H_n(X, *)$, we have

$$\pi_n(\text{SP}(\bigvee_{i \in I} X_i)) = \tilde{H}_n(\bigvee_{i \in I} X_i) \cong H_n(\bigvee_{i \in I} X_i, *) \cong H_n(\prod_{i \in I} X_i, \prod_{i \in I} *) \cong \bigoplus_{i \in I} H_n(X_i, *) \cong \bigoplus_{i \in I} \pi_n(\text{SP } X_i)$$

We can deduce the following proposition immediately:

Proposition 3.15. *For finitely generated abelian group $G \cong (\bigoplus_r \mathbb{Z}) \oplus (\bigoplus_{1 \leq i \leq k} \mathbb{Z}/d_i \mathbb{Z})$, (where $r \in \mathbb{N}$, each $d_i \in \mathbb{Z}$) we have $\text{SP}((\bigvee_r S^n) \vee (\bigvee_{1 \leq i \leq k} (S^n \cup_{a_{d_i}} e^{n+1})))$ is a $K(G, n)$.*

Since every abelian group G have a free resolution sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow \bigoplus_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{f} \bigoplus_{b \in B} \mathbb{Z} \twoheadrightarrow G \rightarrow 0$$

exact. And for every group $G = F(X)/\langle Y \rangle_{nor}$ (where $F(X) := \prod_{x \in X} \mathbb{Z}_x$ is the free group functor and $\langle Y \rangle_{nor}$ is the normal subgroup generated by Y), we have:

$$1 \rightarrow \prod_{y \in \langle Y \rangle_{nor}} \mathbb{Z}_y \xrightarrow{f: 1_y \mapsto y} \prod_{x \in X} \mathbb{Z}_x \twoheadrightarrow G \rightarrow 1$$

exact.

Next proposition allows to construct spaces $M(\bigoplus_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z}, n)$ and $M(\prod_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z}, 1)$:

Definition 3.4. For $n > 1$, G an abelian group, we have exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \bigoplus_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{f} \bigoplus_{b \in B} \mathbb{Z} \twoheadrightarrow G \rightarrow 0$$

Then we have: (with ϕ is the map obtained using lemma 3.8)

$$\bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n \xrightarrow{\phi} \bigvee_{b \in B} S_b^n \rightarrow C_\phi$$

the **Moore space** of type (G, n) is defined as $M(G, n) := C_\phi$.

For $n = 1$, G a group, we have exact sequence:

$$1 \rightarrow \prod_{y \in \langle Y \rangle_{nor}} \mathbb{Z}_y \xrightarrow{f: 1_y \mapsto y} \prod_{x \in X} \mathbb{Z}_x \twoheadrightarrow G \rightarrow 1$$

Then we have: (with ϕ is the map obtained using lemma 3.8)

$$\bigvee_{y \in \langle Y \rangle_{nor}} S_y^1 \xrightarrow{\phi} \bigvee_{x \in X} S_x^1 \rightarrow C_\phi$$

the **Moore space** of type $(G, 1)$ is defined as $M(G, 1) := C_\phi$.

Proposition 3.16. $\pi_n(M(G, n)) = G$

Proof. For $n > 1$, use diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & M_\phi \\ & \nearrow i & \uparrow j \left(\begin{smallmatrix} \simeq \\ \simeq \end{smallmatrix} \right)^p \\ X & \xrightarrow{\phi} & Y \end{array}$$

To see:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \cdots & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(\bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & \pi_n(M_\phi) & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(M_\phi, \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n) \longrightarrow \pi_{n-1}(\bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n) \longrightarrow \cdots \\ & & \uparrow \cong & \searrow \phi_* & \uparrow j_* \cong & & \downarrow q_* \\ & & \bigoplus_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z}_a & \xrightarrow{f} & \bigoplus_{b \in B} \mathbb{Z}_b & & \pi_n(M(G, n)) \end{array}$$

Where q_* is induced by $q : (M_\phi, \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n) \rightarrow (C_\phi, *)$. $\bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n$ is $(n-1)$ -connected, implies $\pi_{n-1}(\bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n) = 0$. $(M_\phi, \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n)$ is $(n-1)$ -connected due to lemma 1.13. Therefore we have q_* is isomorphism using lemma 3.2. Diagram above reduces to:

$$0 \rightarrow \bigoplus_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z}_a \xrightarrow{f} \bigoplus_{b \in B} \mathbb{Z}_b \rightarrow \pi_n(M(G, n)) \rightarrow 0$$

For $n = 1$, use Seifert-van Kampen theorem. □

Proposition 3.17. For any $n \geq 1$ and any group morphism $f : G \rightarrow G'$ there exist morphism $f_M : M(G, n) \rightarrow M(G', n)$ such that $f_{M*} = f$.

Proof. We have following for $n > 1$: (since free \mathbb{Z} -module is projective)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \bigoplus_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z}_a & \xrightarrow{i} & \bigoplus_{b \in B} \mathbb{Z}_b & \xrightarrow{q} & G \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow r_1 & & \downarrow r_0 & & \downarrow f \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \bigoplus_{a' \in A'} \mathbb{Z}_{a'} & \xrightarrow{i'} & \bigoplus_{b' \in B'} \mathbb{Z}_{b'} & \xrightarrow{q'} & G' \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

And we have following for $n = 1$: (where $i(1_{1_a 1_b (1_{a \cdot b})^{-1}}) := 1_a 1_b (1_{a \cdot b})^{-1}$)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 1 & \longrightarrow & \coprod_{(a,b) \in (G,G)} \mathbb{Z}_{1_a 1_b (1_{a \cdot b})^{-1}} & \xrightarrow{i} & \coprod_{g \in G} \mathbb{Z}_g & \xrightarrow{q} & G \longrightarrow 1 \\ & & \downarrow r_1 & & \downarrow r_0 & & \downarrow f \\ 1 & \longrightarrow & \coprod_{(a',b') \in (G',G')} \mathbb{Z}_{1_{a'} 1_{b'} (1_{a' \cdot b'})^{-1}} & \xrightarrow{i'} & \coprod_{g' \in G'} \mathbb{Z}_{g'} & \xrightarrow{q'} & G' \longrightarrow 1 \end{array}$$

We could obtain: (use lemma 3.8)

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \bigvee_{b \in B} S_b^n & \longrightarrow & C_\phi \\ \chi_1 \downarrow & \simeq & \downarrow \chi_0 & & \downarrow f_M \\ \bigvee_{a' \in A'} S_{a'}^n & \xrightarrow{\phi'} & \bigvee_{b' \in B'} S_{b'}^n & \longrightarrow & C_{\phi'} \end{array}$$

Finally we have: (use universal property of cokernel)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(\bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n) & \xrightarrow{\phi_* = i} & \pi_n(\bigvee_{b \in B} S_b^n) & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(C_\phi) \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow \chi_{1*} = r_1 & & \downarrow \chi_{0*} = r_0 & & \downarrow f_{M*} = f \\
0 & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(\bigvee_{a' \in A'} S_{a'}^n) & \xrightarrow{\phi'_* = i'} & \pi_n(\bigvee_{b' \in B'} S_{b'}^n) & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(C_{\phi'}) \longrightarrow 0
\end{array}$$

□

Theorem 3.18. $\text{SP}(M(G, n))$ is a $K(G, n)$ if G is abelian.

Proof. In the construction of Moore spaces, we have: (use notations in the construction)

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \bigvee_{b \in B} S_b^n \\
& \searrow & \downarrow \simeq \\
& & M_\phi \longrightarrow C_\phi
\end{array}$$

which induces quasi-fibration $\text{SP } M_\phi \rightarrow \text{SP } C_\phi$ with fiber $\text{SP } \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n$. Then we have long exact sequence:

$$\cdots \rightarrow \pi_q(\text{SP } \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n) \xrightarrow{\phi_*} \pi_q(\text{SP } M_\phi) \rightarrow \pi_q(\text{SP } C_\phi) \rightarrow \pi_{q-1}(\text{SP } \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n) \rightarrow \cdots$$

Sequence above says if $q \neq n$ and $q \neq n+1$, then $\pi_q(\text{SP } C_\phi) = 0$. If $q = n+1$, we have:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & \pi_{n+1}(C_\phi) & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(\text{SP } \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n) & \xrightarrow{\phi_*} & \pi_n(\text{SP } \bigvee_{b \in B} S_b^n) \longrightarrow \pi_n(C_\phi) \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel \\
0 & \longrightarrow & \bigoplus_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z}_a & \xrightarrow{f} & \bigoplus_{b \in B} \mathbb{Z}_b & \longrightarrow & G \longrightarrow 0
\end{array}$$

We have $\pi_{n+1}(C_\phi) = 0$ since ϕ_* is monomorphism.

□

Note. We have two equivalent ways to construct ordinary homology theory with coefficient $G \in \mathbf{Ab}$ from $H_n(-, -; \mathbb{Z})$:

1. Tensor cellular chain complex with G : $C_*(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} G$ (differentials are $d_n \otimes \text{id}_G$)
2. $H_n(X, A; G) := \tilde{H}_n((X \cup CA) \wedge M(G, n))$

Note. Construction of Eilenberg Mac-Lane space using Moore spaces is limited, there is another construction of $K(G, n)$ allows non-abelian group G for $n = 1$. (use geometric realization)

Definition 3.5. The **weak product** of pointed $\{Z_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$ spaces is

$$\prod_{i \in \mathbb{N}}^{\circ} Z_i := \varinjlim_{S \in \text{Fin}(\mathbb{N})} \left(\prod_{i \in S} Z_i \right)$$

whose underlying set is:

$$\{(a_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \in \prod_{i \in \mathbb{N}} Z_i \mid \text{only finite } a_i \text{ is not } *\}$$

Theorem following shows why $K(G, n)$ is important:

Theorem 3.19. If Y is a path-connected commutative associative H -space with strict identity ($1 \cdot y = y$), then there is a weak equivalence

$$\prod_{n \geq 1}^{\circ} K(\pi_n(Y), n) \rightarrow Y$$

Moreover, we have weak equivalence

$$\prod_{n \geq 1} K(\pi_n(Y), n) \rightarrow Y$$

Proof. Take free resolution of $\pi_n(Y)$:

$$0 \rightarrow \bigoplus_{a \in A} \mathbb{Z}_a \xrightarrow{\gamma} \bigoplus_{b \in B} \mathbb{Z}_b \xrightarrow{q} \pi_n(Y) \rightarrow 0$$

(for $n = 1$, replace \bigoplus with \coprod). and obtain:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \bigvee_{a \in A} S_a^n & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \bigvee_{b \in B} S_b^n & \longrightarrow & C_\phi \cong M(\pi_n(Y), n) \\ \downarrow & \simeq & \downarrow \bigvee_{b \in B} g'_b & & \downarrow f'_n \\ * & \xrightarrow{i} & Y & \longrightarrow & C_i \simeq Y \end{array}$$

where $[g'_b] = q(1_b)$. We have $f'_{n*} : \pi_n(M(\pi_n(Y), n)) \rightarrow \pi_n(Y)$ is an isomorphism. Construct $f_n'^k : \prod_k M(\pi_n(Y), n) \rightarrow Y$ by:

$$\begin{aligned} f_n'^k : \prod_k M(\pi_n(Y), n) &\rightarrow Y \\ (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k) &\mapsto f(a_1) \cdot f(a_2) \cdots f(a_k) \end{aligned}$$

where $- \cdot - : Y \times Y \rightarrow Y$ is the H -multiplication on Y .

Strict identity, commutativity and associativity says it is homotopically unique rel $*$.

Therefore we have a well-defined map $f_n^k : \mathrm{SP}^k M(\pi_n(Y), n) \rightarrow Y$ (for each k) which commutes with inclusion $\mathrm{SP}^k \hookrightarrow \mathrm{SP}^{k+1}$.

Directly from above, we have $f_n : \mathrm{SP} M(\pi_n(Y), n) \rightarrow Y$ induces isomorphism on $\pi_n(-)$. (in case $n = 1$, $\pi_1(Y)$ is abelian since Y is a commutative H -space)

Similarly we have $f : \mathrm{SP}(\bigvee_n M(\pi_n(Y), n)) \rightarrow Y$ obtained from $\bigvee_n f'_n : \bigvee_n M(\pi_n(Y), n) \rightarrow Y$.

$\mathrm{SP}(\bigvee_n M(\pi_n(Y), n)) \approx \prod_n \mathrm{SP} M(\pi_n(Y), n)$ since we have $\mathrm{SP}(X_1 \vee X_2) \approx \mathrm{SP} X_1 \times \mathrm{SP} X_2$ and SP commute with directed colimit. We can deduce that $f|_{\mathrm{SP} M(\pi_n(Y), n)} = f_n$ from construction of the homeomorphism.

Last, $\prod_{n \geq 1} K(\pi_n(Y), n) \hookrightarrow \prod_{n \geq 1} K(\pi_n(Y), n)$ is weak homotopy equivalence since S^n have compact image. (is homotopy equivalence since they are CW-complexes)

□

Corollary 3.20. *If Y is a space, then there is a weak equivalence*

$$\prod_{n \geq 1}^{\circ} K(H_n(Y), n) \rightarrow \mathrm{SP} Y$$

Moreover, we have weak equivalence

$$\prod_{n \geq 1} K(H_n(Y), n) \rightarrow \mathrm{SP} Y$$

4 Cohomology and Spectra

4.1 Axiom for Cohomology and reduced Cohomology

Definition 4.1. An Unreduced **Generalized Cohomology Theory** (E^*, δ) is a functor to the category of \mathbb{Z} -graded abelian groups:

$$E^*(-, -) : \mathbf{TOP}_{\mathbf{CW}}(\mathbf{2})^{\mathrm{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}^{\mathbb{Z}},$$

with a natural transformation of degree $+1$:

$$\delta_{n, (X, A)} : E^n(A, \emptyset) \rightarrow E^{n+1}(X, A) \text{ (called connecting homomorphism)}$$

satisfying following 3 axioms:

- **Homotopy Invariance:**

Homotopy equivalence of pairs $f : (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$ induces isomorphism

$$E^*(f) : E^*(Y, B) \rightarrow E^*(X, A)$$

- **Long Exact Sequence:**

Map $A \hookrightarrow X$ induces a long exact sequence together with δ :

$$\cdots E^n(X, A) \rightarrow E^n(X) \rightarrow E^n(A) \xrightarrow{\delta} E^{n+1}(X, A) \rightarrow \cdots$$

where $E^n(X) := E^n(X, \emptyset)$.

- **Excision:**

If $(X; A, B)$ is an **excisive triad** (that is, $X = \overset{\circ}{A} \cup \overset{\circ}{B}$), then inclusion $(A, A \cap B) \hookrightarrow (X, B)$ induces isomorphism

$$E^*(A, A \cap B) \cong E^*(X, B)$$

We say (E^*, δ) is **additive** if in addition:

- **Additivity:**

If $(X, A) = \coprod_{\lambda} (X_{\lambda}, A_{\lambda})$ in $\mathbf{TOP}_{\mathbf{CW}}(\mathbf{2})$, then inclusions $i_{\lambda} : (X_{\lambda}, A_{\lambda}) \rightarrow (X, A)$ induces isomorphism

$$(\coprod i_{*, \lambda}) : E^*(X, A) \cong \coprod E^*(X_{\lambda}, A_{\lambda})$$

We say (E^*, δ) is **ordinary** if (E^*, δ) satisfy all axioms above and:

- **Dimension:**

$$E^{* \neq 0}(*, \emptyset) = 0$$

An unreduced ordinary cohomology theory is called with coefficient G if $E^0(*, \emptyset) = G$.

Definition 4.2. An **Reduced Generalized Cohomology Theory** (\tilde{E}^*, σ) is a functor from opposite of category of pointed CW-complexes to the category of \mathbb{Z} -graded abelian groups:

$$\tilde{E}^*(-) : \mathbf{TOP}_{\mathbf{CW}}^{*/\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}^{\mathbb{Z}},$$

with a natural isomorphism of degree +1:

$$\sigma : \tilde{E}^*(-) \cong \tilde{E}^{*+1}(\Sigma(-)) \text{ (called suspension isomorphism)}$$

satisfying following 2 axioms:

- **Homotopy Invariance:**

Homotopic pointed maps $f, g : X \rightarrow Y$ induces same map:

$$\tilde{E}^*(f) = \tilde{E}^*(g) : \tilde{E}^*(Y) \rightarrow \tilde{E}^*(X)$$

- **Exactness:**

Pointed map $i : A \hookrightarrow X$ and $j : X \hookrightarrow C_i$ gives a exact sequence in $\mathbf{Ab}^{\mathbb{Z}}$

$$\tilde{E}(C_i) \xrightarrow{\tilde{E}^*(j)} \tilde{E}^*(X) \xrightarrow{\tilde{E}^*(i)} \tilde{E}^*(A)$$

We say (\tilde{E}^*, σ) is **additive** if in addition:

- **Wedge Axiom:**

The canonical comparison morphism (induced by morphisms $X_i \hookrightarrow \bigvee_i X_i$)

$$\tilde{E}^*\left(\bigvee_i X_i\right) \rightarrow \prod_i \tilde{E}^*(X_i)$$

is isomorphism.

We say (\tilde{E}^*, σ) is **ordinary** if (\tilde{E}^*, σ) satisfy all axioms above and:

- **Dimension:**

$$\tilde{E}^{* \neq 0}(S^0) = 0$$

A reduced ordinary cohomology theory is called with coefficient G if $\tilde{E}^0(S^0) = G$.

Note. They are related to each other by $E^*(X, A) := \tilde{E}^*(X \cup CA)$ and $\tilde{E}^* := E^*(X, *)$. (proof is omitted)

4.2 Brown Representability Theorem

We will prove that any additive reduced cohomology theory is naturally isomorphic to some $[-, Y]_*$.

Definition 4.3. $C_0 := \text{Ho}(C)$, where C is category of path-connected pointed CW-complexes.

Definition 4.4. A weak limit/colimit is just ordinary limit/colimit without the uniqueness its in universal property.

Lemma 4.1. C_0 have weak coequalizers

Proof. If we have map $f, g : A \rightarrow X$ in C_0 then define $Z := X_1 \cup_f (A \times I) \cup_g X_2 / (x, 0) \sim (x, 1)$ where $X_1 = X \times \{0\}$, $X_2 = X \times \{1\}$. $j : X \hookrightarrow Z$ is the weak coequalizer map. $i : A \times I \hookrightarrow Z$ is the homotopy $j \circ f \simeq j \circ g$.

For $s : X \rightarrow Y$ such that there is $h : s \circ f \simeq s \circ g$, we have $s \cup h \cup s : X_1 \cup_f (A \times I) \cup_g X_2 \rightarrow Y$, and it defines a map $s' : Z \rightarrow Y$ such that $s' \circ j = s$. □

Lemma 4.2. Suppose $\{Y_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a sequence of objects in C_0 with for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $i_n : Y_n \hookrightarrow Y_{n+1}$ is cofibration.

Let $Y := \varinjlim_n Y_n$, then there is coequalizer diagram:

$$\bigvee_n Y_n \xrightarrow[\bigvee_n \text{id}_{Y_n}]{\bigvee_n i_n} \bigvee_n Y_n \xrightarrow{\bigvee_n j_n} Y$$

where $j_n : Y_n \hookrightarrow Y_{n+1} \hookrightarrow Y$.

Proof. $j_{n+1} \circ i_n = j_n \circ \text{id}_{Y_n}$, and if we have $g : \bigvee_n Y_n \rightarrow Z$ such that $g \circ \bigvee_n i_n \simeq g \circ \bigvee_n \text{id}_{Y_n}$. Define $g_n := g|_{Y_n}$, use induction on n and HEP of cofibration, we have $g'_n \simeq g_n$ such that $g'_{n+1} \circ i_n = g'_n$, there data together defines a $g' : Y \rightarrow Z$ satisfy desired properties. □

Definition 4.5. A **Brown functor** is a functor $H : C_0^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}^{*/}$ send coproducts to products, weak coequalizers to weak equalizers:

$$H\left(\bigvee_i X_i\right) \cong \prod_i H(X_i)$$

If $j : X \rightarrow Z$ is coequalizer of $f, g : A \rightarrow X$, then $H(j) : H(Z) \rightarrow H(X)$ is equalizer of $H(f), H(g) : H(X) \rightarrow H(A)$.

Note. Every additive reduced cohomology theory $\tilde{E}^n(-) : \mathbf{TOP}_{\text{CW}}^{*/\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}^{*/}$ is equivalent to a Brown functor.

Definition 4.6. Any $u \in H(Y)$ determine a natural transformation $T_u : [-, Y]_* \rightarrow H(-)$ by

$$\begin{array}{ccc} [X, Y] \ni f & \longmapsto & H(f)(u) \in H(X) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ [X', Y] \ni f \circ a & \longmapsto & H(f \circ a)(u) \in H(X') \end{array}$$

where $a \in [X', X]$.

$u \in H(Y)$ is **n -universal** ($n \geq 1$) if $T_{u, S^q} : [S^q, Y]_* \rightarrow H(S^q)$ is isomorphism for $1 \leq q \leq n-1$ and epimorphism for $q = n$.

$u \in H(Y)$ is **universal** if u is n -universal for all $n \geq 1$.

Y is called an **classifying space** for H if there exists $u \in H(Y)$ that is universal.

Lemma 4.3. If H is a Brown functor, $Y, Y' \in C_0$, $u \in H(Y)$, $u' \in H(Y')$ are universal, and there is a map $f : Y \rightarrow Y'$ such that $H(f)(u') = u$, then f is a weak equivalence.

Proof. Directly from T_{u,S^q} , T_{u',S^q} are isomorphisms:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_q(Y) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & \pi_q(Y') \\ & \searrow T_{u,S^q} & \downarrow T_{u',S^q} \\ & & H(S^q) \end{array}$$

□

Lemma 4.4. *If H is a Brown functor, $Y \in C_0$ and $u \in H(Y)$, then there exists $Y' \in C_0$ obtained from Y by attaching 1-cells, and a 1-universal element $u' \in H(Y')$ such that $H(i)(u') = u \in H(Y)$. (where $i : Y \hookrightarrow Y'$)*

Proof. Let $Y' := Y \vee (\bigvee_{a \in H(Y)} S_a^1)$, $H(i)$ is just projection:

$$H(Y') \cong (H(Y) \times \prod_{a \in H(S^1)} H(S_a^1)) \rightarrow H(Y).$$

Let $g_a := S^1 \approx S_a^1 \hookrightarrow Y'$,

$$u' := (u, \prod_a a) \in H(Y) \times H(\bigvee_{a \in H(S^1)} S_a^1).$$

$T_{u',S^1} : [S^1, Y']_* \rightarrow H(S^1)$ is epimorphism since $H(g_a)(u') = a \in H(S^1)$.

□

Lemma 4.5. *If H is a Brown functor, $Y \in C_0$ and $u \in H(Y)$ is n -universal ($n \geq 1$), then there exists $Y' \in C_0$ obtained from Y by attaching $(n+1)$ -cells, and a $(n+1)$ -universal element $u' \in H(Y')$ such that $H(i)(u') = u \in H(Y)$. (where $i : Y \hookrightarrow Y'$)*

Proof. Let $K := \ker(T_{u,S^n})$, we have:

$$* \rightarrow K \hookrightarrow [S^n, Y]_* \xrightarrow{T_{u,S^n}} H(S^n) \rightarrow *$$

Let $Y_1 := Y \vee (\bigvee_{i \in H(S^{n+1})} S_i^{n+1})$. We notice a cofib sequence:

$$\bigvee_{k \in K} S_k^n \xrightarrow{f} Y_1 \rightarrow C_f$$

where $f := \bigvee_{k \in K} k$. Let $Y' := C_f$.

$u_1 := (u, \prod_{a \in H(S^{n+1})} a) \in H(Y_1)$ where $g_a := S^{n+1} \approx S_a^{n+1} \hookrightarrow Y_1$. The cofib sequence is just a weak coequalizer diagram in C_0 :

$$\bigvee_{k \in K} S_k^n \xrightleftharpoons[0]{f} Y_1 \longrightarrow Y'$$

Apply H on it:

$$H(Y') \longrightarrow H(Y_1) \rightrightarrows H(\bigvee_{k \in K} S_k^n)$$

We have $H(f)(u_1) = \prod_{k \in K} H(k)(u_1) = \prod_{k \in K} H(k)(u) = \prod_{k \in K} T_{u,S^n}(k) = 0 = H(0)(u_1)$.

By definition of weak equalizer, there exists $u' \in H(Y')$ such that $H(i)(u') = u \in H(Y)$. ($i : Y \hookrightarrow Y'$)

Verify that u' is $(n+1)$ -universal:

$T_{u',S^{n+1}}$ is epimorphism since $T_{u',S^{n+1}}(i_1 \circ g_a) = T_{u_1,S^{n+1}}(g_a) = a \in H(S^{n+1})$.

Current goal is to prove T_{u',S^q} , $q \leq n$ are isomorphisms.

We have commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \pi_{q+1}(Y', Y) & \longrightarrow & \pi_q(Y) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & \pi_q(Y') & \longrightarrow & \pi_q(Y', Y) \\ & & \downarrow T_{u,S^q} & & \downarrow T_{u',S^q} & & \\ & & & \swarrow & & & \\ & & & H(S^q) & & & \end{array}$$

And we notice that $\pi_q(Y', Y) = 0$ for $q \leq n$. Then we have

T_{u,S^q} is isomorphism for $q < n$ and epimorphism for $q = n$ implies that

T_{u', S^q} is isomorphism for $q < n$ and epimorphism for $q = n$.

For any $k \in K \hookrightarrow \pi_n(Y)$, $i \circ k = 0 \in \pi_n(Y')$. That is, $K \subseteq \ker(i_*)$.

And we also have $\ker(i_*) \subseteq K$, since $T_{u', S^n} \circ i_* = T_{u, S^n}$.

$\ker(i_*) = K := \ker(T_{u, S^n})$ implies that T_{u', S^n} is isomorphism.

□

Theorem 4.6. *H is a Brown functor, $Y \in C_0$ and $u \in H(Y)$ then there is a classifying space Y' for H such that (Y', Y) is a relative CW-complex and the universal element $u' \in H(Y')$ satisfying $H(i)(u') = u$. ($i : Y \hookrightarrow Y'$)*

Proof. Construct spaces $\{Y_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $u_n \in H(Y_n)$ as following:

1. $Y_0 := Y$, $u_0 := u$
2. Y_1, u_1 is obtained from lemma 4.4.
3. Use lemma 4.5 to construct Y_{n+1}, u_{n+1} from Y_n, u_n .

Let $Y' := \varinjlim \{Y_0 \hookrightarrow \dots \hookrightarrow Y_n \hookrightarrow Y_{n+1} \hookrightarrow \dots\}$ then we have weak equalizer diagram:

$$H(Y') \longrightarrow \prod_n H(Y_n) \xrightarrow[\prod_n H(\text{id}_{Y_n})]{\prod_n H(i_n)} \prod_n H(Y_n)$$

and

$$(\prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} H(i_n))(\prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} u_n) = \prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} u_n = \prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} H(\text{id}_{Y_n})(\prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} u_n)$$

(by $H(i_n)(u_{n+1}) = u_n$) Then there exists $u' \in H(Y')$ satisfying $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, $H(j_n) = u_n$. (where $j_n : Y_n \hookrightarrow Y'$)

Verify that u' is universal:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \pi_q(Y_{q+1}) & \longrightarrow & \pi_q(Y_{q+2}) & \longrightarrow & \dots & \longrightarrow & \pi_q(Y') \\ & & & \searrow & & & \downarrow \cong \\ & & & \cong & & & H(S^q) \\ & & & \nearrow & & & \\ & & & \cong & & & \end{array}$$

(The isomorphisms in diagram are T_{u_{q+1}, S^q} , T_{u_{q+2}, S^q} , T_{u', S^q}).

□

Corollary 4.7. *For any Brown functor H , there exist classifying spaces for H which are CW complexes.*

Proof. Use theorem 4.6 with $Y = *$.

□

Lemma 4.8. *H is a Brown functor, $u \in H(Y)$ is a universal element, $i : A \hookrightarrow X$ is a relative CW-complex. Given map $g : A \rightarrow Y$ and $v \in H(X)$ satisfy:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & H(X) \ni v & \\ & \downarrow & \\ H(Y) \ni u & \longrightarrow & H(A) \ni H(g)(u) = H(i)(v) \end{array}$$

Then exists map $g' : X \rightarrow Y$ such that $g'|_A = g$ and diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & H(X) \ni v = H(g')(u) & \\ & \downarrow & \\ H(Y) \ni u & \xrightarrow{H(g')} & H(A) \end{array}$$

commutes.

Proof. Let (Z, j) be weak coequalizer of the diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{i} & X \\ g \downarrow & & \downarrow i_1 \\ Y & \xrightarrow{i_2} & X \vee Y \end{array}$$

then we have weak equalizer diagram:

$$H(Z) \longrightarrow H(X) \times H(Y) \xrightleftharpoons[H(i_2 \circ g)]{H(i_1 \circ i)} H(A)$$

We also have

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H(A) & \xleftarrow{H(i)} & H(X) \\ H(g) \uparrow & & \uparrow p_1 = H(i_1) \\ H(Y) & \xleftarrow[p_2 = H(i_2)]{} & H(X) \times H(Y) \end{array}$$

which implies $H(i) \circ H(i_1)(v, u) = H(i)(v) = H(g)(u) = H(g) \circ H(i_2)(v, u)$.

Then there is a element $u^+ \in H(Z)$ such that $H(j)(u^+) = (v, u)$. Use theorem 4.6 to obtain relative CW-complex (Z', Z) and universal element $u' \in H(Z')$ such that $H(i_Z)(u') = u^+$. ($i_Z : Z \hookrightarrow Z'$) By lemma 4.3, $j' := i_Z \circ j \circ i_2 : Y \hookrightarrow X \vee Y \hookrightarrow Z \hookrightarrow Z'$ is a weak equivalence. We also have diagram in $\mathbf{TOP}_{\mathbf{CW}}^*$: (since (Z, j) is weak coequalizer in C_0)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{i} & X \\ g \downarrow & \not\sim & \downarrow i_Z \circ j \circ i_1 \\ Y & \xrightarrow{j'} & Z' \end{array}$$

Apply HELP:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{i} & X \\ g \downarrow & \swarrow g' & \downarrow i_Z \circ j \circ i_1 \\ Y & \xrightarrow{j'} & Z' \end{array}$$

and verify that $H(g')(u) = H(g') \circ H(j')(u') = H(i_Z \circ j \circ i_1)u' = H(i_1) \circ H(j)(u^+) = H(i_1)(v, u) = v$. \square

Theorem 4.9. *If Y is a classifying space for a Brown functor H and $u \in H(Y)$ is a universal element, then $T_u : [-, Y] \rightarrow H(-)$ is a natural isomorphism.*

Proof. $T_{u,X}$ is epimorphism:

For $v \in H(X)$, use lemma 4.8 with $(X, A) := (X, *)$ to obtain a map $g' : X \rightarrow Y$ such that $T_{u,X}(g') = H(g')(u) = v$.

$T_{u,X}$ is monomorphism:

Let $f_0, f_1 : X \rightarrow Y$ such that $T_{u,X}(f_1) = T_{u,X}(f_2)$.

Define CW-complex $X' := X \times I / \{*\} \times I$ with CW-structure $X'^q = (X^q \times \partial I \cup X^{q-1} \times I) / \{*\} \times I$ for $q \geq 0$.

Define $h : X' \rightarrow X$ by $\overline{(x, t)} \mapsto x$ and define $v \in H(X')$ by $v = H(f_0 \circ h)(u)$.

Let $A' := X \vee X = X \times \partial I / \{*\} \times \partial I$, $i : A' \hookrightarrow X'$ and define $f : A' \rightarrow Y$ by $(a, 0) \mapsto f_0(a)$, $(a, 1) \mapsto f_1(a)$. Then we have $H(f)(u) = (H(f_0)(u), H(f_1)(u)) = (H(f_0)(u), H(f_0)(u)) = H(f_0 \circ h \circ i)(u) = H(i)(v)$. Use lemma 4.8 with $(X, A) = (X', A')$ to obtain a $f' : X' \rightarrow Y$ such that $f'|_{A'} = f$ and $H(f')(u) = v$.

$h : X \times I \rightarrow X' \xrightarrow{f'} Y$ is the desired homotopy $g_0 \simeq g_1$. \square

Corollary 4.10. *If Y, Y' are classifying spaces of a Brown functor H , and $u \in H(Y), u' \in H(Y')$ are their universal elements, then there is a homotopy equivalence $f : Y \rightarrow Y'$ which is unique up to homotopy and satisfy $H(f)(u') = u$.*

Proof. By theorem 4.9, $T_{u', Y} : [Y, Y'] \rightarrow H(Y)$ is isomorphism. Then there is unique $f : [Y, Y']$ such that $T_{u', Y}(f) = u$. (notice that $T_{u', Y}(f) = H(f)(u')$) By lemma 4.3 and theorem 1.9, f is homotopy equivalence. \square

Definition 4.7. A **sequential pre-spectrum** in topological spaces is:

- A \mathbb{N} -graded compactly generated space : $X_* := \{X_n \in \mathbf{TOP}_{\mathbf{CG}}^{*/}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$.
- Structure maps : $\{\sigma_n : \Sigma X_n \rightarrow X_{n+1}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$.

Map between sequential pre-spectra is map between \mathbb{N} -graded spaces $f_n : X_n \rightarrow Y_n$ such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Sigma X_n & \xrightarrow{\Sigma f_n} & \Sigma Y_n \\ \sigma_n \downarrow & & \downarrow \sigma'_n \\ X_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{f_{n+1}} & Y_{n+1} \end{array}$$

commutes.

An Ω -**prespectrum** is a sequential spectrum X_* with adjoints of structure maps $\sigma_n : X_n \rightarrow \Omega X_{n+1}$ are weak equivalences.

For an Ω -prespectrum X_* , we can extend it into a \mathbb{Z} -graded space by setting $X_{-n} := \Omega^n X_0$.

Theorem 4.11. *If (\tilde{E}^*, σ) is a reduced additive cohomology theory, then there exist homotopically unique Ω -prespectrum Y_* (each Y_n is a CW-complex) such that $E^n(-) \cong [-, Y_n]_*$ naturally. (naturality implies diagram below commutes)*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{E}^n(-) & \longrightarrow & [-, Y_n]_* \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \tilde{E}^{n+1}(\Sigma(-)) & \longrightarrow & [\Sigma(-), Y_{n+1}]_* \cong [-, \Omega Y_{n+1}]_* \end{array}$$

If Y_* is an Ω -prespectrum, then $\tilde{E}^n := [-, Y_n]_*$, $\sigma_n : [-, Y_n]_* \rightarrow [-, \Omega Y_{n+1}]_* \cong [\Sigma(-), Y_{n+1}]_*$ is a reduced additive cohomology theory.

Definition 4.8. For an abelian group A , the **Eilenberg-Mac Lane prespectrum** KA_* is defined by $KA_n := K(A, n)$. Structure maps is $KA_n \rightarrow M \rightarrow \Omega KA_{n+1}$ where M is a CW-approximation of ΩKA_{n+1} , and homotopy equivalence $KA_n \rightarrow M$ is obtained from corollary 4.10.

Proposition 4.12. *If a reduced additive cohomology theory \tilde{H}^*, σ is ordinary, then $\tilde{H}^n(-) \cong [-, KA_n]_*$ naturally.*

Proof.

5 Towers And Homotopy Limits

5.1 Pointed and Unpointed Homotopy Classes

Proposition 5.1. *There are pointed spaces $X, Y \in \mathbf{TOP}^{*/}$, if X is well-pointed, then there is a right action of $\pi_1(Y, y_0)$ on $[X, Y]_*$.*

Proof. The right action is given by: $[f] \cdot [a] := [\hat{f}_{a,1}]$ where $\hat{f}_{a,1} := \hat{f}_a(-, 1)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} * & \xrightarrow{x_0} & X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ * \times I & \longrightarrow & X \times I \\ & \searrow a \in \pi_1(Y, y_0) & \downarrow \hat{f}_a \\ & & Y \end{array}$$

(A curved arrow labeled f goes from X to Y , and a dashed curved arrow labeled \hat{f}_a goes from $X \times I$ to Y .)

Verify it is well-defined:

By the property of closed cofibration, \hat{f}_a is unique up to homotopy, hence independent from choice of $a \in [a]$ and $f \in [f]$.

Verify it is an group action:

If e is the constant loop in $\pi_1(Y, y_0)$, then $\hat{f}_e(x, t) = f(x)$.

If $[a], [b] \in \pi_1(Y, y_0)$ then $[f] \cdot [a] = [\hat{f}_{a,1}]$, $([f] \cdot [a]) \cdot [b] = [(\hat{f}_{a,1})_b]$. define

$$h : X \times I \rightarrow Y$$

$$(x, t) \mapsto \begin{cases} \hat{f}_a(x, 2t) & t \leq 1/2 \\ (\hat{f}_{a,1})_b(x, 2t - 1) & t \geq 1/2 \end{cases}$$

Since $h(-, 0) = f$, $h(x_0, -) = a \cdot b$ $h \simeq \hat{f}_{a \cdot b}$. $[f] \cdot ([a] \cdot [b]) = [\hat{f}_{a \cdot b}(-, 1)] = [h(-, 1)] = ([f] \cdot [a]) \cdot [b]$. \square

Theorem 5.2. *If $X, Y \in \mathbf{TOP}^{*/}$ there is a forgetful map $\phi : [X, Y]_* \rightarrow [X, Y]$ where $[X, Y]$ is the **free** homotopy class of (not necessarily pointed) maps $X \rightarrow Y$. If (X, x_0) is well-pointed and Y is path-connected, then ϕ induces bijection $\bar{\phi} : [X, Y]_* / \pi_1(Y, y_0) \cong [X, Y]$.*

Proof. $\bar{\phi}$ is well-defined:

For any $a \in \pi_1(Y, y_0)$, f is freely homotopic to $\hat{f}_a(-, 1)$.

$\bar{\phi}$ is injective:

If we have $\phi([f]) = \phi([g])$ which means there is free homotopy $h : f \simeq g$, let $a := h(x_0, -)$, then $h \simeq \hat{f}_a$, $[f] \cdot [a] = [h(-, 1)] = [g]$.

$\bar{\phi}$ is surjective:

Suppose $g \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{TOP}}(X, Y)$ is an unpointed map, choose a path $a : g(x_0) \simeq y_0$, extend a, g :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} * & \xrightarrow{x_0} & X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ * \times I & \longrightarrow & X \times I \\ & \searrow a & \downarrow g \\ & & Y \end{array}$$

$\begin{array}{c} \text{dashed arrow } h \text{ from } X \times I \text{ to } Y \\ \text{dashed arrow } \hat{h} \text{ from } * \times I \text{ to } Y \end{array}$

$$\phi([h(-, 1)]) = [g].$$

\square

Theorem 5.3. *If (W, e) is a well-pointed H -space, $\mu : W \times W \rightarrow W$ is its H -multiplication. Then μ is homotopic to another H -multiplication μ' such that $\mu'(-, e) = \text{id}_W = \mu'(e, -)$ is strict identity.*

Proof. Let $l := \mu \circ (e, \text{id}_W) \simeq \text{id}_W$, $r := \mu \circ (\text{id}_W, e) \simeq \text{id}_W$,

$$h : W \vee W \times I \rightarrow W$$

$$(w, e, t) \mapsto r(w, t)$$

$$(e, w, t) \mapsto l(w, t)$$

Then we have diagram: (since $W \vee W \rightarrow W \times W$ is cofib)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} W \vee W & \longrightarrow & W \times W \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ W \vee W \times I & \longrightarrow & W \times W \times I \\ & \searrow h & \downarrow \mu \\ & & W \end{array}$$

$\begin{array}{c} \text{dashed arrow } \hat{h} \text{ from } W \vee W \times I \text{ to } W \end{array}$

$$\mu' := \hat{h}(-, -, 1).$$

\square

Proposition 5.4. *If (X, x_0) is well-pointed space, (W, e) is a well-pointed H -space, then $\pi_1(W, e)$ acts trivially on $[X, W]_*$*

Proof. For $[f] \in [X, W]_*$, $a \in \pi_1(W, e)$ define

$$\begin{aligned} h : X \times I &\rightarrow W \\ (x, t) &\mapsto \mu'(f(x), a(t)) \end{aligned}$$

$$[f] \cdot [a] = [h(-, 1)] = [f] \text{ since } h \simeq \hat{f}_a.$$

□

Corollary 5.5. *If (X, x_0) is well-pointed space, (Y, e) is a well-pointed path-connected H -space, then $\phi : [X, Y]_* \rightarrow [X, Y]$ is a bijection.*

Theorem 5.6. *$X \in \mathbf{TOP}$, $\pi_{\leq 1}(X)$ is the fundamental groupoid of X there are functors*

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_n : \pi_{\leq 1}(X) &\rightarrow \mathbf{Grp} \\ x_0 &\mapsto \pi_n(X, x_0) \\ \text{Hom}_{\pi_{\leq 1}(X)}(x_0, x_1) \ni [a] &\mapsto ([S^n, X]_* \ni [f] \mapsto [\hat{f}_a(-, 1)]) \end{aligned}$$

with property : for every $f : X \rightarrow Y$, $[a] \in \text{Hom}_{\pi_{\leq 1}(X)}(x_0, x_1)$ diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_n(X, x_0) & \xrightarrow{\Psi_n(a)} & \pi_n(X, x_1) \\ f_* \downarrow & & \downarrow f_* \\ \pi_n(Y, f(x_0)) & \xrightarrow{\Psi_n(f \circ a)} & \pi_n(Y, f(x_1)) \end{array}$$

commutes.

Lemma 5.7. *Assume X, Y, Z are path-connected and well-pointed. Consider functor $[-, Z]_*$ apply on **Barratt-Puppe sequence***

$$\cdots \rightarrow [\Sigma Y, Z]_* \xrightarrow{\Sigma f^*} [\Sigma X, Z]_* \xrightarrow{q^*} [C_f, Z]_* \xrightarrow{i^*} [Y, Z]_* \xrightarrow{f^*} [X, Z]_*$$

The sequence is exact (in category $\mathbf{Set}^{*/}$), and we have following by exactness:

1. $[\Sigma X, Z]_*$ acts from right on $[C_f, Z]_*$.
2. $q^* : [\Sigma X, Z]_* \rightarrow [C_f, Z]_*$ is a map between right $[\Sigma X, Z]_*$ -sets.
3. $q^*([x]) = q^*([x'])$ iff exists some $[y] \in [\Sigma Y, Z]_*$ such that $[x] = \Sigma f^*([y]) \cdot [x']$.
4. $i^*([z]) = i^*([z'])$ iff exists some $[x] \in [\Sigma X, Z]_*$ such that $[z] = [z'] \cdot [x]$.
5. $\text{Im}(\Sigma q^* : [\Sigma^2 X, Z]_* \rightarrow [\Sigma C_f, Z]_*)$ is central subgroup of $[\Sigma C_f, Z]_*$.

Proof. 1. Define h -coaction map:

$$\begin{aligned} u_f : C_f &\rightarrow C_f \vee \Sigma X \\ (y, 0) &\mapsto (y, 0) \\ \overline{(x, t)} &\mapsto \begin{cases} \overline{(x, 2t)} \in C_f & t \leq 1/2 \\ \overline{(x, 2t-1)} \in \Sigma X & t \geq 1/2 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

2.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C_f & \xrightarrow{q} & \Sigma X \\ u_f \downarrow & & \downarrow u_{X \rightarrow *} \\ C_f \vee \Sigma X & \xrightarrow{q \vee \text{id}_{\Sigma X}} & \Sigma X \vee \Sigma X \end{array}$$

3. $q^*([x]) = q^*([x']) \Leftrightarrow q^*([x] \cdot [x']^{-1}) = * \Leftrightarrow$ there exists some $[y] \in [\Sigma Y, Z]_*$ such that $[x] \cdot [x']^{-1} = \Sigma f^*(y)$.

4. If $i^*([z]) = i^*([z'])$, then there are maps $c \simeq z, c' \simeq z'$ such that $c|_Y = c'|_Y$. (use HEP)
Define

$$x : \Sigma X \rightarrow Z$$

$$\overline{(x, t)} \mapsto \begin{cases} c'(x, 1 - 2t) & t \leq 1/2 \\ c(x, 2t - 1) & t \geq 1/2 \end{cases}$$

we have $[c] = [c'] \cdot [x]$.

5. Let $G := [\Sigma C_f, Z]$, $H := \text{Im}(\Sigma q^*)$. Σu_f gives the right action \star of H on G . It is different from the usual product \cdot (given by $v_{\Sigma C_f}$) on G :

$$v_{\Sigma C_f} : \Sigma C_f \rightarrow \Sigma C_{f_0} \vee \Sigma C_{f_1}$$

$$(c, t) \mapsto \begin{cases} (c, 2t)_0 & t \leq 1/2 \\ (c, 2t - 1)_1 & t \geq 1/2 \end{cases}$$

$$\Sigma u_f : \Sigma C_f \rightarrow \Sigma C_f \vee \Sigma^2 X$$

$$\overline{(y, 0, t)} \mapsto \overline{(y, 0, t)}$$

$$\overline{(x, s, t)} \mapsto \begin{cases} \overline{(x, 2s, t)} \in \Sigma C_f & s \leq 1/2 \\ \overline{(x, 2s - 1, t)} \in \Sigma^2 X & s \geq 1/2 \end{cases}$$

And we have $(g \star h) \cdot (g' \star h') = (g \cdot g') \star (h \cdot h')$, which is equivalent to commutativity of diagram below.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \Sigma C_f & \\ \swarrow \Sigma u_f & & \searrow v_{\Sigma C_f} \\ \Sigma C_f \vee \Sigma^2 X & & \Sigma C_{f_0} \vee \Sigma C_{f_1} \\ \searrow v_{\Sigma C_f} \vee v_{\Sigma^2 X} & & \swarrow \Sigma u_f \vee \Sigma u_f \\ & \Sigma C_{f_0} \vee \Sigma C_{f_1} \vee \Sigma^2 X_0 \vee \Sigma^2 X_1 & \end{array}$$

Verify the commutativity:

$$C_f \rightarrow \Sigma C_{f_0} \vee \Sigma C_{f_1} \vee \Sigma^2 X_0 \vee \Sigma^2 X_1$$

$$\overline{(y, 0, t)} \mapsto \begin{cases} \overline{(y, 0, 2t)}_0 & t \leq 1/2 \\ \overline{(y, 0, 2t - 1)}_1 & t \geq 1/2 \end{cases}$$

$$\overline{(x, s, t)} \mapsto \begin{cases} \overline{(x, 2s, 2t)}_0 \in \Sigma C_{f_0} & s \leq 1/2, t \leq 1/2 \\ \overline{(x, 2s - 1, 2t)}_0 \in \Sigma^2 X_0 & s \geq 1/2, t \leq 1/2 \\ \overline{(x, 2s, 2t - 1)}_1 \in \Sigma C_{f_1} & s \leq 1/2, t \geq 1/2 \\ \overline{(x, 2s - 1, 2t - 1)}_1 \in \Sigma^2 X_1 & s \geq 1/2, t \geq 1/2 \end{cases}$$

Final step:

$$\begin{aligned} g \cdot h &= (g \star 1) \cdot (1 \star h) = (g \cdot 1) \star (1 \cdot h) \\ &= (1 \cdot g) \star (h \cdot 1) = (1 \star h) \cdot (g \star 1) = h \cdot g \end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 5.8. Assume X, Y, Z are path-connected and well-pointed. (dual version of lemma 5.7.)

$$\cdots \rightarrow [Z, \Omega X]_* \xrightarrow{\Omega f_*} [Z, \Omega Y]_* \xrightarrow{j_*} [Z, P_f]_* \xrightarrow{p_*} [Z, X]_* \xrightarrow{f_*} [Z, Y]_*$$

The sequence is exact (in category $\mathbf{Set}^{*/}$), and we have following by exactness:

1. $[Z, \Omega Y]_*$ acts from right on $[Z, P_f]_*$.
2. $j_* : [Z, \Omega Y]_* \rightarrow [Z, P_f]_*$ is a map between right $[Z, \Omega Y]_*$ -sets.
3. $j_*([y]) = j_*([y'])$ iff exists some $[x] \in [Z, \Omega X]_*$ such that $[y] = \Omega f_*([x]) \cdot [y']$.
4. $p_*([z]) = p_*([z'])$ iff exists some $[y] \in [Z, \Omega Y]_*$ such that $[z] = [z'] \cdot [y]$.
5. $\text{Im}(\Omega j_* : [Z, \Omega^2 Y]_* \rightarrow [Z, \Omega P_f]_*)$ is central subgroup of $[Z, \Omega P_f]_*$.

A Long Proofs

A.1 Proof of Dold-Thom Theorem

A.2 Proof of Homotopy Excision Theorem

Proof. Follow notations in the statement of the theorem. Define (pointed) the triad homotopy group for $q \geq 2$:

$$\pi_q(X; A, B) := \pi_{q-1}(P_{i_{B,X}}, P_{i_{C,A}})$$

where $i_{B,X} : B \hookrightarrow X$, $i_{C,A} : C \hookrightarrow A$ and P_f is the homotopy fiber

$$\{(y, \gamma) \in Y \times M(I, Z)_* \mid \gamma(1) = f(y)\}$$

of pointed map $f : Y \rightarrow Z$. Use long exact sequence of pairs:

$$\begin{aligned} \cdots \rightarrow \pi_q(P_{i_{B,X}}, P_{i_{C,A}}) \rightarrow \pi_{q-1}(P_{i_{C,A}}) \rightarrow \pi_{q-1}(P_{i_{B,X}}) \rightarrow \pi_{q-1}(P_{i_{B,X}}, P_{i_{C,A}}) \rightarrow \pi_{q-2}(P_{i_{C,A}}) \rightarrow \cdots \\ \cdots \rightarrow \pi_1(P_{i_{B,X}}, P_{i_{C,A}}) \rightarrow \pi_0(P_{i_{C,A}}) \rightarrow \pi_0(P_{i_{B,X}}) \end{aligned}$$

and observe that $\pi_q(P_{i_{X,B}}) \cong \pi_{q+1}(X, B)$ since for any $f : S^q \rightarrow P_{i_{X,B}}$ we have:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^q & \xrightarrow{f} & P_{i_{B,X}} \\ & \searrow f' & \downarrow \lrcorner \\ & & M(I, X)_* \\ & \searrow g & \downarrow \\ & & B \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} & & \\ & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \\ & & \downarrow \\ & & X \end{array}$$

use the fact $f' \in M(S^q, M(I, X)_*)_* \cong M(S^q \wedge I, X)_* \ni f''$ and $S^q \wedge I \approx D^{q+1}$ with

$$\begin{aligned} S^q &\hookrightarrow S^q \wedge I \approx D^{q+1} \\ s &\mapsto (s, 1) \end{aligned}$$

the condition $f'(s)(1) = g(s)$ is equivalent to $f''((s, 1)) = g(s)$, that is have a map f is equivalent to have a map $f'' : (D^{q+1}, S^q) \rightarrow (X, B)$. With the analogue statement also valid for homotopies $S^q \times I \rightarrow P_{i_{X,B}}$, we have $\pi_q(P_{i_{B,X}}) = [S^q, *; P_{i_{B,X}}, *] \cong [D^{q+1}, S^q; X, B] = \pi_{q+1}(X, B)$.

Rewrites the long exact sequence of pairs above to:

$$\begin{aligned} \cdots \rightarrow \pi_{q+1}(X; A, B) \rightarrow \pi_q(A, C) \rightarrow \pi_q(X, B) \rightarrow \pi_q(X; A, B) \rightarrow \pi_{q-1}(A, C) \rightarrow \cdots \\ \cdots \rightarrow \pi_2(X; A, B) \rightarrow \pi_1(A, C) \rightarrow \pi_1(X, B) \end{aligned}$$

Conditions $m \geq 1, n \geq 1$ guarantees $\pi_0(C) \rightarrow \pi_0(A)$ and $\pi_0(C) \rightarrow \pi_0(B)$ are surjections.

$m \geq 2$ is equivalent to $\pi_1(A, C) = 0$, which implies $\pi_0(C) \rightarrow \pi_0(A)$ is bijection.

For $x \in \pi_0(A \cap_C B)$, we can always find $b \in \pi_0(B)$, $i_{B,X} \ast (b) = x$ or $a \in \pi_0(A)$, $i_{A,X} \ast (a) = x$ which becomes $b \in \pi_0(B)$, $i_{B,X} \ast (b) = x$ or $c \in \pi_0(C)$, $i_{C,X} \ast (c) = x$ when $\pi_0(C) \rightarrow \pi_0(A)$ is bijection. That is equivalent to $\pi_0(B) \rightarrow \pi_0(X)$ is bijection, which means $\pi_1(X, B) = 0$.

We only need to show that for $2 \leq q \leq m + n - 2$, $\pi_q(X; A, B) = 0$.

With $J^{q-1} := (\partial I^{q-1} \times I) \cup (I^{q-1} \times \{0\})$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_q(P_{i_{B,X}}, P_{i_{C,A}}) &= [I^q, \partial I^q, J^{q-1}; P_{i_{B,X}}, P_{i_{C,A}}, *] \\ &= [I^q \wedge I; I^q, \partial I^q \wedge I, J^{q-1} \wedge I \rightarrow X; B, A, *] \\ &:= \text{relative homotopy classes of pointed maps}\end{aligned}$$

$$f : I^q \wedge I \rightarrow X \text{ satisfying: } \begin{cases} f(I^q) & \subseteq B \\ f(\partial I^q \wedge I) & \subseteq A \\ f(\partial I^q) & \subseteq C \\ f(J^{q-1} \wedge I) & = * \end{cases}$$

“relative” means the homotopy h determine the classes

$$\text{satisfy: } \begin{cases} h(I^q \times I) & \subseteq B \\ h((\partial I^q \wedge I) \times I) & \subseteq A \\ h(\partial I^q \times I) & \subseteq C \\ h((J^{q-1} \wedge I) \times I) & = * \end{cases}$$

(notice that $\partial I^q \wedge I \cap I^q = \partial I^q$, therefore $f(\partial I^q) \subseteq A \cap B = C$)

(this is called (relative) homotopy class of maps of tetrads)

$$\begin{aligned}&= [(I^q \times I)/K; I^q \times \{1\}, (\partial I^q \times I)/K, (J^{q-1} \times I)/K \rightarrow X; B, A, *] \\ &\quad (K := I^q \times \{0\} \cup \{i_0\} \times I) \\ &= [I^{q+1}; (I^q \times \{1\}) \cup K, (\partial I^q \times I) \cup K, J^{q-1} \times I \cup K \rightarrow X; B, A, *] \\ &= [I^{q+1}; I^q \times \{1\}, I^{q-1} \times \{1\} \times I, J^{q-1} \times I \cup I^q \times \{0\} \rightarrow X; B, A, *] \\ &\quad (\text{notice that } \partial I^q = \partial I^{q-1} \times I \cup I^{q-1} \times \{0, 1\})\end{aligned}$$

We can assume that (A, C) have no relative $q < m$ -cells and (B, C) have no relative $q < n$ -cells. And we can assume that X has finite many cells since I^q is compact. For subcomplexes $C \subseteq A' \subseteq A$, where $A = e^m \cup A'$ (attaching one cell from A'). Let $X' := A' \cup_C B$, if the results hold for $(X'; A', B)$ and $(X; A, X')$, then it hold for $(X; A, B)$ since we have map between exact homotopy sequences of triples (A, A', C) and (X, X', B) :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} \pi_{q+1}(A, A') & \longrightarrow & \pi_q(A', C) & \longrightarrow & \pi_q(A, C) & \longrightarrow & \pi_q(A, A') & \longrightarrow & \pi_{q-1}(A', C) \\ \downarrow i_{2,q+1} & & \downarrow i_{1,q} & & \downarrow i_{3,q} & & \downarrow i_{2,q} & & \downarrow i_{1,q-1} \\ \pi_{q+1}(X, X') & \longrightarrow & \pi_q(X', B) & \longrightarrow & \pi_q(X, B) & \longrightarrow & \pi_q(X, X') & \longrightarrow & \pi_{q-1}(X', B) \end{array}$$

induced by inclusion $(A, A', C) \hookrightarrow (X, X', B)$. If the result hold for $(X'; A', B)$ and $(X; A, X')$, maps $i_{1,q}$, $i_{2,q}$ are isomorphisms when $1 \geq q \geq m + n - 3$, are epimorphisms when $q = m + n - 2$. Notice the 5-lemma says that

if $i_{1,q}$ and $i_{2,q}$ are epimorphisms, $i_{1,q-1}$ are monomorphism, then $i_{3,q}$ is epimorphism.

if $i_{1,q}$ and $i_{2,q}$ are monomorphisms, $i_{2,q+1}$ are epimorphism, then $i_{3,q}$ is monomorphism.

We also have if $C \subseteq B' \subseteq B$ with $B = B' \cup e^n$, the result hold for CW-triads $(X'; A, B')$ and $(X; X', B)$ where $X' = A \cup_C B'$, since $(A, C) \hookrightarrow (X, B)$ factors as $(A, C) \hookrightarrow (X', B') \hookrightarrow (X, B)$.

Now we can assume that $A = C \cup D^m$ and $B = C \cup D^n$.

The current goal of proof is to prove any

$$f : (I^{q+1}; I^q \times \{1\}, I^{q-1} \times \{1\} \times I, J^{q-1} \times I \cup I^q \times \{0\}) \rightarrow (X; B, A, *)$$

is nullhomotopic for any $q + 1$ with $2 \leq q + 1 \leq m + n - 2$.

For $a \in \mathring{D}^m$, $b \in \mathring{D}^n$ We have inclusions of based triads:

$$(A; A, A - \{a\}) \hookrightarrow (X - \{b\}; X - \{b\}, X - \{a, b\}) \hookrightarrow (X; X - \{b\}, X - \{a\}) \hookleftarrow (X; A, B)$$

The first and the third induces isomorphisms on homotopy groups of triads since B is a strong deformation retract of $X - \{a\}$ in X and A is a strong deformation retract of $X - \{b\}$ in X . $\pi_*(A; A, A - \{a\}) = 0$ since $\pi_*(A, A - \{a\}) \rightarrow \pi_*(A, A \cap (A - \{a\}))$ are isomorphisms.

Current goal : choose good a, b to show f regarded as a pointed triad map to $(X; X - \{b\}, X - \{a\})$ is homotopic to a map

$$f' : (I^{q+1}; I^{q-1} \times \{1\} \times I, I^q \times \{1\}, J^{q-1} \times I \cup I^q \times \{0\}) \rightarrow (X - \{b\}; X - \{b\}, X - \{a, b\}, *)$$

if $2 \leq q + 1 \leq m + n - 2$.

Note. We want to homotopically remove some point $f^{-1}(b)$, first we may want to construct some Urysohn function u separating $f^{-1}(a) \cup J^{q-1} \times I \cup I^q \times \{0\}$ and $f^{-1}(b)$ and construct homotopy of cube $h^+ : (r, s, t) \mapsto (r, (1 - u(r, s, t))s)$ wishing that $f(h^+(r, s, 1))$ would miss b . The problem in this method is that points $f^{-1}(b)$ in the cube would be homotopically replaced by other points. Since our desire homotopy does not change the first q coordinates of the cube, we want to separate $p^{-1}(p(f^{-1}(a))) \cup J^{q-1} \times I$ and $p^{-1}(p(f^{-1}(b)))$ (where $p : I^q \times I \rightarrow I^q$). Our problem is to find suitable a, b such that $p(f^{-1}(a)) \cap p(f^{-1}(b)) = \emptyset$.

We use manifold structure on D^m and D^n to achieve it, now we homotopically approximate f by a map g which smooth on $f^{-1}(D_{<1/2}^m \cup D_{<1/2}^n)$.

Let $U_{<r} := f^{-1}(D_{<r}^m \cup D_{<r}^n)$, Use smooth deformation theorem to construct smooth map (for any $0 < \epsilon$) $g' : U_{<3/4} \rightarrow D_{<3/4}^m \cup D_{<3/4}^n$ with homotopy $h_1 : g' \simeq f|_{U_{<3/4}}$ (and bound $|g'(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon$ for any $x \in U_{<1}$) and take partition of unity $\{\rho, \rho'\}$ with subcoordinates $\{I^{q+1} - \bar{U}_{<1/2}, U_{<3/4}\}$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} g &:= \rho f + \rho' g' \\ h_2 : g &\simeq f \text{ rel } (I^{q+1} - U_{<3/4}) \\ h_2 : I^{q+1} \times I &\rightarrow X \\ (x, t) &\mapsto \rho(x)f(x) + \rho'(x)h_1(x, t) \end{aligned}$$

with scalar multiplication and addition is already defined on smooth structure on $D_{<3/4}^m \cup D_{<3/4}^n$. We could assume that $g(I^{q-1} \times \{1\} \times I) \cap D_{<1/2}^n = \emptyset$ (which implies g is a map of tetrads to $(X; X - \{b\}, X - \{a\}, *)$) and $g(I^q \times \{1\}) \cap D_{<1/2}^m = \emptyset$ since $f(I^{q-1} \times \{1\} \times I) \subseteq A$ and $f(I^q \times \{1\}) \subseteq B$ and we can always tighten the bound ϵ , (Similar argument also hold for h_2 , then we have $h_2 : g \simeq f$ as homotopy between maps of tetrads.)

Use the manifold structure to find good (a, b) :
 $V := g^{-1}(D_{<1/2}^m) \times g^{-1}(D_{<1/2}^n)$ is a sub-manifold of $I^{2(q+1)}$. Consider $W := \{(v, v') \in V \mid p(v) = p(v')\}$, which is the zero set of smooth submersion $(v, v') \mapsto p(v) - p(v')$. W is smooth manifold with codimension q . Therefore the map $(g, g) : W \rightarrow D_{<1/2}^m \times D_{<1/2}^n$ is smooth map between manifolds of dimension $q + 2$ and $m + n$. The map is not surjection since $q + 2 < m + n$. Then we have $(a, b) \notin (g, g)(W)$ (that is, $p(g^{-1}(a)) \cap p(g^{-1}(b)) = \emptyset$).

Since $g(I^{q-1} \times \{1\} \times I) \cap D_{<1/2}^n = \emptyset$ and $g(J^{q-1} \times I) \cap D_{<1/2}^n = \emptyset$, we have $g(\partial I^q \times I) \cap D_{<1/2}^n = \emptyset$. By Urysohn's lemma, we have $u : I^q \rightarrow I$ separating $p(g^{-1}(a)) \cup \partial I^q$ and $p(g^{-1}(b))$. Finally we have:

$$\begin{aligned} h' : I^q \times I \times I &\rightarrow I^q \times I \\ (r, s, t) &\mapsto (r, (1 - u(r, t))s) \end{aligned}$$

and $h := g \circ h'$, $f' := h(-, 1)$. $f'(I^{q+1}) \cap \{b\} = \emptyset$ since if $\exists(r, s) \in I^q \times I$, $f'(r, s) = b$, then $b = g(r, (1 - u(r))s) = g(r, 0) = *$ leads to contradiction.
 Last step is to check that h is a homotopy between maps

$$(I^{q+1}; I^{q-1} \times \{1\} \times I, I^q \times \{1\}, J^{q-1} \times I \cup I^q \times \{0\}) \rightarrow (X; X - \{b\}, X - \{a\}, *)$$

Since g is, $g \circ h'$ is too.

□