

# Homotopy Theory

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# 1 Covering Spaces

## 1.1 Locally Trivial Maps

Let  $p : E \rightarrow B$  be continuous and  $U \subset B$  be open.

**Definition 1.1.** A **trivialization** of  $p$  over  $U$  is a homeomorphism

$$\phi : p^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U \times F$$

over  $U$ , i.e., it satisfies  $\text{pr}_1 \circ \phi = p$ .

**Remark 1.** If  $F$  is **discrete**, then we have a covering space. If  $F$  is a **vector space**, we have a vector bundle.

**Definition 1.2.** The map  $p$  is **locally trivial** if there exists an open cover  $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$  of  $B$  such that  $p$  has a trivialization over each  $U_\alpha \in \{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ .

**Remark 2.** A locally trivial map is also called a **bundle** or **fibre bundle** and a local trivialization a **bundle chart**.

**Remark 3.** If  $p$  is locally trivial, the set of all  $b \in B$  for which  $p^{-1}(b)$  is homeomorphic to  $F$ , is open and closed in  $B$ .

**Definition 1.3.** If the fibers are homeomorphic to  $F$ , we call  $F$  the **typical fiber**.

**Definition 1.4.** A **covering space** of  $B$  is a locally trivial map

$$p : E \rightarrow B$$

with discrete fibers.

**Example 1.1.** If we take  $p : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1$  to be the map

$$p(t) = e^{2\pi it}$$

Then  $p$  is a covering for  $S^1$ . Indeed, if we let  $U \subset S^1$  be an open set that is represented in the solid silver point in the white circle below, then we have the trivialization

$$\phi : p^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U \times \mathbb{Z}$$

So  $\mathbb{Z}$  is the typical fiber.

**Definition 1.5.** Let  $(G, *)$  be a group and  $E$  be a set. A **group action** is the map  $\psi : G \times E \rightarrow E$ , where

$$\psi(g, x) = g \cdot x$$

such that

$$g_1 \cdot (g_2 \cdot x) = (g_1 \cdot g_2) \cdot x$$

$$e \cdot x = x$$

In other words, it is associative and the identity acting on any element in  $E$  gives the same element back.

**Definition 1.6.** A group action  $G \times E \rightarrow E$  of a discrete group  $G$  on  $E$  is called **properly discontinuous** if for any  $e \in E$  there exists a open neighborhood  $U$  of  $e$  such that

$$U \cap gU = \emptyset$$

for  $g \neq e$

**Example 1.2.** Let  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  be a group and  $\psi : \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a group action defined as

$$\psi(k, x) = k + x$$

Consider  $k = 2$  and  $x = \pi$  and the open neighborhood  $U = (\pi - \epsilon, \pi + \epsilon)$ . Then we have

$$U \cap kU = (\pi - \epsilon, \pi + \epsilon) \cap (\pi + 2 - \epsilon, \pi + 2 + \epsilon) = \emptyset$$

so  $\psi$  is properly discontinuous.

**Definition 1.7.** A group action  $\psi : G \times E \rightarrow E$  is **transitive** if for any  $(x, y) \in G \times E$  there exists a  $g \in G$  such that

$$x = g \cdot y$$

**Definition 1.8.** A **left  $G$ -principle covering** is the following data:

1.  $p : E \rightarrow B$  a covering
2. A properly discontinuous group action  $\psi : G \times E \rightarrow E$  such that

$$p(gx) = p(x)$$

for all  $(g, x) \in G \times E$ .

3. For any  $x \in B$  and  $a, b \in p^{-1}(\{x\})$ , there exists a  $g \in G$  such that

$$a = g \cdot b$$

In other words the induced action on each fiber is *transitive*.

This means that  $G$  acts on  $E$  nicely, i.e.,  $G$  preserves fibers.  $G$  acts on fibers so there is an action

$$\Phi : G \times p^{-1}(x) \rightarrow p^{-1}(x)$$

where the action is also transitive.

**Remark 4.** If  $G$  is an abelian group, then we have a local system.

**Example 1.3.** Let  $p : E \rightarrow B$  be a left  $G$ -principle covering. We show that this covering induces a homeomorphism of the orbit space  $E/G$  with  $B$ , i.e.,

$$E/G \cong B$$

Define the map  $\Psi : E/G \rightarrow B$  as

$$\Psi(\bar{a}_k) = p(a_k)$$

Clearly this is surjective. Assume that

$$\Psi(\bar{a}_k) = \Psi(\bar{a}_j)$$

then  $p(a_k) = p(a_j) = b$  and  $a_k, a_j \in p^{-1}(b)$ . By transitivity there exists an  $h \in G$  such that  $a_j = ha_k$  so

$$\bar{a}_j = \bar{a}_k$$

**Definition 1.9.** Let  $p : E \rightarrow B$  be a covering. A **deck transformation** of  $p$  is a homeomorphism  $\alpha : E \rightarrow E$  such that

$$p \circ \alpha = p$$

that is  $\alpha$  lifts  $p$ .

**Remark 5.** In some sense deck transformation are the symmetries of covering spaces.

**Example 1.4.** Consider the covering space  $p : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1$  given by

$$p(t) = e^{2\pi it}$$

then the deck transformations is the homeomorphisms  $T_n : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by

$$T_n(t) = t + n$$

for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

**Example 1.5.** Let  $p : E \rightarrow B$  be a left  $G$ -principle covering,  $E$  connected. Then for each  $g \in G$  define the left translation  $l_g : E \rightarrow E$  as

$$l_g(t) = g \cdot t$$

Then

$$p \circ l_g(t) = p(g \cdot t) = p(t)$$

so this is a deck transformation. Then we can define a the following homomorphism  $l : G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(p)$  defined as follows

$$l(g) = l_g$$

This is injective since, if  $l(g) = l(h)$ , then we have that for  $t \in E$ ,  $g \cdot t = h \cdot t$ , or

$$t = g^{-1}h \cdot t$$

Let  $U$  be a open neighborhood of  $t$ , then

$$U \cap g^{-1}hU = \{t\}$$

and since the group action is properly discontinuous  $g^{-1}h = e$ , so  $h = g$ .

Furthermore  $l$  is surjective since if  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(p)$  and since a automorphisms  $\alpha$  is determined by a value at single point  $x$ ,  $\alpha(x) \in p^{-1}(p(x))$  and the group action is transitive we have that for any  $\beta \in \text{Aut}(p)$  there exists a  $g \in G$  such that

$$\alpha(x) = g \cdot \beta(x) = l_g(\beta(x))$$

so its is surjective. So the connected principle coverings are the connected coverings with the largest automorphism group.

**Definition 1.10.** The category  $G\text{-SET}$  has the following data:

1. Objects are left  $G$ -sets, i.e., A set  $X$  with a left  $G$  action.
2. Morphisms are  $G$ -equivariant maps, ( $G$ -maps for short), i.e.  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $X, Y$   $G$ -sets, such that

$$f(ax) = af(x)$$

$$a \in G, x \in X.$$

3. Composition is composition of homomorphisms

**Definition 1.11.** The category  $\text{COV}_B$  has the following data:

1. Objects are covering spaces  $p : E \rightarrow B$  over  $B$ .
2. Morphisms are maps of covering spaces, hence continuous functions  $f : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  such that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & B & \\ p_1 \nearrow & & \nwarrow p_2 \\ E_1 & \xrightarrow{f} & E_2 \end{array}$$

We now construct the **associated coverings** functor:

**Lemma 1.1.** *Let  $p : E \rightarrow B$  be a right  $G$ -principle covering and  $F$  be a set with a left  $G$ -action. There is a covering  $E \times F \rightarrow B$ .*

Let  $p : E \rightarrow B$  be a right  $G$ -principle covering and  $F$  be a set with a left  $G$ -action. Define  $E \times_G F$  to be

$$E \times_G F = E \times F / \sim$$

where  $\sim$  is a equivalence relation defined as:  $(x, f) \sim (xg^{-1}, gf)$  for  $x \in E, f \in F, g \in G$ . Then we can define a continuous map  $p_F : E \times_G F \rightarrow B$  as

$$p_F((x, f)) = p(x)$$

Note that this is a covering since  $p$  is a right  $G$ -principle covering, so there exists a homeomorphism

$$\phi : p^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U \times F$$

**Remark 6.**  $E \times_G F$  is a kind of "tensor product", in that we take the product and allow elements of  $G$  to pass back and forth "across"  $\times$ .

**Lemma 1.2.** *A  $G$ -equivariant map  $\Psi : F_1 \rightarrow F_2$  induces a map of coverings.*

Given a map between two  $G$ -sets,  $\Psi : F_1 \rightarrow F_2$ , we can make a map of coverings  $\text{id} \times_G \Psi : E \times_G F_1 \rightarrow E \times_G F_2$  defined as

$$\text{id} \times_G \Psi((x, f)) = (x, \bar{\Psi}(f))$$

It's easy to show the the map satisfies that a triangular diagram commutes.  
The above two lemmas assemble into a functor

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

which sends a  $G$ -set  $F$  to  $E \times_G F$ . The functor is *associated* to  $p$ , which gives us a well defined target.

**Remark 7.** If  $A(p)$  is an equivalence of categories, then the  $G$ -principle covering  $p : E \rightarrow B$  over a path connected space  $B$  is called **universal**.

## 1.2 Fiber Transport

**Definition 1.12.** A map  $p : E \rightarrow B$  has the **homotopy lifting property (HLP)** if for the space  $X$  the following holds: For any homotopy  $h : X \times I \rightarrow B$  and each map  $a : X \rightarrow E$  such that

$$p \circ a = h \circ i$$

where  $i(x) = (x, 0)$ , there exists a homotopy  $H : X \times I \rightarrow E$  such that

$$p \circ H = h$$

$$H \circ i = a$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{a} & E \\ i \downarrow & \nearrow H & \downarrow p \\ X \times I & \xrightarrow{h} & B \end{array}$$

**Example 1.6.** Consider the projection map  $p : B \times F \rightarrow B$ , i.e.,

$$p((b, f)) = b$$

and let  $a(x) = (a_1(x), a_2(x))$ . Now we construct  $H$ . From the condition  $p \circ a = h \circ i$ , we must have that  $a_1(x) = h(x, 0)$ . So define

$$H(x, t) = (h(x, t), a_2(x))$$

then we have

$$(p \circ H)(x, t) = p(h(x, t), a_2(x)) = h(x, t)$$

and

$$(H \circ i)(x) = H((x, 0)) = (h(x, 0), a_2(x)) = a$$

**Remark 8.** If a map  $p : E \rightarrow B$  has the HLP for all spaces, it is called a *fibration*.

To proceed, we need to recall a definition.

**Definition 1.13.** Let  $X, Y \in \mathbf{Spaces}$ . Consider  $\Pi(X, Y)$ . Let  $\alpha : U \rightarrow X$  and  $\beta : Y \rightarrow V$ . Composition with  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  yield functors

$$\beta_{\#} = \Pi_{\#}(\beta) : \Pi(X, Y) \rightarrow \Pi(X, V).$$

and

$$\alpha^{\#} = \Pi^{\#}(\alpha) : \Pi(X, Y) \rightarrow \Pi(U, Y)$$

where  $f \mapsto \beta f$  and  $[K] \mapsto [\beta K]$  in the first place, and  $f \mapsto f\alpha$  and  $[K] \mapsto [K(\alpha \times \text{id})]$  in the second case.

Let  $P : E \rightarrow B$  be a covering with the HLP for  $I$  and a point. We define the **transport** functor

$$T_p : \Pi(B) \rightarrow \mathbf{SET}$$

where  $b \mapsto \pi_0(F_b)$  and  $[v] \mapsto v_{\#}$ . We associate to each path  $v : I \rightarrow B$  from  $b$  to  $c$  the map  $v_{\#}$  in the following way: Let  $x \in F_b$ . We pick a lifting  $V : I \rightarrow E$  of  $v$  with  $V(0) = x$ . Set  $v_{\#}[x] = [V(1)]$ . This functor provides us with a right group action

$$\pi_0(F_b) \times \pi_1(B, b) \rightarrow \pi_0(F_b),$$

defined as  $(x, [v]) \mapsto v_{\#}(x)$ .

There is a left action of  $\pi_b = \Pi(B)(b, b)$  on  $F_b$  given by  $(a, x) \mapsto a_{\#}(x)$  which commutes with the right action of  $G$ . We say  $F_b$  is a  $(\pi_b, G)$ -set. Fix  $x \in F_b$ . For each  $a \in \pi_b$ , there exists a unique  $\gamma_x(a) \in G$  such that  $a \cdot x = x \cdot \gamma_x(a)$  since the action of  $G$  is free and transitive. The assignment  $a \mapsto \gamma_x(a)$  is a homomorphism  $\gamma_x : \pi_b \rightarrow G$ . Since  $\pi_1(B, b)$  is the opposite group to  $\pi_b$ , we set  $\delta_x(a) = \gamma_x(a)^{-1}$ . Then  $\delta_x : \pi_1(B, b) \rightarrow G$  is a group homomorphism.

We now reach the whole point of this:

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $p : E \rightarrow B$  be a right principle- $G$  covering with a path connected total space. Then the following sequence is exact:*

$$1 \rightarrow \pi_1(E, x) \xrightarrow{p_*} \pi_1(B, p(x)) \xrightarrow{\delta_x} G \rightarrow 1.$$

**Corollary 1.1.**  *$E$  is simply connected iff  $\delta_x$  is an isomorphism. I.e., if  $E$  is simply connected,  $G$  is isomorphic to the fundamental group of  $B$ .*

We now come to the *point* of this chapter.

### 1.3 Classification of Coverings

### 1.4 Coverings of Simplicial Sets

## 2 Elementary Homotopy Theory

### 2.1 Mapping Cylinder

We first recall the definition of homotopy.

**Definition 2.1** (Homotopy). Let  $X, Y \in \mathbf{Top}$  and  $f, g : X \rightarrow Y$  be continuous maps. A **homotopy** from  $f$  to  $g$  is a continuous map

$$H : X \times I \rightarrow Y,$$

$(x, t) \rightarrow H(x, t) = H_t(x)$  such that  $f(x) = H(x, 0)$  and  $g(x) = H(x, 1)$  for  $x \in X$ . I.e.,  $H_0 = f, H_1 = g$ .

We denote a homotopy from  $f$  to  $g$  as  $H : f \simeq g$ . A homotopy  $H_t : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be relative to  $A$  if  $H_t|_A$  does not depend on  $t$ . I.e.,  $H_t$  is constant on  $A$ . A space  $X$  is **contractible** if it is homotopy equivalent to a point. A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is **null-homotopic** if it is homotopic to a constant map.

**Definition 2.2** (Topological Sum). Let  $X, Y \in \mathbf{Top}$ . We define the *topological sum*  $X + Y$  as the disjoint union  $X \sqcup Y$  with the topology defined as the topology generated by  $X$  and  $Y$ .

Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous function. We now construct the **mapping cylinder**  $Z(f)$  of  $f$  as the pushout:

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

where  $Z(f) = X \times I + Y / (f(x) \sim (x, 1))$ ,  $J(y) = y$ ,  $j(x) = (x, 0)$ , and  $i_t(x) = (x, t)$ . From the construction, we have the projection  $q : Z(f) \rightarrow Y$ , where  $(x, t) \rightarrow f(x)$  and  $y \mapsto y$ . We thus have the relations  $qj = f$  and  $qJ = \text{id}$ . The map  $Jq$  is homotopic to the identity relative to  $Y$ , where the homotopy is given by the identity on  $Y$  and contracts  $I$  to 1 relative to 1. We thus have a decomposition of  $f$  into a closed embedding  $J$  and a homotopy equivalence  $q$ .

Via the universal properties of pushouts, we have that continuous maps  $\beta : Z(f) \rightarrow B$  correspond bijectively to pairs  $h : X \times I \rightarrow B$  and  $\alpha : Y \rightarrow B$  such that  $h(x, 1) = \alpha f(x)$ .

We now consider *homotopy* commutative diagrams of the form

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

together with homotopies  $\Phi : f'\alpha \simeq \beta f$ . When the digram is strictly commutative, it depicts a morphism in the category of arrows in  $\mathbf{Top}$ . We can thus consider the data  $(\alpha, \beta, \Phi)$  as a kind of "generalized" morphism.



These data induce a map  $\chi = Z(\alpha, \beta, \Phi) : Z(f) \rightarrow Z(f')$  defined by  $\chi(y) = \beta(y)$ ,  $y \in Y$  and

$$\chi(x, s) = \begin{cases} (\alpha(x), 2s), & x \in X, s \leq 1/2 \\ \Phi_{2s-1}(x), & x \in X, s \geq 1/2. \end{cases}$$

We thus have the following diagram commutes:

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

The composition of two such morphisms is homotopic to a morphism of the same type.

## 2.2 Suspension

We will start of with some basic definitions. Let  $X \in \mathbf{Top}$  and  $x_0 \in X$ .

**Definition 2.3.** We call the pair  $(X, x_0)$  a **pointed space** with base point  $x_0 \in X$ . A **pointed map**  $f : (X, x_0) \rightarrow (Y, y_0)$  is a continous map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  that sends the base point of one space to the other ( $x_0 \mapsto y_0$ ).

**Definition 2.4.** A homotopy  $H : X \times I \rightarrow Y$  is pointed if  $H_t$  is pointed for each  $t \in I$ .

Let  $\mathbf{Top}^0$  denote the category of pointed topological spaces.

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $(X, x) \in \mathbf{Top}^0$ . The **suspension** of  $(X, x)$  is the space

$$\Sigma X := X \times I / (X \times \partial I \cup \{x\} \times I).$$

The basepoint of  $\Sigma X$  is the space we identified to a point.

**Remark 9.** The definition we use here is often referred to as **reduced suspension**. Reduced suspension can be used to construct a homomorphism of homotopy groups, to which a very important theorem (*Freudenthal Suspension Theorem*) can be applied. This gives you a shot at determining the higher homotopy groups of spaces, including the all-important spheres.

**Example 2.1.** Consider  $X = S^1$  and  $I = (0, 1)$ . Then the space  $X \times \partial I \cup \{x_0\} \times I$  becomes the green and orange parts of the beautifully created godly figure below: Further we can see that the suspension  $\Sigma X$  becomes a sphere.

No we prove a useful proposition:

**Theorem 2.1.**  $K : (X, x_0) \times I \rightarrow (Y, y_0)$  is a pointed homotopy from  $k_{y_0}$  to itself if and only if it maps  $X \times \partial I \cup \{x\} \times I$  to the base point  $y_0$ .

*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$ : Suppose that  $K : (X, x_0) \times I \rightarrow (Y, y_0)$  is a pointed homotopy from  $k_{y_0}$  to itself, i.e.,  $K(x, 0) = k_{y_0}(x) = y_{y_0}$ ,  $K(x, 1) = k_{y_0}(x) = y_{y_0}$  and  $K_t(x_0) = y_0$  for all  $t \in I$ .  $\square$

Suppose we have a map of pointed spaces  $f : (I, \partial I) \rightarrow (Y, y_0)$ . Suppose there were a homotopy from  $f$  to the constant map  $k_{y_0}$ . This would then be given by a map  $H : (I, \partial I) \times I$  such that  $H(-, 0) = f$ ,  $H(-, 1) = k_{y_0}$  and  $H|_{\partial I \times I} = k_{y_0}$ . We thus have that a map  $K : (X, x_0) \times I \rightarrow (Y, y_0)$  is a pointed homotopy from  $k_{y_0}$  to itself if and only if  $(X \times \partial I \cup \{x\} \times I)$  is mapped to  $y_0$ .

**Definition 2.6.** Let  $f, g : X \rightarrow Y$  be continuous maps and  $K$  is a subset of  $X$ , then we say that  $f$  and  $g$  are **homotopic relative to  $K$**  if there exists a homotopy  $H : X \times I \rightarrow Y$  between  $f$  and  $g$  such that  $H(k, t) = f(k) = g(k)$  for  $k \in K$  and  $t \in I$ .

Now we can construct a group structure as follows: For a homotopy map  $K : X \times I \rightarrow Y$  there is a pointed map  $\bar{K} : (\Sigma X, X \times \partial I \cup \{x\} \times I) \rightarrow (Y, y_0)$ , and homotopies relative to  $X \times \partial I$  corresponds to pointed homotopies  $\Sigma X \rightarrow Y$ . Then homotopy set  $[\Sigma X, Y]^0 := \{[f] | f : \Sigma X \rightarrow Y \text{ pointed maps}\}$  has a group structure with the binary operation (written additively) being  $[f] + [g] = [f + g]$  where

$$(f + g)(x, t) = \begin{cases} f(x, 2t) & t \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ g(x, 2t - 1) & \frac{1}{2} \leq t \end{cases}$$

The identity is the homotopy class of the constant map to  $x_0$ , the inverse of  $[f(x, t)]$  is the homotopy class containing the function  $-f(x, t) = f(x, 1 - t)$ . The associativity of this operation is given by the straight line homotopy  $H$  described in the picture below:

If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a pointed map, then  $f \times \text{id}(I)$  induces a map

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

by mapping  $(x, t) \mapsto (f(x), t)$ . With this we can define the functor  $\Sigma : \mathbf{Top}^0 \rightarrow \mathbf{Top}^0$  which induces a functor for pointed homotopies.

**Definition 2.7.** The **smash product** between two pointed spaces  $(A, a)$  and  $(B, b)$  is defined as

$$A \wedge B := A \times B / A \times b \cup a \times B = A \times B / A \vee B$$

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $(X, x) \in \mathbf{Top}^0$ . The  **$k$ -fold suspension** of  $(X, x)$  is the space

$$\Sigma^k X := X \wedge (I^k / \partial I^k).$$

**Remark 10.** This definition of the  $k$ -fold suspension is somehow canonically homeomorphic to  $X \times I^n / (X \times \partial I^n \cup \{x\} \times \partial I^n)$

So just like before we can construct  $k$  group structures as follows: We define  $k$  binary operation  $(+_i)$  on the homotopy set  $[\Sigma^k X, Y]^0$ , which depends on the  $I$ -coordinates, as follows:

$$(f +_i g)(x, t) = \begin{cases} f(x, t_1, \dots, t_{i-1}, 2t_i, t_{i+1}, \dots) & t_i \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ g(x, t_1, \dots, t_{i-1}, 2t_i - 1, t_{i+1}, \dots) & \frac{1}{2} \leq t_i \end{cases}$$

We now show that all the group structures coincide and are abelian for  $n \geq 2$ . First we prove the commutation rule for  $n = 2$ , which can be done by unraveling the definitions

$$(a +_1 b) +_2 (c +_1 d) = (a +_2 c) +_1 (b +_2 d)$$

**Theorem 2.2.** *Suppose the set  $M$  carries two composition laws  $+_1$  and  $+_2$  with neutral elements  $e_i$ . Suppose further that the commutation rule holds. Then  $+_1 = +_2 = +$ ,  $e_1 = e_2 = e$ , and the composition is associative and commutative.*

The suspension induces a map  $\Sigma_* : [A, Y]^0 \rightarrow [\Sigma A, \Sigma Y]^0$  mapping  $[f] \mapsto [\Sigma f]$ , also called the suspension. If  $A = \Sigma X$ , then  $\Sigma_*$  is a homomorphism, because addition in  $[\Sigma X, Y]^0$  is transformed by  $\Sigma_*$  into  $+_1$ .

Now suppose that  $X = S^0 = \{\pm e_1\}$  with base point  $e_1$ . Then we have the canonical homeomorphism.

$$I^n / \partial I^n \cong \Sigma^n S^0$$

**Definition 2.9.** Let  $(X, x_0)$  be pointed topological space, then the  $n$ -th homotopy group is:

$$\pi_n(X, x_0) = [I^n / \partial I^n, X]^0 = [(I^n, \partial I^n), (X, x_0)].$$

Furthermore these groups are abelian for  $n \geq 2$ , where we can use each  $n$  coordinates to define a group structure.

### 2.3 Loop Space

**Definition 2.10.** The **Loop Space**  $\Omega Y$  of  $Y$  is the subset of the path space  $Y^I$  (with compact open topology) consisting of the loops in  $Y$  with basepoint  $y$ . I.e.,

$$\Omega Y = \{w \in Y^I : w(0) = w(1) = y\}.$$

The constant loop  $k$  is the basepoint. We thus have that a pointed map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  induces a pointed map  $\Omega f : \Omega X \rightarrow \Omega Y$ , where  $w \mapsto f \circ w$ . In other words, we have a functor  $\Omega : \mathbf{Top}^0 \rightarrow \mathbf{Top}^0$ . This functor is compatible with homotopies, in that a pointed homotopy  $H_t$  yields a pointed homotopy  $\Omega H_t$ . We can also define the loop space as the space of pointed maps  $F^0(S^1, Y)$ .

Before we proceed, we take a brief detour into mapping spaces and their arithmetic. Let  $X, Y \in \mathbf{Top}$ . For  $K \subset X$  and  $U \subset Y$ , we set  $W(K, U) = \{f \in Y^X : f(K) \subset U\}$ . The *compact-open* topology (CO-topology) on  $Y^X$  is the topology which has a subbasis sets of the form  $W(K, U)$  where  $K$  is compact and  $U$  is open. Note that a continuous map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  induces continuous maps  $f^Z : X^Z \rightarrow Y^Z$ ,  $g \mapsto f \circ g$ , and  $Z^f : Z^Y \rightarrow Z^X$ ,  $g \mapsto g \circ f$ .

**Proposition 2.1.** *The evaluation map  $e_{X,Y} = e : Y^X \times X \rightarrow Y, (f, x) \mapsto f(x)$  is continuous.*

*Proof.* Let  $U$  be an open neighborhood of  $f(x)$ . Since  $f$  is continuous and locally compact, there exists a compact neighborhood  $K$  of  $x$  such that  $f(K) \subset U$ . We thus have  $W(K, U) \times K$  maps into  $U$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.11.** Let  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  be continuous. The **adjoint map**  $f^\wedge : X \rightarrow Z^Y$  is the continuous map defined as  $f^\wedge(x)(y) = f(x, y)$ .

We have thus obtained a set map  $\alpha : Z^{X \times Y} \rightarrow (Z^Y)^X, f \mapsto f^\wedge$ . Let  $e^{Y, Z}$  be continuous. Then a continuous map  $\phi : X \rightarrow Z^Y$  induces a continuous map

$$\phi^\wedge = e_{Y, Z} \circ (\phi \times id_Y) : X \times Y \rightarrow Z^Y \times Y \rightarrow Z.$$

We thus have another set map  $\beta : (Z^Y)^X \rightarrow Z^{X \times Y}, \phi \mapsto \phi^\wedge$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** Let  $e_{Y, Z}$  be continuous. Then  $\alpha, \beta$  are inverse bijections, so that  $\phi, f$  is continuous iff  $\phi^\wedge, f^\wedge$  is, respectively.

**Corollary 2.1.** If  $H : X \times Y \times I \rightarrow Z$  is a homotopy, then  $H^\wedge : X \times I \rightarrow Z^Y$  is a homotopy. Hence  $[X \times Y, Z] \rightarrow [X, Z^Y], [f] \mapsto [f^\wedge]$  is well defined. If, moreover,  $e_{Y, Z}$  is continuous (e.g.  $Y$  locally compact), this map is bijective.

We can now define a dual notion of homotopy:

**Definition 2.12** (Homotopy, 2nd). We have a continuous evaluation map  $e_t : Y^I \rightarrow X, w \mapsto w(t)$ . Let  $f_0, f_1 : X \rightarrow Y$ . Then, a homotopy from  $f_0$  to  $f_1$  is a continuous map  $h : X \rightarrow Y^I$  such that  $e_i \circ h = f_i, i = 1, 2$ . Since  $I$  is locally compact, there is a bijection between continuous functions  $X \times I \rightarrow Y$  and continuous functions  $X \rightarrow Y^I$ .

Now, let  $(X, x_0), (Y, y_0)$  be pointed spaces. Denote by  $F^0(X, Y)$  the space of pointed maps with CO-topology as a subspace of  $F(X, Y)$ . In  $F^0(X, Y)$  we use the constant map as the basepoint. If  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  is a continuous map, recall we constructed its adjoint as  $f^\wedge(x)(y) = f(x, y)$ . In order for this map to be *pointed*, we need the basepoint of  $X$  to be sent to the constant map. I.e., for all  $y \in Y$ , we need  $f^\wedge(x_0)(y) = f(x_0, y) = z_0$ . Thus  $x_0 \times Y$  needs to be sent to the basepoint of  $Z$ . However, any morphism in  $Z^Y$  must also be pointed, so that we need for all  $x \in X, f^\wedge(x)(y_0) = f(x, y_0) = z_0$ . Thus  $X \times y_0$  must be sent to the basepoint of  $Z$  as well. So, we have that  $f^\wedge$  is a morphism of pointed spaces if and only if  $f(X \times y_0 \cup x_0 \times Y) = z_0$ . Does this subspace look familiar?

Let  $p : X \times Y \rightarrow X \wedge Y$  be the quotient map. If  $g : X \wedge Y \rightarrow Z$  is given, we can form the composition of the map  $g \circ p : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$ , which is nothing more than a map from  $X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  which sends  $X \times y_0 \cup x_0 \times Y$  to  $z_0$ . Let  $\alpha^0(g)$  denote the adjoint of  $g \circ p$ , which is by construction an element of  $F^0(X, F^0(Y, Z))$ . In this manner we obtain a set map

$$\alpha^0 : F^0(X \wedge Y, Z) \rightarrow F^0(X, F^0(Y, Z)).$$

Note that the evaluation map  $F^0(X, Y) \times X \rightarrow Y$  must factor over the quotient space  $F^0(X, Y) \wedge X$ , and so induces  $e_{X, Y}^0 : F^0(X, Y) \wedge X \rightarrow Y$ .

Now, let  $e_{X,Y}^0$  be continuous. Given a pointed map  $\phi : X \rightarrow F^0(Y, Z)$ , we can form  $\phi^\wedge = \beta^0(\phi) = e_{X,Y}^0 \circ (\phi \wedge \text{id}) : X \wedge Y \rightarrow Z$ , and hence a set map

$$\beta^0 : F^0(X, F^0(Y, Z)) \rightarrow F^0(X \wedge Y, Z).$$

We have a familiar proposition:

**Proposition 2.3.** *Let  $e_{X,Y}^0$  be continuous. Then  $\alpha^0$  and  $\beta^0$  are inverse bijections.*

**Corollary 2.2.**

$$[X \wedge Y, Z]^0 \rightarrow [X, F^0(Y, Z)]^0, [f] \mapsto [\alpha^0(f)]$$

*is well defined. Moreover, if  $e_{X,Y}^0$  is continuous, then this map is bijective.*

**Theorem 2.3** (Exponential Law). *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be locally compact. Then the pointed adjunction map*

$$\alpha^0 : F^0(X \wedge Y, Z) \rightarrow F^0(X, F^0(Y, Z))$$

*is a homeomorphism. A similar unpointed version holds.*

Now, back to loop spaces. Recall that  $\Omega Y$  is pointed with basepoint the constant map  $k$ .

**Proposition 2.4.** *The product of loops defines a multiplication*

$$m : \Omega Y \times \Omega Y \rightarrow \Omega Y, (u, v) \mapsto u * v$$

*with the following properties:*

1.  *$m$  is continuous*
2. *the maps  $u \mapsto k * u$  and  $u \mapsto u * k$  are pointed homotopic to the identity.*
3.  *$m(m \times \text{id})$  and  $m(\text{id} \times m)$  are pointed homotopic.*
4. *the maps  $u \mapsto u * \bar{u}$  and  $u \mapsto \bar{u} * u$  are pointed homotopic to the constant map.*

### 3 Homotopy Limits and Colimits

We first describe the necessity of deriving limits and colimits. Let  $I$  be a small category, and consider two diagrams  $D, D' : I \rightarrow \mathbf{Top}$ . If one has a natural transformation  $f : D \rightarrow D'$ , then there is an induced map  $\text{colim} D \rightarrow \text{colim} D'$ . If  $f$  is a natural weak equivalence ( $D(i) \rightarrow D'(i)$  is a weak equivalence for all  $i$ ), it does not in general follow that  $\text{colim} D \rightarrow \text{colim} D'$  is a weak equivalence.

## 4 Fibrations and Cofibrations

### 4.1 Compactly Generated Spaces

Given a map  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$ , we would like to topologize the set of continuous functions  $C(Y, Z)$  in such a way that  $f$  is continuous if and only if the adjoint

$$\tilde{f} : X \rightarrow C(Y, Z), \tilde{f}(x)(y) = f(x, y)$$

is continuous. For instance:

1. We would like an action of a topological group  $G \times Z \rightarrow Z$  to correspond to a continuous function  $G \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{iso}(Z, Z)$ , where  $\text{Hom}_{iso}$  is given the subspace topology.
2. We would like a homotopy  $f : I \times Y \rightarrow Z$  to correspond to a path  $\tilde{f} : I \rightarrow C(Y, Z)$  of functions.
3. The evaluation map

$$C(Y, Z) \times Y \rightarrow Z, (f, y) \mapsto f(y)$$

should be continuous.

Such a topology does not exist for **Top**. However, we can restrict to a full subcategory of spaces called "compactly generated" spaces.

**Definition 4.1.** A topological space  $X$  is said to be **compactly generated** if  $X$  is Hausdorff and a subset  $A \subset X$  is closed if and only if  $A \cap C$  is closed for every compact  $C \subset X$ .

**Example 4.1.** Examples of compactly generated spaces include:

1. locally compact Hausdorff spaces (e.g. manifolds)
2. metric spaces
3. CW complexes

**CG** will denote the full subcategory of compactly generated topological spaces.

### 4.2 Fibrations

The standard example of fibrations are usually fiber bundles. I.e., fiber bundles over paracompact spaces are always fibrations.

## 5 Homology with Local Coefficients

## 6 Bundle Theory

### 6.1 Fiber Bundles with Structure Group

Supposed  $p : E \rightarrow B$  is a fiber bundle with typical fiber  $F$ . For each  $b \in B$ ,  $p^{-1}(b)$  is homeomorphic to the fiber, but the homeomorphism is chart dependent. Hence two charts

give rise to a homeomorphism  $F \cong p^{-1}(b) \cong F$ . This is element of the homeomorphism group  $\text{Homeo}(F)$ . More precisely, given two charts  $\phi : U \times F \rightarrow p^{-1}(U)$  and  $\phi' : U' \times F \rightarrow p^{-1}(U')$ , there is a function  $\theta_{\phi, \phi'} : U \cap U' \rightarrow \text{Homeo}(F)$  so that

$$\phi'(b, f) = \phi(b, \theta(b)(f))$$

for all  $b \in U \cap U'$ .

## 7 Simplicial Homotopy Theory

### 7.1 Definitions

In this section we recover classical homotopy theory in the context of simplicial sets. First, recall that a simplicial set is a functor  $\Delta^{op} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ . The category  $\Delta$  fully embeds in the category of simplicial sets via  $[n] \mapsto \text{Hom}([n], \cdot)$ . Let  $X \in \mathbf{sSet}$ . Then, there are simplicial structure maps associated with any morphism  $[n] \xrightarrow{f} [m]$ , i.e.,

$$X[m] \xrightarrow{X[f]} X[n]$$

which map the  $m$ -simplices to the  $n$ -simplices via composition with  $f$ . We can think of  $X[m]$  as assigning  $[m]$  to the set of  $m$ -simplices of some object constructed from simplices.

### 7.2 Homology

### 7.3 Cohomology

### 7.4 Homotopy Theory of Simplicial Sets

Without further ado, we have the following definition:

**Definition 7.1.** Let  $f, g : X \rightarrow Y$  be two simplicial maps. A **homotopy**  $\eta$  from  $f$  to  $g$ , denoted  $\eta : f \Rightarrow g$  is a morphism  $\eta : X \times \Delta^1 \rightarrow Y$  such that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \times \Delta^0 & & \\ id \times d^1 \downarrow & \searrow f & \\ X \times \Delta^1 & \xrightarrow{\eta} & Y \\ id \times d^0 \uparrow & \nearrow g & \\ X \times \Delta^0 & & \end{array} .$$

**Definition 7.2** (Kan Complex). A **Kan complex** is a simplicial set  $X$  such that, for any map  $\Lambda_k^n \rightarrow X$ , we have a lift  $\Delta^n \rightarrow X$  such that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Lambda_k^n & \longrightarrow & X \\ \downarrow \iota & \nearrow & \\ \Delta^n & & \end{array} .$$

**Definition 7.3.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a simplicial map.  $f$  is a **Kan Fibration** if for a diagram of the following form, we have a diagonal lift

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Lambda_k^n & \xrightarrow{s} & X \\ \downarrow \iota & \nearrow \text{dotted} & \downarrow f \\ \Delta^n & \xrightarrow{y} & Y \end{array} .$$

Note that a Kan complex is a simplicial set such that the map to the singleton set is a Kan fibration.

To define a right adjoint for  $sd : sSet \rightarrow sSet$ , we begin investigating what properties one must have. The defining property of adjoints is  $\text{hom}(sd(X), Y) \cong \text{hom}(X, RY)$ . For  $X = \Delta^n$ , we have  $\text{hom}(sd(\Delta^n), Y) \cong \text{hom}(\Delta^n, RY) \cong (RY)_n$ . We thus define  $Ex(Y)$  as the simplicial set given by  $(ExY)_n := \text{hom}(sd(\Delta^n), Y)$ .

We have a natural transformation  $id_{sSet} \rightarrow Ex(X)$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_m & \longrightarrow & Ex(X)_m \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ X_n & \longrightarrow & Ex(X)_n \end{array}$$

where the horizontal components are induced by the adjoint maps

$$\begin{array}{ccc} sd(X_m) & \xrightarrow{LV} & X_m \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ sd(X_n) & \xrightarrow{LV} & X_n \end{array}$$

where  $LV$  is the last vertex map, mapping  $sd(\Delta^n) = C(sd(\partial\Delta^n)) \rightarrow \Delta^n$ . Concretely, we have that an  $n$ -simplex of  $Ex(X)$  is a simplicial map  $sd(\Delta^n) \rightarrow X$ . Then, the inclusion  $X \hookrightarrow Ex(X)$  sends an  $n$ -simplex of  $X$ , i.e. a simplicial map  $\Delta^n \xrightarrow{\sigma} X$ , to the composition

$$sd(\Delta^n) \rightarrow \Delta^n \xrightarrow{\sigma} X,$$

an  $n$ -simplex of  $Ex(X)$ .



**Definition 7.4.** Consider a diagram of the form

$$X \rightarrow Ex(X) \rightarrow Ex(Ex(X)) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow Ex^k(X) \rightarrow \cdots .$$

Then,

$$Ex^\infty(X) := \text{colim}_{k \in \mathbb{N}} [X \rightarrow Ex(X) \rightarrow Ex(Ex(X)) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow Ex^k(X) \rightarrow \cdots].$$

**Theorem 7.1.** For all  $X \in sSet$ , we have  $Ex^\infty(X)$  is Kan.

## 8 Sheaf Cohomology

**Definition 8.1.** Let  $X$  be a topological space. A presheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  of sets on  $X$  consists of the following data:

- For every open subset  $U \subset X$ , a set  $\mathcal{F}(U)$ . We assume  $\mathcal{F}(\emptyset)$  is a set with one element.
- For every inclusion  $V \subset U$ , a mapping of sets  $\rho_{VU} : \mathcal{F}(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(V)$ , called the restriction map.
- We require that for a triple inclusion  $W \subset V \subset U$ ,  $\rho_{WU} = \rho_{WV}\rho_{VU}$ .

**Definition 8.2.** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a presheaf over  $X$ . One says  $\mathcal{F}$  is a sheaf if for every open set  $V$  of  $X$ , and every open covering  $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}$  of  $V$  and for every family  $\{s_i\}$ , where  $s_i \in \mathcal{F}(U_i)$ , such that  $\rho_{U_i \cap U_j, U_i}(s_i) = \rho_{U_i \cap U_j, U_j}(s_j)$ , there exists a unique  $s \in \mathcal{F}(V)$  such that  $\rho_{U_i, V}(s) = s_i$ .

For a sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$ , we will use the notation  $\Gamma(U, \mathcal{F}) = \mathcal{F}(U)$ .

**Definition 8.3.** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a presheaf of sets on a space  $X$ , and let  $x \in X$ . The stalk  $\mathcal{F}_x$  of  $\mathcal{F}$  at  $x$  is the quotient of the set  $\coprod_{U: x \in U} \mathcal{F}(U)$  by the following equivalence relation:  $s \in \mathcal{F}(U) \sim s' \in \mathcal{F}(V)$  iff there exists an open set  $x \in W \subset U \cap V$  such that  $s$  and  $s'$  have the same restriction to  $W$ .

Elements of  $\mathcal{F}_x$  are called germs at  $x$  of sections of  $\mathcal{F}$ .