

Commutative Algebra for Algebraic Geometry

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Part I

Algebraic Geometry, Hartshorne

In this part, I will be going through the work of Hartshorne as he laid out in [Har13]. The book is sectioned into 5 distinct chapters - 'Varieties', 'Schemes', 'Cohomology', 'Curves' and 'Surfaces'. We study them in order as they flow nicely.

1 Varieties

Definition 1 Affine n -Space over k : Let k be a field and $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then the affine n -space over k is defined

$$\mathbb{A}_k^n = \{(k_1, \dots, k_n) \in k^n\}$$

It seems that this is a silly definition, but later on we will see that it is useful to have a distinction between the variety \mathbb{A}_k^n and the set of points in k^n . We later view \mathbb{A}_k^n as an affine variety - an object in some arbitrary space rather than the set of k -tuples.

Let $A = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ be the polynomial ring over k in n variables. Then $f \in A$ is a map $f : k^n \rightarrow k$. We define the vanishing locus of this function in the following way:

Definition 2 Vanishing Locus of a Polynomial: Let $f \in A = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$, then the vanishing locus is

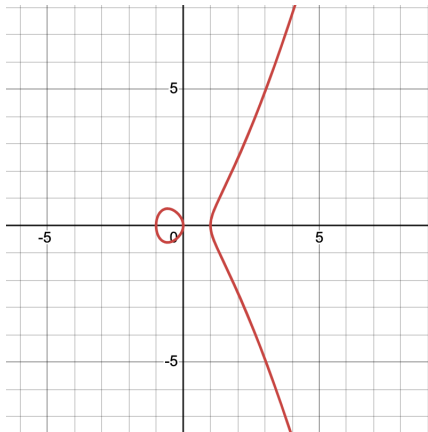
$$\mathbb{V}(f) := \{p \in \mathbb{A}_k^n : f(p) = 0\}$$

We can develop a more advanced analogue of this:

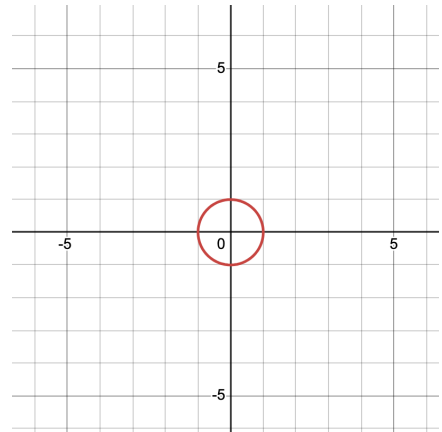
Definition 3 Vanishing Locus of a Set of Polynomials: Let $T = \{f_i\}_{i \in I} \subset A = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$, then the vanishing locus of T is

$$\mathbb{V}(T) := \{p \in \mathbb{A}_k^n : f(p) = 0, \quad \forall f \in T\}$$

Some examples:



(a) $\mathbb{V}(y^2 - x(x+1)(x-1))$



(b) $\mathbb{V}(x^2 + y^2 - 1)$

Figure 1: The vanishing locus of two separate polynomials plotted in \mathbb{R}^2

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Part II

Commutative Geometry with a View Toward Algebraic Geometry, Eisenbud

6 Preliminaries

6.1 Rings and Ideals

Definition 4 *Ring*: A ring is an abelian group R with a multiplication operation $*$: $R \times R \rightarrow R$ as well as an identity element $1 \in R$ such that:

$$\begin{aligned}a(bc) &= (ab)c \quad \forall a, b, c \in R \\a(b+c) &= ab+ac \quad \forall a, b, c \in R \\(b+c) &= ba+ca \quad \forall a, b, c \in R \\1a &= a1 = a \quad \forall a \in R\end{aligned}$$

A ring is commutative if the ring commutes with respect to multiplication, that is $ab = ba \quad \forall a, b \in R$.

Definition 5 *A Unit in a Ring*: Let R be a ring. An element $u \in R$ is a unit if it is invertible, that is there exists some $v \in R$ such that $vu = 1 \in R$.

Proposition 1 *Uniqueness of the Multiplicative Inverse of an Element in a Ring*: Let $u \in R$ where R is a ring. Then $us = ut = 1 \implies s = t$, i.e. inverses are unique in R and we can speak of 'the' inverse of u .

Proof Consider the same set up. Then we have $su = 1 = ut$ ¹. We then have

$$\begin{aligned}s &= s1 \\&= s(ut) \\&= (su)t \\&= t\end{aligned}$$

So we are done.

Definition 6 *Field*: A field is a non-zero ring such that every non-zero element is invertible.

Definition 7 *Zero Divisor of a Ring*: Let R be a ring. A zero-divisor in R is a non-zero element u such that there is another non-zero element s with $us = 0$

Whilst this seems rather abstract, zero divisors crop up more frequently than you would imagine. For example if we consider the hours on a clock, with the multiplication operation between hours being the usual one (that is the hour 3 multiplied by the hour 5 is the hour 15, but on a clock this would be the hour 3), then we have zero-divisors for any integer n such that there is some k with $nk = 12m$ for some $m \in \{0, \dots, 11\}$. For example 3, 4 are a pair of zero-divisors, 2, 6 is another example.

Definition 8 *Ideal of a Ring*: Let R be a ring. An ideal I in R is an additive subgroup such that if $rinR, s \in I$ then $rs \in I$. An ideal I is said to be generated by the subset $S \subseteq I$ if any element in I can be expressed as a linear combination (over R) of elements in S . More specifically,

$$\exists \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n \in R, s_1, \dots, s_n \in S : r = \sum_{i=1}^n \theta_i s_i$$

¹It seems that we have used commutativity of R here but we have not. If $us = 1$ then $(su)s = s(us) = s \implies su = (su)ss^{-1} = ss^{-1} = 1$

Some important notes here. A ring is **principal** if it is generated by a single element, in which case we write $I = (s)$. An ideal $I \subset R$ is prime if for any $f, g \in R$, if we have $fg \in I$ then either f or g is in I . A ring R is a domain if (0) is a prime ideal.² A maximal ideal of R is a proper ideal \mathfrak{m} that is not contained in any other ideal. Moreover, if \mathfrak{m} is a maximal ideal, then R/\mathfrak{m} is a field.

Proposition 2 *Let R be a ring and \mathfrak{m} a maximal ideal of R . Then R/\mathfrak{m} is a field.*

Definition 9 Commutative Algebra over a Ring: *Let R be an abelian ring. A commutative algebra over R is a commutative ring S with a ring homomorphism $\alpha : R \rightarrow S$.*

Proposition 3 *Any ring is an algebra over the ring over integers \mathbb{Z} .*

Definition 10 Subalgebras: *Let S be an algebra over a commutative ring R . A subring S' is a commutative R -subalgebra of S if $\text{Im}(\alpha) = \alpha(R) \subset S'$*

A homomorphism of R -algebras $\phi : S \rightarrow T$ is a homomorphism of rings such that $\phi(rs) = r\phi(s) \quad \forall r \in R, s \in S$.

6.1.1 Unique Factorisation

Let R be a ring. An element $r \in R$ is irreducible if it is not a unit and $r = st$ implies that one of s, t is a unit in R . A ring R is a **UFD** if any factorisation is unique up to scaling by units in R .

6.1.2 Modules

Definition 11 Modules over Rings: *Let R be a ring. An R -module M is an abelian group together with an action with R , i.e. a map $R \times M \rightarrow M$ expressed as $(r, m) \rightarrow rm$ satisfying $\forall r, s \in R, mn \in M$:*

- $r(sm) = (rs)m$
- $r(m + n) = rm + rn$
- $(r + s)m = rm + sm$
- $1m = m$

The most interesting R -modules are those that take the form of ideals I and their corresponding factor rings R/I . If M is an R -module then the annihilator of M is

$$\text{ann}_R(M) := \{r \in R : rM = 0\}$$

An example of which is $\text{ann}_R(R/I) = I$ for any ideal $I \subset R$. We can generalise this notion of quotients. Let I, J be ideals of R , we write $(I : J) = \{f \in R : fJ \subset I\}$. Generalising further we get the notion of submodules. Let M, N be submodules of an R -module P , we write $(M : N) = \{f \in R : fM \subset N\}$.

If M, N are R -modules then the direct sum $M \oplus N$ is the module $M \oplus N = \{(m, n) : m \in M, n \in N\}$. There are the natural inclusion maps $M \hookrightarrow M \oplus N, m \mapsto (m, 0)$ and projection maps $\pi : M \oplus N \rightarrow M, (m, n) \mapsto m$. If we have existence of maps $\alpha : M \rightarrow P, \sigma : P \rightarrow M, \sigma \circ \alpha = \text{id}_P, \alpha \circ \sigma = \text{id}_M$ then we say M is a direct summand of P . In this case we actually have a nice formula,

$$P \simeq M \oplus \ker \sigma$$

The simplest form of R -modules are just direct sums of the original ring. Modules of this form are called free modules (over R). A small digression is made here. The direct product of R -modules M_i , $\prod_i M_i$ is the set of tuples (m_i) whereas the direct sum is $\oplus_i M_i \subset \prod_i M_i$ where an element $\tilde{m} \in \oplus_i M_i$ is an n -tuple with the additional constraint that all but finitely many are equal to 0.

²This seems like a weird definition at first, but it is equivalent to not having any zero-divisors. If $fg \in (0)$ then (0) prime would mean either $f = 0$ or $g = 0$, i.e. no zero-divisors

A free R -module is a module that is isomorphic to a direct sum of copies of R . If M is a finitely generated free R -module then $M \cong R^n$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$. If A, B, C are R -modules and $\alpha : A \rightarrow B, \beta : B \rightarrow C$ are homomorphisms, then a sequence

$$A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B \xrightarrow{\beta} C$$

is exact if $\text{Im}(\alpha) = \ker(\beta)$. In general a sequence

$$0 \rightarrow A_1 \rightarrow A_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow A_n$$

is exact if $\ker(\phi_i : A_i \rightarrow A_{i+1}) = \text{Im}(\phi_{i-1} : A_{i-1} \rightarrow A_i)$. A short exact sequence is an exact sequence of the form

$$0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B \xrightarrow{\beta} C \rightarrow 0$$

Some nice examples follow. If M_1, M_2 are submodules of M then $M_1 + M_2 \subset M$ is also a submodule. We get the short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M_1 \cap M_2 \xrightarrow{\iota} M_1 \oplus M_2 \xrightarrow{(m_1, m_2) \mapsto m_1 - m_2} M_1 + M_2 \rightarrow 0$$

7 Basic Constructions

7.1 Localisation

A local ring is a ring with a single unique maximal ideal. The technique of localisation reduces many problems in commutative algebra to problems on commutative rings. The idea of localisation is as follows. Given a point p in an algebraic set $X \subset \mathbb{A}_k^n$, we want to investigate what X looks like near p , that is we want to investigate arbitrarily small open neighbourhoods of p in the Zariski topology. The Zariski open neighbourhoods of p are sets of the form $X \setminus Y$ for $p \notin Y \subset X$.

7.1.1 Fractions

Definition 12 Localisation of an R -Module via a Multiplicatively Closed Subset U : Let R be a ring, M an R -module and $U \subset R$ a multiplicatively closed subset. The localisation of M at U , $M[U^{-1}]$ is the set of equivalent classes of pairs $(m, u) \sim (m', u')$ where $m, m' \in M, u, u' \in U$ are related if there is some $v \in U$ such that $v(mu' - m'u) = 0$.

Proposition 4 Let U be multiplicatively closed set of R and let M be an R -module. An element $m \in M$ goes to 0 in $M[U^{-1}]$ under the map $\pi : M \rightarrow M[U^{-1}], m \mapsto m/1$ if m is annihilated by an element $u \in U$. In particular, if M is finitely generated then $M[U^{-1}] = 0$ iff M is annihilated by an element of U .

Proof Let $\text{Ann}_R(m) = \{r \in R : rm = 0\}$ be the annihilator of m in R . Then $m \mapsto m/1 \in M[U^{-1}]$ maps to 0 if it is equivalent to 0 under the relation \sim , that is to say $m/1 \sim 0 \iff \exists u \in U : u(m - 0) = um = 0$. That is the annihilator of m is some subset of U .

The first example of localisation is **quotient field of an integral domain**. Let R be an integral domain, and take the localisation of R with respect to $U = R \setminus \{0\}$. This localisation, $R[U^{-1}] =: K(R)$ is the **total quotient ring of R** .

If P is a prime ideal of R and $U = R \setminus P$, then we have another localisation $R[U^{-1}]$. Let R be the coordinate ring of a variety X then the local ring of X at a point $x \in X$ is then the local ring found via inverting any elements that don't vanish at x . Recall that a point $x \in X$ corresponds to a prime ideal \mathfrak{m}_x of functions that vanish at x . Then the local ring (which I learnt denoted as $\mathcal{O}_{x,X}$) is $R[(R \setminus P)^{-1}]$.

We can compute some examples. Let $X = \mathbb{V}(x^2 + y^2 - 1) \subset \mathbb{A}^2$. The local ring at $(1, 0)$ is then:

$$\mathcal{O}_{(1,0),X} := (K[x, y]/(x^2 + y^2 - 1))_{(x-1, y)}$$

This seems rather abstract but we can directly compute the unique maximal ideal. The maximal ideal $m_{(1,0)} = (x-1, y)$ has $m_{(1,0)}^2 = ((x-1)^2, (x-1)y, y^2)$. Under the relation generated in the coordinate ring we know that $x^2 + y^2 = 1$:

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + y^2 - 1 &= (x-1)(x+1) + y^2 \\ \implies x-1 &= y^2/(x+1) \end{aligned}$$

i.e. that $x-1 \in m_{(1,0)}^2$, so $m_{(1,0)}^2 = (y)$ and $\mathcal{O}_{(1,0),X}$ is completely generated by y . There are a couple of things to note here. In this case, when $t \in m_p \setminus m_p^2$ is a generator we say t is a uniformiser for the maximal local ring. Also, we have just shown that the local ring is 1 dimensional as viewed as a vector space over $K[X]/\mathfrak{m}_p$. This is an algebraic criterion for non-singularity, that is the point $(1,0) \in X$ is a non-singular point.

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65.1 Operads

Definition 13 Operad: An operad P consists of a set of colours C and for each $n \geq 0$ and sequence c_1, \dots, c_n, c of colours in C , a set $P(c_1, \dots, c_n; c)$ of operations, thought of as taking n inputs of colours c_1, \dots, c_n and with output of colour c . Moreover there are the structure maps

- $\forall c \in C, \exists 1_c \in P(c; c)$,
- For $\sigma \in \Sigma_n$ a map

$$\sigma^* : P(c_1, \dots, c_n; c) \rightarrow P(c_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, c_{\sigma(n)}; c)$$

denoted $\sigma^* \circ p = p \circ \sigma$

- For any sequence c_1, \dots, c_n and n -tuple of sequences $d_1^i, \dots, d_{k_i}^i$, a composition

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$$\gamma : P(c_1, \dots, c_n; c) \times \prod_{i=1}^n P(d_1^i, \dots, d_{k_i}^i; c_i) \rightarrow P(d_1^1, \dots, d_{k_n}^n; c)$$

which is written as $\gamma(p, q_1, \dots, q_n) \rightarrow p \circ (q_1, \dots, q_n)$

and there are further requirements on the structure maps:

- $\forall p \in P(c_1, \dots, c_n; c), \gamma(1_c, p) = p$,
- $\forall p \in P(c_1, \dots, c_n; c), \gamma(p, 1_{c_1}, \dots, 1_{c_n}) = p$

There are some classical notation we must be weary of and state here. Let P be an operad with a singleton colour set, i.e. $C = \{*\}$. Then we can write $P(c_1, \dots, c_n; c) = P(c, \dots, c; c) =: P(n)$. There is an obvious formulation for the composition in this case:

$$P(n) \times \prod_{i=1}^n P(k_i) \rightarrow P(k_1 + \dots + k_n)$$

In this case we say P is uncoloured. If $C \notin \{\phi, \{*\}\}$ then we say P is a coloured operad. We can then clearly see that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Monoids} & \hookrightarrow & \text{Categories} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{Uncoloured Operads} & \hookrightarrow & \text{Operads} \end{array}$$

The definition of an operad allows for $n = 0$ in $P(c_1, \dots, c_n; c)$, which we define as $P(-; c)$. The elements of $P(-; c)$ are called the constants of colour c , and an operad with $P(-; c) = \{*_c\}$ is called unital. An operad P is open if there are no constants for any colour, i.e. its interior P^o (the set of constants) is empty.

The most fundamental examples of operads are **Com** and **Ass**:

- **Com** is the commutative operad with $\mathbf{Com}(n) = \{*\}$,
- **Ass** is the associative operad with $\mathbf{Ass}(n) = \Sigma_n$
- **Tree**^{pl} is the planar tree operad. The n -ary operations here are the set of planar rooted trees with n numbered leaves.

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{Tree}^{pl}(6) \ni \hat{T} &= \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{ccccc} & 5 & & 3 & \\ & \diagdown & & \diagup & \\ 6 & & & & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ & \diagup & & \diagdown & \\ & & & & \end{array} \\ | \\ \end{array} \\
\mathbf{Tree}^{pl}(2) \ni T &= \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{cc} 2 & 1 \\ & \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ & \end{array} \\ | \\ \end{array}, \mathbf{Tree}^{pl}(3) \ni T_1 = \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{ccc} & 1 & 2 \\ & \diagdown & \diagup \\ 3 & & \end{array} \\ | \\ \end{array}, \mathbf{Tree}^{pl}(4) \ni T_2 = \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & & 3 & 4 \\ & \diagdown & & \diagup & \\ & & & & \end{array} \\ | \\ \end{array} \\
\mathbf{Tree}^{pl}(7) \ni \tilde{T} &= \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{cc} T_2 & T_1 \\ & \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ & \end{array} \\ | \\ \end{array}
\end{aligned}$$

Then in fact $\gamma(T, T_1, T_2) = \tilde{T}$. The operation of composition on the operad \mathbf{Tree}^{pl} is computed as $\gamma(T \in \mathbf{Tree}^{pl}(n), T_1 \in \mathbf{Tree}^{pl}(k_1), \dots, T_n \in \mathbf{Tree}^{pl}(k_n)) = \hat{T}$ where $\hat{T} \in \mathbf{Tree}^{pl}(k_1 + \dots + k_n)$ is the original T but with the subtree T_i grafted onto the leaf i for all choices of i .

Definition 14 Topological Operad: A topological operad is an operad P where each set of operations $P(c_1, \dots, c_n; c)$ is equipped with some topology and all the structure maps are continuous with respect to this topology.

The most basic form of a topological operad is the little d -cubs operad \mathbf{E}_d . The space $\mathbf{E}_d(n)$ is the space of n numbered d -dimensional cubes inside the d -dimensional unit cube $[0, 1]^d$. The operadic composition between $p \in \mathbf{E}_d(n)$ with operations q_1, \dots, q_n is given by substituting the rescaled q_i into the i th cube of p . Note that this is really just a topological analogue to the planar tree operad \mathbf{Tree}^{pl} , where instead of grafting trees onto leaves we are scaling and embedding cubes in some smooth way.

More specifically, a point in $\mathbf{E}_d(n)$ is an n -tuple of embeddings $f_1, \dots, f_n : [0, 1]^d \rightarrow [0, 1]^d$ satisfying:

- Each f_i is the composition of d affine embeddings,
- The interiors of the cubes embedded by f_i are mutually disjoint

We can now observe that operads form a category in a very natural fashion. Given two operads P, Q , a morphism $\varphi : P \rightarrow Q$ is a function $f : C_P \rightarrow C_Q$ on operadic colours and for each sequence $c_1, \dots, c_n; c$ of C_P , we have

$$\varphi_{(c_1, \dots, c_n; c)} : P(c_1, \dots, c_n; c) \rightarrow Q(f(c_1), \dots, f(c_n); f(c))$$

that is compatible in the natural way with Σ_n actions

65.2 Algebras for Operads

Definition 15 Operadic Algebras: Let P be an operad. A P -algebra A is a family of sets $\{A_c\}_{c \in C_P}$ together with maps

$$P(c_1, \dots, c_n; c) \times A_{c_1} \times \dots \times A_{c_n} \rightarrow A_c$$

written $(p, a_1, \dots, a_n) \rightarrow A(p)(a_1, \dots, a_n)$. These maps also satisfy:

- $1_c(a) = a \quad \forall a \in A_c$
- $\sigma \in \Sigma_n, a_i \in A_{c_i}, \sigma^* p(a_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, a_{\sigma(n)}) = p(a_1, \dots, a_n)$

Definition 16 Morphisms of Operadic Algebras: Let A, B be two P -algebras. A morphism $f : A \rightarrow B$ is a family of maps

$$f_c : A_c \rightarrow B_c$$

which are compatible:

$$f_c(A(p)(a_1, \dots, a_n)) = B(p)(f_{c_1}(a_1), \dots, f_{c_n}(a_n))$$

Definition 17 Category of P -Algebras: Let P be an operad. Then we have a category of P -algebras Alg_P with:

- $\text{ObAlg}_P = \{P\text{-algebras } A\}$
- $\text{Hom}_{\text{Alg}_P}(A, B) = \{f : A \rightarrow B : f \text{ is a morphism of algebras}\}$

We can now see some examples of operadic algebras. A **Com** algebra is a set A together with a map $\mu_n : A^{\times n} \rightarrow A$ for each $n \geq 0$. We can then verify that the category of algebras over the commutative operad, Alg_{Com} is the category of commutative monoids. In a similar way Alg_{Ass} is the category of associative monoids.

Consider the little- d cubes operad \mathbf{E}_d . Let X be a topological space with basepoint x_0 . Then the loop space of X is ΩX , the space of basepoint preserving maps $S^1 \rightarrow X$, or in other words $\{\omega : [0, 1] \rightarrow X, \omega(\partial[0, 1]) = x_0\}$. One can then inductively construct the d -fold loop space $\Omega^d X = \Omega(\Omega^{d-1} X)$. $\Omega^d X$ is very naturally a \mathbf{E}_d algebra.

65.3 Trees

65.4 Alternative Definitions for Operads

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66 Simplicial Sets

66.1 The Simplex Category Δ

Definition 18 The Simplex Category Δ : Δ is the category with:

- $\text{Ob}\Delta = \mathbb{N}$,
- $\text{Hom}_\Delta([n], [m]) = \{\text{order preserving maps } [n] \rightarrow [m]\}$

There are special maps in Δ - the elementary faces $\delta^i : [m-1] \rightarrow [m]$ and elementary degeneracies $\sigma^i : [m] \rightarrow [m-1]$ $0 \leq i \leq m-1$:

$$\delta^i(j) = \begin{cases} j & j < i \\ j+1 & j \geq i \end{cases}, \quad \sigma^i(j) = \begin{cases} j & j \leq i \\ j-1 & j > i \end{cases}$$

These have some nice relations, called the cosimplicial identities:

- $\sigma_i \sigma_j = \sigma_{j-1} \sigma_i, \quad i < j$
- $\delta_j \delta_i = \delta_i \delta_{j-1}$

66.1.1 Limits and Colimits of The Simplicial Category

$$\begin{array}{ccc} k & \xrightarrow{f} & n \\ \downarrow g & & \downarrow \\ m & \rightarrow & m+n \end{array}$$

is a pushout, where $f(i) = i, g(i) = m - k + i$

66.2 Simplicial Sets and the Geometric Realisation

Let \mathcal{C} be a category. A simplicial object in \mathcal{C} is a functor $X : \Delta^{op} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$. The morphisms between two simplicial objects over \mathcal{C} are the natural transformations of functors.

From this we obtain a category of simplicial objects on \mathcal{C} , which has two notations:

$$\mathcal{C}^{\Delta^{op}}, \quad s\mathcal{C}$$

where we use the left notation when we want to be reminded that elements are functors (and thus we treat the category in the standard way one treats a functor category) and the right when we want to be reminded of the underlying structure.

When $\mathcal{C} = Set$ then there is really nice structure here. First off, in this case we say $X \in sSet$ is a simplicial *set*. We get back to this case soon but we expand on the definition of a simplicial object further.

A simplicial object X in \mathcal{C} is given by a sequence of objects $X_n = X([n])$ in \mathcal{C} together with maps $\alpha^* : X_n \rightarrow X_m$ where $\alpha \in \text{Hom}_{\Delta}(m, n)$. These maps should be functorial, i.e.

$$id^* = id : X_n \rightarrow X_n$$

$$(\alpha \circ \beta)^* = \beta^* \alpha^* \quad \alpha : [m] \rightarrow [n], \beta : [k] \rightarrow [m]$$

and a morphism between two simplicial objects is a morphism on objects $f_n : X_n \rightarrow Y_n$ such that it is functorially compatible $f_m \alpha^* = \alpha f_n$.

Back to the case of simplicial sets. In this case we refer to X_n as the set of n -simplices of X . We have some special maps

$$d_i = (\delta_i)^* : X_n \rightarrow X_{n-1}$$

$$s_i = \sigma_i^* : X_{n-1} \rightarrow X_n$$

called the face maps and face degeneracies of the simplicial object X .

For now let's consider the common topological n -simplex:

$$\Delta^n = \{(t_0, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : \sum_i t_i = 1, t_i \geq 0\}$$

These can be thought of as generalisations of triangles in higher dimensions. Δ^1 is just the line $y = -x + 1$, Δ^2 is the set $\{(x, y, 1 - (x + y)) : 0 \leq x, y, x + y \leq 1\}$ and so on. A function $f : \{0, \dots, m\} \rightarrow \{0, \dots, n\}$ defines an affine map $f_* : \Delta^m \rightarrow \Delta^n, v_i \rightarrow v_{f(i)}$ where v_i is the i th vertex of the simplex Δ^m .

This construction makes the family of standard simplicies into a functor $\Delta^\bullet : \Delta \rightarrow \mathbf{Top}$.

$$\Delta^\alpha(t_0, \dots, t_m) = (s_0, \dots, s_n), s_j = \sum_{i \in \alpha^{-1}(j)} t_i$$

for $\alpha \in \text{Hom}_{\Delta}([m], [n])$. Specifically the elementary face map $\delta_i : [n-1] \rightarrow [n]$ is lifted to

$$\Delta^{\delta_i} : \Delta^{n-1} \rightarrow \Delta^n$$

and embeds Δ^{n-1} as the face opposite the vertex i

Let's see this in low dimension. Let $n = 1$ and $i = 0$. We must keep track of what's going on. We have just claimed that Δ^{δ_0} embeds Δ^0 as the face opposite the vertex v_0 in Δ^1 .

Recall that $\Delta^0 = \{1 \in \mathbb{R}^1\}$ is a point and Δ^1 corresponds to the line $y = 1 - x$. Let's call the point $(0, 1) = v_0$ the first vertex. We have $\Delta^{\delta_0}(t) = (\sum_{i \in \delta_0^{-1}(0)} t_i, \sum_{i \in \delta_0^{-1}(1)} t_i)$ but $\delta_0^{-1}(1) = \{j \in [1] = \{0, 1\} : j + 1 = 1 \text{ and } j \geq 0\} = \emptyset$. Thus we get that $\Delta^{\delta_0}(1) = (1, 0)$. So now we have gained the intuition for the following proposition

Proposition 5 *For maps $\delta_i : [n - 1] \rightarrow [n]$, the map $(\delta_i)_* = \Delta^{\delta_i} : \Delta^{n-1} \rightarrow \Delta^n$ embeds Δ^{n-1} as the face opposite the vertex labelled i*

Proof

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