

Discrete differential geometry in homotopy type theory

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Thank you!

Appendix: Conjectural dictionary

Conjecture

Homotopy realization likely amounts to the shape operator.

[G]iven a “cell complex” presentation of a classical topological space, if we can convert it into both a specification for a HIT and a colimit decomposition of that space that is sufficiently “cofibrant”, then j will preserve that colimit and take the space to the HIT.

— Mike Shulman, *Brouwer’s Fixed Point Theorem in Real-Cohesive HoTT*

Conjectionary

Homotopy realization (and/or \int) may provide the following relationships.

Classical octahedron	Homotopy realization, e.g. \mathbb{O}
Classical combinatorial manifold M	$\int M$
Derivative	ap
Leibniz rule for $f, g : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$	Given H-space $(A, *)$, $f, g : X \rightarrow A$, $p : x =_X y$ then $\text{ap}(f * g)(p) = \text{ap}(f)(p) * (ga) \cdot (fb) * \text{ap}(g)(p)$. Because in $A \times A$, $(fp, gp) = (fp, \text{refl}) \cdot (\text{refl}, gp)$
The sphere is not flat, as a pointwise statement	Nontrivial flatness on each face

Conjectionary

Connections being “affine”, and not (quite) 1-forms	$T_{ji} : T_i = T_j$ being a torsor and not (quite) a group
Space of connections for a given P is contractible.	Two extensions to $\mathbb{O}_1 \dots$

Conjectionary

Maurer-Cartan form.	Hmm, consider the trivial connection on $M \times G$ or $G \rightarrow *$.
Gauge transformations acting on connections and maybe functions (YM) of connections.	
The based gauge group acts freely on connections.	

Conjectionary

Characteristic classes.	$BS^1 \rightarrow B^n\mathbb{Z}.$
Chern-Weil theory.	$\mathbb{O} \xrightarrow{T} BS^1 \rightarrow B^n\mathbb{Z}.$
Hopf fibration.	$\mathbb{O} \xrightarrow{?} \text{EM}(\mathbb{Z}, 1).$
Zeros of X = Poincare dual of the Euler class.	